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For immediate release:

CEDARVILLE CROSS COUNTRY OPENS AT BELLARMINE

CEDARVILLE -- The 1989 Cedarville College cross country season opens this Saturday at the Bellarmine Invitational in Louisville, Ky. The men's race begins at 11 a.m. and will be a four-kilometer race as opposed to the usual five. The women will run a two-kilometer course instead of three with their race starting at 12 noon.

Two-time NAIA All-American Eric Fillinger returns for his senior year with the men's program. The Cincinnati native won seven of ten meets last year and owns 11 individual titles in all. Fillinger is the two-time defending champion of the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) Nationals.

"We're looking for Eric to have a tremendous season," exclaimed Elvin King, who begins his 21st year as Yellow Jacket coach. "He is easily the best cross country runner we've ever had and he has a few goals he would still like to reach. He's in good shape and ready to go."

The Yellow Jacket women were ranked as high as 16th by the NAIA last fall and they should again hit the Top 20. All-NAIA District 22 performers Brenda Paulhamus and Tammy Harvey return as sophomores, plus freshman Krista Pritchard, the Texas Class 4A state champion joins the program with other promising newcomers.

"The women's program has more depth than the men's and we're excited about the upcoming season," said King. "I expect us to be stronger than last year." The Cedarville women are the defending All-Ohio College Division champions.

Cedarville will again host the NCCAA Nationals at John Bryan State Park near Yellow Springs. The meet will take place on Saturday, Nov.11.

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