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NCAC Women's Basketball Report

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NCAC TEAMS OPEN 2005-06 BASKETBALL SCHEDULES; CONFERENCE SCHEDULE TIPS OFF DEC. 3

CLEVELAND -- North Coast Conference teams have two weeks to prepare for their first conference games of the season. The NCAC schedule tips off Saturday, Dec. 3, with a full slate of league games. Eight of nine schools began their preparation with two games this past weekend, mainly in season-opening tournaments.

ALLEGHENY split a pair of games at its own National City Tipoff Tournament, losing a heartbreaker to Waynesburg, 63-62, and beating Thiel, 63-60. The loss to Waynesburg came when the Yellow Jackets hit a jumper with .03 second left on the clock. Senior forward **Courtney Steding (McDonald, PA/Fort Cherry)** averaged 15.5 points to lead the Gators, while senior guard **Valery Medwid (Pittsburgh, PA/Montour)** averaged 12.5 points, two rebounds and two assists. Medwid provided plenty of dramatics, as she hit the game-winning three-point basket in the win over Thiel and gave the Gators a one-point lead with 22 seconds left in the game against Waynesburg ... **DENISON** swept a pair of games at the Emory & Henry tournament, defeating Lynchburg, 71-58, and Emory & Henry, 77-66. Junior forward **Kristen Sheffield (Dublin, OH/Scioto)** was named the tournament's MVP after she scored 43 points, grabbed 16 rebounds and blocked eight shots in the two games. Sophomore post **Mimi Pierson (Bainbridge, OH/Chillicothe)** provided a major lift off the bench for the Big Red. In the final, Pierson was perfect over a 20-minute span, hitting all five shots from the field and all six of her free-throw attempts. She finished with a career-high 16 points and added six rebounds. She also added seven points in the opening game ... **EARLHAM** dropped a pair of games at the Anderson Tournament, falling 63-59 to Anderson, then 73-68 to Tri-State. Junior guard **Guin Summerton (Williams, IN/Shoals)** scored 34 points and dished three assists; she was named to the all-tournament team for her efforts ... **HIRAM** was idle last weekend. The Terriers open their season at Manchester on Saturday ... **KENYON** once again deployed its trademark defense enroute to winning the Centre Country Hearth Inn/Lee's Famous Recipe tournament. The Ladies defeated Marian, 48-34, and Centre, 65-51. Sophomore post **Eva George (Lincoln, MA/Lincoln-Sudbury)** was named tournament MVP after posting combined two-day stats that included 21 points and 18 rebounds. In the championship game against Centre, she registered her first collegiate double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Senior **Megan Sheasby (Danville, OH/Danville)**, who came off the bench to toss in 13 points, was also named to the all-tourney team ... **OBERLIN** travelled to the Babson Tipoff tournament. The Yeowomen dropped a pair of games, 71-49 to Babson and 53-45 to Whittier. Freshman **Alyssa Clark (Cleveland Hts., OH/Regina)** was a bright spot for Oberlin as she scored 19 points against Babson in her college debut ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** opened its season at the Midway Classic, hosted by the University of Chicago. Junior guard **Rachel Messaros (Reynoldsburg, OH/Bishop Hartley)** led the Bishops with 14 points, including the first four of the game, in a 73-51 season-opening loss to Whitman. Sophomore post **Kelli Lester (Pataskala, OH/Watkins Memorial)** led OWU with seven points and eight rebounds in a 64-42 loss to St. Norbert ... **WITTENBERG** won Virginia Wesleyan's Tipoff tournament title with wins over University of the Ozarks, 68-66, and Virginia Wesleyan, 65-55. Junior guard **Megan Miller (Lancaster, OH/Lancaster)** earned tournament MVP honors with four clutch three-pointers and 15 total points in the championship game against Virginia Wesleyan, which came on the heels of a 12-point, six-rebound performance against Ozarks. Junior post **Kathy Hittle (Noblesville, IN/Noblesville)** went for 11 points and 10 rebounds against Ozarks and then 21 points and 15 boards against Virginia Wesleyan. Hittle and junior wing **Rachel Clark-Haggy (South Charleston, OH/Southeastern)** joined Miller on the all-tournament team ... **WOOSTER** dropped a pair of games at its season-opening Nan Nichols Classic, falling to Alma, 72-59, and Notre Dame (OH), 70-68. Junior forward **Carly Loehrke (Kalamazoo, MI/Mattawan)** was voted to the all-tournament team after she scored a team-high 25 points in the two games, as well as grabbing 11 rebounds, passing out eight assists, including a career-high seven against Alma, blocking three shots, and making three steals.

