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**NCAC All-Sports Update**

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**DENISON CLAIMS NINTH CONSECUTIVE ALL-SPORTS TITLE;  
BIG RED CLAIM 10 TOP-TWO FINISHES IN 2005-06**

**CLEVELAND** -- Denison posted top-two finishes in 10 of 22 sports on the way to a successful defense of the North Coast Athletic Conference All-Sports Championship. The Big Red opened the year with a six-point lead over second place Ohio Wesleyan at the conclusion of the fall season. Denison strengthened its hold on top spot in the standings after the winter season, and held a nine-point lead over then-second Wittenberg. The Big Red solidified their unprecedented ninth-straight All-Sports title with a strong spring performance. They earned five championships and two additional top-five finishes this spring to compile 72.5 points, giving Denison a year-long total of 172.0. The Big Red, who have now claimed 10 All-Sports crowns overall, also won the title in the 1985-86 season.

Ohio Wesleyan totalled 154 points to earn second place. The Battling Bishops turned in eight top-five spring finishes, and 18 overall, including the men's soccer championship. Allegheny (149.5) finished third, followed by Wittenberg (148) and Kenyon (140.5) in fourth and fifth, respectively. Wooster (136), Oberlin (98), Wabash (67.5), Earlham (53.5) and Hiram (51) took positions six through ten.

Denison's championship campaign was highlighted by seven NCAC titles -- women's cross country and women's soccer in the fall and men's and women's lacrosse, softball and men's and women's tennis in the spring. The Big Red picked up 19 top-five finishes to cement their All-Sports win; their lowest standing all season was a seventh-place finish in men's basketball. Four teams advanced in the standings from last year: Allegheny, Wittenberg and Kenyon all moved up one spot from last spring's respective fourth, fifth and sixth place finishes. Wabash improved two spots, moving from 10th 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 leading to titles by Wooster (twice), Wittenberg (once) and finally Denison in each of the past eight seasons.

Ohio Wesleyan leads the way with 100 team championships during the NCAC's 22 playing seasons. Allegheny is next with 95 titles, followed by Denison (92), Kenyon (82), Wooster (59) and Wittenberg (56).

**NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE  
2005-06 All-Sports Standings (Final)**

<u>School</u>	<u>Points</u>
1. Denison University .....	172.0
2. Ohio Wesleyan University .....	154.0
3. Allegheny College .....	149.5
4. Wittenberg University .....	148.0
5. Kenyon College .....	140.5
6. College of Wooster .....	136.0
7. Oberlin College .....	98.0
8. Wabash College .....	67.5
9. Earlham College .....	53.5
10. Hiram College .....	51.0

**NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE  
2005-06 ALL-SPORTS STANDINGS**

	ALL	DEN	ERL	HIR	KEN	OBE	OWU	WAB *	WIT	WOO
Cross Country, Men	10.0	9.0	4.0	1.0	7.0	5.0	6.0	8.0	2.0	3.0
Cross Country, Women	8.0	10.0	5.0	2.0	6.0	9.0	7.0	--	3.0	4.0
Field Hockey	--	6.5	4.0	--	6.5	10.0	5.0	--	8.5	8.5
Football	5.0	5.0	1.0	2.0	9.0	3.0	7.5	10.0	7.5	5.0
Soccer, Men	8.0	6.5	2.0	4.0	1.0	9.0	10.0	3.0	6.5	5.0
Soccer, Women	5.5	10.0	4.0	2.0	8.0	3.0	8.0	--	8.0	5.5
Volleyball	5.5	8.0	3.0	10.0	4.0	2.0	5.5	--	9.0	7.0
<b>Fall</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>55.0</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>49.0</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>44.5</b>	<b>38.0</b>
Basketball, Men	5.0	4.0	6.0	1.5	3.0	1.5	8.0	7.0	9.0	10.0
Basketball, Women	9.0	7.5	4.5	3.0	7.5	2.0	6.0	--	10.0	4.5
Swimming, Men	4.0	9.0	--	3.0	10.0	5.0	2.0	8.0	6.0	7.0
Swimming, Women	6.0	9.0	--	5.0	10.0	3.0	4.0	--	8.0	7.0
Indoor Track, Men	10.0	7.0	2.0	1.0	5.0	4.0	9.0	8.0	6.0	3.0
Indoor Track, Women	10.0	8.0	3.0	2.0	4.0	6.0	9.0	--	7.0	5.0
<b>Winter</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>44.5</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>36.5</b>
Baseball	5.5	5.5	1.5	3.5	7.5	1.5	9.0	3.5	7.5	10.0
Golf	10.0	5.0	--	3.0	4.0	2.0	9.0	7.0	8.0	6.0
Lacrosse, Men	--	10.0	--	--	8.0	5.0	9.0	--	6.0	7.0
Lacrosse, Women	9.0	10.0	--	--	6.0	5.0	7.0	--	4.0	8.0
Softball	7.0	10.0	--	4.5	9.0	3.0	7.0	--	7.0	4.5
Tennis, Men	7.0	10.0	3.0	--	9.0	6.0	2.0	4.0	5.0	8.0
Tennis, Women	5.0	10.0	3.0	--	9.0	6.0	7.0	--	8.0	4.0
Outdoor Track, Men	10.0	5.0	1.5	1.5	3.0	4.0	8.0	9.0	7.0	6.0
Outdoor Track, Women	10.0	7.0	6.0	2.0	4.0	3.0	9.0	--	5.0	8.0
<b>Spring</b>	<b>63.5</b>	<b>72.5</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>59.5</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>67.0</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>57.5</b>	<b>61.5</b>
<b>2005-06 TOTALS</b>	<b>149.5</b>	<b>172.0</b>	<b>53.5</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>140.5</b>	<b>98.0</b>	<b>154.0</b>	<b>67.5</b>	<b>148.0</b>	<b>136.0</b>

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

\* Wabash is an all-male institution