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NCAC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK (SEPT. 23)

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Denison junior **Grant Russo (Medina, OH/Medina)** placed fourth of 205 runners at the Otterbein Invitational. He finished the eight kilometer course in 25:54 as Denison placed fifth of 16 teams.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Ohio Wesleyan junior **Leah Schmelzer (Marion, OH/Mt. Pleasant)** placed eighth of 181 runners at the Otterbein Invitational. She finished the six kilometer race in 23:07 as the Bishops placed second of 16 teams.

FIELD HOCKEY

Freshman forward **Eileen Barrer (Ann Arbor, MI/Pioneer)** scored twice and assisted on two other goals to lead Wooster to a pair of victories last week. Wooster edged Oberlin, 3-2, as Barrer scored the game-winner in the second half. In a 4-2 decision over Earlham, she assisted on two goals and scored a third herself.

FOOTBALL (OFFENSIVE)

Denison junior **Mike Barnes (Mayfield Hts., OH/Mayfield)** made his first career start at quarterback after two years as a starter in the secondary. Barnes had an impressive showing with 55 yards passing, 121 yards rushing and a touchdown as the Big Red defeated Gallaudet, 42-0. His 80-yard scamper for a score in the third quarter was the longest play from scrimmage by a DU player since 2005.

FOOTBALL (DEFENSIVE)

Allegheny junior linebacker **Craig Lawrence (Fairview, PA/Fairview)** had seven tackles, 2.0 sacks for losses of 14 yards, forced one fumble and recovered two more to lead the Gator defense in a 24-21 victory over Carnegie Mellon

MEN'S SOCCER

Ohio Wesleyan senior midfielder **Nick Skoczen (Chagrin Falls, OH/Kenston)** scored twice and added two assists as the Battling Bishops rolled to a 3-0 week. He helped OWU kick off its NCAC title defense when he put away the game-winner in a 2-1 win over Wabash with less than seven minutes left in regulation. He then collected a goal and two assists in a 5-0 defeat of Otterbein.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Freshman forward **Karman Duchon (Decatur, GA/Decatur)** scored twice and added three assists during the week. She led Earlham to two wins to improve to 6-1-1. The Quakers defeated Adrian, 4-0, and St. Mary-of-the-Woods, 5-1.

VOLLEYBALL

Hiram senior **Megan Taylor (Cortland, OH/Lakeview)** smashed 38 kills, 65 assists and 18 digs in 10 games as the Terriers improved to 14-1 overall with wins over Denison, 3-1, Ohio Wesleyan, 3-0, and Mount St. Joseph, 3-0, last week.

2007 North Coast Athletic Conference Fall Sport Standings
Through games of Sep 22, 2007 (All games)

Field Hockey	CONFERENCE						OVERALL					
	W	L	T	Pct	GF	GA	W	L	T	Pct	GF	GA
1. Kenyon.....	4	0	0	1.000	10	2	5	2	0	.714	12	5
2. Ohio Wesleyan.....	2	1	0	.667	6	4	5	2	0	.714	14	9
Denison.....	2	1	0	.667	6	5	3	5	0	.375	15	17
4. Oberlin.....	2	2	0	.500	11	8	3	4	0	.429	16	21
Wittenberg.....	1	1	0	.500	6	3	4	2	0	.667	12	6
6. Wooster.....	2	3	0	.400	8	10	3	4	0	.429	10	13
7. Earlham.....	0	5	0	.000	5	20	1	5	0	.167	8	21

Football	Conference						Overall					
	W	L	T	For	Opp	Pct	W	L	T	For	Opp	Pct
Wabash.....	1	0	0	15	0	1.000	3	0	0	78	39	1.000
Allegheny.....	0	0	0	0	0	.000	2	1	0	50	41	.667
Wittenberg.....	0	0	0	0	0	.000	2	1	0	47	44	.667
Denison.....	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	2	0	64	87	.333
Earlham.....	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	2	0	56	74	.333
Kenyon.....	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	2	0	114	105	.333
Hiram.....	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	3	0	28	98	.000
Oberlin.....	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	3	0	67	130	.000
Wooster.....	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	3	0	52	99	.000
Ohio Wesleyan.....	0	1	0	0	15	.000	0	3	0	35	69	.000

Men's Soccer	CONFERENCE						OVERALL						
	W	L	T	Pts.	Pct	GF	GA	W	L	T	Pct	GF	GA
Ohio Wesleyan.....	1	0	0	3	1.000	2	1	8	2	0	.800	22	6
Wooster.....	1	0	0	3	1.000	1	0	5	2	0	.714	12	9
Wittenberg.....	1	0	0	3	1.000	2	1	6	2	1	.722	21	8
Allegheny.....	1	0	0	3	1.000	1	0	6	3	0	.667	11	7
Kenyon.....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	6	1	0	.857	33	6
Oberlin.....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	5	2	2	.667	17	8
Earlham.....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	5	0	.286	13	16
Hiram.....	0	1	0	0	.000	1	2	6	1	1	.812	15	5
Denison.....	0	1	0	0	.000	0	1	4	2	1	.643	9	4
Wabash.....	0	2	0	0	.000	1	3	2	7	0	.222	8	19

