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## Wedding Follows Long Cancer Battle

by David Jablonski, Springfield News-Sun

**C**ari Hyde doesn't remember much about her darkest day of the last four years. The memory blurs with nurses and doctors surrounding her bed, rushing around, talking fast, trying to save her life.

They told her family she might not make it through the night. This came a week after the bone marrow transplant in September 2006 that was meant, once and for all, to save her from the leukemia that had thrown up a roadblock in her life and her athletic career.

That night, Cari's mom, Joyce, called Teresa Clark, the volleyball coach during Cari's freshman season at Cedarville University in 2005. Clark phoned Melissa Hartman, her successor in 2006. Hartman was with the team at a tournament in Cumberland, Tenn.

Hartman told Cari's teammates her dire situation right away. Then for three hours, late into the night, crowding into one hotel room, kneeling around the beds, the players prayed for Cari.

"I didn't know that stuff at the time," Cari says. "It overwhelms my heart and makes me that much more grateful."

The next day, Cedarville played and won, and Cari awoke, her fight continuing. Almost three years later, she can talk about what she remembers about that night.

Now she can compare it to one of her best nights of the last four years — June 13, 2009.

For while this is a story about a great athlete overcoming cancer and returning to the volleyball court — as Hyde did in the fall of 2008 — it also is a love story.

Cari, whose maiden name is Greetham, married Cedarville soccer player Ryan Hyde on June 13 at Camden Baptist Church in Wellington, Ohio. The two met in grade school, started dating in ninth grade and had their lives turned upside down March 23, 2006, when Cari was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

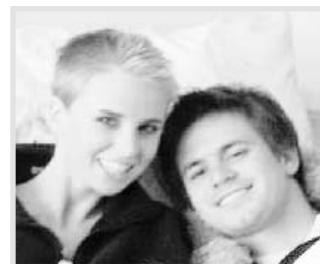
The disease halted any plans for the future. Ryan even left the soccer program in the fall of 2006 to be with Cari at the Cleveland Clinic. They waited until Cari's health improved to get married.

Finally, the big day arrived in June. Everyone there that night agrees in calling it a fairy-tale wedding, made all the more emotional by the fact that, for so long, Cari and many others thought the day might never come.

"It was just like a dream come true," Clark says.



(Above) Cari and Ryan celebrate the cake-cutting ceremony at their wedding on June 13, 2009. (Photo by Jim Clark)



(Right) Ryan was a steady, loyal supporter and encourager for Cari as she battled her cancer. (Submitted photo)

**Read more of this amazing story of God's grace & answered prayer inside this issue on pages 4-5.**

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# CALLAN'S COMMENTS

## Alumni Athletes Impact the World

by Dr. Don Callan

As I anticipated writing this article, my mind and conversation began to focus on those athletes I have been associated with or have seen in action in my years at Cedarville. Being in one place so long gives you good perspective on the young men and women who have participated during their educational experience at the 'Ville. As my wife, Nedra, and I talked and reminisced, we were impressed with thoughts of what a great group of athletes we have seen. So many of them have gone into Christian ministry and are serving the Lord around the world.



Our thoughts went to men like David Jeremiah who played basketball and ran on our first track team. His world-wide ministry is a wonderful tribute to his mom and dad who were not only our friends, but the leaders of Cedarville when we first came. Maryalce Jeremiah has had a great career coaching and being an athletic administrator at educational institutions like University of Dayton, Indiana University and Cal State Fullerton.

I think of Joe Stowell, one of our first soccer standouts, who pastored for many years and then became president of Moody Bible Institute and now at Cornerstone University. I think of Larry Bollback who heads up a world-wide ministry to Portuguese speaking people around the world. He spent many years serving with Word of Life, and mission work in Portugal.

I'm reminded of Kent Craig, who played baseball for me as a catcher, who now is director of mission work for ABWE in the Far East and Australia. David Southwell who played basketball and went on to open ministries in Portugal and then become the Director of South America for ABWE. He now is in Brazil and leads the administrative team at ABWE.

