

OAC Announces 2001 Men's Soccer Special Awards and All-OAC Teams

John Carroll's Kazemaini Named OAC Coach of the Year

John Carroll 10th-year Head Coach **Ali Kazemaini** has been selected by his peers as the 2001 OAC Coach of the Year. Kazemaini, earning the recognition for the second consecutive year, led his team to the OAC regular-season title in 2001. The Blue Streaks will look to defend their OAC Tournament title this week. Top-seed JCU hosts fourth-seed Otterbein on Wednesday, October 31 at Wasmer Field at 2 p.m. in one semifinal game.

Kazemaini led JCU to its first-ever appearance in the NCAA Division III Tournament in 2000. In his nine years at the helm, Kazemaini has guided the Blue Streaks to six Ohio Athletic Conference regular-season championships and two OAC Tournament titles.

**** This is the first year the OAC is presenting Players of the Year by position.

Ohio Northern's Ellis and Otterbein's Weinberg Named OAC Co-Midfielders of the Year

Ohio Northern senior **Matt Ellis (Medina)** and Otterbein senior **Bobby Weinberg (Louisville, KY/Waggener Traditional)** have been chosen by the league coaches as the 2000 OAC Co-Midfielders of the Year. Ellis was also the 2000 Co-Offensive Player of the Year.

Ellis was ranked in the top-10 in the Conference throughout the season in points, goals and assists per game. Ellis ends his career fourth at ONU in goals (33), first in assists (30) and third in scoring (96 points). He is also third in career assists in the Conference. Ellis was a four-time All-OAC selection.

Weinberg was seventh in the Conference in points (25-1.56 ppg) and led the Conference in assists (11-0.69 apg) this season. Weinberg has 27 goals, 24 assists and 78 points in his career as a Cardinal. He is a three-time All-OAC choice.

Wilmington's Lidman Named OAC Defensive Player of the Year

Wilmington junior defender **Bjorn Lidman (Katrineholm, Sweden/Duveholm)** has been chosen by the league coaches as the 2001 Defensive Player of the Year.

Lidman led a Quaker defensive attack that ranked third in the Conference with a 0.84 goals-against average. He also helped Wilmington to a league leading 10 shutouts. Lidman is a two-time All-OAC selection. Lidman will lead the second-seeded Quakers against third-seeded Heidelberg at Gilhart Field on Wednesday, October 31 at 7 p.m.

John Carroll's Heslep Named OAC Forward of the Year

John Carroll sophomore **Chris Heslep (Avon Lake)** has been chosen by the league coaches as the 2001 Forward of the Year.

Heslep is third in the Conference in points (33-2.06 ppg) and goals (15-0.94) per game. Heslep has played in 32 career games and has 29 career goals and nine assists for 67 points. Heslep is a two-time All-OAC choice.

Wilmington's Gronostaj Named OAC Goalkeeper of the Year

Wilmington senior **Billy Gronostaj (West Chester/Lakota)** has been chosen by the league coaches as the 2001 Goalkeeper of the Year.

Gronostaj led the Conference with 10 shutouts and was second in goals-against average (0.77). He holds the school record for career shutouts (23). Gronostaj is a two-time All-OAC honoree.



2001 All-OAC Men's Soccer Team

Selected by the league coaches



First Team

<u>Position</u>	<u>Player, School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Goalkeepers	Billy Gronostaj, Wilmington	Sr.	West Chester/Lakota
	Andy Milby, Ohio Northern ~	Sr.	Worthington/Worthington Christian
Defenders	Bjorn Lidman, Wilmington&	Jr.	Katrineholm, Sweden/Duveholm
	Mike Lochner, Otterbein&+	Sr.	Bexley
	Josh Longdon, Heidelberg^#	Jr.	Bay Village
Midfielders	Matt Ellis, Ohio Northern~+%	Sr.	Medina
	Thomas Kolba, John Carroll	So.	Parma/Normandy
	Kevin Pitorak, John Carroll&	So.	Russell/Notre Dame Cathedral
	Bobby Weinberg, Otterbein &#	Sr.	Louisville, KY/Waggener Traditional
	Ryan Wise, Heidelberg~*	Sr.	West Worthington/Kilbourne
Forwards	Chris Heslep, John Carroll&	So.	Avon Lake
	Scott Lower, Wilmington^	Sr.	Beavercreek
	Angelo Manzo, Otterbein^	So.	Pickerington

Second Team

Goalkeeper	Ed Delsky, Baldwin-Wallace	Sr.	Solon
Defenders	Tevis Foreman, Wilmington^	Sr.	Cincinnati/Colerain
	David Mustar, Baldwin-Wallace	Fr.	North Ridgeville
	Keegan Schoen, John Carroll	Jr.	Maumee/Toledo St. John's
	Brendan Thompson, Ohio Northern&+Sr.	Sr.	Medina
Midfielders	Matt Bednar, Mount Union	Fr.	Minerva
	Chris Darby, Wilmington	Jr.	Cincinnati/Kings
	Marcos Vaca, Marietta	Fr.	Houston, TX/Friendswood
Forwards	Paul Francis, Otterbein	So.	Powell/Worthington Kilbourne
	Mike Miller, Wilmington	Sr.	Clayton/Northmont
	Adam Neill, Heidelberg*	Jr.	Monroe
	Derrick Sullivan, Baldwin-Wallace	Fr.	Parma
	Greg Trosper, Ohio Northern~+	Sr.	Spring Valley/Bellbrook

Honorable Mention

Goalkeeper	Phil Mansell, John Carroll	So.	Timberlake/Eastlake North
Defenders	Chris Baker, Wilmington	Sr.	Middletown/Fenwick
	Chris Ries, Capital^	Jr.	Dublin/Hilliard Davidson
	Derek Savage, Heidelberg	Sr.	Dayton/West Carrollton
	Mark Welp, Otterbein^	Jr.	Westerville/North
Midfielders	Matt Gnau, Wilmington	Sr.	Yellow Springs/Xenia
	Justin LaBelle, John Carroll	So.	Wheaton, IL/Benet Academy
	Nick Peters, Capital	So.	Toledo/St. Francis DeSales
	Keith Widing, Muskingum	So.	Chesterland/West Geauga
	Brandon Wulf, Heidelberg#	Jr.	Bay Village
Forwards	Bill Petroff, Baldwin-Wallace^	Sr.	North Ridgeville

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