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NCAC Women's Basketball Report
NCAC SCHEDULE TIPS OFF DEC. 5

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CLEVELAND -- The NCAC schedule tips off Wednesday, Dec. 5, with a full slate of league games. All nine squads will play at least once more in non-conference action before opening North Coast play.

Notes: **ALLEGHENY** lost to Washington & Jefferson, 58-44, and Mount Union, 77-55, to drop to 1-3 on the season. **Emilie Simone (Pittsburgh, PA/Mt. Lebanon)** averaged 10 points and nine rebounds in the two contests. Simone led the Gators with 12 points and a career-best 14 rebounds against the Presidents, while **Stephanie Wolf (Pittsburgh, PA/North Allegheny)** posted a team-high 14 points versus the Purple Raiders ... **DENISON** improved to 3-2 after defeating New Jersey City (80-56) and Thiel (76-58) en route to winning the Jim Meagle Turkey Shoot at Marietta. Junior center **Carolyn Simpson (Dublin, OH/Scioto)** was named tournament MVP after she averaged 17.5 points and 7.5 rebounds in the tournament. Juniors **Sarah Perrine (Springfield, OH/Shawnee)** and **Ellen O'Brien (Bethesda, MD/Walt Whitman)** were also named to the all-tournament team ... **EARLHAM** lost to Bluffton, 75-49, and Mt. St. Joseph, 89-69, to fall to 0-4 on the season. Sophomore **Shontavia Davis (Indianapolis, IN/Warren Central)** totaled 26 points, including 17 against MSJ, and 16 rebounds in the two contests ... Freshman **Caitlyn Ruese (Strongsville, OH/Strongsville)** led **HIRAM** in three losses last week. Ruese totaled 29 points on 12-for-21 shooting (.571) with 22 rebounds and four assists ... A tough early schedule has **KENYON** off to a 2-3 start. Last week, the Ladies lost to sixth-ranked Washington, 78-75 in double overtime, and 12th-ranked Luther, 66-45. Kenyon also lost to Ohio Northern, 68-57. Senior forward **Anne Dugan (Dublin, OH/Watterson)** scored a combined 42 points and pulled down 20 rebounds in the three games. Dugan was selected to the Washington McWilliams Classic all-tournament team ... **OBERLIN** junior guard **Alyssa Clark (Cleveland Hts., OH/Regina)** tallied 14 points, 10 rebounds and five assists in an 83-57 loss to John Carroll ... Freshman guard **Pam Quigney (Mentor, OH/Mentor)** was named MVP of the Bishop Classic "Hoops for Hope" tournament after she totaled 25 points for **OHIO WESLEYAN**. The Battling Bishops defeated Frostburg State, 82-48, as freshman post **Kayla Gordon (St. Louis, MO/Mehlville)** and junior post **Laurel Lawson (Navarre, OH/Fairless)** shared the team lead with 12 points apiece. Quigney hit her first five shots, four of them from three-point range, to lead OWU past Capital, 71-61, in the championship game. Lawson joined her on the all-tournament team ... **WITTENBERG'S** first-year head coach **Sarah Jurewicz** notched her first career win after a 66-52 defeat of Mount St. Joseph. Senior post **Katie Gregorevich (Northfield, OH/Walsh Jesuit)** led the way with 16 points ... **WOOSTER** won for the first time this season when the Scots defeated Lake Erie, 72-68. Sophomore guard **Kym Wenz (Avon Lake, OH/Avon Lake)** paced the team with her second career double-double. Wenz scored a career-high 26 points to go with 10 rebounds. She hit eight of 12 shots (.667) from the field. The Scots are 1-2 on the year.

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SIMPSON, RUDEGEAIR NAMED NCAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Denison's **Carolyn Simpson (Dublin, OH/Scioto)** and Ohio Wesleyan's **Dustin Rudegeair (Yellow Springs, OH/Yellow Springs)** have been named women's and men's basketball "Players of the Week" in the North Coast Athletic Conference.

