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NCAC Softball Special

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**ALL-NCAC SOFTBALL SQUAD ANNOUNCED;
DROPSEY TOP PLAYER; SEIBEL NAMED TOP PITCHER**

CLEVELAND -- Hiram senior centerfielder/pitcher **Whitney Dropsey (Ashland, OH/Hillsdale)** was named Player of the Year and Ohio Wesleyan senior lefthander **Rachel Seibel (Johnstown, OH/Johnstown-Monroe)** took Pitcher of the Year honors to highlight the 2010 All-North Coast Athletic Conference softball selections.

Dropsey makes her third consecutive appearance as a member of the first team, and picks up her second straight Player of the Year honor. She led the league in hits (29), and was second in total bases (33) and also finished in the top 10 in runs batted in (12) and on-base percentage (.508) in 14 conference games. On the mound, Dropsey led the North Coast in innings pitched (80.1), strikeouts (62) and appearances (13), and posted a 7-5 record.

Seibel is Pitcher of the Year for the second time, and makes her third appearance on the All-NCAC team. She returns to the first team after earning second-team accolades in 2009 and a first-team nod in 2008, when she was also pitcher of the year. In 2010, Seibel finished in the top five in the conference in wins (7), innings pitched (62.1) and strikeouts (32). Seibel posted a 7-2 record on the mound in conference play, and led the Battling Bishops in earned-run average (1.42) and shutouts (2) in 10 appearances.

In addition to Dropsey, there are three repeat first-team selections. Denison seniors **Brie Berkopec (Mars, PA/Mars Senior)** and **Alex Murray (Mayfield Hts., OH/NDCL)**, along with Kenyon senior **Ellen Witkowski (Banks, OR/St. Mary's Academy)** are members of the first team for the second straight season. Witkowski is a four-time All-NCAC honoree; she earned second-team recognition in 2007 and 2008 before moving up to the first team in '09 and '10. Both Berkopec and Murray were members of the second team in 2008.

Jamie Samuel (Malibu, CA/Malibu), a Kenyon freshman utility player, earns Newcomer of the Year honors. She led Kenyon with a .489 batting average in conference play, and 11 runs batted in.

Denison's **Tiffany Ozburn** earns Coach of the Year recognition for the second consecutive year after she led the Big Red to a share of their seventh NCAC title. She has a 79-45 (.637) record in three years at Denison.

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2010 ALL-NCAC -- SOFTBALL

CLEVELAND -- The following performers have earned All-NCAC honors for the 2010 season through balloting by the North Coast Athletic Conference softball coaches.

FIRST TEAM

Pos	Name	School	Yr.	HR	RBI	AVE	Hometown/High School
C	Brie Berkopec ⌘ *	Denison	Sr.	2	15	.480	Mars, PA/Mars Senior
IF	Tori Amicon	Wittenberg	So.	0	13	.541	Galloway, OH/Hilliard Darby
IF	Emily Bradley ● ❖	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	0	4	.438	Columbus, OH/Upper Arlington
IF	Erica Evans	Denison	Jr.	1	7	.417	Worthington, OH/Thomas Worthington
IF	Alex Murray ⌘ *	Denison	Sr.	3	16	.362	Mayfield Hts., OH/NDCL
OF	Jessi Allen #	Wittenberg	Jr.	0	6	.424	Naperville, IL/Neuqua Valley
OF	Lauren Swinehart	Wooster	So.	1	16	.383	Apple Creek, OH/Waynedale
OF	Ellen Witkowski @⌘ *	Kenyon	Sr.	0	10	.490	Banks, OR/St. Mary's Academy
UT	Jamie Samuel	Kenyon	Fr.	0	11	.489	Malibu, CA/Malibu
DP	Alexandra Singer	Hiram	Fr.	0	8	.523	Akron, OH/Dayton
				W	L	ERA	
P	Whitney Dropsey +*	Hiram	Sr.	7	5	2.35	Ashland, OH/Hillsdale
P	Rachel Seibel +#	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	7	2	1.46	Johnstown, OH/Johnstown-Monroe

Player of the Year: Whitney Dropsey, Hiram

Pitcher of the Year: Rachel Seibel, Ohio Wesleyan

Newcomer of the Year: Jamie Samuel, Kenyon

Coach of the Year: Tiffany Ozbun, Denison

SECOND TEAM

Pos	Name	School	Yr.	HR	RBI	AVE	Hometown/High School
C	Brooke Nethers	Ohio Wesleyan	Fr.	2	6	.341	Newark, OH/Licking Valley
IF	Maggie Bodenlos ⌘ *	Allegheny	Sr.	1	3	.362	Pittsburgh, PA/Shady Side Academy
IF	Julia Chauvin ●	Oberlin	Sr.	0	9	.391	Hillsborough, NC/Orange
IF	Brianna LaChusa	Kenyon	Jr.	0	6	.357	Santee, CA/West Hills
IF	Kelly Langland	Hiram	Jr.	1	9	.354	Batavia, OH/McNicholas
OF	Cameron Catalfu ◆	Wittenberg	Sr.	0	4	.326	Loveland, OH/Loveland
OF	Brittany Dawson	Oberlin	Fr.	0	7	.486	San Diego, CA/La Jolla Country Day
OF	Marlene Smith	Hiram	So.	1	6	.356	Mechanicsburg, PA/Trinity
UT	Brittany Vanegas ❖#	Kenyon	Jr.	2	17	.425	Alameda, CA/Redwood Christian
DP	Kaylie Titus	Ohio Wesleyan	Jr.	0	6	.360	East Hampton, NY/East Hampton
				W	L	ERA	
P	Brooke Boswell ◆%	Wittenberg	Sr.	8	5	1.40	Hamilton, OH/Fairfield
P	Amanda Downey ⌘	Allegheny	Jr.	3	4	1.42	Essex Junction, VT/Essex

Key: * 1st team 2009; # 2nd team 2009; % honorable mention 2009
 + 1st team 2008; ⌘ 2nd team 2008; ❖ honorable mention 2008;
 ◆1st team 2007; @ 2nd team 2007; ● honorable mention 2007

Note: Based upon NCAC stats

HONORABLE MENTION

Pos	Name	School	Yr.	HR	RBI	AVE	Hometown/High School
C	Jena Ervin	Hiram	Jr.	0	9	.273	Canfield, OH/Canfield
IF	Rita Cook	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	2	15	.347	Sidney, OH/Fairlawn
IF	Stephanie Fort	Allegheny	Fr.	2	13	.381	Midlothian, VA/St. Catherine's School
IF	Kristine Kuchta %	Oberlin	So.	0	2	.333	Brookfield, IL/Lyons Twp.
IF	Lauren Lynn #	Denison	So.	1	9	.362	Cincinnati, OH/Sycamore
IF	Samantha Sims	Kenyon	Jr.	0	7	.391	Visalia, CA/Redwood
OF	Hannah Price	Denison	So.	0	4	.386	Hudson, OH/Hudson
OF	Erica Villa	Wooster	Fr.	0	2	.326	Ashtabula, OH/Lakeside
				W	L	ERA	
P	Leslie Brenner	Denison	Sr.	7	3	3.54	Deerfield, IL/Deerfield
P	Jenn Horton	Wooster	Fr.	4	3	2.91	Worthington, OH/Thomas Worthington

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