



SOFTBALL



2007 Softball Standings								
(ties are disregarded in figuring winning %)								
School	OAC Games				All Games			
	Wins	Losses	Ties	Pct.	Wins	Losses	Ties	Pct.
Muskingum *	15	3	0	0.833	29	9	0	0.763
Ohio Northern *	15	3	0	0.833	30	8	0	0.789
Capital	13	5	0	0.722	24	14	0	0.632
Marietta	13	5	0	0.722	28	8	0	0.778
Mount Union	11	7	0	0.611	26	10	0	0.722
Otterbein	9	9	0	0.500	21	15	0	0.583
John Carroll	8	10	0	0.444	17	20	0	0.459
Baldwin-Wallace	4	14	0	0.222	10	22	0	0.313
Heidelberg	2	16	0	0.111	6	32	0	0.158
Wilmington	0	18	0	0.000	4	35	0	0.103

* OAC Regular-Season and ! Tournament Champions

Ohio Northern Set to Host the 2007 OAC Softball Tournament

Friday-Saturday 4-5



Austintown, OH-Ohio Northern will host the 23rd annual Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Softball Tournament Friday-Saturday, May 4-5. Both Ohio Northern and Muskingum finished at the top of the standing with 15-3 record to become regular-season co-champions. ONU won the top seed and the home field advantage in this year's four-team, double-elimination tournament by virtue of a coin-flip conducted by the league office. Marietta and Capital also finished the season with identical 13-5 OAC records. A coin-flip was conducted to determine the higher seed.

Kicking off the tournament will be #2 Muskingum (15-3 OAC/29-9) versus #3 Marietta (13-5 OAC/28-8) at 11a.m. Muskingum swept Marietta during the regular season, 4-3 and 5-4. This will be the fifth time these teams have met in OAC tournament play, with Muskingum prevailing 3-1 in game six in 2006 to capture its 16th overall, ninth straight tournament title.

Game two will pit number four Capital (13-5 OAC/24-14) at number one Ohio Northern (15-3 OAC/30-8) at 1p.m. The Polar Bears swept the Crusaders during the regular season, 5-1 and 5-2. They have met four times in OAC Tournament play with the series split at 2-2.

The 2006 All-OAC Teams, the Gayle Lauth Player-of-the-Year, John Wells Pitcher-of-the-Year will be announced Saturday, May 5, following the conclusion of the tournament. The 2007 OAC Coaching Staff-of-the-Year will be announced, May 7.

May 4-5, 2007 - ONU Softball Field, Ada, Ohio Hosted by Ohio Northern

May 4		Time/Result
Game 1	#2 Muskingum vs. #3 Marietta	11 am
Game 2	#1 Ohio Northern vs. #4 Capital	1 pm
Game 3	Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner	3 pm
Game 4	Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser	5 pm
May 5		
Game 5	Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 winner	11 am
Game 6	Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner	1 pm
Game 7	Game 6 winner vs. Game 6 loser, if necessary	3 pm

OAC WEEKLY SOFTBALL NOTES

Baldwin-Wallace- vs. Wilmington, W 7-4/W 10-7...vs. Ohio Northern, L 16-14/L 10-0

Sophomore first baseman Caitlin Myor (Sheffield Lake/ Elyria Senior) was seven-of-13 (.538) with five runs scored, a double, two homeruns and nine RBI last week in four games...Senior All-OAC catcher Molly Sersig (West Salem/ Northwestern) ended her career with a .348 batting average with 18 doubles, 14 homers and 63 RBI...Sersig and backup catcher/ 2B Lisa Liotta (Chardon/ Burton Berkshire) are B-W's two graduating seniors.

Capital-vs. Muskingum, L 4-0/W 7-3...vs. Ohio Northern, L 5-1/L 5-2 (9)

Capital lost three of its final four OAC games to finish in a tie for third place with Marietta ... The Crusaders are making their 13th appearance in the OAC Tournament and first since 2005 ... Capital has an 11-20 record in the OAC Tournament and won titles in 1991 and 1997 ... On the season junior Lindsay Shepherd (Phillipsburg/Northmont) has a team-best .484 batting average with a school record 46 stolen bases ... Freshman pitcher Brittany Stefano (Uniontown/Lake) has a 1.61 ERA and set a freshman record for strikeouts with 127 on the season.

