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## NCAC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK (Feb. 26)

### MEN'S INDOOR TRACK - DISTANCE/MIDDLE DISTANCE RUNNER

Wabash junior **Jeff Lambert (Chesterton, IN/Chesterton)** was first in the 800-meter run at the Ohio Northern Invitational on Friday in a time of 1:54.73 and first in the 800 in the Capital Last Chance meet on Saturday in a time of 1:53.78. Both marks are NCAA provisional qualifying times.

### WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK - DISTANCE/MIDDLE DISTANCE RUNNER

Wooster senior **Ashley Zervos (Wheeling, WV/The Linsly School)** was first in the 3000 at the Kenyon Last Chance meet in a time of 11:16.30.

### MEN'S INDOOR TRACK - SPRINTS/HURDLES

Ohio Wesleyan senior **Steffan Horst (Wooster, OH/Wooster)** was first in the 400-meter dash at the Denison Last Chance meet in a time of 51.64 seconds.

### WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK - SPRINTS/HURDLES

Ohio Wesleyan freshman **Ashlie Britton (LeRoy, OH/LeRoy)** was first in the 55 hurdles at the Denison Last Chance meet in a time of 9.02.

### MEN'S INDOOR TRACK - FIELD EVENTS

Ohio Wesleyan junior **Michael Tornifolio (Stow, OH/Stow)** was second in the pole vault at the Denison Last Chance meet with a jump of 14 feet even.

### WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK - FIELD EVENTS

Wooster sophomore **Ali Drushal (Lakeville, OH/West Holmes)** was first in the pole vault at the Kenyon Last Chance meet, clearing 10 feet, 6 inches.



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### **NCAC Women's Basketball Report**

#### **DENISON WINS THIRD STRAIGHT NCAC TOURNAMENT TITLE; BIG RED FACE HOPE IN NCAA TOURNAMENT**

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North Coast Athletic Conference regular season and Tournament champion Denison (24-4) has received its third straight, and fourth overall, bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament. The Big Red will travel to a first-round contest against on Hope (24-3), from the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association, on Friday at DePauw. The matchup is a repeat of last year's first round contest in which Hope defeated the Big Red 72-51, then went on to win their second national championship. The other first round contest in the bracket pits the host Tigers (25-3), of the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference, against Transylvania (19-8), an at-large selection from the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference. Game times have yet to be determined. Friday's winners will face off on Saturday. Saturday's winner will advance to one of four sectional-round sites March 9-10. Sectional winners will then move on to the Finals, March 16 and 17 at the Salem Civic Center in Salem, Virginia. Complete NCAA Tournament information can be found online at: <http://www.ncaasports.com/basketball/womens>

Denison, which enters the NCAA tourney with a school record 24 wins, has won five straight and 20 of their last 21 contests. The Big Red are led by junior **Kristen Sheffield (Dublin, OH/Scioto)**, who is coming off a stellar NCAC Tournament where she earned Most Valuable Player honors for the third straight season after scoring 48 points, grabbing 40 rebounds and snagging 13 blocks over the three games.

The Big Red's NCAC tournament run featured wins against Oberlin, 94-63, Kenyon, 62-44, and Allegheny, 63-47. Once again, defense proved to be a big reason why Denison emerged with the victory. Denison established a team tournament mark with 23 blocks over three games. The Big Red held the previous record of 21, which they accomplished last winter. On the offensive end of the court, four players registered double figures: Sheffield, senior **Tammy Hoch (Moon Township, PA/Sewickley Academy)** and sophomore **Sarah Perrine (Springfield, OH/Shawnee)** each tallied 13 points in the championship. Sophomore **Carolyn Simpson (Dublin, OH/Scioto)** added 10 points. Sheffield was joined on the All-Tournament team by Hoch, who combined for 31 points, 12 rebounds, eight assists and seven steals over the three Denison games. Seniors **Katie Kestler (Pittsburgh, PA/Mt. Lebanon)** and **Jennifer Latronica (Gibsonia, PA/Deer Lakes)** represented the Gators on the All-Tournament team. In the championship game, Kester scored a game-high 17 points, while Latronica pulled down a game-high 10 rebounds. Latronica led all Gators in the tourney with 42 points and 20 rebounds. She also had six blocks, two assists and two steals. Kestler followed with 33 points, 13 rebounds, 11 assists, six steals and a block. Kenyon junior **Anne Dugan (Dublin, OH/Watterson)** and Wittenberg junior **Katie Gregorevich (Northfield, OH/Walsh Jesuit)** round out the 2007 all-tournament selections. Dugan scored 30 points and grabbed 14 rebounds in the two Ladies contests. She was a perfect 8-for-8 from the free throw line and also had six steals and three blocks. Gregorevich scored 25 points and grabbed 23 boards in the two Tiger contests.

