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★ OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY ★ WABASH COLLEGE ★ WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY ★ COLLEGE OF WOOSTER

## NCAC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK (Nov. 3)

### FOOTBALL (OFFENSIVE)

Ohio Wesleyan senior split end **Zach Dennis (Jefferson, OH/Jefferson)** had a 51-yard reception on the first play of the game to set up the Battling Bishops' first touchdown in the 37-7 victory over Hiram. Dennis finished with 10 catches for 219 yards, turning in the first OWU 200-yard receiving performance since 2001. Dennis' 219 yards also ranks fourth on the Ohio Wesleyan single-game list. Dennis also scored on a five-yard run.

### FOOTBALL (DEFENSIVE)

Wittenberg freshman linebacker **Ben Koester (Fort Thomas, KY/Highlands)** set up a first quarter touchdown with an interception in his team's 17-6 defeat of Allegheny. Koester also contributed 10 tackles and one sack for a loss of 14 yards.

### MEN'S SOCCER

Ohio Wesleyan senior **Jamison Dague (Columbus, OHG/Bexley)** stopped six shots to help the Battling Bishops' to a 0-0 double overtime tie with Wittenberg in the semifinal round of the NCAC Men's Soccer Tournament. Ohio Wesleyan advanced to the championship game, edging the Tigers, 5-3, in penalty kicks. Dague had one save in the 1-0 championship game victory over Allegheny, helping OWU to its league-record sixth tournament title.

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

Wittenberg junior **Suzanne Medwid (Columbus, OH/Upper Arlington)** scored the game-winner 1:29 into the overtime session to break a 1-1 tie and hand the Tigers a 2-1 victory, and their second straight NCAC Tournament championship.

**2007 NCAC FIELD HOCKEY, MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SOCCER AND VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS**

Wednesday,  
Oct. 31

Saturday,  
Nov. 3

Wittenberg (#1)	Wittenberg 7-3	Kenyon
at Wittenberg, 2:00 p.m. Oberlin (#4)		
Wooster (#2)	Kenyon 1-0	2-1 (2ot-penalty strokes)
at Wooster, 2:00 p.m. Kenyon (#3)		

**2007 NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FIELD HOCKEY TOURNAMENT**

Saturday,  
Nov. 3

Wednesday,  
Oct. 31

**2007 NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE MEN'S SOCCER TOURNAMENT**

Ohio Wesleyan 1-0	Allegheny 0-0 (PKs 6-5)	Kenyon (#1)
	at Ohio Wesleyan, 7:00 p.m.	at Kenyon, 2:00 p.m. Allegheny (#4)
	Ohio Wesleyan 0-0 (PKs 5-3)	Ohio Wesleyan (#2)
		at Ohio Wesleyan, 7:00 p.m. Wittenberg (#3)

Wednesday,  
Oct. 31

Saturday,  
Nov. 3

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at Wittenberg, 7:00 p.m. Kenyon (#4)		
Denison (#2)	Denison 2-1	
at Denison, 7:00 p.m. Ohio Wesleyan (#3)		

**2007 NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE WOMEN'S SOCCER TOURNAMENT**

Saturday,  
Nov. 3

Friday,  
Nov. 2

**2007 NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT**

hosted by Wittenberg

Wittenberg 3-0 (30-19, 30-20, 30-22)	Wittenberg 3-0 (30-21, 30-19, 30-20)	Wittenberg (#1)
	2:00 p.m.	5:30 p.m. Earlham (#4)
	Hiram 3-0 (30-24, 30-21, 30-25)	Hiram (#2)
		8:00 p.m. Wooster (#3)

**2007 North Coast Athletic Conference Fall Sport Standings  
Through games of Nov. 3, 2007 (All games)**

<b>Field Hockey</b>	-----CONFERENCE-----						-----OVERALL-----					
	W	L	T	Pct	GF	GA	W	L	T	Pct	GF	GA
1. Wittenberg.....	8	4	0	.667	26	18	12	7	0	.632	41	28
Wooster.....	8	4	0	.667	31	19	11	7	0	.611	40	28
Kenyon*.....	8	4	0	.667	21	8	11	11	0	.500	29	25
4. Oberlin.....	7	5	0	.583	22	17	8	11	0	.421	33	47
Ohio Wesleyan.....	7	5	0	.583	18	16	10	7	0	.588	26	22
6. Denison.....	4	8	0	.333	19	23	5	13	0	.278	29	39
7. Earlham.....	0	12	0	.000	9	45	3	12	0	.200	14	46

<b>Football</b>	Conference			Points			Overall			Points		
	W	L	T	For	Opp	Pct	W	L	T	For	Opp	Pct
1. Wabash^.....	7	0	0	229	81	1.000	9	0	0	292	120	1.000
2. Wittenberg.....	5	1	0	224	67	.833	7	2	0	271	111	.778
3. Oberlin.....	4	2	0	216	171	.667	4	5	0	283	301	.444
4. Ohio Wesleyan.....	4	3	0	141	103	.571	4	5	0	176	157	.444
5. Allegheny.....	3	3	0	101	82	.500	5	4	0	151	123	.556
Wooster.....	3	3	0	140	146	.500	3	6	0	192	245	.333
7. Denison.....	2	4	0	130	171	.333	3	6	0	194	258	.333
Earlham.....	2	4	0	121	284	.333	3	6	0	177	358	.333
9. Kenyon.....	1	5	0	185	236	.167	2	7	0	299	341	.222
10. Hiram.....	0	6	0	86	232	.000	0	9	0	114	330	.000

