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NCAC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK (Oct. 22)

FIELD HOCKEY

Wittenberg senior forward **Katy Barrett (Powell, OH/Watterson)** scored three times last week, including a pair of overtime game-winners, as the Tigers improved to 5-0 in overtime games this season. Wittenberg defeated Denison, 2-1, and Oberlin, 3-2, both in overtime, and secured a home game in the NCAC tournament semifinals.

FOOTBALL (OFFENSE/DEFENSE)

OFFENSE: Denison senior running back **Fred Lee (St. Louis, MO/MICDS)** led the Big Red to their first victory of the season, a 42-7 win over Hiram, with 17 rushes for 103 yards and three touchdowns. Lee leads Denison with 535 rushing yards and six touchdowns in 2006.

DEFENSE: Ohio Wesleyan senior end **Owen Case (Marion, OH/River Valley)** led the Bishops in their 17-10 upset victory over Wittenberg with eight tackles, one-half for a loss, and an interception on the Tigers' final possession, which sealed the win.

MEN'S SOCCER

Wittenberg sophomore **Matt Borland (Kettering, OH/Alter)** scored a goal and added two assists in a 4-0 win over Wabash and then scored twice, including what would prove to be the game-winner, in a 3-0 win over Hiram. He also added an assist against the Terriers to finish the week with three goals and three assists. His offensive output moved him into a tie for the team lead with 13 points.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Wittenberg freshman **Sarah Pirozzi (Akron, OH/Cuyahoga Valley Christian)** scored the OT game-winner in a 1-0 win over Earlham and then added the second goal in a 3-1 win over Oberlin.

VOLLEYBALL

Allegheny's **Annie Schultheis (Canton, OH/Glen Oak)** recorded 43 kills and hit for a percentage of .269 as the Gators went 1-1 in NCAC play. Schultheis also picked up 36 digs and had six total blocks.

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[NCAC Football Report](#)

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**FIVE NORTH COAST SQUADS HAVE ONE LOSS;
WABASH ALONE IN FIRST AT 4-1, FOUR TIED FOR SECOND WITH 3-1 CONFERENCE MARKS**

CLEVELAND -- For the first time since 1997, the North Coast champion will not be undefeated in conference play. Parity is at an all-time high within the North Coast, as evidenced by the fact that half of the teams in the conference are still within reach of the crown with three weeks remaining on the schedule.

Wabash (4-1, 5-2) enters the week alone in first place but four teams are right on the Little Giants' heels, a half-game behind at 3-1. The Little Giants host one of those teams, Wooster (3-1, 6-1), this week in a battle between teams who have claimed the last two NCAC Championships. The two teams have met six times since Wabash joined the league in 2000, and the Little Giants have won four of those contests. Overall in the series that started in 1944, Wabash holds an 8-2 edge. Wooster took the meetings between the schools during the 2003 and 2004 campaigns.

Both Wabash's and the Scots' only conference losses in 2006 were to Wittenberg (3-1, 4-3). The Tigers, whose only loss in conference was to Ohio Wesleyan (2-3, 2-6) last weekend, travel to Oberlin (3-1, 4-3), yet another team that lost for the first time in conference play last week. Wittenberg has won all nine previous meetings with the Yeomen since the Tigers joined the NCAC in 1989. Overall, the Tigers hold a 16-12 edge in the series that dates back to 1894. The last Yeomen victory over Wittenberg came in 1954 by a 28-6 score.

Kenyon (3-1, 4-3) remained in the heat of the championship race with a thrilling, 33-30, overtime defeat of Earlham (0-4, 2-5) last week. The Lords return to action at Denison (1-3, 1-6), The Big Red are coming off their first win of the fall, 42-7 over Hiram (0-4, 0-7). The rivals have met 57 times overall, with Denison holding a 32-23-2 edge, and the series since 1984 is even closer, with the Big Red leading, 11-9-1. Last season, the Lords won a shoot out, 45-42, to defeat Denison for the first time since 1998.

The sixth- and seventh-place teams, Allegheny (2-2, 4-3) and Ohio Wesleyan meet in Meadville. The Gators hold an 18-6 advantage in the all-time series, but the Bishops have won three of the last five meetings, including a 13-8 decision last season. The two teams tied for ninth, Earlham and Hiram, meet in Richmond. The Quakers have taken five of the six meetings between the schools. The Terriers' lone victory came last season by a 7-2 score.

