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NCAC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK (Nov. 16)

FOOTBALL (OFFENSIVE)

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FOOTBALL (DEFENSIVE)

Wooster topped Wittenberg, 27-6. Junior **Steve Custenborder (Rocky River, OH/Rocky River)** led the defensive effort which held Wittenberg to its lowest offensive output in over a decade. The Tigers were held to nine first downs and 131 yards of total offense. Custenborder had 10 tackles, including seven solos and .5 for a loss. He finishes the season with 88 stops.

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2008 North Coast Athletic Conference Fall Sport Standings Through games of Nov. 15, 2008 (All games)

Field Hockey	CONFERENCE						OVERALL					
	W	L	T	Pct	GF	GA	W	L	T	Pct	GF	GA
1. Wooster ^{^*}	11	1	0	.917	47	15	16	6	0	.727	72	37
2. Ohio Wesleyan.....	9	3	0	.750	21	15	12	7	0	.632	35	31
3. Kenyon.....	8	4	0	.667	38	18	10	12	0	.455	50	37
4. Wittenberg.....	7	5	0	.583	42	25	11	8	0	.579	57	40
5. Earlham.....	3	9	0	.250	9	35	6	11	0	.353	17	46
6. Oberlin.....	2	10	0	.167	11	44	3	15	0	.167	18	65
Denison.....	2	10	0	.167	13	29	3	15	0	.167	17	48

Football	NCAC			Points			Overall			Points		
	W	L	T	For	Opp	Pct	W	L	T	For	Opp	Pct
1. Wabash [^]	7	0	0	325	88	1.000	9	1	0	425	143	.900
2. Wooster.....	6	1	0	170	105	.857	8	2	0	242	152	.800
3. Wittenberg.....	4	3	0	187	90	.571	6	4	0	257	144	.600
Denison.....	4	3	0	127	125	.571	6	4	0	216	211	.600
Allegheny.....	4	3	0	129	165	.571	5	5	0	179	230	.500
Earlham.....	4	3	0	205	199	.571	4	6	0	261	328	.400
7. Hiram.....	2	5	0	141	276	.286	3	7	0	181	381	.300
Oberlin.....	2	5	0	128	238	.286	2	8	0	191	368	.200
Ohio Wesleyan.....	2	5	0	86	119	.286	2	8	0	103	213	.200
10. Kenyon.....	0	7	0	159	252	.000	1	9	0	237	373	.100

Men's Soccer	CONFERENCE							OVERALL					
	W	L	T	Pts	Pct	GF	GA	W	L	T	Pct	GF	GA
1. Ohio Wesleyan ^{^*}	9	0	0	27	1.000	24	5	18	4	1	.804	56	20
2. Wittenberg.....	6	3	0	18	.667	17	14	16	4	1	.786	48	26
Hiram.....	6	3	0	18	.667	17	14	13	6	0	.684	40	27
4. Kenyon.....	5	3	1	16	.611	17	9	11	7	2	.600	42	28
5. Allegheny.....	4	3	2	14	.556	19	13	6	9	3	.417	32	30
6. Oberlin.....	3	4	2	11	.444	18	12	9	8	2	.526	36	26
7. Denison.....	3	5	1	10	.389	11	13	6	8	3	.441	21	25
8. Wooster.....	3	6	0	9	.333	7	11	6	10	1	.382	20	23
9. Earlham.....	2	6	1	7	.278	12	28	10	8	1	.553	29	34
10. Wabash.....	0	8	1	1	.056	7	30	5	10	4	.368	22	42

