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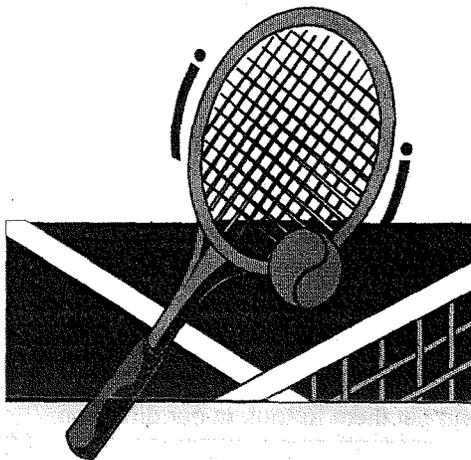
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## NEWSLETTER DEBUT

The idea for this newsletter was first brought up about four years ago at an alumni gathering. It would hopefully keep up interest in the program and be used to keep those informed as to the events surrounding the current Yellow Jacket tennis team.

The objective now is to try to put this out two times a year, once before the season starts and once during the summer to give a recap of the season (This is the preseason edition a little late). The following pages will give you a little information as to the current team such as hometown, current year of athletic eligibility, and a brief profile of the team captain.

Future editions will be mainly to keep everyone informed but we would also like to include articles from former players who may be interested in contributing thoughtful insights or anecdotes from their playing days. It could also be



expanded to include information you would like passed along to former teammates. Any ideas for future issues would be appreciated, even constructive criticism (Those who know me will know how well I will pay heed to that) will be welcomed.

Send any contributions or info to Alan Edlund or the Men's Tennis Team at the college address or email me at: [edlunda@cedarville.edu](mailto:edlunda@cedarville.edu)

Hope to hear from some of you soon.

## SEASON PREVIEW

The Cedarville College Men's tennis team started the spring off with a trip to Jacksonville, FL and Hilton Head Island, SC. While in Jacksonville the team practiced at the Bolles School, a private high school. Those who made the spring break trip in '75 and '76 should remember Bolles. This is the same school where the team practiced those years. After three days of practice the team traveled to Hilton Head Island to play their first three matches.

The team is returning five letter winners from last year's team. Brian Wilbur, Carl Weise, Matt Taylor, Reuben Duncan and Brett Cooley return to form the nucleus of the 1998 team.

The team has a very optimistic outlook this year and is looking forward to having a good season.

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# HONOR

....for those who honor Me I will honor. I Samuel 2:30

The tennis team this year has taken the word honor as a guide to their attitudes on and off the court. The team feels that if we do not have a God honoring attitude on court we of course cannot be an effective example of what God expects us to be.

Different avenues of showing honor were discussed during the trip south during spring break. Our priorities in many different areas such as speech, life, faith and purity must be in order to help accomplish our goal.

A couple of other areas that were talked about were our emotions on court and how we should keep them under control and our patience with each other and our opponents.

Using Proverbs 15:33 and 29:22-23 we saw that in order to obtain honor we must also have humility. Sometimes this is not easy in a sport that is as individualistic as tennis.

A quote we used to help illustrate how the tennis we are playing should not consume all our energies and emotions is from Chris Evert: "If you can react the same to winning and losing that's a great accomplishment because you will have to face a long life after tennis." Win or lose we must still show the same honor and respect for our opponent even when we would rather not do so. We all know that tennis is not the main focus of our lives.

# HOW CAN YOU HELP?

I have been asked a few times by alumni tennis players wondering what type of things they could do to help the current team. I have never had a good response to this question. I am really not good asking for things or help, but I have come up with a few ideas.

First, the players could use your prayer help. They have set a standard for themselves this year that will not always be the easiest to accomplish on the tennis court as outlined in the article titled Honor. Their goal is that they keep their testimony on court honorable to God.

Second, keep Cedarville in mind as you interact with high school tennis players. I hope all of you can relate positive experiences to them and get them to look in our direction.

I believe I can say that all the players we have now would still enjoy being at Cedarville even if the opportunity to play tennis was not available.

Third is probably what some may have thought I would mention first. Yes, we accept donations. A number of players have donated money through the Yellow Jacket Club. I sincerely thank all those that have done that over the years.

The money is used mainly to supplement the amount of scholarship funding available to us. I know that not everyone is able to do this as your families come first but if the time ever comes when it would be possible please give it a thought.

