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NCAC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK (SEPT. 17)

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Allegheny junior **Ryan Place (Meshoppen, PA/Elk Lake)** won the 141-runner Pre-Regional meet hosted by Waynesburg. Place finished the eight-kilometer course in 26:06, leading the Gators to a second-place team finish (16 teams).

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Wooster senior **Katie Wieferich (Marietta, OH/Marietta)** won the Carl Broughton Invitational at Marietta, outdistancing a field of 75 runners with a course-record time of 18:34. Wieferich, who was competing for the first time this season and won five races in 2005, led her team to a second-place finish in the meet.

FIELD HOCKEY

Wittenberg senior **Katy Barrett (Powell, OH/Watterson)** scored the game-winning goal in a 2-1 defeat of DePauw, and accounted for the Tigers' lone score in a 3-1 loss to Rhodes.

FOOTBALL (OFFENSIVE/DEFENSIVE)

OFFENSE: Wabash junior receiver **Mike Russell (Terre Haute, IN/North)** caught five passes for 144 yards and two touchdowns. He averaged 28.8 yards per catch on the day, and scored on 80- and 11-yards out as the Little Giants beat Millikin, 38-31. **DEFENSE:** Allegheny's **Andy Toner (Bethel Park, PA/Bethel Park)** tied an Allegheny single-game record with three interceptions and returned one 30 yards for a touchdown. He also had six tackles, four of them solo in a 52-7 defeat of Hiram.

MEN'S SOCCER

Wooster sophomore **Steve Fracasso (Wadsworth, OH/Wadsworth)** scored the game-tying goal on a header in a 2-1 overtime win over Marietta, with just 2:41 left in regulation. Fracasso also assisted on the lone goal in a 1-0 defeat of John Carroll.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Oberlin senior midfielder **Sam Schongalla (Alexandria, VA/Bishop Ireton)** tallied five goals in three games, including a hat trick against Lake Erie to lead the Yeowomen to a 3-0 week. Schongalla scored the second goal in a 2-0 win over Thomas More and the second goal in a 3-0 win over Muskingum. She recorded a hat trick against Lake Erie, including the game-winner. Oberlin won 4-0. The three wins improve Oberlin's record to 4-3, handing the Yeowomen a winning record after they began the season 0-3.

VOLLEYBALL

Hiram senior **Michelle Kozempa (Seven Hills, OH/Normandy)** led Hiram to a 4-0 week, including two wins in North Coast action, with 50 kills and 10 blocks in 12 games played for averages of 4.17 kills and 0.83 blocks per game in the four matches.

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NCAC Football Report

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**DEFENDING CHAMP WABASH OPENS TITLE DEFENSE AGAINST OHIO WESLEYAN;
FOUR NON-CONFERENCE GAMES ON TAP AS WELL**

CLEVELAND -- Defending North Coast Athletic Conference champion Wabash (0-0, 1-1) starts its title defense this week with the first conference game of the season. The Little Giants welcome Ohio Wesleyan (0-0, 0-3), a team that tied for third in the standings in 2005 with a 5-2 conference mark. The Bishops have lost three tight non-conference matchups to start the season, and look to get their season back on track against the defending champs. Wabash is coming off a 38-31 home victory over Millikin.

The other four contests this weekend involve four of the final non-conference games scheduled for NCAC teams this season. Denison (0-0, 0-2) looks for its first victory of 2006 at Gettysburg. Oberlin (0-0, 1-1) hopes to extend its win streak to two with a home matchup with Washington & Jefferson. Wittenberg (0-0, 0-2) is also looking for its first victory of the season after a week off. This week the Tigers host Alma. Finally, Wooster (0-0, 2-0), the conference's only unbeaten team, hosts Case.

Allegheny (0-0, 2-1), Earlham (0-0, 2-1), Hiram (0-0, 0-3) and Kenyon (0-0, 1-2) are all idle after facing non-conference competition last week. The Gators and the Quakers each won home games, while the Terriers and the Lords lost road games. Allegheny defeated Hiram, 52-7, in a non-conference game in Meadville. Earlham defeated Anderson, 32-34, and Kenyon lost to Case, 43-14.

