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NCAC Men's Basketball Report

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**WITTENBERG EDGES WOOSTER FOR FOURTH NORTH COAST
TOURNAMENT TITLE; TIGERS ADVANCE TO NCAA TOURNEY**

CLEVELAND -- North Coast Athletic Conference Tournament Champion Wittenberg (25-3) has received its second straight bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament. The Tigers, who earned their first NCAC Tournament title since 1996 over the weekend, will host Franklin (Ind.) (20-8) in a first round contest on Thursday. A win on Thursday against the Grizzlies would advance Wittenberg, ranked 11th in the nation by d3hoops.com, to a second round match-up on Saturday, March 2 against 10th-ranked DePauw in Greencastle, Ind.

Wittenberg is the winningest NCAA Division III basketball program of all-time with 1,437 victories, and has made the most NCAA Division III tournament appearances of all-time. The 2002 berth is the 21st for the program since the division was created in 1975, and the Tigers have an overall record of 41-20, giving them the most tournament wins of all-time. Including seven appearances in the old college division, Wittenberg has played in 83 NCAA tournament games, winning 55 and two national titles - in 1961 and 1977. The Tigers have also made eight national semifinal appearances, including a record six in NCAA Division III. The last trip to the championship tournament came in 1994, **Bill Brown's** first year as head coach of his alma mater, and the Tigers finished third.

Wittenberg's NCAC tournament run featured wins against Earlham, Ohio Wesleyan and Wooster. Junior forward **B.J. Harris (Dayton, OH/Stebbins)** averaged almost 14 points and seven rebounds over three tournament games to lead the Tigers and earn the Al Van Wie Award as the tournament's Most Outstanding Performer.

NCAA TOURNAMENT

Thursday, Feb. 28

Franklin at WITTENBERG
Webster at Maryville

Saturday, Mar. 2

Franklin/WITTENBERG at DePauw
Webster/Maryville at Carthage

Friday-Saturday, Mar. 8-9

Sectionals (at campus sites)

Friday, Mar. 15

Semifinals (at Salem, VA)

Saturday, Mar. 16

Finals (at Salem, VA)

NCAC TOURNAMENT

Friday, Feb. 22 - Semifinals

Wooster 83, Wabash 80
Wittenberg 75, Ohio Wesleyan 69

Saturday, Feb. 23 - Championship

Wittenberg 58, Wooster 57

NCAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

MEN'S BASKETBALL: Wittenberg junior **B.J. Harris (Dayton, OH/Stebbins)**, a 6-7 forward, totaled 41 points and 23 rebounds in three games to lead a balanced Tiger squad to their fourth NCAC Tournament title. He also combined for four assists and five steals on his way to being named the tournament's Most Outstanding Performer.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Ohio Wesleyan sophomore **Tiffany Barbee (Detroit, MI/Cass Technical)**, a 5-11 post, totaled 51 points to lead the Bishops to their second straight NCAC Tournament title - their fourth overall. She also combined for 21 rebounds and six blocks over three games on her way to being named the tournament's Most Outstanding Performer.

MEN'S INDOOR TRACK: Kenyon senior **Cary Snyder (Charlotte, NC/Northern Valley, NJ)** finished second at the Denison Big Red Last Chance Meet on Feb. 22 with a time of 3:57.76. His time met the NCAA provisional qualifying standard.

WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK: Wittenberg sophomore **Kelly Zilli (Dayton, OH/Kettering Alter)** won the 400-meter run in a meet record time of 1:01.23, and also was a member of the winning distance medley relay team (12:52.68) at the DePauw SCAC Indoor Invitational on Feb. 23.

MEN'S FIELD EVENTS: Wittenberg senior **Chris Silliman (Upper Arlington, OH/Upper Arlington)** set a Tiger record with his second place finish in the weight throw (48' 10") at the DePauw SCAC Indoor Invitational on Feb. 23.

WOMEN'S FIELD EVENTS: Hiram junior **Emma Brown (Gates Mills, OH/Mayfield)** won the high jump at the Oberlin Invitational on Feb. 22 with an NCAA provisional qualifying height of five feet, four and 1/2 inches. She also finished second in the long jump (15' 2.5") and fourth in the 55-meter hurdles (9.2).

2001-2002 North Coast Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Standings (Through games of Feb 23, 2002 (All games))

STANDINGS	-----CONFERENCE-----				-----OVERALL-----			
	W-L	Pct	PF	PA	W-L	Pct	PF	PA
1. Wittenberg.....	15-1	.938	82.7	61.6	25-3	.893	80.6	62.0
2. Wooster.....	13-3	.812	81.0	66.5	21-7	.750	78.4	66.1
3. Wabash.....	11-5	.688	72.5	65.9	15-11	.577	74.0	70.4
4. Ohio Wesleyan.....	8-8	.500	67.9	61.9	12-15	.444	68.3	65.5
5. Oberlin.....	7-9	.438	66.9	73.4	9-16	.360	64.0	73.2
6. Denison.....	6-10	.375	70.3	78.7	6-20	.231	67.7	80.7
Allegheny.....	6-10	.375	71.8	74.2	11-14	.440	71.6	74.2
Earlham.....	6-10	.375	67.5	72.7	11-15	.423	69.0	72.9
9. Kenyon.....	4-12	.250	69.2	80.3	6-18	.250	73.1	85.0
Hiram.....	4-12	.250	69.0	83.6	6-19	.240	71.2	84.2

2001-2002 North Coast Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Statistics (Through games of Feb 23, 2002 (All games))

SCORING OFFENSE

## Team	G	W-L	Pts	Avg/G
1.Wittenberg.....	28	25-3	2258	80.6
2.Wooster.....	28	21-7	2195	78.4
3.Wabash.....	26	15-11	1923	74.0
4.Kenyon.....	24	6-18	1754	73.1
5.Allegheny.....	25	11-14	1791	71.6
6.Hiram.....	25	6-19	1780	71.2
7.Earlham.....	26	11-15	1795	69.0
8.Ohio Wesleyan.....	27	12-15	1845	68.3
9.Denison.....	26	6-20	1760	67.7
10.Oberlin.....	25	9-16	1599	64.0

