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NCAC Baseball Special

WOOSTER AGAIN TABBED PRESEASON FAVORITE IN 25TH NORTH COAST BASEBALL SEASON

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CLEVELAND -- Wooster has once again emerged as the preseason favorite in balloting by nine of 10 North Coast Athletic Conference baseball coaches in their annual preseason poll.

The Fighting Scots, who tied for third in last year's NCAC race after posting a 14-2 regular-season mark, were chosen to reclaim the conference title in 2009 with 90 points and all nine first-place votes cast. Ohio Wesleyan, the two-time defending North Coast champion, totalled 77 points to finish second in the balloting. Denison was picked third (72), followed by Wabash (61) in fourth and Kenyon (52) in fifth. Wittenberg (46) and Allegheny (39) were sixth and seventh, while Oberlin (21) and Hiram (21) tied for eighth. Earlham (16) rounds out the poll in position 10.

Wooster is 878-321-6 (.731) during the 27-year tenure of head coach **Tim Pettorini**. The Scots, ranked 10th in the Collegiate Baseball preseason Div. III poll, return 20 players, headlined by seniors **Anthony Trapuzzano (Pittsburgh, PA/Canevin Catholic)** and **Sean Karpen (Venetia, PA/Peters Township)**, plus junior **Matt Barnes (Pittsburgh, PA/Langley)**. Trapuzzano is a three-time All-NCAC selection. He has 203 career strikeouts in 206 innings pitched and is 24-6 with a 3.05 earned-run average in his three previous seasons. Barnes is expected to be team's ace in 2009. He has a 14-4 career record with a 3.52 ERA. In the field, outfielder Karpen was last season's North Coast Player of the Year after leading the NCAC in hits (73), runs (49), doubles (17), and stolen bases (25),

Founded in 1983, the North Coast Athletic Conference 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.

2009 NCAC Preseason Baseball Poll

First-place votes in parentheses, followed by total points:

1. Wooster (9).....	90
2. Ohio Wesleyan	77
3. Denison	72
4. Wabash	61
5. Kenyon	52
6. Wittenberg.....	46
7. Allegheny	39
8. Hiram.....	21
Oberlin.....	21
10. Earlham.....	16