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NCAC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK (OCT. 2)

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Wabash sophomore **Sam Compton-Craig (Tipton, IN/Tipton)** turned in a time of 26:30 to finish 97th out of 205 runners in the Gold Division at the Notre Dame Invitational.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Earlham sophomore **Michelle Crane (Mansfield, OH/St. Peter's)** finished ninth of 96 runners at the Earlham Invitational. She finished the five-kilometer race in 20:37 as the Quakers finished seventh of 11 teams.

FIELD HOCKEY

Earlham senior forward **Becca Jordan (Montpelier, VT/Montpelier)** scored four goals to lead the Quakers to a 2-1 week, including a hat trick in a 5-1 win over Transylvania. The win was Earlham's first in a little more than two seasons, dating back to October 2003. The Quakers followed with a 1-0 win over St. Vincent and a loss to Wooster in conference play. Jordan leads Earlham with six goals over nine games (0.67 goals per game) and 12 points (1.33 ppg).

FOOTBALL (OFFENSIVE/DEFENSIVE)

OFFENSE: Kenyon senior **Alby Coombs (Sharon, MA/Bethel)** rushed for 207 yards on 34 carries and four touchdowns in the Lords 44-42 win over Ohio Wesleyan. The win was the Lords' first over OWU since 1988 and the four scores tied the Lords record. In just four games, Coombs has rushed for 468 yards on 909 carries, an average of 5.2 yards per carry and six touchdowns. **DEFENSE:** Wittenberg senior linebacker **Joe Swanson (Germantown, OH/Valley View)** paced the Tiger defense in a 24-21 win over previously undefeated Wooster. He finished with seven tackles, including two for a loss, one of which was a sack for a nine-yard loss. He also picked off the first pass of his career, and returned it 14 yards to set up a Tiger TD just before the half.

MEN'S SOCCER

Oberlin junior midfielder **Sam Zackheim (Portland, OR/Lincoln)** scored twice for the Yeomen to hand them their first NCAC win of the season - a 3-1 victory over Hiram which snapped the Terriers six-game win streak.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Wooster senior midfielder **Sarah Schostarez (Portage, MI/Portage Northern)** scored three of the Fighting Scots' six goals last week, highlighted by the lone tally in Wooster's 1-0 conference victory over Ohio Wesleyan. The win was the Scots' first against the Bishops since 1997. Schostarez, who entered the week with just one goal this season, also booted in a pair in Wooster's 5-1 win over Mt. Union.

VOLLEYBALL

Denison senior outside attack **Kristen Sheffield (Dublin, OH/Scioto)** posted 48 kills in seven games for an average of 6.9 kills per game, leading the Big Red to NCAC wins over Oberlin and Wooster last week. She recorded 27 against the Scots and 21 versus Oberlin. She has a team-high 312 kills this season and has led the team in the category in all 17 contests this season. As of Sept. 24, Sheffield was tied for ninth in the nation in kills per game average.

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NCAC Football Report

**For Immediate Release
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**DEFENDING CHAM WABASH MOVES TO 2-0;
LITTLE GIANTS TRAVEL TO ALLEGHENY THIS WEEK**

CLEVELAND -- After topping Earlham (0-1, 2-2), 48-15, defending NCAC champion Wabash (2-0, 3-1) looks to extend its conference winning streak to 11 games with this week's trip to Allegheny (1-0, 3-1). The Gators won their NCAC opener last week, defeating Denison (0-1, 0-4), 23-6. The two teams have met six times since the 2000 season when the Little Giants began NCAC play in football. The series stands at 3-3-0; Wabash won last year's meeting, 27-21.

Kenyon (1-0, 2-2), Oberlin (1-0, 2-2) and Wittenberg (1-0, 2-2) join the Gators as winners of their first league games this season. The Lords shocked Ohio Wesleyan (0-2, 0-5), 24-21, after converting a field goal with just six seconds left on the clock. Kenyon hosts Hiram (0-1, 0-4) this Saturday. The Yeomen defeated the Terriers, 28-14, last week, and look to continue their winning ways when they host Denison. The Tigers defeated previously undefeated Wooster (0-1, 3-1), 24-21, on a one-yard touchdown with 45 seconds left in the game. Wittenberg hopes their momentum will carry them past the potent Earlham offense this week. The two squads will meet in Springfield. Both Ohio Wesleyan and Wooster look to regroup in their matchup in Delaware on Saturday.

