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NCAC Football Report

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**WABASH TO VISIT WITTENBERG IN BATTLE OF FIRST-PLACE TEAMS;
KENYON, OBERLIN ALSO ENTER WEEK UNBEATEN IN CONFERENCE PLAY**

CLEVELAND -- Wabash (3-0, 4-1) visits Wittenberg (2-0, 3-2) in a key matchup on the North Coast schedule as the rivals are two of four teams entering the week with unbeaten conference records. The Little Giants and the Tigers have split their previous six meetings since Wabash joined the league for the 2000 campaign, including a 2002 playoff tilt. The Little Giants have won four of the last five meetings, including last year's 27-21 decision; The Tigers' last victory came in 2004 by a 49-35 score. Last week, Wabash knocked off Allegheny, 41-27, while Wittenberg defeated Earlham, 28-14.

Kenyon (2-0, 3-2) looks to keep its five-game conference win streak alive with a road game at Allegheny (1-1, 3-2) this week. The Lords are coming off a 69-34 defeat of Hiram (0-2, 0-5), while the Gators lost to the Little Giants. Kenyon has won its first two North Coast contests of 2006 after winning their final three last season, and are trying to prove their second-place conference finish (6-1) of a season ago was no fluke. This will be the 21st meeting between the teams since they both joined the NCAC in 1984. The Gators hold a 16-4 advantage, though the Lords took a 34-27 decision in last year's meeting, the first in the series for Kenyon since the 1989 season.

Oberlin (2-0, 3-2) is on a three-game conference win streak of its own, dating back to the last game of the 2005 campaign. The Yeomen hope to keep piling up the victories with a road game at Earlham (0-2, 2-3). The Yeomen claimed a 13-10 decision at home over the Quakers last season, though Earlham holds a 13-3 advantage in the series since EC joined the league in 1989. The Quakers hope to bounce back from the loss to Wittenberg.

Other games on tap feature Ohio Wesleyan (0-3, 0-6) at Denison (0-2, 0-5), and Wooster (1-1, 4-1) at Hiram (0-2, 0-5). The Bishops hold a 16-4 edge in the series with the Big Red since 1984, taking last year's meeting by a 34-28 count. The Scots have beaten the Terriers in all four previous meetings since Hiram joined the NCAC for the 2000 season. Wooster defeated Hiram, 59-17, in 2005.

GRID NOTEBOOK: ALLEGHENY was led by quarterback **Jimmy Savage (North Canton, OH/Hoover)**, who completed 38 of 58 passes for 400 yards and a career-best four touchdowns. He became the first Gator QB to throw for 400 yards in a game, breaking the former school record by 35 yards, and his completions and attempts also smashed school marks. In the third quarter alone, he completed 17 of 24 passes for 172 yards. He moved into third place in career pass completions, fourth in career pass attempts and fifth in career passing yards. He is on pace to break the single season school records for passing yards, passing touchdowns, completions and attempts. **Dallas Robinson (Wooster, OH/Northwestern)** and **Jim Lieb (Carrolltown, PA/Northern Cambiran)** each had 10 receptions. Robinson posted career highs in both receptions and receiving yards (141). Freshman **Jake Vite (Hollidaysburg, PA/Hollidaysburg Area)** made his mark as well with career-bests in receptions (8), receiving yards (86) and touchdown receptions (3) ... **DENISON** sophomore wideout **Michael Brienzo (Monte Sereno, CA/Los Gatos)** scored his first career touchdown pass, snagging a 48-yard toss in the first quarter. Sophomore linebacker **Joe Ulrey (Marengo, OH/Highland)** posted a team-best nine tackles in the loss to the Yeomen, and leads the team with 45 stops this season ... **EARLHAM'S** star quarterback **Justin Rummell (Ingalls, IN/Pendleton Hts.)** completed 26 passes in 47 attempts for 200 yards and two touchdowns against the Tigers. Junior **Joe White (Richmond, IN/Richmond)** caught a team-best seven of those passes for 59 yards and one TD. The touchdown gives him nine on the year, a single-season school record, and 19 for his career, also a school mark ... **HIRAM** sophomore quarterback **Trevor Henderson (Rural Valley, PA/West Shamokin)** led the Terriers to their best offensive output of the season with 230 yards passing and four touchdowns and no interceptions despite being sacked 10 times. Senior wideout **Greg Kibler (Warrensville Hts., OH/Warrensville)** caught eight passes for 111 yards and three scores. Junior linebacker **Tom Canitia (Chagrin Falls, OH/St. Peter Chanel)** made 11 stops, nine of them solo, and forced a fumble ... **KENYON** set several single-game records in their first home game of 2006, a 69-34 victory over Hiram. The team set records for points scored (69), sacks (10), and PATs made (9). The points record had stood since the 1908 team scored 63 against Wittenberg and against Cincinnati, 98 years ago. Senior running back **Alby Coombs (Sharon, MA/Belmont Hill)** ran for 129 yards and three touchdowns and in the process became the school's all-time scoring leader. He now has 224 career points and breaks a mark set in 1971 by **Chris Myers**. Defensively, senior **Dave Cicetti (Gahanna, OH/Colubus Academy)** had six tackles and had three sacks ... **OBERLIN** is off to its best start since the 1989 squad also started 3-2. The last time the Yeomen were 4-2 was in 1963. Against Denison, Oberlin was paced by junior wide out **Cassius Harris (Chicago, IL/Loyola Academy)**. Harris had a game-high five catches for 154 yards and a touchdown, including a 63-yard reception that proved to be the game-winner. Sophomore defensive back **LaKristopher Devant (Cincinnati, OH/Roger Bacon)** added insurance in the fourth quarter with a 67-yard interception return for a score. He also had five tackles, two for a loss, and a sack. Junior free safety

