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COACHES

Head Coach - Dr. Don Callan

Don Callan has been at the Cedarville ehlm eight years. His record for these eight years is 119 wins and 89 losses. In 1964, Callan's charges traveled to the NAIA National Tourney and the following year continued with a 23-4 record, and were stopped from appearing again at the National Tourney by Central State University of Ohio, who went on to national honors.

After four years of work at Ohio State University, Dr. Callan has completed all the requirements and now has his Ph.D. in Physical Education. He did his undergraduate work at Taylor University (Indiana) and received his master's degree from Ball State Teachers College (Indiana).

Dr. Callan is married to the former Nedra Wyse and has two children, Jan and Jon David. The Callans reside in Cedarville.

Assistant Coach - Mr. Mark Combs

Mark Combs, a former Cedarville standout, has been added to the coaching staff this year. Mark was a member of the team that made it to the NAIA National Tourney in 1964.

Since graduation from Cedarville, Mark has been teaching in a nearby junior high school. He has begun graduate work at Xavier University in Cincinnati.

Mr. Combs is married and resides in Cedarville.

Junior Varsity Coach - Mr. Richard Pettitt

Dick Pettitt, a 1967 graduate of Cedarville, serves as the Junior Varsity Coach. Dick, a former member of the Cedarville team that made it to the NAIA National Tourney, also had the privilege of playing in the 1967 NAIA National Tennis Tournament.

Besides coaching the Junior Varsity team, Dick also is doing graduate work at the University of Dayton.

Mr. Pettitt is married and resides in Cedarville.

SEASON'S OUTLOOK 1968-69

At first glance it would appear that Coach Don Callan has a rebuilding year ahead of him. Lost through graduation were Al Knott, Cedarville's all time leading scorer, Captain Larry Waite, leading rebounder, and guard Don Cooper. Returning for another year is last year's leading scorer Bruce McDonald. McDonald will be supported by 6'9" sophomore Don Atherton, a member of last season's starting five. Mike Zazversky will be working opposite McDonald at guard. Gary McDowell, a 6'4" junior, will be battling with 6'2" Gary Darrow for one forward spot while transfer John Warren will compete with Dave Gaffner for the other forward. Loren Reno, 6'1" junior, seems to be the swing man being able to fill in at all positions. Others showing promise are Darwin Bortje and Bill Trefzger.

According to Callan the season is a big question mark. "We could be in contention if we can get the ball off the boards. We have what appears to be a good group of shooters. Of course, we have always scored well. We will have to lower our defensive average if we are to be above .500."

The Yellow Jackets 1967-68 record was a dismal 10-14 with a fourth place finish in the Mid-Ohio Conference.

Mark Combs, a former Cedarville standout, has been added to the coaching staff to assist in stiffening the defensive forces. Callan states that "if Combs can install the interest and desire he displayed as a player, we may be surprised with our season. McDonald will be our floor leader, having proven his worth, but the other boys will have to show us under pressure before any season prediction can be made."

PLAYERS SKETCHES

Bruce McDonald - A 5'10" guard senior from Rochester, Michigan, Bruce is an all-around athlete and played three sports in high school. White at Cedarville, Bruce has gained outstanding awards in baseball while leading the Yellow Jackets to very successful seasons. Bruce led the Mid-Ohio in scoring last year in basketball with 24 points per game. His best game was a losing cause to Central State when he scored 36 points. He is an outstanding outside shot and has a tireless desire to excell on defense as well. As Bruce goes, so go the Jackes.

Mike Zazversky - A 6' guard senior from Lorain, Ohio, Mike has had very little experience, but has displayed an outstanding shooting ability. He shows maturity and should be a vital cog in the Jacket machine.

Don Atherton - A 6'9" center sophomore from Vandalia, Ohio, Don has had one year of varsity experience behind him, which should aid his course. He shoots well outside and thus keeps his man honest. Don has shown a great deal of aggressiveness on the boards, and has the desire to excell in this department.

Gary Darrow - A 6'3" forward senior from Cleveland, Ohio, Gary was used extensively in the 1967-68 campaign. He displayed great desire and poise. He comes off the bench fast and with determination. Gary shoots well with the hook in tight being his favorite.

Gary McDowell - A 6'4" forward junior from Hobart, Indiana, Gary has played organized basketball but one year, yet the newcomer seems determined to crack the starting lineup. Gary has huge hands and thrives on hitting the boards.

John "Bob" Warren - A 6'2" forward sophomore from Indianapolis, Indiana, John is a newcomer from Indian River Junior College in Florida. John is expected to give the Jackets depth with his ability to jump and shoot. He may take awhile to work into the patterns.

Loren Reno - A 6'1" guard-forward junior from Wheaton, Illinois, Loren is Mr. Hustle in Jacket land. He has been improving rapidly and is expected to provide lots of excitement when he enters the game.

Bill Trefzger - A 6'2" guard sophomore from Cincinnati, Ohio, Bill has been moved to a guard this year because of his size and ability to pass the ball. Bill will take time to learn the position and may be a year away.

Dave Gaffner - A 6'3" forward senior from Williamstown, Michigan, Dave is expected to be a good man to fill in for the front line men. Dave is an exceptional jumper and a deadly fall away jump shot. He has had only limited experience.

PLAYERS SKETCHES (CON'T.)

Darwin Bortje - A 6' guard junior from Lima, Ohio, Darwin had an outstanding high school experience, but chose the books for his first two years at Cedarville. He is showing great promise and a great desire to excell.

Dave Southwell - A 6'1" forward junior from Mancelona, Michigan, Dave works under a handicap. However, he is determined to move out of a reserve role.