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Jewell Wins; Northwestern Next

The William Jewell Cardinals rolled up 406 yards of offense against the third-ranked fighting Quakers of Wilmington College in Ohio en route to a 51-7 win in the quarterfinal game of the NAIA Division II playoffs.

On its first possession of the game, Jewell drove 60 yards in 11 plays, culminating with a 1-yard run by senior quarterback Scott Sandridge (Kansas City) at 8:33 in the first quarter. Sandridge added another score at 2:02 in the period on a 10-yard bootleg. Sandridge (7-15 for 101 yards) was selected as the offensive player of the game. Sophomore kicker Dave Riley added the extra points for a 14-0 Cardinal lead at the end of one quarter.

Wilmington, which mustered only 138 yards of offense, struck first in the second quarter on a 1-yard touchdown run by Troy Eberhardt. The score was set up by an interference call on a pass from quarterback Jim Sposet to Eberhardt in the end zone, which put the ball on the 1-yard line.

Jewell rebounded at 7:43 with a 40-yard touchdown run by senior running back Scoop Gillespie (20 carries, 126 yards; St. Louis) on the

first play from scrimmage after junior linebacker Tim Johnson recovered a Sposet fumble. The score at the half was 20-7 Jewell.

With 2:47 left in the third quarter, Cardinal senior free safety Mike Newman (Kansas City) intercepted his second of three passes and returned it 12 yards to the Wilmington 7. Gillespie put it over the top two plays later from two yards out for the score. Newman struck again on the first play after the ensuing kickoff, intercepting Sposet's first pass and returning it 21 yards to the Quaker 22. After Sandridge completed a 17-yard pass play to Gillespie, senior running back Steve Hodges (22 carries, 128 yards; St. Louis) carried in the score as time ran out in the third quarter.

Junior defensive back Cory Wohlford intercepted Sposet, the fifth time on the day. Five plays later, senior quarterback Paul Troth (15-6, 80 yards; Graham, Mo.) tossed a 13-yard pass to senior wide receiver Jimi Reed (Palatine, Ill.) at 13:56 in the fourth quarter.

The Cardinals will host number one-ranked Northwestern of Iowa Dec. 3 at 1 p.m. at Greene Stadium.