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NCAC Men's Soccer Special

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**OHIO WESLEYAN FAVORED AS NORTH COAST  
 PREPS FOR 26TH MEN'S SOCCER SEASON**

**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 are the defending NCAC regular season and tournament champions, earned nine of 10 first-place votes cast by league coaches for 96 points. Kenyon was second with 88 points and the remaining first-place vote. Hiram (80) followed closely in third, while Allegheny (64) and Oberlin (58) finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

Ohio Wesleyan is 548-109-45 (.813) during the 32-year tenure of head coach **Jay Martin**. The Bishops expect to return 23 letterwinners and 10 starters from last year's squad which finished with a 18-5-1 mark. Top returners for Ohio Wesleyan include the Battling Bishop trio of junior **Tyler Wall (Columbus, OH/Upper Arlington)**, junior **Brian Greene (Beavercreek, OH/Beavercreek)** and senior **Kevin McGowan (Cincinnati, OH/Oak Hills)**, all of whom were first-team All-NCAC selections last fall. Wall posted 23 points in 24 games last fall (.96 ppg) off nine goals and five assists, while Greene totaled 15 points in 24 games (.63 ppg) with seven goals and an assist. McGowan anchored a stingy defensive unit that allowed just 22 goals all season.

Founded in 1983, the North Coast Athletic Conference is made up 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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**2009 NCAC Men's Soccer Poll**

North Coast Athletic Conference 2009 preseason men's soccer poll  
*(first-place votes in parentheses, followed by total points)*

1. Ohio Wesleyan (9) .....	96
2. Kenyon (1).....	88
3. Hiram.....	80
4. Allegheny .....	64
5. Oberlin.....	58
6. Wittenberg.....	53
7. Denison.....	42
8. Wabash .....	26
9. Wooster.....	23
10. Earlham .....	20