GRID NOTEBOOK: In a defeat of Hiram, **ALLEGHENY** senior tailback **Mario Tarquinio (Charleroi, PA/Charleroi)** rushed 25 times for 213 yards and two touchdowns - on his 22nd birthday - as the Gators piled up 602 yards of offense. Junior defensive back **Andy Toner (Bethel Park, PA/Bethel Park)** tied a school record with three interceptions, including one that was returned 30 yards for a touchdown. He also recorded six tackles, four of those solo. Senior quarterback **Jimmy Savage (North Canton, OH/Hoover)** posted a career-best 302 yards passing with three touchdowns. Senior wide receiver **Dallas Robinson (Wooster, OH/Northwestern)** caught six passes for a career-high 135 yards and one score ... **EARLHAM** upped its record to 2-1 with a 32-24 home defeat of Anderson. Senior quarterback **Justin Rummell (Ingalls, IN/Pendleton Hts.)** was again the catalyst for the Quakers, completing 23 of 43 passes for 286 yards and four touchdowns. Junior wideout **Joe White (Richmond, IN/Richmond)** caught seven of those passes for an even 100 yards and three of the scores, while sophomore wide receiver **Chris Owens (Ft. Thomas, KY/Highlands)** snagged six for 101 yards and the fourth score. Senior linebacker **Jordan Thompson (Riverview, FL/East Bay)** led the Quaker defense with 10.5 tackles and an interception. Rummell faced a high school teammate of his for the third time as a collegian - Anderson senior running back Denny Kimmel - and Rummell's Earlham teammates held Kimmel to just 79 yards after the Ravens' star had accumulated 480 yards and seven touchdowns in the teams' previous two meetings ... **HIRAM** junior linebacker **Tom Canitia (Chagrin Falls, OH/St. Peter Chanel)** again led the Terrier defense. He recorded nine stops, had one tackle for a loss, one sack and forced a fumble ... The **KENYON** offense never got on track against Case as the Lords dropped a 43-13 decision. Sophomore running back **Javier Arbolaez (Tavernier, FL/Coral Shores)** was a bright spot for Kenyon. He rushed for 115 yards. On defense, linebacker **William Lippert (Cincinnati, OH/Summit Country Day)** led the way with eight stops and a pass broken up ... Even though **OBERLIN** did not compete last week, five Yeomen linemen were named to D3Football.com's team of the week for their performance against Heidelberg Sept. 9. Juniors **Mark Miller (Sandusky, OH/Sandusky)**, **Tony Miller (Lorain, OH/Catholic)**, **Caleb Buck (Wakeman, OH/Western Reserve Academy)**, and **Justin Catalano (Sagertown, PA/Sagertown)**, and sophomore **Max Roessler (Los Angeles, CA/Eagle Rock)** allowed no sacks on 37 pass attempts and only four tackles for a loss on 40 carries that week ... For the third straight week, **OHIO WESLEYAN** lost a heart breaker on the last play of the game. This week, it was Bethany that spoiled the Bishops' day, this time with a touchdown with one second left on the clock. In fact, the Bisons scored twice in the final minute to overtake OWU, which had taken a 28-20 lead with 5:20 left. Senior halfback **Nick Rice (Dublin, OH/Scioto)** led all players with 120 yards and two touchdowns, including the go-ahead score from 31 yards out late in the fourth quarter. Rice also caught five passes for 44 yards and returned four kickoffs for another 106. Senior defensive end **Owen Case (Marion, OH/River Valley)** had another outstanding day as he was credited with 11 tackles, including 3.5 for a loss and three sacks, forced a fumble, had two fumble recoveries and returned one fumble for a 29-yard touchdown ... **WABASH** secured its first win of the year with a 38-31 decision over Millikin. The Little Giants jumped out to an early 31-9 lead and wound up having to hold off a late surge by Millikin, including a last-second hail mary pass that could have tied the game as time ran out. Junior linebacker **Adrian Pynenberg (Montgomery, IL/Oswego Community)** had an

