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NCAC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK (Oct. 15)

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Kenyon sophomore **Jim Boston (Brookville, WI/Marquette)** finished first of 24 runners in the Lords' dual meet at Oberlin on Oct. 13. He ran the five-kilometer course in 15:27.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Wooster senior **Ashley Zervos (Wheeling, WV/The Linsly School)** finished first of 30 runners at the Scots' Jim Bean Classic on Oct. 13. She completed the five-kilometer course in 20:31, leading her team to a first-place finish.

FIELD HOCKEY

Oberlin freshman **Catherine Meredith (Denver, CO/East)** scored five goals in two NCAC contests for the Yeowomen. She hit the back of the net twice in a 4-3 overtime loss to Ohio Wesleyan, then netted three more in a 5-3 defeat of Earlham. Meredith leads Oberlin with 11 goals on 18 shots this season.

FOOTBALL (OFFENSE/DEFENSE)

OFFENSE: Wittenberg senior tailback **Tristan Murray (New Carlisle, OH/Tecumseh)** rushed for 156 yards on 35 carries, and added another 33 yards on three receptions. Murray was the focal point on offense as the Tigers edged Wabash, 19-17. **DEFENSE:** Ohio Wesleyan junior **Chad Ellis (Dublin, OH/Scioto)** made a pivotal interception just before the half to preserve a 21-10 lead over Denison going into the locker rooms. Ellis finished the game with a team-best nine tackles.

MEN'S SOCCER

Ohio Wesleyan junior **Jamison Dague (Bexley, OH/Bexley)** blanked two opponents last week, leading the Bishops to sole possession of first place in the NCAC. In the 2-0 win over Oberlin and the 2-0 win over Wittenberg, Dague stopped a combined eight of the 18 shots he faced, including five against Wittenberg.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Kenyon senior **Jean Arnold Atlanta, GA/Westminster)** scored the game-winner in a 1-0, double-overtime victory over Washington & Jefferson. The Ladies also lost, 1-0, to Ohio Wesleyan last week.

VOLLEYBALL

Wooster middle hitter **Ashley Quisenberry (Springfield, OH/Catholic Central)** led the Scots with 31 kills (5.2 kpg), 26 digs (4.3 dpd), three service aces and five blocks in her team's 1-1 week. Quisenberry totaled a career-best 21 kills in a three-set victory over Oberlin.

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NCAC Football Report

**For Immediate Release
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**WITTENBERG AND OBERLIN SHARE NCAC LEAD AT 3-0;
FOUR TEAMS HAVE ONE LOSS IN LOGJAM FOR THIRD AND FOURTH PLACES**

CLEVELAND -- Wittenberg (3-0, 4-2) and Oberlin (3-0, 4-2) reach the half-way point of the season in a tie for first place. This week, the Tigers travel to Ohio Wesleyan (1-3, 1-6), a team fresh off a 35-10 decision over Denison (0-3, 0-6). The Tigers knocked off Wabash (3-1, 4-2) in a thriller, 19-17, last week when the Little Giants missed a last-second field goal. Wittenberg has dominated the series with OWU since both have been a part of the North Coast, 13-4, but in the overall series, which dates to 1894, it is more even, with the Tigers holding a 41-34-6 edge.

The Yeomen host the Little Giants this week. Wabash has won all six previous meetings between the schools since the 2000 campaign when the Little Giants first joined the league, including a 42-7 decision last year. Oberlin defeated Earlham (0-3, 2-4), 41-31, last week, and in the process rolled up 514 yards of offense. The Yeomen, at 4-2 overall, are off to their best start since the 1963 season, when they also started 4-2. The only time Oberlin has ever beaten Wabash was a 32-7 decision in the first-ever meeting between the two schools, in 1945. The next game, in 1947, resulted in a 7-7 tie, but the Little Giants have taken every game since.

