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NCAC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK (Feb. 18)

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Wooster senior **Tom Port (Avon Lake, OH/Avon Lake)**, a 6-5 forward, totaled 43 points, on 16-of-23 shooting, and six assists, three blocks and three steals in victories over Kenyon (87-62) and Ohio Wesleyan (95-89). He led the Scots to their third straight regular season title. Port, who enters the tournament with 1,650 career points, had his fifth double-double of the season with 21 points and 14 rebounds against Ohio Wesleyan.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Wooster senior **Carly Loehrke (Kalamazoo, MI/Mattawan)**, a 6-0 post, totaled 33 points on 13-of-18 shooting (.722) in two games as the Scots went 1-1 on the week, and claimed the sixth seed. She also totaled 17 rebounds, four assists and two blocked shots. Wooster posted its first winning season since 1992-93. Loehrke posted a double-double with 19 points and 12 boards in a 63-56 loss to OWU, then led the Scots past Wittenberg (70-56), for the first time since 1997-98, with 14 points.

MEN'S INDOOR TRACK - DISTANCE/MIDDLE DISTANCE RUNNER

Denison sophomore **Lex Hultquist (Knoxville, TN/Webb School)** won the mile run in 4:18.37 and the 1000 meters in 2:35.94 at the Greater Columbus meet, held at Kenyon Feb. 17.

WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK - DISTANCE/MIDDLE DISTANCE RUNNER

Ohio Wesleyan freshman **Sarah Shinn (Edinboro, PA/General McLane)** ran a time of 2:16.21 in the 800 meters at the Kent Tune-up on Feb. 16.

MEN'S INDOOR TRACK - SPRINTS/HURDLES

Allegheny sophomore **Josh Brannan (Latrobe, PA/Greater Latrobe)** placed 19th in the 200 meters at the Kent State Tune-Up meet on Feb. 16. He set a school record in the event with a 22.76 clocking.

WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK - SPRINTS/HURDLES

Wooster freshman **KateLynn Riley (Westlake, OH/Westlake)** placed fifth in the 55-meter hurdles at the Greater Cleveland Colleges Championships on Feb. 16. She crossed the line in 9.23 seconds.

MEN'S INDOOR TRACK - FIELD EVENTS

Allegheny sophomore **Joe McMahon (Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin)** placed fourth in the triple jump with a leap of 44 feet, 11.5 inches at the Kent State Tune-up. He also sailed 21 feet, 2.5 inches in the long jump.

WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK - FIELD EVENTS

Denison freshman **Mary Hammeren (Olmsted Falls, OH/Olmsted Falls)** won the pole vault at the Greater Columbus meet. She cleared 9 feet, 6 inches.



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NCAC Men's Basketball Report

**For Immediate Release
February 18, 2007**

**WOOSTER CLAIMS THIRD STRAIGHT NCAC CHAMPIONSHIP;
FIGHTING SCOTS EARN TOP SEED IN NCAC TOURNAMENT**

The Wooster Fighting Scots (15-1, 22-3) captured their third consecutive, and 10th overall, North Coast Athletic Conference men's basketball championship. Wooster has now claimed eight outright regular season crowns. The Scots shared the championship with Wittenberg in the 1991-92 season and with Allegheny in '88-89. The Scots closed out their 2006-07 regular season campaign with a pair of wins, clinching at least a share of the conference title with an 87-62 win over Kenyon (6-10, 10-15) last Thursday. Wooster then ended its regular season, and claimed possession of the title, with a 95-89 win over third-place Ohio Wesleyan (10-6, 16-9).

Wooster, ranked fourth in the latest D3hoops.com poll (Feb. 11), will be the top seed in the 23rd annual NCAC Men's Basketball Tournament. Tourney play begins with quarterfinal games at campus sites on Tuesday. Tournament seeding follows the final regular-season standings with the top four seeds hosting the quarterfinals. The Scots host the eighth seed, Earlham (6-10, 8-17). Second seed Wittenberg (13-3, 21-4) hosts seventh seed Hiram (7-18, 6-10); Third-seeded Ohio Wesleyan hosts sixth-seeded Kenyon and fourth-seeded Allegheny (8-8, 12-12) hosts fifth-seeded Wabash (7-9, 10-15) [See attached bracket for pairings and game times].

Tuesday's winners will advance to the semifinals and championship on Friday and Saturday at the site of the highest remaining seed after the quarterfinals. Semifinal games will be held at 5:30 and 7:45 with the high seed playing in the later time slot. The championship game is set for 7:00 p.m. This year's champion will again receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament, which begins in two weeks.

