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NCAC All-Sports Update

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**DENISON CLAIMS SIXTH CONSECUTIVE ALL-SPORTS TITLE;
BIG RED CLAIM THREE NCAC TITLES IN 2002-03**

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CLEVELAND -- Denison posted top-two finishes in 11 of 22 sports on the way to a successful defense of the North Coast Athletic Conference All-Sports Championship. The Big Red stood a close second after the winter season, a mere half point behind then-leader Allegheny, but jumped into the top position with a strong spring performance. Denison earned two championships and four second-place finishes this spring to compile 77 points, giving the Big Red a year-long total of 173.5. Denison, winners of six consecutive All-Sports crowns (seven overall), also won the title in the 1985-86 season.

Wittenberg, which won the award in 1995-96, totaled 158.5 points to earn second place. The Tigers won three championships overall to duplicate last year's second-place finish. Wooster (155.5) finished third, followed by Allegheny (152.5) and Ohio Wesleyan (132.0) in fourth and fifth, respectively. Kenyon (125.5), Oberlin (90.0), Earlham (72.5), Wabash (59.5) and Hiram (56.5) took positions six through ten.

Denison's championship campaign featured three NCAC titles -- women's indoor track, softball and women's tennis. The Big Red picked up eight second place finishes to cement their All-Sports win. Two teams advanced one spot in the standings from last year: Allegheny improved from fifth to fourth and Earlham moved from ninth to eighth.

The All-Sports award is given annually to the school that performs the best across the NCAC's 22 sports. Ten points are awarded for a first-place finish, nine for a second, eight for a third, and so on. Men's and women's performances are combined, exemplifying the North Coast's commitment to equity and balance among programs. Wooster won three of the first four All-Sports championships, interrupted only by Denison in year two. Ohio Wesleyan followed with a six-year run before titles by Wooster (twice), Wittenberg and Denison (six times) over the past nine seasons. Ohio Wesleyan leads the way with 88 team championships during the NCAC's 19 playing seasons. Allegheny is next with 78 titles, followed by Kenyon and Denison (76), Wooster (50) and Wittenberg (48).

**NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
2002-03 All-Sports Standings (Final)**

School	Points
1. Denison University	173.5
2. Wittenberg University	158.5
3. College of Wooster	155.5
4. Allegheny College	152.5
5. Ohio Wesleyan	132.0
6. Kenyon College	125.5
7. Oberlin College	90.0
8. Earlham College	72.5
9. Wabash College	59.5
10. Hiram College	56.5

**NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
2002-03 ALL-SPORTS STANDINGS**

	ALL	DEN	EARL	HIR	KEN	OBE	OWU	WAB *	WIT	WOO
Cross Country, Men	10.0	8.0	4.0	3.0	9.0	5.0	1.0	7.0	2.0	6.0
Cross Country, Women	10.0	7.0	5.0	3.0	8.0	9.0	2.0	--	4.0	6.0
Field Hockey	--	8.5	6.0	--	5.0	7.0	4.0	--	10.0	8.5
Football	6.5	3.0	6.5	1.0	2.0	4.5	4.5	10.0	9.0	8.0
Soccer, Men	9.0	6.5	6.5	1.0	3.5	2.0	10.0	3.5	5.0	8.0
Soccer, Women	8.0	7.0	3.0	2.0	6.0	4.0	10.0	--	5.0	9.0
Volleyball	8.0	9.0	3.0	7.0	4.5	2.0	4.5	--	10.0	6.0
Fall	51.5	49.0	34.0	17.0	38.0	33.5	36.0	20.5	45.0	51.5
Basketball, Men	8.0	4.0	5.5	3.0	2.0	1.0	5.5	7.0	9.0	10.0
Basketball, Women	7.5	7.5	6.0	2.5	4.0	2.5	9.0	--	10.0	5.0
Swimming, Men	5.0	9.0	--	4.0	10.0	2.0	3.0	7.0	6.0	8.0
Swimming, Women	6.0	9.0	--	4.0	10.0	3.0	5.0	--	7.0	8.0
Indoor Track, Men	10.0	8.0	2.0	1.0	5.0	3.0	4.0	6.0	9.0	7.0
Indoor Track, Women	9.0	10.0	5.0	3.0	2.0	8.0	6.0	--	7.0	4.0
Winter	45.5	47.5	18.5	17.5	33.0	19.5	32.5	20.0	48.0	42.0
Baseball	7.5	9.0	1.5	5.5	3.5	1.5	10.0	5.5	3.5	7.5
Golf	8.0	9.0	--	2.0	4.0	3.0	10.0	5.0	6.0	7.0
Lacrosse, Men	--	9.0	--	--	8.0	5.0	10.0	--	6.0	7.0
Lacrosse, Women	5.0	9.0	3.0	--	7.0	4.0	6.0	--	8.0	10.0
Softball	8.0	10.0	--	4.0	5.0	3.0	7.0	--	9.0	6.0
Tennis, Men	3.5	8.0	5.5	1.5	10.0	3.5	5.5	1.5	9.0	7.0
Tennis, Women	3.5	10.0	3.5	2.0	9.0	7.0	5.5	--	8.0	5.5
Outdoor Track, Men	10.0	5.0	3.5	2.0	6.0	1.0	3.5	7.0	9.0	8.0
Outdoor Track, Women	10.0	8.0	3.0	5.0	2.0	9.0	6.0	--	7.0	4.0
Spring	55.5	77.0	20.0	22.0	54.5	37.0	63.5	19.0	65.5	62.0
TOTAL	152.5	173.5	72.5	56.5	125.5	90.0	132.0	59.5	158.5	155.5

Note: Points awarded on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis.

* Wabash is a male-only institution