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NCAC Volleyball Special

ALL-NCAC VOLLEYBALL SQUAD ANNOUNCED; WILLIAMS NAMED PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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CLEVELAND -- Wittenberg senior **Jackie Williams (Rocky River, OH/Magnificat)** has been named Player of the Year for the second consecutive year to highlight the 2008 All-North Coast Athletic Conference volleyball selections.

Williams, a 6-1 outside hitter, led the conference during the regular season with a .379 hitting percentage (256 kills, 53 errors, 535 attempts), and was third in kills per game (3.01). She led the Tigers to their 14th North Coast championship, their 14th NCAC tournament title, and a berth in the NCAA Division III Tournament for the 13th straight year, and 14th overall. Wittenberg is the fifth ranked team in NCAA Division III, and has compiled a 32-2 record through last week's conference tournament. Williams was named to the All-NCAC first team for the fourth straight year; she began her career as the Newcomer of the Year in 2005.

Wooster senior **Ali Drushal (Lakeville, OH/West Holmes)** repeated as the NCAC's Libero of the Year. She is the only player in North Coast history to earn the honor three consecutive seasons and she is a repeat first-team selection after also earning second team honors in 2006. Drushal led the conference during the regular season with 6.55 digs per game and became only the 10th player in NCAA volleyball history (all divisions) to register 3,000 career digs. She finishes her four-year Wooster career with an NCAC-record 3,043 digs.

Joining Williams and Drushal on the first team are senior middle hitter **Jessica Kimble (Dennison, OH/Claymont)** and junior setter **Erin Slattery (Chagrin Falls, OH/Kenston)** from Wittenberg, Wooster junior middle hitter/outside hitter **KateLynn Riley (Westlake, OH/Westlake)** and Hiram junior middle hitter **Randa Jackson (South Euclid, OH/Brush)**. Kimble earns her second All-NCAC honor after receiving honorable mention status last fall, while Jackson, Riley and Slattery make their All-NCAC debut. Slattery was named 2006 Newcomer of the Year, but was not voted to one of the three teams.

Wooster freshman setter **Lizzi Beal (Bowling Green, KY/Greenwood)** was voted the NCAC's Newcomer of the Year. She finished her first regular season with the Fighting Scots second in the conference and first on her own team with 9.12 assists per game and was also named to the honorable mention squad.

Fighting Scots head coach **Sarah Davis** was named NCAC Coach of the Year for the first time after leading Wooster to a second-place finish and a 20-13 overall record this season, their first 20-win season since 2005. Davis is 35-27 in her two years at the helm.

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2008 ALL-NCAC VOLLEYBALL

CLEVELAND -- The following performers have earned All-North Coast Athletic Conference honors for the 2008 season through balloting by the NCAC volleyball coaches. The All-NCAC Team was announced at the conclusion of the NCAC Tournament.

FIRST TEAM	School	Yr.	Ht.	Pos.	Hometown/High School
Ali Drushal *^	Wooster	Sr.	5-3	L	Lakeville, OH/West Holmes
Randa Jackson	Hiram	Jr.	5-9	MH	South Euclid, OH/Brush
Jessica Kimble ●	Wittenberg	Sr.	5-10	MH	Dennison, OH/Claymont
KateLynn Riley	Wooster	Jr.	5-7	MH/OH	Westlake, OH/Westlake
Erin Slattery	Wittenberg	Jr.	5-5	S	Chagrin Falls, OH/Kenston
Jackie Williams ♦✓^	Wittenberg	Sr.	6-1	OH	Rocky River, OH/Magnificat

Player of the Year: Jackie Williams, Wittenberg

Libero of the Year: Ali Drushal, Wooster

Newcomer of the Year: Lizzi Beal, Wooster

Coach of the Year: Sarah Davis, Wooster

SECOND TEAM	School	Yr.	Ht.	Pos.	Hometown/High School
Alexa Bean	Ohio Wesleyan	So.	5-7	DS	Columbus, OH/Upper Arlington
Rita Kaplon	Oberlin	Jr.	5-7	S	Yellow Springs, OH/Science Hill
Holly Leonard	Denison	Jr.	5-3	DS	Evanston, IL/Evanston Township
Keeley McAnnis-Entenman ●	Earlham	Jr.	5-11	MB	Portland, OR/Grant
Sarah Schoenhagen +	Hiram	Sr.	5-9	OH	Cleveland Hts., OH/Gilmour
Caitlin Solan	Allegheny	Jr.	5-10	OH	Acme, PA/Geibel

HONORABLE MENTION	School	Yr.	Ht.	Pos.	Hometown/High School
Lizzi Beal	Wooster	Fr.	5-8	S	Bowling Green, KY/Greenwood
Megan Earle	Wooster	Sr.	5-6	OH	Middleburg Hts., OH/Midpark
Anna Frackman	Oberlin	So.	5-9	OH	Madison, WI/Madison West
Maggie Jacobson	Oberlin	So.	5-11	MH	Care Free, AZ/Cactus Shadows
Mary Myers	Kenyon	Fr.	5-10	OH	Lebanon, OH/Ursuline Academy
Kate Snead	Wittenberg	Jr.	5-11	MH	Westerville, OH/Westerville South
Cat Van Wagner	Allegheny	Sr.	5-8	MH	Ontario, NY/Wayne

Key: ^ 1st team 2007; + 2nd team 2007; ● honorable mention 2007; ✓ 1st team 2006; * 2nd team 2006; ♦ 1st team 2005