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NCAC Women's Basketball Report

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WITTENBERG BEGINS NORTH COAST TITLE DEFENSE WEDNESDAY; CONFERENCE SCHEDULE TIPS OFF TOMORROW

CLEVELAND -- The 2004-05 North Coast schedule tips off tomorrow, when Allegheny (3-1) travels to Wooster (1-1). The Gators took both regular season contests from the Fighting Scots last winter; Allegheny also defeated Wooster in the quarterfinal round of the NCAC Tournament. Conference play continues with three games set for Wednesday and a full slate of four games on Saturday. Wednesday, defending champion Wittenberg (1-3) hosts Denison (2-1), while Earlham (2-2) and Oberlin (1-2) welcome Kenyon (3-0) and Ohio Wesleyan (2-2), respectively.

Saturday features games at Allegheny, Kenyon, Oberlin and Ohio Wesleyan. The Big Red travel to Meadville to take on the Gators and the Fighting Scots head to Gambier for a showdown with the Ladies. The Quakers will visit Oberlin and the Hiram Terriers (2-2) will travel to Delaware to open their NCAC season against the Battling Bishops.

Wittenberg was tabbed as the preseason favorite in voting by coaches and media earlier this fall. Ohio Wesleyan was second in the media poll, followed by Allegheny and Denison in third and fourth, respectively. Allegheny was second in the coaches poll, followed by Ohio Wesleyan and Denison in third and fourth.

Notes: **ALLEGHENY** split a pair of games last week. In a 57-54 loss at Washington & Jefferson, senior forward **Meredith McDonough (Pittsburgh, PA/Oakland Catholic)** scored 10 points and grabbed nine rebounds. She matched her point total in a 87-48 home win over Thiel with 10 points and five rebounds in 16 minutes of action. Junior forward **Courtney Steding (McDonald, PA/Fort Cherry)** also totalled 20 points in the two games: nine against W&J and 11 against Thiel. She snagged 15 rebounds in the two contests ... **DENISON** defeated Thiel, 65-43, in their only contest last week. Sophomore **Kristen Sheffield (Dublin, OH/Dublin-Scioto)** scored 20 points, grabbed nine rebounds, blocked seven shots and had four steals as the Big Red rolled to the win in their home opener. Sheffield leads the Big Red in scoring (11.3 ppg), rebounding (7.0 rpg) and blocked shots (3.7bpg) ... **EARLHAM** split a pair of games last week. The Quakers dropped a 71-51 decision to Hanover then rebounded for a 57-50 win over Mount St. Joseph. Freshman **Chelsea Caywood (Richmond, IN/Richmond)** led the Quakers against Hanover with 14 points. Sophomore **Lisa Vanderkolk (Bluffton, IN/Bluffton)** added nine points and nine rebounds. She then led Earlham past Mount. St. Joseph with 14 points and 11 rebounds ... **KENYON** junior **Katy Zeanah (New Orleans, LA/Metairie Park)** scored a game-high 22 points and led Kenyon to a 66-46 win over Bethany. The win gave Kenyon a 3-0 record to start the season for the second time in the last five years. Zeanah was 10-of-16 from the floor and 2-of-3 at the free throw line, improving her season scoring average to a team-best 14.3 points per game. Freshman **Anne Dugan (Dublin, OH/Watterson)** shares that same average with Zeanah after she poured in 14 points of her own Tuesday night ... Senior guard **Christina Briboneria (Houston, TX/Bellaire)** poured in 17 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead **OBERLIN** to a 58-45 victory ove Bluffton. She also added six assists ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** senior wing **Kelly Heil (Sylvania, OH/Southview)** led the Battling Bishops in two contests last week with 41 points and 10 rebounds. In a 73-68 loss to Case, she had 27 points and five boards. Sophomore post **Tifini Ray (Hilliard/Davidson)**, junior guard **Amanda Nanney (Cincinnati/Mother of Mercy)**, Heil and sophomore guard **Emily Lloyd (Canton/Massillon Jackson)** fueled runs of 10-0 and 11-0 as Ohio Wesleyan erased a 19-point first-half deficit against Case. Ray and Nanney each had a basket and a pair of free throws during a 10-0 first-half run, then Nanney and Heil each hit a 3-pointer and Lloyd added a pair of baskets that gave Ohio Wesleyan a 37-34 lead early in the second half. Lloyd later hit a 3-pointer to give the Bishops a 59-58 lead. In the Bishops' 73-46 win over Bluffton, Heil scored six points as Ohio Wesleyan opened the game with a 16-3 run. She finished with 14 points and five rebounds in 15 minutes of play ... **WITTENBERG** lost games to Baldwin-Wallace, 72-62, and Capital, 67-53, last week, with the latter ranked sixth in the nation and both expected to be in the hunt for the NCAA tournament by season's end. In last week's home defeats, the Tigers were led by solid play in the post by sophomore **Kathy Hittle (Noblesville, IN/Noblesville)**. She finished with 15 points and five rebounds against B-W and added eight points and 11 rebounds against Capital. She ranks second on the team in scoring with 8.8 points per game and leads in rebounds with 6.8 per outing ... **WOOSTER** was idle last week.



