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NCAC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK (OCT. 26)

FIELD HOCKEY

Ohio Wesleyan sophomore attacker **Lilly Jianas (Shawnee Mission, KS/Pembroke Hill)** scored twice in the second half, including the game-winner, in a 3-2 victory over Kenyon. The Battling Bishops, who also defeated Denison, 2-1, and kept hold of its first-place tie with Wooster.

FOOTBALL (OFFENSIVE)

Denison senior running back **Jon Berg (Washington, PA/Trinity)** carried the ball 22 times for 118 yards and a touchdown as the Big Red out gained Chicago on the ground, 235-62, and won, 26-14. Denison ran its winning streak to three, the first three-game victory run for the Big Red since the 1990 campaign.

FOOTBALL (DEFENSIVE)

Allegheny junior linebacker **Andy Schleihauf (Connellsville, PA/Connellsville Area)** made a game-high 16 tackles, five of them solo. He also recovered a fumble and returned it 27 yards for the game's first score as the Gators snapped a three-game losing skid by defeating Kenyon, 27-22. The Gators forced a season-best five turnovers on three interceptions and a pair of fumble recoveries.

MEN'S SOCCER

Wabash sophomore defender **Mark Babcock (Chesterton, IN/Chesterton)** scored his second goal of the season, as the Little Giants defeated Franklin, 1-0. It was the first game-winner of his collegiate career.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Denison sophomore **Jan Clemmer (Hixson, TN/Baylor School)** scored the overtime game-winner and assisted on the other two scores as the Big Red took a 3-2 double overtime victory from Ohio Wesleyan. The Big Red kept its unbeaten conference record intact as they also recorded a 3-1 defeat of Kenyon last week.

VOLLEYBALL

Denison freshman **Megan Early (Findlay, OH/Van Buren)** led the Big Red on a 3-0 week with 21 kills. She posted a .347 attack percentage and also had a team-best nine solo blocks as Denison defeated Earlham, Kenyon and Ohio Wesleyan to improve to 6-7 in the North Coast.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Site</u>
Nov. 1	NCAC Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships	Oberlin
Nov. 5	NCAC Field Hockey Tournament - Semis	at top two seeds
Nov. 5	NCAC Men's Soccer Tournament - Semis	at top two seeds
Nov. 5	NCAC Women's Soccer Tournament - Semis	at top two seeds
Nov. 6	NCAC Basketball Media Day Conference Call	campus sites
Nov. 7-8	NCAC Volleyball Tournament - Semis/Championship	Wittenberg
Nov. 8	NCAC Field Hockey Tournament - Championship	at high seed
Nov. 8	NCAC Men's Soccer Tournament - Championship	at high seed
Nov. 8	NCAC Women's Soccer Tournament - Championship	at high seed

**2008 North Coast Athletic Conference Fall Sport Standings
Through games of Oct. 25, 2008 (All games)**

Field Hockey	CONFERENCE						OVERALL					
	W	L	T	Pct	GF	GA	W	L	T	Pct	GF	GA
1. Ohio Wesleyan.....	9	1	0	.900	20	11	12	4	0	.750	33	25
Wooster.....	9	1	0	.900	39	12	12	5	0	.706	57	30
3. Kenyon.....	6	3	0	.667	30	13	7	10	0	.412	40	28
4. Wittenberg.....	6	5	0	.545	40	25	9	7	0	.562	52	37
5. Earlham.....	3	7	0	.300	9	29	6	9	0	.400	17	40
6. Denison.....	2	8	0	.200	11	24	3	13	0	.188	15	43
7. Oberlin.....	0	10	0	.000	7	42	1	15	0	.062	14	63

Football	NCAC			Points			Overall			Points		
	W	L	T	For	Opp	Pct	W	L	T	For	Opp	Pct
1. Wabash.....	5	0	0	202	81	1.000	7	0	0	288	100	1.000
2. Wittenberg.....	3	1	0	131	33	.750	5	2	0	201	87	.714
Wooster.....	3	1	0	81	71	.750	5	2	0	153	118	.714
4. Denison.....	2	2	0	81	85	.500	4	3	0	170	171	.571
Allegheny.....	2	2	0	68	96	.500	3	4	0	118	161	.429
Earlham.....	2	2	0	132	125	.500	2	5	0	188	254	.286
Oberlin.....	2	2	0	95	123	.500	2	5	0	158	253	.286
8. Hiram.....	1	3	0	106	163	.250	2	5	0	146	268	.286
Ohio Wesleyan.....	1	3	0	41	88	.250	1	6	0	58	182	.143
10. Kenyon.....	0	5	0	110	182	.000	1	7	0	188	303	.125

Men's Soccer	CONFERENCE							OVERALL					
	W	L	T	Pts	Pct	GF	GA	W	L	T	Pct	GF	GA
1. Ohio Wesleyan.....	7	0	0	21	1.000	19	3	13	4	0	.765	41	16
2. Wittenberg.....	6	1	0	18	.857	14	8	15	1	0	.938	40	15
3. Hiram.....	4	3	0	12	.571	11	10	11	5	0	.688	34	22
Kenyon.....	4	3	0	12	.571	14	7	10	6	1	.618	39	22
5. Allegheny.....	3	2	2	11	.571	14	8	5	8	3	.406	27	25
6. Wooster.....	3	4	0	9	.429	4	6	6	8	1	.433	17	18
7. Oberlin.....	2	4	1	7	.357	15	10	8	8	1	.500	33	24
Denison.....	2	4	1	7	.357	8	10	5	7	3	.433	18	22
9. Earlham.....	2	5	0	6	.286	8	23	10	7	0	.588	25	29
10. Wabash.....	0	7	0	0	.000	3	25	5	9	3	.382	18	37