GRID NOTEBOOK: ALLEGHENY improved to 3-1 for the first time since 1997 after its 23-6 victory over Denison. Senior quarterback **Jimmy Savage (North Canton, OH/Hoover)** led the way with 23-of-44 passing for 293 yards and a pair of touchdowns. He spread the wealth around the field, completing passes to 10 different receivers throughout the game. His 44 attempts were the second highest total in Gator history. Savage also punted twice (quick kick), pinning the Big Red within their 20 yard line both times, averaging 34.5 yards per kick. Senior running back **Mario Tarquino (Charleroi, PA/Charleroi)** rushed for 95 yards on 24 carries, the second time this season he was held just shy of the 100-yard barrier. He passed Head Coach **Mark Matlak ('78)** for seventh on the Allegheny career rushing list. Junior **Michael Cox (Waynesburg, PA/Waynesburg)** helped the Gator defense to a +1 turnover margin against the Big Red with an interception and a fumble recovery. Allegheny entered the weekend ranked fourth in NCAA Division III in turnover margin per game ... **DENISON** held Allegheny to 92 yards of total offense, but couldn't overcome the Gators' 20-0 half-time lead and fell 23-6 in its NCAC opener. Freshman **Nick Krempasky (San Clemente, CA/San Clemente)** blocked a punt in the third quarter and sophomore **Bert Bathiany (Ft. Thomas, KY/Ft. Thomas)** returned the block 31 yards for Denison's lone score. Senior **Torri Zaniol (St. Petersburg, FL/Seminole)** led the Big Red defense with 10 tackles, one forced fumble and one sack. Senior running back **Fred Lee (St. Louis, MO/MICDS)** ground out 110 yards on 23 carries - the eighth 100-yard rushing day of his career. He needs only 90 yards to reach the 2,000-yards plateau. Denison outrushed Allegheny 183-96 ... **EARLHAM** senior quarterback **Justin Rummell (Ingalls, IN/Pendleton Hts.)** was a bright spot in the Quakers 48-15 loss to Wabash. He finished the afternoon with 160 yards on 16-of-31 passing. Rummell found the end zone in the third quarter, throwing a 14-yard touchdown to sophomore **Chris Owens (Ft. Thomas, KY/Highlands)**. Owens led the Quakers with seven catches for 66 yards. Defensively, senior **Jordan Thompson (Riverview, FL/East Bay)** led Earlham with eight tackles, including two behind the line of scrimmage ... **HIRAM** jumped out to an early 7-0 lead and then tied the game at 14-14 heading into the half, but the Terriers couldn't hold on as they lost their conference opener, 28-14 to Oberlin. Just before the end of the first half, Hiram freshman **Alex Ream (Parma Heights, OH/Holy Name)** picked off a pass at the Oberlin 19-yard line and returned it 15 yards. The interception led to a four-yard TD scamper by sophomore quarterback **Trevor Henderson (Rural Valley, PA/West Shamokin)**, his second rushing touchdown of the day. Junior kicker/punter **Gary Sheplavy (Willowick, OH/Eastlake North)** tacked on the extra point tying the game at 14-14. ... With just one minute remaining in the game, Ohio Wesleyan capped off an eight-play drive with a touchdown and took a 42-41 lead over **KENYON**. On the ensuing kickoff, Lord junior **Carlin Shoemaker (Graham, WA/Bethel)** grabbed the ball and raced 63 yards up the sideline to the Ohio Wesleyan 23-yard line. Four running plays later, Kenyon claimed its first win over OWU since 1988 when senior **Chad Rothschild (Hudson, OH/Hudson)** converted a 16-yard field goal with just six seconds remaining to give the Lords a 44-42 victory. Senior **Alby Coombs (Sharon, MA/Bethel)** rushed for 207 yards on 34 carries and four touchdowns. The four scores tied the Lord record. In four games, Coombs has rushed for 468 yards on 909 carries, an average of 5.2 yards per carry and six touchdowns. Freshman linebacker **Justin Morgan (Glenn Date, MD/Charles Herbet Flowers)** collected 13 tackles, including a tackle for a loss, to go along with one pass deflection ... **OBERLIN** shut out Hiram in the second half en route to a 28-14 victory. Sophomore **Zach Warner (Flint, MI/Kearsley)** tallied four tackles, 2.5 for a loss, and returned an interception for a touchdown in the third quarter to lead the defensive effort. On the other side of the ball, sophomore **R.V. Carroll (Perry, OH/Perry)** carried the ball 33 times for 213 yards and three touchdowns ... For the third time this season **OHIO WESLEYAN** was less than 10 seconds away from a win, only to see Kenyon score a game-winning field goal with :06 seconds left on the clock. The hard-luck Bishops were led by junior quarterback **Steve Hymes (Barberton, OH/Massillon Washington)** who ran for 174 yards and