<b>Men's Soccer</b>	-----CONFERENCE-----						-----OVERALL-----						
	W	L	T	Pts.	Pct	GF	GA	W	L	T	Pct	GF	GA
1. Kenyon.....	7	1	1	22	.833	18	6	14	2	2	.833	53	12
2. Ohio Wesleyan*.....	7	2	0	21	.778	13	7	15	5	1	.738	37	16
3. Wittenberg.....	6	2	1	19	.722	18	8	12	4	3	.711	39	15
4. Allegheny.....	5	4	0	15	.556	7	5	10	8	1	.553	17	13
5. Earlham.....	4	5	0	12	.444	14	19	7	11	0	.389	31	38
6. Hiram.....	3	4	2	11	.444	11	11	11	4	3	.694	36	14
Wooster.....	3	4	2	11	.444	4	8	7	7	2	.500	15	20
8. Denison.....	3	5	1	10	.389	9	13	9	6	2	.588	23	19
9. Oberlin.....	2	6	1	7	.278	6	10	7	8	3	.472	23	18
10. Wabash.....	1	8	0	3	.111	6	19	4	14	0	.222	14	38

<b>Women's Soccer</b>	-----CONFERENCE-----						-----OVERALL-----						
	W	L	T	Pts.	Pct	GF	GA	W	L	T	Pct	GF	GA
1. Wittenberg*.....	7	0	2	23	.889	12	2	17	2	2	.857	30	7
2. Denison.....	5	1	2	17	.750	14	3	13	5	2	.700	40	13
3. Ohio Wesleyan.....	4	1	3	15	.688	10	3	9	5	5	.605	30	22
4. Kenyon.....	4	4	1	13	.500	11	11	9	7	2	.556	21	21
Wooster.....	4	3	1	13	.562	11	8	12	5	1	.694	36	15
6. Earlham.....	4	4	0	12	.500	15	12	12	5	1	.694	46	21
7. Allegheny.....	3	4	1	10	.438	7	9	6	8	2	.438	13	20
8. Oberlin.....	1	7	0	3	.125	4	20	3	12	1	.219	8	27
9. Hiram.....	0	8	0	0	.000	7	23	8	11	0	.421	37	39

<b>Volleyball</b>	Conference		Overall	
	W-L	Pct	W-L	Pct
1. Wittenberg*.....	14-0	1.000	34-0	1.000
2. Hiram.....	12-2	.857	27-5	.844
3. Wooster.....	10-4	.714	15-14	.517
4. Earlham.....	6-8	.429	13-16	.448
5. Denison.....	5-9	.357	11-14	.440
Ohio Wesleyan.....	5-9	.357	12-16	.429
7. Allegheny.....	3-11	.214	12-16	.429
8. Oberlin.....	1-13	.071	7-20	.259
n/aKenyon.....	0-0	.000	0-3	.000

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[NCAC Football Report](#)

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**WABASH COMPLETES PERFECT RUN THROUGH NCAC SCHEDULE;  
LITTLE GIANTS EARN SECOND STRAIGHT NORTH COAST CROWN**

**CLEVELAND** -- With their seventh straight conference victory, Wabash (7-0, 9-0) claimed its fourth North Coast Athletic Conference title and third in three years. The Little Giants, who had already clinched at least a share of the title going into the game, secured the crown as theirs alone with a 42-0 defeat of Denison (2-4, 3-6). They wrap up the regular season this weekend with the annual Monon Bell game, at DePauw.

The final week of the regular season features Allegheny (3-3, 5-4) at Oberlin (4-2, 4-5), with the Yeomen looking to clinch third place as their own, Oberlin's highest finish since tying for second place in 2004. A Gator victory would place Oberlin, Allegheny and Ohio Wesleyan into a third-place tie. Kenyon (1-5, 2-7) heads to Wooster (3-3, 3-6) in search of its first win since an Oct. 6 decision over the Terriers. A win by Wooster, could boost them into third, as well, depending upon the Oberlin-Allegheny score. Earlham (2-4, 3-6) travels to Denison (2-4, 3-6) as the two teams tied for seventh place duke it out, hoping to end 2007 on a high note. Wittenberg (5-1, 7-2), which secured second place with last week's 17-6 defeat of the Gators, welcomes Hiram (0-6, 0-9), a team trying to avoid a winless season.

Ohio Wesleyan (4-3, 4-5), which completed its regular season schedule last week with a 37-7 defeat of Hiram, travels to take on undefeated Case Western Reserve (9-0). The Bishops aim to finish the season at the .500 mark (overall) for the seventh time in the past 10 years.

**Polls:** In last weeks AFCA Division III Coaches Poll (Oct. 30), Wabash moved up a spot into 8th. In the D3football.com poll, the Little Giants moved up three slots to 10th.

