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★ OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY ★ WABASH COLLEGE ★ WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY ★ COLLEGE OF WOOSTER

## NCAC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK (SEPT. 3)

### MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Earlham senior **Walker Yane (Oldenburg, IN/Cincinnati St. Xavier)** placed second of 101 runners at the Franklin Invitational on Sept. 2. He finished the eight-kilometer course in 26:55.10.

### WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Ohio Wesleyan sophomore **Catie Coleman (Lodi, OH/Cloverleaf)** finished 23rd of 94 runners and was the first Division III runner to finish at the Dayton Flyer 5K Challenge on Sept. 2. She crossed the line in 19:44.

### FIELD HOCKEY

Wooster freshman **Brittany Montgomery (Glens Falls, NY/Glens Falls)** scored twice and assisted on another in her collegiate debut. She helped the Scots to a 5-0, season opening victory over Sewanee Sept. 2.

### FOOTBALL (OFFENSIVE/DEFENSIVE)

**OFFENSE:** Wooster sophomore **Jordan Ferns (Canfield, OH/Canfield)** scored two touchdowns and led the Scots in receiving yards in his team's 30-22 victory over John Carroll. Ferns snagged four passes for 63 yards, including a 42-yarder that set up Wooster's first score, and an acrobatic catch in the end zone from nine yards out. Late in the third quarter, after John Carroll had cut the lead to 24-14, Ferns took his first career kickoff return 85 yards for a score to seal the win on Sept. 2. **DEFENSE:** Kenyon senior **Andrew Fuchs (Cincinnati, OH/Mariemont)** blocked an extra-point attempt, returned an interception 38 yards, made two tackles and had a sack as the Lords defeated Grinnell, 57-31, on Sept. 2.

### MEN'S SOCCER

Earlham junior forward **Nhlanhla Maduna (Ezzulwini, Swaziland/Li Po Chun)** led the Quakers to a 2-0 week to open the 2006 season. He scored the game winner in overtime to give Earlham a 2-1 decision over Thomas More, and assisted on the lone goal in a 1-0 defeat of Principia.

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

Ohio Wesleyan sophomore forward **Michelle Corbett (Dublin, OH/Scioto)** scored twice and tacked on an assist to lead the Battling Bishops past Guilford, 7-2, in the first round of the Big Red/Bishops Invitational at Ohio Wesleyan on Sept. 2.

### VOLLEYBALL

Ohio Wesleyan senior middle hitter **Megan Margala (Prospect, OH/Marion Elgin)** totaled 36 kills (2.57 per game), 20 solo blocks, 10 block assists and 30 total blocks (2.14 blocks per game) as OWU won the Bishop Invitational for the first time since 1999. Margala was named MVP of the tournament.

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**NCAC Football Report**

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**ALL TEN SQUADS TO SEE NON-CONFERENCE ACTION;  
DEFENDING NCAC CHAMP WABASH OPENS 2006 SEASON AT FRANKLIN**

**CLEVELAND** -- Allegheny (0-0, 1-0), Kenyon (0-0, 1-0) and Wooster (0-0, 1-0) all look to keep their seasons rolling upward when they travel to Washington & Jefferson, Claremont McKenna and Waynesburg, respectively. All three teams won their season openers last week. The Gators upended Westminster, 35-10, Kenyon outlasted Grinnell, 57-31, and the Scots held off a late rally to defeat John Carroll, 30-22.

Defending North Coast champion Wabash (0-0, 0-0) is the only NCAC squad that has yet to see action in 2006. The Little Giants open on the road at Franklin this week.

Looking to bounce back from season-opening losses are Denison (0-0, 0-1), 20-14 losers to Randolph-Macon; Earlham (0-0, 0-1), which dropped a 24-17 decision to Rose-Hulman; and Hiram, which lost at home to Carnegie Mellon, 27-6. The Big Red entertain Case next week as they play on the remodeled Piper Stadium and Deeds Field for the first time. Earlham travels to Manchester and Hiram visits Bethany.

Oberlin (0-0, 0-1) is also hoping to get back on the winning track. The Yeomen lost a heartbreaker in overtime to Case, 29-23. They open at home this week against Heidelberg. Ohio Wesleyan (0-0, 0-1) dropped a 38-23 game at Franklin and travel to Catholic next Saturday. Wittenberg (0-0, 0-1) opens at home with a contest against Division I-AAA Dayton after its 57-7 loss to Capital.

