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MATCH DAY

Fri./Sat. April 21/22, 2017 • 10:00 a.m./10:00 a.m.
Cedarville University • Johnson-Murdoch Tennis Complex



Johnson-Murdoch Tennis Complex



The Pamela Diehl Johnson-J. Murray Murdoch Tennis Complex serves as the home of the Yellow Jackets. The site is named after Cedarville's former head coaches, who are both members of the NAIA Hall of Fame.

The complex features nine lighted courts located on the north edge of the campus. The facility was opened in 1996 and includes a Latex-ite colorcoating and cushion surface.

The venue has served as host of numerous tournaments. The list includes the Wilson/ITA NAIA Midwest Regional Championship, Mid-Ohio Conference Women's Championship, NAIA Great Lakes Men's Sectional, NCCAA Men's Invitational, NAIA Region IX Men's and Women's Championships, and the NCCAA National Tournament.

Cedarville utilizes indoor facilities at Dayton Center Courts as well as the Five Seasons Sports Club in Kettering, Ohio. The Jackets also use courts in the Doden Field House on a limited basis.

Johnson coached the women's tennis team from 1977 through 2006. Her squad posted 280 victories and made 12 NAIA National Tournament appearances. The Lady Jackets won four NAIA Region IX titles, eight conference championships, and had 29 NAIA Scholar-Athletes. Johnson has served on the NAIA National Tournament Committee since 1985 and has been the national tournament director since 1989.

Murdoch piled up 563 victories during a 29-year coaching career from 1966 through 1994. The Yellow Jackets were a dominant force with five undefeated seasons, 23 NAIA District 22 titles, and 23 Mid-Ohio Conference championships. His teams won 88 straight dual matches from 1972 through 1976 and had a best-ever 8th-place showing at the NAIA Nationals in 1989. Murdoch, who is a Senior Professor of History at Cedarville University, also served as the NAIA National Tournament Director.

A plate affixed to the sign that has been erected at the south end of the tennis complex reads, "In grateful recognition of the Christian testimony and faithful service of Dr. Pamela Diehl Johnson and Dr. J. Murray Murdoch as Hall of Fame tennis coaches and leaders in the success of the NAIA and NCCAA Championships. Dedicated September 22, 2007."

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Pictured from left to right:
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2017 Women's Tennis Championship Preview & Bracket

CEDARVILLE, Ohio – Four teams are set to gather at the Great Midwest Athletic Conference Women's Tennis Championship to be conducted on the campus of Cedarville University later this week.

Alderson Broaddus, Cedarville, Davis & Elkins and Kentucky Wesleyan, are all hoping for more cooperative weather for the postseason after rainy conditions forced the field to the Dayton Indoor Courts in 2016.

The 2017 G-MAC Championship semifinals will play out on Friday, April 21, starting at 10 a.m. EST. with top seed, defending champion and 2016 NCAA Championship qualifier Davis & Elkins (11-10, 6-0 G-MAC) taking on No. 4 Kentucky Wesleyan (2-19, 0-6 G-MAC).

The second match of the day will get underway at 2 p.m. EST between host and No. 2 seed Cedarville (12-6, 4-2 G-MAC) squaring off against No. 3 Alderson Broaddus (2-11, 2-4 G-MAC).

The winner of each semifinal will meet in Saturday's championship final starting at 10 a.m. EST.

In addition, members of the G-MAC All-Conference Team, including the freshman and player of the year, will be announced to the student-athletes on Thursday evening during an ice cream social.

Davis & Elkins and Cedarville have both laid claim to two G-MAC Championship trophies in the league's four-year tournament history.

Cedarville won the inaugural offering in 2013, D&E took the honors in 2014, Cedarville reclaimed the trophy in 2015 and D&E brought the title back home to Elkins, W.Va., last year.

The top-seeded Senators have six of their last seven duals coming into this year's tournament and enjoyed an undefeated stretch in conference play for the second straight season.

Newcomer Laura Ferosel leads D&E and the conference with 18 wins in singles action. She was a two-time G-MAC Athlete of

the Week and earned monthly league honors in the shortened fall. Sophomore Elise Simon experienced conference championship glory as a rookie and has combined for 51 singles/doubles wins since 2015.

Another sophomore, Kelsie Roby, has won six straight singles matches and is 8-2 in her last 10 played. Simon, Roby, Haleigh Carper, Marlene Ridgway and Amanda Fewster, were all in last year's starting lineup for coach Otis Cutshaw in the championship match.

No. 2 seed Cedarville has another impressive first-year student-athlete to showcase with G-MAC Athlete of the Week Janelle English and her 16 wins. English is undefeated in conference action and has won 16 straight going into Friday's semifinal.

The Yellow Jackets are loaded with experience following the returns of No. 1 singles player Lauren Jackson, Rosie Thompson (15-2 singles) and Kristen Heydt (9-6 singles).

Alderson Broaddus collected two wins in conference play at the expense of Kentucky Wesleyan as both programs competed with an aggressive non-conference schedule.

AB freshman Rhea John earned G-MAC Athlete of the Week recognition this spring and led the Battlers with seven wins. Seniors Mireia Fabrega and Jordyn Walker are both four-year student-athletes and have combined for 50 singles wins and 53 doubles victories.

The Panthers earned two wins in regional competition against in-state opponent Oakland City. KWC features a young roster and the program enjoyed a Spring Break trip to sunny Orlando, Fla., where it played five contests packed into just six days.

KWC junior Abby Meyers won four singles matches this season after earning five in 2015-16 as a sophomore.