**Notes:** In a 17-6 loss to Wittenberg, **ALLEGHENY** quarterback **T.J. Salopek (North Huntingdon, PA/Norwin)** completed 26 of 43 passes for 255 yards. The 26 completions were the sixth highest single-game total in school history, while the 43 attempts were the fourth best. **Nick Jones (Blairsville, PA/Homer-Center)** made five stops, three solo, with two interceptions, and broke up a pass to lead the Gator defense. Allegheny lost despite out-gaining the Gators by 168 yards and holding nearly a 13-minute advantage in time of possession. The Gators held the Tigers to 88 yards on the ground and 209 total ... After snagging 11 passes for 89 yards, **EARLHAM** senior **Joe White (Richmond, IN/Richmond)** set a school record for career receptions. White enters his final game with 171 catches, surpassing the mark of 169 held by **Todd Hawkins (1988-91)** and **Scott Peasley (1989-92)**. White is also the career record holder for receiving yards (2,487) and receiving touchdowns (27). The Quakers fell, 66-14 to Wooster ... **HIRAM** senior **Tom Canitia (Chagrin Falls, OH/St. Peter Chanel)** made 10+ tackles in a game for the fifth time this season and fourth game in a row when he was in on 15 in his team's 37-7 loss to Ohio Wesleyan. Eight of those 15 stops were solos ... Senior quarterback **Rafael Sanchez (Tavernier, FL/Coral Shores)** accounted for 413 of **KENYON'S** 511 yards of offense in a 63-33 loss to Oberlin. Sanchez threw for a season-high 301 yards and ran for a team game-high 112 yards. He also passed for two touchdowns and ran in two more himself ... In the victory over Kenyon, **OBERLIN** junior running back **R.V. Carroll (Perry, OH/Perry)** carried the ball 32 times for 180 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Yeomen offense. Senior free safety **Chase Palmer (Highland, UT/Snow College)** racked up 12 tackles, two for a loss of seven yards, snapped up an interception and returned it 14 yards, and recovered a fumbled and ran it in from 29 yards out. Oberlin broke a number of school records during the contest. They Yeomen have scored a program-best 282 points and 40 touchdowns this season, while Carroll has a school-record 16 rushing TDs this year, also a school mark. Oberlin needs 262 yards of total offense next week against Allegheny to establish a school mark for total yards in a single season. Freshman kicker **Zach Richard (Cocoa Beach, FL/Cocoa Beach)** booted nine extra points against the Lords, which broke his own school mark of seven, set earlier this season against Hiram ... Freshman **Mike Fisher (Chagrin Falls, OH/Kenston)** and junior **Andy Boff (Defiance, OH/Tinora)** combined for 292 yards passing to lead **OHIO WESLEYAN** past Hiram, 37-7. Senior split end **Zach Dennis (Jefferson, OH/Jefferson)** made 10 catches for 219 yards and was the first Battling Bishop to post 200 yards in receiving yards since 2001. Dennis' 219 yards is the fourth best single game total in OWU history. Junior linebacker **Tommy Saunders (Gallipolis, OH/Gallia Academy)** led the defense with 10 stops, one for a loss and a forced fumble ... Senior linebacker **Adi Pynenberg (Montgomery, IL/Oswego Community)** broke the **WABASH** career tackles record when he posted 12 in his team's 42-0 defeat of Denison. Pynenberg enters the final game of the regular season with 406 stops in his career. The Little Giant defense held the Big Red to 41 rushing yards, well under their season per-game average of 161. Junior defensive lineman **Darryl Kennon (Phoenix, AZ/McClintock)** made three sacks as Wabash totaled six sacks and 10 tackles for a loss in the contest. Senior **Mike Russell (Terre Haute, IN/North)** caught a career-best 11 passes for a season-high 131 yards and two touchdowns. He has 25 TD catches in his career, fourth best on Wabash's all time list. The 114th meeting between Wabash and DePauw will be aired on Saturday at 1:05, and viewed on HDNet. All 8,000 tickets have been sold ... With a 17-6 defeat of Allegheny, **WITTENBERG** clinched second place in the NCAC. The Tigers' two losses this season have come to nationally ranked opponents - Wabash and Capital - by a combined 20 points. Despite being outgained, 377-209, Wittenberg was able to

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# NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE 2007 FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

\* conference games

## Allegheny College (3-3; 5-4)

S. 1	WESTMINSTER	L, 6-13
S. 15	at Hiram	W, 20-7
S. 22	at Carnegie Mellon	W, 24-21
S. 29	DENISON*	W, 14-0
O. 6	WABASH*	L, 20-28
O. 13	at Kenyon*	W, 24-0
O. 20	at WOOSTER*	W, 27-20
O. 27	at Ohio Wesleyan*	L, 10-17
N. 3	WITTENBERG*	L, 6-17
N. 10	at Oberlin*	1:00

## Denison University (2-4; 3-6)

S. 1	RANDOLPH-MACON	L, 16-42
S. 8	at Case	L, 6-45
S. 22	GALLAUDET	W, 42-0
S. 29	at Allegheny*	L, 0-14
O. 6	OBERLIN*	L, 27-34
O. 13	at Ohio Wesleyan*	L, 10-27
O. 20	HIRAM*	W, 42-13
O. 27	at Kenyon*	W, 51-41
N. 3	at Wabash*	L, 0-42
N. 10	EARLHAM*	1:00

## Earlham College (2-4; 3-6)

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*	L, 20-54
O. 6	WITTENBERG*	L, 0-73
O. 13	at Oberlin*	L, 14-42
O. 20	KENYON*	W, 42-35
O. 27	at Hiram*	W, 31-14
N. 3	WOOSTER*	L, 14-66
N. 10	at Denison*	1:00

## Hiram College (0-6; 0-9)

S. 8	BETHANY	L, 7-24
S. 15	ALLEGHENY	L, 7-20
S. 22	at Manchester	L, 14-54
S. 29	at Oberlin*	L, 14-49
O. 6	KENYON*	L, 21-49
O. 13	at Wooster*	L, 17-24
O. 20	at Denison*	L, 13-42
O. 27	EARLHAM*	L, 14-31
N. 3	OHIO WESLEYAN*	L, 7-37
N. 10	at Wittenberg*	1:00

