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NCAC Men's Basketball Report

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WOOSTER EDGED IN NCAA TOURNAMENT SECOND ROUND

North Coast Athletic Conference regular season and tournament champion Wooster (23-7) was knocked out of the NCAA Division III tournament in the second round after a buzzer-beater by No. 13 Capital. The Fighting Scots' **Nathan Balch (Westerville, OH/Olentangy)** had tied the game, 70-70, on a three-pointer with 9.1 seconds remaining on the clock, but the Crusaders' DJ Frazier banked in a shot as the final horn sounded, handing Capital a narrow 72-20 victory. Wooster had advanced to the second round after defeating Gettysburg, 79-66, in first-round action. Balch combined for 39 points on 13-of-17 (.765) shooting from the floor, and 7-of-9 three's. He was 6-for-6 from the free throw line and also collected 10 rebounds over the two games. Wooster made its 18th NCAA appearance; the Scots have compiled an 18-19 (.486) record in national tournament play.

Complete NCAA Tournament information can be found online at: <http://www.ncaa.com>.

NCAC Women's Basketball Report

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OHIO WESLEYAN ENDS SEASON IN NCAA TOURNAMENT

North Coast Athletic Conference tournament champion Ohio Wesleyan (17-12) closed out its season in the first round of the NCAA Division III tournament. Sophomore post **Kayla Gordon (St. Louis, MO/Mehlville)** and junior wing **Rachel Seibel (Johnstown, OH/Johnstown-Monroe)** hit three-pointers that gave the Battling Bishops an early 6-5 lead, but top-ranked Illinois Wesleyan answered with a 9-2 run and went on to defeat OWU, 80-51, in the first-round matchup. Senior post **Katie Hamilton (Hilliard, OH/Darby)** led the Bishops with 15 points, while sophomore wing **Tyler Cordell (Columbus, OH/St. Francis DeSales)** added 10 points and posted team highs of six rebounds and four assists. Cordell's four assists moved her season total to 136, tying the school record set by **Amy Evans** during the 1991-92 season. Ohio Wesleyan made its sixth NCAA appearance; the Bishops have compiled a 7-6 (.538) record in national tournament play.

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NCAC Spring Sports Report

EARLY SPRING ACTION CONTINUES

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NCAC Baseball Report

All 10 North Coast baseball teams embark on spring break trips in the coming week. The first conference games are set for Thursday and Friday in Fort Pierce, Florida, when Hiram and Kenyon face one another.

Notes: **ALLEGHENY** opened the season by going 1-3 in a pair of doubleheaders played at Frostburg State. The Gators scored three runs in the seventh inning to claim a 3-2 come-from-behind decision in their lone victory. In the game, **Steve Beckett (Pittsburgh, PA/Plum)** went 3-for-3 with a double and a two-run single. Pitchers **J.R. Hess (Pittsburgh, PA/Central Catholic)** and **Justin Abbott (Pittsburgh, PA/Seton-LaSalle)** combined to throw a one-hitter. Hess worked 5 1/3 innings and allowed one hit and no earned runs with four strikeouts. Abbott finished the final 1 2/3 innings and recorded one strikeout ... **DENISON** opened 2009 with a 2-1 record against Rhodes. Junior first baseman **Park Smith (Warren, NJ/The Pingry School)** hit .625 (10-for-16) with four doubles, nine runs batted in and six runs scored in the three-game series. In Sunday's 14-8 win, Park set a single-game school record by smashing six hits (6-for-6) and added a career-high seven RBI. Freshman pitcher **Kevin Bratcher (Raleigh, NC/Ravenscroft)** tossed five innings in his first collegiate start, giving up five hits, four runs and ringing up four batters ... **EARLHAM** opened the season with a high-scoring, 19-11, win over Centre. The Quakers gave up five runs in the first inning, and trailed 6-1 after two were complete, but were able to come back to tie it with five runs in the third. Earlham scored six runs in the fifth to take the lead for the first time and never trailed again. Junior **Jake Carr (Richmond, IN/Richmond)** hit 4-for-7 with a two-run double and three runs scored. Sophomore **Adam Painter (Ft. Wayne, IN/Snyder)** picked up the win after he pitched four innings, allowed one earned run and struck out three ... **HIRAM** opened the season with a doubleheader loss to St. Scholastica, 8-0 and 10-5 ... The season got off to a strong start for **KENYON** went it swept a doubleheader from Lebanon Valley. However, the Lords then dropped their next seven contests on their trip to Florida. Senior shortstop **Jake Calcei (Mantua, OH/Aurora)** was a bright spot as he hit 16-for-37 (.432) with four doubles, two triples, 10 runs scored and five RBI. He also went 4-for-4 in stolen-base attempts. Senior pitcher **Geoff Bollier (Carmel, IN/Carmel)** made two starts and three appearances. He posted a 1-1 record with a 4.04 earned-run average and struck out five ... **OBERLIN** began the season at the Mountaineer Classic in Berea, Kentucky. The Yeomen dropped all four of their contests, losing to the host Berea, 5-1 and 13-11, then dropping both ends of a twinbill against Davenport, 16-7 and 11-6. Senior **P.J. Carter (Lorain, OH/Admiral King)** and sophomore **Ben Kauder (Toledo, OH/St. John's Jesuit)** each hit homeruns during the tournament ... On its spring trip to Florida, 13th-ranked **WOOSTER** split a doubleheader with Heidelberg. The first game, the Fighting Scots won, 16-12, as junior left fielder **Stu Beath (St. Louis, MO/Avon Old Farms, CT)** established a school record by scoring six runs. He went 5-for-5 at the plate with a double and reached base a sixth time on an error during a successful sacrifice attempt. Senior right-handed pitcher **Anthony Trapuzzano (Pittsburgh, PA/Canevin Catholic)** improved to 2-0 as he picked up the win. He is 26-6 in his career. The Scots dropped game two, 12-4.

