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NCAC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK (Nov. 2)

FIELD HOCKEY

Wooster junior forward **Amanda Artman (Shaker Hts., OH/Shaker Hts.)** scored all three of the Fighting Scots' goals for her third hat trick of the season in a 3-1 defeat of Ohio Wesleyan that secured Wooster's seventh NCAC championship. Artman has 25 goals in 2008, the most by a Wooster player since 1982.

FOOTBALL (OFFENSIVE)

Junior quarterback **Austin Holter (Johnstown, OH/Johnstown-Monroe)** of Wooster totaled over 350 yards of offense for the third week in a row as the Fighting Scots topped Allegheny, 35-21. Holter completed 20 of 35 passes for 258 yards and rushed for another 103. He passed for one touchdown and scored three others on the ground. It was his third 100-yard rushing game of the year. With two games to play, Holter already holds the single-season school record for total offense (2,366 yards).

FOOTBALL (DEFENSIVE)

Wittenberg linebacker **Brad McKinley (Hilliard, OH/Davidson)** paced the Tiger defense with 11 tackles, three of them solo. He also recovered a fumble in a 23-0 defeat of Denison. It was Wittenberg's second shutout of the season.

MEN'S SOCCER

Hiram sophomore forward **Cole Miller (Berlin, OH/Hiland)** scored three goals, including the game-winner, in a 4-3 double overtime win over Wittenberg. The win secured a second-place finish and a first-ever NCAC Tournament berth for the Terriers. The second-place finish is their best since joining the NCAC in 1999. Hiram also edged Denison, 2-1 in the final week of the regular season.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Oberlin junior goalkeeper **Sarah Grabinski (Elmhurst, IL/York)** was red-hot on a chilly night as she made a career-high 16 saves in a 0-0 double overtime shutout of OWU. The Battling Bishops outshot the Yeowomen, 44-8 in the contest, including 16-2 with shots on net. She then snagged five more shots against Hiram in a 2-2 double OT tie. Oberlin finished in eighth place with two points, both earned in the final week of the regular season.

VOLLEYBALL

Hiram senior outside hitter **Sarah Schoenhagen (Cleveland Hts., OH/Gilmour)** smashed 43 kills, hit .324 and made 11 block assists in the 13 sets as the Terriers defeated Allegheny and Oberlin, both by 3-1 scores, and knocked off non-conference opponent Case, 3-2 to finish the regular season at 18-17.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

| Date | Event | Site |
|----------|---|--|
| Nov. 5 | NCAC Field Hockey Tournament - Semis | Wittenberg at Wooster, 2:00 Kenyon at Ohio Wesleyan, 2:00 |
| Nov. 5 | NCAC Men's Soccer Tournament - Semis | Wittenberg at Hiram, 2:00 Kenyon at Ohio Wesleyan, 7:00 |
| Nov. 5 | NCAC Women's Soccer Tournament - Semis | Wooster at Denison, 7:00 Allegheny at Wittenberg, 7:00 |
| 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 NCAC FIELD HOCKEY, MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SOCCER AND VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS

Wednesday,
Nov. 5

Saturday,
Nov. 8

Wooster (#1)

at Wooster, 2:00 p.m.
Wittenberg (#4)

Ohio Wesleyan (#2)

at Ohio Wesleyan, 2:00 p.m.
Kenyon (#3)

at highest remaining seed,
2:00 p.m.

**2008 NORTH COAST ATHLETIC
CONFERENCE FIELD HOCKEY
TOURNAMENT**

Saturday,
Nov. 8

Wednesday,
Nov. 5

**2008 NORTH COAST ATHLETIC
CONFERENCE MEN'S SOCCER
TOURNAMENT**

Ohio Wesleyan (#1)

at Ohio Wesleyan, 7:00 p.m.

Kenyon (#4)

at highest remaining seed

Hiram (#2)

at Hiram, 2:00 p.m.

Wittenberg (#3)

Wednesday,
Nov. 5

Saturday,
Nov. 8

Denison (#1)

at Denison, 7:00 p.m.
Wooster (#4)

Wittenberg (#2)

at Wittenberg, 7:00 p.m.
Allegheny (#3)

at highest remaining seed

**2008 NORTH COAST ATHLETIC
CONFERENCE WOMEN'S SOCCER
TOURNAMENT**

Saturday,
Nov. 8

Friday,
Nov. 7

**2008 NORTH COAST ATHLETIC
CONFERENCE VOLLEYBALL
TOURNAMENT**

hosted by Wittenberg

Wittenberg (#1)

5:30 p.m.

Allegheny (#4)

2:00 p.m.

Wooster (#2)

8:00 p.m.

Hiram (#3)

**2008 North Coast Athletic Conference Fall Sport Standings
Through games of Nov. 2, 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 | 14 | 5 | 0 | .737 | 65 | 33 |
| 2. Ohio Wesleyan..... | 9 | 3 | 0 | .750 | 21 | 15 | 12 | 6 | 0 | .667 | 34 | 29 |
| 3. Kenyon..... | 8 | 4 | 0 | .667 | 38 | 18 | 9 | 11 | 0 | .450 | 48 | 33 |
| 4. Wittenberg..... | 7 | 5 | 0 | .583 | 42 | 25 | 11 | 7 | 0 | .611 | 55 | 37 |
| 5. Earlham..... | 3 | 9 | 0 | .250 | 9 | 35 | 6 | 11 | 0 | .353 | 17 | 46 |
| 6. Denison..... | 2 | 10 | 0 | .167 | 13 | 29 | 3 | 15 | 0 | .167 | 17 | 48 |
| Oberlin..... | 2 | 10 | 0 | .167 | 11 | 44 | 3 | 15 | 0 | .167 | 18 | 65 |

| Football | NCAC | | | Points | | | Overall | | | Points | | |
|--------------------|------|---|---|--------|-----|-------|---------|---|---|--------|-----|-------|
| | W | L | T | For | Opp | Pct | W | L | T | For | Opp | Pct |
| 1. Wabash..... | 6 | 0 | 0 | 262 | 88 | 1.000 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 348 | 107 | 1.000 |
| 2. Wittenberg..... | 4 | 1 | 0 | 154 | 33 | .800 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 224 | 87 | .750 |
| Wooster..... | 4 | 1 | 0 | 116 | 92 | .800 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 188 | 139 | .750 |
| 4. Earlham..... | 3 | 2 | 0 | 181 | 167 | .600 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 237 | 296 | .375 |
| 5. Denison..... | 2 | 3 | 0 | 81 | 108 | .400 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 170 | 194 | .500 |
| Allegheny..... | 2 | 3 | 0 | 89 | 131 | .400 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 139 | 196 | .375 |
| Oberlin..... | 2 | 3 | 0 | 102 | 183 | .400 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 165 | 313 | .250 |
| Ohio Wesleyan..... | 2 | 3 | 0 | 72 | 95 | .400 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 89 | 189 | .250 |
| 9. Hiram..... | 1 | 4 | 0 | 113 | 194 | .200 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 153 | 299 | .250 |
| 10. Kenyon..... | 0 | 6 | 0 | 152 | 231 | .000 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 230 | 352 | .111 |