SHEFFIELD, JEWETT NAMED NCAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

CLEVELAND -- Denison's **Kristen Sheffield (Dublin, OH/Scioto)** and Earlham's **Markous Jewett (Richmond, IN/Richmond)** have been named women's and men's basketball "Players of the Week" in the North Coast Athletic Conference.

Sheffield, a 6-0, junior forward, was named the Emory & Henry tournament MVP after she scored 43 points, grabbed 16 rebounds and blocked eight shots to lead the Big Red to a 2-0 season-opening record.

Jewett, a 6-6, junior forward, was named to the all-tournament team at the Equinox Classic in Philadelphia. He poured in 42 points over the two games, including 25 against Haverford, to lead the Quakers to a 2-0 season-opening record. He also snagged nine boards, eight against Haverford.



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CLEVELAND -- North Coast Conference teams have a week and a half to prepare for their first conference games of the season. The NCAC schedule tips off Wednesday, Nov. 30, when defending NCAC champion Wooster (2-0) travels to Denison (1-1). The schedule continues with a full slate of league games on Saturday, Dec. 3. Nine of 10 schools began their preparation with two games this past weekend, mainly in season-opening tournaments.

ALLEGHENY opened their 2005-06 campaign with a pair of wins at its own West Penn Classic, beating Grove City, 73-64, and Washington & Jefferson, 78-77. Senior forward **Matt Majzlik (Monaca, PA/Hopewell)** averaged 24.5 points over the two games, including a career-high (tie) 29 points off 11-of-17 shooting against W&J. He recorded his 1,000th career point in the game, off a game-clinching free throw with 27 seconds left in the contest. He also averaged six rebounds, while hitting 20-of-30 (.667) shots and 8-of-11 free throws (.727). Sophomore forward **Ben Torsney (Morgantown, WV/Morgantown)** averaged 13.5 points, freshman forward **Ryan Hollihan (Saxonburg, Knoch)** pulled down a team-high six and one-half rebounds, while averaging nine and one-half points and sophomore guard **Bill Babe (Pittsburgh, PA/Mt. Lebanon)** dished out 11 assists ... **DENISON** opened with a 73-57 loss to Rose-Hulman in the Midway Classic, hosted by the University of Chicago, but bounced back with a 74-71 win over Colby (ME). Junior **Dan Hodgkinson (Lake Forest, IL/Lake Forest)** scored 18 points off 6-for-10 shooting to lead the Big Red to their victory. For the weekend, he averaged 16 points and six boards. Senior **Robb Hern (Madeira, OH/Madeira)** led Denison with 16.5 points per game and 8.5 rebounds per game ... **EARLHAM** swept a pair of games at the Equinox Classic in Philadelphia, beating Swarthmore, 85-65, and Haverford, 68-54. Junior forward **Markous Jewett (Richmond, IN/Richmond)** and senior forward **Brandon Miller (Richmond, IN/Richmond)** both earned a place on the all-tournament team. Jewett poured in 42 points over the two games, including 25 against Haverford. He also snagged nine boards. Miller scored 23 points and collected 18 rebounds ... **HIRAM** was idle last week. The Terriers open at LaRoche on Wednesday ... **KENYON** split its opening weekend. The Lords fell to Lake Erie 69-46 then rebounded with a 92-90 decision over Thiel at the Capital Classic. Senior **Matt Formato (Downers Grove, IL/Downers Grove North)** had 23 points and eight rebounds in the thrilling win over Thiel, giving him a total of 29 points and 16 rebounds in the two-game classic ... Junior **Quinton Spencer (Chicago, IL/Brother Rice)** scored 27 points in two games to lead **OBERLIN** at the Vassar Tournament. The Yeomen fell, 80-60, to Elms and 66-54 to St. Joseph of Maine ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** joined Earlham at the Equinox Classic in Philadelphia. The Battling Bishops split their two games, with a 78-66 loss to Haverford and a 91-68 win over Swarthmore. Junior post **Ben Chojnacki (Medina, OH/Medina)** paced OWU with 36 points and 19 rebounds. Senior guard **Ross Rybarczyk (Oberlin, OH/Elyria Catholic)** dished seven assists in the two games ... **WABASH** hosted its own Little Giant Tipoff Classic to open the season. The Little Giants defeated Alma, 73-54 in game one, then fell to top-ranked Illinois Wesleyan, 79-67, in game two. Senior guard **Kyle Medeiros (Indianapolis, IN/Ben Davis)** and sophomore forward **Andrew Zimmer (Hobart, IN/Hobart)** earned all-tournament honors. Medeiros scored eight points against Alma before knocking in 17 first-half points against Illinois Wesleyan and leading Wabash to a one-point halftime lead over the nations top-ranked team. Zimmer added 10 points in the win over Alma, then tossed in another ten-point effort against the Titans in the title game ... **WITTENBERG** won the Rochester Chuck Resler Invitational with wins over Tufts, 69-55, and Rochester, 52-50. Senior wing **Kenny Brady (Reading, OH/Reading)** was named tournament MVP after finishing with game-high of 21 points and seven rebounds in the semifinals and nine points and four rebounds in the championship game. He was joined by senior post **Daniel Russ (Louisville, KY/Trinity)** on the all-tourney squad. Russ had six points and four boards in the opener and contributed a game-high 13 points, including the first seven of the game for either team, and five boards against Rochester ... **WOOSTER** head coach **Steve Moore** won his 500th career game when the Fighting Scots opened their 2005-06 campaign with an 84-66 decision over Kalamazoo in the Al Van Wie/Rotary Classic. Wooster also defeated Wisconsin-Stout, 92-80, in the classic. Moore becomes the Scots' all-time leader in coaching victories (414-99), surpassing "Mose" Hole (412-181 from 1927-58). Moore's overall record currently stands at 501-164 (.753). Senior forward **Tom Port (Avon Lake, OH/Avon Lake)** earned tournament MVP honors after combining for 41 points, highlighted by a career-high 29 points against Wisconsin-Stout in the championship. In that game, Port made eight three-pointers, the second-most by an individual in team history. He also totalled eight rebounds and five assists on the weekend.

