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NCAC Football Report

NEXT UP FOR UNDEFEATED NCAC LEADER WABASH: WOOSTER

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CLEVELAND -- Wabash (5-0, 7-0) took another step closer to its third North Coast championship by defeating Oberlin (3-1, 3-4), the last remaining team to be undefeated in conference play. Next up for the Little Giants, who have two NCAC contests left, is fifth-place Wooster (2-2, 2-5). The Scots are coming off of a 27-20 loss to Allegheny (3-1, 5-2). The Little Giants and the Fighting Scots meet in Wooster with a kickoff time of 1:00. Wabash has won nine of the previous 11 meetings between the teams, including the last two in a row. Wooster last defeated the Little Giants in 2004, by a 33-30 score in Crawfordsville.

Three teams are tied for second place with 3-1 conference marks, Allegheny, Wittenberg (3-1, 5-2) and Oberlin (3-1, 3-4). The Gators play at sixth-place Ohio Wesleyan (2-3, 2-5) while the Tigers and Yeomen meet in Springfield on Saturday.

Allegheny and OWU have met 23 times and the Gators have taken 18 of those games, including last year's 30-13 tilt. The Battling Bishops last beat Allegheny in 2005, 13-8. Wittenberg and Oberlin have met 29 times and the Tigers hold a 17-12 advantage, although they have won all 10 meetings since both teams have been members of the NCAC. Last year, the Tigers won, 22-6.

Other games coming up this week are Denison (1-3, 2-5) at Kenyon (1-3, 2-5), and Earlham (1-3, 2-5) at Hiram (0-4, 0-7). The Big Red and the Lords have met 58 times and Denison has a 33-23-2 advantage overall, 12-9-1 in the NCAC. Denison won in overtime last year, 41-35, but the Lords took a 45-42 decision in 2005. Earlham and Hiram have met seven times, all as members of the North Coast, and the Quakers have won six times.

Polls: In last week's AFCA Division III Coaches Poll (Oct. 16), Wabash remained 10th. In the D3football.com poll, the Little Giants remained 14th. Wittenberg received votes in both polls. Individually, Oberlin junior **R.V. Carroll** was named to last week's D3football.com Team of the Week after he led the Yeomen to a 41-14 victory over Earlham. Carroll finished with 217 yards and four scores on 34 carries, for the third-best single-game rushing total in school history. He led a Yeomen surge after the Quakers had taken a 14-7 lead early in the second half by scoring four straight touchdowns.

Notes: **ALLEGHENY** quarterback **T.J. Salopek (North Hingtondon, PA/Norwin)** completed 18 of 24 passes for 262 yards and two touchdowns, leading the Gators to a 27-20 decision over Wooster. Salopek tied his career highs in completions and touchdowns and surpassed his previous best in yardage. **Ross Simcoe (Coudersport, PA/Coudersport)** was in on a game-high 16 tackles and a half tackle for a loss to lead the defense. An interception in the end zone by senior **Andy Toner (Bethel Park, PA/Bethel Park)** as time expired enabled the Gators to hold off the Scots for the first time since 2003. Wide receiver **Jim Lieb (Carrolltown, PA/Northern Cambria)** made five catches for 80 yards to move into a second-place tie with **Ronnie Anderson** (1994-96) on Allegheny's all-time list for receptions in a career ... **DENISON** picked up its first conference victory of the season when they defeated Hiram, 42-13, on the strength of 28 second-quarter points. Junior quarterback **Mike Barnes (Mayfield Hts., OH/Mayfield)** completed 14 of 20 passes for 197 yards and two touchdowns, rushed six times for 33 yards and also caught three passes for another 34 yards. He finished with 264 yards of total offense. Ten different receivers caught passes for the Big Red. Freshman cornerback **Nick Weiss (Cincinnati, OH/Anderson)** averaged 26.3 yards on punt returns for the day, including a 45-yard return for a touchdown and another 33-yard return, both in the second quarter ... The host Quakers recorded their first conference win of the year, a 42-35 defeat of Kenyon, on the day **EARLHAM'S** new home field was officially dedicated as Darrell Beane Stadium. Senior **Terrel Brown (Richmond, IN/Richmond)** scored the game-winning points on a quarterback sneak with 33 seconds left to cap a 17-play, 95-yard drive. The drive had started after junior **Tilmon Clark (Winchester, IN/Winchester)** snuffed out a Kenyon drive with an interception. Then, Earlham converted on two third-down plays and once on fourth down. Senior receiver **Joe White (Richmond, IN/Richmond)** caught seven passes for 139 yards and three touchdowns, and one of the catches was a third-down conversion on the winning drive. Quarterback **Randy Kerns (West Manchester, OH/National Trail)** finished with 284 passing yards and four touchdowns. Brown, in addition to scoring the winning touchdown, completed a pass for nine yards to go with his 53 yards and two touchdowns rushing. Sophomore **Cale Gulliford (Marion, IN/Marion)** made a team-high 15 stops ... In **HIRAM'S** 42-13 loss to Denison, senior linebacker **Tom Canitia (Chagrin Falls, OH/St. Peter Chanel)** made 11 tackles and forced a fumble. Freshman receiver **Kyle Milano (Medina, OH/Brunswick)** caught three passes for 81 yards and scored one of his team's two touchdowns ... Despite a season-high 271 passing yards by senior quarterback **Rafael Sanchez (Tavernier, FL/Coral Shores)**, **KENYON** dropped a 42-35 decision to Earlham. Sanchez also gained 76 yards rushing, threw for three touchdowns and rushed for a fourth but it was not enough. Senior linebacker **Mike Chase (Washington, DC/Albans)** contributed a game-high 10 tackles, shared a tackle for a loss and broke up one pass ... Junior running back **R.V. Carroll (Perry, OH/Perry)** carried the ball 17 times for 88 yards to lead **OBERLIN** as the Yeomen lost to Wabash, 45-14, Oberlin's first NCAC loss this season. Carroll's touchdown in the third quarter was the 32nd of his career and that ties him with 1963 Oberlin graduate **Alan Spiegelberg** for the school record for touchdowns in a career. Junior quarterback **Greg Mangan (San Francisco, CA/St. Ignatius)** threw for 212 yards on 23 of 35 attempts. Senior defensive back **Cody Hartley (Freedom, PA/Freedom Area)** led the defense with 11 stops ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** scored first against Wittenberg but the Tigers answered later in the first quarter and the Bishops never led again. OWU had a chance to take the lead in their final possession with under two minutes to play, but the Tigers snuffed out that chance with an interception. Freshman quarterback **Mike Fisher (Chagrin Falls, OH/Kenston)** finished with 229 yards and one touchdown passing, and rushed for a team-high 30 yards and another

