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**NCAC Football Report**

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**NORTH COAST SEASON OFFICIALLY UNDER WAY;  
DEFENDING CHAMP LITTLE GIANTS WIN FIRST GAME IN TITLE DEFENSE**

**CLEVELAND** -- All of the pre-conference season tuneups are in the books, and all but one team has had a bye week in September. Now the North Coast's 23rd season is open for business as every team prepares this week for conference play.

Defending champ Wabash (1-0, 2-1), fresh off a 42-28 conference-opening victory over Ohio Wesleyan (0-1, 0-4), hits the road to take on Earlham (0-0, 2-1) for the Quakers' first NCAC game of the year. Denison (0-0, 0-3) welcomes Allegheny (0-0, 2-1), and Hiram (0-0, 0-3) entertains Oberlin (0-0, 1-2).

Wooster (0-0, 3-0), the only conference squad to survive the non-conference portion of the season unbeaten, kicks the NCAC season off with a tilt against rival Wittenberg (0-0, 1-2). The Scots knocked off Case, 21-7, last week, while the Tigers took down Alma, 42-24. The Bishops look to even their conference mark when they host Kenyon (0-0, 1-2)

**GRID NOTEBOOK:** **ALLEGHENY** and **DENISON** meet this week for the first time since the 2003 season. The Big Red won three of the first four meetings of the series between the schools from 1984-1986, but the Gators have held the upper hand since then, winning the last 17 straight games between the schools. The Big Red look to bounce back after a 31-14 loss to Gettysburg by hosting their second home game on the newly remodeled Deeds Field. Senior running back **Fred Lee (St. Louis, MO/MICDS)** rushed 17 times for 135 yards and one touchdown. His score came on a 53-yard run on the game's third play to put Denison up early, 7-0. Sophomore quarterback **Brian Herbe (Highland Hts., OH/Gilmour)** completed 14 of 25 passes for 184 yards and one touchdown. Allegheny was idle last week ... Despite outscoring #30 Washington & Jefferson in the second half, **OBERLIN** was not able to overcome a 26-0 half-time deficit and fell, 33-13, to the host Presidents. Junior wide receiver **Chris Schubert (Oberlin, OH/Oberlin)** led the way with five catches for 57 yards and a touchdown, and added three punt returns for 94 yards, one returned for a score. Sophomore quarterback **Greg Mangan (San Francisco, CA/St. Ignatius)** completed 21 of 33 passes for 255 yards and a TD. Junior defensive back **Chase Palmer (Highland UT/Lone Peak)** had a game-high eight tackles, including four solos ... Senior **Nick Rice (Dublin, OH/Scioto)** led **OHIO WESLEYAN** in its conference season-opening loss, 42-28, to Wabash. He led all rushers with 101 yards on 17 carries, and returned five kickoffs for a school-record 144 yards. Rice had a 48-yard run that set up the Bishops' first score and tied a school record with a 95-yard kickoff return for a touchdown ... Senior quarterback **Dustin Huff (Martinsville, IN/Martinsville)** threw for a career-best five TDs and ran for another to lead **WABASH** to their ninth straight conference victory. Huff finished 22-of-28 for a career-high 416 yards, and became just the third QB in Little Giant history to throw for over 400 yards in a game. Both of the previous quarterbacks were NCAC Offensive Player of the Year award winners: **Jake Knott (2002-03)** and **Russ Harbaugh (2005)**. Junior **Mike Russell (Terre Haute, IN/North)** topped the 100-yard receiving mark for the second straight week, this time catching six passes for 127 yards and one touchdown. Sophomore linebacker **Matt Kraft (Newburgh, IN/Castle)** sparked the defense with nine stops, including a career-best seven solos, a fumble recovery and an interception on a fourth-down play ... **WITTENBERG** senior tailback **Tristan Murray (New Carlisle, OH/Tecumseh)** rushed for 191 yards on 24 carries, including an 83-yard run for a score in the fourth quarter, leading the Tigers to a 42-24 victory. He now stands eighth on the school's all-time list in career rushing, and third in career scoring. Senior safety **Adam Hewitt (Piqua, OH/Lehman Catholic)** was the difference in the game, with 12 tackles, two sacks, two fumble recoveries, and a 69-yard kickoff return. Hewitt's first sack resulted in a 23-yard fumble recovery returned by him for a touchdwn with 2:08 left in the first half. That play tied the game at 21 entering halftime ... **WOOSTER** sophomore **Dustin Sheppard (Johnstown, OH/Johnstown--Monroe)**, last year's NCAC Newcomer of the Year, made his first appearance of 2006 count with 109 yards on 19 carries. He set up Wooster's second touchdown with three separate 12-yard runs on the scoring drive. Sheppard missed the first two games of the year with an injury. On defense, Scot junior linebacker **Greg Schermbeck (Toledo, OH/Whitmer)** led his team with 10 tackles, three for a loss of 15 yards. He also had a sack and a hurry and now leads Wooster with 21 tackles in 2006.