I'm reminded of James (Reb) Smith, who played baseball for me, who now heads up a financial group in South Carolina called Atlantic Coast Advisory Group. One of our former basketball

greats and most recently appointed a trustee at Cedarville is Dr. Dominic McKinley, a medical doctor serving in Family Practice & Sports Medicine in Greensboro, NC. The list goes on and on.

What is most impressive to me is that I knew most of their parents who also were serving the Lord in ministering the Word of God. Our athletes have perspective because of the influence of secure and serving families. A great number of our alumni come from such backgrounds and reflect the heritage of a family who serves.

Our coaches constantly acknowledge that our finest athletes seem to come from families who understand and support a Christian University education and athletic participation that honors the Lord. Our coaches are in the business of discipleship, and even though winning is a focus, the most important impact they have is with the spiritual development of those young men and women who come under their direction. Cedarville is known for its dedicated and focused coaches who hold high the principles taught in the Word of God. In many athletic-connected organizations they are instant leaders because of their reputations.

As you read this, you also will remember those whom you know that have made an impact for Christ around the world. Many go unmentioned who serve Christ as part of the team - who serve without fanfare - yet will hear the words of our Lord at some future date, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of the Lord."

We at Cedarville have great satisfaction in knowing that we have been used in a small way to encourage these young men and women to serve on God's team and to be an important part of the body of Christ. It takes all of us working together in various situations to bring many to Him.

I Corinthians 12:4-7 says, "Now there are different gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different ministries, but the same Lord. And there are different activities, but the same God is active in everything. A manifestation of the Spirit is given to each person to produce what is beneficial."

Let's continue to serve Christ together.

*Dr. Don Callan is the former Dean of the School of Health and Human Performance at Cedarville University. He also previously coached the Yellow Jacket men's basketball team for 35 years and is a member of the NAIA Hall of Fame.*

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The service is free, but standard text message rates apply depending upon the plan you have with your carrier. Click "SMS Alerts" at the bottom right of the web site.

## CU Hall of Famer Jeremiah honored at Cal State Fullerton

## 2009-10 CU Athletic Partners



**D**r. Maryalyce Jeremiah has been granted emeritus status by Cal State Fullerton President Dr. Milton Gordon. She is a 1965 graduate of Cedarville College as well as a former Lady Jacket athlete and coach.

The Titans' former head women's basketball coach (1985-86 thru 1991-92 and 2003-04 thru 2008-09) and senior woman administrator (1992-2002) stepped down from her position as coach at the end of June and was replaced by Marcia Foster.

Emeritus means retaining an honorary title corresponding to the last title held before retirement. For faculty, they have to have been on campus at least 10 years and have been a faculty member in good standing. For staff, the person has usually been on campus for 15-20 years and must have made exemplary service to the University and their department.

The privileges of emeritus status include use of the Emeritus Professors' office in the Pollak Library, a parking permit and continuation of their access to CSUF email address.

Dr. Jeremiah was an athlete at Cedarville College from 1961 through 1965. She has had head basketball coaching positions at her alma mater, the University of Dayton, Indiana University, and Cal State Fullerton.

Jeremiah was inducted as a charter member of the Cedarville University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1984. Her father, the late Dr. James T. Jeremiah, served as president of the institution from 1953-78.



Dr. Maryalyce Jeremiah  
(Photo by Matt Brown)

## Jason Kaufman named SID at Central Michigan University

**J**ason Kaufman was named Central Michigan University's sports information director in August 2009. He will direct the athletics department's media relations and publicity efforts.

Kaufman comes to CMU from Western Illinois University, where he had been the assistant athletics director for media services and broadcasting since December 2005. He began his career as a graduate assistant at Western Illinois in 1997 before being promoted to assistant sports information director (1990-01) and director of media services prior to his most recent role.

Kaufman created the university's first official athletics site before eventually signing an agreement with JumpTV in 2006 to host the site. Kaufman directed the media relations efforts for a 20-sport Division I program at WIU.