TOURNEY TALK: Wooster, which last won the tournament in 2004, leads the way with nine men's tournament titles. Only four of those wins (1995, '99, '00, and '03) came as a #1 seed. The Fighting Scots entered both the 2005 and '06 tourneys as the top seed, and fell in the final round to Wittenberg both years. Wittenberg has six tourney titles. The Fighting Scots and Tigers have combined to win every tournament since the 1999 event. Allegheny and Ohio Wesleyan (3 each) and Kenyon (1) round out the list of past men's tournament champions ... Wooster has appeared in the finals 15 times, while Wittenberg has made 12 championship game appearances, followed by Allegheny (8), Ohio Wesleyan (5), Kenyon (3) and Wabash (1) ... Hiram is making its fourth tournament appearance, and first since the 2002-03 season. The Terriers highest seed was sixth, their first season of NCAC play - 1999-00. Hiram has yet to advance past the quarterfinal round ... Wabash will be making its eighth tournament appearance in as many years. The Little Giants joined the conference eight years ago. Wabash advanced through the 2000 tournament, their first season in the NCAC, defeating both Ohio Wesleyan and Wittenberg before falling in the championship game to Wooster. The Little Giants have fallen in the semifinals in five of the last six years ... Earlham has advanced beyond the quarterfinals four times, including last season (2000, '01, '05, 2006) ... Wittenberg moved ahead of Wooster after the 2006 event and now leads all men's teams with an overall .761 winning percentage in NCAC Tournament games (35-11). The Scots follow at .759 (41-13). Allegheny has a 22-18 tourney record (.550). Ohio Wesleyan is 18-20 (.474); Wabash is 6-7 (.462) ... Last winter Ohio Wesleyan established a new tournament mark with 17 three-pointers in the Battling Bishops' 106-67 quarterfinal win over Allegheny (2/21/06) ... How quarterfinal teams fared against each other this season: The top four seeds (in order), Wooster, Wittenberg, Ohio Wesleyan and Allegheny swept their first-round opponents during the regular season. The Scots and Tigers took two games from Earlham and Hiram, respectively, while the Bishops and Gators each won their only meetings against Kenyon and Wabash, respectively.

HOOPS NOTES: ALLEGHENY enters the NCAC tournament on a four-game win streak. Last week, the Gators wrapped up the regular season with a 79-66 defeat of Hiram, and a 62-57 defeat of second-seeded Wittenberg. It is the Gators' longest win streak since the 2002-03 team won seven in a row en route to the NCAC tournament championship game. The team has won 12 games for the first time since that season - head coach **Rob Clune's** first at the helm. **George Raftis (Pittsburgh, PA/Sewickley Academy)** led the Gators' last week with an average of 12.0 points and 6.0 rebounds in the two games. He hit 10-of-17 shots from the field, and scored a career-high 21 points on 10-of-12 shooting against Hiram. Three Gators averaged double figures in scoring last week, and three others averaged 8.0

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Upcoming Men's Basketball

Tuesday, February 20
NCAC TOURNAMENT QUARTERFINALS
#8 Earlham at #1 Wooster, 7:30 p.m.
#7 Hiram at # 2 Wittenberg, 7:45 p.m.
#6 Kenyon at #3 Ohio Wesleyan, 7:30 p.m.
#5 Wabash at #4 Allegheny, 7:45 p.m.

Friday, February 23
NCAC TOURNAMENT SEMIFINALS
5:30/7:45 (host shall play later slot)
at highest remaining seed after quarterfinals*

Saturday, February 24
NCAC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP
7:00 at semifinal site

(*one site for both games)



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NCAC Women's Basketball Report

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**DENISON CAPS FIRST NCAC CHAMPIONSHIP RUN WITH PAIR OF WINS;
BIG RED EARN TOP SEED IN NCAC TOURNAMENT**

The Denison Big Red (15-1, 21-4) captured their first North Coast Athletic Conference women's basketball championship. The Big Red clinched the title two weeks ago and closed out their 2006-07 regular season campaign with a pair of wins last week, topping Oberlin, 72-50, and Ohio Wesleyan, 66-56. Wittenberg leads the way with 11 overall NCAC championships, followed by Allegheny with six and Ohio Wesleyan with five. Kenyon and Wooster have each claimed two titles.

Denison will be the top seed in the 23rd annual NCAC Women's Basketball Tournament. Tourney play begins with quarterfinal games at campus sites on Tuesday. Tournament seeding follows the final regular-season standings with the top four seeds hosting the quarterfinals. The Big Red host the eighth seed, Oberlin (3-313, 7-18). Second seed Wittenberg (11-5, 14-10) hosts seventh seed Earlham (3-13, 4-21); Third-seeded Allegheny hosts sixth-seeded Wooster (9-7, 14-11) and fourth-seeded Kenyon (10-6, 13-12) hosts fifth-seeded Ohio Wesleyan (9-7, 14-11) [*See attached bracket for pairings and game times*].

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TOURNEY TALK: Allegheny (5) and Wittenberg (7) have combined to win 12 of 22 women's tournament titles. Ohio Wesleyan has four tourney titles; Denison has earned three crowns. Kenyon has two titles, while Wooster has one ... Denison, which enters the NCAC Tournament as the top seed for the first time, has won the past two tournament titles. The Big Red entered 2005 tournament as the second seed, and as the third seed in 2006. Last years' championship game featured the third and fourth (Kenyon) seeds after they turned in upset wins in the semifinal round ... Ohio Wesleyan and Wittenberg have each made 12 trips to the finals. Allegheny has been to the finals six times, winning a championship in all but one try. Kenyon has made five championship game appearances, while Denison and Wooster have each made four, followed by Earlham (1) ... Oberlin returns to the tourney field after failing to make the cut last winter. The Yeowomen, making their 21st overall appearance, have advanced past the quarterfinal round three times in their history ... Earlham gained its second straight tournament berth, and 22nd overall. The Quakers have advanced past the quarterfinals six times, including their run to the championship game in 2001. Earlham fell in the final to Ohio Wesleyan, 87-76 ... Wittenberg leads the way with a .777 overall winning percentage in NCAC Tournament games (35-10). Ohio Wesleyan has gone 35-18 in the tourney (.660), followed by Allegheny at 21-17 (.553). Kenyon (20-20, .500) and Denison (16-18, .471) are the next closest teams ... Denison set the tournament mark for blocked shots with 21 in their three contests last winter. Individually, **Kristen Sheffield (Dublin, OH/Scioto)** established a tourney record with 13 blocks over the three games. Ohio Wesleyan connected on 10 three-pointers in its 58-66 quarterfinal loss to Kenyon last winter. The Ladies also hit 10 treys in their 68-54 championship loss against Denison. Both efforts tie the single-game mark set by Wittenberg against Allegheny in 2003 and Kenyon against Hiram in 2005 ... How quarterfinal teams fared against each other this season: Three of the top four seeds, #1 Denison, #2 Wittenberg and #4 Kenyon swept their first-round opponents during the regular season. The Big Red, Tigers and Ladies took two games from Oberlin, Earlham and Ohio Wesleyan, respectively. #3 Allegheny and #6 Wooster split a pair of games, with each team winning on the road. The Fighting Scots edged the Gators, in Meadville, 77-71, in overtime, while Allegheny took a 64-55 decision in Wooster.