Upcoming Games - Sat. Sept. 30		Last Week's Results - Sat. Sept. 23	
Allegheny at Denison, 1:00	Wittenberg at Wooster, 1:00	Gettysburg 31, Denison 14	Wittenberg 42, Alma 24
Kenyon at Ohio Wesleyan, 1:00	Oberlin at Hiram, 2:00	Wabash 42, Ohio Wesleyan 28	Wooster 21, Case 0
Wabash at Earlham, 1:00		Washington & Jefferson 33, Oberlin 13	

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## 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; 0-3)

S. 2	at Randolph-Macon	L, 14-20
S. 9	CASE	L, 14-27
S. 23	at Gettysburg	L, 14-31
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; 1-2)

S. 2	at Case	L, 23-29 (ot)
S. 9	HEIDELBERG	W, 48-34
S. 23	WASH. & JEFF.	L, 13-33
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 (0-1; 0-4)

S. 2	at Franklin	L, 23-38
S. 9	at Catholic	L, 33-34
S. 16	BETHANY	L, 28-34
S. 23	at Wabash*	L, 28-42
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 (1-0; 2-1)

S. 9	at Franklin	L, 38-45 (ot)
S. 16	MILLIKIN	W, 38-31
S. 23	OHIO WESLEYAN*	W, 42-28
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; 1-2)

S. 2	at Capital	L, 7-57
S. 9	DAYTON	L, 28-35
S. 23	ALMA	W, 42-24
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; 3-0)

S. 2	JOHN CARROLL	W, 30-22
S. 9	at Waynesburg	W, 31-10
S. 23	CASE	W, 21-7
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

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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 -- LIGHT WEEK FOR NORTH COAST HARRIERS**

Hiram hosts the Hiram Invitational beginning at 4:30 Thursday, and Earlham hosts the Earlham Invitational at 11 a.m. on Saturday, with Wittenberg as one of the participants. Wabash's varsity squad will join the field at the University of Notre Dame Invitational. The rest of the North Coast squads will take the week off. The Ohio-based schools' next meet will be the Oct. 6 All-Ohio Championships, hosted by Ohio Wesleyan.

**NOTES:** **ALLEGHENY** and **OHIO WESLEYAN** participated in the NCAA Division III Pre-National meet, hosted by Wilmington at Voice of America Park in West Chester, Ohio. The Gator men placed sixth and the Bishops were 13th in the 16-team race. Allegheny's **Ryan Place (Meshoppen, PA/Eik Lake)** led all North Coast runners in second place with a time of 25:32 over five miles, just 10 seconds behind the winner, Will Leer of Pomona-Ptizer (25:22). Ohio Wesleyan's top individual was senior **Matt Kempton (Fredericktown, OH/Fredericktown)**, who crossed in 34th place with a time of 26:31.37. On the women's side, Allegheny was seventh and OWU was ninth in the 15-team race. Senior **Scarlett Graham (Farmington, PA/Uniontown)** was the top individual finisher from an NCAC squad, crossing in 14th place with a time of 22:43 over six kilometers. Sophomore **Catie Coleman (Medina, OH/Lodi Cloverleaf)** paced the Bishops with a 44th place finish in 23:40.27 ... **WOOSTER** hosted the Wooster Invitational. **KENYON'S** men finished third of six teams behind sophomore **Jim Boston (Brookfield, WI/Marquette)** who finished 13th in 27:43 over eight kilometers. The Scot men were fourth as junior **Rudy Gilman (Silverton, OR/Silverton Union)** was 16th in the 85-man field, crossing with a time of 27:59.01. **HIRAM'S** men finished sixth as sophomore **Kent Vasko (Newbury, OH/Newbury)** was 68th. The Wooster women were third of eight teams, led by senior **Katie Wieferich (Marietta, OH/Marietta)**, who won her second meet in as many outings this season. Wieferich also set a course record for the second straight week, this time finishing the five-kilometer course at L.C. Boles Memorial Golf Course in 17:50, more than a minute ahead of the second-place runner. The Ladies were fourth, led by sophomore **Jessica Francois (Yorktown Hts., NY/Yorktown)** in ninth (19:57). The Terriers wound up seventh. Sophomore **Kim Starr (Acton, CA/Vasquez)** placed 23rd (21:38) ... **OBERLIN'S** women's squad continued its strong season with another meet title, this time at the Otterbein Invitational. Four Yeowomen finished in the top six to easily outdistance the 10-team field. Sophomore **Maddy Davis-Hayes (Philadelphia, PA/Gremantown Friends)** placed second individually with a time of 23:25 in the 6K event. **DENISON'S** women wound up third at the meet, led by senior **Elaine Binkley (Columbus, OH/Bishop Watterson)**, who was eighth in the 112-runner field. She finished in 23:54. On the men's side, Denison was the top team in the 12-team event, led by **Grant Russo (Medina, OH/Medina)**, who was second in 26:52, while **Joel Bendtsen (Chillicothe, OH/Chillicothe)** was third in 26:56. The Yeomen were fourth, led by senior **Travis Grout (Jefferson, OH/Jefferson Area)**, who won the 8K race in 26:35.9.