| 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 | 15 | 4 | 0 | .789 | 46 | 18 |
| 2. Hiram..... | 6 | 3 | 0 | 18 | .667 | 17 | 14 | 13 | 5 | 0 | .722 | 40 | 26 |
| Wittenberg..... | 6 | 3 | 0 | 18 | .667 | 17 | 14 | 15 | 3 | 0 | .833 | 43 | 21 |
| 4. Kenyon..... | 5 | 3 | 1 | 16 | .611 | 17 | 9 | 11 | 6 | 2 | .632 | 42 | 24 |
| 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 | 14 | 3 | 1 | .806 | 43 | 15 |
| 2. Wittenberg..... | 5 | 2 | 1 | 16 | .688 | 17 | 9 | 10 | 3 | 5 | .694 | 29 | 13 |
| Allegheny..... | 5 | 2 | 1 | 16 | .688 | 12 | 3 | 8 | 8 | 2 | .500 | 22 | 17 |
| 4. Wooster..... | 5 | 3 | 0 | 15 | .625 | 16 | 10 | 13 | 5 | 0 | .722 | 41 | 16 |
| 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 | 30-2 | .938 |
| 2. Wooster..... | 13-3 | .812 | 20-12 | .625 |
| 3. Hiram..... | 11-5 | .688 | 18-17 | .514 |
| Allegheny..... | 11-5 | .688 | 15-15 | .500 |
| 5. Denison..... | 7-9 | .438 | 10-18 | .357 |
| 6. Ohio Wesleyan..... | 6-10 | .375 | 8-22 | .267 |
| Oberlin..... | 6-10 | .429 | 7-23 | .233 |
| 8. Earlham..... | 2-14 | .125 | 4-26 | .133 |
| 9. Kenyon..... | 0-16 | .000 | 0-28 | .000 |



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NCAC Football Report

WABASH CLINCHES AUTOMATIC BID AND SHARE OF CONFERENCE CROWN; WOOSTER, WITTENBERG REMAIN TIED FOR SECOND

For Immediate Release
Nov. 2, 2008

CLEVELAND -- With one game to play in its conference season, Wabash (6-0, 8-0) has clinched at least a share of its fourth straight North Coast Athletic Conference title and fifth overall. In fact, after defeating Oberlin (2-3, 2-6), 60-7, the Little Giants have claimed the NCAC's automatic bid to the NCAA III tournament. The only teams who could catch Wabash in the standings are Wittenberg (4-1, 6-2) and Wooster (4-1, 6-2), and the Little Giants would win tiebreakers for the bid with both teams as they defeated both squads earlier this season.

The last opponent standing in the way of the Little Giants' second straight 7-0 conference season, and third in four years, is this week's opponent, Hiram (1-4, 2-6). The Terriers are coming off a 31-7 loss to Ohio Wesleyan (2-3, 2-6). Both Wabash and Hiram started competition in the NCAC in the 2000 campaign and this will be the fifth contest between the schools. The Little Giants have taken all four previous meetings.

The Fighting Scots and the Tigers, meanwhile, take to the road this week, with Wooster heading to Oberlin and Wittenberg traveling to Allegheny (2-3, 3-5). Last week, Wooster defeated the Gators, 35-21, and Wittenberg shut out Denison, 23-0. The Big Red look to bounce back with a home game against Kenyon (0-6, 1-8), and Earlham, 49-42 victors over the Lords last week, welcome Ohio Wesleyan.

Notes: **ALLEGHENY** scored 14 points on two plays to start the second half and tie the game with Wooster, only to fall, 35-21. Sophomore wide receiver **Terry Hartford (Pittsburgh, PA/Fox Chapel)** broke a school record with an 85-yard punt return for a score, breaking a mark that was first set in 1978 and tied in 1996 ... In a 23-0 loss to Wittenberg, **DENISON** senior linebacker **Jim Minor (Washington, PA/Trinity)** recorded 10 solo tackles and two sacks for a loss of 23 yards. Senior linebacker **Joe Ulrey (Marengo, OH/Highland)** made five tackles and surpassed 200 career stops ... For the first time since 2000, **EARLHAM** has won three straight games after they outlasted Kenyon, 49-42. During the winning streak, the Quakers have averaged more than 50 points a game after averaging 17 points per game over the first five contests of 2008. Sophomore **Bryant Forman (Mechanicsburg, OH/Northeastern)** scored three touchdowns in the fourth quarter to lead the late surge against the Lords and assure Earlham of its third victory of the season. Foreman finished with 72 yards rushing and two touchdowns, and 88 yards on receptions and another score. Senior quarterback **Randy Kerns (West Manchester, OH/National Trail)** finished with 20-of-33 passes for 359 yards and four touchdowns. Junior receiver **Chris Owens (Ft. Thomas, KY/Highlands)** had a team-best eight catches for 148 yards and a touchdown. Junior **John Metcalf (Galveston, IN/Lewis Cass)** led the Quaker defense with 14 stops ... **HIRAM** fell to Ohio Wesleyan, 31-7. Freshman **Destin Betsill (Dawsonville, GA/Dawsonville)** led the Terrier defense with 10 tackles ... **KENYON** junior **Kyle Toot (Cape Elizabeth, ME/Cape Elizabeth)** ran for 199 yards and three touchdowns, but the Lords fell short against Earlham, 49-42. Toot carried 33 times and leads the conference with 1,263 rushing yards on 256 carries ... **OBERLIN** junior running back **Wayne Mundekis (Springdale, PA/Springfield)** scored his team-leading eighth touchdown in a 60-7 loss to NCAC champion Wabash ... Freshman quarterback **Keegan Varner (Westerville, OH/Central)** completed seven of 14 pass attempts for 108 yards and a pair of touchdowns to lead **OHIO WESLEYAN** to a 31-7 defeat of Hiram. In the second half, he twice fired third-down completions to keep scoring drives alive. Sophomore tight end **Danny Flanagan (Mansfield, OH/Ontario)** caught both scoring passes and he finished with four catches for 91 yards. Senior running back **Kyle Adams (North Canton, OH/Hoover)** scored on a 20-yard touchdown run and finished with 122 yards on 21 carries ... **WABASH** clinched the NCAC's automatic bid into the NCAA III tournament and at least a share of its fourth straight conference crown with a 60-7 defeat of Oberlin. The Little Giants, ranked third in both the d3football.com and AFCA pools, got a career-best 98 yards from senior running back **Adam Pilli (Cary, IL/Cary-Grove)**. Pilli, who carried 18 times, also scored his first career touchdown. Prior to the game, Wabash honored a 25-man senior class that is the first in school history to win four conference championships in their careers, and are the first to earn back-to-back post-season playoff berths ... **WITTENBERG** quarterback **Andrew Durbin (Carmel, IN/Carmel)** completed 14 of 20 passes for 189 yards and a touchdown to lead the Tigers past Denison, 23-0. Linebacker **Brad McKinley (Hilliard, OH/Davidson)** paced the defense with 11 stops and a fumble recovery .. Junior quarterback **Austin Holter (Johnstown, OH/Johnstown-Monroe)** totaled over 350 yards for **WOOSTER** for the third week in a row as the Fighting Scots topped Allegheny, 35-21. With two games to play, Holter already holds the single-season school record for total offense with 2,366 yards. Last week, he completed 20 of 35 passes for 258 yards and rushed for another 103. He passed for one touchdown and scored three others on the ground. It was his third 100-yard rushing game of the year. Junior cornerback **Bryan Albani (Warren, OH/Howland)** was in on five tackles, including three solos, and added an interception and a pass breakup. His 10-yard interception return early in the second quarter was the first score of the game.

NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE 2008 FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

* conference games

Allegheny College (2-3; 3-5)

| | | |
|-------|-----------------|----------|
| 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* | 1:00 |
| N. 15 | OHIO WESLEYAN* | 1:00 |

Denison University (2-3; 4-4)

| | | |
|-------|----------------|----------|
| 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* | 1:00 |
| N. 15 | at Earlham* | 1:00 |

Earlham College (3-2; 3-5)

| | | |
|-------|----------------|----------|
| 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* | W, 49-42 |
| N. 8 | OHIO WESLEYAN* | 1:00 |
| N. 15 | DENISON* | 1:00 |

Hiram College (1-4; 2-6)

| | | |
|-------|--------------------|-------------|
| 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* | 1:00 |
| N. 15 | OBERLIN* | 1:00 |

Kenyon College (0-6; 1-8)

| | | |
|-------|--------------------|-------------|
| 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* | 1:00 |

Oberlin College (2-3; 2-6)

| | | |
|-------|-----------------|----------|
| 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* | 1:00 |
| N. 15 | at Hiram* | 1:00 |

Ohio Wesleyan University (2-3; 2-6)

| | | |
|-------|---------------------|----------|
| 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* | W, 31-7 |
| N. 8 | at Earlham* | 1:00 |
| N. 15 | at Allegheny* | 1:00 |

Wabash College (6-0; 8-0)

| | | |
|-------|----------------|----------|
| 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* | W, 60-7 |
| N. 8 | at Hiram* | 1:00 |
| N. 15 | DePAUW | 1:05 |

Wittenberg University (4-1; 6-2)

| | | |
|-------|--------------------|----------|
| 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* | W, 23-0 |
| N. 8 | at Allegheny* | 1:00 |
| N. 15 | at Wooster* | 1:00 |

College of Wooster (4-1; 6-2)

| | | |
|-------|------------------|----------|
| 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* | 1:00 |
| N. 15 | WITTENBERG* | 1:00 |



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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.

FIELD HOCKEY REPORT -- WOOSTER CLAIMS THIRD STRAIGHT NCAC CHAMPIONSHIP

Wooster (11-1, 14-5) claimed its third straight North Coast Athletic Conference crown, and fifth in the last eight years, after topping Ohio Wesleyan, 3-1, and Kenyon, 5-2, to close out the regular season. The Fighting Scots have stockpiled seven overall championships, second only to Ohio Wesleyan's and Wittenberg's eight. Denison can boast seven field hockey titles, while Oberlin has earned two league championships and Kenyon one.

As conference champions, Wooster will be the top seed in the NCAC tournament which begins Wednesday with semifinals. The Fighting Scots will host fourth-place Wittenberg (7-5, 11-7) at 2:00 p.m. Wooster and the Tigers split matches this season, with each team winning at home. Second-seeded Ohio Wesleyan (9-3, 12-6) will host third-seeded Kenyon (8-4, 9-11) at 2:00 p.m. in the other semifinal matchup on Wednesday. The Battling Bishops swept the regular season series against the Ladies.

The championship game is set for Saturday, at the site of the highest remaining seed to emerge from the semis.

Tourney Notes: The tournament winner receives the NCAC's automatic bid into the NCAA tournament ... Kenyon is the two-time defending tournament champion and is making its fourth tourney appearance. Wooster and Wittenberg have each earned their seventh straight tourney berths. They are the only teams to have competed in every tournament since the inaugural event in 2002. Ohio Wesleyan qualified for the first time ... Wittenberg leads the way with three tournament titles, winning the first three tournaments contested. Oberlin has one crown.

2007 Tournament Recap: Kenyon claimed its second straight North Coast Athletic Conference tournament title after a thrilling championship final was decided by penalty strokes. The Ladies' 2-1 (penalty strokes) victory assured them of a repeat trip to the NCAA Division III Tournament as the Conference's automatic qualifier. Kenyon opened the scoring when **Sasha Grumman** found the cage 1:29 into the game. Wittenberg countered with a goal by **Tori Casanta** five minutes later. The rest of regulation and both overtime periods consisted of end-to-end action and several excellent offensive chances, which were deflected by equally stellar defensive efforts. Kenyon had advanced to the championship after edging second-seeded Wooster, 1-0, in the semifinals. The Tigers had advanced to the championship courtesy of a 7-3 victory over Oberlin in their semifinal matchup - the highest scoring game in NCAC tourney history. Kenyon's **Perrin Legg** earned tournament MVP honors.

Notes: **DENISON** junior **Molly McCue (Gibsonia, PA/Aquinas Academy)** tallied a goal on the week and led the 3-15 Big Red with seven goals, 15 points, 35 shots and three game-winners. Denison closed out the season with losses to Kenyon, 2-0, and Oberlin, 3-2, to finish in a tie for sixth place at 2-10 in the NCAC ... **EARLHAM** also wrapped up the season with a pair of North Coast losses, dropping decisions to Wittenberg, 2-0, and Kenyon, 4-0. Senior goalie **Katherine McDonough (Louisville, KY/St. Francis)** made eight saves against the Tigers and wrapped up her career with 10 against the Ladies. Junior **Cassie Gage (West Carrollton, OH/Kettering Fairmont)** finished as the Quakers' leading scorer with eight goals and 19 points ... **KENYON** surged into third place with a pair of conference victories to close out the regular season. The Ladies, who defeated Denison, 2-0, and Earlham, 4-0, last week, got three goals from senior **Kelly Adams (Lexington, MA/Lexington)**, including the game-winner against the Big Red. Senior goalkeeper **Karen Thompson (Mechanicsburg, PA/Mechanicsburg Area)** made four saves and posted her school record 25th career shutout during the week ... **OBERLIN** posted its best week of the year with conference wins over Ohio Wesleyan, 1-0, and Denison, 3-2, to finish 3-15 overall, 2-10 in the NCAC. Against the Big Red, the Yeowomen fell behind, 2-0, but stormed back to win, 3-2, with the game-winning goal coming off the stick of senior **Abigail Brox (Manchester, MA/St. George's School)**. Freshman **Emily Whitaker (Pelham, NY/Pelham Memorial)** scored a goal and assisted on another in the win over Denison, and pressured Ohio Wesleyan all game long with five shots on goal ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** was able to hold on to second place despite losing twice in conference in the final week of the regular season. The Battling Bishops lost to Oberlin, 1-0, despite out-shooting the Yeowomen, 13-2 and enjoying a 12-0 advantage in penalty corners. Sophomore attacker **Christa Cocumelli (Dublin, OH/Bishop Watterson)** scored the goal against the Fighting Scots ... Sophomore **Boo Vernon (Lake Bluff, IL/Cushing Academy)** scored all three of **WITTENBERG'S** goals as the Tigers defeated Earlham, 2-0, and Morrisville State, 1-0 ... **WOOSTER** claimed its seventh North Coast title after defeating Ohio Wesleyan, 3-1,

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in the season finale. Junior forward **Amanda Artman (Shaker Hts., OH/Shaker Hts.)** scored all three of the Fighting Scots' goals for her third hat trick of the season. She has 25 goals in 2008, the most by a Wooster player since 1982.