# MEET THE CAPTAIN

This year's captain is junior Carl Weise from Clymer, NY. Carl is a finance major and will add accounting or finance management for a double major by the time he graduates in 1999. Carl is the third member of his family to attend Cedarville. He had a brother and a sister graduate from Cedarville. Carl is active in Christian ministries as the leader of a nursing home team. He has been a letter winner his first two years. He played #4 singles his first year and #2 last year as a sophomore.

The following is an excerpt from the captain's message to the team during spring break:

"Setting aside time to study God's Word and pray has possibly the greatest impact on our days. Starting the day with God affects our perspectives and attitudes. For example, "This is the day that the Lord hath made, I will rejoice and be glad in it." This simple thought acknowledges God's superiority as our creator and determines the attitude we should carry through the day - being grateful to Him and seeking to praise Him in all we do.

Carrying the right attitude into practice also affects today and allows us to reap benefits tomorrow. When we start the day, will we say, "I'm going to make this the best practice I've had yet," or will we say, "I can't wait for practice to be over so we can relax and have fun." My hope is for everyone on the team to approach practice with the desire to play their hardest and to make each practice a stepping stone to improve on tomorrow. I honestly feel we have the possibility of making this a great year. Let's push each other to do our best and always remember: Today counts, let's make the most of it."

**The will to win is not as important as the will to prepare to win.**

# ROSTER

**Adam Beres** Fr  
Tipp City, OH  
**Brett Cooley** So  
Cedarville, OH  
**Reuben Duncan** Jr  
Exeter, NH  
**Jeremy Frank** So  
Lynchburg, OH  
**Jason Hall** Fr  
Schenectady, NY  
**Bob Lutz** Fr  
Anderson, IN  
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Decatur, IL  
**James Metsger** Fr  
Livonia, MI  
**Matt Taylor** Jr  
Springfield, OH  
**Carl Weise** Jr  
Clymer, NY  
**Brian Wilbur** Jr  
Sherrill, NY

# SCHEDULE

Mar 19 Merrimack College  
Mar 20 Heidelberg College  
Mar 21 W. Connecticut St. University  
Mar 24 Ohio Wesleyan University  
Mar 31 College of Mount Saint Joseph  
Apr 2 Wittenberg University  
Apr 4 Taylor University  
Greenville College(at Taylor)  
Apr 6 TIFFIN UNIVERSITY  
Apr 8 NO. KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY  
Apr 9 Otterbein College  
Apr 14 THOMAS MORE COLLEGE  
Apr 16 COLLEGE OF MOUNT ST. JOSEPH  
Apr 17 Malone College  
Apr 18 Walsh University  
Apr 21 UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY  
Apr 23 Tiffin University  
Apr 25 TRANSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY  
BLUFFTON COLLEGE  
Apr 28 Wilmington College  
Apr 30- May 2  
Great Lakes Regional at  
Walsh University  
May 13-16 NCCAA NATIONAL INVITATIONAL  
at CEDARVILLE  
May 18-23 NAIA Nationals  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

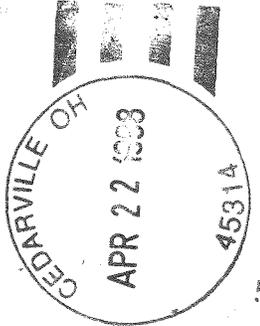


# NAME THE NEWSLETTER

As you can tell by the name of this newsletter I am not the most creative person you may have ever come across. So we are going to start out our first newsletter with a "Name the Newsletter Contest." The winner will be picked by the current team, so that means entries will have to be in by May 16, 1998 in order to give the team time to review and select their favorite. The winner will be given a team shirt(L,XL or XXL) for 1998 and the second place finisher will receive a shirt(XXL) from 1997. Send your entries with shirt size to:

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Men's Tennis Team  
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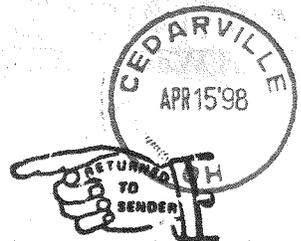
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**COMING NEXT ISSUE: SEASON RESULTS/ STATS**  
**WORDS OF WISDOM FROM COACH MURDOCH**  
**CONTEST WINNER**  
**A CONTRIBUTION BY A FORMER PLAYER ( I HOPE)**

## Racket Rumblings

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