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Ohio Athletic Conference

OAC Announces 2002 All-OAC Tennis Teams

Twinsburg, Ohio -- The Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) has announced the 2002 All-OAC men's and women's tennis teams along with coach of the year and player of the year (MEN ONLY), today.

A total of 55 athletes from the Conference have been named to the 2002 All-OAC Tennis Teams.

The following two pages list in detail the 2002 All-OAC Tennis Teams.

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Baldwin-Wallace College

Capital University

Heidelberg College

John Carroll University

Marietta College

Mount Union College

Muskingum College

Ohio Northern University

Otterbein College

Wilmington College

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All-OAC Men's Tennis Teams



Otterbein's Morris Earns OAC Men's Tennis Coach of the Year

Twinsburg, OH -- Otterbein 11th-year Head Coach **Dan Morris** has been named 2002 OAC Men's Tennis Coach of the Year, as selected by his peers.

Morris led the Cardinals to their first OAC Tournament title since 1943. The Cards were the fifth-seed in the OAC Tournament and defeated fourth-seed Capital, top-seed Mount Union and second-seed Ohio Northern in the championship match.

Morris receives his first-ever OAC Coach-of-the-Year Award since the honor was inaugurated in 1995.

Ohio Northern's Meilton Earns Named the 2002 OAC Mark Lensen Player of the Year

Twinsburg, OH -- Ohio Northern junior **Brian Meilton (Pickerington)** has been named 2002 OAC Mark Lensen Player of the Year, as selected by the league coaches. It is the fourth year for the presentation of the award.

The award is named after Mark Lensen, head men's tennis coach and professor at Ohio Northern from 1978-99. Lensen led his teams to four OAC Championships and a 179-62 record in his 18 years at the helm. Lensen, named OAC Coach of the Year three times, passed away in March, 1999. The award is presented to a singles champion who exhibits quality athletic abilities and sportsmanlike conduct at the OAC Championships.

Meilton helped the Polar Bears to a runner-up finish at the 2002 OAC Championships. Meilton posted a 17-3 mark at first singles and teamed with sophomore **Michael Romanello (Minford)** for a 13-4 mark in doubles action.

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FIRST TEAM

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name, School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
2-3S/2D	Robert Caress, Capital	Fr.	Cincinnati/Princeton
1S/1D	Ward Crane, Baldwin-Wallace	Fr.	Hudson/Western Reserve Academy
1S/1D	Daniel Dodson, Otterbein	Jr.	Minford
2S/1D	Joe Libster, Mount Union	Jr.	Canton/McKinley
1S/1D	Brian Meilton, Ohio Northern	Jr.	Pickerington
1S/1D	Scott Meyer, John Carroll	Sr.	Cincinnati/Elder
1S/1D	Jeff McQuate, Mount Union	Sr.	Ashland
2S/1D	Dave Taylor, Otterbein	So.	New Albany/Worthington Christian
2S/1D	Mike Wagner, Baldwin-Wallace	Fr.	Avon Lake

SECOND TEAM

4S/2D	Bryan Bartunek, Baldwin-Wallace	Sr.	Warren/Warren G. Harding
2-3S/1-2D	Justin Bays, Otterbein	Fr.	Findlay/Wheelersburg
3S/2D	Collin Braun, John Carroll	Jr.	Avon Lake/St. Ignatius
3S/2D	Ryan Burdick, Baldwin-Wallace	Sr.	Conneaut
3S/2D	Chris Compton, Ohio Northern	Fr.	Centerville
1-2 S/1D	Bill Crossin, Capital	Jr.	Columbus/Bishop Watterson
4-5S/1-2D	Brian Erwin, Otterbein	Sr.	Reynoldsburg
1S/1D	Bjorn Lidman, Wilmington	Sr.	Katrineholm, Sweden/Duveholm
2S/1D	Michael Romanello, Ohio Northern	So.	Minford