HOOPS NOTES: **ALLEGHENY**, the third seed in the upcoming tournament, won its only game last week, a 81-50 defeat of Hiram, after scoring 19 of the first 22 points of the game. **Rosina Walton (Ingomar, PA/North Allegheny)** scored a career-best 15 points one game after scoring a career-high 10 against Denison. Walton hit 6 of 9 shots in the game against the Terriers, and went 3 for 3 from the line. She also pulled in three rebounds and two steals ... **DENISON** senior **Kristen Sheffield (Dublin, OH/Scioto)** scored 27 points, grabbed

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Upcoming Women's Basketball

Tuesday, February 20

NCAC TOURNAMENT QUARTERFINALS

#8 Oberlin at #1 Denison, 7:30 p.m.

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at highest remaining seed after quarterfinals*

(*one site for both games)

Saturday, February 24

NCAC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP

7:00 at semifinal site

NCAC Men's Basketball Report, continued

or more ... **DENISON** won twice last week, but still fell short of reaching the NCAC tournament. The Big Red wrapped up the 2006-07 season with a 74-73 overtime win over Earlham and a 79-74 defeat of Hiram. Senior **Dan Hodgkinson (Lake Forest, IL/Lake Forest)** wrapped up his stellar career with 28 points and eight boards against Earlham, then had 25 points and 15 rebounds against the Terriers. He leaves Denison as the all-time leader in points (1,908) and has 708 career rebounds. **Dan Izzo (St. Charles, IL/East)** closed out a fine career with a double-double against Earlham (19 points/12 rebounds), then contributed another 13 points and five boards against Hiram. Junior **Chris Eberst (Delaware, OH/Hayes)** came off the bench to hit five three pointers for 15 points in just 12 minutes of action ... **EARLHAM** lost twice last week to finish the season tied for sixth place in the regular season standings. The Quakers earned the eighth seed in the conference tournament. The Quakers lost 74-73 in overtime to Denison, then 79-76 to Oberlin in the final week. Sophomore **Tristian Gregory (Evansville, IN/Harrison)** scored a career-high 28 points against the Big Red. Senior **Markous Jewett (Richmond, IN/Richmond)** contributed 29 points and eight rebounds against the Yeomen. Jewett finished the week with 40 points and now has 1,529 in his career ... **HIRAM** also lost twice in the final week to finish in a tie for sixth. The Terriers enter the tournament as the seventh seed. Junior **Mike McDevitt (Lisbon, OH/David Anderson)** totaled 40 points and 11 rebounds in losses to Allegheny (79-66) and Denison (79-74) ... Despite dropping decisions to Wooster (87-62) and Wabash (77-74), **KENYON** maintained its hold on the sixth seed in the tournament. Sophomore forward **Bryan Yelvington (Arlington Hts., IL/John Hersey)** had a big week with 16 points and five rebounds against the Scots, and 22 points and 12 boards against the Little Giants ... Despite finishing out of the field for the upcoming tournament **OBERLIN** finished the season on a high note. The Yeomen defeated Earlham, 79-76, to finish 5-20. Sophomore forward **Mike Loll (Davison, MI/Davison)** had a big week with 32 points, 17 rebounds and three blocks. All but one player, leading scorer and team captain **Quinton Spencer (Chicago, IL/Brother Rice)** will return for the Yeomen next season ... Junior post **Dustin Rudegear (Yellow Springs, OH/Yellow Springs)** finished with 20 points on 9-for-12 shooting to lead **OHIO WESLEYAN** past Oberlin, 96-59. Rudegear was also the Bishops' high scorer in a 95-89 loss to Wooster when he poured in another 20. Against the Scots, OWU pulled to an 87-87 tie with less than five minutes to play but Wooster hit eight of their final nine free throws to steal the victory ... **WABASH** went 1-1 in the final week of the season to claim fifth place in the standings. Junior forward **Andrew Zimmer (Hobart, IN/Hobart)** scored 34 points in a 77-74 defeat of Kenyon, then added another 19 in an 82-59 loss to Wittenberg. In his past six games, Zimmer is averaging 22.3 points per game, and he hit 19 of 24 free throws in the past two. Senior **Ryan Stephens (Zionsville, IN/Zionsville)** tied his career-best mark with three blocks in his final home game, and grabbed seven rebounds and three assists to go with four points ... **WITTENBERG** senior post **Dane Borchers (Russia, OH/Russia)** posted back-to-back double-doubles to lead the Tigers to a 1-1 week. He scored 19 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in an 82-59 win over Wabash and followed with 22 points and 11 boards in a 62-57 loss to Allegheny ... **WOOSTER** sealed its third straight regular season crown with victories over Kenyon (87-62) and Ohio Wesleyan (95-89) last week. Senior forward **Tom Port (Avon Lake, OH/Avon Lake)** totaled 43 points, on 16-of-23 shooting, and six assists, three blocks and three steals in the two games. Port, who enters the tournament with 1,650 career points, had his fifth double-double of the season with 21 points and 14 rebounds against the Bishops.

