



KEY RECEIVER — Linfield's sophomore tight end Lance Lopes will be a primary target for quarter-

back Randy Mueller's passes in Saturday's NAIA Division II title game against William Jewell.

Staff photo by RANDY WOOD

A historic grid meeting as Linfield, Jewell play

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Win, lose or draw, history will be made Saturday at McMinnville when Linfield College attempts to add the final "jewel" — William Jewell of Missouri — in its quest of a national football crown.

It will be the first national championship football game played in Oregon. If Linfield wins, the Wildcats will become the state's first college football team to wear a national crown.

And lose or draw, it's certain the undefeated (11-0) Wildcats, labeled "just a bunch of little ol' country boys" by their coach, will have their hands full.

The well-balanced, once-beaten William Jewell Cardinals will bring a sometimes explosive offense and sometimes ferocious defense into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II final at 12:30 p.m. at McMinnville High School's Wortman Stadium. The game will be televised live by KATV 2.

If "explosive" and "ferocious" sound familiar, they are words used to describe Coach Ad Rutschman's Wildcats during this season as well.

In a nutshell, two similar teams are matched for all the marbles.

"The thing is," Rutschman said, "we don't have those fifth- or sixth-round draft choices like some teams we've played over the years. We're just a bunch of little ol' country boys...."

But no matter what happens Saturday, said Rutschman, just getting there has been a real treat — and something long awaited by the 51-year-old coach who is in his 15th season at the McMinnville school.

"I would have taken this team to the championship game even if it was by wagon train," he quipped. "It's just good to have that chance... because it's the first time for me."

This is Rutschman's fifth playoff team — any of the previous four could have won the national championship, he insists — but the first to reach the final. His predecessor, Paul Durham, coached two Wildcat clubs into the finals in the 1960s, when only four

teams qualified and it took only two games to win it all. But those 1961 and '65 teams lost the championship games.

"We've had to take our defense through a crash course on defending against the option," said Mike Riley, Linfield defensive coordinator, "because we just haven't seen much option this year."

Offensively, the 'Cats rely on the big play — whether by quarterback Randy Mueller, who is not an exceptional thrower but is a threat when he keeps the ball and sweeps the ends, or by a bevy of good receivers. One, Steve Hoge, has been ailing this week because of a kidney injury.

While William Jewell ranked fifth nationally, just behind Linfield, in scoring (35.3 to 33.7), the Cardinals had the nation's top kick-scorer in Steve Hudson, who connected on 12 of 14 field-goal attempts.

Defensively, the Cards mirror Linfield, allowing only 68.8 yards rushing to the 'Cats' 68.6. The Missourians also intercepted seven passes last weekend in their 23-10 semifinal upset over No. 1-ranked Northwestern of Iowa.

Second-year coach Vic Wallace has lost only two of 23 games. His only defeat last year came in the semifinals, 33-28 to Austin, Texas.

In the first round, William Jewell knocked off PLU 19-14, completely muffling the Knights' offense. "Their defense simply destroyed the rhythm of our offense early, took away our running game," PLU Coach Frosty Westering said later. Indeed, PLU's once-awesome running game netted just 24 yards that day, and William Jewell intercepted five PLU passes.

A crowd estimated in the 5,000 range is expected to watch the final. All 3,800 reserved seats are sold, but general admission, standing-room-only tickets remain available.

Win, lose or draw, a post-game "community celebration" will be held at 4 p.m. at the National Guard Armory, 333 Armory Way, McMinnville. Tickets, which include a catered meal and beverages, are priced at \$2.50 per person.

Linfield 11-0

Date	Opponent	Score
Sept. 18 (A)	Southern Oregon	27-13
Sept. 25 (H)	Western Washington	41-21
Oct. 2 (A)	Eastern Oregon	30-20
Oct. 9 (H)	Oregon Inst. of Technology	40-35
Oct. 16 (H)	Pacific, Oregon	41-0
Oct. 23 (A)	Lewis and Clark	20-16
Oct. 30 (H)	Willamette	43-14
Nov. 6 (A)	Whitworth	49-14
Nov. 13 (H)	Pacific Lutheran	27-7
Nov. 20 (H)	Cal Lutheran*	20-16
Dec. 4 (H)	Westminster, Pa.**	37-9

* — NAIA Division II Quarterfinal.

William Jewell 10-1

Date	Opponent	Score
Sept. 11 (A)	Doane College, Neb.	19-7
Sept. 18 (H)	Culver-Stockton College, Mo.	59-6
Sept. 25 (A)	Central Methodist College, Mo.	49-0
Oct. 9 (H)	Graceland College, Iowa	33-15
Oct. 16 (A)	Missouri Valley	17-7
Oct. 23 (H)	Baker University, Kan.	39-18
Oct. 30 (A)	Mid-America Nazarene, Kan.	L, 7-9
Nov. 6 (A)	Benedictine College, Kan.	32-27
Nov. 13 (H)	Tarkio College, Mo.	48-7
Nov. 20 (A)	Sul Ross State, Texas*	44-43, 3OT
Dec. 4 (H)	Northwestern, Iowa**	23-10