Women's Soccer	CONFERENCE							OVERALL					
	W	L	T	Pts	Pct	GF	GA	W	L	T	Pct	GF	GA
1. Denison [^]	7	1	0	21	.875	16	6	15	5	1	.738	44	18
2. Wittenberg [*]	5	2	1	16	.688	17	9	11	4	6	.667	30	17
Allegheny.....	5	2	1	16	.688	12	3	8	8	3	.500	22	17
4. Wooster.....	5	3	0	15	.625	16	10	14	6	0	.700	42	17
5. Ohio Wesleyan.....	4	2	2	14	.625	12	8	10	6	3	.605	36	32
6. Earlham.....	4	4	0	12	.500	9	10	12	6	0	.667	50	22
7. Kenyon.....	2	5	1	7	.312	12	16	5	11	1	.324	22	30
8. Oberlin.....	0	6	2	2	.125	3	15	3	12	3	.250	15	37
9. Hiram.....	0	7	1	1	.062	5	25	5	12	1	.306	19	38

Volleyball	Conference		Overall	
	W-L	Pct	W-L	Pct
1. Wittenberg ^{^*}	16-0	1.000	33-3	.917
2. Wooster.....	13-3	.812	20-13	.606
3. Hiram.....	11-5	.688	19-18	.514
Allegheny.....	11-5	.688	15-16	.484
5. Denison.....	7-9	.438	10-18	.357
6. Ohio Wesleyan.....	6-10	.375	8-22	.267
Oberlin.....	6-10	.375	7-24	.226
8. Earlham.....	2-14	.125	4-26	.133
9. Kenyon.....	0-16	.000	0-28	.000

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^{*} NCAC Tournament Champion



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NCAC Football Report

WABASH SET FOR REMATCH WITH CASE IN NCAA PLAYOFFS

For Immediate Release

Nov. 16, 2008

CLEVELAND -- North Coast Athletic Conference champion Wabash (9-1, 7-0 NCAC) has earned its fifth NCAA Division III playoff bid and will travel to Case Western Reserve (10-0) on Saturday. Kickoff is set for 12:00 p.m. The winner will advance to the second round to face either Wheaton (8-2) or Trine (10-0). Last season, Wabash defeated Mt. Saint Joseph, 31-21, at home in the opening round, and topped Case, 38-23 in Cleveland, before falling at Wisconsin-Whitewater, 47-4. In 2002, the Little Giants also advanced to the third round of play with post-season wins over MacMurray, 42-7, and Wittenberg, 25-14, before falling to eventual national champion, Mount Union, 45-16, in the national quarterfinals. The Little Giants, who claimed their fourth straight NCAC championship during the regular season, make their first appearance in the tournament under new head coach **Eric Reaburn**.

This year, the tournament quarterfinals will be held on December 6, with the semifinals on December 13. The 36th Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl game is set for Dec. 20 in Salem, Virginia. Follow the NCAA Division III Tournament at www.ncaasports.com.

