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### NCAC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK (Nov. 9)

#### FOOTBALL (OFFENSIVE)

Allegheny junior quarterback **T.J. Salopeck North Huntingdon, PA/Norwin** guided the Gators to a streak of 20 unanswered points, including three second-half touchdowns, en route to a thrilling come-from-behind 30-27 overtime win over Wittenberg. Salopeck hit eight different receivers, racking up career highs in attempts (44), completions (30), yards (292) and touchdowns (4) against one of the NCAC's top-ranked defensive units. Allegheny rolled up 383 yards of total offense behind Salopeck's efforts. His three second-half TDs came on tosses of 22, three and 68 yards, respectively.

#### FOOTBALL (DEFENSIVE)

Denison junior **Drew Homyk (Chicago, IL/St. Ignatius Prep)** paced the Big Red's defensive effort in a 21-7 win over Kenyon and helped hold the Lords to their lowest offensive output of the season. Homyk made eight stops and had two of Denison's three interceptions, including one in the end zone in the fourth quarter, after moving from safety to cornerback for the first time all season.

#### MEN'S SOCCER

Ohio Wesleyan sophomore forward **Tyler Wall (Columbus, OH/Upper Arlington)** helped the Battling Bishops claim their seventh NCAC men's soccer tournament championship. He set up the game-winner in a 4-0 win over Kenyon in the tourney semifinals, then scored the game-tying goal in the championship game. The game went through double overtime, with OWU and Wittenberg knotted at two goals apiece, before the Bishops advanced on a 4-3 advantage in penalty kicks.

#### WOMEN'S SOCCER

Wittenberg senior goalkeeper **Jordan Bamberger (Solon, OH/Solon)** saw a lot of minutes in net over Wittenberg's winning NCAC women's soccer tournament run. The Tiger netminder played 218:47 minutes without allowing a goal. She helped Wittenberg to a 0-0 double overtime tie with Allegheny, which was decided by penalty kicks (Wittenberg advanced, 4-2). She helped the Tigers to a 1-0 double overtime win over Wooster in the championship game, giving Wittenberg its third straight North Coast tournament crown.

**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)

Wooster  
3-2

at Wooster

Wooster  
3-0

Ohio Wesleyan (#2)

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

Kenyon  
2-1

**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)

Ohio Wesleyan  
4-0

at Ohio Wesleyan

Ohio Wesleyan  
2-2 (2ot),  
4-3 penalty kicks

Wittenberg  
1-0

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)

Wooster  
1-0

at Wittenberg

Wittenberg  
1-0 (2ot)

Wittenberg (#2)

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

Wittenberg  
0-0 (2ot),  
4-2 penalty kicks

**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)

Wittenberg  
3-0 (25-11, 25-14, 25-18)

Allegheny (#4)

Wittenberg  
3-0 (25-15, 25-14, 25-22)

Wooster (#2)

Hiram

3-0 (27-25, 25-14, 25-22)

Hiram (#3)

## 2008 North Coast Athletic Conference Fall Sport Standings Through games of Nov. 8, 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	5	0	.762	71	35
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	0	0	411	107	1.000
2. Wooster.....	5	1	0	143	99	.833	7	2	0	215	146	.778
3. Wittenberg.....	4	2	0	181	63	.667	6	3	0	251	117	.667
Earlham.....	4	2	0	195	174	.667	4	5	0	251	303	.444
5. Denison.....	3	3	0	102	115	.500	5	4	0	191	201	.556
Allegheny.....	3	3	0	119	158	.500	4	5	0	169	223	.444
7. Oberlin.....	2	4	0	109	210	.333	2	7	0	172	340	.222
Ohio Wesleyan.....	2	4	0	79	109	.333	2	7	0	96	203	.222
9. Hiram.....	1	5	0	113	257	.167	2	7	0	153	362	.222
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	16	4	1	.786	52	20	
2. Wittenberg.....	6	3	0	18	.667	17	14	16	3	1	.825	46	23	
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	14	4	1	.763	43	16	
2. Wittenberg*.....	5	2	1	16	.688	17	9	11	3	6	.700	30	13	
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	32-2	.941
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

