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### **NCAC Women's Basketball Report**

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#### **NCAC TEAMS OPEN 2006-07 BASKETBALL SCHEDULES; CONFERENCE SCHEDULE TIPS OFF DEC. 2**

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**ALLEGHENY** split a pair of games at its own National City Tipoff Tournament, defeating LaRoche, 70-61, and losing to Ohio Northern, 85-58. **Stephanie Wolf (Pittsburgh, PA/ North Allegheny)** and **Jen Latronica (Gibsonia, PA/Deer Lakes)** each picked up a double-double in the opener. Wolf scored 11 points and pulled down 16 rebounds, while Latronica put 17 points on the board and grabbed 12 boards. **Katie Kestler (Pittsburgh, PA/Mt. Lebanon)** led the squad in the championship game with 16 points, hitting 4-of-8 three-pointers. Her second trey gave her the career lead in the statistic. She also registered six rebounds and picked up two steals. Latronica and Wolf added 12 and 11, respectively. Wolf missed her second straight double-double by a single rebound. Kestler averaged four rebounds and 14.5 points on 11-of-23 shooting from the field and 6-of-16 shooting from long range over the two games and was named to the all-tournament team as a reward. ... **DENISON** earned a split result on its season-opening trip to the Mount Saint Joseph Tournament. The Big Red had five players score in double figures in the 83-74 opening win over Otterbein. Senior **Lauren Vashaw (Grand Rapids, MI/Lowell)** scored a career-high 15 points to lead the way. Sophomore **Carolyn Simpson (Dublin, OH/Scioto)** also chipped in 15 points in the win. Sophomore **Ellen O'Brien (Bethesda, MD/Walt Whitman)** led Denison with 11 points in their title-game loss to Case, 69-47 ... **EARLHAM** dropped a pair of games at the Franklin Tip-Off Classic, falling 65-42 to Rose-Hulman, then 57-44 to Franklin. Sophomore **Tasha Merrill (Cedar Grove, IN/Franklin County)** paced the Quakers with 21 points and 17 rebounds over the two games ... **HIRAM** was idle last weekend. The Terriers open their season at the Ursuline Tournament on Saturday ... Junior **Alicia Moreno (Mesa, AZ/Dobson)** scored a combined 32 points, but **KENYON** wound up dropping both games of the Capital Classic. The Ladies fell to Rio Grande, 75-69, and to Capital, 85-56. Moreno hit four three-pointers and scored 18 points against Rio Grande in the opening round and then netted 14 points, including two more treys, in the loss to Capital in the consolation game ... **OBERLIN** split a pair of games at the Vassar Tip-Off Tournament. The Yeomen lost a 79-78 heartbreaker to Mitchell in the opening round and then rebounded for a 56-53 win over Southern Vermont. Freshman **Monica Zell (Santa Monica, CA/Santa Monica)** paced Oberlin with 27 points, including a game-high 16 against Southern Vermont. She also chipped in 11 rebounds and had six assists. Junior transfer **Roneisha Kinney (Cleveland Hts., OH/Regina)** tallied 32 points and 17 rebounds in the two games ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** opened the Washington & Jefferson Holiday Inn Tournament with a 63-51 loss to the hosts. The Battling Bishops followed the loss with a 69-59 win over Pitt-Bradford. Sophomore post **Laurel Lawson (Navarre, OH/Fairless)** scored a career-high 16 points against W&J and then gave the Bishops a 53-42 lead over Pitt-Bradford with 9:39 remaining on the clock. She grabbed a team-high eight rebounds in the contest and represented OWU on the all-tournament team ... **WITTENBERG** finished 1-1 at the Midway Classic at the University of Chicago, winning the opener over Buena Vista, 88-71, and then losing to the host Maroons, 80-58. Junior post **Katie Gregorevich (Northfield, OH/Walsh Jesuit)** came off the bench to lead the Tigers in scoring each of the two nights with a combined 35 points ... **WOOSTER** senior post **Carly Loehrke (Kalamazoo, MI/Mattawan)** put together a 34-point, 16-rebound performance in the title game of the Scots' own 11th annual Nan Nichols Classic, landing her tournament MVP honors. The Fighting Scots defeated Thiel, 78-65. They opened the tourney with an 85-52 win over Lake Erie. Overall, Loehrke totaled 47 points on the weekend, which makes her just the sixth in team history to go over the 1,000-point plateau for her career (1,016), as well as 22 rebounds, five assists, and six steals. The 34 points Loehrke scored in the championship game marked a career-high and the second-most for a single-game in school history. She was joined on the all-tournament team by **Winnie Adrien (Selden, NY/Blair Academy, NJ)**, the 2006 NCAC women's soccer Newcomer of the Year, and tournament Defensive MVP **Kym Wenz (Avon Lake, OH/Avon Lake)**.