Women's Soccer	CONFERENCE							OVERALL					
	W	L	T	Pts	Pct	GF	GA	W	L	T	Pct	GF	GA
1. Denison.....	6	0	0	18	1.000	13	3	13	2	1	.844	40	12
2. Wittenberg.....	5	1	1	16	.786	16	7	10	2	5	.735	28	11
3. Ohio Wesleyan.....	4	1	1	13	.750	11	6	10	5	2	.647	35	30
Allegheny.....	4	2	1	13	.643	11	3	7	8	2	.471	21	17
5. Wooster.....	3	3	0	9	.500	10	8	11	5	0	.688	35	14
6. Kenyon.....	2	3	1	7	.417	10	12	5	9	1	.367	20	26
7. Earlham.....	2	4	0	6	.333	4	7	10	6	0	.625	45	19
8. Hiram.....	0	6	0	0	.000	2	19	5	11	0	.312	16	32
Oberlin.....	0	6	0	0	.000	1	13	3	12	1	.219	13	35

Volleyball	Conference		Overall	
	W-L	Pct	W-L	Pct
1. Wittenberg.....	14-0	1.000	28-2	.933
2. Wooster.....	11-3	.786	18-12	.600
3. Allegheny.....	10-4	.714	14-14	.500
4. Hiram.....	9-5	.643	15-17	.469
5. Denison.....	6-7	.462	9-16	.360
6. Oberlin.....	6-8	.429	7-21	.250
7. Ohio Wesleyan.....	5-8	.385	7-20	.259
8. Earlham.....	1-12	.077	3-24	.111
9. Kenyon.....	0-15	.000	0-27	.000



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NCAC Football Report

WABASH REMAINS UNBEATEN, TAKES AIM ON OBERLIN WOOSTER, WITTENBERG TIED FOR SECOND

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CLEVELAND -- Wabash has emerged as the only North Coast team unbeaten in conference play after knocking off Wooster, 45-24. The Little Giants (7-0, 5-0) take aim on Oberlin (2-2, 2-5), one of four teams embroiled in a tie for fourth place in the standings. Wabash has won all seven meetings between the teams since 2000, including a 45-14 decision last season. In the 12-game all-time series that started in 1945, Wabash has won 10 times. The Yeowmen won the first game between the schools, 32-7, and the two teams tied, 7-7, in 1947.

The two teams tied for second also host home NCAC games this week. Wooster (3-1, 5-2) entertains Allegheny (2-2, 3-4) and Wittenberg (3-1, 5-2) welcomes Denison (2-2, 4-3). The Fighting Scots look to get back on track after losing to Wabash. The Gators, a fourth-place (tie) team, escaped with a 27-22 decision over Kenyon (0-5, 1-7) last week. Allegheny holds an 18-12 edge in the all-time series between the schools, including a 17-6 advantage as North Coast Athletic Conference rivals. Allegheny won in Meadville in 2007, 27-20.

The Tigers and the fourth-place (tie) Big Red have met 17 times as NCAC foes and Wittenberg has come away victorious 16 times. The lone Denison victory in the series as conference opponents came in 1989, the Tigers' first season in the league, 21-14. Overall, the teams have met 71 times since 1901, and Wittenberg has won 46 of those contests with two ending in ties. They last met in 2005 in Springfield when the Tigers won, 31-6.

Tenth-place Kenyon is looking for its first NCAC win of 2008 when it hosts Earlham (2-2, 2-5). The fourth-place (tie) Quakers have won two in a row after starting the season 0-5, and last week knocked off Oberlin, 56-23. The Lords have dropped their last two contest by a combined total of eight points.

The two eighth-place teams meet this week when Hiram (1-3, 2-5) travels to Ohio Wesleyan (1-3, 1-6). Both teams return to conference play after losing to UAA opponents last week. The Terriers and the Battling Bishops meet for the third time as North Coast foes and OWU has won both of the previous matchups. The last contest between the teams was a 37-7 decision last November.

