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## ***OAC Announces 2022 Football Special Awards & All-OAC Teams***

*(as voted by the League coaches)*

### ***OAC Coaches-of-the-Year:***

#### ***Geoff Dartt, Mount Union & Drew Nystrom, John Carroll***

Mount Union third-year Head Coach **Geoff Dartt** and John Carroll first-year interim Head Coach **Drew Nystrom** have been selected as the OAC Football Coaches-of-the-Year. Dartt led the Purple Raiders to a 9-0 OAC record and the programs' 33 OAC championship title and 33<sup>rd</sup> NCAA Playoff appearance. Nystrom led the Blue Streaks to a successful season with an 8-1 OAC record.

### ***OAC Assistant Coach-of-the-Year:***

#### ***Branden Jakubcin, Heidelberg***

Heidelberg Defensive Coordinator **Branden Jakubcin** has been chosen as the OAC Assistant Coach-of-the-Year. Jakubcin is in his 16th season on the Heidelberg football staff and helped the team to a 6-3 OAC record. Heidelberg finished conference play leading the OAC in defensive interceptions with 15.

### ***Bob Packard Award: Braxton Plunk, Mount Union***

Mount Union senior quarterback **Braxton Plunk (Plant City, Fla./ Plant City)** has been chosen as the Bob Packard Most Outstanding Offensive Back for the third time.

In nine OAC games, Plunk led the league with completions (222), attempts (301), completion percentage (73.8), yards (2,906), yards per game (322.9), touchdowns (34) and pass efficiency (189.5). Plunk has earned First-Team All-OAC honors.

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:***

#### ***Wally Kalinowski, Heidelberg & Jack Faron, John Carroll***

Heidelberg senior **Wally Kalinowski (Canal Winchester, Ohio / Canal Winchester)** and John Carroll senior **Jack Faron (Ashland, Ohio / Ashland)** has been named the Ken Wable Most Outstanding Offensive Linemen. Kalinowski led the Heidelberg offensive line to 333.9 ypg of total offense per game, while Faron led the Blue Steaks to 425.7 ypg during conference play. The pair has earned First Team All-OAC honors.

### ***Ed Sherman Award: Wayne Ruby Jr., Mount Union***

Mount Union senior **Wayne Ruby (Pembroke Pines, Fla. / Flanagan)** has been selected as the Ed Sherman Most Outstanding Receiver for the second time.

Ruby finished conference play ranked among the top in the OAC in receiving yards-per-game with 133.9 and touchdowns with 18. Ruby has been selected First Team All-OAC.

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: Zach Blackiston, Heidelberg***

Heidelberg seniors **Zach Blackiston (Massillon, Ohio / Perry)** has been voted the Paul Hoernemann Most Outstanding Defensive Lineman. Blackiston finished conference play, leading the OAC in sacks with 12.5 and sack yards with 74. Blackiston earned First-Team All-OAC honors.

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: Rossy Moore, Mount Union***

Mount Union sophomore **Rossy Moore (Lima, Ohio / Lima Central Catholic)** has been named the Gene Slaughter Most Outstanding Linebacker. Moore closed conference play averaging 5.2 tackles-per-game, tallied eight sacks and 5.2 tackles for a loss. Moore has been selected First Team All-OAC.

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: Anthony Kendall, Baldwin Wallace***

Baldwin Wallace senior **Anthony Kendall (Port Richey, Fla. / River Ridge)** has been named the Lee J. Tressel Most Outstanding Defensive Back.

During conference play, Kendall averages 5.4 tackles per game and tallied three interceptions. Kendall has received First Team All-OAC recognition.

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.