Wooster (2-1, 5-1) entertains Allegheny (2-1, 4-2) in the coming week in a battle between two teams who are in the thick of the conference race. The Scots knocked off Hiram (0-3, 0-6), 52-0, last week for their second consecutive shutout. The Gators held off Kenyon (2-1, 3-3), 49-38, to avenge a loss to the Lords in 2005 and leap into a fourth-place tie. Allegheny has dominated the series since 1984, holding a 16-5 advantage, but the Scots have won each of the past two meetings, including a 37-34 decision at Wooster last season. In other games, Hiram hosts Denison, and Kenyon entertains Earlham.

GRID NOTEBOOK: ALLEGHENY senior **Mario Tarquinio (Charleroi, PA/Charleroi)** posted career-highs in rushing attempts (38) and rushing yards (252) as the Gators defeated Kenyon, 49-38. Wideout **Jim Lieb (Carrolltown, OH/Northern Cambria)** had 214 all-purpose yards, 45 on receptions and 169 on kickoff returns, including the game-winning score on an 85-yard return ... DENISON senior running back **Fred Lee (St. Louis, MO/MICDS)** surpassed 2,000 career yards rushing in his team's 35-10 loss to Ohio Wesleyan. Sophomore linebacker **Joe Ulrey (Marengo, OH/Highland)** snagged his first career interception and led the Big Red in tackles for the fifth time in 2006 with eight. The contest was the 100th meeting between Ohio Wesleyan and Denison. The Bishops hold a 62-31-7 advantage and have now won 10 straight in the series ... EARLHAM senior **Justin Rummell (Ingalls, IN/Pendleton Hts.)** broke his own school record with his 18th touchdown pass of the season in a 41-31 loss to Oberlin. Rummell finished with 208 yards passing and two touchdowns. Junior **Manny Myers (Fairmount, IN/Madison-Grant)** had 159 yards on 14 rushes, and six receptions for another 60. Senior **Jeremy Hosier (Gas City, IN/Mississenewa)** finished with three catches for 49 yards and two touchdowns ... Sophomore quarterback **Trevor Henderson (Rural Valley, PA/West Shamokin)** led HIRAM in its 52-0 loss to Wooster with 115 yards passing. Junior linebacker **Tom Canitia (Chagrin Falls, OH/St. Peter Chanel)** had 10 tackles, four solo ... KENYON'S loss to Allegheny came despite the fact that the Lords set a single-game school record for total offense (580) and rushing yards (385). Junior quarterback **Rafael Sanchez (Tavernier, FL/Coral Shores)** rushed for 166 yards and two scores, and threw for another 195. Junior cornerback **Nick Fanning (Warrensville, OH/Warrensville Hts.)** made a game-high 12 tackles, including one for a loss ... It was a historic day for OBERLIN when the team defeated Earlham, 41-31. The Yeomen are off to a 4-2 start for the first time in 43 seasons and are 3-0 in NCAC play for the first time since 2003. Sophomore quarterback **Greg Mangan (San Francisco, CA/St. Ignatius)** completed 18 of 22 passes for 258 yards and two touchdowns with no interceptions. His favorite target was **Chris Schubert (Oberlin, OH/Oberlin)**, who caught eight of those passes for 83 yards and both scores. The star, however, was sophomore running back **R. V. Carroll (Perry, OH/Perry)**. Carroll rolled up 212 yards and two touchdowns on the ground, and upped his season average to 139.2 yards rushing per game, which may bump him into the top 10 in Division III. He stood 12th last week at 122.8 ypg. Leading the defense was **Chase Palmer (Highland, UT/Lone Peak)**, who had an interception for 35 yards, a fumble recovery and 5.5 tackles (five solo) ... Head Coach **Mike Hollway** notched his 122nd career win at OHIO WESLEYAN to become the all-time winningest coach in Bishop football history. He had been tied with **George Gauthier**, who coached OWU from 1921-46. Senior halfback **Nick Rice (Dublin, OH/Scioto)** led all rushers with 88 yards on 15 carries, and scored once. With Denison driving and OWU leading 21-10, Bishop junior linebacker **Chad Ellis (Dublin, OH/Scioto)** picked off a pass on his own 10 yard line to end the threat just before halftime. Ellis finished with a team-high nine tackles ... In a heartbreaking 19-17 loss to Wittenberg, WABASH