SCORING DEFENSE

## Team	G	Pts	Avg/G
1.Wittenberg.....	28	1735	62.0
2.Ohio Wesleyan.....	27	1769	65.5
3.Wooster.....	28	1851	66.1
4.Wabash.....	26	1831	70.4
5.Earlham.....	26	1896	72.9
6.Oberlin.....	25	1831	73.2
7.Allegheny.....	25	1856	74.2
8.Denison.....	26	2097	80.7
9.Hiram.....	25	2104	84.2
10.Kenyon.....	24	2039	85.0

SCORING MARGIN

## Team	G	OFF	DEF	Margin
1.Wittenberg.....	28	80.6	62.0	+18.7
2.Wooster.....	28	78.4	66.1	+12.3
3.Wabash.....	26	74.0	70.4	+3.5
4.Ohio Wesleyan.....	27	68.3	65.5	+2.8
5.Allegheny.....	25	71.6	74.2	-2.6
6.Earlham.....	26	69.0	72.9	-3.9
7.Oberlin.....	25	64.0	73.2	-9.3
8.Kenyon.....	24	73.1	85.0	-11.9
9.Hiram.....	25	71.2	84.2	-13.0
10.Denison.....	26	67.7	80.7	-13.0

FREE THROW PERCENTAGES

## Team	G	FTM	FTA	Pct
1.Wooster.....	28	352	477	.738
2.Allegheny.....	25	366	508	.720
3.Kenyon.....	24	315	438	.719
4.Denison.....	26	421	596	.706
5.Oberlin.....	25	360	519	.694
6.Hiram.....	25	369	533	.692
7.Wabash.....	26	447	655	.682
8.Wittenberg.....	28	406	617	.658
9.Ohio Wesleyan.....	27	274	417	.657
10.Earlham.....	26	380	581	.654

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGES

## Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1.Wooster.....	28	824	1676	.492
2.Wittenberg.....	28	800	1687	.474
3.Wabash.....	26	658	1416	.465
4.Kenyon.....	24	622	1383	.450
5.Ohio Wesleyan.....	27	686	1566	.438
6.Allegheny.....	25	653	1561	.418
7.Earlham.....	26	610	1471	.415
8.Hiram.....	25	633	1544	.410
9.Denison.....	26	601	1535	.392
10.Oberlin.....	25	536	1457	.368

FIELD GOAL PCT DEFENSE

## Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1.Wittenberg.....	28	597	1534	.389
2.Wooster.....	28	608	1524	.399
3.Ohio Wesleyan.....	27	651	1595	.408
4.Wabash.....	26	654	1601	.408
5.Oberlin.....	25	651	1505	.433
6.Allegheny.....	25	647	1492	.434
7.Earlham.....	26	723	1575	.459
8.Hiram.....	25	764	1663	.459
9.Kenyon.....	24	714	1536	.465
10.Denison.....	26	706	1447	.488

3-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGES

## Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1.Wittenberg.....	28	249	590	.422
2.Wooster.....	28	195	503	.388
Kenyon.....	24	195	503	.388
4.Wabash.....	26	160	450	.356
5.Oberlin.....	25	167	494	.338
6.Allegheny.....	25	119	355	.335
7.Hiram.....	25	145	440	.330
8.Ohio Wesleyan.....	27	199	607	.328
9.Earlham.....	26	195	602	.324
10.Denison.....	26	137	447	.306

3-POINT FIELD GOAL PCT DEFENSE

## Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1.Earlham.....	26	116	385	.301
2.Wabash.....	26	151	476	.317
3.Wittenberg.....	28	188	588	.320
4.Allegheny.....	25	188	559	.336
5.Oberlin.....	25	186	532	.350
6.Wooster.....	28	184	518	.355
7.Ohio Wesleyan.....	27	186	508	.366
8.Hiram.....	25	215	553	.389
9.Denison.....	26	172	437	.394
10.Kenyon.....	24	203	513	.396

REBOUNDING OFFENSE

## Team	G	Reb	Avg/G
1.Wittenberg.....	28	1188	42.4
2.Hiram.....	25	969	38.8
3.Ohio Wesleyan.....	27	1025	38.0
4.Wooster.....	28	1056	37.7
5.Allegheny.....	25	923	36.9
6.Wabash.....	26	952	36.6
7.Oberlin.....	25	897	35.9
8.Earlham.....	26	901	34.7
9.Kenyon.....	24	823	34.3
10.Denison.....	26	867	33.3

REBOUNDING DEFENSE

## Team	G	Reb	Avg/G
1.Wittenberg.....	28	842	30.1
2.Wooster.....	28	869	31.0
3.Ohio Wesleyan.....	27	908	33.6
4.Wabash.....	26	932	35.8
5.Kenyon.....	24	916	38.2
6.Earlham.....	26	1002	38.5
7.Allegheny.....	25	965	38.6
8.Denison.....	26	1011	38.9
9.Hiram.....	25	1028	41.1
10.Oberlin.....	25	1057	42.3

REBOUNDING MARGIN

## Team	G	TEAM	Avg	OPP	Avg	Margin
1.Wittenberg.....	28	1188	42.4	842	30.1	+12.4
2.Wooster.....	28	1056	37.7	869	31.0	+6.7
3.Ohio Wesleyan.....	27	1025	38.0	908	33.6	+4.3
4.Wabash.....	26	952	36.6	932	35.8	+0.8
5.Allegheny.....	25	923	36.9	965	38.6	-1.7
6.Hiram.....	25	969	38.8	1028	41.1	-2.4
7.Kenyon.....	24	823	34.3	916	38.2	-3.9
8.Earlham.....	26	901	34.7	1002	38.5	-3.9
9.Denison.....	26	867	33.3	1011	38.9	-5.5
10.Oberlin.....	25	897	35.9	1057	42.3	-6.4

BLOCKED SHOTS

## Team	G	Blocks	Avg/G
1.Wabash.....	26	110	4.23
2.Wooster.....	28	117	4.18
3.Ohio Wesleyan.....	27	78	2.89
4.Allegheny.....	25	64	2.56
5.Hiram.....	25	61	2.44
6.Earlham.....	26	58	2.23
7.Oberlin.....	25	52	2.08
8.Denison.....	26	51	1.96
9.Wittenberg.....	28	49	1.75
10.Kenyon.....	24	37	1.54

2001-2002 North Coast Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Individual Statistics (Through games of Feb 23, 2002 (All games))

To be ranked, a player must appear in at least 51.0% of their team's games.