Notes: For the second straight week, **ALLEGHENY** freshman kicker **Ryan Zipf (Cranberry Township, PA/Seneca Valley)** nailed a game-winning field goal in overtime, this week's a 33-yarder to lift the Gators to a 10-7 overtime win against Ohio Wesleyan. The Allegheny defense put the Gators in position to win the game, after blocking a 37-yard OWU field goal attempt in the first quarter and forcing two punts and a fumble to prevent the Battling Bishops from putting any points on the board in the first half. Senior **Aaron Walter (Coopersburg, PA/Southern Lehigh)** led the way with 12 tackles, matching a career-high set earlier this fall against Denison, a sack and a forced fumble. The victory gives Allegheny a 4-3 record in the NCAC, good for a four-way tie for third place. The Gators are 5-5 overall and have posted a .500 or better overall winning percentage in 22 of their 25 seasons in the NCAC ... **DENISON** outscored Earlham, 19-0, in the second half to claim a 25-10 victory and clinch their second winning season since 1990, and their first since posting a 6-4 record in 2004. Denison finishes at 4-3 in the NCAC, knotted in a four-way tie for third place. The Big Red came on strong at the end of the season, winning five out of their last six contests. Senior running back **Jon Berg (Washington, PA/Trinity)** and junior tailback **Nick Krempasky (San Clemente, CA/San Clemente)** combined for 49 carries and 241 rushing yards to lead the Denison comeback. Berg rushed for a team-high 150 yards on 25 carries to close out his Big Red career with 2,391 yards rushing and 21 touchdowns. Defensive tackle **Tim Dukovich (Gibsonia, PA/Hampton)** led the team with seven tackles, three for losses and two sacks. Denison finished the 2008 campaign with 2,030 yards rushing, the most for the Big Red since 1991 ... **EARLHAM** held a 10-6 advantage at the half, but couldn't hold off Denison and the Quakers fell, 25-10. Earlham finishes with a 4-3 North Coast record, their best showing since posting the same record in 2002. Despite the loss, the Quakers finish in a four-way tie for third, their best finish since beginning conference play in 1989, and 4-6 record overall. Senior QB **Randy Kerns (West Manchester, OH/National Trail)** completed 6-of-19 passes for 21 yards and one touchdown. Sophomore kicker **Max Crumley-Effinger (Richmond, IN/Richmond)** finished the season with a record 36-of-37 extra points. He also owns the Quaker career record, having converted 66-of-69 in two years ... **HIRAM** topped Oberlin, 28-19, to finish 2-7 in the league and 3-7 overall - their best overall finish since posting identical records in 2001 and 2000. Senior quarterback **Trevor Henderson (Rural Valley, PA/West Shamokin)** threw for 244 yards and three touchdowns in his final game as a Terrier, helping the squad end a seven-game winless streak. He was also the team's leading rusher with 87 yards on 14 carries ... Senior running back **R.V. Carroll (Perry, OH/Perry)** became **OBERLIN'S** all-time scoring leader with his 1-yard touchdown run in the first quarter of a 28-19 loss to Hiram. Junior running back **Wayne Mundekis (Springdale, PA/Springfield)** led all rushers with a game-high 91 yards on 20 carries. He also led the team in receiving with six catches for 65 yards. Oberlin finishes in a three-way tie for seventh with a 2-5 NCAC record and a 2-8 overall standing ... Sophomore quarterback **Mike Fisher (Chagrin Falls, OH/Kenston)** scored on a 23-yard run to erase a 7-0 deficit and send **OHIO WESLEYAN** into overtime at Allegheny. The Gators kicked a field goal during the extra session to pull out the 10-7 victory. Ohio Wesleyan finishes the season tied for seventh in the NCAC at 2-5, with a 2-8 overall record. Fisher shared the Bishops' rushing lead with 85 yards and a TD on 14 carries. He completed 6-of-10 passes for 36 yards. Senior **Tommy Saunders (Gallipolis, OH/Gallia Academy)** led the defense with 14 tackles ... **WABASH** sophomore **Kody LeMond (Pendleton, IN/Pendleton Hts.)** caught a team-best eight passes for 73 yards in the Little Giants' 36-14 loss to DePauw in the 115th annual Monon Bell Classic, broadcast nationally by HDNet. Junior **Bryan Watson (Zionsville, IN/Zionsville)** shared the team lead with nine tackles, two for losses, and a sack. DePauw evened the overall series between the two teams to 53-53-9 ... **WITTENBERG** junior linebacker **Kyle Lohrman (Loveland, OH/Loveland)** had the lone Tiger score in a 27-6 loss at Wooster after running back an interception 20 yards in the second quarter. Wittenberg's 4-3 North Coast mark places them in a four-way tie for third. This is the first season since 1991 that the Tigers suffered three conference losses and just the third time since Wittenberg joined the NCAC in 1989 ... Junior quarterback **Austin Holter (Johnstown, OH/Johnstown-Monroe)** rushed for three touchdowns and passed for another to lead **WOOSTER** past Wittenberg, 27-6 in their season finale. Holter totalled 157 yards of total offense, with 85

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NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE 2008 FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

* conference games

Allegheny College (4-3; 5-5)

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*	L, 21-35
N. 8	WITTENBERG*	W, 30-27 ot
N. 15	OHIO WESLEYAN*	W, 10-7 ot