Several of Kaufman's football media guides earned national honors from the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). He is an active member of CoSIDA and has worked several men's and women's NCAA basketball tournaments.

Kaufman earned his bachelor's degree in physical education from Cedarville University in 1997 where he served as a sports information intern for one quarter. He has a master's degree in sport management from Western Illinois.



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# Cedarville University a big part of

by David Jablonski, Springfield News-Sun

**L**ibby Aker calls her friend and former teammate Cari Hyde the craziest person ever. Aker means that in the best way. "She's so alive and loves life," Libby says. "She's silly. She's goofy." The story that best demonstrates that took place three years ago.

Hyde was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia on March 23, 2006, months after playing a key role for the best Cedarville University volleyball team ever assembled. The previous fall, the Yellow Jackets had posted a school-record 45 victories.

Hyde, then playing under her maiden name Greetham, was named to the all-conference freshman team. She planned to run track in the spring, too.

Instead, in April 2006, she prepared to undergo chemotherapy for the first time at the Cleveland Clinic. The entire volleyball team walked into Cari's room, unsure of what to expect.

"We were serious because we didn't know how she would be feeling," says Aker, a Springfield Shawnee High School graduate. "We all had hats on, trying to make her feel better."

Cari had her own plans for lightening the mood. She asked each of her teammates to braid a section of her hair, then to cut it off. "She had long, gorgeous, blonde hair," says former Cedarville head volleyball coach Teresa Clark, who was there that day.

"We made it a party," Clark says.

Hyde donated the hair to Locks of Love, an organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children. In that way, she turned a bad thing into a good thing. In the larger picture, she has done that with everything that has happened to her in the last four years.

"She was very strong," says Cari's dad, Fred Greetham. "She took this as the Lord's will. This was the beauty queen, the all-state athlete, and she had everything taken away from her. It was very tough to deal with."

## The beginning

Cari has now been cancer free for close to three years. Her life has almost returned to normal, though she still suffers side effects of the fight against leukemia.

On June 13, 2009, she married Ryan Hyde, a Cedarville University graduate and former men's soccer player who has experienced every step of Cari's journey.

The two, both 22 now, first met in kindergarten at Westwood Elementary in Wellington, Ohio. They got to know each other in second grade while making a kite together in class.

"There are pictures of us holding the kite," Cari says. "We look like little nerds."

They began dating in ninth grade, attending a Wellington High School football game. Cari even remembers the date, Aug. 27.

They each decided to attend Cedarville, an easy choice for Cari, whose grandpa, parents, brother and sister all are Cedarville graduates. Fred Greetham, a record-breaking baseball player, is even a member of the school's hall of fame.

Cari had always dreamed of getting married. She always wanted a family. It might have happened sooner if not for the cancer.

She started feeling sick in January 2006, not long after returning to school from Christmas break. She felt tired all the time.

Doctors told her she had mononucleosis. Tests didn't show it, but they were confident the virus would show its face soon enough.

Then in March, Cari traveled to Florida with her family to watch her sister Jackie play softball with Cedarville in a spring-break tournament. Cari got so dehydrated one day she had to be hospitalized. Returning to school, her condition worsened. Not knowing exactly what was wrong made it more difficult.

Finally, on March 23, at Greene Memorial Hospital in Xenia, tests determined she had leukemia. The Cleveland Clinic is 45 minutes from her family's house in Wellington, so the next morning, an ambulance transported her north.

"I wasn't scared. I was at peace," Cari says. "I knew God was going to take care of me. I didn't really know anything about (leukemia). I didn't know what a long and terrible journey it would be or what ramifications it would have on the rest of my life."

## The fight

The long and terrible journey remains a hazy memory, and maybe it's better that way. Cari believes that God allowed her to forget some of the terrible things she experienced.

There's no nice way to describe her experience with chemotherapy. Even Cari can't put a positive spin on it, calling it awful.