Simpson, a 6-0, junior center, was named the Jim Meagle Turkey Shoot Tournament MVP after she averaged 17.5 points and 7.5 rebounds, leading the Big Red to the tournament title. In the championship game against Thiel, which Denison won 76-58, Simpson scored 21 points and pulled down eight rebounds. She also led the Big Red to an 80-56 win over New Jersey City in the first round.

Rudegeair, a 6-5, senior post, scored a team-high 25 points and added 12 rebounds to lead the Battling Bishops past nationally ranked Baldwin-Wallace, 98-68, in the first round of the HIA Tournament at Rochester. He then scored seven points in a 12-0 OWU run that gave the Bishops a 14-2 lead at ninth-ranked Rochester. He finished with 14 points and three rebounds in the 76-69 championship-game loss. For the week, Rudegeair totalled 39 points and 15 rebounds.

NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE 2007-08 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

ALLEGHENY (0-0; 1-3)		DENISON (0-0; 3-2)		EARLHAM (0-0; 0-4)		HIRAM (0-0, 0-3)		KENYON (0-0; 2-3)	
BLUFFTON	L, 56-70	Salisbury *	W, 54-40	Franklin *	L, 56-70	HEIDELBERG	L, 37-62	Wesleyan *	W, 64-54
MARIETTA	W, 69-47	TCNJ *	L, 53-66	at Rose-Hulman *	L, 36-59	Carlow *	L, 71-73	at Brandeis *	W, 67-62
W & J	L, 44-58	Gwynedd Mercy *	L, 69-82	at Bluffton	L, 49-75	at Ursuline *	L, 48-65	at Ohio Northern	L, 57-68
at Mount Union	L, 55-77	New Jersey City **	W, 80-56	at Mt. St. Joseph	L, 69-89	at Thiel	6:00	at Washington **	L, 75-78 (ot)
at Salisbury Tournament		Thiel **	W, 76-58	ST.MARY-WOODS	7:00	URSULINE	2:00	Luther **	L, 45-66
HIRAM	7:30	WASHINGTON	2:00	at Ohio Wesleyan	7:30	at Allegheny	7:30	at Muskingum	7:00
at Kenyon	1:00	WITTENBERG	2:00	OBERLIN	1:00	OHIO WESLEYAN	2:00	MT. VERNON NAZARENE	7:30
at Westminster	7:00	at Hanover Tournament		at Anderson	3:00	PENN ST.-BEHREND	6:00	ALLEGHENY	1:00
at Baldwin-Wallace Tournament		MUSKINGUM	2:00	KALAMAZOO	3:00	at LaRoche	2:00	at Otterbein Tournament	
at Wittenberg	6:00	WOOSTER	2:00	at Heidelberg	7:30	at Lake Erie	2:00	at Ohio Wesleyan	7:30
at Earlham	2:00	at Ohio Wesleyan	7:30	OHIO NORTHERN	2:00	at Earlham	6:00	at Oberlin	7:30
OHIO WESLEYAN	1:00	at Hiram	1:00	HIRAM	6:00	at Wittenberg	1:00	WOOSTER	6:00
at Oberlin	6:00	at Wooster	7:30	ALLEGHENY	2:00	DENISON	1:00	EARLHAM	1:00
KENYON	1:00	OBERLIN	2:00	at Wittenberg	7:30	WOOSTER	2:00	at Wittenberg	7:30
DENISON	2:00	KENYON	7:30	at Kenyon	1:00	at Oberlin	7:30	at Allegheny	1:00
at Wooster	7:30	at Allegheny	7:30	OHIO WESLEYAN	2:00	KENYON	7:30	at Denison	7:30
at Hiram	7:30	at Wittenberg	7:30	WITTENBERG	6:00	at Denison	1:00	OBERLIN	2:00
WITTENBERG	6:00	HIRAM	1:00	at Wooster	3:00	ALLEGHENY	7:30	at Hiram	7:30
EARLHAM	2:00	at Earlham	7:30	at Oberlin	3:00	EARLHAM	6:00	OHIO WESLEYAN	2:00
OBERLIN	6:00	OHIO WESLEYAN	7:30	DENISON	7:30	WITTENBERG	2:00	WITTENBERG	7:30
at Ohio Wesleyan	2:00	at Oberlin	7:30	at Hiram	6:00	at Wooster	7:30	at Wooster	7:30
WOOSTER	7:30	at Kenyon	7:30	at Allegheny	2:00	OBERLIN	1:00	DENISON	7:30
at Denison	2:00	EARLHAM	6:00	KENYON	1:00	at Kenyon	7:30	at Earlham	1:00
		ALLEGHENY	2:00	at Denison	6:00	at Ohio Wesleyan	2:00	HIRAM	7:30
				WOOSTER	3:00				
		* at Arlington, Virginia		* at Rose-Hulman Tip-Off		* at Ursuline Tournament		* at Brandeis Tip-Off	
		** at Marietta						** at Washington Tournament	