Upcoming Games - Sat. Sept. 23		Last Week's Results - Sat. Sept. 16	
Alma at Wittenberg, 1:00	Ohio Wesleyan at Wabash, 1:00	Allegheny 52, Hiram 7	Earlham 32, Anderson 24
Case Western Reserve at Wooster, 1:00	Washington & Jefferson at Oberlin, 1:00	Bethany 34, Ohio Wesleyan 28	Wabash 38, Millikin 31
Denison at Gettysburg, 1:00		Case 43, Kenyon 14	

NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE 2006 FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

* conference games

Allegheny College (0-0; 2-1)

S. 2	at Westminster	W, 35-10
S. 9	at Wash. & Jefferson	L, 10-22
S. 16	HIRAM	W, 52-7
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; 2-1)

S. 2	at Rose-Hulman	L, 17-24
S. 9	at Manchester	W, 49-35
S. 16	ANDERSON	W, 32-24
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; 0-3)

S. 2	CARNEGIE MELLON	L, 6-27
S. 9	at Bethany	L, 7-42
S. 16	at Allegheny	L, 7-52
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; 1-2)

S. 2	at Grinnell	W, 57-31
S. 9	at Clare.-McKenna	L, 10-34
S. 16	at Case	L, 14-43
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; 0-3)

S. 2	at Franklin	L, 23-38
S. 9	at Catholic	L, 33-34
S. 16	BETHANY	L, 28-34
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; 1-1)

S. 9	at Franklin	L, 38-45 (ot)
S. 16	MILLIKIN	W, 38-31
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

outstanding day with 10 solos and 10 assists for 20 stops on the day. He als was credited with 1.5 tackles for a loss of five yards and a sack for another four. His 20 tackles in a game tied for the third-best individual effort in a game in school history, tying Jim Kilbane who also had 20 against Millikin, in 1982. Senior quarterback **Dustin Huff (Martinsville, IN/Martinsville)**, meanwhile, piled up 386 yards in the air with four touchdowns on 22 of 36 passing. Two of those scores were caught by junior receiver **Mike Russell (Terr Haute, IN/North)**. Russell finished with five receptions for 144 yards. Senior **Geoff Walker (Schererville, IN/Lake Central)**, who entered the week as the Division III leader in reception yards, added six catches for 118 yards and one score to his season totals. The Little Giants finished wth 395 yards passing for the game. Each of the three players who threw a pass for Wabash in the game also caught a pass.

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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 -- SEVEN SCHOOLS TO RUN AT THREE DIFFERENT EVENTS

Allegheny and Ohio Wesleyan are set to participate in the pre-national meet, hosted by Wilmington in West Chester, Ohio, on Friday afternoon. The following day, Hiram will join the Scots at the Wooster Invitational and Denison, Kenyon and Oberlin run at the Otterbein Invitational. Earlham, Wabash and Wittenberg take a break from competition this week.