| Upcoming Games - Sat. Oct. 7 | | Last Week's Results - Sat. Sept. 30 | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Denison at Oberlin, 1:00 | Wooster at Ohio Wesleyan, 1:00 | Allegheny 23, Denison 6 | Wabash 48, Earlham 15 |
| Earlham at Wittenberg, 1:00 | Allegheny at Wabash, 2:00 | Kenyon 44, Ohio Wesleyan 42 | Wittenberg 24, Wooster 21 |
| Hiram at Kenyon, 1:00 | | Oberlin 28, Hiram 14 | |

NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE 2006 FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

* conference games

Allegheny College (1-0; 3-1)

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|-------|----------------------|----------|
| 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* | W, 23-6 |
| 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 (0-1; 0-4)

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|-------|-------------------|----------|
| S. 2 | at Randolph-Macon | L, 14-20 |
| S. 9 | CASE | L, 14-27 |
| S. 23 | at Gettysburg | L, 14-31 |
| S. 30 | ALLEGHENY* | L, 6-23 |
| 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 (0-1; 2-2)

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|-------|----------------|----------|
| S. 2 | at Rose-Hulman | L, 17-24 |
| S. 9 | at Manchester | W, 49-35 |
| S. 16 | ANDERSON | W, 32-24 |
| S. 30 | WABASH* | L, 15-48 |
| 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 (0-1; 0-4)

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|-------|-------------------|----------|
| S. 2 | CARNEGIE MELLON | L, 6-27 |
| S. 9 | at Bethany | L, 7-42 |
| S. 16 | at Allegheny | L, 7-52 |
| S. 30 | OBERLIN* | L, 14-28 |
| 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 (1-0; 2-2)

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|-------|-------------------|----------|
| 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* | W, 44-42 |
| 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 (1-0; 2-2)

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| 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* | W, 28-14 |
| 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 (0-2; 0-5)

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| S. 2 | at Franklin | L, 23-38 |
| S. 9 | at Catholic (ot) | L, 33-34 |
| S. 16 | BETHANY | L, 28-34 |
| S. 23 | at Wabash* | L, 28-42 |
| S. 30 | KENYON* | L, 42-44 |
| 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 (2-0; 3-1)

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|-------|----------------|---------------|
| 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* | W, 48-15 |
| 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 (1-0; 2-2)

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| S. 2 | at Capital | L, 7-57 |
| S. 9 | DAYTON | L, 28-35 |
| S. 23 | ALMA | W, 42-24 |
| S. 30 | at Wooster* | W, 24-21 |
| 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 (0-1; 3-1)

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| S. 2 | JOHN CARROLL | W, 30-22 |
| S. 9 | at Waynesburg | W, 31-10 |
| S. 23 | CASE | W, 21-7 |
| S. 30 | WITTENBERG* | L, 21-24 |
| 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 |

two TDs on 22 rushes while completing 10 of 15 passes for 124 yards and a touchdown. Junior **Chad Ellis (Dublin, OH/Scioto)** had 13 tackles, including 1-1/2 for a loss ... Senior quarterback **Dustin Huff (Martinsville, IN/Martinsville)** threw for three TDs, giving him 16 for the season, as **WABASH** rolled to its 10th straight conference victory, a 48-15 win over Earlham. Huff finished 10-of-14 passing for 150 yards. Sophomore linebacker **Matt Kraft (Newburgh, IN/Castle)** led the defense, which held the Quakers to a season-low 258 total yards and 171 yards passing, with five stops (four solo) and a recovered fumble on a kickoff return that set up the Little Giants' final touchdown. Sophomore quarterback turned linebacker **Rich Lehmann (Griffith, IN/Griffith)** recorded an interception in addition to two tackles and a shared tackle for a loss in his first start on the defensive side of the field this year ... **WITTENBERG** senior tailback **Tristan Murray (New Carlisle, OH/Tecumseh)** once again sparked the Tigers as he rushed for 146 yards and two TDs on 31 carries, including his final run of the day, a one-yard TD scamper with just 45 seconds on the clock. He was also Wittenberg's leading receiver in the 24-21 win over previously undefeated Wooster, picking up 50 yards on four receptions, including a 23-yard touchdown. His 18 points moved him into third on the Tiger scoring list. Senior linebacker **Joe Swanson (Germantown,**

OH/Valley View) finished with seven tackles, including two for a loss, one of which was a sack for a nine-yard loss. He also picked off the first pass of his career, and returned it 14 yards to set up a Tiger TD just before the half ... **WOOSTER** senior wide receiver **Shaun Swearingen (Hilliard, OH/Bishop Watterson)** helped kickstart Wooster's second-half comeback when he snagged down a 23-yard touchdown reception, which pulled Wooster within 17-14. He led the Scots with four catches for 68 yards in the loss. Senior **Andy Mizak (Warren, MI/Pal K. Cousino)** paced the defense with eight tackles, including a half sack against Wittenberg. He now has 28.0 career sacks, six shy of the school record.