OBERLIN (0-0; 1-2)		OHIO WESLEYAN (0-0; 3-1)		WITTENBERG (0-0; 1-0)		WOOSTER (0-0; 1-2)	
at Hope *	L, 44-93	Thomas More *	L, 45-75	at Mt. St. Joseph	W, 66-52	MISERICORDIA	L, 64-65
Rochester *	W, 74-58	Dubuque *	W, 72-53	at Wilmington	6:00	FREDONIA ST.	L, 55-61
JOHN CARROLL	L, 53-87	FROSTBURG ST.	W, 82-48	at Denison	2:00	LAKE ERIE	W, 72-68
BALDWIN-WALLACE	7:00	CAPITAL	W, 71-61	at DePauw	6:00	WESTMINSTER	7:30
at Wooster	7:30	at Case Western Reserve	6:00	THOMAS MORE	5:00	OBERLIN	7:30
at Earlham	1:00	EARLHAM	7:30	ZIMMERMAN CLASSIC		at Case Western Reserve	2:00
LaROCHE	7:00	at Hiram	2:00	ALLEGHENY	6:00	URSULINE	7:30
at Bluffton	8:00	at Ohio Northern	5:30	HIRAM	2:00	at Kalamazoo Classic	
MARIETTA	7:00	at South Padre Island Shootout		EARLHAM	7:30	at Denison	7:30
KENYON	7:30	KENYON	7:30	at Oberlin	2:00	OHIO WESLEYAN	8:00
at Kalamazoo	7:00	at Wooster	8:00	KENYON	7:30	at Kenyon	6:00
WITTENBERG	2:00	DENISON	7:30	at Capital	7:30	DENISON	7:30
ALLEGHENY	6:00	at Allegheny	2:00	at Capital	7:30	at Hiram	2:00
at Denison	2:00	at Earlham	2:00	at Earlham	6:00	at Bluffton	7:30
HEIDELBERG	2:00	WITTENBERG	1:00	at Ohio Wesleyan	1:00	EARLHAM	3:00
HIRAM	7:30	OBERLIN	7:30	DENISON	7:30	ALLEGHENY	7:30
at Kenyon	2:00	at Kenyon	2:00	WOOSTER	2:00	at Wittenberg	2:00
at Ohio Wesleyan	7:30	WOOSTER	7:30	at Kenyon	7:30	at Ohio Wesleyan	7:30
EARLHAM	2:00	at Denison	7:30	at Allegheny	6:00	at Oberlin	7:30
WOOSTER	7:30	at Wittenberg	5:30	at Hiram	2:00	KENYON	7:30
DENISON	7:30	ALLEGHENY	2:00	OHIO WESLEYAN	5:30	HIRAM	7:30
at Allegheny	7:30	at Oberlin	7:30	at Wooster	2:00	WITTENBERG	2:00
at Hiram	1:00	HIRAM	2:00	OBERLIN	2:00	at Allegheny	7:30
OHIO WESLEYAN	7:30					at Earlham	3:00
at Wittenberg	2:00						

* at Hope Tournament



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NCAC Men's Basketball Report

TEAMS CONTINUE NON-CONFERENCE PREP FOR LEAGUE SLATE

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CLEVELAND -- Most North Coast Conference teams have this week to continue to prep for their first conference games of the 2007-08 season with competition against non-league foes. The NCAC schedule officially tips off Saturday when Wabash (1-2) travels to Kenyon (0-4). Wooster (2-1) travels to Oberlin (0-4) in the second conference game of the season next week, on Wednesday, Dec. 5. The bulk of the league begins conference play on Saturday, Dec. 8.

