

naia division ii top twenty

The Top Twenty teams in the Division II National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics football poll, with season records and points:

1. Bethany (Kan)	6-0-0	311
2. William Jewell	6-0-0	282
3. Findlay (Ohio)	4-0-1	278
(tie) Jamestown (N.D.)	5-0-0	278
5. Concordia (Minn)	4-1-0	234
6. G. Adolphus (Minn)	5-1-0	225
7. Midland Lutheran (Neb)	5-0-0	223
8. Northwestern (Iowa)	4-0-0	219
9. Dickinson State (N.D.)	4-0-0	186
10. Linfield (Ore)	3-1-1	160
(tie) P. Luth. (Wash)	4-1-0	160
12. Austin (Texas)	5-1-0	144
13. California Lutheran	4-1-1	140
14. St. John's (Minn)	4-1-0	122
15. St. Mary's (Calif)	4-1-0	99
16. Missouri Valley	4-1-1	82
17. Milton (Wis)	4-1-0	39
18. Illinois Wesleyan	4-1-0	38
19. Anderson (Ind)	4-1-0	31
20. Hanover (Ind)	4-1-0	19

Bethany, Jewell Rank 1-2

Missouri Western Gains No. 7 Spot In Division I

Area powers Bethany and William Jewell have claimed the top two spots in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II football poll.

Top-ranked Bethany, of Lindsborg, Kan., and William Jewell of Liberty are the only Division II teams rated by the NAIA that have 6-0 records.

According to a member of the NAIA's national office staff here, this is the first time schools from the Kansas and Missouri area have been ranked 1-2 in the Division II poll, which was begun in 1970.

Bethany moved up one spot after No. 1 Gustavus Adolphus of Minnesota lost Saturday. Jewell advanced from sixth to second.

Missouri Valley College of Marshall, Mo., which has a 4-1-1 record and plays at William Jewell Oct. 27, ranks 18th.

Missouri Western of St. Joseph, also 6-0, is ranked No. 7 in NAIA Division I. The Griffons were eighth last week. Texas A&I, Western State (Colo.) and Central State (Okla.) remained 1-2-3 with 5-0 records.

The high rankings of Bethany and William Jewell heightened speculation of their playoff chances. Three more weeks remain in the poll, and the final rankings Nov. 7 will help determine the eight teams selected for the playoffs.

There is the possibility that Bethany and William Jewell could oppose each other in the opening round. But an NAIA official said that the area schools could be paired against outside opponents and would have a chance of playing each other in the semifinals or the championship game.

Missouri Western is also a playoff possibility in Division I. The Griffons could be facing plenty of post-season action. They have agreed to play the Heart of America Conference champion (or runner-up) in the first Molla Shrine Bowl Nov. 24 in St. Joseph.

The Molla Shrine Bowl and the Boot Hill Bowl in Dodge City, Kan., on Nov. 17 have been approved as extra events by the NAIA. Teams not involved in the NAIA playoffs will be considered for the Boot Hill Bowl.