**Grid Notebook:** **ALLEGHENY** snapped an eight-year season-opening losing streak with a 35-10 victory over Westminster. The Gators forced six turnovers on two interceptions and four fumble recoveries, five of those in the first half. Allegheny totaled 443 yards of offense, led by senior quarterback **Jimmy Savage (North Cathon, OH/Hoover)**, who completed 16 of 32 passes for 230 yards and three touchdowns. Senior wide receiver **Dallas Robinson (Wooster, OH/Northwestern)** posted career highs in receptions (five) and yards (68). Senior **James Jones (Ellington, NY/Falconer Central)**, in his first start after converting to wideout from quarterback, snagged four passes for 94 yards and a touchdown. Junior **Curt Anderson (Batavia, NY/Batavia Notre Dame)** led the defense with seven tackles, all solo, and two for a loss ... A 40-yard touchdown pass by Randolph-Macon with five seconds left in regulation sent **DENISON** to defeat in their season opener, 20-14. The game was played in dramatic conditions as well: there was no power on the campus of Randolph-Macon in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Ernesto. The scoreboard clock did not work and time was kept on the field by the officials. The Yellow Jackets ran out to a 14-0 first-half lead but the Big Red came back to tie it with 1:42 left in the fourth quarter. Off the ensuing kickoff, Randolph-Macon put together their game-winning drive. Sophomore quarterback **Brian Herbe (Highland Hts., OH/Gilmour Academy)** finished with 25 of 37 passing for 200 yards and both scores in his first career start ... **EARLHAM** dropped a 24-17 decision to Rose-Hulman despite the return of record-setting senior quarterback **Justin Rummell (Ingalls, IN/Pendleton Hts.)**. Rummell, who suffered a season-ending injury in the Quakers' third game last year, completed 28 of 47 passes for 352 yards and two touchdowns. In the process, he broke Earlham's career passing record and enters next week with 7,036 career passing yards. Junior wideout **Joe White (Richmond, IN/Richmond)** caught nine passes for 163 yards ... **HIRAM** junior **Tom Canitia (Chagrin Falls, OH/St. Peter Chanel)** recorded a career-high 17 total tackles, including 13 solo, in the Terriers' season-opening, 27-6, loss to Carnegie Mellon ... Junior quarterback **Rafael Sanchez (Tavernier, FL/Coral Shores)** led **KENYON** in a 57-31 defeat of Grinnell. He completed 10-of-13 passes for 210 yards and two touchdowns, then ran for another 89 and two more scores. The Lords totaled 563 yards of offense in the game. Senior **Andrew Fuchs (Cincinnati, OH/Mariemont)** led the defense with an interception returned for 38 yards, a blocked point-after attempt and two tackles ... **OBERLIN** lost a heartbreaker at Case after taking a 23-12 advantage early in the fourth quarter. A late touchdown and field goal by the Spartans sent it to overtime. Case then scored on a one-yard run to steal the game. Junior wide receiver **Chris Schubert (Oberlin, OH/Oberlin)** caught five passes for 112 yards and two touchdowns. Sophomore running back **R. V. Carroll (Perry, OH/Perry)** carried 18 times for 152 yards and a score. Pacing the defense was junior **R.J. Parker (Findlay, OH/Findlay)**, who had 8.5 tackles and 1.5 sacks ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** scored on its first possession of the season, a nine-yard pass from junior quarterback **Steve Hymes (Barberton, OH/Massillon Washington)** to sophomore tight end **Terrance Raeford (Brookline, MA/Cheshire Academy)**, and led 9-7 in the first quarter but couldn't hold on and Franklin went on to take a 38-23 victory. Senior halfback **Nick Rice (Dublin, OH/Scioto)** finished with five receptions for 128 yards. Senior