** — NAIA Division II Semifinal.

Team rosters

Linfield

No.	Name	Pos	Wt	Yr
1	Steve Hoge	SE	180	Jr.
3	Mark Freeman	DB	175	Jr.
6	Gordon Smith	DB	176	Sr.
12	Jim Lyons	QB	165	Jr.
14	Kent Bostick	SE	180	Jr.
15	Dave Ellis	QB	175	So.
16	Randy Mueller	QB	185	Sr.
17	Howard Hines	WB	190	Sr.
19	Floyd Halvorsen	DB	170	Fr.
21	Doug Jansen	DB	165	So.
22	Dan Crowell	RB	180	Fr.
23	Steve Belt	DB	170	Jr.
24	Tim Nacrell	RB	180	So.
25	Scott Harman	LB	180	So.
26	Terry Holmes	WB	160	So.
27	Jim Newell	DB	180	Jr.
30	Robert Davis	RB	180	So.
31	Gary Swanson	LB	210	Sr.
33	Dino Gipaya	FB	177	Fr.
38	Randy Lyons	DB	185	Jr.
39	Joel Bertsch	LB	210	Sr.
41	Kyle Tarpenning	DB	177	Sr.
42	Jim Feldkamp	RB	190	So.
44	Scott Sartler	LB	195	Fr.
46	Mike McAllister	DE	185	So.
48	Mike Freeman	RB	190	Sr.
50	Brad Gilbertson	C	235	Sr.
54	Jim Goveia	C	205	So.
55	Brian Shimmie	C	210	Jr.
59	Kelly Marvel	G	200	So.
60	Mark Slegner	LB	190	Fr.
63	Joe Soong	G	210	Sr.
64	George Fairhart	T	220	Jr.
65	Jim Winston	NG	215	Sr.
66	Steve Boyea	DT	220	So.
68	Tom Vinson	G	238	Jr.
69	Andy Hansen	G	220	Jr.
73	Dave Henley	DT	230	So.
75	Steve Lopes	T	235	Jr.
76	Bryan McKenzie	DT	215	Sr.
77	Dave Lorenz	T	230	Sr.
78	Steve Kraus	T	225	Jr.
79	Gordon Pang	DT	220	Sr.
83	Lance Lopes	TE	210	So.
86	John Grimm	DE	195	Sr.
89	Randy Reason	SE	165	So.
90	Scott Ritt	DE	200	So.
91	Walt Burns	TE	225	So.
92	Rick Moberg	DE	188	So.
93	Greg Hodgkinson	SE	175	So.

William Jewell

No.	Name	Pos	Wt	Yr
1	Eddy Adden	K	195	So.
2	Charles Hilton	DB	175	So.
7	Andre Nelson	WR	170	Jr.
9	Dan Christian	DB	165	Jr.
10	Kelly Groom	QB	175	Sr.
12	Scott Sandridge	QB	168	Jr.
17	Jeff McGuire	P	200	Jr.
19	Greg Jacobson	RB	180	Sr.
21	Barry Bowman	WR	170	Sr.
25	Steve Montgomery	DE	196	So.
26	Fernandars Gillespie	RB	180	Jr.
27	Darrell Schwabe	WR	165	Jr.
28	Jack Brandom	RB	186	So.
31	Greg Fournier	DB	165	Jr.
32	Rodger Spor	RB	170	So.
34	J. David Millen	DG	195	Jr.
35	Steve Hodges	RB	200	Jr.
36	Steven Craig	WR	165	Jr.
39	David Armstrong	DB	180	Sr.
40	Brian Fairchild	DB	170	Jr.
41	Paul Taylor	DB	175	Jr.
44	Art Davis, III	DE	190	Jr.
45	Doug Switzer	DB	170	Sr.
46	Mike Newman	DB	180	Jr.
47	Steve Ennen	LB	210	So.
50	Chris Covington	C	175	Fr.
51	Greg Embree	C	205	Sr.
53	Jan Redmond	DT	224	Jr.
54	Mike Rogers	OG	210	Jr.
55	Mark Mundell	OG	220	Jr.
56	Steve Mattingly	LB	205	Sr.
57	Tim Johnson	LB	195	So.
62	Todd White	OG	214	Jr.
66	Guy Webber	DT	248	Sr.
74	Lonnie Bruns	OT	225	Sr.
75	Jeff Riggs	OT	235	Jr.
76	Ralph Yeater	OT	230	Sr.
78	Zel Fischer	OG	250	So.
80	Troy Mitchell	DE	203	Jr.
84	Jerry Twigg	DE	190	Jr.
85	Shawn Helton	DT	245	Fr.
86	Jimi Reed	WR	195	Jr.
87	Jeff Gourley	TE	205	Jr.
88	Scott Martin	TE	100	Sr.
89	Scott Smith	TE	210	So.
94	Steve Holeman	DT	250	So.
95	Michael Johnson	DT	230	Fr.
96	Scott McConnell	LB	185	Jr.
97	Steve Hudson	K	190	Sr.
99	Chris Brown	DE	210	Jr.

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