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NCAC Football Report

NORTH COAST CONFERENCE ACTION KICKS OFF; NCAC TEAMS FIND SUCCESS OUTSIDE CONFERENCE

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CLEVELAND -- This week provides a taste test of the 2000 North Coast Conference season as the schedule features the first two league games of the fall. The Hiram Terriers (0-0, 0-1) host their first-ever NCAC contest on Saturday, when they welcome the visiting Kenyon Lords (0-0, 0-1) to campus for the WCCD AM-1000 College Game of the Week, broadcast live, by **Adam Mendoza**. The second game pits the visiting Earlham Quakers (0-0, 1-1) against the Oberlin Yeomen (0-0, 0-2), who are rejoining conference play after a one-year sabbatical. The Quakers are looking to regain their winning form after dropping a close game to Centre, 39-22, last week.

This week's schedule also features four teams trying to continue their winning ways against non-conference competition. Wittenberg (0-0, 2-0), NCAA Division III's all-time winningest program, puts its string of 23-straight regular season victories on the line when it hosts Alma on Saturday. The Tigers defeated Heidelberg, 33-14 last week. Ohio Wesleyan (0-0, 1-0), Wabash (0-0, 1-0) and Wooster (0-0, 1-0) also tallied checks in the win column last week. The Bishops, who beat Olivet, 24-3, return home to face Waynesburg this week. The Little Giants stay on the road to take on Wheaton, after dominating Manchester, 38-7, and the Fighting Scots, coming off a 32-16 defeat of Kalamazoo, host Grove City. Allegheny (0-0, 0-2) hosts Frostburg State to round out this week's action. Denison is idle.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 16

Frostburg State at ALLEGHENY, 1:00
Alma at WITTENBERG, 1:30
EARLHAM at OBERLIN, 1:30
Grove City at WOOSTER, 1:30
KENYON at HIRAM, 1:30
Waynesburg at OHIO WESLEYAN, 1:30
WABASH at Wheaton, 1:30 (EST)

Last Week's Results

Saturday, Sept. 9

Washington & Jefferson 54, ALLEGHENY 41
Waynesburg 28, DENISON 27
Bluffton 49, HIRAM 14
Grove City 27, KENYON 21 (OT)
OHIO WESLEYAN 24, Olivet 3
WOOSTER 32, Kalamazoo 16
WABASH 38, Manchester 7
Pomona-Pitzer 51, OBERLIN 0
WITTENBERG 33, Heidelberg 14
Centre 39, EARLHAM 22

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

CLEVELAND -- Allegheny junior **Shane Ream (Meadville, PA/Meadville)** and Wooster senior **Seth Duerr (Bolivar, OH/Tuscarawas Valley)** have been named offensive and defensive "Players of the Week" for their performances last week in the North Coast Athletic Conference.

Ream, a 6-1, 190-pound tailback, had four touchdowns and ran for 238 yards on a Gator-record 42 rushes in Allegheny's 54-41 loss to Washington & Jefferson. He picked up the most yards in a game for Allegheny since **Stan Drayton** ran for 245 against Earlham during the 1992 season.

Duerr, a 5-9, 220-pound linebacker, led the Scots in tackles for the 18th time in his career with 11 stops, including four solos, in Wooster's 32-16 defeat of Kalamazoo. He also came up with two tackles-for losses and his second career interception, which he ran back for 10 yards.

NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE 2000 FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

Allegheny College (0-0; 0-2)

S. 2 Mount Union L, 21-48
 S. 9 Washington & Jefferson L, 41-54
 S. 16 Frostburg St.
 S. 23 at Denison
 S. 30 Wittenberg
 O. 7 at Hiram
 O. 14 Kenyon
 O. 28 at Wabash
 N. 4 at Wooster
 N. 11 Ohio Wesleyan

Denison University (0-0; 0-2)

S. 2 Carnegie Mellon L, 7-20
 S. 9 at Waynesburg L, 27-28
 S. 23 Allegheny
 S. 30 at Kenyon
 O. 7 at Wittenberg
 O. 14 Ohio Wesleyan
 O. 21 at Earlham
 O. 28 Case western Reserve
 N. 4 at Wabash
 N. 11 Oberlin