2005-06 North Coast Athletic Conference Women's Basketball Standings (through games of Nov. 20 - All games)

STANDINGS	CONFERENCE				OVERALL			
	W-L	Pct	PF	PA	W-L	Pct	PF	PA
Denison.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	2-0	1.000	74.0	62.0
Wittenberg.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	2-0	1.000	66.5	60.5
Kenyon.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	2-0	1.000	56.5	42.5
Hiram.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0
Allegheny.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	1-1	.500	62.5	61.5
Earlham.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	0-2	.000	63.5	68.0
Wooster.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	0-2	.000	63.5	71.0
Oberlin.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	0-2	.000	47.0	62.0
Ohio Wesleyan.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	0-2	.000	46.5	68.5

Upcoming Women's Basketball

Tuesday, November 22

Bethany at Kenyon, 7:00
 Denison at Thiel, 7:00
 Earlham at St. Joseph's, 7:00
 Oberlin at Bluffton, 6:00
 Ohio Wesleyan at Case, 6:00
 Washington & Jefferson at Allegheny, 7:00
 Wittenberg at Baldwin-Wallace, 7:00

Saturday, November 26

Allegheny at Mount Union, 4:00
 Denison at Washington Tournament
 Earlham at Mt. St. Joseph, 2:00
 Hiram at Manchester, 7:00
 Kenyon vs. Carleton, 3:00
 Ohio Wesleyan at Marietta Tournament
 Wittenberg at Capital, 3:00
 Wooster at Ursuline Tournament

Sunday, November 27

Denison at Washington Tournament
 Kenyon at North Park, 1:00
 Ohio Wesleyan at Marietta Tournament
 Wooster at Ursuline Tournament

Wednesday, November 30

Allegheny at Bethany, 7:00
 Franklin at Earlham, 6:00
 Grove City at Denison, 6:00
 Hiram at Chatham, 7:00
 Kenyon at Mt. St. Joseph, 7:30
 Marysgrove at Oberlin, 6:00
 Wittenberg at Wilmington, 7:00

Saturday, December 3

Allegheny at Kenyon, 2:00
 Oberlin at Wittenberg, 1:00

Sunday, Nov. 20

Notre Dame (OH) 70, WOOSTER 68
 St. Norbert 64, OHIO WESLEYAN 42
 Whittier 53, OBERLIN 45

Saturday, Nov. 19

ALLEGHENY 63, Thiel 60
 Alma 72, WOOSTER 59
 Babson 71, OBERLIN 49
 DENISON 77, Emory & Henry 66
 KENYON 65, Centre 51
 Tr-State 73, EARLHAM 68
 Whitman 73, OHIO WESLEYAN 51
 WITTENBERG 65, Virginia Wesleyan 55

