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May 3, 2003

CEDARVILLE WINS FIRST-EVER NCCAA REGION BASEBALL TITLE IN HIGH DRAMA

CEDARVILLE, Ohio - Jeff Lowe's (West Liberty, OH; Benjamin Logan) two-out single in the bottom of the 7th inning scored Dave Terrill (Lebanon, OH; Middletown Christian) from second base to give Cedarville a 5-4 victory over Spring Arbor (Mich.) and their first-ever NCCAA Midwest Region championship. The Jackets, 16-23, advance to the National Christian College Athletic Association Tournament on May 14-17 in Celina, Ohio.

To get there, CU had to go through a program ranked No. 14 in the NAIA and a three-time NCCAA national champion. The Jackets broke a scoreless game with four runs in the bottom of the 5th inning. Forest Greetham (Wellington, OH; Wellington) tripled home a run, Travis Allen (Bakersfield, CA; Killian Hill Christian) followed with an RBI single, and Lowe drilled a two-run triple.

After Spring Arbor, 40-11, struck for two runs in the 6th on Friday, heavy rain forced suspension of the contest until Saturday morning. The visiting Cougars got a dramatic two-run homer in the top of the 7th inning to tie the game off of Cedarville relief ace T.J. Couch (Belleville, MI; Calvary Christian), who earlier had tossed a one-hit, 5-0 shutout over Spring Arbor in the semifinals as a starter. Then, with one out in the bottom of the 7th, Terrill and Allen reached on Cougar fielding errors that set up Lowe's heroics.

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NCCAA Midwest Regional

May 1-3, 2003

Cedarville University - Cedarville, Ohio

Teams seeded by Burbridge Rating

#1 Spring Arbor (38-9)

Game 1
Thu., 10:00 a.m.

Spring Arbor, 12-3

#4 Lincoln Christian (2-25)

Game 4
Thu., 5:00 p.m.

Cedarville, 5-0

#3 Concordia (13-38)

Game 2
Thu., 12:30 p.m.

Cedarville, 6-0

#2 Cedarville (13-23)

Game 6
Fri., 2:30 p.m.

Cedarville, 5-4

Lincoln Christian

Game 3
Thu., 3:00 p.m.

Concordia, 6-2

Concordia

Game 5
Fri., 12:00 noon

Spring Arbor, 4-3 (8 inn.)

Spring Arbor