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NCAC Volleyball Special

**ALL-NCAC VOLLEYBALL SQUAD ANNOUNCED;
YUSKEWICH REPEATS AS PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

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CLEVELAND -- Wittenberg senior **Sarah Yuskewich (Columbus, OH/Bishop Watterson)** has been named Player of the Year to highlight the 2004 All-North Coast Athletic Conference volleyball selections. She becomes the second player to earn NCAC Player of the Year recognition three consecutive years.

Yuskewich, a 6-0 setter, led the conference in assists with 1517 over 106 games (14.31 apg). She repeats again as the NCAC Player of the Year after leading the Tigers to their eighth consecutive North Coast championship and a berth in the NCAA Division III Tournament for the ninth straight year. Wittenberg (35-2) won the Great Lakes regional, and squares off against LaVerne (31-3) Saturday at 7:00 p.m.

Wittenberg senior middle hitter **Kristin Fox (Galion, OH/Galion)** joins Yuskewich on the first team. Fox is making her second first team All-NCAC appearance. She leads the Tigers in hitting percentage (.339). Denison senior **Julie Stowers (Brighton, MI/Brighton)** and Hiram junior **Shana Toth (Mantua, OH/Crestwood)** also are also repeat first-team selections. Stowers was second on her team in digs (5.00 dpg) and service aces (0.39 pg). Toth finished second in the conference in kills (3.92 per game) and tied for fourth in blocks (1.02 bpg).

A pair of Wooster teammates make their first team debuts. Junior outside hitter **Tiffany Rice (Canton, OH/McKinley)** moves up from a second-team spot last season. She led the NCAC with 450 kills in 104 games (4.33 kpg) this season. Sophomore middle hitter **Ashley Quisenberry (Springfield, OH/Catholic Central)** makes her first appearance on the squad. Quisenberry led the NCAC with 118 blocks in 102 games (1.16 blg).

Wittenberg junior **Emilie Schmid (Canton, OH/Massillon Jackson)** was voted the NCAC's Libero of the Year. She is the only player to win this award in the two years it has been bestowed. Schmid leads the conference with 8.77 digs per game.

Hiram freshman setter/outside hitter **Megan Taylor (Cortland, OH/Lakeview)** was voted the NCAC's Newcomer of the Year. She finished her first season with the Terriers as the squad leader in assists (9.61 apg) and ranked second on her team in digs (3.08 dpg).

Wooster head coach **Terri Mason** is the North Coast's Coach of the Year for the first time as she guided the Scots to their best season in 20 years, posting a 21-9 record and claiming third place in the NCAC. Mason is currently 90-71 in five seasons, and is already the Scots' all-time winningest coach.

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2004 ALL-NCAC VOLLEYBALL

CLEVELAND -- The following performers have earned All-North Coast Athletic Conference honors for the 2004 season through balloting by the NCAC volleyball coaches.

FIRST TEAM	School	Yr.	Ht.	Pos.	Hometown/High School
Kristin Fox @	Wittenberg	Sr.	5-10	MH	Galion, OH/Galion
Ashley Quisenberry	Wooster	So.	5-10	MH	Springfield, OH/Catholic Central
Tiffany Rice +	Wooster	Jr.	5-10	OH	Canton, OH/McKinley
Julie Stowers @	Denison	Sr.	5-8	OH	Brighton, MI/Brighton
Shana Toth @	Hiram	Jr.	6-1	MH	Mantua, OH/Crestwood
Sarah Yuskewich #*@	Wittenberg	Sr.	6-0	S	Columbus, OH/Bishop Watterson

Player of the Year: Sarah Yuskewich, Wittenberg

Libero of the Year: Emilie Schmid, Wittenberg

Newcomer of the Year: Megan Taylor, Hiram

Coach of the Year: Terri Mason, Wooster

SECOND TEAM	School	Yr.	Ht.	Pos.	Hometown/High School
Kelsey Bruce	Denison	Fr.	5-10	MH	Columbus, OH/Upper Arlington
Emily Dixon	Wittenberg	Jr.	5-10	MH	Granville, OH/Granville
Michelle Kozempa	Hiram	So.	6-2	MH	Parma, OH/Normandy
Monica McDonald \$*	Wittenberg	Sr.	5-9	OH	Newark, OH/Catholic
Lindsey Tupman +	Allegheny	Jr.	5-10	MH	Virginia Beach, VA/Kellam
Heather Wolff	Wooster	Fr.	5-8	S	Mansfield, OH/Madison Comprehensive

HONORABLE MENTION	School	Yr.	Ht.	Pos.	Hometown/High School
Ajia Coleman	Earlham	Jr.	5-11	MB	Stone Mountain, GA/Maple Hts., OH
Ellen Price	Denison	Jr.	5-10	MH	Maple City, MI/Leland
Lauren Reiter	Kenyon	So.	6-1	MB	Chardon, OH/Chardon
Traci Stoner	Allegheny	Fr.	5-8	S	Celina, OH/Celina
Megan Taylor	Hiram	Fr.	5-8	S/OH	Cortland, OH/Lakeview
Deysi Villarreal	Oberlin	Fr.		S	Tuscon, AZ/Canyon del Oro
Lindsay Wohlheter	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	5-6	OH	Newark, OH/Catholic

Key: @ 1st team 2003; + 2nd team 2003; * 1st team 2002; \$ 1st team 2001; # honorable mention 2001