Friday, Nov. 18

Anderson 63, EARLHAM 59
 DENISON 71, Lynchburg 58
 KENYON 48, Marian 34
 Waynesburg 63, ALLEGHENY 62
 WITTENBERG 68, Ozarks 66

Saturday, December 3, continued

Ohio Wesleyan at Hiram, 1:00
 Wooster at Earlham, 3:00
 Denison at Bluffton, 3:00

Tuesday, December 6

Allegheny at Westminster, 7:00
 Ohio Wesleyan at Anderson, 7:30
 Ursuline at Oberlin, 7:00

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	W-L	Pct	PF	PA	W-L	Pct	PF	PA
Wooster.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	2-0	1.000	87.0	74.0
Earlham.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	2-0	1.000	76.5	59.5
Wittenberg.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	2-0	1.000	60.5	52.5
Hiram.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0
Allegheny.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	1-1	.500	75.5	70.5
Denison.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	1-1	.500	65.5	72.0
Ohio Wesleyan.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	1-1	.500	78.5	73.0
Wabash.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	1-1	.500	70.0	66.5
Kenyon.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	1-1	.500	69.0	79.5
Oberlin.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	0-2	.000	57.0	73.0

Upcoming Men's Basketball

Monday, November 21

Wabash at Hanover, 7:30

Tuesday, November 22

Baldwin-Wallace at Oberlin, 7:30
 Capital at Wittenberg, 7:30
 Earlham at Bluffton, 8:00
 Kenyon at Wright St., 7:05

Wednesday, November 23

Hiram at LaRoche, 7:30

Friday, November 25

Wabash at Colorado College Classic

Saturday, November 26

Allegheny Nat'l City Classic, 6/8:00
 Denison vs. Muskingum, 2:00
 Kenyon at Marietta, 3:00
 Oberlin at Carnegie Mellon Tourney
 Ohio Wesleyan at Hanover Invitational

Saturday, November 26, continued

Wabash at Colorado College Classic
 Wooster at Emory & Henry Invitational

Sunday, November 27

Allegheny Nat'l City Classic, 1/3:00
 Denison vs. Marietta, 4:00
 Muskingum at Kenyon, 4:00
 Oberlin at Carnegie Mellon Tourney
 Ohio Wesleyan at Hanover Invitational
 Wittenberg at Transylvania, 3:00
 Wooster at Emory & Henry Invitational

Wednesday, November 30

Wooster at Denison, 8:00
 Alfred at Allegheny, 7:00
 Capital at Ohio Wesleyan, 7:30
 Defiance at Oberlin, 8:00
 DePauw at Wabash, 7:30
 Hiram at Case, 7:30

Sunday, Nov. 20

DENISON 74, Colby 71

Saturday, Nov. 19

ALLEGHENY 78, Washington & Jefferson 77
 EARLHAM 68, Haverford 54
 Illinois Wesleyan 79, WABASH 67
 KENYON 92, Thiel 90
 OHIO WESLEYAN 91, Swarthmore 68
 Rose-Hulman 73, DENISON 57
 St. Joseph (ME) 66, OBERLIN 54
 WITTENBERG 52, Rochester 50
 WOOSTER 90, Wisconsin-Stout 82

Friday, Nov. 18

ALLEGHENY 73, Grove City 64
 EARLHAM 85, Swarthmore 65
 Elms 80, OBERLIN 60
 Haverford 78, OHIO WESLEYAN 66
 Lake Erie 69, KENYON 46
 WABASH 73, Alma 54
 WITTENBERG 69, Tufts 55
 WOOSTER 84, Kalamazoo 66

Wednesday, November 30, continued

Mt. St. Joseph at Earlham, 8:00
 Wash. & Jefferson at Kenyon, 7:00

Saturday, December 3

Denison at Wittenberg, 3:00
 Kenyon at Allegheny, 3:00
 Oberlin at Wabash, 2:00
 Ohio Wesleyan at Hiram, 3:00
 Wooster at Earlham, 1:00



