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NCAC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK (SEPT. 10)

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Ohio Wesleyan senior **Matt Kempton (Fredericktown, OH/Fredericktown)** was the top NCAC finisher at the GLCA Championships, held at Earlham on Sat., Sept. 9. He finished in third place with a time of 26:43 over 8K, leading the Bishops to a second-place team finish.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Oberlin sophomore **Maddy Davis-Hayes (Philadelphia, PA/Germantown Friends)** was the top NCAC finisher at the GLCA Championships, held at Earlham on Sat., Sept. 9. she finished in second place with a time of 19:33, leading the Yeowomen to the team title.

FIELD HOCKEY

Kenyon junior **Lauren Keiling (Blairstown, NJ/Blair Academy)** led the Ladies to a 2-0 week with three goals in a pair of conference victories. Keiling scored twice in Kenyon's 3-0 win over Denison, then notched the only score of the game in a 1-0 decision over Wittenberg.

FOOTBALL (OFFENSIVE/DEFENSIVE)

OFFENSE: Earlham senior quarterback **Justin Rummell (Ingalls, IN/Pendleton Hts.)** completed 30-of-39 passes for a school-record 507 yards and a school- and conference-record seven touchdown passes, to lead the Quakers to a 49-35 victory over Manchester. He tied his own conference mark, set against the same opponent last season. Rummell added two more school career records to his collection: total offense and completions. He now has 7606 yards of total offense and 621 completions, to go with his career marks in passing (7743) and touchdown passes (59). **DEFENSE:** Oberlin sophomore linebacker **Zach Warner (Flint, MI/Kearsley)** led the Yeomen defense in a 48-34 defeat of Heidelberg. Warner recorded seven tackles, two tackles for a loss, and intercepted a pass for 35 yards.

MEN'S SOCCER

Wabash junior forward **Gary Simkus (Highland, IN/Highland)** scored a hat trick in the second-half to hand the Little Giants their first win of the season, a 4-1 win over Haverford in the opening game of the Haverford Jimmy Miller Tournament. Simkus also scored a goal and added an assist in Wabash's 3-2 loss to Rose-Hulman. He finished the week with four goals and an assist. Simkus leads Wabash with four goals and nine total points.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Denison senior **Tammy Hoch (Moon Township, PA/Sewickley)** scored twice and added an assist in a 6-1 defeat of Guilford, then headed in the game-winner in overtime in a 2-1 decision over Case. Finally, she led the Big Red to a 6-0 victory over Pomona-Pitzer with a pair of goals. She has six goals and an assist to lead Denison in scoring through four games this season.

VOLLEYBALL

Earlham junior middle blocker **Lisa Vanderkolk (Bluffton, IN/Bluffton)** smashed 60 kills in four matches as the Quakers won three times at the Rose-Hulman tournament. Vanderkolk also contributed 17 digs and 10 blocks.



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NCAC Football Report

**FOUR TEAMS TAKE THIS WEEK OFF;
HIRAM, ALLEGHENY MEET IN NON-CONFERENCE TILT**

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CLEVELAND -- Allegheny (1-1), Earlham (1-1), Ohio Wesleyan (0-2) and Wabash (0-1) each host their first home games of 2006 in the coming week. The Gators host Hiram (0-2) in a non-conference matchup. Earlham entertains Anderson, the Bishops host Bethany and the Little Giants welcome Millikin. The only other North Coast squad with a game on tap is Kenyon (1-1), which travels to Case.

Last week, Earlham picked up its first victory, 49-35, over Manchester behind senior quarterback **Justin Rummell's (Ingalls, IN/Pendleton Hts.)** 507 yards passing and seven touchdowns without an interception. Oberlin was victorious as well, defeating Heidelberg, 48-34, in the Yeomen's home opener. Sophomore signal caller **Greg Mangan (San Francisco, CA/St. Ignatius)** exploded for a school-record 366 yards on 28 for 37 passing. Wooster improved to 2-0 with a 31-10 defeat of Waynesburg.

