

2011 Ohio Athletic Conference Volleyball Tournament Has Familiar Look

BEREA, OHIO -- The 2011 Ohio Athletic Conference Volleyball Tournament has a familiar look and feel as the Heidelberg University Student Princes enter the tournament as the top seed for the third consecutive season and will once again be the team to beat for the championship. The winner of the OAC Tournament earns an automatic berth in this year's NCAA Division III National Tournament.

Ohio Northern leads with 17 OAC Tournament titles and Muskingum is second with five. Baldwin-Wallace, Capital, John Carroll and Heidelberg all have won one title each.

Heidelberg, the fifth ranked team in the nation (*American Volleyball Coaches Association poll*) will be seeking its fifth straight OAC Tournament championship match appearance. The Student Princes claiming their third straight regular season title by going undefeated in conference play for the second straight season. Despite appearing in four previous tournament title matches, the Berg will be seeking just its second straight OAC Tournament title and NCAA Division III appearance.

Otterbein the regular season runner-up enters the tournament seeking its first OAC title match appearance. The Cardinals will also look for its third straight semifinals appearance. Otterbein lone conference loss was in straight sets to Heidelberg.

Mount Union enters the tournament as the third seed after dropping matches to Heidelberg and Otterbein in the last match of the season, which determined the second and third seeds. The Purple Raiders will be seeking their eighth straight semifinals appearance and their second title match appearance.

Baldwin-Wallace and Ohio Northern tied for fourth place during the regular season but the Yellow Jackets handed the Polar Bears a five set loss earlier in the season to secure the fourth seed. B-W will be seeking its first trip back to the semifinals since the 2005 season and its ninth title match appearance. The Yellow Jackets last appeared in the title match in 2005.

Ohio Northern will be on unfamiliar ground as it will enter the tournament for the first time in school history as the fifth seed. The Polar Bears will look to become just the second team not ranked as one of the top four seeds to advance to the championship match. ONU has never been lower than the three seed in the history of the tournament. The Polar Bears been the top seed 18 times and has advanced to the title match an impressive 23 times out of the 27 total tournaments, including five straight title.

Capital will be seeking its third title match appearance and its first since 2005. The Crusaders will also be searching for its 10th appearance in the semifinals and first since 2007. Capital made five straight appearances in the semifinals prior to its last. (2003-07).

Marietta will be seeking its third appearance in the title match and its first since the 1987. The Pioneers will look to become just the second seven-seed to advance to the title match. Marietta will also be looking to make its sixth appearance in the semifinals and its first return since 1990.

Muskingum will enter the tournament as the eighth seed for the second straight season and will be seeking the first No.8/No.1 upset in the history of the tournament. The Fighting Muskies advanced to the title match as the seventh-seed in 2006. Muskingum will be looking for its sixth tournament title and first since 1999.

Good luck to each OAC school!

2011 Ohio Athletic Conference Volleyball Tournament Bracket

Quarterfinals -- November 1

No.5 Ohio Northern (5-4) at No.4 Baldwin-Wallace (5-4) at 7:00 p.m.
No. 8 Muskingum (2-7) at No.1 Heidelberg (9-0) at 7:00 p.m.
No. 7 Marietta (4-5) at No. 2 Otterbein (8-1) at 7:00 p.m.
No. 6 Capital (4-5) at No. 3 Mount Union (7-2)

Semifinals -- November 2

Winner of No.2/7 match at Winner of No. 3/6
Winner of No.4/5 match at Winner of No. 1/8

OAC Championship Match -- November 5

Winner of No.2/7 and Winner of No. 3/6
versus
Winner of No.4/5 match at Winner of No. 1/8
Time and site is TBA at the highest remaining seed

In Other Ohio Athletic Conference Championship Events

BEREA, OHIO-- The 2011 Ohio Athletic Conference Championship season began last Saturday with the Cross Country Champions for men and women.

In addition to the OAC Volleyball Tournament beginning today, the Women's Soccer tournament kicks off. The Men's Soccer tournament began yesterday.

The OAC regular season football title can be decided this Saturday when second place Baldwin-Wallace College (7-1 overall and 6-1 in the OAC) travels to Alliance to play No.2-ranked and first place the University of Mount Union (8-0 overall and 7-0 in the OAC) at 1:30 p.m.

The Ohio Northern men's and women's cross country teams captured OAC titles last Saturday in Ada. The ONU women totalled 35 points to outdistance second place John Carroll University to win its second straight OAC crown. ONU (four) and Baldwin-Wallace (two) have combined to win the past six OAC titles. ONU junior Alison Steinbrunner captured her third straight OAC individual title as she completed the 6K course in 22:15.9. She and B-W's Hannah Purdy (1999-2001) are the only two women to win three straight OAC individual titles.

