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Baldwin-Wallace Set to Host the 2007 OAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships Friday-Saturday, May 11-12

Austintown, OH-Baldwin-Wallace will host the 2007 Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships on Friday-Saturday, May 11-12. Friday's competition will start at noon and Saturday's will begin at 10 a.m. All ten OAC schools will compete for the league title.

Mount Union men captured their 25th overall OAC title a year ago, while the Baldwin-Wallace women took home their 16th OAC title. Mount Union will return four of its 2006 individual champions. Seniors **Jeremy Velliquette (Fremont/St. Joseph)** returns after capturing the 1500-meter run (3:58.30), **Eric Belancic (Wheeling, WV)** won the high jump (6-08), **Justin Archer (Orrville)** won the shot put (55-01) and **Justin Rodhe (Burton/Kenston)** was victorious in the discus (158-08).



Returning seniors **Nic Saluppo (Wadsworth/Highland)** and **James Cunningham (Cleveland/St. Edwards)** and junior **Pierre Garcon (West Palm Beach, FL/John I. Leonard)** were all members of the OAC record-setting 4x100 relay team (40.64) in 2006.

Baldwin-Wallace had four individual event winners and a pair of winning relay squads. The Yellow Jackets will be retuning sophomore **Rebekah Paul (Gibsonburg)**, who claimed the 400-meter dash (57.63) and was on the winning 4x400 relay team (3:58.86). Joining Paul on the 4x400 relay team is retuning junior **Courtney Smith (Mayfield)** and senior **Kim Johnson (Athens)**. Junior **Jeanne Osborne (Oak Harbor)** will be the returning member of the champion 4x100 relay team (48.55).

Other returning individual champions from 2006 are Heidelberg junior **Greg Tyson (Lima, Ohio / Lima Senior)** in the 400-meter dash (48.18) and triple jump (46-10.25) and sophomore **Cory Beebe (Medina, Ohio / Cloverleaf)** in the 400-meter hurdles (53.24), Ohio Northern sophomore **Jimmy O'Brien (Pemberville/Eastwood)** in the 800-meter run (1:51.79), junior **Ryan Robertson (Pickerington/Central)** in the long jump (23-06.00), Capital senior **Nate Thornhill (Xenia/Xenia)** in the 110-meter hurdles (14.94) and sophomore **Doug Gibbons (Troy)** in the pole vault (15-05.00), Wilmington senior **Ashley Johnson (Wilmington)** in the pole vault (12-04.50), Marietta sophomore **Jessi Larrison (Batavia)** in the 800-meter dash (2:18.68), Otterbein senior **Melina Keesee (Dublin/Scioto)** in the 10, 000-meter run (38:36.40) and sophomore **Allyson Tobin (Lancaster/Fisher Catholic)** in the shot put (42-09.75) and Mount Union junior **Amanda Kolanz (Chagrin Falls/Kenston)** in the high jump (5-03.00).

The top three individual place-winners in each event and the top-three finishers in each relay will earn All-OAC honors.

2006 OAC Outdoor Championship Men's Final Team Scores	2006 OAC Outdoor Championship Women's Final Team Scores
1. Mount Union, 172.00 2. Otterbein, 100.00 3. Ohio Northern, 87.00 4. Wilmington, 85.00 5. Baldwin-Wallace, 75.00 6. Heidelberg, 74.00 7. Capital, 68.00 8. John Carroll, 61.00 9. Muskingum, 42.00 10. Marietta, 17.00	1. Baldwin-Wallace, 165.00 2. Otterbein, 122.00 3. Mount Union, 113.00 4. John Carroll, 98.00 5. Ohio Northern, 82.00 6. Capital, 73.00 7. Wilmington, 56.00 8. Heidelberg, 36.00 9. Muskingum, 31.00 10. Marietta, 4.00
2006 Special Awards-Men Jim Wuske Most Outstanding Track Athlete John Biacofsky, Mount Union Sparky Adams Most Outstanding Field Athlete Greg Tyson, Heidelberg OAC Staff-of-the-Year-Mount Union	2006 Special Awards-Women Marcia French Co-Most Outstanding Track Athlete Elizabeth Redd, Baldwin-Wallace & Ellie Fernandez, John Carroll Guido and JoAnn Ricevuto Most Outstanding Field Athlete Gen Kahn, John Carroll OAC Staff-of-the-Year-Baldwin-Wallace

The schedule of events is listed on the following page.

