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The Best to be Decided

Cardinals Seek to Untie Knot in Playoff Rematch

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Book Two of William Jewell-Baker football superiority resumes Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. in Greene Stadium.

Jewell, ranked second in the final NAIA Division II poll, and third-ranked Baker square off in first round action of post season play this weekend.

Other first round games include eighth-ranked Valley City State, N.D. (7-0) traveling to seventh-rated McMurry, Tex. (9-1). Number five Hanover, Ind. (8-1) tackles Wilmington, Ohio (7-1) and top-ranked Linfield, Ore. (9-0) challenges fourth-ranked Pacific Lutheran (8-1).

Jewell and Baker battled to a 10-10 tie two weeks ago. They shared the Heart of America Athletic Conference crown with 7-0-1 marks. The Cardinals stand at 10-0-1 overall and Baker is 9-0-1. Saturday's game will not end in a tie because of an overtime provision in the playoffs.

Baker's offense leads the nation in scoring (51.2 points) per game and allows only 7.7. The Cardinals are averaging 35.1 points scored and give up 12.1 per game.

The Wildcats lead the nation in total offensive yardage with an average of 540.6. Jewell sports an offensive average of 405 yards per game.

"We're happy we qualified for the playoffs and we're happy to be playing at Jewell," said Baker Coach Charlie Richards, a William Jewell graduate. "I feel they (NAIA) picked the best site in the Midwest. It's a good field with excellent facilities all the way around."

In the last meeting, the Cardinals jumped to an early 7-0 halftime lead before Baker rebounded for a 10-7 advantage late in the fourth quarter. Cardinal kicker Jerry Burch's 49-yard field goal gained the tie with 28 seconds remaining in the contest.

"We're worried about David Cunningham," Richards continued. "He missed the last game against us and I feel he is the best running back in small college football

today."

Cunningham has been sidelined for the past three weeks with a shin injury.

"It's [the shin] shown a lot of improvement," Cunningham said Tuesday.

Division II playoff semifinals are set for Dec. 6 and the finals are Dec. 13, with sites and times to be decided.

Playoffs At-A-Glance

All games Saturday

Baker at William Jewell

TIME: 1 p.m.

PLACE: Greene Stadium

TICKETS: Advance tickets available at Mabee Center. \$3 for students with ID, \$4 for non-students, \$6 on the day of the game.

RADIO: KWTB (91.9 FM)

LAST MEETING: Baker 10, Jewell 10

Baker (9-0-1)

RANKING: 3rd in NAIA Division II

LAST WEEK: Baker 23, Ottawa 3

William Jewell (10-0-1)

RANKING: 2nd in NAIA Division II

LAST WEEK: Jewell 56, Culver-Stoekton 6

Valley City St. at McMurry

TIME: 11 a.m.

PLACE: Abilene, Texas

LAST MEETING: none

Valley City St., N.D. (7-1)

RANKING: 8th in NAIA Division II

LAST WEEK: Did not play

McMurry, Texas (9-1)

RANKING: 7th in NAIA Division II

LAST WEEK: Did not play

Hanover at Wilmington

TIME: 2 p.m.

PLACE: Wilmington, Ohio

LAST MEETING: Wilmington 39, Hanover 20

Hanover, Ind. (8-1)

RANKING: 5th in NAIA Division II

LAST WEEK: Hanover 28, Anderson 13

Wilmington, Ohio (7-1)

RANKING: 6th in NAIA Division II

LAST WEEK: Wilmington 14, Manchester 7

Linfield at Pacific Lutheran

TIME: 11 a.m.

PLACE: Tacoma, Wash.

LAST MEETING: Linfield 20, Pac. Lutheran 19

Linfield, Ore. (9-0)

RANKING: 1st in NAIA Division II

LAST WEEK: Linfield 34, Lewis & Clark 7

Pacific Lutheran, Wash. (8-1)

RANKING: 4th in NAIA Division II

LAST WEEK: Pac. Lutheran 42, Willamette 7