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NCAC Women's Lacrosse Special

WOOSTER VOTED PRESEASON FAVORITE IN 25TH NORTH COAST WOMEN'S LACROSSE SEASON

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CLEVELAND -- Wooster emerged as the preseason favorite in balloting by North Coast Athletic Conference women's lacrosse coaches in their annual preseason poll.

The Fighting Scots, who last season finished with a 4-2 regular season league record and a 10-6 overall mark, earned four of seven first-place votes to total 43 points. Ohio Wesleyan, the defending NCAC champion, earned two first-place votes and totaled 38 points, to follow in second. Denison, which picked up the remaining first-place nod, was predicted to finish third with 37 points. Kenyon (28) was picked fourth, followed by Allegheny (24), Wittenberg (17) and Oberlin (9) in places five through seven, respectively.

Wooster returns a trio of first-team All-NCAC performers in senior co-captains **Carly Carey (Cummington, MA/Charlemont)** and **Hillary Darragh (Evanston, IL/Evanston Township)**, and senior goalkeeper **Jamie Dannenberg (Framingham, MA/Framingham)**. Carey and Darragh provide a one-two scoring punch for the Fighting Scots. They combined to score 109 points last season, with 90 goals and 19 assists between them. Danneberg led the league in goals-against average (9.17 goals per game) and saves percentage (.542) in 2008.

In 24 years of North Coast women's lacrosse competition, four schools have claimed championships: Denison, Oberlin, Ohio Wesleyan and Wooster. The Big Red have won the most titles (15), followed by Wooster with four and Oberlin with three. The Scots won their titles from 2002-04 and in 2007, while the Yeowomen claimed theirs in 1995 and 1997-98. The Bishops won women's lacrosse titles in 2005 and 2008.

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 Women's Lacrosse Poll

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

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| 1. | Wooster (4)..... | 43 |
| 2. | Ohio Wesleyan (2)..... | 38 |
| 3. | Denison (1)..... | 37 |
| 4. | Kenyon..... | 28 |
| 5. | Allegheny..... | 24 |
| 6. | Wittenberg..... | 17 |
| 7. | Oberlin..... | 9 |