Grid Notebook: **ALLEGHENY** senior running back **Mario Tarquinio (Charleroi, PA/Charleroi)** moved into eighth place in career rushing touchdowns after scoring a pair against Wooster. Senior quarterback **Jimmy Savage (North Canton, OH/Hoover)** moved into second in career passing attempts ... **DENISON** won for the first time this season by grinding out 248 yards on the ground on 47 carries, and holding Hiram to 93 yards of offense. Senior running back **Fred Lee (St. Louis, MO/MICDS)** rushed 17 times for 103 yards and three touchdowns. Sophomore **Jon Berg (Washington, PA/Trinity)** also surpassed the 100-yard rushing mark with a career-high 137 yards on 20 carries. Sophomore linebacker **Joe Ulrey (Marengo, OH/Highland)** led the Big Red with four tackles, a half sack and an interception. He leads the team in tackles this season with 57 and interceptions with two ... In **EARLHAM'S** heartbreaking, 33-30, overtime loss to Kenyon, running backs **Ben Marshand (Galveston, IN/Lewis Cass)** and **Manny Myers (Fairmount, IN/Madison-Grant)** carried the Quaker offense. Marshand, a sophomore, finished with 28 carries, 170 yards and two touchdowns, while Myers, a junior, contributed 151 yards on 19 attempts and one score ... **HIRAM** linebacker **Tom Canitia (Chagrin Falls, OH/St. Peter Chanel)** once again led the Terrier defense with 11 tackles, and had one and one-half for a loss of two yards ... Junior quarterback **Rafael Sanchez (Tavernier, FL/Coral Shores)** was the hero for **KENYON** as he rushed for 100 yards on 14 carries, and connected on 10 of 24 passes for another 94 and two touchdowns. He led the Lords to a record-setting day, highlighted by a single-game record 411 yards rushing. Senior **Alby Coombs (Sharon, MA/Belmont Hill)** rolled up 163 yards and a TD, while **Javier Arbolaez (Tavernier, FL/Coral Shores)** added 138 yards on the ground on just 14 attempts, including a 71-yard touchdown run. Defensively, freshman defensive back **Justin Morgan (Glenn Date, MD/Charles Herbet Flowers)** collected a game-high 15 tackles, including a tackle-for-loss late in overtime that thwarted an Earlham touchdown drive. He also had a pass break-up and fell on a blocked field-goal attempt ... Sophomore quarterback **Greg Mangan (San Francisco, CA/St. Ignatius)** led **OBERLIN** in its first North Coast loss of the season. Mangan completed 26 of 35 passes for 338 yards. His top receiver was junior **Cassius Harris (Chicago, IL/Loyola Academy)**, who caught nine catches for 114 yards and one touchdown. Junior **Chase Palmer (Highland, UT/Lone Peak)** led the Yeoman defense with a game-high 9.5 tackles, five of them solo ... Senior halfback **Nick Rice (Dublin, OH/Scioto)** threw for a 27-yard TD and ran for another from four yards out to lead OWU past Wittenberg, 17-10. He finished with a team-high 104 yards rushing on 19 carries. Senior end **Owen Case (Marion, OH/River Valley)** made eight stops, with

Upcoming Games - Sat. Oct. 28		Last Week's Results - Sat. Oct. 21	
Hiram at Earlham, 1:00	Wittenberg at Oberlin, 1:00	Denison 42, Hiram 7	Wabash 48, Oberlin 20
Kenyon at Denison, 1:00	Wooster at Wabash, 1:00	Kenyon 33, Earlham 30 (ot)	Wooster 27, Allegheny 21
Ohio Wesleyan at Allegheny, 6:00		Ohio Wesleyan 17, Wittenberg 10	

NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE 2006 FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

* conference games

Allegheny College (2-2; 4-3)

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*	L, 21-27
O. 28	OHIO WESLEYAN*	6:00
N. 4	at Wittenberg*	1:00
N. 11	OBERLIN*	1:00

Denison University (1-3; 1-6)

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*	W, 42-7
O. 28	KENYON*	1:00
N. 4	WABASH*	1:00
N. 11	at Earlham*	1:00

Earlham College (0-4; 2-5)

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*	L, 30-33 (ot)
O. 28	HIRAM*	1:00
N. 4	at Wooster*	1:00
N. 11	DENISON*	1:00

Hiram College (0-4; 0-7)

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*	L, 7-42
O. 28	at Earlham*	1:00
N. 4	at Ohio Wesleyan*	1:00
N. 11	WITTENBERG*	1:00

Kenyon College (3-1; 4-3)

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*	W, 33-30 (ot)
O. 28	at Denison*	1:00
N. 4	OBERLIN*	1:00
N. 11	WOOSTER*	1:00

Oberlin College (3-1; 4-3)

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*	L, 20-48
O. 28	WITTENBERG*	1:00
N. 4	at Kenyon*	1:00
N. 11	at Allegheny*	1:00

Ohio Wesleyan University (2-3; 2-6)

S. 2	at Franklin	L, 23-38
S. 9	at Catholic	L, 33-34 (ot)
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*	W, 17-10
O. 28	at Allegheny*	6:00
N. 4	HIRAM*	1:00

Wabash College (4-1; 5-2)

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*	W, 48-20
O. 28	WOOSTER*	1:00
N. 4	at Denison*	1:00
N. 11	DePAUW	1:05

Wittenberg University (3-1; 4-3)

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*	L, 10-17
O. 28	at Oberlin*	1:00
N. 4	ALLEGHENY*	1:00
N. 11	at Hiram*	1:00

College of Wooster (3-1; 6-1)

