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# ***OAC Announces 2003 Men's Soccer Special Awards and All-OAC Teams***

## ***Ohio Northern's Ridenour Named OAC Coach-of-the-Year***

Ohio Northern sixth-year Head Coach **Brent Ridenour** has been named the 2003 OAC Coach-of-the-Year, as selected by his peers. Ridenour guided to Bears' to a share of their second overall OAC regular-season title in 2003.

Under the direction of Ridenour, the Polar Bears have recorded winning seasons in each of his six years at the helm, including this year's 12-9 overall mark. Ridenour becomes just the second ONU coach to earn this award. Amar Bhattacharya won this award in 1993.

## ***Mount Union's Pendency Named OAC Midfielder-of-the-Year***

Mount Union senior **Paul Pendency (Westerville/South)** has been chosen by the league coaches as the 2003 OAC Midfielder-of-the-Year.

Pendency helped the Purple Raiders advance to the 2003 OAC Tournament for the fifth time overall and first time since 1998. On the year, Pendency tallied two goals and two assists for six points. Pendency is a two-time All-OAC pick.

## ***John Carroll's Pitorak Named Defender-of-the-Year***

John Carroll senior **Kevin Pitorak (Russell/Notre Dame Cathedral Latin)** has been chosen by the league coaches as the 2003 OAC Defender-of-the-Year.

Pitorak, a four-time All-OAC selection, helped the Blue Streaks to their third overall OAC Tournament title in 2003 and a share of their seventh overall regular-season championship. Pitorak was a part of a defense that led the League in goals against average (0.68), allowing just 13 goals in 19 games. He also helped the defense to a League leading 10 shutouts on the year.

Pitorak is just the second JCU player to be named OAC Defensive Player-of-the-Year. In 2000, Paul Habrecht won this award for the Blue Streaks.

## ***John Carroll's Heslep Named OAC Forward-of-the-Year***

John Carroll senior forward **Chris Heslep (Avon Lake)** has been chosen by the league coaches as the 2003 OAC Forward-of-the-Year for the third straight year.

Heslep leads the team with 11 goals (0.65) and 29 points (1.71) on the year. He helped JCU advance to its third NCAA Tournament in four seasons by scoring both Blue Streak goals in a 2-0 win against Otterbein in the OAC Championship game. In four years for the Blue and Gold, Heslep has scored 51 goals and assisted on 20 scores for 122 total points. His 122 points to date rank him second in JCU history, while his 51 goals are tied for the second-highest total at JCU and his 20 assists ties him for third place at the school. He is also ranks in the top-10 of the OAC history books in career points and career goals.

## ***John Carroll's Mansell Named OAC Goalkeeper of the Year***

John Carroll senior **Phil Mansell (Timberlake/Eastlake North)** has been chosen by the league coaches as the 2003 Goalkeeper-of-the-Year for the second consecutive season.

Mansell led the Conference with a 0.85 goals-against average. He allowed just 12 goals in 18 games. Mansell is credited with 60 saves on the year. In 60 career games, Mansell has allowed 43 goals and has 227 saves. He is a three-time All-OAC choice, including a two-time First Team pick.



## ***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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# 2003 ALL-OAC MEN'S SOCCER TEAM

## Selected by the League coaches



### FIRST TEAM

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name, School</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Hometown/High School</b>
<b>Goalkeeper</b>	Phil Mansell, John Carroll *!	Sr.	Timberlake/Eastlake North
<b>Defenders</b>	Kyle Daniel, Otterbein +	Sr.	Columbus/Worthington Kilbourne
	Nick Inniger, Mount Union *	Sr.	Westerville/South
	Kevin Pitorak, John Carroll *=&	Sr.	Russell/Notre Dame Cathedral Latin
	D.J. Switzer, Ohio Northern ~	Jr.	Monroe/St. Xavier
<b>Midfielders</b>	Chris Eyring, John Carroll	Jr.	Westlake/St. Ignatius
	Paul Pandy, Mount Union ~	Sr.	Westerville/South
	Matt Rees, Otterbein	So.	Reynoldsburg/St. Charles
<b>Forwards</b>	Dave Benedict, Wilmington	So.	Cincinnati/North College Hill
	Chris Heslep, John Carroll *=&	Sr.	Avon Lake
	Angelo Manzo, Otterbein *=%	Sr.	Pickerington
	Keith Widing, Muskingum +!	Sr.	Chesterland/West Geauga

### Second Team

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name, School</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Hometown/High School</b>
<b>Goalkeeper</b>	Jeff Rust, Otterbein +	Jr.	Saline, Mich./Saline Area
<b>Defenders</b>	Joe Bothner, Marietta	Jr.	Friendswood, TX
	Anthony Karam, Mount Union ~	So.	Brecksville
	Anthony Patrizi, Heidelberg	Sr.	Perry
<b>Midfielders</b>	Nick Burtscher, John Carroll	Jr.	Ottawa Lake, MI/Toledo St. John's
	Adam Gatton, Ohio Northern	Jr.	Nashport/Tri-Valley
	Aaron Lecklider, Ohio Northern	Fr.	Bellbrook
	Lee Stott, Heidelberg	Fr.	Manchester, England/Holy Cross
<b>Forwards</b>	Marcos Vaca, Marietta *%	Jr.	Houston, TX
	Michael Baughn, Capital ~	So.	Dayton/Centerville
	Scot Gill, Mount Union +	Sr.	Canton/Central Catholic
	Marc Pupillo, Ohio Northern	Jr.	Broadview Heights/Brecksville-BH

### Honorable Mention

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name, School</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Hometown/High School</b>
<b>Goalkeeper</b>	Brent Barson, Ohio Northern	Sr.	Delaware/Olentangy
<b>Defenders</b>	Justin Saylor, Wilmington	So.	Cleveland Hts.
	Ricky Mahon, Heidelberg	Jr.	North Olmsted
	Eric Schultz, Wilmington	Fr.	Cincinnati/Anderson
<b>Midfielders</b>	Chad Garman, Wilmington	Fr.	Dayton/Chaminade-Julienne
	Nick Huelsman, Ohio Northern	Jr.	Wellington
	Dave Mustar, Baldwin-Wallace %	Jr.	North Ridgeville
	Nick Peters, Capital ~!	Sr.	Toledo/St. Francis DeSales
	Daniel Qurozmar, Muskingum	Fr.	Juana De Asbaje, MX
	Lou Rolko, Baldwin-Wallace	Fr.	Hudson
	Dustin Stelmak, John Carroll *	Jr.	Broadview Heights/Brecksville-BH
<b>Forwards</b>	Alex Williams-Witzky, Baldwin-Wallace	Fr.	Marysville
	Matt Bednar, Mount Union ~%	Sr.	Minerva
	Tom Schiller, Ohio Northern	Jr.	Cincinnati/St. Xavier

**KEY:** \*2002 First Team; +2002 Second Team; ~2002 Honorable Mention; =2001 First Team; % 2001 Second Team; ! 2001 Honorable Mention; & 2000 Second Team; ^ 2000 Honorable Mention