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NCAC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK (April 20)

BASEBALL (PITCHER/PLAYER)

PITCHER OF THE WEEK: Lefthander **Jack Dunn (Lake Havasu, AZ/Lake Havasu)** of Oberlin went 2-0 with an 1.42 earned-run average. He totaled 12.2 innings and allowed two earned runs while striking out 11. He pitched a complete game with one run and eight strikeouts in a 2-1 win over Case, then two days later, threw 5.2 innings, allowed five hits and one earned run to defeat Hiram. **PLAYER OF THE WEEK:** Wooster senior centerfielder **Sean Karpen (Venetia, PA/Peters Twp.)** batted .615 (8-for-13) with seven runs, two home runs and four RBI during three Fighting Scot wins. In a 15-5 defeat of Case at Progressive Field in downtown Cleveland, Karpen had a career-high five-hit day (5-for-6), including a homer over the 19-foot high fence in left field. That also happened to be the 200th hit of his career. Karpen is the 11th Wooster player to reach that milestone. In a doubleheader sweep of Penn State Behrend, he went 3-for-7 with another home run and a steal with two RBI.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Ohio Wesleyan senior attacker **Nick Gallagher (Columbus, OH/Dublin Scioto)** led the Battling Bishops over Kenyon, 11-6, in NCAC play last week. Gallagher scored twice as OWU opened the game with a 3-0 run. He finished the game with a team-high four goals.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Wittenberg sophomore attacker **Jordan Beauchamp (Noblesville, IN/Hamilton Southeastern)** scored seven goals and added four ground balls as Wittenberg defeated Oberlin, 20-8, and Denison, 9-6, in NCAC play last week. The Tigers defeated the Big Red for the first time in 24 tries, a streak that stretched back to the 1990 season.

SOFTBALL (PITCHER/PLAYER)

PITCHER OF THE WEEK: Hiram junior pitcher **Whitney Dropsey (Ashland, OH/Hillsdale)** pitched 11 innings last week, went 2-0, and allowed five hits, one earned run and struck out six. She led the Terriers to a doubleheader sweep of Kenyon, 4-1 and 4-3 (8). **PLAYER OF THE WEEK:** Senior centerfielder **Mary Beth Krolkowski (Brunswick, OH/Holy Name)** of Denison hit 11-for-20 (.550) with two home runs, two doubles, a triple and drove in eight while scoring eight. The Big Red swept Case, 9-3 and 11-2, and Oberlin, 12-0, and 12-0 last week to up its overall mark to 19-12 and NCAC record to 9-1.

OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD (MEN/WOMEN)

Men's Distance: Junior **Tony Dipre (Twinsburg, OH/Walsh Jesuit)** of Allegheny won the 1500 meters and was runner up in the 800 meters at the Sparky Adams Invitational, hosted by Baldwin-Wallace. He finished the 1500 in 3:57.19 and ran 1:55.70 in the 800.

Men's Sprints/Hurdles: Wittenberg senior **Manny Lamarre (Miami, FL/Bellen Jesuit)** won the 400 meters, was part of the first-place 4x400-meter relay and placed fifth in the 200 meters at the Wilmington Invitational. His time was 50.46 seconds in the 400, the relay crossed in 3:22.84 and he clocked 22.83 seconds in the 200.

Men's Field: **Joe McMahon (Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin)** won the triple jump and placed second in the long jump at Baldwin-Wallace's Sparky Adams Invitational. He leapt an NCAA provisional qualifying distance of 47 feet, 0.75 inches in the triple and went 22 feet, 1 inch in the long jump.

Women's Distance: Freshman **Darcy Dubuc (Grand Haven, MI/Grand Haven)** of Wittenberg won the 800 meters at the Wilmington Invitational. She finished the race in 2:20.97.

Women's Sprints/Hurdles: Allegheny sophomore **Beth Muller (Canton, MA/Canton)** placed fifth in the 400 meters at the Sparky Adams Invitational, hosted by Baldwin-Wallace. She finished with a time of 59.55 seconds.

Women's Field: Denison junior **Emily Hammeren (Olmsted Falls, OH/Olmsted Falls)** placed third in the pole vault at the Denison Invitational. She cleared 10 feet, 6 inches, which is a Big Red record, and ties the best mark in the conference this season.



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NCAC Spring Sports Update

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BASEBALL REPORT

NCAC Tournament: May 2-3, May 7-8

Three of the four North Coast Athletic Conference Tournament berths have been decided entering the final weekend of play. In the East, Wooster (13-3, 28-7) has claimed the top seed, while Kenyon (12-4, 21-15) has earned the second. In the West, Ohio Wesleyan (10-4, 20-12) has clinched a berth, but won't know its exact standing until the conclusion of makeup games this weekend. The Battling Bishops host fourth-place Wittenberg (5-7, 12-17) on Sunday.

Wabash (8-4, 14-14), which enters the week in second place in the West, needs to win only one of four makeup games set for Saturday and Sunday to earn its first NCAC tournament berth since joining the league in 1999-2000. The Little Giants have a makeup doubleheader at Wittenberg on Saturday and at home against fifth-place Earlham (2-10, 12-18) on Sunday. Denison (7-7, 17-16) travels to Earlham on Saturday.

The NCAC Tournament will be held in two rounds, beginning Saturday and Sunday, May 2-3. Wooster will most likely host either Ohio Wesleyan or Wabash in a best-of-three series consisting of three nine-inning games. Kenyon will travel to the number one seed in the West, also in a best-of-three series. The two winners of the first round will advance to the tournament championships, to be held at Wittenberg's Carleton Davidson Stadium on Thursday and Friday, May 7-8.

The two teams that advance to the tournament final will determine first and second place in the NCAC standings. The Tournament winner is the NCAC champion and will also receive the conference's automatic bid into the NCAA Division III Tournament. The two semifinal losers will share third place. Places 5-10 are determined by division standings – the third-place teams in each division tie for fifth, the fourth-place teams tie for seventh and the fifth-place teams tie for ninth. Ties will not be broken. The Conference does not award Divisional championships.