MEN'S SOCCER REPORT -- OHIO WESLEYAN EARNS 17TH NCAC CHAMPIONSHIP

Ohio Wesleyan (9-0-0, 15-4-0) earned its fourth North Coast Athletic Conference championship in the last five years with a pair of wins last week. The Battling Bishops topped Wittenberg, 2-0, and edged Allegheny (4-3-2, 6-9-3), 3-2, racking up their league-leading 17th crown. Kenyon is a distant second with six conference championships, including the 2007 title. Wooster has won three crowns, Denison has two and Wittenberg one.

Ohio Wesleyan enters the NCAC tournament, which begins Wednesday with semifinals, as the top seed and will host fourth-seeded Kenyon (5-3-1, 11-6-2) at 7:00 p.m. During the regular season, Ohio Wesleyan slipped past the Lords, 2-1. Second-seeded Hiram (6-3-0, 13-5-0) will host third-seeded Wittenberg (6-3-0, 15-3-0) at 2:00 p.m. in the other semifinal matchup on Wednesday. The game will be a rematch of last Saturday's thrilling double overtime regular season finale for both teams. The Tigers took a 2-0 lead into the halftime break, but the Terriers regrouped for three goals in a roughly 13-minute span to take the lead. Wittenberg converted a penalty kick to tie the game and the teams finished regulation and the first extra session knotted at three goals apiece. Hiram then found the back of the net six minutes into the second session, clinching their first NCAC tourney berth and capping their highest finish since joining the North Coast in 1999.

The championship game is set for Saturday, at the site of the highest remaining seed to emerge from the semis.

Tourney Notes: The tournament winner receives the NCAC's automatic bid into the NCAA tournament ... Ohio Wesleyan is the defending tournament champion and is making its ninth straight tourney appearance. The Bishops are the only team to have competed in every tournament since the inaugural event in 2000. Kenyon and Wittenberg are each making their second consecutive and third overall appearances in the NCAC post season, while Hiram is making its tournament debut ... Allegheny narrowly missed out on making the tournament, snapping a string of eight consecutive appearances ... Ohio Wesleyan leads the way with six tournament championships and in fact, has won every NCAC tournament championship game it has advanced to ... Should the Wittenberg men and women both advance to the championship game of their respective tournaments, the women would play first, followed by the men, per conference policy (rotation set by even or odd years).

2007 Tournament Recap: Ohio Wesleyan claimed its sixth North Coast Athletic Conference Tournament championship with a 1-0 victory over Allegheny in the final game. The Battling Bishops' goal, scored by back **Eric Laipple** in the 25th minute, was not only the lone goal of the game, but also was the lone goal of the three-game tournament. Both the Bishops and Gators tied their semifinal opponents, 0-0, in double overtime, then emerged victorious after penalty kicks. OWU slipped past third-seeded Wittenberg, 5-3, while the Gators outlasted top-seeded Kenyon, 6-5. Allegheny and the Lords matched each other through the first round of five PKs, and then through a pair of sudden-death rounds before Gator Pat Doherty found the back of the net, and goalkeeper Ryan Larkin stopped Kenyon's final PK attempt.

Notes: **ALLEGHENY** split its final two contests to fall out of contention for a North Coast tournament slot. The Gators defeated Wooster, 3-2, as **Brian Terpin (West Seneca, NY/Canisius)** scored the game-winner, but on the final day of the regular season, Allegheny lost to Ohio Wesleyan, 3-2. **Peter Subasic (Pittsburgh, PA/Fox Chapel)** scored both Gator goals against the Battling Bishops ... **DENISON** also split their final two games of the season and ended up out of the conference tournament in seventh place. Sophomore **Len Mills (Pittsburgh, PA/Upper St. Clair)** recorded two goals and finished the year with seven. The Big Red lost to Hiram, 2-1, and defeated Wooster, 2-1, in double overtime ... **EARLHAM** finished the year in ninth place at 2-6-1 for seven points after tying Wabash, 1-1 in double overtime and losing to Kenyon, 3-2. In the first tie for the Quakers since 2005, junior **Mamary Diarra (Harare, Zimbabwe/International)** scored at the 60:42 mark to send the game to overtime. Diarra also assisted on the first goal. Senior **Victor Anciano (San Antonio-Altos, Venezuela/Armand Hammer)** scored one goal and assisted on the other against the Lords ... **HIRAM** claimed second place, its highest finish since joining the NCAC in 1999 with wins over Denison, 2-1, and Wittenberg, 4-3 in double overtime. Sophomore forward **Cole Miller (Berlin, OH/Hiland)** scored all three goals in the overtime game with the Tigers. The Terriers will host an NCAC tournament game on Wednesday in its first-ever conference tournament appearance ... **KENYON** secured fourth place and a tournament spot after tying Oberlin, 0-0 in double overtime, and defeating Earlham, 3-2. Sophomore **Jon Myers (Lebanon, OH/Archbishop Moeller)** assisted on the game-tying and game-winning goals against the Quakers ... **OBERLIN** finished the regular season unbeaten in its final four contests, including a 0-0 double overtime tie with Kenyon last week, and a 3-2 double overtime victory over Wabash. Sophomore **Wyatt Hayman (Belvedere, CA/Marin Academy)** scored the extra session game-winner against the Little Giants ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** claimed its 17th North Coast title with two more conference wins last week, 2-0 over Wittenberg and 3-2 over Allegheny. The Battling Bishops finish with a perfect 7-0 conference mark and 27 points. Sophomore midfielder **Ryan Harmanis (Hilliard, OH/Davidson)** scored the second goal against the Tigers, and then added two more, including the game-winner, against the Gators ... **WABASH** finished the regular season with a pair of double overtime games. The Little Giants finished their tilt with Earlham in a 2-2 tie after two extra periods, then fell in the second extra session to Oberlin, 3-2. Freshman forward **Austin Jennings (Noblesville, IN/Noblesville)** scored the first goal against the Yeomen, his team-leading ninth of the year ... **Shane Price (Minford, OH/Minford)** scored twice in **WITTENBERG'S** 4-3 double OT loss to Hiram. The Tigers also dropped a 2-0 decision to Ohio Wesleyan. The Tigers finish the regular season in a second-place tie and are the third seed in the upcoming NCAC tourney ... **WOOSTER** finished in eighth place after losing to Allegheny, 3-2, and Denison, 2-1 in double overtime. Junior midfielder **Karl Ruter (Glenview, IL/Glenbrook South)** scored two of the Fighting Scots' three goals in the final week of the season.

WOMEN'S SOCCER REPORT -- DENISON COLLECTS SEVENTH NCAC CHAMPIONSHIP

Denison (7-1-0, 14-3-1) earned its seventh North Coast athletic Conference championship, and its first since 2005, after losing only a single game in NCAC play. Ohio Wesleyan leads all NCAC teams with eight shared or solo crowns. Allegheny has claimed six, including four straight from 1985-88, while Wooster holds four. Kenyon and 2007 champ Wittenberg each have won one NCAC women's soccer championship.

