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KATHY FREESE NAMED MID-OHIO CONFERENCE COACH OF THE YEAR

Cedarville College women's basketball coach Kathy Freese has been voted the Mid-Ohio Conference Coach of the Year by the league's coaches. She paced the Lady Jackets to a third place finish in the ten-team league behind two teams that are nationally ranked in NAIA Division II.

Freese, who is a native of DeGraff and graduated from Riverside High School, takes her team into the MOC semifinals on Saturday at Shawnee State, who is ranked No. 5 nationally. However, Cedarville took the Bears into overtime during the regular season on their floor before losing, 82-76, and then the Jackets upset Shawnee, 77-76, later in the year at home.

Cedarville is 19-8 on the season following Thursday's 75-64 quarterfinal win over Malone. The 19 wins is the second-highest in school history for a season.

"This team is an extremely hardworking group of young women," said Freese, who is 67-51 in four years at Cedarville. "The sign of a good team is that it rises to the occasion and we've played well when we had to. This team has a tremendous work ethic and the determination has paid off this year. We are excited about the future as well because we only lose two seniors."

The Lady Jackets finished the regular season at 13-5 in the MOC. The league not only includes Shawnee State, but regular season champion Findlay, who is ranked No. 2 in NAIA Division II.

Freese, who also graduated from Bowling Green, spent 20 years at Perrysburg High School near Toledo before coming to Cedarville. She is a professor in the Department of Health and Physical Education and also serves as the Lady Jackets fast-pitch softball coach.