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### NCAC Women's Tennis Special

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### **DENISON VOTED PRESEASON FAVORITE IN 25TH NORTH COAST WOMEN'S TENNIS SEASON**

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

The Big Red, who last season finished the season with a 6-0 league record and 20-3 overall mark, earned all eight first-place votes. Denison totaled 64 points, followed by Kenyon in second with 56 points. Oberlin, last season's third-place team, was predicted to finish third again with 43 points. Allegheny (42) was picked fourth, followed by Wittenberg (33), Ohio Wesleyan (25), Wooster (13) and Earlham (12) in places five through eight.

Denison is guided by head coach **Peter Burling**, last year's NCAC Women's Tennis Coach of the Year. The Big Red return two-time NCAC Player of the year **Meghan Damico (Pittsburgh, PA/Fox Chapel)**. Also returning is sophomore **Kristin Cobb (Dayton, OH/Oakwood)**, last year's North Coast Newcomer of the Year and a first-team choice.

In 24 years of North Coast women's tennis competition, three schools have claimed championships: Allegheny took the first one in 1985, then Kenyon went on a run to claim 15 of the next 16 titles, interrupted only by Denison's first title in 1994. The Big Red again broke the Ladies' streak in 2002, and have claimed every title since. Kenyon has a total of 15 North Coast titles to Denison's eight, including the past seven in a row.

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 Tennis Poll**

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

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| 1. | Denison (8).....   | 64 |
| 2. | Kenyon .....       | 56 |
| 3. | Oberlin .....      | 43 |
| 4. | Allegheny .....    | 42 |
| 5. | Wittenberg.....    | 33 |
| 6. | Ohio Wesleyan..... | 25 |
| 7. | Wooster.....       | 13 |
| 8. | Earlham.....       | 12 |