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SPORTS NEWS RELEASE

from Cedarville College Yellow Jackets

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CEDARVILLE SWEEPS NCCAA; ROMIG WINS AGAIN

Cedarville College made a clean sweep of the National Christian College Athletic Association cross country championships held Saturday at John Bryan State Park. The Lady Jackets won their first-ever national title in the fifth annual women's meet, and the Yellow Jacket men captured their third NCCAA crown in the 13th annual men's championship.

The Cedarville women were led by national champion Jane Romig who won the 5,000 meter race for the second straight year. However, the key to the Lady Jackets victory was two runners who made up ground in the final 300 yards. "Deb Pate and Cathy Watson both passed several runners coming down the stretch," remarked Cedarville coach Elvin King. "Had they not put forth that extra effort, we would have lost."

Cedarville totaled 62 points to nip Taylor University which finished with 64. Grace was third at 101 and was followed by two-time defending champion Anderson at 102, Spring Arbor 112, Bryan 144, The King's 148, Roberts Wesleyan 159, Baptist Bible 223, and Covenant 270.

Romig won the race by nearly half of a minute in a time of 18:18 and she made the All-America team for the third year in a row. Other Lady Jacket finishers were Pate 11th (19:33), Sue Vaughan 13th (20:00), Beth McGillivray 18th (20:13), and Watson 19th (20:15).

Even though Anderson College's men were the five-time defending NCCAA champions, Cedarville was picked to win and the Jackets did by 21 points in the 8,000 meter race. Coach Elvin King's squad posted 44 points and was followed by Anderson with 65,

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Spring Arbor 105, Taylor 129, Geneva 155, Marion 179, Baptist Bible 198, Northwestern 248, Asbury 251, Mid-America Nazarene 259, LeTourneau 268, Bryan 289, Covenant 309, Grace 338, Central Bible 376, and Judson 453.

"The race turned out as I expected," said King. "We had a typical team effort and our first three runners had exceptional outings." That trio of Tom Hill, Rob Moore, and John Oswald all earned All-America honors. Hill placed second overall (25:01), Moore was fifth (25:33), and Oswald seventh (25:36). The other two Cedarville finishers were Scott Brooker 14th (26:03), and J.P. Dawes 18th (26:21). Anderson's Brian Williams won the individual title in a meet-record time of 24:52.

The seven-member women's NCCAA All-America team was made up of Jane Romig (Cedarville), Christi Barlow (Grace), Karen DeVries (Grace), Terry Jo Rule (Spring Arbor), Jodi Williamson (Taylor), Joni Lenz (Anderson), and Tina Simmon (Spring Arbor).

The top ten made the men's All-America unit and they were Brian Williams (Anderson), Tom Hill (Cedarville), Tom Welsh (Baptist Bible), Kent Musall (Marion), Rob Moore (Cedarville), Rod Whoolery (Marion), John Oswald (Cedarville), Dave Getsinger (Spring Arbor), Mark Mills (John Brown), and Mark Tisdale (LeTourneau).

Both of Cedarville's teams will compete in the NAIA Nationals this Saturday at Wisconsin-Parkside in Kenosha, Wisconsin. In the final NAIA rating of the season, the Yellow Jacket men were ranked 16th while the women were 18th.