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SUMMARY: ALL MOC BASKETBALL TEAM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 11, 1968 - Cedarville, Ohio

The 1968 All MOC Basketball Team, chosen by vote of the league coaches, was revealed today with six repeaters from last years squad. First teams repeaters are the leading vote getter, Al Knott of Cedarville, and Defiance's Dan Terhuse. Jim Sommer of Bluffton moved up to a first team spot from the 1967 second team, while teammate Mark Froning, a first team pick last year finished in a tie with Cedarville's Don Cooper for the last spot on the second team. Rounding out the first team are Findlay's Carder twins, Jim and Jerry, who did not play in MOC competition last year. Second team repeaters were the leagues leading scorer Bruce McDonald of Cedarville, and Dick Wierwill of Defiance. Malons's Dave Miller and Rich Otte of Defiance complete the team. The team includes the leagues top ten scorers, top rebounders, assist leaders, and top percentage shooters. All but one has been selected as player of the week during the past season.

FIRST TEAM

Al Knott	Cedarville	Sr.	6-7	F	East Moline, Ill.
Jerry Carder	Findlay	Sr.	5-11	G	Delphos, Ohio
Dan Terhuse	Defiance	Jr.	6-3	F	Dayton, Ohio
Jim Carder	Findlay	Sr.	5-11	G	Delphos, Ohio
Jim Sommer	Bluffton	Sr.	6-4	F	Pekin, Ill.

SECOND TEAM

Bruce McDonald	Cedarville	Jr.	5-10	F	Rochester, Mich.
Dave Miller	Malone	So.	6-1	F	Canton, Ohio
Dick Wierwill	Defiance	Sr.	6-2	F	New Knoxville, Ohio
Rich Otte	Defiance	So.	6-5	F	Toledo, Ohio
*Don Cooper	Cedarville	Sr.	6-0	F	Belle Center, Ohio
*Mark Froning	Bluffton	Sr.	5-7	F	New Bremen, Ohio

*Tied

Al Knott, Cedarville's All-American candidate finished a brilliant four year career in which he scored over 2,000 points. He finished fourth in this year's MOC scoring race with a 21.7 average, fourth in rebounds with a 11.4 average, and fourth in free throws percentage at 77.6. Al is an All-MOC choice for the third time.

Jerry Carder, also completed a brilliant four year career in which he fell just shy of the 2,000 point mark. Jerry battled for the league scoring lead all year and finished second at 23.9, while leading in field goal percentage at 54.3. An NAIA All American selection last year, this is Findlay's first year in the MOC, and thus Jerry's first All-MOC honor.

Dan Tarhune was the only player selected twice as player of the week. Leading his team with a 19.3 average and seventh in the MOC, Dan scored many key baskets to lead Defiance to a 21-5 record.

Jim Carder and 1967 NAIA All American selection made his first appearance on the All MOC team as Findlay just began MOC competition this year. Finishing third in the MOC scoring race with a 22.9 average, Jim surpassed the 2,000 point career mark to set a new Oiler record. Jim finished fourth in MOC field goal percentage at 52.1 and fourth in assists with 3.4 per game.

Jim Sommer, a rugged rebounder led the league with 12.8 grabs a game. Jim also averaged 17.4 points per game to finish ten in league scoring. The Bluffton Senior had previously made the 1967 All MOC Football team as an end to be the only player to receive both honors.

Bruce McDonald, although the Cedarville floor leader, and second in the league in assists with 4.4 per game, led the MOC in scoring with a 24.6 average. Bruce also battled all season for the free throw percentage title finished second at 85.7 after being over 90% most of the year. Bruce has also made the All MOC baseball team.

Dave Miller was one bright spot in a dismal Malone season as he averaged 21.7 points per game to tie for fourth in the league.

Dick Wierwille was a consistent scorer and rebounder for Defiance all season. Dick is well known for his aggressive defense and hustle.

Rich Otte grabbed 11.7 rebounds per game to finish second in the MOC and averaged 18.1 points to rank eighth. Rich came on strong during the second half of the season.

Don Cooper ranked ninth in league scoring with a 17.4 average and was fourth in assists at 3.4 per game.

Mark Froning, the smallest player on the squad at 5-7 averaged 21.7 points per game to rank fourth in the MOC. He also averaged 3.7 assists per game to finish third.