Denison University (4-3; 6-4)

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*	L, 0-23
N. 8	KENYON*	W, 21-7
N. 15	at Earlham*	W, 25-10

Earlham College (4-3; 4-6)

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*	W, 49-42
N. 8	OHIO WESLEYAN*	W, 14-7
N. 15	DENISON*	L, 10-25

Hiram College (2-5; 3-7)

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*	L, 7-31
N. 8	WABASH*	L, 0-63
N. 15	OBERLIN*	W, 28-19

Kenyon College (0-7; 1-9)

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*	L, 42-49
N. 8	at Denison*	L, 7-21

Oberlin College (2-5; 2-8)

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*	L, 7-60
N. 8	WOOSTER*	L, 7-27
N. 15	at Hiram*	L, 19-28

Ohio Wesleyan University (2-5; 2-8)

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*	W, 31-7
N. 8	at Earlham*	L, 7-14
N. 15	at Allegheny*	L, 7-10 ot

Wabash College (7-0; 9-1)

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*	W, 60-7
N. 8	at Hiram*	W, 63-0
N. 15	DePAUW	L, 14-36

Wittenberg University (4-3; 6-4)

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*	W, 23-0
N. 8	at Allegheny*	L, 27-30 ot
N. 15	at Wooster*	L, 6-27

College of Wooster (6-1; 8-2)

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*	W, 35-21
N. 8	at Oberlin*	W, 27-7
N. 15	WITTENBERG*	W, 27-6

coming on the ground on 16 attempts. He was 7-for-15 through the air for 72 yards, giving him a school-record 2,712 yards of total offense this season. Junior **Steve Custenborder (Rocky River, OH/Rocky River)** led the defensive effort which held Wittenberg to its lowest offensive output in over a decade. The Tigers were held to nine first downs and 131 yards of total offense. Custenborder had 10 tackles, including seven solos and .5 for a loss. He finishes the season with 88 stops. Wooster compiled a 6-1 record in the NCAC, for second place, and posted an 8-2 record overall.



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NCAC Fall/Winter Sports Update

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CLEVELAND -- Following is a capsule roundup of the NCAC's fall sports action.

MEN'S BASKETBALL REPORT -- ALLEGHENY, KENYON OPEN WITH TOURNEY PLAY

Allegheny (0-1) fell to Fredonia State, 64-55, in its season opener at the JKA Invitational, hosted by Rutgers-Newark. **Craig Devinney (Allison Park, PA/Shaler)** led the Gators with 19 points, nine rebounds and four assists. **George Raftis (Pittsburgh, PA/Se-wickley Academy)** added nine points and nine boards. Kenyon (1-0) defeated Illinois Tech, 71-59, at the University of Chicago's 12th annual Midway Classic. Senior forward **Brian Yelvington (Arlington Hts., IL/John Hersey)** scored 30 points and pulled down nine rebounds. He was 11 of 22 from the floor, 2 of 5 from long distance and 6 of 9 from the free throw line. The 30-point output was the third highest of his Kenyon career.

CROSS COUNTRY REPORT -- NCAA TEAMS, INDIVIDUALS, SET FOR NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

The NCAA Division III Men's & Women's Cross Country Championships will be contested at the L.S. Ayres Complex at Hanover College in Hanover, Indiana. The meet will be held on Saturday, with the women running at 11 a.m. and the men following at noon.

For the second straight year, Allegheny's men earned an automatic berth into the national field by virtue of their second-place finish at the Mideast Regional, held at Waynesburg College. The Gators placed three runners in the top 10 finishers, led by sophomore **Zac Ross (Meadville, PA/Meadville Area)** who posted a seventh-place finish with a time of 25:38 over eight kilometers. Junior **Tony Dipre (Twinsburg, OH/Walsh Jesuit)** and senior **Matt Hoy (Moon Township, PA/Moon)** were eighth (25:39) and 10th (25:46), respectively. The Allegheny women finished ninth of 44 teams.