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NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE 2007 FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

* conference games

Allegheny College (3-1; 5-2)

S. 1	WESTMINSTER	L, 6-13
S. 15	at Hiram	W, 20-7
S. 22	at Carnegie Mellon	W, 24-21
S. 29	DENISON*	W, 14-0
O. 6	WABASH*	L, 20-28
O. 13	at Kenyon*	W, 24-0
O. 20	at WOOSTER*	W, 27-20
O. 27	at Ohio Wesleyan*	1:00
N. 3	WITTENBERG*	1:00
N. 10	at Oberlin*	1:00

Denison University (1-3; 2-5)

S. 1	RANDOLPH-MACON	L, 16-42
S. 8	at Case	L, 6-45
S. 22	GALLAUDET	W, 42-0
S. 29	at Allegheny*	L, 0-14
O. 6	OBERLIN*	L, 27-34
O. 13	at Ohio Wesleyan*	L, 10-27
O. 20	HIRAM*	W, 42-13
O. 27	at Kenyon*	1:00
N. 3	at Wabash*	1:00
N. 10	EARLHAM*	1:00

Earlham College (1-3; 2-5)

S. 1	ROSE-HULMAN	L, 16-24
S. 8	MANCHESTER	L, 14-27
S. 15	at Anderson	W, 26-23 (ot)
S. 29	at Wabash*	L, 20-54
O. 6	WITTENBERG*	L, 0-73
O. 13	at Oberlin*	L, 14-42
O. 20	KENYON*	W, 42-35
O. 27	at Hiram*	1:00
N. 3	WOOSTER*	1:00
N. 10	at Denison*	1:00

Hiram College (0-4; 0-7)

S. 8	BETHANY	L, 7-24
S. 15	ALLEGHENY	L, 7-20
S. 22	at Manchester	L, 14-54
S. 29	at Oberlin*	L, 14-49
O. 6	KENYON*	L, 21-49
O. 13	at Wooster*	L, 17-24
O. 20	at Denison*	L, 13-42
O. 27	EARLHAM*	1:00
N. 3	OHIO WESLEYAN*	1:00
N. 10	at Wittenberg*	1:00

Kenyon College (1-3; 2-5)

S. 1	GRINNELL	W, 70-35
S. 8	C-M-S	L, 18-21
S. 15	CASE	L, 26-49
S. 29	OHIO WESLEYAN*	L, 27-35
O. 6	at Hiram*	W, 49-21
O. 13	ALLEGHENY*	L, 0-24
O. 20	at Earlham*	L, 35-42
O. 27	DENISON*	1:00
N. 3	at Oberlin*	1:00
N. 10	at Wooster*	1:00

Oberlin College (3-1; 3-4)

S. 1	CASE	L, 15-37
S. 8	at Heidelberg	L, 26-37
S. 22	at Wash. & Jefferson	L, 26-56
S. 29	HIRAM*	W, 49-14
O. 6	at Denison*	W, 34-27
O. 13	EARLHAM*	W, 42-14
O. 20	at Wabash*	L, 14-45
O. 27	at Wittenberg*	1:00
N. 3	KENYON*	1:00
N. 10	ALLEGHENY*	1:00

Ohio Wesleyan University (2-3; 2-5)

S. 1	FRANKLIN	L, 21-34
S. 8	CATHOLIC	L, 14-20
S. 22	WABASH*	L, 0-15
S. 29	at Kenyon*	W, 35-27
O. 6	at Wooster*	L, 9-13
O. 13	DENISON*	W, 27-10
O. 20	at Wittenberg*	L, 16-21
O. 27	ALLEGHENY*	1:00
N. 3	at Hiram*	1:00
N. 10	at Case	1:00

Wabash College (5-0; 7-0)

S. 8	FRANKLIN	W, 35-33
S. 15	at Millikin	W, 28-6
S. 22	at Ohio Wesleyan*	W, 15-0
S. 29	EARLHAM*	W, 54-20
O. 6	at Allegheny*	W, 28-20
O. 13	WITTENBERG*	W, 24-17
O. 20	OBERLIN*	W, 45-14
O. 27	at Wooster*	1:00
N. 3	DENISON*	1:00
N. 10	at DePauw	1:05

