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OAC Announces 2024 Football Special Awards & All-OAC Teams

(as voted by the League coaches)

Larry Kehres OAC Coach-of-the-Year: Geoff Dartt, Mount Union

Mount Union fifth-year Head Coach **Geoff Dartt** has been selected as the Larry Kehres Coach-of-the-Year. Dartt led the Purple Raiders to a conference-record 35th overall and eighth-straight championship with a 9-0 record.

The Larry Kehres award is presented by the University of Mount Union. Kehres, served as the head football coach for 27 seasons (1986-2012). He retired with 11 national titles and a 332-24-3 record.

OAC Assistant Coach-of-the-Year: Reed Florence, Marietta

Marietta Offensive Coordinator **Reed Florence** has been chosen as the OAC Assistant Coach-of-the-Year. Florence led the Pioneers to the top of the Conference for total offense with 4,993 yards and third in points-per-game with 40.5. Marietta finished the season with a 7-2 OAC, 8-3 overall record.

Bob Packard Award: Connor Viestra, Marietta & Tyler Echeverry, Mount Union

Marietta senior quarterback **Connor Viestra (Thornville, Ohio / Lakewood)** and Mount Union senior running back **Tyler Echeverry (Naples, Fla. / Barron Collier)** have been chosen as the Bob Packard Most Outstanding Offensive Backs. Viestra finished the year ranked second in yards per game (241.1) and attempts (329) and third in touchdown (24). Echeverry finished the regular season ranked first in the OAC in yards per game (111.8) and touchdowns (20).

The Packard Award is presented by Baldwin Wallace University in honor of Bob Packard, who served as head coach of the Yellow Jackets from 1981-2001. He led B-W to six OAC championships and a 156-54-2 overall record.

Ken Wable Award: Matt Wrather, John Carroll

John Carroll senior **Matt Wrather (Powell, Ohio / Olentangy Liberty)** has been named the Ken Wable Most Outstanding Offensive Linemen for the second time. In conference play, Wrather led the JCU offensive line to second in the conference in total offense per game with 468.8 yards.

The Wable Award is presented by Mount Union College in honor of Ken Wable, who spent 24 years (1962-1985) leading the football program. During his time at Mount Union, he led the Purple Raiders to 123 victories and an OAC Championship.

Ed Sherman Award: Tyren Montgomery, John Carroll,

John Carroll graduate student **Tyren Montgomery (Woodlands, TX / The Woodlands College Park)** has been selected as the Ed Sherman Most Outstanding Receiver. Montgomery finished conference play ranked second with 5.1 receptions per game, and 104.8 yards per game

The Sherman Award is presented by Muskingum University in honor of the winningest coach in school history. Sherman guided the Muskies to a 141-43-8 record from 1945-66.

Paul Hoernemann Award: Chance Knight, Marietta

Marietta senior **Chance Knight (Bridgeport, Ohio / Linsly School)** has been voted the Paul Hoernemann Most Outstanding Defensive Linemen for the second time. Knight finished conference play with nine sacks and 5.3 tackles per game and 54 sack yards.

Heidelberg University presents the Hoernemann Award in memory of its most successful football coach, Paul Hoernemann, who directed the Student Princes to a 102-18-4 record from 1946-59. Hoernemann was inducted in 1997 to the College Football Hall of Fame.

Gene Slaughter Award: Harley Hopkins, Marietta

Marietta junior **Harley Hopkins (Zanesville, Ohio / West Muskingum)** has been named the Gene Slaughter Most Outstanding Linebacker. Hopkins closed conference play averaging 8.7 tackles-per- game, tallied four sacks and 41 solo tackles.

The Slaughter Award is presented by Capital University in honor of Gene Slaughter. Slaughter spent 25 years (1961-1985) at the helm of the Capital football program and guided it to a 120-94-3 record and a Stagg Bowl victory in 1970. He also served as Capital athletic director from 1981-1987.

Lee J. Tressel Award: Jo Norris, Heidelberg

Heidelberg senior **Jo Norris (Lorain, Ohio / Clearview)** has been named the Lee J. Tressel Most Outstanding Defensive Back. Norris averaged 2.1 tackles per game and tallied seven pass break ups.

Baldwin-Wallace presents the Tressel Award in memory of coach Lee J. Tressel, who guided the Yellow Jackets to four OAC championships, one national title and a 154-52-6 record from 1958-80. Tressel was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1996

Special Teams Award:

Owen Schuckert, John Carroll

John Carroll junior punter **Owen Schuckert (Brooklyn Hts., Ohio / Cuyahoga Hts.)** is the first recipient of the OAC Special Teams Awards. Schuckert averaged 40.4 yards per punt with a long of 58 yards and nine landing inside the 20.