### **FIELD HOCKEY REPORT -- NCAC FIELD HOCKEY SQUADS NEAR HALFWAY MARK**

The field hockey season is approaching the halfway point and this week's schedule is light with just five games involving six of the seven NCAC teams on tap. Tuesday, Wittenberg (3-1, 5-3) travels to Denison (1-2, 2-5), and Thursday, Oberlin (2-2, 4-3) welcomes Wooster (4-0, 6-2). Saturday, three games are scheduled: the Big Red host the Yeowomen, Kenyon (3-2, 7-3) meets the Tigers and the Scots return home to host Earlham (0-4, 0-6). Ohio Wesleyan (1-3, 1-4) is the only squad not scheduled to see NCAC play. They have only a non-conference matchup with St. Vincent on Saturday.

**NOTES:** **DENISON** lost its only match last week, 3-1 to conference leader Wooster. The Big Red, who have played their first seven games on the road, finally have a home match scheduled, against Wooster on Tuesday ... **EARLHAM** lost its only match last week as well, losing, 5-4 in overtime to Wittenberg. Senior forward **Becca Jordan (Montpelier, VT/Montpelier)** scored twice, and freshman forward **Cassie Gage (West Carrolton, OH/Fairmont)** assisted on both of Jordan's goals ... **KENYON** went 1-2 last week, defeating Transylvania, 3-0, then losing to Oberlin (2-1) and Wooster (1-0). Sophomore **Kelly Adams (Lexington, MA/Lexington)** totaled a goal and three assists to have a hand in all four Ladies' goals for the week ... **OBERLIN** went 1-1 in NCAC play, defeating Kenyon, 2-1, and losing to Wittenberg, 5-4 in overtime. Junior **Ashley Allen (Ft. Collins, CO/Poudre)** had four assists in the two games ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** junior **Katie Jones (Pine Plains, NY/Stissing Mountain)** made five saves and freshman **Krista Murray (Rochester Hills, MI/University Liggett)** stopped two in a 4-0 loss to Wittenberg ... After scoring four goals in its first five contests, **WITTENBERG** exploded for 14 goals in three victories last week. Senior **Katy Barrett (Powell, OH/Watterson)** scored twice in a 4-0 defeat of Ohio Wesleyan. Then the Tigers then won a pair of 5-4 overtime games. Senior **Holly McHugh (Randolph, NJ/Randolph)** was the hero against Earlham, when she scored right as time ran out in overtime against Oberlin. Senior **Rachel Dunn (Pittsburgh, PA/North Allegheny)** made the difference with a score from long range with 1:23 left ... **WOOSTER** won twice in conference play, defeating Denison (3-1) and Kenyon (1-0). Freshman **Brittany Montgomery**

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(Glens Falls, NY/Glens Falls) scored four of her team's five goals last week. Two came in a 3-1 win over the Big Red, one was the lone goal against the Ladies (1-0 win), and the fourth was the Scots' only score in a 2-1 loss to DePauw.