Earlham College (0-0; 1-1)

S. 2 at Rose-Hulman W, 24-3
 S. 9 Centre L, 22-39
 S. 16 at Oberlin
 S. 23 at Manchester
 S. 30 Hiram
 O. 7 at Ohio Wesleyan
 O. 14 Wabash
 O. 21 Denison
 N. 4 at Wittenberg
 N. 11 Kenyon

Hiram College (0-0; 0-1)

S. 9 at Bluffton L, 14-49
 S. 16 Kenyon
 S. 23 at Mt. St. Joseph
 S. 30 at Earlham
 O. 7 Allegheny
 O. 14 at Oberlin
 O. 21 Wabash
 O. 28 at Wittenberg
 N. 4 at Case Western Reserve
 N. 11 Wooster

Kenyon College (0-0; 0-1)

S. 9 at Grove City L, 21-27 (OT)
 S. 16 at Hiram
 S. 23 Wooster
 S. 30 Denison
 O. 7 at Case Western reserve
 O. 14 at Allegheny
 O. 21 Oberlin
 O. 28 Ohio Wesleyan
 N. 4 Thiel
 N. 11 at Earlham

Oberlin College (0-0; 0-2)

S. 2 Swarthmore L, 6-28
 S. 9 at Pomona-Pitzer L, 0-51
 S. 16 Earlham
 S. 23 Case Western Reserve
 S. 30 at Wabash
 O. 14 Hiram
 O. 21 at Kenyon
 O. 28 Wooster
 N. 4 at Ohio Wesleyan
 N. 11 at Denison

Ohio Wesleyan University (0-0; 1-0)

S. 9 at Olivet W, 24-3
 S. 16 Waynesburg
 S. 23 Elmhurst
 S. 30 at Wooster
 O. 7 Earlham
 O. 14 at Denison
 O. 21 Wittenberg
 O. 28 at Kenyon
 N. 4 Oberlin
 N. 11 at Allegheny

Wabash College (0-0; 1-0)

S. 9 at Manchester W, 38-7
 S. 16 at Wheaton
 S. 23 Wittenberg
 S. 30 Oberlin
 O. 7 at Wooster
 O. 14 at Earlham
 O. 21 at Hiram
 O. 28 Allegheny
 N. 4 Denison
 N. 11 DePauw

Wittenberg University (0-0; 2-0)

S. 2 Urbana W, 42-17
 S. 9 at Heidelberg W, 33-14
 S. 16 Alma
 S. 23 at Wabash
 S. 30 at Allegheny
 O. 7 Denison
 O. 14 Wooster
 O. 21 at Ohio Wesleyan
 O. 28 Hiram
 N. 4 Earlham

College of Wooster (0-0; 1-0)

S. 9 at Kalamazoo W, 32-16
 S. 16 Grove City
 S. 23 at Kenyon
 S. 30 Ohio Wesleyan
 O. 7 Wabash
 O. 14 at Wittenberg
 O. 21 Ursinus
 O. 28 at Oberlin
 N. 4 Allegheny
 N. 11 at Hiram

GRID NOTEBOOK: Allegheny and Washington & Jefferson combined for 1,349 yards last week, falling 46 yards short of the NCAA record for combined yardage in a game ... Denison sophomore quarterback **Greg Neuendorf (Sylvania, OH/Southview)** ran for four touchdowns, two of them in the fourth quarter, in the Big Red's 28-27 season-opening loss to Waynesburg ... Hiram sophomore **Wally Froelich (Mantua, OH/Crestwood)** picked up 230 total yards against Bluffton last week, including an 80-yard punt return for a TD ... Kenyon defensive back **Andy Mills (Upper Arlington)** shone on offense and defense against Grove City. The junior had an interception, a blocked kick and eight tackles. He also returned two kickoffs, rushed seven times and scored a touchdown ... Ohio Wesleyan sophomore defensive end **Nick Henning (Sylvania, OH/Northview)** had three sacks, for a loss of 27 yards, in the Bishops' season-opening 24-3 win at Olivet ... Turnovers proved to be the deciding factor in Wabash's 38-7 victory over Manchester last week. Two second-half turnovers were returned for TDs, while a third set up the game's final score ... Little Giant sophomore quarterback **Jake Knott (Lafayette, IN/Jefferson)**, who set Div. III freshman records for passing yards (2,612) and total offense (2,780) in 1999, went 18-34-1 with 229 yards passing against Manchester ... Wooster senior quarterback **Justin Abraham (North Olmsted, OH/St. Edward)** was 24-35 with a career-best 311 yards and four touchdowns in the Scots win over Kalamazoo.