NOTES: **ALLEGHENY** junior **Ryan Place (Meshoppen, PA/Elk Lake)** and senior **Scarlett Graham (Farmington, PA/Uniontown)** led the Gators to second-place team finishes at the NCAA Pre-Regional Meet hosted by Waynesburg. Place won the 141-runner men's race with a time of 26:06.84 over eight kilometers, eight seconds ahead of the runner up. Graham paced the Gator women in fifth place with a time of 23:12.7 for six kilometers ... Both **DENISON** squads placed sixth at the Calvin Invitational. Senior **Christine Collins (Chagrin Falls, OH/Chagrin Falls)** paced the women with a 17th place finish. She crossed in 19:18 for five kilometers. Junior **Joel Bendtsen (Chillicothe, OH/Chillicothe)** led the men's team in 21st place, finishing the 8K course in 26:13 **EARLHAM** and **WABASH** each participated in the Indiana Intercollegiate, hosted by Indiana State last weekend. The Earlham men wound up 20th and the Little Giants were 11th of 25 teams. Wabash senior **Dennis Frazee (Griffith, IN/Calumet)** paced all North Coast runners with a 36th-place individual finish (27:03), while Quaker senior **Walker Yane (Oldenbrug, IN/St. Xavier, OH)** crossed in 50th place (27:27). The Quaker women wound up 23rd of 26 teams behind sophomore **Michelle Crane (Mansfield, OH/St. Peter's)**, who was 94th (21:00) ... **HIRAM** placed seventh of 12 in the men's meet and sixth of 12 on the women's side at the Penn State-Behrend Invitational. Sophomore **Kent Vasko (Newbury, OH/Newbury)** led the Terrier men in 37th place, while sophomore **Kim Starr (Acton, Ca/Vaquez)** paced the women in 25th ... **KENYON's** men's and women's squads both wound up fifth in their respective races at the Cedarville Invitational. Sophomore **Jim Boston (Brookfield, WI/Marquette)** was the top Lord runner in 12th place with a time of 26:50.95. Sophomore **Jessica Francois (Yorktown Hts., NY/Yorktown)** led the Ladies in 14th place (19:46.43) ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** made its presence known at Marietta's Carl Broughton Invitational as both the Bishop men and women won their races. Sophomore **Alex Havran (Woodinville, WA/Overlake)** finished fourth with a time of 28:44 over 8K to lead the men's squad. Two freshmen and a sophomore finished 2-3-4 to lead the women's squad. First-year runners and high school teammates **Sarah Shinn (Edinboro, PA/General McLane)** and **Claire Everhart (Edinboro, PA/General McLane)** finished in 20:30 and 20:38, respectively, to finish second and third, while second-year runner **Leah Schmelzer (Marion, OH/Pleasant)** was fourth in 20:43 ... Both **WITTENBERG** squads wound up sixth at the Cedarville Invitational. The Tiger men's top individual was junior **Mike Echols (Springfield, OH/North)** in 45th place, while senior **Christine Maddox (Miamisburg, OH/Miamisburg)** led the Tiger women in 27th place ... Senior **Rudy Gilman (Silverton, OR/Silverton Union)** led **WOOSTER** at Marietta's Broughton Invitational. He won a meet for the first time in his career with a time of 28:17, leading the Scots to a third place team finish. Senior **Katie Wieferich (Marietta, OH/Marietta)** competed for the first time in the 2006 season and had an impressive start. She won the race in her hometown with a course-record time (18:34), nearly two minutes ahead of the second-place finisher. The Scot women were second of eight teams.

FIELD HOCKEY REPORT -- FULL SLATE OF NORTH COAST GAMES ON TAP

The week starts off with a pair of non-conference road matches on Monday: first-place Kenyon (3-0, 6-1) travels to Transylvania and second-place Wooster (2-0, 4-1) takes on DePauw. After Monday, every squad will play at least one conference match in the coming week. Wednesday, the Scots, Oberlin (1-1, 3-2) and Wittenberg (0-1, 2-3) host Denison (1-1, 2-4), the Ladies and Ohio Wesleyan (1-2, 1-3), respectively. The next day, the Tigers entertain Earlham (0-3, 0-5). Saturday features a showdown between Kenyon and Wooster, the top two teams in the league entering the week, on the Scots' home field. Also that day, the Tigers entertain the defending champion Yeowomen.

NOTES: **DENISON** rebounded from a tough 2-1 overtime loss to Brockport St. to defeat Oberlin, 5-3, a few days later. All five scores by the Big Red were notched in the first half. **Caitlin Gillman (Birmingham, MI/Detroit Country Day)** scored twice during the week. In all, seven different players have scored Denison's 10 goals this season ... **EARLHAM** lost both its contests last week, including a 2-0 decision to NCAC leader Kenyon ... The **KENYON** Ladies won three times last week, twice in conference play, to improve to 6-1 overall. Junior **Lauren Keiling (Blairstown, NJ/Blair Academy)** scored five of her team's six goals for the week. She now has nine goals and one assist in seven games. Sophomore goalkeeper **Karen Thompson (Mechanicsburg, PA/Mechanicsburg Area)** posted two shutouts and has five for the season. Her goals-against average dropped to 0.43 ... **OBERLIN** split a pair of conference games last week, defeating Ohio Wesleyan, 2-1, then losing to Denison, 5-3. Freshman midfielder **Catherine Meredith (Denver, CO/East)** scored twice in the loss ... It was a historic week for the **OHIO WESLEYAN** field hockey team, even though the Bishops lost twice in conference play. A 1-0 overtime loss to Wooster was the first field hockey game ever played on OWU's Selby Field, and the first intercollegiate event held on the new