Upcoming Games - Sat. Sept. 9		Last Week's Results - Sat. Sept. 2	
Allegheny at Washington & Jefferson, 6:30	Hiram at Bethany, 1:30	Allegheny 35, Westminster 10	Kenyon 57, Grinnell 31
Case Western Reserve at Denison, 7:00	Kenyon at Claremont McKenna, 8:00 ET	Capital 57, Wittenberg 7	Randolph Macon 20, Denison 14
Dayton at Wittenberg, 1:00	Ohio Wesleyan at Catholic, 1:00	Carnegie Mellon 27, Hiram 6	Rose-Hulman 24, Earlham 17
Earlham at Manchester, 1:30	Wabash at Franklin, 1:30	Case 29, Oberlin 23 (ot)	Wooster 30, John Carroll 22
Heidelberg at Oberlin, 1:00	Wooster at Waynesburg, 1:00	Franklin 38, Ohio Wesleyan 23	

# NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE 2006 FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

\* conference games

## Allegheny College (0-0; 1-0)

S. 2	at Westminster	W, 35-10
S. 9	at Wash. & Jefferson	6:30
S. 16	HIRAM	1:00
S. 30	at Denison*	1:00
O. 7	at Wabash*	2:00
O. 14	KENYON*	1:00
O. 21	at Wooster*	1:00
O. 28	OHIO WESLEYAN*	6:00
N. 4	at Wittenberg*	1:00
N. 11	OBERLIN*	1:00

## Denison University (0-0; 0-1)

S. 2	at Randolph-Macon	L, 14-20
S. 9	CASE	7:00
S. 23	at Gettysburg	1:00
S. 30	ALLEGHENY*	1:00
O. 7	at Oberlin*	1:00
O. 14	OHIO WESLEYAN*	1:00
O. 21	at Hiram*	1:00
O. 28	KENYON*	1:00
N. 4	WABASH*	1:00
N. 11	at Earlham*	1:00

## Earlham College (0-0; 0-1)

S. 2	at Rose-Hulman	L, 17-24
S. 9	at Manchester	1:30
S. 16	ANDERSON	1:30
S. 30	WABASH*	1:00
O. 7	at Wittenberg*	7:00
O. 14	OBERLIN*	1:00
O. 21	at Kenyon*	1:00
O. 28	HIRAM*	1:00
N. 4	at Wooster*	1:00
N. 11	DENISON*	1:00

## Hiram College (0-0; 0-1)

S. 2	CARNEGIE MELLON	L, 6-27
S. 9	at Bethany	1:30
S. 16	at Allegheny	1:00
S. 30	OBERLIN*	2:00
O. 7	at Kenyon*	1:00
O. 14	WOOSTER*	1:00
O. 21	DENISON*	1:00
O. 28	at Earlham*	1:00
N. 4	at Ohio Wesleyan*	1:00
N. 11	WITTENBERG*	1:00

## Kenyon College (0-0; 1-0)

S. 2	at Grinnell	W, 57-31
S. 9	at Clare.-McKenna	8:00 ET
S. 16	at Case	6:00
S. 30	at Ohio Wesleyan*	1:00
O. 7	HIRAM*	1:00
O. 14	at Allegheny*	1:00
O. 21	EARLHAM*	1:00
O. 28	at Denison*	1:00
N. 4	OBERLIN*	1:00
N. 11	WOOSTER*	1:00

## Oberlin College (0-0; 0-1)

S. 2	at Case	L, 23-29 (ot)
S. 9	HEIDELBERG	1:00
S. 23	WASH. & JEFFERSON	1:00
S. 30	at Hiram*	2:00
O. 7	DENISON*	1:00
O. 14	at Earlham*	1:00
O. 21	WABASH*	1:00
O. 28	WITTENBERG*	1:00
N. 4	at Kenyon*	1:00
N. 11	at Allegheny*	1:00

## Ohio Wesleyan University (0-0; 0-1)

S. 2	at Franklin	L, 23-38
S. 9	at Catholic	1:00
S. 16	BETHANY	1:00
S. 23	at Wabash*	1:00
S. 30	KENYON*	1:00
O. 7	WOOSTER*	1:00
O. 14	at Denison*	1:00
O. 21	WITTENBERG*	1:00
O. 28	at Allegheny*	6:00
N. 4	HIRAM*	1:00