In other games, Allegheny lost a heartbreaker, 22-10, to Washington and Jefferson, as a last-minute Gator drive was doused by an interception returned for a game-sealing score. Denison opened newly refurbished Deeds Field with a 27-14 loss to Case in the first night game hosted by Denison since 1941. Hiram fell to 0-2 with a 42-7 loss to Bethany. Junior linebacker **Tom Canitia (Chagrin Falls, OH/St. Peter Chanel)** led the Terrier defense with 17 tackles, 13 of them solo. Senior **Alby Coombs (Sharon, Ma/Belmont Hill)** rushed for 107 yards and a touchdown but the Lords could not keep up with Claremont Mudd Scripps and dropped a 34-10 decision.

Ohio Wesleyan also lost a heartbreaker, 34-33, to Catholic in overtime. A failed two-point conversion attempt by the Bishops in OT proved to be the game's deciding play. Defending North Coast champion Wabash lost its opener last week, 45-38, to Franklin in overtime, despite blocking a field-goal attempt by the Grizzlies late in regulation to send the game to overtime. Wittenberg dropped a 35-28 decision to DI-AAA Dayton despite 100-yard rushing games from both senior tailback **Tristan Murray (New Carlisle, OH/Tecumseh)** and freshman quarterback **Aaron Huffman (Newark, OH/Newark)**.

Grid Notebook: ALLEGHENY was led by quarterback **Jimmy Savage (North Canton, OH/Hoover)**, who completed 23 of 36 passes for 263 yards and a touchdown. Senior wide receiver **Dallas Robinson (Wooster, OH/Northwestern)** posted career highs for the second consecutive week, this time with eight catches for 79 yards. Senior running back **Mario Tarquinio (Charleroi, PA/Charleroi)** totaled 93 yards for the game, 43 on the ground and 50 by reception ... DENISON played night football for the first time since 1941 on newly refurbished Deeds Field. Previously, the Big Red had played at night between the 1934-1941 seasons, and when the very first night game was played, against Findlay, **Woody Hayes** was a senior lineman for Denison. Approximately 3,600 fans were in the stands on Saturday, as senior **Fred Lee (St. Louis, MO/MICDS)** rushed for a team-best 57 yards and two scores on 11 carries. The Big Red defense held the Spartans to 281 yards of offense and sacked the Case quarterback four times in the loss ... EARLHAM senior quarterback Rummell appears to be fully recovered from the injuries that ended his season prematurely last year. He broke his own school mark again with 507 yards passing, and tied his own school, and NCAC, mark with seven touchdowns passing, set last year against the same opponent. He also established Quaker career records with those totals. He now holds the school career marks for total offense (7606) and completions (621) and extended his career record totals for TD passes (59) and passing yards (7743). Rummell, though, was not the only record setter for Earlham last Saturday. Junior wideout **Joe White (Richmond, IN/Richmond)** claimed single-game marks of his own with 231 yards receiving, four touchdowns and 24 points scored. Sophomore **Chris Owens (Ft. Thomas, KY/Highlands)** finished with seven catches for 198 yards and three touchdowns ... In addition to Mangan's outstanding performance at quarterback, OBERLIN had stellar contributions from sophomore running back **R.V. Carroll (Perry, OH/Perry)** and a pair of junior receivers, **Chris Schubert (Oberlin, OH/Oberlin)** and **Cassius Harris (Chicago, IL/Loyola Academy)**. Carroll rushed for 176 yards and one touchdown, while Schubert and Harris combined for 248 yards and four touchdowns. Schubert caught 10 passes for 125 yards and two scores, while Harris notched seven grabs for 123 yards and two scores of his own. Sophomore linebacker **Zach Warner (Flint, MI/Kearsley)** led the defense with seven tackles, including two for a loss, and snatched an interception for a return of 35 yards ... OHIO WESLEYAN junior quarterback **Steve Hymes (Barberton, OH/Massillon Washington)** connected with junior split end **Zach Dennis (Jefferson, OH/Jefferson Area)** on a 24-yard scoring play in overtime, but Hymes' game-winning two-point conversion attempt was tipped and fell incomplete, allowing Catholic to hold on to a thrilling