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OmniGrass surface recently laid at Selby. The Bishops also lost to Oberlin, 2-1, last week as junior 'keeper **Katie Jones (Pine Plains, NY/Stissing Mountain)** made 15 saves ... **WITTENBERG** went 1-1 in non-conference action, winning in overtime over DePauw, then losing to Rhodes, 3-1 ... **WOOSTER** won both of its contests last week, defeating Transylvania, 3-0, and Ohio Wesleyan, 1-0 in overtime. Senior goalkeeper **Anne Leigh (Englewood, CO/Cherry Creek)** made seven saves in the two games combined, and posted her third and fourth shutouts of the season.

GOLF REPORT -- OHIO WESLEYAN WINS FIRST NCAC REGULAR SEASON GOLF EVENT

Ohio Wesleyan shot a combined 607 over 36 holes to win the first NCAC regular season golf event, the Hiram Fall Invitational at Fowlers Mill Golf Course in Chesterland, Ohio. The Battling Bishops had jumped out to an early lead with a score of 305 after the first day and held on with a second-day 304 to edge second-place Allegheny (611). Wooster (627) was third, followed by Wittenberg (635) in fifth and Denison (649) in sixth. Wabash (666), Hiram (674) and Kenyon (724) rounded out the NCAC teams in places seven through nine, respectively. Non-conference teams Mount Union (632) and Lake Erie (778) finished in fourth and 10th place, respectively. Individually, Allegheny senior **Chad Kosanovic (Pittsburgh, PA/Mt. Lebanon)** won medalist honors by playoff against Wabash sophomore **Jordan Vice (Bedford, IN/Bedford North Lawrence)**. They had each carded a 148. Wooster senior **Andy Van Horn (Loudonville, OH/Loudonville)** was third at 149, followed by Ohio Wesleyan sophomore **Jeff Nieman (Loveland, OH/Cincinnati Moeller)** and Allegheny sophomore **Chris Moore (Erie, PA/Mercyhurst Prep)**, who tied in fourth at 152.

The Hiram Invitational is the first of three regular season events for NCAC golf squads. 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 the three required, 36-hole, regular-season events and a 54-hole, post-season championship. The champ will earn the conference's automatic berth into the NCAA Tournament. The second regular season event, hosted by Wittenberg, is set for 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 -- CONFERENCE SCHEDULE KICKS OFF SATURDAY WITH FOUR GAMES

Eight of the 10 North Coast men's soccer squads begin the 2006 NCAC season Saturday. Ohio Wesleyan (0-0-0, 5-0-0) hosts Allegheny (0-0-0, 6-0-1), Denison (0-0-0, 3-2-1) entertains Wittenberg (0-0-0, 3-4-1), while Earlham (0-0-0, 4-2-0) and Wabash (0-0-0, 1-6-0) welcome Wooster (0-0-0, 5-0-0) and Kenyon (0-0-0, 1-4-1), respectively. Hiram (0-0-0, 5-1-0) and Oberlin (0-0-0, 1-2-3) meet in both teams' opener on Tuesday, September 26. Every team plays at least one non-conference foe in the coming week as well.

