



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

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KENYON LORDS AND LADIES CLAIM NCAC CHAMPIONSHIPS;
DENISON MEN AND WOMEN FINISH SECOND

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CANTON, Ohio – The Kenyon College Lords and Ladies domination of the North Coast Athletic Conference Swimming & Diving Championships continues, as the men's team successfully defended its team title, while the women avenged their last year's runner-up finish at the event which concluded this evening.

The Lords, who now own 20 NCAC titles, won 12 events and recorded 35 top-five finishes to total 1,640 points to best second-place Denison. Denison won five events to finish second with 1,492 points. Wabash placed third for the fourth time in six years with 927.50 points. Wooster placed fourth with 694 points, followed by Allegheny (685), Wittenberg, (664.5) Oberlin (596), Hiram (521) and Ohio Wesleyan (326) in positions five through nine, respectively.

The Ladies, who also have 20 crowns, won seven events and recorded 33 top-five finishes to total 1651.5 points to best last year's winner, Denison. The Big Red women recorded nine first-place finishes to go with 30 top-five finishes on the way to 1,522 points and their 19th second-place finish. Wooster placed third with 948 points; Wittenberg compiled 862 points to place fourth, followed by Allegheny (722), Ohio Wesleyan (557.5), Hiram (532), and Oberlin (450) in positions five through nine, respectively.

Four NCAC records fell on the final day of competition. Kenyon sophomore **Jessica Connors (Cedarburg, WI)** turned in her second record-setting performance of the meet, winning the 200 breaststroke (2:20.02) and breaking her own record, set during prelims this morning (2:20.33). She also established a new mark in the 100 breast yesterday evening (1:04.89). Ladies junior **Danielle Korman (Niskayuna, NY)** broke a 17-year old record when she won the 200 butterfly prelim (2:05.34). The former record belonged to **Amy Hoesley**, Kenyon's current assistant coach. Korman narrowly missed matching her record as she won tonight's final in 2:05.35.

Individually, Kenyon's **Elliott Rushton (Delta, BC, Canada)** also added his name to the NCAC record book for the second time. The senior, who was named Male Swimmer of the Year, won the 1650 free in 15:20.94, breaking the previous mark he set last winter. He established a new mark in the 500 free on Thursday. Teammate **Andrejs Duda (Jelgava, Latvia)**, a junior, won the 200 back in league-record time, touching the wall in 1:49.87. In addition to the win in the 1650, Rushton won the 400 IM (4:02.08) and anchored the record-setting 800 free relay (6:48.03).

Wooster senior **Elizabeth Roesch (Oakland, MI/Lake Orion)** was named Female Swimmer of the Year in balloting by the league coaches after earning titles in the 1650 free (17:16.22), the 500 free (5:01.20) and the 400 IM (4:31.94). All three times met the NCAA automatic qualifying standard.

Denison senior **Nikki Weaver (Dayton, OH/Bellbrook)** added the three-meter championship (323.70) to the one-meter title (317.80) she claimed yesterday. She was named the Female Diver of the Year for her efforts. Teammate **Stephen Julka (Madison, WI/James Madison Memorial)** finished third on the one-meter board (325.05) today and yesterday won the three-meter board (333.60) to earn Male Diver of the Year honors.

Kenyon's **Jim Steen** and Wabash's **Peter Casares** were voted Women's and Men's Swimming Coaches of the Year, respectively. Steen earned the award for the sixth time, while Casares earned his first honor. Denison's **Anne Gillie** was named Women's Diving Coach of the Year for the third straight year after her divers took three of four diving events. Kenyon's **Andrew Campbell** was named Men's Diving Coach of the Year.

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FINAL TEAM STANDINGS

(Saturday, Feb. 12)

MEN

1. Kenyon (KEN)	1,640.00
2. Denison (DEN)	1,492.00
3. Wabash (WAB)	927.50
4. Wooster (WOO)	694.00
5. Allegheny (ALL)	685.00
6. Wittenberg (WIT)	664.50
7. Oberlin (OBE)	596.00
8. Hiram (HIR)	521.00
9. Ohio Wesleyan (OWU)	326.00

WOMEN

1. Kenyon (KEN)	1,651.50
2. Denison (DEN)	1,522.00
3. Wooster (WOO)	948.00
4. Wittenberg (WIT)	862.00
5. Allegheny (ALL)	722.00
6. Ohio Wesleyan (OWU)	557.50
7. Hiram (HIR)	532.00
8. Oberlin (OBE)	450.00