Upcoming Games - Sat. Sept. 16		Last Week's Results - Sat. Sept. 9	
Anderson at Earlham, 1:00	Kenyon at Case Western Reserve, 6:00	Bethany 42, Hiram 7	Earlham 49, Manchester 35
Bethany at Ohio Wesleyan, 1:00	Millikin at Wabash, 1:00	Case 27, Denison 14	Franklin 45, Wabash 38 (ot)
Hiram at Allegheny, 1:00		Catholic 34, Ohio Wesleyan 33 (ot)	Oberlin 48, Heidelberg 34
		Claremont Mudd Scripps 35, Kenyon 10	Washington & Jefferson 22, Allegheny 10
		Dayton 35, Wittenberg 28	Wooster 31, Waynesburg 10

NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE 2006 FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

* conference games

Allegheny College (0-0; 1-1)

S. 2	at Westminster	W, 35-10
S. 9	at Wash. & Jefferson	L, 10-22
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; 0-2)

S. 2	at Randolph-Macon	L, 14-20
S. 9	CASE	L, 14-27
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; 1-1)

S. 2	at Rose-Hulman	L, 17-24
S. 9	at Manchester	W, 49-35
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; 0-2)

S. 2	CARNEGIE MELLON	L, 6-27
S. 9	at Bethany	L, 7-42
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; 1-1)

S. 2	at Grinnell	W, 57-31
S. 9	at Clare.-McKenna	L, 10-34
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; 1-1)

S. 2	at Case	L, 23-29 (ot)
S. 9	HEIDELBERG	W, 48-34
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; 0-2)

S. 2	at Franklin	L, 23-38
S. 9	at Catholic	L, 33-34 (ot)
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; 0-1)

S. 9	at Franklin	L, 38-45 (ot)
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; 0-2)

S. 2	at Capital	L, 7-57
S. 9	DAYTON	L, 28-35
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; 2-0)

S. 2	JOHN CARROLL	W, 30-22
S. 9	at Waynesburg	W, 31-10
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

one-point victory. Senior defensive end **Owen Case (Marion, OH/River Valley)** led the Bishop defense with 11 tackles, including 1-1/2 sacks for a loss of seven yards, and 2-1/2 for a loss of another 15, and forced a fumble ... WABASH entered its first game of the season last week ranked 22nd in the first D3football.com poll. The Little Giants were led by senior wide receiver **Geoff Walker (Lake Central, IN/Schererville)**, who made 13 catches for 174 yards and three touchdowns. Senior quarterback **Dustin Huff (Martinsville, IN/Martinsville)** threw for 313 yards and four touchdowns, and ran for another 56. Junior linebacker **Adrian Pynenberg (Montgomery, IL/Oswego Community)** had six solos and five assists and four tackles for losses of 11 yards ... Freshman quarterback Huffman not only led WITTENBERG with over 100 yards rushing, but also threw for 111 yards on 14-for-25 passing. Senior linebackers **Tyler Harmon (Indianapolis, IN/Perry Meridian)** and **Joe Swanson (Germantown, OH/Valley View)** each totaled 10 tackles to lead the Tiger defense ... WOOSTER improved to 2-0 on the season on the strength of sophomore tailback **Joe Francescangeli's (Brunswick, OH/Brunswick)** 82 yards on 11 carries, and two touchdowns. Senior middle linebacker **Phil Vitalbo (Monongahela, PA/Seton-LaSalle)** led the Scots with seven tackles (five solo) and one for a loss of six yards. Wooster limited Waynesburg to just 13 first downs and 239 yards of total offense.



