



BASEBALL



2007 Baseball Standings								
(ties are disregarded in figuring winning %)								
School	OAC Games				All Games			
	Wins	Losses	Ties	Pct.	Wins	Losses	Ties	Pct.
Heidelberg *	13	5	0	0.722	27	13	0	0.675
Marietta *	13	5	0	0.722	28	11	0	0.718
Otterbein	12	6	0	0.667	27	10	0	0.730
Capital	11	7	0	0.611	18	18	0	0.500
John Carroll	10	7	0	0.588	21	14	0	0.600
Baldwin-Wallace	8	8	0	0.500	15	20	0	0.429
Mount Union	7	11	0	0.389	17	21	0	0.447
Ohio Northern	6	10	0	0.375	15	23	0	0.395
Wilmington	6	11	0	0.353	17	19	0	0.472
Muskingum	3	15	0	0.167	20	18	0	0.526

* OAC Regular-Season and ! Tournament Champions

OAC WEEKLY BASEBALL NOTES

Baldwin-Wallace-vs. Marietta, L 5-3/L 10-1

B-W won 15 games..Despite losses at Marietta, sophomore CF Cody Kidd (Wellington) had four hits in seven at-bats (.571 batting average) and was hit-by-pitch for a single-season school-record 13th time ...Senior catcher and pitching "stopper" Bob Storesina (Canton/ GlenOak) was three-of-five hitting with a pair of doubles. Also, this season, Storesina allowed just one earned run in 12 innings pitched (0.75 ERA) with 12 strikeouts....Freshman RHP Jim Palko (Euclid) had his scoreless innings streak of 16 straight innings snapped at Marietta...He had a solid 2-1 record with a 2.64 ERA in his initial collegiate season...Senior J.D. Fullerton (Cuyahoga Falls) made a school-record 41 career relief appearances...As the leadoff hitter, Kidd led the Yellow Jackets in batting average (.382), at-bats (123), runs scored (42), slugging (.553), on-base average (.484), being hit-by-pitch (13) and stolen bases (16 in 17 attempts) and tied for the team-lead in homeruns (three) and base hits (47)...Sophomore first baseman Riley Kreisher (Ashtabula/ Edgewood) tied Kidd for the team-lead in base hits and homers, hit .370 overall, had the most doubles (10) and was second in runs batted-in (33).

Capital-vs. Mt. Vernon Nazarene, L 27-5...vs. Ohio Northern, W 8-1/W 9-5

Capital went 2-1 last week ... The Crusaders swept a two-game series from Ohio Northern, 8-1 and 9-5, to finish 11-7 in the OAC and claim just the second bid in school history to the OAC Baseball Tournament ... Against Ohio Northern, senior Graham Holmberg (Newark) pitched a complete game six hitter and allowed only one earned run in game one then played first base and went 2-for-2 and drove in two runs in game two ... On the season, Holmberg has a team-best 3.27 earned run average and is second in innings pitched (44.0) ... Junior Chris Trainer (Chillicothe/Unioto) came on in relief and picked his team best fifth win of the season against Ohio Northern ... Senior Jake Butler (Newark/Licking Valley) leads the team in batting average (.420), hits (55), doubles (9) and stolen bases (12) ... Capital's 11 OAC wins are the most since a 12-6 campaign in 1995, which was the only other time the Crusaders made the four-team OAC Baseball Tournament ... The 18 wins overall this season is the fourth highest total in the last 20 years.

Heidelberg- vs. Toledo, W 2-1/L 5-3...vs. Muskingum, W 5-2/W 8-5

Due to inclement weather over the last two weeks Heidelberg's contests with Denison and Wittenberg were canceled this past week ... To replace the missed games Heidelberg traveled to Division I Mid-American Conference foe University of Toledo ... The week concluded with the Berg sweeping Muskingum to claim a share of the regular season championship ... It is the second OAC Regular Season Championship in the programs history, all of which have come under the guidance of Matt Palm ... The last championship was won in 2003 ... Leading the way on the week was sophomore center fielder Jeremy Wentworth (Johnstown, Ohio / St. Charles) hitting .533 with a team-high eight hits, four runs scored ... Earning the Toledo victory was freshman Justin Ocheltree (Bellville, Ohio / Clearfork), pitching 2.0 innings of relief, giving up one hit ... Sophomore David Paddock (Westerville, Ohio / North) picked up the game one victory against Muskingum, pitching a complete game, giving up five hits, while striking out eight ... Junior Andrew McFarland (Mansfield, Ohio / Madison) pitched a complete game two against Muskingum, giving up eight hits, while striking out two

John Carroll-vs. Notre Dame, L 7-5 (10)...vs. Wooster, L 7-4...vs. Otterbein, L 6-2, L 4-3