Women's Soccer	CONFERENCE						OVERALL					
	W	L	T	Pct	GF	GA	W	L	T	Pct	GF	GA
Wooster.....	0	0	0	.000	0	0	7	1	0	.875	24	6
Earlham.....	0	0	0	.000	0	0	6	1	1	.812	25	9
Denison.....	0	0	0	.000	0	0	7	2	0	.778	23	6
Wittenberg.....	0	0	0	.000	0	0	7	2	0	.778	12	4
Hiram.....	0	0	0	.000	0	0	5	3	0	.625	22	16
Kenyon.....	0	0	0	.000	0	0	4	3	1	.562	9	10
Ohio Wesleyan.....	0	0	0	.000	0	0	3	3	1	.500	12	16
Allegheny.....	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	4	1	.357	5	11
Oberlin.....	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	4	1	.357	4	6

Volleyball	Conference			Overall		
	W-L	Pct		W-L	Pct	
Wittenberg.....	5-0	1.000		18-0	1.000	
Hiram.....	3-0	1.000		14-1	.933	
Allegheny.....	2-1	.667		9-5	.643	
Wooster.....	2-2	.500		6-11	.353	
Oberlin.....	1-2	.333		3-8	.273	
Earlham.....	0-1	.000		6-7	.462	
Ohio Wesleyan.....	0-2	.000		6-9	.400	
Denison.....	0-2	.000		6-6	.500	
Kenyon.....	0-3	.000		0-3	.000	



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NCAC Football Report

FULL SLATE OF NORTH COAST GAMES ON TAP; ALL TEN TEAMS TO SEE CONFERENCE PLAY

**For Immediate Release
September 23, 2007**

CLEVELAND -- North Coast Athletic Conference play is in full swing this week with a full slate of games scheduled. Play opened last week with 20th-ranked Wabash (1-0, 3-0) knocking off Ohio Wesleyan (0-1, 0-3) by a 15-0 score. This week, the defending co-champion Little Giants welcome in-state rival Earlham (0-0, 1-2) to Crawfordsville. The Quakers are coming off a bye week. Wabash and Earlham have met 38 times and the Little Giants have a 31-5-2 advantage, including a 5-0 mark since Wabash joined the North Coast for the 2000 campaign.

Defending co-champion Wittenberg (0-0, 2-1) entertains Wooster (0-0, 0-3). The Tigers look to extend a two-game win streak after defeating Alma, 30-15, last week. The Fighting Scots have stumbled to an 0-3 start after losing to Case, 30-17. The Tigers have dominated the series between the schools, as they hold a 29-11-1 edge all-time and a 16-2 advantage since Wittenberg joined the league in 1989.

Allegheny (0-0, 2-1), which is coming off of a thrilling, 24-21, defeat of Carnegie Mellon, returns home to Frank B. Fuhrer Field to host Denison (0-0, 1-2). The Big Red were victorious last week as well, 42-0 over Gallaudet. The Gators and the Big Red have met 21 times and Allegheny holds an 18-3 advantage. Kenyon (0-0, 1-2) returns to action after a week off to host the Battling Bishops in Gambier. The Bishops hold a 27-9-2 advantage in the all-time series, 17-4 since both teams joined the NCAC in 1984.

Oberlin (0-0, 0-3) and Hiram (0-0, 0-3) meet this week at the Yeomen's Savage Stadium as both squads take aim for their first victory of 2007. Oberlin dropped a 56-26 decision to nationally ranked Washington & Jefferson last week, while the Terriers lost to Manchester, 54-14. In the all-time series, Oberlin and Hiram have met 48 times and the Terriers have won 26 times, but since Hiram joined the NCAC in 2000, the Yeomen have dominated by winning five of the seven games between the teams.

Poll: In last weeks AFCA Division III Coaches Poll (Sept. 18), Wabash stood 20th.