NOTES: The 16th ranked **ALLEGHENY** Gators kept their unblemished record intact with victories over Mount Union (2-1) and Marietta (3-0), last week. Senior **Ryan Kelly (Pittsburgh, PA/Seton-LaSalle)** assisted on the game-winner over the Purple Raiders and scored himself and assisted on another in the game against the Pioneers ... **DENISON** lost to Capital, 3-2, then defeated Otterbein, 1-0. Sophomore **Pat Sullivan (Loveland, OH/Loveland)** scored the game-winner in the 47th minute. Freshman goalkeeper **Kevin Donahue (Riverside, CT/Greenwich)** posted four saves for his fourth shutout of the year .. **EARLHAM** won two of three games, led by freshman **Omar Dreidi (Ramallah, Palestine/International)**. Dreidi scored three times for the Quakers last week, the first three goals of his collegiate career ... Freshman **Brian Cole (Cleveland, OH/Holy Name)** scored twice and added an assist in **HIRAM'S** 4-1 defeat of Hillbert. The Terriers also defeated Adrian last week, 3-1 ... **KENYON** lost to Mt. Vernon Nazarene, 4-2, and tied Thiel, 0-0 in overtime. The Lords are 1-4-1 on the season ... Despite being 1-2-3 so far this season, **OBERLIN** has played tight games. More often than not, the Yeomen have outshot their opponents, even in defeat. Last week, Oberlin fell to Anderson, 2-1, and Muskingum, 2-0, and tied Case, 0-0, in overtime ... Senior midfielder **Craig Neal (Powell, OH/Worthington Kilbourne)** scored a goal and assisted on another in **OHIO WESLEYAN'S** 3-0 defeat of DePauw. The Bishops' other game last week was postponed ... **WABASH** lost twice last week. Last week's NCAC Player of the Week **Gary Simkus (Highland, IN/Highland)** scored the Little Giants' only goal for the week, in a 4-1 loss to Millikin ... **WITTENBERG** sophomore **Justin Jenkins (Dublin, OH/Coffman)** scored twice on penalty kicks as the Tigers defeated Rose-Hulman, lost to ranked Centre and a strong Muskingum squad, then tied ranked Calvin ... Sophomore **Steve Fracasso (Wadsworth, OH/Wadsworth)** scored the game-tying goal for **WOOSTER** on a header with 2:41 left in regulation against Marietta, a game the Scots eventually won, 2-1 in overtime. Fracasso also assisted on the Scots' lone goal in a 1-0 defeat of John Carroll.

WOMEN'S SOCCER REPORT -- NON-CONFERENCE PLAY LEADS UP TO FIRST CONFERENCE MATCH OF 2006

Non-conference games still dominate the schedules of North Coast women's soccer teams, and every conference squad except Earlham and Kenyon has at least two on the slate this week. The Quakers (3-3) travel to Adrian on Tuesday before kicking off the 2006 NCAC season on Saturday, when they host Wooster (5-2). The Ladies (3-2) travel to Case on Saturday for their lone contest this week. The majority of NCAC teams begin conference play on Saturday, Sept. 30.

Defending NCAC champion Denison (7-0) is the only undefeated team in the conference. The Big Red host Otterbein on Wednesday and Carnegie Mellon on Saturday. Wooster is off to a 5-2 start. The Fighting Scots travel to John Carroll on Tuesday and host Heidelberg on Wednesday before their league-opener in Richmond. Allegheny (4-2), Oberlin (4-2), Ohio Wesleyan (4-2) and Wittenberg (4-2) have each picked up four wins thus far this season. The Gators face a pair of local rivals this week. Allegheny travels to Penn St-Behrend on Thursday and returns home to face Washington & Jefferson on Saturday. The Yeowomen host Marietta on Tuesday and John Carroll on Saturday. The Battling Bishops open their week at home against Wilmington on Wednesday and then close the week on the road at Otterbein on Saturday. The Tigers play Tuesday and Friday, first welcoming Mt. Saint Joseph and then driving to Capital. In addition to today's game at Capital, Hiram (1-4) hosts John Carroll on Thursday and Heidelberg on Saturday.

NOTES: Denison is ranked eighth in the latest (Sept. 12) NSCAA/adidas national rankings. The Big Red are first in the Great Lakes Region, followed by Ohio Wesleyan in fifth and Wittenberg in sixth. Denison is ranked sixth in the D3Kicks.com Week 2 poll; Ohio Wesleyan

