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ALL-NCAC FOOTBALL SQUADS ANNOUNCED;

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WOOSTER'S SUTTON, KEARNEY TAKE TOP HONORS

CLEVELAND -- Wooster seniors **Tony Sutton (Akron, OH/Archbishop Hoban)** and **Joe Kearney (Weymouth, MA/Weymouth)** have been honored for outstanding seasons by being named North Coast Athletic Conference Players of the Year. Sutton receives the Mike Gregory Award as the NCAC's Offensive Player of the Year for the second straight season after earning Newcomer of the Year recognition in 2002. The award is presented by Richard Gregory of Columbus, in honor of his father, a multi-sport standout at Denison in the 1920s. Kearney, meanwhile, is the Defensive Player of the Year for the first time and receives the Hank Critchfield Award, commemorating the 1927 Wooster graduate.

Sutton, a senior running back, was the North Coast's leading rusher this season. In the past four weeks, he has set the NCAC career records for rushing (5,457), all-purpose yardage (6,256), rushing touchdowns (76), total touchdowns (80) and scoring (480). In addition, he has re-set all five of his own conference single-season marks, set in 2003. His current totals are 2,475 all-purpose yards, 2,084 rushing yards, 33 total touchdowns, 31 rushing touchdowns and 198 points entering this weekend's NCAA playoff game against Carthage. He is the first NCAC player to ever rush for 2,000 yards in a single season, and the eighth one ever in NCAA Division III.

Kearney, a senior defensive lineman, led the stellar Fighting Scot defense with 29 solo tackles and 14 assists for a total of 43 and added 12.5 tackles for a loss of 70 yards in 2004. Kearney also had six quarterback hurries, two blocked kicks and five sacks for a loss of 50 yards. He paced a defensive unit which finished near the top of almost every defensive category. Wooster was adept at stopping the run, leading the league in rushing defense (101.8 ypg), and was second in total defense (457.9 ypg), scoring defense (18.3 ppg) and sacks (36 for 244 yards).

Wittenberg running back **Tristan Murray (New Carlisle, OH/Tecumseh)** is the North Coast's Newcomer of the Year. A junior transfer from NCAA I-AA Brown, where he was a part-time starter, he earned First Team All-NCAC recognition in his first season in the conference. He finished second in the conference in all-purpose yardage (171.2) and was third in both rushing yardage (132.0 ypg) and scoring (12.6 ppg).

Wooster's **Mike Schmitz** has been named Coach of the Year for the first time after guiding his team to its first outright North Coast crown. The Fighting Scots shared the NCAC title with Allegheny and Wittenberg in 1997. The Scots went unbeaten (7-0) in conference play for the first time and earned their first bid to the NCAA playoffs. Schmitz is 35-15 (.700) in five seasons at Wooster.

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2004 ALL-NCAC FOOTBALL

CLEVELAND -- The following performers have earned All-North Coast Athletic Conference honors for the 2004 season through balloting by the NCAC football coaches.

FIRST TEAM • OFFENSE

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| QB | Justin Rummell ^ | Earlham | Jr. | 6-2 | 200 | Ingalls, IN/Pendleton Hts. |
| RB | Tony Sutton +* | Wooster | Sr. | 5-9 | 185 | Akron, OH/Archbishop Hoban |
| RB | Tristan Murray | Wittenberg | Jr. | 5-10 | 205 | New Carlisle, OH/Tecumseh |
| WR | Jered Glover + | Wittenberg | Jr. | 6-1 | 190 | Middletown, OH/Middletown |
| WR | Brandon Clifton | Wabash | Sr. | 6-1 | 200 | Lafayette, IN/McCutcheon |
| TE | Evan Kormos | Allegheny | Sr. | 6-7 | 256 | Chagrin Falls, OH/Chagrin Falls |
| C | Corey Chatman # | Wittenberg | Sr. | 5-11 | 230 | Mansfield, OH/Senior |
| OL | Brad Kassner +* | Wittenberg | Sr. | 6-3 | 275 | Circleville, OH/Circleville |
| OL | Rick Drushal # | Wooster | So. | 6-3 | 295 | Lakeville, OH/West Holmes |
| OL | Phil Huffman + | Allegheny | Sr. | 6-3 | 280 | Rochester, NY/Irondequoit |
| OL | Justin Sloan # | Wooster | Sr. | 6-0 | 260 | Dayton, OH/Centerville |

