

NCAC All-Sports Winter Update WITTENBERG TAKES ALL-SPORTS LEAD; TIGERS EARN AT LEAST A SHARE OF THREE TITLES

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CLEVELAND, OH -- Wittenberg University posted four top-five finishes, which included two NCAC championships and a share of a third title, to take a slim lead in the race for the 2023-24 North Coast Athletic Conference All-Sports Championship.

The Tigers earned a share of their league-leading 14th <u>women's basketball</u> title after finishing the regular season with an 11-3 record against league foes, while also winning both the <u>men's and women's indoor track & field</u> championships and placing third in <u>men's basketball</u>. The Tigers accumulated 50 all-sport points during the winter season and now hold a narrow one-and-a-half-point lead over DePauw, 111.5-110.0, in the race for the coveted <u>Dennis M. Collins All-Sports Trophy</u>. The Indiana Tigers, who racked up 46.0 all-sports points in the winter season, captured a share of their 11th women's basketball title in the last 12 seasons of conference competition, finished as the runner-up at the women's indoor track & field championship and placed third at the <u>women's swimming & diving</u> championship.

Denison, which captured a runner-up finish at both the men's and women's swimming & diving championships, earned fourth in both men's and women's basketball and claimed fifth at both the men's and women's indoor track & field championships, sits in third with 105 points. Ohio Wesleyan is fourth with 102 points after the Battling Bishops claimed a share of their sixth women's basketball title and placed third at the women's track & field championship. Wooster holds fifth with 92 points; the Fighting Scots took second in men's basketball and placed fourth at the men's and women's swimming & diving and men's and women's track & field championships. Kenyon is sixth in the all-sports standings with 85.5 points after winning their league-leading 26th men's swimming & diving and 28th women's swimming & diving championships. The Owls were followed by Oberlin in seventh (82), Wabash in eighth (55) and Hiram in ninth (46). Wabash picked up the last conference title of the winter season, as the Little Giants captured their second title in men's basketball.

The All-Sports champion earns the Dennis M. Collins All-Sports Trophy, given annually to the school that performs the best across the NCAC's 23 sports. Eleven points are awarded for a first-place finish, ten for a second, nine 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), OWU (twice), and then a tie between Denison and OWU in 2009. Wittenberg earned its second All-Sports title in 2010, followed by Denison in 2011 and DePauw in 2012. Denison then claimed back-to-back titles in 2013 and 2014, before DePauw regained the championship in 2015. The Big Red reclaimed the title after the 2015-16 academic year, followed by DePauw in 2017 before Denison once again earned back-to-back titles the next two years. An all-sports trophy was not awarded in 2020 or 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Big Red then secured the 2022 and 2023 titles to collect the last four trophies.

Denison leads the way with 171 <u>team championships</u> during the NCAC's 40 playing seasons. Ohio Wesleyan is next with 161 titles, followed by Kenyon (139), Wittenberg (121), Wooster (85), DePauw (44), Wabash (34), Oberlin (26) and Hiram (2).

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NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE 2023-24 All-Sports Standings (Winter)

MEN'S STANDINGS

Sc	Points	
1.	Wabash	55.0
2.	Denison	50.0
3.	Wittenberg	48.0
4.	Wooster	46.0
5.	DePauw	42.0
6.	Kenyon	40.0
7.	Oberlin	39.5
8.	Ohio Wesleyan	37.5
9.	Hiram	

COMBINED STANDINGS

School Points					
1.	Wittenberg	111.5			
2.	DePauw	110.0			
3.	Denison	105.0			
4.	Ohio Wesleyan	102.0			
5.	Wooster	92.0			
6.	Kenyon	85.5			
7.	Oberlin	82.0			
8.	Wabash *	55.0			
9.	Hiram	46.0			

WOMEN'S STANDINGS

Sc	hool	Points
1.	DePauw	68.0
2.	Ohio Wesleyan	64.5
3.	Wittenberg	63.5
4.	Denison	55.0
5.	Wooster	46.0
6.	Kenyon	45.5
7.	Oberlin	42.5
8.	Hiram	29.0

* - Wabash is an all-male institution

NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE 2023-24 ALL-SPORTS STANDINGS

	DEN	DPU	HIR	KEN	OBE	OWU	WAB *	WIT	woo
Cross Country, Men	7.0	6.0	0.00	5.0	10.0	4.0	11.0	9.0	8.0
Cross Country, Women	5.0	10.0	4.0	6.0	8.0	9.0	-	11.0	7.0
Field Hockey	10.0	9.0	-	7.5	3.0	11.0	-	6.0	7.5
Football	9.0	11.0	4.0	5.0	3.0	7.0	9.0	9.0	6.0
Soccer, Men	9.0	8.0	3.0	11.0	4.0	10.0	5.0	7.0	6.0
Soccer, Women	8.0	9.0	4.0	5.5	5.5	10.5	-	10.5	7.0
Volleyball	7.0	11.0	7.0	5.0	7.0	10.0	-	9.0	4.0
Fall	55.0	64.0	22.0	45.0	40.5	61.5	25.0	61.5	45.5
Basketball, Men	8.0	5.0	3.0	4.0	6.5	6.5	11.0	9.0	10.0
Basketball, Women	8.0	10.0	6.0	4.5	7.0	10.0	-	10.0	4.5
Swimming, Men	10.0	6.0	4.0	11.0	7.0	5.0	9.0	3.0	8.0
Swimming, Women	10.0	9.0	4.0	11.0	7.0	5.0	-	6.0	8.0
Indoor Track, Men	7.0	6.0	3.0	4.0	9.0	5.0	10.0	11.0	8.0
Indoor Track, Women	7.0	10.0	4.0	6.0	5.0	9.0	-	11.0	8.0
Winter	50.0	46.0	24.0	40.5	41.5	40.5	30.0	50.0	46.5
Baseball									
Golf, Men					-				
Golf, Women				-	-		-		
Lacrosse, Men									
Lacrosse, Women			-				-		
Softball							-		
Tennis, Men			-						
Tennis, Women			-				-		
Outdoor Track, Men									
Outdoor Track, Women							-		
Spring	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2023-24 TOTALS	105.0	110.0	46.0	85.5	82.0	102.0	55.0	111.5	92.0

Note: Points awarded on a 11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis.

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