**GOLF REPORT -- WITTENBERG TO HOST SECOND NCAC REGULAR SEASON EVENT**

Several NCAC golf squads will compete this week, in advance of the second NCAC regular season golf event, hosted by Wittenberg, set for Saturday and Sunday at Windy Knoll Golf Club and at Reid Park Golf Course. Allegheny hosts the Griffin Motors Invitational at The Country Club in Meadville, today and tomorrow. Wabash is at the Franklin Invitational today and tomorrow. The Little Giants will also see action on Thursday when they participate in the Giant-Engineer Classic with Rose-Hulman. Ohio Wesleyan hosts its Fall Invitational at Oakhaven Golf Course on Tuesday; Denison will also compete. Hiram, Kenyon, Oberlin, Wittenberg and Wooster are idle until the weekend.

This week's Wittenberg Invitational is the second 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 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.

**NOTES:** Wittenberg hosted the Tiger Invitational last week. The Tigers finished sixth after carding a combined 650. Urbana won the Invitational with a 622.

**MEN'S SOCCER REPORT -- SIX NORTH COAST GAMES ON TAP; UNBEATEN OWU AND WOOSTER TO MEET**

All 10 NCAC men's soccer teams play at least one conference game in the coming week. The only mid-week contest on the conference schedule is a Tuesday matchup between Oberlin (0-0-0, 3-2-3) and Hiram (0-0-0, 7-1-0) on Oberlin's home field. It is the conference opener for both teams.

Two teams which enter the week undefeated through seven games - Wooster (1-0-0, 7-0-0) and Ohio Wesleyan (1-0-0, 7-0-0) - meet on the field on Saturday. Both squads have non-conference matches earlier in the week. Wooster takes on Case on Tuesday, while OWU hosts Ohio Northern the next day. Last week, both teams opened NCAC play: Ohio Wesleyan defeated Allegheny, 2-1, while Wooster knocked off Earlham, 1-0. The remaining five contests are set for Saturday: Allegheny (0-1-0, 6-1-2) and Denison (1-0-0, 4-3-1) host Wabash (0-0-1, 1-7-1) and Kenyon (0-0-1, 2-3-2), respectively. The Terriers entertain Earlham (0-1-0, 4-4-0) and Wittenberg (0-1-0, 4-5-1) hosts the Yeomen.

**NOTES: ALLEGHENY**, the 19th ranked team in Division III according to the latest NSCAA/adidas National Rankings, lost to third-ranked Ohio Wesleyan last week, 2-1, and also tied 12th-ranked Baldwin-Wallace, 1-1. Defender **Eric Sloan (Pittsburgh, PA/Mt. Lebanon)** recorded his first goal of the season early in the second half against B-W, and assisted on the Gators' only score against the Bishops ... **DENISON** fell to Mount Union, 1-0, and defeated Wittenberg, 2-1, last week. The Big Red have scored nine goals through eight games and each goal has been scored by a different player. Last week, senior **Brady Stern (Marietta, OH/Marietta)** came off the bench to score what would prove to be the game-winner against the Tigers ... **EARLHAM** had its four-game win streak to start the season snapped by a pair of shutout losses last week. The Quakers lost, 3-0, to Taylor, then dropped a 1-0 decision to Wooster ... **HIRAM** is probably the biggest surprise team in the conference this season. The Terriers improved to 7-1 on the season with a 1-0 defeat of Muskingum. Hiram is ranked eighth in the Great Lakes Region, according to the most recent NSCAA/adidas regional rankings (Sept. 19) ... Both of **KENYON'S** matches went into overtime last week - the Lords came out of them with a 1-0-1 mark. The Lords defeated Mt. St. Joseph on a goal by senior **Hans Wetzel (Rydal, PA/Germantown)** in the second overtime. Kenyon also tied Wabash, 1-1 ... **OBERLIN** won twice in non-conference action to improve to 3-2-3 overall. Sophomore midfielder **Zachary Lewis (Pleasantville, NY/Byrum Hills)** scored twice in a 6-2 victory over Bluffton, and assisted on a score in a 3-1 defeat over Westminster. The Yeomen outshot the opposition, 33-16 in the two games ... Senior back **Josh Warren (Fort Wayne, IN/Homestead)** scored the game-winning goal to lead **OHIO WESLEYAN** to a 5-0 defeat of Otterbein. In a 2-1, conference-opening win over Allegheny, Warren headed away a Gator corner kick with less than five minutes to play to preserve the victory. Senior midfielder **Craig Neal (Powell, OH/Worthington Kilbourne)** scored twice against the Otters and once more in the Allegheny contest ... **WABASH** sophomore **George Padgitt (Fishers, IN/Hamilton Southeastern)** scored in a 2-1 loss to DePauw, and accounted for the Little Giants' scoring in a 1-1 overtime tie with Kenyon. He has four goals on the year ... Sophomore forward **Shane Price (Minford, OH/Minford)** scored the overtime game-winner for **WITTENBERG** to lift the Tigers to a 2-1 defeat of Cedarville. Wittenberg also lost to Denison, 2-1, in the team's conference opener ... **WOOSTER** improved to 7-0 overall with a pair of 1-0 victories. The Scots defeated Muskingum, then edged Earlham for Wooster's first conference win of the year. Junior goalkeeper **Erik Larson (El Paso, TX/Stony Point)** guarded the net in both contests, and totaled 15 saves for the week. All seven Scot victories this season have been by one goal, and the Scot defense has a current shutout streak of 328:12 minutes.