John Carroll finished the year 21-14 overall and 10-7 in conference play, posted the third highest winning percentage in program history (.600 -- bested only by a .621 mark in 1984 and a .700 mark in 1985) this season. This also marks the

first time JCU won ten games in league action and did not qualify for the playoffs ... Sean McCarthy (Milton, MA/Boston College High School) finished the 2007 season as the team leader in batting average (.410) for the second year in a row. He has posted at least 50 hits in each of the last two years, including a career best 57 this season ... McCarthy, who was a perfect 17-17 in stolen base attempts this year, also led the team in runs scored score with 45 -- tying Jim Widekikis' school record set in 1998 ... Michael Carbo (Coral Springs, FL/J.P. Taravella) finished his rookie campaign with a .407 batting average – the best batting average by a freshman in the league this year ... Another freshman, Bryan Robinett (Loveland, OH/Cincinnati Moeller) ended the year on a team-best seven game hitting streak. In 10 games played, he collected 12 hits in 29 at bats, of which four were doubles ... One of only two seniors on the JCU roster, Matt McKinnon (Cuyahoga Falls, OH/Walsh Jesuit) was unable to pick up his ninth win of the year yet still finished with an 8-1 record in 2007. This season, she had a team-low 2.29 ERA and posted a career high 53 strikeouts ... Junior Adam Sockel (Lorain, OH/Lorain Catholic) put up career best totals in batting average (.391), hits (45), runs (27), doubles (11) and RBI (38). Sockel's RBI tally led the Blue Streaks.

Marietta-vs. Wittenberg, W 19-9...vs. Washington & Jefferson, W 4-1...vs. Baldwin-Wallace, W 5-3/W 10-1...vs. Thiel, L 7-3

The 2006 National Champion and No. 30 Etta Express (28-12, 13-5 OAC) went 4-1 during the final week of the regular season. The Pioneers tied for first place in the OAC and locked down the second seed in the upcoming OAC Tournament at Heidelberg. Junior Tony Piconke (Clinton Twp., Mich./Clintondale) went 11-for-19 (.579) with two home runs, eight runs scored and five RBI last week. Piconke currently leads the team in batting average (.380), home runs (7), doubles (12), runs scored (38), stolen bases (12) and RBI (29). Junior Tom Doty (Mentor) also hit over .500 last week; he batted .545 (6-for-11) with one home run, two doubles, five runs scored and four RBI in four of the games. Senior Ryan Belanger (Coldwater, Mich.) improved his season average to .379 with a 6-for-11 (.545) performance last week. In three games, he had a pair of doubles, runs scored and RBI. On Saturday, senior Joe Litke (Windsor, Conn.) hit a pair of home runs in the sweep of Baldwin-Wallace. Game two was called after the top of the fifth because of rain. Both sophomores Justin Merryman (New Philadelphia) (7-3) and Tim Knowlton (Greenwich/Mapleton) (7-0) earned their seventh wins of the year on the week, while freshman Nate Eschbaugh (Marietta) improved to 4-1 on the mound. All of Marietta's action during the OAC Tournament can be heard over the Internet at <http://pioneers.marietta.edu/onlinebroadcasts.html>

Mount Union-vs. Wilmington, L 5-1/ W 7-1

Mount Union's baseball team (17-21, 7-11 OAC) split a double header with Wilmington (17-19, 6-11 OAC) on senior day, Saturday May 5, at the 23rd Street Field in Alliance, Ohio. The Raiders lost game one 5-1 but rebounded to win game two 7-2...In game #1, the Quakers got on the board first in the top of the second on a solo home run by Mike Kroger to make the score 1-0. Mount Union responded in the bottom of the second with an RBI single by shortstop Justin Marx to knot the score at 1-1...The Quakers answered in the top of the third putting up two runs to make the score 3-1 and then added two more in the top of the sixth to stretch the lead to 5-1...Offensively, the Raiders were led by Marx's RBI and right fielder Dave Bogner who went 2-for-3 and scored the Raiders' only run...In game #2, the Quakers again jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning...However, the Raiders responded in the bottom of the fourth on a sacrifice fly by designated hitter Cory Slaybaugh to tie the game at 1-1. Wilmington then added one more in the top of the sixth to take a 2-1 lead.The Raiders responded by sending 11 batters to the plate and putting up six runs, including a two-run single by right fielder Jon Suntala, to go up 7-2...Tommy Kerr closed out the Quakers to earn his third win of the season with a complete game performance. Offensively, the Raiders were led by Suntala's two RBI and Jason Evans' 3-for-4 performance.

Muskingum-vs. Heidelberg, L 5-2/ L 8-5

The 2007 season was a record-breaking campaign for Muskingum...Muskingum College Head Coach Gregg Thompson etched his name in the records book as the all-time career wins leader for the Muskie baseball program following the Muskies' doubleheader sweep of Notre Dame College on March 6.In only 12 seasons at the helm of the Black & Magenta, coach Thompson has amassed 257 career wins...The old mark of 239 was held by Thompson's former mentor Ron Mazeroski...The Muskies also set a school record with its 15 game winning streak this season, which also allowed the Black & Magenta to set the school mark for best start of a season at 15-1... freshman second baseman Wes Carder (Zanesville/John Glenn) led the team in batting this season with a .422 average...freshman catcher Brock Whiteman (New Concord/John Glenn) batted .343 with a team-high four home runs, 37 RBI, 47 hits and a .547 slugging percentage...junior first baseman Seth Sibert (Massillon/Washington) hit .333 with three home runs and 24 RBI...Freshman pitcher Ryan Mcallister (Salem) led the team with five saves and freshman hurler Ryan Glad (Brunswick) recorded a team-low 2.33 ERA.

