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NCAC All-Sports Update

OHIO WESLEYAN CLAIMS SEVENTH ALL-SPORTS TITLE; BATTLING BISHOPS CLAIM 10 TOP-TWO FINISHES IN 2006-07

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CLEVELAND -- Ohio Wesleyan posted top-two finishes in 10 of 22 sports on the way to its seventh North Coast Athletic Conference All-Sports Championship, and first since the 1993-94 season. The Battling Bishops' win halts the nine-year streak of championships posted by runner-up Denison. Ohio Wesleyan opened the year with a championship in men's soccer and a second-place finish in men's cross country, but was one and one-half points behind the then first-place Big Red at the conclusion of the fall season. Denison strengthened its hold on top spot in the standings and held a two and one-half point lead over the Bishops after a winter season in which OWU claimed the women's indoor track & field title and finished second in men's indoor track. Ohio Wesleyan surged past the Big Red with a strong spring performance. The Bishops earned four championships and three additional top-five finishes this spring to compile a league-leading 75.0 points, giving Ohio Wesleyan a year-long total of 165.5. The Bishops also won the All-Sports crown six straight times between the 1988-89 season to the 1993-94 campaign.

Denison totalled 164.0 points to earn second place. The Big Red turned in seven top-five spring finishes, and 18 overall, including the women's basketball, softball and women's tennis championships. Allegheny (150.5) finished third, followed by Wooster (145.0) and Wittenberg (142.5) in fourth and fifth, respectively. Kenyon (131.0), Oberlin (105.0), Wabash (63.0), Earlham (53.5) and Hiram (50.0) took positions six through ten.

Ohio Wesleyan's championship campaign was highlighted by six NCAC titles -- men's soccer in the fall, women's indoor track & field in the winter and baseball, golf, men's lacrosse and women's outdoor track & field in the spring. The Bishops picked up 16 top-five finishes to cement their All-Sports win. In addition to Ohio Wesleyan, Wooster also improved its position in the final standings from last year. The Fighting Scots moved up two spots from last spring's sixth-place finish courtesy of conference championships in field hockey, men's basketball and women's lacrosse. Overall, Wooster turned in 18 top-five finishes over the 2006-07 academic year.

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) and finally Denison in each of the past nine seasons.

Ohio Wesleyan leads the way with 106 team championships during the NCAC's 23 playing seasons. Allegheny is next with 98 titles, followed by Denison (95), Kenyon (86), Wooster (62) and Wittenberg (58).

NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE 2006-07 All-Sports Standings (Final)

School	Points
1. Ohio Wesleyan University	165.5
2. Denison University	164.0
3. Allegheny College	150.5
4. College of Wooster	145.0
5. Wittenberg University	142.5
6. Kenyon College	131.0
7. Oberlin College	105.0
8. Wabash College	63.0
9. Earlham College	53.5
10. Hiram College	50.0

NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE 2006-07 ALL-SPORTS STANDINGS

	ALL	DEN	ERL	HIR	KEN	OBE	OWU	WAB *	WIT	WOO
Cross Country, Men	10.0	8.0	4.0	1.0	5.0	6.0	9.0	7.0	2.0	3.0
Cross Country, Women	9.0	7.0	3.0	2.0	5.0	10.0	8.0	--	4.0	6.0
Field Hockey	--	7.0	4.0	--	8.0	6.0	5.0	--	9.0	10.0
Football	6.5	4.0	2.0	1.0	4.0	6.5	4.0	9.5	9.5	8.0
Soccer, Men	7.0	9.0	1.0	3.0	4.0	8.0	10.0	2.0	5.0	6.0
Soccer, Women	5.0	7.5	4.0	2.5	10.0	2.5	6.0	--	9.0	7.5
Volleyball	5.0	8.0	3.5	9.0	3.5	2.0	7.0	--	10.0	6.0
Fall	42.5	50.5	21.5	18.5	39.5	41.0	49.0	18.5	48.5	46.5
Basketball, Men	7.0	2.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	1.0	8.0	6.0	9.0	10.0
Basketball, Women	8.5	10.0	3.5	2.0	7.0	3.5	5.5	--	8.5	5.5
Swimming, Men	5.0	9.0	--	3.0	10.0	2.0	4.0	8.0	6.0	7.0
Swimming, Women	7.0	9.0	--	3.0	10.0	4.0	5.0	--	8.0	6.0
Indoor Track, Men	10.0	7.0	2.0	1.0	5.0	3.0	9.0	8.0	4.0	6.0
Indoor Track, Women	9.0	7.0	5.0	2.0	3.0	8.0	10.0	--	6.0	4.0
Winter	46.5	44.0	14.5	15.0	39.0	21.5	41.5	22.0	41.5	38.5
Baseball	7.5	7.5	1.5	1.5	5.5	3.5	10.0	3.5	5.5	9.0
Golf	9.0	6.0	--	4.0	3.0	2.0	10.0	5.0	8.0	7.0
Lacrosse, Men	--	9.0	--	--	8.0	5.0	10.0	--	6.0	7.0
Lacrosse, Women	6.0	8.0	--	--	7.0	5.0	9.0	--	4.0	10.0
Softball	8.0	10.0	--	7.0	6.0	3.0	5.0	--	9.0	4.0
Tennis, Men	8.0	9.0	2.0	--	10.0	5.0	4.0	6.0	3.0	7.0
Tennis, Women	4.0	10.0	5.0	--	9.0	7.0	8.0	--	6.0	3.0
Outdoor Track, Men	10.0	5.0	3.0	1.0	2.0	4.0	9.0	8.0	7.0	6.0
Outdoor Track, Women	9.0	5.0	6.0	3.0	2.0	8.0	10.0	--	4.0	7.0
Spring	61.5	69.5	17.5	16.5	52.5	42.5	75.0	22.5	52.5	60.0
2006-07 TOTALS	150.5	164.0	53.5	50.0	131.0	105.0	165.5	63.0	142.5	145.0

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

* Wabash is an all-male institution