Upcoming Games - Sat. Oct. 14		Last Week's Results - Sat. Oct. 7	
Kenyon at Allegheny, 1:00	Wabash at Wittenberg, 1:00	Oberlin 18, Denison 7	Wittenberg 28, Earlham 14
Oberlin at Earlham, 1:00	Wooster at Hiram, 1:00	Kenyon 69, Hiram 34	Wooster 24, Ohio Wesleyan 0
Ohio Wesleyan at Denison, 1:00		Wabash 41, Allegheny 27	

NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE 2006 FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

* conference games

Allegheny College (1-1; 3-2)

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*	L, 27-41
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 (0-2; 0-5)

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*	L, 7-18
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 (0-2; 2-3)

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*	L, 14-28
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 (0-2; 0-5)

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*	L, 34-69
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 (2-0; 3-2)

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*	W, 44-42
O. 7	HIRAM*	W, 69-34
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 (2-0; 3-2)

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*	W, 28-14
O. 7	DENISON*	W, 18-7
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 (0-3; 0-6)

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*	L, 42-44
O. 7	WOOSTER*	L, 0-24
O. 14	at Denison*	1:00
O. 21	WITTENBERG*	1:00
O. 28	at Allegheny*	6:00
N. 4	HIRAM*	1:00

Wabash College (3-0; 4-1)

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*	W, 48-15
O. 7	ALLEGHENY*	W, 41-27
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 (2-0; 3-2)

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*	W, 28-14
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 (1-1; 4-1)

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*	W, 24-0
O. 14	at Hiram*	1:00
O. 21	ALLEGHENY*	1:00
O. 28	at Wabash*	1:00
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Chase Palmer (Highland, UT/Snow College) had a game-high 9.5 tackles, an interception and three broken up passes ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** senior halfback **Nick Rice (Dublin, OH/Scioto)** led the Bishops in rushing (51 yards) and receptions (4) in his team's 24-0 loss to Wooster. Freshman defensive back **Josh Lustig (Northbrook, IL/Cushing Academy)** led the defense with seven tackles ... **WABASH** won its 11th consecutive conference game with a 41-27 decision over Allegheny. Junior wide receiver **Mike Russell (Terrer Haute, IN/North)** made the most of his six receptions, scoring on four of the catches and totaling 141 yards. Senior quarterback **Dustin Huff (Martinsville, IN/Martinsville)** threw for 255 yards and five scores. In all, the Little Giants had six touchdown passes, tying a school record set three times during the 2000 season. Junior linebacker **Adrian Pynenberg (Montgomery, IL/Oswego Community)** led the defense with 13 stops ... **WITTENBERG** totaled 447 yards of offense in a 28-14 defeat of Earlham, 327 of it on the ground. The backfield duo of junior **Andy Vanover (Tipp City, OH/Tippecanoe)** and senior **Tristan Murray (New Carlisle, OH/Tecumseh)** accounted for 305 of those rushing yards. Vanover had a career-high 107 yards and three touchdowns on four receptions and added another nine yards on four carries.

