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ALL-NCAC SOFTBALL SQUAD ANNOUNCED;

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ZORN SELECTED TOP PLAYER; BARONE, MARTIN SHARE PITCHER HONOR

CLEVELAND -- Wittenberg sophomore **Stephanie Zorn (Grapevine, TX/Colleyville)** has been named Player of the Year and Wooster junior **Natalie Barone (Akron, OH/St. Thomas Aquinas)** and Ohio Wesleyan sophomore **Claire Martin (Jefferson, OH/Jefferson)** shared Pitcher of the Year honors to highlight the 2005 All-North Coast Athletic Conference softball selections.

Zorn is the third consecutive Tiger to earn Player of the Year honors. A two-time All-NCAC honoree, she is making her first team debut after earning a second-team nod last spring. Zorn led the NCAC in batting (.537) and on-base percentage (.596), was second in hits (22) and third in slugging percentage (.683).

Barone makes her third appearance on the All-NCAC team while Martin makes her second. Both players move up to the First Team after being voted Second Team honors in 2004. Barone led the conference in innings pitched (101.1), strikeouts per seven innings (3.94), appearances (14), starts (14), complete games (14) and wins (9). Martin, a sophomore, led the league in shutouts (3) and finished second in earned-run average (0.94), and third in wins (6) and inninigs (51.0). She was also ranked in the top five in strikeouts (5.43 per 7 inn.), appearances (9), saves (1), starts (8) and opponent batting average (.204)

The trio is joined on the first team by four repeat first-teamers. They are Wittenberg senior **Norah Gillam (Canfield, OH/Canfield)**, Ohio Wesleyan junior **Amy Mazur (Elyria, OH/Elyria)**, Kenyon senior **Dana Halicki (North Royalton, OH/Padua)**, and Allegheny senior **Sarah Johnston (Renfrew, PA/Butler Area)**. Gillam, a four-time first-team selection, and Mazur were NCAC Newcomer of the Year in 2002 and 2003, respectively. Halicki earns her third first-team nod, while Mazur and Johnston make their second in a row.

Denison freshman **Claire Kopko (Washington, PA/Trinity)** was voted Newcomer of the Year as the only freshman named to the first team. Kopko, who earned her spot as an infielder, posted a .395 batting average with 17 hits, six for extra bases, and six runs batted in this season.

Wooster's **Lori Schimmel** and Allegheny's **Sandra Sanford** share Coach of the Year recognition. Each earn the honor for the first time. Schimmel guided the Scots to a 18-19 record, including a 9-5 mark in NCAC play and a berth in the NCAC Tournament. In her sixth season at the helm, she has a 92-92 (.500) record as the only coach in the Scot program's history. Sanford guided the Gators to a 21-16 mark and their second straight NCAC tournament title. The Gators finished tied for second with Wooster with a 9-5 mark in conference play. In her second season guiding Allegheny, Sanford is 44-32 (.578) with two top-two regular season finishes and two NCAA tournament appearances.

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2005 ALL-NCAC -- SOFTBALL

CLEVELAND -- The following performers have earned All-NCAC honors for the 2005 season through balloting by the North Coast Athletic Conference softball coaches.

FIRST TEAM

Pos	Name	School	Yr.	HR	RBI	AVE	Hometown/High School
C	Suzy Young	Allegheny	Sr.	0	8	.333	Glenville, PA/Southwestern
IF	Stephanie Zorn	Wittenberg	So.	0	9	.537	Grapevine, TX/Colleyville
IF	Linsey Longstreth *\$	O. Wesleyan	Jr.	0	15	.400	Akron, OH/Archbishop Hoban
IF	Amy Mazur *	O. Wesleyan	Jr.	0	10	.409	Elyria, OH/Elyria
IF	Claire Kopko	Denison	Fr.	0	6	.395	Washington, PA/Trinity
OF	Dana Halicki *\$	Kenyon	Sr.	3	13	.400	N. Royalton, OH/Padua Franciscan
OF	Sarah Johnston *%	Allegheny	Sr.	0	7	.327	Renfrew, PA/Butler Area
OF	Kate Henley #+~	Wooster	Sr.	0	8	.373	Wooster, OH/Wooster
UT	Norah Gillam *\$!	Wittenberg	Jr.	0	12	.370	Canfield, OH/Canfield
DP	Erin Collinsworth	Wittenberg	So.	1	10	.452	Springfield, OH/Central Catholic
				W	L	ERA	
P	Natalie Barone #+	Wooster	Jr.	9	5	1.73	Akron, OH/St. Thomas Aquinas
P	Claire Martin #	O. Wesleyan	So.	6	2	0.96	Jefferson, OH/Jefferson

