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NCAC Football Special

**ALL-NCAC FOOTBALL SQUAD ANNOUNCED;
TEN REPEAT SELECTIONS ON FIRST TEAM**

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CLEVELAND -- North Coast Athletic Conference champion Wabash placed nine players on the first team to highlight the 2002 All-NCAC football squad, announced today after voting by the conference's 10 head coaches. The Little Giants compiled a 10-0 record during the regular season. They defeated MacMurray, 42-7, in the first round of the NCAA Division III playoffs on Nov. 23. They have advanced to a second round meeting with Wittenberg on Saturday.

Nine players were repeat first-team selections on the 26-man first team, which includes 14 seniors, eight juniors and four sophomores. Wittenberg senior inside linebacker **Dustin Goldsbury (Columbus, OH/Bishop Ready)** earned his fourth first-team nod. Wabash senior quarterback **Jake Knott (Lafayette, IN/Jefferson)** and Wittenberg senior outside linebacker **Andy Pope (Hamilton, OH/Lakota East)** each earned their third first-team recognition.

Wabash had three other players repeat on the first team: Senior tight end **Ryan Short (Indianapolis, IN/Perry Meridian)**, junior defensive lineman **Blair Hammer (Carmel, IN/Carmel)** and senior inside linebacker **Nate Boulais (Indianapolis, IN/Ben Davis)**.

The Tigers, who placed second and also earned a bid to the NCAA Division III tournament, had two other repeat first-teamers: Senior **Daniel Grove (Uhrichsville, OH/Claymont)** and junior offensive lineman **Chad Thompson (Fort Thomas, KY/Highlands)**. The Tigers edged Hanover, 34-33, in the first round of the playoffs to set up the second meeting of the year between Wittenberg and Wabash.

Two Allegheny juniors and a Wooster senior are the other repeat first-team selections. Gator defensive lineman **Dave Pisanick (Duncansville, PA/Holidaysburg)** and kicker **Aaron Polack (Medina, OH/Medina)** and Scot defensive back **Nick Hajjar (Prospect, OH/Marion Pleasant)** round out the repeat honorees list.

The NCAC will announce the winners of its individual awards, including the Mike Gregory and Hank Critchfield Awards for Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year, on Tuesday, Nov. 26.

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2002 ALL-NCAC FOOTBALL

CLEVELAND -- The following performers have earned All-North Coast Athletic Conference honors for the 2002 season through balloting by the NCAC football coaches.

FIRST TEAM • OFFENSE

QB	Jake Knott*+	Wabash	Sr.	6-2	180	Lafayette, IN/Jefferson
RB	Daniel Grove+	Wittenberg	Sr.	5-8	195	Uhrichsville, OH/Claymont
RB	Tony Sutton	Wooster	So.	5-9	185	Akron, OH/Archbishop Hoban
WR	Brandon Clifton	Wabash	So.	6-1	200	Lafayette, IN/McCutcheon
WR	Skip Ivery	Wittenberg	Jr.	5-11	188	Columbus, OH/Groveport Madison
TE	Ryan Short~+	Wabash	Sr.	6-5	225	Indianapolis, IN/Perry Meridian
C	Tom Meeker	Wabash	Sr.	6-3	251	Pendleton, IN/Pendleton Heights
OL	Brad Kassner	Wittenberg	So.	6-3	275	Circleville, OH/Circleville
OL	Dan Rodriguez	Wabash	So.	6-1	291	McAllen, TX/McAllen
OL	Jon Spragg#	Wooster	Sr.	6-3	310	Collins, OH/Western Reserve Academy
OL	Chad Thompson+	Wittenberg	Jr.	6-2	265	Fort Thomas, KY/Highlands