SCORING

##	Player-Team	G	FG	3FG	FT	Pts	Avg/G
1.	Chad Plotke-KEN.....	24	173	51	129	526	21.9
2.	Joe DesJean-WAB.....	26	170	2	126	468	18.0
3.	Bryan Nelson-WOO.....	26	176	21	94	467	18.0
4.	David Mayle-HIR.....	24	156	17	100	429	17.9
5.	Chris Ikpoh-OBE.....	22	122	21	110	375	17.0
6.	Travis Schwab-OWU.....	27	175	14	92	456	16.9
7.	Nick Catanzarite-ALL.....	25	140	31	105	416	16.6
8.	Brady Claxton-WAB.....	26	144	53	88	429	16.5
9.	Nathan Stoops-ERL.....	26	126	45	46	343	13.2
10.	Charlie DeLacey-DEN.....	26	105	1	120	331	12.7
11.	Harris, B.J.-WIT.....	28	140	3	65	348	12.4
12.	Antwyan Reynolds-WOO.....	28	121	37	54	333	11.9
13.	Shawn Kindred-OWU.....	27	103	58	57	321	11.9
14.	Ryan Meerstein-ALL.....	25	107	45	35	294	11.8
15.	Ryan Short-WAB.....	26	95	13	91	294	11.3
16.	Perry Young-DEN.....	26	109	15	57	290	11.2
17.	Andy Flores-KEN.....	22	97	18	32	244	11.1
18.	Travis Brett-ERL.....	23	67	61	55	250	10.9
19.	Brady Keaton-ERL.....	29	105	0	97	307	10.6
20.	Cameron Leverett-OBE.....	24	75	34	63	247	10.3

REBOUNDING

##	Player-Team	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	Avg/G
1.	Joe DesJean-WAB.....	26	60	194	254	9.8
2.	Brandon Cole-OWU.....	27	67	172	239	8.9
3.	Harris, B.J.-WIT.....	28	92	138	230	8.2
4.	Chad Plotke-KEN.....	24	64	122	186	7.8
5.	Bryan Nelson-WOO.....	26	73	114	187	7.2
6.	Longley, Kevin-WIT.....	28	67	124	191	6.8
7.	Travis Schwab-OWU.....	27	69	115	184	6.8
8.	Chris Ikpoh-OBE.....	22	45	102	147	6.7
9.	Brian Cecil-HIR.....	25	59	100	159	6.4
10.	Nathan Stoops-ERL.....	26	33	121	154	5.9
11.	Brady Keaton-ERL.....	29	64	104	168	5.8
12.	Charlie DeLacey-DEN.....	26	49	92	141	5.4
13.	Walker, Peter-WIT.....	27	46	97	143	5.3
14.	David Mayle-HIR.....	24	43	80	123	5.1
15.	Ryan Short-WAB.....	26	44	87	131	5.0
16.	Andy Flores-KEN.....	22	18	90	108	4.9
17.	Sean O'Reilly-ERL.....	26	46	81	127	4.9
18.	Eric Johnson-ALL.....	25	42	76	118	4.7
19.	Ryan Meerstein-ALL.....	25	30	86	116	4.6
20.	Randy Sistrunk-WOO.....	21	31	66	97	4.6

FIELD GOAL PCT (Min. 4.0 made per game)

##	Player-Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1.	Joe DesJean-WAB.....	26	170	285	.596
2.	Bryan Nelson-WOO.....	26	176	296	.595
3.	Travis Schwab-OWU.....	27	175	312	.561
4.	Harris, B.J.-WIT.....	28	140	251	.558
5.	Chad Plotke-KEN.....	24	173	334	.518
6.	Andy Flores-KEN.....	22	97	197	.492
7.	Perry Young-DEN.....	26	109	227	.480
8.	Brady Claxton-WAB.....	26	144	308	.468
9.	Antwyan Reynolds-WOO.....	28	121	267	.453
10.	David Mayle-HIR.....	24	156	346	.451

ASSISTS

##	Player-Team	G	Assists	Avg/G
1.	Antwyan Reynolds-WOO.....	28	128	4.57
2.	Borland, Mark-WIT.....	28	115	4.11
3.	Jason Smith-ERL.....	22	83	3.77
4.	Brian Porter-KEN.....	23	76	3.30
5.	Cameron Leverett-OBE.....	24	76	3.17
6.	Shawn Kindred-OWU.....	27	84	3.11
7.	Matt Smith-WOO.....	28	76	2.71
	Rodney Mitchell-WOO.....	28	76	2.71
9.	Alex Neuman-KEN.....	24	64	2.67
10.	Billy Dungee-ALL.....	25	66	2.64

FREE THROW PCT (Min. 2.0 made per game)

##	Player-Team	G	FTM	FTA	Pct
1.	Travis Brett-ERL.....	23	55	61	.902
2.	David Mayle-HIR.....	24	100	117	.855
3.	Perry Young-DEN.....	26	57	68	.838
4.	Jason Smith-ERL.....	22	57	70	.814
5.	Nick Catanzarite-ALL.....	25	105	131	.802
6.	Cameron Leverett-OBE.....	24	63	79	.797
7.	Bryan Nelson-WOO.....	26	94	120	.783
8.	Chad Plotke-KEN.....	24	129	166	.777
9.	Ryan Short-WAB.....	26	91	118	.771
10.	Walker, Peter-WIT.....	27	68	89	.764

STEALS

##	Player-Team	G	Steals	Avg/G
1.	Antwyan Reynolds-WOO.....	28	64	2.29
2.	Billy Dungee-ALL.....	25	55	2.20
3.	Cameron Leverett-OBE.....	24	48	2.00
4.	Bryan Nelson-WOO.....	26	47	1.81
5.	Nick Catanzarite-ALL.....	25	45	1.80
6.	Jim Sink-WAB.....	23	37	1.61
7.	Chad Plotke-KEN.....	24	38	1.58
8.	Alex Neuman-KEN.....	24	37	1.54
9.	Borland, Mark-WIT.....	28	41	1.46
10.	Brandon Cole-OWU.....	27	39	1.44

3-POINT FG PCT (Min. 1.0 made per game)

##	Player-Team	G	3FG	FGA	Pct
1.	Ryan Smith-WAB.....	26	39	87	.448
2.	Aaron Sutton-KEN.....	22	41	92	.446
3.	Rustad, Greg-WIT.....	28	51	115	.443
4.	Emmons, Rod-WIT.....	28	52	118	.441
5.	Alex Neuman-KEN.....	24	31	71	.437
6.	Bucheit, Andy-WIT.....	27	31	72	.431
7.	Cameron Leverett-OBE.....	24	34	82	.415
8.	Julius Hill-OBE.....	24	40	99	.404
9.	Matt Smith-WOO.....	28	51	128	.398
	Chad Plotke-KEN.....	24	51	128	.398

