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NCAC Indoor Track & Field Relays

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**OHIO WESLEYAN WOMEN CLAIM NORTH COAST RELAY TITLE;
WABASH CLAIMS FIRST MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP**

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Indiana -- The Ohio Wesleyan women and the Wabash men won team championships at the 20th North Coast Athletic Conference Indoor Track & Field Relays, held Jan. 31 at Wabash College's Knowing Fieldhouse. The Battling Bishop women won for the first time since 1994 and the Little Giants claimed their first title.

In the women's relays, Ohio Wesleyan won three of 12 events and totaled 86 points to edge runner-up and six-time defending champion Denison by two points. The Big Red compiled 84 points with four wins, followed by Oberlin (51.33) in third with one win, Earlham (46) fourth with a win and Wittenberg (45) fifth with one relay win. Team scores are compiled using the results of five running relays and the combined time/length of the top two performances in each of the seven remaining events.

Seven different schools won events in one of the most competitive NCAC Relay meets ever. Meet records were set by Oberlin's triple jump relay of junior **Teresa Collins (Stone Mountain, GA/Woodward Academy)** and senior **Shannon Houlihan (Gorham, ME/Gorham)** with combined jumps of 67 feet, 10 1/2 inches; Denison's 55-meter hurdles combination of senior **Melanie Cluss (Uniontown, PA/Laurel Highlands)** and sophomore **Meagan Coneybeer (Uniontown, PA/Uniontown)**, who ran 17.90 seconds combined; And Wittenberg's sprint medley relay, which ran 4:22.57. The Tiger relay was made up of junior **Tina Valerius (Cincinnati, OH/Mt. Notre Dame)**, freshman **Jessica McClish (Shelby, OH/Shelby)**, freshman **Antonette Green (Euclid, OH/Euclid)** and senior **Kelly Zilli (Dayton, OH/Kettering Alter)**.

The Wabash men won five of 12 events to total 86 points. Denison won two events and totaled 77 points, followed by Ohio Wesleyan (71) with two wins in third. Wittenberg (48.5) won two events and finished fourth; Earlham (40) wound up fifth.

Five different schools won events and two conference records were set. Wittenberg's 55-meter hurdles combination of senior **Skip Ivery (Columbus, OH/Groveport-Madison)** and sophomore **Matt Locke (South Charleston, OH/Southeastern)** combined to win the hurdles in meet-record time of 15.69. Wabash's sprint medley team of senior **Chris Morris (Zionsville, IN/Zionsville)**, freshman **Nathan Bates (Ossian, IN/Norwell)**, junior **Steve Cottam (Rosedale, IN/Riverton Parke)** and senior **Dan Ruge (Chesterton, IN/Chesterton)** won the event in a meet-record time of 3:36.35.

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1. Ohio Wesleyan University	86
2. Denison University	84
3. Oberlin College	51.33
4. Earlham College	46
5. Wittenberg University	45
6. Allegheny College	40.33
7. Kenyon College	37
8. Hiram College	28.33
9. College of Wooster	24

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Five different schools won events in the men's NCAC Relays. Champion Wabash won five, Denison, Ohio Wesleyan and Wittenberg each won two and Allegheny won one. On the women's side, seven of the nine schools had at least one event champion. Runner-up Denison had four, followed by champion Ohio Wesleyan with three. Allegheny, Earlham, Kenyon, Oberlin and Wittenberg each had one first-place relay.

Allegheny senior **Eric Shuty (Shelby, OH/Shelby)** won the shot put with a throw of 46 feet, 6 inches, helping his team to a first-place finish in the event. The Gator women claimed the top three places in the 5000 meters to give Allegheny top honors in the event. Senior **Chelsea Benson (Mt. Jewett, PA/Kane)** led the field with a time of 18:32.80.

Denison senior **Melanie Cluss (Uniontown, PA/Laurel Highlands)** set a school record in the long jump (16 feet, 10 1/2 inches) and broke the meet record in the 55 hurdles (8.74) to lead the Big Red to victory in both events. She also competed in the shot put, high jump, triple jump and 4x400 relays. Senior **Laura Finkes (Hebron, OH/Lakewood)** won the shot put with a provisional qualifying distance of 41 feet, 10 3/4 inches. On the men's side, Senior **Andy Stromwall (Waukesha, WI/South)** competed in five events and won the triple jump with a leap of 42 feet, 11 inches.

Earlham hurdler **Tim Herrod (Gary, IN/Roosevelt)** broke his own school mark in the 55-meter hurdles with a time 7.95 seconds. The Quakers' 4x800-meter relay also set a school record with a 8:36.96 clocking and finished third. Leading the women was pole vaulter **Amity Malack (Cooperstown, NY/Central)**, who set Earlham's indoor pole vault record when she cleared nine feet even and tied for first place with two others. **Catonya Black (Memphis, TN/Sheffield)** set Earlham's school record in the triple jump with a leap of 35 feet, 5 inches. The Quaker pole vault and triple jump relays each finished second.

Hiram senior **Scott Cothren (Fredericktown, OH/Fredereicktown)** led the Terriers with a third-place individual finish in the high jump (6 feet, 2 inches), and helped the relay finish tied for second. He also placed in the pole vault, long jump and 55 hurdles. Junior **Julie Feather-Faber (Hiram, OH/Crestwood)** led the women's squad. She cleared 5 feet even to help the Terriers tie for second in the event, and was fourth in the long jump (15 feet, 1 inch) as the Terriers placed third.

Kenyon sophomore **Katy Cameron (New Orleans, LA/Isidore Newman)** and freshman **Phoebe Stone (Montpelier, VT/Union 32)** dominated the pole vault with a combined height of 17 feet, 6 inches, 1 1/2 feet higher than the second-place squad.

Ohio Wesleyan sophomore **Justin Blackburn (Wadsworth, OH/Wadsworth)** had the day's best long jump (22 feet, 0 1/4 inches) helping the Bishops to a first-place finish in the relay. Junior **Jen Musbach (North Olmsted, OH/North Olmsted)** cleared 5 feet, 2 inches, good for second individually. She led the Bishops to victory in the relay, then also was part of the second-place pole vault relay.

Senior **Dan Ruge (Chesterton, IN/Chesterton)** was part of two of Wabash's five winning relays. He ran the anchor leg on both the distance medley and the sprint medley relays. The Little Giant Sprint Medley team set a meet record with a time of 3:36.35.

Wooster freshman **Dana Doran-Myers (New Albany, OH/New Albany)** won the individual high jump competition when she cleared 5 feet, 2 inches.

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