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NCAC Men's Basketball Special

**ALL-NCAC BASKETBALL SQUAD ANNOUNCED;
RUSS NAMED PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

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CLEVELAND -- Wittenberg junior wing **Daniel Russ (Louisville, KY/Trinity)** has been named Player of the Year to highlight the 2005 All-North Coast Athletic Conference men's basketball squad, announced today after voting by the conference's head coaches.

Russ, Denison sophomore forward/center **Dan Hodgkinson (Lake Forest, IL/Lake Forest)** and Wooster junior forward **Tom Port (Avon Lake, OH/Avon Lake)** all moved up from second-team recognition in 2004 to first team honors in 2005. Wooster junior guard **Kyle Witucky (Zanesville, OH/Zanesville)**, who earned honorable mention honors as a sophomore, also moves up to the first squad. Ohio Wesleyan sophomore forward **Ben Chojnacki (Medina, OH/Medina)** and Earlham junior **Brandon Miller (Richmond, IN/Richmond)** each make their debuts on the All-NCAC squad as first team selections.

Russ, a 6-9 wing, led the Tigers to a second-place finish in the regular season with team-highs in scoring average (14.6), blocks (38) and steals (29) and was second with 6.8 rebounds per game. Three times in 2004-05 he earned NCAC Player of the Week recognition. In addition, Russ was voted NCAC Tournament MVP after leading his team to its fifth tourney title.

Oberlin forward **Quinton Spencer (Chicago, IL/Brother Rice)** was voted Newcomer of the Year after he led the conference with a 20.6 scoring average and was third in rebounding (7.6 rpg). He is the only newcomer to earn All-NCAC honors in 2004-05, earning honorable mention recognition.

Denison head coach **Bob Ghiloni** was voted Coach of the Year for the first time. He guided his squad to a tie for third place in the regular-season, up from eighth last season, its best since the 1996-97 squad placed second. The Big Red compiled its first winning season and earned its first home game in NCAC tournament play in seven years.

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2005 ALL-NCAC MEN'S BASKETBALL

CLEVELAND -- The following performers have earned All-North Coast Athletic Conference honors for the 2004-05 season through balloting by the NCAC men's basketball coaches.

FIRST TEAM	School	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	PPG	RPG	APG	Hometown/High School
Ben Chojnacki	Ohio Wesleyan	So.	F	6-4	17.5	6.0	1.5	Medina, OH/Medina
Dan Hodgkinson #	Denison	So.	F/C	6-6	18.1	7.0	1.3	Lake Forest, IL/Lake Forest
Brandon Miller	Earlham	Jr.	F	6-6	18.5	8.1	2.7	Richmond, IN/Richmond
Tom Port #	Wooster	Jr.	F	6-5	13.5	6.3	3.3	Avon Lake, OH/Avon Lake
Daniel Russ #	Wittenberg	Jr.	W	6-9	14.6	6.8	1.5	Louisville, KY/Trinity
Kyle Witucky %	Wooster	Jr.	G	6-0	9.7	2.6	3.3	Zanesville, OH/Zanesville

Player of the Year: Daniel Russ, Wittenberg

Newcomer of the Year: Quinton Spencer, Oberlin

Coach of the Year: Bob Ghiloni, Denison

SECOND TEAM

Dane Borchers	Wittenberg	Jr.	F	6-8	14.1	7.0	1.4	Russia, OH/Russia
Andy Bucheit	Wittenberg	Sr.	G	6-3	11.9	3.5	1.1	Cincinnati, OH/LaSalle
Carlton Dean %	Hiram	Sr.	F	6-4	20.1	5.8	1.7	Cleveland Hts., OH/Lutheran East
Matt Formato *	Kenyon	Jr.	G	6-1	18.1	4.2	2.3	Downers Grove, IL/North
Matt Schlingman %	Wooster	Sr.	C	6-7	9.7	2.6	3.3	Ashland, OH/Ashland

HONORABLE MENTION

Kyle Coffey	Wabash	Jr.	C	6-9	8.5	4.9	0.7	Greenwood, IN/Center Grove
Jermaine Crumby %	Earlham	So.	F	6-3	11.2	6.7	1.1	Richmond, IN/Richmond
Robb Hern	Denison	Jr.	F	6-5	13.8	8.2	1.7	Madeira, OH/Madeira
Bryan King	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	G	5-9	10.1	3.0	1.8	Sidney, OH/Sidney
Matt Majzlik %	Allegheny	Jr.	C	6-5	15.8	5.4	0.6	Monaca, PA/Hopewell
Quinton Spencer	Oberlin	So.	G/F	6-1	20.6	7.6	2.0	Chicago, IL/Brother Rice
Tim Vandervaart	Wooster	So.	F	6-6	8.0	6.9	1.4	North Canton, OH/Hoover

Key: *1st team 2004; #2nd team 2004 %honorable mention 2004

[statistics through NCAC Tournament]