Grid Notebook: ALLEGHENY snapped a three-game losing skid when it defeated Kenyon, 27-22. The Gators forced a season-best five turnovers on three interceptions and a pair of fumble recoveries. Three of those Lord turnovers resulted in points on the scoreboard for Allegheny. Junior linebacker **Andy Schleihauf (Connellsville, PA/Connellsville Area)** made a game-high 16 tackles, five of them solo. He also recovered a fumble and returned it 27 yards for the game's first score. Schleihauf also broke up a pass ... **DENISON** ran its winning streak to three with a 26-14 defeat of the University of Chicago. It is the first three-game victory run for the Big Red since the 1990 campaign. Senior running back **Jon Berg (Washington, PA/Trinity)** carried the ball 22 times for 118 yards and a touchdown as Denison out gained the Maroons on the ground, 235-62. Sophomore cornerback **Nick Weiss (Cincinnati, OH/Anderson)** returned a punt 77 yards for a touchdown in the first two minutes of the game to set the tone. He finished with eight tackles, seven of them solo, one pass break-up and his fourth interception of 2008 ... **EARLHAM** won for the second week in a row when they defeated Oberlin by a 56-23 count. The Quakers have scored 105 points in their past two games, as senior quarterback **Randy Kerns (West Manchester, OH/National Trail)** has totaled 38 of 55 pass completions for 575 yards and 11 scores with just one interception in the two contests. Against the Yeomen, Kerns completed 18-of-27 passes for 269 yards and five touchdowns and no interceptions. Senior running back **Ben Marschand (Galveston, IN/Lewis Cass)** rushed for over 100 yards for the second week in a row as he rolled up 135 yards on 18 carries and one score. Marschand also snagged three passes for 44 yards and another TD. Junior free safety **Jake Carr (Richmond, IN/Richmond)** intercepted two passes, and returned the second one 55 yards for a touchdown with less than a minute remaining in the game. Carr also recorded three tackles ... Sophomore defensive back **Nick Haigh (Wadsworth, OH/Cloverleaf)** led **HIRAM'S** defense in a 50-14 loss to Case. He made eight solo and 12 total tackles and broke up one pass ... In a 27-22 loss to Allegheny, **KENYON** quarterback **Mike Hermanson (Chagrin Falls, OH/Chagrin Falls)** threw for 313 yards and three touchdowns, but it was not enough to overcome five turnovers by his team. Hermanson set a school single-game record with 33 completions in the game. On defense, sophomore **Beau Calcei (Mantua, OH/Aurora)** made 10 stops, two for losses and one was a 10-yard quarterback sack **OBERLIN** dropped a conference home game for the first time in nearly two years when they fell to Earlham, 56-23. Senior receiver **Mike Loll (Davison, MI/Davison)** caught six passes for 75 yards and one touchdown to lead the Yeoman offense. Freshman wideout **C.J. Holmon (Arcadia, OH/Arcadia)** had his best performance of the season with five catches for 51 yards ... In a 24-3 loss to Washington (Mo.), **OHIO WESLEYAN** sophomore quarterback **Mike Fisher (Chagrin Falls, OH/Kenston)** ran for 66 yards and threw for another 37. Sophomore linebacker **Brian Janiak (Hilton Head Island, SC/Hilton)** made a team-high eight tackles ... **WABASH**, which ranks sixth in the latest D3football.com poll and fifth in the AFCA poll, remained undefeated

NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE 2008 FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

* conference games

Allegheny College (2-2; 3-4)

S. 6	at Juniata	W, 34-18
S. 13	at Westminster	L, 2-6
S. 27	OBERLIN*	W, 24-13
O. 4	at Wabash*	L, 7-48
O. 11	CARNEGIE MELLON	L, 14-41
O. 18	at Denison*	L, 10-13
O. 25	KENYON*	W, 27-22
N. 1	at Wooster*	1:00
N. 8	WITTENBERG*	1:00
N. 15	OHIO WESLEYAN*	1:00

Denison University (2-2; 4-3)

S. 6	at Kalamazoo	W, 49-27
S. 13	WABASH*	L, 27-41
S. 27	WOOSTER*	L, 21-10
O. 4	at Case	L, 14-45
O. 11	at Hiram*	W, 31-13
O. 18	ALLEGHENY*	W, 13-10
O. 25	CHICAGO	W, 26-14
N. 1	at Wittenberg*	1:00
N. 8	KENYON*	1:00
N. 15	at Earlham*	1:00

Earlham College (2-2; 2-5)

S. 6	at Rose-Hulman	L, 42-35
S. 13	at Manchester	L, 7-40
S. 20	ANDERSON	L, 14-47
O. 4	at Wooster*	L, 14-16
O. 11	at Wittenberg*	L, 13-45
O. 18	HIRAM*	W, 49-41
O. 25	at Oberlin*	W, 56-23
N. 1	at Kenyon*	1:00
N. 8	OHIO WESLEYAN*	1:00
N. 15	DENISON*	1:00

Hiram College (1-3; 2-5)

S. 6	at Gallaudet	W, 20-14 ot
S. 20	at Kenyon*	W, 45-39 ot
S. 27	at Carnegie Mellon	L, 6-41
O. 4	WITTENBERG*	L, 7-44
O. 11	DENISON*	L, 13-31
O. 18	at Earlham*	L, 41-49
O. 25	CASE	L, 14-50
N. 1	at Ohio Wesleyan*	1:00
N. 8	WABASH*	1:00
N. 15	OBERLIN*	1:00

Kenyon College (0-5; 1-7)

S. 6	CASE WEST. RES.	L, 27-62
S. 13	at Chicago	W, 39-36
S. 20	HIRAM*	L, 39-45 ot
S. 27	WABASH*	L, 13-55
O. 4	at Carnegie Mellon	L, 12-23
O. 11	at Ohio Wesleyan*	L, 8-24
O. 18	OBERLIN*	L, 28-31
O. 25	at Allegheny*	L, 22-27
N. 1	EARLHAM*	1:00
N. 8	at Denison*	1:00

Oberlin College (2-2; 2-5)

S. 6	WASH. & JEFF.	L, 35-49
S. 20	CASE WEST. RES.	L, 21-48
S. 27	at Allegheny*	L, 13-24
O. 4	OHIO WESLEYAN*	W, 28-15
O. 11	at Chicago	L, 7-33
O. 18	at Kenyon*	W, 31-28
O. 25	EARLHAM*	L, 23-56
N. 1	at Wabash*	1:00
N. 8	WOOSTER*	1:00
N. 15	at Hiram*	1:00

Ohio Wesleyan University (1-3; 1-6)

S. 6	CARNEGIE MELLON	L, 7-35
S. 20	at Wooster*	L, 2-20
S. 27	WITTENBERG*	L, 0-32
O. 4	at Oberlin*	L, 15-28
O. 11	KENYON*	W, 24-8
O. 18	CASE	L, 7-35
O. 25	at Washington (Mo.)	L, 3-24
N. 1	HIRAM*	1:00
N. 8	at Earlham*	1:00
N. 15	at Allegheny*	1:00

