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For immediate release:

CEDARVILLE, OHIO -- The Cedarville College women's track team repeated as national champions at the Sixth Annual National Christian College Athletic Association Meet held over the weekend at Marion College, Ind. Lady Jacket senior Jane Romig Brooker again won three events and for the second year in a row was presented the Wheeler Award, symbolic of the Christian female track and field "Athlete of the Year."

Cedarville totalled 115 points and was followed by Spring Arbor 99, Taylor 88, Anderson 81½, Marion 48, The King's 38½, John Brown 32, Northwestern and Baptist Bible 15 each, Huntington 14, Roberts Wesleyan 9, Greenville 2, and Eastern Mennonite 1. Olivet Nazarene and Concordia failed to score.

Brooker won the 800, 1500, and 3000 meter runs. Her time in the 3000 of 10:32.57 was a new NCCAA national meet record. The All-American also holds the 800 and 1500 meter marks. Jane's time in the 800 this year was 2:20.54 while her 1500-meter clocking was 4:54.04.

Joining Brooker on the All-America squad were repeat champions Esther Mahr and Beth McGillivray. Mahr won the 400 meter dash by more than a second in 59.57 seconds. McGillivray won the high jump at five-feet two-inches.

In other notable Lady Jacket performances, Mahr and Becky Averill placed second and third, respectively, in the 800 meters. Averill trailed Brooker by only a half-second in finishing second in the 1500. Sue Vaughan placed second in the 10,000 meters and was third in the 5,000.

Cedarville placed second in two relays. The 400 meter dash unit of Cindy Collier, Jody Eckert, Gretchen Mountz, and Cathy Watson had a runner-up time of 51.44 seconds. Collier, Averill, Mountz, and Mahr were second in the 1600 meter relay in 4:09.79.

Taylor University easily repeated as the men's NCCAA track champion by rolling up 179½ points. The Trojans were trailed by Biola 86, Cedarville 76, Spring Arbor 69, Northwestern 59, Huntington 40, Olivet Nazarene 31, Baptist Bible 28, Marion 15, The King's 11, Houghton 10, Roberts Wesleyan 8, Greenville 4, and Grace 3½. Asbury, Concordia, Eastern Mennonite, and John Brown did not score.

Cedarville senior Phil Hulbert was a double-winner. He won the discus at 157-feet one-inch, and the shot put with a heave of 50-feet even.

Tom Hill's winning time of 3:51.16 in the 1500 meters was a new meet record. He also placed second in the 5,000.

Tim Walters, who is 35-years old, repeated as the 110 meter high hurdle champion in 15.27 seconds. The Yellow Jackets had two third-place finishes from Rob Moore in the 1500, and Scott Hannay in the javelin.

Cedarville will host the NAIA District 22 track meet for men and women this Saturday.