^ NCAC Champion      \* NCAC Tournament Champion



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### NCAC Football Report

#### **WABASH COMPLETES PERFECT RUN THROUGH NCAC SCHEDULE; LITTLE GIANTS EARN FOURTH STRAIGHT NCAC CHAMPIONSHIP**

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Nov. 9, 2008

**CLEVELAND** -- With its seventh straight conference victory, Wabash (7-0, 9-0) claimed its fifth North Coast Athletic Conference title and fourth in four years. The Little Giants, who had already clinched at least a share of the title going into the game, secured the crown as theirs alone with a 63-0 defeat of Hiram (1-5, 2-7). They wrap up the regular season this weekend with the 115th annual Monon Bell game, played this year in Crawfordsville and broadcast nationally by HDNet. DePauw handed the Little Giants their only regular season loss last fall, winning 24-21 on a last-second 47-yard field goal.

The final week of the regular season features battles for second and third place in the standings. In fact, the standings could see a shake up when the season ends on Saturday. Wooster (5-1, 7-2) enters the week with sole possession of second place after a 27-7 win over Oberlin. The Fighting Scots could end the season in the same position with a victory in this week's home game against third-place (tie) Wittenberg (4-2, 6-3). Should the Tigers top the Scots, the teams would tie for second place with identical 5-2 conference marks. They could be joined in second should Earlham (4-2, 4-5), winners of four straight, win their final regular season contest. The Quakers host fifth-place (tie) Denison (3-3, 5-4) on Saturday. Earlham enters the week tied for third with Wittenberg after edging Ohio Wesleyan, 14-7 last week.

Denison and Allegheny (3-3, 4-5) enter the week tied for fifth. While the Big Red, 21-7 winners over Kenyon (0-7, 1-9) a week ago, play at Earlham, the Gators close out their season with a home contest against seventh-place (tie) Ohio Wesleyan (2-4, 2-7). Allegheny is coming off a thrilling 30-27 overtime win against Wittenberg, while the Battling Bishops are looking to rebound from their loss to Earlham. Oberlin (2-4, 2-7) is tied with Ohio Wesleyan in seventh after falling to Wooster last week. The Yeomen look to bounce back at nearby Hiram.