**WOMEN'S SOCCER REPORT -- CONFERENCE COMPETITION GETS UNDER WAY**

Conference play gets under way this week, with all teams but Wittenberg scheduled for a North Coast tilt on Saturday. Wooster (1-0-0, 7-3-0), which opened NCAC action with a 2-1 win last week over Earlham (0-1-0, 4-4-0), starts things off with a home contest against Ohio Wesleyan (0-0-0, 4-2-2). Defending champion Denison (0-0-0, 8-1-0) begins its title defense against visiting Oberlin (0-0-0, 4-4-1). Kenyon (0-0-0, 5-2-0) brings a four-game winning streak to Allegheny (0-0-0, 6-2-0); the Gators have won six games in a row after an 0-2 start to the season. The final league contest sends Earlham to Hiram (0-0-0, 1-7-0). Wittenberg welcomes Indiana Wesleyan on Saturday and travels to Wilmington on Wednesday. Each NCAC team, except Denison, also has a non-conference game scheduled for this week.

**NOTES:** Denison is ranked seventh in the latest (Sept. 19) NSCAA/adidas national rankings – up one spot from last week. The Big Red remain first in the Great Lakes Region, followed by Ohio Wesleyan in fifth, Kenyon in sixth and Wittenberg in seventh. The Ladies are making their regional poll debut, while the Tigers drop one position from last week ... Denison is ranked fifth in the D3Kicks.com Week 3 poll, up one spot from last week. Ohio Wesleyan is 25th, down three spots. Kenyon, Wittenberg and Wooster also received votes in the D3Kicks.com poll, but did not place in the top 25 positions. The site debuted a computerized regional poll for the first time this week – results are largely based on in-region competition. Wittenberg ranked third, followed by Denison in seventh, Allegheny in eighth and Kenyon in 10th ... **ALLEGHENY** has won their last six games, recovering from an 0-2 start, including a 3-0 victory over Penn State-Behrend and a 4-1 victory over Washington & Jefferson last week. Sophomores **Katie Murphy (Venetia, PA/Peters Township)** and **Christy McShea (Murrysville, PA/Franklin Regional)** each scored two goals last week; Murphy also dished out two assists. In all, five Gators found the back of the net in the two games, as Allegheny outscored their opponents 7-1 ... **DENISON** suffered its first loss of the 2006 season, to #24 Otterbein, 1-0. The Big Red rebounded with its own 1-0 win against Carnegie Mellon. Junior **Jessie Birdwhistell (Lexington, KY/Henry Clay)** scored the game-winner in the 12th minute. Birdwhistell is second on the squad with five goals this fall. Denison looks to begin the defense of its NCAC Championship this week; the Big Red enter league play having outscored their opponents 31-6 thus far this season ... Freshmen **Emily Roth (Evanston, IL/Evanston Township)** and **Fanny Newport (Toledo, OH/St. Ursula)** each scored a goal in **EARLHAM'S** 2-0 win over Adrian. The Quakers opened their NCAC season with a 2-0 loss to Wooster ... **HIRAM** suffered a pair of losses last week, a 2-0 decision to John Carroll and a 2-1 loss to Heidelberg. The Terriers were down one goal against Heidelberg, but tied things up with an unassisted by freshman **Ali Milford (Doylestown, OH/Chippewa)**. Hiram couldn't hold on as Heidelberg scored for the win ... **KENYON** picked up its fourth straight win last week when they rolled past Case, 2-0. Junior goalkeeper **Rosie Davis (Decatur, GA/Decatur)** posted her fourth consecutive shutout. Davis has blanked five opponents this season and has compiled a 0.56 goals-against average this season, allowing four goals in over 632 minutes of play ... **OBERLIN** had won four straight games entering last week. The Yeowomen saw their streak end with a hard-fought 1-1 double-overtime tie with Marietta and then a narrow 1-0 loss to John Carroll. Sophomore **Caitlin Millford (Jamestown, NY/Southwestern)** scored Oberlin's lone goal on the week ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** played a lot of soccer last week; the Battling Bishops endured two double-overtime games. OWU tied Wilmington, 1-1, and Otterbein, 0-0. Against Wilmington, the Bishops took the lead on an own goal in the first half. Wilmington scored on a rebound in the 76th minute. Junior **Ali Gary (Gahanna, OH/Lincoln)** made four saves in the scoreless tie against Otterbein ... **WITTENBERG'S** four-game shutout streak may have ended with a second-half goal by Capital, but the Tigers' win streak increased to five games. Junior **Lisa Rusch (Columbus, OH/Worthington Kilbourne)** scored the game-winner against Capital in the closing minutes. Wittenberg bested Mount St. Joseph, 1-0, earlier in the week, thanks to a goal from junior **Amanda Farrell (Loveland, OH/Loveland)** ... **WOOSTER** freshman **Winnie Adrien (Selden, NY/Blair Academy, NJ)** scored three goals and assisted on two others, leading the Fighting Scots to a 2-1 week. Wooster opened the week with a 2-0 loss to John Carroll and then defeated Heidelberg, 7-0, and Earlham, 2-0. She had two goals and two assists, all in the first half, against Heidelberg and then gave the Scots a 2-0 lead in the win over the Quakers.