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*	W, 27-21
O. 28	at Wabash*	1:00
N. 4	EARLHAM*	1:00
N. 11	at Kenyon*	1:00

one-half for a loss and an interception on Wittenberg's final possession to seal the victory ... **WABASH** scored 35 first-half points en route to a 48-20 defeat of Oberlin. Junior wideout **Mike Russell (Terre Haute, IN/North)** topped the 100-yard mark for the fifth time in six games with seven receptions for 122 yards and two touchdowns. Senior running back **Don Juan Brown (Houston, TX/Mirabeau B. Lamar)** scored a career-best three touchdowns, running for 77 yards on 16 carries. Sophomore **Andrew Rode (Buffalo Grove, IL/John Hersey)** caught a career-best five passes for 77 yards but his biggest play came when he blocked a punt deep in Oberlin territory that set up Wabash's third score. Junior linebacker **Adrian Pynenberg (Montgomery, IL/Oswego Community)** led the defense with nine tackles, eight solo, and had three sacks ... Senior tailback **Tristan Murray (New Carlisle, OH/Tecumseh)** tied a school record with his sixth consecutive 100-yard game, finishing with 122 yards on 31 carries in **WITTENBERG'S** 17-10 loss to Ohio Wesleyan. He has 21 career 100-yard rushing games, three short of the school record held by **Casey Donaldson**. Senior linebacker **Tyler Harmon (Indianapolis, IN/Perry Meridian)** posted a career-high 17 stops in the game ... Senior wide receiver **Shaun Swearingen (Hilliard, OH/Bishop Watterson)** caught a 43-yard touchdown

Hail Mary pass from second string quarterback **Bobby Reiff (Bay Village, OH/Bay)** as time expired, lifting **WOOSTER** over Allegheny, 27-21. Swearingen ended up with 69 yards on four receptions, with two touchdowns. In his first career start, senior linebacker **Bobby Block (Belleville, MI/Belleville)** recorded a game-high 10 stops, including five solos and one for a loss.



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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 CHAMPIONSHIP SET FOR SATURDAY

The 2006 North Coast Athletic Conference Men's & Women's Cross Country Championships will be held at Earlham on Saturday. Allegheny is the defending men's champion. Denison is the defending women's champion. The Gator men have won five titles overall and the last two straight. Denison's women have claimed each of the past three titles and six of the last seven, but it's Allegheny, with 10, who has the most over the past 22 seasons. The Gators last won the title in 2002.

Five of the top seven male runners from last season return to compete in this year's championships. Allegheny junior **Ryan Place (Meshoppen, PA/Eik Lake)** was second at last year's championship and heads the list. Earlham junior **Walker Yane (Oldenburg, IN/St. Xavier)** was behind Place in third last season. Yane's Quaker classmate **Dan Mahle (Boulder, CO/Shining Mountain Waldorf)**, was fifth, Allegheny junior **Chris Corkins (Horseheads, NY/Horseheads)** was sixth a year ago, and Denison senior **Brian Gilson (Cortland, OH/J.F. Kennedy)** wound up seventh.

On the women's side, each of the top five runners from the 2005 NCAC Championship return to defend their spots. Wooster senior **Katie Wieferich (Marietta, OH/Marietta)** is the defending champion. Denison senior **Elaine Binkley (Columbus, OH/Bishop Watterson)** has been runner up in each of the past two championships, and was third as a freshman in 2003. Binkley's classmate and teammate **Christine Collins (Chagrin Falls, OH/Chagrin Falls)** crossed third last season after winning the event two years ago, and finishing fourth as a freshman. Allegheny senior **Scarlett Graham (Farmington, PA/Uniontown)** placed fourth last season and was sixth as a sophomore two seasons ago. Finally, Oberlin junior **Alison Doniger (Menlo Park, CA/Menlo-Atherton)** finished fifth in both of her appearances at the North Coast meet.

For more information about the NCAC Championships, go to Earlham's championship site at:
http://www.earlham.edu/athletics/content/sports_news/ncac_xco_championships_info06.html

NOTES: The only team to compete last week was **WOOSTER**, which hosted the Wooster Relays. In a non-scoring event, individuals from Division II Edinboro, Wooster and Otterbein competed in four different distances, then added up their times for an individual finish. The women's race consisted of 2000 meters, 600 meters, 800 meters and 1000 meters with a seven-minute break in between each race, for a total of 4400 meters. The men's portion was a 6800-meter race with intervals of 2000, 1000, 800, and 3000 meters. Wooster senior **Katie Wieferich (Marietta, OH/Marietta)** led the Scots with a second-place finish of 25 runners, behind Edinboro's Rachel Lanzel. Wieferich's total time was 19:17. Leading the Scot men was senior **Dave Thomas (Elyria, OH/Elyria)**, who was 15th in a field of 26, with a time of 23:04 ... In the most recent Division III Men's Cross Country rankings, Allegheny stands 25th. In the women's poll, Oberlin is 24th and Allegheny ranks in a tie for 32nd.