NOTES: ALLEGHENY posted a 2-1 record last week, falling in the championship game of the National City Holiday Tournament 70-68 to Medaille. The Gators had defeated Penn St.-New Kensington, 58-57, earlier in the week, before opening the Tournament with an explosive 103-58 victory over and Penn St.-DuBois in the first round. Sophomore guard **Charlie Jaicks (Gibsonia, PA/Mars)** scored 32 points and dished out 11 assists over the three games. He hit 6 of 12 shots from long range and 12 of 26 (.462) from the field. He added four steals and seven rebounds to his totals ... Sophomore guard **Chris Luther (Dayton, OH/Oakwood)** scored a career-high 25 points as **DENISON** lost to Lake Erie, 74-56 last week. He was 9-of-15 (.600) from the field and 6-of-9 (.667) from three-point range. Luther leads the Big Red in scoring at 12.4 points per game and is shooting 78 percent from long range (14-of-18). Denison also dropped games to Capital, 71-53, and to Muskingum, 72-66 ... **EARLHAM** defeated Manchester, 84-67, thanks to career-high numbers from senior **Nick Welsh (Muncie, IN/Wes-Del)**. Welsh paced the Quakers with 29 points and 11 boards. Junior **Tristian Gregory (Evansville, IN/Harrison)** also reached double figures in scoring, registering 18 points ... **HIRAM** lost to Case, 98-81. The first half of the game see-sawed back and forth with 10 lead changes and five ties; Hiram took a 39-34 lead into the locker room at the half. In the second stanza, the Terriers led by as many as seven points, 46-39 with 16:14 left to go, but Case pulled away for the victory. Hiram had four players finish in double figures, led by sophomore guard **Mike Staley's (Perry, OH/Lake Catholic)** game-high 23 points on six-of-14 shooting (42.9 percent). He also added five assists ... Although **KENYON** gave No. 10 Capital a run for its money, the Lords wound up dropping both games of the OAC-NCAC Challenge. Kenyon built an 11-point lead against Muskingum before falling 71-66 in the first game. The Lords then built up another 11-point margin against Capital in Kenyon's home opener. But the Crusaders caught fire from long range, outscoring Kenyon 15-5 in overtime and escaping with a 95-85 win. Junior **Brian Yelvington (Arlington Hts., IL/John Hersey)** posted a combined 31 points and 22 rebounds in the two games. He registered a double-double against Capital with 22 points and 11 boards ... **OBERLIN** fell to Thomas More, 83-45, and to Wilmington, 78-50, last week. The Yeomen were led by senior shooting guard **Jordan Beard (Oberlin, OH/Oberlin)** who combined for 31 points in the two games ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** split a pair of games at last week's HIA Tournament at Rochester. The Battling Bishops opened with a 98-68 win over 20th-ranked Baldwin-Wallace as senior post **Dustin Rudegear (Yellow Springs, OH/Yellow Springs)** scored a team-high 25 points and added 12 rebounds. Rudegear then scored seven points during a 12-0 OWU run that gave the Battling Bishops an early 14-2 lead over Rochester. But Rochester erased that deficit and went on to win, 76-69. Rudegear finished with 14 points and three rebounds. He and senior post **Jesse Jean (Alexandria, VA/Hyde School, CT)** represented the Bishops on the all-tourney team. Jean combined for 28 points in the two-game tournament ... **WABASH** senior forward **Gary Simkus (Highland, IN/Highland)** and junior guard **Andy Root (Bedford, IN/Bedford North Lawrence)** led a quartet of double-figure scorers in the Little Giants' 68-63 loss at Hanover. Simkus and Root each tallied 12 points. Wabash led by as many as nine points in the game, but costly turnovers over the final eight minutes proved to be the difference ... **WITTENBERG** junior wing **Kevin Murray (Carmel, IN/Carmel)** turned in a key performance in the Tigers' 79-75 loss to Capital. He hit five second-half three-pointers en route to a career-high 22 points. Murray also pulled down five rebounds and did not commit a turnover in 24 minutes off the bench ... Senior guard **Devin Fulk (Newark, OH/Licking Valley)** notched the second double-double of his career but it was not enough as **WOOSTER** was edged by Lake Erie, 86-84. Fulk posted career-highs with 23 points and 14 rebounds. He was 8-of-14 (57.1) on field goals, including three three-pointers and was 4-of-4 from the free throw line.