NCAC Golf Report

Ohio Wesleyan and Wittenberg will tee off their spring campaigns at the GEICO Intercollegiate at Hunter Golf Club in Savannah, GA, on Friday and Saturday. Hiram and Wabash are on their spring trips through Saturday. The Terriers are in Pinehurst, NC, through Saturday, while the Little Giants are in Phoenix and Scottsdale. Wooster is travelling to Jacksonville, FL and Pinehurst, through Mar. 20. Denison takes its spring trip Saturday through Mar. 22. The Big Red will head to Georgia.

NCAC Men's Lacrosse Report

All six NCAC teams are set to play at least once in the coming week. Kenyon takes on Dickinson Tuesday. On Wednesday, Ohio Wesleyan is set to visit Gettysburg, Wittenberg faces Curry in Florida, and Wooster heads to Swarthmore. Oberlin's Wednesday match with Washington & Jefferson, the Yeomen's home opener, has been postponed. Heavy rains over the weekend have made Shultz Field unplayable. Oberlin looks to return to action on Saturday when they head to Shenandoah. Also Saturday, Denison meets Lynchburg and Wooster visits St. Mary's (MD). Rounding out the schedule is a Friday tilt between Kenyon and Stevens Tech.

Notes: **KENYON** is off to a 1-1 start after falling to Roanoke, 20-12. Senior **Devin Catlin (Charlottesville, VA/Western Albemarle)** scored three goals and classmate **James Eaton (Baltimore, MD/Boys' Latin)** added two ... In its opener, **OBERLIN** fell to Adrian, 21-8. Sophomore midfielder **Nick Thypin-Bermeo (Princeton, NJ/The Hun School)** scored a career-high four goals ... **Mitch Cohagan (Pickerington, OH/North)** recorded a hat trick, leading **WITTENBERG** to an 8-7 overtime win over Mount St. Joseph.

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Freshman goalkeeper **Spencer Baker (Worthington, OH/Thomas Worthington)** made 16 saves in his first career start ... Senior attacker **Mark Weschler (Silver Spring, MD/Our Lady of Good Counsel)** became the fifth player in school history to score 100 career goals in **WOOSTER'S** 17-2 defeat of Trine. He scored five times, lifting his career total to 104 goals. Senior midfielder **Tim Lee (Orion, MI/Detroit Jesuit)** recorded a career-best four goals in the Fighting Scots' 13-9 loss to Goucher.

[NCAC Women's Lacrosse Report](#)

Allegheny opens the season tomorrow with a home game against Frostburg State, then plays at home again on Thursday against RIT. Denison starts its season Sunday during its spring trip to Florida. Kenyon is on its spring break trip to Florida, and has games scheduled with Lynchburg on Wednesday, University of the South on Saturday and Birmingham-Southern on Sunday. Oberlin's season begins March 16 against Trine. Ohio Wesleyan is on its spring trip. The Battling Bishops face Fitchburg St. today, Stevenson tomorrow, and Bowdoin on Thursday. Wittenberg opens March 17 at Adrian, while Wooster starts the season at St. Vincent on Wednesday and meets York on Saturday.