## Kenyon College (1-5; 2-7)

S. 1	GRINNELL	W, 70-35
S. 8	C-M-S	L, 18-21
S. 15	CASE	L, 26-49
S. 29	OHIO WESLEYAN*	W, 27-35
O. 6	at Hiram*	W, 49-21
O. 13	ALLEGHENY*	L, 0-24
O. 20	at Earlham*	L, 35-42
O. 27	DENISON*	L, 41-51
N. 3	at Oberlin*	L, 33-63
N. 10	at Wooster*	1:00

## Oberlin College (4-2; 4-5)

S. 1	CASE	L, 15-37
S. 8	at Heidelberg	L, 26-37
S. 22	at Wash. & Jefferson	L, 26-56
S. 29	HIRAM*	W, 49-14
O. 6	at Denison*	W, 34-27
O. 13	EARLHAM*	W, 42-14
O. 20	at Wabash*	L, 14-45
O. 27	at Wittenberg*	L, 14-38
N. 3	KENYON*	W, 63-33
N. 10	ALLEGHENY*	1:00

## Ohio Wesleyan University (4-3; 4-5)

S. 1	FRANKLIN	L, 21-34
S. 8	CATHOLIC	L, 14-20
S. 22	WABASH*	L, 0-15
S. 29	at Kenyon*	W, 35-27
O. 6	at Wooster*	L, 9-13
O. 13	DENISON*	W, 27-10
O. 20	at Wittenberg*	L, 16-21
O. 27	ALLEGHENY*	W, 17-10
N. 3	at Hiram*	W, 37-7
N. 10	at Case	1:00

## Wabash College (7-0; 9-0)

S. 8	FRANKLIN	W, 35-33
S. 15	at Millikin	W, 28-6
S. 22	at Ohio Wesleyan*	W, 15-0
S. 29	EARLHAM*	W, 54-20
O. 6	at Allegheny*	W, 28-20
O. 13	WITTENBERG*	W, 24-17
O. 20	OBERLIN*	W, 45-14
O. 27	at Wooster*	W, 21-10
N. 3	DENISON*	W, 42-0
N. 10	at DePauw	1:05

## Wittenberg University (5-1; 7-2)

S. 1	CAPITAL	L, 0-13
S. 15	at Olivet	W, 17-16
S. 22	at Alma	W, 30-15
S. 29	WOOSTER*	W, 58-7
O. 6	at Earlham*	W, 73-0
O. 13	at Wabash*	L, 17-24
O. 20	OHIO WESLEYAN*	W, 21-16
O. 27	OBERLIN*	W, 38-14
N. 3	at Allegheny*	W, 17-6
N. 10	HIRAM*	1:00

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

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*	L, 7-58
O. 6	OHIO WESLEYAN*	W, 13-9
O. 13	HIRAM*	W, 24-17
O. 20	at Allegheny*	L, 20-27
O. 27	WABASH*	L, 10-21
N. 3	at Earlham*	W, 66-14
N. 10	KENYON*	1:00

make an 80-yard kickoff returned for a touchdown by freshman **Tod Belcher (Covington, GA/Newton County)** hold up as the game-winning play. An interception by senior safety **Tim Flammer (Cincinnati, OH/McNicholas)** stopped a late threat by the Gators on the Tiger two yard line with under a minute remaining in the game ... **WOOSTER** sophomore quarterback **Austin Holter (Johnstown, OH/Johnstown-Monroe)** completed 14 of 23 passes for 183 yards, threw for three touchdowns and ran in two other TDs himself. All five scores came before his day ended after the first drive of the second half, as the Scots upended Earlham, 66-14. Sophomore cornerback **Bryan Albani (Warren, OH/Howland)** intercepted three passes, all in the first half. His first pick was returned 55 yards for a touchdown, and his other two set up Wooster with a short field and led to two more scores on the ensuing drives. Albani finished with three other pass breakups and two solo tackles plus 121 yards on returns.

Ohio Wesleyan senior split end Zach Dennis (Jefferson, OH/Jefferson) had a 51-yard reception on the first play of the game to set up the Battling Bishops' first touchdown. Dennis finished with 10 catches for 219 yards, becoming the first OWU 200-yard receiving performance since 2001. Dennis' 219 yards also ranks fourth on the Ohio Wesleyan single-game list. Dennis also scored on a five-yard run in the 37-7 victory over Hiram.



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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 -- NCAA REGIONALS SET FOR SATURDAY**

The 2007 NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships Great Lakes Regional will be held at Calvin College on Saturday, November 10. The women's 6,000-meter race begins at 11 a.m., followed by the men's 8,000-meter race at 11:45 a.m. Muhlenberg will host the Mideast Regional the same day, with the women starting at 1:15 and the men at 2:15. Allegheny competes at Muhlenberg, while the remaining North Coast Athletic Conference squads run at Calvin. The NCAA Division III Men's & Women's Cross Country Championships will be contested at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota on November 17, with the women running at 11 a.m. and the men following at noon.

Two teams from each regional automatically qualify for the national meet. At-large berths will be given to 16 other teams, chosen by a committee following the completion of the regional meets. Aside from runners who are part of qualifying teams, seven individuals from each gender will also qualify from each region.