## Wabash College (0-0; 0-0)

S. 9	at Franklin	1:30
S. 16	MILLIKIN	1:00
S. 23	OHIO WESLEYAN*	1:00
S. 30	at Earlham*	1:00
O. 7	ALLEGHENY*	2:00
O. 14	at Wittenberg*	1:00
O. 21	at Oberlin*	1:00
O. 28	WOOSTER*	1:00
N. 4	at Denison*	1:00
N. 11	DePAUW	1:05

## Wittenberg University (0-0; 0-1)

S. 2	at Capital	L, 7-57
S. 9	DAYTON	1:00
S. 23	ALMA	1:00
S. 30	at Wooster*	1:00
O. 7	EARLHAM*	1:00
O. 14	WABASH*	1:00
O. 21	at Ohio Wesleyan*	1:00
O. 28	at Oberlin*	1:00
N. 4	ALLEGHENY*	1:00
N. 11	at Hiram*	1:00

## College of Wooster (0-0; 1-0)

S. 2	JOHN CARROLL	W, 30-22
S. 9	at Waynesburg	1:30
S. 23	CASE	1:00
S. 30	WITTENBERG*	1:00
O. 7	at Ohio Wesleyan*	1:00
O. 14	at Hiram*	1:00
O. 21	ALLEGHENY*	1:00
O. 28	at Wabash*	1:00
N. 4	EARLHAM*	1:00
N. 11	at Kenyon*	1:00

**Owen Case (Marion, OH/River Valley)** led the Bishop defense with eight stops including one for a loss ... **WABASH** was idle ... **WITTENBERG** lost to Capital, 57-7. Freshman wide receiver **Chris Jones (Middletown, OH/Middletown)** led the Tigers in his collegiate debut with four catches. Senior safety **Mitch Fonseca (Miami, FL/Christopher Columbus)** led the defense with eight tackles, six of them solo ... **WOOSTER** held off John Carroll to claim a 30-22 win in the season opener for both schools. Sophomore **Jordan Ferns (Canfield, OH/Canfield)** scored twice to lead the Scot offense. He snagged a team-best four passes for 63 yards, including a 42-yarder that set up Wooster's first touchdown, and an acrobatic catch on a nine-yard toss in the endzone for a 14-0 lead. Ferns also returned a kickoff for the first time in his career, and made it count. He took the kickoff 85 yards for his third touchdown of the day, clinching the win for the Scots.

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### NCAC Fall Sports Update

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CLEVELAND -- Following is a capsule roundup of the NCAC's fall sports action.

### **CROSS COUNTRY REPORT -- GLCA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT EARLHAM ARE NEXT FOR SEVEN SCHOOLS**

In the coming week, Denison, Earlham, Kenyon, Oberlin, Ohio Wesleyan, Wabash, and Wooster all compete at the GLCA Championships, hosted by Earlham College. The only other NCAC squad with a meet in the coming weekend is Wittenberg, which hosts the Wittenberg Invitational.