Notes: The key to **ALLEGHENY'S** 24-21 defeat of Carnegie Mellon last week was five second-half turnovers by the home team. After halftime, when the teams were deadlocked at 14, the host Tartans fumbled three times in four possessions while the Gators jumped to a 24-14 lead. Quarterback **T.J. Salopek (North Huntingdon, PA/Norwin)** passed for a career-high 196 yards on 17 of 30 attempts. Fullback **Matt Cellini (Trumbull, CT/St. Joseph)** rushed for career highs with 12 carries for 54 yards. Wideout **Jim Leib (Carrolltown, PA/Northern Cambria)** had seven catches for 100 yards to lead all receivers. On defense, safety **Andy Toner (Bethel Park, PA/Bethel Cardinal)** made a career-high 20 stops, while **Craig Lawrence (Fairview, PA/Fairview)** had seven tackles, 2.0 sacks for losses of 14 yards, forced one fumble and recovered two more ... **DENISON** posted its first shutout since 2004 when it defeated Galludet, 42-0, at Deeds Field-Piper Stadium. Junior **Mike Barnes (Mayfield Hts., OH/Mayfield)** made his first career start at quarterback after two years as a starter in the secondary. Barnes had an impressive showing with 55 yards passing, 121 yards rushing and a touchdown. His 80-yard scamper for a score in the third quarter was the longest play from scrimmage by a DU player since 2005. Freshman running back **Dan Crawford (Upper Arlington, OH/Upper Arlington)** contributed to the Big Red's 470-yard team rushing day with 139 yards on 14 carries and three touchdowns. Defensive end **Josh Hampierian (Lexington, KY/Lafayette)** had six tackles and a career-best three sacks, the first time a Denison player had three sacks in a game since October 2003. The Big Red defense held Galludet to one first down and four total yards in the first half ... **HIRAM** dropped to 0-3 on the year with a 54-14 loss to Manchester. Junior quarterback **Trevor Henderson (Rural Valley, PA/West Shamokin)** completed 18 of 34 passes for 156 yards and one touchdown and no interceptions, and ran for another 14. Sophomore defensive back **Derrick Haynes (Willowick, OH/Eastlake North)** and senior linebacker **Tom Canitia (Chagrin Falls, OH/St. Peter Chanel)** led the defense with six tackles apiece ... **OBERLIN** had its hands full with nationally ranked Washington & Jefferson. The Presidents defeated the Yeomen, 56-26. Senior wide receiver **Chris Schubert (Oberlin, OH/Oberlin)** caught seven passes for 108 yards and contributed another 220 yards on returns. Junior running back **R.V. Carroll (Perry, OH/Perry)** had his best game of the young season with 15 rushes for 69 yards and a touchdown, and seven catches for another 38 ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** held Wabash scoreless until the second half and had a 219-59 yardage advantage at halftime. The Bishops had picked off two passes and held onto the ball nearly 22 minutes in the first half. But once the Little Giants broke through with a safety in the third quarter, the Bishops lost their advantage. Senior split end **Zach Dennis (Jefferson, OH/Jefferson)** led the offense with nine passes for 104 yards. Junior linebacker **Tommy Saunders (Gallipolis, OH/Gallia Academy)** had a team-best 11 stops ... **WABASH** claimed its first shutout since 2005 with its 15-0 decision at Ohio Wesleyan. Senior linebacker **Adrian Pynenberg (Montgomery, IL/Oswego Community)** recorded a career-best 21 tackles, which was the second-best total in school history, to lead the defense. Punter **Chad Finley (Alvin, IL/Bismark-Henning)** set up a safety that broke a scoreless tie in the third quarter with a punt that was downed on the two-yard line. Sophomore quarterback **Matt Hudson (Salem, IN/Salem)** came off the bench to throw two

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NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE 2007 FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

* conference games

Allegheny College (0-0; 2-1)

S. 1	WESTMINSTER	L, 6-13
S. 15	at Hiram	W, 20-7
S. 22	at Carnegie Mellon	W, 24-21
S. 29	DENISON*	2:00
O. 6	WABASH*	1:00
O. 13	at Kenyon*	2:00
O. 20	at WOOSTER*	1:00
O. 27	at Ohio Wesleyan*	1:00
N. 3	WITTENBERG*	1:00
N. 10	at Oberlin*	1:00

Denison University (0-0; 0-2)

S. 1	RANDOLPH-MACON	L, 16-42
S. 8	at Case	L, 6-45
S. 22	GALLAUDET	2:00
S. 29	at Allegheny*	2:00
O. 6	OBERLIN*	1:00
O. 13	at Ohio Wesleyan*	2:00
O. 20	HIRAM*	1:00
O. 27	at Kenyon*	1:00
N. 3	at Wabash*	1:00
N. 10	EARLHAM*	1:00

Earlham College (0-0; 1-2)

S. 1	ROSE-HULMAN	L, 16-24
S. 8	MANCHESTER	L, 14-27
S. 15	at Anderson	W, 26-23 (ot)
S. 29	at Wabash*	2:00
O. 6	WITTENBERG*	1:00
O. 13	at Oberlin*	1:00
O. 20	KENYON*	1:00
O. 27	at Hiram*	1:00
N. 3	WOOSTER*	1:00
N. 10	at Denison*	1:00

Hiram College (0-0; 0-3)

S. 8	BETHANY	L, 7-24
S. 15	ALLEGHENY	L, 7-20
S. 22	at Manchester	L, 14-54
S. 29	at Oberlin*	1:00
O. 6	KENYON*	1:00
O. 13	at Wooster*	1:00
O. 20	at Denison*	1:00
O. 27	EARLHAM*	1:00
N. 3	OHIO WESLEYAN*	1:00
N. 10	at Wittenberg*	1:00

Kenyon College (0-0; 1-2)

S. 1	GRINNELL	W, 70-35
S. 8	C-M-S	L, 18-21
S. 15	CASE	L, 26-49
S. 29	OHIO WESLEYAN*	1:00
O. 6	at Hiram*	1:00
O. 13	ALLEGHENY*	2:00
O. 20	at Earlham*	1:00
O. 27	DENISON*	1:00
N. 3	at Oberlin*	1:00
N. 10	at Wooster*	1:00

Oberlin College (0-0; 0-3)

S. 1	CASE	L, 15-37
S. 8	at Heidelberg	L, 26-37
S. 22	at Wash. & Jefferson	L, 26-56
S. 29	HIRAM*	2:00
O. 6	at Denison*	1:00
O. 13	EARLHAM*	1:00
O. 20	at Wabash*	1:00
O. 27	at Wittenberg*	1:00
N. 3	KENYON*	1:00
N. 10	ALLEGHENY*	1:00

Ohio Wesleyan University (0-1; 0-3)

S. 1	FRANKLIN	L, 21-34
S. 8	CATHOLIC	L, 14-20
S. 22	WABASH*	L, 0-15
S. 29	at Kenyon*	1:00
O. 6	at Wooster*	1:00
O. 13	DENISON*	2:00
O. 20	at Wittenberg*	3:30
O. 27	ALLEGHENY*	1:00
N. 3	at Hiram*	1:00
N. 10	at Case	1:00