FIRST TEAM • DEFENSE

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|-----|------------------|-------------|-----|------|-----|---------------------------------|
| DL | Joe Kearney +@ | Wooster | Sr. | 6-4 | 310 | Weymouth, MA/Weymouth |
| DL | Cisco Clervoix # | O. Wesleyan | Jr. | 6-0 | 200 | Naples, FL/Naples |
| DL | Clinton Tiggs | Wittenberg | Jr. | 5-11 | 270 | Huber Heights, OH/Wayne |
| DL | Tamarco White | Wabash | Jr. | 5-11 | 225 | Flora, MS/Madison Central |
| OLB | Bobby Vega ^ | Wooster | Sr. | 6-1 | 215 | Windsor, CT/Pomfret School |
| OLB | Josh Foster + | Wabash | Jr. | 6-0 | 163 | Indianapolis, IN/Ben Davis |
| ILB | Tim Cline +@% | Wooster | Sr. | 6-2 | 210 | Gambier, OH/Mt. Vernon |
| ILB | Tim Parker | Wabash | Jr. | 5-10 | 205 | Indianapolis, IN/Warren Central |
| DB | Chris Craig | Wooster | So. | 6-1 | 205 | Newark, OH/Johnstown-Monroe |
| DB | Dustin Deno | Wabash | Sr. | 5-11 | 180 | Lafayette, IN/Jefferson |
| DB | Kyle Sherman ^ | O. Wesleyan | So. | 6-2 | 200 | Plain City, OH/Dublin Scioto |
| DB | Tom Thome | O. Wesleyan | So. | 6-0 | 195 | Macedonia, OH/Nordonia |

FIRST TEAM • SPECIALISTS

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|----|-------------------|------------|-----|-----|-----|-------------------------------------|
| K | Richie McNally +@ | Wooster | Sr. | 6-0 | 170 | Westerville, OH/St. Francis deSales |
| P | Jake Thomas | Wittenberg | Sr. | 6-2 | 205 | New Albany, OH/New Albany |
| RS | Tony Sutton * | Wooster | Sr. | 5-9 | 185 | Akron, OH/Archbishop Hoban |

Mike Gregory Award (Offensive Player of the Year): Tony Sutton, Wooster

Hank Critchfield Award (Defensive Player of the Year): Joe Kearney, Wooster

Newcomer of the Year: Tristan Murray, Wittenberg

Coach of the Year: Mike Schmitz, Wooster

Key: +1st Team 2003; #2nd team 2003; ^ honorable mention 2003; * 1st team 2002; @ 2nd team 2002; \$ honorable mention 2002; % honorable mention 2001

SECOND TEAM • OFFENSE

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|----|-------------------|------------|-----|------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| QB | Justin Schafer ^ | Wooster | So. | 6-4 | 225 | Bethesda, OH/Union Local |
| QB | Ryan Holmes # | Wittenberg | Sr. | 6-3 | 220 | Oxford, OH/Talawanda |
| RB | Alby Coombs | Kenyon | So. | 6-0 | 210 | Boston, MA/Belmont Hill |
| RB | Mario Tarquinio | Allegheny | So. | 5-11 | 220 | Charleroi, PA/Charleroi |
| WR | James Jewell ^ | Earlham | So. | 6-1 | 185 | Gary, IN/Roosevelt |
| WR | Richie McNally +@ | Wooster | Sr. | 6-0 | 170 | Westerville, OH/St. Francis deSales |
| TE | Frank Roe ^ | Denison | Jr. | 6-1 | 245 | Antioch, CA/Antioch |
| C | Steve Alpeter | Wooster | Jr. | 6-2 | 260 | Dover, OH/Garaway |
| OL | Pat Millikan | Wabash | So. | 6-3 | 292 | Newburgh, IN/Castle |
| OL | Jeff Moler | Wittenberg | So. | 6-1 | 275 | Germantown, OH/Valley View |
| OL | Jimmy Wallace | Wooster | Sr. | 6-0 | 260 | Solon, OH/Solon |
| OL | Matt Gelles | Allegheny | Jr. | 6-1 | 274 | Pittsburgh, PA/Plum |

SECOND TEAM • DEFENSE

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|-----|------------------|-----------|-----|------|-----|--------------------------------|
| DL | Darryl Kennon | Wabash | So. | 6-3 | 250 | Tempe, AZ/McClintock |
| DL | Andy Mizak | Wooster | So. | 6-1 | 225 | Warren, MI/Paul K. Cousino |
| DL | Jon Ramsier # | Oberlin | Sr. | 6-0 | 245 | Avon Lake, OH/Avon Lake |
| DL | Dan Monarko | Allegheny | Jr. | 6-0 | 262 | Allison Park, A/Hampton |
| OLB | Elliott George | Allegheny | Jr. | 6-2 | 206 | Bradford, PA/Bradford |
| OLB | Andre Smith | Wooster | So. | 5-11 | 210 | Hendersonville, TN/Beech |
| ILB | Vance Murphy ^\$ | Oberlin | Jr. | 6-3 | 190 | Pataskala, OH/Watkins Memorial |
| ILB | Eric Rupp | Allegheny | Jr. | 5-9 | 218 | Lancaster, NY/Central |
| DB | Brian Kight ^ | Wooster | Jr. | 5-9 | 175 | Dublin, OH/Fallbrook, CA |
| DB | Jesse Koski | Wooster | Sr. | 5-9 | 175 | Latrbe, PA/Derry Area |
| DB | Brad Stotsky | Allegheny | Jr. | 5-10 | 184 | Evans City, PA/Seneca Valley |
| DB | Abe Tawfeek | Earlham | Sr. | 5-10 | 175 | Indianapolis, IN/Northwest |