**NOTES:** In the opening weekend of the season, **DENISON**, **KENYON** and **WOOSTER** participated in the non-scoring Denison Fall Classic. Denison freshman **Kelsey Pence (Columbus, OH/North)** won the women's 5,000 meters with a time of 20:27, followed by Kenyon sophomore **Jess Francois (Yorktown Hts, NY/Yorktown)** in second with a 20:32 clocking. Big Red senior **Elaine Binkley (Columbus, OH/Bishop Watterson)** crossed first in the women's 3,200-meter race in 12:11. Wooster junior **Niki Calderone (Grass Lake, MI/Greenhills School)** was runner up with a 12:48 time. Denison senior **Joel Bendtsen (Chillicothe, OH/Chillicothe)** paced the men in the 5000 meters with a time of 16:40. Teammate **Brian Gilson (Cortland, OH/John F. Kennedy)**, a senior, was right on his heels. Kenyon sophomore **Chris Houser (Carmel, NY/Horace Greeley)** took top honors in the men's 3,200 meter race (10:49), followed by Lord senior **Matt Lobdell (Vineyard Haven, MA/Martha's Vineyard)** in 11:12 ... **ALLEGHENY** and **OBERLIN** competed at the Bill Sudeck Invitational, hosted by Case. The Gators placed third while the Yeomen were sixth in the 11-team men's race. Allegheny junior **Ryan Place (Meshoppen, PA/Elk Lake)** finished second in the eight-kilometer race with a time of 26:05.10. On the women's side, the Yeowomen finished fourth, while the Gators tied for fifth in the 14-team event. Oberlin sophomore **Maddy Davis-Hayes (Philadelphia, PA/Germantown Friends)** paced NCAC runners with a fourth-place individual finish. She completed the five-kilometer race in 19:12.40 ... At **WABASH'S** 45th Hokum Karem, the hosts finished second of five teams. Senior **Dennis Frazee (Griffith, IN/Calumet)** and junior **Geoff Lambert (Chesterton, IN/Chesterton)** used a strong finish to claim third and key the Little Giants' second-place overall finish. **Wittenberg** finished fifth. On the women's side, the Tigers finished third of four squads ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** competed at the Dayton Flyer Challenge as the only NCAA Division III squad. Bishop senior **Matt Kempton (Fredericktown, OH/Fredericktown)** placed 22nd over the five-kilometer course, crossing in 16:04. OWU finished sixth of eight teams. For the women, sophomore **Catie Coleman (Medina, OH/Cloverleaf)** led the way in 23rd place with a 19:44 clocking in the 5K race. The Bishop women wound up sixth of eight teams as well ... **EARLHAM** senior **Walker Yane (Oldenburg, IN/Cincinnati St. Xavier)** led the Quakers to a sixth-place team finish as runner up in the individual standings. He finished the 8K men's race in 26:55.10. Sophomore **Michelle Crane (Mansfield, OH/St. Peter's)** paced the women with a seventh place finish in 20:31.40 (5K). The Earlham women wound up seventh in the eight-team field ... **HIRAM'S** women's squad finished ninth of 10 at Westminster's Fisher Invitational, while the men were 10th of 10.

### **FIELD HOCKEY REPORT -- CONFERENCE SEASON OPENS THIS WEEK WITH FOUR MATCHES**

NCAC field hockey teams wasted little time getting started on the conference season. Four games are on tap for the coming week. Wednesday afternoon, Kenyon (1-0-0) entertains Denison (1-0-0) and Ohio Wesleyan (0-1-0) hosts Earlham (0-1-0). Saturday afternoon, the Quakers return home to play Wooster (1-0-0) and Wittenberg (0-1-0) opens with a home contest against the Ladies. Defending North Coast champion Oberlin (1-1-0) opens conference play on Sept. 12 against the Bishops.

**NOTES:** **DENISON**, **KENYON** and **WOOSTER** each opened the 2006 campaign with victories over non-conference foes. The Big Red knocked off Rhodes, 4-3. Sophomore **Caitlin Gilman (Birmingham, MI/Detroit Country Day)** scored two second-half goals to break a 2-2 halftime score. Freshman **Lauren Keny (Bexley, OH/Columbus School for Girls)** made an impressive collegiate debut with three assists in the contest. Junior **Lauren Keiling (Blairstown, NJ/Blair Academy)** scored the only goal of the game in the Ladies' 1-0 defeat of Franklin & Marshall. Scot freshman **Brittany Montgomery (Glens Falls, NY/Glens Falls)** scored twice and assisted on another as Wooster defeated the University of the South, 5-0, in their season opener ... **OBERLIN** went 1-1 in the opening week, claiming a 3-1 decision over the University of the South and dropping a 2-1 contest to Centre. Sophomore attack **Abigail Brox (Manchester, MA/St. George's School)**, last fall's NCAC Newcomer of the Year and conference scoring leader, picked up where she left off with all three goals in the victory. Junior goalkeeper **Lauren Malinowski (Wyncote, PA/Cheltenham)** made 22 saves to earn the win in the nets ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** opened with a 1-0 loss to Washington & Jefferson. The Presidents scored with 1:36 left in regulation ... **EARLHAM** started the 2006 campaign with a 2-0 loss to Transylvania ... **WITTENBERG** dropped a 4-0 decision to Rowan at the Black-Eyed Susan Tournament in Baltimore, Maryland.