The remainder of North Coast squads competed at the Great Lakes Regional, hosted by Otterbein. Oberlin sophomore **Joanna Johnson (Chico, CA/Chico)** won the women's race with a time of 21:51.76 over six kilometers to earn her second straight trip to the national meet. She led the Yeowomen to a sixth-place finish. Denison sophomore **Katie Navarre (Upper Arlington, OH/Upper Arlington)** finished third (22:01.39), just 10 seconds off Johnson's winning pace. Navarre's performance is the best ever by a Big Red runner, topping **Elaine Binkley's** 2004 fifth-place finish, and she will join Johnson at next week's national meet.

No women's team automatically qualified for the NCAA Championships from the North Coast, but Kenyon, which was fourth overall in the team standings, is in the pool to be considered for an at-large berth. Should the Ladies not be selected as a team, freshman **Morgan O'Connor (San Francisco, CA/San Francisco University)** could be added to the field as an individual. She posted a 15th-place finish with a time of 23:03.51 to lead the Ladies at Otterbein.

Ohio Wesleyan followed the Ladies and Yeowomen in the team standings, finishing eighth. Wittenberg was 11th and Denison 15th, followed by Wooster (22nd), Earlham (25th) and Hiram (30th).

Denison senior **Grant Russo (Medina, OH/Medina)** qualified for the national championships due to his finish in the men's race. He was 12th overall with a time of 25:25.84. Wabash sophomore **Seth Einterz (Zionsville, IN/Zionsville)** is expected to join Russo in the national field, after he posted a 17-th place finish (25:30.12), while Big Red freshman **Dee Salukombo (Lakewood, OH/Lakewood)** may also join the field. Einterz and Salukombo will find out their fates when the NCAA announces the field on Monday.

In the men's team standings, Wabash was the top team finisher from the NCAC in sixth place, followed by Kenyon in seventh and Denison in eighth. Oberlin was 11th, followed by Ohio Wesleyan (13th), Wittenberg (18th), Wooster (22nd), Earlham (27th) and Hiram (30th).

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

FIELD HOCKEY REPORT -- WOOSTER'S SEASON COMES TO AN END IN NCAA TOURNAMENT

North Coast Athletic Conference regular season and tournament champion Wooster (16-6) suffered a 2-1 loss to Stevens Institute of Technology in the first round of the NCAA Tournament to close out its 2008 season. Stevens scored on a penalty stroke with 10:30 remaining,

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breaking a 1-1 tie and then held on for the victory. Wooster junior forward **Amanda Artman (Shaker Hts., OH/Shaker Hts.)** had tied the game at 1-1 with her 29th goal of the season, tying the long-standing NCAC single-season record held by Denison's **Meg Filoon (1984)**. The Fighting Scots finished the regular season with their third straight (and seventh overall) NCAC championship and then claimed their first conference tournament title to earn their seventh NCAA bid, and first since 2001. The North Coast has had at least one team in the NCAA field in each of its 25 seasons of competition. Follow the NCAA Division III Tournament at www.ncaasports.com.

MEN'S SOCCER REPORT -- OWU ADVANCES TO NCAA SECTIONALS; LOSS CAPS WIT'S BEST SEASON

NCAC regular season and tournament champion Ohio Wesleyan (18-4-1) advanced to the sectional round of the NCAA Division III Tournament and will square off against the winner of today's Trinity (18-0-1) vs. Texas-Tyler (12-3-4) matchup. The NCAA will announce the next round of campus sites Monday morning; OWU will play their next contest either Friday or Saturday, Nov. 21 or Nov. 22. A quarterfinal matchup follows the next day. The national semifinals and championship game are slated for Friday-Saturday, Dec. 5-6, at Macpherson Stadium at Bryan Park in Greensboro, North Carolina, in conjunction with the finals of the women's soccer tournament.

