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1987 Season Outlook

Coach Murray Murdoch has assembled the youngest team in his 22 years at Cedarville College, but it could be his best. An outstanding recruiting year has brought in seven quality players that will make the Yellow Jackets a team to be reckoned with in 1987. They were pre-season ranked first in Region 6 and 23rd nationally in the ITCA-NAIA polls even though seven of the nine players on the roster are freshmen.

"These newcomers are tournament-toughened players," says Murdoch. "They are very talented, but it must not be forgotten that they are still freshmen. They will have to make the adjustment from junior tennis to men's tennis."

Two players who have already made the adjustment are senior captain Thurman Payton and junior Greg Frank, the only non-rookies on the squad. Both have NAIA national tournament experience and the pair has a combined singles record of 52-29.

Murdoch tested his young troops with four matches in the fall winning all four. He used nothing but freshmen in the victories which were highlighted by a 5-4 win over previously unbeaten Marion College of Indiana.

Jeff Kohl, pre-season ranked 37th by the NAIA, heads the list of freshmen. His only loss in the fall was to the nation's 21st rated performer. Dino Tsibouris, Bruce Taranger, Steve Lesko, Steve Brumbaugh, and Scott Poling also saw considerable action. The six posted a combined singles record of 21-3. John Kelley played in one victorious doubles match.

The schedule is a demanding one and Murdoch has reasons for it. "We're not going to let these kids run off a long string of victories in a row. We're going to find some people who can beat them because that's how they will learn and improve. This is by far the toughest tennis schedule we've ever had."

No less than five NCAA Division I opponents highlight the schedule which includes Detroit, Dayton, Cincinnati, Xavier, and Toledo. Division II notables are Wright State, Ashland, and Bellarmine, plus Wittenberg and Denison from Division III. A number of NAIA opponents will provide a challenge including the following district champions: Georgetown, Ky. (Dist. 20), Marion, Ind. (Dist. 21), and Charleston, W.Va. (Dist. 28).