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#### **LOEHRKE, YELVINGTON NAMED NCAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

**CLEVELAND** -- Wooster's **Carly Loehrke (Kalamazoo, MI/Mattawan)** and Kenyon's **Brian Yelvington (Arlington Hts., IL/John Heresy)** have been named women's and men's basketball "Players of the Week" in the North Coast Athletic Conference.

**Loehrke**, a 6-0, senior forward, was named the Nan Nichols Classic MVP after she totaled 47 points, 22 rebounds, five assists, and six steals in a pair of wins over Lake Erie (85-52) and Thiel (78-65). She is the sixth player in team history to go over the 1,000-point plateau for her career (1,016). She put together a career-high 34-point, 16-rebound performance in the title game. The 34 points were the second-most for a single game in school history.

**Yelvington**, a 6-6, sophomore forward, was named to the all-tournament team at the Food for the Hungry Holiday Invitational at Mount Vernon Nazarene. He scored a combined 32 points and grabbed 11 rebounds in the two games. He was 13-of-14 (.929) at the free throw line and also contributed four assists and three steals. The Lords' 2-0 start is their first since the 1995-96 season.



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**ALLEGHENY** opened their 2006-07 campaign with a pair of wins at its own West Penn Classic, beating Grove City, 78-75 in overtime, and Washington & Jefferson, 81-75. The Gators did not lead against Grove City until **Doug Price (E. Grand Rapids, MI/E. Grand Rapids)** hit a jumper with 2:11 remaining in the game. They then scored the first six points in overtime, cruising to the win. Junior **Larry Sharp (North Wales, PA/Germantown Academy)** scored a career-high 17 points off the bench, hitting four of eight three-point attempts. Allegheny led wire-to-wire against Washington & Jefferson. Senior **Casey McCloskey (Erie, PA/Cathedral Prep)** scored a team- and season-high 26 points, hitting five of six three-pointers and seven of eight from the free throw line. He finished the tournament scoring 16.5 points per game and was named to the all-tournament team. He hit 62.5 percent of his shots (10-of-16), including 6-of-9 from three-point range. He also pulled down four rebounds and snagged five steals ... **DENISON** went 1-1 at the Washington & Lee Tip-Off Tournament. The Big Red opened with an 82-71 loss to the host Generals, but rebounded for a 77-62 win over Oneonta State. Senior **Dan Hodgkinson (Lake Forest, IL/Lake Forest)** moved into fifth place on the Denison all-time scoring list (1,451) after averaging 21.0 points over the two games. Sophomore **Shea McMahon (Circleville, OH/Circleville)** came off the bench to score 13 points in the opener. He cracked the starting lineup for game two and responded with 21 points ... **EARLHAM** dropped a pair of games at the season-opening Midway Classic at the University of Chicago. The Quakers fell to DePauw, 85-80, and to Coast Guard, 70-57. Senior **Markous Jewitt (Richmond, IN/Richmond)** was named to the all-tournament team after scoring 53 points in the two games. He added 18 rebounds, five assists and four blocks to his totals. He moved up three positions on the all-time scoring list to 18th (1,119). **LaRon Henry (Indianapolis, IN/Secena)** moved into 22nd on the list (1,096) after scoring 21 points ... **HIRAM** was idle last week. The Terriers open at Case on Wednesday ... **KENYON** opened the season with a 2-0 record for the first time since 1995-96. The Lords defeated La Roche, 67-48 in the first round of the Food for the Hungry Holiday Invitational, and then polished off Myers, 83-76, in the second round of play. Both **Bryan Yelvington (Arlington Heights, IL/John Heresy)** and **Josh Klinger (Bellbrook, OH/Bellbrook)** were named to the All-Tournament team. Yelvington scored a combined 32 points and grabbed 11 rebound in the two games. He was 13-of-14 at the free throw line. Klinger scored 18 points in the tournament and freshman **Dave Knapped (Westerville, OH/St. Francis Desalts)** added two-game totals of 29 points and 11 rebounds ... Senior **Quinton Spencer (Chicago, IL/Brother Rice)** scored 35 points in two games to lead **OBERLIN** at the SUNY-Brockport Classic. He also grabbed 23 rebounds, blocked two shots and dished out three assists as the Yeomen dropped a pair of games. Oberlin fell, 78-66, to Brockport in the opener. The Yeomen had tied the game at 61-61 with six minutes left, but the Golden Eagles went on an 11-3 run to put the game out of reach. Oberlin then dropped an 80-60 decision to Lawrence. Sophomore **Mike Loll (Davison, MI/Davison)** combined to score 34 points in the two games, adding 15 rebounds and four blocks ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** opened its season with a pair of wins over D'Youville, 96-31, and Penn State-Behrend, 84-64, in the Penn St.-Behrend Tournament. Senior post **Ben Chojnacki (Medina, OH/Medina)** scored 33 points and grabbed 13 rebounds on his way to being named the tournament Most Valuable Player. Against D'Youville, Ohio Wesleyan had six players reach double digits in scoring for the first time since Nov. 22, 2003. Senior wing **Matt Shirer (Medina, OH/Medina)** led the balanced Bishop offense with 15 points. Junior wing **Brian Cafarella (Westerville, OH/North)** finished with a career-high 12 points and senior wing **Ted Uritus (Columbus, OH/Bishop Watterson)**, Chojnacki, junior post **Dustin Rudegeair (Yellow Springs, OH/Yellow Springs)** and junior post **Jesse Jean (Alexandria, VA/Hyde School, CT)** scored 10 points apiece. Chojnacki was joined on the all-tournament team by Shirer and Rudegeair ... **WABASH** hosted its own Little Giant Tipoff Tournament to open the season. The Little Giants fell to Rose-Hulman, 57-50, in game one, then defeated IU-South Bend, 56-44, in game two. Junior forward **Gary Simkus (Highland, IN/Highland)** made the successful transition from soccer - where he was a Second Team All-NCAC selection for the second straight year - to earn All-Tournament Team honors after leading the Little Giants in scoring with 31 points in two games. He was 7-of-11 from the field in the opening loss to Rose-Hulman, scoring 15 points. He followed with a 16-point effort in the win over IU-South Bend in the consolation game. Simkus is making the most of his time on the court. He'll leave the Little Giants in January to study abroad in Spain before returning for his senior seasons in both soccer and basketball. Junior forward **Andrew Zimmer (Hobart, IN/Hobart)** set a new tournament single-game record after grabbing a career-best 16 rebounds in the win over the Titans to also earn a place on the All-Tournament Team ... A pair of players getting their first extended playing time were key to **WITTENBERG'S** 2-0 start at the Equinox Classic. Senior post **Sam Gregory (Gainesville, FL/Oak Hall)** scored a career-high 10 points off the bench in the 57-46 win over Swarthmore and sophomore wing **Kevin Murray (Carmel, IN/Carmel)** scored a career-high 17 points in the 68-53 win over Haverford ... **WOOSTER** senior post **Tim Vandervaart (North Canton, OH/Hoover)** was named tournament MVP of Wooster's 13th annual Al Van Wie/Rotary Classic. He combined for 37 points and 13 rebounds in the two contests, including a game-high 22 points in the 85-60 championship victory over Mt. Union. Also of note, Vandervaart led the Scots in rebounding each day and shot nearly 70 percent from the field (.696; 17-of-23). Wooster opened the tourney with a 128-71 win over Cabrini, setting a school record for three-pointers made with 25.



