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2007 Baseball All-OAC Teams and Special Award Winners

Austintown, Ohio-The Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) had announced the 2007 All-OAC teams and special award winners, today. A total of 45 student-athletes have been selected to the three teams. All baseball awards are selected by the League coaches at their annual spring meeting held in conjunction with the OAC Tournament.

Jack Rafeld OAC Player-of-the-Year

Capital senior **Jacob Butler (Newark/Licking Valley)** has been named the 2007 Jack Rafeld OAC Player-of-the-Year, to become just the second Crusader to earn this honor. This is the 30th annual presentation of the Jack Rafeld Award, which honors the OAC's most outstanding baseball player.

The award is named in honor of one of Mount Union's most successful coaches. Jack Rafeld served in various capacities from 1946-79 in Mount Union's physical education and athletics department. In 30 years as the baseball coach, Rafeld guided the Purple Raiders to a 304-220-3 overall record.

Butler led the Crusaders' to their first OAC Tournament appearance since 1995 and completed the 2007 season leading the team in batting average (.421), slugging percentage (.533), hits (64), doubles (11), and RBI (29). Butler carries a .974 field percentage with 141 putouts and only four errors.

Butler has earned All-OAC honors for three years straight.

Kent Tekulve OAC Pitcher-of-the-Year

Otterbein junior **Dan Remenowsky (Cincinnati/Moeller)** has been named the Kent Tekulve Pitcher-of-the-Year for the second straight time. Remenowsky is just the second Cardinal to earn this honor. This is the 12th year in which this honor has been presented.

The award is named after 1969 Marietta graduate Kent Tekulve, who spent 21 seasons playing professional baseball, including 17 seasons with the Pittsburgh Pirates. He was a key member of the Pirates' 1979 World Series championship team, setting a major league record with three saves in the series against Baltimore. He broke Hoyt Wilhelm's record of 1,018 career relief appearances. Tekulve finished his professional career with 1,050 games played, 184 saves and a 94-90 record.

Remenowsky help lead the Cardinals to their second straight, fifth overall OAC Tournament title last week. Remenowsky stands at 9-0 on the year. He has appeared in 14 contests, started 10 and earned two saves in 68.1 innings. He currently carries a 2.63 earned run average and leads the team with 69 strikeouts.

This is the third time Remenowsky has earned All-OAC honors.

Don Schaly Coach-of-the-Year

Capital fourth year Head Coach Greg Weyrich has been selected as the Don Schaly OAC Coach-of-the-Year for the first time. The award is named in honor of one of the OAC's and NCAA's most successful coaches, Marietta's Don Schaly. Schaly, who passed away in 2006, graduated from Marietta in 1959 and coached at the school for 40 years. On May 4, 2002, Schaly became just the third coach in NCAA baseball history to amass 1,400 career victories. His .814 winning percentage (1,442-329) ranks him as the winningest baseball coach in the NCAA (all divisions).

The Crusaders finished the season at 11-7 in the OAC and 20-21 overall. Weyrich lead the Crusaders to their first OAC Tournament appearance since 1995 and first OAC Tournament championship game appearance in school history. Capital finished its season with its highest win total since 1996.



2007 All-OAC Teams



-First Team-

Name, School	Yr.	Pos.	Hometown/High School
Jacob Butler, Capital #%	Sr.	OF	Newark/Licking Valley
Dan Remenowsky, Otterbein #@	Jr.	P	Cincinnati/Moeller
Chris Martin, Otterbein \$	Sr.	C	Worthington/Thomas Worthington
Alex Rutter, Heidelberg	Sr.	1B	Bowling Green
Phil Bruns, Ohio Northern	Sr.	1B	St. Henry
Ryan Belanger, Marietta &@	Sr.	2B	Coldwater, Mich./Coldwater
Ben Titus, Otterbein &@	Jr.	SS	Bowling Green
Tom Stevison, Capital	So.	3B	Mount Vernon/Mount Vernon/Toledo
Jeremy Wentworth, Heidelberg	So.	OF	Johnstown/ St. Charles
Tony Piconke, Marietta	Jr.	OF	Clinton Twp., Mich./Clintondale
Adam Sockel, John Carroll	Jr.	DH	Lorain/Lorain Catholic
Bobby Wright, Otterbein	Sr.	Util.	Grove City/Westland
David Paddock, Heidelberg %	So.	P	Westerville/ North
Matt McKinnon, John Carroll	Sr.	P	Cuyahoga Falls/Walsh Jesuit
Shawn Kerek, Mount Union &\$	Sr.	P	Stow

-Second Team-

Name, School	Yr.	Pos.	Hometown/Highschool
Tyler Tocco, Heidelberg &\$	Sr.	C	Dublin/ Coffman
Brock Whiteman, Muskingum	Fr.	C	New Concord/John Glenn
Riley Kreisher, Baldwin-Wallace	So.	1B	Ashtabula/Edgewood
Mike Carbo, John Carroll	Fr.	2B	Coral Springs, FL/J.P. Taravella
Wes Carder, Muskingum	Fr.	2B	Zanesville/John Glenn
Matt Decker, Heidelberg %	Sr.	SS	Maumee, Ohio / Springfield
Chris Kovanda, Otterbein \$	Jr.	OF	Worthington/Kilbourne
Cody Kidd, Baldwin-Wallace	So.	OF	Wellington
Jimmy Haas, Capital	Sr.	OF	Fremont/St. Joseph
Sean McCarthy, John Carroll \$	Jr.	OF	Milton, MA/Boston College High School
Bob Storesina, Baldwin-Wallace	Sr.	Util.	Canton/GlenOak
Doug Stevens, Otterbein @	Jr.	P	Newark/Newark Catholic
T.J. Knowlton, Marietta	So.	P	Greenwich/Mapleton
Andrew McFarland, Heidelberg	Jr.	P	Mansfield/ Madison
Nate Eschbaugh, Marietta	Fr.	P	Marietta

-Honorable Mention-

Name, School	Yr.	Pos.	Hometown/High School
Ben Butler, Wilmington	Sr.	C	Beaver Creek/Carroll
Joe Litke, Marietta @	Sr.	1B	Windsor, Conn.
Ryan Hutchison, Capital	Jr.	2B	Columbus/Whitehall-Yearling
Ryan Eschbaugh, Marietta	Sr.	SS	Marietta
Tony Pawlowicz, Heidelberg @	So.	3B	Montpelier
Marc St. John, Capital \$	So.	OF	Perrysburg
Pat Connor, Otterbein \$	Jr.	OF	Columbus/Bishop Watterson
Jack Bault, Heidelberg	So.	OF	Randolph/Waterloo
Jason Iles, Wilmington	Fr.	OF	Fayetteville
Graham Holmberg, Capital	Sr.	Util.	Newark
Aaron Hutchison, Otterbein	Jr.	Util.	Whitehall
Brandon Kurtz, John Carroll	Jr.	P	Akron/Archbishop Hoban
Justin Merryman, Marietta	So.	P	New Philadelphia
Tommy Kerr, Mount Union	Sr.	P	Pickerington/Central
Steve Calevro, Heidelberg	Jr.	P	Perrysburg

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