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Upcoming Games - Sat. Oct. 21		Last Week's Results - Sat. Oct. 14	
Allegheny at Wooster, 1:00	Wabash at Oberlin, 1:00	Allegheny 49, Kenyon 38	Wittenberg 19, Wabash 17
Denison at Hiram, 1:00	Wittenberg at Ohio Wesleyan, 1:00	Oberlin 41, Earlham 31	Wooster 52, Hiram 0
Earlham at Kenyon, 1:00		Ohio Wesleyan 35, Denison 10	

NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE 2006 FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

* conference games

Allegheny College (2-1; 4-2)

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*	W, 49-38
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 (0-3; 0-6)

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*	L, 10-35
O. 21	at Hiram*	1:00
O. 28	KENYON*	1:00
N. 4	WABASH*	1:00
N. 11	at Earlham*	1:00

Earlham College (0-3; 2-4)

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*	L, 31-41
O. 21	at Kenyon*	1:00
O. 28	HIRAM*	1:00
N. 4	at Wooster*	1:00
N. 11	DENISON*	1:00

Hiram College (0-3; 0-6)

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*	L, 0-52
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 (2-1; 3-3)

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*	L, 38-49
O. 21	EARLHAM*	1:00
O. 28	at Denison*	1:00
N. 4	OBERLIN*	1:00
N. 11	WOOSTER*	1:00

Oberlin College (3-0; 4-2)

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*	W, 41-31
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 (1-3; 1-6)

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*	W, 35-10
O. 21	WITTENBERG*	1:00
O. 28	at Allegheny*	6:00
N. 4	HIRAM*	1:00

Wabash College (3-1; 4-2)

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*	L, 17-19
O. 21	at Oberlin*	1:00
O. 28	WOOSTER*	1:00
N. 4	at Denison*	1:00
N. 11	DePAUW	1:05

Wittenberg University (3-0; 4-2)

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*	W, 19-17
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 (2-1; 5-1)

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*	W, 52-0
O. 21	ALLEGHENY*	1:00
O. 28	at Wabash*	1:00
N. 4	EARLHAM*	1:00
N. 11	at Kenyon*	1:00

sophomore strong safety **Matt Kraft (Newburgh, IN/Castle)** tied his career high with 11 tackles, all of them solo. Junior wide receiver **Mike Russell (Terre Haute, IN/North)** posted career highs with eight catches for 149 yards ... **WITTENBERG** senior tailback **Tristan Murray (New Carlisle, OH/Tecumseh)** rushed for 156 yards and added another 33 on receptions. He now stands fourth on the Tigers' all-time list for rushing with 3,376. Sophomore wideout **Patrick Williams (Plainfield, IN/Plainfield)** posted career bests with eight receptions for 94 yards ... Sophomore tailback **Dustin Sheppard (Johnstown, OH/Johnstown-Monroe)** tallied a season-best 146 rushing yards on 20 attempts and scored the game's first points on a 13-yard run in **WOOSTER'S** 52-0 win over Hiram. Senior middle linebacker **Phil Vitalbo (Monongahela, PA/Seton-LaSalle)** led the Scot defense's second consecutive shutout with eight stops, 3.5 for a loss of 16 yards. He also recorded a sack. The two straight shutouts are the first for a Scot team since the 1980 season.

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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 -- CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS PREPARING FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2006 North Coast Athletic Conference Men's & Women's Cross Country Championships will be held at Earlham on Saturday, October 28. The only meet to be held before the conference championship will be the Wooster Relays on Wednesday.

