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NCAC Volleyball Special

**ALL-NCAC VOLLEYBALL SQUAD ANNOUNCED;
HIRAM'S TOTH NAMED PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

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CLEVELAND -- Hiram senior **Shana Toth (Mantua, OH/Crestwood)** has been named Player of the Year to highlight the 2005 All-North Coast Athletic Conference volleyball selections.

Toth, a 6-1 middle hitter, led the Terriers in kills with 380 over 104 games (3.65 kpg) and in attack percentage at .370. She ranks in the top five for Hiram in every statistical category this season and is also fifth in the conference statistics, through the NCAC Tournament, in hitting percentage, kills and blocks (1.08 bpg) and is also fourth in points (4.50 ppg). She is the first Terrier to win this honor after leading Hiram to their first North Coast championship in any sport and a berth in the NCAA Division III Tournament. Toth is making her third straight appearance on the All-NCAC first team.

Hiram sophomore setter/outside hitter **Megan Taylor (Cortland, OH/Lakeview)** joins Toth on the first team. The 2004 Newcomer of the Year, Taylor is making her first-team debut after earning honorable mention honors last fall. She leads the league in assists, averaging 13.58 per game. Wooster senior outside hitter **Tiffany Rice (Canton, OH/McKinley)** is the final repeat selection on this fall's first team after leading the conference with 4.75 kills per game. She was voted to the team last fall and was a second-team selection in 2003.

A pair of Wittenberg teammates make their All-NCAC debuts. Sophomore outside hitter **Emily Bell (Ft. Wayne, IN/Concordia Lutheran)** and freshman **Jackie Williams (Rocky River, OH/Magnificat)** each makes her first appearance on the squad. Williams was named Newcomer of the Year as the lone freshman named to the first team. Denison junior outside hitter **Kristen Sheffield (Dublin, OH/Scioto)** rounds out the first team selections.

Denison junior **Caitlin Krupka (Westlake, OH/Holy Name)** was voted the NCAC's Libero of the Year. Krupka leads the conference with 7.56 digs per game.

Wooster head coach **Ellen Dempsey** is the North Coast's Coach of the Year for the third time as she guided the Terriers to their best season, posting a perfect 8-0 conference record to claim their first-ever NCAC Championship, and a berth in the NCAA Tournament. Dempsey is currently 113-55 (.673) in five seasons at Hiram and is 280-201 (.583) overall in her 13-year career.

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2005 ALL-NCAC VOLLEYBALL

CLEVELAND -- The following performers have earned All-North Coast Athletic Conference honors for the 2005 season through balloting by the NCAC volleyball coaches.

FIRST TEAM	School	Yr.	Ht.	Pos.	Hometown/High School
Emily Bell	Wittenberg	So.	5-9	OH	Ft. Wayne, IN/Concordia Lutheran
Tiffany Rice +*	Wooster	Sr.	5-10	OH	Canton, OH/McKinley
Kristen Sheffield	Denison	Jr.	6-0	OH	Dublin, OH/Scioto
Megan Taylor \$	Hiram	So.	5-8	S/OH	Cortland, OH/Lakeview
Shana Toth @*	Hiram	Sr.	6-1	MH	Mantua, OH/Crestwood
Jackie Williams	Wittenberg	Fr.	6-1	OH	Rocky River, OH/Magnificat

Player of the Year: Shana Toth, Hiram

Libero of the Year: Caitlin Krupka, Denison (Westlake, OH/Holy Name)

Newcomer of the Year: Jackie Williams, Wittenberg

Coach of the Year: Ellen Dempsey, Hiram

SECOND TEAM	School	Yr.	Ht.	Pos.	Hometown/High School
Carolyn Ciriegio	Wooster	So.	5-8	OH	Covington, OH/Covington
Emily Dixon ^	Wittenberg	Sr.	5-10	MH	Granville, OH/Granville
Jen Hlebovy	Hiram	Jr.	5-10	OH	Poland, OH/Boardman
Michelle Kozempa ^	Hiram	Jr.	6-2	MH	Seven Hills, OH/Normandy
Ellen Price \$	Denison	Sr.	5-11	MH	Maple City, MI/Leland
Traci Stoner \$	Allegheny	So.	5-8	S	Celina, OH/Celina

HONORABLE MENTION	School	Yr.	Ht.	Pos.	Hometown/High School
Katie Au	Oberlin	Sr.	5-3	L	San Francisco, CA/Lick Wilmerding
Kelsey Bruce ^	Denison	So.	6-0	MH	Columbus, OH/Upper Arlington
Sam Hoeffler	Kenyon	Fr.	5-9	S	Lexington, OH/Lexington
Jan Kehres	Wittenberg	So.	5-9	OH/DS	Alliance, OH/Alliance
Megan Margala	Ohio Wesleyan	Jr.	5-10	MH	Prospect, OH/Marion Elgin
Jaime Scharf	Ohio Wesleyan	So.	5-4	L	Marion, OH/River Valley
Jessica Whitaker	Earlham	So.	5-7	OH	Indianapolis, IN/Seccina
Heather Wolff ^	Wooster	So.	5-8	S	Mansfield, OH/Madison Comprehensive

Key: * 1st team 2004; ^ 2nd team 2004; \$ honorable mention 2004; @ 1st team 2003; + 2nd team 2003