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## OAC ANNOUNCES 2006 FOOTBALL AWARDS

**Austintown, OH-** The 2006 Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) football special awards, as voted on by the league coaches are listed below:

### OAC CO-COACH-OF-THE-YEAR

**John Snell** of Baldwin-Wallace has been selected as the 2006 OAC Co Coach-of-the-Year, as voted by his peers. Snell, in his fifth year at the helm of the Yellow Jacket program, led the squad to a 7-3 overall mark and 6-3 Conference record for a third-place finish in 2006. This marked Baldwin-Wallace's 39<sup>th</sup> winning season in the last 40 years. Snell was named Coach-of-the-Year in 2002 and is the ninth Yellow Jacket to garner this award.

**Jim Collins** of Capital has been named the 2006 OAC Co Coach-of-the-Year, as selected by his peers. Collins, in his 10<sup>th</sup> year at the helm of the Crusader program, led the team to a 9-1 finish for the first time in school history and claimed second place in the OAC. Holding one of the seven national at-large bids, Capital is making its second straight and third overall appearance in the NCAA playoffs.

Collins was named Coach-of-the-Year in 2001 and 2003 and is the fourth Crusader to earn this honor.

### OAC ASSISTANT COACH-OF-THE-YEAR

**Vince Kehres** of Mount Union has been selected as the 2006 OAC Assistant Coach-of-the-Year, as selected by the 10 OAC head coaches. Kehres is in his seventh season with the Raiders and primarily works with the defensive line. He has guided the Raiders' defense to the top of the Conference in total defense, scoring defense, passing defense and rushing defense.

Kehres is the third Raider to earn this honor, which is sponsored by the National Football Foundation.

### MIKE GREGORY AWARDS

Capital senior quarterback **Rocky Pentello (Columbus/Westerville South)** was chosen as the Mike Gregory Most Outstanding Offensive back and Mount Union senior **Jason Lewis (Sylvania/Northview)** received the Mike Gregory Most Outstanding Offensive Lineman Award.

Heading into the second round of the playoffs, Pentello has completed 218 passes for 2,971 yards (270.1 ypg) and 29 touchdowns (first in the OAC). He has lead the Crusaders to the top of the Conference, ranking second in scoring offense, passing offense, total offense and passing efficiency. Pentello is the first Crusader to earn this honor and has earned First-Team Offense All-OAC honors.

Mount Union senior Jason Lewis earned the Mike Gregory Most Outstanding Offensive Lineman Award. Heading into the second round of the playoffs, Lewis and the Raider offensive line lead the nation in total offense (514.1 ypg) and the OAC in scoring offense (49.6 ppg), rushing offense (285.4 ypg) and passing efficiency (184.8). Lewis earned this honor in 2005 and is the 15<sup>th</sup> Raider to garner this award. He earned First-Team Offense All-OAC honors.

### **ED SHERMAN AWARD (MOST OUTSTANDING RECEIVER)**

Mount Union junior wide receiver **Pierre Garcon (West Palm Beach, FL/John Leonard)** was named the Ed Sherman Award winner as the OAC's Most Outstanding Receiver. Garcon is currently second in the Conference in receiving yards with 1004 (91.3 ypg), all purpose yards with 1181 (107.4 ypg) and total touchdowns with 16. Garcon is the eighth Raider to be awarded this honor and is a First-Team Offense All-OAC selection.

### **PAUL HOERNEMANN AWARD (MOST OUTSTANDING DEFENSIVE LINEMAN)**

Ohio Northern senior **Jason Trusnik (Macedonia/Nordonia)** was named the Paul Hoernemann Award winner as the most outstanding defensive lineman in the OAC. Trusnik earned this honor in 2004 and is the third Polar Bear to garner this honor.

Trusnik leads the Conference in sacks with 11 and tackles for loss with 19. He is third in tackles with 89 (49 solo, 40 assisted). He earned First-Team Defense All-OAC honors.

### **BILL EDWARDS AWARD (MOST OUTSTANDING LINEBACKER)**

Muskingum senior **Jack Junker (Parma/Valley Forge)** becomes the first Muskie to be named the Bill Edwards Most Outstanding Linebacker in the OAC. Junker led the Muskies and placed in the OAC top-10 with his 84 tackles. He totaled a team-high 8.5 tackles-for-loss and added two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries on the season. Junker earned First-Team Defense All-OAC honors.

### **LEE J. TRESSEL AWARD (MOST OUTSTANDING DEFENSIVE BACK)**

Wilmington senior **Chad Otte (Maria Stein/Marion Local)** has been awarded the Lee J. Tressel Award as the OAC's most outstanding defensive back. Otte is the second Quaker to earn this award. His nine interceptions placed him at the top of the OAC and 84 tackles places him fourth overall. Otte earned First-Team Defense All-OAC honors.