3-POINT FG MADE

##	Player-Team	G	3FG	Avg/G
1.	Travis Brett-ERL.....	23	61	2.65
2.	Matt Kersten-HIR.....	25	58	2.32
3.	Shawn Kindred-OWU.....	27	58	2.15
4.	Chad Plotke-KEN.....	24	51	2.12
5.	Brady Claxton-WAB.....	26	53	2.04
6.	Jason Dopoulos-OWU.....	27	55	2.04
7.	Mossing, Chad-WIT.....	28	56	2.00
8.	Aaron Sutton-KEN.....	22	41	1.86
9.	Emmons, Rod-WIT.....	28	52	1.86
10.	Matt Smith-WOO.....	28	51	1.82
	Rustad, Greg-WIT.....	28	51	1.82

BLOCKED SHOTS

##	Player-Team	G	Blocks	Avg/G
1.	Joe DesJean-WAB.....	26	61	2.35
2.	Jon MacDonald-OBE.....	25	24	0.96
3.	Eric Buck-WAB.....	26	22	0.85
4.	Blake Mealer-WOO.....	28	22	0.79
5.	Jim Sink-WAB.....	23	18	0.78
6.	Randy Sistrunk-WOO.....	21	16	0.76
7.	Travis Schwab-OWU.....	27	20	0.74
8.	Tyrrell Smith-ALL.....	25	18	0.72
9.	Brian Carlisle-WOO.....	25	17	0.68
10.	Brandon Cole-OWU.....	27	18	0.67

ASSIST/TURNOVER RATIO (Min. 3.0 assists/game)

##	Player-Team	G	Asst	Avg	Turn	Avg	Ratio
1.	Borland, Mark-WIT.....	28	115	4.1	67	2.4	1.72
2.	Antwyan Reynolds-WOO.....	28	128	4.6	79	2.8	1.62
3.	Jason Smith-ERL.....	22	83	3.8	64	2.9	1.30
4.	Shawn Kindred-OWU.....	27	84	3.1	73	2.7	1.15
5.	Cameron Leverett-OBE.....	24	76	3.2	70	2.9	1.09
	Brian Porter-KEN.....	23	76	3.3	70	3.0	1.09

OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS

##	Player-Team	G	No.	Avg/G
1.	Harris, B.J.-WIT.....	28	92	3.29
2.	Bryan Nelson-WOO.....	26	73	2.81
3.	Chad Plotke-KEN.....	24	64	2.67
4.	Travis Schwab-OWU.....	27	69	2.56
5.	Brandon Cole-OWU.....	27	67	2.48
6.	Longley, Kevin-WIT.....	28	67	2.39
7.	Brian Cecil-HIR.....	25	59	2.36
8.	Joe DesJean-WAB.....	26	60	2.31
9.	Brady Keaton-ERL.....	29	64	2.21
10.	Tyrrell Smith-ALL.....	25	52	2.08

DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS

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1.	Joe DesJean-WAB.....	26	194	7.46
2.	Brandon Cole-OWU.....	27	172	6.37
3.	Chad Plotke-KEN.....	24	122	5.08
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5.	Nathan Stoops-ERL.....	26	121	4.65
6.	Chris Ikpoh-OBE.....	22	102	4.64
7.	Longley, Kevin-WIT.....	28	124	4.43
8.	Bryan Nelson-WOO.....	26	114	4.38
9.	Travis Schwab-OWU.....	27	115	4.26
10.	Andy Flores-KEN.....	22	90	4.09

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Ohio Wesleyan is making its fifth NCAA Division III playoff appearance. The Bishops advanced to the national semifinals last year. Ohio Wesleyan also advanced to the national tournament in 1992, 1995 and 1999, losing in the first round all 3 years.

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Webster/ Maryville at Carthage**Friday-Saturday, Mar. 8-9**

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Friday, Mar. 15

Semifinals (at Rose-Hulman, Terra Haute, IN)

Saturday, Mar. 16

Finals (at Rose-Hulman, Terra Haute, IN)

NCAC TOURNAMENT**Friday, Feb. 22 - Semifinals**Wooster 83, Wabash 80
Wittenberg 75, Ohio Wesleyan 69**Saturday, Feb. 23 - Championship**

Wittenberg 58, Wooster 57

**NCAC Men's and Women's Indoor Track
& Field Championships****Friday and Saturday, March 1-2
at Denison University**

TOURNEY AWARDS: Wittenberg junior **B.J. Harris (Dayton, OH/Stebbins)** received the Al Van Wie Award as Most Valuable Player at the 2002 Men's NCAC Tournament. Harris was joined on the All-Tournament team by fellow Tiger **Rod Emmons (South Bend, IN/John Adams)**, a senior. Rounding out the squad were Ohio Wesleyan sophomore **Shawn Kindred (Delaware, OH/Hayes)**, Wabash junior **Joe DesJean (Indianapolis, IN/Perry Meridian)** and a pair of Wooster Scots: junior **Bryan Nelson (Kettering, OH/Kettering Fairmont)** and senior **Antwan Reynolds (Mansfield, OH/Mansfield Senior)** ... Ohio Wesleyan sophomore **Tiffany Barbee (Detroit, MI/Cass Technical)** received the Al Van Wie Award as Most Valuable Player at the 2002 Women's NCAC Tournament. Barbee was joined on the All-Tournament team by a pair of teammates, freshman **Kelly Heil (Sylvania, OH/Southview)** and senior **Michelle Wolfe (Gahanna, OH/Lincoln)**. Filling out the rest of the roster were Allegheny sophomore **Jessica Kankoski (Glenshaw, PA/Fox Chapel)**, Earlham sophomore **Lindsey Chappell (Highland, IN/Highland)** and Wittenberg junior **Kate Rolf (Ft. Wayne, IN/Carroll)**.