**Notes:** **ALLEGHENY** scored 20 unanswered points and freshman kicker **Ryan Zipf (Cranberry Township, PA/Seneca Valley)** nailed a 37-yard field goal in overtime to clinch a 30-27 come-from-behind victory over visiting Wittenberg. The win was Allegheny's first in OT since a 16-10 win at Wabash in 2004. Allegheny racked up a season-high 383 yards of total offense behind quarterback **T.J. Salopek North Huntingdon, PA/Norwin**), who finished the day with career highs in attempts (44), completions (30), yards (292) and touchdowns (4). Three of his four TDs came in the second half. The Gator defense recovered two fumbles and snagged three interceptions. Junior **C.J. Bell (Belle Vernon, PA/Belle Vernon)** posted two of those interceptions, including one in overtime to stop the Tigers from scoring on their opening drive. He shared the team lead with eight tackles, including four solo stops ... **DENISON** junior running back **Nick Krempasky (San Clemente, CA/Clemente)** rushed for a career-high 156 yards and one touchdown in the Big Red's 21-7 win over Kenyon. He turned in his second straight 100-yard performance, aided by a 75-yard touchdown dash. The Denison defense held Kenyon to its lowest output all season. Senior linebacker **Bert Bathiany (Ft. Thomas, KY/Highlands)** led the day with 11 tackles. Junior **Drew Homyk (Chicago, IL/St. Ignatius Prep)** made eight stops and had two of Denison's three interceptions, including one in the end zone in the fourth quarter, after moving from safety to cornerback for the first time all season ... For the first time since 1983, **EARLHAM** has won four straight contests. The Quakers overcame a 7-0 first-quarter deficit to top Ohio Wesleyan, 14-7, and are on pace to equal or tie their best finish in NCAC history. Earlham has finished as high as fourth four times since joining the NCAC. A win this week, coupled with a Wittenberg win would place the Quakers in a three-way tie for second place. The win against the Battling Bishops was the Quakers' first since 1997 and was their second in the all-time series, which OWU leads 13-2. Senior quarterback **Randy Kerns (West Manchester, OH/National Trail)** finished the day with 22-for-36 passing for 174 yards and a touchdown. Junior **Jake Carr (Richmond, IN/Richmond)** led the Quakers with 10 tackles. Junior **Max Crumley-Effinger (Richmond, IN/Richmond)** kicked two extra points, making him 35-for-36 this fall. He moved past the Earlham all-time single season mark of 34 set by **Don Siler (1991-94)** in 1994 ... **HIRAM** fell to Wabash, 63-0. Freshman **Destin Betsill (Dawsonville, GA/Dawsonville)** was one of three players to record a team-high seven tackles against the Little Giants ... **KENYON** junior QB **Mike Hermanson (Chagrin Falls, OH/Chagrin Falls)** threw for 171 yards and ran for another 101 yards in a 21-7 loss to Denison. Most of his passes went to fellow junior **Harry von Kann (Washington, DC/Wilson ISP)**, who hauled in 10 balls for 124 yards. Junior **Dan Runnals (Danvers, MA/St. John's Prep)** had seven tackles, including two for losses. He finishes the season with a total of 86 tackles ... Senior running back **R.V. Carroll (Perry, OH/Perry)** became **OBERLIN'S** all-time rushing leader after piling up 37 yards on 17 carries in a 27-7 loss to Wooster. He ends his career with 3,468 yards, passing the mark set by **Ron Stevenson (3,462)** between 1979-82. Defensively, **Tyler Lewis (Monroe, MI/Monroe)** posted a career-best 14 tackles against the Fighting Scots ... Junior running back **Steven Brown (Redford Township, MI/Redford)** scored on a three-yard run to give **OHIO WESLEYAN** a 7-0 first quarter lead, but Earlham rallied for a pair of second-half touchdowns to top the Battling Bishops, 14-7. Brown led OWU with 74 yards and a TD on 12 carries, while senior **Britan Tolliver (Croton, OH/Johnstown Northridge)** paced the defense with 12 tackles, including one for a

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## NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE 2008 FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

\* conference games

### Allegheny College (3-3; 4-5)

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*	1:00

### Denison University (3-3; 5-4)

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*	1:00

### Earlham College (4-2; 4-5)

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*	W, 14-7
N. 15	DENISON*	1:00

### Hiram College (1-5; 2-7)

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*	1:00

### 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 (2-4; 2-7)

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*	1:00

### Ohio Wesleyan University (2-4; 2-7)

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*	1:00

### Wabash College (7-0; 9-0)

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*	W, 63-0
N. 15	DePAUW	1:05

### Wittenberg University (4-2; 6-3)

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*	1:00

### College of Wooster (5-1; 7-2)

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*	1:00

loss ... **WABASH** finished the regular season with a perfect 7-0 record for the second straight season, and the fourth time in seven seasons, after a 63-0 win over Hiram. Sophomore wide out **Wes Chamblee (South Bend, IN/St. Joseph's)** opened the game with a 91-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. He added two receptions for 47 yards, including a 32-yard catch that set up a third TD. Linebacker **Greg Hurst (Xenia, OH/Xenia)** recorded a career-high eight tackles with four solo stops, 1-1/2 tackles for losses totalling six yards and his first career shared sack. Next up for the little Giants is the annual Monon Bell game against DePauw. Wabash leads the overall all-time series 53-52-9, while the Tigers hold a 36-34-4 advantage since the 300-pound locomotive bell was added to the rivalry in 1932 ... **WITTENBERG** junior **Jeff Wilbur (Ann Arbor, MI/Community)** broke the century mark as the Tigers' main ball carrier in their heartbreaking 30-27 overtime loss at Allegheny. **Brad McKinley (Hilliard, OH/Davidson)** led the defense with 13 tackles and two sacks. Wittenberg has posted three three-point losses in 2008, missing at least one field goal in each of those losses ... Senior running back **Dustin Sheppard (Johnstown, OH/Johnstown-Monroe)** scored three of **WOOSTER'S** four TD's in a 27-7 win over Oberlin, giving him 34 for his career. He posted

