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from Cedarville College Yellow Jackets

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Cedarville College golf coach Dr. Allen Monroe is hoping to blend experience with youth in 1985 to produce a few more first-place finishes than what the team had last year. The Jackets did end up sharing the Mid-Ohio Conference championship with Malone, but they placed second in other events more than what they would have liked. The golfers were the runners-up in six out of seven invitationals in '84 and they were third in the other. Monroe would like to think his squad can gather in some first-place hardware this spring.

The Yellow Jackets open their season this Friday at the Glenville State College Tournament in West Virginia and Monroe's varsity line-up will include four veteran senior players. Heading the list is Tom Ewing who has made the All-NAIA District 22 and All-Mid-Ohio Conference teams the past two seasons. The Greensburg, Indiana native averaged 79.4 last year with a season-low round of 74 at the Malone Invitational.

Also back is Bob Fires who averaged just over 80 and he missed the All-MOC unit by a single stroke in '84. Tom Greve, who is also from Greensburg, Indiana, turned in the two lowest rounds last season with a 73, which won the Cedarville Invitational, and he also carded a 72 on one other occasion. Dave Kalin should also contribute this spring and his season-low last year was a 76 in the Cedarville tournament at Locust Hills.

What the golf team has missed in recent years is what Monroe calls a "stopper." That one player that can throw in an occasional 70 or 71, yet average in the mid-70's all year. The Yellow Jackets may have found that performer this year in freshman Mark Reed.

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"It has been awhile since we have had a rookie that could make a big impact on our team," Monroe recalled. "But Mark has the skills to help us out a lot. Don't be surprised if he eventually anchors down the number one position."

Reed, who hails from Mount Sidney, Virginia, comes to Cedarville following an impressive high school career. He made the all-state team his senior year after tying for second in the state tournament with rounds of 70 and 78. Reed carried an 18-hole stroke average of 74 last season. His brother Mike graduated from Cedarville after completing a four-year career last spring.

"We have some good players that can score quite low," remarked Monroe. "However, we'll need to be consistent and we face that fact every year. The best golfers are the most consistent ones too and we have the potential to have a very fine season if we play like we are capable of."

The golfers first home match at Locust Hills this year will come on April 5 when they host the Fourth Annual Cedarville Invitational.