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OAC Announces Football Awards

Cleveland, OH -- The 2002 Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) football special awards, as voted on by the league coaches, are listed below.

OAC Co-Coaches of the Year

Regis Scafe of John Carroll and **John Snell** of Baldwin-Wallace were selected as the 2002 OAC Co-Coaches of the Year.

Scafe has led JCU to its first appearance in the Division III Football Championship since 1997. In four years at the helm, Scafe has led the Blue Streaks to a 31-10 overall mark. The Blue and Gold finished as runner-up in Conference this season with an 8-1 mark.

Snell, in his first year as head coach at his alma mater, led the Yellow Jackets to an 8-2 overall mark and 7-2 record in the Conference. The third place finish for the Brown and Gold was its highest since 1998.

OAC Assistant Coach of the Year

Jim Bickel of Capital was selected as the 2002 OAC Assistant Coach of the Year.

Bickel, in his second season as an assistant coach and defensive coordinator, helped guide his defensive unit to the top half of the league standings in scoring defense, rushing defense and total defense.

Mike Gregory Awards

Mount Union senior running back **Dan Pugh (Norwalk/St. Paul)** was chosen as the Mike Gregory most outstanding offensive back in the Conference.

Pugh led the Conference in rushing (229 attempts/1,467 yards), scoring (158 points) and all-purpose yards (2184). Pugh's 26 touchdowns this season set the school single-season record and Conference mark. His 1,467 rushing yards also set the single-season school mark (was previously 1,460 by Russ King, 1986).

John Carroll senior **Matt Payne (Lisle, IL/Benet Academy)** received the Mike Gregory Award as the most outstanding offensive lineman in the Conference. Payne, a 2002 All-OAC First-Team choice, has led an offensive line that leads the Conference passing offense and is second in scoring offense and third in total offense.

Ed Sherman Award

Senior wide receiver **Jeff Lerner (North Olmsted/St. Ignatius)** of John Carroll was named the Ed Sherman Award winner as the OAC's most outstanding receiver. Lerner, a two-time All-OAC selection, led the League in receiving yards per game (87.7) and punt return average (14.4 ypr). Lerner became the school record holder for



Ohio Athletic Conference

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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career receptions with 142 and is the school career record holder in receiving yards (2,493).

Paul Hoernemann Award

Senior **Matt Campbell (Massillon/Perry)** of Mount Union was named the Paul Hoernemann Award winner as the most outstanding defensive lineman in the OAC for the second straight year. Campbell totaled 73 tackles on the season, including 19.5 tackles for loss (school record). Campbell helped the Purple Raiders to their eighth straight undefeated regular season.

Bill Edwards Award

John Carroll senior **Chris Cubero (Akron/Garfield)** has received the Bill Edwards Award as the most outstanding linebacker in the OAC. Cubero has led the Carroll defense with 95 tackles in 2002. He also recorded 19.5 tackles for loss, 2.5 quarterback sacks and three interceptions.

Lee J. Tressel Award

Receiving the Lee J. Tressel Award as the OAC's most outstanding defensive back is Mount Union junior **Chris Kern (Faribault, MN/Senior)**. Kern is a two-time All-OAC pick and is receiving this award for the second straight year. An outstanding cover man, he led the Raider defense with four interceptions in 2002 and also recorded 34 tackles (22 solo stops, 12 assists).

All statistics are prior to DIII playoffs ... All-OAC teams on following pages

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 17th 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 14th time in 2002. 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.



Football



2002 All-OAC Football Team

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First Team Offense

Position	Player, School	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School
Receiver	Randell Knapp, Mount Union	Jr.	6-4	211	Kent/Field
	Dave LaBahn, Baldwin-Wallace	Sr.	6-2	180	Strongsville
	Jeff Lerner, John Carroll ~	Sr.	6-0	190	North Olmsted/St. Ignatius
Tight End	Josh Liddell, Mount Union%	Sr.	6-4	220	Bemus Point, NY/Maple Grove
Offensive Line	Larry Kinnard, Mount Union%	Jr.	6-7	310	Alliance
	Brent Miller, Mount Union	Jr.	6-2	268	Orrville
	Matt Payne, John Carroll	Sr.	6-3	280	Lisle, IL/Benet Academy
	Sherm Sackett, Capital	Sr.	6-4	260	Bellevue
Center	Justin Coston, Mount Union	Sr.	6-2	270	Elyria
Quarterback	Tom Arth, John Carroll&	Sr.	6-4	230	Westlake/St. Ignatius
Running Back	Mark Anders, Baldwin-Wallace	Jr.	6-0	190	North Olmsted
	Rayshaun Gales, Capital&	Sr.	5-11	205	Worthington/Whitehall
	Dan Pugh, Mount Union &~	Sr.	6-0	205	Norwalk/St. Paul
Kicker	Bo Comer, Capital	Sr.	5-9	155	Maineville/Kings

First Team Defense

Defensive Line	Matt Campbell, Mount Union &@	Sr.	6-3	235	Massillon/Perry
	Brian Christopher, Ohio Northern&	Sr.	6-2	250	St. Mary's/Memorial
	Joe Indriolo, John Carroll	Sr.	6-0	235	Moreland Hills/Walsh Jesuit
	Greg Liggins, Wilmington&	Sr.	6-5	230	Toledo/Scott
	Rob Wittensoldner, Baldwin-Wallace	Sr.	6-4	263	Alliance/Marlington
Linebackers	Chris Cubero, John Carroll	Sr.	6-1	225	Akron/Garfield
	Curt Hartman, Ohio Northern%	Sr.	6-2	220	Bowling Green/Otsego
	Ron Swearingin, Capital &@	Jr.	6-0	215	Mason/Kings
	Stan Watson, Mount Union &~	Sr.	6-0	210	Canfield/Austintown Fitch
Defensive Back	Dustin Blake, Mount Union	Sr.	6-2	205	West Jefferson
	Chris Kern, Mount Union&	Sr.	6-0	200	Faribault, MN/ Senior
	Greg Koch, Baldwin-Wallace#	Jr.	6-2	201	Olmsted Falls
Punter	Matt Louis, Muskingum	Sr.	5-11	190	Mason/William Mason
Special Teams	Adam Hicks, Capital	Sr.	6-2	195	Westerville/Big Walnut
	Erik Winland, Muskingum	Sr.	6-0	165	Zanesville