NOTES: In the most recent Division III Women's Cross Country rankings (Oct. 10), Oberlin is 28th and Allegheny stands 31st. Allegheny stands 29th in the men's rankings ... **EARLHAM** and **WABASH** competed at the Manchester Invitational on Saturday. The Little Giants finished third in the men's meet, followed by the Quakers in fifth in the eight-team meet. Sophomore **Sam Compton-Craig (Tipton, IN/Tipton)** of Wabash finished second in the eight-kilometer course with a personal-best time of 25:42. Earlham junior **Walker Yane (Oldenburg, IN/St. Xavier)** was fourth in 25:48. On the women's side, Earlham was fifth of seven teams. Sophomore **Michelle Crane (Mansfield, OH/St. Peter's)** paced the Quakers with a 10th-place finish in the five-kilometer race in 19:54. Cornerstone won both the men's and women's team competition ... **OBERLIN** and **KENYON** faced off in the Oberlin Fall Classic. Oberlin sophomore **Maddy Davis-Hayes (Philadelphia, PA/Germantown Friends)** won the women's five-kilometer race in 17:48. Kenyon sophomore **Jim Boston (Brookville, WI/Marquette)** took the men's 5K race in 15:27. Oberlin won both team competitions ... At the Jim Bean Cross Country Classic, hosted by **WOOSTER**, the host Scots took both the men's and women's meets. Wooster senior **Ashley Zervos (Wheeling, WV/The Linsly School)** won the 30-runner race, completing the 5K course in 20:31. **HIRAM** sophomore **Kim Starr (Acton, CA/Vasquez)** was the Terriers' top runner, finishing third in 21:16. Hiram was second in the women's competition, followed by Lake Erie in third. On the men's side, Wooster swept the top seven scoring spots, led by senior **Dave Thomas (Elyria, OH/Elyria)**. Thomas paced the 37-runner field with a time of 17:06. Hiram's top individual was freshman **Louis Sterrett (Medina, OH/St. Ignatius)** in 22nd place with a time of 19:56. The Terriers placed second in the four-team race ... **DENISON** and **OHIO WESLEYAN** wound up sixth and seventh in the women's race at the Carnegie Mellon Invitational. Big Red senior **Elaine Binkley (Columbus, OH/Bishop Watterson)** wound up 10th of 212 runners in 19:08.79, while Bishop sophomore **Catie Coleman (Medina, OH/Lodi Cloverleaf)** was 12th in 19:15.79. In the men's competition, OWU placed fifth. Senior **Matt Kempton (Fredericktown, OH/Fredericktown)** led the way in 15th place in a field of 220 (26:34.20). Denison's men were runners-up in the 16-team Wilmington Invitational. Junior **Joel Bendtsen (Chillicothe, OH/Chillicothe)** led the way with a fifth place finish of 167 runners in 26:15.41. **WITTENBERG** was eighth in the team standings, paced by sophomore **Gabe Savage (Lewisburg, OH/Tri-County North)** in 20th. On the women's side Wittenberg was eighth of 16 teams, led by senior **Christine Maddox (Miamisburg, OH/Miamisburg)** in 23rd (21:26.60) out of 137 ... **ALLEGHENY** competed at the University of Rochester Yellowjacket Invitational. The Gator men placed second of nine teams as junior **Ryan Place (Meshoppen, PA/Elk Lake)** was second of 99. Place completed the eight-kilometer race in 25:38. The Gator women were third of 10 teams, led by senior **Scarlett Graham (Farmington, PA/Uniontown)**, who won the 122-runner race with a time of 22:46.

FIELD HOCKEY REPORT -- TWO WEEKS REMAIN IN REGULAR SEASON; UNDEFEATED WOOSTER LEADS

Six games are scheduled for the coming week as the field hockey season draws close to its conclusion. First-place Wooster (9-0, 11-2) hosts Ohio Wesleyan (3-5, 4-6) Wednesday in the Scots' only conference action for the week. Earlier this season, the Scots knocked off the Bishops, 1-0.

The Bishops host Denison (3-5, 4-6) on Saturday. The teams are two of three involved in a three-way tie for fourth place, and the last slot in the upcoming North Coast Athletic Conference tournament. The tournament, which begins on Wednesday, November 1, features the top four teams after the completion of the regular season. OWU and Denison meet for the first time this season, and the re-match will take place on October 28 in Granville.

The Big Red also travels to second-place Wittenberg (7-2, 9-4) on Saturday afternoon. On September 26, the Tigers defeated Denison, 2-1. Friday night, Wittenberg visits Oberlin (3-5, 5-7), the third team involved in the fourth-place tie. The Tigers defeated the Yeowomen September 23 by a 5-4 count.

