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## OAC Announces Baseball Special Awards and All-OAC Teams

**Twinsburg, OH** -- Heidelberg senior outfielder **A.J. Schlea (Gibsonburg/Woodmore)** was voted the 2006 Jack Rafeld OAC Player-of-the-Year and Otterbein sophomore pitcher **Dan Remenowsky (Cincinnati/Moeller)** was named the 2006 Kent Tekulve OAC Pitcher-of-the-Year. Otterbein Head Coach **George Powell** was voted the 2006 OAC Don Schaly Coach-of-the-Year. All awards are voted on by the League coaches at their annual spring meeting held in conjunction with the OAC Tournament.

### Jack Rafeld OAC Player-of-the-Year

Heidelberg's **A.J. Schlea** becomes just the third Student Prince to be awarded this honor, joining Jon Hatfield (2003) and Aaron Fischer (2000). Schlea helped lead the 'Berg to its seventh overall OAC Tournament stop in 2006. This is the 29th 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.

As of May 12, Schlea was leading the team in batting average (.421), slugging percentage (.883), on-base percentage (.522), runs scored (42), hits (61), doubles (14), triples (4), home runs (15), total bases (128) and runs-batted in (56). Schlea was also ranked in the top-five of the Conference in the above categories. He set the school single-season marks for home runs, RBI, total bases and slugging percentage. He also tied the school record for triples (4) the past two seasons.

Since 1996, either a Heidelberg or Marietta student-athlete has been awarded this honor.

### Kent Tekulve OAC Pitcher-of-the-Year

Otterbein's **Dan Remenowsky** has been named the Kent Tekulve Pitcher-of-the-Year for the first time in his career. Remenowsky is the first Cardinal to earn this prestigious honor. This is the 12th 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.

Remenowsky improved to 8-2 on the year with an 11-6 win against Marietta in the OAC Tournament on Saturday. With the win, the Cardinals advanced to the OAC Championship game for the second straight year and third time in four seasons. Overall, Remenowsky has appeared in 11 contests, starting nine, with seven complete games and one save in 66.0 innings of work. He has a 1.64 earned run average and 79 strikeouts to lead the team.

### Don Schaly Coach-of-the-Year

Otterbein Head Coach **George Powell** has been selected as the Don Schaly OAC Coach-of-the-Year for the third time in his career. In seven seasons as the head coach, Powell has led the Cards to six straight OAC Tournaments, including OAC titles in 2003 and 2005. Powell and the Cards captured their first OAC regular-season title and will be playing for its second straight Tournament championship later on today (Sunday, May 14). Since the OAC Tournament became a four-team format in 1985, Otterbein will look to become just the second school to win back-to-back OAC championships, joining Marietta who won titles from 1986-1988, 1990-2002.

The award is named in honor of one of the OAC's and NCAA's most successful coaches, Marietta's Don Schaly. Schaly, who passed away earlier this year, graduated from Marietta in 1959 and coached at the school for 40 years. On May 4, 2002, Schaly became just the third coach in NCAA baseball history to amass 1,400 career victories. His .814 winning percentage (1,442-329) ranks him as the winningest baseball coach in the NCAA (all divisions).

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# 2006 All-OAC Baseball Teams

**Twinsburg, OH** -- Marietta senior hurler, **Mike DeMark (Jeanette, PA/Penn-Trafford)**, has been named to the All-Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Baseball First Team for the third straight year. A total of 45 student-athletes have been selected to the three teams.

The All-OAC Baseball Team is selected by League coaches at their annual spring meeting held in conjunction with the OAC Tournament. The 2006 All-OAC Baseball Teams are listed below.

## FIRST TEAM

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name, School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
DH	Andy Warner, Mount Union	So.	North Canton/Hoover
C	Brock Huntsman, Muskingum	So.	Barnesville
1B	Joe Litke, Marietta	Jr.	Windsor, CT
2B	Ryan Belanger, Marietta &	Jr.	Coldwater, MI
3B	Tony Pawlowicz, Heidelberg	Fr.	Montpelier
SS	Ben Titus, Otterbein &	So.	Bowling Green
OF	Shawn Galloway, Muskingum	Jr.	Marion/Pleasant
OF	Jarrod Klausman, Marietta	Sr.	Altoon, PA
OF	Dan Melito, Baldwin-Wallace #^	Sr.	Massillon/Washington
OF	A.J. Schlea, Heidelberg #&	Sr.	Gibsonburg/Woodmore
P	Mike DeMark, Marietta !*	Sr.	Jeanette, PA/Penn-Trafford
P	Mike Eisenberg, Marietta	Jr.	Coral Gables, FL/Bullis
P	Dan Remenowsky, Otterbein #	So.	Cincinnati/Moeller
P	Doug Stevens, Otterbein	So.	Newark/Newark Catholic
P	Ben Thorpe, Heidelberg ~	Sr.	Pataskala/Watkins Memorial

## SECOND TEAM

DH	Chris Kovanda, Otterbein	So.	Worthington/Kilbourne
C	Chris Martin, Otterbein	Jr.	Worthington/Thomas Worthington
1B	Matt Wilson, Baldwin-Wallace	Sr.	Canton/Jackson
2B	Kevin Brown, Baldwin-Wallace	Sr.	Cuyahoga Falls
3B	Justin Steranka, Marietta &	Sr.	Pittsburgh, PA/Mt. Lebanon
3B	Josh Luster, John Carroll	Sr.	Wheaton, IL/St. Francis
SS	Greg Krieger, Wilmington &	Jr.	Bellefontaine
SS	Bill Rockwell, Muskingum !	Jr.	Mentor/Mayfield
OF	Pat Connor, Otterbein	So.	Columbus/Bishop Watterson
OF	Adam Hesler, Muskingum !&	Sr.	Pleasant/Marion
OF	Sean McCarthy, John Carroll	So.	Milton, MA/Boston College H.S.
OF	Marc St. John, Capital	Fr.	Perrysburg
P	Ryan Dennick, Marietta	Fr.	North Olmsted
P	Shawn Kerek, Mount Union &	Jr.	Stow
P	Jared Wolf, Heidelberg	Sr.	Jeromesville/Hillsdale

## HONORABLE MENTION

C	Lee Guerrero, Marietta !	Sr.	Wolcott, CT
C	Tyler Tocco, Heidelberg &	Jr.	Dublin/Coffman
1B	Thomas Pfaus, Mount Union	Sr.	Massillon/Perry
2B	Greg King, Muskingum	Sr.	Richmond Hts./St. Ignatius
3B	Ben Buehner, Wilmington #^	Sr.	Germantown/Valley View
SS	Matt Decker, Heidelberg	Jr.	Maumee/Springfield
UT	Josh Conkey, Ohio Northern	Jr.	McDonald/Youngstown Ursuline
OF	Jacob Butler, Capital #	Jr.	Newark/Licking Valley
OF	Taylor Clark, Wilmington	Jr.	Morrow/McCallie (TN)
OF	Mike Farrell, Baldwin-Wallace &^	Sr.	Wickliffe
OF	Jerry Tulga, Otterbein	Jr.	Reynoldsburg
P	Jason Baumler, Marietta	Fr.	Crownsville, MD/Old Mill
P	Nic Carucci, Mount Union	Sr.	Macedonia/Nordonia
P	David Paddock, Heidelberg	Fr.	Westerville/North
P	Marc Vertock, John Carroll	Sr.	Solon

**KEY:** ! 2005 First Team ... # 2005 Second Team ... & 2005 Honorable Mention ...

\*2004 First Team ... ^2004 Second Team...\$2004 Honorable Mention...~2003 Honorable Mention