As conference champions, Denison earns the top seed in the NCAC tournament, which begins Wednesday with semifinals. The Big Red will host fourth-seeded Wooster (5-3-0, 13-5-0) at 7:00 p.m. The game should be exciting as the Fighting Scots are the only league team to defeat Denison this fall, winning 2-1 in the regular season finale for both teams last Saturday. The Wooster win also snapped a 10-game Denison win streak. Wednesday's second semifinal sends third-seeded Allegheny (5-2-1, 8-8-2) to second seeded Wittenberg (5-2-1, 10-3-5). Kickoff is set for 7:00 p.m. The two teams finished the regular season tied for second place, and tied their regular season match, 0-0 in double overtime. Wittenberg won the seeding tiebreaker over the Gators to earn the second seed and the right to host the postseason game.

The championship game is set for Saturday, at the site of the highest remaining seed to emerge from the semis.

Tourney Notes: The tournament winner receives the NCAC's automatic bid into the NCAA tournament ... Wittenberg is the two-time defending tournament champion and is making its fifth straight tourney appearance. The Tigers have advanced to the NCAC postseason seven times overall. Denison is the only team to have competed in every tournament since the inaugural event in 2000. Allegheny earned its sixth appearance, Wooster its fourth ... Ohio Wesleyan leads all teams with five tourney titles. Denison has one ... Should the Wittenberg men and women both advance to the championship game of their respective tournaments, the women would play first, followed by the men, per conference policy (rotation set by even or odd years).

2007 Tournament Recap: Top-seeded Wittenberg claimed its second straight North Coast Athletic Conference Tournament title with a 2-1 overtime victory over second-seeded Denison in the championship game. **Amanda Farrell** opened the scoring for the Tigers early in the second half. Denison countered with a **Sarah Ash** goal roughly five minutes later. The game was decided when Wittenberg's **Suzanne Medwid** sent a ball from the midfield toward the Denison goal. The ball was deflected and rolled into the Big Red nets, just ahead of two Denison defenders trying to run it down. The Tigers advanced to their third tourney championship game courtesy of a 1-0 victory over fourth-seeded Kenyon in the semifinals. Denison advanced after besting third-seeded Ohio Wesleyan, 2-1. The 2007 tourney championship was a repeat of the 2006 contest in which Wittenberg claimed its first tournament crown with a 1-0 victory over the Big Red.

Notes: **ALLEGHENY** tied for second place in the North Coast after defeating Kenyon, 1-0, to claim its first NCAC tournament berth since 2004. **Katie Murphy (Venetia, PA/Peters Township)** scored the game-winner late in the second half. Goalkeeper **Emily Karr (Wexford, PA/Pine-Richland)** made three saves to preserve the Gators' five-game shutout streak ... **DENISON** claimed the North Coast title with a 2-1 defeat of Wittenberg and a 2-1 loss to Wooster. Sophomore **Kimmi Oshita (Cincinnati, OH/Sycamore)** scored both goals in the title-clinching win. During the 2008 campaign, Denison put together a 10-game winning streak, the longest since a 13-game streak in 2000 ... Sophomore **Karman Duchon (Decatur, GA/Decatur)** and senior **Hillary Carter (Middletown, OH/Lakota East)** took turns becoming **EARHAM'S** all-time leading scorer last week. Duchon surpassed Carter in a 3-2 overtime victory over Kenyon with two goals – including the overtime game-winner – and an assist. In the same contest, Carter posted a goal and one assist but fell behind Duchon's 84 career points with 83 of her own. In the season finale, however, Carter took back the title with the game-winning score in a 2-1 decision over Ohio Wesleyan, while Duchon was held scoreless. Carter finishes her career with 85 points while Duchon has 84 with two seasons ahead of her. The star against the Battling Bishops, however, was goalkeeper **Megan Holthaus (Harrison, OH/McAuley)**, who made a save with five seconds left to preserve the victory. Earlham finished 2008 with a 12-6 overall record and a 4-4 conference mark with 12 points, good for sixth place ... **HIRAM** finishes in ninth place with one point after losing to Wooster, 4-1, then tying Oberlin, 2-2 in double overtime. Sophomore forward **Claire Conner (Aurora, OH/Aurora)** and junior **Ashley Ellsworth (Strongsville, OH/Strongsville)** scored the goals against the Yeowomen ... **KENYON** lost twice to conclude the regular season and wind up seventh in the standings. Sophomore **Lisa Vaughan (Seattle, WA/Roosevelt)** scored a goal and assisted on the other in a 3-2 overtime loss to Earlham. The Ladies also dropped a 1-0 decision to Allegheny ... Ties were the name of the game for **OBERLIN** in the final week of the season as the Yeowomen tied both Ohio Wesleyan, 0-0, and Hiram, 2-2, both in double overtime. Junior **Sarah Grabinski (Elmhurst, IL/York)** was red-hot as she made a career-high 16 saves in the shutout of OWU, then added five more against the Terriers. Oberlin finished in eighth place with an 0-6-2 mark for 2 points ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** is not in the conference tournament for the first only the second time since its inception in 2000 after the Battling Bishops tied Oberlin, 0-0 in double overtime, and lost to Earlham, 2-1, in the final week of the regular season. Freshman forward **Makinzie Krebsbach (Vadnais Hts., MN/Totino-Grace)** scored the only goal for the fifth-place Bishops last week ... **WITTENBERG** tied for second after losing to conference champion Denison in the final game of its regular season, 2-1. **Sheryl Chambers (Victorville, CA/St. Joan of Arc)** scored the Tiger goal ... **WOOSTER** secured the fourth and final playoff spot after claiming NCAC wins over Hiram, 4-1, and Denison, 2-1. Sophomore forward **Liz Mott (Briarcliff Manor, NY/The Masters School)** scored the game-winner against the Big Red in the 65th minute. She has a team-best nine goals this season.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING REPORT -- KENYON AT DENISON, WABASH AT WITTENBERG

Two of the meets slated for the coming week feature competition amongst conference opponents. On Friday, Wabash will travel to Wittenberg for a double-dual meet with Transylvania. The next day, perennial rivals Kenyon and Denison will meet in Granville. All other meets

this week include non-conference foes. On Friday, Hiram hosts Mt. Union, while the Kenyon men welcome Miami. On Saturday, Allegheny hosts nearby Westminster, the Terriers entertain Bethany, Ohio Northern is at Wooster and Wittenberg travels west to face DePauw.

