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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – It was a successful weekend for Cedarville University (Ohio) this past weekend when both the men's and women's cross country teams won the National Christian College Athletic Association's national cross country championships in Houghton, NY.

The women scored 44 points to win the 21-team meet, besting Oklahoma Baptist University by a single point. But, if it hadn't been for a wayward deer on the course, the point differential could have been a little more comfortable for the Yellow Jackets.

According to Kathryn Sill, who finished 16th in the race, Kayla Casaletto was running her race when a deer crossed her path and caused her to lose balance. She quickly recovered and finished in 18:41--the fourth best place for the Jackets.

Casaletto, a freshman from Goshen, Indiana, earned All-America honors in spite of the incident and was within one second of setting a personal record. She is majoring in athletic training and is a graduate of Elkhart Christian School.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 3,711 undergraduate, graduate and online students in more than 100 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, strong graduation and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings and leading student satisfaction ratings.