Murray rushed for 189 yards on his season-high 35 carries and scored once. Senior linebacker **Tyler Harmon (Indianapolis, IN/Perry Meridian)** made eight stops and had an interception ... **WOOSTER** senior quarterback **Justin Schafer (Bethesda, OH/Union Local)** completed his first six passes en route to a 14-for-21 performance for 215 yards. Seven of his completions went for over 20 yards on his best passing day of the season. Junior outside linebacker **Greg Schermbeck (Toledo, OH/Whitmer)** made eight tackles and snagged his first career interception.



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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 -- TEAMS BEGIN FINAL PREP FOR CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2006 North Coast Athletic Conference Men's & Women's Cross Country Championships will be held at Earlham on Saturday, October 28. All but one NCAC squad makes the final preparations for the championship this weekend, with meets spread from Rochester, New York to Manchester, Indiana. After this weekend, the only meet to be held before the conference championship will be the Wooster Relays on Wednesday, Oct. 18.

In the final tuneup week, Denison and Wittenberg are at Wilmington on Friday night. Hiram joins Wooster's Jim Beam Twilight meet, also Friday night. Allegheny runs at the University of Rochester Invitational, and Earlham and Wabash compete at Manchester on Saturday morning. Kenyon is part of Oberlin's tri-meet Saturday. Ohio Wesleyan travels to Carnegie Mellon for the Tartans' Invitational.

NOTES: At the All-Ohio Championships, hosted by Ohio Wesleyan, Wooster senior **Katie Wieferich (Marietta, OH/Marietta)** won the overall meet, becoming the first non-Division I competitor to do so since a Malone runner crossed first in 2000. Wieferich took individual honors by nearly 13 seconds over runner-up Jamie Roflow of Bowling Green, with a time of 18:11.5. Oberlin was the top NCAC team finisher on the women's side, placing 12th overall and tying for second in the Division III standings. Ohio Wesleyan was fourth, followed by Denison in fifth. The Scots finished ninth as a team, while Kenyon was 11th, and Hiram wound up 16th. Yeowoman senior **Ariane Burwell (San Francisco, CA/Urban School)** and junior **Marie Barnett (Acton, MA/Acton-Boxborough)** placed in the top ten in the Division III race with times of 19:34.3 and 19:34.9, respectively. Sophomore **Catie Coleman (Medina, OH/Lodi Cloverleaf)** paced Ohio Wesleyan with a 15th-place finish (19:48.8). Denison senior **Elaine Binkley (Columbus, OH/Bishop Watterson)** paced the Big Red in 14th (19:46.5). Sophomore **Jessica Francois (Yorktown Hts., NY/Yorktown)** led Kenyon in 13th place (19:45.5), while Hiram sophomore **Kim Starr (Acton, CA/Vasquez)** was the first Terrier to cross, in 73th place (21:56.2).

On the men's side Denison was the top NCAC team, finishing 13th in the overall standings, fourth in Division III. Oberlin was seventh, followed by Ohio Wesleyan in eighth, Wooster (11th), Kenyon (12th), Wittenberg (14th) and Hiram (20th). Oberlin senior **Travis Grout (Jefferson, OH/Jefferson Area)** paced all NCAC men with a third-place finish individually, crossing in 26:58.5. Denison junior **Joel Bendtsen (Chillicothe, OH/Chillicothe)** took fifth in 27:06.5. Also in the top 20 were Ohio Wesleyan sophomore **Clay Davis (Dublin, OH/Coffman)** (27:32.0) in 14th place and Big Red sophomore **Grant Russo (Medina, OH/Medina)** (27:36.4) in 16th.

Allegheny was the only non-Ohio based North Coast school to compete last weekend. The Gator men and women each took eighth place at the 2006 Penn State National Meet, in a field primarily composed of NCAA Division I and II competitors. Junior **Ryan Place (Meshoppen, PA/Elk Lake)** paced the 28th-ranked men's squad with a 21st-place finish in 26:22 for 5.2 miles. Senior **Scarlett Graham (Farmington, PA/Uniontown)** was the top Gator woman with a 15th-place finish in 22:25 over 6,000 meters.