Notes: ALLEGHENY opened its 2008-09 dual meet schedule at West Virginia Wesleyan. The Gator women won, 117-87, behind the efforts of double winner **Christine Smith (Henderson, NV/Coronado)**. Smith claimed victories in both the 200 (2:04.18) and 500 (5:28.44) freestyles. The Gator men were edged, 101-99. **Ashton Kinney (Sewickley, PA/Sewickley Academy)** picked up two individual wins and was part of the winning 200 free relay (1:34.61) along with **Colin Gundling (Murrysville, PA/Franklin)**, **Robert Mortimer (Murrysville, PA/Franklin)** and **Adam Gailey (Beaver, PA/Beaver Area)**. Kinney touched first in the 500 free (5:06.89) and in the 1,000 free (10:29.59) ... The **DENISON** men and women went 2-0 last week. The men topped Oberlin, 160-101, and Ohio Wesleyan, 157-117. Senior **John Geissinger (Darien, CT/Lawrenceville)** logged three victories in the 200 medley relay and the 100 and 200 freestyles against the Battling Bishops. Classmate **Charlie Grodecki (Winnetka, IL/New Trier)** also swam on the 200 medley relay team and swept the 100 and 200 backstroke events. The Big Red women defeated Oberlin, 161-116, and Ohio Wesleyan, 164-121. **Kristen Hohl (Winfield, IL/Wheaton North)** placed first in the 50 (24.49) and 100 (53.22) frees, and was a member of the winning 200 medley relay against the Bishops. Junior **Olivia Zaleski (Corry, PA/Corry Area)** led the way with four wins against the Yeowomen. She took first in the 200 medley relay, 100 backstroke, 100 free and 200 IM ... **HIRAM** split a dual meet with Notre Dame College. The Terrier men won 115-65, while the women fell, 125-80 ... **KENYON** split its squads for competition against Ohio Northern and Ohio State last week with mixed results. The Lords bested ONU, 143-62, but fell to the Buckeyes, 168-71. Kenyon's biggest boost against OSU came from junior **Kegan Borland (Vandergrift, PA/Saint Joseph)** in the 400 IM. His time of 4:15.18 topped the field and gave the Lords their lone win in Columbus. Junior **Douglas Huguenard (Louisville, KY/Dupont Manuel Magnet)** scored an NCAA "B" cut in the 200 butterfly with a third place finish in a time of 1:53.62. The Ladies also defeated Ohio Northern, winning 132-73, and also fell to Ohio State, 160-82. At home in the Kenyon Aquatic Center, the Ladies won nine of 11 events, including the two relay events. Senior **Kara Stiles (Chelsea, MI/Chelsea)** played a role in three of those wins, earning individual victories in the 100 (55.55) and 200 (1:59.92) frees and swimming a leg of the winning 200 free relay (1:44.25) ... **OBERLIN** sophomore **Sara Kadi (Oakland, CA/Piedmont)** took the 100 (59.10) and 200 (1:59.21) butterfly events in a 161-116 loss to Denison. Sophomore diver **Christine Martin (Jamacia Plain, MA/Milton Academy)** swept both boards in the meet, with scores of 188.70 (1-meter) and 202.65 (3-meter), respectively. The Yeomen fell, 160-101. Senior **Scott McInerney (Randolph, NJ/Randolph)** captured two event wins, claiming the 50 free (21.73) and the 100 fly (54.43). Freshman **Jebran Haddad (Beirut, Lebanon/American Community School)** picked up his first collegiate win in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:01.26 ... Junior **David Gatz (Delaware, OH/Hayes)** won three events and helped two relay teams to first-place finishes as the **OHIO WESLEYAN** men fell to Wittenberg, 155-78, and to Denison, 157-117, in two meets last week. Against the Tigers, Gatz won the 200 IM in 2:04.62 and combined with freshman **Jesse Sheldon (Mansfield, OH/Ontario)** and juniors **Nathaniel Cook (Delaware, OH/Hayes)** and **Kevin Fahey (Delaware, OH/Hayes)** to win the 200 medley relay (1:42.21). Gatz swept the 100 and 200 breaststrokes against the Big Red with times of 59.27 and 2:10.11, respectively. He then swam a leg on the winning 200 free relay (1:33.14). The Battling Bishop women dropped decisions to Wittenberg, 147-91, and to Denison, 161-121. The Bishops owned the 200 free relay, winning the event in both meets. Against the Tigers, freshman **Ali Russ (Shaker Hts., OH/Shaker Hts.)**, Senior **Katie Keleshian (Richmond Hts., OH/Regina)**, freshman **Rachel Schlosser (Euclid, OH/Euclid)** and junior **Kendra Klossner (Naperville, IL/Neuqua Valley)** won the event in 1:49.55. Against the Big Red, Keleshian, freshman **Kirstin Mowry (Centerville, OH/Centerville)**, Schlosser and Russ touched first with a time of 1:48.99 ... **WABASH** cruised to its first two dual meet wins of the 2008 season, defeating Rose-Hulman, 113-26, and Illinois Wesleyan, 103-24, in a double-dual meet at Rose-Hulman. The Little Giants won 13 of 16 events, taking the top three spots in the 100 breast, 100 and 200 fly and the 100 free. The foursome of sophomores **Eric Vaughn (McMurray, PA/Peters Township)**, **Evan Rhinesmith (McCordsville, IN/Mt. Vernon)** and **Adam Current (Veedersburg, IN/Fountain Central)** and junior **Robert Fozkos (Valparaiso, IN/Chesterton)** won the opening 200 medley relay in 1:41.00. Vaugh added individual wins in the 200 back (2:00.22), the 100 back (55.89) and the 200 IM (2:02.61) ... **Chris Culkin (Novi, MI/Northville)** won the 500 and 1000 freestyles to help **WITTENBERG** sneak past Wooster, 123-119. The Tiger men also topped Ohio Wesleyan, 155-78. **Kristin Elber (Brunswick, OH/Brunswick)** won a pair of events as the Wittenberg women defeated Ohio Wesleyan, 147-91. They also topped Wooster, 126-110 ... **WOOSTER** juniors **Eric Babbitt (Rancho Santa Margarita, CA/Santa Margarita Catholic)** and **Logan LaBerge (Towson, MD/Towson)** each won three events as the Fighting Scot men beat Mt. Union, 150.5-72.5 and fell to Wittenberg, 123-119. Babbitt took top honors in the 50 free (22.03) and 100 free (50.44) at Mt. Union, followed by a victory in the 200 fly (1:59.81) against the Tigers. LaBerge finished first in the 200 free (1:50.99) against the Purple Raiders and added wins in the 200 IM (2:04.90) and 200 back (2:01.81) against Wittenberg. The Wooster women defeated Mt. Union, 144-87, and fell to Wittenberg, 126-110. Freshman **Melissa Haug (Lexington, KY/home schooled)** won the 100 fly (1:01.58) at Mt. Union and the 200 breast (2:33.35) against Wittenberg.

VOLLEYBALL REPORT -- TIGERS POST THIRD STRAIGHT PERFECT NCAC SEASON, GRABS 14TH NCAC TITLE

Wittenberg (16-0, 30-2) posted its third straight undefeated conference season en route to its 14th North Coast Athletic Conference championship. The Tigers are also riding a 51-match NCAC regular season winning streak. Wittenberg closed out its regular season with a straight sets victory over Denison, handing head coach **Paco Labrador** his 200th career win (200-26). Allegheny follows the Tigers with five championships, including four straight between 1988-91. Kenyon and Ohio Wesleyan each hold a pair of titles, while Hiram and Wooster have each claimed one.

Wittenberg will host the 2008 NCAC tournament with semifinals on Friday and the championship game the following day. The Tigers will start things off against fourth-seeded Allegheny (11-5, 15-15) at 5:30 p.m. The Tigers swept the regular season series against the Gators, and all other NCAC opponents, in straight sets. Second seeded Wooster (13-3, 20-12) will square off against third-seeded Hiram (11-5, 18-17) at 8:00 p.m. (or 30 minutes after the conclusion of the first match, should it run long). The Fighting Scots and Terriers split their regular season matches, with each team winning at home. Hiram won 3-2 on Sept. 19; Wooster won 3-0 on Oct. 10.

The championship game is set for 2:00 on Saturday.

