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Baldwin-Wallace's Soflkiancs Named November OAC Scholar-Athlete of the Month



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Austintown, OH—Baldwin-Wallace College senior student-athlete and football punter Kevin Soflkiancs (Middleburg Heights/ Midpark) is a true example of the scholar-athlete in Division III athletics.

Soflkiancs began striving for excellence the day he arrived on campus. He has been excelling both on and off the field ever since.



On the field, Soflkiancs is a two-time Division III All-American and a 2006 *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-American punter. He is a three-time first-team All-Ohio Athletic Conference selection, three-time All-North Region pick by d3football.com and a three-time OAC punting champion. He has led all of Division III in punting twice (2004 and 2006), including a year ago when he averaged 42.6 yards per punt. He also was the 2004 Football Gazette North Region Special Teams Player of the Year and the B-W Special Teams Player of the Year and won the 2006 Gilburg Award as the nation's best Division III punter. This season, Soflkiancs is back at it again and leads the OAC in punting with a 42.5-yard average.

"Kevin is an unbelievable weapon for our defense," said Yellow Jacket Head Coach John Snell. "He has a great leg and understands what we are trying to accomplish with the punt. He knows that the punt can be the most important play in any football game. He definitely gives us a great advantage over our opponents."

In the classroom, Soflkiancs has produced a 3.7 grade average in business and finance and was a third-team *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America pick last fall. He additionally is a two-time Academic All-OAC selection and is a constant and consistent member of the Dean's List. In addition, Soflkiancs is a member of the Alpha Lambda Academic Honor Society and last summer completed an internship in his area of study.

During his four-year career, Soflkiancs has been a seven-time OAC Special Teams Player of the Week. He set a B-W and Finnie Stadium single-game record with a 51.0-yard average versus Otterbein College as a freshman. But the best honor may have come last fall when longtime Augustana (Ill.) College Sports Information Director Dave Wrath said, "He [Soflkiancs] was the difference in the game [a 17-7 B-W victory]. He's the best Division III punter I have seen in all my years as an SID."

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