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# "Coach's Chat"



## • Taking a chance in Georgia

After encouragement from fellow AMC coaches, I have decided to try our hand at playing some schools in the south. We will start our season off by playing in an 18 team tournament at Berry College in Rome, GA. This tournament falls perfectly at the end of our spring break, so the guys will have a solid week of playing tough courses in FL and GA to prepare themselves. It will be tough playing against golfers who have already been practicing for several weeks, but I think this is a chance we need to take. This is really a no-lose situation. If we play well, which I think we have a great shot at doing, then we will earn some respect among raters from other NAIA regions. If we don't play well, we are no worse than where we are right now. In fact, we may even get more national NAIA votes for the effort.

## • Rest of the schedule

A week and a half after the tournament at Berry, we begin our season in Ohio at the Elks CC in Portsmouth, OH. I anticipate being favored in this Shawnee State tournament, but the host Bears always play well on their home course. We have had pretty good success in past seasons at the Elks, but this year we bring more talent than ever.

Indiana Wesleyan Invitational at Meshingomesia CC is next on April 6-7. We actually were leading this tournament last year after the first day but didn't play well the second day and finished third.

Two tough conference tournaments are next on the schedule before our invitational. Mount Vernon, who always plays well at Apple Valley, hosts their invitational on April 13-14. Malone hosts

their tournament the following weekend at Tannenhaut CC. Most of the top teams in the AMC will be participating, so this is the time to prove ourselves as the top team in the AMC.

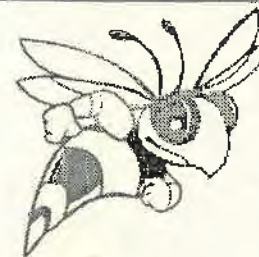
## • Cedarville Invitational

Our tournament this year is actually after the Malone tournament, and is our last tournament before the AMC/NAIA Region IX tournament. The field this year includes many conference schools, plus nationally ranked Bethel, and NCAA DIII school Wittenberg. We typically play Beavercreek better than most other teams, since it is a very difficult course, but we need to make sure we play well both days if we want to win our own tournament. We've been close, but we haven't won our own tournament since 1982. This is something we need to do this year!

## • AMC/NAIA Region IX Championships

Obviously this is the biggest tournament of the season. If we win, we go to the NAIA National Tournament, something that we have a very good shot at, but haven't done since 1982. Last year, we were ready to play well, but Scott Aker came down with a tremendous flu the morning of the tournament. Playing with only 4, the guys struggled with the pressure the first round. However, they really showed me something the last two rounds. They actually beat all but 2 teams in the final two rounds without throwing out a score!!! Then freshman, Trevor Bowman, led the way with a 71 & 72 the last two rounds to earn himself All-AMC honors. Hopefully, this year we will stay healthy and be ready to win this tournament!

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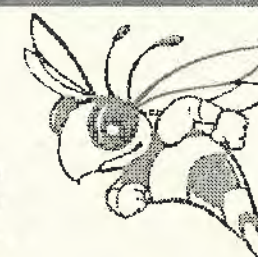


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## Yellow Jacket Golf

# UPDATE



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## Recap of Fall 2006 Season.....

### Good start at Tiffin

The CU golfers started the fall season by breaking two school records, including one that stood for 24 years. The first round found most of the team playing well except for #1-man Scott Aker. In fact, the team even threw out Scott's 77 as their 5th score. Four-year senior Adam Schlappi led the way to a team 297 with an even par 72. Sophomores Brett Bigler and Trevor Bowman, and Freshman Dan Atkeson followed with a 74, 75 and 76 respectively. This 297 (+9) was only one off the 18-hole school record of 296 set in 1982 and put them in third place behind Malone (291) and Otterbein (294). Malone is the team to beat in the AMC and is ranked 5th in the NAIA, and Cedarville is only 6 shots back.

At the team meeting that night, they talked about taking Cedarville to a new level in golf. Even though the team played well, they knew they could play better, especially Scott. He was completely frustrated with his game and knew he could do much better than a 77. He decided to go out on Saturday and have fun no matter what his swing was like.

He ended up leading the team to a 290 (+2) with a 68 (-4). The 290 demolished the 18-hole school record, and the 587 (+11) broke the previous year's 36-hole record of 598. Scott's 68 was only 1 stroke shy of the individual 18-hole school record of 67 that he set last year. Once again, Brett and Trevor followed right behind with 73s, and Dan came in with another 76. Although they didn't end up beating Malone, who came in with a 286 (-2), they moved ahead of NCAA DIII powerhouse Otterbein to finish second.

