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**OHIO WESLEYAN WINS FIRST WOMEN'S LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP;  
ALLEGHENY AND WOOSTER REPEAT AS SOFTBALL AND BASEBALL CHAMPIONS**

**BASEBALL REPORT**

**NCAC Champions: COLLEGE OF WOOSTER**

Wooster (33-7) won its league-leading 10th NCAC Championship after taking two of three NCAC Tournament games from runner-up Denison (20-17). The Fighting Scots opened the championship series with a 6-5 win over the Big Red, however Denison evened things up with a 7-4 victory in Game 2. Wooster rebounded for an 11-9 win in the decisive Game 3.

The Scots claim the conference's automatic berth into the NCAA Division III Tournament in addition to their NCAC championship. The NCAA is expected to announce the Tournament field on Sunday, May 15.

Wooster freshman **Pat Christensen (Cincinnati, OH/Sycamore)** was named the Tournament's Most Valuable Player after clubbing a two-out, ninth-inning grand slam to win the deciding game of the series. Four teammates joined him on the all-Tournament team: junior pitcher **Jon Oliver (West Chester, OH/Lakota West)**, sophomore catcher **Brandon Boesiger (Cuyahoga Falls, OH/Cuyahoga Falls)**, sophomore second baseman **Ross Yoder (Sugar Creek, OH/Hiland)** and senior shortstop **Luke Ullman (Cgarin Falls, OH/Kenston)**. Denison was also well represented on the all-tournament team as five players earned honors: junior first baseman **Lee Fischer (Gahanna, OH/Gahanna Lincoln)**, senior third baseman **Brian Mulcahy (Westlake, OH/St. Edward)** and outfielders **Drew Shamrock (Cincinnati, OH/Mason)**, a junior and seniors **Tripp Dudley (Ann Arbor, MI/Greenhills)** and **Justin Dedman (Springfield, IL/Lincoln Community)**. Hiram and Wittenberg each had one player named to the squad. The Terriers were represented by senior pitcher **Jon Prejsnar (New Castle, PA/New Castle)**, while the Tigers were represented by junior designated hitter **Brian Hampp (Dublin, OH/Hilliard Davidson)**.

In the first round of this year's tournament, Wooster swept Wittenberg (21-16), 4-0 and 15-8, to advance to the finals. Denison advanced after taking two of three games from Hiram (17-17). The Terriers opened the series with an 8-1 win, then fell after Denison won games 2 and 3 with respective scores of 12-3 and 12-4.

**GOLF REPORT**

**NCAC Champions: OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY**

North Coast runner-up Allegheny will compete in the 23-team field at the NCAA Division III Championships. The Gators will be joined by Denison senior **Craig Eckerle (Indianapolis, IN/Pike)**, who will be one of the participants at the 72-hole event. The championship will be held today through Thursday at the Mission Inn Golf and Tennis Resort in Howley-in-the-Hills, Florida and is being hosted by Oglethorpe University and the Central Florida Sports Commission. Allegheny is making its 29th consecutive NCAA appearance, a Division III record. The Gators, who won the Division III title in 1983, finished 19th in last spring's event. Of Allegheny's 28 previous trips to the Tournament, the Gators have finished in the top 10 18 times, most recently in 2001.

**MEN'S LACROSSE REPORT**

**NCAC Champions: OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY**

NCAC champion Ohio Wesleyan (10-3) and runner-up Denison (9-3) have earned berths in the 17-team NCAC Division III Men's Lacrosse Tournament. Both teams received first-round byes. The Battling Bishops will travel to Gettysburg (14-3), while the Big Red head to Lynchburg (12-4). Both games are set for Saturday, May 14. Game times will be announced tomorrow. Saturday's winners advance to the national quarterfinals on May 18. The winner of the OWU-Gettysburg game will face the winner of the Salisbury (16-0)-Cabrini (10-5) matchup. The winner of the Denison-Lynchburg game will face the winner of the Widener (11-4)-Roanoke (13-2) matchup. Salisbury is the two-time defending national champion. The quarters and semifinals, held on May 21, will be played on campus sites. The championship game, set for May 29, will be played at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia and will be broadcast by CSTV.