She lost her vision for a week and experienced paralysis in her face. She had mouth sores the size of silver dollars. She lost her sense of taste and smell. Her hands went numb. She had ports placed in her chest and head to allow the doctors to inject the chemotherapy drugs into her body.

The first round of chemotherapy killed the cancer, but by June 9, 2006, it had returned. That meant another round of chemotherapy to kill the cancer, followed by a bone-marrow transplant.

"They had to go get the cancer again in order for me to have the transplant," Cari says.

Cari lost her hair twice. Her eyelashes fell out 12 times. She ate almost nothing but pasta — sans the sauce — for four months.

Through it all, she remained Cari.

"She was incredibly positive," Ryan says. "She was always encouraging other patients on the floor. She was always talking to the doctors."

They found a bone-marrow match in a 51-year-old male from Germany. Cari still doesn't know his name. She wrote to thank him, but he wishes to remain anonymous.

The transplant took place Sept. 5, 2006.

"It was all really fast," Cari says. "There are people on the waiting list for a long time, but they put me at the top of the list because I needed it so badly."

The intense chemotherapy damaged her heart so much that not long before the transplant, she suffered congestive heart failure. The heart specialist told the transplant doctor her heart wouldn't be able to take the stress of the operation. He wanted to wait a few months.

The transplant doctor said, "She's going to die anyway. We might as well do it and hope for the best."

The best is what they got.

## The comeback

There were dark days even after the transplant, including that one night a week later that doctors thought she might not survive.

But that fall, Cari slowly improved. Meanwhile, Ryan had left the soccer team to keep her company in Cleveland. Her mom, Joyce, was the primary caregiver, Ryan says, but he stayed at the Cleveland Clinic's Hope Lodge five minutes away.

"The soccer decision really wasn't a very hard one to make,"

# cancer recovery for former athlete



Ryan says. "Soccer's a big part of my life, and it continues to be a big part of my life, but one fall season, it really certainly was not worth not being up there with her. I was just there to keep her company and keep her optimistic."

Cari returned to school in 2007, but was not strong enough to play volleyball. Around the same time, Fred Greetham discovered he had skin cancer. Two surgeries and six weeks of radiation took care of that.

During his cancer battle, Fred's inspiration was his daughter. "Suck it up, dude," Fred told himself. "Look what your 21-year-old daughter is going through."

Getting back on the court was the least of Cari's concerns when she had cancer, but she never gave up on the goal. She loves the sport, she says, and wanted to prove to herself she could play again.

"If it were me, I would have said, 'Forget this, I'm done,'" Aker says.

Knowing how competitive Cari is, Ryan knew she would try to play again. The doctors were worried her bones would be too fragile, but a bone-density test proved she was healthy. They cleared her to play before the 2008 season.

On Aug. 23, 2008, she played for the first time since her freshman season at the Grace Classic in Winona, Ind.

"It was a big moment for her and for our team," current Cedarville head coach Doug Walters says. "You could tell there was a big emotional lift for her and the team. They were very glad to see her back on the court."

Aker describes the season as an emotional roller coaster. Cari was Aker's pepper partner all season, but Cari never regained the form that had made her the "stud volleyball player," as Ryan said, in 2005. The cancer and the treatments had robbed her of that.

"She was a phenomenal athlete," Clark says, "and I know she was frustrated by that."

## The future

Ryan remembers a time when walking up and down the driveway marked a successful day for Cari. Six weeks ago, she walked down the aisle to become his wife.

"It was incredible," Ryan says. "She's a blessing from God."

At the reception, a slideshow told the story of Cari and Ryan, from the kite project, through high school and college. The photos didn't leave out anything. They showed Cari at her sickest, and it wasn't easy to watch, Ryan says.

