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**NCAC Men's Soccer Special**

**OHIO WESLEYAN TABBED PRESEASON FAVORITE  
FOR 22ND NORTH COAST MEN'S SOCCER SEASON**

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**CLEVELAND, Ohio** -- Ohio Wesleyan University, one of last fall's NCAC regular-season co-champions, emerged as the preseason favorite in balloting by North Coast Athletic Conference men's soccer coaches conducted via email.

The Bishops, who won a share of their 14th NCAC crown last fall, earned eight of nine first-place votes cast from league coaches for 89 points. Allegheny was second with 75 points, followed by last year's other co-champion Wooster (71), which received the remaining first place vote. Denison (65) and Wittenberg (57) wound up fourth and fifth, respectively.

Ohio Wesleyan is 480-97-36 (.812) during the 28-year tenure of head coach **Jay Martin**. The Bishops expect to return 19 letterwinners and eight starters from last year's squad which finished with an 16-2-2 mark. A pair of senior all-conference players return to lead the way. Forward **Jeff Fisher (Westerville, OH/North)** and midfielder **Ryan Martin (Dublin, OH/Wellington)** are both two-time first team All-NCAC performers.

Founded in 1983, the NCAC 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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**2005 NCAC Preseason Men's Soccer Poll**

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

1.	Ohio Wesleyan (8)	89
2.	Allegheny	75
3.	Wooster (1)	71
4.	Denison	65
5.	Wittenberg	57
6.	Oberlin	44
7.	Wabash	33
8.	Earlham	25
9.	Hiram	18
	Kenyon	18

Note: Nine of 10 head coaches participated in the poll.