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## 2008 Baseball All-OAC Teams and Special Award Winners

**Austintown, Ohio**-The Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) had announced the 2008 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

Muskingum sophomore catcher **Brock Whiteman (New Concord/John Glenn)** has been named the 2008 Jack Rafeld OAC Player-of-the-Year, to become the first Muskie to earn this honor. This is the 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

Whiteman currently ranks 17<sup>th</sup> in NCAA Division III in doubles, 21<sup>st</sup> in total bases, 32<sup>nd</sup> in slugging percentage and 36<sup>th</sup> in batting average. Whiteman completed the season leading the Muskies and the OAC in batting average (.450), hits (67), doubles (19), RBI's (51) and total bases (117). He also ranked second in the Conference in homeruns with nine.

Whiteman has earned First Team All-OAC honors. He was named to the second team in 2007.

### Kent Tekulve OAC Pitcher-of-the-Year

Otterbein senior **Dan Remenowsky (Cincinnati/Moeller)** has been named the 2008 Kent Tekulve Pitcher-of-the-Year for the third straight time. Remenowsky is just the third Cardinal to earn this honor. This is the 13<sup>th</sup> 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 helped lead the Cardinals to their 13<sup>th</sup> OAC Tournament appearance. He completed the season with a 5-2 record. Remenowsky has appeared in 12 contests, started eight and earned one save in 60.2 innings. He carried a 2.23 earned-run average and led the team with 57 strikeouts.

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



## 2008 All-OAC Teams



### -First Team-

Name, School	Yr.	Pos.	Hometown/High School
Brock Whiteman, Muskingum *	So.	C	New Concord/John Glenn
Aaron Hutchinson, Otterbein +	Sr.	C	Whitehall
Brian Hiscox, Otterbein	So.	1B	Burton/Berkshire
Gar Keen, Heidelberg	Fr.	2B	Fredericktown/Highland
Cameron Cimino, Marietta	Jr.	3B	Boardman
Jason Lash, Heidelberg	Fr.	SS	Strongsville
Wes Carder, Muskingum *	So.	SS	Zanesville /John Glenn
Jeremy Wentworth, Heidelberg ^	Jr.	OF	Johnstown /St. Charles
Ryan Lewis, John Carroll	Sr.	OF	Cleveland/Fontainebleau
Chris Kovanda, Otterbein \$*	Sr.	OF	Worthington/Kilbourne
Dan Remenowsky, Otterbein #@^	Sr.	P	Cincinnati/Moeller
TJ Knowlton, Marietta *	Jr.	P	Greenwich/Mapleton
Mark Sankovich, Ohio Northern	Sr.	P	Chesterland/Notre Dame Cathedral Latin
Steve Calevro, Heidelberg +	Sr.	P	Perrysburg
Dan Lassak, Otterbein	Jr.	DH	Sunbury/Big Walnut

### -Second Team-

Name, School	Yr.	Pos.	Hometown/High School
Dan Jones, Marietta	So.	C	Lima/Shawnee
Dominick Winters, Marietta	Sr.	1B	Washington, Pa.
Riley Kreisher, Baldwin-Wallace *	Jr.	1B	Ashtabula/Edgewood
Mike Krainz, John Carroll	Jr.	2B	Walton Hills /St. Ignatius
Brandon Mauck, Otterbein	Sr.	3B	Reynoldsburg
Nick Radca, Baldwin-Wallace	Sr.	SS	Amherst/Marion Steele
Jason Iles, Wilmington +	Jr.	OF	Fayetteville
Cody Kidd, Baldwin-Wallace *	Jr.	OF	Wellington
Matt Grassley, Heidelberg	Jr.	OF	Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich. /North
Justin Merryman, Marietta+	Jr.	OF	New Philadelphia
David Paddock, Heidelberg %^	Jr.	P	Westerville/North
Andrew McFarland, Heidelberg *	Sr.	P	Mansfield/Madison
Tony Evanko, John Carroll	Fr.	P	Mentor
Drew Wieland, Ohio Northern	Sr.	P	Bryan
Kevin Shenker, Baldwin-Wallace	Sr.	DH	Twinsburg

### -Honorable Mention-

Name, School	Yr.	Pos.	Hometown/High School
Steve Decker, Heidelberg	So.	C	Maumee/Springfield
Drew Robinson, Ohio Northern	So.	1B	Columbus/St. Charles
Cory Slaybaugh, Mount Union	Jr.	1B	Hartville/Lake
Tom Stevison, Capital ^	Jr.	3B	Mount Vernon
Ben Titus, Otterbein &@^	Sr.	SS	Bowling Green
Greg Ferrell, Mount Union	Fr.	OF	Uniontown/Green
Sean McCarthy, John Carroll \$*	Sr.	OF	Milton, MA
Shaun Slater, Baldwin-Wallace	Sr.	OF	Wooster/Norwayne
Tony Piconke, Marietta ^	Sr.	OF	Clinton Twp., Mich./Clintondale
Paul Mariotti, Mount Union	So.	P	Copley
Jake Gossman, Heidelberg	Fr.	P	Westerville/Westerville South
Matt Fort, John Carroll	Sr.	P	Garfield Hts./Trinity
Andy Lowe, Heidelberg	Fr.	P	Fort Wayne Ind./ Carroll
Aubrey Neuhart, Muskingum	So.	P	Lore City/Meadowbrook
Chris Stewart, Marietta	Jr.	P	Dublin/Dublin Coffman

**KEY:** ^ 2007 First Team...\* 2007 Second Team...+ 2007 Honorable Mention...@ 2006 First Team...\$ 2006 Second Team...% 2006 Honorable Mention...! 2005 First Team...# 2005 Second Team...& 2005 Honorable Mention