



Jewell favored in NAIA

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Of the four teams left in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II playoffs, William Jewell holds the most victories and the highest ranking.

Jewell, 11-0-1, was No. 2 in the NAIA's final poll, which was released before the playoffs. Pacific

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Lutheran of Washington, 9-1, was No. 4; Wilmington of Ohio, 8-1, was No. 6; and Valley City of North Dakota, 8-0, was No. 8.

It adds up to Jewell being the favorite when the playoffs resume with the semifinals Dec. 6. Jewell will play Wilmington in Liberty, and Pacific Lutheran will be host to Valley City. The national title game will be Dec. 13.

"I think Jewell has a great opportunity to go all the way," said Baker Coach Charlie Richard after Jewell ended his Wildcats' unbeaten season 20-17 in the quarterfinals Saturday. "They've got David Cunningham back, and they're a lot better with him. They can do more things on the outside when he's there to run in the middle.

"Playing against us was good for him. He'll come back and be strong for their next game."

Cunningham, a 6-foot-2, 200-pound senior who was Jewell's leading rusher, came off the bench in the third quarter. He caught two touchdown passes and sparked the Cards' victory. He said after the game his



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Tony Butts kicked a field goal for Baker, but William Jewell won 20-17.

injured left ankle hadn't bothered him.

"With two weeks, I ought to be ready to play the next game," said Cunningham, who agonized over the injury for three weeks and even felt some pain in it Saturday morning. "I'll have a lot more confidence."

Cunningham said he feels the Cards' confidence is also building.

"I have a good feeling about our chances," he said. "We beat an out-

standing team in Baker. It's always in our minds that we can take it all the way."

Wilmington earned a berth in the semifinal against Jewell with a 56-49, 4-overtime victory over Hanover of Indiana. The regulation game ended 35-35, and the NAIA tie-breaking system was used. An overtime period consists of each team running an offensive series from its opponent's 20-yard line.