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2007-08 North Coast Athletic Conference Women's Basketball Standings (through games of Nov. 25 - All games)

STANDINGS	-----CONFERENCE-----				-----OVERALL-----			
	W-L	Pct	PF	PA	W-L	Pct	PF	PA
Wittenberg.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	1-0	1.000	66.0	52.0
Ohio Wesleyan.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	3-1	.750	67.5	59.2
Denison.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	3-2	.600	66.4	60.4
Kenyon.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	2-3	.400	61.6	65.6
Wooster.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	1-2	.333	63.7	64.7
Oberlin.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	1-2	.333	57.0	79.3
Allegheny.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	1-3	.250	56.0	63.0
Hiram.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	0-3	.000	52.0	66.7
Earlham.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	0-4	.000	52.5	73.2

Tuesday, November 20

Bluffton 75, Earlham 49
 John Carroll 87, Oberlin 53
 Washington & Jefferson 58, Allegheny 44
 Wittenberg 66, Mount St. Joseph 52

Wednesday, November 21

Heidelberg 62, Hiram 37

Friday, November 23

Ohio Wesleyan 82, Frostburg St. 48

Saturday, November 24

Carlow 73, Hiram 71
 Denison 80, New Jersey City 56
 Mount St. Joseph 89, Earlham 69
 Ohio Wesleyan 71, Capital 61
 Washington (MO) 78, Kenyon 75 (2ot)

Saturday, November 25

Denison 76, Thiel 58
 Luther 66, Kenyon 45
 Ursuline 65, Hiram 48
 Wooster 72, Lake Erie 68

Wednesday, December 12

Ohio Wesleyan at Ohio Northern, 5:30
 PSU-Behrend at Hiram, 6:00

Friday, December 14

Ursuline at Wooster, 7:30
 Oberlin at Bluffton, 8:00

Upcoming Women's Basketball

Tuesday, November 27

B-W at Oberlin, 7:00
 Ohio Wesleyan at Thomas More, 7:30

Wednesday, November 28

Hiram at Thiel, 6:00
 Wittenberg at Wilmington, 6:00
 Kenyon at Muskingum, 7:00
 St. Mary-of-the-Woods at Earlham, 7:00
 Westminster at Wooster, 7:30

Friday, November 30

Allegheny at Salisbury Tournament

Saturday, December 1

Allegheny at Salisbury Tournament
 Ursuline at Hiram, 2:00
 Washington at Denison, 2:00
 Ohio Wesleyan at Case, 6:00

Wednesday, December 5

Hiram at Allegheny, 7:30
 Earlham at O. Wesleyan, 7:30
 Oberlin at Wooster, 7:30

Thursday, December 6

Mt. Vernon Nazarene at Kenyon, 7:30

Saturday, December 8

Allegheny at Kenyon, 1:00
 Oberlin at Earlham, 1:00
 Ohio Wesleyan at Hiram, 2:00
 Wittenberg at Denison, 2:00
 Wooster at Case, 2:00

Tuesday, December 11

LaRoche at Oberlin, 7:00

2007-08 North Coast Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Standings (through games of Nov. 25 - All games)

STANDINGS	-----CONFERENCE-----				-----OVERALL-----			
	W-L	Pct	PF	PA	W-L	Pct	PF	PA
Allegheny.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	4-1	.800	73.2	62.2
Wooster.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	2-1	.667	91.7	82.0
Earlham.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	2-1	.667	77.0	80.0
Ohio Wesleyan.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	2-2	.500	69.0	62.5
Wittenberg.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	1-2	.333	76.3	76.7
Wabash.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	1-2	.333	73.7	74.0
Hiram.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	0-2	.000	82.5	96.5
Kenyon.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	0-4	.000	68.8	76.2
Oberlin.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	0-4	.000	48.0	75.0
Denison.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	0-5	.000	55.6	68.0

