

# All-OAC Men's Tennis Teams

## Ohio Northern's Ridenour Earns OAC Men's Tennis Coach-of-the-Year

**Twinsburg, OH** -- Ohio Northern Head Coach **Brent Ridenour** has been selected the 2003 OAC Men's Tennis Coach-of-the-Year, as selected by his peers.

Ridenour led the Bears to their fifth overall OAC Tournament title after a runner-up finish a year ago. The Bears finished the regular-season with a perfect 9-0 Conference record, capturing the first-ever OAC regular-season title. Prior to 2003, the Conference Tournament champion was recognized as the OAC overall champion.

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

## Ohio Northern's Meilton Named the 2003 OAC Mark Lensen Player-of-the-Year

**Twinsburg, OH** -- Ohio Northern senior **Brian Meilton (Pickerington)** has been named 2003 OAC Mark Lensen Player-of-the-Year, as selected by the league coaches. It is the fourth year for the presentation of the award and the second straight year that Meilton has been awarded this honor.

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 the first-ever OAC regular-season championship and its fifth overall OAC Tournament title. Meilton posted an 8-1 Conference mark at first singles and teamed with junior **Michael Romanello (Minford)** for a 8-1 mark in doubles action. Meilton ends his career third on the all-time win list at Ohio Northern with a 118-40 overall mark.

Listed below are the 2003 All-OAC teams. This is the second year the OAC has distinguished three separate teams.

### FIRST TEAM

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name, School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
1S/2D	Ward Crane, Baldwin-Wallace *	So.	Hudson/Western Reserve Academy
1S/1D	Daniel Dodson, Otterbein *	Sr.	Minford
1S/1D	Joe Libster, Mount Union *	Sr.	Canton/McKinley
1S/1D	Brian Meilton, Ohio Northern *	Sr.	Pickerington
2S/1D	Ryen Valentine, Otterbein	So.	Marion/Marion Harding
2S/1D	Mike Wagner, Baldwin-Wallace *	So.	Avon Lake

### SECOND TEAM

2-3S/1D	Justin Bays, Otterbein !	So.	Findlay/Wheelersburg
1S/1D	Collin Braun, John Carroll !	Sr.	Avon Lake/St. Ignatius
2S/1D	Robert Caress, Capital *	So.	Cincinnati/Princeton
1S/1D	Bill Crossin, Capital !	Sr.	Columbus/Bishop Watterson
4S/2D	Josh Hafer, Ohio Northern @	So.	Grove City
3S/2D	Klint McEnery, Ohio Northern	Fr.	Columbus/Bishop Watterson

### HONORABLE MENTION

3S/2D	Kurt Barman, Muskingum @	Sr.	Norwalk/St. Paul
1S/1D	Michael Ditmer, Heidelberg	Jr.	Springboro
5S/2D	Brian Erwin, Otterbein !	Sr.	Reynoldsburg
3S/2D	Adam Johnson, Wilmington @	Sr.	Wilmington
2S/2D	Mark Kader, John Carroll	Sr.	Geneva
6S	Tomas Kosen, Marietta	Fr.	Brecksville
6S/3D	Dean Morse, Baldwin-Wallace	Sr.	Wickliffe
2S/1D	Michael Romanello, Ohio Northern !	Jr.	Minford
2S/2D	Ryan Ruthsatz, Mount Union	Fr.	Huron/Sandusky St. Mary's

**KEY:** \* 2002 First Team !2002 Second Team @2002 Honorable Mention