In the most recent (Oct. 30) US Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) polls, Allegheny's men are ranked second in the Mideast Region, while the Gator women are fifth. In the Great Lakes Region, Denison's men are 10th. On the women's side, Oberlin, Ohio Wesleyan and Kenyon are fifth, sixth and seventh, respectively. Denison is ninth in the women's poll. In the USTFCCCA Division III national poll, Allegheny is 12th in the men's poll, and 32nd in the women's poll.

### **FIELD HOCKEY REPORT -- KENYON CLAIMS SECOND STRAIGHT NCAC TOURNAMENT**

Third-seeded Kenyon picked up its second straight NCAC tournament title after posting a pair of post-season upsets. The Ladies swept through the NCAC Field Hockey Tournament, capping their run with a 2-1 double overtime win over Wooster in a championship game that was decided by penalty strokes. In the semifinals, Kenyon defeated second-seeded Wooster, 1-0. The Tigers, seeded first in the four-team event, had advanced to the final courtesy of a 7-3 win over fourth-seeded Oberlin in their semifinal matchup - the highest scoring game in tournament history.

Kenyon junior **Perrin Legg (Baltimore, MD/Bryn Mawr)** earned Tournament MVP honors. Freshman **Sophia Daly (Brooklandville, MD/Garrison Forest)**, sophomore **Sasha Grumman (Newport Beach, CA/Newport Harbor)**, and junior goalkeeper **Karen Thompson (Mechanicsburg, PA/Mechanicsburg Area)** joined her on the all-tournament team. Wittenberg had a trio of freshmen voted to the all-tournament team: **Tori Casanta (Mason, OH/Cor Jesu Academy)**, **Meredith Price (Highland Park, IL/North Shore Country Day)** and **Boo Vernon (Lake Bluff, IL/Cushing Academy)**. Oberlin and Wooster each had two athletes named to the all-tourney squad. The Yeowomen were represented by junior **Abigail Brox (Manchester, MA/St. George's School)** and freshman **Gillian Winbourn (Denver, CO/East)**, while the Fighting Scots were represented by junior **Anna Hurley (Oxford, OH/Talawanda)** and senior **Kate Persing (Canton, CT/Kimble Union Academy, NH)**.

As North Coast Tournament Champions, Kenyon has earned the conference's automatic bid into the NCAA Div. III playoffs - this will be their second straight trip to the national tournament and second since 1989. Wittenberg and Wooster may also be considered for NCAA Tournament berths; the Tigers and Fighting Scots will wait to see if they are awarded one of seven available at-large berths. First-round games are scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 7. Complete matchups and site information will be released by the NCAA on this evening at 10:00 p.m. at [www.ncaasports.com](http://www.ncaasports.com).

### **MEN'S SOCCER REPORT -- OHIO WESLEYAN CLAIMS SIXTH NCAC TOURNAMENT**

Second-seeded Ohio Wesleyan claimed its sixth North Coast Tournament Championship last week. The Battling Bishops advanced through the four-team event, capping their run with a 1-0 win over Allegheny in the championship game. Freshman **Eric Laipple (Westerville, OH/South)** in the 25th minute, was not only the lone goal of the game, but also was the lone goal of the three-game tournament. Both the Bishops and Gators tied their semifinal opponents, 0-0, in double overtime, then emerged victorious after penalty kicks. OWU slipped past third-seeded Wittenberg, 5-3, while the Gators outlasted top-seeded Kenyon, 6-5. As North Coast Tournament Champions, Ohio Wesleyan has earned the conference's automatic bid into the NCAA Div. III playoffs. The Bishops will be making their NCAA-record 30th national tournament appearance. NCAC champion Kenyon and third-place finisher Wittenberg may also be considered for one of the 16

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at-large berths into the 57-team national tournament field. First-round games are scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 7. Combined first- and second-round dates are also set for Friday and Saturday, Nov. 9-10 or Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 10-11. Complete matchups and site information will be released by the NCAA on Monday at [www.ncaasports.com](http://www.ncaasports.com).

**WOMEN'S SOCCER REPORT -- WITTENBERG CLAIMS SECOND NCAC TOURNAMENT TITLE IN A ROW**

Top-seeded Wittenberg claimed its second straight North Coast Athletic Conference Tournament championship last week. The Tigers produced their NCAC championship during the regular season and then capped off their 2007 campaign with a perfect run through the season-ending tourney. In the semifinals, Wittenberg topped fourth-seeded Kenyon, 2-1. The Tigers then followed with a 2-1 overtime victory over second-seeded Denison in the championship game, which was a rematch of last fall's tournament final. The Big Red had advanced to the championship game with a 2-1 win over third-seeded Ohio Wesleyan in their semifinal matchup. As North Coast Tournament Champions, Wittenberg has earned the conference's automatic bid into the NCAA Div. III playoffs. The Tigers will make their second national tourney appearance. Denison and Ohio Wesleyan may also be granted one of 18 at-large berths into the 60-team field. First-round NCAA games are scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 7. Combined first- and second-round dates are also set for Friday and Saturday, Nov. 9-10 or Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 10-11. Tournament participants will be released by the NCAA at 10:00 p.m. this evening at [www.ncaasports.com](http://www.ncaasports.com); a bracket with complete matchups and site information will be released on Monday.

**SWIMMING & DIVING REPORT -- A FULL SWIMMING SCHEDULE SET FOR WEEK AHEAD**

Allegheny hosts SUNY-New Paltz on Saturday, Denison competes against Calvin, Olivet and Wayne State on Friday night. Also Friday, Wabash travels to take on Wittenberg. Oberlin and Wooster join the field for Case Western Reserve's Veale Classic on Friday and Saturday. Ohio Wesleyan travels to Baldwin-Wallace with Washington & Jefferson for a double dual on Saturday. Kenyon is idle until the Nov. 15 Indiana Invitational.