Wabash College (1-0; 3-0)

S. 8	FRANKLIN	W, 35-33
S. 15	at Millikin	W, 28-6
S. 22	at Ohio Wesleyan*	W, 15-0
S. 29	EARLHAM*	2:00
O. 6	at Allegheny*	2:00
O. 13	WITTENBERG*	1:00
O. 20	OBERLIN*	1:00
O. 27	at Wooster*	1:00
N. 3	DENISON*	1:00
N. 10	at DePauw	1:05

Wittenberg University (0-0; 2-1)

S. 1	CAPITAL	L, 0-13
S. 15	at Olivet	W, 17-16
S. 22	at Alma	W, 30-15
S. 29	WOOSTER*	1:00
O. 6	at Earlham*	1:00
O. 13	at Wabash*	1:00
O. 20	OHIO WESLEYAN*	3:30
O. 27	OBERLIN*	1:00
N. 3	at Allegheny*	1:00
N. 10	HIRAM*	1:00

College of Wooster (0-0; 0-3)

S. 1	at John Carroll	L, 0-24
S. 8	WAYNESBURG	L, 35-45
S. 22	at Case	L, 17-30
S. 29	at Wittenberg*	1:00
O. 6	OHIO WESLEYAN*	1:00
O. 13	HIRAM*	1:00
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touchdowns to seal the victory ... The **WITTENBERG** offense came to life in a 30-15 defeat of Alma. The Tigers piled up season highs of 506 yards of offense, 30 points and 23 first downs. Senior fullback **Andy Vanover (Tipp City, OH/Tippecanoe)** and freshman tailback **Corey Weber (Pataskala, OH/Watkins Memorial)** keyed the victory over Alma. Vanover put together one of the finest games of his career with seven receptions for 144 yards and a touchdown, and added 14 rushes for 48 yards and another score. Weber rushed for a career-best 120 yards and a score on 14 carries ... **WOOSTER** dropped a 30-17 decision to Case last week. Senior defensive back **Jeff Geffert (Mentor, OH/Mentor)** had an outstanding game with a career-best 12 tackles and a fumble return of 33 yards for his first career touchdown. The loss sends the Baird Brothers Trophy, one of the more unique trophies in college sports' rivalry games, a golden fishing stringer that holds carved bass fish, to Case for the first time since 1994.



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NCAC Fall Sports Update

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September 23, 2007

CLEVELAND -- Following is a capsule roundup of the NCAC's fall sports action.

CROSS COUNTRY REPORT -- LIGHT WEEK UPCOMING AS ONLY HALF OF NCAC SQUADS COMPETE

The schedule for the coming week is light as half of the North Coast squads are idle. Earlham hosts the Earlham Invitational; Wittenberg will join the field. Allegheny competes in Lehigh's Paul Short Run. Oberlin travels to Minneapolis, MN, to run in the Roy Griak Invitational, and Wabash joins the field at the Notre Dame Invitational.

Notes: Last week, **DENISON**, **OBERLIN**, **OHIO WESLEYAN** and **WITTENBERG** competed at the Otterbein Invitational. In the women's race, all of the North Coast schools placed in the top 10 in the 16-team field. The Bishops led the way with a second-place showing, followed by Denison in fourth, the Yeowomen in sixth and the Tigers in 10th. Ohio Wesleyan junior **Leah Schmelzer (Marion, OH/Mt. Pleasant)** was the top NCAC finisher in eighth place. She completed the 6,000-meter course in 23:07. Teammate **Sarah Shinn (Edinboro, PA/General McLane)** was right behind her in ninth with a time of 23:10 while the Big Red's **Brooke Boening (Harper's Ferry, WV/Jefferson)** was 10th in 23:22. Senior **Alexandra Petek (San Rafael, CA/San Rafael)** was Oberlin's top individual, finishing 30th with a time of 24:56. Tiger senior **Alissa Goble (Sunfield, MI/Lakewood)** crossed first for Wittenberg, winding up in 44th place in 25:32. On the men's side, Denison led the way with a fifth-place team finish, followed by Ohio Wesleyan in sixth. Wittenberg wound up 10th and Oberlin was 14th in the 16-team invitational. DU junior **Grant Russo (Medina, OH/Medina)** was the top North Coast finisher, when he placed third in the 8,000-meter race with a time of 25:54. Junior **David Stefanik (Wooster, OH/Wooster)** was the Bishops top individual as he finished 14th (26:32) in the field of 205 runners. Junior **Gabe Savage (Lewisburg, OH/Tri-county North)** led the Tigers with his 29th-place finish (27:15), while senior **Andrew Pike (Lansing, MI/Waverly)** was the top individual for the Yeomen in 73rd (29:14) ... **HIRAM**, **KENYON** and **WOOSTER** competed in last week's Wooster Invitational. In the women's competition, the Ladies were second in the 10-team field, followed by the Scots in fourth and the Terriers in 10th. Kenyon freshman **Lauren Brady (Tyngsboro, MA/Phillips Exeter)** was the top North Coast finisher when she completed the 5K course in 20:05 to end up seventh. Freshman **Suzanne Capehart (Oak Hill, VA/Oakton)** was 11th to lead Wooster for the third straight week, with a time of 20:24, while freshman **Meghen Broman (Akron, OH/Ellet)** was the top Hiram competitor when she crossed in 63rd (23:41). On the men's side, Wooster was fourth and Kenyon, fifth of six teams. Wooster sophomore **Terry Workman (Hillsboro, OH/Greenfield McClain)** was the top NCAC runner with a 10th place finish in the 8K run. He completed the course in 27:45.10. Junior **Jim Boston (Brookfield, WI/Marquette)** was Kenyon's top individual in 13th place (27:50), while Hiram, competing as individuals, were led by freshman **Nicholas Michalenko (Moon Twp., PA/ Our Lady of Sacred Heart)** in 71st (32:01) ... At the **ALLEGHENY** Classic, the host Gators finished first of seven in the men's race and first of four in the women's. Sophomore **Jakeb Zimmerman (Leechburg, PA/The Kiski School)** led the men with a second place finish, completing the 8K course in 27:53.8. **Rachel Hutchinson (Mohnton, PA/Governor Mifflin)** paced the women's squad with a third-place showing, with a time of 24:29.02 over 6,000 meters.

