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NCAC Spring Sports Update

**SOFTBALL STANDINGS STUDDERED WITH WINNERS;
MEN'S TENNIS ENTERS DIVISIONAL PLAY**

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CLEVELAND -- Following is a capsule roundup of the NCAC's spring sports action.

BASEBALL REPORT

Top-ranked Kenyon (3-0, 11-7), tied with Allegheny (6-0, 16-5) for first place in the East, hosts a three-game conference series against third-place Wooster (1-1, 20-6) Saturday and Sunday to headline this week's schedule. The Lords hope to extend their unbeaten streak in divisional play, while the Scots look to rise above their early .500 mark. Oberlin (0-6, 2-19) entertains Hiram (1-4, 12-10) in the other Eastern game this week. The Gators resume conference action on April 21-22, when they host Kenyon.

In the West, Wittenberg (2-0, 13-7-1), the only team in the division with no losses in conference action, will put its perfect NCAC record on the line with a three-game home stand against Earlham (0-3, 6-16) this weekend. The second series in the West pits third-place Denison (4-2, 12-13) against fifth-place Wabash (0-5, 6-15). Second-place Ohio Wesleyan (5-1, 24-8) returns to NCAC play on Apr. 21-22, when they visit Earlham.

Notes: The first ABCA/Collegiate Baseball Div. III national poll (Mar. 26) lists Allegheny, Ohio Wesleyan and Wooster among the top five schools in the Mideast region, with the Gators first, the Bishops second and the Scots tied for fourth with Rose-Hulman ... With 24 overall wins thus far, Ohio Wesleyan has won at least 20 games for the 17th consecutive year. Should the Bishops win six more times this year, they will have reached 30-win plateau for the ninth time in 10 seasons ... Allegheny outfielder **Jarrold Essey (Charleroi, PA/Charleroi)** had a career-high four RBI in the Gator's 19-9 win over Hiram last Sunday ... Kenyon junior pitcher **Carl Weber (Northfield, MA/Mt. Hermon)** started and picked up a win (15-5) against Oberlin last Sunday. He improved to 3-1 on the year and leads the Lords with 35 strikeouts. Sophomore first baseman **Jesse Gregory (Gainesville, FL/Eastside)** hit two homers and accounted for all three Lords RBI in a 3-1 win over Denison ... Ohio Wesleyan junior pitcher **Matt Farmwald (Plain City, OH/Jonathan Alder)** registered three wins last week, including a complete game (13-4) and a save against Wabash. His first win of the week came against John Carroll (6-5) ... **Brandon Candiano (Dyer, IN/Andrean)**, a sophomore outfielder from Wabash, went 5-for-10 last week with three runs and three RBI. He hit two doubles and smashed his first career home run in a 9-7 loss to Ohio Wesleyan in the first game of a double-header. Candiano had a 1.000 slugging percentage for the week ... Wooster junior right hander **Matt Englander (Solon, OH/Solon)** threw his second complete game of the year, giving up seven hits and zero walks, while striking out five Wittenberg players in the Scots' 4-2 win ... Complete scores can be found at www.northcoast.org.

PLAYER/PITCHER OF THE WEEK: Denison senior first baseman **Derek Johnson (Los Angeles, CA/La Serna)** went 8-for-13 (.615) in five games, totalling one double, two triples, two stolen bases, three homers, four runs and 14 RBI. The Big Red right hander also recorded two complete game wins on the week, pitching 16 innings, throwing one shutout, and 14 strikes. He allowed one earned run, two walks and 13 hits. Denison split two games with Kenyon and won a three-game conference series at Earlham.

GOLF REPORT

Four North Coast teams will compete in this weekend's Denison Invitational – the host Big Red, Ohio Wesleyan, Wittenberg and Wooster. Allegheny will compete at Slippery Rock on Tuesday, at Indiana of Pennsylvania on Wednesday, and the District II tournament on the weekend. Wabash travels to the Illinois Wesleyan tournament. Hiram and Kenyon are idle.