2024 All- OAC Football Teams | First Team Offense

Position	Player, School	Yr.	Hometown/High School
Receiver	Dawson Snyder, Marietta,	Sr.	Pittsburgh, Pa. / Moon Area
	Davion Grant, Muskingum	So.	Naples, Fla. / Gulf Coast
	Travanti Keitt, Muskingum,	Sr.	Deerfield Beach, Fla. / Deerfield Beach
	Tyren Montgomery, John Carroll	Gr.	Woodlands, TX / The Woodlands College Park
Tight End	Kenneth Rawls, John Carroll,	Gr.	Nashville, TN Battle Ground Academy
Center	Matt Wrather, John Carroll,	Sr.	Powell, Ohio / Olentangy Liberty
Offensive Line	Braden Adams, Marietta	Jr.	Fresno, Ohio / Garaway
	David Busch, Marietta	Sr.	Strongsville, Ohio / Lutheran West
	Grant Myers, John Carroll	Jr.	Youngstown, Ohio / Howland
	Luke Gibbons, John Carroll	Sr.	Broadview Hts., Ohio / Brecksville Broadview Hts.
	Nathan Kovach, John Carroll	Gr.	Dublin, Ohio / Jerome
	Gio Kennedy, Mount Union	Jr.	Avon, Ohio / St. Edward
Quarterback	Nick Semptimphelter, John Carroll	Gr.	Franklin, TN / Battle Ground Academy
	Connor Viestra, Marietta	Sr.	Thornville, Ohio / Lakewood
Running Back	Tyler Echeverry, Mount Union	Sr.	Naples, Fla. / Barron Collier
	Jordan Pettaway, Ohio Northern	So.	Oregon, Ohio / Clay
Kicker	Jonmichael Elliot, Ohio Northern	Sr.	Richmond, Va. / Clover Hill

2024 All- OAC Football Teams | First Team Defense

Position	Player, School	Yr.	Hometown/High School
Defensive Line	Jordan Smith, Baldwin Wallace	Sr.	Painesville, Ohio / Riverside
	Jake Visnic, Marietta	Sr.	St. Clairsville, Ohio / Shadyside
	Chance Knight, Marietta	Sr.	Bridgeport, Ohio / Linsly School
	Rossy Moore, Mount Union	Sr.	Lima, Ohio / Central Catholic
	Kaleb Brown, Mount Union	Jr.	La Plata, MD / La Plata
Linebacker	Brady McManaway, Marietta	Jr.	Pleasant City, Ohio / Meadowbrook
	Harley Hopkins, Marietta	Jr.	Zanesville, Ohio / West Muskingum
	Tyler Thimons, John Carroll	Gr.	Pittsburgh, PA / Bethel Park
	Marcus Jackson, Mount Union	Sr.	Dallas, TX / Richardson
Defensive Back	Marque Vereen, Baldwin Wallace	So.	Tampa, Fla. / Tampa Bay Technical
	Jo Norris, Heidelberg	Sr.	Lorain, Ohio / Clearview
	Keyshawn Cunningham, Heidelberg	Sr.	W Palm Beach, Fla. / Forest Hill
	Brady Panucci, Marietta	Sr.	Crescent, Pa. Moon Area
	John Roland, Mount Union	Jr.	Livonia, MI / Northville
	Randy Cochran, Otterbein	Sr.	Norcross, Ga. / Norcross
Punter	Owen Schuckert, John Carroll	Jr.	Brooklyn Hts., Ohio / Cuyahoga Hts.
Special Teams	Soloman Sanodval, Heidelberg	Jr.	Toledo, Ohio / Toledo Christian

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Receiver	Tim Conwell, Baldwin Wallace	Jr.	Avon, Ohio / Avon
	Jay Melchiori, Marietta	Jr.	Marengo, Ohio / Highland
	Dorian Facen, John Carroll	So.	Buffalo, NY / Williamsville East
	Nick Turner, Mount Union	Jr.	Strongsville, Ohio / Strongsville
	Tyrell Sanders, Mount Union	Sr.	Indianapolis, Ind. / Pike
	Lathan Jones, Wilmington	Sr.	Sidney, Ohio Sidney / High School
Tight End	Gannon Unger, Muskingum	Sr.	Warsaw, Ohio / River View
Center	Seth Wallace, Marietta	Sr.	Cleveland, Ohio / Holy Name
Offensive Line	Grant Davis, Baldwin Wallace	Sr.	Ottawa Hills, Ohio / Ottawa Hills
	Foster Wertz, Muskingum	Jr.	Camby, Ind. / Decatur Central
	Jarrett Burress, Mount Union	Sr.	Robertsville, Ohio / Minerva
	Ben Lilly, Mount Union	Sr.	Wadsworth, Ohio / Wadsworth
Quarterback	Charlie Bubonics, Baldwin Wallace	So.	Solon, Ohio / Solon
	Noah Beaudrie, Mount Union	Jr.	Monroe, Mich. / Erie-Mason
Running Back	Taz Morris, Marietta	Jr.	Tampa, Fla. / Wharton
	Vante Hodges, Marietta	Jr.	Horn Lake, Miss. / Horn Lake
Kicker	Connor Bucksath, Wilmington	Sr.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Goshen High School