### **NCAC Men's Basketball Report**

#### **WOOSTER CLAIMS 10TH NCAC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP; FIGHTING SCOTS HOST FIRST-, SECOND-ROUND NCAA GAMES**

North Coast Athletic Conference regular season and Tournament champion Wooster (25-3) has received its 17th bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament and will host first and second round competition on Friday and Saturday. The Scots have advanced as far as the "Sweet 16" four of the last eight seasons, including their 2003 school-record run to the national semifinals, where they finished in third place.

The Scots will face Transylvania (19-8), the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament champion, in a first round matchup on Friday. Tipoff is set for 8:00 p.m. The contest is a rematch of last winter's NCAA second round contest, in which the Pioneers knocked off Wooster, 91-88. The other first round contest pits Capital (19-8), out of the Ohio Athletic Conference, against Centre (23-4), from the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference. Tipoff is set for 6:00 p.m. Saturday's winner will advance to one of four sectional-round sites March 9-10. Sectional winners will then move on to the Finals, March 16 and 17 at the Salem Civic Center in Salem, Virginia. Complete NCAA Tournament information can be found online at: <http://www.ncaasports.com/basketball/mens>

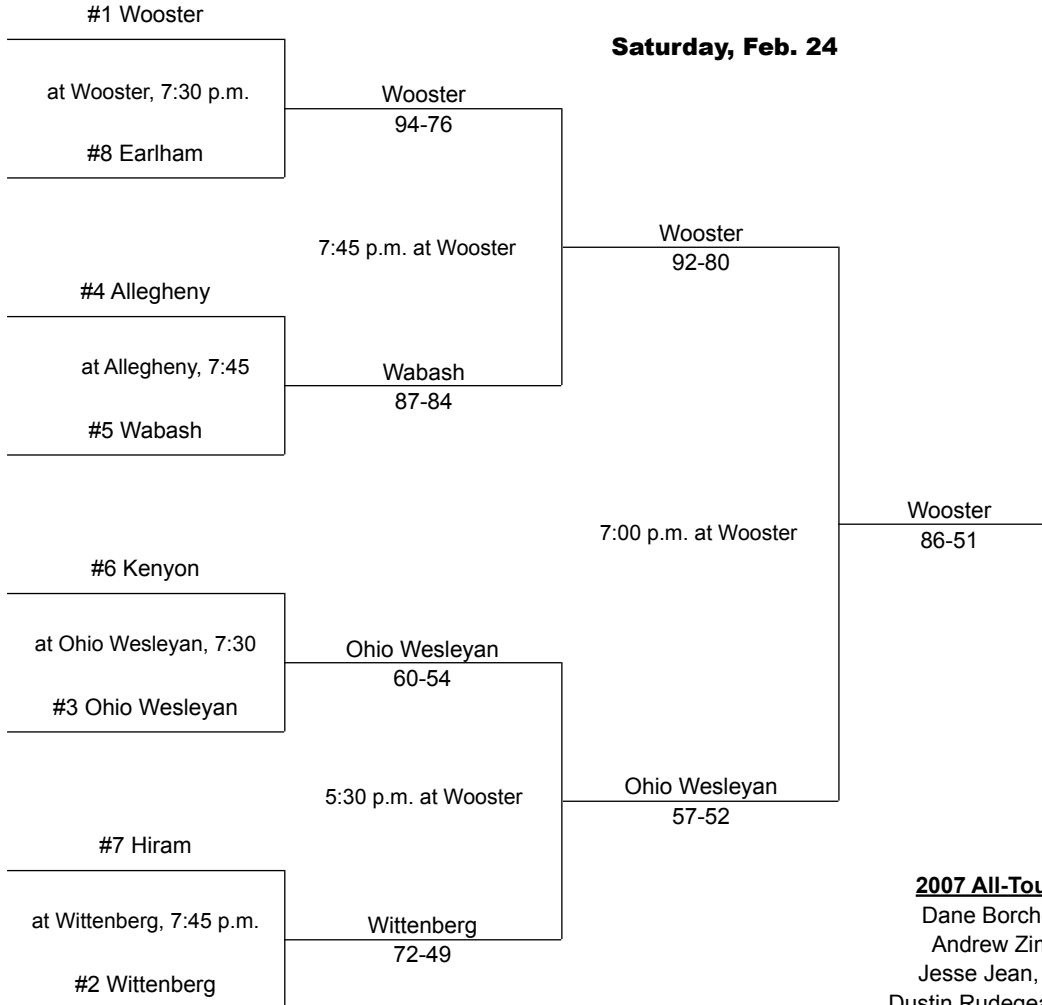
Wooster's NCAC tournament run featured wins against Earlham, 94-76, Wabash, 92-80, and Ohio Wesleyan, 86-51. The Scots were led by junior guard **James Cooper (Springfield, OH/Springfield South)** and senior forward **Tom Port (Avon Lake, OH/Avon Lake)**. In the championship, Cooper poured in 22 points in the first half alone, finishing with a game-high 26. Overall, he scored 65 points on 23-of-37 field goals, including 10-of-19 three-pointers over the three tourney contests. He also went 9-of-10 from the free throw line and also chipped in seven rebounds, five steals and