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# SPORTS NEWS RELEASE

from Cedarville College Yellow Jackets

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## CEDARVILLE CAPTURES DISTRICT TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

It was a clean sweep for the Cedarville College tennis teams in this past weekend's NAIA District 22 championships which were staged on the Cedarville campus courts. Men's coach Murray Murdoch and his Yellow Jackets hung on to claim their 13th straight district crown. On the other hand, coach Pam Diehl guided her Lady Jackets to their first ever District 22 tournament victory. Both Cedarville teams will compete in the NAIA Nationals in Kansas City on May 26 through June 2.

Before the men's tournament even began, Murdoch predicted a real battle between his team and Walsh College. As everything progressed it became evident that his prediction was right on the button.

With only the singles and doubles finals left to be played on Saturday afternoon, Cedarville and Walsh were tied at 18 points apiece and the two schools had representatives in both finals. The Jackets were assured of a tie when Gary Coiro and Shawn Huck teamed up to defeat the Cavs' Dave Thomas and Bill Pollack 6-3, 6-4 in the doubles finale.

The last match to be played was the singles championship between Cedarville's Coiro and Walsh's Thomas. A win by Thomas would have forced a Monday playoff match between the two schools at a neutral site. However, Coiro reigned in straight sets 6-3, 7-5 to run his personal season record to 26-1.

Murdoch had plenty of praise for his team's efforts by saying, "This has to be one of our greatest wins. This team has gotten more mileage out of their ability than any team I've ever coached."

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The final scoring had Cedarville with 20 points, Walsh 18, Bluffton 16, Wilmington 9, Malone 8, and Mt. Vernon 3.

In the women's division, Cedarville led from the outset and played well enough to outdistance the field. Senior Ann Berger was the heavy favorite to win the singles championship and she did so even though she was awarded the final match by default. Malone's Mia Comeriato sprained her ankle in a doubles semi-final match and was unable to continue.

Following the victory, Diehl stated, "The key was when all of our singles players scored on the opening day because that game us some momentum. It was a great win after being upset in our conference tournament last week."

Cedarville scored 14 points, Malone 11, Walsh 8, and Bluffton 6.

Those players who made it to the semi-finals in either singles or doubles were considered all-district. The men's and women's teams were comprised of eight members each.

Men's All-NAIA District 22 tennis team

Gary Coiro - Cedarville  
Shawn Huck - Cedarville  
Tim Hertrich - Walsh  
Mickey Marini - Walsh  
Bill Pollack - Walsh  
Dave Thomas - Walsh  
Hugo Sandberg - Bluffton  
Pete Yost - Bluffton

Women's All-NAIA District 22 tennis team

Ann Berger - Cedarville  
Mel Mathewson - Cedarville  
Mia Comeriato - Malone  
Tracy Sackett - Malone  
Mia Battista - Walsh  
Paula Battista - Walsh  
Beth Crates - Bluffton  
Margaret Fisher - Bluffton

NAIA DISTRICT 22

Final Standings

<u>Men's Division</u>		<u>Women's Division</u>	
Cedarville	20	Cedarville	14
Walsh	18	Malone	11
Bluffton	16	Walsh	8
Wilmington	9	Bluffton	6
Malone	8		
Mt. Vernon	3		

Finals

Men's Singles - Gary Coiro (Cedarville)  
defeated  
Dave Thomas (Walsh)  
6-3, 7-5

Men's Doubles - Gary Coiro/Shawn Huck (Cedarville)  
defeated  
Dave Thomas/Bill Pollack (Walsh)  
6-3, 6-4

Women's Singles - Ann Berger (Cedarville)  
defeated  
Mia Comeriato (Malone)  
by injury default

Women's Doubles - Paula and Mia Battista (Walsh)  
defeated  
Margaret Fisher/Beth Crates (Bluffton)  
6-3, 6-3

NAIA ALL DISTRICT TEAM

<u>Men's Division</u>		<u>Women's Division</u>	
Gary Coiro	Cedarville	Mia Comeriato	Malone
Shawn Huck	Cedarville	Tracy Sackett	Malone
Tim Hertrick	Walsh	Paula Battista	Walsh
Mickey Marini	Walsh	Mia Battista	Walsh
Dave Thomas	Walsh	Ann Berger	Cedarville
Bill Pollack	Walsh	Mel Mathewson	Cedarville
Hugo Sandberg	Bluffton	Margaret Fisher	Bluffton
Pete Yost	Bluffton	Beth Crates	Bluffton