FIRST TEAM • DEFENSE

DL	Allen D'Andrea%	Wittenberg	Sr.	6-2	220	Naples, FL/Barron Collier
DL	Blair Hammer+	Wabash	Jr.	6-2	245	Carmel, IN/Carmel
DL	Jim Lackmeyer	Wittenberg	Sr.	6-2	230	Cincinnati, OH/Purcell Marian
DL	Dave Pisanick+	Allegheny	Jr.	6-2	205	Duncansville, PA/Holidaysburg
OLB	Dee Bostic	Earlham	Sr.	5-11	215	Fort Wayne, IN/Snider
OLB	Andy Pope*+	Wittenberg	Sr.	6-2	200	Hamilton, OH/Lakota East
ILB	Nate Boulais~+	Wabash	Sr.	6-2	215	Indianapolis, IN/Ben Davis
ILB	Dustin Goldsburys&@*	Wittenberg	Sr.	6-0	235	Columbus, OH/Bishop Ready
DB	Nick Hajjar~+	Wooster	Sr.	5-9	185	Prospect, OH/Marion Pleasant
DB	John Hauser	Wittenberg	Sr.	5-11	187	Columbus, OH/Hartley
DB	Stu Johnson	Wabash	Jr.	6-1	202	West Lafayette, IN/Harrison
DB	Artie Montes%	Wabash	Jr.	5-8	160	Mission, TX/Mission

FIRST TEAM • SPECIALISTS

K	Steve Willever	Oberlin	Jr.	6-0	175	Philipsburg, NJ
P	Aaron Polack+	Allegheny	Jr.	6-2	170	Medina, OH/Medina
RS	Nick Hajjar~+	Wooster	Sr.	5-9	185	Prospect, OH/Marion Pleasant

SECOND TEAM • OFFENSE

QB	Greg Cornett%	Wittenberg	Sr.	6-1	175	Franklin, OH/Franklin
RB	Tim Anderson	Hiram	Fr.	5-10	180	Akron, OH/Central Hower
RB	Chris Morris#	Wabash	Jr.	5-10	200	Zionsville, IN/Zionsville
WR	Scott Barker%	Oberlin	So.	6-1	175	California City, CA/Mojave
WR	Ryan Hite%	Denison	Sr.	6-1	180	Findlay, OH/Findlay
TE	Matt Ralls	Wooster	Jr.	6-2	215	Westlake, OH/Westlake
C	Adam McClain+	Wittenberg	Sr.	6-0	255	Danville, IN/Danville Community
OL	Toni Banich	Wittenberg	Sr.	6-2	268	Indianapolis, IN/Ben Davis
OL	Steve DiGirolamo	Allegheny	Sr.	6-2	240	Pittsburgh, PA/Fox Chapel
OL	Kyle Neumeier	Oberlin	So.	6-0	260	Rancho Palos Verdes, CA/Peninsula
OL	Jimmy Wallace	Wooster	So.	6-0	255	Solon, OH/Solon

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SECOND TEAM • DEFENSE

DL	Drew Fay<#	Wooster	Sr.	6-3	265	Walnut Creek, CA/Northgate
DL	Tony Fusaro%	Allegheny	Sr.	6-1	230	Pittsburgh, PA/Fox Chapel
DL	Joe Kearney	Wooster	So.	6-4	310	Weymouth, MA/Weymouth
DL	Carl Rhinehart	Earlham	Sr.	6-2	255	Muncie, IN/Central
OLB	Ryan Gresham	Wittenberg	Sr.	5-10	220	Columbus, OH/Eastmoor
OLB	Travis Little	Ohio Wesleyan	Jr.	6-4	205	Wheelersburg, OH/Wheelersburg
ILB	Tim Cline%	Wooster	So.	6-2	210	Gambier, OH/Mt. Vernon
ILB	Nick Fanelli	Wabash	Jr.	6-1	217	Crown Point, IN/Lake Central
DB	Matt Komar#	Allegheny	Jr.	5-11	160	Chesterland, OH/West Geauga
DB	Kevin Rooker	Wooster	Sr.	6-0	195	Uniontown, PA/Laurel Highlands
DB	Derek Vikara	Allegheny	Sr.	6-1	195	Pittsburgh, PA/Plum
DB	Andy Waddle	Wittenberg	Sr.	6-0	190	Enon, OH/Greenon