## 2022 All- OAC Football Teams | First Team Offense

<b>Position</b>	<b>Player, School</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Hometown/High School</b>
<b>Receiver</b>	Jaden Manley, Mount Union !	Sr.	Columbus, Ohio / Bishop Hartley
	Zuri Edmonson, Muskingum *	Sr.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Roger Bacon
	Wayne Ruby, Mount Union +? #	Sr.	Pembroke Pines, Fla. Charles W. Flanagan
	Brennan Fugh, John Carroll ?#	Sr.	Pittsburgh, PA / Shaler Area
<b>Tight End</b>	Tadas Tatarunas, John Carroll	Jr.	Mentor, Ohio / Mentor
<b>Center</b>	Matt Wrather, John Carroll	So.	Powell, Ohio / Olentangy Liberty
<b>Offensive Line</b>	Carson Barrett, Mount Union #	Sr.	Roswell, Ga. / Roswell
	Wally Kalinowski, Heidelberg ?#	Sr.	Canal Winchester, Ohio / Canal Winchester
	Jimmy Sweat, Heidelberg !	Sr.	Lucas, Ohio / Lucas
	Jack Faron, John Carroll	Sr.	Lemont, IL / Lemont
	Luke Gibbons, John Carroll	Jr.	Broadview Hts., Ohio / Brecksville-Broadview Hts.
<b>Quarterback</b>	Braxton Plunk, Mount Union ?#	Sr.	Plant City, Fla. Plant City
	Jordan Garrett, Muskingum ?!	Sr.	Indianapolis, Ind. / Pike
<b>Running Back</b>	Tay Yearby, Heidelberg ~#	Sr.	Port St. Lucie, Fla. / Port St. Lucie
	Deandre Parker, Mount Union !	Sr.	Crystal River, Fla. Crystal River
	Bryce Agnew, Marietta ?#	Sr.	Cleveland, Ohio Berea-Midpark
<b>Kicker</b>	Branden Steckel, Heidelberg !	Sr.	Cardington, Ohio /Cardington Lincoln

## 2022 All- OAC Football Teams | First Team Defense

<b>Position</b>	<b>Player, School</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Hometown/High School</b>
<b>Defensive Line</b>	Drake Neuberger, Marietta	Sr.	Norwalk, Ohio / Norwalk
	Josh Bever, Ohio Northern !	Sr.	Ashland, Ohio / Ashland
	Zach Blackiston, Heidelberg !	Sr.	Massillon, Ohio / Perry
	Duke Hill, Mount Union #	Sr.	Memphis, Tenn. Germantown
	Tyler Turek, Heidelberg !	Sr.	Bloomville, Ohio / Seneca East
	Bricker Thiel, John Carroll #	Sr.	London, Ohio / London
	Chance Knight, Marietta	Jr.	Bridgeport, Ohio / The Linsly School
<b>Linebackers</b>	Jahiem Peake, John Carroll	Jr.	Akron, OH / St. Vincent-St. Mary
	Easton St. Clair, Heidelberg !	Jr.	Canton, Mich. Detroit / Central Catholic
	Mason McMillen, Mount Union ?!	Jr.	Wadsworth, Ohio / Wadsworth
	Rossy Moore, Mount Union	So.	Lima, Ohio / Lima Central Catholic
<b>Defensive Back</b>	Derrick Bradley, Mount Union @!	Sr.	Parrish, Fla. / Palmetto
	Griffin Pendry, Heidelberg #	Sr.	Perrysburg, Ohio / Perrysburg
	Jesse Vail, Mount Union ?#	Sr.	Estero, Fla. / Estero
	Anthony Kendall, Baldwin Wallace	Sr.	Port Richey, Fla. / River Ridge
<b>Punter</b>	Parker Smith, Heidelberg ?#	Sr.	West Salem, Ohio / Northwestern
<b>Special Teams</b>	Grant Gonya, John Carroll #	Sr.	Hudson, Ohio / Hudson

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<b>Receiver</b>	Dimitri Penick, Heidelberg	Sr.	Palm Beach, Fla. / Dwyer
	Brandon Reed, Heidelberg	Sr.	Mansfield, Ohio / Northwestern
	Itika Wynn, Wilmington @?!	Sr.	Columbus, Ohio / Mifflin
	Ace Taylor, Wilmington *	Sr.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Purcell Marian
	Dawson Snyder, Marietta	So.	Pittsburgh, Pa. / Moon Area
<b>Tight End</b>	Chase Lawson, Mount Union	Sr.	Plant City, Fla. / Lakeland Christian
<b>Center</b>	Zack Martin, Otterbein *	Sr.	Galena, Ohio / Olentangy
<b>Offensive Line</b>	Jarrett Burress, Mount Union	So.	Robertsville, Ohio / Minerva
	Ben Lilly, Mount Union	Jr.	Wadsworth, Ohio / Wadsworth
	Braden Donges, Heidelberg	Sr.	Delaware, Ohio / Hayes
	George Newcomb, Baldwin Wallace *	Sr.	West Seneca, N.Y. / West Seneca
	Joe Rutherford, Marietta	Sr.	Newark, Ohio / Granville
	David Busch, Marietta !	Jr.	Strongsville, Ohio / Lutheran West
<b>Quarterback</b>	Joe Collins, John Carroll	Sr.	Grand Rapids, MI / Catholic Central
<b>Running Back</b>	Jon Murray, Baldwin Wallace	Sr.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Withrow
	Evan McVay, John Carroll	So.	Aurora, Ohio / Aurora
<b>Kicker</b>	Yanni Volas, John Carroll	So.	North Canton, Ohio / Hoover