three assists. He was named the Tournament MVP for his efforts. Port nearly matched his teammate with 53 points on 21-of-34 shooting from the floor. He was 7-for-15 from behind the three-point line and 4-for-5 from the charity stripe. He also collected 16 rebounds, had 16 assists, five steals and three blocks to join Cooper on the 2007 All-Tournament team. Ohio Wesleyan was paced by junior posts **Dustin Rudegear (Yellow Springs, OH/Yellow Springs)** and **Jesse Jean (Alexandria, VA/Hyde School, CT)**. Both earned All-Tournament honors; Rudegear scored 37 points over the three tourney contests, including 10 in the championship game. He also added 12 rebounds. Jean, who posted a double-double of 18 points and 10 rebounds in the final, totalled 34 points and 16 rebounds over the three-game stretch. Wabash junior forward **Andrew Zimmer (Hobart, IN/Hobart)** and Wittenberg senior post **Dane Borchers (Russia, OH/Russia)** round out the 2007 all-tournament selections. Zimmer scored 44 points in the two Little Giant contests, including a game-best 23 points in the semifinal against Wooster. Borchers scored 36 points and grabbed 28 boards in the two Tigers' contests, including an NCAC Tournament record 20 boards in the semifinal loss to Ohio Wesleyan.

# NCAC Men's Basketball Tournament

**Tuesday, Feb. 20**

**Friday, Feb. 23**

**Saturday, Feb. 24**



**2007 All-Tournament Team**  
 Dane Borchers, Wittenberg  
 Andrew Zimmer, Wabash  
 Jesse Jean, Ohio Wesleyan  
 Dustin Rudegear, Ohio Wesleyan  
 Tom Port, Wooster  
**MVP:** James Cooper, Wooster

## 2006-07 NCAC MEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

STANDINGS	W-L	Pct	W-L	Pct
1. Wooster.....	15-1	.936	25-3	.893
2. Wittenberg.....	13-3	.813	22-5	.815
3. Ohio Wesleyan.....	10-6	.625	18-10	.643
4. Allegheny.....	8-8	.500	12-13	.480
5. Wabash.....	7-9	.438	11-16	.407
6. Kenyon.....	6-10	.375	10-16	.385
Hiram.....	6-10	.375	7-19	.269
Earlham.....	6-10	.375	8-18	.308
9. Denison.....	5-11	.313	6-18	.250
10. Oberlin.....	4-12	.250	5-20	.200

