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NCAC Football Special
NORTH COAST'S 17TH FOOTBALL SEASON OPENS
SATURDAY; WITTENBERG FAVORITE TO REPEAT

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CLEVELAND -- The North Coast Athletic Conference's 17th football season opens Saturday with five non-conference contests, highlighted by the season-openers for the conference's top two preseason favorites. Wittenberg, picked by both coaches and the media to reclaim their 1999 NCAC crown this season, hosts neighboring Urbana, while Allegheny, predicted to finish second by the coaches and media, kick-starts its rugged schedule by hosting perennial national powerhouse Mount Union. In other action, Denison entertains Carnegie Mellon, Swarthmore visits Oberlin and Earlham travels to Rose-Hulman.

Opening Weekend: The NCAC's 17th season of athletic competition opens with a bang this weekend as conference cross country, field hockey, soccer and volleyball teams storm their respective playing fields in more than 59 contests, stretching from Friday through Sunday.

Notes: Hiram and Wabash will contend for the NCAC football championship for the first time this season. The Terriers host Kenyon in their conference debut on Sept. 16. The Little Giants begin league play the following week, hosting Wittenberg Sept. 23 ... North Coast squads went 18-10 versus non-conference opponents in 1999, outscoring them 802-547. Ohio Wesleyan, Wittenberg and Wooster completed the non-NCAC portion of their schedules with perfect 4-0 records, outscoring their collective opponents 439-149.

1999 NCAC STANDINGS

FOOTBALL	NCAC			OVERALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
1) Wittenberg	6	0	0	11	1	0
2) Wooster	4	2	0	8	2	0
3) O. Wesleyan	4	2	0	8	2	0
4) Allegheny	4	2	0	5	5	0
5) Denison	2	4	0	6	4	0
6) Earlham	1	5	0	4	6	0
7) Kenyon	0	6	0	3	7	0

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 2
Mount Union at ALLEGHENY, 1:00
Carnegie Mellon at DENISON, 1:30
Swarthmore at OBERLIN, 1:30
Urbana at WITTENBERG, 7:00
EARLHAM at Rose-Hulman, 7:00 EST

2000 NCAC FOOTBALL POLLS

North Coast Athletic Conference 2000 preseason football polls
(first-place votes in parentheses, followed by total points):

COACHES		MEDIA	
1. Wittenberg (8)	98	1. Wittenberg (20).....	243
2. Allegheny (2)	89	2. Allegheny (4)	224
3. Ohio Wesleyan	77	3. Ohio Wesleyan (1)	193
4. Wooster.....	71	4. Wooster.....	175
5. Wabash.....	68	5. Wabash.....	156
6. Hiram	44	6. Denison	101
7. Denison	39	7. Earlham.....	94
8. Earlham.....	33	8. Hiram	86
9. Kenyon	26	9. Kenyon	64
10. Oberlin.....	10	10. Oberlin.....	38