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2009 Baseball All-OAC Teams and Special Award Winners

Jack Rafeld OAC Player-of-the-Year

Marietta senior third baseman **Cameron Cimino (Boardman)** has been named the 2009 Jack Rafeld OAC Player-of-the-Year, to become the 21st Pioneer to earn this honor. This is the 32nd annual presentation of the Jack Rafeld Award, which honors the OAC's most outstanding baseball player.

The award is named in honor of 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.

In 44 games, Cimino has led the Pioneers with a .439 batting average. He has tallied 72 hits, 51 runs, 16 doubles, three triples, ten homeruns and 43 runs batted-in in 164 at-bats. Cimino carries a .915 field-percentage with 15 put outs, 50 assists and six errors.

Cimino has earned First Team All-OAC honors for the second time.

Kent Tekulve OAC Pitcher-of-the-Year

Heidelberg sophomore **Andy Lowe (Fort Wayne, Ind./Carroll)** has been named the 2009 Kent Tekulve Pitcher-of-the-Year. Lowe is just the second Student Prince to earn this honor. This is the 14th year in which this honor has been presented.

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.

Lowe helped lead Heidelberg to the OAC Regular-Season title and OAC Tournament title this season. Lowe has appeared in 25 contests, started eight and earned nine saves. He carries a 1.23 earned-run average with 35 hits, nine runs, seven earned runs and 55 strikeouts.

This is the second time Lowe has earned All-OAC honors.

Don Schaly Coach-of-the-Year

Heidelberg tenth-year Head Coach **Matt Palm** has been named the 2009 Don Schaly OAC Coach-of-the-Year, as voted by his peers. This is the second-straight year and fourth time overall. Palm was awarded this honor in 2000, 2004 and 2008.

This season, Palm has guided the Berg to the OAC Regular Season and Tournament titles, as well as the Mideast Regional where the Berg will enter as the number one seed.



2009 All-OAC Teams



-First Team-

Name, School	Yr.	Pos.	Hometown/High School
Chris Beatty, Marietta	Jr.	DH	Seven Fields Pa./Hampton
Riley Kreisher, Baldwin-Wallace *#	Sr.	1B	Ashtabula/Edgewood
Gar Keen, Heidelberg!	So.	2B	Sparta/Highland
Jason Lash, Heidelberg !	So.	SS	Strongsville
Wes Carder, Muskingum *!	Jr.	SS	Zanesville/John Glenn
Cameron Cimino, Marietta !	Sr.	3B	Boardman
Brian Hiscox, Otterbein !	Jr.	3B	Burton/Berkshire
Brock Whiteman, Muskingum *!	Jr.	C	New Concord/John Glenn
Jeremy Wentworth, Heidelberg ^!	Sr.	OF	Johnstown/St. Charles
Cody Kidd, Baldwin-Wallace *#	Sr.	OF	Wellington
Brandon Gessner, Otterbein	Jr.	OF	Westerville/St. Francis Desalles
Andy Lowe, Heidelberg &	So.	P	Fort Wayne Ind./Carroll
David Paddock, Heidelberg^%#	Sr.	P	Westerville
Nathan VanMeter, Muskingum	Jr.	P	Crooksville
Alex Hayes, Otterbein	Sr.	P	Caldwell

-Second Team-

Name, School	Yr.	Pos.	Hometown/High School
Mike Krainz, John Carroll	Sr.	UTL	Walton Hills/St. Ignatius
Tom Hickey, John Carroll	Fr.	1B	Orland Park, IL./Brother Rice
Biagio Boytim, Heidelberg	Sr.	1B	Brunswick
Cory Slaybaugh, Mount Union &	Sr.	1B	Akron/Buchtel
Tyler Rudman, Otterbein	Sr.	2B	Grove City/Bishop Ready
Matt Tracy, Mount Union	So.	2B	Pittsburgh, Pa./Central Catholic
John Quimby, Otterbein	Jr.	SS	Pittsburgh/North Allegheny
Brian Benander, John Carroll	So.	3B	Richmond Hts./St. Ignatius
Steve Decker, Heidelberg &	Jr.	C	Maumee/Springfield
Greg Ferrell, Mount Union	So.	OF	Uniontown/Green
L.B. Emrhein, Heidelberg	Sr.	OF	Seven Hills/Padua
Tim O'Brien, John Carroll	Jr.	OF	Chicago/Loyola Academy
Justin Miller, Ohio Northern	So.	P	Millersport/Liberty Union-Thurston
Paul O'Donnell, John Carroll	Sr.	P	Mantua/Walsh Jesuit
Levi Shaw, Muskingum	Sr.	P	Jacksontown/Lakewood

-Honorable Mention-

Name, School	Yr.	Pos.	Hometown/High School
Bruce Dunlap, Wilmington	Fr.	DH	Circleville/Logan Elm
Ian Smith, Capital	So.	1B	Magnolia/Canton Central Catholic
Casey Levens, Marietta	So.	1B	Dayton/Centerville
Dan Lassak, Otterbein !	Sr.	1B	Sunbury/Big Walnut
Tyler Hardcastle, Muskingum	So.	2B	Zanesville/West Muskingum
Craig Knott, Mount Union	So.	SS	Canton/GlenOak
Willie Brechun, Heidelberg	So.	3B	Canton/Canton Central Catholic
Chris Cairo, John Carroll	Sr.	C	Darien, IL/Hinsdale South
Matt Grassley, Heidelberg #	Sr.	OF	Gosse Pointe Woods, Mich./GP North
Jeremy Williams, Otterbein	Sr.	P	Grove City
Brian Koehl, Heidelberg	So.	P	Slyvania/Northview
Brian Gasser, Marietta	Fr.	P	New Philadelphia/Indian Valley
T.J. Knowlton, Marietta *!	Sr.	P	Greenwich/Mapleton
Brandon Fredericks, Baldwin-Wallace	Sr.	P	Copley/Richfield Revere
Zach McGrain, Otterbein	Jr.	P	Valley City/Olmsted Falls

KEY: ! 2008 First Team...# 2008 Second Team...& 2008 Honorable Mention ...^ 2007 First Team...* 2007 Second Team...+ 2007 Honorable Mention...@ 2006 First Team...\$ 2006 Second Team...% 2006 Honorable Mention