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### [NCAC Fall/Winter Sports Update](#)

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#### **CROSS COUNTRY REPORT-- ALLEGHENY MEN FINISH THIRD AT NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The Allegheny men finished third and the Gator women finished in a tie for 25th at the NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships, hosted by Wilmington at Voice of America Park on Nov. 18. The Allegheny men, who turned in the best team finish by a cross country team in Gator history, were led by junior **Ryan Place (Meshoppen, PA/Elk Lake)**, who covered the muddy five-mile course in a time of 26:57. His sixth-place finish made him the top North Coast runner in the in both the men's and women's races. It was also the highest finish by an Allegheny runner since **Alyse Holden** took sixth in 1991; he is the first male Gator runner to place in the top 10 in program history. Senior **Marco Dozzi (Pittsburgh, PA/Chartiers)** also earned All-America honors for his 23rd place finish (27:27). The 2006 championship marks the first time the Gators can boast of two All-America honorees in one season. Denison junior **Joel Bendtsen (Chillicothe, OH/Chillicothe)** logged a time of 28:42 to finish 119th out of 279 runners. He is the first Big Red male cross country runner to qualify for nationals since 2000.

Wooster senior **Katie Wieferich (Marietta, OH/Marietta)** led all female NCAC runners with a time of 23:24, which placed her 14th overall of 279 runners. She earned her third career All-America recognition, but her first in cross country after a pair of top-five national showings in track last spring. Allegheny senior **Michelle Corkum (McMurray, PA/Peters Township)** covered the course in 25:01, placing 110th. She was followed across the finish line by classmate **Scarlett Graham (Farmington, PA/Uniontown)**, who took 124th place with a time of 25:10. Kenyon sophomore **Jessica Francois (Yorktown Hts., NY/Yorktown)** finished 127th (25:17). She was the first Kenyon female athlete to compete in the national cross country championship since **Christina McNamara** did so at the conclusion of the 2004 season. Ohio Wesleyan sophomore **Catie Coleman (Medina, OH/Lodi Cloverleaf)** finished 209th (26:07). She was the first OWU qualifier to the national meet since 1993, when **Cindy Geiss** made the second of her two consecutive appearances on the national stage.

#### **FOOTBALL REPORT-- WITTENBERG ENDS SEASON IN NCAA FIRST ROUND**

Wittenberg (7-4) completed its 2006 campaign with a 32-14 loss to Capital in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The Tigers jumped out to an early 7-0 lead but couldn't hold on to their momentum. Wittenberg was led by freshman quarterback **Aaron Huffman (Newark, OH/Newark)**, who finished 15-of-29 passing for 125 yards, and senior tailback **Tristan Murray (New Carlisle, Ohio/Tecumseh)**, who saw his string of 100-yard rushing games end at a school-record nine. He had 91 yards on 18 carries, with one touchdown and another 44 yards on four receptions. Senior linebacker **Tyler Harmon (Indianapolis, IN/Perry Meridian)** was the team's tackles leader for the eighth time in 2006 with a career-high 21 stops, including 16 solos. Fourth-ranked Capital advanced to face North Central College on Nov. 25.

#### **MEN'S SOCCER REPORT-- OHIO WESLEYAN ADVANCES TO NCAA SEMIFINALS**

North Coast Athletic Conference champion Ohio Wesleyan (15-0-6) has advanced to the national semifinals of the NCAA Tournament on Friday and Saturday at the Disney Wide World of Sports Complex in Lake Buena Vista, FL. The Battling Bishops will face Wheaton (IL) (15-7-4) in one semifinal game on Friday, with the other game matching Messiah (PA) (19-1-2) against New York University (15-3-4). Friday's winners will play in the national championship game on Saturday. Game times will be announced by the NCAA later this week.

