



**2004 NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving Championships
Thursday-Saturday, February 12-14
C.T. Branin Natatorium; Canton, Ohio**

**2004 NCAC Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving Championships
DENISON WOMEN PASS KENYON TO TAKE LEAD AT NCAC CHAMPIONSHIPS;
KENYON MEN HOLD ONTO FIRST IN MEN'S RACE**

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CANTON, Ohio – The Denison women opened the evening with a win in the first event of the night - the 200 medley relay (1:46.96). The Big Red women then proceeded to turn in 13 top-five finishes on their way to 1,040.50 points and the top of the team standings after the second full day of competition at the North Coast Athletic Conference Swimming & Diving Championships. The Kenyon men retained the lead they earned during the first day of competition. Three first-place finishes propelled the Lords to a 64-point lead over second-place Denison (1,076 and 1,012 points, respectively).

The Denison men won three events, including a victory in the 200 medley relay (1:34.46). The win by the Big Red combination of senior **Rob Lisy (Solon, OH/Solon)**, senior **Albert Bedenbaugh-Cortes (Miami, FL/Miami Country Day)**, junior **Joel Rector (Monroeville, IN/Concordia Lutheran)** and senior **Jade Sobek (Billings, MT)** snapped a string of 11 straight Kenyon relay wins. The Denison women also won the 200 medley relay.

In the men's field, Wabash finished the day third with 520 points, followed by Wittenberg (487) in fourth and Wooster (470.50) in fifth. The Fighting Scot women finished third. They compiled 720 points. Wittenberg (616) followed in fourth; Ohio Wesleyan (392) was fifth.

The Kenyon women finished the evening with a trio of conference marks to their credit. Senior **Beth Galloway (Orchard Park, NY/Orchard Park)** topped her own record in the 100 backstroke, turning in a time of 56.35. She set the old record last winter after breaking the record she set in 2002. Recently named to the NCAC Second Decade team, this is her third straight win in the event. Classmate **Agnese Ozolina (Jelgava, Latvia/Jelgava Secondary)** also shattered her own record from last winter, as she won the 200 free (1:51.52). Ozolina was also voted onto the league's Second Decade team in the 200 free. Ladies junior **Meilyn Chan (Republic of Panama/Mercersburg Academy)** established the new standard in the 100 butterfly, besting a mark set in 2001 by Denison's **Molly Parrish**. This is her second straight NCAC 100 fly championship - she tied with Denison's **Jill Boo** at last year's meet. Lords senior **Marc Courtney-Brooks (Columbus, OH/St. Charles Prep)** set a new men's 200 free mark swimming the anchor leg of the winning 800 free relay in 1:37.86. The old mark was set by Kenyon's **Reed Boon** in 2000.

After finishing fifth in the preliminaries, Hiram sophomore **Beth Groselle (Hiram, OH/Crestwood)** won the 100 breaststroke (2:08.54) for the second straight year. The time also met the NCAA Division III automatic qualifying standard. She will compete in the event later this month at the NCAA Championships at St. Peters, Missouri, looking to become the second Terrier national champion. The sole Hiram champion is Groselle's father, **Jack**, the current Terrier head coach. He won the 50 free in 1976. The Hiram women finished the day with 306 points, for seventh place, while the men sit in eighth place, with 237.50 points.

Allegheny senior **Kelley Anderson (Beaver, PA/Beaver)** picked up her fourth consecutive three-meter diving crown. She compiled 433.6 total points. Wittenberg freshman **Cody Nicely (Knoxville, TN/Bearden)** claimed the men's one-meter title (309.40).

The 2004 NCAC Swimming & Diving Championships continue through tomorrow evening. Preliminary events start at 10:00 a.m., while finals begin at 6:30 p.m. with the annual Senior Recognition Ceremony.

Saturday Events

1,650 Freestyle

200 Backstroke

100 Freestyle

200 Breaststroke

200 Butterfly

Women's One-Meter Diving

Men's Three-Meter Diving

400 Freestyle Relay