Notes: Last week, six North Coast schools competed in the Kenyon Cup Invitational. Allegheny won the 15-team tournament with a two-round score of 608. Wooster placed fourth (631), Denison ninth (642), Wittenberg 11th (652), the host Lords 13th (697) and Hiram was 15th (790). Freshman **Rick Jones (Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin)** was the medalist after he shot 76-71=147, and **Nathan Smith (Brookville, PA/Brookville)** placed third (75-76=151). Two Wooster linksters placed in the top 10 as well. Senior **Nick Balcken (Chardon, OH/Chardon)**, with a two-round 151, and sophomore **Matt Elliott (Wooster, OH/Wooster)** with a two-round 152, tied for third and seventh, respectively. In all, seven golfers from NCAC schools placed in the top 18.

MEN'S LACROSSE REPORT

Ohio Wesleyan (2-0, 3-3) holds the NCAC lead entering the week. Kenyon (2-1, 6-2) stands alone in second while there is a three-way tie for third between Denison (1-1, 5-3), Wooster (1-1, 2-5) and Wittenberg (1-1, 3-3). Oberlin (0-2, 1-6) is sixth. On Tuesday, the Bishops travel to Wooster and Oberlin hosts Denison. Kenyon visits Wittenberg on Thursday and Saturday features a contest between the Tigers and the Scots on Wooster's home field.

Notes: The USILA Men's Division III Rankings put Ohio Wesleyan ninth and Denison 10th. Kenyon senior **Derick Stowe (Great Falls, VA/Potomac)** scored six goals in two games as Kenyon split a pair of NCAC contests last week ... Ohio Wesleyan junior **Matt Coughlin (Denver, C/Regis Jesuit)** scored four goals and added four assists in the Bishops' victory over the Lords ... **Mario Cassani (Chesterfield, MO/Desmet)** of Wittenberg more than doubled his season goal total with 10 scores in two games ... He now leads the conference with 3.17 goals per game and is second with 4.00 points per game ... Denison senior **Sean O'Brien (Mountain Lakes, NJ/Mountain Lakes)** kept hold of the scoring lead with a 4.43 scoring average on 15 goals and 16 assists, and has the conference lead in assists (2.29) as well.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK: Wooster freshman **Mike MacMaster (Hingham, MA/Hingham)** led the Scots to their first two victories of the season with seven goals and seven assists for 14 points in two games. He had four goals and three assists in a win over Oberlin and added three goals and four assists in a triumph over Marietta.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE REPORT

Wooster (2-0, 5-3) and Denison (1-0, 2-4) are unbeaten in NCAC play and share the conference lead. The Scots put their perfect mark to the test when they take on sixth-place Oberlin (1-2, 2-5) on Wednesday, and travel to seventh-place (tie) Earlham (0-2, 0-3) on Saturday. The Big Red hosts Wittenberg (2-1, 5-3) on Wednesday and travels to seventh-place (tie) Allegheny (0-2, 0-3) on the weekend. Ohio Wesleyan (2-2, 4-5), alone in fifth place, travels to Kenyon (2-1, 3-3) on Tuesday. The Ladies then take on Wittenberg (2-1, 5-3) on Saturday. The teams enter the week tied for third place.

Notes: The NCAA Division III Lacrosse Committee ranked three North Coast schools in the top five of the West Region. Wittenberg stands second and Denison and Wooster are tied for third. The poll was dated April 1 ... Ohio Wesleyan's shutout victory over Earlham was the program's first since a 1971 win over Ohio State and the fourth in the history of Bishop women's lacrosse ... Kenyon junior **Erin Maturo (Ann Arbor, MI/Greenhills)** scored seven goals and added three assists as the Ladies won twice ... Ohio Wesleyan sophomore **Amanda McDermott (Wayne, PA/Episcopal Academy)** scored 12 goals to lead the Bishops to three wins in four games ... Wittenberg sophomore **Cara Romanowski (Collegeville, PA/Perkiomen Valley)** scored 10 goals and added an assist as the Tigers won all three of their contests ... Wittenberg senior **Kati Robbins (Collegeville, PA/Methacton)** continues to lead the NCAC in scoring with 6.13 points per game and assists with 3.38 per game.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK: Wooster senior **Katelyn Connolly (Milton, MA/Milton Academy)** had 16 points leading the Scots to a 3-0 week. She totalled 11 goals and five assists as Wooster outscored its opposition, 48-14. She contributed two goals and three assists in the first half against Allegheny, added five goals against Redlands, then followed with four goals and two assists in a victory over Whittier.