Wabash College (5-0; 7-0)

S. 13	at Denison*	W, 41-27
S. 20	CHICAGO	W, 49-7
S. 27	at Kenyon*	W, 55-13
O. 5	ALLEGHENY*	W, 48-7
O. 11	at Washington	W, 37-12
O. 18	at Wittenberg*	W, 13-10
O. 25	WOOSTER*	W, 45-24
N. 1	OBERLIN*	1:00
N. 8	at Hiram*	1:00
N. 15	DePAUW	1:05

Wittenberg University (3-1; 5-2)

S. 6	OLIVET	W, 22-10
S. 20	WASHINGTON (Mo.)	L, 27-30
S. 27	at Ohio Wesleyan*	W, 32-0
O. 4	at Hiram*	W, 44-7
O. 11	EARLHAM*	W, 45-13
O. 18	WABASH*	L, 10-13
O. 25	at Carnegie Mellon	W, 21-14
N. 1	DENISON*	1:00
N. 8	at Allegheny*	1:00
N. 15	at Wooster*	1:00

College of Wooster (3-1; 5-2)

S. 6	at Waynesburg	W, 27-6
S. 20	OHIO WESLEYAN*	W, 20-2
S. 27	at Denison*	W, 21-10
O. 4	EARLHAM*	W, 16-14
O. 11	at Case	L, 7-28
O. 18	WASHINGTON (Mo.)	W, 38-13
O. 25	at Wabash*	L, 24-45
N. 1	ALLEGHENY*	1:00
N. 8	at Oberlin*	1:00
N. 15	WITTENBERG*	1:00

with a 45-24 victory over Wooster. The Little Giant offensive line put on a show, leading the team to its fourth 200-yard rushing game of the season. Senior center **Tony Neymeiyer (Essexville, MI/Garber)**, junior right guard **Skip Tokar (Zionsville, IN/Zionsville)**, senior right tackle **Jeremy Morris (Glendora, CA/Walnut)**, senior left guard **Pat Long (Logansport, IN/Logansport)**, junior left tackle **Evan Isaacs (Indianapolis, IN/North Central)** and junior left tackle **Craig Morrison (Plainfield, IN/Avon)** helped Wabash to 367 yards of offense without surrendering a sack or a tackle for a loss. The five rushing touchdowns scored against the Fighting Scots was the most by a Little Giant team since 2003. The Wabash defense forced six turnovers, including four interceptions. Junior defensive back **Addrian Frederick (Rensselaer, IN/Rensselaer)** made two of the interceptions, and recorded three tackles with one assisted tackle for a loss ... A late 14-yard touchdown reception by senior **Pat Williams (Plainfield, IN/Plainfield)** proved to be the difference in **WITTENBERG'S** 21-14 defeat of Carnegie Mellon. Linebacker **Kyle Lohrman (Loveland, OH/Loveland)** made 14 tackles, including 1.5 for a loss and a sack ... Junior wideout **Mike Francescangeli (Brunswick, OH/Brunswick)** led

WOOSTER with a career-high 150 receiving yards on nine catches, including a 10-yard touchdown in the first quarter against Wabash. It was the 12th-best single-game receiving yardage total in school history. In the 45-24 loss to Wabash, Fighting Scot junior linebacker **Steve Custenborder (Rocky River, OH/Rocky River)** had 12 tackles, eight solo, with one pass break up and one quarterback hurry.



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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 -- 25TH NORTH COAST CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP SET FOR SATURDAY

The 25th North Coast Athletic Conference Men's & Women's Cross Country Championship is set to be held on the campus of Oberlin College on November 1. The women's six-kilometer race starts at 11 a.m., to be followed by the men's eight-kilometer championship at 11:45.

The NCAC Cross Country Coaches conducted a pre-championship poll. On the women's side, Kenyon is predicted to finish first with 79 points and seven first-place votes. Oberlin is a close second with 73 points and the remaining two first-place nods. Ohio Wesleyan (56) was picked to finish third, followed immediately by Allegheny (55) in fourth. Wittenberg (45) was fifth, and Denison (43), Wooster (27), Earlham (18) and Hiram (9) rounded out the field. On the men's side, Allegheny was picked to win the meet with 96 points and seven first-place votes. Denison was voted second with 90 points and two first-place votes and Kenyon was third with 83 point and the last first-place vote. Wabash (66) followed in fourth, with Oberlin (60) in fifth, Ohio Wesleyan (54) sixth and Wittenberg (36) seventh. Rounding out places eight through ten were Wooster (33), Earlham (22) and Hiram (10).

Notes: In the only meet contested involving NCAC schools last week, **WOOSTER** and **HIRAM** competed in the Wooster Relays. The Terrier women were led by sophomore **Meghan Broman (Akron, OH/Ellet)** who placed 17th of 24 runners with a time of 23:30. Pacing the host Fighting Scots in the women's meet was sophomore **Suzanne Capehart (Herndon, VA/Oakton)**, who placed sixth with a time of 20:01. The non-scoring meet was made up of four intervals, in which added up to 5400 meters.

In the men's race, in which the four intervals totaled 6800 meters, Hiram freshmen **Zachary Eshelman (Corona, AZ/Cienega)** and **Joseph Hengoed (Seven Hills, OH/Normandy)** placed 10th (22:35) and 11th (23:01) to pace the Terriers. Wooster senior **Mark DeWine (Cedarville, OH/Bishop O'Connell, VA)** was the top runner for the Fighting Scot men in fourth place. He completed the course in 21:26.