**VOLLEYBALL REPORT -- FULL WEEK OF CONFERENCE MATCHES KEEP NCAC SQUADS BUSY**

Every North Coast volleyball team will play at least two conference matches in the coming week. Beginning Tuesday, Allegheny (2-3, 5-8) hosts Hiram (5-0, 15-1). The Gators hope to break a three-match conference losing skid after winning the first two of the season. The Terriers are on a tear, sweeping all five North Coast opponents to date.

Oberlin (0-5, 3-9) is looking for its first NCAC victory of the year when it welcomes Denison (2-3, 7-8) Tuesday night. Oberlin looks for its first NCAC victory of the year while the Big Red are coming off a three-game sweep of the Gators. Wooster (3-2, 7-8) entertains Ohio Wesleyan (3-2, 11-3). The Scots went 2-1 in North Coast play last week, defeating Allegheny and Earlham and losing to Wittenberg. The Bishops lost to Wittenberg and Hiram last week, but took a thrilling five-game match from the Gators.

Wednesday, Earlham (2-3, 9-4) and Ohio Wesleyan host Wittenberg and Kenyon, respectively. Friday and Saturday both feature a full slate of games involving all nine squads.

**NOTES:** **ALLEGHENY** fell to 2-3 in league play with three losses last week. **Annie Schultheis (Canton, OH/GlenOak)** smashed 46 kills for an average of 4.18 per game. Freshman **Amanda Bancroft (Centerville, PA/Maplewood)** dished out 128 assists (11.28 per game) and **Alyssa Edwards (League City, TX/Clear Creek)** recorded 84 digs ... **DENISON** snapped an eight-game losing skid when they defeated Allegheny, 3-0. Senior **Kristen Sheffield (Dublin, OH/Scioto)** set a season-high for kills in a three-game match, totaling 23. Senior setter **Jenny Gresla (Berne, IN/South Adams)** set a season-high of her own with 50 assists in that same match. Sheffield leads the Big Red with .312 attack and 5.18 kill averages. Gresla is averaging 11.7 assists per game ... **EARLHAM** split a pair of conference matches, losing to Wooster in three then defeating Oberlin in three. Junior middle blocker **Lisa Vanderkolk (Bluffton, IN/Bluffton)** smashed 26 kills (4.33 per game) and recorded 25 digs (4.17) in the two matches ... **HIRAM** is ranked 20th in the most recent CSTV/AVCA Division III Top 25 Coaches Poll (Sept. 19). The Terriers won three North Coast matches last week, as well as a non-conference tilt with Capital ... **KENYON** had a rough week with two non-conference losses and a straight-set loss to Hiram. Senior **Patrice Collins (Garden City, NY/Garden)** did her part, pounding out 30 kills and 53 digs during the week ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** lost to NCAC leaders Hiram and Wittenberg, then defeated Allegheny, 3-2. Junior outside hitter **Steffi Graf (Poland, OH/Seminary)** finished with 19 kills and 35 digs in the victory, while senior middle hitter **Megan Margala (Prospect, OH/Marion Elgin)** had 19 kills of her own plus a team-best seven blocks ... **OBERLIN** had a 1-2 week with the win coming 3-0 over Lake Erie. In that match, the Yeowomen posted 11 service aces, 37 kills and 66 digs ... **WITTENBERG**, ranked 13th in the most recent CSTV/AVCA Division III Top 25 Coaches Poll (Sept. 19), won four straight last week including three over North Coast competition. Junior outside hitter **Jan Kehres (Alliance, OH/Alliance)** had three aces in a victory over Wooster, three more aces, plus 15 kills and 24 digs in a 3-1 defeat of Baldwin-Wallace, then 18 kills in a 3-0 victory over OWU ... **WOOSTER** had a 2-2 week, with a 2-1 mark in league action. Junior outside hitter **Carolyn Ciriegio (Covington, OH/Covington)** combined for 68 kills (4.86 per game) and 57 digs (4.07) and added six blocks.