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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 -- NCAC TEAMS TO COMPETE AT ALL-OHIO INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Every ohio-based North Coast Athletic Conference squad competes at Ohio Wesleyan on Friday. Denison, Hiram, Kenyon, Oberlin, Ohio Wesleyan, Wittenberg and Wooster will all participate in All-Ohio Intercollegiate Championships, hosted by Ohio Wesleyan and held annually at the Methodist Theological School in Delaware. The women's collegiate race starts at 2:00 p.m., followed by the men's at 2:45. Allegheny travels to the Penn State Relays on Saturday, while Earlham and Wabash take the week off. Hiram will also compete at the Ursuline Invitational on Tuesday.

NOTES: **EARLHAM** and **WITTENBERG** competed in the Earlham Invitational. The Quaker men finished sixth in the 13-team field, followed by Wittenberg in eighth. Quaker senior **Walker Yane (Oldenburg, IN/St. Xavier)** was the highest NCAC finisher, crossing the line in fourth (27:04). Tiger junior **Mike Echols (Springfield, OH/North)** led Wittenberg with a 22nd place finish (28:16). The Wittenberg women finished in sixth place, followed by the Quaker women in eighth. Earlham sophomore **Michelle Crane (Mansfield, OH/St. Peter's)** ran the 5k course in 20:37, good for ninth place. Senior **Christine Maddox (Miamisburg, OH/Miamisburg)** led Wittenberg with a 12th-place (20:44) ... **HIRAM** hosted the Hiram Invitational. The Terrier men and women each won their respective three-team event. Freshman **Louis Sterrett (Medina, OH/St. Ignatius)** placed fourth with a time of 19:36 and was followed across the line by sophomore **Kent Vasko (Newbury, OH/Newbury)** in fifth place (19:45). Sophomore **Kim Starr (Acton, CA/Vasquez)** won the event with a time of 21:38. The Hiram women swept the top four spots as senior **Jessica Crookham (Ravenna, OH/Garfield)** finished second (21:39), followed by classmates **Emmy Fabich (Medina, OH/Buckeye Senior)** in third (23:00) and **Elicia Schlosser (Louisville, OH/Louisville)** in fourth ... **WABASH** finished 22nd of 25 teams in the Gold Division at the Notre Dame Invitational. Sophomore **Sam Compton-Craig (Tipton, IN/Tipton)** turned in a time of 26:30 to finish 97th out of 205 runners.

FIELD HOCKEY REPORT -- WOOSTER COMPLETES FIRST HALF OF NCAC SCHEDULE 6-0

This week's schedule is light once again, with just five games involving six of the seven NCAC teams on tap. Wooster (6-0, 8-2) puts its perfect conference record on the line twice this week, traveling to fourth-place Denison (2-3, 3-6) on Wednesday before returning home to face second-place Wittenberg (5-1, 7-3) on Saturday. The Fighting Scots topped the Big Red, 3-1, earlier this season; Saturday's contest will be the first meeting between Wooster and the Tigers this season. Ohio Wesleyan (1-3, 2-4) also plays twice this week. The Bishops travel to Earlham (0-5, 2-7) on Wednesday and host Kenyon (3-3, 7-4) Saturday. OWU edged Earlham, 2-0, early last month and will face the Ladies for the first time in 2006. The final conference game of the week sends Denison to Earlham on Saturday. Oberlin (2-4, 4-5) is the only squad not scheduled to see NCAC play. They have only a non-conference matchup with Washington & Jefferson on Wednesday.

