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YELLOW JACKET HARRIERS TO START SATURDAY

Cedarville College cross country coach Elvin King has his harriers primed for another successful season. The Yellow Jackets will open the 1984 campaign this Saturday morning at the Defiance College Invitational. It will begin a twelve-meet schedule for C.C. that will run through the middle of November.

There are no newcomers on this fall's roster, but nine lettermen highlight the field from a team that won two invitationals in '83 and also qualified for the NAIA Nationals. This has given King an optimistic outlook for the year. "We don't have any new people, but we do possess some veteran runners that have a wealth of experience. That should give us some depth and I look for a significant improvement over last year's performance."

Junior Tom Hill returns as one of the best runners to ever perform at Cedarville College. A native of St. Marys, West Virginia, Tom is the two-time defending champion of the Ohio Northern Invitational. He also won the NCCAA District III and Grace (IN) Invitational meets last year.

One of the most promising young runners that King has ever coached is sophomore Rob Moore of West Olive, Michigan. He was an NCCAA All-American in '83 in both cross country and track and is predicted to repeat in both sports.

Former Cedarville High School standout Rusty King is back following a good freshman year when he earned NAIA All-District 22 honors. King placed in the top

six of three separate meets last fall. However, he and Iowa City native Scott Brooker have been hampered by some off-season injuries that may slow them down in the early going.

The captain of the team is Gary Anderson, a senior from Ringwood, New Jersey. He is in top form after an exceptional '84 track season which saw him win the first-ever "Wheeler Award," symbolic of the outstanding Christian track and field "Athlete of the Year."

King welcomes back 1982 letter winner Dave Schumaker. A sophomore from Ashland, Dave took a year off from school last year, but is ready once again to contribute. Also on the 1984 squad are senior Ron Kuntz (North Olmstead, OH), junior Steve Cox (Schroon Lake, NY), and sophomore Doug Cherry (Sterling, IL).

"In these early meets we'll just be trying to run well and get back into some competition," remarked King. "We are looking towards the end of the season and hope to peak for the NAIA District 22 meet and the NCCAA Nationals." Cedarville will once again host the NCCAA national cross country meet on November 10 at John Bryan State Park.