NCAC Women's Basketball Report, continued

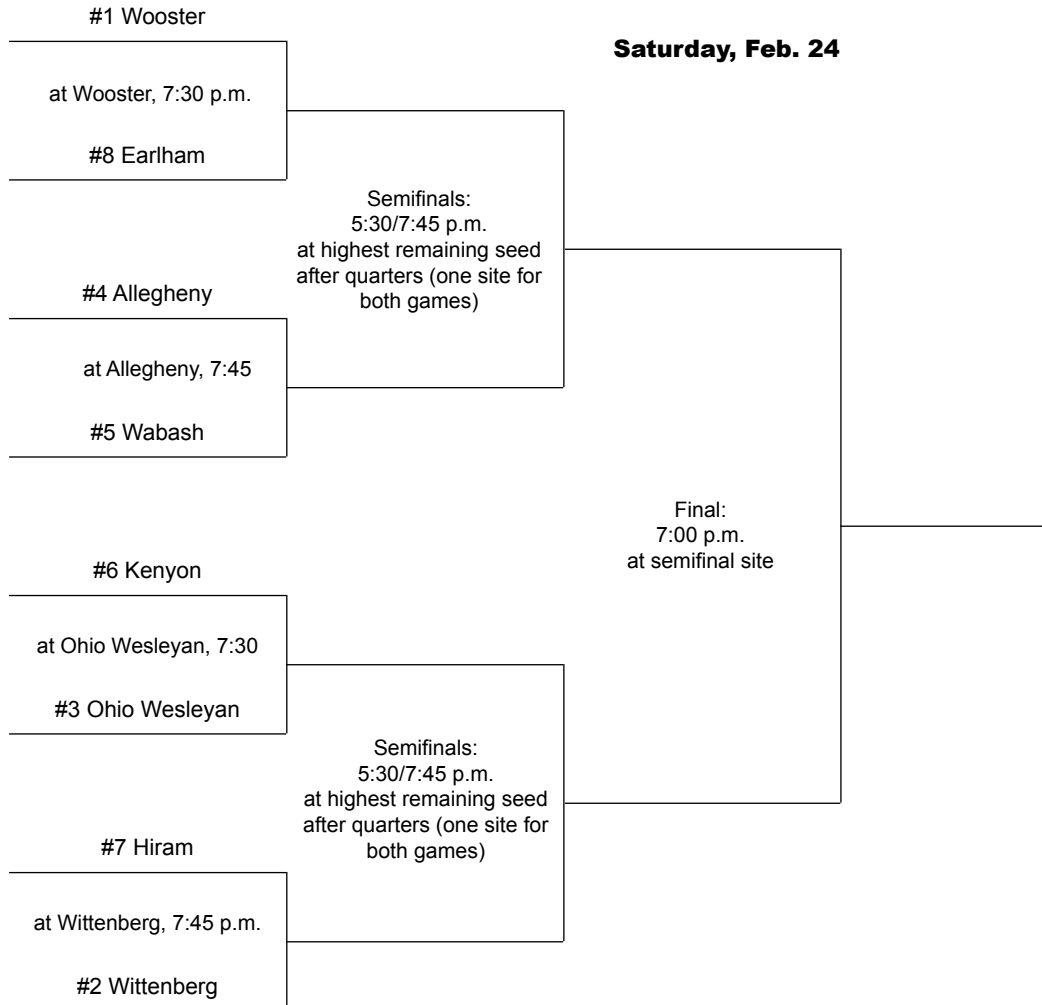
18 rebounds and seven blocks as the Big Red finished the regular season with victories over Oberlin (72-50) and Ohio Wesleyan (66-56). The Big Red finish the regular season with a school-record 21-4 mark and are the top seed in the tournament for the first time. The five seniors on the Denison squad have gone 39-6 at home in their careers, and have won 80 games overall ... Freshman **Shontavia Davis (Indianapolis, IN/Warren Central)** scored 20 points to lead **EARLHAM** in its regular season finale, a 69-63 loss to Oberlin. The Quakers are the seventh seed in the conference tournament ... **HIRAM** senior forward **Cassie Bedard (Randolph, OH/Waterloo)** finished her career with 20 points and 13 rebounds in the Terriers' 0-2 week. Hiram lost to Allegheny, 91-50, and Kenyon, 72-46, to finish the year with a 6-19 record and ninth place in the standings. Senior center **Tania Carman (University Hts., OH/Cleveland Hts.)** totaled 20 points and grabbed 14 boards in her final two career games ... **KENYON** went 1-1 last week but was still able to hold on to the fourth seed and a home game in the NCAC tournament quarterfinals. The Ladies lost to Wittenberg, 55-39, then defeated Hiram, 72-46, in the final week. Junior **Eva George (Lincoln, MA/Lincoln-Sudbury)** scored 13 points and grabbed five boards against the Tigers, then had 13 points and seven rebounds against Hiram ... **OBERLIN** also went 1-1 last week, dropping a 72-50 decision to their upcoming first-round opponent, Denison, then defeating Earlham by a 69-63 count. Guard **Alyssa Clark (Cleveland Hts., OH/Regina)** netted 25 points and collected 19 rebounds, six assists and three steals in the two games. Against Earlham, senior captain **Jessie Oram (New York, NY/Beacon)** had 17 points and 10 rebounds in her final career home game. In the second half of the game against the Quakers, the Yeowomen shot 72.2 percent from the floor (13-for-18) ... Fifth-seeded **OHIO WESLEYAN** defeated Wooster (63-56) and lost to Denison (66-56) in the final week. Junior wing **Steffi Graf (Poland, OH/Seminary)** scored a team-best 14 points in the victory, while sophomore post **Laurel Lawson (Navarre, OH/Fairless)** led the Bishops with 12 points in the loss to the Big Red ... **WITTENBERG** junior post **Katie Gregorevich (Northfield, OH/Walsh Jesuit)** rounded out her season with 11 points and 10 rebounds in a 55-49 win over Kenyon and 15 points and six boards in a 70-56 loss at Wooster. The win over Kenyon was #400 for head coach **Pam Smith**, who has compiled a 400-168 (.704) record in 20 seasons leading the Tigers. She became just the 21st active women's basketball coach at the NCAA Div. III level to win 400 career games. Since she assumed the helm, the seven-time NCAC Coach of the Year has guided the Tigers to twelve 20-win seasons, eight appearances in the NCAA Div. III Tournament and 11 NCAC regular season championships. The Tigers have posted 17 straight winning seasons, and they have never finished lower than third in an NCAC regular season since joining the league in 1989 ... **WOOSTER** split its final two games of the regular season as well, losing to the Bishops (63-56) then pulling off an impressive defeat of Wittenberg (70-56) in the regular season finale. The sixth-seeded Scots were led by senior post **Carly Loehrke (Kalamazoo, MI/Mattawan)**, who totaled 33 points on 13-of-18 shooting (.722) in two games. She also totaled 17 rebounds, four assists and two blocked shots. Loehrke posted a double-double with 19 points and 12 boards against OWU, then led the Scots past Wittenberg for the first time since 1997-98 with 14 points. Wooster posted its first winning season since 1992-93.