FIELD HOCKEY REPORT -- WOOSTER REMAINS UNBEATEN IN NCAC PLAY; TAKES ON KENYON THIS WEEK

Wooster (7-0, 9-2) remained alone in first place after defeating second-place Wittenberg (5-2, 7-4) by a 5-0 score. The Scots have a non-conference matchup at Washington & Jefferson Tuesday evening, then travel to take on third-place Kenyon (4-3, 8-4) on Saturday morning. The Scots also had a match with Denison (3-3, 4-6) last week, but the contest had to be suspended due to thunderstorms with 13:00 left and Wooster leading, 2-1. The date for the resumption of the match has not yet been determined. The Tigers entertain Earlham (0-7, 2-9) on Tuesday, then visit Ohio Wesleyan (2-4, 3-5) Thursday.

Kenyon won twice last week, both by shutout, to snap a losing skid and start a winning streak. This week, the Ladies travel to Denison and host Wooster. Denison won its only match last week, 1-0, over Earlham, and have the match with Kenyon and a home contest with non-conference foe Lindenwood on tap this week. The game against Lindenwood will be the first-ever Denison field hockey game played under the lights at Deeds Field-Piper Stadium. It starts at 7 p.m. Friday night. Ohio Wesleyan split its two contests last week, winning 2-1 over the Quakers and losing, 2-0 to Kenyon. This week the Bishops entertain Oberlin (2-4, 4-6) on Tuesday and Wittenberg on Thursday. The Yeowomen, who lost their only match last week, 1-0, to Washington & Jefferson, have Ohio Wesleyan, Earlham and DePauw on tap this week.

NOTES: DENISON'S suspended match with Wooster will be resumed where it left off at a date yet to be determined. The Scots were leading, 2-1, with 13 minutes left when thunderstorms rolled into Granville and didn't let up. Three days later, a first-half goal by **Molly**

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McCue (Gibsonia, PA/Aquinas Academy) proved to be all the Big Red needed to defeat Earlham, 1-0. Junior goalkeeper **Carter Hartung (St. Louis, MO/Whitfield School)** posted her second shutout in three career starts and now has a .846 saves percentage in 210 minutes in the nets ... Freshman forward **Cassie Gage (West Carrollton, OH/Fairmont)** scored **EARLHAM'S** only goal last week, in a 2-1 loss to Ohio Wesleyan. The Quakers also lost to Denison, 1-0, last week ... Junior **Caroline Graham (Chadds Ford, PA/Westminster)** led **KENYON** to a 2-0 week. Graham scored the game-winners in a 1-0 victory over DePauw, and in a 2-0 decision over Ohio Wesleyan, then assisted on the second goal against the Battling Bishops ... **OBERLIN** sophomore defender **Holly Sloofman (Bardonia, NY/Clarkstown South)** made a defensive save in a 1-0 loss to Washington & Jefferson and leads the NCAC with eight ... Sophomore defender **Helen Herr (Lancaster, PA/Lancaster Christian)** proved to be the offensive hero in a 2-1 victory over Earlham. She scored the game-winner unassisted with 2:07 left in regulation to lift the Bishops to victory. Junior goalkeeper **Katie Jones (Pine Plains, NY/Stissing Mountain)** made nine saves in a 2-0 loss to Kenyon ... Freshman **Tori Vogelgesang (Cincinnati, OH/Mt. Notre Dame)** was credited with two of **WITTENBERG'S** four defensive saves in a 5-0 loss to Wooster ... Senior forward **Anlyn Addis (Ann Arbor, MI/Pioneer)** scored four times in the opening 20:11 of **WOOSTER'S** 5-0 defeat of Wittenberg, giving the Scots a key victory over their closest rival in the conference standings. It was the first four-goal performance by a Wooster player in nearly 15 years. The last to accomplish that feat for the Scots was **Carissa Conner** against Kenyon on Oct. 9, 1991.

GOLF REPORT -- FALL GOLF NEARS END

After the completion of today's Denison Fall Classic, at which the Big Red, Wittenberg and Wooster are competing, only two events remain on North Coast fall golf schedules. Allegheny will compete at the Fisher-Nazareth Shootout today and Monday. The Gators will be joined by Ohio Wesleyan at the Gordon Collegiate Classic in Surfside Beach, South Carolina, from Friday through next Monday. The event will be played at Deer Track Golf Course.