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[NCAC Men's Basketball Report](#)

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WITTENBERG BEGINS NCAC TITLE DEFENSE SATURDAY; CONFERENCE SCHEDULE TIPS OFF WEDNESDAY

CLEVELAND -- Wooster (4-0) hosts Denison (2-3) on Wednesday to open the 2004-05 North Coast schedule. This is the only time the squads will meet this season. The Scots won the only meeting between the schools during the 2003-04 regular season, 84-67. All ten schools see conference action on Saturday. Scheduled for that day: Allegheny (2-2) at defending NCAC champion Wittenberg (3-1), Earlham (1-2) at Oberlin (1-3), Hiram (1-3) at Denison, Wabash (2-2) at Kenyon (0-5) and Wooster at Ohio Wesleyan (1-3).

Wooster was tabbed as the preseason favorite in voting by coaches and media earlier this fall. Wittenberg was second in both polls, followed by Ohio Wesleyan in third. The coaches picked Earlham and Wabash to tie at fourth, while the media picked Wabash fourth and Earlham fifth.

Notes: **ALLEGHENY** went 1-1 at its own National City Classic, defeating PSU-DuBois, 90-73, before falling to 12th-ranked John Carroll, 95-71, in the title game. Junior forward **Matt Majzlik (Monaca, PA/Hopewell)** averaged 13.5 points and five rebounds while shooting 61 percent (11-18) from the floor to earn All-Tournament team honors. Also hitting for double digits against DuBois was junior guard **Sean Brakey (Shaker Hts., OH/Shaker Heights)**, who hit for 12 points on 4-5 shooting in only nine minutes of action. Sophomore guard **Casey McCloskey (Erie, PA/Cathedral Prep)** totalled 21 points and four assists in the John Carroll game. McCloskey averaged 14.5 points while shooting 50 percent (11-22) from the floor in the tournament ... **DENISON** went 1-2 last week, opening with a heart-breaking 65-63 loss to Mount St. Joseph. The Big Red then dropped a 59-54 decision to Muskingum in the OAC/NCAC Challenge before rebounding for a record-setting 121-102 win over Marietta. Against Marietta, Denison set new school records for points, field goals made (45) and field goal percentage (.692). The Big Red's 121 points broke the old record of 113 points set in 1993-94 against Washington & Jefferson. In the second half, Denison missed only four shots, going 26-of-30. For the game, the Big Red scored 80 of their 121 points in the paint. Twenty-nine of the remaining 41 points came from the free throw line. **Robb Hern (Madeira, OH/Madeira)** led Denison with 27 points and 11 rebounds against the Pioneers. Six players reached double-figures for the Big Red ... **EARLHAM** sophomore **LaRon Henry (Indianapolis, IN/Scecina)** paced the Quakers with 25 points in their 75-64 loss to Bluffton. Sophomore **Jermaine Crumby (Richmond, IN/Richmond)** contributed 13 points ... **HIRAM** junior **T.C. Spencer (Yorkville, OH/Tri-State Christian Academy)** recorded his first double-double of the season in the Terriers' 80-64 loss to John Carroll. He scored 11 points and grabbed 12 rebounds. He was 10-for-16 from the field and 3-for-4 from the free throw line ... **KENYON's Matt Formato (Downers Grove, IL/Downers Grove North)** scored a combined 49 points