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For immediate release:

CEDARVILLE, OHIO -- The Cedarville College women's tennis team won just one match at the NAIA national tournament in Kansas City prior to being eliminated on Tuesday. The doubles team of Roge' Lash and Jenny Ward defeated Heidi Prather and Kathy Swift of Drury College, Mo. 6-1, 6-1. The Lady Jacket duo then lost to a team from Wisconsin-LaCrosse 6-2, 6-2.

Laura Wuestner and Judy Happe lost their opening-round match to Carolyn Carlson and Tonya Jang of Pacific Lutheran, Wash. 6-1, 6-0. The other Cedarville doubles squad of Dawn Reehl and Amy DeCook had the privilege of drawing the number one seed and two-time defending national champs. Barrett Bjork and Katie Livijen of Arkansas-Little Rock made quick work of the Lady Jacket pair 6-0, 6-0.

All six of Cedarville's singles players lost in Monday's first round in straight sets. Tracy Johnson (St. Francis, Ind.) downed Roge' Lash 6-1, 6-1. Bernie McCann (Carson Newman, Tenn.) beat Judy Happe 6-1, 6-0. It was Mary Ann Bell (Westmont, Cal.) over Laura Wuestner 6-1, 6-0. Rosemary Kirkpatrick (St. Marys, Cal.) defeated Dawn Reehl 6-1, 6-0. Dustin Meek (Transylvania, Ky.) blanked Amy DeCook 6-0, 6-0. Teresa Borst (West Florida) whipped Becky Tucker 6-1, 6-0.

"Everyone had national tournament jitters," explained Coach Pam Diehl, who also serves on the NAIA national tennis tournament committee. "This year's field is very strong and it is difficult for us to compete here. Our gals had to play some tough opponents.

"We had a successful season though. We showed improvement and we matured en route to winning the district. I was pleased with that."

