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NCAC All-Sports Update

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DENISON, OHIO WESLEYAN SHARE ALL-SPORTS TITLE; FIRST TIE IN 25-YEAR NORTH COAST HISTORY

CLEVELAND -- The best parties end on a high note. So, it's fitting that the North Coast Athletic Conference's 25th anniversary year closes with a bang - an extraordinary tie for first place in the annual All-Sports standings. Denison and Ohio Wesleyan close out the 2008-09 season with matching 159.5 point totals to share this year's All-Sports championship. This is the first tie for the trophy in the conference's history.

Denison entered the spring season with a half-point lead over then second-place Wittenberg. The Big Red claimed titles in men's lacrosse, softball and women's tennis this spring to help them retain their hold on the top spot. Overall, Denison earned seven NCAC championships and added nine other top-five finishes on the way to its 11th overall trophy, and first since the 2005-06 season. The Big Red also won the All-Sports crown a record nine consecutive years from 1997-98 through 2005-06 and in 1985-86.

Ohio Wesleyan entered the spring season one point back in third place. The Battling Bishops matched Denison's spring championship count with crowns in golf and men's and women's (tie) outdoor track & field to climb into first place. On the year, Ohio Wesleyan took home six championship trophies and also posted 10 top-five finishes on its way to its third straight, and ninth overall All-Sports trophy. The Bishops also won the All-Sports crown six straight times between the 1988-89 season and the 1993-94 campaign.

Wittenberg totalled 147.0 points to earn third place, the Tigers' best finish since back-to-back third place standings in 2001-02 and 2002-03. They turned in top-five finishes in 18 of 22 sports, including the volleyball championship in the fall. Allegheny (141.0) finished fourth, followed by Wooster (139.5) and Kenyon (137.5) in fifth and sixth, respectively. Oberlin (108.5), Wabash (66.0), Hiram (57.5) and Earlham (51.0) rounded out positions seven through 10.

Wooster claimed four conference titles over the 2008-09 academic year to improve one spot from last year. The Fighting Scots gained trophies in field hockey, men's basketball, baseball and women's lacrosse. Kenyon won the women's cross country and men's tennis championships and Allegheny, Oberlin and Wabash each took home one crown. The Gators in men's cross country, the Yeowomen in women's indoor track & field (tie) and the Little Giants in football.

The All-Sports award is given annually to the school that performs the best across the NCAC's 22 sports. Ten points are awarded for a first-place finish, nine for a second, eight for a third, and so on. Men's and women's performances are combined, exemplifying the North Coast's commitment to equity and balance among programs. Wooster won three of the first four All-Sports championships, interrupted only by Denison in year two. Ohio Wesleyan followed with a six-year run leading to titles by Wooster (twice), Wittenberg (once), Denison (nine) and finally OWU the last two years.

Ohio Wesleyan leads the way with 118 team championships during the NCAC's 25 playing seasons. Denison is next with 104 titles, followed by Allegheny (103), Kenyon (94), Wooster (68) and Wittenberg (62).

NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE 2008-09 All-Sports Standings (Final)

<u>School</u>	<u>Points</u>
1. Denison University.....	159.5
Ohio Wesleyan University	159.5
3. Wittenberg University	147.0
4. Allegheny College.....	141.0
5. College of Wooster.....	139.5
6. Kenyon College	137.5
7. Oberlin College.....	108.5
8. Wabash College	66.0
9. Hiram College.....	57.5
10. Earlham College.....	51.0

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2008-09 ALL-SPORTS STANDINGS

	ALL	DEN	ERL	HIR	KEN	OBE	OWU	WAB *	WIT	WOO
Cross Country, Men	10.0	9.0	2.0	1.0	7.0	6.0	5.0	8.0	4.0	3.0
Cross Country, Women	6.0	5.0	3.0	2.0	10.0	8.0	9.0	--	7.0	4.0
Field Hockey	--	4.5	6.0	--	8.0	4.5	9.0	--	7.0	10.0
Football	6.5	6.5	6.5	3.0	1.0	3.0	3.0	10.0	6.5	9.0
Soccer, Men	6.0	4.0	2.0	8.5	7.0	5.0	10.0	1.0	8.5	3.0
Soccer, Women	8.5	10.0	5.0	2.0	4.0	3.0	6.0	--	8.5	7.0
Volleyball	7.5	6.0	3.0	7.5	2.0	4.5	4.5	--	10.0	9.0
Fall	44.5	45.0	27.5	24.0	39.0	34.0	46.5	19.0	51.5	45.0
Basketball, Men	4.5	3.0	2.0	8.0	6.5	1.0	9.0	4.5	6.5	10.0
Basketball, Women	7.5	10.0	2.0	4.0	9.0	3.0	7.5	--	6.0	5.0
Swimming, Men	5.0	10.0	--	2.0	9.0	4.0	3.0	7.0	8.0	6.0
Swimming, Women	8.0	10.0	--	3.0	9.0	5.0	4.0	--	6.0	7.0
Indoor Track, Men	9.0	7.5	2.0	1.0	3.0	7.5	10.0	6.0	5.0	4.0
Indoor Track, Women	8.0	5.0	4.0	2.0	3.0	9.5	9.5	--	7.0	6.0
Winter	42.0	45.5	10.0	20.0	39.5	30.0	43.0	17.5	38.5	38.0
Baseball	5.5	5.5	1.5	1.5	9.0	3.5	7.5	7.5	3.5	10.0
Golf	8.0	7.0	--	3.0	4.0	2.0	10.0	6.0	9.0	5.0
Lacrosse, Men	5.0	10.0	--	--	8.0	5.0	9.0	--	6.0	7.0
Lacrosse, Women	5.0	7.0	--	--	9.0	4.0	6.0	--	8.0	10.0
Softball	8.0	10.0	--	9.0	5.0	3.0	6.5	--	6.5	4.0
Tennis, Men	4.0	9.0	2.0	--	10.0	3.0	6.0	8.0	7.0	5.0
Tennis, Women	7.0	10.0	3.0	--	9.0	8.0	5.0	--	6.0	4.0
Outdoor Track, Men	9.0	5.5	3.0	--	2.0	7.0	10.0	8.0	4.0	5.5
Outdoor Track, Women	8.0	5.0	4.0	--	3.0	9.0	10.0	--	7.0	6.0
Spring	54.5	69.0	13.5	13.5	59.0	44.5	70.0	29.5	57.0	56.5
2008-09 TOTALS	141.0	159.5	51.0	57.5	137.5	108.5	159.5	66.0	147.0	139.5

Note: Points awarded on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis.

* Wabash is an all-male institution