Player of the Year: Stephanie Zorn, Wittenberg

Co-Pitchers of the Year: Natalie Barone, Wooster and Claire Martin, Ohio Wesleyan

Newcomer of the Year: Claire Kopko, Denison

Co-Coaches of the Year: Lori Schimmel, Wooster and Sandra Sanford, Allegheny

SECOND TEAM

Pos	Name	School	Yr.	HR	RBI	AVE	Hometown/High School
C	Sara Schoenhof *	Kenyon	So.	0	9	.326	Fairfield, OH/Ursuline Academy
IF	Abby Bodenlos	Allegheny	Fr.	3	14	.341	Pittsburgh, PA/Shady Side Academy
IF	Maria Gonzalez	Wooster	So.	3	18	.319	Millersburg, OH/West Holmes
IF	Tiffany Stinemetz #	O. Wesleyan	Jr.	2	20	.378	Marysville, OH/North Union
IF	Sarah Fetters	Wittenberg	Fr.	0	1	.341	Maumee, OH/Maumee
OF	Amanda Weigand @%&	Hiram	Jr.	0	5	.326	Newton Falls, OH/Labrae
OF	Jenny Glaeser #	Kenyon	Jr.	0	7	.317	Houston, TX/Katy Taylor
OF	Lisa Freeman	Allegheny	Fr.	0	4	.351	Rush, NY/Rush-Henrietta
UT	Ashley Morrison *	Kenyon	So.	0	2	.270	Loveland, OH/Ursuline Academy
DP	Sarah Downs	O. Wesleyan	Jr.				Canton, CT/Avon
				W	L	ERA	
P	Giannina Coccoaro *%	Allegheny	So.	9	3	2.70	Miami, FL/Palmetto
P	Bri Scrofano	Denison	Fr.	4	1	0.64	Erie, PA/McDowell

Key: * 1st team 2004; # 2nd team 2004; @ Honorable mention 2004; \$ 1st team 2003; % 2nd team 2003; + Honorable mention 2003; ! 1st team 2002; ~ 2nd team 2002; & Honorable mention 2002

HONORABLE MENTION

Pos	Name	School	Yr.	HR	RBI	AVE	Hometown/High School
C	Mindy Miller	Hiram	Fr.	0	4	.267	Navarre, OH/Waynedale
C	Julia Daher ~	Oberlin	Jr.	0	2	.250	Grosse Pointe, MI/Grosse Pointe
IF	Lisa Steadman *	Hiram	So.	0	3	.333	Ashtabula, OH/Edgewood
IF	Emily Sack @	Denison	So.	0	5	.364	Toledo, OH/Sylvania Southview
IF	April Tantalo @	Allegheny	Jr.	0	9	.321	Pittsburgh, PA/Carrick
IF	Ali Silver	Denison	Fr.	1	7	.341	Baltimore, MD/Kenwood
OF	Merdith Krajewski	O. Wesleyan	Sr.	0	7	.375	Macedonia, OH/Walsh Jesuit
UT	Kelly Melvin	Hiram	So.	0	0	.429	Orwell, OH/Maplewood
DP	Andrea Carella	Denison	So.	0	10	.286	North York, ONT/Michael Power
				W	L	ERA	
P	Rachel Thomas	Denison	So.	2	5	2.94	Gahanna, OH/Lincoln
P	Steph Hemmingston	Kenyon	Fr.	3	5	2.17	Beaverton, OR/Woodrow Wilson

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