**MEN'S LACROSSE REPORT continued**

Ohio Wesleyan is making its second NCAA Division III playoff appearance in the last 3 years and their 19th postseason appearance overall. Ohio Wesleyan finished as national runner-up in 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1993. Ohio Wesleyan and Gettysburg have met once in the NCAA Division III playoffs, that coming in 1989 when the Bishops topped the Bullets, 12-5, in a quarterfinal matchup. The last meeting between the teams was in 2001, when Gettysburg took an 8-7 decision. Ohio Wesleyan leads the all-time series, 4-2. This marks the Big Red's first appearance in the NCAA tournament since 2001 and their 13th in program history. Denison and Lynchburg have met on the lacrosse field only once. Denison won that contest 12-4 to open the 1995 season.

**WOMEN'S LACROSSE REPORT**

**NCAC Champions: OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY**

Ohio Wesleyan (12-3) captured its first North Coast championship with a 14-11 win over top-seeded Denison (9-4) in the finals of the NCAC Tournament at Oberlin on May 7. The Battling Bishops, who tied a school record with their eighth straight win, rolled through the NCAC Tournament with back-to-back upsets. Seeded third before the event, OWU opened the 2005 tournament with a 17-14 win over defending champion Wooster - the second seed - in the semifinals. The Big Red had advanced to the final with a 9-8 win over fourth-seeded Allegheny (8-6). As conference champions, Ohio Wesleyan received an automatic bid into the 19-team NCAA Division III Championships.

The Battling Bishops received a first-round bye and will face regional host Gettysburg (15-3) in a regional semifinal on Saturday. The other regional semifinal will pit the winner of Wednesday's first-round game between Drew (13-5) and Gordon (9-6) against 2004 national runner-up the College of New Jersey (12-2). The regional semifinal winners will play Sunday, with the winner of that game advancing to the national semifinals and finals at the College of New Jersey on Saturday-Sunday, May 21-22. The championship game will be broadcast live on CSTV.

Four Battling Bishops were selected to the NCAC all-tournament team: senior **Carrie Williams (Hingham, MA/Hingham)**, sophomore **Jana Kramer (Columbus, OH/Hilliard Davidson)** and freshmen **Lura Allen (Hingham, MA/Hingham)** and **Julia Fouts (Cleveland Hts., OH/Hathaway Brown)**. Runner-up Denison also had four players honored: juniors **Courtney Abrams (Washington, DC/Bullis School)** and **Molly Lamdin (Darien CT/Darien)**, sophomore **Kristin Frost (Wilton, CT/Wilton)** and **Meg Wilcox**. Allegheny and Wooster each had two players selected to the team. The Gators were represented by junior **Ashley Rogerson (Fairport, NY/Fairport)** and freshman **Lesley Stange (Murrysville, PA/Franklin Regional)**, while the Fighting Scots were represented by senior **Ashley Arnold (Columbus, OH/Thomas Worthington)** and sophomore **Annie Steward (Littleton, MA/Lawrence Academy)**.

**SOFTBALL REPORT**

**NCAC Tournament: ALLEGHENY COLLEGE**

Allegheny (21-16) earned its second consecutive NCAC Tournament title to earn a bid into this week's NCAA Tournament. The Gators will be making their 14th NCAA appearance overall. The Gators were awarded the fifth seed in the East Region and travel to Alma (29-8) for the first round Friday through Sunday, May 13-15. Monday, May 16 is set as a rain date, if necessary.

Allegheny opens the five-team, double-elimination tournament on Friday against Edgewood (29-12), the fourth seed. The winner of that game will move on to play top-seeded Aurora (38-4-1). The winner of the first-round, double-elimination tournament advances as the number five seed to the Finals, hosted by Peace College, May 20-24 at the Walnut Creek Softball Complex in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Allegheny has never finished worse than sixth at the NCAA Tournament and finished second in 1988 with a 40-5 record.

Allegheny rolled through the NCAC Tournament without dropping a game. The Gators opened with a 2-0 decision over Wooster, and a 4-0 win over NCAC Champion Ohio Wesleyan. The Battling Bishops began tourney play a 6-0 win over Denison before falling to the Gators. The Bishops came back on day two, defeating Wooster, 4-2, to earn a trip to the championship game. Allegheny claimed its second straight NCAC Tournament title with a 6-5 win.