The week's final two games feature home games for third-place Kenyon (5-4, 9-5). The Ladies entertain Oberlin on Wednesday, then welcome Earlham (0-9, 2-11) on Friday. Oberlin defeated Kenyon, 2-1, earlier this season, and the Ladies edged Earlham, 5-3, yesterday.

NOTES: **DENISON** stumbled last week with three straight losses to drop to 4-9 overall, 3-5 in the conference. Junior goalkeeper **Carter**

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Hartung (St. Louis, MO/Whitfield School) has made six starts in the position and has a 1.00 goals against average ... Freshman **Cassie Gage (West Carrollton, OH/Fairmont)** scored three of **EARLHAM'S** five goals last week and now leads the Quakers with five goals and 13 points ... **KENYON** split a pair of conference games, defeating Denison, 1-0, and losing to Wooster, 2-1. Senior **Julia Sivon (Bethesda, MD/Walt Whitman)** scored the game-winner in the victory and assisted on the Ladies' lone goal in the loss ... **OBERLIN** also split a pair of NCAC games, losing to Ohio Wesleyan, 4-3, in overtime and defeating Earlham, 5-3. Freshman **Catherine Meredith (Denver, CO/East)** scored two in the loss and three more in the victory. Meredith has a team-best 11 goals on 18 shots this season ... In a 4-3 defeat of Oberlin, **OHIO WESLEYAN** sophomore midfielder **Shannon McHenry (Powell, OH/Rancho Buena Vista, CA)** scored the game-winner less than a minute into overtime. The Bishops had built up a 3-0 lead only to have the defending champions come storming back to tie the game. The Bishops also lost to Wittenberg, 2-0 ... **WITTENBERG** has clinched its 26th consecutive non-losing season with a pair of two-goal conference wins last week. The Tigers have guaranteed themselves their 17th straight winning conference mark. Junior **Caroline Mason (New Canaan, CT/New Canaan)** scored three times and assisted on another ... Freshman forward **Amanda Artman (Shaker Hts, OH/Shaker Hts.)** scored twice and assisted on another during **WOOSTER'S** 2-1 week. She scored the Scots' lone goal in a 2-1 overtime loss to Washington & Jefferson, assisted on the game-winner in a 2-1 decision over Denison and scored the game-winner in overtime against Kenyon.

MEN'S SOCCER REPORT -- OWU GRABS FIRST PLACE; THREE POINTS SEPARATE FIRST THROUGH FOURTH

The race for the North Coast Championship is heating up entering the final two weeks of the regular season. Just three points separate fourth-place Oberlin from front-runner Ohio Wesleyan. The Battling Bishops (4-0-1, 10-0-2) grabbed sole possession of first place courtesy of a pair of league wins last week. The Bishops will look to put further distance between themselves and the two teams a mere point behind in the standings when they travel to sixth-place Kenyon (1-2-2, 3-6-3) on Tuesday. OWU also hosts Earlham (1-4-0, 6-8-0) on Friday. Denison (4-1-0, 7-4-1) and Allegheny (4-2-0, 10-2-2) have each accumulated 12 points to share second place. The two squads square off in Granville on Saturday. The match is the only contest slated for the Gators this week, however the Big Red host Earlham on Wednesday. Oberlin (3-2-1, 6-4-4) looks to move up the standings, or to at least widen the gap between itself and fifth-place Wooster, in order to hold onto an NCAC Tournament berth. The Yeomen travel to Kenyon on Saturday.

The Fighting Scots (2-2-1, 8-3-1) also have a playoff berth in their sights and they look to tilt the odds a little more in their favor with a pair of home games against seventh-place teams (tie) this week. Wooster welcomes Hiram (1-3-1, 8-4-1) on Wednesday and Wabash (1-3-1, 2-10-1) on Saturday. There are actually three teams knotted in seventh place entering the week, but things should shake out as Wittenberg (1-3-1, 5-7-2) hosts the Little Giants on Tuesday and the Terriers on Saturday.