Ohio Wesleyan advanced to the national semifinals with a 2-0 win over Dominican (Ill.) in a sectional final on Sunday. The Bishops had advanced to the sectional final on penalty kicks after a 0-0 tie with host Case Reserve in the sectional semifinal. Ohio Wesleyan defeated Ohio Northern, 1-0, in the second round on Nov. 11 and opened the NCAA tournament by advancing on penalty kicks after a 1-1 tie with Hope on Nov. 10. The Bishops are making their 27th NCAA Division III playoff appearance in 29 years and their NCAA-record 29th overall. They have won an NCAA-record 49 Division III playoff games. Ohio Wesleyan won the 1998 national championship and finished as runner-up in 1990 and 1992, and also reached the national semifinals in 1975, 1981, 1991 and 2001. The NCAC has had at least one team in the NCAA Tournament field since the conference began in 1984, highlighted by a four-team contingent (Kenyon, Ohio Wesleyan, Wittenberg and Wooster) in 1992.

#### **WOMEN'S SOCCER REPORT-- DENISON SUFFERS LOSS IN NCAA SECTIONALS**

Denison suffered a 1-0, double overtime loss to unbeaten Calvin in the NCAA Sectionals on Friday in Rochester, N.Y. It was the second consecutive season that the Big Red had advanced to the round of 16. Denison has made 10 NCAA Tournament appearances overall and has appeared in the post-season in eight of the last 10 seasons. The NCAC has had at least one team in the NCAA Tournament field in 13 of the past 16 seasons. The last time the NCAC was represented by a three-team contingent (Denison, Ohio Wesleyan and Wooster), was in 1992.

**SWIMMING & DIVING REPORT-- SWIM SQUADS TAKE THANKSGIVING BREAK**

North Coast Athletic Conference swimming & diving squads take Thanksgiving weekend off, and every team but one return to the pool the first weekend in December. Beginning Thursday, November 30, Allegheny competes at Eastern Michigan through Saturday, December 2. Denison joins the field at the Miami University Invitational the same dates, while Kenyon hosts the Nike Cup. Wooster hosts the Wooster Invitational from Nov. 30-Dec. 2; Oberlin will be among the participants. Hiram swims at the Grove City Invitational, while Wabash and Wittenberg are at the DePauw Invitational on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1-2. The Little Giants will also send athletes to the Miami Invitational, and will host the Wabash Diving Invitational that weekend. Ohio Wesleyan is idle until Dec. 9.