156 all-purpose yards, including his second straight 100-yard rushing game (106 on 19 carries). Junior **Matt DeGrand (Stow, OH/St. Vincent-St. Mary)** made a game-high 15 tackles, including 10 solos. He also picked off a pass and returned it 40 yards to preserve the Fighting Scots' then 13-0 lead and set up their third touchdown. DeGrand, who also added two tackles for a loss, has collected 107 tackles this season, becoming the first Scot to reach the century mark since **Tim Cline** in 2001.



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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 -- NCAA REGIONALS SET FOR SATURDAY**

The 2008 NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Great Lakes Regional will be held at Otterbein on Saturday, November 15. The men's 8,000-meter race begins at 11 a.m., followed by the women's 6,000-meter race at noon. Waynesburg will host the Mideast Regional the same day, with the races going off at the same times. Allegheny competes at Waynesburg, while the remaining North Coast Athletic Conference squads run at Otterbein. Gator junior **Tony Dipre (Twinsburg, OH/Walsh Jesuit)** holds the men's course record (25:57) at Waynesburg. 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 on November 22.

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

### **FIELD HOCKEY REPORT -- WOOSTER CLAIMS FIRST NCAC TOURNAMENT TITLE**

Top-seeded Wooster (16-5) picked up its first NCAC field hockey tournament title with back-to-back wins last week. The Fighting Scots swept through the four-team event, capping their run with a 3-0 win over third-seeded Kenyon (10-12) in championship game. In the semifinals, Wooster defeated fourth-seeded Wittenberg (11-8), 3-2. The Ladies had advanced to the final courtesy of a 2-1 upset of second-seed Ohio Wesleyan (12-7) in their semifinal matchup.

Wooster junior forward **Amanda Artman (Shaker Hts., OH/Shaker Hts.)** earned tournament MVP honors after scoring a tourney-leading three goals, including two in Saturday's championship game. She now has 69 points this fall, breaking the NCAC single-season record of 65 set by **Meg Filoon** of Denison in 1984. Senior **Anna Hurley (Oxford, OH/Talawanda)**, junior **Brittany Montgomery (Glens Falls, NY/Glens Falls)** and freshman **Madalyn Myers (Lebanon, OH/Ursuline Academy)** joined her on the all-tournament team. Kenyon sophomore **Sophia Daly (Brooklandville, MD/Garrison Forest)**, junior **Sasha Grumman (Newport Beach, CA/Newport Harbor)**, and senior defender **Perrin Legg (Baltimore, MD/Bryn Mawr)** were voted to the all-tournament team. Ohio Wesleyan and Wittenberg each had two athletes named to the all-tourney squad. The Battling Bishops were represented by sophomore forward **Christa Cocumelli (Dublin, OH/Bishop Watterson)** and sophomore defender **Melissa Martin (Poway, CA/Poway)**, while the Tigers were represented by defenders **Meredith Price (Highland Park, IL/North Shore Country Day)**, a sophomore, and senior **Beth Vonderbrink (Cincinnati, OH/Mount Notre Dame)**.

As North Coast tournament champions, Wooster has earned the conference's automatic bid into the NCAA Div. III playoffs - this will be the Scots' first trip to the national tournament since 2001. First-round games are scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 12. Complete matchups and site information will be released by the NCAA on this evening/tomorrow morning at [www.ncaasports.com](http://www.ncaasports.com).