Wittenberg University (3-1; 5-2)

S. 1	CAPITAL	L, 0-13
S. 15	at Olivet	W, 17-16
S. 22	at Alma	W, 30-15
S. 29	WOOSTER*	W, 58-7
O. 6	at Earlham*	W, 73-0
O. 13	at Wabash*	L, 17-24
O. 20	OHIO WESLEYAN*	W, 21-16
O. 27	OBERLIN*	1:00
N. 3	at Allegheny*	1:00
N. 10	HIRAM*	1:00

College of Wooster (2-2; 2-5)

S. 1	at John Carroll	L, 0-24
S. 8	WAYNESBURG	L, 35-45
S. 22	at Case	L, 17-30
S. 29	at Wittenberg*	L, 7-58
O. 6	OHIO WESLEYAN*	W, 13-9
O. 13	HIRAM*	W, 24-17
O. 20	at Allegheny*	L, 20-27
O. 27	WABASH*	1:00
N. 3	at Earlham*	1:00
N. 10	KENYON*	1:00

score. Junior linebacker **Tommy Saunders (Gallipolis, OH/Gallia Academy)** led the defense with 15 tackles, one for a loss of two yards, and an interception returned 14 yards ... With its 45-14 defeat of Oberlin, **WABASH** improved to 7-0 overall, 5-0 in conference play. Sophomore quarterback **Matt Hudson (Salem, IN/Salem)** put up the best single-game numbers of his career with 417 yards on 21 of 30 passing for four touchdowns, then rushed four times for another 20 and a 10-yard score. Senior wide out **Mike Russell (Terre Haute, IN/North)** topped the 100-yard mark for the second week in a row as he nabbed six passes for 106 yards. Senior defensive lineman **Jared Lange (Terre Haute, IN/North)** made seven stops, 4.5 for a loss and one sack to lead the Little Giant defense ... Senior fullback **Andy Vanover (Tipp City, OH/Tipppecanoe)** posted career highs with 106 yards on 24 carries to lead **WITTENBERG** over Ohio Wesleyan, 21-16. His second quarter score from three yards out gave the Tigers a lead they would never relinquish. Freshman linebacker **Brad McKinley (Hilliard, OH/Davidson)** was a hero in the late minutes of the game. He stopped a Bishop drive with an interception on the Ohio Wesleyan 46 yard line and returned it 37 yards to clinch the Wittenberg victory. McKinley also recorded a game-best 16 stops, one tackle for a loss and a half sack in the game ... Despite a career high 21 completions for 182 yards by sophomore quarterback **Austin Holter (Johnstown, OH/Johnstown-Monroe)**,

WOOSTER lost to Allegheny, 27-20. Holter was nearly able to tie the game in the closing minutes as he took the Scots from their own four-yard line with 3:08 left, completing 8 of 12 passes for 61 yards, and running for another 10 yards himself in the final drive. An interception on the Gator 23-yard line ended the drive and the game. Sophomore outside linebacker **Matt DeGrant (Stown, OH/St. Vincent-St. Mary)** led the Scot defense with a career-best 11 tackles, including seven solos, and 2.5 for losses. DeGrant also snagged a third-quarter interception.



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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 -- NCAC CHAMPIONSHIP SET FOR SATURDAY ON CAMPUS OF KENYON

The 24th North Coast Athletic Conference Men's & Women's Cross Country Championships will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27 on the campus of Kenyon College. The men's 8,000-meter race will begin at 11:45 a.m. and the women's 6,000-meter championship will begin at 11:00 a.m. Oberlin is the defending women's champion and was picked by the coaches prior to this season to defend their title. Allegheny is the defending men's champion, and was also selected to repeat in the preseason coaches' poll.

Polls: In the USA Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association women's Division III poll (Oct. 17), Ohio Wesleyan moved up one spot to 31st. Allegheny's men's team moved up three spots from 15th to 12th.

Notes: Only HIRAM and WOOSTER competed last week. The Terriers hosted LaRoche in the Hiram Invitational. The women's team won, 19-43 as they claimed the top three finishers. Sophomore **Leah Miracle (Marietta, OH/Marietta)** won the race with a time of 22:41, followed by freshman **Meghen Broman (Akron, OH/Ellet)** in second in 23:46, and sophomore **Katie Eppley (Stow, OH/Stow)** in third (24:13). The Terrier men competed as individuals and the top finisher was freshman **Nicholas Michalenko (Moon Twp., PA/Our Lady of Sacred Heart)**, who won the race in 18:34 over five kilometers.

The Fighting Scots hosted their annual non-scoring Wooster Relays. The women ran four separate intervals, which added up to 5400 meters, while the men also went out on the course four times for a total of 6800 meters. Freshman **Suzanne Capehart (Oak Hill, VA/Oakton)** led the Scot women with a fifth-place finish with a time of 2:14. Sophomore **Terry Workman (Hillsboro, OH/Greenfield McClain)** paced the Wooster men with a 10th-place finish with a time of 21:49.

