



BASEBALL



2007 Baseball Standings								
(ties are disregarded in figuring winning %)								
School	OAC Games				All Games			
	Wins	Losses	Ties	Pct.	Wins	Losses	Ties	Pct.
Heidelberg	9	3	0	0.750	22	10	0	0.688
Otterbein	9	3	0	0.750	21	7	0	0.750
Marietta	8	4	0	0.667	21	8	0	0.724
John Carroll	8	5	0	0.615	19	10	0	0.655
Capital	6	6	0	0.500	13	15	0	0.464
Mount Union	6	8	0	0.429	13	17	0	0.433
Baldwin-Wallace	5	7	0	0.417	12	17	0	0.414
Wilmington	4	7	0	0.364	14	12	0	0.538
Ohio Northern	4	8	0	0.333	10	17	0	0.370
Muskingum	2	10	0	0.167	19	13	0	0.594

Up and Coming...

Schedule is subject to change

Tuesday, April 24

Wilmington at Wittenberg-7:00p.m.
Oberlin at Baldwin-Wallace-4:00p.m.

Wednesday, April 25

Capital at Wilmington-1:00p.m. DH **
John Carroll at Notre Dame-4:00p.m.
Otterbein at Ohio Northern-1:00p.m. DH**
Heidelberg at Baldwin-Wallace-1:00p.m. DH **
Marietta at Muskingum-1:00p.m. DH **

Thursday, April 26

John Carroll at Case-4:00p.m.
Ohio Northern at Grace College-2:00p.m. DH
Ohio Dominican at Marietta-7:00p.m.

Saturday, April 28

Muskingum at Wilmington-1:00p.m. DH **
John Carroll at Capital-1:00p.m. DH **
Baldwin-Wallace at Ohio Northern-1:00p.m. DH **
Heidelberg at Marietta-1:00p.m. DH **
Mount Union at Otterbein-1:00p.m. DH **

Monday, April 30

Heidelberg at Denison-4:00p.m.

OAC WEEKLY BASEBALL NOTES

Baldwin-Wallace-vs. Otterbein, L 16-4/L 7-3...vs. Mount Union, L 11-10/W 9-0...vs. Myers, W 21-2...vs. Wilmington, W 8-7/L12-8...vs. Lake Erie, L 8-7

In eight games last week, sophomore centerfielder Cody Kidd (Wellington) had a strong week and was 17-of-30 batting (a .567 batting average) with 13 runs scored, two doubles, one homerun, seven runs batted-in and six-of-six in stolen base attempts....Sophomore 1B Riley Kreisher (Ashtabula/ Edgewood) was 16-of-33 (.483) with seven runs scored, six doubles and nine RBI...Sophomore catcher/ DH Matt Bolte (Jupiter, Fla./ William T. Dwyer) was 11-of-27 (.407) with six runs scored and 12 RBI last week...On the mound, freshman righthander Jim Palko (Euclid) had a 1-0 record and allowed three base hits and no runs in nine total innings pitched with five strikeouts and three walks. Palko tossed a seven-inning complete-game two-hit shutout at Mount Union in a 9-0 win and had three whiffs and one walk. He also tossed a pair of scoreless innings (the eighth and ninth) in an 8-7 12-inning first game win versus Wilmington.

Capital-vs. Otterbein, L 10-6/W 12-10...vs. Muskingum, W 19-4/W 14-13...vs. Washington, W 4-2...Mount Union, L 6-5

Capital went 4-3 last week with wins against No. 21 Otterbein and No. 28 Washington & Jefferson (Pa.) ... At 6-6 in the OAC, the Crusaders are 1.5 games out of fourth place ... The top four teams at the end of the regular season advance to the OAC Baseball Tournament ... Capital plays 8 of its final 10 games at home ... Last week, senior Jake Butler (Newark/Licking Valley) hit .520 (13-of-25) and drove in 11 runs with three doubles and a home run, while sophomore Isiah James (Pickerington/Pickerington Central) hit .643 going 9-of-14 and driving in 7 runs to lead the Crusaders at the plate ... On the mound, sophomore Nathan Raines (Zanesville/John Glenn) went 2-0 and did not allow and earned run last week ... On the season, Butler leads the team with a .398 batting average, 41 hits and 10 stolen bases ... Freshman Jon Wing (Marysville/Marysville) tops the team in earned run average (3.32), while sophomore Nick Brown (Kirtland/NDCL) leads the team in strikeouts and innings pitched.