Last spring, Ohio Wesleyan took two of three games from Denison to claim their 10th NCAC championship. The Fighting Scots have claimed a league-leading 11 titles. Allegheny has claimed four. The Gators and Scots shared the league's first championship in 1985.

Allegheny (8-6, 17-13) and Hiram (0-14, 2-25) have a makeup doubleheader, but a date for the contests has not yet been decided.

Notes: **ALLEGHENY** enjoyed a 4-2 week, in which it rallied for three come-from-behind wins. The Gators began the week with a split against Penn State-Behrend. After losing the first game, 11-0, they came back to win game two, 7-3, on a walk-off grand slam by **James Fago (Lockport, NY/Lockport)**. Fago was also the winning pitcher. Allegheny needed to sweep their final six NCAC East games in order to qualify for the conference tournament, but the Gators took three of four from Kenyon, effectively ending their playoff hopes. Pitcher **David Strawser (Tipp City, OH/Tippecanoe)** fired a two-hit shutout in an 8-0 victory over Kenyon ... **DENISON** had a tough week as well, with a 1-5 mark in NCAC play. The Big Red dropped three of four to Wabash and dropped both ends of a makeup doubleheader with Ohio Wesleyan to fall to 17-16 overall, 7-7 in the NCAC West. In six starts, freshman **Evan Nicholson (North Canton, OH/Hoover)** went 6-for-16 (.375) with two RBI, three runs scored and six walks ... **EARLHAM** swept a pair of doubleheaders with Robert Morris-Springfield, winning the first twinbill, 6-2 and 6-0, then taking the next day's contests, 12-4 and 4-3. Sophomore righthander **Corey Murray (Richmond, IN/Richmond)** pitched a complete-game shutout in game two of the series. He gave up three hits and struck out 10. Junior **Jake Carr (Richmond, IN/Richmond)** hit 10-for-15 (.667) with four runs scored, five doubles and four RBI ... **HIRAM** posted a 1-5 week, earning a split with Westminster, then dropping all four games in the North Coast series with Oberlin. Senior **Craig Dobos (Warren, OH/Howland)** hit 12-for-21 (.571) with seven runs, four doubles and a triple. He batted in six and posted a slugging percentage of .857. The 9-7 win over Westminster was the 250th of Terrier head coach **Howard Jenter's** 18-year tenure at the helm of his alma mater ... **KENYON** went 1-3 against Allegheny and came up one game shy of earning what could have been its first-ever top seed in the East Division. The Lords did, however, lock up a spot in the NCAC tournament for the second consecutive season. Junior first baseman **Tom Hardacker (Carmel, IN/Park Tudor)** went 6-for-11 (.545) at the plate with a pair of runs scored and two RBI. On the mound, **Tom Boucher (Cutchogue, NY/Mattituck)** picked up the game two, 2-1 victory for the Lords. He threw five innings and gave up one earned run, walked three and struck out two ... Five players hit over .400 as **OBERLIN** went 6-0 last week. The Yeomen swept Case, 2-1 and 3-1, then took a four-game series from Hiram, 12-4, 9-8, 5-3, 5-4. Senior first baseman **Jeremy Simon**

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(Oakland, CA/Bishop O'Dowd) batted 9-for-18 (.500) with six RBI and two runs scored. He accumulated 11 total bases with a sacrifice fly and stole two bases. His biggest hit of the week came in the seventh inning of Oberlin's 9-8, comeback win over Hiram. He belted a three-run triple to right field to make it an 8-7 game. Lefthander **Jack Dunn (Lake Havasu, AZ/Lake Havasu)** went 2-0 with an 1.42 earned-run average. He totaled 12.2 innings and allowed two earned runs while striking out 11. He pitched a complete game with one run and eight strikeouts against Case, then two days later, threw 132 pitches – 75 for strikes – in 5.2 innings, allowed five hits and one earned run to defeat Hiram ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** posted a 3-1 mark, all in West Division play, to clinch a spot in the NCAC tournament. Senior shortstop **Logan Hronis (Rocky River, OH/St. Edward)** singled in the game-winning run in a 2-1 win over Denison, and hit 4-for-5 with three runs scored in a doubleheader against Wittenberg. He finished the week hitting 6-for-12. Junior righthander **Matthew Struble (Defiance, OH/Edon)** fired a four-hit shutout against Wittenberg, 4-0. He retired 12 of the last 13 batters, struck out four and did not walk a batter. The Battling Bishops swept Denison, 2-1 and 5-4, then topped Wittenberg, 4-0, before falling 16-15 in game two **WABASH** is 14-14 overall, 8-4 in the West Division after taking three of four from Denison last week. Freshman outfielder **Brian Lares (Granger, IN/Penn)** set a single-game school record by ripping four doubles in a 12-7 win over Spalding to start the week. He finished the game 5-for-5. Senior shortstop **Matt Dodaro (St. John, IN/Lake Central)** hit his 22nd career home run in an 8-2 victory over Denison, and hit is 40th career double earlier in the series, tying him for the all-time school mark in that category. Senior outfielder **Jake Thomas (Evanston, IL/Evanston)** hit 8-for-17 (.471) with six runs scored and five runs batted in. In the final game of the Denison series, an 8-2 Little Giant victory, Thomas hit a home run in the first inning, tripled in the second and hit a single in the fourth. In the process, he collected his 171st career hit to become the second player in Wabash history to record 170. Freshman pitcher **Andrew Swart (Crawfordsville, IN/Crawfordsville)** went 1-0 with a 1.50 ERA in two appearances. He came on in relief against Spalding to hold them to one unearned run in five innings, then picked up a complete-game win in the 8-2 victory over the Big Red. He held Denison to two runs on six hits with a walk and three strikeouts ... **WITTENBERG** went 2-1 last week. The Tigers topped Capital, 10-9 in 11 innings then split with Ohio Wesleyan. Senior **Patrick Williams (Plainfield, IN/Plainfield)** smashed a three-run homer in the 10th to force the game into the 11th, then classmate **Steve Moran (Milford, OH/Milford)** knocked in the game-winner in the 11th. Infielder **Mike Yednock (Worthington, OH/Thomas Worthington)** drove in three runs and scored three times in the Tigers' 16-15 victory over the Battling Bishops ... **WOOSTER** went 3-0 in three non-conference games. Senior centerfielder **Sean Karpen (Venetia, PA/Peters Twp.)** batted .615 (8-for-13) with seven runs, two home runs and four RBI. In a 15-5 victory over Case at Progressive Field, he had a career-high five-hit day by going 5-for-6 and hitting a home run over the 19-foot high fence in left field. It was the 200th hit of his career. Karpen becomes the 11th Wooster player to reach that milestone. Senior right hander **Mark Miller (Convoy, OH/Crestview)** earned his seventh win of the season by pitching 5.1 innings of a 11-3 win over Penn State-Behrend.

