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NCAC Football Special

**NORTH COAST'S 19TH FOOTBALL SEASON OPENS
SATURDAY; WITTENBERG FAVORITE TO REPEAT**

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CLEVELAND -- The North Coast Athletic Conference's 19th football season opens Saturday with eight non-conference contests, highlighted by the season and home-opener for the conference's preseason favorite. Wittenberg, picked by both coaches and the media to reclaim their 2001 NCAC crown this season, hosts Albion.

Also on Saturday, two head coaches assume their positions on the sidelines for the very first time. **Mark Matlak** and the Allegheny Gators entertain Baldwin-Wallace in Meadville, while **Gerry Keesling** and the Earlham Quakers travel to Rose-Hulman.

In other action, Oberlin, Hiram and Denison host Franklin & Marshall, Grove City and Waynesburg, respectively. Kenyon travels to Centre, Wooster opens at Hope; Ohio Wesleyan and Wabash are both idle.

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2001 NCAC STANDINGS

FOOTBALL	NCAC			OVERALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
1) Wittenberg	7	0	0	11	2	0
2) O. Wesleyan	6	1	0	9	1	0
Wabash	6	1	0	8	2	0
4) Allegheny	4	3	0	5	5	0
5) Wooster	3	4	0	4	6	0
Earlham	3	4	0	4	6	0
7) Denison	2	5	0	2	8	0
Oberlin	2	5	0	2	8	0
9) Hiram	1	6	0	3	7	0
Kenyon	1	6	0	1	9	0

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 7

- Albion at WITTENBERG, 1:00
- Baldwin-Wallace at ALLEGHENY, 1:00
- Franklin & Marshall at OBERLIN, 1:00
- Waynesburg at DENISON, 1:00
- Grove City at HIRAM, 1:30
- KENYON at Centre, 1:30
- WOOSTER at Hope, 1:30
- EARLHAM at Rose-Hulman, 7:00

2002 NCAC Football Polls

COACHES

- 1. Wittenberg (8) 97
- 2. Wabash (2) 91
- 3. Ohio Wesleyan 76
- 4. Allegheny 73
- 5. Wooster 59
- 6. Earlham 43
- 7. Oberlin 33
- 8. Denison 31
- 9. Hiram 30
- 10. Kenyon 17

MEDIA

- 1. Wittenberg (18) 226
- 2. Wabash (4) 205
- 3. Ohio Wesleyan (1) 180
- 4. Allegheny 163
- 5. Wooster 139
- 6. Earlham 120
- 7. Oberlin 82
- 8. Denison 66
- 9. Kenyon 42
- Hiram 42