Heidelberg- vs. Wilmington, W 16-2/L 17-5...vs. John Carroll, W 11-5/W 4-2...vs. Wooster, L 5-2...Otterbein, L 7-4/W6-5

Heidelberg won four of its seven contests on the week ... Included on the list of opponents was two nationally-ranked programs, in back-to-back, contests ... Heidelberg opened the week with a split at Wilmington, a doubleheader that was postponed for two days prior to being played ... In its sweep over John Carroll, Heidelberg reached the 20-win plateau for the eighth-consecutive season, all of which have come under the guidance of Matt Palm ... Heidelberg closed the week out with a split with Otterbein, which kept the Berg in a tie for the top spot in the league standings ... The split came following a seventh inning rally by the Berg ... Leading the way on the week was senior first baseman Alex Rutter (Bowling Green, Ohio / Bowling Green) hitting .429 (9-for-21) ... Senior short stop Matt Decker (Maumee, Ohio / Springfield) led the way with 10 hits, while sophomore outfielder Jeremy Wentworth (Johnstown, Ohio / St. Charles) and sophomore second baseman L.B. Emrhein (Seven Hills, Ohio / Padua Franciscan) scored seven runs apiece and sophomore Matt Grassley (Gross Pointe Woods, Mich. / North) knocked in 10 runs.

John Carroll-vs. Heidelberg, L 4-2/L 11-5...vs. Muskingum, W 4-2/W 9-3...vs. Marietta, L 3-1/W 6-5...vs. Case W 14-5/L 11-9

John Carroll went 4-4 over its eight games played last week – the most games the Blue Streaks have played in a week since their Florida trip in the first week in march ... Among the four losses were a pair to Heidelberg Tuesday that marked JCU's first road setbacks of 2007 ... Junior Sean McCarthy (Milton, MA/Boston College High School) collected his 100th career hit in a 4-2 loss to Heidelberg Tuesday. He also scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh against Marietta in a 6-5 victory Saturday. McCarthy had at least one hit in seven of the eight games played last week, and at least two hits in five of those games. He now has a six-game hitting streak as JCU went 4-2 against Muskingum, Marietta and Case Reserve. McCarthy has reached base safely in 16 consecutive games ... In the first game of the Muskingum doubleheader Wednesday, junior Brandon Kurtz (Akron, OH/Archbishop Hoban) delivered a career-first complete game victory. He worked all seven innings and allowed just two runs on six hits. He did not walk a single batter while striking out five in improving to 6-1 on the year ... In game two against the Muskies, the starting outfield of McCarthy in left, sophomore Matt Pangallo (Crystal Lake, IL/Prairie Ridge) in center, and Michael Krainz (Walton Hills, OH/Cleveland St. Ignatius) in right were a combined 5-9 with five runs scored, four stolen bases and three walks. Pangallo also threw out a runner at home plate to prevent a Muskingum runner from scoring in the second inning ... After being shutdown in a 3-1 game one loss and trailing 4-0 in game two, John Carroll was able to rally for a 6-5 victory and split its doubleheader with Marietta Saturday. With the bases loaded, two outs and a two-strike count in a 5-5 game, senior Warren Ciabattoni (Hempfield, PA/Greensburg Central Catholic) drilled a single into left center to drive home McCarthy for the game winning run ... Junior Marty Smith (Lisle, IL/Benet Academy) improved to 2-0 on the year with the win against Marietta, throwing two scoreless innings of relief ... In splitting a doubleheader against Case Reserve on Sunday, junior Adam Sockel (Lorain, OH/Lorain Catholic) became the first Blue Streak to hit a home run at Schweickert Field in 2007. Only three have been hit over ten games – one by Sockel on Sunday and two by Marietta batters Saturday... Senior Matt McKinnon (Cuyahoga Falls, OH/Walsh Jesuit) was the story of game one against Case Reserve. In six innings of work, the senior allowed just seven hits and one run (unearned) as he would improve to 7-1 on the season. He would strike out seven and walk two as JCU won 14-5.