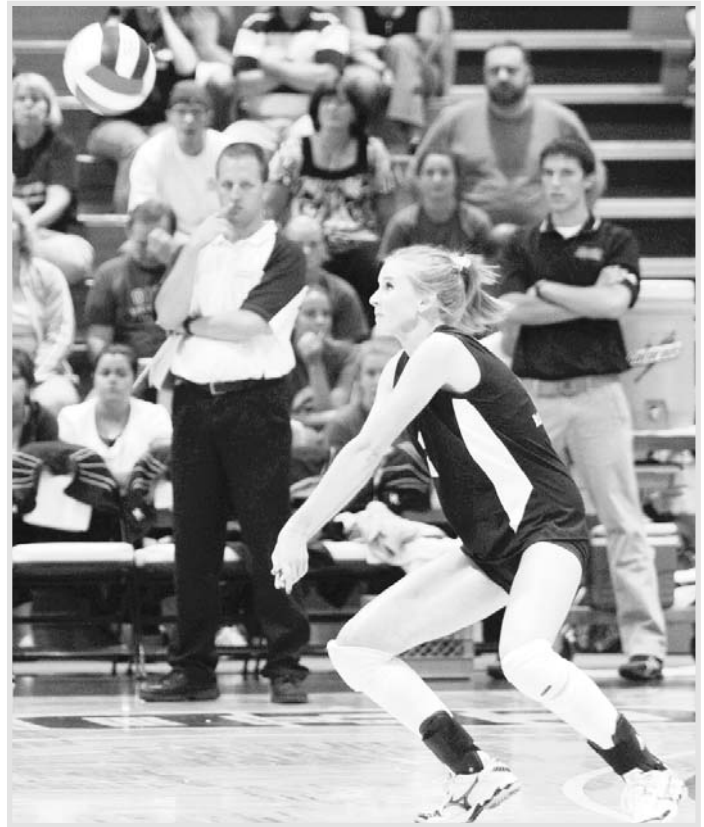
"It's crazy to think that was only a couple years ago," Ryan says. "It seems like a lifetime ago."

The side effects of the cancer and the treatments still plague Cari. She suffers from chronic headaches, and she knows there's also the chance the leukemia could return. She can't call herself officially cancer free until the fall of 2011.

Her normal is a different normal, she says, but every day is a step closer to her old normal.

This summer, she and Ryan accepted jobs at Calvary Christian School in Bellefontaine. She coaches volleyball and basketball, and also is a student advisor. Ryan teaches history and coaches soccer.

"We're both excited and thrilled," Cari says. "We know this is where God wants us."



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# “Athletes of Honor”

A Project of the CU Athletic Department's Legacy Committee

Five years ago, former Cedarville University Athletic Director Pete Reese purposed to find ways of preserving Cedarville University's athletic heritage, and of honoring those alumni athletes of all sports whose exploits on field and court make up that history. A committee of coaches was constituted, and charged with the task of identifying those athlete alums who had outstanding careers in their sport, and in their era. Coaches of each sport developed criteria for their respective sports. Sports information archives and yearbooks were searched; former coaches were interviewed, and finally lists of nominees were submitted. Those were reviewed and honorees were voted upon by the Legacy Committee.

The number of men and women who have competed for Yellow Jacket teams since 1953, and all the ways the athletic program has changed and grown, made the task huge. Over 300 former athletes were identified by their coaching staffs, and approved by the Legacy Committee as “Athletes of Honor”.

It was decided to honor those who graduated prior to 2000 at this year's Homecoming Weekend, and graduates of 2000 and later at next year's Homecoming.



Recognition of the Cedarville University “Athletes of Honor” included participation in the 2009 Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 3, 2009. (Photo courtesy Alison Huizinga)

After 2010, nominees for inclusion in “Athletes of Honor” will be considered, and honorees recognized every two years.

Over 60 “Athletes of Honor” from the “pre-2000” era attended Cedarville University's Homecoming on October 2-3, 2009 (see photo on page 2). The group marched in the Homecoming Parade, were

recognized at halftime of the men's soccer game and attended a dessert reception immediately following the soccer game. At the reception, each member in attendance was presented a certificate symbolic of their having been named an “Athlete of Honor”.