during the two-game OAC/NCAC Challenge. The junior shooting guard threw in 22 points in a 133-100 loss to Marietta and then scored 27 points in a 81-74 loss to Muskingum. Formato was 18-of-30 overall and 8-for-12 on three-point attempts ... **OBERLIN** split a pair of games last week, opening with a 58-45 win over LaRoche. The Yeomen then fell 86-56 to Adrian. Sophomore **Quinton Spencer (Chicago, IL/Brother Rice)** totalled 61 points and 21 rebounds over the two games. He poured in 31 in the loss to Adrian and had 30 points and 13 boards in the win over LaRoche ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** sophomore post **Ben Chojnacki (Medina, OH/Medina)** contributed 17 points and led the Batling Bishops with six rebounds in a 67-56 loss to Capital in the OAC/NCAC Challenge. He led the Bishops with 18 points and shared the team lead with six rebounds in a 75-67 loss to Mt. Union. He had converted a three-point play to tie the game at 63-63 with 1:59 left in regulation, but Mt. Union went on an 8-0 run to win the game ... **WABASH** sophomore forward **Matt Shook (Kendallville, IN/East Noble)** scored 17 to lead the Little Giants against preseason third-ranked Hanover. He scored 14 points, tying senior center **Nate Bell (Ft. Wayne, IN/Concordia Lutheran)** for team high honors, against Franklin. Shook went 11-of-24 from the field, including 5-of-12 from the three-point arc in 53 minutes of play, scoring 31 points in the two games. Bell averaged 12 points and 5.5 rebounds in the two games. He grabbed five boards while scoring 12 points against Hanover. He had 12 points and six rebounds against Franklin. He connected on 9-of-12 shots from the field in the two games, and was a perfect 6-of-6 from the free throw line ... **WITTENBERG** has proven to be a very balanced team after four games this season. Leading the pack individually is junior post **Dane Borchers (Russia, OH/Russia)**, who went for 16 points, nine rebounds in a 75-46 win over Capital and for 17 points, five rebounds in a 89-65 win over Urbana. He leads the team in minutes, points, rebounds, field goal percentage and free throw percentage. Junior guard **Phil Steffes (Centerville, OH/Centerville)** broke out for a career game against Urbana with 16 points, four rebounds and two assists. He hit four three's off 4-of-6 shooting from behind the arc. Steffes has started each of the Tigers' four games after seeing limited action his first two years at Wittenberg ... **WOOSTER** senior center **Matt Schlingman (Ashland, OH/Ashland)** was the Scots' most consistent scorer this past weekend, finishing with 11 points in each game while totalling eight rebounds in the two games, a 79-69 win over Mt. Union and a 83-73 win over Capital in the OAC/NCAC Challenge. Wooster received big efforts from several reserves, as sophomore forward **Justin Bradley (Milford, OH/Milford)** scored a career-high 27 points, including 13-of-13 from the free throw line on Saturday, and sophomore forward **Tim Vandervaart (North Canton, OH/Hoover)** and freshman guard **James Cooper (Springfield, OH/South)** scored 17 and 16 points, respectively, against Capital on Sunday. Both were career-highs.