Monday, Nov. 19

Hanover 68, Wabash 63

Tuesday, November 20

Allegheny 58, PSU-New Kensington 57
 Capital 79, Wittenberg 75
 Lake Erie 74, Denison 56

Wednesday, November 21

Case 98, Hiram 81
 Thomas More 83, Oberlin 45

Saturday, November 24

Allegheny 103, PSU-DuBois 58
 Capital 71, Denison 53
 Muskingum 71, Kenyon 66
 Ohio Wesleyan 98, Baldwin-Wallace 68

Sunday, November 25

Capital 95, Kenyon 85 (ot)
 Lake Erie 86, Wooster 84
 Manchester 84, Earlham 67
 Medaille 70, Allegheny 68
 Muskingum 72, Denison 66
 Wilmington 78, Oberlin 50

Upcoming Men's Basketball

Monday, November 26

Heidelberg at Hiram, 7:30

Tuesday, November 27

Oberlin at Case, 7:30

Wednesday, November 28

Allegheny at Edinboro, 7:00
 Ohio Northern at Wittenberg, 7:30
 Ohio Wesleyan at Defiance, 7:30
 Rose-Hulman at Wabash, 7:30
 Wash. & Jeff. at Denison, 7:30
 Hiram at Bluffton, 8:00

Friday, November 30

Earlham at Washington Tournament, 8:00

Saturday, December 1

Earlham at Washington Tournament
 Adrian at Oberlin, 3:00
 Capital at Ohio Wesleyan, 3:00

Wabash at Kenyon, 3:00
 Wittenberg at Transylvania, 6:00
 Denison at Case, 7:30
 Wooster at Cedarville, 7:30

Monday, December 3

Westminster at Allegheny, 7:30

Tuesday, December 4

Wittenberg at Cedarville, 7:30

Wednesday, December 5

Wooster at Oberlin, 7:00
 Case at Kenyon, 7:30
 Franciscan at Hiram, 7:30

Thursday, December 6

DePauw at Wabash, 7:30

Friday, December 7

Kenyon vs. Ohio Christian (at MVN), 6:00

Saturday, December 8

Denison at Allegheny, 1:00
 Marian at Wabash, 3:00
 Oberlin at Earlham, 3:00
 Wooster at Ohio Wesleyan, 3:00
 Hiram at Wittenberg, 4:00
 Mt. Vernon Nazarene at Kenyon, 6:00

Tuesday, December 11

Allegheny at Thiel, 7:30



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FOOTBALL REPORT-- WABASH ADVANCES TO NCAA QUARTERFINALS

Wabash (11-1) has advanced to the quarterfinal round of the NCAA Division III Playoffs and will travel to face second-ranked, and two-time national runner-up Wisconsin-Whitewater (11-1) at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. Saturday's winner will face either Mary Hardin Baylor (11-1) or Wesley (11-1) in the semifinals. The championship game, the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl, will once again be held in Salem, Virginia. The game, to be played on Dec. 15 at 4:00 p.m. will be broadcast by ESPN.

The Little Giants move along in the tournament courtesy of a 38-23 win over Case Western Reserve. Wabash raced out to a 21-0 lead against the Spartans behind the outstanding efforts of a pair of sophomores. Running back **Evan Sobecki (Granger, IN/PENN)** tallied a career-high 113 yards, including 95 in the first half. Quarterback **Matt Hudson (Salem, IN/Salem)** finished with a career-best 33 completions and five touchdowns. He threw for 308 yards. The Little Giants outgained Case 229 yards to 47 in the first half and held the Spartans to minus-29 yards on the ground for the game. Senior wide receiver **Bart Banach (Munster, IN/Munster)** hauled in a 68-yard touchdown pass to answer a late score by Case to put the game out of reach in the fourth quarter. Defensively, junior **Matt Kraft (Newburgh, IN/Castle)** led Wabash with nine tackles, three tackles for losses of 15 yards and two sacks for 13 yards. Senior **Adrian Pynenberg (Montgomery, IL/Oswego Community)** set the Little Giants' single-season record after making eight stops, giving him 158 for the year. The All-American linebacker added 2.5 tackles for losses of six yards and a sack for two yards to his game totals.