NOTES: Ohio Wesleyan is ranked fifth in the latest (Oct. 10) NSCAA/adidas national rankings. The Bishops remain first in the Great Lakes Region, followed by Wooster in fourth and Allegheny in fifth ... Ohio Wesleyan jumped up one spot, to sixth, in the D3Kicks.com Week 6 poll. Wooster, Allegheny, Oberlin and Denison 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 eighth and Oberlin in 10th. Allegheny was 11th, while Denison, Hiram and Wittenberg are listed 14th, 15th and 20th, respectively ... **ALLEGHENY** won twice in conference play last week. **Daniel Carik (Pittsburgh, PA/Chartiers Valley)** scored two goals from his position on defense: the first goal in a 3-1 victory over Wooster and the second in a 3-0 shutout of Earlham. He has scored three goals this season, while helping the team to a 0.55 goals-against average ... **DENISON** moved up in the standings after a pair of NCAC shutouts last week. The Big Red exploded for seven goals as they also posted their sixth and seventh shutouts of the fall. The 3-0 win over Hiram and the 4-0 win over Wabash were the most goals in a game this season for Denison. The Big Red has outscored their opponents 19-8. Senior **Chris Dayer (East Aurora, NY/Iroquois Central)** posted a goal and an assist in both wins. He leads the Big Red this season with 10 points and has nine career goals and 10 career assists to his credit. Freshman goalkeeper **Kevin Donahue (Riverside, CT/Greenwich)** lowered his goals-against average to 0.67 after blanking Hiram and Wabash. He has allowed eight goals in 1,081 minutes of action ... **EARLHAM** went 1-1 in conference play, shutting out Wabash, 3-0, and falling to Allegheny by the identical score. Senior 'keeper **Jon O'Neil (West Lafayette, IN/West Lafayette)** recorded seven saves to preserve the shutout against the Little Giants ... **HIRAM** dropped a 2-0 game to Denison and then battled Kenyon to a 2-2 double overtime decision ... **KENYON** dropped a conference contest to Wittenberg, 2-1, and then knotted up Hiram, 2-2, in double overtime. Junior **Nate Pritchard (Narberth, PA/Lower Merion)** scored the Lords' only goal against the Tigers ... **OBERLIN** battled Ohio Wesleyan deep into their contest last week, but fell 2-0 to the defending champion Bishops. The Yeomen bounced back with a 1-0 win over Wooster. Senior tri-captain **Zach Tesler (Mercer Island, WA/Lakeside School)** scored the game-winner, and only goal, against the Scots. The win extended Oberlin's home unbeaten streak to seven games (5-0-2) ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** took control of first place in the standings after a pair of NCAC shutouts last week. The Bishops defeated Oberlin and Wittenberg by identical 2-0 scores. Four different players found the back of the net for the Bishops, including a pair senior midfielders from Worthington Kilbourne **Craig Neal (Powell, OH/Worthington Kilbourne)** and **Erik Ciccarelli (Columbus, OH/Worthington Kilbourne)**, who each scored game-winners – Neal against Oberlin and Ciccarelli against Wittenberg. Junior netminder **Jamison Dague (Bexley, OH/Bexley)** made eight stops, including five against the Tigers, to preserve the shutouts ... **WABASH** dropped a pair of conference games last week, falling 3-0 to Earlham and 4-0 to Denison ... After a 2-1 win over Kenyon, **WITTENBERG** hung tough for 70 minutes against nationally ranked Ohio Wesleyan. However, the Bishops scored twice in a three-minute span to claim a 2-0 win. Tiger junior **Joe Zeller (Springfield, OH/North)** produced the game-winner against Kenyon, capping a rally from a 1-0 halftime deficit ... Sophomore **Steve Fracasso (Wadsworth, OH/Wadsworth)** scored his team-leading sixth goal as **WOOSTER** dropped a 3-1 decision to Allegheny. The Scots also fell to Oberlin, 1-0.

WOMEN'S SOCCER REPORT -- WOOSTER ALONE IN FIRST WITH TWO WEEKS REMAINING

With its 2-1 win over Denison (3-1-0, 11-2-0), Wooster (4-0-1, 11-3-1) stands alone in first place with two weeks left on the schedule. In the coming week, the Scots travel to fourth-place (tie) Kenyon (2-2-0, 9-4-0) on Wednesday, then host eighth-place Hiram (1-4-0, 3-11-1) on Saturday. The Big Red return to action Thursday with a rescheduled game with Oberlin (0-3-0, 5-8-1). The two teams were not able to play on Sept. 30 due to thunderstorms. Then Saturday, Denison drives over to nearby Kenyon to face the Ladies.

