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SPORTS NEWS RELEASE

from Cedarville College Yellow Jackets

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The Stage Is Set:

THE NO. 1 CEDARVILLE YELLOW JACKETS MEET THE NO. 2 RANKED REDMEN OF RIO GRANDE

The stage is set for the NO. 1 ranked team in the Mid-Ohio Conference to meet the NO. 2 contender Saturday, January 24 at Cedarville College. Game time is 7:30 p.m. The Yellow Jackets have tallied a 6-0 conference record and are 15-1 for the season. The last three wins have all come without the aid of starting center Drew Baker due to injury. The Rio Grande Redmen, the NO. 2 ranked MOC team, have a 5-1 conference record, falling only to Walsh College earlier in the season. They post a 10-9 season record.

The talented Rio Grande squad is a relatively unknown team to the Yellow Jackets. A new coach and players make them the unknown contenders they are. The 6'6" sophomore Rio Grande center, Watson MacDonald, appears to be a key in the Redmen's attack. MacDonald has averaged 19.4 points per game and holds a 56.2 field goal percentage. He also leads the MOC in rebounding with 11.0 per game.

Saturday's bout is a critical game. A win for the Yellow Jackets will give a two-game cushion on any contender in the MOC. A win would also give the cagers an unblemished MOC record following the first round of conference play. A loss would tie Rio Grande and Cedarville in the NO. 1 spot with Urbana and Walsh both close behind.

All-American Eric Mounts continued as the Jacket's "main man" as he led Cedarville with 22 points against Urbana and 35 against the Tiffin College Dragons to maintain his 16 game average of 27.9 in the January 7 and January 20 matches respectively.

Greg Greve, 6'4" senior, playing for the injured Baker, gave a stellar performance in the 70-68 victory over the Urbana Blue Knights. Greg scored 16 points for the Jackets. Newcomer, Tim Pryor, 6'7" reserve center, continues to improve with each varsity performance. Pryor brought down 10 rebounds and scored 7 points for the estimated 600 Yellow Jacket fans who traveled to Urbana.

Mark Womack was 10 for 10 from the free throw lane in Tuesday's match with the Tiffin Dragons. Mark has 33 of 36 from the lane for a hot 91.7% for the season. Cedarville took the Tiffin match 92-80.