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CARDINALS AMBUSH BRAVES: 44-13

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The William Jewell Cardinals, ranked 6th in the NAIA Division II polls, rolled to an impressive victory over the 19th-ranked Ottawa University Braves before a homecoming crowd in Liberty Saturday afternoon.

The Cards were stung early in the game as Arthur Sippio recovered a Jewell fumble on the WJC 38. On their first offensive play, quarterback Paul Haskell tossed a touchdown pass to Hercules Stancil to give the Braves the lead. After Tony Langone's kick made the score 0-7, the surprised Cardinals found themselves trailing for the first time this season.

Late in the first quarter, the Cardinals got the chance they had been seeking as Bruce Hill (junior, O'Fallon) returned a punt 22 yards to the Ottawa 46. From here, Mark Capra (senior, Kansas City) went to work on the Brave defense behind the devastating blocking of Dennis Williams (senior, Raytown), Steve Spencer (junior, Raytown), Guy Weber (freshman, Hillsboro), Sid Silvey (senior, Liberty) and Randy Wepler (senior, Liberty).

Key blocks allowed Vic Davolt (sophomore, Rolla) to break into the open twice and the Cardinals had first and 10 at the Brave 22. Jewell was stopped on their first two downs, but on third and 8 from the 20, Capra hit Liberty freshman Jeff Gourley (Liberty) for a

touchdown. Al Garcia's (senior, Kansas City) kick evened the score at 7-7.

Early in the second quarter, Coach Stan McGarvey sprang his secret weapon on the unsuspecting Ottawa defense. The weapon came in the form of last year's leading rusher, All-American running back, David Cunningham (junior, Louisiana, MO). The move was a secret since only McGarvey and his coaches knew that Cunningham had seen contact for the first time Friday afternoon during practice and appeared ready to go. As Cunningham burst into the end zone at the end of a 20 yard scamper on his third carry of the game, it was evident that the junior from Louisiana, MO, was staking claim to his vacated running back slot. As he was being mobbed by his joyous teammates in the end zone, it was also evident that this would be a long afternoon for the visiting Braves. Al Garcia again added the extra point and the Cardinals left the field at halftime with a 14-7 lead.

On their second possession of the third quarter, last year's starting backfield of Capra, Davolt, and Cunningham put their old act back together as Jewell drove 66 yards for a score. On this drive, Davolt carried 4 times for 37 yards, Capra once for 13 and Cunningham once for 9 as he scored his second touchdown. Garcia was again successful as his kick made the score 21-7.

Jewell's next score was set up by Jack Stasi's (senior, Kansas City) 6th interception of the year, a spectacular one-handed catch. Six plays later, freshman tailback Alvin Robertson (Pleasanton, KS) carried the ball in from the 2 and with Garcia's help, the score stood at 28-7.

As the 4th quarter rolled around, Jewell took advantage of a

determined defensive effort led by Jim Koch (sophomore, Maryland Heights, MO) and Wayne Schmidt (sophomore, N. Tonawanda, NY). Taking possession at the Ottawa 43, Capra shot two quick passes to Rob Schermerhorn (senior, Great Mills, MD) and Jeff Gourley (freshman, Liberty), then called his own number on a 4-yard run. Garcia added the conversion to make the score 35-7.

Jewell scored their final touchdown as Mark Timmerberg (sophomore, Montgomery City) returned a stolen pass 35 yards for a touchdown. Hoping to give his team depth, McGarvey substituted freely on defense and Ottawa was able to add one last score on a pass from Steve Volmer to Lowell Morgan. Al Garcia added a 28-yard field goal for the Cards with 5:48 left in the game to put the final score at 44-13.

The Cardinal defense, which held Ottawa to only 200 yards in total offense, was led by Jim Koch with 15 tackles. Offensively, Capra hit on 11 of 16 passes for 105 yards and Davolt rushed for 101 yards on 22 carries.

The Cardinals will place their perfect record on the line next Saturday as they go on the road to face Central Methodist in Fayette. The game is scheduled for a 1:30 p.m. kickoff and will be covered locally by KWPB-FM, Red Rage Radio, in Liberty.