Wittenberg (2-1-1, 9-3-2) enters the week alone in third place. The Tigers host Earlham (2-3-0, 7-6-0) on Wednesday, then travel to Oberlin on Saturday. Other games scheduled are Tuesday tilts between Oberlin and Allegheny (2-2-0, 9-5-0) in Meadville and Ohio Wesleyan (2-2-0, 6-4-4) and Hiram on the Terriers' home field. Finally, the Gators travel to take on the Bishops Friday night.

NOTES: In the most recent NSCAA/adidas National Rankings (Oct. 10), Denison stands ninth. In the Great Lakes Region, the Big Red are second, Wittenberg is fifth, Kenyon sixth and Wooster seventh In the D3Kicks.com poll (Week 6), Denison is ninth. Wittenberg, Wooster and Kenyon each received votes. The D3Kicks.com regional poll put Wittenberg fourth, Denison sixth, Kenyon seventh and Wooster eighth ... **ALLEGHENY** won twice to even its conference mark at 2-2. **Christy McShea (Murrysville, PA/Franklin Regional)** scored a goal in each game: a 5-0 defeat of Hiram and a 2-0 win over Earlham. The Gators are 8-0 when McShea scores. Freshman goalkeeper **Michelle Welker (Clearfield, PA/Clearfield)** won both games in the nets with six saves ... **DENISON** defeated Wittenberg by a 2-0 count, then lost to Wooster, 2-1, to fall to 3-1 in the conference ... **EARLHAM** lost twice in conference. Senior **Lauren Rosen (Chapel Hill, NC/Chapel)** scored the Quakers' only goal on the week ... **HIRAM** also lost twice in conference play, falling 5-0 to Allegheny and 6-0 to Wittenberg ... **KENYON** split a pair of 1-0 games, defeating Washington & Jefferson in overtime, then losing to Ohio Wesleyan. Senior **Jean Arnold (Atlanta, GA/Westminster)** scored the overtime game-winner against W&J ... Freshman **Kate Berry-Millett (Berkeley, CA/Berkeley)** scored twice to lead **OBERLIN** in a 4-2 decision over Notre Dame College. Senior **Sam Schongalia (Alexandria, VA/Bishop Ireton)** assisted on two scores in that contest. The Yeowomen also lost to Wooster, 3-0, last week ... Sophomore forward **Michelle Corbett (Dublin, OH/Scioto)** scored the winning goal early in the second half in a 2-1 victory by **OHIO WESLEYAN** over Earlham. The Bishops also defeated Kenyon, 1-0, last week ... Six different players scored as **WITTENBERG** defeated Hiram, 6-0. The Tigers also dropped a 2-0 decision to Denison ... **WOOSTER** won twice in conference play to improve to 4-0-1 in the NCAC. Five different players scored for the Scots during the week. Freshman **Winnie Adrien (Selden, NY/Blair Academy, NJ)** broke the 1-1 tie on a header with 6:53 left to give Wooster a 2-1 decision over Denison.

SWIMMING & DIVING REPORT -- NCAC RELAYS TO KICK OFF WINTER SEASON

The 2007 swimming & diving season gets under way with the men's and women's NCAC Relays at Kenyon on Saturday. The Denison men and Kenyon women are the defending champions.

POOL NOTES: Wabash finished sixth at the Indiana Intercollegiates to open its season. The Little Giants were paced by a third-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle relay. The quartet of freshman **Philip Towne** (Markle, IN/Norwell) and sophomores **Blaine Cooper-Surma (Free Soil, MI/Ludington)**, **Jordon Blackwell (Veedersburg, IN/Crawfordsville)** and **Jordan Extine (Muncie, IN/Yorktown)** finished behind Purdue and the University of Indianapolis with a time of 1:30.23. Individually, freshman **Adam Petro (Indianapolis, IN/Decatur Central)** finished fifth in the 100 butterfly (53.64).