GOLF REPORT **NCAC Champion: Regular Season**

The final weekend before the NCAC championship series finale features Wooster's annual Bob Nye Invitational. Hiram, Kenyon, Oberlin, and Wabash will join the Fighting Scots at the Wooster Country Club on Saturday and Sunday. Ohio Wesleyan competes at the Fossum Invitational in East Lansing, Michigan, from Friday through Sunday, while Wabash is at the Giant-Engineering Classic with Rose-Hulman on Wednesday.

The third leg of the North Coast Athletic Conference Golf Championship Series was completed last weekend. The Wabash Invitational was won by Ohio Wesleyan with scores of 293-299=592, which was 16 over par at the Trophy Club Golf Course in Lebanon, Indiana. Wittenberg was the second NCAC team in the standings with a score of 303-318=621, followed by Allegheny, which carded rounds of 313 and 319 to finish at 632. Denison (636), Wooster (646), Wabash (652), Kenyon (674), Hiram (755) and Oberlin (832) rounded out the standings.

Through three events, the defending champion Battling Bishops hold the lead in the Championship Series with 1,752 strokes, followed by the Tigers with 1,827 and the Gators at 1,837. Denison stands fourth (1,864), Wabash (1,906) and Wooster (1,931) are fifth and sixth, respectively. Rounding out places seven through nine are Kenyon (1,969), Hiram (2,158) and Oberlin (832).

The series finale is the NCAC Invitational, a 54-hole tournament, hosted by Allegheny on May 2-3 at The Country Club in Meadville, Pennsylvania.

Notes: **OHIO WESLEYAN** senior **Jeff Neiman (Maineville, OH/Cincinnati Moeller)** won the Wabash Invitational with a two-under-par total score of 75-67=142. His second-round 67 was five under par. Five Battling Bishop golfers placed in the top five (including a tie at fifth), with only a golfer from DePauw five strokes behind Neiman in second place preventing an OWU sweep of the top five spots. **WITTENBERG** freshmen **Ricky Boerner (Hilliard, OH/Watterson)** and **Jordan Millice (Cable, OH/Triad)** were the next North Coast golfers to finish; they tied for eighth place with two-round scores of 154. **ALLEGHENY** senior **Billy Wisniewski (Williamsville, NY/South)** also tied for eighth with a 154. **DENISON'S** top individual was **Kenny Smaga (Land-O-Lakes, FL/Walsh Jesuit, OH)** in 11th (155). **HIRAM** was paced by senior **Brian Wilthew (Garrettsville, OH/Garfield)** in a tie for 44th (170). **KENYON** freshman **Sam Hull (Chevy Chase, MD/Bethesda Chevy Chase)** paced the Lords with a 161, good for a 25th-place tie. Pacing **BERLIN** was senior **D.J. Maynard (Coudersport, PA/Coudersport Area)** in 54th place (92-96=188). **WABASH** senior **Jordan Vice (Bedford, IN/North Lawrence)** and sophomore **Jordan Koch (Bedford, IN/North Lawrence)** tied for 18th with two-round 160s. **WOOSTER** freshmen **Michael Peters (Evanston, IL/Evanston Twp.)** and **Blake Sword (Wellington, OH/Wellington)** also totaled 160 and tied with the duo from the Little Giants for 18th.

MEN'S LACROSSE REPORT **NCAC Champion: Regular Season**

Denison (4-0, 10-1) has one conference game left, and that contest is set for Saturday at third-place (tie) Kenyon (1-1, 5-5). If the Big Red defeat the Lords, they will secure DU's 11th NCAC crown. One other North Coast match is scheduled for the coming week and it features fifth-place Wittenberg (1-2, 7-4) at third-place (tie) Wooster (1-1, 6-4) the same day.

Second-place Ohio Wesleyan (2-1, 8-4), which fell to Denison earlier this season, 17-9, is idle until their April 29th meeting with the Fighting Scots. They also have a May 2nd meeting with the Tigers left to play.

The remainder of the schedule this week features non-conference action. Kenyon travels to Mt. St. Joseph on Wednesday. Sixth-place Oberlin (0-4, 1-8) hosts St. Vincent Tuesday and Carthage on Saturday.

