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SPORTS NEWS RELEASE

from Cedarville College Yellow Jackets

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CEDARVILLE FAVORED AT NCCAA TRACK NATIONALS

Defending co-champion Cedarville College will be one of the favorites at this weekend's 12th annual NCCAA men's track and field championships at Marion College in Indiana. Coach Elvin King has assembled the best squad in the school's history that has compiled a 32-1 record to date. "The NCCAA meet has always been the highlight of our season," reflected King. "Emotionally, we're ready. We've been gearing up for this the whole year and I look for us to turn in our top performance." Cedarville will be seeking its fourth national title.

The only opponent to outscore the Yellow Jackets this season has been perennial powerhouse Malone College which was just six points better than C.C. at the Mid-Ohio Conference meet last week. Cedarville has captured first-place trophies this spring at the Marietta Relays, West Virginia State Invitational, and the Findlay Invitational.

Coach John McGillivray's Lady Jackets could be a contender in the fourth annual women's championships. Cedarville finished seventh last year, but is quite confident of moving up in the field in '84.

The men's team is stronger than the one that tied Mid-America Nazarene College of Kansas for the crown in last year's meet. Cedarville has tremendous depth in the middle distances and pole vault. The squad is also a young one containing only two seniors.

Freshman Rob Moore has been impressive in his specialties, the 800 and 1500 meter runs. He has established season-low times in those events at 1:53.0 and 3:53.0,

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respectively. Those clockings are well below last year's NCCAA winners.

Seniors Gary Anderson and Craig Slater are two more tough, middle-distance men that King can rely on. Anderson has been running right behind Moore's pace, and Slater is the defending champ in the NCCAA's 800 meter run.

The pole vault trio of Dayton native Eric Shrum, Clancy Cruise, and Dave Moody should gather in some points. They finished one, two, three at the MOC meet with Shrum going 14 feet.

Another key contributor is sophomore Phil Hulbert who holds school records in the discus (163'8") and shot put (49'3"). It was Hulbert who got the Jackets rolling early in last year's NCCAA meet by winning the discus which was the first event to be completed.

Fleet-footed sophomore Clarence Eddy will attempt to defend his 400 meter dash title where his best time this year was the 48.7 second mark he turned in at the MOC event. He's also favored in the 200 meters. Junior Dave Christmas will provide an extra boost in the sprints as well.

Cedarville High School graduate Rusty King has helped to solidify this year's distance situation. He'll compete in the 3000 meter steeplechase.

It's no secret that the leader on the Yellow Jacket women's squad is sophomore Jane Romig. She holds school records in the 800, 1500, and 3000 meter runs and she could feasibly win all three events on Saturday. "Jane is a smooth, yet aggressive runner," stated McGillivray. "She is quite a competitor and she continues to get even better."

Freshman Becky Averill has been another strong middle-distance performer. She finished second to Romig in three separate events at the Western Buckeye Collegiate Conference meet last Saturday.

Other vital contributions will come from Cedarville High products Beth McGillivray and Joy Wagner. McGillivray has school records in the 100 meter hurdles and high jump while Wagner has the long jump mark. Senior Lynette Wiseman should give a strong showing in the sprints and she hails from Northwestern High School in Springfield.

"The women's title will be up for grabs because the defending champion, Messiah College, will not be in the meet this year," said McGillivray. "The team is definitely excited about the meet and if we have a good day we could be right in the thick of things. We feel we can atleast place in the top three."