### **MEN'S SOCCER REPORT -- OHIO WESLEYAN EARNS SECOND STRAIGHT NCAC TOURNAMENT**

Top-seeded Ohio Wesleyan (16-4-1) claimed its second straight and seventh overall North Coast Tournament Championship last week. The Battling Bishops advanced through the four-team event with a 4-0 win over fourth-seeded Kenyon (11-7-2) in the semifinals and slipped past third-seeded Wittenberg (16-3-1), 4-3 on penalty kicks in the championship game. The Tigers and Bishops battled their way to a 2-2 tie through regulation and two overtime periods. Wittenberg made its tourney championship debut, courtesy of a 1-0 win over Hiram (13-6-0) in the semifinals.

As North Coast tournament champions, Ohio Wesleyan has earned the conference's automatic bid into the NCAA Div. III playoffs. The Bishops will be making their NCAA-record 31st national tournament appearance. Wittenberg and Hiram, which finished the season tied for second place, may also be considered for one of the 17 at-large berths into the 58-team national tournament field. First-round games are scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 13. Combined first- and second-round dates are also set for Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 15-16. Complete matchups and site information will be released by the NCAA on Monday at [www.ncaasports.com](http://www.ncaasports.com).

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**WOMEN'S SOCCER REPORT -- WITTENBERG CLAIMS THIRD NCAC TOURNAMENT TITLE IN A ROW**

Second-seeded Wittenberg (11-3-6) claimed its third straight North Coast Athletic Conference Tournament championship last week. In the semifinals, the Tigers slipped past third-seeded Allegheny (8-8-3), 4-2 on penalty kicks after tying the Gators 0-0 in double overtime. The Tigers then followed with a 1-0 double overtime victory over fourth-seeded Wooster (14-6-0) in the championship game. Wittenberg received a lucky bounce as the game-winning sequence began when Wittenberg defender **Kelly Foley (Dublin, OH/Scioto)** played a ball into the Wooster penalty box from about 30 yards out. The ball redirected off a Wooster defender, eventually finding the back of the net for the game-winner with 1:13 remaining in the second overtime. The Fighting Scots had advanced to the championship game with a 1-0 win over top-seeded Denison (14-4-1) in their semifinal matchup. The win for Wooster was the second straight 1-0 win over a Big Red squad which had not lost a game to another NCAC opponent all season and they came four days apart.

As North Coast tournament champions, Wittenberg has earned the conference's automatic bid into the NCAA Div. III playoffs. The Tigers will make their third national tourney appearance. Denison may also be granted one of 19 at-large berths into the 61-team field. First-round games are scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 13. Combined first- and second-round dates are also set for Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 15-16. Complete matchups and site information will be released by the NCAA on Monday at [www.ncaasports.com](http://www.ncaasports.com).

**MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING REPORT -- FULL SLATE IN COMING WEEK**

Swimming & diving action begins on Wednesday this week when Wabash hosts rival DePauw. On Friday, Allegheny welcomes Edinboro and Gannon for a tri-meet. Ohio Wesleyan hosts Mt. Union and Wilmington will be at Wittenberg. The Kenyon women will compete at Miami (OH); the Lords will take the weekend off. The next day, Allegheny travels to Penn-St. Behrend and Denison travels to Detroit to face Calvin and Wayne State. Hiram will travel east to Grove City. Also this weekend, Oberlin and Wooster will join John Carroll and Case Western Reserve in Case's Veale Classic on Friday and Saturday.