NOTES: **DENISON** picked up its second NCAC win of the season when the Big Red shutout Oberlin, 2-0. Entering the 2006 season, the Big Red had lost eight-straight games to the Yeowomen, but they took both games from Oberlin this fall, also winning, 5-3, earlier last month. The Big Red also dropped a 2-1 decision to Wittenberg last week, the first game played on the new artificial surface at Deeds Field-Piper Stadium. Junior **Carter Hartung (St. Louis, MO/Whitfield)**, an All-NCAC defender, was asked to make the switch to goalie and went 1-1 in her first two starts. She posted a four-save shutout against the Yeowomen and in 140 minutes in-cage, she has a 1.00 goals-against average and a .750 save percentage ... **EARLHAM** had quite a week, winning its first games in a little more than two years. The Quakers opened the week with a 5-1 victory over Transylvania and followed with a 1-0 win over St. Vincent. The wins are the first for Earlham since a 2-1 win over Ohio Wesleyan on October 23, 2003. Senior forward **Becca Jordan (Montpelier, VT/Montpelier)** scored four goals in the teams three matches, including a hat trick against Transylvania. She leads Earlham with six goals over nine games (0.67 goals per game) and 12 points (1.33 ppg). Earlham also dropped a 7-0 decision to undefeated Wooster ... **KENYON** lost its only game last week, falling 2-0 to Wittenberg. Freshman **Sasha Grumman (Newport Beach, CA/Newport Harbor)** paced the Ladies with five shots in the contest ... **OBERLIN** went 0-2 in NCAC play last week, falling 5-3 to Wooster and 2-0 to Denison. Junior **Ashley Allen (Ft. Collins, CO/Poudre)** notched two goals against the Scots while freshman **Theresa Desautels (Silver Spring, MD/Albert Einstein)** recorded three defensive saves ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** sophomore **Shannon McHenry (Powell, OH/Rancho Buena Vista, CA)** set up the game-winning goal and scored twice in the second half to spark the Bishops 4-0 win over visiting St. Vincent ... **WITTENBERG** has won five games in a row, including last week's wins over Denison (2-1) and Kenyon (2-0). Senior **Rachel Dunn (Pittsburgh, PA/North Allegheny)** had her second straight game-winner against the Big Red and then assisted on both goals against the Ladies ... **WOOSTER** won twice in conference play, defeating Oberlin (5-3) and Earlham (7-0). Freshman **Amanda Artman (Shaker Hts., OH/Shaker Hts.)** scored back-to-back hat tricks and totaled 14 points on six goals and two assists in the two wins. She became the first Wooster player in over a year to score three goals in a game in the comeback victory at Oberlin, then did it again against Earlham.

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

Ohio Wesleyan shot a combined 604 over 36 holes to win its second NCAC regular season golf event, the Wittenberg Invitational at Windy Knoll Golf Club and at Reid Park Golf Course. The Battling Bishops ended day one tied with Allegheny with a score of 294. Ohio Wesleyan shot a second-day 310 to edge the Gators, who claimed their second second-place finish this fall. Allegheny carded a combined 316 on the second day of competition to total 610. Wittenberg (642) was fourth, followed by Denison (646) in fifth and Wooster (648) in sixth. Hiram (675), Wabash (681) and Kenyon (697) rounded out the NCAC teams in places seven through nine, respectively. Non-conference teams Otterbein (613) and Miami Hamilton (702) finished in third and 10th place, respectively. Individually, Allegheny sophomore **Chris Moore (Erie, PA/Mercyhurst Prep)** won medalist honors, carding a two-over-par 145. Ohio Wesleyan sophomore **Kyle Martin (Dublin, OH/Wellington)** and junior **Jeff Nieman (Maineville, OH/Cincinnati Moeller)** tied for second, each with a six-over 149.

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 Hiram Invitational on Sept. 16-17 was the first regular season event for NCAC golf squads. 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 -- UNBEATEN DENISON AND OHIO WESLEYAN TO MEET FRIDAY

All 10 NCAC men's soccer teams play at least one conference game in the coming week. Allegheny (1-1-0, 7-1-2), Oberlin (1-0-1, 4-2-4), Ohio Wesleyan (1-0-1, 7-0-2) and Wabash (0-1-1, 1-8-1) each play twice, starting with a Yeomen-Gator matchup in Meadville on Tuesday. Oberlin then returns home to host Earlham (0-2-0, 5-5-0) on Saturday, while Allegheny travels to Kenyon (0-1-1, 2-4-2). The Bishops, who had their perfect record spotted after tying with Wooster last week, host the Little Giants on Wednesday and Denison (2-0-0, 5-3-1) on Friday. The Big Red bring a perfect 2-0 NCAC record into the match. Wabash closes its week with a home contest against Hiram (1-1-0, 8-2-0). Also on Wednesday, Wittenberg (0-1-1, 4-5-2) travels to Wooster (1-0-1, 7-1-1).