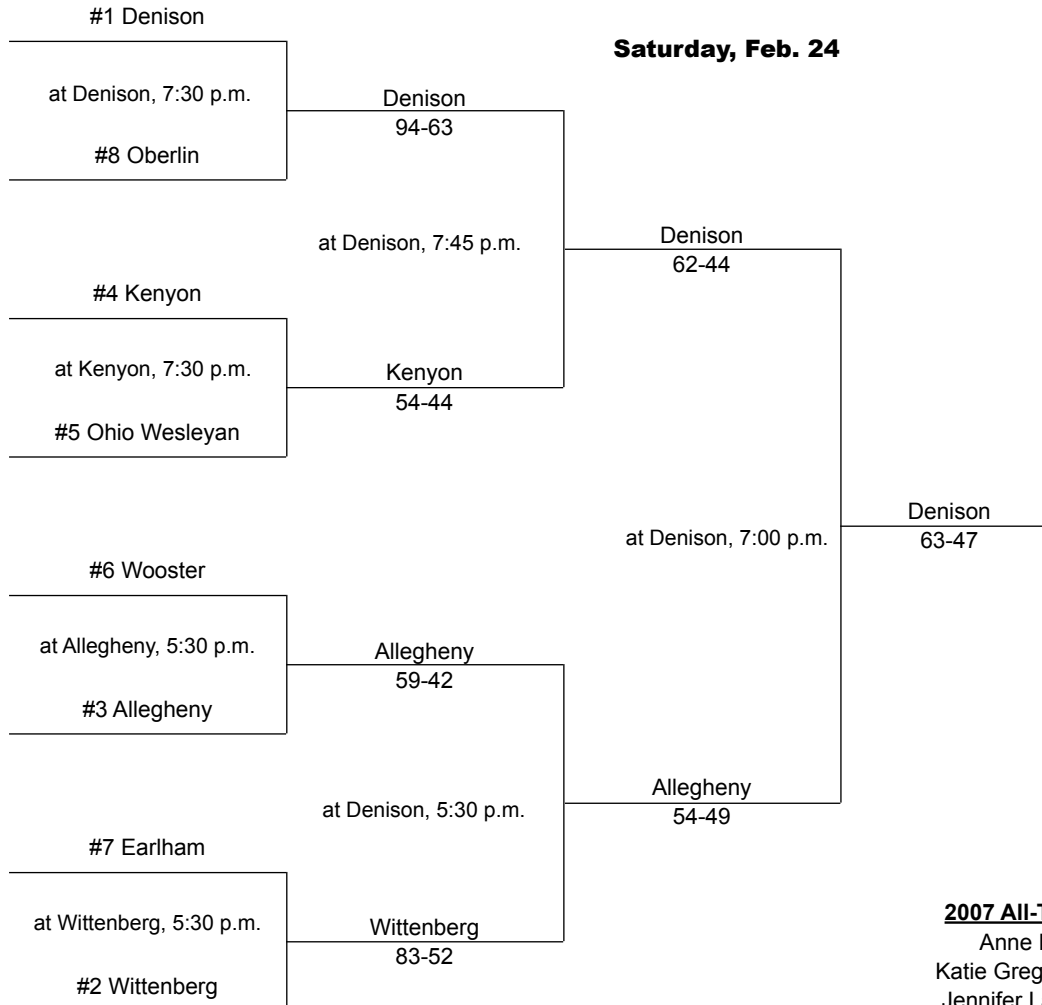
Kenyon wins the sixth seed; Hiram wins the seventh seed; Earlham wins the eighth seed in a tiebreaker.  
 Ties are not broken for standings purposes.

# NCAC Women's Basketball Tournament

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**2007 All-Tournament Team**

Anne Dugan, Kenyon  
 Katie Gregorevich, Wittenberg  
 Jennifer Latronica, Allegheny  
 Katie Kestler, Allegheny  
 Tammy Hoch, Denison