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NCAC Swimming Report

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Wittenberg defeated [HIRAM](#) in a dual meet in both men's and women's competition. In the men's meet, the Tigers took a 124-79 decision over the Terriers, while the Tiger women won, 129-100. Senior **Mike Trow (Chagrin Falls, OH/Chagrin Falls)** led the Hiram men with victories in the 100 breaststroke (1:19.17) and the 200 freestyle (1:59.52), while junior **Jon Weaver (North Lima, OH/South Range)** took the 400 freestyle (5:26.99) and was part of the first-place 200 freestyle relay. Senior **Beth Groselle (Hiram, OH/Crestwood)** led the Terrier women with three first-place finishes. She took the 200 free (2:12.20), 100 backstroke (1:07.67) and 100 breaststroke (1:16.25). Sophomore **Shelly Leshe (Palm City, FL/Martin County)** set a Hiram pool record in the 100 butterfly with a time of 1:06.96, and touched first in the 200 individual medley (2:31.10).

[KENYON's](#) men swam four dual meets last week and split the results. Friday night, split squads traveled to John Carroll and Ohio State at different venues, then came back together the next day to compete against Case and Grove City for a tri-meet. Senior **Andrejs Duda (Jelgava, Latvia/Jelgava No. 4)** won the 200 individual medley against Ohio State with an NCAA "B" qualifying time of 1:53.02, then won the 200 butterfly (1:56.22) and 200 backstroke (1:54.69) in the tri meet. The Lords defeated John Carroll (121-101) and Grove City (152-134) and lost to Ohio State (105-94) and Case (152-126) to move their dual meet record to 4-3 on the year. The Ladies also split to take on JCU and OSU Friday night, defeating the Blue Streaks (145-86) but losing to the Buckeyes (116-89). The next day, Kenyon knocked off Case, 195-91, to improve to 2-4 in dual meets in 2005. Senior **Jennie Miller (Duxbury, MA/Duxbury)** won the 200 IM with an NCAA "B" qualifying time of 2:09.99 against Ohio State, then had an NCAA automatic qualifying time in the 200 breaststroke (2:21.90). Against the Spartans, sophomore **Natalie Jones (Edison, NJ/Rutgers Prep)** won the 100 freestyle (56.92) and the 100 butterfly (1:01.20).

[OBERLIN's](#) women defeated Case, then lost to Baldwin-Wallace, Cleveland State and Gannon last week. The Yeomen lost to all four opponents.

[OHIO WESLEYAN](#) travelled to the Washington (MO) Invitations!. The women finished third of six teams, while the men finished sixth. Junior **Whitney Snow (West Chester, Lakota East)** paced the women with a first-place finish in the 1650 free (18:44.56). She was also part of the second-place 400 free relay, along with seniors **Rachel Kaufman (Lima, OH/Senior)**, **Jean Chadderdon (Weston, CT/Weston)**, and sophomore **Rachel Ryan (Kinnelon, NJ/Kinnelon)** and the 200 free relay, with Ryan, junior **Jackie Chapple (Medina, OH/Hawken School)**, and Kaufman. Ryan was second in the 50 free, while Kaufman was second in the 100 back.

[WABASH](#) finished fourth of seven teams at its own Wabash Invitational. Freshman diver **Rob Fengolio (Highland, IN/Highland)** won the 1-meter diving with 171.20 points, and was fourth on the three-meter (187.80). Sophomore **Michael Belanger (Crawfordsville, IN/Crawfordsville)** placed in the top six in three events and was the lead leg of the Little Giants' second place 800 freestyle relay.

Junior **Cody Nicely (Knoxville, TN/Bearden)** again led [WITTENBERG](#) with victories in both diving events against Hiram and against Wilmington. The Tiger men are 4-3 in dual meets this season. The Tiger women upped their team record to 4-0 with victories over Hiram and Wilmington. Sophomore **Courtney Roth (Gurnee, IL/Lake Forest)** remained unbeaten in diving as well, taking both diving competitions in both meets.

[WOOSTER](#) lost to Westminster in both men's and women's competition. Senior **Kim Chambers (South Yarmouth, MA/Acton Boxboro)** won three events to pace the Scots. She touched first in the 200 free (1:58.40), the 100 fly (1:01.44) and the 500 free (5:23.39).



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CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

The Allegheny men and Denison women each finished 24th at the NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships, hosted by Ohio Wesleyan on Nov. 19. Wooster junior **Katie Wieferich (Marietta, OH/Marietta)**, who covered the six-kilometer course in a time of 23:18.6, was the top North Coast runner in the women's race in 54th place-----. She entered the meet with an injury and had spent the week on crutches. Denison junior **Elaine Binkley (Columbus, OH/Bishop Watterson)** led all Big Red runners with a time of 24:20.2, which placed her 84th overall. Allegheny junior **Scarlett Graham (Farmington, Uniontown)** and Oberlin sophomore **Alison Donniger (Atherton, CA/Menlo Atherton)** covered the course in 23:48. The Geneseo State women placed three runners among the top 20 team scorers and five in the top 30 team scorers to defeat defending champion Williams for the team title by a score of 87-107.