This year's team really showed it's depth with the sophomores providing the 2nd and 3rd score each day. Scott and Adam were expected to lead the way, but the Tiffin tournament demonstrated that Brett and Trevor are ready to step up their



game to contribute to this team. It was amazing that one of the seniors' scores was thrown out each day. Scott on day 1 with a 77, and Adam on day 2 with a 77. Even Dan's 152 (76-76) was a little disappointing for him, he was anticipating lower scores.

### Struggles at Wittenberg

As well as the Tiffin tournament went, the Wittenberg tournament was just as frustrating. Since most of the players on the team knew the course (Reid Park, North) very well, and played well the previous tournament, they were the favorites to win the Wittenberg tournament. However, the entire team struggled through windy and rainy conditions to finish 2nd to Urbana.

### Finally, victory at Ohio Dominican....

Again, Cedarville was the team to beat going into the Ohio Dominican tournament at Cumberland Trail Golf Course in Pataskala, OH, and this time they held on for a 5 stroke victory. This tournament was a good win because they did it while not playing their best, including Scott who was thoroughly disappointed in his play. Brett Bigler took a step forward in his college golfing career during this tournament. During his freshman year, he was a good consistent player, but not one to shoot a low score, especially on a long, tough course. While he is an accurate player, he is usually a club shorter than

the rest of the field. Well, Brett put together rounds of 76 & 75 for a second place finish on a 7,205 yard wet course in cold and windy conditions! In fact, he actually started his second round with a triple bogey on his first hole. So, he played 17 holes in even par in those conditions on a tough course. This tournament showed that he was not only ready to play well in college, but that he has the potential to be even better.

### Good showing, but didn't play our best at NCCAA's

Scott Aker finally got his game on track by posting a 2 over 146 (72-74), which was good enough for a tie for 5th place and NCCAA All-American honors. However, even he knew he left some strokes out on the course. The first day found Cedarville in second place, ahead of Malone and 22 other schools after shooting a 297. Trevor Bowman led the way with a 71 (-1) and Adam Schlappi followed Scott's 72 with a 75. The second day wasn't as good as hoped. With a 299 we didn't make up any ground on the leader, Indiana Wesleyan, and in fact fell behind Malone and ended up tied with Bethel for third. One bright spot on the second day was Freshman Dan Atkeson shooting a 74 with 5 birdies. So, again the potential for even better scores is there, and the players understand this.

### Check inside for.....

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## 2006-07 Yellow Jacket Golf Roster

Name	Yr	Hometown	High School
Scott Aker	Sr	Springfield, OH	Shawnee
Dan Atkeson	Fr	Galena, OH	Big Walnut
Brett Bigler	So	Elkhart, IN	Concord
Trevor Bowman	So	Harpster, OH	Upper Sandusky
Matt Krogstad	Fr	Madison, WI	Abundant Life
Brendan Ojala	So	New Ipswich, NH	Mascenic Reg.
Travis Roach	Sr	Elkhart, IN	Elkhart Baptist
Adam Schlappi	Sr	Cedarville, OH	Cedarville
Daniel Servi	Jr	Neenah, WI	Neenah

## 2007 Yellow Jacket Golf Schedule

Date	Tournament	Course	Location
Mar. 12	Rome News-Tribune	Stonebridge	Rome, GA
Mar. 13	Rome News-Tribune	Stonebridge	Rome, GA
Mar. 24	Shawnee State Inv.	Elks Country Club	Portsmouth, OH
Mar. 25	Shawnee State Inv.	Elks Country Club	Portsmouth, OH
Apr. 6	Indiana Wesleyan Inv.	Meshingomesia CC	Marion, IN
Apr. 7	Indiana Wesleyan Inv.	Meshingomesia CC	Marion, IN
Apr. 13	Mt. Vernon Naz. Inv.	Apple Valley	Howard, OH
Apr. 14	Mt. Vernon Naz. Inv.	Apple Valley	Howard, OH
Apr. 20	Malone Spring Inv.	Tannenhaut	Alliance, OH
Apr. 21	Malone Spring Inv.	Tannenhaut	Alliance, OH
Apr. 23	Cedarville Invitational	Beavercreek GC	Beavercreek, OH
Apr. 24	Cedarville Invitational	CC of the North	Beavercreek, OH
May 3	AMC/NAIA Region IX	Apple Valley	Howard, OH
May 4	AMC/NAIA Region IX	Apple Valley	Howard, OH

### \*\*\*\*\* SIGN-UP for HOLE-by-HOLE \*\*\*\*\*

• Would you like more information about the team and how they do at each tournament? Then sign-up for Hole-by-Hole. This email will give you a detailed update after each tournament. As a coach, my goal is to provide you with a behind-the-scenes view of how each player did during each round. I will go beyond the scores and include details about the rounds and other stories about the tournament. Maybe one of the guys on the team had a chance to witness to an opposing player, or something really funny happened at dinner that night. I want you to experience (or remember) what college golf is like. If you are interested in getting these updates, just send me an email with Hole-by-Hole in the subject. I look forward to hearing from you and keeping you updated during the season.

