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2003.....An AMAZING Season!!

The 2003 Cedarville University volleyball squad recorded their 13th consecutive winning season last fall and advanced to the semi-finals of the NAIA Region IX Tournament at Daemen College (NY). The Lady Jackets posted a 31-14 overall record and finished in second place of the American Midwest Conference with a 13-3 mark. The team also advanced to the championship contest of the AMC Tournament but dropped a 30-22, 30-21, 30-24 decision to Walsh University which ultimately advanced to the Elite Eight of the NAIA National Tournament.

Coach Teresa Clark's eighth season at the helm of the program was one of the best ever at Cedarville. The team advanced farther into the post season than any other Lady Jacket team – and this with out any seniors on the roster. The lone senior coming into the season, setter Carrie Hartman, suffered a torn ACL in the first game of the first match of the campaign and was finished for the year. It was a devastating loss to a team that was looking forward to a great season but the players regrouped and were able to put together a very impressive run through the 2003 schedule.

The Lady Jackets were led throughout the season by NCCAA All-America First Teamer Lauren Mable, a 5-3 sophomore from Lancaster, PA. Mable finished the season with a team-leading 549 kills and was also named to the All-American Midwest Conference South Division First Team. She recorded a team-leading 754 digs, a .912 serve receive percentage and 57 service aces while being named to the 16th Annual Cedarville Invitational All-Tournament Team, All-NCCAA Midwest Region Team and the NCCAA National Tournament Team.



Lauren Mable

Sophomore setter Kelsey Jones from Cedarville, OH, stepped into the full-time role of setting for the Lady Jackets offense and promptly set a school record for most assists in a season with 1,820. Jones was honored as an NCCAA All-America Second Team player as well as being named to the 16th Annual Cedarville Invitational All-Tournament Team, the All-NCCAA Midwest Region Team and the All-American Midwest Conference Second Team. She was third on the team with 473 digs, was the second-leading server with a .937 mark and was voted as the team's Most Valuable Player.



Kelsey Jones

Julia Bradley, a 6-0 freshman middle hitter from Valencia, CA, adapted quickly to the collegiate level and produced 490 kills while leading the Lady Jackets with 132 total blocks and a .395 attack percentage which was second-highest in the AMC. She was named American Midwest Conference South Division Freshman of the Year while being tabbed to the All-AMC South Division Second Team.



Julia Bradley

The highlight of the 2003 campaign was the pre-season missions trip to Costa Rica which set the tone for the rest of the year. It was an incredible opportunity to use volleyball as a tool to share Christ with those in need of Him. It was a life-changing trip for everyone and hopefully, there will be other trips in the future. There were other highlights during the regular season as well. One was the win at Mount Vernon Nazarene on September 16 - the second consecutive year that a Cedarville team came away from MVNU with a win after never previously winning there. A record volleyball attendance of 900 rocked the Callan Athletic Center for the match against NAIA #12 Walsh University on October 10. The Lady Jackets captured the first game 30-25 before dropping the next three - 30-27, 30-21 and 30-26. Indiana Wesleyan defeated CU in the title match of the NCCAA Midwest Regional on October 18 as Paula Thompson, a junior middle hitter from Solon, OH, became just the 10th player in school history to surpass 1,000 career kills. The team may have played one of the best matches of the year in a losing effort to Palm Beach Atlantic at the NCCAA National Tournament on October 30 at Indiana Wesleyan. Lauren Mable pounded 26 kills to go along with 24 digs but PBA rallied to knock of the Lady Jackets 28-30, 30-19, 19-30, 30-28, and 15-9.

All but two players from this past fall return for another year of competition in 2004 so there is reason for much optimism. And with the addition of Sarah Zeltman (see back page) the outlook is positive for another successful Cedarville volleyball campaign - a 14th consecutive winning season at the very least!

2003 AMC Volleyball Standings

NORTH DIVISION (Final)	DIVISION			OVERALL		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Daemen*	16	2	.889	29	11	.725
Seton Hill	14	4	.778	26	13	.667
Saint Vincent	13	5	.722	23	13	.639
Geneva	13	5	.722	20	19	.513
Houghton	11	7	.611	15	15	.500
Roberts Wesleyan	9	9	.500	22	14	.611
Carlow	5	11	.313	16	21	.432
Ursuline	5	13	.278	8	28	.222
Notre Dame	4	14	.222	9	34	.209
Point Park	0	18	.000	3	29	.094

SOUTH DIVISION (Final)	DIVISION			OVERALL		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Walsh*+	16	0	1.000	37	5	.881
CEDARVILLE	13	3	.813	31	14	.689
Mt. Vernon Nazarene	12	4	.750	36	10	.783
Malone	10	6	.625	28	9	.757
Shawnee State	8	8	.500	23	12	.657
Ohio Dominican	5	11	.313	23	16	.590
Tiffin	5	11	.313	19	20	.487
Urbana	3	13	.188	14	20	.412
Rio Grande	0	16	.000	8	24	.250

* Division champion +AMC and NAIA Region IX Tournament Champion

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS from 2003 Season



Julia Bradley, a 6-0 freshman from Valencia, CA, was named American Midwest Conference South Division Freshman of the Year and was a member of the All-AMC South Division Second Team. Bradley pounded 490 kills and led the Lady Jackets with 132 total blocks.