SECOND TEAM • SPECIALISTS

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|----|----------------|-----------|-----|------|-----|---------------------------|
| P | Jason Black | Allegheny | Fr. | 5-11 | 175 | Warren, OH/Champion |
| RS | Chris Schubert | Oberlin | Fr. | 5-10 | 180 | Oberlin, OH/Oberlin |
| K | Mark Server | Wabash | Jr. | 5-11 | 165 | Plainfield, IN/Plainfield |

HONORABLE MENTION • OFFENSE

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|----|------------------|---------------|-----|------|-----|-----------------------------------|
| RB | Tyler Harmon ^ | Wittenberg | So. | 6-1 | 210 | Indianapolis, IN/Perry Meridien |
| HB | Nick Rice | Ohio Wesleyan | So. | 5-11 | 185 | Dublin, OH/Scioto |
| HB | Eric Indiciani | Ohio Wesleyan | Sr. | 5-10 | 200 | Delaware, OH/Olentangy |
| TB | Phil Bouwhis ^ | Denison | Sr. | 5-7 | 200 | Grand Rapids, MI/West Catholic |
| C | Natahan McLoney | Ohio Wesleyan | Sr. | 5-10 | 250 | Canal Winchester, OH/Pickerington |
| WR | Kevin Carr | Earlham | Sr. | 5-10 | 180 | Richmond, IN/Richmond |
| WR | Carlin Shoemaker | Kenyon | So. | 5-8 | 185 | Graham, WA/Bethel |
| WR | Rafael Sanchez | Kenyon | Fr. | 5-10 | 185 | Tavernier, FL/Coral Shores |
| WR | Braden Freeman | Wittenberg | Jr. | 6-2 | 190 | Prospect, OH/Marion Pleasant |
| WR | Tim Slovensky | Wooster | Sr. | 6-1 | 200 | Parma, OH/Parma Senior |
| TE | Mike Vyrostek | Wooster | So. | 6-5 | 235 | Columbus Station, OH/Columbia |
| TE | Marko Fonzi | Allegheny | Jr. | 6-2 | 240 | Pittsburgh, PA/Brentwood |
| C | Kyle Neumeier | Oberlin | Sr. | 6-0 | 260 | Rancho Palos Verdes, CA/Peninsula |
| OL | Brad Franz | Earlham | Jr. | 6-1 | 250 | Miamisburg, OH/Fairmont |
| OL | Cole Price | Oberlin | Jr. | 6-2 | 250 | Roy, UT/Roy |
| OL | Dan Rodriguez +* | Wabash | Sr. | 6-1 | 291 | McAllen, TX/McAllen |
| OL | Andrew Perego | Allegheny | Jr. | 6-2 | 284 | Pittsburgh, PA/North Allegheny |

HONORABLE MENTION • DEFENSE

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|-----|--------------------|------------|-----|------|-----|-----------------------------------|
| DL | Dan Crofoot | Hiram | Sr. | 6-0 | 240 | Perry, OH/Perry |
| OLB | Vinnie Hachigian # | Oberlin | Sr. | 6-1 | 215 | Clinton Township, MI/Chippewa |
| DE | Chris Vennefrom | Wittenberg | Sr. | 6-2 | 210 | Somerville, Ohio/Edgewood |
| DE | Evan Watson | Wooster | So. | 6-3 | 200 | Crawfordsville, IN/Crawfordsville |
| DE | John Brady | Allegheny | Sr. | 6-3 | 209 | Pittsburgh, PA/North Hills |
| ILB | Mike Thompson | Earlham | Jr. | 6-0 | 195 | Riverview, FL/East Bay |
| LB | Mike Erkkila ^ | Hiram | Jr. | 6-1 | 225 | Perry, OH/Perry |
| LB | Calvin Hatfield | Kenyon | Sr. | 5-10 | 225 | Falmouth, ME/Cheverus |
| LB | Tim Koprowski | Denison | Sr. | 5-10 | 200 | Verona, NJ/Newark Academy |
| DB | Brian Bishoff | Denison | Sr. | 5-7 | 165 | Niles, OH/Howland |
| DB | Jim Conley | Hiram | Jr. | 5-11 | 200 | Ravenna, OH/Waterloo |
| DB | CJ Jackson | Wabash | So. | 5-11 | 176 | Indianapolis, IN/Perry Meridien |
| FS | Billy King | Wabash | So. | 5-11 | 200 | Peoria, AZ/Peoria |