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NCAC Men's Soccer Special

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**OHIO WESLEYAN FAVORED AS NORTH COAST  
PREPS FOR 23RD MEN'S SOCCER SEASON**

**CLEVELAND, Ohio** -- Ohio Wesleyan University emerged as the preseason favorite in balloting by North Coast Athletic Conference men's soccer coaches conducted via email.

The Battling Bishops, who won their second straight and 15th overall NCAC crown last fall, earned eight of nine\* first-place votes cast from league coaches for 86 points. Wittenberg, which advanced to the NCAC Tournament for the first time in 2005, was second with 76 points after garnering the remaining first-place nod. Allegheny (75) followed closely in third, followed by Oberlin (61) and Denison (54) in fourth and fifth, respectively. The Yeomen also earned their first NCAC Tournament berth last season.

Ohio Wesleyan is 500-98-36 (.817) during the 29-year tenure of head coach **Jay Martin**. The Bishops expect to return 21 letterwinners and seven starters from last year's squad which finished with a 20-1 mark. A trio of all-conference defensive standouts return to lead the way. Backs **Ben Brewer (Columbus, OH/Dublin Scioto)**, a junior, and senior **Josh Warren (Ft. Wayne, IN/Homestead)** were first- and second-team All-NCAC performers in front of honorable mention junior goalkeeper **Jamison Dague (Bexley, OH/Bexley)** last fall.

Founded in 1983, the NCAC consists 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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**2006 NCAC Men's Soccer Poll**

North Coast Athletic Conference 2006 preseason men's soccer poll  
(first-place votes in parentheses, followed by total points):

- 1. Ohio Wesleyan (8) ..... 86
- 2. Wittenberg (1) ..... 76
- 3. Allegheny ..... 75
- 4. Oberlin ..... 61
- 5. Denison ..... 54
- 6. Wooster ..... 38
- 7. Kenyon ..... 37
- 8. Hiram ..... 33
- 9. Wabash ..... 21
- 10. Earlham ..... 14

\* Note: Nine of 10 head coaches participated in the poll.