

Hello Cardinal Fans!

The big game is finally upon us! The Cardinals of William Jewell College have advanced to the NAIA Division II Championship football game by defeating Northwestern College of Iowa 23-10 in a great game Saturday in Greene Stadium. The Cardinals will travel to McMinnville, Oregon on December 11 to take on Linfield College. Game time is 12:30 Pacific time (2:30 p.m. our time).

Saturday's win was a big one for the Cardinals. Northwestern had possession of the ball first and drove from their own 20 yard line to the Cardinal 23 in a 10 play series. On the next play, DOUG SWITZER intercepted a pass to stop the drive. Three plays later, KELLY GROOM hit JIMI REED with a 78 yard touchdown pass and the Cardinals were on their way to the top. STEVE HUDSON'S PAT gave the Cards a 7-0 lead. On the next series, Northwestern traveled to the Cardinal 4 yard line. Again, the Cardinal defense showed their power when MIKE NEWMAN intercepted a pass in the end zone. The Cardinal offense then moved 63 yards in 8 plays to score again. This time it was on a 28 yard pass from GROOM to REED. HUDSON'S kick was good to put the Cardinals up 14-0 and that ended the scoring for the first quarter.

Northwestern started the second quarter with possession of the ball, but due to a penalty and a tough Cardinal defense, had no luck in moving the ball. The Cards, however, hit pay dirt again on their next possession, capping a 10 play drive with a 61 yard touchdown run by STEVE HODGES. Again, HUDSON added the extra point and the score rose to 21-0. The remainder of the half saw Northwestern scrambling to get on the scoreboard. They were twice thwarted by the Cardinal's MIKE NEWMAN, who had an interception and a fumble recovery. Then, Northwestern drove to the Cardinal 6 yard line to obtain a first and goal, but the Cardinal defense held them for three downs and with 2 seconds remaining in the half, Northwestern had to settle for a field goal, making the score 21-3 at halftime.

The third quarter was dominated by defense and no scoring was made. MIKE NEWMAN had his third interception of the day when he picked off a pass by Lee McKinstrey of Northwestern. The Red Raiders of Iowa scored their lone touchdown of the game in the fourth quarter on a 1 yard run by quarterback, Lee McKinstrey. The score was set up when the Cards were called for pass interference in the end zone. The PAT was good to make the score 21-10. Northwestern threatened again when they recovered a Cardinal fumble on the Jewell 32 yard line, but two plays later, PAUL TAYLOR intercepted a pass to stop the drive. GUY WEBER got the final score for the Cardinals when he sacked the Northwestern quarterback in the end zone for a safety. That ended the scoring for the game, making the final tally 23-10. Cardinal fans were treated to still more excitement when PAUL TAYLOR intercepted two more passes later in the fourth quarter. In eleven regular season games, Northwestern opponents intercepted only seven passes off quarterback, Lee McKinstrey. The Cardinals had seven for the day.

For their excellent performances, MIKE NEWMAN was named Defensive Player of the Game and STEVE HODGES was selected as Most Valuable Offensive Player by media personnel attending the game.

On to the championship game -- The NAIA has selected Linfield College as host of the final game. Travel arrangements are still being finalized for the team. We do know they will leave Friday morning and return Sunday afternoon. We are returning all checks sent to us for the playoffs. If you plan to attend the game in Oregon, please contact the athletic office for more information.

We will have a breakfast on Thursday, December 9 at 7:00 a.m. at Shoney's.

If you are unable to attend the game in Oregon, be sure to tune in to Red Rage Radio, KWPB FM 92 for a live broadcast of the game.

GO RED RAGE!

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