FIELD HOCKEY REPORT -- KENYON TAKES LEAD HEADING INTO FINAL WEEK

The final week of the regular season is here and six games are left before the North Coast Athletic Conference championship is determined. Also up for grabs are the berths in the season-ending NCAC Field Hockey Tournament. The top four teams after the completion of the regular season qualify for the event, which is held at the site of the highest seed, in order to determine the NCAC's automatic qualifier into the NCAA Division III Tournament.

The conference championship, and top Tourney seed, is still up for grabs as Kenyon (7-3, 8-9) maintains a slim half-game lead over Wooster (7-4, 9-6). The Ladies won their only NCAC game last week, defeating Ohio Wesleyan, 2-0. Wooster knocked off Oberlin, 5-3, before falling to Wittenberg (6-4, 9-6) in overtime, 2-1.

Wooster has only a Saturday home game against seventh-place Earlham (0-10, 3-10) left on the NCAC schedule. Kenyon has two road games this week as it heads to Earlham on Wednesday then finishes up at Wittenberg on Saturday.

Oberlin (6-4, 7-9) and Wittenberg (6-4) are tied for third in the conference, a mere half-game ahead of fifth-place Ohio Wesleyan (6-5, 9-7). The Yeowomen travel to take on the Tigers on Wednesday, and return home to meet sixth-place Denison (4-6, 5-11) on Saturday. The Big Red certainly have a role in determining the final NCAC standings as they also meet the Battling Bishops on Wednesday.

Notes: **DENISON** senior **Brittany Paquette (Grosse Point Farms, MI/University Liggett)** scored the goal for the Big Red in a 2-1 loss to Wittenberg, Denison's only action last week ... **EARLHAM** lost twice last week, both in conference play. The Quakers dropped 3-0 decisions to both Ohio Wesleyan and Oberlin ... Senior **Lauren Keiling (Blairstown, NJ/Blairstown)** scored once in each of **KENYON'S** contests last week. She led the Ladies to a 2-0 defeat of Ohio Wesleyan, and contributed in a 3-2 overtime loss to non-conference Eastern. Keiling ranks second on Kenyon's all-time scoring list with 36 career goals. This season she leads the Ladies with 10 goals and three assists ... **OBERLIN** went 1-1 with a 3-0 defeat of Earlham and a 5-3 loss to Wooster. **Abigail Brox (Manchester, MA/St. George's School)** scored four goals, including all three of her team's goals against the Fighting Scots ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** went 1-2 last week with their victory coming over Earlham, 3-0. Three different players scored for the Bishops. OWU lost to Kenyon, 2-0, and Geneseo State, 1-0 ... Last week, **WITTENBERG** defeated Denison, 2-1, and upset Wooster, 2-1 in overtime. Freshman goalkeeper **Liana Began (Hudson, OH/Hudson)** made her fifth career start against Denison and led the Tigers to victory as she made nine

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saves. Senior **Alison Voigt (Louisville, KY/Ballard)** was the hero against Scots when she scored the overtime game winner ... **WOOSTER** has won eight of its last nine contests after the Scots defeated Oberlin, 5-3, and Transylvania, 2-1. Sophomore forward **Brittany Montgomery (Glens Falls, NY/Glens Falls)** had a three-goal week, highlighted by both scores against Transy and the game-winner against the Yeowomen. Her three-goal outburst doubled her season totals entering the week.

MEN'S SOCCER REPORT -- NCAC TITLE, TOURNEY BERTHS UP FOR GRABS

Kenyon (5-1-1, 12-2-1) and Wittenberg (5-1-1, 11-3-2) enter the final week of the regular season knotted in first place. The Lords and Tigers are each gunning for their first North Coast Athletic Conference championship in several years: Kenyon has claimed five NCAC titles with the last coming in 1997; Wittenberg has claimed one crown – the 1993 championship, which the Tigers shared with Kenyon. Each squad looks to accumulate league points on the road this week. The Lords travel to eighth-place Oberlin (2-4-1, 7-6-3) on Wednesday and to third-place (tie) Allegheny (5-2-0, 10-5-0) on Saturday. The Tigers head to 10th-place Wabash (0-7-0, 3-13-0) on Wednesday and then to third-place (tie) Ohio Wesleyan (5-2-0, 12-5-0) on Friday evening.

Ohio Wesleyan, the defending NCAC champion, and Allegheny also have the conference title in their sights as the two share third place in the standings, just one point behind the leaders. The Battling Bishops are gunning for their fourth-straight, and 17th overall title, while the Gators are hunting for their first. Ohio Wesleyan opens the week at home against fifth-place Hiram (3-3-1, 11-3-2) on Tuesday; Allegheny travels to seventh-place Wooster (2-3-2, 6-6-2) the following day.

The top four teams are also jockeying for a berth in the upcoming NCAC Tournament, along with Hiram and sixth-place Denison (3-4-0, 9-5-1). The six teams are vying for one of four slots in the season-ending event, which determines the NCAC's automatic qualifier into the NCAA Division III Tournament.

The Terriers and Big Red have perhaps the longest odds of making the Tournament, but they do have a shot depending upon which team wins their meeting on Saturday in Granville, along with losses for Kenyon, Wittenberg, Ohio Wesleyan and Allegheny this week. Denison is at ninth-place Earlham (2-5-0, 5-11-0) on Tuesday, the same day Hiram is at Ohio Wesleyan.

Also on Saturday, Earlham travels to Wooster and Wabash heads to Oberlin.