NCAC Men's Basketball Tournament

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Friday, Feb. 23

Saturday, Feb. 24



2006-07 NCAC MEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

STANDINGS	W-L	Pct	W-L	Pct
1. Wooster.....	15-1	.936	22-3	.880
2. Wittenberg.....	13-3	.813	21-4	.840
3. Ohio Wesleyan.....	10-6	.625	16-9	.640
4. Allegheny.....	8-8	.500	12-12	.500
5. Wabash.....	7-9	.438	10-15	.400
6. Kenyon.....	6-10	.375	10-15	.400
Hiram.....	6-10	.375	7-18	.280
Earlham.....	6-10	.375	8-17	.320
9. Denison.....	5-11	.313	6-18	.250
10. Oberlin.....	4-12	.250	5-20	.200

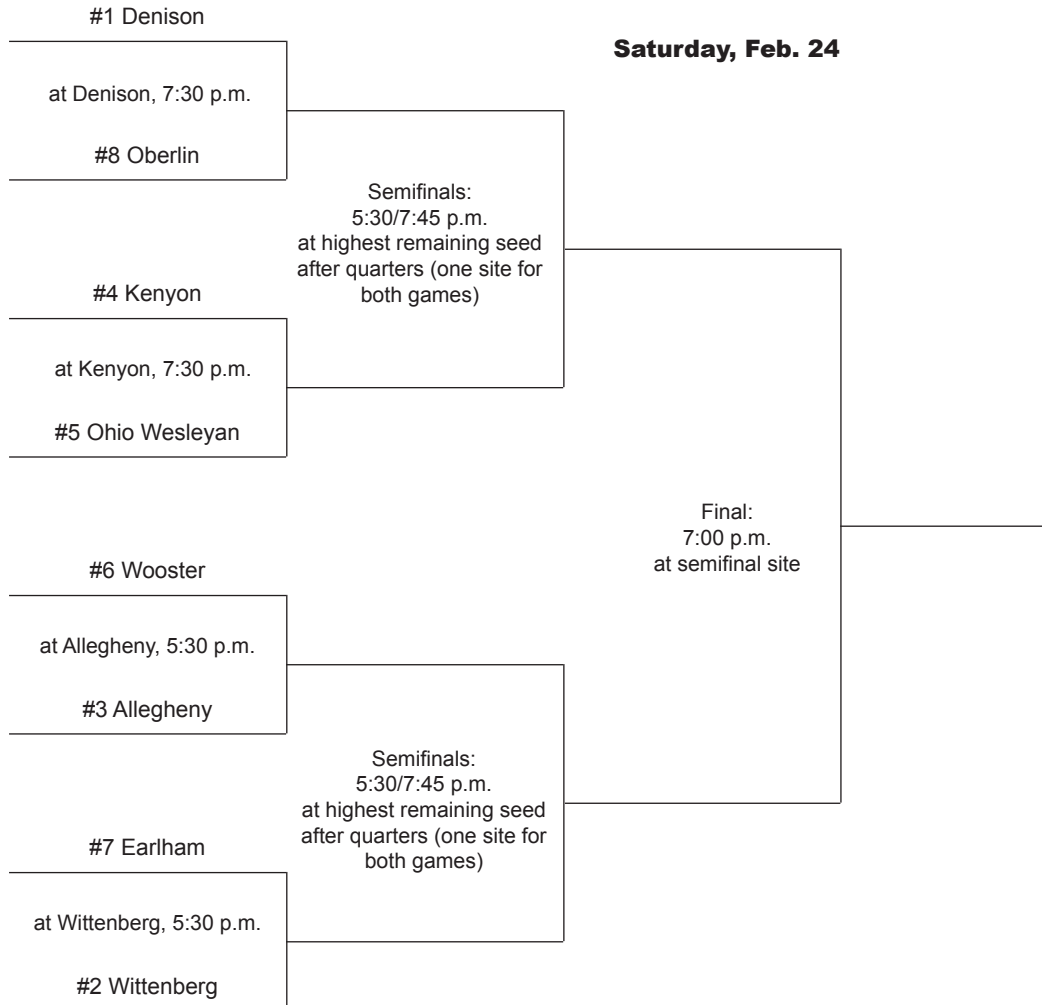
Kenyon wins the sixth seed; Hiram wins the seventh seed; Earlham wins the eighth seed in a tiebreaker.
Ties are not broken for standings purposes.