Notes: **DENISON** junior attack **Brady Burton (Dublin, OH/Jerome)** scored nine goals on 12 shots in two victories. The Big Red topped Mt. St. Joseph, 17-1, and Colorado College, 17-5. Denison has outscored its opposition, 174-59 this season and won 64 percent of its face-offs ... In their only action last week, **KENYON** fell to Ohio Wesleyan, 11-6. Senior **Devin Catlin (Charlottesville, VA/Western Albemarle)** became the third player in school history to register 200 career points. He reached that milestone with a goal midway through the third quarter. Senior **Brett Fuller (Marlborough, MA/Avon Old Farms)** led the Lords with three goals ... **OBERLIN** turned in its best half this season against Wooster but still fell, 16-6. **Nick Thypin-Bermeo (Princeton, NJ/The Hun School)** and **Alex Jacobs (Brookville, NY/Jericho)** each had two goals and an assist ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** senior attacker **Nick Gallagher (Columbus, OH/Dublin Scioto)** paced the Battling Bishops against Kenyon with four goals, including two of the first three scored in the game ... **WITTENBERG** defeated Trine, 12-2, and lost to Colorado College, 11-10. The Tigers have guaranteed themselves their first winning season since 1999, and gave head coach **George Harris** his winningest season in his fourth year. **Matt Snider (Cookeville, TN/Cookeville)** scored four goals within a 10 minute span in the third quarter against Colorado ... Junior mid-fielder **Pat Coyne (Chatham, NJ/Chatham)** scored a career-high six goals and assisted on another for a career-best seven points in **WOOSTER'S** 16-6 defeat of Oberlin.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE REPORT **NCAC Tournament: May 1-2**

First-place Wooster (5-0, 9-3) enters the final week of the regular season one game away from a perfect North Coast record. The Fighting Scots are 5-0 and will put their unblemished standing to the test on at home Saturday against second-place Wittenberg (3-1, 7-3). Should Wooster defeat Wittenberg, they will host the season-ending North Coast tournament as the top seed on May 1-2. The winner of the post-season tournament is the NCAC champion and also earns the conference's automatic bid into the NCAA Division III tournament. Ohio Wesleyan is the defending NCAC Champion.

Wittenberg has two games remaining; they host third-place Kenyon (3-2, 10-3) on Wednesday. The Tigers could finish anywhere from first through third. If they win twice this week, they tie Wooster for first and would take the tournament's top seed. If they split, the Tigers would finish tied with Kenyon for second - beating Kenyon and losing to Wooster earns Wittenberg the second seed, beating Wooster and falling to Kenyon earns the Tigers the third seed. Should the Tigers falter and drop both games, they finish third with the potential to be tied with some combination of Allegheny (2-3, 5-8) and Ohio Wesleyan (2-3, 6-7).

The Gators and Battling Bishops enter the week tied for fourth. Allegheny hosts sixth-place Denison (1-3, 4-7) on Saturday, the same day that Ohio Wesleyan hosts seventh-place Oberlin (0-4, 0-12). If they end the regular season tied for fourth, OWU would win the tiebreaker for the fourth and final tourney berth courtesy of a 17-16 victory over the Gators on Mar. 28. The two schools could also end up in three-way ties. Should Wittenberg beat Kenyon and both OWU and Allegheny win, they will all tie for third at 3-3. They could also share third with Wittenberg, should they each win and the Tigers lose both of their contests this week.

Also on the schedule this week, Denison travels to Oberlin on Wednesday.

Notes: **ALLEGHENY** dropped a pair of contests last week to fall to 5-8 overall, 2-3 in the conference. **Jensen Paterson (Atlanta, GA/The Lovett School)** matched her season high of seven points with six goals and one assist in a 20-13 loss to Kenyon. Paterson, who went 4-for-7 in free-position shots, is nine goals from the 100th of her career. **Kiah Voyer-Colbath (York, ME/York)** netted a hat trick ... **DENISON** dropped a heartbreaker, 14-13, to Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, then picked up its first conference victory, a 13-8 decision over Ohio Wesleyan. Senior goalie **Amanda Wilson (Hudson, OH/Western Reserve)** made a season-high 16 saves, and held the Battling Bishops to a 1-for-12 performance on free position attempts. Freshman **Alex Thurner (Cincinnati, OH/Summit County Day)** scored five goals, had two assists, six ground balls and eight draw controls. She is the Big Red's leading scorer with 24 goals this season ... **KENYON** won three times last week to improve to 10-3 overall, 3-2 in the conference. The Ladies topped Oberlin (21-6) and Allegheny (20-13), then finished the week with a non-conference victory over Trine (18-6). Sophomore **Jackie Shirreffs (South Elgin, IL/St. Charles North)** scored 12 goals. She contributed a pair of goals versus Oberlin and Trine, then poured in a career-best eight goals against Allegheny. She leads the Ladies with 31 goals and 41 points this season ... **OBERLIN** sophomore **Taylor Fey (Raymond, ME/Hebron Academy)** surpassed 100 career goals last week as the Yeowomen lost three times, twice in North Coast play ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** also had a rough week, losing twice in conference and once in non-conference. Senior midfielder **Hannah**

Mudge (Baltimore, MD/St. Paul's School) totaled seven goals and one assist ... **WITTENBERG** improved to 3-1 in the NCAC with two conference victories, and edged closer to its first NCAC postseason berth since 2003. When the Tigers knocked off Denison last week, 9-6, it snapped a 24-game losing streak against the Big Red, a streak that stretched back to 1990. Sophomore attacker **Jordan Beauchamp (Noblesville, IN/Hamilton Southeastern)** scored seven goals and added four ground balls in the two wins, and now leads Wittenberg with 25 goals and 12 assists ... Senior attacker **Carly Carey (Northfield, MN/Academy at Charlemont, MA)** scored a career-high six goals in back-to-back **WOOSTER** wins. She led the Fighting Scots to a come-from-behind victory over Ohio Wesleyan, 20-5, and a 15-10 defeat of Adrian. Versus the Bulldogs, Carey added an assist to total a career-best seven points, and moved into eighth place on the Fighting Scots' all-time scoring list.

SOFTBALL REPORT **NCAC Tournament: May 1-2**

Denison (9-1, 19-12) remains in first place entering the final two week of the regular season. The Big Red would like to lock up their sixth North Coast championship, as well as host the season-ending NCAC tournament on May 1-2. But they still have a pair of doubleheaders left on the schedule. Denison hosts second-place Ohio Wesleyan (4-2, 10-10-1) on Wednesday and then travels to fourth-place Hiram (5-3, 18-13) on Saturday. The Battling Bishops have four league outings left this season. In addition to Wednesday's contests at Denison, the Bishops travel to Oberlin (1-9, 6-22) on Saturday and also host fifth-place Wittenberg (4-4, 12-18) in a makeup doubleheader on Monday, April 27. OWU must still travel to Hiram as their games were postponed again last week due to poor field conditions. A date for that series has not been set.

