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SPORTS NEWS RELEASE

from Cedarville College Yellow Jackets

CEDARVILLE COLLEGE

Location: Cedarville, Ohio 45314
Founded: 1887
Enrollment: 1700
President: Dr. Paul Dixon

National Affiliation: NAIA, NCCAA
Colors: Blue and Gold
Nickname: Yellow Jackets
Conference: Mid-Ohio Conference

YELLOW JACKET CROSS COUNTRY

Home Course: John Bryan State Park
Athletic Director: Dr. Don Callan
Head Coach: Mr. Elvin King

Years as Head Coach: 14
Alma Mater: Kent State University, 1964

Returning Letterman:

Gary Anderson
Dan Bisbee
Dean Johnson
Dave Sallee
Ryan Spencer

Lettermen Lost:

Dave Averill
Keith Averill

Newcomers:

Scott Brooker, Iowa City, Iowa
Steve Freeman, Flint, Michigan
Tom Hill, St. Marys, West Virginia
Doug Ostrum, Columbus, Ohio
Dave Schumaker, Mansfield, Ohio
Craig Slater, Manitowoc, Wisconsin



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14 September 1982

For immediate release:

CEDARVILLE, OHIO --- The Cedarville College Cross Country team will open its 1982 season Saturday with the Grace Invitational Meet at Grace College, Winona Lake, Indiana.

Coach, Elvin King feels that this highly regarded meet will be a good test for his talented, but inexperienced squad. Anderson College, the defending NCCAA Cross Country Champion, along with Tri-State and Marion College, will be some of the key competition for the harriers in the 10 team race.

In pre-season competition, senior captain, Dean Johnson, has run well for the harriers, "primarily because of his experience" according to King.



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LAST SEASON'S RESULTS

The 1981 Cross Country season was characterized by the intense desire to win. That resulted in hard workouts which caused the 1981 harriers at times to be flat for meets. "We never really peaked out for meets," reported Head Coach Elvin King. "We never could quite get that inspired performance we're used to having." The harriers never "choked" either. They consistently placed where they belonged, never being upset by a weaker team, but by the same token, never upsetting a stronger one. "It was a learning experience for all of us," comments King.

A key meet for the Jackets is always the NCCAA National Meet hosted by Cedarville College at John Bryan State Park. Anderson College of Indiana retained their NCCAA national title in the 1981 event by scoring 45 points. Cedarville finished 5th with a score of 140 points. Dave Averill of Cedarville College was 10th in the team race and placed 13th in the overall running (some schools had individuals in the competition but not teams) with a time of 26:05. Other Cedarville harriers running were Keith Averill, 24th in 26:47; Dean Johnson, 39th in 27:26; Jim Manley, 45th in 27:39; Ryan Spencer, 52nd in 27:45; J. D. MacGillivray, 54th in 27:51; and Dave Sallee, 95th in 30:42.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY SCORES 1981

Cedarville College		Defiance Invitational (no score)
Cedarville College	4 out of 8	Grace Invitational
Cedarville College	10 out of 12	Marion Invitational
Cedarville College	4 out of 10	Ohio Northern Invitational
Cedarville College	2 out of 5	NCCAA District III
Cedarville College	Won	Wright State University
Cedarville College	17 out of 24	All-Ohio Meet
Cedarville College	Won	Wilmington College
Cedarville College	3 out of 6	District 22 NAIA
Cedarville College	Won	Wright State University
Cedarville College	3 out of 3	MOC
Cedarville College	5 out of 14	NCCAA National



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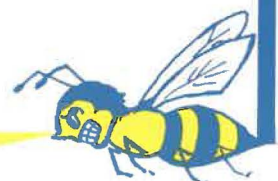
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HEAD COACH ELVIN KING

Elvin King is in his fourteenth year as head coach of the Yellow Jacket cross country team. He also serves as head coach of the track team at Cedarville. Coach King has been able to build a solid program during his tenure at the college. In 1978 and 1979 he led the harriers to a National Championship in the NCCAA. King was honored by his peers as the NCCAA Coach of the Year in both '78 and '79. He also has been the recipient of this award in the sport of track. This honor was bestowed on him after the 1976 and 1977 seasons, during which the Cedarville trackmen were national champions in the NCCAA.

Not only has King been a successful coach, but he has also been a successful administrator and organizer in the area of cross country and track. Coach King initiated the NCCAA national track meet, which was first held at Cedarville. He also has been a vital cog in the structuring of the NCCAA cross country program. King is also active in the area of high school cross country and track. He has received a certificate of recognition from the Ohio High School Athletic Association for his promotion of high school track and cross country in the state of Ohio.

Coach King began his college days at Cedarville and was a member of the track team in 1960 and 61. He graduated from Kent State University in 1964 and received his masters degree from Bowling Green University.



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JACKETS LOOK TO 1982 SEASON

The outlook for the 1982 cross country season at Cedarville College is one that is filled with excitement and optimism. Although the true character of this year's team is as yet untested, head coach Elvin King feels that this year's squad is capable of being quite successful.

Depth seems to be the key word in describing the prospects for the Yellow Jacket runners. With five lettermen returning, plus the addition of several promising freshmen, the competition should be fierce for those coveted seven starting spots on the team. Another positive aspect is the team's outstanding attitude which they have exhibited thus far into the preseason. As Coach King so aptly put it, "The unity and the enthusiasm that this team has displayed, as well as their desire to work, have been a big plus."

Senior Dean Johnson is captain of the team and is one of the two four-year men on the squad. He should be of great value to the team, not only in his running but also by his leadership. Ryan Spencer, a fifth year student, is the other four-year man. Coach King is happy about his decision to stay on with the team as he finishes his college program. Junior Gary Anderson is fully recovered from an injury which kept him out of action for the better part of last season. He has looked impressive thus far in practice. Dan Bisbee, a senior, and Dave Sallee, a junior, are two other returnees. They are both very solid runners and should make valuable contributions to the squad.

The newcomers for the Jackets have put a smile on Coach King's face. He feels that there are several men who could make a solid input into the team. Junior Craig Slater, a transfer from Michigan, is a very capable runner. He proved this in his performance last spring on the Cedarville track team. Two freshmen are also being touted as sound performers; they are Dave Schumaker and Tom Hill. Either of these two could make their way into the top seven.

It's a new year for the Cedarville Harriers. The anticipation is growing as the season is almost upon us. It is hoped that the ingredients of overall team strength and depth plus the addition of a positive attitude will equal a successful season.

1982 CROSS COUNTRY ROSTER

Name	Year	Hometown
Gary Anderson	Jr.	Ringwood, NJ
Dan Bisbee	Sr.	Oakhurst, NJ
Scott Brooker	Fr.	Iowa City, IA
Steve Freeman	So.	Flint, MI
Tom Hill	Fr.	St. Marys, WV
Dean Johnson	Sr.	Lapeer, MI
Doug Ostrum	Fr.	Columbus, OH
Dave Sallee	Jr.	Ferndale, MI
Dave Schumaker	Fr.	Mansfield, OH
Craig Slater	Jr.	Manitowoc, WI
Ryan Spencer	Sr.	Hopedale, OH