TRACK FACTS: The weekend before the 18th North Coast Athletic Conference Indoor Track & Field Championships featured NCAC squads taking a last chance at qualifying individuals for the NCAC meet ... Five Denison women earned first place finishes at the Big Red's Last Chance Meet. A pair of sophomores, **Melanie Cluss (Uniontown, PA/Laurel Highlands)** and **Laura Finkes (Hebron, OH/Lakewood)** captured wins in the 55-meter hurdles (8.76) and in the shot put (40' 08.75"), respectively. A trio of seniors also claimed wins. **Melissa Cavanagh (Pittsburgh, PA/Swissvale)** won the triple jump (31' 03.75"). **Carrie Reese (Franklin, IN/Franklin Region)** finished first in the 800 meters (2:24.60) and **Laura Williams (Newtown, PA/Council Rock)** won the long jump (15' 03.25"). Ohio Wesleyan also competed at the Denison meet. Bishop sophomore **Akeya Terrell (Gahanna, OH/Westerville North)** ran a 1:00.42 400 meters, finishing first. The OWU men claimed the 800-meter relay (1:34.44) ... The Oberlin women's 800-meter relay team won its event at the Yeowomen's own Invitational last week. The team of senior **Apryl Wynn (Cleveland, OH)**, freshmen **Magdalen Dale (Bayfield, WI)** and **Teresa Collins (Stone Mountain, GA)** and junior **Courtney Stackhouse (Woodbridge, VA)** posted a time of 1:48.41. Stackhouse also claimed a win in the 55 (7.1) and 200 meter (26.6) dashes. Sophomore **Shannon Houlihan (Gorham, ME)** was also a double winner, finishing first in the long jump (15' 3.25") and in the triple jump (34' 4.5"). Hiram also competed at Oberlin. Senior **Don Beesing (Stow, OH/Stow)** won the 800 meters with a time of 2:00.6. Sophomore **Scott Cothren (Fredericktown, OH/Fredericktown)** took first in the high jump (6' 2") and third in the 1500 meters (5:18) ... The Knowling Fieldhouse was the site of the first Wabash Alumni Indoor Track and Field Invitational on Saturday afternoon. The Wabash thinclads took first place in the men's division with 120 points, outdistancing Manchester (69) and Danville Area Community College (49 points) in the final team results. Eight Little Giant athletes captured first place finishes. Sophomore **Dan Ruge (Chesterton, IN/Chesterton)** and freshman **Sean Dillon (Carthage, IN/Rushville)** were double winners. Ruge took first in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:01.83, and in the 1500-meter run (4:14.11). Dillon captured the 5,000-meter run with a time of 16:20.61 and took first in the 3000-meter run, finishing in 9:25.38.

SWIM SCENE: Denison's men's and women's teams captured the 2002 Veale Classic at Case Western Reserve after seven first-place finishes by the women and five from the men. The Kenyon men and women placed fourth at the same meet. Seven Kenyon swimmers combined to record NCAA automatic or provisional qualifying times ... The Wabash College swimming & diving team completed the 2001-2002 season with a decisive 186-113 victory over DePauw. The Little Giants won both relays and ten of twelve individual swimming events along with seven second place finishes and produced Wabash top times for the season in five events. Three Little Giants were double individual winners. Junior **Dennis Bowers (Seymour, IN/Seymour)** won both the 100 backstroke (53.42-Wabash season top time) and 200 backstroke (1:56.32-Wabash season top time). Sophomore **Brandon Peacock (Crawfordsville, IN/Crawfordsville)** captured both the 50 freestyle (22.03) and 100 butterfly (52.86). Freshman **Brad Williams (Columbus, IN/Columbus North)** claimed the 1000 freestyle (10:01.37-Wabash season top time) and 500 freestyle (4:55.00). Wabash completed the season with an overall record of 42-8 (5-2 in dual meets and 37-6 at multi-school invitationals and conference championships).

2001-2002 North Coast Athletic Conference Women's Basketball Standings (Through games of Feb 23, 2002 (All games))

STANDINGS	-----CONFERENCE-----				-----OVERALL-----			
	W-L	Pct	PF	PA	W-L	Pct	PF	PA
1. Wittenberg.....	14-2	.875	78.2	56.1	21-6	.778	75.6	58.7
2. Ohio Wesleyan.....	13-3	.812	73.9	63.6	19-7	.731	71.0	65.5
3. Denison.....	11-5	.688	69.9	62.7	16-9	.640	69.8	62.3
4. Allegheny.....	10-6	.625	66.2	63.1	15-11	.577	66.3	64.4
5. Kenyon.....	8-8	.500	62.7	61.4	12-12	.500	61.5	60.4
6. Earlham.....	7-9	.438	66.9	70.6	11-15	.423	65.5	72.3
7. Oberlin.....	5-11	.312	64.1	64.9	10-14	.417	68.0	64.9
8. Wooster.....	4-12	.250	61.0	72.2	9-16	.360	64.3	71.7
9. Hiram.....	0-16	.000	49.8	78.1	3-21	.125	54.4	74.7

2001-2002 North Coast Athletic Conference Women's Basketball Statistics (Through games of Feb 23, 2002 (All games))

SCORING OFFENSE

# Team	G	W-L	Pts	Avg/G
1. Wittenberg.....	27	21-6	2041	75.6
2. Ohio Wesleyan.....	26	19-7	1845	71.0
3. Denison.....	25	16-9	1744	69.8
4. Oberlin.....	24	10-14	1632	68.0
5. Allegheny.....	26	15-11	1723	66.3
6. Earlham.....	26	11-15	1703	65.5
7. Wooster.....	25	9-16	1607	64.3
8. Kenyon.....	24	12-12	1476	61.5
9. Hiram.....	24	3-21	1305	54.4

SCORING DEFENSE

# Team	G	Pts	Avg/G
1. Wittenberg.....	27	1584	58.7
2. Kenyon.....	24	1450	60.4
3. Denison.....	25	1557	62.3
4. Allegheny.....	26	1674	64.4
5. Oberlin.....	24	1558	64.9
6. Ohio Wesleyan.....	26	1702	65.5
7. Wooster.....	25	1793	71.7
8. Earlham.....	26	1879	72.3
9. Hiram.....	24	1793	74.7

SCORING MARGIN

# Team	G	OFF	DEF	Margin
1. Wittenberg.....	27	75.6	58.7	+16.9
2. Denison.....	25	69.8	62.3	+7.5
3. Ohio Wesleyan.....	26	71.0	65.5	+5.5
4. Oberlin.....	24	68.0	64.9	+3.1
5. Allegheny.....	26	66.3	64.4	+1.9
6. Kenyon.....	24	61.5	60.4	+1.1
7. Earlham.....	26	65.5	72.3	-6.8
8. Wooster.....	25	64.3	71.7	-7.4
9. Hiram.....	24	54.4	74.7	-20.3