SOFTBALL REPORT

The opening weekend of the North Coast schedule saw four teams win their first two-game conference series. Denison (2-0, 5-0), Kenyon (2-0, 14-6), Ohio Wesleyan (2-0, 6-9) and defending NCAC champions Wittenberg (2-0, 12-8) have all staked an early claim on top spot in the 2001 standings race. The view from the top may change a bit after this week's busy league schedule. All eight teams will play in two conference series. On Tuesday, the Big Red visit the Ladies and the Tigers head to Ohio Wesleyan, while Wooster (0-2, 7-12) visits Allegheny (0-2, 5-14) and Hiram (0-2, 6-18) hosts Oberlin (0-2, 0-7). On Saturday, Allegheny, Hiram, Wittenberg and Ohio Wesleyan host Kenyon, Denison, Oberlin and Wooster, respectively.

Notes: Denison senior pitcher **Robin Shesky (Grove City, OH/Grove City)** went the distance in two games last week, striking out 13 of the 49 batters she faced and allowing zero runs, one walk and five hits. She also went 6-for-10 (.600) at the plate with two RBI and two doubles ... Hiram senior pitcher **Sarah Kidd (Lower Salem, OH/Fort Frye Local)** took the mound four times last week, including a 6-0 shutout against Washington and Jefferson ... Kenyon sophomore shortstop **Carrie Robertson (Newton., MA/North)** had five hits in four games including two doubles and a home run. ... Ohio Wesleyan junior shortstop **Kim Dubovec (Chagrin Falls, OH/Kenston)** doubled in the only run in the Bishops' 1-0 win over Hiram. In the second game of the doubleheader, she added a two-run homer to her weekly total. Freshman righthander **Tine Maier (Hudson, OH/Hudson)** earned her first collegiate win in the Bishops 9-2 win over Hiram.

SOFTBALL REPORT (continued)

PLAYER/PITCHER OF THE WEEK: Wittenberg second baseman **Stephanie Campbell (South Charleston, OH/Southeastern)** led the Tigers to four overall wins last week, including their first two league wins last week. She hit 7-for-13 (.538) with one double, five RBI and four stolen bases. The sophomore has also served time at short this year, and has had 15 assists, 11 putouts, has turned one double play, while committing only one error in the last six games. Tiger freshman pitcher **Carmen Montgomery (Springfield, OH/Southeastern)** registered four complete-game wins last week, including an extra-inning 5-4 win over Allegheny in the first half of a doubleheader. She returned in the night cap to shut out the Gators, 4-0. Montgomery struck out 12 batters and allowed five walks.

MEN'S TENNIS REPORT

The only division matchup played last week was a Denison victory over Earlham. The Big Red (2-0, 7-5) shares the lead in the NCAC West race with Wabash (1-0, 11-2). Allegheny (1-0, 9-5) and Oberlin (1-0, 6-8) continue to share the lead in the NCAC East. The coming week will feature a full slate of divisional contests. During the week, Wittenberg will travel to Ohio Wesleyan, Oberlin will visit Wooster and Wabash drives to Denison. On Saturday, Wooster hosts Allegheny, Wittenberg hosts Earlham and Ohio Wesleyan plays host to Wabash.

Notes: Wittenberg senior **Bryan Heft (Gahanna, OH/Gahanna)** leads all number-one singles players with a 10-2 mark at the flight. The number-one doubles combination of freshman **Mike Lynch (Evansville, IN/North)** and sophomore **Scott Paramoure (Bath, PA/New Brownfels-Logansport)** has a conference-leading record of 9-2. Paramoure also leads all number-three singles players with a 14-3 overall record and 2-0 mark in NCAC West Division play.

WOMEN'S TENNIS REPORT

Allegheny (3-0) won its third NCAC match of the year and shares the conference lead with Oberlin (2-0) and Denison (2-0). Oberlin junior **Sarah Jesse (Casco, MI/Port Huron Northern)** is off to a strong start with a 12-1 record at number-one singles, including a 2-0 mark in NCAC play. Earlham freshman **Brandis Morehead (Parkersburg, WV/Parkersburg)** and Allegheny players **Judy Spencer (Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin)** and **Jen Schuh (Orchard Park, NY/Hamburg)** are undefeated at second, fifth and sixth singles, respectively. Jesse combines with sophomore **Alaina Fotiu-Wojtowicz (Okemos, MI/Okemos)** at number-one doubles and the duo has a conference-leading 10-3 mark, including a 2-0 record in NCAC play.

