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NCAC Men's Basketball Special

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

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CLEVELAND -- Wooster senior forward **Bryan Nelson (Kettering, OH/Fairmont)** has been named Player of the Year to highlight the 2003 All-North Coast Athletic Conference men's basketball squad, announced today after voting by the conference's head coaches.

Four of the five players voted to the first team are repeat selections from the 2002 all-conference squad. In addition to Nelson, who earns his fourth all-conference recognition and third first-team nod, Wabash senior forward **Joe DesJean (Indianapolis, IN/Perry Meridian)** and Ohio Wesleyan junior center **Travis Schwab (Medina, OH/Medina)** make their third straight appearance on the first team. Wittenberg senior point guard **B.J. Harris (Dayton, OH/Stebbins)** earned his second first-team honor.

Allegheny senior guard **Nick Catanzarite (Strongsville, OH/Walsh Jesuit)** is named to the first team after earning honorable mention honors a season ago.

Nelson led the champion Scots as the conference's second-leading scorer at 20.3 points per game. He was the league's leader in field-goal percentage (.639) and free-throw percentage (.872), and tied for third in rebounding (8.2 rpg).

Oberlin freshman power forward **Brandon Crawford (Detroit, MI/St. Martin DePorres)** was voted Newcomer of the Year after he led the NCAC in rebounding (9.5 rpg) and shared the team lead in scoring (15.2 ppg). An honorable mention choice, he is the only freshman named to the all-conference squad.

Scot head coach **Steve Moore** was voted Coach of the Year for the sixth time after he guided his squad to their seventh regular-season crown and eighth NCAC tournament title.

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2003 ALL-NCAC MEN'S BASKETBALL

CLEVELAND -- The following performers have earned All-North Coast Athletic Conference honors for the 2002-03 season through balloting by the NCAC men's basketball coaches.

FIRST TEAM	School	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	PPG	RPG	APG	Hometown/High School
Nick Catanzarite +	Allegheny	Sr.	G	6-0	20.0	4.1	3.4	Strongsville, OH/Walsh Jesuit
Joe DesJean @#	Wabash	Sr.	F	6-6	18.3	8.2	1.7	Indianapolis, IN/Perry Meridian
B.J. Harris @	Wittenberg	Sr.	P	6-7	12.7	8.0	2.0	Dayton, OH/Stebbins
Bryan Nelson @*#	Wooster	Sr.	F	6-4	20.3	8.2	1.7	Kettering, OH/Kettering Fairmont
Travis Schwab @#	O. Wesleyan	Jr.	C	6-6	21.2	7.9	1.6	Medina, OH/Medina
SECOND TEAM								
Brandon Cole	O. Wesleyan	So.	F	6-5	11.6	8.7	2.7	Sidney, OH/Sidney
Kevin Longley %&^	Wittenberg	Sr.	F	6-6	10.5	6.1	1.4	Vandalia, OH/Butler
Ryan Meerstein ^	Allegheny	Sr.	F	6-5	14.1	4.3	1.1	Pittsburgh, PA/Upper St. Clair
Matt Smith +	Wooster	Sr.	G/F	6-4	10.4	2.7	2.6	Elida, OH/Elida
Nathan Stoops %*^	Earlham	Sr.	W	6-3	15.9	4.4	1.1	South Bend, IN/LaSalle
HONORABLE MENTION								
John Campbell	Kenyon	Sr.	F	6-5	17.4	6.8	1.5	Potomac, MD/Georgetown Prep
Brady Claxton %	Wabash	Sr.	G	6-1	14.4	2.4	2.7	Shelbyville, IN/Shelbyville
Brandon Crawford	Oberlin	Fr.	F	6-6	15.2	9.5	1.7	Detroit, MI/St. Martin DePorres
Matt Magnusen	Allegheny	Jr.	F	6-5	11.6	3.3	1.0	Plum, PA/Plum
David Mayle +	Hiram	Sr.	G/F	6-4	14.0	4.8	1.1	Ravenna, OH/Crestwood
Sean O'Reilley	Earlham	Sr.	F	6-6	11.7	6.4	2.8	Indianapolis, IN/Chatard
Perry Young	Denison	Jr.	F	6-3	13.4	5.6	2.3	New Orleans, LA/St. Augustine

Key: @1st team 2002; % 2nd team 2002; +honorable mention 2002; #1st team 2001; ^2nd team 2001; *2nd team 2000; & honorable mention 2000

[statistics through NCAC Tournament]