is 22nd. Wittenberg and Wooster also received votes in the D3Kicks.com poll ... After starting the year 0-2, **ALLEGHENY** has won its last four games, including both contests last week. In a 2-0 shutout over Grove City, junior forward **Ashley Hughes (Wexford, PA/North Allegheny)** scored early in the first half and sophomore forward **Christy McShea (Murrysville, PA/Franklin Regional)** added an insurance goal with 40 seconds left on the clock. Hughes accounted for both of Allegheny's goals in a 2-1 win over Frostburg State. Her second goal, 2:44 into the overtime period, handed the Gators the win. Hughes scored three of the team's four goals last week, including both game-winners ... **DENISON**, who has outscored their opponents 30-5 this season, went 3-0 last week with wins over Redlands, 2-0, John Carroll, 5-1, and Mount Union, 3-2. Sophomore **Sarah Ash (Cincinnati, OH/Sycamore)** led Denison after scoring in all three games, including the game-winner against Mt. Union. The Big Red were trailing 2-1 with less than three minutes to play when senior **Tammy Hoch (Moon Township, PA/Sewickley)** scored off an assist from junior **Jesse Birdwhistell (Lexington, KY/Henry Clay)** tying the match at 2-2. Ash slipped the game-winner past the Raider keeper at the 88:40 mark. Birdwhistell finished the week with two goals and two assists. Next up for the Big Red, a rematch with Otterbein (4-1-1), whom Denison defeated in penalty kicks in the third round of last fall's NCAA Tournament ... Freshman **Emily Roth (Evanston, IL/Evanston Township)** paced **EARLHAM** to a 2-1 week, scoring the first goal in a 3-1 win over Anderson and notching both scores in a 2-0 shutout of Hanover. Earlham opened the week with a 1-0 overtime loss to DePauw ... **HIRAM** lost its only match last week, a 2-1 decision to Adrian. Senior **Lyndsey Manos (Newton Falls/Newton Falls)** scored the Terriers' goal off an assist by senior **Crystal Gutierrez (San Bernadino, CA/Univ. of Massachusetts)** ... **KENYON** earned two huge wins this week with a 1-0 victory over 18th-ranked Otterbein and a 3-0 win over Hope, two teams that made NCAA Tournament appearances one season ago. Freshman **Rachel Goheen (Cincinnati, OH/Anderson)** scored the game-winner in double-overtime against Otterbein, while junior goalkeeper **Rosie Davis (Decatur, GA/Decatur)** posted back-to-back shutouts. She made six saves against Otterbein, including two in the overtime period and four against Hope. Davis now has three shutouts and a 0.66 goals against average this season. She has allowed only four goals in slightly more than 542 minutes of action and has recorded 28 saves ... **BERLIN** went 3-0 last week, making the Yeowomen winners of four straight. Oberlin defeated Thomas More, 2-0, Lake Erie, 4-0, and Muskingum, 3-0. Senior midfielder **Sam Schongalla (Alexandria, VA/Bishop Ireton)** tallied five goals in three games, including a hat trick against Lake Erie. Freshman keeper **Christie Zelnik (Ann Arbor, MI/Pioneer)** shut out all three opponents. She has allowed one goal or less in six of her seven career games and hasn't allowed a goal for over 290 minutes ... Junior midfielder **Jessie Seaver (Ann Arbor, MI/Greenhills)** scored in the third minute to put **OHIO WESLEYAN** past Mt. Vernon Nazarene, 1-0, last week. The Bishops then closed out their week with a 2-1 loss to DePauw. The Bishops trailed 1-0 when senior **Julie Steffen (Silver Spring, MD/The Bullis School)** deposited a direct kick into the back of the DePauw net ... **WITTENBERG** picked up three straight wins last week, including a 4-0 victory over Washington & Jefferson in the team's home opener on Sept. 16. Junior goalkeeper **Meghan O'Rourke (Columbus, OH/Worthington Kilbourne)** did not allow a goal while playing all 270 minutes. She was credited with 14 saves in the Tigers' 2-0 win over Rose-Hulman, 1-0 win over Ohio Northern and the win over W&J ... Freshman forward **Winnie Adrien (Selden, NY/Blair Academy, NJ)** scored three goals and assisted on another during **WOOSTER'S** 2-1 week. In a 3-0 triumph over Marietta, she had the match's initial goal and assisted on the third score and then found the back of the net twice over the final 10 minutes of regulation to propel the Scots to a 2-1 win over Hope. Adrien now has 19 points through seven career matches. Wooster also dropped a 1-0 decision to Otterbein.