Marietta-vs. Ohio Northern, W 1-0/W4-1...vs. Mount Union, W 7-1/W 3-2...vs. Bethany, W 13-3...vs. John Carroll, W 3-1/L 5-6

The 2006 National Champion Etta Express (21-8, 8-4 OAC) went 6-1, including 5-1 in the OAC, during a busy last week. No. 30 Marietta swept Ohio Northern and Mount Union, defeated Bethany (W.Va.) and then split a pair at John Carroll. Junior Tony Piconke (Clinton Twp., Mich./Clintondale) went 10-for-23 (.435) with seven runs scored and three RBI last week. He currently leads the team in hitting (.368), runs scored (25), doubles (10), home runs (5) and RBI (23). Sophomore T.J. Knowlton (Greenwich/Mapleton) went 2-0 with a 1.29 ERA last week to improve to 5-0 on the spring. Through 29 games, Marietta is hitting .296 and averaging 5.9 runs. Its team ERA is 4.16. The Pioneers will visit rival Muskingum Wednesday (Apr. 25) at 1 p.m., play host to Ohio Dominican Thursday (Apr. 26) at 7 p.m. and then welcome Heidelberg to Don Schaly Stadium Saturday (Apr. 28) at 1 p.m. All of the games will be carried live by WMOA-AM 1490. The action can also be heard over the Internet at <http://pioneers.marietta.edu/onlinebroadcasts.html>. Live statistics of all home games can be obtained by visiting <http://pioneers.marietta.edu/livestats/xlive.htm>.

Mount Union-vs. Baldwin-Wallace, W 11-10/L 9-0...vs. Walsh, W 11-6...vs. Capital, W 7-1/W 6-5...vs. Muskingum, W 5-3/L 2-5

Against Walsh, sophomore Brad Griffith (Canal Winchester) picked up his first career win while freshman Paul Mariotti (Copley) earned career save number one. At the plate, senior/shortstop Justin Marx (Canton/GlenOak) was 2-for-3 with four RBI and two runs scored. Senior/designated hitter Jon Suntala (Columbia Station) was also 2-for-3 with an RBI...In game one versus Capital, junior/leftfielder Andy Warner (North Canton/Hoover) finished the contest 2-for-4 with two RBI and a stolen base, while senior/centerfielder Jason Evans (Canton/McKinley) was 2-for-3 with two RBI...Senior Shawn Kerek (Stow), 6-2, went the distance for the sixth time this season, allowed three hits and struck out 10...In game two versus Capital, the Raiders erased a 5-0 deficit to earn a comeback win...Senior Mike Reynolds (Akron/Hoban) picked up his first save of the year on Saturday then followed up with a complete-game victory on Sunday.

Muskingum-vs. Capital, L 19-4/L 14-13...vs. John Carroll, L 4-2/L 9-3...vs. Ohio Northern, L 12-4/W 6-1...vs. Mount Union, L 5-3/W 5-2

Freshman second baseman Wes Carder (Zanesville/John Glenn) leads the team with a .407 batting average, while freshman catcher Brock Whiteman (New Concord/John Glenn) leads the team in at-bats (122), hits (43), RBI (34), triples (5) and home runs (5)...Whiteman is batting .352 on the season...freshman hurler Ryan Glad (Brunswick) is 2-0 on the season with a 1.11 ERA and freshman pitcher Ryan McCallister (Salem) leads the squad with five saves and sports a 2.25 ERA...senior first baseman Seth Sibert (Massillon/Washington) is batting .330 with 18 RBI, seven doubles and two home runs...As a team, Muskingum has outscored its opponents 223-170...The Fish have 195 RBI and 57 doubles on the year...The Muskies have won two of its last three conference games...