Schedule of the Event

<u>Friday, May 11</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Round</u>
12:00 PM	#8 Women Pole Vault	Finals
12:00 PM	#26 Men Discus Throw	Finals
12:00 PM	#6 Men Long Jump	Finals
12:00 PM	#5 Women Javelin Throw	Finals
2:10 PM	#2 Men Javelin Throw	Finals
2:10 PM	#9 Women Discus Throw	Finals
2:10 PM	#28 Women Long Jump	Finals
3:00 PM	#1 Men Pole Vault	Finals
4:15 PM	#10 Women 100 Meter Hurdles	Prelims
4:20 PM	#11 Men 110 Meter Hurdles	Prelims
4:30 PM	#12 Women 400 Meter Dash	Prelims
4:35 PM	#13 Men 400 Meter Dash	Prelims
4:45 PM	#14 Women 100 Meter Dash	Prelims
4:50 PM	#15 Men 100 Meter Dash	Prelims
5:00 PM	#22 Women 10000 Meter Run	Finals
5:50 PM	#18 Women 400 Meter Hurdles	Prelims
5:55 PM	#19 Men 400 Meter Hurdles	Prelims
6:05 PM	#20 Women 200 Meter Dash	Prelims
6:10 PM	#21 Men 200 Meter Dash	Prelims
6:20 PM	#23 Men 10000 Meter Run	Finals
7:00 PM	#42 Women 4x800 Meter Relay	Finals
7:15 PM	#41 Men 4x800 Meter Relay	Finals
<u>Saturday, May 12</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Round</u>
10:00 AM	#3 Men Shot Put	Finals
10:00 AM	#7 Women High Jump	Finals
10:00 AM	#24 Men Triple Jump	Finals
12:10 PM	#27 Men High Jump	Finals
12:10 PM	#25 Women Shot Put	Finals
12:10 PM	#4 Women Triple Jump	Finals
4:00 PM	#29 Women Hammer Throw exhibition	Finals
2:00 PM	#30 Men Hammer Throw exhibition	Finals
1:40 PM	#35 Women 1500 Meter Run	Finals
1:50 PM	#36 Men 1500 Meter Run	Finals
2:00 PM	#33 Women 4x100 Meter Relay	Finals
2:10 PM	#34 Men 4x100 Meter Relay	Finals
2:20 PM	#31 Women 3000 Meter Steeplechase	Finals
2:35 PM	#32 Men 3000 Meter Steeplechase	Finals
2:50 PM	#10 Women 100 Meter Hurdles	Finals
2:55 PM	#11 Men 110 Meter Hurdles	Finals
3:00 PM	#12 Women 400 Meter Dash	Finals
3:05 PM	#13 Men 400 Meter Dash	Finals
3:10 PM	#14 Women 100 Meter Dash	Finals
3:15 PM	#15 Men 100 Meter Dash	Finals
3:25 PM	#16 Women 800 Meter Run	Finals
3:30 PM	#17 Men 800 Meter Run	Finals
3:40 PM	#18 Women 400 Meter Hurdles	Finals
3:45 PM	#19 Men 400 Meter Hurdles	Finals
3:50 PM	#20 Women 200 Meter Dash	Finals
3:55 PM	#21 Men 200 Meter Dash	Finals
4:05 PM	#37 Women 5000 Meter Run	Finals
4:30 PM	#38 Men 5000 Meter Run	Finals
4:50 PM	#39 Women 4x400 Meter Relay	Finals
5:00 PM	#40 Men 4x400 Meter Relay	Finals