**MEN'S NOTES:** ALLEGHENY defeated SUNY-Fredonia by a 205-99 score as junior **Ryan Lawrence (Union City, PA/Union City)** won three individual events, and was part of the first-place 200 medley relay. He took first in the 100 (49.88) and 200 (1:48.64) yard freestyles, and touched first in the 400 yard individual medley in 4:35.46. Double winners for the Gators were senior **Nick Johnson (Hastings-on-the-Hudson, NY/Hastings)**, freshman **Josh Seseke (Pittsburgh, PA/Brentwood)** and sophomore **Jayson Loeffert (Gibsonia, PA/Pine-Richland)**. Johnson won the 100 (55.65) and 200 (2:07.21) backstrokes, Seseke swept the 100 (1:02.65) and 200 (2:18.05) breaststrokes, and Loeffert took the one-meter (250.87 points) and three-meter (272.92) diving ... DENISON entertained Calvin, Westminster and Wooster at C.T. Branin Natatorium in Canton. The Big Red topped Calvin, 161-82, Westminster, 145-90 and Wooster, 164-79. **Lowell Byers (Chappaqua, NY/Horace Greeley)** and **Jon Behnke (Orinda, CA/Miramonte)** were both part of winning 200 medley and 200 freestyle relay teams. **Bryce Peterson (Niwot, CO/Niwot)** was also part of the victorious 200 medley relay and claimed first place in the 500 freestyle with a time of 4:45.22 ... HIRAM and OBERLIN met in the pool and the Terriers came away with a 106-86 win in the men's meet. Six different swimmers won individual events for Hiram. Junior **Bryan Christiansen (Rochester, NY/Penfield)** won the 100 yard freestyle (52.19) and 200 yard backstroke (2:29.14) and was part of the winning 400 yard medley relay. Freshman **Adam Warner (Norwalk, OH/Norwalk)** was also part of the winning relay and took first in the 400 individual medley (4:44.31). Freshman diver **Glen Switzer (Dade City, FL/Zephyrhills)** won the three-meter diving with 292.42, which was enough to qualify for the NCAA Division III Championships in the event ... KENYON placed fourth in the TYR Cup at Northwestern with a split squad. The other part of the Lord team hosted three teams, and they defeated Case, 148-139, and Washington & Jefferson, 174-109, but lost to Grove City, 189-103, in dual meets. At Northwestern, sophomore **Eric Dunn (Wilmington, DE/Tattnall School)** won the 1650 freestyle and met the NCAA automatic qualifying standard with a time of 15:29.58, and met a "B" cut in the 400 individual medley with a third-place time of 4:05.11. At the four-way dual meet, junior **Carroll Bullock (Millbrook, NY/Cardinal Gibbons)** won the 100 (52.56) and 200 (1:56.35) yard butterflies, and was second in the 400 IM (4:18.83) ... OBERLIN dropped a dual meet to Hiram, 106-86. Freshman **Daniel Holm (Monroeville, PA/Gateway Senior)** won two events to lead the Yeomen. He touched first in the 1000 freestyle with a personal best and team-season-best time of 11:21.46, and won the 200 breaststroke in 2:28.44 ... OHIO WESLEYAN placed fourth of four teams at the Washington Invitational. Freshman **David Gatz (Delaware, OH/Hayes)** led the Bishops with a first-place finish in the 100 breaststroke (59.56) and second place in the 200 breaststroke ... WABASH won their Little Giant Invitational over a field of eight teams. Freshman **Adam Petro (Indianapolis, IN/Decatur Central)** scored 68 of Wabash's 516.50 points. He won the 200 butterfly (1:57.76), was second in the 200 back (2:01.55), third in the 100 fly (52.17) and fourth in the 100 back (55.33). He was also part of the third-place 200 medley relay ... WITTENBERG won dual meets over Ohio Northern (158-83) and Wilmington (107-66). Freshman **Neil Anderson (Lakewood, OH/Lakewood)** won the 1000 freestyle, 500 freestyle and 100 butterfly against the Polar Bears. Against the Quakers, the Tigers took first in 20 of 22 events ... WOOSTER freshman **Logan LaBerge (Towson, MD/Towson)** was the top finisher for the Scots at a quad meet with Calvin, Denison and Westminster. LaBerge placed fourth in the 100 backstroke (56.89).