FIELD HOCKEY REPORT -- WOOSTER CLINCHES A SHARE OF NCAC CROWN; FOURTH SEED UP FOR GRABS

Wooster (10-0, 12-4) has clinched at least a share of the 2006 NCAC Regular Season Championship. It is the Fighting Scots' first title since 2003, and third since 2000. The Scots need to win just one of their two remaining games to clinch the top seed in the upcoming North Coast conference tournament. Wooster hosts Oberlin (3-7, 5-10) on Thursday, then travels to take on second-place Wittenberg (9-2, 11-5) on Saturday. The Tigers are the only team that can catch the Scots, but for that to happen, the Tigers must win on Saturday and the Scots must lose to the Yeowomen earlier in the week. Wooster defeated Oberlin, 5-3, on Sept. 28, and Wittenberg by a 5-0 count on Oct. 7.

Third-place Kenyon (7-4, 12-5) has claimed the third seed in the NCAC Tournament, and the Ladies' only remaining NCAC game is at home against Ohio Wesleyan (3-7, 4-8). With the top three spots in the tournament already secured, the only spot left is the fourth and final slot. Going into the final week, Denison (4-6, 5-10) has the edge with a one-game lead over Oberlin and Ohio Wesleyan. The Big Red host seventh-place Earlham (0-10, 2-13) on Tuesday, and the Bishops on Saturday. Denison beat both squads by 1-0 scores earlier this season. The final game on tap is a matchup between Earlham and Oberlin on the Yeowomen's home field.

The 2006 North Coast Athletic Conference Field Hockey Tournament begins on Wednesday, Nov. 1, with the semifinals at the sites of the top two seeds. The semifinal winners advance to play in the championship game on Saturday, Nov. 4 on the home field of the highest remaining seed. Oberlin won last year's tournament championship, defeating Wooster, 3-0, in the final game. The winner of the NCAC Tournament receives the North Coast's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Field Hockey Championship tournament.

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NOTES: DENISON snapped a four-game losing skid with a 1-0 defeat of Ohio Wesleyan. The win kept the Big Red in the running for the fourth and final NCAC tournament slot. Freshman **Molly McCue (Gibsonia, PA/Aquinas Academy)** scored the only goal Denison would need to defeat the Bishops, off a penalty corner in the 39th minute. McCue shares the team lead in goals this season with four ... EARLHAM lost twice last week, once in conference play. Senior forward **Becca Jordan (Montpelier, VT/Montpelier)** scored the Quakers' only goal last week. She leads her team with seven goals and 14 points this season ... KENYON won twice to secure itself a spot in the upcoming conference tournament. Sophomore **Kelly Adams (Lexington, MA/Lexington)** had a goal and an assist in an 8-1 victory over Oberlin, then added a goal and two assists in a 6-0 defeat of Earlham. Adams has five goals and a team-best seven assists this season ... OBERLIN lost three times last week, twice in conference play ... OHIO WESLEYAN lost twice, both in North Coast play. Junior goalkeeper **Katie Jones (Pine Plains, NY/Stissing Mountain)** made 14 saves in the two games ... WITTENBERG improved to 5-0 in overtime games this season when they defeated Denison, 2-1, and Oberlin, 3-2, both in overtime. The Tigers have secured a home game in the NCAC tournament semifinals. Senior forward **Katy Barrett (Powell, OH/Watterson)** scored three times last week, including both overtime game-winners ... WOOSTER went 1-1 last week, defeating OWU, 5-0, and losing to Juniata, 2-1. Senior forward **Anlyn Addis (Ann Arbor, MI/Pioneer)** scored twice in the victory. She totaled four points in the game and now has 96 career points. If Addis manages four more points this season, she'll become the fifth player in team history to reach the 100-point milestone.

MEN'S SOCCER REPORT -- NCAC TITLE, TOURNEY BERTHS AT STAKE ENTERING FINAL WEEK OF SEASON

Defending champion Ohio Wesleyan (6-0-1, 12-0-2) enters the final week of the 2006 regular season in first place. But the Battling Bishops have not locked up the North Coast championship. In order to do so, Ohio Wesleyan needs to win at least one of its two contests against the teams tied for eighth place this week, and have second-place Denison (6-1-0, 9-4-1) lose one its two road matches. The Bishops and Big Red are also jockeying for a berth in the upcoming NCAC Tournament. They are two of six teams vying for the four slots in the event. Ohio Wesleyan hosts Wabash (1-5-1, 3-12-1) on Wednesday in a rescheduled contest from Oct. 4. The original game was postponed due to lightning. The Bishops then travel to Hiram (1-5-1, 8-6-1) on Saturday. Denison is at Oberlin (4-2-1, 7-4-4) on Tuesday and at Wooster (4-2-1, 10-3-1) on Saturday.

