



# OTTERBEIN TO HOST 2004 OAC MEN'S OAC GOLF TOURNAMENT



**Twinsburg, OH** - Otterbein will host the 2004 Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Men's Golf Championships on Thursda-Friday, April 29-30 at the Rattlesnake Ridge Golf Club in Sunbury.

The Cardinals will look to win their seventh straight OAC championship in 2004. Otterbein has captured seven of the last eight OAC titles, 1996 and 1998-2003. The Cards also won titles in 1992 and '93.

Baldwin-Wallace junior **Steve Weir (Brunswick)**, the 2003 Brian Unk Most Outstanding Golfer, returns to the field to defend his individual title. A year ago, Weir shot a six-over par 150 during the two-days, with rounds of 77-73. He became the second B-W golfer to win the OAC Tournament. B-W's Dan Nichols won the 1990 OAC Tournament.

Otterbein returns two golfers that earned All-OAC honors a year ago, sophomores **Matt Cooperrider (Thornville/Sheridan)** and **Wes Stafford (Willoughby/South)**. Cooperrider finished seventh overall, while Stafford tied for 10th. Cardinal senior **Frank Rihtar (Willoughby/Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin)** also returns after earning All-Conference honors in 2002 when he tied for sixth overall.

Otterbein defeated runner-up Muskingum by a slim two strokes a year ago (618-620). This was the eighth time in Conference history that a mere two strokes separated the champion and runner-up.

Listed below are the 2003 OAC Tournament results and any returning All-OAC award winners. The top-10 golfers, including ties, earn All-OAC accolades.

You may access results of the 2004 Championships at <http://www.otterbein.edu/athletics/mgolf/04championships.htm>

## 2003 OAC Tournament Top-10 Finishers Top 10 Earn All-OAC Honors

Finish	Name, School	Scores
1	Steve Weir, Baldwin-Wallace	77-73=150 (+6)
2	Ryan Dorff, Otterbein	77-74=151 (+7)
	Adam Lescalleet, Muskingum	70-81=151 (+7)
4	Ryan Lescalleet, Muskingum	76-77=153 (+9)
5	Jon Stupansky, Otterbein	78-76=154 (+10)
6	Brian Higgins, Muskingum	76-80=156 (+12)
7	Matt Cooperrider, Otterbein	80-77=157 (+13)
8	Mark Speaks, Baldwin-Wallace	76-83=159 (+15)
9	Billy Fischer, Ohio Northern	81-79=160 (+16)
	Ryan Hayes, John Carroll	79-81=160 (+16)
	Wes Stafford, Otterbein	83-77=160 (+16)
	Chase Mallory, Muskingum	78-82=160 (+16)

## 2003 OAC Tournament Team Results

May 1-2 — Hosts Heidelberg and Ohio Northern  
Red Hawk Run-Findlay Par 72 — 7155 Yards

Finish	School	Scores
1.	Otterbein	314-304=618 (+42)
2.	Muskingum	300-320=620 (+44)
3.	Baldwin-Wallace	315-326=641 (+65)
4.	Ohio Northern	320-333=653 (+77)
5.	Mount Union	329-335=664 (+88)
6.	John Carroll	337-336=673 (+97)
7.	Capital	337-343=680 (+104)
8.	Wilmington	338-350=688 (+112)
9.	Heidelberg	383-383=766 (+190)

## Returning All-OAC Golfers -- 2003 All-Conference Selections in Bold

<u>Name, School, Year</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>	<u>All-OAC</u>
<b>Matt Cooperrider, Otterbein, So.</b>	<b>Thornville/Sheridan</b>	'03 T 7th
Michael Coyne, John Carroll, Jr.	Chicago, IL/St. Ignatius	'02 T 10th
BJ Craig, John Carroll, Sr.	Youngstown/Ursuline	'02 T 10th
<b>Billy Fischer, Ohio Northern, Jr.</b>	<b>Springfield/Shawnee</b>	'03 T 9th
<b>Ryan Hayes, John Carroll, Jr.</b>	<b>Dayton/Oakwood</b>	'03 T 9th
<b>Chase Mallory, Muskingum, Jr.</b>	<b>Pickerington</b>	'03 T 9th
Frank Rihtar, Otterbein, Sr.	Willoughby/Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin	'02 T 6th
<b>Mark Speaks, Baldwin-Wallace, Jr.</b>	<b>Apple Creek/Waynedale</b>	'03 T 8th
<b>Wes Stafford, Otterbein, So.</b>	<b>Willoughby/South</b>	'03 T 9th
<b>Steve Weir, Baldwin-Wallace, Jr.</b>	<b>Brunswick</b>	'02 T 6th, '03 Medalist