

# Spring Sports Season Highlighted by Women's Track Team

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**BEREA, OHIO** — During the spring of 2006, seven of eight Baldwin-Wallace College spring sports teams had winning records of .500 or better, five of the eight finished in the top three at Ohio Athletic Conference tournaments and the women's track and field team highlighted the success by winning a second straight All-Ohio and OAC titles and continued a tradition of dominance by the Yellow Jacket women in track.

In addition to the women's track team winning titles, the men's (19-3 overall) and women's (13-7 overall) tennis teams and men's and women's golf teams all placed third at OAC tournaments. Also, The baseball (19-18 overall) and softball (19-19 overall) teams had solid seasons of growth as did a very young men's track squad.

Thirty-two Yellow Jacket spring sport student-athletes earned All-OAC accolades, including junior Andrea Isaac (New Philadelphia), who was the OAC Women's Tennis Player of the Year for the second time in three years, and senior track standout Liz Redd (Canton), who was tabbed as the OAC Outdoor Track and Field Championship Meet Co-Most Valuable Track Athlete. In addition, three track competitors, Redd, junior All-American Kara Weaver (Myrtle Creek, Ore.) and sophomore Kristen Paulsen (Oberlin), competed at the NCAA Division III Track & Field Championship Meet in Illinois.

In the classroom, twenty-four Yellow Jackets earned Academic All-OAC accolades, including six unanimous choices. That total represented 22.6 percent of the total student-athletes chosen from the 10 OAC institutions. In addition, eight students were tabbed as ESPN THE MAGAZINE Academic All-District IV selections, including six first-team choices who all qualified for the ESPN THE MAGAZINE national Academic All-America ballot.

In outdoor track, the B-W women have now won 16 of the past 19 OAC Outdoor Track and Field Championship meets, including two OAC-record streaks that each lasted seven years. Add the 16 outdoor titles to 17 indoors, including this winter, and 10 cross country championship trophies and the Yellow Jacket program, under the direction of veteran coach Bill Taraschke, is one of the most dominant in Division III. For his efforts, Taraschke and his staff were named as the OAC Women's Track Coaching Staff of the Year and individually, Taraschke was named as the Great Lakes Region Women's Coach of the Year.

On the men's tennis court, Coach Brian Rector '89 and his team had a solid season despite ending a string of two straight OAC regular season and OAC Tournament titles and an OAC-record streak of 31 consecutive wins. During the past four years, Rectors teams have compiled an outstanding 84-9 record. Jack Bethlenfalvy's women's team had its 18th winning season in his 20 years as coach with Isaac leading the way.

In golf, both the Yellow Jacket men and women capped a strong fall and spring dual season with third place finishes at the OAC Tournament. It was highlighted by senior Bobby Santerre (Cincinnati) who was the OAC men's runner-up for the second straight year. Other individual highlights included Dan Melito (Massillon) ending one of the best all-time careers on the baseball diamond and Nicole Loudin (Sheffield Lake) on the softball field. Overall, the Yellow Jacket spring sport teams were extremely competitive and highly successful.