The Yeomen and Fighting Scots enter the week tied for third. In addition to the match against Denison, Wooster travels to seventh-place Kenyon (1-4-2, 3-9-3) on Wednesday. Oberlin also plays at Wabash on Saturday. The Yeomen and Fighting Scots each need to win both of their NCAC contests in order to hold onto a berth in the Tournament, as Allegheny (4-3-0, 10-3-2) is hot on their heels in fifth place, followed by Wittenberg (3-3-1, 7-7-2) in sixth. The Tigers have perhaps the longest odds of making the Tournament, but they do have a shot depending upon what Oberlin, Wooster and Allegheny do. They can help their cause when they travel to Allegheny on Saturday. The Tigers also play at Earlham (1-6-0, 6-10-0) on Tuesday, while the Gators are at Hiram on Tuesday. The final game slated for this week sends Kenyon to Earlham on Saturday.

The top four teams in the conference standings at the end of regular season play earn slots in the upcoming North Coast Athletic Conference Men's Soccer Tournament. The semifinals are set for Wednesday, Nov. 1, at the sites of the top two seeds. The championship game will be played on the campus of the highest remaining seed on Saturday, Nov. 4. The winner of the NCAC Tournament earns the conference's automatic bid into the NCAA Division III Championship tournament. Ohio Wesleyan is the defending North Coast Tournament champion.

NOTES: Ohio Wesleyan moved one spot up to fourth in the latest (Oct. 17) NSCAA/adidas national rankings. The Bishops remain first in the Great Lakes Region, followed by Allegheny in fifth and Wooster in eighth. Denison and Oberlin also received votes in the regional poll, but did not crack the top 10 ... Ohio Wesleyan jumped up one spot, to fifth, in the D3Kicks.com Week 7 poll. Allegheny 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 fifth. Denison was 11th, while Oberlin, Allegheny, Hiram and Wittenberg are listed 13th, 16th, 18th and 19th, respectively ... ALLEGHENY fell short in a bid to move up the NCAC standings after falling 1-0 at Denison. The Gators outshot the Big Red 9-4 in the scoreless first half, but lost their offensive touch in the second. **Ryan Larkin (Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin)** finished with four saves ... DENISON has logged four straight shutout victories and has improved to 9-4-1 overall by winning six out of their last seven matches. Freshman 'keeper **Kevin Donahue (Riverside, CT/Greenwich)** has piled up eight shutouts this fall and has lowered his goals-against average to 0.57 after blanking Earlham, 2-0, and Allegheny, 1-0, last week. Classmate **Luke Lennox (Rochester, NY/The Harley School)** notched both game-winners last week and is second on the team in points with eight (3 goals, 2 assists) over 13 matches ... EARLHAM dropped a pair of conference matches last week, falling to Denison, 2-0, and to Ohio Wesleyan, 5-0. Senior 'keeper **Jon O'Neil (West Lafayette, IN/West Lafayette)** recorded 14 saves in the nets, including eight of 17 against Denison ... HIRAM fell to Wooster, 3-1, and to Wittenberg, 3-0, in a pair of NCAC games last week. The Terriers lone goal was scored by freshman defender **Vince DeBartomoleo (Copley, OH/St. Vincent-St. Mary)** ... KENYON fell to 3-9-3 and 1-4-2 in the NCAC after slipping to Ohio Wesleyan, 3-1, and Oberlin, 3-0. Freshman **David Gold (Woodland Hills, CA/EI Camino Real)** scored the Lords' single goal on the week ... OBERLIN improved its chances for an NCAC Tournament berth after shutting out Kenyon, 3-0. Senior goalkeeper **Clayton Combe (Granville, OH/Granville)** earned his sixth shutout of the season in the win. Sophomore **Luke Hoffman (Cuttingsville, VA/Mill River Union)** provided the game-winner against the Lords ... OHIO WESLEYAN strengthened its grip on first place with a pair of league victories. The Bishops topped Kenyon, 3-1, and Earlham, 5-0. Senior **Craig Neal (Powell, OH/Worthington Kilbourne)** scored in the 56th minute to give OWU the lead over Kenyon; the Bishops never looked back. He then set up the game-winner against Earlham before scoring two goals of his own. He finished the week with three goals and an assist ... WABASH came out on the wrong end of a tough week, going 1-2 in three games in five days. The Little Giants fell in conference play to Wittenberg, 4-0, and to Wooster, 2-0. In between, they edged Franklin, 2-1. Junior **David Wood (Indianapolis, IN/Lawrence Central)** scored his first goal of the season to give Wabash a 1-0 lead. Classmate **Gary Simkus (Highland, IN/Highland)** scored his ninth goal of the year in the final eight minutes of the match to hand the Little Giants the victory ... In search of its second straight North Coast Tournament appearance, WITTENBERG came through with two league wins last week, shutting out Wabash, 4-0, and Hiram, 3-0. Sophomore

Matt Borland (Kettering, OH/Alter) scored a goal and added two assists against the Little Giants and then scored twice, with one assist, against the Terriers. His offensive output moved him into a tie for the team lead with 13 points ... Five different players scored and junior goalkeeper **Erik Larson (El Paso, TX/Stony Point)** combined for nine saves on the way to two **WOOSTER** wins last week. The Fighting Scots defeated Hiram, 3-1, and Wabash, 2-0. The wins keep Wooster in the chase for one of four conference playoff berths.