## Reyes Shines at Chicago Marathon

Former Yellow Jacket distance running standout Sergio Reyes placed 8th overall and was the highest finisher among American competitors at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon on Oct. 11, 2009.

Reyes, a 2002 graduate of Cedarville University, covered the 26.2-mile course in 2:15:30. It was his third marathon of the calendar year after running at Boston in the spring and at Cincinnati in the summer.

Reyes works for the USAF as a civilian flight test engineer at the Air Force Flight Test Center in Edwards AFB (Calif.). As far as running is concerned, he competes for the Asics Aggies in an elite group that is spread out across the state of California. He also serves as their Olympic Development Program Director.

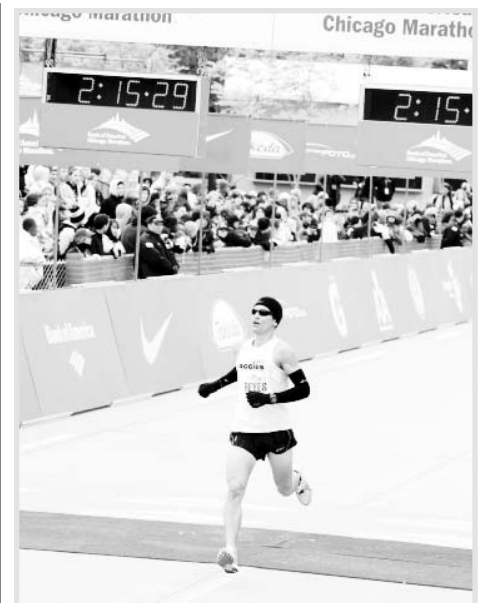
A few shorter races are on the docket for



the remainder of the year for Reyes. Prior to the Chicago Marathon, he was piling up 160-plus miles per week in training.

Reyes transferred to Cedarville in the fall of 2000 and assembled an outstanding two-year career with the Yellow Jackets. He was a two-time NAIA All-American in cross country placing 6th in 2000 and 4th in 2002. Reyes was a two-time NCCAA All-American and was the 2002 national champion. (Sergio did not run the 2001 cross country season.)

Reyes was a six-time NAIA All-American on the track in 2001 and 2002. He was the 2002 NAIA Outdoor 10,000 meter champion and was the NCCAA Outstanding Performer of the Meet that same year. Reyes still holds school records in the indoor 5K as well as the outdoor 5K and 10K.



Former Yellow Jacket Sergio Reyes crosses the finish line at the 2009 Bank of America Chicago Marathon. (Photos courtesy Photorun.net)

## Former Yellow Jacket Sprinter Elected Executive Director of NFLPA

**D**eMaurice Smith, a 1985 graduate of Cedarville College and a former NCAA champion sprinter on the track for the Yellow Jackets, was elected earlier this year as the new executive director of the NFL Players Association.

With two former union presidents and a high-profile sports attorney also as finalists, NFLPA player representatives instead went with an outsider in electing Smith. He succeeds the late Gene Upshaw and will guide the players into a critical era that includes negotiating a new collective bargaining agreement.

Smith, 45, was elected on the first ballot by the 32 player representatives - one for each NFL team.

"We're behind our new leader, and we're ready to forge forward with a united front," St. Louis Rams offensive lineman Adam Goldberg said. "Mr. Smith is our best option of leading us into the future, and we're proud to be a part of it."

Smith becomes the fourth leader in the union's 41-year history. He has the opportunity to chart a new direction for the NFLPA.



DeMaurice Smith  
(Photo by Patton Boggs)

## Cedarville Pep Band Director Performs at Ohio State - Illinois Football Game



(Photo courtesy Harner family)

**C**edarville University pep band director John Harner was asked by The Ohio State University Marching Band to play a trumpet solo at halftime of the OSU-Illinois football game on Saturday, Sept. 26 in Columbus, Ohio. Harner, dressed in scarlet and gray, performed *Chamelion* and *Malaguena* in front of more than 100,000 spectators.