The Battling Bishops advance after edging Susquehanna, 1-0, in double overtime in first round play, then defeating Carnegie Mellon, 3-0, in the second round. Both games were hosted at Ohio Wesleyan's Roy Rike field in Delaware. Freshman forward **Matt Bonfini (Dublin, OH/Coffman)** scored with two seconds left in the second overtime period against Susquehanna, after the teams had battled to a 0-0 tie through regulation and the first extra session. Bonfini then notched what proved to be the game-winning goal against Carnegie Mellon. Junior midfielder **Phil Serfaty (Dublin, OH/Jerome)** added a pair of insurance goals to finish off the Tartans.

Ohio Wesleyan holds NCAA Division III records with 31 playoff appearances and 51 playoff victories. The Bishops have compiled a 51-26-6 NCAA record and have finished in the top four seven times, highlighted by the 1998 Division III championship.

Wittenberg (16-4-1) closed out its 2008 campaign with a heartbreaking 3-2 loss to Carroll (WI) in NCAA first round play. The Tigers, making their fifth NCAA appearance and first since 1996, held a 2-1 lead late in the game off goals by **Matt Borland (Kettering, OH/Alter)** and **Brian Glenn (Powell, OH/Olentangy)**, but could not withstand a late Pioneer flurry. Wittenberg put together a 16-4-1 record this fall, the best showing in program history.

The NCAC has had at least one team in the NCAA Tournament field since the conference began in 1984, highlighted by a four-team contingent (Kenyon, Ohio Wesleyan, Wittenberg and Wooster) in 1992. Follow the NCAA Division III Tournament at www.ncaasports.com.

WOMEN'S SOCCER REPORT -- DENISON AND WITTENBERG BOW OUT OF NCAA TOURNAMENT

Denison (15-5-1), the North Coast champion, closed out its season with a 2-0 loss to Otterbein in the second round of the NCAA Division III Tournament. The Big Red entered today's match after defeating Centre, 1-0, in yesterday's first round contest. Freshman **Angie Coderre (Flossmor, IL/Homewood-Flossmor)** scored that game's lone goal in the 44th minute. Junior goalkeeper **Courtney Cobb (Sylvania, OH/St. Ursula Academy)** recorded two saves and posted her seventh shutout and 15th win of the season.

NCAC tournament champion Wittenberg (11-4-6) dropped a 4-0 decision to Chicago in their first round contest. Senior **Jordan Bamberger (Solon, OH/Solon)** closed out her Tiger career with five saves on the afternoon.

The Tigers made their third straight NCAA appearance, while Denison played in its fourth consecutive post-season, and 12th overall. The NCAC has had at least one team in the NCAA Tournament field in 15 of the past 18 seasons, highlighted by a three-team contingent in 2006 (Denison, Kenyon and Wittenberg) and in 1992 (Denison, Ohio Wesleyan and Wooster). Ohio Wesleyan has twice won the NCAA Division III championship (2001, '02). Follow the NCAA Division III Tournament at www.ncaasports.com.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING REPORT -- ALLEGHENY AT OBERLIN HIGHLIGHTS WEEK'S SLATE

Allegheny will travel to Oberlin on Friday in the only meeting between North Coast teams set for the coming week. Also on Friday, Denison heads to Ashland and Wittenberg travels to Ohio Northern. On Saturday, the Gators return home to host Fredonia, while Oberlin heads to Baldwin-Wallace. Westminster will visit Wooster. Kenyon will split its men's and women's squads; some will swim at the two-day TYR Cup at Northwestern on Friday and Saturday and some will compete at Case on Saturday, along with Washington & Jefferson and Grove City. Wabash hosts its own Patrick Woehnker Invitational on Friday and Saturday; Ohio Wesleyan travels to the Washington-St. Louis Invitational on Saturday and Sunday. Hiram is idle this week.