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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 -- NINE NORTH COAST SCHOOLS TO COMPETE AT SEVEN DIFFERENT EVENTS

Earlham and Wabash run at the Indiana Intercollegiates, to be held in Terre Haute. Wooster and Ohio Wesleyan compete at Marietta's Carl Broughton Invitational. Allegheny participates in a pre-regional hosted by Waynesburg. Denison and Hiram are at Calvin and Penn St.-Behrend, Kenyon and Wittenberg are at Cedarville and Augustana, respectively. Oberlin is the only squad to not have competition this week.

NOTES: Seven North Coast schools participated in the Great Lakes Colleges (GLCA) Championships, held at Earlham Saturday. **OBERLIN'S** women turned in the best team performance for the day by winning the women's race. Sophomore **Maddy Davis-Hayes (Philadelphia, PA/Germantown Friends)** led the way for the Yeowomen with a second-place finish. She completed the 5,000-meter course in 19:33.00, four seconds behind the winner from Kalamazoo, Jillian McLaughlin. Oberlin senior **Ariane Burwell (San Francisco, CA/Urban School)** was right behind Davis-Hayes in third place (19:37.00). All five scoring runners for Oberlin finished in the top 15. DENISON senior **Elaine Binkley (Columbus, OH/Bishop Watterson)** was fourth (19:42.00), leading the Big Red to a third-place team finish. **OHIO WESLEYAN** wound up fourth in the women's meet, as freshman **Sarah Shinn (Edinboro, PA/General McLane)** finished sixth (19:46.00). **KENYON**, which finished seventh in the team standings, had sophomore **Jessica Francois (Yorktown Hts., NY/Yorktown)** leading the way in 17th (20:10). **EARLHAM** was led by sophomore **Michelle Crane (Mansfield, OH/St. Peter's)** in 26th and the Quakers wound up eighth in the eight-team field. On the men's side, Ohio Wesleyan senior **Matt Kempton (Fredericktown, OH/Fredericktown)** led the Bishops to a second-place team finish, crossing third in the 8,000-meter race (26:43), a mere 10 seconds behind the winner, Dusty Kime of DePauw. OWU had four runners finish in the top 20. Oberlin was the next NCAC squad in the standings in fourth place. Senior **Travis Grout (Jefferson, OH/Jefferson Area)** paced the Yeomen with a seventh-place individual finish (27:08). DENISON finished fifth in the team standings as junior **Joel Bendtsen (Chillicothe, OH/Chillicothe)** finished sixth (27:02). Senior **Dennis Frazee (Griffith, IN/Calumet)** was the top runner for **WABASH**, crossing in eighth place in 27:12. The Little Giants were sixth in the nine-team field. Kenyon and Earlham rounded out NCAC teams with seventh and eighth place finishes. Quaker senior **Walker Yane (Oldenburg, IN/St. Xavier)** led Earlham in 18th place (27:31) while Lord sophomore **Jim Boston (Brookfield, WI/Marquette)** was 25th (27:51) to pace Kenyon.

WITTENBERG captured first place in the women's meet at their own invitational, run at John Bryan State Park in Yellow Springs, Ohio. Junior **Christine Maddox (Miamisburg, OH/Miamisburg)** posted a career-best second-place finish in 21:09 over 5K. Sophomore **Gabe Savage (Lewisburg, OH/Tri-County North)** finished fourth in 29:19 over 8K to lead the Tiger men to second place.

FIELD HOCKEY REPORT -- FOUR CONFERENCE GAMES ON TAP IN COMING WEEK

The only conference squad yet to see NCAC play is Oberlin (0-0, 2-1) but the Yeowomen will remedy that situation with two league contests this week. Ohio Wesleyan (1-0, 1-1), fresh off a conference opening, 2-0 victory over Earlham (0-2, 0-3), travels to Oberlin on Tuesday. Friday afternoon, the Quakers visit league leading Kenyon (2-0, 3-1). Saturday, Denison (0-1, 1-3) visits the Yeowomen and the Bishops entertain Wooster (1-0, 2-1). Wittenberg is the only North Coast team without a conference match this week. Instead, the Tigers host Rhodes on Saturday evening.