**MVP:** Kristen Sheffield, Denison

## 2006-07 NCAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

STANDINGS	W-L	Pct	W-L	Pct
1. Denison.....	15-1	.938	24-4	.857
2. Wittenberg.....	11-5	.688	15-11	.577
Allegheny.....	11-5	.688	19-8	.704
4. Kenyon.....	10-6	.625	14-13	.519
5. Ohio Wesleyan.....	9-7	.563	14-12	.538
Wooster.....	9-7	.563	14-12	.538
7. Earlham.....	3-13	.188	4-22	.154
Oberlin.....	3-13	.188	7-19	.269
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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The North Coast Athletic Conference Men's & Women's Indoor Track & Field Championships are set for Friday and Saturday, March 2-3 at Denison's Mitchell Field House. Allegheny is the defending champion in both the men's and women's competition. In fact, the Gator men have won the past four indoor championships in a row and have six titles overall. The Gator women have taken the past two indoor titles, and have won eight overall. Ohio Wesleyan's men have also won six indoor crowns, Denison has claimed four, Wooster, Wittenberg and Case Western Reserve have two each. On the women's side, Denison has six NCAC titles, while Ohio Wesleyan has five, Wooster has taken two and Wittenberg, one.

**WOMEN'S NOTES:** In the final weekend before the NCAC Championships, Denison, Kenyon and Oberlin each hosted last-chance qualifier meets. At **DENISON'S** non-scoring meet, the Big Red welcomed three other schools, including Ohio Wesleyan. Leading the hosts was senior **Elaine Binkley (Columbus, OH/Bishop Watterson)**, who won the 3,000 meters 15 seconds. Her time was 10:37.29, the fastest time in the conference this season. Other individual event winners for Denison were freshmen **Emily Hammeren (Olmsted Falls, OH/Olmsted Falls)**, **Emily Taylor (Columbus, OH/Hilliard Davidson)** and **Amanda Conley (Dublin, OH/Columbus Academy)** Hammeren took first in the pole vault when she cleared 10 feet even. Taylor took first in the shot put (34 feet, 10.5 inches) and Conley crossed first in the 55 meters (7.80 seconds). **OHIO WESLEYAN** was paced by senior **Erika Newell (Delaware, OH/Hayes)**, who took first in the high jump (5 feet, 2 inches) and was second in the 55-meter dash (7.90 seconds) and 55-meter hurdles (9.04 seconds). Other event winners for the Bishops were freshman **Sarah Shinn (Edinboro, PA/General McLane)** in the 800 meters (2:14.57) in provisional qualifying time, freshman **Ashlie Britton (LeRoy, OH/Painesville Riverside)** in the 55-meter hurdles (9.02 seconds), and freshman **Amber Allegría (Tucson, AZ/Salpointe Catholic)** in the 400 meters (1:02.80) ... At **OBERLIN**, the Yeowomen got first-place finishes from sophomore **Nicky Ouellet (Dunbarton, NH/Goffstown)** in the mile (5:12.04) with the top time in the conference this season and a school record, and sophomore **Flannery Cerbin (LaCrosse, WI/LaCrosse Central)** in the 800 meters (2:21.92). Both runners were also part of the victorious 4x400-meter relay that finished 4:14.62. **ALLEGHENY** also participated in the meet. Leading the Gators was **Emily Pfeufer (St. Mary's, PA/Elk County Catholic)**, who took first in the high jump after she cleared 5 feet even, her best effort of the season ... **KENYON** placed fifth of six teams at their last chance meet. Leading the way was sophomore **Jessica Francois (Yorktown Hts., NY/Yorktown)**, who won the 800 meters with her season-best time of 2:25.81. Also at the meet was **WOOSTER**, which finished third in the team standings. Event winners for the Scots were senior **Ashley Zervos (Wheeling, WV/The Linsly School)** in the 3000 meters (11:16.30), sophomore **Ali Drushal (Lakeville, OH/West Holmes)** in the pole vault (10 feet, 6 inches) and sophomore **Katie Dale (West Point, IN/McCutcheon)** in the shot put (10.66 meters/34 feet, 11.75 inches).