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Defensive Line	Toleo Malone, Muskingum	Sr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Ensworth
	Ben Day, John Carroll	Jr.	Brecksville, Ohio / Brecksville Broadview Hts.
	Von Factor, Mount Union	Sr.	Fair Haven, NJ / Rumson-Fair Haven
	Connor Rowe, Ohio Northern	Sr.	Mantua, Ohio / Crestwood
	Justin Bartlett, Otterbein	Sr.	Cambridge, Ohio / Cambridge
Linebackers	Dom Tromba, Baldwin Wallace	Jr.	Painesville, Ohio / Riverside
	Easton St. Clair, Heidelberg	Sr.	Canton, Mich. / Detroit Central Catholic
	Martavious Johnson, Muskingum	Jr.	Springfield, Tenn. / Springfield
	Myles Aldrich, Ohio Northern	Jr.	Lima, Ohio / Shawnee
Defensive Back	Jaelon Quiero-Gordon, Marietta	Sr.	Westerville, Ohio / Westerville South
	Jacob Hufnagel, John Carroll	So.	Pittsburgh, PA / Upper St. Clair
	Lamar Thomas, John Carroll	Jr.	Buffalo, NY / Canisius
	Weston Arthur, Mount Union	Jr.	Homerville, Ohio / Northwestern
	Dalton Tjong, Ohio Northern	Sr.	Cumming, Ga. / West Forsyth
	Vincent Fisher, Otterbein	Sr.	Springfield, Ohio / Springfield
Punter	Joe Evans, Baldwin Wallace	So.	Chardon, Ohio / Chardon
Special Teams	Darnell Williams, Mount Union	Sr.	Cleveland, Ohio / John Adams

2024 All-OAC Football Teams | Honorable Mention

Player, School	Year.	Pos.	Hometown / High School
Vinny Lomeo, Baldwin Wallace	Sr.	WR	East Amherst, N.Y. / St. Joseph's Collegiate Inst.
Alden Steele, Baldwin Wallace	Sr.	DB	Lorain, Ohio / Amhers
Nate Younker, Capital	Jr.	WR	Pataskala, Ohio / Watkins Memorial
Tyler Terrell, Capital	Sr.	K/P	Grove City, Ohio / Central Crossing
Trey Farris, Heidelberg	Jr.	LB	Atlanta, Ga. / Duluth
Drew Miller, Heidelberg	So.	RB	Portland, Mich. / Portland
Evan McVay, John Carroll	Sr.	RB	Aurora, Ohio / Aurora
Jon Tomcufcik, John Carroll	Sr.	TE	Bainbridge, Ohio / Kenston
Derek Witsberger, Mareitta	Sr.	TE	St. Clairsville, Ohio / St. Clairsville
Sal Laure, Marietta	Jr.	DB	Aliquippa, Pa. / Rochester
Mason Fortner, Mount Union	Sr.	C	Wadsworth, Ohio / Wadsworth
Tony Cook, Mount Union	Sr.	DB	Detroit, Mich. / Woodhaven
Qwestin Litz, Muskingum	Sr.	DB	Tucson, Ariz. / Cienega
Garrett Gurney, Muskingum	Jr.	QB	Seminole, Fla. / Seminole Senior
Mikey Moon, Ohio Northern	Sr.	LB	Wickliffe, Ohio / Wickliffe
Louie Blasiole, Ohio Northern	Jr.	RB	Mantua, Ohio / Crestwood
Thomas Cherry, Otterbein	So.	LB	Akron, Ohio / Buchtel
Vince Berardi, Otterbein	So.	TE	Columbia Station, Ohio / Columbia
Dylan Alltop, Wilmington	Jr.	OL	Washington Court House, Ohio / Miami Trace
Quentin Davis, Wilmington	Sr.	DB	Trotwood, Ohio / Trotwood-Madison High Scho