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**MEN'S SOCCER REPORT -- NON-CONFERENCE ACTION CONTINUES INTO SECOND WEEK OF SEASON**

Allegheny (2-0-0), Hiram (1-0-0), Ohio Wesleyan (2-0-0) and Wabash (0-1-0) all compete in tournaments next weekend, and Kenyon (0-1-0) travels to Illinois to play two foes based in the Illini state - North Central and Dominican University. The Gators compete in the Roanoke (VA) Tournament; Hiram in the Fredonia (NY) tourney; Ohio Wesleyan hosts its annual adidas Invitational; and Wabash joins the field at the Haverford Tournament.

**NOTES: ALLEGHENY** won twice in the Fred Myers Invitational as three different players scored. Goalkeeper **Ryan Larkin (Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin)** stopped nine shots in two games and posted a shutout in game two, a 1-0 decision over Wisconsin-OshKosh ... **DENISON (1-0-0)** won its season opener, a 2-0 victory over Defiance, and out shot the opposition, 22-2. Freshman goalkeeper **Kevin Donahue (Riverside, CT/Greenwich)** posted the shutout in his first collegiate start ... **EARLHAM (2-0-0)** got off to a strong start with victories over Principia, 1-0, and Thomas More, 2-1 in overtime. Junior **Nhlanhla Maduna (Ezulwini, Swaziland/Li Po Chun)** scored the overtime game-winner and had an assist on the lone goal against Principia ... **HIRAM (1-0-0)** also opened the 2006 season in the win column. The Terriers got goals from three different players en route to a 3-1 victory over Juniata ... **KENYON** freshman **David Gold (Woodland Hills, CA/El Camino Real)** scored for the Lords as they dropped a 2-1 contest to Otterbein at the Wittenberg Invitational ... **OBERLIN (1-0-1)** started the 2006 campaign with a 0-0 overtime tie with Heidelberg and a 1-0 win over Lake Erie. Freshman forward **Skyler Dum (Milford, MI/Detroit Catholic Central)** was the goal scorer for the Yeomen ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** won both contests in the Fred Myers Invitational, a 2-0 defeat of Wisconsin-OshKosh and a 2-1 victory over Olivet. Senior midfielder **Craig Neal (Powell, OH/Worthington Kilbourne)** scored both goals against the Titans, and senior midfielder **Brandon Bianco (Powell, OH/Olentangy)** recorded the game-winner versus the Comets. Neal was named tournament MVP ... **WABASH** opened with a 2-0 home loss to Alma ... **WITTENBERG (1-0-0)** opened its own Invitational with a 3-1 decision over Ohio Dominican. Three different players scored to pace the Tigers ... **WOOSTER (2-0-0)** won its first two contests of the year, 3-2 over Heidelberg and 1-0 over Lake Erie. Sophomore **Steve Fracasso (Wadsworth, OH/Wadsworth)** scored twice in the first game, including the game-winner off a penalty kick.

**WOMEN'S SOCCER REPORT -- BUSY NCAC TEAMS TAKE FIELD IN NON-CONFERENCE PLAY**

A week of non-conference play is on tap for all nine NCAC women's soccer squads. Every day but Monday features at least two contests involving North Coast teams. Today, Allegheny (0-1) and Wittenberg (1-0) conclude competition at the Nazareth Tournament with contests against William Smith and Nazareth, respectively. Denison (1-0) will face Guilford in the second day of the Big Red/Bishop Invitational at Ohio Wesleyan. The Battling Bishops will face Olivet. Kenyon (1-0) hosts Wilmington, Oberlin (0-1) is at Pomona-Pitzer and Wooster is at RIT.

All nine league teams will take the pitch at least twice this week, including the Yeowomen, who host the OC Classic, featuring Hanover and Thomas More, on Saturday and Sunday. Denison makes a West Coast swing with matches at Pomona-Pitzer and Redlands on the same days. North Coast play kicks off on Saturday, Sept. 23, when Earlham hosts Wooster. The majority of teams begin conference play on Saturday, Sept. 30.