FREE THROW PERCENTAGES

# Team	G	FTM	FTA	Pct
1. Earlham.....	26	401	573	.700
2. Oberlin.....	24	310	452	.686
3. Ohio Wesleyan.....	26	372	559	.665
4. Denison.....	25	306	464	.659
5. Wooster.....	25	376	571	.658
6. Wittenberg.....	27	486	739	.658
7. Kenyon.....	24	310	479	.647
8. Allegheny.....	26	353	560	.630
9. Hiram.....	24	253	428	.591

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGES

# Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1. Ohio Wesleyan.....	26	682	1443	.473
2. Wittenberg.....	27	719	1721	.418
3. Earlham.....	26	625	1497	.418
4. Denison.....	25	662	1635	.405
5. Allegheny.....	26	645	1612	.400
6. Wooster.....	25	579	1480	.391
7. Kenyon.....	24	533	1391	.383
8. Hiram.....	24	501	1321	.379
9. Oberlin.....	24	616	1699	.363

FIELD GOAL PCT DEFENSE

# Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1. Allegheny.....	26	578	1683	.343
2. Denison.....	25	550	1439	.382
3. Wittenberg.....	27	566	1471	.385
4. Ohio Wesleyan.....	26	653	1692	.386
5. Kenyon.....	24	532	1348	.395
6. Oberlin.....	24	585	1398	.418
7. Wooster.....	25	651	1546	.421
8. Hiram.....	24	685	1555	.441
9. Earlham.....	26	712	1612	.442

3-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGES

# Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1. Ohio Wesleyan.....	26	109	353	.309
2. Wooster.....	25	73	242	.302
3. Wittenberg.....	27	113	376	.301
4. Denison.....	25	114	391	.292
5. Allegheny.....	26	80	296	.270
6. Kenyon.....	24	100	373	.268
7. Oberlin.....	24	84	332	.253
8. Earlham.....	26	52	208	.250
9. Hiram.....	24	50	205	.244

3-POINT FIELD GOAL PCT DEFENSE

# Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1. Oberlin.....	24	80	319	.251
2. Kenyon.....	24	70	279	.251
3. Denison.....	25	92	337	.273
4. Wittenberg.....	27	93	330	.282
5. Allegheny.....	26	122	425	.287
6. Wooster.....	25	80	276	.290
7. Ohio Wesleyan.....	26	120	399	.301
8. Hiram.....	24	78	258	.302
9. Earlham.....	26	90	283	.318

REBOUNDING OFFENSE

# Team	G	Reb	Avg/G
1. Allegheny.....	26	1205	46.3
2. Wittenberg.....	27	1207	44.7
3. Denison.....	25	1059	42.4
4. Wooster.....	25	990	39.6
5. Ohio Wesleyan.....	26	1022	39.3
6. Earlham.....	26	1007	38.7
7. Oberlin.....	24	922	38.4
8. Kenyon.....	24	905	37.7
9. Hiram.....	24	877	36.5

REBOUNDING DEFENSE

# Team	G	Reb	Avg/G
1. Wittenberg.....	27	970	35.9
2. Ohio Wesleyan.....	26	954	36.7
3. Earlham.....	26	957	36.8
4. Allegheny.....	26	1001	38.5
5. Kenyon.....	24	935	39.0
6. Denison.....	25	1001	40.0
7. Wooster.....	25	1021	40.8
8. Hiram.....	24	1051	43.8
9. Oberlin.....	24	1081	45.0

REBOUNDING MARGIN

# Team	G	TEAM	Avg	OPP	Avg Margin	
1. Wittenberg.....	27	1207	44.7	970	35.9	+8.8
2. Allegheny.....	26	1205	46.3	1001	38.5	+7.8
3. Ohio Wesleyan.....	26	1022	39.3	954	36.7	+2.6
4. Denison.....	25	1059	42.4	1001	40.0	+2.3
5. Earlham.....	26	1007	38.7	957	36.8	+1.9
6. Wooster.....	25	990	39.6	1021	40.8	-1.2
7. Kenyon.....	24	905	37.7	935	39.0	-1.2
8. Oberlin.....	24	922	38.4	1081	45.0	-6.6
9. Hiram.....	24	877	36.5	1051	43.8	-7.2

BLOCKED SHOTS

# Team	G	Blocks	Avg/G
1. Ohio Wesleyan.....	26	115	4.42
2. Allegheny.....	26	100	3.85
3. Denison.....	25	95	3.80
4. Wooster.....	25	88	3.52
5. Earlham.....	26	78	3.00
6. Kenyon.....	24	59	2.46
7. Hiram.....	24	46	1.92
8. Oberlin.....	24	38	1.58
9. Wittenberg.....	27	29	1.07

2001-2002 North Coast Athletic Conference Women's Basketball Individual Statistics (Through games of Feb 23, 2002 (All games))

To be ranked, a player must appear in at least 51.0% of their team's games.

SCORING

##	Player-Team	G	FG	3FG	FT	Pts	Avg/G
1.	Nzinga Broussard-OBE.....	24	179	1	107	466	19.4
2.	Jessica Kankoski-ALL.....	26	160	7	128	455	17.5
3.	Lindsey Chappell-ERL.....	15	90	0	79	259	17.3
4.	Kelly Heil-OWU.....	26	166	43	71	446	17.2
5.	Katy Sturtz-OWU.....	21	134	0	64	332	15.8
6.	Sarah Fox-KEN.....	24	136	14	83	369	15.4
7.	Summer Cress-ERL.....	26	153	0	81	387	14.9
8.	Nara DeJesus-WOO.....	25	134	0	85	353	14.1
9.	Kate Rolf-WIT.....	27	125	36	80	366	13.6
10.	Mindy Hammond-OWU.....	23	107	2	90	306	13.3
11.	Malisha Richardson-OBE...	24	136	1	38	311	13.0
12.	Terra Roane-HIR.....	24	128	0	52	308	12.8
13.	Michelle Behler-ERL.....	26	126	29	52	333	12.8
14.	Stephanie Campbell-WIT...	27	113	16	74	316	11.7
15.	Michelle Mehling-DEN.....	25	108	18	49	283	11.3
16.	Jamie Parone-ALL.....	26	88	31	69	276	10.6
17.	Michelle Popovec-ALL.....	21	90	1	29	210	10.0
18.	Tiffany Keller-WIT.....	27	94	1	67	256	9.5
19.	Cori Arnold-KEN.....	24	91	16	28	226	9.4
20.	Alyssa Hinkle-ALL.....	26	86	32	36	240	9.2