Heidelberg-vs. Notre Dame, L5-3/W 4-3...vs. Otterbein, L 3-2/L 5-7

Heidelberg finished 1-3 on the week ... The week began with two hard fought games at NAIA Notre Dame College (OH) on Monday ... The Berg forced a split with the Falcons after freshman catcher (pinch hitter) Katie Curry (Delaware, Ohio / Buckeye Valley) hit a bases clearing double in the seventh inning to give Heidelberg the lead ... The Berg held Notre Dame scoreless in the bottom half of the seventh to earn the win ... In game one against Otterbein, Heidelberg made a late push in both contests, but would leave the eventual game-tying runs and game-winning runs on the bases in both contests ... Leading the way on the week was freshman designated hitter Crystal Killoran (South Euclid, Ohio / Brush) hitting .500 with a team-high seven hits ... Sophomore Jennifer Kerman (Willowick, Ohio / Regina) hit .455 with five hits ... Earning the win on the mound was sophomore Katherine Allenspach (Aurora, Ohio / Aurora).

John Carroll- vs. Mount Union, L 6-0/L 12-5...vs. Marietta, W 3-2/ L 8-5

The Blue Streaks lone win last week was a 3-2 come-from-behind upset of #24 ranked Marietta in the first game of a doubleheader Saturday at Bracken Field ... Trailing 2-1 in the bottom of the sixth, John Carroll would rally thanks to a timely hit by freshman Laura Boselovic (Wexford, PA/North Allegheny). With a runner on first and one out, Boselovic would blast a two-run home run on a 3-2 pitch that gave JCU a 3-2 lead. Marietta would put runners on second and third with no one out in the top of the seventh, but Blue Streak reliever Barbie Lewis (Warren, OH/Howland) induced two ground outs then a harmless fly out to right to preserve the JCU win ... In their final home appearance Saturday, John Carroll's two seniors -- Alisha Zapor (Wintersville, OH/Steubenville Catholic Central) and Betsy Rafferty (Columbus, OH/Bishop Ready) -- were a combined 5-10 with one run scored, one double, two stolen bases and three sacrifice hits ... Sophomore Jamie Smrdel (Kirtland, OH/Beaumont) had her seven-game hitting streak snapped Saturday, but almost through no fault of her own. She was intentionally walked five times. She did have a sacrifice fly RBI to plate JCU's first run in the first inning of the 3-2 game one victory.

Marietta-vs. Wilmington, W 9-0/W 13-1...vs. John Carroll, L 3-2/W 8-5

The No. 24 Marietta College softball team (28-8, 13-5 OAC) went 3-1 last week to close out the OAC tied for third place with Capital. Senior Kristen Quintana (Denver, Colo./Littleton) threw her third no-hitter in four games in the opener at Wilmington. Quintana set a new Marietta single-season (217) and career (610) record for strikeouts last week. Sophomore Christina DeMoss (Bellville/Clear Fork) also had a solid week on the mound, picking up two victories to improve to 9-2. Sophomore Erin Faulkner (Wheelersburg) led the offense with a 5-for-9 (.556) performance at the plate. Her biggest hit was a three-run home run in the second game at John Carroll to give MC the lead for good. Senior Jenny Carroll (Lisbon/Beaver Local) went 6-for-11 (.545) with two home runs and eight runs scored, while senior Lindsey Romick (Hannibal/River) went 6-for-14 (.429) with two home runs and four runs scored. Carroll set a new school mark for games played in a career with 144. The Lady Pioneers have one last tune up before the OAC Tournament. They will visit Washington & Jefferson (Pa.) Tuesday (May 1) for a 4 p.m. non conference doubleheader.

Mount Union- DNP

Muskingum-vs.Capital, W 4-0/L 7-3...vs. Otterbein, L 5-2/W 4-0

The Muskingum College softball team was ranked ninth in the latest National Fastpitch Coaches Association Division III Top 25 Poll. The poll is voted on by NCAA Division III head coaches representing each region. Muskingum has been ranked in the top 25 every week since 1999...Muskingum finished the regular season at 15-3 overall in conference play, which tied Ohio Northern...The OAC regular season title is the Muskies 10th straight...Muskingum has been in every OAC Tournament since its inception...junior catcher Kari Hoying (Russia/Russia Local) leads the Fish with a .444 batting average with nine home runs and 36 RBI...Hoying also has notched 56 hits and 33 runs... junior shortstop Jamie Echelberger (Ashland/Hillside) is second on the squad batting .369 with three home runs and 23 RBI...sophomore designated hitter (Randi Dance (Olmsted Falls) is hitting .364 with six home runs and 23 RBI...senior first baseman Amy Iammarino (Mantua/Crestwood) is batting .360 with 22 RBI and 10 doubles.