Tourney Notes: The tournament winner receives the NCAC's automatic bid into the NCAA tournament ... Wittenberg is the defending tournament champion and has won 13 NCAC Tournaments. Allegheny follows the Tigers with five tourney championships, including four straight between 1988-91. Kenyon and Ohio Wesleyan each hold a pair of titles, while Hiram and Wooster have each claimed one ... Wittenberg and Hiram have met in the past six tournament championship games. The Tigers have claimed five of those meetings; the Terriers won their first NCAC tournament title in 2006 ... Hiram is making its eighth-straight tournament appearance. Wooster is making its fourth post-season appearance since 2004, the first year the tournament changed to a top-four event. The Fighting Scots second seed this fall is its highest over that span. Allegheny is making its first appearance since it earned the second seed in 2003.

2007 Tournament Recap: Top-seeded Wittenberg claimed its 13th North Coast Tournament title and earned an automatic bid into the NCAA Division III Championship with a 30-19, 30-20, 30-22 decision over Hiram in the championship match. The Tigers enter the NCAA Tournament with a perfect 34-0 record and stand as the only undefeated team in all of NCAA volleyball - all divisions. Wittenberg advanced to the final after sweeping fourth-seeded Earlham, one of only five squads to take a game from the Tigers during the regular season, in straight sets in their semifinal matchup. Second-seeded Hiram defeated the third seed, Wooster, 3-0, in their semifinal matchup. Wittenberg's **Lindsey Penrod** earned MVP honors.

Notes: **ALLEGHENY** senior middle hitter **Catherine Van Wagner (Ontario, NY/Wayne)** hit .440 for the week as she led the Gators with 24 kills and six blocks in seven games played. The Gators finish the regular season in a third-place tie and earn a spot in the conference tournament ... **DENISON** went 1-2 in conference play, with all three matches ending, 3-0. The Big Red defeated Oberlin and lost to Wittenberg and Wooster. The fifth-place Denison team got 27 kills and four blocks from junior **Sara Mason (Lakewood, OH/Lakewood)**, including eight against the Tigers ... **EARLHAM** ends the season in eighth place after losing to Wittenberg, 3-0, and Ohio Wesleyan, 3-1, and defeating Kenyon, 3-0 ... **HIRAM** tied for third place in the standings and claim a conference tournament spot. The Terriers defeated Allegheny and Oberlin, both by 3-1 scores, and knocked off non-conference opponent Case, 3-2 to finish the regular season at 18-17. Senior outside hitter **Sarah Schoenhagen (Cleveland Hts., OH/Gilmour)** smashed 43 kills, hit .324 and made 11 block assists in the 13 sets played ... **KENYON** finished the season in ninth place after losing to Earlham, 3-0. Freshman **Mary Myers (Lebanon, OH/Ursuline Academy)** racked up seven kills, 12 digs and two solo blocks in the final match of the season ... **OBERLIN** lost all three of its conference matches by 3-1 scores last week to finish in a tie for sixth place at 6-10. The six victories tie a school record for the most conference wins in a season ... With a 1-2 mark in conference play during the final week, **OHIO WESLEYAN** finished in a sixth-place tie. The Battling Bishops fell to Wooster, 3-0 and Allegheny, 3-0, and defeated Earlham, 3-1, to finish 6-10 in conference, 8-22 overall ... **WITTENBERG** head coach **Paco Labrador** earned his 200th win as the Tiger mentor. In addition to earning the top seed and the home-court advantage for the NCAC tournament next week, Wittenberg has been named a host site for the Great Lakes Regional in the first round of the NCAA Division III tournament ... Senior libero **Ali Drushal (Lakeville, OH/West Holmes)** led **WOOSTER** to a pair of conference victories in the final week of the regular season to secure second place in the standings. The Fighting Scots are 20-12 overall, 13-3 in the NCAC. Drushal became the 10th player in NCAA volleyball history (all divisions) to register 3,000 career digs. For the week, she totaled 30 digs, two assists, an ace and a kill as Wooster defeated both Ohio Wesleyan and Denison by identical 3-0 scores.



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Nov. 2, 2008

OBERLIN, Ohio -- Allegheny claimed the men's title while Kenyon took the women's at the 25th annual North Coast Athletic Conference Championships, held at Oberlin Nov. 1. The Gators captured their eighth men's title and sixth in the past seven years, while the Ladies took their first since 2001 and third overall.

On the men's side, Allegheny successfully defended its title for the fourth straight year. The Gators defeated second-place Denison by 32 points as all seven Allegheny runners finished in the top 15. Allegheny now owns eight NCAC men's championships. Denison senior **Grant Russo (Medina, OH/Medina)** won the race and Runner of the Year recognition after he won the eight-kilometer race in 24:56. It was his fourth appearance on the All-NCAC team and his first on the first team. Gator sophomore **Zac Ross (Meadville, PA/Meadville)**, last year's Newcomer of the Year, was runner up to earn his second straight first-team honor with a time of 25:09. Denison freshman **Makorobondo "Dee" Salukombo (Lakewood, OH/Lakewood)** was third and was named the 2008 Newcomer of the Year as the top freshman finisher in the meet. Gator senior **Matt Hoy (Moon Twp., PA/Moon)** was fourth and was a first-team honoree for the first time after earning second-team recognition in 2006 and 2007 and honorable mention in 2005. Rounding out the first team are Wabash sophomore **Seth Einterz (Zionsville, IN/Zionsville)**, Allegheny junior **Tony Dipre (Twinsburg, OH/Walsh Jesuit)** and Denison senior **Skyler Mosenthal (Briarcliff, NY/Briarcliff)**.

In the women's race, Kenyon topped second-place Ohio Wesleyan by 16 points to claim its first women's title since 2001 and third overall. Oberlin sophomore **Joanna Johnson (Chico, CA/Chico)** earned Runner of the Year honors for the second time as she successfully defended her NCAC individual title with a time of 21:02 over six kilometers. Denison sophomore **Katie Navarre (Upper Arlington, OH/Upper Arlington)** was second, 12 seconds behind. Oberlin senior **Nicky Ouellet (Dunbarton, NJ/Goffstown)** moved up to the first team after a second-team appearance a season ago as she finished in third place. Kenyon sophomore **Lauren Brady (Tyngsboro, MA/Phillips Exeter)** repeated on the first team, finishing in fourth. A pair of Wittenberg freshman were next, with **Mary Pfeifer (Dublin, OH/Coffman)** claiming Newcomer of the Year recognition as the highest freshman finisher in the race. A second behind her was Tiger teammate **Anna Henry (Chagrin Falls, OH/Kenston)**. Rounding out the first team was Ohio Wesleyan sophomore **Kat Zimmerly (Edinboro, PA/General McLane)**, who moves up to the first team after earning second-team honors last year.

Bill Ross of Allegheny earned Men's Coach of the Year honors for the sixth time in seven years. Kenyon head coach **Duane Gomez** was named the Women's Coach of the Year for the fourth time.

