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## Heidelberg's Hatfield Named Jack Rafeld OAC Baseball Player of the Year

*Twinsburg, OH* -- Heidelberg sophomore second baseman **Jon Hatfield (Crestline)** has been named the 2003 Jack Rafeld Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Player of the Year. It is the 26th 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.

Hatfield led the Student Princes during the regular season, topping the team with a .457 batting average and a .812 slugging percentage. Hatfield was the Conference leader in runs scored (50) and was second with 17 doubles and 10 home runs. Hatfield helped the 'Berg to a 29-10 mark heading into the OAC Tournament and was named to the 2003 All-OAC First Team for the first time in his career.

Hatfield is just the second Heidelberg player to be named the Jack Rafeld OAC Player of the Year. 'Berg catcher Aaron Fischer was also awarded this honor in 2000.

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## Marietta's DeSalvo Named Kent Tekulve OAC Baseball Pitcher of the Year

*Twinsburg, OH* -- Marietta senior pitcher **Matt DeSalvo (New Castle, PA/ Union Area)** has been named the 2003 Kent Tekulve Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Pitcher of the Year, becoming the first player to earn this honor three times. It is the ninth 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.

DeSalvo is a three-time All-OAC First Team pick and a two-time Rawlings/American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) All-America selection. In 2001, DeSalvo broke the NCAA Division III record for strikeouts in a single season with 205, led the nation with a 17-1 record and was also named the NCAA Division III Player of the Year by the ABCA. DeSalvo sat out the 2002 season due to an injury and has come back strong in 2003.

On May 3, DeSalvo recorded his 52nd career victory, setting the NCAA all-division record for career wins, surpassing Don Heinkel of Wichita State University, who has held the record since 1982. On Saturday, DeSalvo become the NCAA all-divisions record holder in career strikeouts with 603.

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**Note: OAC Coach of the Year will be**  
**announced Wednesday, May 14.**



### Ohio Athletic Conference

Baldwin-Wallace College

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Capital University

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Heidelberg College

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John Carroll University

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Marietta College

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Mount Union College

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Muskingum College

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Ohio Northern University

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Otterbein College

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Wilmington College

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# All-OAC Baseball Team

## Five Repeat on All-OAC Baseball First Team

**Twinsburg, OH** -- Baldwin-Wallace senior first baseman **Pat Shannon (Madison, CT/Daniel Head)** and senior shortstop **Jim Leffler (Chagrin Falls)**, Heidelberg senior pitcher **Bill Sheets (Fremont/Ross)**, Marietta senior third baseman **Brent Curtin (Gibsonia, PA/North Allegheny)** and Wilmington senior shortstop **Justin Evans (Franklin)** are repeat selections to the 2003 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 2003 All-OAC Baseball Team.

### FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Name, School	Yr.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School
DH	Todd Hoffert, Muskingum	Jr.	R	5-11	175	Mason
C	Scott Mader, Otterbein	Sr.	R/R	6-0	180	Dayton/Carroll
1B	Aaron Lawson, Wilmington \$=	Jr.	R/R	5-10	180	Hebron/Lakewood
1B	Pat Shannon, Baldwin-Wallace !^	Sr.	R/R	6-4	210	Madison, CT/Daniel Head
2B	Jon Hatfield, Heidelberg	So.	R/R	5-9	160	Crestline
3B	Brent Curtin, Marietta !=	Sr.	R/R	5-10	205	Gibsonia, PA/North Allegheny
SS	Jim Leffler, Baldwin-Wallace !*	Sr.	R/R	6-0	175	Chagrin Falls
SS	Justin Evans, Wilmington !	Sr.	S/R	6-0	190	Franklin
OF	Ryan Alexander, Muskingum \$	Sr.	L/L	6-0	170	Adena/St. John
OF	Brock Gankosky, Heidelberg \$*	Sr.	R/R	6-2	200	Perrysburg
OF	Eric Heminger, Otterbein	So.	L/L	5-6	130	Hilliard/Davidson
OF	Chris Sidick, Marietta	So.	L/R	5-7	178	Cecil, PA/Canon McMillan
UT	Ryan Gelhaus, Heidelberg \$=	Jr.	R/R	6-5	200	Columbus/St. Charles
P	Matt DeSalvo, Marietta +*~	Sr.	R	6-0	175	New Castle, PA/Union Area
P	Bill Sheets, Heidelberg !*	Sr.	R	6-2	175	Fremont/Ross

### SECOND TEAM

DH	John Cropper, Heidelberg	Jr.	L	5-10	200	Columbus/St. Charles
C	Mike Shrimpton, Marietta	Jr.	R/R	5-10	185	Cincinnati/Sycamore
1B	Jimmy Williams, Heidelberg	So.	R/R	6-2	180	Mansfield/Madison
2B	Brian Meyer, Otterbein	Jr.	R/R	6-0	170	North Royalton
SS	Nate Brown, Marietta	Sr.	R/R	5-10	170	Brookville
SS	Bobby Wells, Ohio Northern	Sr.	R/R	6-0	195	Heath
OF	Tory Allen, Otterbein !*	Jr.	R/R	6-1	185	Valrico, FL/Bloomingtondale
OF	Brian Keller, Baldwin-Wallace	Sr.	R/R	6-2	185	Vermilion
OF	Matt McLuckey, Marietta !	Jr.	L/L	5-11	175	Hopwood, PA/Laurel Highlands
OF	Mike Van Schepen, Muskingum !=@	Sr.	R/R	6-0	180	Pickerington
UT	Matt Hunter, Otterbein	So.	R/R	6-0	170	Norwalk
UT	Kevin May, Marietta %	Sr.	R/R	6-1	207	Avon Lake
P	Robert Benjamin, Otterbein!	So.	R	6-3	195	Powell/Olentangy
P	Dan Farler, Ohio Northern %	Sr.	R	6-3	185	Lima/Perry
P	Scott Stocker, Marietta \$	Jr.	R	5-9	164	Batavia/Clermont Northeast

### HONORABLE MENTION

DH	Sam Simmerman, Mount Union	Jr.	R	6-2	195	North Canton/Cooper
C	Chad Abbott, Wilmington	Jr.	R/R	5-9	185	Hillsboro
C	Nate Prati, Muskingum	So.	R/R	5-9	195	Buckeye Local
1B	Eric Floriani, John Carroll	So.	R/R	6-2	210	Greensburg, PA/Hempfield
1B	David Snapp, Ohio Northern %	Jr.	R/R	6-5	230	Lewistown/Indian Lake
SS	Jeremy Hunsicker, Otterbein	Jr.	R/R	5-10	170	Marion/Elgin
OF	Eric Bunnell, Mount Union	Sr.	R/R	6-0	175	Conneaut
P	Luke Adkins, John Carroll	Jr.	R	6-2	210	Painesville/Riverside
P	Adam Brandt, Otterbein	Jr.	L	6-1	230	Reynoldsburg
P	Dale Koler, Baldwin-Wallace \$^	Jr.	L	6-1	160	Brunswick
P	Jason Marsik, Heidelberg	So.	R	6-5	180	Brunswick
P	Mike Mooney, Marietta	So.	R	5-11	188	Pittsburgh, PA/Shady Side Academy
P	Ben Thorpe, Heidelberg	Fr.	R	6-2	160	Pataskala/Watkins Memorial
P	Derek Wellington, Wilmington	So.	R	6-1	185	Chillicothe
P	Erik Williams, Capital	So.	R	5-9	165	Columbus/Bishop Hartley

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