FIELD HOCKEY REPORT -- OHIO WESLEYAN, WOOSTER ENTER FINAL WEEK BATTLING FOR FIRST PLACE

Ohio Wesleyan (9-1, 12-4) and Wooster (9-1, 12-5) enter the final week of the regular season tied for first place. The two squads face off on Friday in Delaware in what could potentially be a championship game. Earlier this season, the Fighting Scots topped the Battling Bishops, 4-0, in Wooster. Before the Friday matchup, Ohio Wesleyan must travel to play Oberlin (0-10, 1-15) on Tuesday. The Yeowomen are dangerous opponents looking for their first win of the 2008 conference season. Wooster also plays twice this week; the Scots have a makeup game with third-place Kenyon (6-3, 7-10) on Sunday.

Teams are also jockeying for position in the upcoming North Coast Tournament. The top four teams at the end of the regular season earn berths in the season-ending event with the winner earning the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament. Ohio Wesleyan, Wooster, Kenyon and Wittenberg (6-5, 9-7) have clinched tourney spots, but are fighting for seeding. The top two seeds will host semifinal contests on Wednesday, Nov. 5. The highest remaining seed to emerge from the semis will host the championship game on Saturday, Nov. 8.

In addition to its Sunday contest with Wooster, Kenyon hosts sixth-place Denison (2-8, 3-13) on Tuesday and fifth-place Earlham (3-7, 6-9) on Friday. Wittenberg travels to Earlham on Tuesday for its final regular season NCAC contest. The final regularly scheduled contest of 2008 sends Oberlin to Denison on Saturday.

Notes: **DENISON** freshman goalie **Kait Fiore (Milburn, NJ/Milburn)** recorded 17 saves in two losses last week, raising her season save percentage to .730. The Big Red are 3-13 overall, 2-8 in the NCAC and enter the final week of the regular season in sixth place ... Fifth-place **EARLHAM** completed a season sweep of Oberlin when the Quakers knocked off the Yeowomen, 2-1, last week. They have won two in a row and five of their last seven. Later in the week, Earlham lost a 5-0 decision to Wooster. Senior goalie **Katherine McDonough (Louisville, KY/St. Francis)** made 15 saves against the Fighting Scots ... Despite out-shooting the opposition, 32-23, **KENYON** went 1-2 last week. The Ladies started the week with a 1-0 loss to Juniata, and followed with a 3-2 NCAC loss to Ohio Wesleyan. The third-place team bounced back to win 3-2 in overtime against Wittenberg. Junior **Maggie Gilligan (West Chester, PA/Westtown School)** scored the tying goal and assisted on the overtime game-winner. Gilligan leads Kenyon with 10 goals and 25 points this season for the 7-10 Ladies (6-3 in the NCAC) ... **OBERLIN** had a tough week with a 5-1 loss to DePauw and a 2-1 loss to Earlham. Sophomore **Natasha Cohen (Newton, MA/North)** scored her fourth goal of the season against the Quakers ... **OHIO WESLEYAN**

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kept hold of its first-place tie with Wooster by defeating a pair of conference opponents last week. The Battling Bishops edged Kenyon, 3-2, as sophomore attacker **Lilly Jianas (Shawnee Mission, KS/Pembroke Hill)** scored twice in the second half, including the game-winner. OWU also defeated Denison, 2-1, as freshman attacker **Mimi Anthony (Millbrook, NY/Millbrook School)** notched the game-winner. Freshman midfielder **Alyse Marotta (Dublin, OH/Jerome)** scored the first goal of the game, and later made a key defensive save to preserve the one-goal victory ... Fourth-place **WITTENBERG** lost to Bellarmine, 4-2, and Kenyon, 3-2, last week to fall to 9-7 overall, 6-5 in the North Coast ... **WOOSTER** kept hold of its tie for first place in the standings with a pair of shutout victories last week. After starting the week with a 3-0 loss to non-conference DePauw, the Fighting Scots defeated Denison, 2-0, and Earlham, 5-0, to set up Friday afternoon's showdown with Ohio Wesleyan. Junior forward **Amanda Artman (Shaker Hts., OH/Shaker Hts.)** scored three of Wooster's seven goals last week. She has 22 goals in 2008, the most by a Fighting Scot player since the early 1980s.

MEN'S SOCCER REPORT -- OHIO WESLEYAN EXTENDS PERFECT CONFERENCE SEASON

Ohio Wesleyan (7-0-0, 13-4-0) enters the final week of the regular season with a perfect 7-0-0 record. The Battling Bishops have a tough week ahead of them with games against second-place Wittenberg (6-1-0, 15-1-0) on Wednesday and fifth-place Allegheny (3-2-2, 5-8-3) on Saturday. Should the Bishops win both, they would claim their league-leading 17th North Coast championship outright. Eight of their previous 16 league titles have been claimed after the Bishops posted unblemished conference slates. Ohio Wesleyan can also clinch the championship, and the top seed in the upcoming North Coast Tournament, with a win and a tie in their remaining two games, however a loss would open the door for Wittenberg to have a shot at their second men's soccer championship. In addition to their game against OWU, the Tigers host third-place (tie) Hiram (4-3-0, 11-5-0) on Saturday.

