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from Cedarville College Yellow Jackets

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The Yellow Jacket 1979-80 basketball team had an outstanding year culminating in a 21-9 season. It was a year full of success and excitement for fans and team members alike.

The Yellow Jacket Cagers lost two key starters to graduation. Rick Hickman's speed and Kim Kauffman's rebounding and scoring potential will be missed. However, the return of 10 of last year's top 12 and what Callan calls "the best recruiting year we have had", leads one to believe that an even higher level of success and excitement will carry through the historic gym's final year.

Senior NAIA All American Honorable Mention pick, Eric Mounts, and juniors Drew Baker and Mark Womack are returning starters who will be looked to for a good deal of the leadership for the twelve freshmen on this year's roster. "If you consider bodies, we'll be in good shape," reports Callan.

There will be more competition within the squad for the top 12 positions than there has ever been before. Some of the freshmen are equal in raw talent to those who were on last year's team. Now the test will come to see if these rookies can jell with or fit into the synch of the Yellow Jacket style of play, to see how quickly they develop, and to see how they fit into our pattern and approach physically, mentally and spiritually.

Rich Himes, 6'8" and Tim Danube, 6'6", will be rookies vying for the position left vacant by Kauffman along with sophomore, Dave Carr. Carr has vastly improved over last year's rookie appearance. He is consistent, a hustler, and adds stability to the defense. Sophomore transfer Tim Pryor will also be seeking to take Kauffman's

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slot but will not be eligible until December 12, 1980. Curt Berger will be a prime contender for Hickman's guard position. Curt hits the outside shot well, is a good ball handler, and a floor leader. However, he will receive a strong challenge from Malcolm Dixon when he becomes eligible December 12.

In pre-season scrimmages Callan has been generally pleased with the Yellow Jacket play. The team runs a consistent pattern, they are organized, and maintain a high level of intensity. The strength of the freshmen in size will be proved as they develop rapidly, but experience in college ball is needed for the rookies to be effective.