WOMEN'S SOCCER REPORT -- RACE FOR NCAC CHAMPIONSHIP GOES DOWN TO THE WIRE

Wooster (5-1-1, 12-4-1) enters the final week of the regular season gunning for its fifth North Coast championship, and first since 1996. The Fighting Scots also look to lock up the number one seed in the upcoming NCAC Tournament. Wooster has one game left on its schedule, a home contest against sixth-place (tie) Allegheny (2-4-0, 9-7-0) on Wednesday. A win in that contest, hands at least a share of the conference title to Wooster. If Wooster does defeat the Gators, second-place Wittenberg (4-1-1, 11-3-2) would need to win both of its contests this week in order to share the trophy with the Scots. If Wooster and Allegheny tie, the Tigers could claim the conference title with a pair of wins; Wittenberg and Wooster would share the title in the event the Tigers win one game and tie the other. Wittenberg hosts Ohio Wesleyan (4-2-0, 8-4-4) on Tuesday and travels to Allegheny on Saturday. The Tigers have never won an NCAC women's soccer championship.

Ohio Wesleyan shares third place with Denison (4-2-0, 12-3-0) and Kenyon (4-2-0, 11-4-0). The three squads are fighting for one of the four NCAC Tournament berths. The Bishops host Oberlin (1-5-0, 6-10-1) on Saturday, in addition to their contest against Wittenberg earlier in the week. The Big Red host sixth-place (tie) Earlham (2-4-0, 7-7-1) on Wednesday and travel to Hiram (1-6-0, 3-13-1) on Saturday. The Ladies host the Yeowomen Tuesday and travel to Earlham on Saturday.

The top four teams in the conference standings at the end of regular season play earn slots in the upcoming North Coast Athletic Conference Women's Soccer Tournament. The semifinals are set for Wednesday, Nov. 1, at the sites of the top two seeds. The championship game will be played on the campus of the highest remaining seed on Saturday, Nov. 4. The winner of the NCAC Tournament earns the conference's automatic bid into the NCAA Division III Championship tournament. Ohio Wesleyan is the defending North Coast Tournament champion.

NOTES: Wooster entered the latest (Oct. 17) NSCAA/adidas national rankings in 24th place. Denison dropped out of the poll; the Big Red received votes, but not enough to remain in the top 25. The Fighting Scots jumped ahead three spots to fourth in the Great Lakes Region, followed by Denison in fifth, Wittenberg in sixth, Kenyon in ninth and Ohio Wesleyan in 10th ... Denison dropped to 14th in the D3Kicks.com Week 7 poll. 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 third in the Great Lakes Region, followed by Kenyon in fifth. Denison, Wooster and Ohio Wesleyan round out places seven through nine, respectively. Allegheny is 20th ... **ALLEGHENY** dropped a pair of conference games last week. The Gators fell to Oberlin, 2-0, in spite of out-shooting the Yeowomen 35-5, including a 13-3 margin on-goal. Allegheny dropped a 5-2 decision to Ohio Wesleyan after the Bishops rung up the first five goals of the game. Allegheny added two late goals, one by **Rebecca Rotoloni (McMurray, PA/Peters Township)** and the other by **Ana Gonzalez (Compton, CA/Dominguez Senior)**. Rotoloni set up Gonzalez's goal, her first of the season ... **DENISON** split a pair of NCAC games last week, defeating Oberlin, 3-0, and falling to Kenyon, 1-0. Despite the loss to Kenyon off a penalty kick, the Big Red are outscoring opponents 41-9 this season ... **EARLHAM** registered a pair of overtime games last week, falling in conference play, 1-0 in a single extra period, to Wittenberg and battling Manchester to a double-overtime scoreless tie. **Casie Byrd (Bloomington, IN/North)** registered 10 saves and gave up one goal in more than 204 minutes in the nets ... **HIRAM** fell to Ohio Wesleyan, 2-1, and to Wooster, 4-0, in a pair of NCAC games last week. The Terriers lone goal was scored by junior **Kayleigh Sopko (Seven Hills, OH/Independence)**, who tied the OWU game at 1-1 during the 77th minute ... **KENYON** added two wins to its collection last week, edging nationally ranked Wooster, 2-1, and defending NCAC champion Denison, 1-0. Junior **Amanda Drummond (Mayfield Hts., OH/Hawken School)** picked up two goals, both on penalty kicks. Her second goal of the week proved to be the game-winner in the shutout against the Big Red – the first time the Ladies defeated the Big Red since the 1996 season ... **OBERLIN** had a 1-2 week, highlighted by a 2-0 win over Allegheny in which freshman netminder **Sarah Grabinski (Elmhurst, IL/York)** had 13 saves, while sophomore **Joelle Sesar (Vacaville, CA/Vacaville)** netted a goal and an assist. The Yeowomen also recorded a 3-0 loss to Denison and a 3-1 loss to Wittenberg. For the week, Grabinski recorded 51 saves in the three matches ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** strengthened its Tournament hopes with a pair of conference wins last week. The Bishops edged Hiram, 2-1, after a goal by freshman forward **Caitlin Logan (Findlay, OH/Findlay)** with 8:24 remaining in the second half. OWU also topped Allegheny, 5-2. Logan scored to put the Bishops up 2-0 in that contest ... **WITTENBERG** is in the hunt for its first conference crown. The Tigers unbeaten streak stands at five games after last week's 1-0 overtime win over Earlham and the 3-1 victory over Oberlin. Freshman **Sarah Pirozzi (Akron, OH/Cuyahoga Valley Christian)** scored the OT game-winner against the Quakers and then added the second goal in the victory over the Yeowomen. Senior defender **Jamie McIntyre (Columbus, OH/Grandview)**, two-time NCAC Defender of the Year, broke the Tiger record for consecutive games started with 74. The previous record was held by **Shana Ryan**, a standout defensive back between 1997-2000 ... Senior forward **Erin Lustic (Cleveland Hts., OH/Cleveland Hts.)** scored three of **WOOSTER'S** five goals last week. She had the Scots' lone goal in a 2-1 loss to Kenyon and two first-half goals in a 4-0 win over Hiram, increasing her career scoring total to 72 points on an evenly distributed 24 goals and 24 assists.