2004-05 North Coast Athletic Conference Women's Basketball Standings (through games of Nov. 27 - All games)

STANDINGS	CONFERENCE				OVERALL			
	W-L	Pct	PF	PA	W-L	Pct	PF	PA
Kenyon.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	3-0	1.000	68.0	44.7
Allegheny.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	3-1	.750	66.0	47.8
Denison.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	2-1	.667	50.3	46.7
Ohio Wesleyan.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	2-2	.500	68.8	67.2
Hiram.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	2-2	.500	60.5	53.2
Earlham.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	2-2	.500	53.2	59.8
Wooster.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	1-1	.500	63.0	57.5
Oberlin.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	1-2	.333	50.7	69.0
Wittenberg.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	1-3	.250	58.2	62.5

Saturday, Nov. 27

Allegheny 87, Thiel 48
 Capital 67, Wittenberg 53
 Earlham 57, Mt. St. Joseph 50
 PSU-Behrend 50, Hiram 47

Friday, Nov. 26

Manchester 57, Hiram 52
 Ohio Wesleyan 73, Bluffton 46

Tuesday, Nov. 23

B-W 72, Wittenberg 62
 Case 73, Ohio Wesleyan 68
 Denison 65, Thiel 43
 Hanover 71, Earlham 51
 Kenyon 66, Bethany 46
 Oberlin 58, Bluffton 45
 W&J 57, Allegheny 54

Upcoming Women's Basketball

Monday, November 29

Wash. & Jeff. at Ohio Wesleyan, 7:30

Tuesday, November 30

Allegheny at Wooster, 7:30

Wednesday, December 1

Denison at Wittenberg, 7:30

Kenyon at Earlham, 7:30

Ohio Wesleyan at Oberlin, 7:30

Saturday, December 4

Denison at Allegheny, 2:00

Earlham at Oberlin, 1:00

Hiram at Ohio Wesleyan, 2:00

Wooster at Kenyon, 1:00

Monday, December 6

Westminster at Wooster, 7:30

Tuesday, December 7

Bethany at Wittenberg, 7:30

Notre Dame (OH) at Kenyon, 7:30

Oberlin at Ursuline, 7:00

Wednesday, December 8

Chatham at Hiram, 7:00

Denison at Ohio Northern, 7:30

Earlham at Franklin, 7:00

Wooster at Grove City, 5:30

2004-05 North Coast Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Standings (through games of Nov. 28 - All games)

STANDINGS	CONFERENCE				OVERALL			
	W-L	Pct	PF	PA	W-L	Pct	PF	PA
Wooster.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	4-0	1.000	79.5	71.5
Wittenberg.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	3-1	.750	75.8	58.8
Allegheny.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	2-2	.500	78.5	82.0
Wabash.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	2-2	.500	66.5	66.8
Denison.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	2-3	.400	75.8	72.6
Earlham.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	1-2	.333	62.0	68.0
Hiram.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	1-3	.250	80.8	89.2
Oberlin.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	1-3	.250	63.5	72.5
Ohio Wesleyan.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	1-3	.250	62.2	69.8
Kenyon.....	0-0	.000	0.0	0.0	0-5	.000	72.8	87.2

Sunday, Nov. 28

John Carroll 95, Allegheny 71
 Denison 121, Marietta 102
 Hiram 74, PSU-Dubois 42
 Mt. Union 75, Ohio Wesleyan 97
 Muskingum 81, Kenyon 74
 Wooster 83, Capital 73

Saturday, Nov. 27

Adrian 86, Oberlin 56
 Allegheny 90, PSU-Dubois 73
 Capital 67, Ohio Wesleyan 56
 Franklin 81, Wabash 77
 John Carroll 80, Hiram 64
 Marietta 133, Kenyon 100
 Muskingum 59, Denison 54
 Wittenberg 89, Urbana 65
 Wooster 79, Mt. Union 69

Wednesday, Nov. 24

Bluffton 75, Earlham 64
 Wittenberg 75, Capital 46

Tuesday, Nov. 23

Hanover 66, Wabash 63
 Mt. St. Joseph 65, Denison 63
 Oberlin 68, LaRoche 63
 W&J 68, Kenyon 54