FIELD HOCKEY REPORT -- FIRST-PLACE KENYON FEATURED IN TWO OF SIX UPCOMING NCAC GAMES

Six conference contests are scheduled for the coming week. Kenyon (4-0, 5-2) has a firm hold on first place after defeating Denison, 3-1, last week. The Ladies welcome fourth-place (tie) Wittenberg (1-1, 4-2) on Wednesday, then travel to meet second-place (tie) Ohio Wesleyan (2-1, 5-2) Saturday. In addition to hosting Kenyon, the Bishops travel to seventh-place Earlham (0-5, 1-5) on Tuesday. OWU won a non-conference contest last week, 3-0 over Transylvania.

The Big Red (2-1, 3-5) host sixth-place Wooster (2-3, 3-4) on Wednesday, then welcome the Quakers on Saturday. In addition to the trip to Kenyon on Wednesday, Wittenberg travels to Wooster on Saturday. The Tigers picked up two victories last week, including a 5-1 NCAC decision over Earlham.

The rest of the schedule involves non-conference play. Oberlin travels to Washington & Jefferson on Wednesday, and Kenyon follows suit on Sunday. Finally, Wittenberg welcomes Sewanee on Sunday.

Notes: **DENISON** senior **Read Powel (Shaker Hts., OH/Hathaway Brown)** scored the Big Red's only goal a 3-1 loss to Kenyon, DU's first conference loss of the season. The Big Red also lost to DePauw, 2-1, on the weekend. Powel has two goals and a team-best five assists this season ... **EARLHAM** dropped a pair of North Coast games last week, 5-1 to Wittenberg and 4-2 to Wooster. Sophomore **Cassie Gage (West Carrollton, OH/Kettering Fairmont)** scored once against the Tigers and contributed two assists against Wooster. Gage has a team-high six goals and 14 points through six games ... **KENYON** upped its conference record to 4-0 with a 3-1

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defeat of Denison to remain unbeaten in North Coast play. Senior **Lauren Keiling (Blairstown, NJ/Blair Academy)** scored twice, including the game-winner. She ranks third on the Ladies' all-time list with 33 career goals ... **OBERLIN** lost twice last week, losing to St. Lawrence, 5-0, and to Wooster, 3-2. Senior **Christine Politis (River Forest, IL/Oak Park River Forest)** and freshman **Taylor Rogers (Chapel Hill, NC/Chapel Hill)** scored the goals for the Yeowomen ... Freshman attacker **Lilly Jianas (Shawnee Mission, KS/Pembroke Hill)** scored twice to lead **OHIO WESLEYAN** past Transylvania, 3-0. The Bishops are on a four game win streak ... **Boo Vernon (Lake Bluff, IL/Cushing Academy)** scored five times in a pair of victories last week for **WITTENBERG**. Vernon scored three of the goals in a 5-1 defeat of Earlham, and both tallies in a 2-0 defeat of Houghton. Goalie **Sarah Umberger (Concord, NH/Derryfield School)** picked up 19 saves in the two contests ... After dropping their first three conference games of the year, **WOOSTER** bounced back with two North Coast wins last week. Freshman forward **Eileen Barrer (Ann Arbor, MI/Pioneer)** scored twice and assisted on two other goals to lead the Scot offense. Wooster edged Oberlin, 3-2, as Barrer scored the game-winner in the second half. In a 4-2 decision over Earlham, she assisted on two goals and scored a third herself.

GOLF REPORT -- OHIO WESLEYAN WINS FIRST NCAC EVENT OF THE SEASON

Ohio Wesleyan overcame a four-stroke, round one deficit, to total a final score of 592 and win the Kenyon Invitational at the Apple Valley Golf Course in Howard, Ohio. The two-day event concluded Sunday, Sept. 16. The Battling Bishops moved past second-place Allegheny, which racked up 595 strokes, to claim the first NCAC golf event of the 2007-08 season. Wooster and Denison tied for third place with identical team scores of 615, followed by Wittenberg (628) in fifth, Wabash (646) in sixth and Hiram (671) in seventh.

Ohio Wesleyan junior **Jeff Nieman (Maineville/Cincinnati Moeller)** and Allegheny junior **Kyle Jastromb (Kent, OH/Kent Roosevelt)** both shot tournament-best scores of 148 in the two-day event, but it was Nieman who emerged from a playoff with medalist honors.