Allegheny (6-4, 18-14) is in third place. The Gators, who handed Denison its first league loss of 2009 last week, close out their league season with a two-series homestand. They host seventh-place Wooster (3-7, 6-30) on Wednesday and sixth-place Kenyon (4-6, 16-16) on Saturday. Hiram opens its week at home against Oberlin on Wednesday, the same day Wittenberg travels to Kenyon. The Tigers close out the week at Wooster on Saturday.

Notes: **ALLEGHENY** went 3-3 last week, and earned a split against Wittenberg. With the Gators down, 2-1, in the sixth inning in game two against the Tigers, **Marci Potuzko (Greensburg, PA/Hempfield Area)** led off with a double and eventually scored the tying run. **Allison Piper (Victor, NY/Victor)** later scored the winning run when **Rachel Ryan (West Salem, OH/Northwestern)** was hit by a pitch. Allegheny also went 0-2 against Bethany and 2-0 versus Baldwin-Wallace. Piper led the Gators at the plate, as she batted 8-for-19 (.421) with four runs scored, one RBI and five stolen bases. Ryan hit 6-for-17 (.357) with a home run, two doubles, four runs, seven RBI, a .647 slugging percentage and .522 on-base percentage. Pitcher **Stacey Robertshaw (Easthampton, NJ/Rancocas Valley)** made three starts and posted a 1-1 record. She pitched two complete games with a 1.46 earned-run average ... **DENISON** went 4-0 last week to up its overall mark to 19-12 and NCAC record to 9-1. Senior centerfielder **Mary Beth Krolikowski (Brunswick, OH/Holy Name)** hit 11-for-20 (.550) with two home runs, two doubles, a triple and drove in eight while scoring eight. The Big Red swept Case, 9-3 and 11-2, and Oberlin, 12-0 and 12-0. In game two against the Yeowomen, **Brie Berkopec (Mars, PA/Senior)** became the first Denison player to hit two home runs in the same inning. Her blasts came during an eight-run seventh inning. Junior pitcher **Sam Rumschlag (Carmel, IN/Cathedral)** went 2-0 in a pair of starts. In 14 innings, she allowed one earned run and struck out nine while walking two. She is 10-5 with an ERA of 1.94 this season ... **HIRAM** dropped a doubleheader against Geneva, 3-2 and 7-6 (8), then took both from Kenyon, 4-1, 4-3 (9). The Terriers, who also had a doubleheader with Ohio Wesleyan postponed, are 18-13 overall, 5-3 in the NCAC. Junior pitcher **Whitney Dropsey (Ashland, OH/Hillsdale)** pitched 11 innings last week, went 2-0, and allowed five hits, one earned run and struck out six. Senior **Heidi Gipson (Canal Fulton, OH/Northwest)** went 5-for-10 with two doubles, two RBI and three walks ... Sophomore **Brittany Vanegas (Alameda, CA/Redwood Christian)** hit 7-for-16 (.438) in **KENYON'S** 1-5 week, with a run scored and two RBI. Senior **Kelly Adams (Lexington, MA/Lexington)** went 6-for-18 (.333) with a run scored and a pair of runs batted in. The Ladies are 16-16 overall, 4-6 in the North Coast **OBERLIN** went 1-6 last week, with their lone victory coming over Albion, 3-2. Freshman catcher **Sara Gaines (Lexington, KY/Dunbar)** led the Yeowomen with a .364 batting average on 4-for-11 hitting. Junior **Jen Sees (Fredereick, MD/Tuscorora)** got the win on the mound, allowing three hits and one earned run ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** posted a 3-3 mark last week, losing both ends of a doubleheader to Mount Union, 2-0 and 10-1, sweeping Otterbein, 2-0, 5-3, and splitting with Wooster by losing game one, 4-3, then winning game two, 6-3. Sophomore catcher **Sarah Truchan (Westfield Center, OH/Brunswick)** hit 5-for-13 (.385) with two doubles and a home run for a .769 slugging percentage. She singled in the game-winning run in the second game against the Fighting Scots. Freshman righthander **Britt Rhea (Mount Vernon, OH/Mount Vernon)** picked up a win in relief in game two against Otterbein by retiring nine of the 10 batters she faced. Rhea followed that performance with a complete-game win in game two against Wooster, striking out three and walking two. Her totals for the week were a 2-0 record with a 2.55 earned-run average, eight strikeouts and three walks in 11.0 innings In its only action last week, **WITTENBERG** split with Allegheny. Senior **Rachael Hatcher (West Carrollton, OH/West Carrollton)** pitched 10 innings while scattering eight hits in the 2-1 Tiger win ... In a 2-4 week, **WOOSTER** dropped a pair to John Carroll, 10-1 and 10-0, split with Ohio Wesleyan, taking game one, 4-3, then falling in game two, 6-3. The Fighting Scots wrapped up the week by taking the first game against Bethany, 4-1, before falling in the nightcap, 13-6. Junior **Andrea Kelley (Westerville, OH/South)** had at least one hit in each of the five games she appeared in, hitting 6-for-16 (.375) with four RBI. She smashed her first career home run at John Carroll. On the mound, Kelley pitched a complete-game victory against OWU, giving up six hits and striking out five.

MEN'S TENNIS REPORT **NCAC Tournament: April 24-25**

The 25th North Coast Athletic Conference Men's Tennis Championship is set for Friday and Saturday at Kenyon. The Lords are the two-time defending champion. This year's bracket pits the top seed in each division against the fourth seed of the opposite division and the second and third seeds will square off in a similar fashion.

The East Division is completely set, while one match remains to be played in the West. Third-place Wabash (2-1, 9-14) will travel to first-place Denison (3-0, 12-4) on Thursday. A Big Red victory will clinch DU top seed in the West, while a Little Giants win would set up a three-way tie between Denison, Wittenberg and Wabash - all at 3-1.