Four Gators were named to the 2005 NCAC All-Tournament Team: senior **Sarah Johnston (Renfrew, PA/Butler Area)**, juniors **Giannina Cocco (Miami, FL/Palmetto)** and **April Tantalo (Pittsburgh, PA/Carrick)** and freshman **Lindsey Visco (Pittsburgh, PA/Brentwood)**. Tantalo was named MVP of the tournament after batting .400 in the three games, including a 2-3, four-RBI performance against the Bishops in the title game. Ohio Wesleyan and Wooster each had three players named to the All-Tournament team. The Bishops were represented by juniors **Sarah Downs (Canton, CT/Avon)** and **Tiffany Stinemetz (Marysville, OH/North Union)** and sophomore **Claire Martin (Jefferson, OH/Jefferson)**. The Fighting Scots were represented by senior **Kate Henley (Wooster, OH/Wooster)**, junior **Natalie Barone (Akron, OH/St. Thomas Aquinas)** and sophomore **Lauren Schreur (Grand Rapids, MI/East Grand Rapids)**. Denison freshmen **Claire Kopko (Washington, PA/Trinity)** and **Ali Silver (Baltimore, MD/Kenwood)** also earned All-Tourney nods.

**MEN'S TENNIS REPORT**

**NCAC Champions: KENYON COLLEGE**

North Coast Athletic Conference champion Kenyon (16-6) was knocked out of the NCAA Division III Tournament after a second round, 4-1, loss to Kalamazoo. The Lords' only individual win came from senior **Borko Tesic (Amherst, OH/Elyria Catholic)**, who defeated Michael Malvitz, 6-4, 6-3, in the No. 1 singles match. With the win, Tesic improved his individual singles record to 17-2 and also improved his chances at being selected for the upcoming national singles tournament in Santa Cruz, California. Senior **Joe Freeman (Philadelphia, PA/Germantown Friends)** and sophomore **Sean Stewart (Bay Village, OH/St. Ignatius)** completed an upset at No. 2 doubles, as they posted an 8-5 win over Kalamazoo's team of Matt Harding and Tim Hubbard, who entered the match with a No. 15 national ranking in doubles play.

Kenyon had put together one of the best performances in the program's history in order to reach the second round. Led by a remarkable rally from senior **Joshua Mabra (Springfield, OH/Springfield Catholic)**, the Lords erased a two-point deficit and knocked off No. 8 DePauw, 4-3. The Lords, ranked No. 23 in the nation, came back from a 3-1 deficit and was all square with DePauw at 3-3. The only match left on the courts was the No. 5 singles battle between Mabra and DePauw's Jeff Zanchelli. As the match unfolded it clearly looked as if the Lords would be packing their bags and heading home. Zanchelli took a 6-4 first-set win and led 5-0 in the second set, leaving him just one game away from eliminating Mabra and the Lords. Mabra then collected himself and battled back with arguably the greatest, come-from-behind win in the Lords' history. He caught Zanchelli at 6-6 in the second set and then won the tie-breaker 10-8, forcing a third and final set. Mabra once again fell behind in that last set, as Zanchelli built up a 4-3 lead. The Kenyon senior, however, had one more surge left and he forged ahead to finalize a stunning 4-6, 7-6, 6-4 victory.

