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2005 NCAC Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving Championships
KENYON MEN AND WOMEN LEAD AFTER FIRST DAY OF COMPETITION

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CANTON, OH -- After 10 events, the Kenyon Lords and Ladies have swum out to early leads in the 2005 North Coast Athletic Conference Swimming & Diving Championships. The Lords won three of five events and also earned two second-place finishes on their way to the top of the leaderboard with 487 points. On the women's side, the Ladies reached the wall first in one of five events, but turned in second-place finishes in the other four events to conclude the first day of competition with 474 points.

In the men's field, Denison finished the day in second with 390 points, followed by Wabash (260) in third and Wittenberg (170) in fourth. The Big Red women also finished second. They compiled 430 points. Wooster (246) followed in third; Wittenberg (201) was fourth.

Two NCAC records fell after the first full day in the pool. Kenyon senior **Elliott Rushton (Delta, BC, Canada/S. Delta Secondary)** established a new mark in the men's 500-yard freestyle finals (4:25.32). He shaved a second off the mark he set during the prelims earlier this morning. The previous record was held by Kenyon's **Dennis Mulvihill (1988, 4:31.47)**. The Denison women's 400 medley relay team of sophomores **Meg Cassell (Albany, OR/South Albany)**, **Maggie Wertz (Richland, WA/Hanford)**, **Mary Dain (Mt. Laurel, NJ/Holy Cross)** and senior **Emmie Dengler** claimed first with a meet-record time of 3:51.70, breaking Kenyon's standard from three years ago.

Hiram junior **Beth Groselle (Hiram, OH/Crestwood)** won the women's 200 IM, touching the wall in 2:07.12 - the fastest time in all of Division III this season.

The 2005 NCAC Swimming & Diving Championships continue through Saturday evening. Preliminary events start at 10:00 a.m. both days, while finals begin at 6:30.

Friday Events

200 Medley Relay
400 Individual Medley
100 Butterfly
200 Freestyle
100 Breaststroke
100 Backstroke
Women's Three-Meter Diving
Men's One-Meter Diving
800 Freestyle Relay

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

2005 NORTH COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving Championships
Thursday-Saturday, February 10-12
C.T. Branin Natatorium; Canton, Ohio

TEAM STANDINGS
(as of Thursday, Feb. 10)

MEN	WOMEN
1. Kenyon (KEN) 487.0	1. Kenyon (KEN) 474.0
2. Denison (DEN) 390.0	2. Denison (DEN) 430.0
3. Wabash (WAB) 260.0	3. Wooster (WOO) 246.0
4. Wittenberg (WIT) 170.0	4. Wittenberg (WIT) 201.0
5. Wooster (WOO) 161.0	5. Hiram (HIR) 175.0
6. Allegheny (ALL) 153.0	6. Oberlin (OBE) 126.0
7. Oberlin (OBE) 151.0	7. Allegheny (ALL) 113.0
8. Hiram (HIR) 131.5	8. Ohio Wesleyan (OWU) 105.0
9. Ohio Wesleyan (OWU) 80.0	

EVENT RESULTS

KEY: * = NCAC Record

^ = NCAA Division III Automatic Qualifier

Event #1 Women's 200 Free Relay

1. Kenyon 1:36.26
2. Denison 1:36.74
3. Wooster 1:38.41
4. Hiram 1:39.88
5. Ohio Wesleyan 1:40.99

Event #6 Men's 200 IM

1. Andrejs, Duda, KEN 1:53.44 ^
2. David DeHart, KEN 1:54.52
3. Gabe Rodrigues, KEN 1:54.87
4. Travis Brennon, KEN 1:55.01
5. Will Wakefield, KEN 1:56.16

Event #2 Men's 200 Free Relay

1. Denison 1:23.40
2. Kenyon 1:24.22
3. Wabash 1:25.23
4. Wooster 1:27.34
5. Allegheny 1:27.81

Event #7 Women's 50 Freestyle

1. Sarah Peck, DEN 24.21
2. Meilyn Chan, KEN 24.29
3. Emmie Dengler, KEN 24.61
4. Katey Klippel, DEN 24.61
5. Jill Boo, DEN 24.70

Event #3 Women's 500 Freestyle

1. Elizabeth Roesch, WOO 5:01.20 ^
2. Rachel Smith, KEN 5:03.25
3. Rebecca Allison, KEN 5:05.92
4. Becca Searcy, WIT 5:08.30
5. Jaime Straub, KEN 5:09.00

Event #8 Men's 50 Freestyle

1. Lowell Byers, DEN 21.18
2. Brad Voreis, DEN 21.47
3. Colin Fahey, WAB 21.51
4. Thomas Ashby, KEN 21.65
Jimmy Berger, KEN 21.65

Event #4 Men's 500 Freestyle

1. Elliott Rushton, KEN 4:25.32 *^
2. Bryce Peterson, DEN 4:34.99 ^
3. Wes Bubb, DEN 4:37.17
4. John Schutt, DEN 4:39.05
5. Michael Northcutt, KEN 4:39.89

Event #11 Women's 400 Medley Relay

1. Denison 3:51.70 *^
2. Kenyon 3:54.04 ^
3. Wooster 4:03.34
4. Hiram 4:05.25
5. Wittenberg 4:07.56

Event #5 Women's 200 IM

1. Beth Groselle, HIR 2:07.12 ^
2. Jessica Connors, KEN 2:08.41 ^
3. Liz Whittam, WOO 2:09.43
4. Jennie Miller, KEN 2:10.04
5. Christine Wissink, DEN 2:11.19

Event #12 Men's 400 Medley Relay

1. Kenyon 3:25.76
2. Denison 3:27.59
3. Wabash 3:27.92
4. Wooster 3:33.58
5. Allegheny 3:34.83