**Women's Notes:** Sophomore **Ashley Whitehead (Conneaut Lake, PA/Meadville)** touched first in both the 50 (24.90) and 100 (55.61) freestyles and anchored the winning 200 medley relay (1:54.09) as **ALLEGHENY** defeated Westminster, 125-80 ... **DENISON** hosted **KENYON** and fell, 134-103 to the visiting Ladies. Big Red senior **Kristen Hohl (Winfield, IL/Wheaton North)** won the 50 free (24.52), while junior **Olivia Zaleski (Corry, PA/Corry Area)** clocked a 58.16 to win the 100 butterfly. Kenyon junior **Tina Ertel (Halle, Germany/Sportgymnasium Halle)** led the Ladies with a trio of event wins. She was first to the wall in the 200 free with an NCAA "B" cut time of 1:55.65. She claimed the 100 free (53.70) capped her day on the lead leg of the winning 400 free relay (3:36.15) ... **HIRAM** picked up wins over Mt. Union, 131-106, and Bethany, 147-117. The Terriers had three multiple event winners in each meet, including senior **Raisa Janke (Spring, TX/Klein Oak)** who touched first in the 200 IM (2:42.20) and the 100 backstroke (1:13.72) against the Purple Raiders, then bettered her time in the 200 IM (2:32.02) against the Bison and also collected a win in the 50 back (35.55) ... **WITTENBERG** defeated Transylvania, 128-106. The meet was part of a double-dual meet between the Tigers, Transy and Wabash, that was streamed live on the internet as the Meet of the Week by [Swimmingworldmagazine.com](http://Swimmingworldmagazine.com). **Adeline Brym (Mansfield, OH/Lexington)** picked up victories in the 200 IM and 200 back, while freshman **Rachel Lee (Hickory, NC/Hickory)** made her mark in the distance events by sweeping the 500 and 1000 freestyles ... Senior **Molly Bittner (Westfield Center, OH/Cloverleaf)**, junior **Alice Case (Berkeley Hts., NJ/Mount Saint Mary Academy)**, and freshman **Melissa Haug (Lexington, KY/Homeschooled)** each won two events, propelling **WOOSTER** to a 170-124 victory over Ohio Northern. Bittner swept the 50 (25.86) and 100 frees (55.99), Case led the field in the 100 fly (1:02.49) and 200 free (2:03.44), and Haug touched first in the 200 fly (2:19.18) and 200 breast (2:35.20).

**Men's Notes:** **ALLEGHENY** fell to Westminster, 131-74. **Ryan Inwood (Roswell, GA/Centennial)** swept the 50 (21.82) and 100 (49.65) freestyles and swam a leg of the winning 200 medley relay ... **KENYON** racked up two team wins, knocking off Division Miami (OH), 151-130, on Friday and then returned to the pool to top **DENISON**, 123-114, the next day. Against Miami, freshman **Zachary Turk (Strongsville, OH/St. Edward)** turned in a trio of first-place finishes. He swam the anchor leg on the winning 200 medley relay squad (1:35.49) and then went on to win the 50 (21.51) and 100 freestyles (47.66). Against Denison, senior **Matthew Harris (Laurel, MD/DeMatha)** won the 100 butterfly in 51.59 and also swam a leg on the winning 200 medley relay team that clocked in at 1:35.14. Big Red freshman **Robert Barry (Richmond, VA/St. Christopher's School)** and senior **John Geissinger (Darien, CT/The Lawrenceville School)** each won a pair of events. Barry won the 200 IM (1:58.16) and the 100 backstroke, touching the wall in 52.41. Geissinger captured first in the 100 free with a mark of 46.89. The senior along with freshman **Mike Barczak (Beverly Hills, MI/Beverly Hills)**, sophomore **Andrew Krawchyk (Chapel Hill, NC/East Chapel Hill)** and freshman **Dan Thurston (Ann Arbor, MI/Huron)** won the 400 free relay (3:09.46) ... **HIRAM** defeated Mt. Union, 112-108, and Bethany, 115-52. Sophomore **Santiago Morales (Mexico City, Mexico/Colegio Bilboa)** took the 800 free (9:26.22), the 200 IM (2:22.31) and the 100 back (1:03.95) to lead the Terriers against the Purple Raiders. Classmate **Travis Subda (Spring, TX/Klein Collins)** won three events against the Bison, turning in times of 34.65 in the 50 back, 33.27 in the 50 breaststroke and 57.13 in the 100 free ... **WITTENBERG** hosted **WABASH** and Transylvania, in a double-dual meet that was streamed live on the internet as the Meet of the Week by [Swimmingworldmagazine.com](http://Swimmingworldmagazine.com). The Tigers topped Wabash, 125-110, for their first dual-meet victory over the Little Giants since their first meeting in the 2002-03 season. Wittenberg also defeated Transy, 165-71. Tiger sophomore **Neil Anderson (Lakewood, OH/Lakewood)** won the 200 and 500 freestyles, as well as the 200 fly. Junior **Matt Erepreiss (Columbus, OH/Centennial)** swept both diving events. Wabash defeated Transylvania, 142-62). Senior **Jordon Blackwell (Veedersburg, IN/Crawfordsville)** was part of two winning relays. He helped the meet-opening 400 medley relay foursome to a winning time of 3:40.00, over a second faster than the second place team