The ONU men scored 43 points to outdistance second place Mt. Union and win its first OAC crown since 2008. The Polar Bears have won three of the past five titles. Marietta

junior Caleb Muller was the OAC individual champion as he completed the 8K course in 25:27.7 and finish ahead of B-W junior Ken Janosko by 17 seconds.

In the women's soccer tournament, No.5-seed B-W (11-8, 4-5 OAC) travels to No.4-seed JCU (12-7, 6-3 OAC) for a 7:00 p.m. game. The winner then travels to No.1-seeded ONU (15-1-2, 9-0 OAC) for a 2:00 p.m. match on Thursday, Nov. 3. In addition, No.6-seed Wilmington (6-10-3, 4-5 OAC) travels to No.3-seed Capital (9-7-2, 7-1-1 OAC) for a 4:00 p.m. match. The winner then travels to Westerville to play No.2-seed Otterbein (10-5-2, 7-1-1 OAC) on Thursday at a time yet to be determined. The OAC Championship match is on Saturday at the site of the highest remaining seed.

In the men's soccer tournament, No.3-seed B-W (15-4, 6-3 OAC) played host to No.6 seed Capital University (9-8-1, 4-4-1 OAC) and No. 4-seed Wilmington College (11-6-1, 5-4 OAC) hosted No. 5-seed Mount Union (9-7-2, 4-3-2 OAC). The winner of the B-W and Capital match will travel to University Heights to face No.2-seed JCU (11-7-2 OAC) in a semifinals match on Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 7:00 p.m. while the winner of the Wilmington and Mount Union match will travel to Ada to take on top-seed ONU at 2:00 p.m. in the other semifinals match. The winners of the semifinal matches will advance to the OAC Championship on Saturday, Nov. 5 at the site of the highest remaining seed..



Ohio Athletic Conference
2011 Volleyball Tournament

**Baldwin-Wallace College
HOSTS
Ohio Northern University**

**Tuesday, November 1
Ursprung Gymnasium in the Lou Higgins Center
Berea, Ohio**



Baldwin-Wallace College Yellow Jackets

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht	Hometown (High School)
2	Natalie Emmons **	Jr.	L	5-7	Ashland
3	Amanda Mass **	Sr.	DS	5-5	North Royalton
4	Kayla Harris *	So.	MH	5-10	Lima
5	Chelsea Nissen ***	Sr.	OH	5-9	Williston (Genoa)
6	Rachel Switalski **	Jr.	MH	5-10	North Royalton (Holy Name)
7	Paige Pileski	Fr.	DS	5-6	Elyria
8	Colleen Bonacci *	So.	MH	6-0	Stow (Stow-Munroe Falls)
9	Katie Primeau	Fr.	S	5-5	Pemberville (Eastwood)
11	Jessica Stitts **	Jr.	S	5-6	Eastlake (North)
12	Taylor Burns *	So.	OH/DS	5-5	Tiffin (Fostoria St. Wendelin)
14	Markema Winters	Fr.	RS	6-0	Akron (Firestone)
15	Shannon Deleur *	So.	RS/DS	5-8	Olmsted Falls
16	Nicole Christner	Fr.	MH	5-10	Minerva
17	Kayse Schmucker	Fr.	OH	5-6	Kent (Roosevelt)
20	Emily Nagle	So.	S	5-6	Columbia Station (Columbia)
22	Karianne Sifferlin **	Jr.	RS	5-8	Wooster
23	Amanda Sawicki	Jr.	OH	5-11	Mentor (Lake Catholic)
24	Alayna Chlad	Fr.	RS	5-11	Kent (Roosevelt)
25	Sarah Waiwood *	So.	S	5-9	Willoughby (South)
30	Danielle Torrence	Fr.	OH	5-8	Canton (South)

* - denotes varsity letters earned

Head Coach: Vicki Brault (17th-season)
Assistant Coaches: Allison Streicher and Gary VanCauwenberge
Student Coach: Jehu Shamlin



Ohio Northern University Polar Bears

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht	Hometown
1	Hannah English	Fr.	S	5-9	Prospect, Ky.
2	Emily Smith	Fr.	MH/OH	5-11	Fort Wayne, Ind.
3	Lauren Stahl	So.	DS/L	5-2	Belle Center
4	Nicole Pottkotter	So.	OH	5-10	Fort Recovery
5	Jeni Kmic	So.	DS	5-2	Delta
6	Jayce Born	So.	OH	5-9	Lancaster
7	Kristen Davidson	So.	OH	5-9	Findlay
8	Julia Fuerst	So.	MH	6-2	Kalida
9	Hannah Livengood	So.	DS	5-6	Norwalk
11	Rachel Olach	Fr.	MH	6-0	Avon
14	Amanda Volosin	Fr.	S	5-6	Boardman
15	Katie Karres	So.	OH	5-7	Vermilion
17	Ellen Grenert	Jr.	OH	5-10	WoosteR
24	Cenzie Yoder	So.	MH	5-11	Celina