REBOUNDING

##	Player-Team	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	Avg/G
1.	Nara DeJesus-WOO.....	25	122	167	289	11.6
2.	Katy Sturtz-OWU.....	21	51	148	199	9.5
3.	Alyssa Hinkle-ALL.....	26	67	164	231	8.9
4.	Lindsey Chappell-ERL.....	15	46	72	118	7.9
5.	Nzinga Broussard-OBE.....	24	60	125	185	7.7
6.	Summer Cress-ERL.....	26	56	139	195	7.5
7.	Laci Ford-DEN.....	25	70	116	186	7.4
8.	Mindy Hammond-OWU.....	23	45	122	167	7.3
9.	Michelle Popovec-ALL.....	21	46	106	152	7.2
10.	Jessica Kankoski-ALL.....	26	80	107	187	7.2
11.	Michelle Mehling-DEN.....	25	55	103	158	6.3
12.	Kelly Heil-OWU.....	26	50	103	153	5.9
13.	Meredith McDonough-ALL...	26	65	87	152	5.8
14.	Terra Roane-HIR.....	24	58	81	139	5.8
15.	Sarah Fox-KEN.....	24	46	92	138	5.8
16.	Malisha Richardson-OBE...	24	69	68	137	5.7
	Brooke Bourdeau-ALL.....	24	48	89	137	5.7
18.	Tranice Harrell-OBE.....	24	57	77	134	5.6
19.	Missisa Liffick-ERL.....	23	44	83	127	5.5
20.	Lauren Camp-KEN.....	24	50	77	127	5.3

FIELD GOAL PCT (Min. 4.0 made per game)

##	Player-Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1.	Lindsey Chappell-ERL.....	15	90	163	.552
2.	Katy Sturtz-OWU.....	21	134	248	.540
3.	Mindy Hammond-OWU.....	23	107	204	.525
4.	Nara DeJesus-WOO.....	25	134	275	.487
5.	Summer Cress-ERL.....	26	153	314	.487
6.	Kelly Heil-OWU.....	26	166	345	.481
7.	Sarah Fox-KEN.....	24	136	290	.469
8.	Terra Roane-HIR.....	24	128	278	.460
9.	Jessica Kankoski-ALL.....	26	160	349	.458
10.	Michelle Popovec-ALL.....	21	90	198	.455

ASSISTS

##	Player-Team	G	Assists	Avg/G
1.	Nzinga Broussard-OBE.....	24	125	5.21
2.	Mindy Hammond-OWU.....	23	79	3.43
3.	Sarah Fox-KEN.....	24	80	3.33
4.	Erin O'Neill-KEN.....	24	77	3.21
5.	Valerie Goudy-HIR.....	24	76	3.17
6.	Jamie Parone-ALL.....	26	79	3.04
7.	Kim Patton-ERL.....	25	75	3.00
8.	Michelle Behler-ERL.....	26	77	2.96
9.	Talia Brader-OWU.....	26	75	2.88
10.	Danielle Spring-DEN.....	25	69	2.76

FREE THROW PCT (Min. 2.0 made per game)

##	Player-Team	G	FTM	FTA	Pct
1.	Nzinga Broussard-OBE.....	24	107	134	.799
2.	Kate Rolf-WIT.....	27	80	101	.792
3.	Missisa Liffick-ERL.....	23	79	100	.790
4.	Lindsey Chappell-ERL.....	15	79	101	.782
5.	Jessica Kankoski-ALL.....	26	128	165	.776
6.	Michaelyn Brunner-WOO.....	25	59	80	.738
7.	Mindy Hammond-OWU.....	23	90	124	.726
8.	Summer Cress-ERL.....	26	81	113	.717
9.	Katy Sturtz-OWU.....	21	64	91	.703
10.	Stephanie Campbell-WIT...	27	74	107	.692

STEALS

##	Player-Team	G	Steals	Avg/G
1.	Nzinga Broussard-OBE.....	24	129	5.38
2.	Nara DeJesus-WOO.....	25	72	2.88
3.	Kate Rolf-WIT.....	27	71	2.63
4.	Danielle Spring-DEN.....	25	59	2.36
5.	Jessica Kankoski-ALL.....	26	59	2.27
6.	Cristina Briboneria-OBE..	24	54	2.25
7.	Meghan Overom-DEN.....	25	56	2.24
8.	Lindsey Chappell-ERL.....	15	33	2.20
9.	Sarah Fox-KEN.....	24	49	2.04
10.	Michelle Behler-ERL.....	26	52	2.00

3-POINT FG PCT (Min. 1.0 made per game)

##	Player-Team	G	3FG	FGA	Pct
1.	Kelly Heil-OWU.....	26	43	122	.352
2.	Jessica McConnell-DEN....	25	26	77	.338
3.	Alyssa Hinkle-ALL.....	26	32	99	.323
4.	Kate Rolf-WIT.....	27	36	113	.319
5.	Cristina Briboneria-OBE..	24	46	160	.287
6.	Kendra Tolford-DEN.....	23	37	129	.287
7.	Erin O'Neill-KEN.....	24	49	173	.283
8.	Michelle Wolfe-OWU.....	26	27	99	.273
9.	Michelle Behler-ERL.....	26	29	119	.244
10.	Sonja Spencer-OBE.....	24	26	107	.243

3-POINT FG MADE

##	Player-Team	G	3FG	Avg/G
1.	Erin O'Neill-KEN.....	24	49	2.04
2.	Cristina Briboneria-OBE..	24	46	1.92
3.	Kelly Heil-OWU.....	26	43	1.65
4.	Kendra Tolford-DEN.....	23	37	1.61
5.	Kate Rolf-WIT.....	27	36	1.33
6.	Alyssa Hinkle-ALL.....	26	32	1.23
7.	Jamie Parone-ALL.....	26	31	1.19
8.	Michelle Behler-ERL.....	26	29	1.12
9.	Sonja Spencer-OBE.....	24	26	1.08
10.	Jessica McConnell-DEN....	25	26	1.04