VOLLEYBALL REPORT -- WITTENBERG HOLDS CONFERENCE LEAD WITH TWO WEEKS REMAINING

Wittenberg (11-0, 22-6) defeated three conference opponents last week to up its perfect North Coast record to 11-0 and to keep sole possession of first place in the standings. This week, the Tigers entertain ninth-place Oberlin (0-11, 5-17) on Friday night and fourth-place Wooster (6-4, 12-11) on Saturday. Right on their heels is second-place Hiram (9-1, 23-2), which won twice in conference play last week. The Terriers host fifth-place Ohio Wesleyan (7-5, 19-6) on Tuesday, third-place Denison (7-4, 13-9) on Friday and eighth-place Kenyon (1-9, 3-18), Saturday.

Denison, Wooster and Ohio Wesleyan are in a tight battle for the third and fourth spots in the upcoming North Coast Athletic Conference Tournament, which begins on Friday, Nov. 3. In addition to their battle with Hiram on Friday, the Big Red also host Kenyon on Wednesday and travel to Allegheny (3-7, 7-16) on Saturday. The Scots also meet the Gators, with their match set for Tuesday night, then they travel to Earlham (3-8, 12-11) on Friday before meeting the Tigers in Springfield the next day. After their Tuesday tilt at Hiram, OWU travels to Allegheny on Friday. Finally, Oberlin visits Earlham on Saturday afternoon.

NOTES: In the most recent CSTV/AVCA Division III rankings, Wittenberg stands 15th and Hiram is right behind in 16th ... In a 3-0 defeat of Oberlin, **ALLEGHENY** smashed 46 kills with nine errors for a .402 hitting percentage. Junior **Annie Schultheis (Canton, OH/Glen Oak)** and freshman **Melissa Bromley (Titusville, PA/Titusville)** each had 11 kills. Schultheis had a team-best 16 kills in a five-game loss to Kenyon ... **DENISON** senior **Kristen Sheffield (Dublin, OH/Scioto)** ranks fifth in the Division III in kills per game (5.48 kpg), and **Jenny Gresla (Berne, IN/South Adams)** stands sixth with 12.67 assists per game. Sheffield has led the Big Red in kills in every match this season. Gresla stands seventh on the all-time conference list for assists and enters the week with 3,774. Sheffield is 83 kills from the 1,000th of her career. The Big Red went 1-1 in conference play and 2-1 overall last week ... Junior **Jessica Whitaker (Indianapolis, IN/Sccecina)** led **EARLHAM** last week as the Quakers went 1-4. Whitaker smashed 40 kills and 67 digs in the five matches ... **HIRAM** won three times last week, twice in conference play and all three were in straight sets. Junior **Megan Mulligan (Poland, OH/Seminary)** totaled five block solos and 13 assists for the week. Senior hitter **Michelle Kozempa (Seven Hills, OH/Normandy)** averaged 3.38 kills and 1.12 blocks ... **KENYON** went 2-1 in conference play, 2-2 overall last week. Senior **Lauren Reiter (Chardon, OH/Chardon)** piled up 20 kills and three blocks in a 3-0 loss to Wittenberg and a 3-0 defeat of Earlham ... **OBERLIN** had a busy week, defeating Lake Erie and D'Youville in straight sets and losing to three North Coast opponents ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** went 3-1 last week, as senior setter **Brittany McDaniel (Utica, OH/Utica)** totaled 21 assists, 35 digs and 11 service aces ... **WITTENBERG** solidified its hold on first place on the conference standings with three North Coast victories last week. The Tigers also knocked off Heidelberg, 3-2. Junior outside hitter **Emily Bell (Fort Wayne, IN/Concordia Lutheran)** finished the week with 63 kills, and 79 digs with a hitting percentage of .415 ... **WOOSTER** split a pair of conference games, defeating Oberlin then losing to Hiram. Middle hitter **Ashley Quisenberry (Springfield, OH/Catholic Central)** totaled 31 kills, three service aces, 26 digs and five blocks. She smacked a career-best 21 kills against Oberlin.