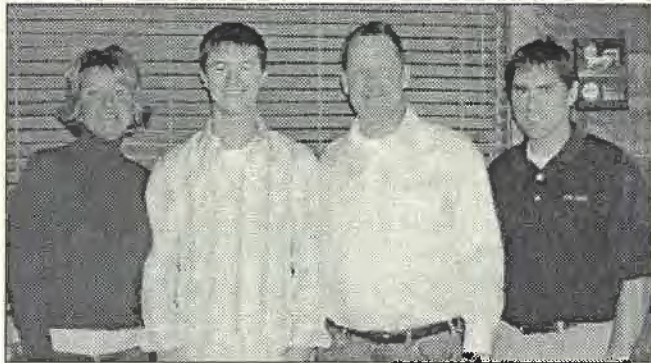
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## New signees

- So far, this off-season has been productive with the signing of two players from Concord High School in Elkhart, IN. In fact they are both younger brothers of current Cedarville team members. Nick Bigler, brother of Brett Bigler, signed on Oct 31, 2006. Trent Roach, brother of Travis Roach, signed on December 14, 2006. They both are leaders of their high school team (#1 and #2) and have had successes in local tournaments in Elkhart over the summer.
- Also joining the golf team next fall will be Matthew Yeiter from Traverse City, MI.



Nick Bigler is seated between his parents, Heidi and James Bigler, after signing a letter of intent to play golf for the Yellow Jackets. Standing (from left-to-right) are Nick's older brother, Brett, a sophomore golfer at CU and head coach Ryan Bowen.



Trent Roach (second from left) signed a letter of intent to attend Cedarville University and play golf for the Yellow Jackets. Trent is standing between his parents, Becky and Dan Roach, and is joined by CU head coach Ryan Bowen (far right).

## Prayer requests for our team....

- That we would represent our Savior, Jesus Christ, to the best of our ability on and off the course.
- Seniors Scott, Adam and Travis - that they would seek clear direction from God regarding life after graduation.
- Freshmen Dan and Matt - that they would continue to adapt well to their new surroundings.