NOTES: Ohio Wesleyan is ranked third in the latest (Sept. 26) NSCAA/adidas national rankings; Wooster is tied for 18th with Amherst (MA), while Allegheny received votes but did not crack the top-25. The Bishops remain first in the Great Lakes Region, followed by Wooster and Allegheny in third and fourth and Hiram in eighth ... Ohio Wesleyan is ranked fourth in the D3Kicks.com Week 4 poll, down one spot from last week. Wooster also received votes in the D3Kicks.com poll, but did not place in the top 25 positions. The site also hosts a computerized regional poll – results are largely based on in-region competition. Ohio Wesleyan ranks first in the Great Lakes Region, followed by Wooster in third and Hiram in fourth. Oberlin was 13th, while Allegheny, Denison and Earlham are listed 17-19, respectively ... **ALLEGHENY** won its only contest last week, 4-1 over Wabash. Each of the Gator goals came from a different player, including the game-winner, put away by sophomore **Nathaniel Yates (Cleveland Hts., OH/Cleveland Hts.)** ... **DENISON** won its only contest last week, as well, a 2-0 decision over Kenyon. The Big Red's non-conference contest at Anderson was cancelled due to lightning and will not be rescheduled. The Big Red improved to 2-0 in conference play and to 5-3-1 overall. All five of their victories have been shutouts. Denison has allowed six goals in nine matches this season and 'keeper **Kevin Donahue (Riverside, CT/Greenwich)** is a big reason why. The freshman has been in goal for all five shutouts and has notched 26 saves in 830 minutes of action. He has a sparkling 0.65 goals-against average. At the other end of the field, nine different players have scored for the Big Red. **Chris Dayer (East Aurora, NY/Iroquois Central)** and **Ryan Linn (Zanesville, OH/West Muskingum)** are the only two players with more than one goal to their credit. Dayer assisted on goals by Linn and **Brian Collins (East Aurora, NY/Nichols School)** in the win over Kenyon ... **EARLHAM** split a pair of games last week, winning a non-conference contest against Franklin, 2-0, and falling to Hiram, 1-0, in double overtime. Junior **Nhlanhla Maduna (Ezulwini, Swaziland/Li Po Chun)** tallied a goal and an assist against Franklin ... **HIRAM** had its six-game winning streak snapped after a 3-1 loss to neighboring Oberlin. The Terriers rebounded with their 1-0 double-overtime win over Earlham ... **KENYON'S** three-game unbeaten streak was halted when the Lords fell to Denison, 2-0 in NCAC play ... **OBERLIN** opened its conference run with a win and a tie. The Yeomen downed Hiram, 3-1, and battled Wittenberg to a 1-1 tie that was called with 3:16 left to play due to lightning. Junior midfielder **Sam Zackheim (Portland, OR/Lincoln)** scored twice for the Yeomen against Hiram ... Lightning also affected **OHIO WESLEYAN** last week. The Bishops and Ohio Northern battled to a scoreless tie before the game was suspended with 5:41 left in the second overtime period and eventually called because of persistent lightning. The tie extended the Bishops' regular-season unbeaten streak to a school-record 35 games, however, it also ended OWU's regular-season winning streak at a school-record 34 games. Ohio Wesleyan finished the week with a second straight scoreless tie, knotting with Wooster after two overtimes. The Bishops' school-record unbeaten streak was stretched to 36 games. Junior goalkeeper **Jamison Daque (Bexley, OH/Bexley)** recorded three saves in the two games ... Sophomore **George Padgitt (Fishers, IN/Hamilton Southeastern)** scored in the first two minutes of the match to give **WABASH** a 1-0 lead against Allegheny. But the Gators scored four unanswered goals to hand Wabash its first NCAC loss. Padgitt has scored in each of the Little Giants' last three matches ... Sophomore forward **Shane Price (Minford, OH/Minford)** scored the game-tying goal in the second-half to help **WITTENBERG** to a 1-1 tie with Oberlin. The game was called with 3:16 left on the clock ... **WOOSTER** junior goalkeeper **Erik Larson (El Paso, TX/Stony Point)** combined for 15 saves in a 0-1-1 week. He had eight in a 1-0 double-overtime setback at Case, which marked Wooster's first loss of the season. He then stopped seven shots to preserve a 0-0 tie with Ohio Wesleyan.