NCAC DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR NAMED GAGLIARDI FINALIST

Wabash senior **Adrian Pynenberg (Montgomery, IL/Oswego Community)**, the 2006 and 2007 NCAC Defensive Player of the Year, has been named one of 10 finalists for the Gagliardi Trophy. The award, presented to the outstanding football player in NCAA Division III, honors excellence in athletics, academics and community service.

Pynenberg, the first three-time All-American football player in Little Giant history, broke the school's career records for total tackles, unassisted and assisted tackles, and tackles for losses. He also owns the single-season record for tackles and is 1.5 sacks away from breaking the all-time Wabash mark in that category. A four-year starter, Pynenberg has led the Little Giant defense in tackles every season. He has 158 tackles, 25.5 tackles for losses of 110 yards, eight sacks for 53 yards, three interceptions, two forced fumbles, and one fumble recovery through 12 games this year. He's made 441 tackles throughout his four-year career with 72.5 tackles for losses of 307 yards. Pynenberg has 24-1/2 career sacks and nine interceptions in 44 career games.

He has also been a steadfast contributor to the Montgomery County community. A regular volunteer at the Montgomery County Boys and Girls Club, Pynenberg helped develop a fund-raising effort for the local club as part of summer business immersion program. He has also served as a volunteer reader at local elementary schools and has participated in the annual Wabash Football Youth Clinic and in the Punt, Pass, and Kick regional competition held at the College each year. Pynenberg has also been active in community service as a member of the Sphinx Club at the College. His community service reached global levels in 2006 as part of a 10-day trip to Panama. He and several of his Wabash teammates spent three days in Panamanian jungle villages clearing fields and assisting the villagers in their day-to-day work. A psychology major with a 3.58 GPA, Pynenberg is a two-time ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District V Second Team selection.

For the first time in the trophy's existence, fans can help select the Gagliardi Trophy winner (Vote at D3football.com or USAFootball.com). Fan votes will be combined into one ballot and added to the votes of the 30 members of the selection committee to select the winner. Sponsored by Jostens, Inc. and conducted by the J-Club of Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minn., this year's Gagliardi Trophy will be presented on Thursday, Dec. 13, in Salem, VA, as part of the festivities leading up to the Division III national championship game.

The Gagliardi Trophy is named for Saint John's University head football coach **John Gagliardi**, the first active head coach to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame (Class of 2006) and the winningest coach in college football history with 453 career victories in 59 seasons.

SWIMMING & DIVING REPORT-- SWIM TEAMS RETURN TO ACTION

In the coming week, Allegheny and Oberlin return to action at the Wooster Invitational on Nov. 29 to Dec. 1. Denison travels to the Miami (OH) Invitational, while Kenyon hosts the Nike Invitational and Wabash hosts the TYR Classic the same days, with Wittenberg as part of the field. Hiram participates in the Grove City Invitational Nov. 30 to Dec. 1. Ohio Wesleyan's next meet is Dec. 1 when they host John

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The only school to compete last week was Allegheny. The Gator women defeated Grove City, 152-130, while the AC men lost to the Wolverines, 159-113. **Carolyn Nairn (Lubbock, TX/Brownell-Talbot)**, who won the 100 backstroke (1:02.29), 200 backstroke (2:13.62) and 200 freestyle (2:01.52), led the women. She was also part of the first-place 200 medley relay. **Erin Ham (Franklin, PA/Franklin Regional)** touched first in the 100 breaststroke (1:09.27) and 200 breaststroke (2:32.07) and swam a leg on the victorious 200 medley relay. Diver **Jayson Leffert (Gibsonia, PA/Pine-Richland)** won both diving events to lead the men's squad. He scored 288 points in the one-meter competition and 299.63 on the three-meter board. **Ashton Kinney (Sewickley, PA/Sewickley Academy)** won the 500-yard freestyle in 5:12.52 and was second in the 1000-yard freestyle with a 10:39.01 clocking, his best effort of the season.

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