

Editorials

William Jewell football is tops

William Jewell College made all of us proud this season by wracking up an 11-1 record and going undefeated during regular season play.

When the Cardinals bowed out of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II competition, they did so in a way that makes all of us proud to know these young men.

Austin College handed Jewell and 33-28 defeat. But that came after the Cardinals completed one of the most exciting football seasons anyone could hope to see.

The football Cardinals and Head Coach Vic Wallace made us proud of our college and our community. These men played the game with intensity and intelligence. The Cardinals were gentlemen in the fullest sense of the word — graciously accepting the season's wins, graciously accepting the season's end.

Wallace has an ample list of returning football

veterans. And this season's victories will make next year's season even more exciting.

The Cardinals — by playing sound, fundamental football and by showing a depth of concern for academics found at few schools — have given us all a lesson in what can be accomplished by devoted efforts, honed skills, and determination mixed with teamwork and the ability to follow directions.

The road to a national championship is one few schools travel. William Jewell College has twice in the past two years advanced teams to the NAIA Division II semifinals. That's a claim few can make. And in the process of going this far, William Jewell had to come from behind, face adversity, and overcome strong, solid football teams.

This the Cardinals did. And exceptionally well.

The Jewell football Cardinals deserve a hearty congratulations. They've made us all very proud. They've taught us all valuable lessons.