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1987 NAIA BASEBALL PREVIEW

PLEASE TYPE THIS FORM ! Please complete this form and return no later than March 21, 1987 to Mary Beth Brutton, NAIA, 1221 Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri 64105.

INSTITUTION Cedarville College LOCATION Cedarville, OH 45314

PERFORMANCE IN 1986 NAIA POSTSEASON COMPETITION n/a

NICKNAME Yellow Jackets HEAD COACH Dan Coomes

NUMBER OF RETURNING LETTERMEN FOR 1987 SEASON 7 RETURNING PERFORMERS FOR 1987 7

TOP RETURNING PLAYERS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>POS.</u>	<u>ATHLETIC HONORS/COMMENTS</u>
<u>Danny Olinger</u>	<u>SR</u>	<u>IF</u>	<u>.341 BA</u>
<u>Finny Rajchel</u>	<u>SR</u>	<u>IF</u>	<u>.264 BA, 22 RBI</u>
<u>Dan Erlandson</u>	<u>JR</u>	<u>IF-P</u>	<u>W-3 L-3 5.04 ERA, with 1.80 ERA in '85. Ranked 5th nationally</u>
<u>Brian Marburger</u>	<u>JR</u>	<u>C-IF</u>	<u>.314 BA</u>
<u>Ken Horton</u>	<u>JR</u>	<u>OF</u>	<u>.338 BA, 16 RBI</u>

TOP NEWCOMERS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>POS.</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
<u>Steve Hester</u>	<u>FR</u>	<u>IF-P</u>	
<u>Shane Hardy</u>	<u>FR</u>	<u>OF-P</u>	
<u>Steve Smith</u>	<u>FR</u>	<u>P</u>	
<u>Kevin Campbell</u>	<u>FR</u>	<u>C</u>	

SIGNIFICANT LOSSES:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POS.</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>	<u>REASON LOST (GRAD, TRANSFER, INJURY, ETC.)</u>
<u>Tom Pratt</u>	<u>IF-P</u>	<u>W-3 L-5</u>	<u>Quit Team</u>
<u>Steve Cremean</u>	<u>IF</u>	<u>.328</u>	<u>Graduation</u>

On the back of this sheet please give a brief outlook for your team in 1987 indicating strengths, weaknesses and overall analysis of the players. Include a head & shoulder photo of the head coach and a top player if available. Return this form to the NAIA National Office. **DEADLINE: March 21, 1987**

1987 Season Outlook:

Cedarville College returns just seven lettermen from last year's 14-18-1 baseball club, plus only 13 players are on the roster. But third-year coach Dan Coomes has been successful despite the small line-ups. His 1985 team finished with an 18-11 record as the NAIA District 22 runner-up and that club had 13 members. Pitching will be the Yellow Jackets strength led by junior righthander Dan Erlandson. Senior captain Danny Olinger (.341) will lead the offense and should receive help from juniors Ken Horton (.338) and Brian Marburger (.314). Coomes will be forced to move several veteran players to unfamiliar positions to fill gaps up the middle defensively. The one newcomer to have the quickest impact will be righthanded pitcher Steve Hester whose fastball has been clocked around 90 mph.