Kelsey Jones, a 5-8 sophomore setter from Cedarville, OH, set a school record for most assists in a season with 1,820 and was named to the NCCAA All-America Second Team and All-American Midwest Conference Second Team. She was named the team's MVP for 2003.



Lauren Mable, a 5-3 sophomore from Lancaster, PA, led the Cedarville Lady Jackets to a 31-14 overall record this past fall. She was named to the NCCAA All-America First Team and the All-American Midwest Conference South Division First Team.



Carrie Hartman and her new sister in Christ - Karen! Carrie led Karen to the Lord during the team's mission trip to Costa Rica last August. Carrie has had continued email contact with her friend who has expressed a desire to play in the United States someday for Cedarville University!

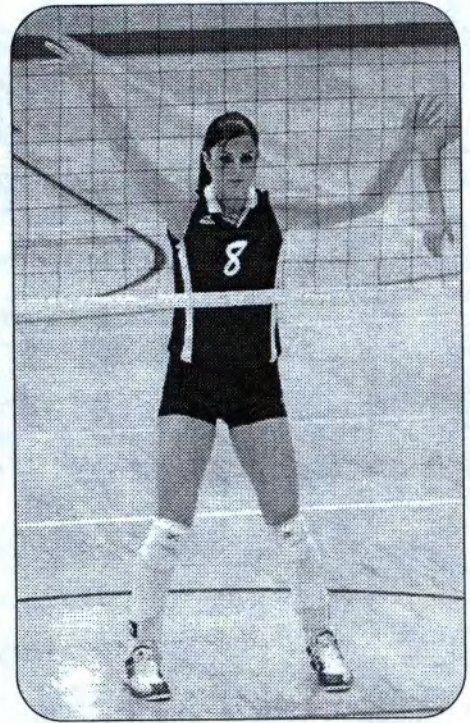
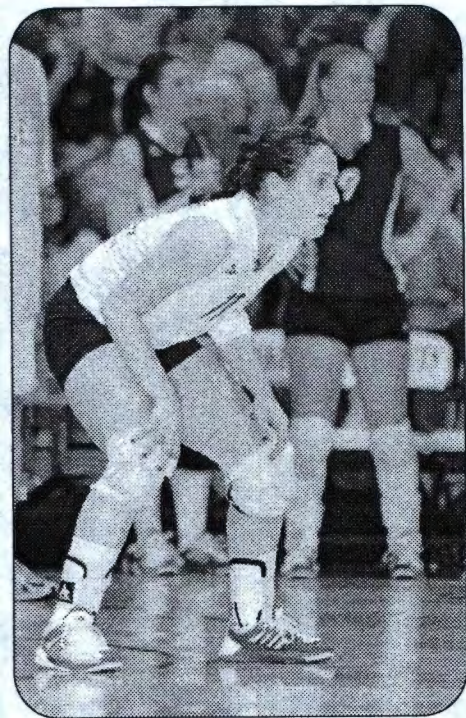


Members of the CU Lady Jackets and the Desamparados Costa Rican club team after their match. The Desamparados team included two sisters who were also members of the Costa Rican national team.

The team poses while waiting for people to show up for the first match of the trip, only to find out we had been taken to the wrong gym! Regardless, it was a beautiful mountain setting overlooking the nearby city and afforded the team an opportunity to sing and pray together.



PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS from 2003 Season



Kathy Godinez, a 5-5 sophomore from Ada, MI, played the libero position last fall and recorded 551 digs while playing in every game of every match. She also posted an .840 serve receive percentage with 1043 attempts and 167 errors.

Richelle Clem, a 5-11 junior all-around performer from Elkhart, IN, appeared in all 45 matches and led the team in service attempts (782). She was second in digs (562) and service aces (53) while posting a career-high 27 digs in a win over Malone.

Paula Thompson, a 5-9 junior middle hitter from Solon, OH, powered 441 kills to become the tenth player to achieve 1,000 career kills. Thompson registered 45 service aces, 220 digs and 91 total blocks to earn All-AMC honorable mention for the 2003 campaign.

*The theme verse for the season-opening mission trip was Habakkuk 1:5 -
 "Look at the nations (Costa Rica) and watch and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told."*



RECRUITING NEWS

Sarah Zeltman Signs Letter of Intent to Play Volleyball at Cedarville University

Sarah Zeltman has signed a national letter of intent to play volleyball at Cedarville University. She is the daughter of Jon and Sandy Zeltman of Kidron, Ohio.

Zeltman, a 6-1 middle hitter, led Kidron Central Christian High School to the OHSAA Division IV semi-finals and a 26-2 overall record. The two-time All-Ohio First Team and District Player of the Year performer led the Comets with 320 kills, 36 serving aces, 43 solo blocks, 35 block assists and a .416 attack percentage. She is the all-time leader at Kidron Central Christian with 675 kills, 119 solo blocks, 103 block assists, kills per game (3.92) and attack percentage (.388). Zeltman led Kidron Central to a 72-9 overall record during her three seasons of competition.