**MEN'S NOTES:** Sophomore **Lex Hultquist (Knoxville, TN/Webb School)** led **DENISON** at the Big Red's unscored Last Chance meet. He set a school record in the 800 meters with a time of 1:54.14, en route to winning the event. The time also met the NCAA provisional qualifying standard. Hultquist was also part of the winning 4x800 meter relay that fell just short of another school record (8:01.25). Leading **OHIO WESLEYAN** at the same meet was freshman **David Burke (Hudson, OH/Hudson)**, who finished second in the long jump (20 feet, 1.5 inches) and triple jump (42 feet, 0.5 inches) ... Senior **John Shaw (Roseville, MN/Roseville Area)** and junior **Cory Myers (Nesconset, NY/Smithtown)** won the mile run and the pole vault, respectively, to lead **OBERLIN** at their own Last Chance meet. Shaw crossed in 4:28.65, while Myers cleared 13 feet, 6 inches. Junior **Cassius Harris (Chicago, IL/Loyola Academy)** tied for first in the long jump (5.11 meters/16 feet, 9.25 inches) and was part of the winning 4x200 meter relay that finished in 1:35.52. **ALLEGHENY** also competed at Oberlin and the Gators were paced by **Matt Yurky (Home City, PA/Homer-Center)**. Yurky took first in the triple jump with a leap of 13.26 meters/43 feet, 6 inches, and won the 55-meter hurdles in 8.18 seconds ... **WOOSTER** placed second, while **KENYON** was third at the six-team Kenyon Last Chance meet. Junior **Tristan Jordan (Virginia Beach, VA/Floyd E. Kellam)** won the triple jump for the third straight week to lead the Fighting Scots. He leapt 12.96 meters (42 feet, 6.25 inches) in the event, then went on to place second in the long jump with a leap of 6.32 meters (20 feet, 9 inches). Kenyon's distance runners scored a majority of the Lords' points at the meet, led by the trio of **Kaleb Keyserling (Chapel Hill, NC/East Chapel Hill)**, **Jim Boston (Brookfield, WI/Marquette University HS)** and **Matt Riley (Lawrence, KS/Lawrence)**. Keyserling took first in the mile (4:36.50), Boston crossed first in the 800 meters (1:58.20) and Riley was the winner in the 3000 meters (9:18.29) ... **WABASH** wrapped up the regular season at the Ohio Northern Friday Night Series meet #5 and the Rick Meindl Last Call meet at Capital. Junior **Geoff Lambert (Chesterton, IN/Chesterton)** won the 800 meters at ONU in provisional qualifying time (1:54.73) and he was followed in second by senior **Nathan Bates (Ossian, IN/Norwell)** in second (1:55.34). At the next day's meet at Capital, Lambert won again, this time lowering his qualifying time to 1:53.78, and setting a Capital Center Fieldhouse record. Bates was runner up in the event again, this time with a provisional cut time of 1:54.92.

## NCAC INDOOR TRACK & FIELD 2006-07 TOP PERFORMANCES

### WOMEN

<b>55-meter</b> Nicole Bailey, Wittenberg	7.36
<b>55-meter Hurdles</b> Ashlie Britton, Ohio Wesleyan	8.90
<b>200-meter</b> Jessica Kane, Earlham	27.34
<b>400-meter</b> Ashley Shaffer, Ohio Wesleyan	59.43
<b>800-meter</b> Sarah Shinn, Ohio Wesleyan	2:14.57
<b>Mile</b> Nicky Ouellet, Oberlin	5:12.04
<b>3000-meter</b> Elaine Binkley, Denison	10:37.29
<b>5000-meter</b> Maddy Davis-Hayes, Oberlin	17:57.34
<b>4 x 200 Relay</b> Ohio Wesleyan	1:50.61
<b>4 x 400 Relay</b> Ohio Wesleyan	4:09.75
<b>Distance Medley Relay</b> Ohio Wesleyan	12:15.57
<b>Long Jump</b> Nicole Bailey, Wittenberg	17 feet, 9.50 inches/ 5.42 meters
<b>Triple Jump</b> Nicole Bailey, Wittenberg	36 feet, 6 inches/ 11.12 meters
<b>High Jump</b> Ericka Newell, Ohio Wesleyan	5 feet, 4.50 inches/ 1.64 meters
<b>Pole Vault</b> Sarah Sammel, Allegheny	10 feet, 6.25 inches/ 3.20 meters
<b>Shot Put</b> Liz Earley, Allegheny	40 feet, 0.75 inches/ 12.21 meters
<b>Weight Throw</b> Liz Earley, Allegheny	52 feet, 3.25 inches/ 15.93 meters