Beyond the North Coast championship, teams are playing for one of four berths in the season-ending NCAC Tournament. The top four teams after the regular season will compete, with the winner earning the league's automatic berth into the NCAA Division III Tournament. Entering the final week, eight of 10 teams are mathematically in the hunt for a playoff berth. On Wednesday, Hiram hosts seventh-place (tie) Denison (2-4-1, 5-7-3), while Kenyon (4-3-0, 10-6-1), tied for third with the Terriers, hosts seventh-place (tie) Oberlin (2-4-1, 8-8-1). The same day, sixth-place Wooster (3-4-0, 6-8-1) travels to Allegheny and ninth-place Earlham (2-5-0, 10-7-0) travels to Wabash (0-7-0, 5-9-3). On Saturday, Denison is at Wooster, Kenyon at Earlham and Oberlin at Wabash.

Notes: ALLEGHENY went 1-0-1 to keep its NCAC playoff hopes alive. The Gators tied Oberlin, 1-1, as **D.J. Egan (Gibsonia, PA/Shady Side Academy)** scored the goal. Allegheny earned a 2-1 comeback win over Kenyon. **Colin Doherty (Getzville, NY/Williamsville North)** scored the game-winner against the Lords. The Gators are in fifth place with 11 points, just one point back from Hiram and Kenyon, both of whom have 12 entering the final week of the regular season ... Sophomore **Len Mills (Pittsburgh, PA/Upper St. Clair)** scored his fifth goal of the season as **DENISON** lost to Wittenberg, 2-1. He also added an assist in the Big Red's 2-0 upset win over Kenyon. Denison has seven points entering the last week of the season and is tied for seventh place in the standings Ninth-place **EARLHAM** lost a tight match with second-place Wittenberg, 1-0, then defeated the third-place (tie) team, Hiram, 3-2, on the weekend. Against the Terriers, senior **Victor Anciano (San Antonio-Altos, Venezuela/Armand Hammer)** assisted on two of the three goals, including sophomore **Bannet Asingura's (Mbarara, Uganda/United World College)** game-winner at the 68:25 mark ... **HIRAM** defeated Wooster, 2-0, and lost to Earlham, 3-2, and is tied for third place in the North Coast with 12 points. Junior **Nick Gdanetz (McKeen, PA/Erie Cathedral Prep)** scored one goal and assisted on the other against the Quakers ... **KENYON** fell on hard times last week and into a third-place tie as the Lords lost twice in conference action. They lost to Denison, 2-0, despite out-shooting the Big Red, 18-6. On the weekend, sophomore **Felix Hoffmann (Bergheim, Germany/Trinity-Pawling)** scored to put the Lords up 1-0 at the half, but Allegheny came back with a pair of second-half scores to win, 2-1 ... In their only action last week, **OBERLIN** tied Allegheny, 1-1. Sophomore **Evan Atwell (Ann Arbor, MI/Pioneer)** scored for the Yeomen, who are in a tie for seventh place with seven points ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** defeated Wabash, 3-1, in its only contest last week to keep hold of first-place in the conference entering the final week of the regular season. After the Little Giants took a 1-0 halftime lead, three different Battling Bishops scored to lift the team to a 3-1 win. Sophomore back **Eric Laipple (Westerville, OH/South)** set up two of the OWU scores ... Entering the final week of the season, **WABASH** is still looking for its first conference points. Last week, the Little Giants got off to a good start when sophomore forward **Andre' Hall (Fishers, IN/Cathedral)** scored to give the team a 1-0 halftime lead against Ohio Wesleyan. However, Wabash could not hold on and lost, 3-1. Also last week, the Little Giants defeated Franklin, 1-0, as sophomore defender **Mark Babcock (Chesterton, IN/Chesterton)** scored his second goal of the season. Goalkeeper **Phil Rosborough (Loveland, OH/Loveland)** earned a shutout in his first career start with two saves ... **WITTENBERG** won twice last week to improve to 15-1-0 overall, and set a school record for wins in a season. The Tigers defeated Denison, 2-1, and Earlham, 1-0. **Shane Price (Minford, OH/Minford)** scored his tenth goal of the year against the Big Red ... Sixth-place **WOOSTER** lost to Hiram, 2-0, in its only game last week. Freshman goalkeeper **Taylor Takacs (Gibsonia, PA/Sewickley Academy)** made eight saves. Three of the 10 goals he's allowed this season have been penalty kicks.

WOMEN'S SOCCER REPORT -- DENISON ONE WIN AWAY FROM NCAC TITLE

First-place Denison (6-0-0, 13-2-1) enters the final week of the regular season needing one win, or two ties, in its remaining two games to clinch its seventh outright North Coast championship, and first since 2005. The Big Red have compiled a perfect 6-0-0 record thus far and they look to extend their nine-game overall winning streak alive when they host second-place Wittenberg (5-1-1, 10-2-5) on Wednesday and fifth-place Wooster (3-3-0, 11-5-0) on Saturday.

A pair of losses by Denison would give Wittenberg and third-place (tie) Ohio Wesleyan (4-1-1, 10-5-2) a chance to claim at least a share of the championship. The Tigers are the defending NCAC champs after claiming their first crown last fall; the Battling Bishops lead all conference teams with eight titles.

In addition to the NCAC championship, teams are also aiming for one of four berths in the upcoming NCAC Tournament. The top four teams after the regular season compete for the NCAC's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament. Entering the final week of play, six teams are mathematically in the hunt for a spot, however, Ohio Wesleyan (4-1-1, 10-5-2) and Allegheny (4-2-1, 7-8-2) could close out the competition with single wins this week. The two teams are tied for third. Ohio Wesleyan hosts eighth-place (tie) Oberlin (0-6-0, 3-12-1) on Wednesday and travels to seventh-place Earlham (2-4-0, 10-6-0) on Saturday. Allegheny has one game left, a home game against sixth-place Kenyon (2-3-1, 5-9-1) on Saturday.