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Second Team Offense

Position	Player, School	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School
Receiver	Matt Friesner, Capital	Jr.	5-10	170	Lancaster
	D.J. Leslie, Heidelberg	Sr.	6-3	195	Marietta/Warren
	Adam Therrien, John Carroll	Sr.	6-3	205	Strongsville
Tight End	Jake Moore, Heidelberg	Sr.	6-6	225	Bascon/Hopewell-Loudon
	Chris Shank, Muskingum	Sr.	6-3	215	Tiffin/Calvert
Offensive Line	Bob Bradley, Mount Union	Jr.	6-6	298	Fredericksburg, VA/Massaponax
	Jeff Edens, Marietta%	Jr.	5-11	275	Sissonville, WV/Sissonville
	Rob Pratt, Muskingum	Sr.	6-5	280	Granville
	Carlos Rivera, Baldwin-Wallace	Sr.	6-3	270	Berea
Center	Seth Gintz, Muskingum	Jr.	6-0	280	Dover
	Abe Lawson, Wilmington	Jr.	6-1	230	Fairfield
Quarterback	Dan Larham, Baldwin-Wallace	Jr.	6-0	210	Brimfield/Walsh Jesuit
Running Back	Trevor Cooper, Muskingum	So.	6-1	190	Rayland/Indian Creek
	Ryan DeGeorge, John Carroll	Jr.	5-9	185	Akron/Hoban
	Zach Weber, Ohio Northern	So.	5-7	145	Delphos/St. John's
Kicker	Chad Teague, Mount Union	So.	6-0	170	Orrville

Second Team Defense

Defensive Line	Trevor Alexander, Capital%	Sr.	6-2	225	Ashland
	Antoine Dillard, Mount Union	Jr.	6-4	265	Cleveland/Benedictine
	Jeff Knoblauch, Mount Union%	Sr.	6-4	250	Pickerington
	Brandon Tisdale, Wilmington%	So.	5-11	280	Wilberforce/Xenia
Linebackers	Josh Vogel, Ohio Northern#	Sr.	6-1	245	Celina
	Brian Brooke, John Carroll	Sr.	5-9	185	Youngstown/Cardinal Mooney
	Mike Davis, Heidelberg	Jr.	6-2	210	Bethesda/Union Local
	Bryan Parobek, Baldwin-Wallace	Sr.	5-9	190	Berea
Defensive Back	Chris Shaw, Capital#	Sr.	6-1	220	Gahanna/Lincoln
	David Sutor, Otterbein	Sr.	6-1	225	Cleveland/Holy Name
	Tom DeLuca, Baldwin-Wallace%	Jr.	6-1	180	Norwalk
	Greg Dochod, John Carroll	Sr.	6-0	180	Newaygo, MI/Grand Rapids CC
	Kyle Hausler, Capital	Fr.	5-9	165	Hilliard/Davidson
Punter	Brett Munn, Marietta	So.	6-1	185	Newbury
	Matt Sotcan, Mount Union	Sr.	6-2	185	Alliance
	Scott Elzey, Muskingum	Jr.	6-0	205	Belpre
Special Teams	Sonny Fanelli, John Carroll	Jr.	5-10	175	Green/Akron Hoban

Honorable Mention

Player, School	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School
Chuck Black, Otterbein	C	Sr.	6-2	245	Westerville/DeSales
Chris Carter, Mount Union	DE	Sr.	6-2	217	Cincinnati/Wyoming
Matt Caponi, Mount Union	DB	Jr.	6-2	190	Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin
Justin Culbertson, Marietta	OT	Sr.	6-4	280	Logan
Justin Dranschak, Capital	S	Jr.	6-1	190	Kings Mills/Kings
Danny Edghill, Capital	QB	Sr.	6-0	180	Gahanna/Lincoln
Greg Fleming, Otterbein	WR	Sr.	6-1	185	Fostoria
Dan Furbee, Marietta#	DE	Jr.	6-3	235	Alma, WV/Tyler Consolidated
Gerald Hazzard, Baldwin-Wallace	FB	Sr.	5-11	230	North Olmsted
Will Isaac, Wilmington%	RB	Sr.	5-10	208	Detroit, MI/Cass Tech
Jeff Mangas, Ohio Northern	DE	Jr.	6-5	205	Defiance/Ayresville
Brady Myers, Baldwin-Wallace	DE	Sr.	6-2	220	Wellington
Kelly Rapp, Heidelberg#	LB	Sr.	6-1	240	Cadiz
Richard Scales, Wilmington	TE	Sr.	5-11	220	Columbus/Briggs
Ryan Spicer, Muskingum	DB	Jr.	5-9	160	New Lexington
Dan Stewart, Ohio Northern	RB	Sr.	6-3	210	Whitmore Lake, MI
Liam Stull, John Carroll	DB	Sr.	6-1	175	Cleveland/St. Ignatius
Gary Tope, Heidelberg	RB	Jr.	5-10	185	Delaware/Olentangy
Marc VonKaenel, Muskingum	QB	Sr.	6-2	185	Dover
David Walter, John Carroll	OT	Sr.	6-5	265	Willoughby/South