NCAC Women's Basketball Tournament

Tuesday, Feb. 20

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Saturday, Feb. 24



2006-07 NCAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

STANDINGS	W-L	Pct	W-L	Pct
1. Denison.....	15-1	.938	21-4	.840
2. Wittenberg.....	11-5	.688	14-10	.583
Allegheny.....	11-5	.688	17-7	.708
4. Kenyon.....	10-6	.625	13-12	.520
5. Ohio Wesleyan.....	9-7	.563	14-11	.560
Wooster.....	9-7	.563	14-11	.560
7. Earlham.....	3-13	.188	4-21	.160
Oberlin.....	3-13	.188	7-18	.280
9. Hiram.....	1-15	.062	6-19	.240

Wittenberg wins second seed in a tiebreaker over Allegheny. Ohio Wesleyan wins the fifth seed in a tiebreaker over Wooster. Earlham wins the seventh seed in a tiebreaker over Oberlin. Ties are not broken for standings purposes.



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NCAC Indoor Track & Field Report

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North Coast track athletes have one more week remaining to qualify for the upcoming North Coast Athletic Conference Indoor Track & Field Championships, to be held March 2-3 at Denison.

Denison, Kenyon and Oberlin each host Last Chance Meets. Ohio Wesleyan and Wittenberg will be joining the Big Red at Denison. Wooster will travel to Kenyon's meet, while Allegheny joins the Yeomen at Oberlin. Hiram and Wabash are both idle.

MEN'S NOTES: **ALLEGHENY** sophomore sprinter **Josh Brannan (Latrobe, PA/Greater Latrobe)** broke the school record in the 200-meter dash at the [Kent State Tune-Up Invitational](#), breaking the former record of 22.82 set by RaShawn Allen in 2004. Sophomore **Garret Piispanen (Fruita, CO/Fruita Monument)** set a school record in the 800 meters, finishing in 1:56.13, good for seventh place. The clocking was nearly a half second off the mark set by Andre Perry in 1993. **OBERLIN** sophomore **Ryan King (Glastonbury, CT/Glastonbury)** led the Yeomen in the 1,000 meters, running a school-record time of 2:35.21 at the Kent State Tuneup. Yeoman senior **John Shaw (Roseville, MN/Roseville Area)** boasted a lifetime-best time of 8:54 in the 3,000-meter run ... At the [Greater Cleveland Colleges meet](#), **OBERLIN** juniors **Cory Myers (Nesconset, NY/Smithtown)** and **Cassius Harris (Chicago, IL/Loyola Academy)** each had solid nights for the Yeomen. Myers placed second in the pole vault with an effort of 13 feet, 6.25 inches and Harris earned fourth place in the long jump (21-4.75). **HIRAM'S** men finished ninth as sophomore **Kevin Tolbert (Shaker Hts., OH/Shaker Hts.)** who had two top-five performances. He placed fifth in the 55-meter dash (6.77 seconds) and fourth in the 200-meter dash (24.52 seconds). **WOOSTER** placed fifth as the tandem of **Tristan Jordan (Virginia Beach, VA/Floyd E. Kellam)** and **Eric Dyer (Lexington, MA/Lexington)** found success in several events. Jordan and Dyer finished 1-2 in the triple jump, with leaps of 42 feet, 4.25 inches and 41 feet, 9.75 inches, respectively, while Jordan placed sixth in the long jump (19 feet, 11 inches) and Dyer eighth (19 feet, 7 inches). The Scots also took the top two spots in the 55 meter hurdles, with **Dierre Taylor (Akron, OH/Garfield)** (7.92) and **Bryan Albani (Warren, OH/Howland)** (8.05) placing first and second ... At the [Greater Columbus meet](#), hosted by **KENYON, OHIO WESLEYAN** was led by sophomore **Ryan Ellis (Columbus, OH/Dublin Scioto)**, who ran on a pair of first-place relay teams to lead the Bishops. OWU finished second, while Kenyon was third and Denison was fifth. Ellis teamed with sophomore **Nathan Osborn (Edgerton, OH/Edgerton)**, sophomore **Andrew Bloom (Powell, OH/Worthington Kilbourne)** and sophomore **Preston Osborn (Edgerton, OH/Edgerton)** to win the 800-meter relay in 1:31.89. Ellis also combined with senior **Steffan Horst (Wooster, OH/Wooster)**, freshman **Christian Schlabach (Wooster, OH/Triway)** and junior **Joe Berlyoung (Elyria, OH/Avon)** to win the 1600-meter relay in 3:30.68. Ellis also placed third in the 55-meter dash ... At the [DePauw Indoor Classic](#), **EARLHAM** placed 13th of 15 squads. Senior **Walker Yane (Oldenberg, IN/St. Xavier, OH)** won the 3000 meters in 8:48.35, breaking his own mark of 8:48.48 established in 2006 ... **WABASH** hosted the non-scoring [Wabash Open Invitational](#). Freshman **Emmanuel Aouad (Terre Haute, IN/North)** led the way with a first-place finish in the long jump (6.82 meters/22 feet, 4.5 inches), and a runner-up finish in the 55-meter hurdles (7.7 seconds, hand-timed). Other individual event winners were senior **Ben Tritle (Valparaiso, IN/Valparaiso)** in the shot put (46 feet, 11 inches), sophomore **Bobby Kimp (Hammond, IN/Bishop Noll Institute)** in the 55 meters (6.71 seconds), **Geoff Lambert (Chesterton, IN/Chesterton)** in the mile (4:29.68), **Mike Russell (Terre Haute, IN/North)** in the 200 meters (23.01) and **Dennis Frazee (Griffith, IN/Calumet)** in the 3000 meters (9:24.70). Russell was also second in the high jump (1.80 meters/5 feet, 10.75 inches), and Frazee was third in the mile (4:37.83) ... **WITTENBERG** competed at the [Ohio State Buckeye Invitational](#). Junior **Nicole Bailey (Cincinnati, OH/Summit Country Day)** turned in top-five finishes in the 55 meters, long jump and triple jump.