## Yellow Jacket Golf Player Profile

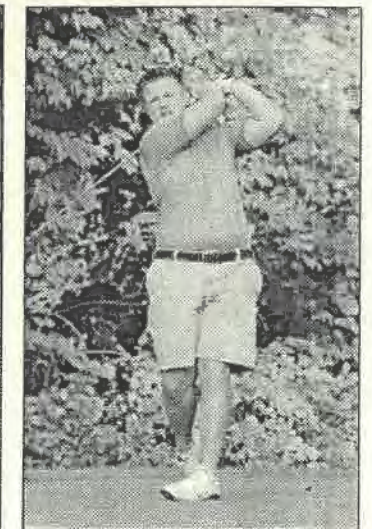
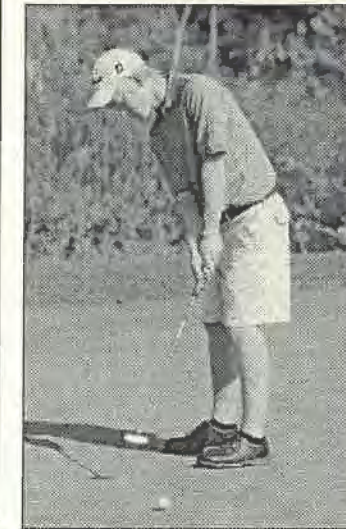
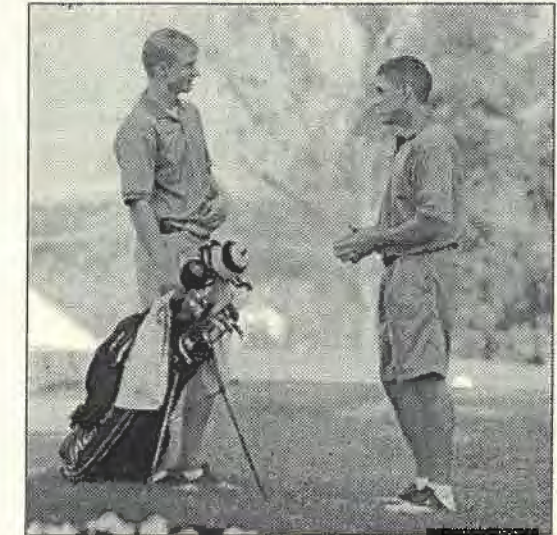
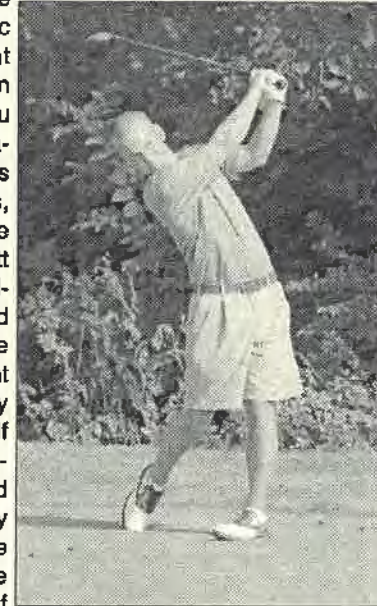
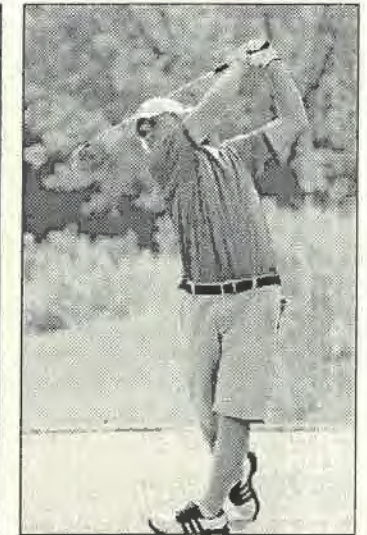
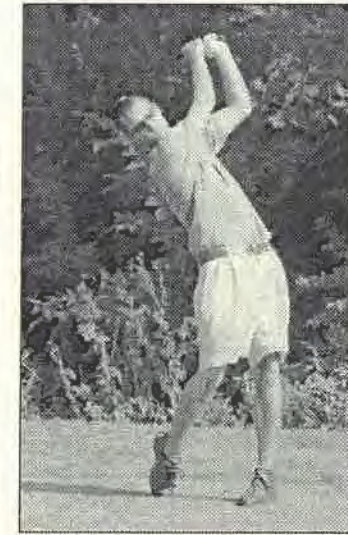
### In-depth interview.....Scott Aker



Senior, Scott Aker made an immediate impact upon his arrival to the Cedarville Golf team. After spending two years at Wittenberg University in Springfield, OH, Scott chose to attend Cedarville in the fall of 2005. The preceding summer was an eye opening one for Scott as his play dramatically improved. In fact, he qualified to play in the 2005 United States Public Links Championship at Shaker Run Golf Course in nearby Lebanon, OH. You may remember this tournament as Michelle Wie's attempt to go to The Masters, which she could have done by winning the event. Scott Aker found himself in the middle of this media circus and loved every minute of it. He enjoyed the big tournament atmosphere made bigger by the presence of The Golf Channel and ESPN networks, and his play showed it. Being supported by many friends and family who made the short trip to Lebanon, he ended up shooting a pair of 73's to qualify for the match play portion of the event. These friends encouraged him by wearing Aker's Army t-shirts. In fact, a picture of one of his friend's shirt was widely circulated because it said "Michelle Who?". Although he lost his second round match, he realized that with hard work, someone from a small town and an NAIA school can play just as well as NCAA Division I players. Scott continued his solid play into his first season with Cedarville, at one point being ranked #1 in the NAIA by Golfstat. He ended up with many school records including season average (73.5), 18-hole record (67), and the 36-hole record (140).

But why would Scott even come to Cedarville in the first place? The main reason was that Scott received Jesus Christ as his personal Savior in the middle of his freshman year at Wittenberg. It was then he desired to grow in Christ and wanted to attend a university where this could be accomplished. Even though he did not go to church growing up, he knew of Cedarville's Christian reputation and decided to continue his college education there. "It changed my life!", Scott said when asked to describe what Cedarville meant to him. "Cedarville showed me what it means to follow Christ on a daily basis."

What's next for Scott? After graduation, Scott is not sure where God will lead him. Right now, he is considering a job in the golf industry (as a coach, assistant pro, or a tournament director), a career in law enforcement, or eventually a trip to seminary for a graduate degree. He just wants to make an impact for Christ wherever He leads him. Please pray for Scott (and the rest of the team) as they seek to give God the glory through their play.



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