SECOND TEAM • SPECIALISTS

K	Richie McNally	Wooster	So.	6-0	170	Westerville, OH/St. Francis deSales
P	Dan Ries%	Earlham	So.	6-2	245	Doylestown, OH/Chippewa
RS	Josh Bronaugh	Wabash	Jr.	5-11	181	Crawfordsville, IN/West Montgomery

HONORABLE MENTION • OFFENSE

QB	Bubba Smith%	Allegheny	Jr.	6-0	165	Doylestown, OH/Chippewa
QB	Jeff Spraggins	Wooster	Sr.	6-1	215	Garfield Heights, OH/Garfield Heights
RB	Raymar Hampshire	Wittenberg	So.	6-1	210	Lima, OH/Elida
RB	Ron Hooper	Wooster	Sr.	5-11	220	Gambier, OH/Mt. Vernon
RB	Jeremel Hurt	Earlham	Sr.	5-7	190	Michigan City, IN/Michigan City
RB	Scott Jones	Wooster	Sr.	6-0	205	Uhrichsville, OH/Tuscarawas Cent. Cath.
RB	Darrian Story <%	Earlham	Sr.	5-9	175	Kokomo, IN/Kokomo
WR	Josh Bronaugh	Wabash	Jr.	5-11	181	Crawfordsville, IN/West Montgomery
WR	Josh Jirgens%	Denison	Sr.	5-8	145	Lakewood, OH/Lutheran West
WR	Jon Turner%	Allegheny	Jr.	6-0	170	Franklin, PA/Franklin Area
TE	Adam Patridge	Kenyon	Sr.	6-4	280	Grosse Point, MI/Cranbrook
C	Jeff Hollway~#	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	6-5	275	Lewis Center, OH/Suffield (CT) Acad.
C	Chip Yeakey	Earlham	Sr.	6-3	215	Mishawaka, IN/Mishawaka
OL	Joe Craig	Kenyon	Jr.	6-2	270	Dublin, OH/Worthington Kilbourne
OL	Andrew Melshen	Wabash	Sr.	5-11	275	Sheridan, IN/Sheridan
OL	Doug Pryor	Denison	Jr.	6-0	250	Columbus, OH/Westerville North
OL	Jon Robinson	Ohio Wesleyan	Jr.	5-11	260	Clarkston, MI/Clarkston

HONORABLE MENTION • DEFENSE

DL	Lloyd Hudson	Wittenberg	Sr.	5-11	220	Cincinnati, OH/Sycamore
DL	Matt Mrkobrad	Denison	Sr.	6-0	220	Camp Hill, PA/Trinity
DE	Ryan Cecchini%	Hiram	Sr.	6-0	225	Avella, PA/Avella Area
OLB	Josh Stanton#	Wabash	Sr.	5-11	205	Mooreville, IN/Mooreville
ILB	J.P. McFelley#	Allegheny	Sr.	6-0	210	Cranberry Township, PA/Seneca Valley
LB	Billy Chrisovergis	Ohio Wesleyan	Jr.	6-3	230	Dayton, OH/Bellbrook
LB	Brad Maguth	Hiram	Sr.	5-10	210	Cleveland, OH/John Marshall
LB	Casey McConnell	Kenyon	So.	5-11	215	Cincinnati, OH/Summitt Country Day
LB	Scott McManamom	Wooster	So.	6-0	210	Bay Village, OH/Bay
LB	Vance Murphy	Oberlin	Fr.	6-3	190	Pataskala, OH/Watkins Memorial
DB	Steve Barlow	Oberlin	Sr.	6-5	255	Denver, CO/Ricks College
DB	Chad Berndt	Earlham	Sr.	5-10	200	Granger, IN/Mishawaka
DB	Dustin Deno	Wabash	So.	5-11	173	Lafayette, IN/Jefferson
DB	Ben Franz	Oberlin	Jr.	5-10	180	Rexburg, ID/Ricks College
DB	Mark Lengel	Oberlin	Jr.	6-0	200	Livonia, MI/Orchard St. Mary's
DB	Ryan McCarty	Ohio Wesleyan	Fr.	5-10	155	Grove City, OH/Bishop Ready
DB	John Pascarella%	Hiram	Sr.	6-0	175	Youngstown, OH/Ursuline

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