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SPORTS NEWS RELEASE

from Cedarville College Yellow Jackets

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JACKETS GET TOURNEY BID WITH SWEEP OF FINDLAY

The NAIA District 22 baseball tournament is coming up this week and Cedarville College nabbed the fourth and final berth after sweeping Findlay in a home doubleheader on Saturday. The Yellow Jackets needed both victories in order to receive the NAIA bid and they got them by scores of 11-6 and 11-1. Cedarville will take its 16-9 season mark to Wright State on Tuesday for a 2 o'clock twinbill. Findlay's record is 22-17.

A 10-run third inning propelled the Jackets to Saturday's opening game win over Findlay. The visiting Oilers led 4-0 before their starting pitcher Craig Rath began the Cedarville frame by walking the first three batters to face him. Roger Luttrell singled home the first Yellow Jacket run and then three of the next four batters reached base on errors to tie the score. Cedarville native Steve Cremean, who was two for two in the game with three rbi's, stroked a two-run single to break the deadlock. When the dust finally settled, Cedarville had sent 14 batters to the plate during the scoring jamboree.

Sophomore pitcher Tom Pratt picked up his sixth win in eight decisions despite getting roughed up with 12 hits and a couple of homers. He struck out two and walked three before getting relief help from Sam Springer in the sixth.

Finny Rajchel and Bryon Montross did most of the offensive damage in the nightcap that was halted after five innings via the 10-run rule. Both players were two for three at the plate while Montross added three runs batted in. Rajchel scored twice and had two rbi's plus it was his sacrifice fly in the fifth that ended the contest with Norm Cox scoring.

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Chris Walter raised his record to 6-3 by hurling all five innings. The junior right-hander struck out three and walked as many while allowing just three hits.

The NAIA District 22 tourney gets underway on Wednesday morning in Columbus with a double elimination format. At 11 a.m., fourth-seeded Cedarville (16-9) will face Ohio Dominican (34-6) on the Panthers' home field. At the same time at Ohio State University, number two seed Mt. Vernon Nazarene (35-8) will meet third-seeded Defiance (24-16).

Wednesday's 2 o'clock games will feature the winners playing one another at Ohio Dominican and the losers meeting at OSU. Thursday's schedule will be announced following the opening day of play.

Summaries:

GAME 1

Findlay	112	002	0	-	6	13	5
Cedarville	00(10)	010	X	-	11	9	0

Rath, Alge (3) and Strickland; Pratt, Springer (6) and Rajchel
W-Pratt (6-2) L-Rath
Home Runs - Schultz, LeMasters (Findlay)

GAME 2

Findlay	000	01	-	1	3	5
Cedarville	301	52	-	11	9	0

Valentine, Dee (4) and Strickland; Walter and Rajchel
W-Walter (6-3) L-Valentine