The Kenyon Invitational was the first of four conference events for NCAC golf squads. Last fall, in reaction to the NCAA moving to the automatic qualifier system in golf, NCAC teams revised their championship determination process. The Battling Bishops claimed the 2006-07 championship, their 12th overall, after finishing first for all rounds completed at four required league events. The first three events of the season span 36 holes, while the final stretches to 54 holes. The top combined finish after all events wins the NCAC title, and the conference's automatic bid into the NCAA Div. III championships.

The second 2007 event, hosted by Allegheny, is set for Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 29-30 at the Meadville Country Club. The final 36-hole event will be hosted by Wooster on April 19-20 (Wooster Country Club). Denison will host the final event of the 2007-08 season, consisting of 54 holes of competition, at Granville Golf Course on May 3-4.

Notes: HIRAM, DENISON and **WITTENBERG** have completed the first day of the Wittenberg Fall Golf Invitational at Windy Knoll Golf Course in Springfield, Ohio. The Tigers are fifth in the 15-team field, led by **Andrew Flint's (Cincinnati, OH/Sycamore)** eighth-place finish (73). The Big Red enter today's action knotted in an eighth-place tie, followed by the Terriers in 13th. Junior **Brian Witthew (Garrettsville, OH/James A. Garfield)** paced Hiram with a one-over par 72 in the opening round, good for a seventh-place spot ... **ALLEGHENY** and **WOOSTER** competed at the Baldwin-Wallace Invitational at the Shale Creek Golf Club. The Gators won the two-day event after posting a combined 590, 13 strokes better than runner-up John Carroll. The Fighting Scots carded a 626 to finish fourth in the seven-team field. Four Allegheny golfers placed in the top 10, led by Jastromb, **Mike Wolfe (Erie, PA/McDowell)** and **Christian Goetz (Burgettstown, PA/Burgettstown Area)** who tied for second place with identical 147's ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** hosted its Lamkin Fall Invitational at Oakhaven Golf Club and the Bishops picked up their second win of the season, topping the 11-team field with a 36-hole total of 576. **DENISON** finished fifth; **WITTENBERG** tied for seventh. Bishop sophomore **Jordan Benner (Beavercreek, OH/Beavercreek)** won medalist honors and Nieman, senior **Rory Hotaling (Yellow Springs, OH/Yellow Springs)** and sophomore **Tommy Harman (Perrysburg, OH/ Perrysburg)** posted top-five finishes. Denison freshman **Kyle Bates (Avon Lake, OH/Avon Lake)** fired a pair of 2-over-par, 73's to finish in a tie for ninth place out of the field of 80 golfers.

MEN'S SOCCER REPORT -- FULL SLATE OF LEAGUE GAMES SET FOR SATURDAY

North Coast teams ease into conference schedules this week, as most play non-conference opponents during the week, with the exception of Earlham (0-0-0, 2-5-0) and Kenyon (0-0-0, 6-1-0), who play today in Gambier, as well as Oberlin (0-0-0, 5-2-2) and Allegheny (1-0-0, 6-3-0), who meet in Oberlin on Tuesday.

All 10 teams settle into league play on Saturday. Defending champion Ohio Wesleyan (1-0-0, 8-2-0) travels to Oberlin, Wooster (1-0-0, 5-2-0) is at Wittenberg (1-0-0, 6-2-1), and Allegheny, Wabash (0-2-0, 2-7-0) and Kenyon host Earlham, Denison (0-1-0, 4-2-1) and Hiram (0-1-0, 6-1-1), respectively.

Polls: Ohio Wesleyan is ranked 22nd in the latest NSCAA/adidas National Rankings (Sept. 18). The Bishops are third in the Great Lakes Region, ahead of Wittenberg in fifth, Hiram in sixth, and Oberlin and Kenyon in ninth (tie). Denison also received votes in the regional poll ... Ohio Wesleyan is 14th in the D3Kicks.com Top 25 preseason poll, up four spots from a week ago.

Notes: ALLEGHENY posted a pair of 1-0 shutouts last week, including one over defending NCAC Tournament champion Denison. The Gators also defeated Baldwin-Wallace and have now won their last three games by the same 1-0 score. **Ryan Larkin (Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin)** made four saves in each game last week. He now has four shutouts this fall and has given up seven goals in 815+ minutes ... **DENISON** hit for the cycle last week, defeating Wilmington, 2-1, tying Capital, 1-1 in double overtime, and falling to Allegheny, 1-0, in

