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### **John Carroll's Thomas Earns OAC Men's Tennis Coach-of-the-Year**

**Twinsburg, OH** -- John Carroll fifth-year Head Coach **Bruce Thomas** has been named the 2006 OAC Men's Tennis Coach-of-the-Year, as selected by his peers.

Thomas led the Blue Streaks to a school record 17 wins this year and the school's fifth overall OAC Tournament title. Thomas also led the women's squad to the OAC Tournament title this year, making JCU the first school since 1997 to take home both championships. JCU was the last school to accomplish the feat. The Blue Streak men last won an OAC Tournament title in 1999.

This is the first OAC Men's Tennis Coach-of-the-Year Award for Thomas. This award was inaugurated in 1995.

### **ONU's Scott Named the 2006 OAC Mark Lensen Player-of-the-Year**

**Twinsburg, OH** -- Ohio Northern sophomore **Micah Scott (Reynoldsburg)** has been named the 2006 OAC Mark Lensen Player-of-the-Year, as selected by the League coaches. Scott is the third Polar Bear to earn this award, joining Brian Melton (2002 & 2003) and Jason Roush (1999). It is the eighth year for the presentation of this award.

The award is named after Mark Lensen, head men's tennis coach and professor at Ohio Northern from 1978-99. Lensen led his teams to four OAC Championships and a 179-62 record in his 18 years at the helm. Lensen, named OAC Coach of the Year three times, passed away in March, 1999. The award is presented to a singles champion who exhibits quality athletic abilities and sportsmanlike conduct at the OAC Championships.

Scott helped the Bears to their second OAC regular-season title this year. He led the team with 17 singles wins on the year (17-6) and also went 17-7 in doubles play. In two years for ONU, Scott has a combined record of 66-17 overall.

Listed below are the 2006 All-OAC teams. The coaches began voting on All-Conference teams in 2002. Prior to 2002 season, All-OAC award winners were the champion and runner-up at each position.

#### **FIRST TEAM**

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name, School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
2S/1D	Eliot Brown, John Carroll *	Jr.	Moreland Hills/Orange
1S/1D	James Daly, Baldwin-Wallace *	So.	Akron/Firestone
2-4S/2D	Ryan Paul, Ohio Northern	Fr.	West Milton/Milton-Union
1S/1D	Micah Scott, Ohio Northern *	So.	Reynoldsburg
1S/2D	James Steward, John Carroll	Fr.	Monroe, MI
1S/1D	A.J. Wilson, Muskingum *	So.	Wooster

#### **SECOND TEAM**

4S/2D	Brad Guindon, Muskingum	Jr.	Martinsville/Wilmington
3S/1D	Jason Hilborn, Muskingum	Fr.	Elida
2S/2D	Brandon May, Baldwin-Wallace &	Sr.	New Philadelphia
1S/1D	Kyle Moreland, Mount Union !+	Jr.	Dover
3S/1-2-3D	Max Norris, Heidelberg !	So.	Toledo/Springfield
1S/1D	Tyler Stephen, Otterbein !	So.	Worthington/Kilbourne

#### **HONORABLE MENTION**

4S/2D	Alex Campanelli, John Carroll	Fr.	Canton/Central Catholic
4-5S/2-3D	Chris Dohner, Ohio Northern	Fr.	Englewood/Northmont
1-2S/1-2D	Paul Evans, Heidelberg	Jr.	Manchester, England/Holy Cross
2S/1D	Jacob Lauber, Otterbein ^	Jr.	Dover
2-3S/2D	Klint McEnery, Ohio Northern ~#	Sr.	Columbus/Bishop Watterson
3-4S/3D	Ryan McCartney, Baldwin-Wallace	Jr.	Lorain/Admiral King

**KEY:** \*2005 First Team ... &2005 Second Team ... ! 2005 Honorable Mention ... ~2004 First Team ...  
 +2004 Second Team ... ^2004 Honorable Mention ... #2003 Second Team