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2008 Men's Cross Country Championships

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| 1. Allegheny College..... | 34 |
| 2. Denison University..... | 66 |
| 3. Wabash College..... | 93 |
| 4. Kenyon College..... | 102 |
| 5. Oberlin College..... | 108 |
| 6. Ohio Wesleyan University..... | 114 |
| 7. Wittenberg University..... | 218 |
| 8. College of Wooster..... | 233 |
| 9. Earlham College..... | 278 |
| 10. Hiram College..... | 288 |

2008 Women's Cross Country Championships

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|----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Kenyon College..... | 65 |
| 2. Ohio Wesleyan University..... | 81 |
| 3. Oberlin College..... | 87 |
| 4. Wittenberg University..... | 99 |
| 5. Allegheny College..... | 100 |
| 6. Denison University..... | 132 |
| 7. College of Wooster..... | 190 |
| 8. Earlham College..... | 226 |
| 9. Hiram College..... | 250 |

2008 ALL-NCAC WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

CLEVELAND -- The following performers earned All-North Coast Athletic Conference honors at the 2008 NCAC Cross Country Championships on Saturday, Nov. 1 at Oberlin College.

FIRST TEAM

| Name | School | Yr. | PL | TIME | Hometown/High School |
|------------------|---------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| Joanna Johnson * | Oberlin | So. | 1 | 21:02 | Chico, CA/Chico |
| Katie Navarre | Denison | So. | 2 | 21:14 | Upper Arlington, OH/Upper Arlington |
| Nicky Ouellet % | Oberlin | Sr. | 3 | 22:23 | Dunbarton, NH/Goffstown |
| Lauren Brady * | Kenyon | So. | 4 | 22:34 | Tyngsboro, MA/Phillips Exeter |
| Mary Pfeifer | Wittenberg | Fr. | 5 | 22:37 | Dublin, OH/Coffman |
| Anna Henry | Wittenberg | Fr. | 6 | 22:38 | Chagrin Falls, OH/Kenston |
| Kat Zimmerly % | Ohio Wesleyan | So. | 7 | 22:39 | Edinboro, PA/General McLane |

Runner of the Year: Joanna Johnson, Oberlin

Newcomer of the Year: Mary Pfeifer, Wittenberg

Coach of the Year: Duane Gomez, Kenyon

SECOND TEAM

| Name | School | Yr. | PL | TIME | Hometown/High School |
|---------------------|---------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mia Symoniak + * | Allegheny | So. | 8 | 22:43 | East Snyder, NY/Amherst Central |
| Darcy Dubuc | Wittenberg | Fr. | 9 | 22:49 | Grand Haven, MI/Grand Haven |
| Morgan O'Connor | Kenyon | Fr. | 10 | 22:54 | San Francisco, CA/San Fran. Univ. |
| Michelle Crane @ | Earlham | Sr. | 11 | 22:58 | Mansfield, OH/St. Peter's |
| Allie Nichols | Ohio Wesleyan | Fr. | 12 | 23:00 | Mansfield, OH/Lexington |
| Leah Schmelzer # \$ | Ohio Wesleyan | Sr. | 13 | 23:02 | Marion, OH/Pleasant |
| Katie Stancik * | Allegheny | So | 14 | 23:06 | South Russell, OH/Chagrin Falls |

HONORABLE MENTION

| Name | School | Yr. | PL | TIME | Hometown/High School |
|---------------------|---------------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| Chrissy Ostrowski | Kenyon | So. | 15 | 23:15 | Oakmont, PA/Riverview |
| Margaret Pokryfki | Hiram | So. | 16 | 23:16 | Shaker Hts., OH/Shaker Hts. |
| Lauren Metzger \$ | Kenyon | So. | 17 | 23:17 | Ann Arbor, MI/Pioneer |
| Rachel Hutchinson * | Allegheny | So. | 18 | 23:17 | Mohnton, PA/Governor Mifflin |
| Jess Francois & # * | Kenyon | Sr. | 19 | 23:18 | Yorktown Hts., NY/Yorktown |
| Sarah Appleton | Wooster | Fr. | 20 | 23:18 | Portsmouth, OH/Notre Dame |
| Kat Dougherty | Kenyon | Fr. | 21 | 23:23 | Chevy Chase, MD/National Cathedral |

Key: * 1st team 2007; % 2nd team 2007; \$ honorable mention 2007; +1st team 2006; # 2nd team 2006; @ 2nd team 2005;
& honorable mention 2005

2008 ALL-NCAC MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

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FIRST TEAM

| Name | School | Yr. | PL | TIME | Hometown/High School |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----|----|-------|----------------------------|
| Grant Russo & \$ @ | Denison | Sr. | 1 | 24:56 | Medina, OH/Medina |
| Zac Ross * | Allegheny | So. | 2 | 25:09 | Meadville, PA/Meadville |
| Makorobondo Salukombo | Denison | Fr. | 3 | 25:13 | Lakewood, OH/Lakewood |
| Matt Hoy & # @ | Allegheny | Sr. | 4 | 25:15 | Moon Twp, PA/Moon |
| Seth Einterz @ | Wabash | So. | 5 | 25:20 | Zionsville, IN/Zionsville |
| Tony Dipre * | Allegheny | Jr. | 6 | 25:24 | Twinsburg, OH/Walsh Jesuit |
| Skyler Mosenthal | Denison | Sr. | 7 | 25:33 | Briarcliff, NY/Briarcliff |

Runner of the Year: Grant Russo, Denison

Newcomer of the Year: Makorobondo "Dee" Salukombo, Denison

Coach of the Year: Bill Ross, Allegheny

SECOND TEAM

| Name | School | Yr. | PL | TIME | Hometown/High School |
|-------------------|---------------|-----|----|-------|----------------------------------|
| Jim Boston % # * | Kenyon | Sr. | 8 | 25:35 | Brookfield, WI/Marquette |
| Jakeb Zimmerman ♦ | Allegheny | Jr. | 9 | 25:35 | Leechburg, PA/Kiski School |
| Kaleb Keyserling | Kenyon | Sr. | 10 | 25:35 | Chapel Hill, NC/East Chapel Hill |
| Ryan King | Oberlin | Sr. | 11 | 25:40 | Glastonbury, CT/Glastonbury |
| Clay Davis @ | Ohio Wesleyan | Sr. | 12 | 25:41 | Dublin, OH/Coffman |
| Jeramie Parker | Allegheny | So. | 13 | 25:42 | Middletown, OH/Middletown |
| Ryan Sullivan | Allegheny | So. | 14 | 25:44 | Homer, NY/Homer |

HONORABLE MENTION

| Name | School | Yr. | PL | TIME | Hometown/High School |
|-------------------------|---------------|-----|----|-------|-----------------------------------|
| Devon Flynnperrault + @ | Allegheny | Jr. | 15 | 25:46 | Lafayette, CA/Campolindo |
| Hugh Jackson ♦ | Wabash | Sr. | 16 | 25:53 | Fort Wayne, IN/South Side |
| Justin Warner | Oberlin | So. | 17 | 25:53 | Kingston, MA/Silver Lake Regional |
| Evan Hitchcock | Ohio Wesleyan | Fr. | 18 | 25:54 | Fishers, IN/Hamilton Southeastern |
| David Stefanik # @ | Ohio Wesleyan | Sr. | 19 | 25:56 | Wooster, OH/Wooster |
| Pat McLaughlin | Allegheny | Fr. | 20 | 25:57 | Maple Glen, PA/Upper Dublin |
| Matt Riley | Kenyon | Jr. | 21 | 25:58 | Lawrence, KS/Lawrence |

Key: *1st team 2007; @ 2nd team 2007; ♦ Honorable mention 2007; # 2nd team 2006; \$ honorable mention 2006;
+ 1st team 2005; % 2nd team 2005; & honorable mention 2005