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## Marietta's Coakley Named Jack Rafeld OAC Baseball Player of the Year

**Cleveland, OH --** Marietta senior catcher **Jay Coakley (Newark/Tri-Valley)** has been named the 2002 Jack Rafeld Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Player of the Year. It is the 25th annual award presentation of the Jack Rafeld Award, which honors the OAC's most outstanding baseball player. The winner is selected by the Conference coaches during the OAC Baseball Tournament.

The award is named in honor one of Mount Union's most successful coaches. Jack Rafeld served in various capacities from 1946-79 in Mount Union's physical education and athletics department. In 30 years as the baseball coach, Rafeld guided the Purple Raiders to a 304-220-3 overall record.

Coakley is the 15th Marietta player to earn this prestigious honor and the third Pioneer to win this award back-to-back years. Josh Streit won the award in both 1998 and 1999 and Joe Thomas captured the award the two previous seasons.

Coakley is a three-time All-OAC First-Team selection and a two-time Rawlings/American Baseball Coaches Association First-Team All-American. Coakley has helped the Pioneers advance to the NCAA Division III Mideast Regional for the 31st time in the past 32 years. Currently, Coakley is hitting a league-leading .475 with 58 hits, 62 runs-batted in, 12 doubles and one triple. He leads the league with 62 runs-batted and is second in homeruns with 13.

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## Heidelberg's Sheets Named Kent Tekulve OAC Baseball Pitcher of the Year

**Cleveland, OH --** Heidelberg junior pitcher **Bill Sheets (Fremont/Ross)** has been named the 2002 Kent Tekulve Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Pitcher of the Year for the first time this year. It is the eighth annual award presentation of the Kent Tekulve Award. The winner is selected by the Conference coaches during the OAC Baseball Tournament.

The award is named after 1969 Marietta graduate Kent Tekulve, who spent 21 seasons playing professional baseball, including 17 seasons with the Pittsburgh Pirates. He was a key member of the Pirates' 1979 World Series championship team, setting a major league record with three saves in the Series against Baltimore. He broke Hoyt Wilhelm's record of 1,018 career relief appearances. Tekulve finished his professional career with 1,050 games played, 184 saves and a 94-90 record.

Sheets becomes the first Heidelberg player to earn this award. He tied for the league lead with seven wins and was second in the Conference with a 2.17 earned run average. In 62.1 innings of work, Sheets had 65 strikeouts and allowed 15 earned runs. Sheets is a two-time All-OAC First Team selection.

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Note: OAC Coach of the Year will be  
announced Wednesday, May 15.



# All-OAC Baseball Team



## Four Repeat on All-OAC Baseball First Team

Cleveland, OH -- Marietta senior catcher **Jay Coakley (Newark/Tri-Valley)**, Baldwin-Wallace junior shortstop **Jim Leffler (Chagrin Falls)**, Otterbein sophomore outfielder **Tory Allen (Valrico, FL/Bloomingdale)** and Heidelberg junior pitcher **Bill Sheets (Fremont/Ross)** are repeat selections to the 2002 All-Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Baseball First Team.

The All-OAC Baseball Team is selected by league coaches at their annual spring meeting held in conjunction with the OAC Tournament. The following lists the 2002 All-OAC Baseball Team.

### FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Name, School	Yr.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School
DH	Todd Yoder, Marietta	Sr.	R	5-10	196	Middlefield/Cardinal
C	Jay Coakley, Marietta *+	Sr.	R/R	5-11	220	Newark/Tri-Valley
C	Frank Perry, Muskingum=	Sr.	R/R	5-11	195	Harbor/Ashtabula
1B	Pat Shannon, Baldwin-Wallace^	Jr.	R/R	6-4	210	Madison, Conn./Daniel Head
2B	Steve Conter, Baldwin-Wallace ^@	Sr.	R/R	5-10	180	Cleveland/Lutheran West
3B	Brent Curtin, Marietta=	Jr.	R/R	5-10	205	Gibsonia, PA/North Allegheny
SS	Jim Leffler, Baldwin-Wallace*	Jr.	R/R	6-0	175	Chagrin Falls
SS	Frank Balogh, Heidelberg +\$	Sr.	R/R	6-1	190	Avon Lake
SS	Justin Evans, Wilmington	Jr.	S/R	6-0	190	Franklin
OF	Matt McLuckey, Marietta	So.	L/L	5-11	175	Hopwood, PA/Laurel Highlands
OF	Alan Ledford, Wilmington^	Sr.	L/L	5-10	165	Blanchester
OF	Tory Allen, Otterbein*	So.	R/R	6-1	185	Valrico, FL/Bloomingdale
OF	Mike Van Schepen, Muskingum =@	Jr.	R/R	6-0	180	Pickerington
P	Robert Benjamin, Otterbein	Fr.	R	6-3	195	Powell/Olentangy
P	Bill Sheets, Heidelberg*	Jr.	R	6-2	175	Fremont/Ross

### SECOND TEAM

DH	Jeremy Compton, Otterbein	Jr.	L	6-1	220	Dover
C	Pete Couch, Mount Union	Jr.	R/R	5-10	190	Green
1B	Aaron Lawson, Wilmington=	So.	R/R	5-10	170	Hebron/Lakewood
2B	Ryan Johnson, Capital=	Jr.	R/R	5-10	170	Boardman
2B	Ryan Gelhaus, Heidelberg=	So.	R/R	6-5	200	Columbus/St. Charles
3B	Mike Sataneck, Otterbein	Fr.	R/R	6-0	170	North Olmsted/St. Edward
OF	Ryan Alexander, Muskingum	Jr.	L/L	6-0	170	Adena/St. John
OF	Preston Bentley, Otterbein	Sr.	L/L	6-2	190	Washington CH
OF	Brock Gankosky, Heidelberg*	Jr.	R/R	6-2	200	Perrysburg
OF	Peter Rowe, Baldwin-Wallace	Sr.	R/R	6-3	200	Worthington/Thomas Worthington
UT	Adam Starr, Mount Union	Jr.	L/L	6-0	185	Wooster/Triway
P	Matt Dyke, Heidelberg	So.	R	6-2	185	Willoughby/South
P	Dale Koler, Baldwin-Wallace^	So.	L	6-1	160	Brunswick
P	Brandon McIntyre, Mount Union=	Sr.	R	6-0	185	Ravenna
P	Scott Stocker, Marietta	So.	R	5-9	164	Batavia/Clermont Northeast

### HONORABLE MENTION

DH	Matt Edwards, Muskingum*	Sr.	R	5-11	195	Marysville
1B	David Snapp, Ohio Northern	So.	R/R	6-5	215	Lewiston/Indian Lake
1B	Kevin May, Marietta	Jr.	R/R	6-1	207	Avon Lake
2B	Tim Matheney, Muskingum	Sr.	L/R	5-11	190	New Concord/John Glenn
3B	Todd Bratz, Baldwin-Wallace	Sr.	R/R	6-0	190	Parma/Normandy
SS	Ryan Lillard, Ohio Northern	Sr.	R/R	5-9	180	Huntsville/Indian Lake
OF	Mike Kiene, John Carroll	Jr.	R/R	5-11	175	Pandora/Pandora-Gilboa
OF	Tim Lastivka, Otterbein^	Sr.	R/L	5-9	165	Groveport/Madison
OF	Josh Martin, Wilmington	Fr.	R/R	5-10	160	Circleville
OF	Derek Pauley, Marietta	So.	R/R	5-10	185	Pompano Beach, FL/Cherry Creek
OF	Dave Riede, Baldwin-Wallace	Jr.	R/R	6-0	180	Cuyahoga Falls/Walsh Jesuit
P	Bill Barmann, John Carroll	Sr.	L/L	6-2	190	Cleveland Benedictine
P	Doug Bringman, Otterbein	Sr.	R	6-2	185	Fostoria
P	Dan Farler, Ohio Northern	Jr.	R	6-3	185	Cridersville/Perry
P	Dan May, Marietta	Jr.	R	6-1	188	Avon Lake

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^2001 Honorable Mention  
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