Head Coach Teresa Clark is thrilled about adding a player of Sarah's caliber to her 2004 Lady Jacket squad. "I am so excited that God led Sarah to choose Cedarville University. She will be a wonderful asset to our team and will make an immediate impact on the court for us," stated Clark. "We have been privileged to have the past two American Midwest Conference South Division Freshmen of the Year and have confidence that Sarah will be strongly considered for this honor in the fall."

Cedarville, which returns all but two players from 2003 for the upcoming season, finished second in the American Midwest Conference South Division with a 13-3 record. The Lady Jackets qualified for the AMC post season tournament for the sixth consecutive year and advanced to the championship match, participated in the NCCAA National Tournament for the seventh time and advanced to the NAIA Region IX semifinals for the first time in school history.



(Standing: Mr. and Mrs. Jon Zeltman, KCCHS Athletic Director Mr. Bruce Kooker, KCCHS Volleyball Coach Mr. Fred Miller. Sitting: Sarah Zeltman, Cedarville University Volleyball Coach Mrs. Teresa Clark)

Volleyball Tryouts held Feb. 28

About 25 players were on hand Saturday, Feb. 28 in the Callan Athletic Center for a volleyball tryout session that lasted from 9 am to noon. Of the 25 players participating, approximately 12 were high school seniors looking to impress and gain the notice of head coach Teresa Clark. Also at the tryout were current members - except those in a spring sport - of the Lady Jacket squad who will be returning next season. About 5 junior varsity players seeking to secure a spot on the 2004 team were also involved.

Coach Clark commented about the day, "It is always a pleasure to meet prospective players and hear their story. I tell them all to relax, enjoy the time and not worry about their performance - ultimately God is in control and everything works out in His time!"

A second spring volleyball tryout was held in early April for those who could not make the session in February due to schedule conflicts. Final 2004 roster selections will be made by mid-April.



2004 Cedarville University Volleyball Schedule (Tentative)



Aug. 27	at The Masters College Tournament	Santa Clarita, CA	TBA
Aug. 28	at The Masters College Tournament	Santa Clarita, CA	TBA
Sept. 3	CEDARVILLE INVITATIONAL	Cedarville, OH	TBA
Sept. 4	CEDARVILLE INVITATIONAL	Cedarville, OH	TBA
Sept. 10	at Saint Vincent Invitational	Latrobe, PA	TBA
Sept. 11	at Saint Vincent Invitational	Latrobe, PA	TBA
Sept. 14	at University of Rio Grande*	Rio Grande, OH	7 pm
Sept. 17	at Indiana Wesleyan Tournament	Marion, IN	TBA
Sept. 18	at Indiana Wesleyan Tournament	Marion, IN	TBA
Sept. 20	at Mt. Vernon Nazarene University*	Mt. Vernon, OH	7 pm
Sept. 24	at Trinity Christian Tournament	Palos Heights, IL	TBA
Sept. 25	at Trinity Christian Tournament	Palos Heights, IL	TBA
Sept. 28	URBANA UNIVERSITY*	Cedarville, OH	7 pm
Sept. 30	TIFFIN UNIVERSITY*	Cedarville, OH	7 pm
Oct. 2	UNIV. OF RIO GRANDE* (Homecoming)	Cedarville, OH	11 am
Oct. 2	MT. VERNON NAZARENE* (Homecoming)	Cedarville, OH	3 pm
Oct. 5	at Central State University	Wilberforce, OH	7 pm
Oct. 8	WALSH UNIVERSITY*	Cedarville, OH	7 pm
Oct. 9	MALONE COLLEGE*	Cedarville, OH	1 pm
Oct. 11	at Shawnee State University*	Portsmouth, OH	7 pm
Oct. 12	OHIO DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY*	Cedarville, OH	7 pm
Oct. 19	at Urbana University*	Urbana, OH	7 pm
Oct. 14	at Ohio Dominican University*	Columbus, OH	7 pm
Oct. 22	at NCCAA Midwest Regional	Winona Lake, IN	TBA
Oct. 23	at NCCAA Midwest Regional	Winona Lake, IN	TBA
Oct. 26	CENTRAL STATE UNIVERSITY	Cedarville, OH	7 pm
Oct. 29	at Malone College*	Canton, OH	7 pm
Oct. 30	at Walsh University*	N. Canton, OH	10 am
Oct. 30	vs. Taylor University	N. Canton, OH	12 pm
Nov. 2	at Ohio Dominican University*	Columbus, OH	7 pm
Nov. 4-6	NCCAA National Tournament	W. Palm Beach, FL	TBA
Nov. 8	SHAWNEE STATE UNIVERSITY	Cedarville, OH	7 pm
Nov. 12	AMC Tournament	At #1 Seed AMC No	TBA
Nov. 13	AMC Tournament	At #1 Seed AMC No	TBA
Nov. 20	NAIA Region IX Tournament	At #1 Seed AMC So	TBA

*AMC South Division Match
All times are local times