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<b>Position</b>	<b>Player, School</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Hometown/High School</b>
<b>Defensive Line</b>	Kedarius Woodfork, Ohio Northern	Sr.	Brownsville, Tenn. / Haywood
	Brandon Lemley, Wilmington	Sr.	Columbus, Ohio / Hamilton Township
	Matt Lilja, Mount Union !	Sr.	Ashtabula, Ohio / Edgewood
	Jordan Smith, Baldwin Wallace	Jr.	Painesville, Ohio / Riverside
	Nick Costanzo, John Carroll	Sr.	Buffalo, NY / Maryvale
<b>Linebackers</b>	Kaleb Dettellem, Mount Union	Sr.	Batavia, Ohio / Batavia
	Austin Willforth, Muskingum	So.	Warren, Ohio / Champion
	Mason Levasseur, Baldwin Wallace *	Jr.	Panama City, Fla. / South Walton
	Kyler Folkert, Marietta ?*	Sr.	West Lafayette, Ohio / Dover
<b>Defensive Backs</b>	Josh Jones, Mount Union ?*	Sr.	Twinsburg, Ohio / St. Vincent-St. Mary
	Malik Grier, Marietta *	Sr.	Huntington, W.Va. / Huntington
	Joe Norris, Heidelberg	Jr.	Lorain, Ohio / Clearview
	Dalton Tjong, Ohio Northern	So.	Cumming, Ga. / West Forsyth
	Tramon Wiley, Heidelberg @?!	Sr.	Eastpointe, Mich. / Eastpointe
	Kiefer Askew, John Carroll	Sr.	Warner Robins, GA / Houston County
<b>Special Teams</b>	Ja'Lin Goodman, Muskingum	Sr.	Columbus, Ohio / Marion Franklin

## 2022 All-OAC Football Teams | Honorable Mention

Player, School	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown/High School
Elijah Arnett, Baldwin Wallace	WR	Jr.	Akron, Ohio / Woodrige
Dillon O'Donoghue, Baldwin Wallace	LB	Sr.	Canonsburg, Pa. / Cannon-McMillian
Nick Fisanick, Capital	LB	Sr.	Upper Arlington, Ohio / Upper Arlington
Cain Gonzalez, Capital	OL	Fr.	Springfield, Ohio / Shawnee
Jared Evans, Heidelberg	DL	Sr.	Lima, Ohio / Shawnee
Jarin Curtis, Heidelberg	RB	Sr.	Massillon, Ohio / Perry
Joe Torok, John Carroll	WR	Sr.	Kirtland, Ohio / Kirtland
JonMarcus Roland, John Carroll	DB	So.	Detroit, MI / University of Detroit Jesuit
Derek Witsberger, Marietta	TE	Jr.	St. Clairsville, Ohio / St. Clairsville
Jaelon Quiero-Gordon, Marietta	DB	Jr.	Westerville, Ohio / Westerville South
Davis Ward, Mount Union	OL	Sr.	Hendersonville, Tenn. / Beech
Von Factor, Mount Union	DL	So.	Fair Haven, N.J. / Rumson-Fair Haven
Kamari Hill, Muskingum	OL	Jr.	Dayton, Ohio / Chaminade Julienne
Antwan Murphy, Muskingum	DB	Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla. / Mandarin
Ed Manning, Ohio Northern	DB	Jr.	Sanford, Fla. / Seminole
Nichal Johnson, Ohio Northern ?*	DL	Sr.	College Park, Ga. / Northgate
Siraj Muhammad, Otterbein !	RB	Sr.	Whitehall, Ohio / Whitehall-Yearling
Justin Bartlett, Otterbein	LB	So.	Cambridge, Ohio / Cambridge
Jarod Lee, Wilmington	DB	So.	Eaton, Ohio / Eaton
Zac Schmidt, Wilmington	DB	Jr.	Eaton, Ohio / Eaton

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**2022: # First Team ... ! Second Team ...\* Honorable Mention**

**2021 Spring: All-OAC ?**

**2019: @ First Team...~Second Team...+ Honorable Mention... & At-Large**

**2018: ^ First Team...% Second Team...=Honorable Mention**