VOLLEYBALL REPORT -- FULL SLATE OF CONFERENCE MATCHES UPCOMING

The first season of double round-robin competition in volleyball continues this week with 11 matches scheduled. Wednesday, fifth-place Wooster (1-1, 5-6) travels to Allegheny (2-0, 5-5), a team involved in a four-way tie for first place after the first week of conference play. Also that day, defending NCAC champ Hiram (2-0, 11-1) visits Ohio Wesleyan (2-0, 10-1) for a key matchup between two red-hot teams.

Friday night, the Bishops entertain the Gators, Denison (1-2, 6-6) hosts the Terriers, the Scots host Earlham (1-2, 8-3) and the Tigers visit Oberlin (0-3, 2-7). The next day, Denison, Oberlin and Kenyon host Allegheny, Earlham and Hiram, respectively. Wittenberg plays at Wooster Saturday morning and at OWU Saturday night.

NOTES: ALLEGHENY swept its first two conference games of the season, 3-0 over both Oberlin and Kenyon. Junior **Jenna Hackett (Rochester, NY/Brighton)** led the way with 25 kills, and hit .327 in the two matches. Classmate **Betsy LaPorte (Albany, OH/Alexander)** contributed 10 kills in the win over Oberlin, while freshman setter **Amanda Bancroft (Centerville, PA/Maplewood)** had 38 assists, and another first-year player, **Alyssa Edwards (League City, TX/Clear Creek)**, had a team-best 20 digs. LaPorte added 11 kills against the Ladies, while Bancroft had 37 assists and Edwards led with 23 digs ... After winning their conference opener, 3-0 over Earlham, **DENISON** lost six straight matches, including five at the Border Battle hosted by Wittenberg. Against the Quakers, senior **Kristen Sheffield (Dublin, OH/Scioto)** finished just four kills short of the conference record for three-game matches with 22. At the Border Battle, senior setter **Jenny Gresla (Berne, IN/South Adams)** averaged 10.6 assists per game, while Sheffield had 28 kills in a four-game loss to Alma ... **EARLHAM** lost two of three matches last week. Junior middle blocker **Lisa Vanderkolk (Bluffton, IN/Bluffton)** smashed 51 kills and recorded 45 digs in the 10 games the Quakers played last week ... Defending champion **HIRAM**, which entered the week ranked 22nd in the most recent AVCA poll (Sept. 13), won its first two conference matches of the season in straight sets over Wooster and Oberlin. The Terriers also defeated Thomas More and St. Vincent last week. Senior middle hitter **Michelle Kozempa (Seven Hills, OH/Normandy)** smashed 50 kills and made 10 blocks in 12 games for an average of 4.17 kills and 0.83 blocks per game on the week ... Senior **Lauren Reiter (Chardon, OH/Chardon)** had a breakout week as **KENYON** lost its first three North Coast matches of the year. Reiter threw down 12 kills in a three-game loss to Wittenberg and added another 11 in a three-game loss to Allegheny. The Ladies also lost to Earlham last week ... **BERLIN** lost its first three matches of the conference season ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** got off to a good start with a five-game defeat of Denison and a four-game victory over Earlham. Junior outside hitter **Steffi Graf (Poland, OH/Seminary)** totaled 21 kills in 56 attempts with no errors (.375) in the Bishops' first win over Denison since 1999. She also compiled a team-best 41 digs in that match. Graf led OWU with 10 kills against Earlham ... Sophomore outside hitter **Jackie Williams (Rocky River OH/Magnificat)** led eighth-ranked **WITTENBERG** to a 5-1 week. She pounded out 79 kills in five of those matches, including a career-best 25 in a 3-2 win over Adrian. The Tigers finished 3-1 in the Border Battle. Defensively, libero **Laura Fender (Toledo, OH/St. Ursula)** led the Tigers in digs in four of five matches and finished with 125 for the week. She posted a career-best 49 in the Adrian match, the third-highest total in school history ... **WOOSTER** split its first two matches of the conference campaign, defeating Oberlin but losing to Hiram. Junior **Carolyn Ciriegio (Covington, OH/Covington)** slammed 14 kills on a .333 attack percentage, and added 16 digs against the Yeowomen, then contributed a team-best seven kills and 15 digs against Hiram.