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**NCAC Volleyball Special**

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

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**CLEVELAND** -- Wittenberg junior **Sarah Yuskewich (Columbus, OH/Bishop Watterson)** has been named Player of the Year to highlight the 2003 All-North Coast Athletic Conference volleyball selections.

Yuskewich, a 6-0 setter, led the conference in assists with 1303 over 100 games (13.03 apg). She repeats as the NCAC Player of the Year after leading the Tigers to their seventh consecutive North Coast championship and a berth in the NCAA Division III Tournament for the eighth straight year. Wittenberg (27-6) hosts the Great Lakes regional, which begins today. The Tigers square off against the winner of today's match between Alma (30-5) and Thomas More (21-18) on Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Wittenberg junior middle hitter **Kristin Fox (Galion, OH/Galion)** joins Yuskewich on the first team. Fox is making her first All-NCAC appearance. She leads the Tigers in hitting percentage (.351) and kills (3.68 kpg).

Rounding out the first team are Oberlin senior **Amber Coleman (Maple Heights, OH/Maple Heights)**, Allegheny senior **Vicki Kajder (Trafford, PA/Penn-Trafford)**, Denison junior **Julie Stowers (Brighton, MI/Brighton)** and Hiram sophomore **Shana Toth (Mantua, OH/Crestwood)**. Coleman, Stowers and Toth are making their first-team debut. Coleman earned honorable mention honors the past two seasons. She is third in the league in kills (3.45 kpg) and is fifth in digs (4.57 dpg). Stowers was named to the NCAC Volleyball championship all-tournament team last week, after leading the Big Red to the semifinals for the third time in her three-year career. Toth leads the North Coast with 3.75 kills per game and 1.25 blocks per game. Kajder returns to the first team for the third time in her Gator career. She was a member of the first team last fall and also as a freshman in 2000. She earned second-team honors in 2001. Kajder is second in the NCAC with 11.24 assists per game.

Wittenberg junior **Emilie Schmid (Canton, OH/Massillon Jackson)** was voted the NCAC's Libero of the Year. This is the first time the award had been bestowed. Schmid leads the conference with 7.42 digs per game.

Hiram freshman outside hitter **Jennifer Hlebovy (Poland, OH/Boardman)** was voted the NCAC's Newcomer of the Year. She finished her first season with the Terriers as the squad leader in digs (3.45 dpg). She notched her ninth double-double of the season in the NCAC tournament semifinal match against Allegheny, recording 11 kills and a team-high 25 digs.

Hiram head coach **Ellen Dempsey** is the North Coast's Coach of the Year for the second time as she guided the Terriers to a school-best 27-8 record and their first trip to the NCAC tournament championship game. Dempsey is currently 62-39 with three straight playoff appearances in her three seasons at Hiram.

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## 2003 ALL-NCAC VOLLEYBALL

**CLEVELAND** -- The following performers have earned All-North Coast Athletic Conference honors for the 2003 season through balloting by the NCAC volleyball coaches.

<b>FIRST TEAM</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Ht.</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Hometown/High School</b>
Amber Coleman #&	Oberlin	Sr.	5-6	OH/MB	Maple Heights, OH/Maple Heights
Kristin Fox	Wittenberg	Jr.	5-10	MH	Galion, OH/Galion
Vicki Kajder \$<*	Allegheny	Sr.	5-8	S	Trafford, PA/Penn-Trafford
Julie Stowers	Denison	Jr.	5-8	OH	Brighton, MI/Brighton
Shana Toth	Hiram	So.	6-1	MH	Mantua, OH/Crestwood
Sarah Yuskewich #*	Wittenberg	Jr.	6-0	S	Columbus, OH/Bishop Watterson

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

**Libero of the Year:** Emilie Schmid, Wittenberg (Canton, OH/Massillon Jackson)

**Newcomer of the Year:** Jennifer Hlebovy, Hiram (Poland, OH/Boardman)

**Coach of the Year:** Ellen Dempsey, Hiram

<b>SECOND TEAM</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Ht.</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Hometown/High School</b>
Charity Norman	Hiram	Sr.	5-9	S	Port Washington, OH/Indian Valley
Lindsay Nelson	Wittenberg	Sr.	6-0	OH	Massillon, OH/Tuslaw
Lindsey Tupman	Allegheny	So.	5-10	MH	Virginia Beach, VA/Kellam
Tiffany Rice	Wooster	So.	5-10	OH/MH	Canton, OH/Canton McKinley
Katie Quinter	Denison	So.	5-8	OH	Minster, OH/Minster
Michelle Emming	Wittenberg	Sr.	5-7	OH	West Chester, OH/Mt. Notre Dame

<b>HONORABLE MENTION</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Ht.</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Hometown/High School</b>
Katie Bradshaw ^	Allegheny	Jr.	5-9	OH	Saegertown, PA/Saegertown
Lisa Vanderkolk	Earlham	Fr.	6-0	MH/OH	Bluffton, IN/Bluffton
Stephanie Shaw	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	5-10	OH	Millbury, OH/Cardinal Stritch
Sarah Wild	Kenyon	Sr.	5-10	OH	New York, NY/Dalton School

**Key:** \* 1st team 2002; ^2nd team 2002; & Honorable Mention 2002; < 2nd team 2001;

# Honorable Mention 2001; \$1st team 2000