SWIMMING & DIVING REPORT -- KENYON WOMEN AND DENISON MEN WIN SEASON-OPENING NCAC RELAYS

Swimming & diving season got officially under way at last weekend's North Coast Athletic Conference Relays. Kenyon outscored second-place Wittenberg, 158 to 138, to win the women's meet, while Denison and Wooster tied for third with 130 points. Allegheny and Ohio Wesleyan tied for fifth with 78 points, followed by Hiram with 68 points in seventh and Oberlin in eighth with 52. On the men's side, Denison claimed victory over second-place Kenyon, 178 points to 148, followed by Wabash in third with 136 points. Wittenberg took fourth with 110 points, followed by Wooster in fifth with 96. Allegheny (72), Ohio Wesleyan (64), Hiram (56) and Oberlin (22) took places six through nine.

WOMEN'S NOTES: **KENYON** senior **Jessica Connors (Cedarburg, WI/Divine Savior Holy Angels)** led the Ladies as part of three winning

relays. She swam a leg on the first-place 200-yard breaststroke, 200-yard backstroke and 400-yard medley relay teams ... **WITTENBERG'S** second-place finish was their best ever. The Tigers' top relay was the 1500-yard freestyle relay, which finished fourth ... **DENISON** logged seven top-two finishes, with their best finish being first in the 500 freestyle crescendo relay. The team of **Olivia Zaleski (Corry, PA/Corry Area)**, **Kathy Faingold (Wexford, PA/North Allegheny)**, **Mary Dain (Mt. Laurel, NJ/Holy Cross)** and **Annamarie Novinger (Longmont, CO/Niwot)** won with a time of 4:42.99 ... The 200-yard breaststroke relay was **WOOSTER'S** top finishing team, in fourth place with a time of 2:12.98 ... **ALLEGHENY'S** top relay finish was eighth in the 1500-yard relay. The trio of **Arielle Conti (Rochester, NY/Brighton)**, **Hannah Stewart (Pittsburgh, PA/Oakland Catholic)** and **Carolyn Naim (Lubbock, TX/Brownwell-Talbot)** finished in 16:35.90 ... **HIRAM'S** one-meter diving team took fourth with 194.30 points. The Terriers' top swim relay was the 200-yard butterfly combo of **Shelly Leshe (Palm City, FL/Mantin County)**, **Richelle Kantner (Wapakoneta, OH/Wapakoneta)**, **Danielle Fisher (Aurora, OH/Aurora)** and **Gillian Millwood (Kingston, Jamaica/Campion College)**. The relay finished sixth with a time of 1:53.88.

MEN'S NOTES: **DENISON** junior **Lowell Byers (Chappaqua, NY/Horace Greeley)** was part of three winning relay teams. He was part of the winning 200 backstroke, 500 freestyle and 200 freestyle relays to lead the Big Red to victory in the men's meet ... Freshman **Blair Withington (Hastings, New Zealand)** had an outstanding debut for **KENYON**, swimming on four of the Lords' five winning relay teams. He was part of the victorious 200-yard medley, 200-yard breaststroke, 200-yard butterfly and 400-medley relays ... **WABASH** had two relays place third and freshman **Nick Rockefeller (Topeka, KS/Washburn Rural)** was part of both - the 200 backstroke and 200 freestyle relays ... The 200-yard medley relay team from **ALLEGHENY** gave the Gators' their top finish of the meet. The combination of **Nick Johnson (Hastings-on-the-Hudson, NY/Hastings)**, **Ryan Lawrence (Union City, PA/Union City)**, **Kyle Gearity (Fairview, PA/Fairview)** and **Josh Seseck (Pittsburgh, PA/Brentwood)** took seventh with a time of 2:02.12 ... **HIRAM'S** divers fared well at the meet, finishing fourth in one-meter diving with 368.55 points and third in three-meter (372 points). In the swimming events, freshman **Gary Ising (Irwin, PA/Penn-Trafford)** was part of the Terriers' top two relays: the 14th-place 1500-yard freestyle relay and the 15th-place 200-yard breaststroke relay.