the conference-opener for both teams. Senior forward **Ryan Linn (Zanesville, OH/West Muskingum)** scored a goal and added an assist in the three games. Sophomore **Kevin Donahue (Riverside, CT/Greenwich)** finished the week with 14 saves, upping his season total to 35 ... Senior **Nhlanha Maduna (Ezulwini, Swaziland/Li Po Chun)** scored **EARLHAM'S** lone goal last week, in a 3-1 loss to Taylor ... **HIRAM'S** unbeaten streak was snapped at seven games as the Terriers were edged by Wittenberg, 2-1 in overtime. Hiram had opened last week with a 2-1 victory over Hilbert. Freshman **Cole Miller (Berlin, OH/Hiland)** and junior **Kelsey Resnick (Hudson, OH/Hudson)** each scored once for the Terriers ... Sophomore **David Gold (Woodland Hills, CA/EI Camino Real)** scored twice to lead **KENYON** to a 5-1 thrashing of Thiel. The win was the Lords' sixth in a row and has the team off to its best start to a season since the 1996 campaign. **Felix Hoffman (Bergheim, Germany/Trinity-Pawling, NY)** also scored twice against the Tomcats, giving him 11 goals in seven games ... **OBERLIN** went 1-1-1 last week, defeating Otterbein, 3-1, and dropping a heartbreaker to undefeated #3 Case Western Reserve, 3-2, in Cleveland. Junior **Luke Hoffman (Cuttingsville, VT/Mill River Union)** notched two goals and now leads the team with eight. He has scored at least once in each of the Yeomen's nine games and has also chipped in two assists. Oberlin has strung together a home winning streak of 14 games ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** senior **Nick Skoczen (Chagrin Falls, OH/Kenston)** scored with 6:02 left in regulation time as the Battling Bishops began defense of their NCAC championship with a 2-1 win over Wabash in the conference opener for both teams. Sophomore midfielder **Will Murawski (Alpharetta, GA/Wester-ville North)** was credited with an assist on the play Ohio Wesleyan had taken a 1-0 lead on a goal by freshman forward **Tyler Wall (Columbus, OH/Upper Arlington)** in the 34th minute. Skoczen then collected a goal and two assists and Wall added a goal and an assist to lead a season-best offensive output in the Battling Bishops' 5-0 win over Otterbein. OWU also posted a 2-1 win over John Carroll. Murawski tucked away the game-winner when the JCU netminder couldn't control a shot from Wall ... **WABASH** had defending NCAC champion Ohio Wesleyan in its sights, but the Little Giants couldn't hold on, as OWU took the league-opener, 2-1. Sophomore **Andrew Kapsalis (Fushers, IN/Hamilton Southeastern)** scored his second goal of the season to force a tie with the Bishops at the 59-minute mark. OWU scored the game-winner with less than seven minutes left on the clock. Wabash also fell to Principia, 2-0, and to Wooster, 1-0 ... **WITTENBERG** accounted for three goals in a 2-1 win over Hiram. **Matt Borland (Kettering, OH/Alter)** scored the overtime game-winner after the Tigers had scored on themselves to force the extra session. Wittenberg also defeated Cedarville, 3-1, last week. **Shane Price (Minford, OH/Minford)** scored twice against the Yellow Jackets, and also contributed an assist against the Terriers ... Sophomore **Karl Ruter (Glenview, IL/Glenbrook South)** scored both goals during **WOOSTER'S** midweek matchup with Muskingum, which the Fighting Scots won, 2-1. His game-winner came in overtime via a free kick, the third time this season he's found the back of the net on such an opportunity. Ruter has five goals in six games. Wooster also defeated Wabash, 1-0.

WOMEN'S SOCCER REPORT -- NORTH COAST SEASON OPENS WITH FIVE GAMES THIS WEEK

Conference action gets under way this week with five games on the slate, four of them on Saturday. The 2007 campaign kicks off Wednesday when Allegheny (2-4-1) travels to Oberlin (2-4-1). On Saturday, everyone but Hiram (5-3-0) plays an NCAC contest. Wittenberg (7-2-0) and Allegheny welcome Wooster (7-1-0) and Earlham (6-1-1), respectively, while the Yeowomen host Denison (7-2-0) and Kenyon (4-3-1) welcomes Ohio Wesleyan (3-3-1).

The remainder of the schedule involves non-conference play. Tuesday, Earlham travels to Manchester and the next day Wooster, Ohio Wesleyan and Wittenberg host John Carroll, Otterbein and Ohio Northern, respectively. Hiram, which does not open conference play until Oct. 3, travels to Thiel on Thursday and hosts Franciscan on Sunday.

Polls: In the NSCAA/adidas National Rankings dated Sept. 18, Denison is seventh, up two spots from last week. Wittenberg also received votes. In the Great Lakes region, The Big Red stand first, Wittenberg is fourth, Kenyon is fifth and Ohio Wesleyan is seventh. In the D3Kicks.com Top 25 Rankings, Denison is 11th, up two spots from last week, Kenyon and Wittenberg also received votes.

Notes: **ALLEGHENY** defeated Westminster (1-0) and lost to NYU (2-0) and Otterbein (4-0) last week. In the victory, **Katie Murphy (Venetia, PA/Peters Township)** scored the goal on a penalty kick 33 minutes into the game. **Kelsie Mozzoni (Pittsburgh, PA/Thomas Jefferson)** made a season-best eight saves to preserve her second shutout of the year ... **DENISON** defeated Otterbein, 2-1 in overtime, then lost to Carnegie Mellon, 1-0, last week. The loss snapped a six game win streak. **Sarah Ash (Cincinnati, OH/Sycamore)** scored the overtime game-winner four minutes into the extra session ... **EARLHAM** won twice to improve to 6-1-1. The Quakers defeated Adrian, 4-0, and St. Mary- of-the-Woods, 5-1. Freshman forward **Karman Duchon (Decatur, GA/Decatur)** scored twice and added three assists during the week. Sophomore forward **Callie Thompson (Louisville, KY/DuPont Manual)** scored twice and assisted on two other goals, all in the game over St. Mary-of-the-Woods ... **HIRAM** went 1-2 last week with the victory coming over Geneva by a 5-2 count. The Terriers lost to Baldwin-Wallace, 3-1, and John Carroll, 5-1. Freshman **Claire Conner (Aurora, OH/Aurora)** scored twice and assisted on one other, and also had a team-best eight shots on goal. Conner was credited with the game-winner against Geneva ... **KENYON** needed on two goals to go 1-0-1 last week. Sophomore **Rachel Goheen (Cincinnati, OH/Anderson)** scored the only goal in a 1-0 defeat of Elmhurst. Sophomore **Tracey Farris (Louisville, KY/Eastern)** scored for the Ladies in a 1-1 double overtime tie with Roanoke ... Both of **OBERLIN'S** contests resulted in 2-0 losses. Goalkeeper **Sarah Grabinski (Elmhurst, IL/York)** had 10 saves in the two games ... Junior forward **Allie Cozzone (Chagrin Falls, OH/Kenston)** scored in the 80th minute to lift **OHIO WESLEYAN** to a 1-1 double overtime tie with Wilmington. The Bishops also lost to Messiah last week, 5-0 ... **WITTENBERG** posted a pair of 1-0 wins last week over Mt. St. Joseph and Wilmington to improve to 7-2 overall ... Senior goalkeeper **Abby Brown (Copper Canyon, TX/Marcus)** made nine saves as **WOOSTER** won once and lost once last week. She made five stops in a 1-0 loss to Washington & Jefferson then made four saves in a 3-1 defeat of Case.