**NOTES: ALLEGHENY** junior **Danielle Brigham (Erie, PA/Harbor Creek)** stopped three shots in her first career start in goal, but the Gators fell short in their season-opener, 3-0, against Nazareth. Sophomore **Katie Murphy (Venetia, PA/Peters Township)** provided some offensive spark with a team-leading two shots ... Defending champion **DENISON**, ranked eighth in the NSCAA/adidas Division III preseason poll, rolled to a 6-0 victory over Olivet at the annual Big Red/Battling Bishop Invitational at Ohio Wesleyan. Six different players found the back of the net for Denison. Junior **Kim Cochran (Upper Arlington, OH/Upper Arlington)** netted the game's first goal in the 13th minute via a header off a corner kick by senior **Kristen Matthews (Columbus, OH/Upper Arlington)**. A second Matthews corner kick exactly two minutes later found senior midfielder **Tammy Hoch (Moon Township, PA/Sewickley Academy)**, who put it away for her first goal of the season and the 17th of her career. Not to be outdone, the Big Red defense did not allow the Comets to unleash a single shot attempt ... **EARLHAM** split a pair of games, dropping its season-opener, 3-1, to Principia, then rallying to defeat Thomas More, 2-1. Junior **Hailee Carter (Middletown, OH/Lakota East)** scored the Quakers' lone goal against Principia and added an assist against Thomas More. Freshman **Emily Roth (Evanston, IL/Evanston Township)** scored the game-winner against Thomas More. Senior 'keeper **Cassie Byrd (Bloomington, IN/North)** made 22 saves over the two games ... **HIRAM** jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in its season-opener against Ursuline thanks to a goal by freshman **Ashley Ellsworth (Strongsville, OH/Strongsville)** just over two minutes into the game, followed by a breakaway by fellow freshman **Crystal Gutierrez (San Bernardino, CA/University of Mass.)** during the 21st minute. The Terriers could not hold on to the lead, however, as the Arrows evened the score with a pair of goals, then scored the game-winner with 40 seconds left on the clock ... In the first game of the **KENYON** College Classic, the Ladies defeated John Carroll, 2-0. Junior **Jen Arnold (Atlanta, GA/Westminster)** assisted on Kenyon's first-half goal and then scored the Ladies' second tally in the second half ... **OBERLIN** was narrowly defeated, 1-0 by St. Catherine (MN), in the first game of its California trip. The Yeowomen dominated possession in the first half but couldn't find the back of the net ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** sophomore forward **Michelle Corbett (Dublin, OH/Scioto)** and freshman **Caitlin Logan (Findlay, OH/Findlay)** each scored twice to lead the Bishops, ranked 21st in the NSCAA/adidas Division III preseason poll, over Guilford, 7-2, at the Big Red/Bishops Invitational. Corbett set up the Bishops' first goal, sending a crossing pass to junior forward **Meredith Gerrick (Durham, N.C./Indianapolis (IN) North Central)**, who converted the chance just 80 seconds into the game. The Bishops outshot Guilford 24-13 ... **WITTENBERG** earned a season-opening 1-0 win over William Smith in the first round of the Nazareth Tournament. The Tigers, who outshot William Smith 12-3, broke the scoreless tie 71 minutes into the game as junior **Lisa Rusch (Columbus, OH/Worthington Kilbourne)** notched an unassisted goal. The Tiger defense held William Smith to three shots in the game and junior goalkeeper **Meghan O'Rourke (Columbus, Ohio/Worthington Kilbourne)** was forced into just one save ... Freshman forward **Winnie Adrien (Selden, NY/Blair Academy, NY)** scored once and assisted on another goal in **WOOSTER'S** 4-3 loss to Cortland State at the RIT Tournament.

**VOLLEYBALL REPORT -- SEVEN OF NINE SQUADS TO COMPETE IN TOURNAMENTS IN COMING WEEK**

Seven of nine North Coast squads will participate in a tournament in the coming weekend. Allegheny (0-0, 1-3) joins the field at Baldwin-Wallace, Earlham (0-0, 4-0) plays in Rose-Hulman's Tournament, and Hiram (0-0, 4-0) travels to compete at the Emory Tournament. Also on tap, Kenyon (0-0, 0-4) participates in the Penn State-Behrend tournament, Ohio Wesleyan (0-0, 4-0) travels to Hanover to participate in the Hanover Invitational, Wittenberg (0-0, 3-1) travels to St. Louis to compete in the Washington (Mo.) Tournament, and Wooster (0-0, 2-2) hosts its own Kilt Classic. Denison (0-0, 4-0) only has a dual match with Otterbein on tap this week, while Oberlin (0-0, 2-2) is idle.