WOMEN'S NOTES: **OBERLIN** sophomore **Flannery Cerbin (LaCrosse, WI/LaCrosse Central)** continues to improve in the 800-meter run as she broke her own school record with a time of 2:18.46 at the [Kent State Tune-Up Invitational](#). Also setting an Oberlin standard at Kent was classmate **Nicky Ouellet (Dunbarton, NH/Goffstown)**, who topped the school mark in the 1,000-meter run with an effort of 3:02.68. Another notable performance came from junior **Chisara Nwabara (Valparaiso, IN/Valparaiso)**. Nwabara leaped a season-best distance of 15'2" in the long jump. Also at Kent, **ALLEGHENY** had one individual meet NCAA Division III provisional qualifying standard at Kent. **Liz Earley (Venetia, PA/Peters Township)** met the standard in the weight throw with a toss of 51 feet, 0.25 inches, good for fifth place ... At the [Greater Cleveland Colleges meet](#), **OBERLIN** freshman **Clara Shaw (Roseville, MN/Roseville Area)** had a big day for the Yeowomen, boasting a third-place finish in the 800-meter run (2:24.07) and joining up with juniors **Anna Chernin (Ann Arbor, MI/Ann Arbor Central)**, **Alex Petek (San Rafael, CA/San Rafael)**, and **Christina Wagner (Wayne, PA/Madison)** for a second-place effort in the 4x400-meter relay (4:23.01). Junior **Bronwen Davies (Trenton, NJ/Northfield Mt. Hermon)** earned third place in the triple jump with a leap of 31 feet, 8 inches, while freshman **Madeline Schultz (Concord, MA/Concord Carlisle)** placed fourth in the 300-meter dash with a time of 45.44. **HIRAM** finished eighth at the Greater Cleveland meet behind junior **Lynne Hutchison (Solon, OH/Solon)** who finished fourth in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 9.17 seconds. She also placed eighth in the 55-meter dash in a time of 8.12 seconds. Junior