Polls: Wittenberg is fourth in the NSCAA/adidas Great Lakes Region Poll, followed by Kenyon in fifth, Allegheny in eighth and Ohio Wesleyan in ninth. Wittenberg received votes in the D3Kicks.com national Top 25.

Notes: **ALLEGHENY** senior goalkeeper **Ryan Larkin (Pittsburgh, PA/Mt. Lebanon)** posted his eighth shutout of the season, and a school-record tying 16th career shutout to lead the Gators past Hiram, 1-0. He made five saves in the game. Sophomore **James Fulton (New York, NY/Friends Seminary)** found the back of the net for the first time this season, with 2:47 left on the clock. The victory helped Allegheny to a 6-2 record in one-goal games this season. The Gators closed out their week with a 2-0 loss to first-place (tie) Wittenberg, allowing more than one goal for the first time in over a month. Larkin made five saves in the loss ... Senior **Ryan Linn (Zanesville, OH/West Muskingum)** scored three first-half goals to lead **DENISON** to a 3-0 shutout over Wooster. Linn's first career hat trick catapulted him to the top of the Big Red scoring list this fall as he now has seven goals. He has 19 goals in his Big Red career. Denison opened its week with a 2-0 loss to Ohio Wesleyan ... **EARLHAM** freshman **Bannett Asingura (Mbarara, Uganda/United World College)** scored the Quakers' lone goal last week, in a 4-1 loss to Wittenberg. He is second in points for Earlham with 17 over 15 games (6 goals, 5 assists, 1.1 ppg). Earlham also fell to Ohio Wesleyan, 1-0 last week ... **HIRAM** saw its four-game unbeaten streak snapped after a 1-0 loss to Allegheny. However, the Terriers rebounded for a 2-1 win over Oberlin on the strength of two goals from sophomore **David Krems (Lakewood, OH/Lakewood)** ... **KENYON** freshman **Felix Hoffmann (Bergheim, Germany/Trinity-Pawling, NY)** scored twice and assisted on another goal to direct the Lords to a 3-0 win over Wabash. Hoffman has 16 goals thus far this season, matching **Tony Mohammed's** 16 goals during the 1996 season for the seventh-best, single-season mark in the program's history ... **BERLIN** dropped its only game of the week, 2-1 to Hiram. Junior **Kyle Taljan (North Ridgeville, OH/St. Ignatius)** put the Yeomen on the board with his first goal of the season ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** freshman forward **Tyler Wall (Columbus, OH/Upper Arlington)** scored a pair of second-half goals to lift the Bishops over Denison, 2-0, last week. He then set up classmate **Chad Baker's (Dublin, OH/Jerome)** game-winning goal in a 1-0 victory over Earlham. Ohio Wesleyan out-shot their opponents 29-13 last week and senior netminder **Jamison Dague (Bexley, OH/Bexley)** made six saves in the two games ... **WABASH** edged Franklin, 1-0, to snap an 11-game losing streak. Sophomore **Diego Aliaga (La Paz, Bolivia/UDLP)** scored his first career goal to hand the Little Giants the lead in the 14th minute. Senior goalkeeper **Jon Miller (Indianapolis, IN/Brebeuf)** made the goal stand as the game-winner, recording six saves and posting his second shutout of the season. Wabash closed out the week with a 3-0 loss to first-place (tie) Kenyon ... **WITTENBERG** junior **Shane Price (Minford, OH/Minford)** leads the Tigers with 28 points, thanks to the five goals he scored in a pair of Tiger victories last week. Price notched a hat trick in the Tigers' 4-1 win over Earlham and then was responsible for both goals in a 2-0 win over Allegheny ... **WOOSTER** freshman goalkeeper **Jordan O'Boyle (Hudson, OH/Western Reserve Academy)** made four saves during a scoreless second half in the Fighting Scot's 3-0 loss at Denison.

WOMEN'S SOCCER REPORT -- RACE FOR NCAC CHAMPIONSHIP GOES DOWN TO THE WIRE

The outcome of one of the most competitive seasons of North Coast Athletic Conference women's soccer won't be determined until the final day of the regular season as six teams enter the final week of the season with at least an outside shot at the championship. Also up for grabs are the four spots in the season-ending NCAC Tournament, contested to decide the conference's automatic qualifier into the NCAA Division III Tournament.

Wittenberg (5-0-1, 14-2-1) enters the week as the NCAC's only unbeaten team in conference play. The Tigers have a narrow four-point advantage in the standings and look to strengthen that lead with a pair of road games. The Tigers travel to fifth-place (tie) Kenyon (3-2-1, 8-5-2) on Tuesday and to third-place (tie) Ohio Wesleyan (3-1-2, 8-4-4) on Friday. Wittenberg has never won an NCAC championship in women's soccer, although the Tigers did claim their first NCAC Tourney title last fall.

Earlham (4-2-0, 12-3-1) sits in second place – a mere point ahead of the two teams tied for third and two points ahead of the three teams tied for fifth. The Quakers are gunning for their first women's soccer title, as well as their first conference tournament berth. Earlham hosts third-place (tie) Denison (3-1-2, 10-4-2) on Wednesday and then travels to fifth-place (tie) Wooster (3-2-1, 11-4-1) on Saturday.

