

William Jewell Wins First Round ¹³⁶

LIBERTY, Mo. (AP) — William Jewell College and Baker University had been bumping heads, it seems, all football season. They were ranked second and third in the NAIA's Division II, they had to share the Heart of America Conference title and they battled to a 10-10 tie in a regular season game.

On Saturday, William Jewell finally claimed supremacy — but not by much.

Behind the clutch performance of injured fullback David Cunningham, the Cardinals

squeezed out a 20-17 win over their rivals in the first round of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics playoffs.

Cunningham, hobbled for the last three weeks by an ankle injury, caught two Kelly Groom passes — of 20 and five yards — for a pair of touchdowns after he was called on in the third quarter. The win left William Jewell with a 11-0-1 overall mark and dropped Baker to 9-1-1.

The Cardinals won the right to face Wilmington of Ohio in the semifinals in Liberty Dec. 6.