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NCAC Fall Sports Update

**MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SOCCER TO DEBUT NCAC POST-SEASON
TOURNAMENTS; KENYON HOSTS GLCA CROSS COUNTRY MEET**

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

CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

Five of ten NCAC schools will compete in the Great Lakes Colleges Association meet at Kenyon on Saturday. The Lords captured the men's title last fall with a total of 48 points. Wooster's 71 points placed them second. Kenyon led all NCAC teams in the women's competition, placing second behind winner DePauw, with 62 points. Denison senior **Joe Dunham (Laramie, WY/Laramie)** claimed the men's individual crown with a time of 26:38 over the five-mile course.

Both the Earlham men's and women's teams claimed victory at the Wittenberg Invitational Saturday, Sept. 9. Sophomore **Andy Graham (Mogadore, OH/Mogadore)** and senior **Luke Stifer (Cadillac, MI/Cadillac)** paced the Quakers, finishing first and second with times of 28:16 and 28:21 respectively. Senior **Shannan Rieder (Cincinnati, OH/Mt. Notre Dame)** won the women's event with a time of 20:41.

Rieder and Wooster sophomore **Brendan Callaghan (South Glastonbury, CT/Glastonbury)** were named NCAC "Runners of the Week" for the week ending September 3. **Rieder** posted a time of 18:42 to win the 18-team Anderson Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 2. **Callaghan** won the 11-team Case Western Reserve "Bill Sudeck" Invitational on Sept. 2 with a time of 27:09.

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MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY: Allegheny junior **Dan Princic (Carrollton, OH/Carrollton)** set a course record of 19:42 to win the Allegheny Invitational on Friday, Sept. 8. He helped the Gators win their own meet with 32 points, beating six other squads.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY: Allegheny sophomore **Nicole Morandi (Tewksbury, MA/Tewksbury)** posted a time of 19:42 to win the five-team Allegheny Classic on Friday, Sept. 8.

FIELD HOCKEY: Wooster junior **Emily White (Princeton, WV/ Western Reserve)** registered 14 points in three wins last week. The forward netted two goals and three assists in the Scots' 7-1 defeat of Earlham on Sept. 3. Then she had a goal and an assist in Wooster's 3-2 win at Oberlin on Sept. 6, followed by a two-goal performance in the Scot's 3-2 win over SUNY-Brockport on Sept. 9.

MEN'S SOCCER: Ohio Wesleyan junior **Ryan Miller (Delaware, OH/Hayes)** tallied three goals last week, including two game-winners to pace the Bishops on their way to a three-win week. The forward scored the decisive goals in a 2-1 win over Ohio Northern and in a 2-0 shutout of Kalamazoo during the opening round of the adidas Invitational.

WOMEN'S SOCCER: Denison sophomore forward **Meghan Overom (Duluth, MN/Marshall)** tallied four goals in the Big Red's 9-0 shutout over Augustana on Sept. 9. The win boosted Denison's overall season record to 3-0-1.

VOLLEYBALL: Allegheny freshman setter **Vicki Kajder (Trafford, PA/Penn-Trafford)** averaged 22 assists, including 50 against Otterbein on Sept. 9, in five matches last week. She also averaged 13.2 digs.

FIELD HOCKEY REPORT

Wittenberg (2-0, 4-0) and Wooster (2-0, 3-1) each began their 2000 campaigns with perfect 2-0 records. This week each will look for win number three, as the Tigers host Oberlin (1-2, 1-2) on Friday and the Fighting Scots host Kenyon (0-1, 0-3) the following day. Wooster will prepare for Saturday's contest with a non-league game at Mercyhurst on Tuesday.