**NOTES:** The opening week of the North Coast volleyball season was a very successful one as four squads won all four of their season-opening matches. **DENISON** won all four matches at the Wingate Invitational, hosted by Virginia Wesleyan in Virginia Beach, VA. Senior defensive specialist **Caitlin Krupka (Westlake, OH/Holy Name)** was named to the all-tournament team ... **EARLHAM** won four times in its own Coca-Cola Quaker Classic. The Quakers were led by freshman **Keely McAnnis-Entenman (Portland, OR/Grant)**, who was named to the all-tournament team. Earlham was tournament co-champion with Urbana ... **HIRAM** fared well at the Ohio Northern Invitational with four victories, including two over top-20 teams. The Terriers posted straight-set wins over #19 Mt. St. Joseph and #12 Ohio Northern, in addition to victories over Carnegie Mellon and Ithaca. Senior **Michelle Kozempa (Seven Hills, OH/Normandy)** totaled 52 kills and 17 blocks to earn MVP honors ... **OHIO WESLEYAN'S** start was impressive as well as the Bishops claimed the team title at their own Bishop Invitational for the first time since 1999. Senior middle hitter **Megan Margala (Prospect, OH/Marion Elgin)** earned tournament MVP honors and set a school record with 10 solo and 17 total blocks in a 3-2 decision over Grove City. Junior outside hitter **Steffi Graf (Poland, OH/Seminary)** was also named to the all-tournament team ... **WITTENBERG** opened the season with a second-place finish at the Juniata ASICS Invitational. The Tigers defeated Christopher Newport, Muskingum and Gettysburg but lost to the hosts. Two players earned all-tournament recognition: junior outside hitter **Emily Bell (Fort Wayne, IN/Concordia Lutheran)** and sophomore libero **Laura Fender (Toledo, OH/St. Ursula)** ... **OBERLIN** opened with victories over Lake Erie and Bethany, then losses to Wilmington and Bluffton at the Bishop Invitational ... **WOOSTER** split four matches at the Capital Invitational. Junior outside hitter **Carolyn Ciriegio (Covington, OH/Covington)** earned all-tournament recognition after averaging 2.47 kills with a .230 attack percentage, and adding 34 digs and six total blocks ... **ALLEGHENY** went 1-3 at the Capital Invitational. Junior middle hitter **Betsy LaPorte (Albany, OH/Alexander)** led the way with 31 kills in the four matches ... **KENYON** dropped four matches to finish eighth at the Kalamazoo Hornet Invitational.



**NCAC UNDERTAKES SPORTSMANSHIP INITIATIVE:  
SUPPORT POSITIVE FAN BEHAVIOR & ELIMINATE THE NEGATIVE**

We've all seen the painful examples of poor fan behavior at college contests:

Fans rushing the field following a big football win; Fans rushing the court after winning a basketball championship; Fans at a women's basketball game or men's soccer game screaming at the officials; Fans at a men's lacrosse game running onto the field and disrupting play.

Conferences and colleges around the country have all experienced the same problem of poor fan behavior. The North Coast Athletic Conference is taking a stand to do something about it.

Following an unprecedented year-long study, the NCAC, and approximately 71% of the Division III membership (326 institutions) and approximately 77.5% of all Div. III conferences, are ready to roll out a Sportsmanship/Fan Behavior Initiative this 2006-07 academic year.

The NCAC mission statement reads: "In a unified effort to promote respect for student-athletes, coaches and officials in intercollegiate athletics, the North Coast Athletic Conference and its 10 member institutions pledge their commitment to build positive spirit in the stands and on the fields of our athletic events."

Our message is simple:

**Be Loud \* Be Proud \* Be Positive**

What do we mean by fan sportsmanship?

- > Cheer for your team, not against the opponents
- > Don't get personal in your comments about players, coaches or officials
- > No profanity, vulgarity, racist or sexist comments
- > Give players, coaches and officials their space by keeping away from the playing area and team benches

NCAC leaders want fans to support our teams in a positive way and have a good time doing so. We welcome and encourage our fans to be positive in their support, and know that most fans want to be positive.

This year you will see banners exhorting our sportsmanship slogan (Be Loud \* Be Proud \* Be Positive), increased and active game management, and where needed, enforcement of the rules for fans on our various campus venues.