BLOCKED SHOTS

##	Player-Team	G	Blocks	Avg/G
1.	Tiffany Barbee-OWU.....	26	48	1.85
2.	Laci Ford-DEN.....	25	40	1.60
3.	Kristen Rice-WOO.....	25	38	1.52
4.	Missisa Liffick-ERL.....	23	30	1.30
5.	Katy Sturtz-OWU.....	21	24	1.14
6.	Nara DeJesus-WOO.....	25	27	1.08
7.	Alyssa Hinkle-ALL.....	26	27	1.04
8.	Beth Lye-KEN.....	24	23	0.96
9.	Lindsey Chappell-ERL.....	15	13	0.87
10.	Mindy Hammond-OWU.....	23	16	0.70

ASSIST/TURNOVER RATIO (Min. 3.0 assists/game)

##	Player-Team	G	Asst	Avg Turn	Avg Ratio		
1.	Nzinga Broussard-OBE.....	24	125	5.2	92	3.8	1.36
2.	Erin O'Neill-KEN.....	24	77	3.2	63	2.6	1.22
3.	Kim Patton-ERL.....	25	75	3.0	84	3.4	0.89
4.	Jamie Parone-ALL.....	26	79	3.0	97	3.7	0.81
5.	Mindy Hammond-OWU.....	23	79	3.4	104	4.5	0.76
6.	Sarah Fox-KEN.....	24	80	3.3	110	4.6	0.73
7.	Valerie Goudy-HIR.....	24	76	3.2	123	5.1	0.62

OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS

##	Player-Team	G	No.	Avg/G
1.	Nara DeJesus-WOO.....	25	122	4.88
2.	Jessica Kankoski-ALL.....	26	80	3.08
3.	Lindsey Chappell-ERL.....	15	46	3.07
4.	Malisha Richardson-OBE...	24	69	2.88
5.	Laci Ford-DEN.....	25	70	2.80
6.	Alyssa Hinkle-ALL.....	26	67	2.58
7.	Meredith McDonough-ALL...	26	65	2.50
	Nzinga Broussard-OBE.....	24	60	2.50
9.	Katy Sturtz-OWU.....	21	51	2.43
10.	Terra Roane-HIR.....	24	58	2.42

DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS

##	Player-Team	G	No.	Avg/G
1.	Katy Sturtz-OWU.....	21	148	7.05
2.	Nara DeJesus-WOO.....	25	167	6.68
3.	Alyssa Hinkle-ALL.....	26	164	6.31
4.	Summer Cress-ERL.....	26	139	5.35
5.	Mindy Hammond-OWU.....	23	122	5.30
6.	Nzinga Broussard-OBE.....	24	125	5.21
7.	Michelle Popovec-ALL.....	21	106	5.05
8.	Lindsey Chappell-ERL.....	15	72	4.80
9.	Laci Ford-DEN.....	25	116	4.64
10.	Michelle Mehling-DEN.....	25	103	4.12



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NCAC Indoor Track & Field Championships
OHIO WESLEYAN MEN, DENISON WOMEN TO DEFEND
INDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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CLEVELAND -- Ohio Wesleyan's men and Denison's women will attempt to defend team titles at the 18th annual North Coast Athletic Conference Indoor Track & Field Championships, which will be held Friday and Saturday at Denison's Mitchell Recreation and Athletics Center.

Ohio Wesleyan returns three-time Field MVP **Craig Neeley (Columbus, OH/Bexley)**, who won the long, high and triple jumps at last year's championships. The Bishops seek their sixth indoor title.

Last year's runner up Denison has **Tyler Pensyl (Westerville, OH/North)** back in the fold. He is the defending conference champion in both the 800- and 1500-meter runs. **Brendan Callahan (South Glastonbury, CT/Gastonbury)**, who led Wooster to a third place finish a year ago, was the 2001 middle distance/distance MVP. He is the defending champion in the 3,000- and 5,000-meter runs.

Denison's women take aim on their fifth consecutive indoor championship. Sophomore **Melanie Cluss (Uniontown, PA/Laurel Highlands)** is the defending champion in the 55-meter hurdles. Teammate **Jackie Berner (Fredonia, NY/Fredonia)** is the defending champion in the 55 meters as well as the 200 meters.

Last year's women's Field MVP, **Justina Williams (Moreno Valley, CA/El Camino Real)** of Wooster, also returns. She is the defending champion in the long jump and was the runner up in the triple jump in 2001.

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2002 Top Performances

MEN

55-meter dash

6.55 - Clemon Choice (OWU)

55-meter hurdles

7.90 - Skip Ivery (WIT)

200-meter dash

22.84 - Darren Green (WAB)

400-meter run

50.94 - Andre Street (OBE)

800-meter run

1:54.77 - Dan Bowens (OWU)

1500-meter run

3:57.76 - Cary Snyder (KEN)

3000-meter run

8:46.78 - Jared Smit (WAB)

5000-meter run

15:00.89 - Michael Baird (KEN)

4 x 200-meter relay

1:33.81 - Wabash

4 x 400-meter relay

3:29.34 - Oberlin

distance medley relay

10:29.52 - Kenyon

long jump

22' 10 1/2" - Craig Neeley (OWU)

triple jump

46' 5" - Craig Neeley (OWU)

high jump

7' 0 1/4" - Craig Neeley (OWU)

pole vault

17' 6 3/4" - Jeremy Scott (ALL)

shot put

47' 4 3/4" - Keith Vance (WOO)

weight throw

48' 10" - Chris Silliman (WIT)

WOMEN

55-meter dash

7.33 - Jackie Berner (DEN)

55-meter hurdles

8.61 - Melanie Cluss (DEN)

200-meter dash

26.31 - Jackie Berner (DEN)

400-meter run

59.47 - Akeya Terrell (OWU)

800-meter run

2:21.39 - Lindsey Hayes (ALL)

1500-meter run

4:52.21 - Lindsay Ross (DEN)

3000-meter run

10:37.60 - Nicole Morandi (ALL)

5000-meter run

18:07.93 - Nicole Morandi (ALL)

4 x 200-meter relay

1:48.34 - Oberlin

4 x 400-meter relay

4:07.92 - Denison

distance medley relay

12:38.43 - Allegheny

long jump

17'5 1/4" - Justina Williams (WOO)

triple jump

35'4" - Justina Williams (WOO)

high jump

5' 4 1/2" - Emma Brown (HIR)

pole vault

11' 3-3/4" - Jen Surace (ALL)

shot put

40'8 3/4" - Laura Finkes (DEN)

weight throw

36' 1 1/2" - Erin Zayicek (WIT)