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OAC Announces 2005 Women's Soccer Special Awards and All-OAC Teams

Baldwin-Wallace's Ayers Named OAC Coach-of-the-Year

Baldwin-Wallace fourth-year Head Coach **Reid Ayers** has been named the 2005 OAC Coach-of-the-Year, as selected by his peers.

Ayers led the Yellow Jackets to their first OAC Tournament appearance since 1997 and their second overall stop in an OAC Championship match. B-W also advanced to the 1994 OAC Title match. In four years at the helm, Ayers has compiled a 39-32-9 overall mark. He has coached 10 different All-Conference players, including a pair of players that have earned OAC Goalkeeper-of-the-Year honors in three of his four years at the helm (Amanda Avram-2002 & 2003 and Michelle Neff-2005).

Ayers is just the second B-W coach to earn this award, Dan White took home this honor in 1992.

Otterbein's Brader and Smith Named OAC Co-Midfielders-of-the-Year

Otterbein teammates, **Jenna Brader (Westerville/St. Francis DeSales)** and **Chanel Smith (Dublin/Dublin Scioto)** have been chosen by the league coaches as the 2005 OAC Co-Midfielders-of-the-Year. This is the third straight year that Brader has been named OAC Midfielder-of-the-Year, while Smith has been selected for the first time this season.

In 19 starts, Brader is second on the team with 26 points on nine goals and a team-leading eight assists heading into the NCAA Tournament. Her eight assists also lead the OAC. Brader is three assists shy of the school career assists record.

Smith, who connected on both game-winning goals in the OAC Tournament, is tied for third in the OAC and first on the team with 11 goals on the year. She also has a pair of assists for 24 points. Smith leads the OAC with six game-winning goals on the year. In 38 career games, Smith has 16 goals and five assists for 37 points.

Brader and Smith helped the Otterbein offense to a League-best 60 goals and 50 assists in 19 games.

Otterbein's Thompson Named OAC Defender-of-the-Year

Otterbein junior **Lauren Thompson (Pickerington)** has been chosen by the league coaches as the 2005 OAC Defender-of-the-Year.

Thompson and the Cardinal defense helped the team to 11 shutouts on the year. The Cardinal defense led the League with a 0.58 goals-against average (11 goals) in 1710:00 minutes. Thompson has played in 52 career games, including 17 starts this season.

Otterbein's Beers Named OAC Forward-of-the-Year

Otterbein junior **Karen Beers (Bellbrook)** has been chosen by the league coaches as the 2005 OAC Forward-of-the-Year for the second consecutive year.

Beers leads her team and is second in the OAC with 28 points on the year. She has punched in 11 goals and dished out six assists in 19 starts. This season, Beers became Otterbein's all-time points and goals leader with 81 and 35, respectively. Beers helped the Otterbein offense to a League-best 60 goals and 50 assists in 19 games.

Baldwin-Wallace's Neff Named OAC Goalkeeper-of-the-Year

Baldwin-Wallace sophomore **Michelle Neff (Strongsville)** has been chosen by the league coaches as the 2005 OAC Goalkeeper-of-the-Year. Neff is the second Yellow Jacket to be awarded this honor, joining Amanda Avram, who won three straight from 2001-03.

In 21 games, Neff was third in the OAC with a 0.84 goals-against average, was second with 135 saves (6.43 spg) on the year and was tied for third with nine shutouts. Overall, Neff played in a single-season school-record 12 shutouts in 2005 and has appeared in 17 shutouts in two seasons in goal. She helped lead the Jackets' to their first OAC Tournament appearance since 1997.

2005 ALL-OAC WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM

Selected by the League coaches

FIRST TEAM

Position	Name, School	Year	Hometown/High School
Goalkeeper	Michelle Neff, Baldwin-Wallace	So.	Strongsville
Defenders	Katie Isaacs, Wilmington *	Sr.	West Chester/Lakota East
	Lauren Thompson, Otterbein *	Jr.	Pickerington
	Alison Wallace, Otterbein	Fr.	Sylvania/Northview
	Katie Witham, Capital	Sr.	Alliance
Midfielders	Jenna Brader, Otterbein *^	Jr.	Westerville/St. Francis DeSales
	Chanel Smith, Otterbein	So.	Dublin/Scioto
	Amy Lehosit, Marietta *=\$	Sr.	Pickerington
	Nicky Fey, Wilmington	So.	Pleasant Plain/Blanchester
Forwards	Karen Beers, Otterbein *%	Jr.	Bellbrook
	Kara Martin, Capital ~	So.	Sidney
	Diana Smith, Ohio Northern *^	Jr.	Fort Jennings

SECOND TEAM

Position	Name, School	Year	Hometown/High School
Goalkeeper	Katie Chrien, Otterbein ~=\$	Sr.	Fairfield
Defenders	Courtney Gillespie, Baldwin-Wallace	So.	Brunswick
	Samantha Klopfer, Capital ~=	Jr.	Vandalia/Butler
	Katie Schaadt, Ohio Northern	Fr.	Westerville/St. Francis DeSales
	Lindsey Sorace, Mount Union	Jr.	Valley View/Cuyahoga Hts.
Midfielders	Erin Grzegorzewski, John Carroll	Jr.	Grand Blanc, MI/Powers Catholic
	Emily Lawrentz, Baldwin-Wallace	Jr.	Mansfield/Crestview
	Jill Sorboro, Marietta	Jr.	Cuyahoga Falls
Forwards	Kasey Hill, Heidelberg ~	Jr.	Cincinnati/School of Performing Arts
	Jenny Miller, Baldwin-Wallace ~=	Jr.	North Ridgeville
	Laura Smolinski, Ohio Northern *	Sr.	Mentor
	Sara Vasbinder, Otterbein	So.	Westerville/St. Francis DeSales

HONORABLE MENTION

Position	Name, School	Year	Hometown/High School
Goalkeeper	Courtney Allan, Capital *=	Jr.	Sylvania/Northview
	Bethany Blahnik, Marietta +	Sr.	Mansfield/Ontario
Defenders	Tara Bowen, John Carroll =	Sr.	Westerville/North
	Kristin Drain, Marietta ~%	Sr.	Point Pleasant, WV
	Alex Kern, John Carroll	Sr.	Plainwell, MI
	Emilee Knowlton, Marietta +	Sr.	Marietta
Midfielders	Amber Knoll, Mount Union +=	Sr.	Litchfield/Buckeye
	Amanda Rembold, John Carroll %	Jr.	Strongsville
	Kelly Reynolds, Wilmington ~	Sr.	Clayton/Northmont
	Laura Violante, John Carroll	Jr.	Chicago, IL/St. Ignatius
Forwards	Jessica Martinez, Marietta	Fr.	Strongsville/Magnificat
	Erin Stapp, Ohio Northern	Fr.	Willoughby/South

KEY: *2004 First Team; ~2004 Second Team; +2004 Honorable Mention; ^2003 First Team; =2003 Second Team; %2003 Honorable Mention; \$2002 Honorable Mention