**WOMEN'S TENNIS REPORT**

**NCAC Champions: DENISON UNIVERSITY**

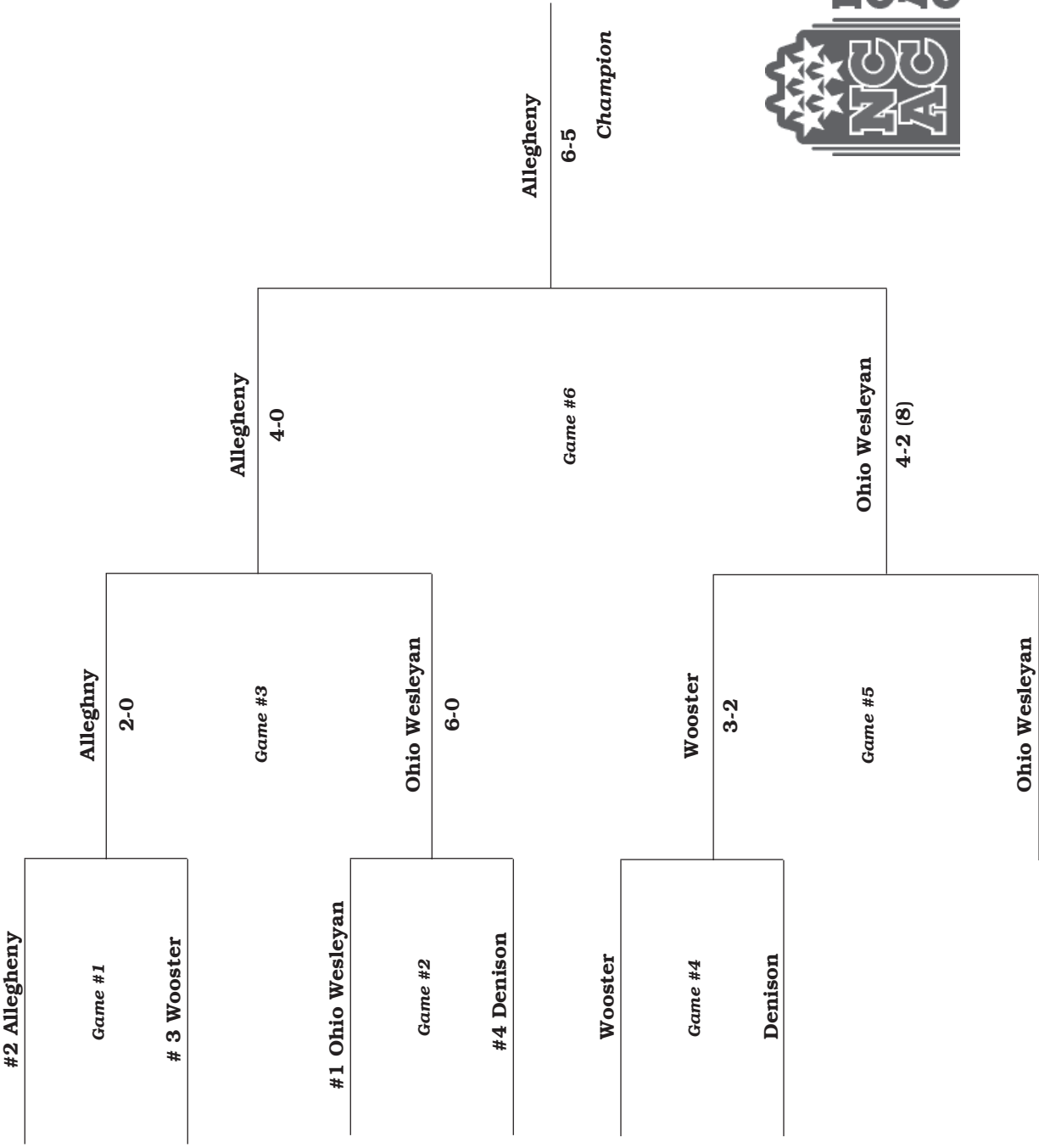
North Coast Athletic Conference champion Denison (19-2) advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division III tournament for the second consecutive season thanks to victories over Albion (5-1) and DePauw (5-3) in the first and second rounds of the Central Regional hosted by the Big Red.

Denison will be making its second appearance in the national quarterfinals, which along with the semifinals and finals, will take place May 18-20 at Stowe Stadium in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Denison's opponent for the quarterfinal round will be announced by the NCAA later today. The seven other squads who advanced to the quarterfinals are: Amherst (10-2), Emory (17-3), Gustavus Adolphus (30-2), Middlebury (14-2), Redlands (17-3), Trinity (21-3) and Washington and Lee (20-0).

The NCAA singles and doubles championships will be held May 21-23. Denison sophomore **Amelia Crace (Cincinnati, OH/Seven Hills)** and Ohio Wesleyan junior **Kelly Glassburn (Westerville, OH/Columbus DeSales)** have each qualified for the singles portion of the event.

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**NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE  
2005 Softball Tournament**



**NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE  
2005 WOMEN'S LACROSSE STANDINGS/STATISTICS**

May 9, 2005

	NCAC				OVERALL				
	W	L	PCT	GA	W	L	PCT	GF	GA
1) OHIO WESLEYAN *	4	2	.667	84	12	3	.800	201	142
2) DENISON	6	0	1.000	81	9	4	.692	158	126
3) WOOSTER	5	1	.833	78	9	4	.692	170	102
4) ALLEGHENY	3	3	.500	56	8	6	.571	145	98
5) WITTENBERG	2	4	.333	43	6	8	.429	126	159
6) KENYON	1	5	.167	50	5	8	.385	131	147
7) OBERLIN	0	6	.000	24	2	12	.143	32	173