Ohio Wesleyan shares third place with Denison. The Battling Bishops and Big Red are also in the hunt for the league title. Ohio Wesleyan leads all NCAC teams with eight championships, the last coming in 2004; Denison is not far behind with six, the last coming in 2005. Ohio Wesleyan will host Wooster on Wednesday in addition to the Bishops' contest with Wittenberg on Friday. Denison closes out its week at home against eighth-place (tie) Hiram (0-6-0, 8-9-0) on Saturday. The Big Red also play at Earlham earlier in the week.

Wooster, Kenyon and Allegheny (3-3-1, 5-7-2) enter the week tied for fifth. The Fighting Scots and the defending champion Ladies are mathematically in the running for the NCAC title as they each have two games left to play – they would each have the opportunity to earn six points with a pair of wins. However, clinching the championship would involve losses by the teams above them in the standings and hopes to win any tiebreakers with current champion Wittenberg. Allegheny has only one game left on its schedule; the best possible finish for the Gators would be second. Wooster, Kenyon and Allegheny are also in the hunt for one of the four conference tournament berths. Wooster plays at Ohio Wesleyan on Wednesday and hosts Earlham on Saturday. Kenyon hosts Wittenberg on Tuesday and then returns home to face Allegheny on Saturday.

Oberlin (0-7-0, 2-11-1) and Hiram enter the final week of the season with a goal of their own – each team is in the hunt for its first NCAC win of the fall. The Yeowomen and Terriers meet in Hiram on Wednesday.

Polls: Wittenberg is ranked 12th and Denison 24th in the national NSCAA/adidas poll. The Tigers are first in the Great Lakes Region, followed by the Big Red in third and Ohio Wesleyan in sixth. Kenyon received votes in the poll. D3Kicks.com ranks Wittenberg 24th in their national Top 25. Denison received votes in the poll.

Notes: **ALLEGHENY** posted back-to-back victories over Hiram, 1-0, and Oberlin, 3-1, before falling to first-place Wittenberg, 1-0. Junior **Katie Murphy (Venetia, PA/Peters Township)** scored twice in the win over Oberlin, becoming the first Gator to score multiple goals in a single game this season. She leads Allegheny with five goals and is tied for the team lead with 10 points. **Ashley Miller (North Huntingdon, PA/Norwin)** scored Allegheny's only goal in the win over Hiram ... **DENISON** and Ohio Wesleyan played to a scoreless tie, the second for the Big Red in the past seven days. The tie gave each of the teams a share of third place in the NCAC standings. Denison opened its week with a 1-0 win over Wooster, thanks to the fifth goal of the season from junior **Sarah Ash (Cincinnati, OH/Sycamore)**. Senior goalkeeper **Liz Gillette (Chardon, OH/NDCL)** is working a string of three consecutive shutouts; she has 35 for her career. Gillette posted five saves in the double-overtime tie against Ohio Wesleyan and two in the win over Wooster. This fall, she has made 45 saves and has a 0.60 goals against average ... **EARLHAM** celebrated Homecoming by establishing a new standard with its 6-3 win over Hiram. The victory was the Quakers' 12th of the season, the most since the 1999 squad picked up 11 victories. Earlham has also found the back of the net a school-record 45 times this season, topping the old mark of 40 goals set in 1999. Junior **Maddie Daskovsky (Evanston, IL/Evanston)**, sophomore **Callie Thompson (Louisville, KY/Dupont Manual)** and freshman **Karman Duchon (Decatur, GA/Decatur)** scored two goals apiece in the victory. Daskovsky and Duchon also recorded two assists apiece giving Duchon 11 for the season which ties **Lacy Berns'** school record (set in 1999). The Quakers opened the week with a 3-0 loss to Wittenberg, which snapped Earlham's four-game win streak ... Freshman **Claire Connor (Aurora, OH/Aurora)** scored twice in a 6-3 loss to Earlham to break the **HIRAM** single-season goal scoring record. She has 13 goals this season, surpassing the previous mark of 11, posted by **Megan Crum** during the 2004 campaign. Connor passed Crum for the single-season points record with 29 points off 13 goals and three assists. Crum turned in 28 points in 2004. Hiram also dropped a 1-0 decision to Allegheny last week ... **KENYON** pitched two shutouts last week courtesy of a solid defensive effort and stellar goalkeeping. The Ladies knocked off Oberlin, 2-0 and Case Western Reserve, 1-0. Senior 'keeper **Rosie Davis (Decatur, GA/Decatur)** made a combined nine saves to post her sixth and seventh shutouts of the season. Davis has not allowed a goal in the Ladies' last 283 minutes of play ... Junior **Leah McElhatton (Rocklin, CA/Rocklin)** scored **OBERLIN'S** lone goal last week. The Yeowomen fell to Kenyon, 2-0, Allegheny, 3-1, and Wooster, 3-0 ... **OHIO WESLEYAN** battled Denison to a scoreless double-overtime tie last week. Denison enjoyed a 6-2 edge in shots during the first half, but OWU freshman goalie **Laura VanHoey (Rochester, MI/Rochester)** recorded three saves to keep the Big Red off the scoreboard. The Bishops had a 5-3 advantage in shots in the second half, but couldn't find the back of the net. VanHoey finished with five saves as the Big Red out shot the Bishops, 12-8. The tie ensured that Ohio Wesleyan and Denison enter the coming week tied for third ... **WITTENBERG** 'keeper **Meghan O'Rourke (Columbus, OH/Worthington Kilbourne)** added another shutout to her NCAC career shutout record – she now has 43 after blanking Allegheny, 1-0, last week. O'Rourke owes a huge thanks to senior defender **Rachel Morgan (Cincinnati, OH/Colerain)** after Morgan cleared a ball from the penalty box in the second half of the win over Allegheny. O'Rourke and an Allegheny forward tangled up at the top of the 18-yard box and ended up on the ground. Morgan recovered to force the ball back up field. Wittenberg has posted a school-record 14 shutouts this season, bettering the team mark of 13 set each of the past two years. The Tigers also shutout Earlham, 3-0, last week ... **WOOSTER** head coach **David "Geordie" Brown** notched his

