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Sleeping giant awakens in 58-3 win

by Greg Lucas

Jimi Reed hauled in four touchdown passes of 43, 12, 23 and 36 yards to lead a William Jewell Cardinal offensive attack that rolled up 597 yards in a 58-3 Heart of America Athletic Conference win over Mid-America Nazarene College here Saturday.

After spotting the Pioneers a 3-0 lead on a Scott Daniels field goal, the Cardinals stormed back for 58 unanswered points in by far their best offensive performance of the season.

Reed, a senior wide receiver from Palatine, Ill., who was named District 16 and HAAC offensive player of the week for his performance, caught two passes including a 43-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Scott Sandridge in a three-play, 61-yard drive to give the Cards a 9-3 lead with 10:13 remaining in the first half.

Sophomore Dave Riley, who had tied the game with a 21-yard field goal in the first period, added the extra point to make it 10-3.

That was all Jewell needed as the Cardinal defense came through with another strong performance allowing the Pioneers only six first downs and holding them to 140 total yards (57 rushing, 83 passing).

"We finally put it all together," said Jewell Head Coach Vic Wallace. "We've been wanting to do this all year long. The biggest difference in this game as compared to others is that we were aggressive and hungry to win, and that's one thing we haven't been all year."

The Cardinals, aided by Sandridge's 13 completions in 21 attempts for a season-high 251 yards scored on seven of their next 10 possessions the remainder of the game.

"This was by far our best game of the year offensively," said Sandridge. "We had planned to throw a lot going into the game, and our execution was there tonight."



Senior quarterback Scott Sandridge (12) avoids the rush of Mid-America defender Ken Jolly in the Cardinals' 58-3 win over the Pioneers here last Saturday. Sandridge threw for 251 yards of Jewell's 597 total offensive output.

Reed again got the call on the Cards' next scoring drive as he completed a nine-play, 61-yard drive on a 12-yard reception from Sandridge to up the score to 16-3 Jewell. Riley again added the extra point.

Senior running back Scoop Gillespie got in on the scoring on a nifty 59-yard run following a screen-pass from Sandridge with 37 seconds remaining in the first half. A Riley

point after gave the Cards a 24-3 half-time lead.

In the third quarter senior running back Steve Hodges took a hand-off and went off tackle on a second and goal play from the three to widen the margin to 31-3 following the extra point by Riley.

With 4:50 remaining in the same period Reed again was on the receiving end of a

touchdown pass. This time on a halfback option pass from senior Robert Brinser to make it 38-3.

The Cardinals didn't stop there. Senior back-up quarterback Paul Troth hit Reed for his fourth and final tally of the evening on a 36-yard scoring strike with less than three minutes gone in the final period. Jewell 45, MANC 3.

Brinser got his chance to score on a second and goal play from the seven as he broke two tackles on his way to the end zone for a 52-3 count with 6:25 left in the contest.

Jewell's last score came on a 75-yard pass play when sophomore quarterback Keith Ahal hit Charles Parrish over the middle. From there Parrish out-raced the MANC defenders for the final 58-3 mark.

The Cardinal defense was highlighted by a blocked punt by junior defensive tackle Steve Holman and interceptions by junior defensive back Cory Wohlford and sophomore linebacker Jeff Lewis.

Junior linebacker Tim Johnson had six tackles and two assists while senior defensive end Jerry Twigg and junior linebacker Steve Ennen had five each.

Jewell's offense had a total of 385 passing yards and 212 rushing with Hodges' 66 yards on 15 carries leading the way. Reed led all receivers with 142 yards on seven receptions for a 20.3 yards per catch average.

The Cards, who are 6-1-1 overall and 4-1-1 in HAAC play, moved up one notch to number nine in the NAIA Coaches Poll, and take on Benedictine College of Atchison, Kan., at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow in Greene Stadium.

The loss made MANC 3-5 overall and 1-5 in the Conference and also gave the Cardinals some revenge from the 9-6 defeat they suffered last year in Olathe which knocked them from their number one ranking a year ago.