\* Places 1-4 determined by NCAC tournament

**NCAC RESULTS - Regular season**

DENISON 19, KENYON 5 - May 3  
WOOSTER 12, ALLEGHENY 11 - May 3

**NCAC TOURNAMENT**

*Semifinals - May 6*  
DENISON 9, ALLEGHENY 8  
OHIO WESLEYAN 17, WOOSTER 14

*Finals - May 7*

OHIO WESLEYAN 14, DENISON 11

POINTS	GP	G	A	PTS	P/G
Kaley Bell, KEN	12	30	16	46	3.83
Megan Sward, WOO	13	26	23	49	3.77
Carrie Williams, OWU	15	41	15	56	3.73
Amanda Drummond, KEN	13	41	7	48	3.69
Ashley Arnold, WOO	13	35	9	44	3.38
Jenny Burns, WIT	13	28	12	40	3.08
Helena laquinta, WOO	13	32	6	38	2.92
Ashley Hughes, ALL	14	27	13	40	2.86
Melissa Jackson, WIT	14	31	8	39	2.79
Quinn Simmons, DEN	13	30	5	35	2.69

**GOALS**

	GP	G	G/G
Amanda Drummond, KEN	13	41	3.15
Carrie Williams, OWU	15	41	2.73
Ashley Arnold, WOO	13	35	2.69
Kaley Bell, KEN	12	30	2.50
Helena laquinta, WOO	13	32	2.46
Quinn Simmons, DEN	13	30	2.31
Melissa Jackson, WIT	14	31	2.21

**ASSISTS**

	GP	A	A/G
Megan Sward, WOO	13	23	1.77
Kaley Bell, KEN	12	16	1.33
Carrie Williams, OWU	15	15	1.00
Ashley Hughes, ALL	14	13	.93

**SAVES PERCENTAGE**

	GP	GA	SV	SV%
Nicki Hunt, WOO	11	74	102	.580
Carolyn Hicks, DEN	13	126	153	.548
Maggie Eichenlaub, OWU	15	134	159	.543

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2005 MEN'S LACROSSE STANDINGS/STATISTICS**

May 9, 2005

	NCAC			OVERALL				
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT	GF	GA
1) OHIO WESLEYAN	5	0	1.000	10	3	.769	174	108
2) DENISON	4	1	.800	9	3	.750	124	86
3) WOOSTER	3	2	.600	7	7	.500	141	132
4) KENYON	2	3	.400	5	9	.357	124	160
5) WITTENBERG	1	4	.200	2	11	.154	107	160
6) OBERLIN	0	5	.000	3	11	.214	102	174

**NCAC RESULTS**

KENYON 15, OBERLIN 8 - May 4

TEAM STATISTICS	MA%	PK%	FO%
DENISON	.310	.702	.534
KENYON	.312	.714	.367
OBERLIN	.344	.775	.522
OHIO WESLEYAN	.379	.778	.562
WITTENBERG	.200	.707	.492
WOOSTER	.250	.739	.498

MA% = man-advantage percentage

PK% = penalty-killing percentage

FO% = faceoff percentage

POINTS	GP	G	A	PTS	P/G
John Schlegel, OWU	13	54	23	77	5.92
Will Jaffee, OBE	14	28	22	50	3.57
Shawn Handy, WOO	14	25	20	45	3.21
Jarred Law, OWU	12	17	16	33	2.75
Chris Boehl, DEN	12	24	8	32	2.67
Bryan Harfenist, OBE	14	30	7	37	2.64
Sean Wheeler, KEN	14	21	15	36	2.57
Sean O'Neill, KEN	14	18	17	35	2.50
Eric McKinney, WOO	14	22	11	33	2.36
Clay Wawner, DEN	12	14	14	28	2.33
Brian McCommons, OWU	13	16	13	29	2.23
Adam Morrison, WIT	13	13	16	29	2.23
Chris Vaccaro, WOO	14	26	5	31	2.21

**GOALS**

	GP	G	G/G
John Schlegel, OWU	13	54	4.15
Bryan Harfenist, OBE	14	30	2.14
Chris Boehl, DEN	12	24	2.00
Will Jaffee, OBE	14	28	2.00
Chris Vaccaro, WOO	14	26	1.86
Shawn Handy, WOO	14	25	1.79

**ASSISTS**

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John Schlegel, OWU	13	23	1.77
Will Jaffee, OBE	14	22	1.57
Shawn Handy, WOO	14	20	1.43
Jarred Law, OWU	12	16	1.33
Adam Morrison, WIT	13	16	1.23
Sean O'Neill, KEN	14	17	1.21

**SAVES PERCENTAGE**

	GP	GA	SV	SV%
Alex Baruch, DEN	10	69	116	.627
Paul McCommons, OWU	13	104	142	.577
Jared Pickard, OBE	11	128	162	.559