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## NCAC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK (SEPT. 24)

### MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Oberlin senior **Travis Grout (Jefferson, OH/Jefferson Area)** won the 152-runner Otterbein Invitational. He finished the eight-kilometer course in 26:35, leading the Yeomen to a fourth-place finish at the 12-team event.

### WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Allegheny senior **Scarlett Graham (Farmington, PA/Uniontown)** finished 14th of 181 runners at Wilmington's NCAA Division III Pre-National meet. She finished the six-kilometer race in 22:43 as the Gators finished seventh of 16 teams.

### FIELD HOCKEY

Wooster freshman **Brittany Montgomery (Glens Falls, NY/Glens Falls)** scored four of the Scots' five goals last week as the Scots won twice in conference play and posted a 2-1 overall mark. Montgomery scored twice in a 3-1 defeat of Denison, scored the lone goal in a 1-0 defeat of Kenyon, and accounted for her team's scoring in a 2-1 loss to DePauw.

### FOOTBALL (OFFENSIVE/DEFENSIVE)

**OFFENSE:** Wabash senior quarterback **Dustin Huff (Martinsville, IN/Martinsville)** threw for a career-best five touchdowns and ran for another in the Little Giants' 42-28 conference opening victory over Ohio Wesleyan. Huff completed 22 of 28 passes for a career-high 416 yards and became just the third player to throw for over 400 yards in school history. **DEFENSE:** Wittenberg senior safety **Adam Hewitt (Piqua, OH/Lehman Catholic)** finished with 12 tackles, two sacks, two fumbles recovered, one fumble forced, one fumble returned for a touchdown and a kickoff returned 69 yards to set up the Tigers' second score in Wittenberg's 42-24 win over Alma. One of his sacks resulted in a fumble forced, which he recovered and returned 23 yards for a touchdown. That score tied the game at 21 just before halftime.

### MEN'S SOCCER

Oberlin sophomore midfielder **Zachary Lewis (Pleasantville, NY/Byrum Hills)** had two goals in a 6-2 defeat of Bluffton, then assisted on a goal in the Yeomen's 3-1 defeat of Westminster.

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

Allegheny sophomore **Katie Murphy (Venetia, PA/Peters Township)** scored two goals and dished out two assists to lead the Gators to a 2-0 week. She leads Allegheny with 1.5 points per game (four goals, four assists over eight games).

### VOLLEYBALL

Wittenberg junior **Jan Kehres (Alliance, OH/Alliance)** had three aces in a 3-0 defeat of Wooster, then had three more aces with 15 kills and 24 digs in a four-game win over Baldwin-Wallace. Kehres finished the week with 18 kills on 34 attempts in a straight set victory over Ohio Wesleyan.

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