WOMEN'S SOCCER REPORT -- STREAKING KENYON AND WITTENBERG TO CLASH ON TUESDAY

A full slate of games is set for the coming week as all nine NCAC teams will play conference competition. On Tuesday, a streaking Kenyon (1-0-0, 7-2-0) will travel to Springfield for Wittenberg's (0-0-0, 6-2-1) conference opener. The Ladies have won six straight, while the Tigers boast a seven-game unbeaten streak of its own. Kenyon will then return home to face Hiram (0-1-0, 2-8-1), while the Tigers will travel to Wooster (2-0-0, 9-3-0), both on Saturday. The Fighting Scots have won both of their early season league games and have won four straight overall. Denison (0-0-0, 8-1-0) and Oberlin (0-0-0, 4-5-1) also begin conference play this week. The Big Red open their title

defense at Ohio Wesleyan (0-1-0, 4-3-3) on Tuesday and at Allegheny (0-1-0, 6-4-0) on Saturday. The Yeowomen host near bye Hiram on Tuesday and Earlham (1-1-0, 6-4-0) Saturday.

NOTES: Denison is ranked 10th in the latest (Sept. 26) NSCAA/adidas national rankings – down three spots from last week. The Big Red remain first in the Great Lakes Region tied with Calvin. Kenyon improved one spot to sixth, followed by Ohio Wesleyan in fifth and Wittenberg in seventh ... Denison is ranked 11th in the D3Kicks.com Week 4 poll, down six spots from last week. Ohio Wesleyan and Wittenberg and Wooster also received votes in the D3Kicks.com poll, but did not place in the top 25 positions. The site also hosts a computerized regional poll – results are largely based on in-region competition. Wittenberg ranks fourth, followed by Denison in fifth and Kenyon in sixth. Wooster is tabbed 11th, Ohio Wesleyan is tied for 13th with Carnegie Mellon. Allegheny (16th) and Earlham (19th) also cracked the top-20 ... **ALLEGHENY'S** six-game winning streak was snapped by a pair of losses last week. The Gators fell, 2-1, in double overtime to Carnegie Mellon and 2-1, in overtime to Kenyon. **Ashley Miller (North Huntingdon, PA/Norwin)** scored a first-half goal against Kenyon, but the Ladies scored as time expired in the first overtime to claim the win ... **DENISON'S** lone match last week, against Oberlin, was postponed due to thunderstorms and lightning. The match has not yet been rescheduled ... **EARLHAM** shut out a pair of opponents last week and have now won five of their last six contests. The Quakers tied an Earlham record for margin of victory with their 7-0 defeat of Franklin. They followed with a 3-0 win over Hiram to open league play. Junior **Hailee Carter (Middletown, OH/Lakota East)** totalled seven points on the week, scoring three goals and an assist ... **HIRAM** went 1-1-1 last week. The Terriers opened with a 1-1 double-overtime tie against Shawnee State, followed by a 1-0 overtime win against Bluffton. Hiram opened North Coast action with a 3-0 loss to Earlham ... **KENYON** collected two wins this week, a 4-0 shutout of Marietta and a 2-1 overtime win against Allegheny to begin league play. Sophomore **Amy Kessler (Bowling Green, OH/St. Ursula Academy)** notched two goals, including the game-winner against the Ladies. She also added an assist against Marietta. Kessler is tied for the team lead with four goals and leads the squad with 10 points ... **OBERLIN** dropped a 2-0 decision to Case and saw its game against Denison postponed due to thunderstorms and lightning. The match has not yet been rescheduled ... Sophomore forward **Michelle Corbett (Dublin, OH/Scioto)** scored to give **OHIO WESLEYAN** a 1-0 lead, but Ohio Northern evened the game late in the first half as the two squads battled to a tie through both overtime periods - the third straight tie for OWU. The Bishops then dropped a 1-0 decision to Wooster ... **WITTENBERG** has strung together seven shutouts and are 6-0-1 since starting the season 1-2. Junior **Amanda Farrell (Loveland, OH/Loveland)** scored the game-winner in the Tigers' 2-0 win over Indiana Wesleyan. Wittenberg also tied Wilmington, 0-0, in double overtime last week. Junior **Meghan O'Rourke (Columbus, OH/Worthington Kilbourne)** has played every minute in goal this season and has allowed only four goals. She has a sparkling 0.44 goals-against average ... **WOOSTER** senior midfielder **Sarah Schostarez (Portage, MI/Portage Northern)** scored three of the Fighting Scots' six goals last week, highlighted by the lone tally in Wooster's 1-0 conference victory over Ohio Wesleyan. The win was the Scots' first against the Bishops since 1997. Schostarez, who entered the week with just one goal this season, also booted in a pair in Wooster's 5-1 win over Mt. Union.