Men's Notes: **ALLEGHENY** claimed its first two dual meet wins of the season, and went 2-1 overall last week. The Gators defeated Edinboro, 53-42, and lost to Gannon, 66-47, in their own tri-meet, then topped Penn State-Behrend, 137-98 the next day. **Josh Sesek (Pittsburgh, PA/Brentwood)** touched first in both the 200 individual medley (2:03.27) and the 100 breaststroke (1:02.08) in the tri-meet. Against PSU-Behrend, he took the 200 IM (2:05.52) and the 200 breast (2:19.74). Diver **Jesse Rakovan (Brookville, PA/Brookville)** swept both boards in the tri-meet ... **DENISON** totalled three individual event wins as the Big Red split a double-dual meet in Detroit. **Andy Catlin (Owego, NY/Owego Free Academy)** took first in the 200 freestyle (1:47.29), **Andy Brabson (Boonsboro, MD/Boonsboro)** won the 200 breast (2:17.11) and **Dan Thurston (Ann Arbor, MI/Huron)** claimed the 400 IM as the Big Red defeated Calvin, 203-35 and fell to Wayne St. 125-113 ... Despite six individual event wins and a winning relay **HIRAM** fell to Grove City, 152-114. Sophomore **Santiago Morales (Mexico City, Mexico/Colegio Bilbao)** led the way with three wins: the 200 butterfly (1:58.96),

500 free (5:00.36) and 400 IM (4:25.97) ... **KENYON** was idle ... **OBERLIN** swam to its first victory of the season, a 142-63 triumph over John Carroll on the second day of the Veal Classic at Case. The Yeomen opened the event with a 162-69 loss to the host Spartans on day one. Freshman **Nick Lashway (Leeds, MA/Northhampton)** recorded wins in the 200 free (1:51.82) and 200 backstroke (2:03.90), while also swimming the first leg of the winning 400 medley relay (3:45.35) over the two-day event ... Junior **Kevin Fahey (Delaware, OH/Hayes)** won three events to help **OHIO WESLEYAN** defeat Mount Union, 136-87. Fahey swept the 100 and 200 freestyles in respective times of 50.03 and 1:49.45 and also won the 100 breast with a time of 1:01.18. Junior **Brad Russell (Delaware, OH/Hayes)** swept both diving events with scores of 142.85 and 188.55 ... Sophomore **Eric Vaughn (McMurray, PA/Peters Township)** posted three individual victories and was the leadoff swimmer on the second-place 200-yard medley relay team in **WABASH'S** 153-141 loss to rival DePauw. He won the 100 back (54.47) and 200 back (1:59.84) before grabbing a victory in the final individual event of the meet, the 200 IM. His winning time of 2:01.10 helped the Little Giants nearly overcome a 32-0 points deficit in diving due to an injury that prevented senior **Tom Schiltz (Forest Park, OH/Winton Woods)** from competing ... **WITTENBERG** topped Wilmington, 147-94, behind the winning efforts of sophomore **Matt Higbee (Columbus, OH/Upper Arlington)**. Higbee anchored the first-place 200 medley relay and also won the 50 back ... **WOOSTER** juniors **Eric Babbitt (Rancho Santa Margarita, CA/Santa Margarita Catholic)** and **Logan LaBerge (Towson, MD/Towson)** won three events apiece as the Fighting Scots defeated John Carroll, 162-75, and fell to Case, 161-76, in the Spartan's two-day Veale Classic. Babbitt took top honors in the 200 butterfly (2:00.39) against Case, a day after sweeping the 50 free (22.20) and 100 free (54.10). LaBerge was first in the 200 back against the Spartans, while he won the 200 free (1:50.69) and 500 free (5:08.84) against the Blue Streaks.