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The Gregory Awards are presented annually by the Gregory family in memory of Mike Gregory, who was one of the finest all-around athletes in Ohio Athletic Conference history at Denison University in the late 1920s.

The Hoernemann and Tressel Awards are presented for the 22nd time this year. Heidelberg College presents the Hoernemann Award in memory of its most successful football coach, Paul Hoernemann, who directed the Student Princes to a 102-18-4 record from 1946-59. Hoernemann was inducted in 1997 to the College Football Hall of Fame. Baldwin-Wallace presents the Tressel Award in memory of coach Lee J. Tressel, who guided the Yellow Jackets to four OAC championships, one national title and a 154-52-6 record from 1958-80. Tressel was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1996.

The Ed Sherman and Bill Edwards Awards are presented for the 19th time in 2006. The Sherman Award is presented by Muskingum College in honor of the winningest coach in school history. Sherman guided the Muskies to a 141-43-8 record from 1945-66. Wittenberg University presents the Edwards Award in memory of one of the most successful coaches in OAC history. Edwards guided the Tigers to a 98-20-4 record from 1955-68.



## 2006 ALL-OAC FOOTBALL TEAMS

### FIRST TEAM OFFENSE



Position	Player, School	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown/High School
<b>Receiver</b>	Pierre Garcon, Mount Union	Jr.	6-1	West Palm Beach, FL
	Joseph Konrad, John Carroll	Sr.	6-2	Warren, MI/De La Salle Collegiate
	Derrick Alexander, Capital	Jr.	5-11	Grove City/Grove City
<b>Tight End</b>	Dylan Kelly, Capital	Sr.	6-5	Hilliard/Darby
<b>Center</b>	Eric Safran, Mount Union	Jr.	6-3	Brecksville/Broadview Hts.
<b>Offensive Line</b>	Doug Tima, Otterbein	Jr.	6-3	Bucyrus/Bucyrus
	Jason Lewis, Mount Union	Sr.	6-5	Sylvania/Northview
	Derek Blanchard, Mount Union	Jr.	6-1	Lake Zurich, IL
	Adam Persing, Capital	Jr.	6-2	Springfield/Springfield
<b>Quarterback</b>	Rocky Pentello, Capital	Sr.	6-1	Columbus/Westerville Local
<b>Running Back</b>	Nate Kmic, Mount Union	So.	5-9	Delta/Delta
	Brandon Hedges, Baldwin-Wallace	Sr.	5-10	Oregon/Clay
	R.J. Meadows, Ohio Northern	So.	6-0	Hendersonville, TN/Beech
<b>Kicker</b>	Matt Spitz, Capital	Jr.	6-0	Xenia/Xenia

### FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

Position	Player, School	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown/High School
<b>Defensive Line</b>	Matt Lisi, Otterbein	Sr.	6-1	Columbus/Upper Arlington
	Clay Ream, Marietta	Jr.	6-3	Burbank/Northwestern
	Justen Stickley, Mount Union	Sr.	6-1	Massillon/Jackson
	Manny Andreoulakis, John Carroll	Sr.	5-11	Naples, FL/Gulf Coast
	Nick Bucci, Capital	Sr.	6-1	Hudson/Hudson
	Jason Trusnik, Ohio Northern	Sr.	6-4	Macedonia/Nordonia
<b>Linebackers</b>	Kieran Johnson, Otterbein	So.	6-0	Columbus/Brookhaven
	Matt Rees, Mount Union	Jr.	6-0	Dover/Dover
	Jack Junker, Muskingum	Sr.	6-1	Parma/Valley Forge
	Lenny Trusnik, Ohio Northern	Jr.	5-10	Macedonia/Nordonia
<b>Defensive Back</b>	Matt Kostelnik, Mount Union	Jr.	6-1	Avon Lake/Avon Lake
	Carol Melaragno, John Carroll	So.	5-9	Highland Hts./NDLC
	James Starks, Capital	Jr.	5-11	Toledo/St. Francis
	Chad Otte, Wilmington	Sr.	5-11	Maria Stein/Marion Local
<b>Punter</b>	Kevin Soflkiancs, Baldwin-Wallace	Jr.	5-9	Middleburg Hts./Midpark
<b>Special Teams</b>	Thom Hausler, Capital	Sr.	5-8	Hilliard/Hilliard Davidson

## SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Position	Player, School	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown/High School
<b>Receiver</b>	Chad McDaniel, Marietta	Jr.	6-1	Wooster/Triway
	Matt Lepley, Baldwin-Wallace	So.	6-0	Bellevue/Bellevue
	Mike Niedzwiecki, Capital	Sr.	5-10	Norwalk/St. Paul
<b>Tight End</b>	Anthony Antenucci, Mount Union	Sr.	6-2	Toronto
<b>Center</b>	Josh Kinniard, Capital	Sr.	6-1	Lancaster/Lancaster
<b>Offensive Line</b>	Eric Foisel, Baldwin-Wallace	Sr.	6-1	Willowick/Eastlake North
	Jason Mackay, Marietta	Jr.	6-4	Bexley/Bexley
	Brad Armstrong, Capital	Sr.	6-4	Urbana
	Mark Lloyd, John Carroll	Sr.	6-2	Coral Springs, FL
<b>Quarterback</b>	Jason Variable, Marietta	Sr.	6-0	South Park, PA
<b>Running Back</b>	Jeremy Mulkey, Capital			
	Matt Divis, John Carroll	Sr.	6-0	Avon/St. Ignatius
	Justin Wray, Mount Union	Jr.	6-0	Vandergrift, PA/Kiski Area
<b>Kicker</b>	Mike Zimmerman, Mount Union	Jr.	5-11	Archbold/Archbold

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Position	Player, School	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown/High School
<b>Defensive Line</b>	Tyler Evans, Otterbein	Jr.	6-3	Oak Hill/Oak Hill
	Nick Parr, Mount Union	Jr.	6-2	Kenton/Kenton
	Joe Kowalski, Baldwin-Wallace	So.	6-2	Macedonia/Nordonia
	Zac McKenzie, Capital	Jr.	6-1	Hilliard/Darby
	Jake Fallis, Ohio Northern	So.	6-0	Harrison/Harrison
<b>Linebackers</b>	Tony DeRiggi, Mount Union	Jr.	6-2	Cranberry Twp., PA/Seneca Valley
	Mike Nettling, John Carroll	So.	6-2	Stow/Walsh Jesuit
	Paul Burger, Baldwin-Wallace	So.	6-0	Mentor/Mentor
	Sam Abdullah, Capital	Sr.	5-11	Worthington/Thomas Worthington
<b>Defensive Back</b>	J.J. Wheeler, Marietta	Sr.	6-0	Zanesville/Marysville
	Jonah Wilson, Mount Union	Jr.	5-9	Copley/Copley
	Jim Wochele, Baldwin-Wallace	Sr.	6-0	Richmond Hts./Richmond
	Taylor Clark, Wilmington	Sr.	5-10	Morrow, TN/McCalle
<b>Punter</b>	Bill Goodrich, John Carroll	Sr.	5-11	Seven Hills/St. Ignatius
<b>Special Teams</b>	Ryan Creachbaum, Mount Union	Sr.	6-6	Elknart, IN

## Honorable Mention

<b>Player, School</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Ht.</b>	<b>Hometown/High School</b>
David Brown, Baldwin-Wallace	OLB	Sr.	5-11	North Olmsted/North Olmsted
Luke Chronister, Baldwin-Wallace	OLB	Jr.	5-10	Ashland/Ashland
Anthony Floyd, Capital	DL	Sr.	6-1	Youngtown/Wilson
Marty O'Malley, Capital	DL	Sr.	5-10	North Olmsted/North Olmsted
Dawond Roddy, Heidelberg	WR	So.	5-10	Sidney/Sidney
Fran Cavotta, Heidelberg	DB	So.	5-9	Highland Hts./ North Olmsted
Ben Rulli, John Carroll	OL/P	Sr.	6-3	Fairborn/Carroll
David Graves, John Carroll	LB	Sr.	6-0	Troy, MI/Athens
Brian Hahn, Marietta	LB	Jr.	5-10	Upper Sandusky/Upper Sandusky
Jason Curry, Marietta	WR	Sr.	6-2	Akron/Springfield
Sam Vucelich, Mount Union	DE	Sr.	6-1	Beaver Falls, PA/Riverside
Nick Barren, Mount Union	Safety	Jr.	5-10	Worthington/Thomas Worthington
Nathan Hedge, Muskingum	OLB	Jr.	6-4	Caldwell/Shenandoah
Jack Murray, Muskingum	WR	So.	5-11	Alexandria/Northridge
Nate Dannington, Ohio Northern	OL	Jr.	6-4	Richwood/North Union
Aaron Esposito, Ohio Northern	LB	Sr.	6-0	Grand Blanc, MI
Josh Bope, Otterbein	KR/P	So.	5-11	Plain City/Jonathan Alder
Mike King, Otterbein	OL	So.	5-10	Springfield/Graham
Brandon Hiatt, Wilmington	WR	Jr.	5-9	Waynesville/Waynesville
Chad Adams, Wilmington	OLB	So.	6-2	Wilmington/Greeneview