### MEN

<b>55-meter</b> Dondrea Brown, Kenyon	6.61
<b>55-meter Hurdles</b> Emmanuel Aouad, Wabash	7.82
<b>200-meter</b> Josh Brannan, Allegheny	22.76
<b>400-meter</b> Nathan Bates, Wabash	51.10
<b>800-meter</b> Geoff Lambert, Wabash	1:53.60
<b>3000-meter</b> Walker Yane, Earlham	8.48.35
<b>5000-meter</b> Ryan Place, Allegheny	14:48.25
<b>Mile</b> Lex Hultquist, Denison	4:18.37
<b>4 x 200 Relay</b> Ohio Wesleyan	1:31.89
<b>4 x 400 Relay</b> Wabash	3:25.49
<b>Distance Medley Relay</b> Denison	10:23.63
<b>Long Jump</b> Emmanuel Aouad, Wabash	22 feet, 4.5 inches/ 6.82 meters
<b>Triple Jump</b> Joe McMahon, Allegheny	46 feet, 7.75 inches/ 14.21 meters
<b>High Jump</b> Erik Larkin, Wittenberg	6 feet, 4 inches/ 1.93 meters
<b>Pole Vault</b> Michael Tornifolio, Ohio Wesleyan William Horn, Denison	14 feet, 0 inches/ 4.27 meters
<b>Shot Put</b> Frank Tupta, Allegheny	49 feet, 4.25 inches/ 15.04 meters
<b>Weight Throw</b> Devin Cruea, Allegheny	54 feet, 10.25 inches/ 16.72 meters



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## NCAC Spring Sports Notes

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**Men's Tennis:** Kenyon defeated Wabash, 9-0, and Case Western Reserve knocked off the Little Giants, 7-2. The Lords are off to a 5-1 start, including a 2-0 start in conference play, and are on a five-match win streak. In addition to defeating Wabash last week, the Lords defeated Wittenberg, 9-0, and Case, 7-2. Kenyon freshman **William VandenBertg (Milwaukee, WI/University School)** played No. 2 and No. 3 singles and was a perfect 3-0 in the three matches. He gave up just five games. In doubles action, VandenBertg joined classmate **Charles Brody (Washington, DC/Sidwell Friends)** to post a 1-1 record. Wittenberg and Oberlin met and the Yeomen walked away with a 7-2 victory. The Tigers have started the year 0-3, 0-2 in NCAC play. Earlham did not compete last week but lost their first match of the year, 9-0, to Wabash on Feb. 10. Oberlin is 3-1 to start the season, and also defeated Otterbein (7-2) and Heidelberg (6-3) last week. Wooster is 1-1 to start the year, including an 8-1 decision over Wabash on Feb. 17.

**Women's Tennis:** Kenyon won three matches in three days last week to improve to 3-1 overall. The Ladies defeated Wittenberg (9-0), Walsh (9-0) and Case (8-1). Kenyon's No. 1 player **Ashley Kriwinsky (Munson, OH/Hawken)** won all three of her singles matches and yielded just seven games and not one set. She paired with **Alexis Marion (Perrysburg, OH/St. Ursula)** in doubles and won three times, by scores of 8-3, 8-2 and 8-2. Earlham opens its season on Saturday. Also last week, Oberlin defeated Otterbein, 5-4.

**Men's Lacrosse:** Kenyon opened the 2007 campaign with a 27-6 trouncing of Mt. St. Joseph, in the first game in the history of the MSJ Lions' program. Lord senior **Adam Lucas (Ruxton, MD/St. Paul's)** and sophomore **Devin Catlin (Charlottesville, VA/Western Alabmarle)** each scored four times. Lucas also had two assists to lead all players with six points. Denison defeated Eastern by a 15-1 count and Ohio Wesleyan opened with a 12-1 decision over Fontbonne. A scheduled contest between Oberlin at St. Vincent was postponed due to weather and no makeup date has been announced. The Yeomen and Bishops open conference play on March 6.

**Baseball:** Earlham opened the 2007 baseball season with a doubleheader loss to Centre. In the first game, junior **Eric Sturgeon (Logansport, IN/Logansport)** had two hits, and sophomore **Alex Anderson (Logansport, IN/Logansport)** worked five innings, and recorded four strikeouts on the mound but Centre won, 9-0. In the nightcap, Sturgeon added another pair of hits as Centre won, 10-4. Taking the loss was sophomore **Randy Kerns (West Manchester, OH/National Trail)**, who went four innings and gave up eight runs, five earned, and struck out three.