Allegheny senior **Chris Carrier (Lyndhurst, OH/Charles F. Brush)** paced the Gators with a time of 27:17.4 in the men's race, which placed him 72nd. The Wisconsin-LaCrosse men placed two runners among the top 10 team scorers and five in the top 30 team scorers to defeat two-time defending champion Calvin by a score of 94-117.

FOOTBALL REPORT

Wabash (11-0) will host Capital (9-2) in the second round of the 2005 NCAA Division III playoffs on Saturday. Kickoff is set for 12:00 p.m. The two teams will square off for the first time. The Little Giants advanced courtesy of a 38-20 win over Albion in Crawfordsville last week. Senior quarterback **Russ Harbaugh (Evansville, IN/Bosse)** was 34-39 for 360 yards and three touchdowns in the victory. He broke the school single-season mark for completions, set by **Jake Knott** in 2003, with his 252nd of the year. Harbaugh also became the first Wabash QB to throw for 3,000 yards in a season. He has now thrown for 3,324 yards, breaking the NCAC single-season passing yardage record set by Denison's **Greg Neuendorf** (3,306 in 2001). Harbaugh is 18 completions away from breaking Neuendorf's completion record of 271 in 2000. Sophomore **Adrian Pynenberg (Montgomery, IL/Oswego Community)** added two more tackles for losses to his career totals, giving him 31 for his career and moving him onto fourth on the Wabash career list. He finished with five total tackles and one quarterback hurry against Albion. Sophomore **Thomas Bell (Dallas, TX/Hebron)** corralled his first career interception, one of two picks for the Little Giants. Junior **Billy King (Peoria, AZ/Peoria)** added his fourth pick of the season. Capital, who compiled a 9-2 record and was an at-large pick from the Ohio Athletic Conference, advanced to the second round after a 21-19 win over North Central (IL) last week.

WOMEN'S SOCCER REPORT

North Coast Athletic Conference champion Denison (16-4-4) fell to the College of New Jersey, 2-1, in the sectional championship of the NCAA Division III Tournament. The march to the "Elite Eight" was the deepest ever run in the NCAA Tourney for the Big Red, who made their ninth NCAA Tournament appearance. They had advanced to the sectional final after battling Otterbein to a 0-0 decision in the semifinal. Denison edged past the Cardinals with a 4-3 advantage in penalty kicks. The NCAC has had at least one team in the NCAA Tournament field in 12 of the past 15 seasons, highlighted by a three-team contingent (Denison, Ohio Wesleyan and Wooster) in 1992.

VOLLEYBALL REPORT

North Coast Athletic Conference tournament champion Wittenberg (34-5) lost a heartbreaker to defending national champion Juniata, 3-2, in the semifinal round of the NCAA Division III Tournament. The Tigers led 14-10 in Game 5 but Juniata reeled off six straight points - all on kills - to pull off a most improbable rally. The loss came a night after the Tigers won an NCAA quarterfinal match for the first time in three tries the last four years: a 3-2 win over New York University. The Tigers, who had an 18-match win streak snapped against Juniata, made plenty of history. Wittenberg was just the third Ohio-based NCAA Division III institution to reach the national semifinal round, joining Ohio Northern in 1989 and Muskingum in 1999. The volleyball team became the first Wittenberg women's athletic program to reach the national semifinal round in school history, and it was the university's first appearance in the national semifinal round in any sport since the men's basketball team finished third in 1994. Senior **Emily Dixon (Granville, Ohio/Granville)** had a career-high (and 2005 NCAA Division III Tournament high) 14 blocks in the win over NYU. Dixon added 10 blocks, which matched her previous career high, in the loss to Juniata. Sophomore outside hitters **Jan Kehres (Alliance, Ohio/Alliance)** and **Emily Bell (Fort Wayne, Ind./Concordia Lutheran)** both finished with double-doubles in kills and digs in both matches. The Tigers are now 13-11 in their national tournament appearances. The NCAC has had at least one team in the NCAA Tournament field in 16 of the past 21 seasons.