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NCAC Men's Soccer Special

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**OHIO WESLEYAN FAVORED AS NORTH COAST
PREPS FOR 24TH MEN'S SOCCER SEASON**

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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 third straight and 16th overall NCAC crown last fall, earned nine of 10 first-place votes cast from league coaches for 98 points. Denison, which won the NCAC Tournament in 2006, was second with 86 points. Allegheny (73) followed closely in third, narrowly trailed by Oberlin (70) and Wittenberg (70), knotted at fourth. The Tigers garnered the last first-place vote. Wooster (41), Hiram (39), Kenyon (37), Wabash (21) and Earlham (15) round out places six through 10.

Ohio Wesleyan is 515-99-42 (.817) during the 30-year tenure of head coach **Jay Martin**. The Bishops expect to return 16 letterwinners and five starters from last year's squad which finished with a 15-1-6 mark and advanced to the NCAA national semifinals. Senior goalkeeper **Jamison Dague (Bexley, OH/Bexley)**, senior back **Ben Brewer (Columbus, OH/Dublin Scioto)** and senior midfielder **Nick Skoczen (Chagrin Falls, OH/Kenston)** are top returnees for Ohio Wesleyan. All three are returning All-NCAC players.

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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2007 NCAC Men's Soccer Poll

North Coast Athletic Conference 2007 preseason men's soccer poll
(first-place votes in parentheses, followed by total points):

- 1. Ohio Wesleyan (9)98
- 2. Denison86
- 3. Allegheny.....73
- 4. Oberlin.....70
- Wittenberg (1)70
- 6. Wooster.....41
- 7. Hiram.....39
- 8. Kenyon.....37
- 9. Wabash21
- 10. Earlham15