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3S/2D	Kurt Barman, Muskingum	Jr.	Norwalk/St. Paul
4S/2D	Pete Capozziello, John Carroll	Fr.	Erie, PA/Harborcreek
3S/1D	Nick Graham, Capital	So.	Westerville/Worthington Christian
4S/3D	Josh Hafer, Ohio Northern	Fr.	Grove City
2S/1D	Adam Johnson, Wilmington	Jr.	Wilmington
4S/3D	Jason Leavitt, Mount Union	Fr.	Pepper Pike/Orange
5S/3D	Adam Slabodnick, Baldwin-Wallace	Fr.	Ashland
2S/1D	Patrick Zanko, Heidelberg	Sr.	Brecksville/Brecksville-Broadview Hts.



All-OAC Women's Tennis Teams



Ohio Northern's Wills Earns OAC Women's Tennis Coach of the Year

Twinsburg, OH -- Ohio Northern first-year Head Coach **Scott Wills** has been named 2002 OAC Women's Tennis Coach of the Year, as selected by his peers.

Wills led the Polar Bears to their first-ever OAC Tournament title in 2002. The Bears set school records for wins (21) and a 15-match win streak. Prior to this season, the Bears hadn't had a winning season since 1999. ONU was the second-seed in the tournament and defeated seventh-seed Mount Union, third-seed Capital and top-seed Otterbein in its title run.

Wills becomes the first ONU women's tennis coach to receive the OAC Coach-of-the-Year Award since the honor was inaugurated in 1995.

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FIRST TEAM

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name, School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
2S/2D	Ashley Brewster, Baldwin-Wallace	Jr.	Perry
1S/2D	Holly Creitz, Ohio Northern	Sr.	Westerville/St. Francis DeSales
1S/1D	Teresa Darrah, Heidelberg	Jr.	Van Wert
1S/1D	Sarah Juzwik, Baldwin-Wallace	So.	Ashland
5S/2D	Karen Lee, Ohio Northern	Fr.	Mount Vernon
4S/1D	Holly Lorensen, Capital	Sr.	Oak Harbor
1S/1D	Erin Moriarty, Otterbein	So.	Pickerington
2S/1D	Kelly Shields, Otterbein	So.	Bucyrus
2S/1D	Kim Woodrich, Mount Union	Sr.	Marietta

SECOND TEAM

3S/1D	Shannon Close, Muskingum	Jr.	Concord/Lake Catholic
4S/1D	Laura Feasel, Ohio Northern	Sr.	Tiffin/Calvert
4S/2D	Katie Gartner, Baldwin-Wallace	So.	Findlay
1S/1D	Jessie Heslar, Wilmington	Sr.	Georgetown
3S/2D	Staci Hilborn, Otterbein	Fr.	Pickerington
1S/1D	Jessie McCarty, John Carroll	Fr.	Rocky River/Magnificat
6S/3D	Erin Range, Otterbein	Sr.	New Philadelphia
5S/2D	Erica Sentgeorge, MTU	Sr.	New Castle, PA/Mohawk
6S/2D	Greta Thorkelson, Capital	So.	Akron/Copley
5S/3D	Nici Workman, Capital	So.	Chillicothe/Unioto

HONORABLE MENTION

3S/2D	Sylvia Dunn, Marietta	Jr.	Minneapolis, MN/Minnehaha Academy
2S/2D	Erin Lee, Muskingum	Fr.	Pickerington
4S/1D	Carrie Lou Ebling, Heidelberg	Sr.	Van Buren
5S/3D	Jennifer Haley, Otterbein	Fr.	Tiffin/Calvert
6S/3D	Andrea Messer, Ohio Northern	Jr.	Lima/Bath
3S/3D	Lauren Palowitz, Ohio Northern	Fr.	Boardman
2S/1D	Amanda Showman, Heidelberg	So.	Green Springs/Clyde
5S/2D	Emily Simms, Marietta	Fr.	Kankakee, IL
2S/1D	Becky Stalter, Ohio Northern	Sr.	Lancaster
2S/1D	Megan Stiltner, Wilmington	Fr.	Wheelersburg/Minford