Heading into the spring, Ohio Wesleyan is the leader in conference play, with a 302.75 scoring average after the first two NCAC regular season events. OWU won both team titles at events hosted by Hiram and Wittenberg. Allegheny is second (305.25), followed by Wooster (318.75), Wittenberg (319.25) and Denison (323.75) in third through fifth place, respectively. Gator freshman **Chris Moore (Erie, PA/Mercyhurst Prep)** leads all individual players into the spring with a 74.25 scoring average. He is joined in the top five by senior **Chad Kosanovic (Pittsburgh, PA/Mount Labanon)**, who is tied for third with a 75.75. A trio of Bishop sophomores round out the top five spots: **Jeff Nieman (Maineville/Cincinnati Moeller)** is second (75.25), **Kyle Martin (Dublin, OH/Wellington)** shares third with Kosanovic (75.75), and **Andy Schillig (Pataskala, OH/Licking Heights)** sits in fifth (76.25).

In reaction to the NCAA moving to the automatic qualifier system in golf, NCAC teams 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, followed by the Wittenberg Fall Invitational on Sept. 30-Oct. 1. Ohio Wesleyan will host the final regular season event 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 -- SOCCER SEASON HITS HALFWAY POINT OF NCAC SCHEDULE

A full slate of North Coast games are scheduled this week, with each league team taking the pitch twice against NCAC opponents. Three teams approach the midway point of the schedule tied for first place with seven points: Ohio Wesleyan (2-0-1, 8-0-2), Wooster (2-0-1, 8-1-1) and Oberlin (2-1-1, 5-3-4). The Yeomen face both of the teams they are tied with, traveling to Ohio Wesleyan on Wednesday and hosting Wooster on Saturday. The Fighting Scots open the week at second-place (tie) Allegheny (2-2-0, 8-2-2) on Wednesday and Ohio Wesleyan closes the week at ninth-place Wittenberg (0-2-1, 4-6-2).

The Gators and Denison (2-1-0, 5-4-1) share second place with six points apiece. In addition to its game with Wooster, Allegheny travels to Earlham (0-3-0, 5-7-0) on Saturday. The Big Red travels to eighth-place Hiram (1-2-0, 8-3-0) on Tuesday and hosts sixth-place (tie) Wabash (1-1-1, 2-8-1) on Saturday. The Little Giants share sixth place with Kenyon (1-1-1, 3-5-2). The Lords host Wittenberg Tuesday and travel to Hiram Saturday. Wabash hosts its closest NCAC neighbor, Earlham, on Wednesday.

NOTES: Ohio Wesleyan is ranked fifth in the latest (Oct. 3) NSCAA/adidas national rankings, down two spots from last week. Allegheny re-enters the poll in 21st after a one-week hiatus. Wooster dropped out of this week's poll after the team received votes but not enough to crack the top-25. The Bishops remain first in the Great Lakes Region, followed by Allegheny in third Wooster in fifth. Hiram received votes, but fell out of the top-10 ... Ohio Wesleyan is ranked seventh in the D3Kicks.com Week 5 poll, down three spots from last week. Wooster and Oberlin 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 fourth and Hiram in eighth. Oberlin was 14th, while Allegheny and Denison are listed 16th and 19th, respectively ... **ALLEGHENY** split a pair of games last week, defeating Oberlin, 4-1, and losing to Kenyon, 1-0. **Nathaniel Yates (Cleveland Hts., OH/Cleveland Hts.)** opened the scoring against the Yeomen early in the first half. It was his second goal this fall ... **DENISON** suffered a 2-1 loss to Ohio Wesleyan. The Big Red countered an early OWU goal when junior **Andy Leindecker (St. Louis, MO/University)** found the back of the net for the first time this season. Freshman 'keeper **Kevin Donahue (Riverside, CT/Greenwich)** kept his goals-against average under 1.00. In 920 minutes this season, he has allowed eight goals for a 0.78 GAA ... Junior **Nhlanhla Maduna (Ezulwini, Swaziland/Li Po Chun)** accounted for **EARLHAM'S** lone goal this week, scoring in a 3-1 loss to Manchester. The Quakers also dropped a conference game to Oberlin, 4-0, allowing the Yeomen to keep the Freedom Trophy for another year. The traveling hardware is in its second season after being established last fall by the 1954 Earlham men's soccer team as that squad celebrated its induction into the Earlham Athletics Hall of Fame ... **HIRAM** lost its only contest last week, a 3-1 decision to Wabash. Four minutes into the second period, the Terriers took