Harner, an Ohio State alumnus, played in the marching band for four years. He currently is a music teacher at Central Middle School in Xenia, Ohio while also directing the jazz band at Xenia High School and teaching trumpet at Central State University. Harner has directed the CU pep band for home basketball games since 2002.

Harner lives in Cedarville with his wife, Jean, and two children, Matt and Liz. Matt is a junior at Cedarville University and a member of the Yellow Jacket basketball team.

## CU Alum Tim Walker Named Head Men's Basketball Coach at Malone



**T**im Walker, who had been the head men's basketball coach at Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights, Illinois, is the new head men's basketball coach at Malone University in Canton, Ohio. Walker replaces interim head coach Henry Cobb, who filled in for longtime head coach Hal Smith for the 2008-09 season.



Tim Walker

Walker, 32, completed his seventh season as head coach at Trinity Christian. In 2004-05, he led the Trolls to their first NAIA national tournament appearance in school history as the team won the program's first-ever CCAC (Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference) tournament championship, finishing with an 18-15 record. Walker was named the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association's NAIA Division II Coach of the Year for his efforts.

Then, in the 2007-08 campaign, Trinity posted a record of 23-13 which was only the second 20-win season in the 36-year history of the program. The team finished fifth in the NCAA national tournament.

Last season, Walker directed his squad to a second-straight 20-win season (third in the program's history) at 23-9. After earning a regular-season co-championship in the CCAC, the first in the program's history, Trinity earned another appearance in the NAIA Division II national tournament. The only men's basketball coach in Trinity's history to have a winning record, Walker's overall record in seven seasons at Trinity is 111-108 and his CCAC mark is 47-31.

Walker graduated from Cedarville University in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in finance. He earned his master's of sports science in coaching at the United States Sports Academy (AL) in 2001. Before coming to Trinity, he served as an assistant coach at Calvin College (MI), from 2000-02 during which time the program's record was 43-11, and at Cedarville University.

"My wife and I are very excited about joining the Malone University community and leading the men's basketball program," commented Walker. "We were very impressed with the people that we met during our campus visit and we look forward to building on the tradition that Coach Smith and others have helped to build at Malone. We are also very excited to move back to Ohio but we will leave behind some great friends and outstanding young men at Trinity Christian College. We feel very blessed to have spent the last seven years at Trinity but we are also very excited about what the future holds at Malone."

Malone AD Charlie Grimes was equally as excited to have Walker join the Malone athletic department. "Tim is a great addition to the Malone coaching staff," said Grimes. "He brings excellent college head coaching experience, a great understanding of the sports culture in Ohio, and a deep commitment to developing men through sport. I look forward to seeing Tim build teams that work together toward excellence both on and off the court."

Walker and his wife, Alison, have three children, Emily, Grant and T.J.

Tim is the son of Dr. Ron and Becky Walker of Cedarville, Ohio.

(Courtesy of Malone University Sports Information)

(Editor's Note: The Yellow Jackets face Malone on Saturday, December 5, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in Canton, Ohio.)





## Another Season of Cedarville University Basketball Set to Tip-Off



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The Yellow Jackets were ranked as high as #1 in NAIA Division II last winter before advancing to the national tournament, finished 27-4 overall, and shared the American Midwest Conference title. They will get a small taste of things to come with an exhibition game at NCAA Division I Morehead State on Nov. 4.

The regular season officially kicks off on Nov. 6-7 at the Rio Grande Classic with contests against Cumberlands (Ky.) and the host Red Storm. Cedarville takes a trip to Chicago on Nov. 13-14 to face Saint Xavier and host Trinity Christian in the Trinity Christian Classic.

The home schedule in the Callan Athletic Center begins with the 32nd Annual Cedarville Invitational on Nov. 20-21. Point Park and Trevecca Nazarene meet in the opener with the Yellow Jackets squaring off with Rio Grande in the nightcap. The losers and winners meet the next night.