Upcoming Men's Basketball

Monday, November 29

Wilmington at Earlham, 7:30

Tuesday, November 30

Case at Ohio Wesleyan, 7:30

Wednesday, December 1

Allegheny at Alfred, 7:00

Denison at Wooster, 7:30

Earlham at Mt. St. Joseph, 7:30

Hiram at Thiel, 7:30

Kenyon at Bluffton, 7:30

Oberlin at Baldwin-Wallace, 8:00

Wabash at DePauw, 7:30

Saturday, December 4

Allegheny at Wittenberg, 3:00

Earlham at Oberlin, 3:00

Hiram at Denison, 3:00

Wabash at Kenyon, 3:00

Wooster at Ohio Wesleyan, 4:00

Monday, December 6

Oberlin at Wabash, 7:00

Wednesday, December 8

Allegheny at Westminster, 7:30

Cedarville at Wittenberg, 7:30

Hanover at Earlham, 7:30

Kenyon at Grove City, 7:30

Ohio Wesleyan at Ohio Dominican, 7:30

Wooster at Oberlin, 7:30

Friday, December 10

Wabash Pete Thorn Invitational, 6/8:00



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[FOOTBALL REPORT](#)

Carthage scored a special teams and defensive touchdown and forced Wooster into seven turnovers en route to capturing a 14-7 victory in the second round of the NCAA Division III Football Championship at Wooster's John P. Papp Stadium Saturday afternoon.

Carthage (11-1), which entered the game leading Div. III in turnover margin (+24), forced the Scots into five fumbles and two interceptions without turning the ball over once itself. The five fumbles lost marked a school record for a single-game by a Wooster team.

The Scots, who see their best season in school history come to an end at 11-1, struggled on the offensive side of the ball, but did manage to amass 15 first downs and 211 yards. Most of it came via **Tony Sutton (Akron, OH/Archbishop Hoban)**, the 2004 NCAC Offensive Player of the Year, who finished with 156 yards on 28 rushes (5.6 average) in his last collegiate game.

The game featured two of the top-six running backs, statistically speaking, in NCAA Div. III, and Sutton, the nation's rushing leader, won that battle as Carthage's **Dante Washington** was limited to 77 yards on 34 carries (2.3 average). The defenses combined for 10 sacks (five apiece), including 2.0 for Wooster's **Andy Mizak (Warren, MI/Paul K. Cousino)**, which gives him a school-record 15 on the year.

The Redmen will return to northeast Ohio next Saturday (Dec. 4) when they will take on No. 1 ranked Mt. Union (11-0), winner of six of the last eight national championships.

NCAC BASKETBALL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

SHEFFIELD, SPENCER NAMED NCAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

CLEVELAND -- Denison's **Kristen Sheffield (Dublin, OH/Dublin-Scioto)** and Oberlin's **Quinton Spencer (Chicago, IL/Brother Rice)** have been named women's and men's basketball "Players of the Week" in the North Coast Athletic Conference.

Sheffield, a 6-0, sophomore forward, scored 20 points, grabbed nine rebounds, blocked seven shots and had four steals as the Big Red rolled to a 65-43 victory over Thiel in the Big Red's 2004-05 home opener. Sheffield was 8-of-12 from the field and connected on 3-of-4 from three point range. She also added a team high of four steals for the night. Her seven blocked shots ties her own single game record set last season against Earlham. After just one season she is Denison's career leader for blocked shots. This season, Sheffield is leading Denison in scoring (11.3 ppg.), rebounding (7.0 rpg.) and blocked shots (3.7 bpg.).

Spencer, a 6-1, sophomore guard/forward, totalled 61 points and 21 rebounds as Oberlin split a pair of games last week. He poured in 31 points in the 86-56 loss to Adrian and had 30 points and 13 boards in the 68-63 win over LaRoche.