the lead thanks to a goal by freshman midfielder **David Krems (Lakewood, OH/Lakewood)**. The Little Giants scored three unanswered goals to grab the win ... **KENYON** halted a two-game skid, and picked up its first NCAC win this fall, with a 1-0 upset of Allegheny. Freshman **David Gold (Woodland Hills, CA/EI Camino Real)** scored the game-winner in the 65th minute. The Lords had opened the week with a 2-0 loss to Case in non-conference action ... **OBERLIN** retained the Freedom Cup, established last fall at Earlham, with a 4-0 win over the Quakers. Senior **Clayton Combe (Granville, OH/Granville)** earned his fourth shutout of 2006 to lead the Yeomen. The victory got the Yeomen back on the winning track after a 4-1 loss to Allegheny ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** and **WABASH** were forced to postpone their midweek contest last week due to lightning. The match has been rescheduled for Oct. 25 at OWU. The Bishops defeated Denison, 2-1, to close out the week, while the Little Giants defeated Hiram, 3-1. Senior midfielder **Erik Ciccarelli (Columbus, OH/Worthington Kilbourne)** scored OWU's game-winning goal midway through the second half to clinch the win over the Big Red. Wabash rallied for a Homecoming victory with two goals from junior **Gary Simkus (Highland, IN/Highland)** and a final diving header from sophomore **George Padgitt (Fishers, IN/Hamilton Southeastern)**. It was Padgitt's fourth goal in as many games. The win, which snapped a six-game losing skid, was the first home victory for Wabash in almost two years ... **WITTENBERG** dropped its only contest last week, a 2-0 loss to Wooster in North Coast action ... Sophomore forward **Nick Waychoff (Cleveland Hts., OH/Cleveland Hts.)** scored one second-half goal and assisted on another to lift **WOOSTER** past Wittenberg, 2-0, in the Scots lone match last week. His goal early in the second half ended a 300-plus minute scoreless streak for Wooster.

WOMEN'S SOCCER REPORT -- CHAMPIONSHIP RACE HEATS UP AS SEASON APPROACHES MIDPOINT

A full slate of games is set for the coming week as all but two NCAC teams play twice in conference competition. Wooster (2-0-1, 9-3-1) enters the week alone in first place, just ahead of three teams jostling each other in second: Denison (2-0-0, 10-1-0), Earlham (2-1-0, 7-4-0) and Kenyon (2-1-0, 8-3-0). The Fighting Scots travel to seventh-place (tie) Oberlin (0-2-0, 4-7-1) on Wednesday before a showdown at Denison on Saturday. The Big Red face fifth-place Wittenberg (1-0-1, 8-2-2), unbeaten in nine straight games, on Wednesday. The Quakers host a pair of home games against seventh-place (tie) teams searching for their first league wins of the fall. On Wednesday, Ohio Wesleyan (0-2-0, 4-4-4) travels to Richmond, followed by Allegheny (0-2-0, 7-5-0) on Saturday. Kenyon has one conference match this week, a Saturday contest at Ohio Wesleyan. The final two North Coast games on the slate both feature sixth-place Hiram (1-2-0, 3-9-1). The Terriers host Allegheny on Wednesday and travel to Wittenberg on Friday.