EVENT RESULTS

KEY: * = NCAC Record

^ = NCAA Division III Automatic Qualifier

Event #29 Women's 200 Back

1. Rebecca Allison, KEN	2:04.47 ^
2. Meg Cassell, DEN	2:06.75 ^
3. Kate Coker, KEN	2:06.99
4. Jennie Miller, KEN	2:08.36
5. Ginny Walsh, DEN	2:10.03

Event #35 Women's 200 Fly

1. Danielle Korman, KEN	2:05.35 ^
2. Christine Wissink, DEN	2:07.37 ^
3. Jill Boo, DEN	2:08.32
4. Mary Dain, DEN	2:09.04
5. Shelly Leshe, HIR	2:09.71

Event #10 Men's 1-Meter Diving

1. Jayson Loeffert, ALL	338.85
2. Daniel Timchak, OBE	331.95
3. Stephen Julka, DEN	325.05

Event #30 Men's 200 Back

1. Andrejs Duda, KEN	1:49.87*^
2. Adam Ulrich, DEN	1:51.05 ^
3. Tom Irgens, KEN	1:55.28
4. Travis Brennion, KEN	1:55.46
5. Zach Huggins, HIR	1:55.64

Event #36 Men's 200 Fly

1. Gabe Rodrigues, KEN	1:54.71
2. Michael Hewitt, WAB	1:55.32
3. Joel Rector, DEN	1:55.68
4. Lain Shakespeare, KEN	1:56.71
5. Chris Bly, WAB	2:00.86

Event #37 Women's 3-Meter Diving

1. Nikki Weaver, DEN	323.70
2. Mason Burch, ALL	315.35
3. Glenna Kramer, ALL	277.85

Event #31 Women's 100 Free

1. Sarah Peck, DEN	51.78
2. Emmie Dengler, KEN	52.76
3. Meilyn Chan, KEN	52.91
4. Katie Randall, KEN	53.38
5. Katey Klippel, DEN	54.18

Event #39 Women's 400 Free Relay

1. Kenyon	3:29.47 ^
2. Denison	3:33.00
3. Wooster	3:37.64
4. Hiram	3:39.51
5. Wittenberg	3:39.63

Event #32 Men's 100 Free

1. Lowell Byers, DEN	46.19
2. Bryce Peterson, DEN	46.70
3. Jimmy Berger, KEN	46.94
4. Brad Voreis, DEN	46.99
5. Thomas Ashby, KEN	47.13

Event #40 Men's 400 Free Relay

1. Kenyon	3:04.32
2. Denison	3:04.92
3. Wabash	3:12.52
4. Allegheny	3:13.27
5. Wooster	3:14.53

Event #33 Women's 200 Breast

1. Jessica Connors, KEN	2:20.02*^
2. Maggie Wertz, DEN	2:22.95 ^
3. Beth Groselle, HIR	2:23.96
4. Diana Spahlinger, KEN	2:25.95
5. Allison Johnson, KEN	2:26.63

Event #27 Women's 1650 Free

1. Elizabeth Roesch, WOO	17:16.22 ^
2. Rachel Smith, KEN	17:25.67 ^
3. Becca Searcy, WIT	17:25.91 ^
4. Emily Feleen, KEN	17:29.54
5. Jaime Straub, KEN	17:30.08

Event #34 Men's 200 Breast

1. Matt Wilson, ALL	2:06.76
2. Ben Hewitt, WAB	2:08.08
3. Alex Stoyel, KEN	2:08.77
4. Eric Meyers, DEN	2:09.15
5. Jeff Skaldzien, DEN	2:09.46

Event #28 Men's 1650 Free

1. Elliott Rushton, KEN	15:20.94*^
2. Wes Bubb, DEN	15:51.12 ^
3. John Schutt, DEN	16:06.62
4. Michael Northcutt, KEN	16:09.28
5. Ryan Schramm, WIT	16:37.81

**NCAC INDIVIDUAL
AWARD WINNERS**

Women's Swimmer of the Year

Elizabeth Roesch, Wooster

Men's Swimmer of the Year

Elliott Rushton, Kenyon

Women's Diver of the Year

Nikki Weaver, Denison

Men's Diver of the Year

Stephan Julka, Denison

Women's Swim Coach of the Year

Jim Steen, Kenyon

Men's Swim Coach of the Year

Peter Casares, Wabash

Women's Diving Coach of the Year

Anne Gille, Denison

Men's Diving Coach of the Year

Andrew Campbell, Kenyon