One pairing has been decided: Kenyon (3-0, 16-7) grabbed the top seed in the East and will face the West's fourth seed, Ohio Wesleyan (1-3, 10-8). Wooster (2-1, 14-5) finished second in the East, followed by Allegheny (1-2, 8-9) in third and Oberlin (0-3, 0-19) in fourth.

Complete tournament pairings will be released at the conclusion of the Denison-Wabash match on Thursday.

Notes: **ALLEGHENY** lost to Case Western Reserve, Denison and Kenyon, and defeated Westminster. The third doubles team of **Zack Kerosky (Ashtabula, OH/Lakeside)** and **Evan Gordon (Rochester, NY/Brighton)** went 2-2 during the week ... **DENISON** is ranked 23rd in the latest ITA Division III poll, and fifth in the central region. Last week, the Big Red defeated Allegheny, 9-0, and improved to 11-3. The Big Red doubles team of **Jordan Buehler (Wooster, OH/Wooster)** and **James Davis (Toledo, OH/St. John's Jesuit)** improved to 12-2 overall, and are ranked eighth in the central region. Buehler and Davis have posted a mark of 37-10 since becoming a team in 2007 ... **EARLHAM** lost to Ohio Wesleyan and Wittenberg but defeated Central State, 9-0, last week. Sophomore **Mike Von Vogt (South Bristol, ME/Lincoln Academy)** has won three times at first singles and four times at first doubles with partner **Nabil Parker (London, England/International)** for the 4-10 Quakers ... **KENYON** coasted to a 4-0 mark last week, winning over Denison, 9-0, Wooster, 8-1, Oberlin, 9-0 and Allegheny, 8-1. Juniors **Charles Brody (Washington, DC/Sidwell Friends)**, **Michael Greenberg (Chapel Hill, NC/East Chapel Hill)** and **William Vandenberg (Milwaukee, WI/University School)** went 3-0 in both singles and doubles play during the week ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** had a busy week, falling to Wittenberg, 5-4, and Charleston, 7-2, but defeating Earlham, 5-0, and Ohio Dominican, 5-4. Sophomore **Scott Hellberg (Sarver, PA/Pittsburgh Central Catholic)** was a double winner against both the Tigers and the Quakers. Junior **Brandon Luttinger (Hingham, MA/Hingham)** and freshman **Ryan Leslie (Grosse Pointe Park, MI/Grosse Point South)** were double winners against ODU ... After defeating Grace, 9-0, **WABASH** is 9-14 on the year. Senior **Jay Horrey (New Albany, IN/New Albany)** won all 12 of his games in his straight set, 6-0, 6-0, win at No. 1 singles ... **WITTENBERG** has eclipsed its combined win total of the last three years after winning a pair of matches last week. The Tigers, who are 14-5 overall, defeated Ohio Wesleyan and Earlham last week to improve to 3-1 in the NCAC West ... Freshman **Matt Mandell (Winnetka, IL/New Trier Twp.)** won all three of his singles matches, leading **WOOSTER** to a 2-1 week. The Fighting Scots, who defeated Tiffin, (7-2, and Wittenberg, 6-3, and fell to Kenyon, 8-1, are 14-5 overall, 2-1 in the NCAC East.

WOMEN'S TENNIS REPORT **NCAC Tournament: April 25-26**

The 25th North Coast Athletic Conference Women's Tennis Championship is set for Saturday and Sunday at Kenyon. Denison is the seven-time defending champion. This year's bracket pits the top seed in each division against the fourth seed of the opposite division and the second and third seeds will square off in a similar fashion.

Two matches will be played tomorrow to close out the regular season for both the East and West Divisions. In the East, Kenyon (2-0, 9-7) and Oberlin (2-0, 12-10) square off in a battle of unbeaten teams as both have perfect 2-0 divisional records. The winner of the match grabs the top seed and a tourney-opening match with Earlham (0-3, 4-7), the fourth seed in the West. The loser will be slotted second and will open tourney play against the loser of tomorrow's Ohio Wesleyan (1-1, 9-6) at Wittenberg (1-1, 11-4) match. Allegheny (1-2, 9-9) is third in the East. The Gators' first round tournament opponent will be the winner of the Battling Bishops-Tigers match. Wooster is fourth in the West; the Fighting Scots' first tournament match will be against Denison (3-0, 10-6), the West's top seed with a perfect 3-0 record.

Complete tournament pairings will be released Wednesday morning.

Notes: **ALLEGHENY** fell to Denison, 9-0, and Kenyon, 7-2, last week. Freshman **Deb Landau (Wallingford, PA/Strath Haven)** was a double winner against the Ladies, winning at No. 6 singles and No. 3 doubles with partner **Margaret Hodgkiss-Lilly (Cleveland Hts., OH/Cleveland Hts.)** ... **DENISON** went 2-0 last week, defeating both Oberlin, 6-3, and Allegheny, 9-0. The Big Red, who stand eighth in the latest NCAA Division III rankings and second in the central region, are 10-6 overall. Senior **Kendra Murray (Kirkwood, MO/Kirkwood)** won her 33rd career singles match versus Oberlin. She is 6-2 in singles this season ... **EARLHAM** defeated Central State, 8-1, and lost to Marian, 8-1, Wittenberg, 8-1, and Wooster, (5-4. Freshman **Alex Softness (Atlanta, GA/Paideia School)** is 6-4 at No. 4 singles and is 5-5 at No. 2 doubles with sophomore **Nora Mineva (Pleven, Bulgaria/Lester B. Pearson)**. Mineva is 4-2 at No. 3 singles ... **KENYON** defeated NCAC opponents Wooster, 9-0, and Allegheny, 7-2, to improve to 9-7 overall. **Prita Kidder (Jakarta, Indonesia/Jakarta International)** went 2-0 in singles and 2-0 in doubles with senior **Alexis Marino (Perrysburg,**