Otterbein-vs. Denison, W 7-6/W2-1...Muskingum, W 5-2/L 4-0...Heidelberg, W 3-2/W 7-5

The Cardinals turned in five wins during a six-game week to improve their record to 21-15, and 9-9 in conference play ... Senior SS Beth Rowland (Champion) led the Cardinal effort, turning in a .438 batting average and notching six runs and eight hits, including two doubles ... The senior also turned in one RBI and 18 assists for the week ... Sophomore catcher

Lauren Tibjash also scored high marks this week, earning a .353 batting average ... The sophomore tallied in nine RBI(s), including one home run, and two runs for the week ... On the mound, three Cardinal pitchers earned at least one win during the six-game week ... Senior pitcher Megan Seibel (Johnstown) led all efforts, earning a 1.12 ERA ... In 18.2 innings pitched, Seibel allowed only 16 hits, four runs, including three earned runs, and tossed seven strikeouts ... The senior improves her record to 8-6 after notching three wins this week ... The Cardinals will finish season play this Tues. and Wed., as they take on Kenyon College and Mount St. Joseph in doubleheader action.

Ohio Northern-vs. Kenyon, W 6-5/L 4-5...vs. Capital, W 5-1/W 5-2...vs. Baldwin-Wallace, W 16-14/W 10-0 (5)

The No. 20-ranked Ohio Northern softball team (30-8 overall, 15-3 OAC) won a share of the OAC Regular Season title with double header sweeps of Capital and Baldwin-Wallace last week. Northern finished tied with Muskingum for the top spot in the OAC and will be the top seed and host of the OAC Tournament Fri.-Sat. at the ONU Softball Field. ONU won the top seed via a coin flip, which was conducted Sun. evening by the league office. Senior Melanie Ward (Plain City/Fairbanks) went 11-for-22 with a double, a triple, three home runs and 9 RBI on the week. She hit a solo home run in the top of the 7th to key a 3-run rally in ONU's game 1 5-1 win at CU, then had a 3-run triple in the top of the 9th to win game 2 5-2. Hit home runs in each game of the sweep of BW. Extended her ONU all-time career home run record to 14 with her three-dinger week. This season, she is second on the team with 7 HRs and is hitting .310 with 35 RBI. Junior Erin Kenny (Rocky River) went 4-0 with four complete games in 32.0 innings of work last week. Extended her ONU single-season wins record to 22 with only three losses. Pitched both games of a double header sweep at Capital, allowing only three runs in 16 innings of work with 10 strikeouts. In 31 appearances this season, Kenny has a 22-3 record with a 2.18 ERA, six shutouts and 105 strikeouts in a school record 173.1 innings of work. She is ranked third all-time at ONU with 199 strikeouts, is third with 37 victories and is fourth with 45 complete games. Freshman Tina Mangola (Cranberry Twp., Pa./Seneca Valley) hit two more home runs to increase her single-season record total to 12. She is two home runs off the career mark of 14 held by Ward. Mangola leads ONU with a .508 average, 61 hits, 55 runs scored, 48 RBI and a .933 slugging percentage. She also has 11 doubles and 12 stolen bases this season. ONU has now hit 39 home runs in 38 games, easily bettering the previous record of 18 set last season. The Bears have also set single-season records with 87 doubles, 278 RBI, 308 runs scored and 632 total bases. ONU's .582 slugging percentage is more than 100 points above the school record .478 set in 1994. Sophomore Matti McFarlin (Ashland) is hitting .435 (47-of-108) with six home runs and 46 RBI. Freshman Mandi Fought (Toledo/Whitmer) is third on the team in hitting at .405 (49-for-121) with 47 runs scored, six triples and 20 stolen bases. Freshman Liz Decima (Freedom, Pa./Ambridge) is hitting .403 (48-of-119) with a team-high 14 doubles, 31 runs and 29 RBI. The Polar Bears will play fourth-seeded Capital at 1 pm on Fri. in the first round of the OAC Tournament.

Wilmington-vs. Wittenberg, W 1-0/L 15-7...vs. Marietta, L 9-0/L 13-1...vs. Baldwin-Wallace, L 7-4/L 10-7

Wilmington snapped a 22-game losing streak with a win over Wittenberg. Sophomore Amanda Smith (Delaware/Hayes) fired a complete game five-hitter to beat the Tigers. In their doubleheader loss to Baldwin-Wallace, the Quakers got a double and two singles from sophomore shortstop Katie Singleton (Lebanon) in the opener. Freshman center fielder Cory Sheets (Wanamaker, Ind./Franklin Central) doubled and singled. In game two, senior first baseman Molly Countryman (Germantown/Valley View) doubled in three runs. Freshman pitcher/outfielder Stefanie Tirey (Bellbrook) led Wilmington this spring with a .379 batting average in 26 games played.