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PRITCHARD ENJOYING CROSS COUNTRY AT CEDARVILLE

CEDARVILLE, OHIO -- Krista Pritchard hails from Pflugerville High School and successfully began her cross country career at Cedarville College, a Baptist liberal arts college in southwest Ohio. Pritchard scored her first collegiate win on Sept. 23 at the Manchester College Invitational in Indiana, finishing the 5,000 meters in 19:03. Pritchard has led the team in two of the first five meets.

Regarding the Manchester win, Pritchard offers, "That was one of my good days and I was pleased to win because my parents came to watch." Krista's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Pritchard, now reside in Largo, Fla. where her father works as a marine biologist.

Pritchard's younger sister Ginger remains in Texas where she pursues basketball and volleyball. Krista recalls that her sister was always the first person she would hug at the end of high school races.

Pritchard cites Eric Fillinger, the top runner on the Cedarville men's team and a two-time NAIA All-American, as her main motivation in cross country. She notes, "Our team is like one big family where each personality contributes to the team effort."

Cedarville coach Elvin King remarks, "Krista gives the team the double benefit of her strong running and exciting personality. She will run even better when she adjusts to

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college competition and to being away from home. Krista has great potential and is a real benefit to our program."

Pritchard is a former Texas Class 4A state champion in cross country, and her goal is to aid Cedarville in reaching the NAIA national meet. The Yellow Jacket women were once ranked 16th in the NAIA last year.

Krista is a nursing major at Cedarville because she "loves to work with people and wants to tell them about the hope they can have in Jesus Christ."

Cedarville College enrolls approximately 1,900 students. The school will once again host the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) national meet on Nov. 11.

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