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Trayce Stewart (Euclid, OH/Euclid) posted a fourth place finish in the triple jump with a leap of 31 feet, 6.75 inches and placed seventh in the long jump in a distance of 15 feet, 6.25 inches. **WOOSTER** was seventh at the meet as the Scots' best performance of the evening came when sophomore **Kayla Miller (Mercer, PA/Mercer Area)** placed second in the triple jump, recording a distance of 32 feet, 11.75 inches. Also adding a top-three finish was **Ali Drushal (Lakeville, OH/West Holmes)**, who took third in the pole vault (9 feet, 6.5 inches) ... At the [Greater Columbus Meet](#), hosted by **KENYON, OHIO WESLEYAN** finished third, followed by **DENISON** in fourth and the host Lords in fifth. OWU freshman **Casey Ridgeway (Fredericktown, OH/Fredericktown)**, freshman **Ashlie Britton (LeRoy/Painesville Riverside)**, freshman **Kara Reiter (Chardon, OH/Chardon)** and sophomore **Catie Coleman (Medina, OH/Lodi Cloverleaf)** won events to lead the Bishops. Ridgeway won the 55-meter dash in a time of 7.72 seconds and added a third in the 300-meter dash and a fifth in the long jump. Britton won the 200-meter dash in 27.84 seconds and finished fourth in the triple jump. Reiter won the 500-meter run in 1:23.80, while Coleman won the 1000-meter run in 3:08.72. Bishop senior **Louise Stepp (Hamilton, OH/Fairfield)** and sophomore **Jessica Merrill (Columbia Station, OH/Columbia)** tied for first place in the high jump, each clearing 4 feet, 10 1/4 inches. Denison senior **Christine Collins (Chagrin Falls, OH/Chagrin Falls)** won the 5,000 meters at the Greater Columbus meet with a time of 18:23.59. Freshman **Emily Hammeren (Olmsted Falls, OH/Olmsted Falls)** took top honors in the pole vault after she cleared 9 feet, 6 inches. Kenyon's top finish at the meet was put in by **Jessica Francios (Yorktown Hts., ONY/Yorktown)**, who as fourth in the mile (5:32.28) ... The **OHIO WESLEYAN** distance medley relay team of Catie Coleman, Kara Reiter, freshman **Claire Everhart (Edinboro, PA/General McLane)** and freshman **Sarah Shinn (Edinboro, PA/General McLane)** set a school record at the [Hoosier Hills Invitational](#), hosted by Indiana University. The meet was not scored. The distance medley relay team finished fifth in 12:15.53, shaving 4/100 of a second off the school record of 12:15.57 set at last week's All-Ohio championship meet. The distance medley squad also surpassed the provisional qualifying standard for the NCAA Division III championship meet ... **EARLHAM** placed 10th of 13 squads at the [DePauw Classic](#). The Quaker 1600-meter relay team of **Erin Witham (Arrowsic, ME/North Yarmouth Academy)**, **Jessica Kane (Milladore, WI/Auburndale)**, **Tania Balan-Gaubert (Chicago, IL/Whitney M. Young)** and **Sara Bohall (Westport, IN/Columbus East)** set a school record for the second time this season. They crossed in 4:13.65 to finish fourth.

NCAC Swimming & Diving Report

The upcoming NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving Championships will be held in Houston, Texas, with the women competing March 8-10 and the men a week later, March 15-17. The field for the women will be announced on Feb. 23, while the men's field will be selected on March 2.

WOMEN'S NOTES: With the conference championships complete, NCAC squads had one more opportunity to qualify individuals for the upcoming NCAA Championships. Kenyon hosted a Last Chance meet, and individuals from Allegheny, Denison, Kenyon, Ohio Wesleyan and Wittenberg joined the field. **ALLEGHENY'S Meg Heistand (Cleveland Hts., OH/Cleveland Hts.)** placed third in the 100 butterfly in 1:00.67, while **Carolyn Nairn (Lubbock, TX/Brownell-Talbot)** was fourth in the 200 freestyle (2:00.97). Leading **KENYON** was freshman **Kathryn Leech (Pittsburgh, PA/Fox Chapel Area)**, who qualified in the 100 backstroke with a time of 58.18. Three other Ladies met NCAA "B" cuts: **Danielle Seltzer (Belmont, MA/Belmont)** in the 100 breaststroke (1:07.61), **Diana Spahlinger (Ann Arbor, MI/Pioneer)** in the 100 breast (1:06.75) and **Marissa Misslin (Redding, CA/Bishop Quinn)** in the 400 individual medley (4:37.08). Freshman **Kendra Klossner (Naperville, IL/Neuqua Valley)** posted **OHIO WESLEYAN'S** top finish when she placed second in the 500 freestyle. **WITTENBERG** junior **Lindsay Smith (Mount Vernon, OH/Mount Vernon)** lowered her own school records in the 50 and 100 freestyles to lead the Tigers. Her NCAA "B" cut puts Smith in the top 15 nationally.

MEN'S NOTES: With the conference championships complete, NCAC squads had one more opportunity to qualify individuals for the upcoming NCAA Championships. Kenyon hosted a Last Chance meet, and individuals from Allegheny, Denison, Kenyon, Ohio Wesleyan and Wabash joined the field. **ALLEGHENY** was paced by **Ryan Lawrence (Union City, PA/Union City)**, who placed fourth in the 200 freestyle with his season-best time of 1:47.15, and was sixth in the 500 freestyle in 4:58.49. Sophomore **Michael Machala (Twin Falls, ID/Twin Falls)** of **KENYON** won the 100 butterfly in 51.36, then improved on that time later in the meet during a time trial, lowering it to 51.28, an NCAA "B" cut clocking. Freshman **David Lazarus (Moens, France/Foundation of International)** won the 100 breaststroke in 58.66 then lowered it to a "B" cut time of 58.34 in a later time trial. Freshmen **Kevin Fahey (Delaware, OH/Hayes)** and **Jaimito Fuentes (Massillon, OH/Glen Oak)** paced a pair of **OHIO WESLEYAN** relays. The duo led the 200 freestyle to a third-place finish, and guided the Bishops' 200 medley relay to fifth. Wabash senior **Tony Caldwell (Washington, IA/Washington)** and freshman **Adam Petro (Indianapolis, IN/Decatur Central)** each improved upon their "B" qualifying times. Caldwell lowered his time in the 100 backstroke to 51.88, 10th best in Division III this season and a Little Giant school record. Petro trimmed nearly a half-second off his time in the 200 butterfly, touching in 1:53.62. That stands ninth best in the nation.