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2011 Baseball All-OAC Teams and Special Award Winners

Jack Rafeld OAC Player-of-the-Year

Marietta senior outfielder **John Snyder (Altoona, Pa.)** has been named the 2011 Jack Rafeld OAC Player-of-the-Year, to become the 22nd Pioneer to earn this honor. Heading into the OAC Tournament, Snyder led the Conference with a .468 batting average. In 139 at-bats, he tallied a league leading 65 hits and 47 RBI, with 36 runs 16 doubles, two triples, and four homeruns. He has earned First Team All-OAC honors for the second time.

This is the 33rd 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.

Kent Tekulve OAC Pitcher-of-the-Year

Marietta junior **Brian Gasser (New Philadelphia / Indian Valley)** has been named the 2011 Kent Tekulve Pitcher-of-the-Year. Gasser is the ninth Pioneer to garner this honor. During the regular season, Gasser appeared in 10 contests and recorded a 10-0 record. After 61 innings of work, Gasser carried a League leading 0.89 earned-run average and tallied 29 hits, eight runs, six earned runs and 62 strike outs. He has been named First Team All-OAC.

This is the 15th 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.

Don Schaly Coach-of-the-Year-Announced on Tuesday, May 17



OAC 2011 All-OAC Teams **OAC**

-First Team-

Name, School	Yr.	Pos.	Hometown/High School
John Snyder, Marietta ^	Sr.	OF	Altoona, Pa.
Ricardo Lizcano, Heidelberg ^	Jr.	OF	Toledo/ Roy C. Start
Greg Ferrell, Mount Union &\$^	Sr.	OF	Uniontown/Green
Wes Meadows, Otterbein *	So.	C	Marion / Ridgedale
Tom Hickey, John Carroll \$*	Jr.	1B	Orland Park, IL / Brother Rice
Kirby Becker, Marietta +	Jr.	2B	South Euclid / St. Ignatius
Willie Brechun, Heidelberg ^	Sr.	3B	Canton/ Canton Central Catholic
Brian Benander, John Carroll \$*	Sr.	3B	Richmond Heights/St. Ignatius
Tim Saunders, Marietta +	Jr.	SS	Alliance
Jason Lash, Heidelberg @!^	Sr.	SS	Strongsville
Brian Gasser, Marietta %*	Jr.	P	New Philadelphia / Indian Valley
Austin Blaski, Marietta ^	Jr.	P	Pandora/Gilboa
Mark Williams, Marietta	Sr.	P	Fayetteville / Perry
Andy Lowe, Heidelberg &@^	Sr.	P	Fort Wayne, Ind. / Carroll
Nathan James, Heidelberg	Sr.	P	Rockport, Ind. / South Spencer

-Second Team-

Name, School	Yr.	Pos.	Hometown/High School
Jordan Grilliot, Marietta	So.	OF	Brookville / Northmont
Aaron Hopper, Marietta	So.	OF	Wheelersburg
Erik Spitzer, Muskingum *	Sr.	OF	Hebron/Lakewood
Alex Monroe, Heidelberg	Sr.	OF	Chagrin Falls/ Kenston
Derek Andrzejczak, Heidelberg	Sr.	1B	Sylvania/Northview
Gar Keen, Heidelberg !@^	Sr.	2B	Sparta/ Highland
Jacob Thuman, Capital	So.	2B	Westerville/North
Craig Knott, Mount Union	Jr.	3B	Canton/GlenOak
John Hasting, John Carroll	Sr.	SS	Pittsburgh, PA / Fox Chapel
Tyler Hardcastle, Muskingum *	Sr.	SS	Zanesville/West Muskingum
Sylvester Nino, Heidelberg	Jr.	P	Willard
Ethan Holt, Heidelberg ^	So.	P	Galion/ West Holmes
David Cydrus, Otterbein	So.	P	Circleville
Kyle Lindquist, Marietta +	Jr.	P	Columbus / Worthington Kilbourne
Nathan VanMeter, Muskingum	Sr.	P	Crooksville

-Honorable Mention-

Name, School	Yr.	Pos.	Hometown/High School
Nolan Neuschaefer, Baldwin-Wallace	So.	OF	Elyria
Adam Yunker, Ohio Northern	Jr.	OF	Holland/Toledo Christian
Jimmy Dobran, Mount Union	Fr.	OF	Poland/Poland Seminary
Greg Moomaw, Otterbein	Fr.	OF	Sugarcreek / Garaway
Dan Roncolato, Wilmington +	Sr.	OF	Meadville, Pa./Meadville
Andrew Buelow, Heidelberg	Sr.	OF	Marysville, Mich.
Zach Carlino, Mount Union	Fr.	1B	Pittsburgh, Pa./Central Catholic
Casey Levens, Marietta	Sr.	UTL	Dayton / Centerville
Josh Coleman, Otterbein	Sr.	UTL	Somerset / Sheridan
Bruce Dunlap, Wilmington	Jr.	DH	Circleville/Logan Elm
Cody Colly, Mount Union	Sr.	P	Massillon/ Washington
Brian Koehl, Heidelberg %*	Sr.	P	Sylvania /Northview
John LaCorte, Otterbein +	Sr.	P	Whitehall / New Albany
Matt Frey, Otterbein	So.	P	Hilliard / Darby
Tom Schaberl, John Carroll	Sr.	P	Richmond Heights/St. Ignatius

KEY: ^ 2010 First Team...* 2010 Second Team...+ 2010 Honorable Mention

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