TRACK & FIELD REPORT

Four NCAC schools were represented in the five-team Wooster Open, a non-scoring meet. Kenyon's men and women won four each. **Nikki Watson** and **Aaron Emig (Kent, OH/Roosevelt)** took the women's and women's 1500, respectively. Other individual winners for Kenyon were **Sarah Vyrostek (Parma Hts., OH)** in the 400 hurdles, **Katherine Kapo (Charleston, WV)** in the steeplechase and **Ansley Scott (Gambier)**, high jump; For the men, **Vince Evener (Bradford, PA/Greenwood)** won the 5000 meters, **Michael Bohl (Maumee, OH/Maumee Valley)** the pole vault and **Adam Bange (Cincinnati, OH/St. Xavier)** the javelin. Wooster's men won both the 400- and 1600-meter relays, and had individual champions in the 400 (**Ben Behm - Avon Lake, OH/Avon Lake**), steeplechase (**Brendan Callahan - South Glastonbury, CT/Glastonbury**), 200 (**Nahum Kisner - Houston, TX/St. Stephens Episcopal**) and the shot put (**Keith Vance - Mt. Vernon, OH/Mt. Vernon**). Senior **Sandy Tecklenberg (Cincinnati, OH/Anderson)** was the only woman from Wooster to win an event when she claimed the 5000 meters. Leading Oberlin's women was **Liz Chandler (Bloomfield, MI/Lasher)** who won the long jump, **Shannon Houlihan (Gorham, ME/Gorham)** who took the triple jump and **Alisha Thomas (Albuquerque, NM/Valley)** the winner in the women's javelin. **Jabari Spruill (Charleston, SC/Porter-Gaud)** won the triple jump to lead the Oberlin men. Denison won eight events, six by the women's squad. **Jackie Berner (Fredonia, NY/Fredonia)**, 100 meters, **Jill Westerfeld (Wyoming, OH/Wyoming)**, 400 meters, **Allison Nickel (Cincinnati, OH/Anderson)**, 800 meters, **Melanie Cluss (Uniontown, PA/Laurel Highlands)**, 100 hurdles, and **Amanda Wieland (Wexford, PA/North Allegheny)**, pole vault, were individual event winners for the women. **Alex Rosenzweig (Chicago, IL/Avon Old Farms)** and **Steve Hinkson (Perrysburg, OH/Perrysburg)** led the men with wins in the 100 meters and long jump, respectively.


TRACK & FIELD REPORT

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The Earlham track squads competed at the Anderson Invitational. **Chuck Tabelaing (Richmond, IN/Richmond)** was the winner in the men's shot put. Hiram's **Emmalisa Brown (Gates Mills, OH/Mayfield)** set a school mark in the 100-meter hurdles (16.17) when she placed seventh in the event at the Carnegie Mellon meet. Ohio Wesleyan sent split squads to Otterbein and Ohio University. The men placed fourth of four at Otterbein. At the Otterbein meet, the Bishops took firsts in two events. **Stephanie Moss (Aurora, OH/Crestwood)** won the 800 meters and **Craig Neeley (Columbus, OH/Bexley)** won the high jump. Wittenberg competed at the Mountain Laurel Relays in Sewanee, Tennessee. The men won the 14-team meet, while the women were fourth of 13. **Mike Klotz** led the men with a first-place finish in the javelin, while **Andi Warner (Oregon, OH/Clay)** led the women with her victory in the women's javelin.

RUNNERS OF THE WEEK: Kenyon junior **Katherine Kap (Charleston, WV/Charleston)** won the women's steeplechase at the Wooster Open with a stadium-record time of 12:18.9. Wooster sophomore **Brendan Callahan (South Glastonbury, CT/Glastonbury)** won the men's steeplechase at the Wooster Open with a time of 9:33.0.

FIELD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK: Wittenberg freshman **Andi Warner (Oregon, OH/Clay)** won the javelin at the Mount Laurel Relays, hosted by the University of the South. Her winning throw traveled 117 feet, 6 inches. Ohio Wesleyan junior **Craig Neeley (Columbus, OH/Bexley)** won the high jump at the Ohio University Invitational with a leap of 6 feet, 8 inches, which met the NCAA Division III provisional qualifying standard.



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