from Transylvania. He also swam a leg of the 400 free relay, which touched in 3:18.28, over two seconds faster than the second-place team from Wittenberg, to close the meet. In between, he added an individual victory in the 100 free (48.74) ... **WOOSTER** junior **Eric Babbitt (Rancho Santa Margarita, CA/Santa Margarita Catholic)** swept the sprint freestyles as the Fighting Scots dropped a dual meet to Ohio Northern, 166-128. He posted times of 22.12 in the 50, 48.82 in the 100 and 1:46.74 in the 200.

#### **VOLLEYBALL REPORT -- WITTENBERG CLAIMS 14th NCAC TOURNAMENT**

Top-seeded Wittenberg (32-2) claimed its 14th North Coast tournament title and earned an automatic bid into the NCAA Division III Championship with a 25-15, 25-14, 25-14 decision over Hiram (19-18) in the championship match. The two teams have squared off in seven straight championship games and the Tigers hold a 6-1 advantage in those contests. Wittenberg advanced to the final after sweeping fourth-seeded Allegheny (15-16), in straight sets in their semifinal matchup. Third-seeded Hiram defeated the second seed, Wooster (20-13), 3-0, in their semifinal matchup.

Tournament MVP, junior setter **Erin Slattery (Chagrin Falls, OH/Kenston)** was joined on the all-tournament team by senior **Jackie Williams (Rocky River, OH/Magnificat)** and freshman **Christine Simpson (Dublin, OH/Scioto)**. Hiram had two players voted to the squad: senior **Rebekah Williams (West Salem, OH/West Salem)** and freshman **Kristi Opfer (Garrettsville, OH/Garfield)**. Allegheny and Wooster each had one athlete named to the all-tourney squad. The Gators were represented by junior **Caitlin Solan (Acme, PA/Geibel)**, while the Fighting Scots were represented by senior **Ali Drushal (Lakeville, OH/West Holmes)**.

The 2008 All-NCAC Volleyball squad was announced at the conclusion of the Tournament. Wittenberg's Williams was named the 2008 Player of the Year in balloting by league coaches; she earns the honor for the second straight season. Wooster freshman **Lizzi Beal (Bowling Green, KY/Greenwood)** was named Newcomer of the Year, while Drushal earned Libero of the Year honors. She is the first athlete to win the award three consecutive years. Fighting Scots Head Coach **Sarah Davis** was tabbed Coach of the Year after leading Wooster to a second-place finish and a 20-13 overall record this season. She receives the honor for the first time. *[complete roster will be posted on [www.northcoast.org](http://www.northcoast.org) Monday, Nov. 10]*

Wittenberg, ranked fifth in the nation by the AVCA, will learn its opponent in the NCAA tournament Monday, when complete matchups and site information will be released by the NCAA at [www.ncaasports.com](http://www.ncaasports.com). The Tigers will host one of eight regional rounds of the tournament

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