Ohio Northern-vs. Otterbein, W 4-3/W 6-5...vs. Wooster, W 3-1...vs. Adrian, W 3-1...vs. Capital, L 8-1/L 5-9

The Ohio Northern baseball team (15-23 overall, 6-12 OAC) wrapped up its 2007 season by going 3-3 last week.The Polar Bears got off to a quick start with a 4-3, 6-5 sweep of No. 17-ranked Otterbein on Mon. ONU then fell 9-2 to No. 1-ranked Wooster on Tue. and wrapped up its home schedule with a 3-1 victory over Adrian (Mich.) on Fri. Capital topped ONU 8-1 and 9-5 on Sat. in Columbus to end the season. Sophomore Brian Hill (Fairborn/Dayton Carroll) and senior Josh Conkey (McDonalld/Youngstown Ursuline) each pitched ONU past Otterbein on Mon. Hill ended his first season at ONU with a 3-6 record and a 5.08 ERA with a team-high 32 strikeouts as the staff ace. Conkey was 1-0 with a save and a 2.79 ERA in five appearances on the mound and hit .282 with a team-high 11 doubles, three home runs, 15 RBI and a team-best 26 runs scored at the plate. He wrapped up his career as a .334 hitter with 10 home runs and 68 RBI in 111

games. He ranks 25th all-time at ONU with 119 career hits. Senior Phil Bruns (St. Henry) led the team with a .424 average (50-for-188), 21 runs and 14 RBI. He ended his career with a .319 average, four home runs, 57 RBI and 82 runs scored in 140 games. He is ranked 16th all-time with 139 career hits. Freshman Brandon Hubbard (Ashley/Buckeye Valley) was second on the team with a .289 average (37-of-128) with two home runs and 15 RBI. On the mound, Senior Scott Bruckman (Huber Heights/Chaminade-Julienne) went 3-2 with a team-best 3.43 ERA and 33 strikeouts in 42 innings of work. In 55 career appearances, which includes 22 starts and 10 complete games, he ended up with a 7-16 record with four saves, 109 strikeouts and a 5.96 ERA.

Otterbein- vs. Ohio Northern, L 4-3/L 6-5...vs. Mt. St. Joseph, W 9-5...vs. Ohio Wesleyan W 10-8...vs. John Carroll, W 6-2/L 4-3

Junior OF/C **Aaron Hutchison (Whitehall)** went 5 for 14 (.357) with a double, six runs scored, three RBIs and two stolen bases on the week ... Junior OF **Chris Kovanda** went 7 for 24 (.292) with a double, a triple, six RBIs and five runs scored this week ... Junior 3B **Brandon Mauck** had a double, four runs scored and four RBIs on the week ... Sophomore 2B **Tyler Rudman (Grove City/Bishop Ready)** logged in a double, three RBIs, two runs scored and a stolen base this week ... Senior OF **Matt Wilson (Circleville)** hit .600 (3 for 5) with a double, two runs scored and an RBI in the win at Mount St. Joseph ... Junior pitcher **Dan Remenowsky (Cincinnati/Moeller)** improved to 7-0 on the year in the game-one win over John Carroll, tossing a complete game, striking out a season-high nine and giving up five hits and two runs, one of them earned ... Senior pitcher **Trevor Horn (Groveport/Groveport-Madison)** garnered his second win of the season giving up three hits and two runs in two innings of relief against Ohio Wesleyan. The Cardinals will enter the Ohio Athletic Conference Tournament as the third seed and will take on defending national champion and second-seeded Marietta in game one Thursday in Tiffin.

Wilmington-vs. Wright State, L 8-7...at Franklin, L 9-5/L 13-11...vs. Mount Union, W 5-1/L 7-2

Wilmington closed its season with a doubleheader split at Mount Union. In their 5-1 win over the Purple Raiders, the Quakers got a seven-hit complete game from freshman pitcher Bryce DeWeese (Jeffersonville/Miami Trace), his fourth win of the season. Freshman left fielder Jason Iles (Fayetteville) and senior catcher Ben Butler (Beavercreek/Carroll) had three hits apiece for WC and senior third baseman Mike Kroeger (Cincinnati/Elder) belted his sixth home run of the season. Iles, Butler, junior first baseman Wade Rethmel (Defiance/Tinora), senior right fielder Chad Knittel (Jackson) and Kroeger had two hits each in Wilmington's one-run loss at Division I Wright State. Iles raised his team-leading home run total to seven with three round-trippers in the second game of WC's doubleheader at Franklin. Iles also led the team with three triples, 36 RBI and a .644 slugging percentage.