[NCAC Softball Report](#)

Every North Coast squad but Oberlin will play games as part of spring trips this week.

Notes: In last week's action, **ALLEGHENY** went 2-2 at Virginia Wesleyan's Beach Blast Tournament, then split a doubleheader with Hood. The week started with a pair of losses to Lynchburg, 8-0, and Salisbury, 11-3, before wins against Stevenson, 13-1, and Polytechnic Institute of New York, 7-0. The doubleheader with Hood opened with a 5-4 loss in eight innings before the Gators came back to win the second game, 5-1. Junior **Maggie Bodenlos (Pittsburgh, PA/Shady Side Academy)** smashed her first career home run against Stevenson, then collected three hits and three stolen bases against Polytechnic. Senior **Rachel Ryan (West Salem, OH/Northwestern)** hit a pair of homers and three doubles. Ryan hit a three-run homer against Stevenson and hit a two-run shot in game two against Hood. Freshman **Stacey Robertshaw (Easthampton, NJ/Rancocas Valley)** earned two victories on the mound ... **HIRAM** opened the year with a pair of wins. The Terriers defeated Emmanuel, 10-0, and Chatham, 9-0, both in five innings. Senior first baseman **Chastine Romanello (Phoenix, AZ/Barry Goldwater)** hit a grand-slam home run in her only official at-bat against Emmanuel. Junior **Whitney Dropsey (Ashland, OH/Hillsdale)** threw four innings, allowing one walk and striking out six ... **KENYON** fell in its season opener, a 2-0 decision to Wartburg, but bounced back to defeat St. John Fisher, 9-5, in game two. Both games were played in Tucson, Arizona. Sophomore **Brittany Vanegas (Alameda, CA/Redwood Christian)** threw six innings of five-hit ball, struck out seven and allowed two runs in the loss. Senior **Kelly Adams (Lexington, MA/Lexington)** went 2-for-3 with a triple to lead the Ladies to victory over St. John Fisher. She also scored once and drove in two ... **WOOSTER** split its first two games of the season. In the opener, the Fighting Scots defeated Elms, 6-1, as junior pitcher **Andrea Kelley (Westerville, OH/South)** threw five perfect innings. In a 9-6 loss to WPI, Kelley hit 3-for-4 at the plate with two runs batted in to lead the offense.

[NCAC Men's Tennis Report](#)

Ohio Wesleyan, Wittenberg and Wooster are all in Hilton Head, South Carolina, this week, for their spring break trips. Kenyon meets Cal-Santa Cruz on Friday. Oberlin hosts Grove City Saturday. Wabash will play five matches in Florida this week. Tomorrow, the Little Giants face Vassar and the College of New Jersey. Wednesday they meet Haverford and Christopher Newport. Allegheny's spring break trip starts Sunday.

Notes: **EARLHAM** lost to Franklin, 8-1 ... **KENYON** lost to third-ranked Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, 6-3, in its only action last week. The seventh-ranked Lords got singles wins from **Michael Greenberg (Chapel Hill, NC/East Chapel Hill)**, **William Vandenberg (Milwaukee, WI/University School)** and **Daniel Becker (Portland, OR/Sunset)** ... Junior **Ben Godlove (Forest Hills, NY/Kew Forest School)** accounted for **OBERLIN'S** point in an 8-1 loss to Hope. Godlove won at first singles ... **WOOSTER** shut out Otterbein last week, 9-0. The Fighting Scots, who are off to a 3-0 start for the first time since 2006, were led by senior **Pat Grab (Erie, PA/ Cathedral Prep)**, who posted a 6-1, 6-1 victory at No. 1 singles.

[NCAC Women's Tennis Report](#)

Allegheny's spring trip begins Sunday. Denison is idle. Earlham, which lost last week to Franklin, 5-4, hosts Wilmington on Thursday. Kenyon meets Vassar tomorrow. Oberlin travels to Ohio Northern Wednesday and hosts John Carroll on Saturday. Ohio Wesleyan, Wittenberg and Wooster, off to a 1-1 start, are all in Hilton Head, South Carolina this week for their spring break trips.