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## NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

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### **NCAC Men's Tennis Special** **KENYON VOTED PRESEASON FAVORITE IN** **25TH NORTH COAST MEN'S TENNIS SEASON**

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**CLEVELAND** -- 2008 North Coast champion Kenyon emerged as the preseason favorite in balloting by North Coast Athletic Conference men's tennis coaches in their annual preseason poll.

The Lords, who last season finished with a 6-0 league record and 25-1 overall mark, earned all nine first-place votes and totaled 81 points. Denison was selected second (72). Allegheny, last year's third-place team, was selected to finish third again with 59 points. Wabash (53) was picked to finish fourth, followed by Wooster (47), Wittenberg (36), Oberlin (28), Ohio Wesleyan (20) and Earlham (9) in places five through nine.

Kenyon, under the direction of head coach **Scott Thielke**, returns 2008 North Coast Player of the Year and defending NCAA Division III singles champion, junior **Michael Greenberg (Chapel Hill, NC/East Chapel Hill)**. Greenberg is currently ranked No. 6 in the nation in singles play.

In 24 years of North Coast men's tennis competition, three schools have claimed championships: Denison, Wooster and Kenyon. The Big Red have won or shared the most titles (12), followed by the Lords with 11, including the six of the past seven. The Fighting Scots have claimed a share of four NCAC titles, the last in 1996. All three teams shared the crown in 1989; Wooster and Denison shared the first one, contested in 1985.

Founded in 1983, the North Coast Athletic Conference 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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### **2009 NCAC Preseason Men's Tennis Poll**

First-place votes in parentheses, followed by total points:

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