VOLLEYBALL REPORT -- THREE NCAC MATCHES SET FOR UPCOMING WEEK

North Coast teams will take a bit of a break from conference competition with only three league games scheduled for the upcoming week - all involving Denison, Kenyon and Ohio Wesleyan. On Thursday, fifth-place Denison (4-3, 9-8) travels to eighth-place Kenyon (1-6, 3-14). The next day, the Big Red host third-place (tie) Ohio Wesleyan (5-3, 14-4). Finally, on Saturday, Ohio Wesleyan travels over to Kenyon. The Bishops also travel to Bluffton early in the week. Allegheny (2-6, 5-11), Hiram (7-1, 18-2) and Wooster (5-3, 9-9) all travel to tournaments on Friday and Saturday. The Gators head to the Gallaudet Tournament, where they will face Oneonta St., Christopher Newport and Catholic. The Terriers and Scots travel to the Carnegie Mellon Invitational to square off against Elizabethtown, Penn St.-Altoona and Medaille, in addition to the host Tartans. Earlham (3-5, 10-6) and Wittenberg (8-0, 17-5) each host their own Invitationals. The Quakers will compete against Berea, Mobile and Oakland City in their Fall Classic, while the Tigers will play Emory, Capital and Elmhurst in its National Invitational.

NOTES: **ALLEGHENY** fell to 2-6 in league play with three losses last week. Freshman **Alyssa Edwards (League City, TX/Clear Creek)** stopped a Gator single-match record 56 kill attempts in a five-game loss to Earlham. The previous dig record was 41. Four Gators finished against Earlham in double figures in kills, including freshman **Lisa Gleason (Wexford, PA/North Allegheny)**, who recorded a match-high 11 in three games ... **DENISON** ran its winning streak to three following a pair of conference victories last week. Senior outside attack **Kristen Sheffield (Dublin, OH/Scioto)** posted 48 kills in seven games for an average of 6.9 kills per game. She has a team-high 312 kills this season and has led the team in the category in all 17 contests this season. As of Sept. 24, Sheffield was tied for ninth in the nation in kills per game average. Senior libero **Caitlin Krupka (Westlake, OH/Holy Name)** leads the team with a 6.3 digs per game average after averaging 9.0 dpg in the two wins over Oberlin and Wooster last week. Senior **Sarah Darwin (East Lansing, MI/Okemos)** recorded a season-high six blocks against Wooster ... **EARLHAM** went 1-2 last week, all in conference play. Junior **Jessica Whitaker (Indianapolis, IN/Sccecina)** paced the Quakers with 42 kills and 66 digs over the three matches. Junior **Lisa Vanderkolk (Bluffton, IN/Bluffton)** chipped in 40 kills and sophomore **Katie Evans (Milton, IN/Muncie Burris)** had 76 digs, averaging 6.33 dpg over three matches ... **HIRAM** is ranked 17th in the most recent CSTV/AVCA Division III Top 25 Coaches Poll (Sept. 26) - up three spots from last week. The Terriers won matches against Allegheny, Earlham and Muskingum last week and fell to Wittenberg ... **KENYON** picked up its first NCAC win of the season last week with a 3-1 win over Oberlin. The Ladies went 1-2 overall, dropping matches to Ohio Wesleyan and Wooster. Senior **Sarah Brieschke (Ann Arbor, MI/Ann Arbor Pioneer)** dished out a combined 66 assists against Oberlin and Ohio Wesleyan, while adding six kills and 34 digs ... **OBERLIN** is still on the hunt for its first NCAC victory this season after dropping a trio of league matches last week ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** went 3-1 last week, defeating Kenyon and Oberlin in conference play. The Bishops fell to Wooster in straight sets. Junior outside hitter **Stephanie McCoy (Powell, OH/Olentangy)** had an outstanding week with 29 kills and eight errors in 113 attempts (.186 hitting percentage), She recorded nine aces, 34 digs and had five block assists ... **WITTENBERG**, ranked 12th in the most recent CSTV/AVCA Division III Top 25 Coaches Poll (Sept. 26) - up one spot from last week, went 3-1 on the week with all of the victories coming in conference play. The Tigers have now completed the first half of their conference schedule with an unblemished 8-0 record. Junior **Lindsey Penrod (Piqua, OH/Piqua)** finished the week with 32 kills against just five errors. Against Earlham, she had 10 kills on 18 attempts with no errors ... **WOOSTER** middle hitter **Ashley Quisenberry (Springfield, OH/Springfield Catholic Central)** recorded 40 kills, 48 digs and 14 blocks to help the Scots to a 2-1 week in league play.