200th career win when the Scots defeated Oberlin, 3-0. He has posted a 200-99-23 (.657) record over his 17 seasons at Wooster and is the winningest coach in Scots women's soccer history. Junior forward **Letitia Clark (West Chester, PA/George School)** recorded her first career two-goal game to help Wooster to the victory, raising her season total to five goals, also a career high. The Scots opened the week with a 1-0 loss to Denison.

SWIMMING & DIVING REPORT -- DENISON WOMEN AND KENYON MEN WIN SEASON-OPENING NCAC RELAYS

Swimming & diving season got officially under way at last weekend's North Coast Athletic Conference Relays. Denison outscored second-place Kenyon, 172-156, to win the women's meet, followed by Allegheny (98) in third, Wooster (94) in fourth and Wittenberg (82) in fifth. Ohio Wesleyan (72), Oberlin (62) and Hiram (56) took places six through eight. On the men's side, Kenyon claimed victory over second-place Denison, 176 points to 174, followed by Wabash in third with 140 points. Wooster took fourth with 88 points, followed by Wittenberg in fifth with 68. Hiram (64), Ohio Wesleyan (54), Allegheny (38) and Oberlin (34) took places six through nine.

This week's schedule: the Allegheny men and women host Clarion on Wednesday; Denison will split its squads on Saturday, with half hosting Oberlin and half traveling to Ohio Wesleyan; the Kenyon women will compete against Ohio University and Ohio State University on Saturday; Wabash will swim at Transylvania on Friday and at Carthage on Saturday; Wittenberg will host Wooster on Saturday; the Fighting Scots will also host Mt. Union on Friday.

VOLLEYBALL REPORT -- WITTENBERG, HIRAM AND WOOSTER CLINCH TOURNEY SLOTS

Wittenberg (12-0, 29-0) has clinched at least a share of its second-straight, and league-leading 13th overall North Coast Athletic Conference championship. Hiram could grab a share of its second NCAC championship if the Terriers win both of their remaining matches, and Wittenberg drops both of its final matches. The Tigers, however, have clinched the top seed in the 2007 NCAC Volleyball Tournament after defeating second-place Hiram (10-2, 23-4) in straight sets last week. The NCAC Tourney will be held Friday and Saturday, November 2-3 at Wittenberg. The top four teams after the completion of the regular season qualify for the season-ending event, which is held in order to determine the league's automatic qualifier into the NCAA Division III Tournament.

This week, the Tigers host fourth-place Earlham (5-7, 11-14) on Wednesday and fifth-place (tie) Denison (4-7, 10-12) Friday to wrap up their conference season. On Saturday, the top-ranked Tigers host the Wittenberg Fall Classic, featuring second-ranked Juniata, sixth-ranked Carthage and the University of Dallas. The Tigers have won 53 games in a row this season, four shy of the NCAA Division III mark, set earlier this season by Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Wittenberg is the only undefeated team remaining in all of Division III.

Hiram faces seventh-place Allegheny (3-9, 12-14) and eighth-place Oberlin (1-11, 6-17) in the final week. Wooster (8-4, 13-13) is third and will travel to fifth-place (tie) Ohio Wesleyan (4-7, 11-14) on Wednesday, then will head to Denison on Saturday.

Wittenberg, Hiram and Wooster are the only teams assured of a spot in the Tournament. The race for the fourth, and final, playoff spot involves Earlham, Ohio Wesleyan and Denison. The Quakers start the week with a half-game lead in the standings and two matches to play. The Battling Bishops and Big Red, tied for fifth, are each a half game behind the Quakers. All three squads have tough schedules ahead in the final week. The Quakers play Wittenberg and Ohio Wesleyan, while the Bishops play Wooster, Earlham and Allegheny. Denison meets Oberlin, Wittenberg and Wooster.

Poll: In the CSTV/AVCA Division III Coaches Poll (Oct. 16), Wittenberg is ranked first with 23 of 24 first place votes, ahead of second-ranked Juniata, which received the final first-place vote. Wittenberg is one of just eight schools in the 15-year history of the AVCA poll to be ranked in the top spot. Hiram stands in 22nd.

