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NCAC Women's Basketball Special

**ALL-NCAC BASKETBALL SQUAD ANNOUNCED;
WARDEN NAMED PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

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CLEVELAND -- Wittenberg senior forward **Haley Warden (Loveland, OH/Loveland)** has been named Player of the Year to highlight the 2004 All-North Coast Athletic Conference women's basketball squad, announced today after voting by the conference's head coaches.

Warden, who led the Tigers to their third straight regular-season title and second NCAC tournament crown in a row, makes her first appearance on the All-NCAC team. She was the conference's fourth-leading scorer at 14.5 points per game and led the league in rebounding (9.8 rpg). In the recent NCAC Tournament, she totaled 39 points and 44 rebounds in three games to lead the Tigers to their seventh tourney title. She also shot a combined 13-of-14 (.929) from the free throw line and added 12 steals and 11 assists on her way to being named the tournament's Most Valuable Player

Ohio Wesleyan junior **Kelly Heil (Sylvania, OH/Southview)** earns her third straight first-team nod. She led the NCAC in scoring with a 20.5 per-game clip, and was second in rebounding (9.0 rpg). Earlham senior forward **Lindsey Chappell (Highland, IN/Highland)** earns her second first-team selection and third career appearance on the all-conference team. Both Heil and Chappell are former NCAC Newcomers of the Year - Heil in 2002 and Chappell in 2001.

Denison freshman **Kristen Sheffield (Dublin, OH/Dublin)** was voted Newcomer of the Year after she led the third-place Big Red in rebounding (8.3 rpg), blocks (3.0 bpg) and three-point field goals made (1.4 pg). She led the NCAC in blocks, was fourth in rebounding and sixth in three-pointers.

Tiger head coach **Pam Smith** was voted Coach of the Year for the third consecutive year after she guided her squad to their third straight regular-season crown, and 10th overall. She is the NCAC Coach of the Year for the sixth time and has guided the Tigers to two consecutive 16-0 conference marks. She is 349-139 in her 18 seasons at the helm of the Tiger women's basketball program.

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2004 ALL-NCAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

CLEVELAND -- The following performers have earned All-North Coast Athletic Conference honors for the 2003-04 season through balloting by the NCAC women's basketball coaches.

FIRST TEAM	School	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	PPG	RPG	APG	Hometown/High School
Lindsey Chappell ^#	Earlham	Sr.	F	5-10	13.4	8.8	1.0	Highland, IN/Highland
Kelly Heil *#	Ohio Wesleyan	Jr.	W	5-10	20.5	9.0	1.7	Sylvania, OH/Southview
Jessica Kankoski !*	Allegheny	Sr.	G	5-8	11.9	5.2	1.7	Glenshaw, PA/Fox Chapel
Haley Warden	Wittenberg	Sr.	F	5-9	14.5	9.8	1.9	Loveland, OH/Indian Hill
Emma Woodward	Denison	Jr.	W	5-8	13.8	4.8	1.9	Thornville, OH/Lakewood
Katy Zeanah	Kenyon	So.	F	5-10	14.5	8.2	1.8	New Orleans, LA/Metairie Park

Player of the Year: *Haley Warden, Wittenberg*

Newcomer of the Year: *Kristen Sheffield, Denison*

Coach of the Year: *Pam Smith, Wittenberg*

SECOND TEAM

Amber Bishop	Wittenberg	Sr.	G	5-8	12.5	2.6	2.2	Batavia, OH/Batavia
Erica Brizendine @	Ohio Wesleyan	Jr.	P	6-0	14.6	8.0	1.1	Grove City, OH/Grove City
Meredith McDonough@+	Allegheny	Jr.	F	5-11	11.1	6.8	1.2	Pittsburgh, PA/Oakland Catholic
Kristen Sheffield	Denison	Fr.	W	6-0	12.2	8.3	1.4	Dublin, OH/Dublin
Ann Staubach	Denison	Sr.	P	5-9	11.4	6.0	1.4	Madeira, OH/Madeira

HONORABLE MENTION

Cassie Bedard	Hiram	Fr.	F	5-10	10.0	4.7	0.5	Mogadore, OH/Waterloo
Cristina Briboneria	Oberlin	Jr.	G	5-7	11.9	4.4	1.8	Houston, TX/Bellaire
Amber Coleman	Oberlin	Sr.	G	5-5	8.8	3.9	2.9	Maple Hts., OH/Maple Hts.
Michelle Hall	Wooster	So.	F	6-0	11.0	7.5	1.0	Pittsburgh, PA/Mt. Lebanon
Amanda Hummel &	Hiram	Sr.	G	5-6	8.9	3.1	2.1	Plymouth, PA/Greater Nanticoke
Valery Medwid	Allegheny	So.	G	5-5	7.6	2.2	1.9	Corapolis, PA/Montour
Geri Woessner	Wittenberg	Sr.	F	5-11	7.6	4.7	0.7	Dayton, OH/Oakwood

Key: #1st team 2003; @2nd team 2003; & honorable mention 2003; *1st team 2002; +honorable mention 2002; ^2nd team 2001; ! honorable mention 2001

(statistics through NCAC tournament)