OH/St. Ursula). Kidder is 14-9 in singles and 13-9 in doubles this season ... **OBERLIN** fell to Denison, 6-3, despite freshman **Arial Lewis (Vacaville, CA/Vanden)** upsetting the central region's fifth-ranked player, **Meghan Damico** at No. 1 singles ... In their only action last week, **OHIO WESLEYAN** defeated Wooster, 6-3. Sophomore **Pam Quigney (Mentor, OH/Mentor)** won at No 1 singles and paired with freshman **Emily Kiourtsis (Pickerington, OH/North)** to win at No. 1 doubles. Kiourtsis also won her second singles match ... **WITTENBERG** improved to 12-4 overall after topping Earlham and Wooster by identical 8-1 scores. Senior **Allison Earhart (Muncie, IN/Yorktown)** topped the list of double winners for the Tigers ... **WOOSTER** defeated Earlham, 5-4, and lost to Kenyon, 9-0, Ohio Wesleyan, 6-3, and Wittenberg, 8-1. Freshman **Boo Flynn (Holliston, MA/Holliston)** went 2-2 in singles and 2-2 in doubles last week. She is a team-best 11-7 in singles, posting a 2-2 mark at No. 5 and is 9-5 at No. 6.

OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD REPORT **NCAC Championship: April 25-26; May 1-2,**

The first leg of the 2009 North Coast Athletic Conference Track & Field Championships will be held this weekend. The Combined Events Championships, which features the men's decathlon and the women's heptathlon, will be contested at Oberlin. The results of this event will be combined with the rest of the Championship events, which will be held May 1-2 at Ohio Wesleyan.

Friday night, Denison hosts a last-chance qualifier meet, while Oberlin hosts the Bob Kahn invitational.

Men's Notes: Senior **Lex Hultquist (Knoxville, TN/The Webb School)** won the 1500 meters and **Dee Salukombo (Lakewood, OH/Lakewood)** took the steeplechase to lead **DENISON** to a sixth-place team finish at the Kenyon Invitational. Hultquist finished in 4:04.09, while Salukombo finished in 9:41.23 ... **EARLHAM** placed fifth at the seven-team Wilmington Invitational. Junior **Chris Shaw (Anderson, IN/Pendleton Hts.)** won the discus with a meet-record distance (157 feet, 2 inches), placed sixth in the shot put (46 feet, 1.75 inches) and eighth in the hammer (117 feet, 5 inches) ... **KENYON** finished ninth in its own Kenyon Invitational. Freshman **Pat Meyers (Media, PA/Penncrest)** was second in the 1500 meters with a time of 4:04.43, just four-tenths of a second off the winning time ... Senior **Ryan King (Glastonbury, CT/Glastonbury)** posted **OBERLIN'S** top finish at Baldwin-Wallace's Sparky Anderson Invitational. He placed fourth in the 800 meters with a time of 1:56.00 ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** won the team title at the Kenyon Invitational. Junior **Kyle Faris (Olmsted Falls, OH/Olmsted Falls)** won a pair of events to pace the Battling Bishop victory. Faris won the hammer with a school record throw of 154 feet, 3 inches, smashing his own mark of 145-9, set a week ago. Faris also took first place in the discus (134 feet, 1 inch) and was third in the shot put. Junior **Steve Brown (Redford Twp, MI/Redford)** won the 110-meter hurdles in 14.67 seconds, surpassing the NCAA provisional qualifying mark in the process. Sophomore **Jeff Driscoll (Shreve, OH/Triway)** won the 800 meters (1:57.18), senior **Clay Davis (Dublin, OH/Coffman)** took the 5000 meters (15:47.05) and junior **Bryce Mathias (Centerberg, OH/Centerberg)** won the 400-meter hurdles (56.53) ... **WABASH** sophomore **Alex Moseman (Bloomington, IN/North)** won the hammer at the Rose-Hulman Twilight Track Invitational. His winning effort went 48.06 meters/157 feet, 8 inches. Also at Rose-Hulman, freshman **Devin Kelley (Carmel, IN/Westfield)** was victorious in the discus with a toss of 42.80 meters/140 feet, 5 inches, more than a half-meter ahead of the rest of the field. At Saturday's Dave Rankin Invitational hosted by Purdue, Little Giant freshman Kenny Farris (Indianapolis, IN/Cardinal Ritter) won the 10,000 meters in 37:16.59 ... **WITTENBERG** placed third at the Wilmington Invitational. The 4x400-meter relay combination of **Jumar Guy (Fort Wayne, IN/Southside), Mark King (Indianapolis, IN/Ben Davis), Manny Lamarre (Miami, FL/Bellen Jesuit)** and **Jimmy Thinnes (Cincinnati, OH/LaSalle)** won with a 3:22.84 clocking ... Leading **WOOSTER** to a fifth-place team finish at the Kenyon Invitational were juniors **Eric Dyer (Lexington, MA/Lexington)** and **Bryan Albani (Warren, OH/Howland)**. Both competitors posted provisional qualifying marks. Dyer leapt 47 feet, 7.75 inches and broke the school record in the triple jump as he took second place in the event. It is the seventh-best effort in NCAA Division III this season. Albani finished second in the 110-meter hurdles and posted a provisional qualifying time of 14.90 seconds.