NOTES: **DENISON** had a rough week with three shutout losses, including a conference-opening, 3-0 loss to Kenyon. One of the losses was to defending national champion Salisbury, 8-0 ... **EARLHAM** dropped its first two NCAC games of the year, 2-0 to Ohio Wesleyan and 4-0 to Wooster ... **KENYON** is the early leader in the conference standings after knocking off Denison (3-0) and Wittenberg (1-0) last week. Junior **Lauren Keiling (Blairstown, NJ/Blair Academy)** scored three of the Ladies' four goals for the week, including the only score in the contest against the Tigers. Keiling has four goals in four games this season ... **OBERLIN** won its only contest last week, a 2-1 decision over Transylvania ... Junior midfielder **Maggie Donovan (Westport, CT/Staples)** scored late in the first half to provide all the scoring **OHIO WESLEYAN** would need to defeat Earlham, 2-0 ... **WITTENBERG** defeated Notre Dame (MD), 1-0, then returned home to lose its conference opener, 1-0, to Kenyon. Junior **Caroline Mason (New Canaan, CT/New Canaan)** scored the lone goal for the Tigers, and freshman **Sarah Umberger (Concord, NH/Derryfield School)** posted her first career shutout ... Freshman forward **Amanda Artman (Shaker Hts., OH/Shaker Hts.)** scored once in each game to lead **WOOSTER** to a 1-1 week. Artman scored the first goal of the game in a 2-1 loss to Centre, then posted the second score in a 4-0 defeat of Earlham.

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GOLF REPORT -- HIRAM TO HOST FIRST NCAC REGULAR SEASON GOLF EVENT

The North Coast Athletic Conference will debut the first event of its new golf championship format this week, when league teams compete at the Hiram Fall Invitational at Fowlers Mill Golf Course in Chesterland, Ohio on Saturday and Sunday.

In reaction to the NCAA moving to the automatic qualifier system in golf, NCAC teams have revised their championship determination process. The 2006 champion will be the top finisher for all rounds completed at three required, 36-hole, regular-season events and the 54-hole, post-season championship. The champ will earn the conference's automatic berth into the NCAA Tournament. Due to the strength of NCAC golf, it is likely that other league teams may be considered for at-large berths.

The second regular season event, hosted by Wittenberg, is set for Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 30-Oct. 1 at Windy Knoll Golf Club and at Reid Park Golf Course. The final regular season event will be hosted by Ohio Wesleyan on April 21-22 (Dornoch Golf Club/Oakhaven Golf Club). Wooster will host the post-season championship at the Legends of Massillon, in Massillon, Ohio, on May 5-6.

MEN'S SOCCER REPORT -- TEAMS ENTER FINAL WEEK OF NON-CONFERENCE PLAY

North Coast men's soccer teams are entering their final week of preparation before the conference season begins. The squads look to take full advantage of the time with games set for nearly every day this week, including today. Allegheny (3-0-1) and Wabash (1-3) each play in a tournament championship match today, with the Gators taking on Greensboro at the Roanoke Tournament and the Little Giants squaring off against Cabrini at the Haverford Tournament. Also today, Oberlin (1-0-2) is at Anderson and Wittenberg (2-2) is at Rose-Hulman.

On Tuesday, Kenyon (1-2) and Wooster (3-0) host Mt. Vernon Nazarene and Marietta, respectively, while Ohio Wesleyan (4-1) travels to Wilmington. Allegheny and Wittenberg host Mt. Union and Muskingum the next day as Denison (1-1-1), Earlham (2-1), Hiram (4-1) and Wabash all hit the road. The Big Red are at Capital, the Quakers at Anderson, the Terriers at Adrian and the Little Giants at Millikin.

