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OAC Announces 2004 Men's Basketball Award Winners

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Marietta College



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Twinsburg, OH -- Baldwin-Wallace Head Coach **Steve Bankson** and Ohio Northern senior guard **Jim Conrad (Cridersville/Perry)** won the 2004 Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) men's basketball special awards. **Bankson** was voted the Men's Coach-of-the-Year and **Conrad** is the recipient of the 2004 OAC Mike Gregory Award. Both awards are voted on by the league coaches.

Steve Bankson has been named the OAC Men's Basketball Coach-of-the-Year for the first time in his career. Bankson led the Yellow Jackets to their best finish (tied second), since the 2000-01 season when they also tied for second. Under Bankson, the Yellow Jackets have won two OAC Tournament titles (1996 and 1998). In 24 years at the helm of the Yellow Jackets, Bankson has compiled a 345-290 (.543) overall mark.

Ohio Northern senior guard **Jim Conrad** is the recipient of the 2004 OAC Mike Gregory Award. Conrad becomes the ninth Polar Bear to earn this prestigious award and the seventh player to be awarded this under the direction of 12th year Head Coach Joe Campoli. The award is presented to the most outstanding player in the Conference. The award was established in 1957 in honor of Mike Gregory of Denison University, who was a multi-sport standout prior to his graduation in 1929.

Conrad is ranked first in the Conference in scoring (567) and steals (58) and is third in free throw percentage (.870), fifth in three-point field goals made (57) and is tied for seventh in assists (77).

Conrad is second all-time in scoring at Ohio Northern and ranks 15th all-time in OAC history with 1,918 career points. He also ranks first in school history with an .879 free throw percentage (399-of-454) and 1,583 career field goal attempts. He is tied for second at ONU with 192 career steals and is second all-time with 644 career field goals.

In his four years at Northern, Conrad was a four-time All-OAC pick, including a three-time First Team honoree.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL



CONRAD AND GIBBONS REPEAT ON ALL-OAC FIRST TEAM

Twinsburg, OH -- Ohio Northern senior guard **Jim Conrad (Cridersville/Perry)** and John Carroll senior forward **David Gibbons (Charleston, WV/Charleston Catholic)** are repeat selections to the All-Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) First Team. Conrad is a three-time First-Team recipient, while Gibbons earned his second straight appearance on the First Team.

A total of 28 athletes have been named to the 2004 All-OAC Men's Basketball Team. The Conference teams are voted on by the head coaches.

2004 MEN'S ALL-OAC BASKETBALL TEAM

FIRST TEAM

<u>Name, School</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Jake Beck, Capital %	F	6-7	Jr.	Maumee/Toledo St. John's
Tony Borghese, Otterbein @&	G	5-11	Jr.	Columbus/DeSales
Jim Conrad, Ohio Northern ^*=	G	6-2	Sr.	Cridersville/Perry
Thad Davis, Baldwin-Wallace %	F	6-3	Jr.	Elyria/Open Door Christian
David Gibbons, John Carroll ^	F	6-4	Sr.	Charleston, WV/Charleston Cath.

SECOND TEAM

Jerry Angel, John Carroll	G	6-5	Sr.	Dayton/Chaminade-Julienne
Tori Davis, Baldwin-Wallace	F	6-3	Fr.	Elyria/Open Door Christian
Brad Gerard, Mount Union @	G	5-10	Jr.	Mentor
Lucas Messer, Heidelberg ^\$	P	6-7	Sr.	Clyde
Adam Stolly, Capital &	PG	5-10	Sr.	Lima/Lima Central Catholic

HONORABLE MENTION

Tyler Alexander, Capital	F	6-6	Sr.	Lebanon
Keith Aufmuth, Baldwin-Wallace	G	6-0	So.	Brooklyn
Chris Blakely, Mount Union	G	6-5	Jr.	Columbus/East
Chad Bostelman, Ohio Northern @&=	G	6-3	Sr.	Napoleon
Jon Franks, John Carroll	F	6-5	Sr.	Burton/Berkshire
Mike Grogan, John Carroll	G	6-2	Jr.	Cincinnati/St. Xavier
Scott Hadley, Otterbein %	F	6-5	Jr.	Lewis Center/Worthington Christian
Matt Hines, Marietta @&	F	6-4	Jr.	Waverly/Eastern Pike
Mark Killian, Ohio Northern	P	6-8	Jr.	New Bremen
Cody Lane, Marietta	G	6-0	Sr.	Gallipolis/Gallia Academy
Scott Laslo, Marietta	G/F	6-3	Fr.	Gahanna/Lincoln
Sam Mikolajewski, Ohio Northern	P	6-9	Sr.	Piqua/Sidney Lehman
Brandon Mimes, John Carroll	F	6-4	Fr.	Euclid
Aaron Minister, Otterbein @	F	6-5	Sr.	Columbus/Tree of Life
Rob Paulauskas, Mount Union %	F	6-6	Sr.	Chester, WV/Oak Glen
Cole Pittis, Muskingum	C	6-4	So.	Uhrichville/Claymont
Zach Ross, Muskingum	G/F	6-3	So.	Centerburg
Deon Short, Wilmington	F	6-4	Jr.	Cincinnati/Mt. Healthy

KEY:

^2003 First Team %2003 Second Team @2003 Honorable Mention *2002 First Team
 \$2002 Second Team &2002 Honorable Mention =2001 Honorable Mention