#1 DAVIS & ELKINS
(11-10 Overall; 6-0 G-MAC)

Friday, April 21 at Cedarville, OH
SEMIFINALS - 10:00 AM



#4 KENTUCKY WESLEYAN
(2-19 Overall; 0-6 G-MAC)

(All Times Local)

Saturday, April 22 at Cedarville, OH
FINALS - 10:00 AM

CHAMPIONS



#3 ALDERSON BROADDUS
(2-11 Overall; 2-4 G-MAC)

Friday, April 21 at Cedarville, OH
SEMIFINALS - 2:00 PM



#2 CEDARVILLE
(12-6 Overall; 4-2 G-MAC)



#3 Alderson Broaddus University "Battlers"

Philippi, WV Head Coach: Steve Baum



Player	Yr	Hometown	Previous School
Nneoma Amaechi	So	York, PA	York Suburban
Taylor England	So	Grafton, WV	Grafton
Mireia Fabrega	Sr	Sant Just Desvern, Barcelona	Institut Cultural del CIC
Chelsea Jefferson	So	El Paso, TX	Socorro
Rhea John	Fr	Kochi, India	The Choice School
Nicole Martin	Jr	Arlington, IN	Rushville Cons.
Eva Sever	So	Madrid, Spain	I.E.S. Jorge Manrique
Jordyn Walker	Sr	Houston, TX	Jersey Village

#2 Cedarville University "Lady Jackets"

Cedarville, OH Head Coach: Dr. Dee Morris



Player	Ht	Yr	Hometown	High School
Olivia Ancil	5-4	So	Zeeland, MI	Homeschool
Janelle English	5-1	Fr	Morgantown, WV	Homeschool
Kelly Fischer	5-9	Jr	Burnt Hills, NY	Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake
Halie Hardwick	5-6	Fr	Yorktown, IN	Yorktown
Kendall Heydt	5-3	Jr	Mason, OH	Mason
Kristen Heydt	5-7	Sr	Mason, OH	Mason
Lauren Jackson	5-5	Sr	Vandalia, OH	Vandalia Butler
Audra Kearney	5-5	Jr	Sierra Vista, AZ	Tombstone
Rosie Thompson	5-4	So	Xenia, OH	Xenia Christian
Deanna Whalen	5-7	Jr	Oxford, OH	Talawanda

#1 Davis & Elkins College "Senators"

Elkins, WV Head Coach: Otis Cutshaw



Player	Ht	Yr	Hometown	High School
Ester Bolmenas	5-6	Fr	Tibro, Sweden	IT-Gymnasiet Skovde
Haileigh Carper	NA	Sr	Baltimore, MD	Perry Hall
Laura Fermosel	5-4	So	Colmenar Viejo, Spain	IES Rosa Chacel
Amanda Fewster	5-10	Jr	Westminster, MD	Winters Mill HS
Kelsie Roby	5-5	So	Petersburg, WV	Petersburg
Kalee Sherrard	NA	So	Berkley Springs, WV	Berkeley Springs
Elise Simon	5-3	So	Fresnoy Le Luat, France	Saint Vincent
Whitney Timbrook	5-6	Jr	Moorefield, WV	Moorefield HS

#4 Kentucky Wesleyan College "Panthers"
Owensboro, KY Head Coach: Diana Hunter



Player	Yr	Hometown	High School
Hannah Blythe	Fr	Owensboro, KY	Apollo
Liz Clayton	Fr	Owensboro, KY	Apollo
Amy Gossett	Jr	Shepherdsville, KY	Bullitt Central
Liz Greer	So	Louisville, KY	Mercy Academy
Tee Harris	So	Diego-Martin, Trinidad-Tobago	NA
Brittany Johnston	So	Evansville, IN	Reitz Memorial
Rachel Kinsolving	So	Princeton, KY	Caldwell County
Katie Laughlin	Sr	Louisville, KY	Pleasure Ridge Park
Abby Meyers	Jr	Owensboro, KY	Owensboro
Eva Sampson	Fr	North Las Vegas, NV	Mojave

Great Midwest Athletic Conference



Current Members:



Alderson Broaddus University BATTLEERS
Philippi, West Virginia
Founded: 1871; Enrollment: 1,108



Cedarville University YELLOW JACKETS
Cedarville, Ohio
Founded: 1887; Enrollment: 3,711



Davis & Elkins College SENATORS
Elkins, West Virginia
Founded: 1904; Enrollment: 796



Kentucky Wesleyan College PANTHERS
Owensboro, Kentucky
Founded: 1866; Enrollment: 700



Malone University PIONEERS
Canton, Ohio
Founded: 1892; Enrollment: 2,000



Ohio Valley University FIGHTING SCOTS
Vienna, West Virginia
Founded: 1958; Enrollment: 500



Trevecca Nazarene University TROJANS
Nashville, Tennessee
Founded: 1901; Enrollment: 2,640



Ursuline College ARROWS
Pepper Pike, Ohio
Founded: 1871; Enrollment: 1,500

Future Members (2017-18):



University of Findlay OILERS
Findlay, Ohio
Founded: 1882; Enrollment: 4,000



Hillsdale College CHARGERS
Hillsdale, Michigan
Founded: 1844; Enrollment: 1,450



Lake Erie College STORM
Painesville, Ohio
Founded: 1856; Enrollment: 1,300



Ohio Dominican University PANTHERS
Columbus, Ohio
Founded: 1911; Enrollment: 2,660

Future Members (2018-19):



Walsh University CAVALIERS
North Canton, Ohio
Founded: 1960; Enrollment: 2,982



Tiffin University DRAGONS
Tiffin, Ohio
Founded: 1888; Enrollment: 3,284