Wittenberg continued its quick start last week, with a 2-0 shutout of Kenyon and a 4-1 win over regional foe DePauw. Goalkeeper **Georgina Klinzing (Gasport, NY/Royalton Hartland)** has played huge for the Tigers, literally turning away shots left and right - the junior stopped 12 in the shutout win over Kenyon. Wooster swept all three of its games last week, defeating Earlham (0-2, 1-3), 7-1, Oberlin, 3-2, and SUNY-Brockport, 3-1. Junior **Emily White (Princeton, WV/Western Reserve)** registered 14 points over the three games.

MEN'S SOCCER REPORT

For the first time in North Coast history, the conference champion shall be decided by a post-season tournament. At the end of the regular season, the top four teams in the conference will compete to determine not only the NCAC champion, but also to decide who earns the conference's automatic bid into the NCAA Playoffs. Tournament seeding will follow the final regular-season standings (places 1-4) and the tournament will be held at the site of the top seed.

Last season's champion, Ohio Wesleyan (0-0-0, 5-0-0) is off to its traditional strong start, with five wins in as many games. Last week, the Bishops, ranked 10th nationally by the NSCAA (tied with Puget Sound) and tabbed second regionally, defeated Ohio Northern, 2-1, then shut out both Kalamazoo (2-0) and Wisconsin-Whitewater (4-0) to win the prestigious adidas Invitational. Up next for the Bishops: Wilmington, ranked first in the Great Lakes Region, on Wednesday, followed by DePauw, ranked third regionally, on Saturday.

The Wooster Fighting Scots (0-0-0, 4-0-0) are also off to a blazing beginning. After defeating Baldwin-Wallace, 5-1, and Anderson, 2-1, last week the Scots have run their win streak up to four. Wooster has already equaled its victory total from all of last season (4-13-3). They look to extend their current string when they face Capital on Wednesday and conference opponent Earlham (0-0-0, 0-3-0), ranked eighth regionally, on Saturday.

WOMEN'S SOCCER REPORT

For the first time in North Coast history, the conference champion will be decided by a post-season tournament. At the end of the regular season, the top four teams in the conference shall compete to determine not only the NCAC champion, but also to decide who earns the conference's automatic bid into the NCAA Playoffs. Tournament seeding will follow the final regular-season standings (places 1-4) and the tournament will be held at campus sites (hosted by high seeds).

The top three finishers from last season, Ohio Wesleyan, Denison and Allegheny have all started the 2000 season right where they left off. Each is undefeated thus far. The defending champion Bishops (0-0-0, 3-0-0) edged Tiffin, 3-2, in their sole contest last week, while the Gators (0-0-0, 4-0-0) picked up a hat trick of wins. Allegheny beat Geneseo, 4-1 on Sept. 3, shutout Carnegie Mellon, 1-0 on Sept. 6, and defeated Frostburg State, 3-1 on Sept. 9. Denison (0-0-0, 3-0-1) tied DePauw, 1-1 in double overtime on Sept. 4, shut out Mount Union, 3-0 on Sept. 6, and dominated Augustana, 9-0 on Sept. 9.

Poll Results: The latest NSCAA Div. III national poll ranks Ohio Wesleyan ninth and Denison 13th. The regional rankings list Ohio Wesleyan second in the Great lakes Region, followed by Denison in third, Allegheny in eighth and Earlham (0-1-0, 2-1-1) in ninth.

VOLLEYBALL REPORT

Defending champion Wittenberg (0-0, 7-2) will open defense of its 1999 NCAC title on Wednesday, Sept. 13, when they host Earlham (0-0, 5-5). The contest between the Tigers and Quakers sets off the opening of the 2000 conference schedule.

The Wooster (0-0, 4-2) Fighting Scots are off to their best start since 1984 when they went 40-7 overall and won the inaugural North Coast Athletic Conference championship. The '84 crown remains the Scots only league title to date.