All 10 schools play at least one match between Thursday and Saturday. The NCAC schedule kicks off with four matches on Saturday, Sept. 23

NOTES: Ohio Wesleyan is ranked fourth in the latest (Sept. 5) NSCAA/adidas national rankings. Allegheny is tied with Salisbury (MD) in the 25th position. The Bishops are first in the Great Lakes Region, followed by Allegheny in fourth and Wooster in ninth. Ohio Wesleyan is ranked sixth in the D3Kicks.com Week 1 poll ... **ALLEGHENY** ended the weekend with a 4-0-1 record. Junior goalkeeper **Ryan Larkin (Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin)** picked up his fourth consecutive shutout, dropping his season goals against average to a paltry 0.19. The Gators gave up their only goal just 6:18 into the first game of the season, and have since played 443:42 of scoreless soccer. **Mark Dobish (New Wilmington, PA/Wilmington Area)** took the team scoring lead over the weekend, scoring two goals and dishing out an assist, giving him a team-high five points on the year. In all, six different Gators have scored the team's seven goals and each of the team's game-winning goals have come from a different player ... **DENISON** has allowed only one goal through four matches this season, and it was a costly one, as Wilmington's Alex Van Der Sluijs knocked in a penalty kick in the 57th minute to lead the Quakers past the Big Red, 1-0. Up to that point, Denison freshman 'keeper **Kevin Donahue (Riverside, CT/Greenwich)** had put together 347 minutes of shutout soccer to open his collegiate career as the starting goalie. He has a goals against of 0.24 and has made nine saves ... **EARLHAM** junior forward **Nhlanhla Maduna (Ezuluwini, Swaziland/Li Po Chun)** continues to power the Quakers offense as he scored his squad's lone goal in a 2-1 loss to Rose-Hulman. He has scored five points in three games to rank second in the NCAC in points per game at 1.67 ppg. ... **HIRAM** put together a 3-1 week behind the stellar play of freshman goalkeeper **Nate Rausch (Cuyahoga Falls, OH/Cuyahoga Falls)**. Rausch posted back-to-back shutouts against Penn State-Behrend (2-0) and Fredonia State (1-0) to lead the Terriers to the Fredonia State Blue Devil Classic team championship. Including Hiram's 2-0 win over Thiel and their 4-0 loss to Richard Stockton, Rausch allowed four goals in four games on 20 shots faced for a 1.33 goals against average. The Terriers are off to a 4-1 start; their four wins equal Ohio Wesleyan for the most in the conference thus far ... **KENYON** split two games in Illinois last weekend. The Lords started out with a 2-1 win over North Central on Friday and the finished with a 4-1 loss to Dominican on Saturday. Freshman **James Knauss (Louisville, KY/Trinity)** booted home his first collegiate goal – one that turned out to be the game-winner in the North Central game ... Junior midfielder **Sam Zackheim (Portland, OR/Lincoln)** scored **OBERLIN'S** only goal in a 1-1 double-overtime tie with Mt. Union last week. He scored the game's first tally off a corner kick 26:30 into the contest ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** went 2-0 at their annual adidas Invitational last week, starting with a 1-0 win over Chicago – the program's 30th straight regular season victory, breaking the school-record 29-game streaks assembled by the 1991 and 1992 Battling Bishops. Senior midfielder **Craig Neal (Powell, OH/Worthington Kilbourne)** headed home the game-winner with 9:31 left in regulation. The Bishops closed out their Invite with a 2-0 win over Elmhurst. Neal was joined on the all-tournament team by senior **Brandon Bianco (Powell, OH/Olentangy)**, sophomore **T.J. Trigg (Westerville, OH/Westerville North)**, and junior **Jamison Dague (Bexley, OH/Bexley)**. Dague made two saves to clinch the shutout against Chicago and six to shut out Elmhurst ... **WABASH** went 1-1 last week. The Little Giants saw a 2-1 lead erased in the final 15 minutes of their 3-2 loss to Rose-Hulman. The Engineers scored the game-winner with just 1:30 left on the clock. Wabash rebounded with a 4-1 win over Haverford at the host's Jimmy Miller Tournament. The win was the first for Head Coach **Roberto Giannini** at Wabash. Junior forward **Gary Simkus (Highland, IN/Highland)** scored a hat trick in the second-half to hand the Little Giants their first win of the season. He finished the week with four goals and an assist. Simkus leads Wabash with four goals and nine total points. Freshman **Matthew McClain (Chesterton, IN/Chesterton)** made nine saves while allowing one goal in the victory ... **WITTENBERG** rebounded from a pair of losses to hit the road and capture its first shutout of the 2006 season with a 1-0 win over DePauw. Junior **Ben McAnnis-Entenman (Portland, OR/Cleveland)** made his first start of the season a good one, recording nine saves and his first shutout since 2004. The Tigers opened the week with a 2-1 loss to Otterbein and a 6-2 loss to Wilmington ... **WOOSTER** won its only game last week, topping Otterbein, 2-1. Senior defender **Tim Presto (Wadsworth, OH/Wadsworth)** converted a penalty kick during the 73rd minute, providing the winning margin. The goal was the third of his career. He was also

