

Marietta's Sidick Named Jack Rafeld OAC Baseball Player-of-the-Year

Twinsburg, OH -- Marietta junior outfielder **Chris Sidick (Cecil, PA/Canon McMillan)** has been named the 2004 Jack Rafeld Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Player-of-the-Year. It is the 27th 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.

Sidick batted a team-high .423 during the regular season and led the team in triples (5), runs-batted in (35) and stolen bases (24). Sidick was 24-of-28 in stolen base attempts during the season. Sidick was ranked in the top-five of the Conference in batting average, hits, runs scored, total bases and stolen bases.

Sidick is the 16th Pioneer player to be named the Jack Rafeld OAC Player-of-the-Year. Since 1996, either a Marietta or Heidelberg student-athlete has been awarded this honor.

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John Carroll's Adkins Named Kent Tekulve OAC Baseball Pitcher-of-the-Year

Twinsburg, OH -- John Carroll senior pitcher **Luke Adkins (Concord/Riverside)** has been named the 2004 Kent Tekulve Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Pitcher-of-the-Year, becoming the first Blue Streak to be awarded this honor. It is the 10th 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.

Adkins had a banner year on the mound and helped lead the Blue Streaks to their sixth overall appearance in the OAC Tournament. During the regular season, Adkins led the Conference with a 1.08 earned run average. In 58.1 innings of work, Adkins allowed just seven earned runs and gave up just 11 base-on-balls. He had 63 strikeouts and led the Streaks with a 6-1 overall mark.

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**Note: Don Schaly OAC Coach-of-the-Year will be
announced Wednesday, May 19.**

OAC Announces All-OAC Baseball Teams

Twinsburg, OH -- A pair of juniors, Heidelberg second baseman **Jon Hatfield (Crestline)** and Marietta outfielder **Chris Sidick (Cecil, PA/Canon McMillan)**, are the lone repeat selections to the 2004 All-Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Baseball First Team. A total of 45 student-athletes have been selected to the three teams.

The All-OAC Baseball Team is selected by League coaches at their annual spring meeting held in conjunction with the OAC Tournament. A complete list of the 2004 All-OAC Baseball Teams follows.

FIRST TEAM

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name, School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
DH	Jeremy Compton, Otterbein \$	Sr.	Dover
C	Sam Simmerman, Mount Union #	Sr.	North Canton/Hoover
1B	Jimmy Williams, Heidelberg @	Jr.	Mansfield/Madison
2B	Jon Hatfield, Heidelberg +	Jr.	Crestline
3B	Scott Ringhiser, Muskingum	Jr.	Grove City/Orient
SS	Andy Coble, Marietta =	Sr.	Athens
OF	Tory Allen, Otterbein @!*	Sr.	Valrico, FL/Bloomington
OF	Dominick Duggan, John Carroll	Fr.	Cranberry Twp., PA/Seneca Valley
OF	Chris Sidick, Marietta +	Jr.	Cecil, PA/Canon McMillan
UT	Mike Turchan, Baldwin-Wallace	Jr.	Mayfield
P	Luke Adkins, John Carroll #	Sr.	Concord/Riverside
P	Adam Brandt, Otterbein #	Sr.	Reynoldsburg
P	Mike DeMark, Marietta	So.	Jeanetta, PA/Penn-Trafford
P	Jeff Long, Heidelberg	Jr.	Hudson
P	Mike Mooney, Marietta #	Jr.	Pittsburgh, PA/Shady Side Academy

SECOND TEAM

DH	Michael Farrell, Baldwin-Wallace	So.	Wickliffe
C	Chad Abbott, Wilmington #	Sr.	Hillsboro
1B	Eric Floriani, John Carroll #	Jr.	Greensburg, PA/Hempfield
1B	David Snapp, Ohio Northern #%	Sr.	Lewistown/Indian Lake
2B	Brian Meyer, Otterbein @	Sr.	North Royalton
3B	Zac Miller, Ohio Northern	Sr.	Elida
SS	Ben Buehner, Wilmington	So.	Germantown/Valley View
SS	Jeremy Hunsicker, Otterbein #	Sr.	Marion/Elgin
OF	Eric Heminger, Otterbein +	Jr.	Hilliard/Davidson
OF	Dan Melito, Baldwin-Wallace	So.	Massillon/Washington
OF	Greg Miller, Muskingum	So.	Dover
P	Robert Benjamin, Otterbein @!	Jr.	Powell/Olentangy
P	Nathan Farmer, Heidelberg	Fr.	Dayton/Northridge
P	Dale Koler, Baldwin-Wallace #\$\$^	Sr.	Brunswick
P	Justin Papania, Marietta	Jr.	Butler, PA

HONORABLE MENTION

DH	John Cropper, Heidelberg @	Sr.	Columbus/St. Charles
DH	Aaron Lawson, Wilmington +\$=	Sr.	Hebron/Lakewood
C	Chris Martin, Otterbein	Fr.	Worthington/Thomas Worthington
C	Brock Mullins, Heidelberg	Sr.	Columbus/Briggs
2B	Ryan Eschbaugh, Marietta	Fr.	Marietta
SS	Jason Albright, Baldwin-Wallace	Jr.	Camp Hill, PA/East Pennsboro
SS	Kyle Leatherman, Heidelberg	Jr.	Ottawa/Ottawa-Glandorf
OF	Adam Heslar, Muskingum	So.	Pleasant/Marion
OF	Dustin Lee, Otterbein	Sr.	Ashville/Teays Valley
OF	Ryan Mohler, Heidelberg	Sr.	North Canton/Hoover
OF	A.J. Schlea, Heidelberg	So.	Gibsonburg/Woodmore
UT	Brad Kemmerling, Capital	So.	Groveport/Groveport-Madison
P	Eddie Borkowski, John Carroll	Jr.	Huntsburg/Cardinal
P	Tyson Smith, Mount Union	Sr.	Arlington
P	Wally Theado, Otterbein	Jr.	Columbus/Watterson

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