Notes: **ALLEGHENY** fell out of contention for an NCAC tournament spot with three conference losses last week, to Wooster (3-0), Wittenberg (3-0) and Earlham (3-1). Against the Scots, **Annie Schulthes (Canton, OH/GlenOak)** smashed eight kills and 21 digs. Leading the Gators against the top-ranked Tigers was **Amanda Bancroft (Centerville, PA/Maplewood)**, who dished out 24 of the team's 27 kills. Allegheny scored at least 20 points in each game against the Tigers - marking the fourth time this season, and the first time in their NCAC contests, that a Wittenberg opponent scored at least 20 points in all three games. Schulthes had team highs with 18 kills and 14 digs against the Quakers ... Despite losing to Earlham (3-1) and Ohio Wesleyan (3-1) last week, **DENISON** is still in the running for the last NCAC tournament slot. Senior **Kelsey Bruce (Upper Arlington, OH/Upper Arlington)** posted 22 kills against OWU and 11 versus Earlham. Bruce is 11 kills shy of the 1,000th kill of her career ... With a 2-1 week, **EARLHAM** lifted itself into fourth place in the standings and greatly improved its chances to qualify for the North Coast Tournament. **Lisa Vanderkolk (Bluffton, IN/Bluffton)** led the way with 47 kills and 11 blocks ... Senior **Megan Taylor (Cortland, OH/Lakeview)** led **HIRAM** to a 2-1 week. The Terriers fell to Wittenberg, 3-0, and knocked off Earlham (3-0) to all but assure themselves the second seed in the tournament. Hiram also defeated Heidelberg, 3-2, last week. Taylor posted 35 kills (3.18 per game), 65 assists and 20 digs in the three matches ... **OBERLIN** won its first NCAC match since the 2003 season when they defeated Ohio Wesleyan, 3-2. The Yeowomen also defeated non-conference Chatham (3-0) and Thiel (3-0) last week, and lost to Wooster (3-0). Freshman **Maggie Jacobson (Carefree, AZ/Cactus Shadow)** led the way with 16 kills and 1.5 blocks against the Scots, seven kills and 10 digs against OWU and 2.5 blocks against Thiel .. Senior libero **Jaime Scharpf (Marion, OH/River Valley)** became **OHIO WESLEYAN'S** all-time leader for career digs. She recorded 35 digs in a 3-1 defeat of Denison, which gives her 2206 for career. The Bishops also lost to Oberlin, 3-2. Senior outside hitter **Steffi Graf (Poland, OH/Seminary)** led the team in both contests, recording 19 kills, nine blocks and 34 digs against the Yeowomen, and adding 15 kills against Denison ... Top-ranked **WITTENBERG** clinched a share of the NCAC regular season title and the top seed in the NCAC



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NCAC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK (Oct. 21)

FIELD HOCKEY

Wittenberg freshman goalkeeper **Liana Began (Hudson, OH/Hudson)** made her fifth and sixth career starts last week and wound up with a pair of 2-1 victories. Against Denison, she made nine saves and in an overtime win over Wooster, she made six more to total 15 saves on the week.

FOOTBALL (OFFENSIVE)

Earlham senior receiver **Joe White (Richmond, IN/Richmond)** caught seven passes for 139 yards and three touchdowns in a 42-35 defeat of Kenyon. White also made one catch on a third-down conversion on the Quakers' game-winning drive.

FOOTBALL (DEFENSIVE)

Wittenberg freshman linebacker **Brad McKinley (Hilliard, OH/Davidson)** was a hero in the late minutes of the Tigers' game against Ohio Wesleyan. He stopped a Battling Bishop drive with an interception on the OWU 46-yard line and returned it 37 yards to clinch the Tigers' 21-61 victory. McKinley also recorded a game-best 16 stops, one tackle for a loss and a half sack in the game.

MEN'S SOCCER

Denison senior forward **Ryan Linn (Zanesville, OH/West Muskingum)** scored three first-half goals to lead the Big Red to a 3-0 shutout over Wooster and a 1-1 week. Linn's first career hat trick, which included an impressive goal off a rare bicycle kick, catapulted him to the top of the Denison scoring list this fall as he now has seven goals. He has 19 goals in his Big Red career. He also leads the Big Red with 16 points (7 goals, 2 assists).

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Allegheny junior midfielder **Katie Murphy (Venetia, PA/Peters Township)** scored twice in a 3-1 win over Oberlin, becoming the first Gator to score multiple goals in a single game this season. She leads Allegheny with five goals and is tied for the team lead with 10 points. Allegheny posted a 2-1 week, also defeating Hiram, 1-0, and falling to first-place Wittenberg, 1-0.

VOLLEYBALL

Oberlin freshman **Maggie Jacobson (Carefree, AZ/Cactus Shadow)** led the way with 16 kills and 1.5 blocks in a straight set loss to Wooster, and seven kills and 10 digs in a 3-2 defeat of Ohio Wesleyan. The victory over the Battling Bishops was Oberlin's first conference victory since the 2003 season. Jacobsen also contributed 2.5 blocks in a 3-0 defeat of Thiel.

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tournament after defeating Hiram and Allegheny last week. The Tigers have won 53 straight games over 17 matches and 78 of their last 82 games. The lone undefeated team remaining in Division III at 29-0, the Tigers were led last week by senior outside hitter **Emily Bell (Fort Wayne, IN/Concordia Lutheran)**, with 19 digs and 12 kills against Allegheny, and 24 digs, two service aces and 12 kills against Hiram ... **WOOSTER** won twice last week to remain in the race for the NCAC tournament. Junior libero **Ali Drushal (Lakeville, OH/West Holmes)** registered 59 digs in three-game sweeps of Allegheny and Oberlin for an average of 9.83 per game. Drushal became the Scots' all-time leader in digs. She enters the final week of the season with 2,214. During the third game of the match against Allegheny, Drushal served 18 straight points, the eighth-longest streak (Division III) of consecutive points served under the current 30 point system.