VOLLEYBALL REPORT -- WITTENBERG HOLDS CONFERENCE LEAD WITH ONE WEEK REMAINING

A full schedule is coming up in the final week of the 2006 regular season. Twelve matches are evenly distributed between Wednesday night, Friday night and Saturday. Wittenberg (13-0, 25-6) has yet to drop a conference match this season, and if the Tigers sweep their three matches this week, they will clinch the regular-season title and the top seed in the upcoming North Coast Athletic Conference Volleyball Tournament. Wittenberg travels to Earlham (4-9, 13-12) Wednesday night, then hosts Allegheny (4-8, 8-17) on Friday before a showdown with second-place, and defending champion, Hiram (12-1, 27-2) on Saturday.

Hiram is right on Wittenberg's heels, with just one NCAC loss this year, to the Tigers in straight sets. The Terriers, who have lost just twice overall this season, have assured themselves at least a top-two spot in the tourney. They host Allegheny, Wednesday, then hit the road to play at Earlham on Friday before heading to Springfield for the showdown with the Tigers on Saturday.

Denison (9-5, 15-10) stands alone in third place and with a victory over Oberlin (0-13, 5-19) will guarantee themselves a spot in the conference tournament. The Big Red take on fifth-place Wooster (7-6, 13-14) Friday night, then visit Kenyon (3-11, 6-21) the next day.

Ohio Wesleyan (7-7, 19-8) and Wooster are neck and neck for the fourth spot in the tourney. The two teams square off Wednesday night on the Bishops' home court. The Scots defeated the Bishops, 3-0, on Sept. 26. Wooster finishes up at Kenyon on Saturday. OWU meets the Yeowomen to close out the 2006 campaign on Saturday. Finally, Kenyon travels to Oberlin Friday night, and Allegheny meets Earlham in Richmond on Saturday.

The 2006 North Coast Athletic Conference Volleyball Tournament will be played at the site of the top seed after the completion of the regular season. The top four teams qualify. The semifinals will be held on Friday, Nov. 3, and the winners advance to the championship match the next day at the semifinal site. Wittenberg is the defending Tournament champion.

NOTES: **ALLEGHENY** went 1-1 last week, defeating Ohio Wesleyan, 3-1, at home, then losing to Denison by the same score. **Annie Schultheis (Canton, OH/Glen Oak)** was the offensive spark for the Gators with 43 kills, and led on defense as well with a 38 digs. Setter **Amanda Bancroft (Centerville, PA/Maplewood)** dished 56 assists, while **Betsy LaPorte (Albany, OH/Alexander)** picked up 13 blocks, to go with 24 kills ... **DENISON** posted a 2-1 mark in conference play to capture a spot in the conference tournament. Senior **Kristen Sheffield (Dublin, OH/Scioto)** had 53 kills in nine games for a 5.89 average. She ranks fifth in NCAA Division III in that category, and is 30 from the 1,000 kill of her career. Senior libero **Caitlin Krupka (Westlake, OH/Holy Name)** averaged 9.1 digs per game last week ... **EARLHAM** went 1-1 in NCAC play, losing to Wooster, then defeating Oberlin. Junior middle blocker **Lisa Vanderkolk (Bluffton, IN/Bluffton)** recorded 23 kills and 17 digs in six games played ... Senior outside hitter **Katie Moore (Lakewood, OH/St. Joseph)** smashed a team-best 53 kills in 13 games to lead 16th-ranked (CSTV/AVCA poll - Oct. 17) **HIRAM** to a 4-0 record last week. Three of the wins came in NCAC play. Junior setter **Megan Taylor (Cortland, OH/Lakeview)** recorded 155 assists and had 10 blocks. Senior libero **Jill Howard (Fairborn, OH/Fairborn)** notched 77 digs ... **KENYON** lost twice in conference play, and defeated Waynesburg last week ... **OBERLIN** lost twice and was led by freshman **Rita Kaplon (Johnson City, TN/Science Hill)**, who had 19 kills, 22 assists and 16 digs in the two matches ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** lost twice in conference play. Junior outside hitter **Steffi Graf (Poland, OH/Seminary)** recorded 15 kills in a four-game loss to Hiram, then added 18 more in a four-game loss to Allegheny ... **WITTENBERG** went 3-0 last week with all three matches decided in three. Junior outside hitter **Emily Bell (Fort Wayne, IN/Concordia Lutheran)** was AVCA Sports Imports NCAA Division III Player of the Week last week. It was the seventh time in program history a Wittenberg player has earned the recognition. The Tigers stand 13th in the most recent CSTV/AVCA Division III Top 25 coaches' poll (Oct.. 17) ... **WOOSTER** went 1-3 last week, 1-2 in North Coast play.