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NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL PRESS RELEASE

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November 4, St. Paul, Minn. – Cedarville University earned their second win of the day on Friday at the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) national volleyball tournament, this time the unfortunate opponent was Mount Vernon Nazarene University. The Yellow Jackets took the first three games in scores of 30-24, 30-26, and 30-17. Both teams completed their pool play schedule with 3-1 records. Due to the tie breaker system, Cedarville will automatically advance to the semi-final round on Saturday, while Mount Vernon Nazarene's fate is yet to be determined. The Yellow Jackets stand at 38-2 on the year with the win, while the Cougars slipped to 38-10 overall in 2005 with the loss.

Cedarville University junior Julie Bradley (Valencia, Calif./Saugus HS) looked outstanding once again. Bradley slammed home a match-high 20 kills, adding 5 total blocks as well for the Yellow Jackets. Sophomore Sarah Zeltman (Orrville, Ohio/Kidron Central Christian HS) also reached double-figures for kills with 14. Yellow Jacket senior setter Kelsey Jones (Cedarville, Ohio/Cedarville HS) impressively averaged 15.3 assists per game to finish with 46 in the match. As a team, Cedarville posted a .360 team attack percentage with 60 kills and just 11 errors in 136 attempts.

The Cougars were statistically led by senior Amanda Stevens (Mount Vernon, Ohio/Centerburg HS) and junior Katie Ickes (Wooster, Ohio/Smithville HS). Stevens contributed 16 kills along with 10 digs, while Ickes owned 14 kills of her own. Mount Vernon Nazarene sophomore Shena Beheler (Butler, Ohio/Fredericktown HS) put together a solid all-around match performance, notching 6 kills, 16 digs, and 4 total blocks.

Cedarville University will return to the Ericksen Center and take the court in the national tournament semi-finals at 12 p.m. on Saturday. Their opponent is yet to be determined. The championship match will follow at 3:30 p.m. Mount Vernon Nazarene will participate in a play-off late on Friday night to determine if they move on to semi-final action.

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