**Men's Notes:** ALLEGHENY lost to Westminster and Gannon last week. **Ashton Kinney (Sewickley, PA/Sewickley Academy)** was second in the 500 freestyle (5:14.06) and was third in the 1,000 free (10:58.03) to lead the Gators against Westminster. Kinney also paced his team versus Gannon with a second-place finish in the 500 (5:08.98) and 1,000 (10:39.77). Kinney was also part of the second-place 400 free relay team ... For the second straight year, DENISON knocked off Kenyon in a dual meet. Eight first-place finishes led the way as the Big Red edged the Lords, 123-120. **John Geissinger (Darien, CT/Lawrenceville)** won the 100 freestyle in 46.20, and also won the 50 free (21.33) and was part of the winning 400 free relay that finished in 3:08.70. **David Curtis (Ann Arbor, MI/Pioneer)** was also part of the victorious 400 free relay, and added wins in the 200 free in 1:43.34 and 500 free (4:44.15). **Stephen Julka (Madison, WI/Madison Memorial)** won both diving events, posting a score of 283.60 on the one-meter board and 244.05 points on the three-meter ... In addition to losing to Denison, KENYON swam split squads at Ohio State and at home against Ohio Northern. The Lords lost to the Buckeyes, 155-42, and defeated ONU, 140-99. Against the Polar Bears, freshman **Andrew Butler (Skillman, NJ/The Pennington School)** won three events. He won the 1,000-yard freestyle in 9:57.49, then took the 200 yard individual medley in 2:07.69. He wrapped up the evening with a win in the 500 free (4:54.54). Against Denison, junior **Matthew Harris (Laurel, MD/DeMatha)** met an NCAA "B" cut with his first-place time of 51.03 in the 100-yard butterfly. He was also part of the Lords' victorious 200-yard medley relay team ... OHIO WESLEYAN dropped a pair of dual meets last week, 125-93 to Wittenberg and 123.5-98.5 to Mount Union. Sophomore **Kevin Fahey (Delaware, OH/Hayes)** won two events and led a relay to another first-place finish to pace the Battling Bishops against the Tigers. Fahey took first in the 200 individual medley (2:05.59) and 100 freestyle (50.79) and swam a leg on the winning 200 medley relay that finished 1:43.16. Fahey was a double winner against the Purple Raiders as well, touching first in the 200 free (1:52.78) and 500 free (5:05.39). Sophomore **David Getz (Delaware, OH/Hayes)** was also a double winner, taking the 200 IM (2:05.78) and 100 breaststroke (59.52). Sophomore **Brad Russell (Delaware, OH/Hayes)** swept the diving events (both on the one-meter board), posting a score of 117.75 in the first competition, and 144.50 in the second ... WABASH swept a triple dual, defeating Illinois Wesleyan (193-40) and Rose-Hulman (188-55). In their first action since freshman swimmer **Patrick Woehner** was killed in an on-campus accident, the Little Giants posted 11 first-place finishes in 16 events. Freshman **Daniel Michael (McCordsville, IN/Homeschooled)** won the 200 free in 1:45.72 and was part of the winning 400 medley and 400 free relay teams. Sophomore **Adam Peter (Indianapolis, IN/Decatur Central)** was also part of the 400 medley relay, and touched first in the 200 butterfly (1:55.63). Diver **Rob Fenoglio (Highland, IN/Highland)** won both diving events ... In their victory over OWU, WITTENBERG got first-place finishes from four swimmers and one diver. Against DePauw, the men fell, 206-93. **Neil Anderson (Lakewood, OH/Lakewood)** was a triple winner against the Tigers, beating the field in the 100 and 500 freestyles and the 200 butterfly ... WOOSTER lost to Ohio Northern last weekend, 166-127. Sophomore **Logan LaBerge (Towson, MD/Towson)** won the 100 backstroke for the second time in two meets, this time winning in 56.17.

**Women's Notes:** ALLEGHENY defeated Westminster, 144-118, as the Gators claimed victory in 12 of 16 events. **Erin Ham (Franklin, PA/Franklin Area)** won the 200 breaststroke in 2:33.16 and was part of the first-place 200-yard medley relay team. **Ashley Whitehead (Meadville, PA/Meadville)**, who was also part of the winning 200 medley relay, also won the 50 freestyle in 24.94, her second sub-25 second time of the year. She was then second in the 100 free (56.53) and was part of the winning 200 free relay. **Megan Knox (Pittsburgh, PA/Fox Chapel)** won the 1,000 free (11:20.89) and 500 free (5:32.32), and was part of the first-place 200 free relay. In a loss to Gannon, **Carolyn Nairn (Lubbock, TX/Brownell-Talbot)** set pool records in the 200 backstroke (2:12.97) and was part of the winning 400 medley relay that also set a pool mark (4:06.56). Nairn's time in the 100 backstroke leg of the relay (1:01.52) was also a pool record ... Despite recording seven NCAA "B" cut swims, DENISON lost to Kenyon, 136-101. **Kristen Hohl (Winfield, IL/Wheaton North)** and **Olivia Zaleski (Corry, PA/Corry Area)** each were part of the provisional qualifying 400 free relay that won with a time of 3:34.28. Hohl was second in the 100 free with a time of 52.93, while Zaleski won the 50 free in 24.37, and was second in the 100 back in 59.91. **Annamarie Novinger (Longmont, CO/Niwot)** and **Kathy Faingold (Wexford, PA/North Allegheny)**