NOTES: Denison is ranked 10th in the latest (Oct. 3) NSCAA/adidas national rankings. The Big Red dropped to second in the Great Lakes Region. Kenyon improved one spot to fifth, followed by Wittenberg in sixth, a jump of two spots. Wooster re-entered the rankings in eighth, while Ohio Wesleyan is tied with Carnegie Mellon for 10th ... Denison is ranked 10th in the D3Kicks.com Week 5 poll, up one spot from last week. Ohio Wesleyan and Wittenberg 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 second, followed by Denison in fifth and Kenyon in seventh. Wooster is tabbed 12th and Ohio Wesleyan is 13th. Allegheny (15th) and Earlham (16th) also cracked the top-20 ... **ALLEGHENY** came out on different ends of a pair of 1-0 games last week, topping Carnegie Mellon and falling to Denison. **Christy McShea (Murrysville, PA/Franklin Regional)** scored off Allegheny's only corner kick opportunity against CMU, sent in play by senior **Emily Spencer (Evergreen, CO/Evergreen)**. The Gators defense, led by freshman goalkeeper **Michelle Welker (Clearfield, PA/Clearfield)**, held the Denison offense to less than two scores for the third time this season. The Big Red entered the contest averaging over three goals per game. ... **DENISON** opened defense of its NCAC championship with a pair of shutout victories. The Big Red defeated Ohio Wesleyan, 3-0, and Allegheny, 1-0. Overall, Denison has shut out six of their 11 opponents in 2006 and has a string of three straight heading into Wednesday's clash with Wittenberg. **Liz Gillette (Chardon, OH/Notre Dame Cathedral Latin)** picked up her fourth and fifth shutouts and has allowed just six goals in 987 minutes in the nets. Offensively, Denison has outscored their opponents 35-6 and has outshot them 237-65. Senior **Tammy Hoch (Moon Township, PA/Sewickley)** scored her team-high eighth goal of the season with four minutes left to play against the Bishops. Midfielder **Kim Cochran (Upper Arlington, OH/Upper Arlington)** netted the game's only goal against the Gators ... **EARLHAM** gained a valuable three points with a 1-0 overtime win against Oberlin. Freshman **Emily Roth (Evanston, IL/Evanston Township)** collected her fourth game-winner of the season when she found the back of the net seven minutes into the extra period. The Quakers have now won three straight and six of their last seven matches ... **HIRAM** split a pair of NCAC matches last week. The Terriers defeated Oberlin, 3-2, and lost to Kenyon, 7-0 ... **KENYON** split NCAC contests last week, losing to Wittenberg, 2-1, in overtime and defeating Hiram, 7-0. Sophomore **Amy Kessler (Bowling Green, OH/St. Ursula Academy)** recorded two goals and an assist against the Terriers to boost her team-best total to 15 points this season ... **OBERLIN** lost a pair of one-goal games last week, falling to Hiram, 3-2, and Earlham, 1-0, in overtime. Senior midfielder **Sam Schongalla (Alexandria, VA/Bishop Ireton)** scored her team-leading eighth goal of the season against the Terriers ... Despite a 24-3 advantage in shots, **OHIO WESLEYAN** played to a scoreless double-overtime tie with Ohio Dominican in non-conference action. The Bishops opened the week with a 3-0 loss to Denison. Junior **Ali Gary (Gahanna, OH/Lincoln)** finished the game against Denison with two saves and was not tested during the first half against ODU. Senior **Megan Brake (Bexley, OH/Bexley)** played the second half and overtime periods against Ohio Dominican, finishing with one save ... **WITTENBERG** ran its unbeaten streak to nine straight with a 2-1 overtime win over Kenyon and a 1-1 double-overtime tie with Wooster. Junior **Sydney Bates (Loveland, OH/Milford)** scored the overtime game-winner against the Ladies off an assist from sophomore **Suzanne Medwid (Columbus, OH/Upper Arlington)**. Medwid had also scored the Tigers' first goal against Kenyon. Junior **Amanda Farrell (Loveland, OH/Loveland)** tied the game at one goal apiece with her score against the Scots. The win over Kenyon was the Tigers' first since the 2001 season ... **WOOSTER** sophomore **Sara Dresser (Sturgis, MI/Sturgis)** scored her second goal of the season, helping the Scots to a 1-1 double-overtime tie against Wittenberg.

VOLLEYBALL REPORT -- CONFERENCE PLAY RESUMES WITH WITTENBERG ALONE IN FIRST PLACE

After a light week of conference competition, eleven North Coast matches involving all nine squads are on tap for the coming week. First-place Wittenberg (8-0, 17-5) hosts Kenyon (1-8, 3-17) on Tuesday, then travels to fifth-place Ohio Wesleyan (6-4, 16-5) on Friday and third-place Denison (6-3, 11-8) the next day. The Tigers are ranked 14th in the most recent CSTV/AVCA Division III Top 25 Coaches Poll (Oct. 3).

Second-place Hiram (7-1, 21-2) got back on the winning track last week by sweeping a pair of non-conference opponents. This week, the 17th-ranked Terriers travel to fourth-place Wooster (5-3, 9-9) and ninth-place Oberlin (0-8, 3-13) on Friday and Saturday, respectively. In addition to facing Wittenberg, third-place Denison travels to Earlham (3-5, 8-11) on Tuesday evening. The Big Red won twice in conference play last week, sweeping both Kenyon and Ohio Wesleyan. In addition to the Terriers Friday night, the Scots entertain Oberlin on Wednesday. Allegheny (2-6, 5-11) hopes to improve its standing with home matches against the Yeowomen Friday night and against the Ladies on Saturday.