Also this week, eighth-place (tie) Hiram (0-6-0, 5-11-0) travels to Wooster on Tuesday and to Oberlin on Saturday. Kenyon heads to Earlham on Tuesday.

Notes: **ALLEGHENY** defeated Hiram, 5-0, then blanked Wittenberg in a scoreless tie. The Gators enter the final week in a third-place tie with 13 points, four points ahead of the fifth-place team ... **DENISON** kept its unbeaten conference record intact with a 3-1 defeat of Kenyon and a 3-2 double overtime victory over Ohio Wesleyan. The 12th-ranked Big Red are in first place with 18 points and are 13-2-1 overall. Sophomore **Jen Clemmer (Hixson, TN/Baylor School)** scored the overtime game-winner against the Battling Bishops, and assisted on the other two goals by the Big Red in that contest ... **EARLHAM** senior **Hillary Carter (Middletown, OH/Lakota East)** became the all-time leading scorer in school history in the Quakers' 3-1 loss to Wittenberg. She scored on a penalty kick at the 52:31 mark for the 34th goal and 80th point of her career. Earlham also defeated Hiram, 1-0, in double overtime as sophomore **Karman Duchon (Decatur, GA/Decatur)** scored for the 17th time this season and 30th time in her career. She is just one point behind Carter in career points with 79. The Quakers are seventh in the standings with six points, and 10-6 overall ... **HIRAM** fell to 0-6 in the NCAC with a 5-0 loss to Allegheny and a 1-0 double overtime loss to Earlham ... **KENYON** fell to Denison for the fifth time in the past six meetings, 3-1. The Ladies then fell in a heartbreaker, 3-2 in double overtime to Wooster, after coming back to tie the game in the closing minutes of regulation ... **BERLIN** junior **Sarah Grabinski (Elmhurst, IL/York)** made 10 saves in a 2-0 loss to Wooster. The Yeowomen also dropped a 3-0 decision to Case ... Senior forward **Allie Cozzone (Chagrin Falls, OH/Kenston)** scored both goals for **OHIO WESLEYAN** in its 3-2 loss to Denison. The Battling Bishops, who are tied for third place with 13 points heading into the final week, also defeated Mt. St. Joseph last week, 2-1 ... **WITTENBERG** went 1-0-1 last week as the Tigers tied Allegheny, 0-0, and defeated Earlham, 3-1. Junior **Emily Murray (Petoskey, MI/Petoskey)** scored what proved to be the game-winner against the Quakers. **Suzanne Medwid (Columbus, OH/Upper Arlington)** had an assist on the first goal of the game, her seventh of the season, one short of the school mark ... **WOOSTER** kept its postseason hopes alive with a pair of North Coast wins. In a 3-2, double overtime win over Kenyon, sophomore **Liz Mott (Briarcliff Manor, NY/The Masters School)** scored twice, including the game-winner in the second extra session. The Fighting Scots also defeated Oberlin, 2-0.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING REPORT -- DENISON SWEEPS NCAC RELAYS

The 25th North Coast Athletic Conference swimming & diving season officially started with last weekend's NCAC Relays. Denison won the women's meet with 172 points, outdistancing Kenyon by 20 points (152). Allegheny was third (124) and Wittenberg was fourth (124). Wooster (103), Oberlin (56), Hiram (48) and Ohio Wesleyan (38) rounded out the field in the women's competition. On the men's side, the Big Red were again victorious, as they scored 170 points to Kenyon's 152. Wooster was third with 96 points and Wittenberg was close behind in fourth with 94 points. Wabash (92) was two points behind the Tigers in fifth place. Oberlin and Allegheny tied for sixth with 76 points apiece, while Ohio Wesleyan (50) was eighth and Hiram (30), ninth.

Relay Notes: **ALLEGHENY** divers **Heather Daly (Sudbury, MA/Lincoln Sudbury)** and **Bridget Donnelly (Pittsburgh, PA/Mt. Lebanon)** won the one-meter board with a combined 355.6 points and were second on the three-meter board with 344.1. The Gator men also fared well. **Zeben Ashton (Waterville, ME/Waterville)** and **Jesse Rakovan (Brookville, PA/Brookville)** combined to finish third in both the one-meter (244.95 points) and three-meter (236.15) competitions ... **DENISON'S** men have won the NCAC Relays six times in the last seven years. Divers **Phil Meyer (River Forest, IL/Oak Park-River Forest)** and **Russ Bornschein (Ann Arbor, MI/Pioneer)** combined to win both diving competitions. The 500 yard freestyle crescendo relay team of **Andrew Krawchyk (Chapel Hill, NC/East)**, **John Geissinger (Darien, CT/The Lawrenceville School)**, **Dan Thurston (Ann Arbor, MI/Huron)** and **Casey Browning (Grosse Point, MI/South)** won their event with a time of 4:11.33. The Big Red women successfully defended their title as two relays were victorious. Junior **Kate Rich (McMurray, PA/Peters Township)** was part of both of DU's winning relays: the 200 butterfly and 200 backstroke, as well as six other second-place relay squads ... Leading the **KENYON** men was sophomore **Michael Mpitsos (Newport, OR/Newport)**, who swam on five winning relays, including the 200-yard medley relay that set a meet record (1:35.29). The Ladies took first in six of eight events in the pool, and set meet records in the 200-yard medley and 200-yard breaststroke events. Sophomore **Lauren Brady (Tyngsboro, MA/Phillips Exeter)** was a member of four winning relay teams ... Junior **Kevin Fahey (Delaware, OH/Hayes)**, senior **Brian Fahey (Delaware, OH/Hayes)** and junior **Nathaniel Cook (Delaware, OH/Hayes)** combined to lead **OHIO WESLEYAN** to victory in the men's 200 breaststroke relay. The finished in 1:50.59 to give the Battling Bishops a win in the event for the second straight year ... Junior **Craig Vektor (Indianapolis, IN/Franklin Central)** was part of three relays that finished in the top six to lead **WABASH** to its fifth-place team finish ... Leading the **WOOSTER** men were junior **Eric Babbitt (Rancho Santa Margarita, CA/Santa Margarita Catholic)** and sophomore **Brendan Horgan (Hudson, OH/Western Reserve Academy)**. The duo were each part of the third-place 200 medley (1:37.94) and 200 freestyle (1:27.73) relays. The top relay finish for the Fighting Scot women was the fifth-place 200-yard butterfly.