were the other members of the qualifying 400 free relay. Faingold also met a B cut in the 200 IM (2:10.77) as she finished second, while Novinger met the cut in the 200 free with a second-place clocking of 1:55.46 ... **KENYON** swept a pair of dual meets last week, defeating Ohio Northern, 148-84, and Denison, 136-101. Senior **Lauren Goettsch (Austin, MN/Austin)** took the 50-yard freestyle in 25.22 against ONU, and swam a leg on the Ladies' winning 200-yard medley relay team. Sophomore **Emily Jacobssen (Knoxville, TN/Bearden)** won the 200-yard backstroke, improving her "B" cut time to 2:08.41. Against Denison, Kenyon posted a long list of provisional qualifying times. Sophomore **Tina Ertel (Halle, Germany/Sportgymnasium Halle)** topped the list with victories in the 100-yard freestyle (52.50) and 200-yard free (1:54.52) ... Wittenberg defeated **OHIO WESLEYAN**, 137-87, as Battling Bishop sophomore **Kendra Klossner (Naperville, IL/Neuqua Valley)** won the 100 backstroke (1:05.16), took second in the 200 IM and was part of the second-place 200 medley relay. Senior **Katherine Donnan (Columbus, OH/Bishop Hartley)** took first in one-meter diving with 191.60 points. In a 126-117 defeat of Mount Union, OWU freshman **Brenna Irrer (Ann Arbor, MI/Pioneer)** won the 200 IM (2:23.01), the 500 free (5:42.49) and 100 breaststroke (1:13.67). Klossner won the 100 (57.96) and 200 (2:07.15) freestyles, while senior **Rachel Ryan (Kinnelon, NJ/Kinnelon)** took the 50 free (26.14) and 100 butterfly (1:05.35). Donnan won the second one-meter diving event of the meet with 199.05 points ... Winning events for **WITTENBERG** against OWU were **Janna House (St. Thomas, ONT/Central Elgin Collegiate Institute)**, **Kristin Elber (Brunswick, OH/Brunswick)** and **Adeline Brym (Mandfield, OH/Lexington)**. House won the 200 IM (2:20.69) and 100 butterfly (1:03.50), Elber won the 50 free (25.63) and 500 free (5:35.21), and Brym touched first in the 100 free (55.92) and 100 breast (1:11.28). In a 171.5-124.5 loss to DePauw, Brym claimed first place in the 200 free, 500 breast and 200 IM. **Megan Shubitowski (Columbus, OH/Watterson)** won both diving events ... **WOOSTER** defeated Ohio Northern, 176.5-119.5. Senior **Amanda Bailey (Westlake, OH/Westlake)** was a double winner with first-place finishes in the 200 free (2:04.96) and 400 IM (5:00.41).

**VOLLEYBALL REPORT -- WITTENBERG CLAIMS FIRST NCAC TOURNAMENT**

Top-seeded Wittenberg claimed its 13th North Coast Tournament title and earned an automatic bid into the NCAA Division III Championship with a 30-19, 30-20, 30-22 decision over Hiram in the championship match. The Tigers enter the NCAA Tournament with a perfect 34-0 record and stand as the only undefeated team in all of NCAA volleyball - regardless of division. Wittenberg advanced to the final after sweeping fourth-seeded Earlham, one of only five squads to take a game from the Tigers during the regular season, in straight sets in their semifinal matchup. Second-seeded Hiram defeated the third seed, Wooster, 3-0, in their semifinal matchup.

Tournament MVP, senior **Lindsey Penrod (Piqua, OH/Piqua)** was joined on the all-tournament team by juniors **Laura Fender (Toledo, OH/St. Ursula)** and **Jackie Williams (Rocky River, OH/Magnificat)**. Hiram had two players voted to the squad: senior **Megan Taylor (Cortland, OH/Lakeview)** and junior **Sarah Schoenhagen (Cleveland Hts., OH/Gilmour)**. Earlham and Wooster each had one athlete named to the all-tourney squad. The Quakers were represented by senior **Lisa Vanderkolk (Bluffton, IN.Blufftoon)**, while the Fighting Scots were represented by senior **Carolyn Ciriegio (Covington, OH/Covington)**.

The 2007 All-NCAC Volleyball squad was announced at the conclusion of the Tournament. Wittenberg's Williams was named the 2007 Player of the Year in balloting by league coaches. Hiram freshman **Kim Sage (Bellevue, OH/Bellevue)** was named Newcomer of the Year and Wooster junior **Ali Drushal (Lakeville, OH/West Holmes)** earned Libero of the Year honors for the second straight year. Wittenberg's **Paco Labrador** was tabbed Coach of the Year after leading the Tigers their 13th North Coast Championship during the regular season. He is receiving the honor for the second fall in a row. [See attached list for complete All-NCAC roster]

Wittenberg, ranked first in the nation by the AVCA, will learn its opponent in the NCAA tournament Monday, when complete matchups and site information will be released by the NCAA at [www.ncaasports.com](http://www.ncaasports.com). The Tigers will host one of eight regional rounds of the tournament from Thursday, Nov. 8 through Saturday, Nov. 10. Wittenberg has won four of the last five Great Lakes Regional titles. The Tigers have lost in the national semifinals each of the last two years to Juniata College, which is ranked No. 2 this year after capturing the national championship in 2006. Hiram, ranked 21st in the nation, may also be considered for an at-large tournament berth in the 61-team field due to its successful season.