strong on defense, leading a unit that limited the Cardinals to just seven shots in the match. The Fighting Scots are off to a 3-0 start for the first time since 2001.

WOMEN'S SOCCER REPORT -- MORE NON-CONFERENCE ACTION ON TAP

The first conference match is scheduled for September 23, and a full schedule gets under way September 30. In the meantime, conference schools continue to prepare for the conference season as every squad plays at least two non-conference contests this week.

Wednesday, Allegheny (2-2) travels to Grove City, and Wittenberg (1-2) meets Ohio Northern. Defending champion Denison (4-0) is off to a strong start and aims to keep their streak intact versus John Carroll that same day. Oberlin (1-3) and Wooster (3-1) host Lake Erie and Marietta, respectively. A full slate of games are set for Saturday, with every North Coast squad but Hiram (1-3) playing that day.

NOTES: ALLEGHENY, which started the season 0-2, bounced back with a pair of victories last week to even their record at 2-2. **Katie Murphy (Venetia, PA/Peters Township)** scored twice and added an assist as the Gators defeated Mount Union, 2-0, and Westminster, 3-1 ... **DENISON** won three times last week to improve to 4-0 on the year. The Big Red, ranked sixth in the latest NSCAA Top-25 rankings, beat Guilford, 6-1, Case, 2-1 in overtime, and Pomona-Pitzer, 6-0. Senior **Tammy Hoch (Moon Township, PA/Sewickley)** scored twice and had an assist against Guilford, headed in the game-winner against Case in overtime, and scored twice against Pomona-Pitzer ... **EARLHAM** lost its only contest last week, 2-1 to Rose-Hulman. **Franny Newport (Toledo, OH/St. Ursula)**, a freshman forward, scored for the Quakers ... **HIRAM** went 1-2 last week, defeating Thiel, 7-1, then dropping games against Fredonia (3-0) and Mount Union (2-1 in overtime). Senior forward **Lauren Manfrass (Garrettsville, OH/Walsh Jesuit)** scored twice and added an assist in the victory, then added a goal in overtime against Mount Union. She was selected to Fredonia's all-tournament team ... **KENYON** dropped a 2-0 decision to Washington & Lee in the Ladies' only action last week as goalkeeper **Rose Davis (Decatur, GA/Decatur)** made three saves ... **OBERLIN** went 1-2 last week, winning for the first time this season, 5-1 over Hanover. Senior midfielder **Sam Schongalla (Alexandria, VA/Bishop Ireton)** scored twice in the win ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** lost to Calvin, 5-0, then defeated Hope, 4-1, last week. Junior midfielder **Meg Smith (Portage, MI/Northern)** scored the game-winner in the victory as the Bishops outshot Hope, 15-11 ... Junior **Lisa Rusch (Columbus, OH/Worthington Kilbourne)** scored the Tigers' lone goal last week as **WITTENBERG** lost two one-goal games. The Tigers dropped a 1-0 decision to Nazareth and a 2-1 game to DePauw ... After dropping their first game of the season, **WOOSTER** came roaring back with three victories in the second week. Freshman forward **Winnie Adrien (Selden, NY/Blair Academy, NJ)** totaled four goals, highlighted by a hat trick in a 5-1 defeat of Case. It was the 12th hat trick in Wooster women's soccer history. Adrien added an assist for a seven point day, tying the school mark.