Head Coach: Kate Witte
Assistant Coaches: Brian Hofman and Katie Kuhn

Yellow Jacket Facts

Location:Berea, Ohio
Founded:1845
Enrollment:3,000
President:Richard W. Durst
Nickname:Yellow Jackets
Colors:Brown & Gold
Athletic Director:Kris A. Diaz
Volleyball SID:Jeff Miller

OAC Standings (as of 10/31/2011)

Place	Team	OAC Record	Overall Record
1.	Heidelberg	9-0	29-5
2.	Otterbein	8-1	25-4
3.	Mount Union	7-2	21-7
T-4.	Baldwin-Wallace	5-4	17-12
	Ohio Northern	5-4	14-15
T-6.	Capital	4-5	20-11
	Marietta	4-5	14-15
8.	Muskingum	2-7	12-15
9.	Wilmington	1-8	13-17
10.	John Carroll	0-9	9-17

2011 AVCA National Poll (As of October 25, 2011)

Pl.	Team (first place votes)	Pts.	2011 Record
1.	Calvin, Mich. (24)	600	26-0
2.	Emory (Ga.)	576	29-2
3.	Washington (Mo.)	552	24-1
4.	Eastern (Pa.)	524	26-1
5.	Heidelberg	476	27-2
6.	Wittenberg	463	27-3
7.	Southwestern (Texas)	450	22-2
8.	Christopher Newport (Va.)	426	27-4
9.	Concordia (Minn.)	418	20-3
10.	Carthage (Wisc.)	367	25-6
11.	St. Thomas (Minn.)	356	25-3
12.	Juniata (Pa.)	348	21-6
13.	Colorado College	312	28-5
14.	Hope (Mich.)	289	21-4
15.	California Lutheran	243	22-5
16.	Chicago (Ill.)	223	27-4
17.	Elmhurst (Ill.)	197	25-4
18.	U of Mass-Boston	179	22-3
19.	SUNY-Cortland	171	33-1
20.	Springfield (Mass.)	115	27-2
21.	Wisconsin-Whitewater	101	21-7
22.	Pacific Lutheran (Ore.)	87	17-4
23.	Puget Sound (Wash.)	73	16-4
24.	Whitworth (Wash.)	61	16-5
25.	Bowdoin (Maine)	34	20-2

Please visit the AVCA website at www.avca.org for current rankings.

Ohio Northern Quick Facts

Location:Ada, Ohio
Founded:1871
Enrollment:3,600
President:Dr. Dennis A. DiBiasio
Nickname:Polar Bears
Colors:Burnt Orange & Black
Athletic Director:Tom Simmons
Sports Info. Director:Tim Glon



B-W Hosts Ohio Northern in OAC Quarterfinal Match

BEREA, OHIO -- The fourth-seeded Baldwin-Wallace College volleyball team, 17-12 overall, hosts fifth-seeded Ohio Northern University, 14-15 overall, in one of four Ohio Athletic Conference quarterfinal matches tonight in the Ursprung Gymnasium inside the Lou Higgins Center.

The Yellow Jackets enter the match after winning their final three matches of the regular season in straight sets. B-W also won four of its five final matches to secure the fourth seed.

The Yellow Jackets are led offensively by outside hitter **Amanda Sawicki** who leads the team and is second in the OAC with 349 kills and is second on the team with a .257 hitting percentage. All-OAC middle hitter **Rachel Switalski** is second on the team with 234 kills and leads the team and is ninth in the OAC with a .276 hitting percentage. In addition, **Shannon Deleur** has 125 kills, **Nicole Christner** has 97, **Chelsea Nissen** has 94 kills and **Colleen Bonacci** has 85. **Jessica Stitts** sets up the offense and leads the team-leading and ranks third in the OAC with 817 set assists.

The defense is anchored by **Natalie Emmons** with 530 digs, which ranks her second in the OAC. **Deleur** and **Taylor Burns** have contributed 361 and 314 digs respectively.

Ohio Northern enters the match after posting a record of 3-1 in its final four matches, including an important victory over Marietta in its final match to lock up the fifth seed.

The Polar Bears are led offensively by middle hitter **Cenzie Yoder** with 235 kills. **Ellen Grenert** is second on the team with 234 kills and **Kristen Davidson** is third with 229. **Amanda Volosin** sets up the offense with leads the team and is fifth in the OAC with 640 set assists.

The defense is anchored by **Jeni Kmic** with 602 digs, which ranks her second in the OAC. **Grenert** is second on the team with 243 digs.

Enjoy the Match!