VOLLEYBALL REPORT -- NINE CONFERENCE MATCHES ON TAP AS CONFERENCE RACE HEATS UP

Nine North Coast Athletic Conference matches are scheduled for the coming week. Beginning Tuesday, first-place (tie) Hiram (3-0, 14-1) hosts third-place Allegheny (2-1, 9-5). Wednesday night, two of the teams involved in a four way tie for sixth place face one another when Denison (0-2, 6-6) entertains Earlham (0-1, 6-7). Fifth-place Oberlin (1-2, 3-8) welcomes fourth-place Wooster (2-2, 6-11) that night as well.

Friday night, Allegheny and Hiram travel to Wittenberg and Earlham, respectively, and Ohio Wesleyan (0-2, 6-0) heads to Oberlin. The next day, the Gators and Terriers trade sites with Allegheny meeting Earlham and Hiram at Wittenberg. With the Tigers and the Terriers will be Capital for a tri-match among the three regional rivals. The Battling Bishops head to Denison on Saturday as well.

Poll: In the latest CSTV/AVCA Division III Coaches Top 25 Poll, Wittenberg fell into the number two slot behind Juniata, but still garnered 10 first place votes. Hiram also fell a spot, moving to 24th after sitting in 23rd a week ago.

Notes: **ALLEGHENY** went 2-1 last week, defeating Denison and Case, then losing to Wooster, all by 3-2 scores. Against the Scots, senior **Annie Schultheis (Canton, OH/GlenOak)** led the Gator attack with 16 kills; she also added 16 digs. In a tri-match with Denison and Case, Schultheis posted her eighth and ninth straight double-doubles with 19 kills and 11 digs in a victory over the Big Red and 28 kills and 27 digs in the win over Case. Setter **Amanda Bancroft (Centerville, PA/Maplewood)** set a career high with 57 assists against Denison, then upped the mark again later in the day with 61 against Case ... Sophomore outside hitter **Sara Mason (Lakewood, OH/Lakewood)** led **DENISON** to a 1-2 week. She had 16 kills in a 3-2 loss to Allegheny then had 20 in a three-game victory over Case as the Big Red's record moved to 6-6 overall ... In their only action last week, **EARLHAM** lost to Wooster in four games. Senior **Lisa Vanderkolk (Bluffton, IN/Bluffton)** had a team-high 17 kills in the loss, while senior **Jessica Whitaker (Indianapolis, IN/Scecina)** contributed 16 kills and 16 digs ... **HIRAM** improved to 14-1 overall with three wins last week, two in conference play. Senior **Megan Taylor (Cortland, OH/Lakeview)** smashed 38 kills, 65 assists and 18 digs in the 10 games ... **KENYON** lost in straight sets to Oberlin. Sophomore **Callan Slavin (Columbus, OH/Watterson)** had seven kills and five digs .. **OBERLIN** went 1-1 last week with a 3-0 victory over Kenyon and a 3-0 loss to Wittenberg. Freshman middle hitter **Maggie Jacobson (Carefree, AZ/Cactus Shadows)** tallied 12 kills, 10 digs, two block solos and three block assists in the two matches ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** went 0-3 last week with three-game losses to Wittenberg, Hiram and Baldwin-Wallace ... **WITTENBERG** upped its regular-season win streak to 31 straight and its NCAC regular-season streak to 24 with four straight-set victories last week. In a win over Ohio Wesleyan, Tiger junior libero **Laura Fender (Toledo, OH/St. Ursula)** had 21 digs. Fender was the only starter in the lineup in the defeat of Oberlin and she contributed 17 digs with four aces. Against Wooster, sophomore outside hitter **Katherine Yuskewich (Columbus, OH/Watterson)** made her mark with nine kills. Senior outside hitter **Emily Bell (Fort Wayne, IN/Concordia Lutheran)** led the way against Mount Union with 16 digs and 12 kills ... **WOOSTER** had a busy week with a 2-1 record in conference play and a non-conference loss to Mount Union. Junior libero **Ali Drushal (Lakeville, OH/West Holmes)** totaled 129 digs for an average of 8.60 per game.