Ohio Northern-vs. Marietta, L 1-0/L 4-1...vs. Wilmington, L 6-5/W 3-2...Muskingum, W 12-4/L 1-6...vs. Defiance, W 15-7

The Ohio Northern baseball team went 3-4 last week. The Polar Bears lost two games to Marietta on Monday and split with both Wilmington on Tuesday and Muskingum on Saturday before routing Defiance on Sunday. Senior 1B Phil Bruns (St. Henry) batted .600 (15-for-25) for the week and extended his hitting streak to a season-high nine games. Bruns went 5-for-7 against Wilmington, 4-for-7 against Marietta and was 4-for-5 against Defiance with his first home run of the season. He now leads the team with a .446 (37-for-83) BA. Fellow senior Josh Conkey (McDonald/Youngstown Ursuline) also had a good week, going 7-for-23 (.304) with three doubles and two runs batted in. Conkey is batting .290 (27-for-93) with a team-leading three home runs and six doubles. Sophomore C Mike Henfling (Richmond Heights) came through with a pinch-hit two-run single in the eighth inning against Defiance. Henfling extended his team-leading RBI total to 18. On the mound, junior Mark Sankovich (Chesterland/Notre Dame Cathedral Latin) was 1-1 with a 1.93 ERA in two complete games. He allowed one run on just one hit in the 1-0 loss to Marietta. He picked up a complete game victory against Muskingum, allowing four runs on five hits and striking out five. Sophomore J.C. Valentour (Centerville) was also 1-1 with a 4.50 ERA in his two starts. He won the second game against Wilmington, throwing a complete game allowing just two runs on four hits and striking out seven. The Polar Bears host two OAC doubleheaders this week. They take on Otterbein on Wednesday and Baldwin-Wallace on Saturday.

Otterbein- vs. Capital, W 10-6/ L 12-10...vs. Baldwin-Wallace, W 16-4/L 7-3...Heidelberg W 7-4/L 6-5

Senior 1B **Bobby Wright (Grove City/Westland)** hit .636 (14 for 22) on the week with five doubles, a triple, eight RBIs, seven runs scored and a stolen base ... Wright logged three hits in four of the six games this week and extended his hitting streak to 12 games ... Wright also pitched five innings, giving up four runs, three earned, and striking out five in the game one win over Baldwin-Wallace ... Junior OF/2B **Chris Kovanda (Worthington/Kilbourne)** went 14 for 26 (.538) with three doubles, two triples, eight runs scored, six RBIs and a stolen base on the week ... Kovanda tallied two or more hits in every game this week ... Junior SS **Ben Titus (Bowling Green)** registered nine hits extending his hitting streak to 11 games ... Titus had a triple, six runs and three RBIs on the week ... Junior C **Chris Martin (Worthington/Thomas Worthington)** recorded three doubles, a triple, seven RBIs and seven runs scored on eight hits this week ... Junior pitcher **Dan Remenowsky (Cincinnati/Moeller)** improved to 5-0 on the year, tossing a complete game, giving up four runs, three of them earned, in the win over Heidelberg ... Remenowsky picked up his first save of the year, striking out four batters in 1 2/3 innings of work in the game-two win over Baldwin-Wallace.

Wilmington-vs. Heidelberg, L 16-2/W 17-5...vs. Ohio Northern, W 6-5/L 3-2...vs. Northern Kentucky, L 11-6...vs. Baldwin-Wallace, L 8-7 (12 inn.)/W 12-8 (6 inn)

Wilmington split three OAC doubleheaders and dropped a close game at Division II Northern Kentucky. After managing five hits in a loss to Heidelberg, the Quakers banged out 19 in a game-two win. Senior shortstop Greg Krieger (Bellefontaine), senior catcher Ben Butler (Beavercreek/Carroll) and junior first baseman Wade Rethmel (Defiance/Tinora) had three hits each while senior right fielder Jamison George (Mount Sterling/Miami Trace) had a five