The Northwood Tournament on Dec. 29-30 in West Palm Beach, Fla. is the fourth two-day affair of the season. Cedarville has a date with NAIA Final Four participant Bethel (Ind.) in the opening round.

The American Midwest Conference has gone back to two divisions on the men's side this year. The South Division opener is Dec. 1 at Walsh, whom the Yellow Jackets shared the AMC title with last season.

The Cavaliers pay a return visit on Jan. 26. Cedarville also plays South Division home-and-home series with Mount Vernon Nazarene, Northwestern Ohio, Shawnee State, and Wilberforce. The Jackets play all six North Division opponents in crossover contests which will count in the South Division standings.

Alumni Weekend is scheduled for Feb. 6 with Notre Dame (Ohio) visiting. Longtime rival Mount Vernon Nazarene comes to town for Li'l Sibs Weekend on Feb. 13.



Lady Jacket head basketball coach Kirk Martin has released a 2009-10 schedule that includes 14 home games, 14 road contests and two games played on a neutral court. The docket also shows 11 games with opponents who finished the 2008-09 campaign ranked in the NAIA Top 25 or in the "receiving votes" category.

Martin, who is entering his ninth season with the program, led the team to a 21-9 record last winter and a second-place spot in the American Midwest Conference with a 12-3 mark. The Lady

A full 30-game schedule including four tournaments and 14 home dates highlight the 2009-10 men's basketball slate released by head coach Pat



Senior forward Ricardo Alliman averaged 8.8 points per game last season for the Jackets.

Jackets advanced to the NAIA Division II national tournament for the sixth time in the last seven years.

The 2009-10 schedule begins in the Callan Athletic Center with the annual Cedarville Classic on Nov. 13-14. AMC member Malone and perennial NAIA power Indiana Wesleyan provide the opposition for Cedarville. AMC neighbor Wilberforce will also participate in the event.

CU plays in the Grace Classic in Winona Lake, Ind. the second weekend of the season. The squad faces Mid-Central College Conference members Taylor and the host Lancers.

Cedarville stays on the road for two consecutive non-league road contests. The Lady Jackets tangle with Urbana on Nov. 24 and then visit NCAA Division III Wittenberg on Nov. 28.

The Lady Jackets jump right into AMC action with three games - including two trips to the Canton, Ohio area - during the first week of December. CU faces Walsh, hosts Wilberforce and closes out the week at Malone.

CU has an eight-day break during finals week before making a trip to Ft. Wayne, Ind. on Mon., Dec. 14 in a battle with Saint Francis.

Two home contests are scheduled before the start of the Christmas break. CU hosts Urbana on Dec. 17 and Madonna two days later.

The 2009 portion of the schedule concludes with the Lady Jackets participating in the four-team Northwood Invitational in West Palm Beach, Fla. Opponents are the host Seahawks on Dec. 29 and a rematch with Indiana Wesleyan on Dec. 30.

Cedarville returns to action in 2010 with 16 consecutive AMC games awaiting the team including four consecutive home dates in the Callan Athletic Center.

A challenging portion of the calendar then produces five of six contests away from home including a key matchup at Mount Vernon Nazarene on Jan. 19.

Four of the last six games to close out the 2009-10 campaign will be at home for Cedarville including an Alumni Weekend tilt against Notre Dame (Ohio) and a Li'l Sibs rematch date with Mount Vernon Nazarene.

Two-time defending AMC champion Shawnee State comes to town on Feb. 11 for an important league contest.

Just nine days later, a trip to Portsmouth finishes out the regular season against the Bears of Shawnee State.

The 2009-10 AMC schedule produces 19 games for CU with at least one match-up against every league team. Home-and-home series take place with Mount Vernon Nazarene, Shawnee State, Walsh and Wilberforce.

The AMC regular season champion and tournament champion receive the league's two automatic bids to the NAIA Division II National Tournament in Sioux City, Iowa.



Senior guard Alison Lemon earned NAIA All-America Third Team honors in 2008-09.

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