VOLLEYBALL REPORT -- CONFERENCE SEASON OPENS WITH 11 MATCHES THIS WEEK

The 2006 North Coast Athletic Conference volleyball season tips off this week with a full conference slate. This season marks the first in which volleyball plays a double round-robin schedule. Denison (0-0, 5-0) is off to a strong start and will host surprising Earlham (0-0, 7-1) on Tuesday. Also that day, Kenyon (0-0, 2-6) and Oberlin (0-0, 2-2) entertain Wittenberg (0-0, 5-3) and Wooster (0-0, 4-5), respectively. The next day, the Big Red travel to red-hot Ohio Wesleyan (0-0, 8-1) for the Bishops' opener. Friday, the Yeowomen host Allegheny (0-0, 3-5) and the Quakers host the Ladies. Defending champion Hiram (0-0, 7-1) kicks off its title defense with matches against Wooster Friday night and Oberlin on Saturday. The Tigers host the Big Red on Friday night. Rounding out the schedule, on Saturday, Kenyon and Earlham host Allegheny and Ohio Wesleyan, respectively.

NOTES: ALLEGHENY went 2-2 at the Baldwin-Wallace tournament, defeating Kalamazoo and Case, but losing to Baldwin-Wallace and Heidelberg. **Jenna Hackett (Rochester, NY/Brighton)** smashed 36 kills to lead the Gators. **Betsy LaPorte (Albany, OH/Alexander)** had 34 kills and a .349 hitting percentage ... **DENISON** won its only match last week, a five-game defeat of Otterbein, to improve to 5-0 on the year. Senior **Kristen Sheffield (Dublin, OH/Scioto)** finished with a career-high 35 kills in the match and a .355 attack percentage. Senior setter **Jenny Gresla (Berne, IN/South Adams)** had 60 assists to improve her season average to 11.59 assists per game ... Junior middle blocker **Lisa Vanderkolk (Bluffton, IN/Bluffton)** led **EARLHAM** to a 3-1 record at the Rose-Hulman tournament with 60 kills in 15 games for an average of four kills per game. She leads the Quakers with 116 kills in 28 games this season (4.14 per game) ... At the Emory tournament, **HIRAM** upped its record to 7-0 before losing in the final match to the fourth-ranked hosts in straight sets. Senior middle hitter **Michelle Kozempa (Seven Hills, OH/Normandy)** had a team-best 48 kills and 17 blocks in the tournament. Junior setter **Megan Taylor (Cortland, OH/Lakeview)** posted 158 assists for an average of 10.53 per game ... **KENYON** went 2-2 at the Penn State-Behrend tournament. Senior **Patrice Collins (Garden City, NY/Garden City)** was named to the all-tournament team ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** won three of four matches at the Hanover Invitational to improve to 8-1 on the year. Junior outside hitter **Steffi Graf (Poland, OH/Seminary)** totaled 56 kills and 114 digs in 19 games as the Bishops won four times in five outings last week ... At the five-team Washington (Mo.) National Invitational, second-ranked **WITTENBERG** finished third. The Tigers defeated #12 Ohio Northern in straight sets and Pacific, 3-1, but lost to #17 Central, 3-2, and #5 Washington, 3-0. Sophomore libero **Laura Fender (Toledo, OH/St. Ursula)** finished the weekend with 88 digs, including a career-high 37 against Central. That total was the 10th best single-match output in school history ... At their own Kilt Classic, **WOOSTER** won twice and lost three times. Scot sophomore libero **Ali Drushal (LAkeville, OH/West Holmes)** was named to the all-tournament team after she recorded 147 digs for an average of seven digs per game.