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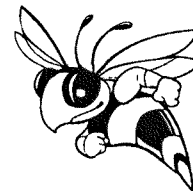


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Cedarville University Alumni Soccer Newsletter



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SEASON PREVIEW

There is great anticipation for the upcoming season as always. The American Mideast Conference continues to provide a challenging environment for our players. The strong teams today may be different from years past. Today they include the University of Rio Grande (ranked #1 in the nation for most of 2004 and the 2003 National Champions) and Tiffin University. These two teams continue to provide the most challenging games. Based upon outcomes of recent years, a strong case could be made for ranking Cedarville soccer behind only these two teams in the AMC south. Though other programs might disagree, Cedarville has had a certain measure of success against the other teams in our conference.

Please make plans to catch a game if a Cedarville road trip takes the team into your neck of the woods. Maybe all New Yorkers could see visit the team during an early season trip to play Houghton College and Roberts Wesleyan College. Later in the season a southern tour takes Cedarville to Mobile, Alabama to play the University of Mobile and Belhaven College. All of these schools have traditionally strong soccer programs and participate in the NAIA national tournament annually. It is very encouraging to the team to have alumni stop by to say "hello" and even watch a game if possible. Review the schedule at the end of this article to pick out a date where you can catch up with Cedarville University Soccer.

What will you expect to see in 2005 at a Cedarville game?

Win or lose you will see an intensity of effort that will make you proud. You won't be embarrassed by immature actions, uncontrolled tempers, and constant whining at the referees. You will see a team that moves the ball around the field very well and creates many exciting moments by pressuring the opponent and taking risks to push forward. You can even focus on your old position and evaluate whether or not you could have beat out the current installment. The system is probably different than when you played. Right now, Cedarville lines up in a 4-3-3, Dutch-style formation. Part of the fun of the system is the three attackers who create great angst for the opponent's defensive line. Of course, this is all drawn up perfectly on paper. Come and watch a game and let the coaching staff know how it is really going from the bleacher view. Really!

Who will you see?

Four years ago a freshman, **Justin Benz** (Ormand, FL) came to Cedarville with great promise. In his first collegiate game he blew out his knee so badly the doctor wondered if he would ever participate again in athletics. After a lengthy rehab process, Justin will miraculously anchor the attack as the primary target.



Justin Benz

Grant Knight (Wellington, OH) and **Ken Davis** (Chelsea, MI) will continue as attacking wingers. It should be fun to see Grant creating havoc down that left flank again as he missed much of last season due to injury.



Grant Knight

Phil Ellis (Cincinnati, OH) will continue to be the team workhorse either at a holding midfield position or as a central defender. Phil has wedding plans for June and the squad is excited for their teammate and his exciting future life.



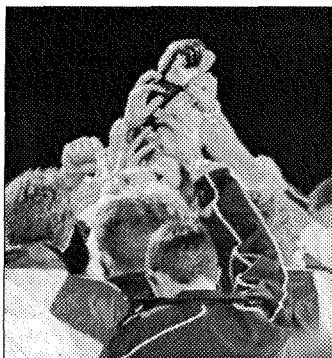
Ken Davis

The captain trio for this year are seniors **Tyler Shumacher** (Elkhart, IN), **Andrew Belleman** (Cedarville, OH) and **Grant Knight** (Wellington, OH). They have already injected an infectious enthusiasm into off-season activities and are fine examples of the servant leadership required for any organization to succeed.

See the newcomer review in this newsletter to catch up on the latest additions to Cedarville Soccer.



Phil Ellis



Andrew Belleman



Tyler Schumacher

2005 Cedarville University Men's Soccer Schedule

Aug. 30	at Notre Dame College	South Euclid, OH	5 p.m.
Sept. 2	at Houghton College	Houghton, NY	4 p.m.
Sept. 3	at Roberts Wesleyan College	Rochester, NY	2 p.m.
Sept. 9	MT. ST. JOSEPH COLLEGE	Cedarville, OH	7 p.m.
Sept. 17	at Bethel College	Mishawaka, IN	7 p.m.
	<i>(visiting a church in the area on Sept. 18)</i>		
Sept. 20	WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY	Cedarville, OH	7 p.m.
Sept. 23	SAINT FRANCIS (IL)	Cedarville, OH	7 p.m.
Sept. 24	at Shawnee St. University*	Portsmouth, OH	2 p.m.
Sept. 27	URBANA UNIVERSITY*	Cedarville, OH	7 p.m.
Oct. 1	at Malone College*	Canton, OH	1 p.m.
Oct. 4	MT. VERNON NAZARENE UNIV.*	Cedarville, OH	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 8	CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY (MI)	Cedarville, OH	2 p.m.
	<i>(Homecoming)</i>		
Oct. 11	UNIVERSITY OF RIO GRANDE*	Cedarville, OH	7 p.m.
Oct. 18	at Ohio Dominican University*	Columbus, OH	3 p.m.
Oct. 21	at Belhaven	Mobile, AL	TBA
Oct. 22	at University of Mobile	Mobile, AL	7 p.m.
Oct. 25	at Tiffin University*	Tiffin, OH	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 29	WALSH UNIVERSITY*	Cedarville, OH	7 p.m.

All starting times local *American Mideast Conference South Division Matches
HOME GAMES IN CAPS