

Ashville, OH -- Otterbein won the 2003 Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Men's Golf Tournament, held May 1-2 at Red Hawk Run Golf Course in Findlay. Heidelberg and Ohio Northern co-hosted the 36-hole event. The Cardinals claimed their sixth straight OAC title and seventh in the last eight years, while picking up their eighth overall team championship. Otterbein has also won titles in 1992, 1993, 1996 and 1998-2002.

Otterbein beat runner-up Wilmington by a narrow two strokes. Otterbein scored rounds of 314-304=618 (+42), while the Muskies' had rounds of 300-320 (+44) on the par 72 course.

Baldwin-Wallace sophomore Steve Weir (Brunswick) was the OAC Tournament medalist and the Brian Unk Most Outstanding Golfer with rounds of 77-73=150 to finish the tournament six-over par. This was the second time a B-W golfer has won the OAC Tournament.

2003 OAC Tournament Top–10 Finishers Top 10 Earn All-OAC Honors Scores

Finish Name, School

- Steve Weir. Baldwin-Wallace 1.
- 2. Rvan Dorff, Otterbein Adam Lescalleet, Muskingum
- Ryan Lescalleet, Muskingum 4.
- 5. Jon Stupansky, Otterbein
- Brian Higgins, Muskingum 6.
- 7. Matt Cooperrider, Otterbein
- Mark Speaks, Baldwin-Wallace 76-83=159 (+15) 8.
- 9. Billy Fischer, Ohio Northern Ryan Hayes, John Carroll Wes Stafford, Otterbein Chase Mallory, Muskingum

70-81=151 (+7) 76-77=153 (+9) 78-76=154 (+10) 76-80=156 (+12) 80-77=157 (+13) 81-79=160 (+16) 79-81=160 (+16) 83-77=160 (+16) 78-82=160 (+16)

2003 OAC Tournament

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

TEAM RESULTS

Finish	School	Scores
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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)

2003 OAC Coach of the Year

Dave Kirby of Muskingum has been named the 2003 Men's OAC Coach of the Year. All four Muskie golfers finished in the top-10 of the OAC Tournament. This is the first time Kirby has been honored by his peers as OAC Coach of the Year. Kirby will lead the Muskies to their third straight trip to the National Tournament in 2003.

Muskingum Men's Golf Team and Otterbein's Dorff Earn Bids to National Championship

Muskingum earned a bid to the 2003 NCAA Division III Golf Championships. The championship will be held on Monday-Thursday, May 12-15, at Dornoch Golf Club in Delaware, OH. The four-day, 72-hole tournament will be hosted by Ohio Wesleyan University.

Muskingum is making its third straight appearance in the National Tournament and its fourth since 1997. The Muskies finished 14th a year ago and 12th in 2001. Muskingum senior Adam Lescalleet (Nashport/Tri-Valley) tied for third a year ago.

Otterbein junior Ryan Dorff (Johnstown/Monroe) was selected to compete as an individual. Dorff tied for 20th in 2002 with a 24-over par 308.

A total of 120 participants will compete at the 2003 championships. Three teams were selected from each of the six regions. The committee then selected five at-large teams nationally and five individuals to compete.

77-73=150 (+6) 77-74=151 (+7)