Women's notes: **DENISON** juniors **Emily Hammeren (Olmsted Falls, OH/Olmsted Falls)** and **Emily Handelman (Rochester, NY/Penfield)** broke a school records at last weekend's Kenyon Invitational. In the pole vault, Hammeren cleared 10 feet, 6 inches and placed third. In the hammer throw, Handelman logged a distance of 104 feet, 6 inches, bettering her own mark of 101-3. She placed 12th ... **EARLHAM** wound up fifth at the eight-team Wilmington Invitational as freshman **Elizabeth Ross (Davie, FL/Pine Crest)** and sophomore **Ramona Hemmings (Cleveland Hts., OH/Shaw)** each won an event. Ross took the high jump when she cleared 5 feet, 3.75 inches, a school record height. Hemmings took first in the triple jump with an effort of 34 feet, 3 inches .. At their own **KENYON** Invitational, the Ladies placed ninth. A pair of second-place finishes by sophomore **Lauren Metzger (Ann Arbor, MI/Pioneer)** and freshman **Nina Castelli (Reston, VA/Potomac School)** highlighted the afternoon for the hosts. Metzger was runner-up in the 1500 meters (4:59.66), while Castelli took second in the 5000 meters (20:13.30) ... **OBERLIN** junior **Madeline Schultz (Concord, MA/Concord Carlisle)** posted an NCAA III provisional qualifying time in the 400-meter hurdles (1:03.88) to finish fourth at the Sparky Adams Invitational, hosted by Baldwin-Wallace. Senior **Nicky Ouellet (Dunbarton, NJ/Goffstown)** was second in the 800 meters (2:16.51) ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** posted a seventh-place team finish at the Kenyon Invitational. Junior **Sharon Rymut (Broadview Hts., OH/Brecksville-Broadview Hts.)** won the discus with a throw of 119 feet, 2 inches ... Freshman **Darcy Dubuc (Grand Haven, MI/Grand Haven)** won the 800 meters with a time of 2:20.97 to lead **WITTENBERG** at the Wilmington Invitational. The Tigers finished fourth in the team standings ... **Sarah Appleton (Portsmouth, OH/Notre Dame)** won the 3000-meter steeplechase to lead **WOOSTER** at the Kenyon Invitational. Appleton won the race by nearly 20 seconds with a 12:23.07 clocking. The Fighting Scots finished fifth of 10 teams.

NCAC Baseball Standings (as of April 19, 2009)

NCAC East	NCAC				Overall			
	W	L	T	Pct	W	L	T	Pct
1. Wooster.....	13	3	0	.812	28	7	0	.800
2. Kenyon.....	12	4	0	.750	21	15	0	.583
3. Allegheny.....	8	6	0	.571	17	13	0	.567
4. Oberlin.....	5	11	0	.312	14	22	0	.389
5. Hiram.....	0	14	0	.000	2	25	0	.074

NCAC West	NCAC				Overall			
	W	L	T	Pct	W	L	T	Pct
1. Ohio Wesleyan.....	10	4	0	.714	20	12	0	.625
2. Wabash.....	8	4	0	.667	14	14	0	.500
3. Denison.....	7	7	0	.500	17	16	0	.515
4. Wittenberg.....	5	7	0	.417	12	17	0	.414
5. Earlham.....	2	10	0	.167	12	18	0	.400

NCAC Men's Lacrosse Standings (as of April 19, 2009)

STANDINGS	NCAC						OVERALL					
	W	L	T	Pct	GF	GA	W	L	T	Pct	GF	GA
1. Denison.....	4	0	0	1.000	59	23	10	1	0	.909	174	59
2. Ohio Wesleyan.....	2	1	0	.667	44	26	8	4	0	.667	185	91
3. Wooster.....	1	1	0	.500	23	14	6	4	0	.600	106	86
Kenyon.....	1	1	0	.500	13	16	5	5	0	.500	112	85
5. Wittenberg.....	1	2	0	.333	22	23	7	4	0	.636	117	84
6. Oberlin.....	0	4	0	.000	16	75	1	8	0	.111	66	145

NCAC Women's Lacrosse Standings (as of April 19, 2009)

STANDINGS	NCAC						OVERALL					
	W	L	T	Pct	GF	GA	W	L	T	Pct	GF	GA
1. Wooster.....	5	0	0	1.000	80	47	9	3	0	.750	144	104
2. Wittenberg.....	3	1	0	.750	32	36	7	3	0	.700	84	84
3. Kenyon.....	3	2	0	.600	69	49	10	3	0	.769	175	123
4. Ohio Wesleyan.....	2	3	0	.400	50	68	6	7	0	.462	165	184
Allegheny.....	2	3	0	.400	80	73	5	8	0	.385	188	178
6. Denison.....	1	3	0	.250	36	36	4	7	0	.364	121	108
7. Oberlin.....	0	4	0	.000	24	62	0	12	0	.000	103	228

NCAC Softball Standings (as of April 19, 2009)

Team	NCAC				Overall			
	W	L	T	Pct	W	L	T	Pct
1. Denison.....	9	1	0	.900	19	12	0	.613
2. Ohio Wesleyan.....	4	2	0	.667	19	10	1	.650
3. Allegheny.....	6	4	0	.600	18	14	0	.562
4. Hiram.....	5	3	0	.625	18	13	0	.581
5. Wittenberg.....	4	4	0	.500	12	18	0	.400
6. Kenyon.....	4	6	0	.400	16	16	0	.500
7. Wooster.....	3	7	0	.300	6	30	0	.167
8. Oberlin.....	1	9	0	.100	6	22	0	.214

NCAC Men's Tennis Standings (as of April 12, 2009)

		NCAC			Overall		
EAST		W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
1	Kenyon	3	0	1.000	16	7	.696
2	Wooster	2	1	.667	14	5	.737
3	Allegheny	1	2	.333	8	9	.471
4	Oberlin	0	3	.000	0	19	.000

		NCAC			Overall		
WEST		W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
1	Denison	3	0	1.000	12	4	.750
2	Wittenberg	3	1	.750	14	6	.700
3	Wabash	2	1	.667	9	14	.391
4	Ohio Wesleyan	1	3	.250	10	8	.556
5	Earlham	0	4	.000	4	10	.286

NCAC Women's Tennis Standings (as of April 12, 2009)

		NCAC			Overall		
EAST		W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
1	Kenyon	2	0	1.000	9	7	.563
	Oberlin	2	0	1.000	12	10	.545
3	Allegheny	1	2	.333	9	9	.500
4	Wooster	0	3	.000	5	13	.278

		NCAC			Overall		
WEST		W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
1	Denison	3	0	1.000	10	6	.625
2	Wittenberg	1	1	.500	11	4	.733
	Ohio Wesleyan	1	1	.500	9	6	.600
4	Earlham	0	3	.000	4	7	.364