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### NCAC Women's Soccer Special

### **WITTENBERG PREDICTED TO FINISH FIRST AS NCAC PREPARES FOR 25TH WOMEN'S SOCCER SEASON**

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**CLEVELAND, Ohio** -- Wittenberg University was tabbed the preseason favorite in balloting by North Coast Athletic Conference women's soccer coaches conducted via email.

The Tigers, the defending NCAC regular season and tournament champions, earned six of nine first-place votes from league coaches to compile 76 points, edging second-place Denison (75) by one point. The Big Red, who were second in the regular season and reached the conference championship game, claimed three first-place votes cast. Ohio Wesleyan was voted third with 62 points. Wooster (51) and Kenyon (46) were fourth and fifth, respectively, while Allegheny (35), Earlham (31), Hiram (15) and Oberlin (14) rounded out places six through nine.

Wittenberg is 72-37-13 (.643) during the six-year tenure of head coach **Norm Riker**. The Tigers return 19 letterwinners and four starters from last year's 18-3-3 squad that won the NCAC regular season and tournament titles and earned its second straight NCAA tournament bid. Wittenberg will be led by three-time All-NCAC midfielder **Suzanne Medwid (Columbus, OH/Upper Arlington)**, and sophomore All-NCAC defender **Maggie Amorello (Sutton, MA/Worcester Academy)**.

Founded in 1983, the North Coast Athletic Conference is celebrating 25 years of equity, broad-based athletic programs and excellence in academics over the 2008-09 academic year. Made up 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 Women's Soccer Poll**

North Coast Athletic Conference 2008 preseason women's soccer poll  
(first-place votes in parentheses, followed by total points):

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| 1. Wittenberg (6) ..... | 76 |
| 2. Denison (3).....     | 75 |
| 3. Ohio Wesleyan.....   | 62 |
| 4. Wooster.....         | 51 |
| 5. Kenyon.....          | 46 |
| 6. Allegheny .....      | 35 |
| 7. Earlham.....         | 31 |
| 8. Hiram.....           | 15 |
| 9. Oberlin.....         | 14 |