**WOMEN'S NOTES:** ALLEGHENY knocked off SUNY-Fredonia by a 184-129 score as four different swimmers won two individual events each. Junior **Carolyn Nairn (Lubbock, TX/Brownell-Talbot)**, who has won every event she has swum in duals this season, added to that total by winning the 200 free (1:56.36) and 200 back (2:16.95), and was part of the victorious 200 medley and 200 free relays. Sophomore **Arielle Conti (Rochester, NY/Brighton)** won the 500 free (5:29.16) and 1000 free (11:08.56). Sophomore **Erin Ham (Franklin, PA/Franklin Area)** touched first in the 100 breast (1:10.10) and 200 breast (2:33.93), while sophomore **Hannah Stewart (Pittsburgh, PA/Oakland Catholic)** won the 200 fly (2:16.91) and 400 IM (4:55.83) ... DENISON swept three dual meets at Branin Natatorium, downing Calvin, 148-89, Westminster, 135-70, and Wooster, 138-93. **Meg Cassell (Albany, OR/South Albany)** and **Kristen Hohl (Winfield, IL/Wheaton North)** were part of the winning 200 medley and 200 free relays. **Mary Dain (Mt. Laurel, NJ/Holy Cross)** won the 100 butterfly in 59.52, and was part of the second-place 200 medley relay team ... HIRAM defeated Oberlin in thrilling fashion, 116-115, as a strong finish in the final race – the 400 freestyle relay – proved to be the difference. While the Terriers did not win the 400 FR, they did finish second and third which gave Hiram enough points to put them over the top. Junior **Shelly Leshe (Palm City, FL/Martin County)** won the 200 free (2:00.01) and 200 fly (2:12.29). Sophomore **Jen Fowler (Canton, OH/McKinley)** won the one-meter (171.77 points) diving and three-meter diving (189.14) ... KENYON split their squad, part placed fourth at Northwestern's TYR Cup, the other part swept a four-way dual meet. The Ladies, defeated Case, 208-69, Grove City, 219-61, and Washington & Jefferson, 179-113. In the dual meets, **Carolyn Barer (Edina, MN/St. Patrick's)** won the 100 back (1:00.12) and 200 back (2:09.98), and was part of the winning 200 medley relay. At the TYR Cup, freshman **Tina Ertl (Halle, Germany/Sportgymnasium Halle)** met two NCAA automatic qualifying times. She touched the wall in 2:04.28 in the 200 IM, and 57.40 to place second in the 100 fly ... OBERLIN lost a heartbreaker to Hiram, 116-155. Sophomore **Bryne Ulmschneider (Midland, TX/Midland)** won the 100 free (11:21.76) and 500 free (5:30.93), and was part of the victorious 400 free relay ... Junior **Katherine Donnan (Columbus, OH/Bishop Hartley)** won both diving events to pace OHIO WESLEYAN in its fourth place finish at the four-team Washington Invitational ... WITTENBERG defeated Ohio Northern, 149-92, as freshman **Emily Roesch (Oakland, MI/Lake Orion)** won the 1000 free and 500 free. Classmate **Janna House (St. Thomas, Ontario/Central Elgin Collegiate Institute)** took the 200 free and 100 fly, and another first-year swimmer, **Adeline Brym (Mansfield, OH/Lexington)** took the 200 IM and 100 free. Diver **Lauren Stets (Westerville, OH/North)** won both diving events. The Tigers also defeated Wilmington in a dual meet, 112-79. Roesch again was a