VOLLEYBALL REPORT -- WITTENBERG CLINCHES THIRD STRAIGHT NCAC CHAMPIONSHIP

With a wins over Kenyon, Allegheny and Hiram last week, Wittenberg clinched its third straight, and 14th overall, North Coast Athletic Conference championship. As the champs, the Tigers will host the upcoming North Coast Tournament on Nov. 7-8. Before that, they look

to extend their winning streak with matches at eighth-place Earlham (1-12, 3-24) on Wednesday and at fifth-place Denison (6-7, 9-16) on Friday.

In addition to Wittenberg, second-place Wooster (11-3, 18-12), third-place Allegheny (10-4, 14-14) and fourth-place Hiram (9-5, 15-17) have locked up the four spots in the conference tournament. The Terriers could finish the season in a tie with Denison for fourth place, but would win the tiebreaker for the seed after sweeping the regular season series against the Big Red. The teams will play their final matches of the season this week with an eye towards tournament seeding as their final seeds have yet to be determined. Things get started on Wednesday when Allegheny travels to Hiram and Wooster hosts seventh-place Ohio Wesleyan (5-8, 7-20). On Saturday, the Gators welcome Ohio Wesleyan, Wooster hosts Denison and Hiram joins Case Western Reserve and sixth-place Oberlin (6-8, 7-21) in a tri-match at Oberlin.

Also this week, Oberlin plays at Denison on Wednesday, Earlham travels to Ohio Wesleyan on Friday and to ninth-place Kenyon (0-15, 0-27) on Saturday.

Notes: **ALLEGHENY** has clinched an NCAC tournament berth for the first time since 2003 after going 1-2 last week in NCAC play. The Gators were outlasted, 3-2, by Wooster, fell to Wittenberg in straight sets and topped Earlham, 3-1. The Gators raised \$2,100 for the Susan G. Komen For the Cure Foundation when they hosted their first-ever Dig for the Cure event on Oct. 21. Junior libero **Sarah Sckena (Fredericktown, PA/Bethlehem Center)** posted 77 digs for last week to move into seventh place on the Gators' single-season list and needs 22 to break into the top five. Sckena had 33 digs against Wooster, 19 against Wittenberg then finished with 25 against Earlham. The Gators are 14-14 overall, and in third place with a 10-4 mark in the NCAC ... Freshman **Megan Early (Findlay, OH/Van Buren)** led **DENISON** to a 3-0 week with 21 kills. She posted a .347 attack percentage and also had a team best nine solo blocks as the Big Red defeated Earlham, Kenyon and Ohio Wesleyan ... **EARLHAM** lost all three of its conference matches last week, losing in three to Denison and Hiram, then falling to Allegheny in four ... **HIRAM** is in fourth place entering the final week. The Terriers lost to Wittenberg, 3-0, and defeated Earlham, 3-0, to move to 9-5 in the conference. Senior outside hitter **Sarah Schoenhagen (Cleveland Hts., OH/Gilmour)** smashed 29 kills and made seven blocks in 11 games played last week ... Freshman **Mary Myers (Lebanon, OH/Ursuline Academy)** was a bright spot for **KENYON** as the Ladies lost four times last week. She totaled 28 kills, 34 digs and six blocks ... **OBERLIN** tied a school record with its sixth NCAC win of the season, a 3-1 thriller over Ohio Wesleyan. Junior **Rita Kaplon (Yellow Springs, OH/Science Hill)** dished out 48 assists and recorded 12 digs against the Battling Bishops ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** dropped a pair of conference matches to fall to 5-8 in the NCAC. Sophomore outside hitter **Sam Owen (Westerly, RI/The Prout School)** finished with 12 kills in a 3-1 loss to Oberlin ... **WITTENBERG** went 4-0 last week, with all four wins coming in straight sets. After winning three more conference matches, the Tigers are 14-0 in the NCAC and have clinched the North Coast title. It is the fifth conference title in Head Coach **Paco Labrador's** six years with Wittenberg. **Kimmie Dyer (Copley, OH/Copley)** recorded 10 kills, seven digs and four service aces in a defeat of Kenyon. **Katie Sumner (Dublin, OH/Watterson)** finished the week with 23 kills and an attack percentage of .526 ... **WOOSTER** is in second place in the standings after a 4-0 week, to improve to 11-3 in the NCAC, 18-12 overall. The Fighting Scots defeated Allegheny, Oberlin and Kenyon, and also defeated Otterbein last week. Junior **KateLynn Riley (Westlake, OH/Westlake)** became the sixth player in Wooster history to record 1,000 kills in her career. For the week, she totaled 60 kills, nine service aces, six digs and 19 blocks. Against the Gators, Riley smashed a career-high 29 kills.

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