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JACKET

SPORTS



Learning Diligence Through Difficulties

Every Yellow Jacket team has a student-athlete blogger. In their posts, you catch the heart and soul of the team and read how their sport is helping them grow in their walk with Jesus. That comes through in this recent post by Taylor Wilkerson '19 from the Lady Jackets volleyball team. Read Wilkerson's and other athletes' blogs at cedarville.edu/sportsblogs.

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thess. 5:16-18)

I wanted to share that verse with you for the pure fact that we all need to hear it and live in that truth every day. Secondly, I wanted to share it because it is something that our team has learned to do more and more.

Early in the season, our team had a record of one win, eight losses. As a team, we pushed ourselves mentally and physically and pushed each other so hard. To not reap the results in wins is frustrating. But we knew that giving up and letting frustration rule would only result in more losses and a worse attitude, and we would not learn to stay dedicated even when it is hard. At that point in the season, we needed to remember that we were only three weeks into our schedule, we still had much to accomplish, we needed to be patient in our diligence to the sport and to each other, and we needed to learn how to be mentally tough in our on-court play.

It's easy to become bitter when working hard and not getting results, but we have learned to be joyful and dedicated in our circumstances and to embrace the season. We know that God's will is done in everything. I pray that we will push into Him for strength to carry on and become a team that doesn't give up because of our circumstances.

Another verse that comes to mind is Isaiah 41:10: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." We need not be fearful of failing or of working hard, because we know God's will for us is to work hard, and He will strengthen us as we do. Whether we are rewarded with winning or not, we are learning the value of diligence and fearlessness.



Taylor Wilkerson '19 is an outside hitter on the Cedarville University women's volleyball team.

The women's volleyball team went on to a 13-17 overall record, 11-8 regular season conference record, and finished the regular season with a five-game winning streak.



Bold New Stinger on Campus

New shoes? Check. New jersey? Check. Vibrant, eye-popping colors? Check. Bold, energetic style? Check. Cedarville University's mascot, Stinger, had his own back-to-school checklist and came back to campus sporting an athletic new look. Check out his reveal video at cedarville.edu/stingerreveal.

LIVESTREAM

CU BASKETBALL THIS WINTER

Watch Yellow Jackets men's and women's home basketball games via livestreaming at yellowjackets.cedarville.edu.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Nov. 29,	7:45 p.m.	vs. Hillsdale*
Dec. 1,	3:15 p.m.	vs. Findlay*
Dec. 6,	7:45 p.m.	vs. Trevecca*
Dec. 8,	3:15 p.m.	vs. Kentucky Wesleyan*
Jan. 17,	7:45 p.m.	vs. Alderson Broaddus*
Jan. 19,	3:15 p.m.	vs. Davis & Elkins*
Jan. 24,	7:45 p.m.	vs. Ohio Dominican*
Jan. 26,	7:45 p.m.	vs. Ohio Valley*
Feb. 16,	4:15 p.m.	vs. Tiffin*
Feb. 21,	7:45 p.m.	vs. Lake Erie*

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Nov. 29,	5:30 p.m.	vs. Hillsdale*
Dec. 1,	1 p.m.	vs. Findlay*
Dec. 6,	5:30 p.m.	vs. Trevecca*
Dec. 8,	1 p.m.	vs. Kentucky Wesleyan*
Jan. 17,	5:30 p.m.	vs. Alderson Broaddus*
Jan. 19,	1 p.m.	vs. Davis & Elkins*
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Feb. 16,	1 p.m.	vs. Tiffin*
Feb. 21,	5:30 p.m.	vs. Lake Erie*
Feb. 23,	1 p.m.	vs. Ursuline*

Start Times Eastern, Tentative Streaming Schedule

*Great Midwest Athletic Conference