double winner with victories in the 1000 free and 200 IM ... **WOOSTER** dropped a quad meet to Calvin, Denison and Westminster. The top individual for the Scots was sophomore **Meggie Edwards (Lynchburg, VA/E.C. Glass)**, who placed second in the 100 back (1:01.95).

**VOLLEYBALL REPORT-- WITTENBERG CLOSES OUT SEASON IN NCAA SEMIFINALS**

For the second straight year, North Coast Athletic Conference champion Wittenberg (35-8) fell to eventual champion Juniata (40-1) in the semifinal round of the NCAA Division III Tournament. Wittenberg led about two-thirds of the first game before Juniata pulled away late. The Eagles trailed by as many as three before taking a 17-16 lead with a three-point run. The lead then see-sawed back and forth the rest of the game, but the Eagles answered every Tiger rally attempt in claiming a 30-28 victory. Juniata went on to win games two and three, 30-24 and 30-22, respectively. Junior outside hitter **Jan Kehres (Alliance, Ohio/Alliance)** led the way against Juniata with 15 digs and junior middle hitter **Caitlin Augustus (Springfield, Ohio/Shawnee)** added four blocks to spearhead the defensive effort. Offensively, Wittenberg's best performances were turned in by junior outside hitter **Emily Bell (Fort Wayne, Ind./Concordia Lutheran)** with 12 kills and a .321 attack percentage and Augustus, who added eight kills and a .333 attack percentage. Between the two players, a total of 49 attack attempts were credited, with just four errors between them. Bell added eight digs and a match-high four service aces. She capped her season with yet another honor – NCAA Division III All-Tournament team. She became just the second player in Wittenberg or NCAC history to earn the honor after the Tigers' **Emily Dixon** was so recognized in 2005. Bell, who stands 10th in school history in career kills and fifth in career digs, earned first-team All-NCAC, first-team All-Great Lakes Region and honorable mention All-America honors for the second straight year.

The Tigers tied a school record with 35 wins in a season and matched the best national finish ever by losing in the semifinals. The loss came a night after the Tigers defeated Trinity, 3-0 (30-28, 20-18, 20-19), in the quarterfinals. The Tigers are now 17-12 in their national tournament appearances. Wittenberg is just the third Ohio-based NCAA Division III institution to reach the national semifinal round, joining Ohio Northern in 1989 and Muskingum in 1999. The NCAC has had at least one team in the NCAA Tournament field in 17 of the past 22 seasons.

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