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**ALL-NCAC VOLLEYBALL SQUAD ANNOUNCED;  
WILLIAMS NAMED PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

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**CLEVELAND** -- Wittenberg junior **Jackie Williams (Rocky River, OH/Magnificat)** has been named Player of the Year to highlight the 2007 All-North Coast Athletic Conference volleyball selections.

Williams, a 6-1 outside hitter, ranked third in the conference during the regular season with a .408 hitting percentage (255 kills, 49 errors, 505 attempts), and was fifth in kills per game (3.36). She led the Tigers to their 13th North Coast championship, their 13th NCAC tournament title, and a berth in the NCAA Division III Tournament for the 11th straight year. Wittenberg is the top ranked team in NCAA Division III and the only unbeaten squad in the entire NCAA with a 34-0 record after the conference tournament.

Wooster junior **Ali Drushal (Lakeville, OH/West Holmes)** repeated as the NCAC's Libero of the Year. Drushal led the conference during the regular season with 8.10 digs per game. Drushal moves up to the first team after earning second-team recognition last year, and is the second player to earn Libero of the Year honors two consecutive seasons.

Joining Williams and Drushal on the first team are Tiger senior **Emily Bell (Ft. Wayne, IN/Concordia Lutheran)** and Hiram senior **Megan Taylor (Cortland, OH/Lakeview)**, both of whom repeat as first-team selections. Bell and Taylor each make their third consecutive appearance on the first team. Taylor also earned honorable mention recognition in 2004. Wittenberg senior **Jan Kehres (Alliance, OH/Alliance)** and Earlham senior **Lisa Vanderkolk (Bluffton, IN/Bluffton)** each make their first appearance on the first team. Kehres was an honorable mention choice in 2005, while Vanderkolk was a second team choice in 2006 and honorable mention in 2003. She is just the second Quaker to earn NCAC first-team honors in school history, and the first since 1991.

Hiram freshman outside hitter **Kim Sage (Bellevue, OH/Bellevue)** was voted the NCAC's Newcomer of the Year. She finished her first regular season with the Terriers second on the team in kills (295), kills per game (2.95) and was third in digs per game (2.48) and points per game (3.20).

Wittenberg head coach **Paco Labrador** was named NCAC Coach of the Year for the second time in two years. He guided the Tigers to their first-ever undefeated regular season. His squad posted an even more impressive 102-6 record in games played. Labrador is 164-23 in his five years at the helm.

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## 2007 ALL-NCAC VOLLEYBALL

**CLEVELAND** -- The following performers have earned All-North Coast Athletic Conference honors for the 2007 season through balloting by the NCAC volleyball coaches. The All-NCAC Team was announced at the conclusion of the NCAC Tournament.

<b>FIRST TEAM</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Ht.</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Hometown/High School</b>
Emily Bell ♦✓	Wittenberg	Sr.	5-9	OH	Ft. Wayne, IN/Concordia Lutheran
Ali Drushal *	Wooster	Jr.	5-3	L	Lakeville, OH/West Holmes
Jan Kehres #	Wittenberg	Sr.	5-9	OH/DS	Alliance, OH/Alliance
Megan Taylor \$♦✓	Hiram	Sr.	5-8	S	Cortland, OH/Lakeview
Lisa Vanderkolk @*	Earlham	Sr.	6-0	MB	Bluffton, IN/Bluffton
Jackie Williams ♦✓	Wittenberg	Jr.	6-1	OH	Rocky River, OH/Magnificat

**Player of the Year:** Jackie Williams, Wittenberg

**Libero of the Year:** Ali Drushal, Wooster

**Newcomer of the Year:** Kim Sage, Hiram

**Coach of the Year:** Paco Labrador, Wittenberg

<b>SECOND TEAM</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Ht.</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Hometown/High School</b>
Kelsey Bruce ^#	Denison	Sr.	6-0	MH	Columbus, OH/Upper Arlington
Steffi Graf ✓	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	5-8	OH	Poland, OH/Seminary
Kim Sage	Hiram	Fr.	5-10	OH	Bellevue, OH/Bellevue
Sarah Schoenhagen	Hiram	Jr.	5-9	OH	Cleveland Hts., OH/Gilmour
Annie Schultheis ⌘	Allegheny	Sr.	5-9	OH/RS	Canton, OH/GlenOak
Deysi Villerreal \$⌘	Oberlin	Sr.	5-9	S/RS	Tuscon, AZ/Canyon del Oro

<b>HONORABLE MENTION</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Ht.</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Hometown/High School</b>
Jessica Kimble	Wittenberg	Jr.	5-10	MH	Dennison, OH/Claymont
Kasia Kucharski	Denison	Jr.	5-10	OH	Columbus, OH/Bishop Ready
Keeley McAnnis-Entenman	Earlham	So.		MB	Portland, OR/Grant
Shea Pence	Ohio Wesleyan	Jr.	5-7	S	Danville, IN/Danville Community
Heather Wolff ^#	Wooster	Sr.	5-8	S	Mansfield, OH/Madison Comprehensive
Erin Wright	Wooster	Sr.	5-11	MH	Akron, OH/Walsh Jesuit

**Key:** ✓ 1st team 2006; \* 2nd team 2006; ⌘ honorable mention 2006; ♦ 1st team 2005; # honorable mention 2005;

^ 2nd team 2004; \$ honorable mention 2004; @ honorable mention 2003