First Meeting of the Season: B-W -- 3, Ohio Northern -- 2

On Saturday, October 15, 2011, B-W defeated Ohio Northern in five sets in the Rudolph Ursprung Gymnasium in the Lou Higgins Center IN Berea. The Yellow Jackets won the match by scores of 25-18, 16-25, 25-14, 23-25, and 15-12

After match, B-W had a record of 14-11 overall and 2-3 in the OAC and the Polar Bears stood at 11-14 overall and 2-3 in the OAC.

The Yellow Jackets were led offensively by **Sawicki** with a team and match-high 16 kills while **Switalski** and **Christner** each tallied eight kills. The offense was set up by **Stitts** with a match-best 40 set assists.

Defensively, B-W was led by **Emmons** with a match-high 22 digs and **Deleur** contributed 10.

Ohio Northern was led by **Grenert** with a team-best 13 kills. **Grenert** was followed by **Davidson** and **Yoder** with nine kills apiece. The offense was set up by **Volosin** with 27 set assists.

Ohio Northern was led defensively by **Kmic** with 18 digs.



Baldwin-Wallace Volleyball Schedule and Scores

Date	Opponent	Result
9/2	at Kalamazoo (Mich.) #	Won, 3-2
9/2	vs. Franklin (Ind.) #	Won, 3-0
9/3	vs. Anderson (Ind.) #	Won, 3-0
9/3	vs. North Park (Ill.) #	Won, 3-0
9/7	@ Notre Dame of Ohio	Won, 3-1
9/9	CARNEGIE MELLON (Pa.) %	WON, 3-1
9/9	DENISON %	WON, 3-0
9/10	BUFFALO STATE (N.Y.)	WON, 3-0
9/10	WOOSTER %	LOST, 3-1
9/14	HIRAM	LOST, 3-0
9/16	@ DePauw (Ind.) \$	Lost, 3-2
9/16	vs. Birminham-Southern (Ala.) \$	Won, 3-0
9/17	vs. Millikin (Ill.) \$	Lost, 3-1
9/17	vs. Rose-Hulman (Ind.) \$	Lost, 3-2
9/21	CAPITAL *	WON, 3-0
9/23	vs. Transylvania (Ky.) &	Lost, 3-2
9/23	vs. Hanover (Ind.) &	Won, 3-1
9/24	vs. Bluffton &	Lost, 3-2
9/24	vs. Mt. St. Joseph &	Won, 3-1
9/27	@ Case Western Reserve	Lost, 3-0
9/30	@ Marietta *	Lost, 3-2
10/5	@ Oberlin	Won, 3-0
10/8	@ Otterbein *	Lost, 3-0
10/11	HEIDELBERG *	LOST, 3-1
10/15	OHIO NORTHERN *	WON, 3-2
10/18	@ Mount Union *	Lost, 3-1
10/22	@ Wilmington *	Won, 3-0
10/25	JOHN CARROLL *	WON, 3-0
10/29	MUSKINGUM *	WON, 3-0



Ohio Northern Volleyball Schedule and Scores

Date	Opponent	Result
9/2	DEFIANCE #	WON, 3-1
9/2	THIEL (Pa.) #	WON, 3-1
9/3	TRINE (Ind.) #	WON, 3-2
9/3	CARNEGIE MELLON (Ill.) #	WON, 3-2
9/9	vs. #20 Wisconsin Whitewater %	Lost, 3-0
9/9	@ #2 Washington (Mo.) %	Lost, 3-0
9/10	vs. #8 Carthage %	Lost, 3-0
9/10	vs. #6 Christopher Newport (Va.) %	Lost, 3-0
9/16	vs. #13 Hope (Mich.) \$	Lost, 3-1
9/17	vs. Alma (Mich.) \$	Lost, 3-2
9/17	vs. #1 Calvin (Mich.) \$	Lost, 3-0
9/21	DENISON	WON, 3-0
9/23	HANOVER (Ind.) &	WON, 3-0
9/23	TRANSYLVANIA (Ky.) &	WON, 3-1
9/24	MT. ST. JOSEPH &	LOST, 3-1
9/24	BLUFFTON &	LOST, 3-0
9/27	@ Muskingum *	Won, 3-1
10/1	MOUNT UNION *	LOST, 3-0
10/4	@ Capital	Won, 3-0
10/7	vs. Maryville (Tenn.) ^	Lost, 3-0
10/7	@ Emory (Ga.) ^	Lost, 3-0
10/8	vs. Piedmont (Ga.) ^	Won, 3-0
10/8	vs. Lynchburg (Va.) ^	Won, 3-1
10/12	OTTERBERIN *	LOST, 3-2
10/15	@ Baldwin-Wallace *	Lost, 3-2
10/18	@ Wilmington *	Won, 3-1
10/21	JOHN CARROLL *	WON, 3-0
10/25	@ Heidelberg *	Lost, 3-0