Women's Notes: **ALLEGHENY** fell to Edinboro, 62-33, and Gannon, 66-47, but recovered to defeat Penn State-Behrend, 127-67 the next day. **Ashley Whitehead (Conneaut Lake, PA/Meadville Area)** was the lone individual event winner in the tri-meet, taking the 50 free in 25.22. She and **Megan Knox (Pittsburgh, PA/Fox Chapel)** each won two events in the victory over PSU-Behrend. Whitehead swept the 50 and 100 freestyles in 24.62 and 55.38, respectively, while Knox won the 500 free (5:27.89) and 1,000 free (11:18.72) ... **DENISON** racked up six individual event wins in its 164-79 win over Calvin and their 122.5-118.5 loss to Wayne St. **Olivia Zaleski (Corry, PA/Corry Area)** touched first in the 200 back and was a part of the winning 400 relay team along with **Laurel Brabson (Boonsboro, MD/Boonsboro)**, **Breanna Gordon (Mission Viejo, CA/Santa Margarita)** and **Kate Rich (McMurray, PA/Peters Twp.)** that touched in 3:37.85 ... **HIRAM** senior diver **Jen Fowler (Canton, OH/McKinley)** captured the one-meter board with a score of 209.40 as the Terriers fell to Grove City, 191-99, and to Chatham, 149-134. She finished second on the three-meter board with a score of 205.60 ... NCAA Division I Miami (OH) bested **Kenyon**, 124-76, after taking 12 of the 14 events swam. **Alisa Vereshchagin (Solon, OH/Solon)** won the 100 breast, and cleared the NCAA 'B' cut with a time of 1:05.96. She also nailed down a 'B' time in the 200 IM, placing second with a time of 2:09.86 ... **OBERLIN** topped John Carroll, 138-63, for its first dual meet victory of 2008, one day after dropping a heartbreaking 125-115 decision to Case. Freshman **Jane McIntyre (Tenafly, NJ/Tenafly)** totalled five individual wins and was part of one winning relay over the two-day Veal Classic ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** junior **Kendra Klossner (Naperville, IL/Neuqua Valley)**, freshman **Kirstin Mowry (Centerville, OH/Centerville)** and senior **Katie Keleshian (Richmond Heights, OH/Regina)** each won an event and helped a relay team take a first-place finish, but Mount Union outscored the Battling Bishops, 125-117, for the victory. Klossner won the 50 free (25.89) and added a second in the 100 back, while Mowry won the 200 IM (2:23.70) and added a third in the 100 free and Keleshian won the 1000 free (11:50.06). The trio teamed with freshman **Ali Russ (Shaker Hts., OH/Shaker Hts.)** on the 400 free relay team, which won its event in 3:50.61 ... **WITTENBERG** moved to 4-1 in dual meets with a 149-101 win over Wilmington. Freshman **Cecilia Wille (Knoxville, TN/Farragut)** led the way with a win in the 100 free and **Janna House (St. Thomas, Ontario/Central Elgin Collegiate Institute)** claimed the 50 fly ... **WOOSTER** Senior **Molly Bittner (Westfield Center, OH/Cloverleaf)** won the 100 freestyle (55.60) and was part of two winning relays in a 132-105 win over host Case, leading the Scots to the championship of the second annual Veale Classic. In a 138-64 win over John Carroll, she touched first in the 200 free (2:02.29).

VOLLEYBALL REPORT -- WITTENBERG'S NCAA TOURNEY RUN CUT SHORT

NCAC regular season and tournament champion Wittenberg (33-3) opened NCAA regional play with a 3-0 victory over Muskingum, 25-14, 25-15, 25-18. The Tigers, who entered the national tournament ranked fifth in the nation and seeded second in the region, saw their post-season come to a close with a heartbreaking 3-2 second round loss to Ohio Northern, 25-20, 28-26, 20-25, 19-25, 13-15. Against the Polar Bears, Wittenberg was paced offensively by senior right-side hitter **Jackie Williams (Rocky River, OH/Magnificat)** with 20 kills, while senior libero **Laura Fender (Toledo, OH/St. Ursula)** topped the team with 23 digs. Fender broke the school record for career digs, finishing with 2,697 to top **Emilie Schmid's** four-year-old mark.

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