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***NCAC Volleyball Special***

**ALL-NCAC VOLLEYBALL SQUAD ANNOUNCED;  
YUSKEWICH NAMED PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

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**CLEVELAND** -- Wittenberg sophomore **Sarah Yuskewich (Columbus, OH/Bishop Watterson)** has been named Player of the Year to highlight the 2002 All-North Coast Athletic Conference volleyball selections.

Yuskewich, a 6-0 setter/outside hitter, led the conference in assists with 2,079 over 139 games (14.96 apg). She is two assist short of the North Coast and the NCAA Division III single-season record of 2,081 set in 2000 by Wittenberg's **Shelli Habegger**. She is also on pace to break the Div. III single season assist-per-game record. Yuskewich's spectacular play earned her national player of the week honors from the American Volleyball Coaches Association earlier this season. She led the Tigers to their sixth consecutive NCAC championship and a berth in the NCAA Division III Tournament for the seventh straight year. Wittenberg (34-7) has advanced to the quarterfinal round of the tournament for the first time. The Tigers travel to Wisconsin-Whitewater on Saturday. The match is set to begin at 7:00 p.m.

Wittenberg senior middle hitter **Tiffany Keller (Massillon, OH/Tuslaw)** and sophomore **Monica McDonald (Newark, OH/Newark Catholic)** join Yuskewich on the first team. Keller, the league's Player of the Year last fall, makes her third appearance on the All-NCAC team after a first-team nod last year and a second-team award in 2000. McDonald, the MVP of the NCAC Tournament earlier this month, also earned first-team recognition last fall.

Rounding out the first team are Kenyon senior **Cori Arnold (West Lafayette, OH/Ridgewood)**, Allegheny junior **Vicki Kajder (Trafford, PA/Penn-Trafford)** and Denison senior **Becky Turk (Middleburg Hts., OH/Midpark)** - all three-time first-team honorees. Arnold and Turk are making their first-team debut. Arnold earned second-team honors the past two seasons, while Turk received honorable mention nods. Kajder returns to the first team after picking up second-team accolades last fall. She was a member of the first team in 2000.

Denison freshman **Katie Quinter (Minster, OH/Minster)** was voted the NCAC's Newcomer of the Year. She finished her first season with the Big Red second on the team in kills per game (3.90 kpg) and third in both total kills (238) and total digs (236).

Wittenberg head coach **Connie Surowicz** is the North Coast's Coach of the Year for the third time as she guided the Tigers to their sixth straight NCAC crown. Surowicz is currently 253-93 in her nine seasons at Wittenberg.

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## 2002 ALL-NCAC VOLLEYBALL

**CLEVELAND** -- The following performers have earned All-North Coast Athletic Conference honors for the 2002 season through balloting by the NCAC volleyball coaches.

<b>FIRST TEAM</b>	School	Yr.	Ht.	Pos.	Hometown/High School
Cori Arnold %<	Kenyon	Sr.	6-0	MH	West Lafayette, OH/Ridgewood
Vicki Kajder \$<	Allegheny	Jr.	5-8	S	Trafford, PA/Penn-Trafford
Tiffany Keller %~	Wittenberg	Sr.	5-10	MH	Massillon, OH/Tuslaw
Monica McDonald ~	Wittenberg	So.	5-9	OH	Newark, OH/Newark Catholic
Becky Turk &#	Denison	Sr.	6-0	MH	Middleburg Hts., OH/Midpark
Sarah Yuskewich #	Wittenberg	So.	6-0	S/OH	Columbus, OH/Bishop Watterson

**Player of the Year:** Sarah Yuskewich, Wittenberg

**Newcomer of the Year:** Katie Quinter, Denison

**Coach of the Year:** Connie Surowicz, Wittenberg

<b>SECOND TEAM</b>	School	Yr.	Ht.	Pos.	Hometown/High School
Katie Bradshaw	Allegheny	So.	5-9	OH	Saegertown, PA/Saegertown
Erin Donnell %	Wooster	Sr.	5-8	SH	Dayton, OH/Carroll
Regann Goodwin ^\$~	Denison	Sr.	5-7	S	Gahanna, OH/St. Michael's Academy, TX
Teresa Murphy *\$~	Wittenberg	Sr.	5-8	OH	Blacklick, OH/Newark Catholic
Theresa Rhoads	Hiram	So.	5-7	OH	Fairlawn, OH/Copley
Morgan Sterling	Ohio Wesleyan	Fr.	5-4	L/DS	Toledo, OH/Notre Dame

<b>HONORABLE MENTION</b>	School	Yr.	H.	Pos.	Hometown/High School
Teresa Batteiger	Earlham	Sr.	5-6	OH	Bargersville, IN/Indianapolis Lutheran
Lauren Camp	Kenyon	Sr.	5-8	OH	Westerville, OH/Olentangy
Amber Coleman #	Oberlin	Jr.	5-6	OH/S	Maple Heights, OH/Maple Heights
Dhira Dale	Allegheny	Jr.	5-11	MH	Guys Mills, PA/Saegertown
Heather Guthrie #	Denison	Sr.	6-0	OH	Hudson, OH/Hudson
Bobbi Wymer	Hiram	Jr.	6-0	MH	Ravenna, OH/Ravenna

**Key:** ~ 1st team 2001; < 2nd team 2001; # Honorable Mention 2001; \$1st team 2000, % 2nd team 2000;  
& Honorable Mention 2000; \*1st team 1999, ^2nd team 1999