NOTES: **ALLEGHENY** went 1-3 in non-conference play last week. In a 3-0 defeat of Oneonta State, the Gators' front court smashed 44 kills and combined for 12 total blocks. Junior **Betsy LaPorte (Albany, OH/Alexander)** led the way with 11 kills and eight blocks, while freshman **Melissa Bromley (Titusville, PA/Titusville)** chipped in 10 kills and 13 digs. LaPorte totaled 19 kills in losses to Christopher Newport and Catholic ... **DENISON** has won five straight matches, including two sweeps in NCAC play last week. Senior **Kristen Sheffield (Dublin, OH/Scioto)**, who has led the Big Red in kills in every match this season, has an average of 5.50 per game that leads the conference. Senior **Jenny Gresla (Berne, IN/South Adams)** led Denison with 17 digs and 38 assists in a four-game win over Kenyon ... **EARLHAM** went 1-3 in the Earlham Fall Classic, with the victory coming in three straight over Berea College. Junior outside hitter **Jessica Whitaker (Indianapolis, IN/Secena)** and sophomore libero **Katie Evans (Milton, IN/Muncie Burris)** were both named to the all-tournament team ... **HIRAM** won both of its non-conference matches last week in straight sets. Senior **Liz Moore (Lakewood, OH/St. Joseph)** had 20 kills in five games to lead the Terrier attack. Junior setter **Megan Taylor (Corland, OH/Lakeview)** had 42 assists, 18 digs and five block assists in six games ... Despite losing three times, twice in conference play, **KENYON** freshman middle hitter **Claire Green (Eaton, OH/Eaton)** had a breakout week. She exploded for 37 kills with a .354 hitting percentage, had seven block assists and seven digs ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** went 2-1 last week, including a 1-1 mark in conference play. Junior outside hitter **Steffi Graf (Poland, OH/Seminary)** smashed 51 kills with a .309 hitting percentage, and had 74 digs . She averaged 4.64 kills and 6.73 digs in 11 games played ... **WITTENBERG** went 1-1 at its own National Invitational, defeating Emory, 3-2, and losing to Capital, 3-0. Sophomore libero **Laura Fender (Toledo, OH/St. Ursula)** finished with a career-high 46 digs in the Emory match, the third-highest single-match total in school history. Fender finished the weekend with 60 digs. The 14th-ranked Tigers have already lost as many matches as they had all last season (6) and are 4-4 against teams currently in the AVCA top 25 ... **WOOSTER** went 2-1 at the Carnegie Mellon Invitational.

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NCAC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK (Oct. 8)

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Denison junior **Joel Bendtsen (Chillicothe, OH/Chillicothe)** took fifth in 27:06.5 in the Division III race of the All-Ohio Championships. He led the Big Red to a fourth-place team finish, the best by a North Coast squad.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

At the All-Ohio Championships, hosted by Ohio Wesleyan, Wooster senior **Katie Wieferich (Marietta, OH/Marietta)** won the overall meet, becoming the first non-Division I competitor to do so since a Malone runner crossed first at the 2000 meet. Wieferich took individual honors by nearly 13 seconds over runner-up Jamie Roflow of Bowling Green, with a time of 18:11.5. Wooster finished ninth as a team.

FIELD HOCKEY

Junior **Caroline Graham (Chadds Ford, PA/Westminster)** led Kenyon to a 2-0 week. Graham scored the game-winners in a 1-0 victory over DePauw, and in a 2-0 decision over Ohio Wesleyan, then assisted on the second goal against the Battling Bishops

FOOTBALL (OFFENSIVE/DEFENSIVE)

OFFENSE: Oberlin junior wide out **Cassius Harris (Chicago, IL/Loyola Academy)** had a game-high five catches for 154 yards and a touchdown, including a 63-yard reception that proved to be the game-winner, leading the Yeomen to an 18-7 victory over Denison. **DEFENSE:** Junior outside linebacker **Greg Schermbeck (Toledo, OH/Whitmer)** of Wooster made eight tackles and snagged his first career interception, to lead the Scots to a 24-0 defeat of Ohio Wesleyan. The Bishops had been averaging over 30 points per game through their first five contests.

MEN'S SOCCER

Kenyon freshman **David Gold (Woodland Hills, CA/EI Camino Real)** scored the game-winner in the 65th minute to lead the Lords past nationally ranked Allegheny (21st), 1-0. The win, which halted a two-game losing skid, was the first conference victory of the season for the Lords.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Earlham freshman **Emily Roth (Evanston, IL/Evanston Township)** collected her fourth game-winner of the season when she found the back of the net seven minutes into the extra period to hand the Quakers a 1-0 victory over Oberlin. Earlham has now won three straight, including two in NCAC play, and six of their last seven matches.

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