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NCAC Women's Lacrosse Special

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**DENISON, WOOSTER VOTED PRESEASON CO-FAVORITES
IN 24TH NORTH COAST WOMEN'S LACROSSE SEASON**

CLEVELAND, Ohio -- Denison and defending champion Wooster emerged as preseason co-favorites in balloting by six of seven North Coast Athletic Conference women's lacrosse coaches in their preseason poll.

The Big Red, who last season finished with a 5-1 regular season league record and a 7-8 overall mark, earned two of six first place votes to total 37 points. The Fighting Scots, the defending NCAC champion, also finished last season with a 5-1 regular season record and were 12-5 overall. Wooster earned three first place votes and also totaled 37 points. Ohio Wesleyan, which picked up the remaining first-place vote, was predicted to finish third with 30 points. Kenyon (26) was picked to finish fourth, followed by Allegheny (15), Oberlin (12) and Wittenberg (11) in places five through seven, respectively.

Denison returns senior **Quinn Simmons (Medina, OH/Medina)**, a three-time first-team All-NCAC performer at midfielder. Simmons was the North Coast's Newcomer of the Year in 2005. The Big Red are guided by seventh-year head coach **Stephani Brzezowski**, who has compiled a 51-39 record in her previous six years at the helm of the program. Wooster, under the direction of last season's North Coast co-Coach of the Year **Liz Ford**, returns junior defender **Romy Eberle (New Haven, CT/Hopkins)**, a two-time first-team all-conference choice. Ford has put together a 23-8 record in her two completed seasons as coach of the Scots.

In 23 years of North Coast women's lacrosse competition, four schools have claimed championships: Denison, Oberlin, Ohio Wesleyan and Wooster. The Big Red have won the most titles (15), followed by Wooster with four and Oberlin with three. The Scots won their titles from 2002-04 and in 2007, while the Yeowomen claimed theirs in 1995, '97 and '98. The Bishops won their first ever women's lacrosse title in 2005.

Founded in 1983, the North Coast Athletic Conference consists of 10 academically selective colleges and universities - Allegheny College, Denison University, Earlham College, Hiram College, Kenyon College, Oberlin College, Ohio Wesleyan University, Wabash College, Wittenberg University and the College of Wooster. The NCAC sponsors 22 championship sports, 11 for men and 11 for women.

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2008 NCAC Preseason Women's Lacrosse Poll

First-place votes in parentheses, followed by total points:

1.	Denison (2).....	37
	Wooster (3).....	37
3.	Ohio Wesleyan (1).....	30
4.	Kenyon	26
5.	Allegheny	15
6.	Oberlin.....	12
7.	Wittenberg.....	11