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**2005 Division II Women's Basketball National Championship
Game 29 - #1 Cedarville University (Ohio) (34-1) vs. #2 Concordia University (Neb.)
(31-4) 86-73****CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY DEFEATS CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY
IN A THRILLER**

SIoux CITY, Iowa – Cedarville University (Ohio) defeated Concordia University (Neb.) 86-73 in overtime of the Semifinals of the 2005 NAIA Division II Women's Basketball National Championship held at Tyson Events Center/Gateway Arena March 9-15.

In the most dramatic games of the tournament that saw Cedarville's Kari Flunker hit two free throws with 1.7 seconds on the clock to put the game into overtime. This was a game of runs as Concordia jumped out to an early six point lead, and Cedarville would spend an early time-out. Cedarville would then go on a 14 point run to go up by eight at the 14:54 mark of the first half. The two teams would battle back and forth and tie the game at 24, with 6:18 left in the half, until Concordia went on an eight point run to go up 32-24. Cedarville would respond immediately and tie the game at 34 with 3:19 left in the half. Concordia would go into the half leading 41-39.

Cedarville's Brittany Smart who finished with tournament high 36 points, finished the first half with 18 points on (8-for-14) shooting. Concordia's Kari Saving responded as she finished the half with 14 points on (5-for-9) shooting.

The second half was again a battle as Concordia would take an eight point lead on a field goal by Sarah Harrison at the 6:47 mark, to only see Cedarville tie the game again with 51 seconds left in the game. Concordia would take a two point lead on a basket by Kari Saving with 42 seconds left, and Concordia would have the opportunity to extend the lead, to only miss the front end of two bonus free throw opportunities. Cedarville would then go on and out-score Concordia 13-0 in the overtime.

Concordia senior guard Kari Saving finished her career with 20 points and pulled down eight rebounds. "Cedarville is a really good team" said Saving. "I have avoiding thinking about this being the end, and it is a little hard and I am so proud of everyone, and everything we have accomplished."

The Bulldogs of Concordia had two other players in double figures as Sarah Harrison finished with a double-double as she finished with 14 points and

pulled down 12 rebounds. Junior guard Carly Wolfram contributed ten points to the cause. This was the seventh national tournament appearance for Concordia and their fourth straight. Concordia finished the season 31-5.

Cedarville will be making their second straight national championship appearance as they had three players in double figures. Sophomore forward Brittany Smart who finished with 36 points on (8-for-14) shooting along with Kari Flunker who contributed 25 points, have now moved into eighth place on the All-Time National Tournament Scoring leaders with 194 points. Sophomore guard Karah Walton finished with ten points. The Yellow Jackets finished the game (8-for-14) from the 3-point line.

Cedarville 35-1 on the season advances to the championship game for second year in a row. The Yellow Jackets defeated Lyndon State (Vt.) 111-33 in the first round, St. Francis (Ind.) 85-67 in the second round and College of the Ozarks (Mo.) 78-75 in the quarterfinals. Cedarville will face the winner of Morningside (Iowa) and Evangel (Mo.) Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. (Central). The game is being televised live nationally on College Sports Television (CSTV). CSTV is available on DirecTV and on some cable operators.

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Date: 3/14/2005
Time: 6:00 pm

Arena: Tyson Events Center
City, State: Sioux City, IA

VISITOR: Concordia University (31-5)

NO	PLAYER	P	TOT-FG		3-PT		FT		FTA		REBOUNDS							S	MIN
			FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BK			
22	Wolfram, Carly	*	4	8	2	2	0	0	2	1	3	0	10	1	2	0	1	34-	
24	Saving, Kari	*	7	21	2	8	4	4	4	4	8	4	20	2	4	1	5	34+	
32	Kobza, Keyna	*	3	7	0	1	0	0	1	2	3	2	6	1	3	0	3	29-	
40	Luehmann, Kayla	*	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	2	3	4	1	2	20-	
44	Harrison, Sarah	*	5	13	0	2	4	5	4	8	12	5	14	1	3	5	1	32+	
10	Hiller, Becca		0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	3	0	0	11+	
34	Karner, Jenny		3	5	0	1	2	5	1	8	9	2	8	3	4	0	1	28-	
42	Domina, Jessica		2	6	1	2	2	2	1	2	3	1	7	2	1	0	0	20-	
52	Laune, Naomi		3	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	1	6	0	2	0	0	18-	
TEAM REBOUNDS										1	1	2			0				
Team Totals			28	67	5	16	12	16	15	31	46	17	73	14	26	7	13	225	

Total FG% - 1st: 15/24 0.625 2nd and OTs: 13/43 0.302 Game: 0.418 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 5/8 0.625 2nd and OTs: 0/8 0.000 Game: 0.313 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 6/7 0.857 2nd and OTs: 6/9 0.667 Game: 0.750 (0,0)

HOME: Cedarville University (35-1)

NO	PLAYER	P	TOT-FG		3-PT		FT		FTA		REBOUNDS							S	MIN
			FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BK			
12	Beougher, Kristi	F	1	8	0	0	1	2	7	6	13	3	3	1	2	1	2	30-	
15	Smart, Brittany	F	14	31	2	4	6	7	2	3	5	2	36	5	5	0	3	42-	
44	Delimpo, Emily	C	3	10	0	0	2	4	3	7	10	3	8	1	5	2	4	40-	
13	Walton, Karah	G	4	8	1	1	1	2	0	2	2	2	10	3	2	0	2	40-	
22	Flunker, Kari	G	8	16	5	8	4	4	0	2	2	3	25	3	2	0	1	40-	
4	Stuckey, Crystal		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5-	
20	Teboda, Kylee		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3-	
21	Travis, Stacie		0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	5+	
34	Wiley, Crystal		0	1	0	0	2	2	1	3	4	3	2	0	1	0	0	11-	
42	Gheen, Tami		0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	2	1	2	1	1	0	2	11-	
TEAM REBOUNDS										5	2	7			0				
Team Totals			30	76	8	14	18	23	18	28	46	17	86	15	20	3	14	225	

Total FG% - 1st: 16/36 0.444 2nd and OTs: 14/40 0.350 Game: 0.395 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 4/8 0.500 2nd and OTs: 4/6 0.667 Game: 0.571 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 3/5 0.600 2nd and OTs: 15/18 0.833 Game: 0.783 (2,0)

Technical Fouls: CU (0)
: CED (0)

OFFICIALS :
ATTENDANCE : 0

SCORE BY PERIODS	1st	2nd	OT1	TOTAL
Concordia University	41	32	0	73
Cedarville University	39	34	13	86

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