

To remain undefeated

Cards stop Fayette team

The second ranked William Jewell Cardinals showed their fans that they were deserving of their national recognition by destroying a Central Methodist squad by a score of 56-17 Saturday afternoon at Eagle Field in Fayette.

Junior defensive back Bruce Hill took the opening kickoff at his six and scooted 47 yards to give the Cardinals a first down inside Eagle territory at the Central Methodist 47.

The Cards marched to a first down at the Eagle 10 upon the running of Vic Davolt and Mark Cline.

The tone for the game was set as Mark Capra went for paydirt on fourth and 7 and hit Robin Schermerhorn for a touchdown. Al Garcia's extra point made the score 7-0.

As quickly as the Cardinals found themselves in the lead, Central Methodist turned the tables scoring twice, once on a 39-yard field goal by Dave Albany and again on a 7-yard run by Tony Livingston as the score rose to 7-10.

At this point in the game, the announcers should have said "Ladies and gentlemen, meet the William Jewell Cardinals," for the team that destroyed Ottawa last weekend took the field.

Insulted that they could be trailing to a team of Central Methodist's caliber, the Cardinals pulled out their guns and took aim on first the Eagle Team, and second the goal line behind that team and proceeded to blow away number one and reach number two at will.

The Cardinal offensive line made up of Mike Hogan, Steve Spencer, Dennis Williams, Randy Wepler (senior, Liberty), and Sid Silvey (senior, Liberty) were awesome as they opened up gaping holes in the Eagle defensive line and surrounded Capra with a strong pass protection.

Defensively, the Cardinals played a crushing pass defense allowing only 21 percent completions behind the pass rush of Wayne Schmidt, Gary Ainsworth, Jim Koch, Chris Choice, Ed,

Wachter, Don "Preacher" Brown, and Doug "Hollywood" Henderson (freshman, Gladstone).

The Cardinal defensive backs, who are becoming known as the "share and share alike club," were most gracious in allowing the Central Methodist receivers to get one reception for each Cardinal interception.

The final score in pass receiving from Eagle quarterbacks, Eagle receivers 6, Cardinal defensive receivers 6.

This defensive effort in the second day was led by Larry Bruns who picked off three of the arials which he ran back for 59 yards and all of which led to Cardinal scores.

The fans who made the trip to Fayette were treated to a scoring explosion that was almost unbelievable.

The Cardinals scored in the second quarter on a 2-yard run by Mark Cline which was set up by a 38-yard Capra to Schermerhorn pass.

Again in the second quarter, Capra unleashed a

first down pass to Schermerhorn but this time the 38-yarder was good for a score. Their final scoring drive of the first half came as a result of Ed Wachter's pass interception which gave them possession in Eagle territory.

Capra went this time to his All-American running back David Cunningham who showed his strength by truly running over tacklers to set up Capra's 13-yard jaunt to place the score at 28-10.

The Eagles came out of the dressing room at half time, intent on making a game of it and drove deep into Cardinal territory before the defensive unit, led by Schmidt, blocked a field goal attempt.

In an ironic turn of events, Dave Ross of the Eagles picked up the loose ball and headed for the end zone coming only inches from a first down before he was leveled by a crushing tackle by Jack Stasi.

Unfortunately Ross was injured and was taken to the hospital by ambulance where he was diagnosed as

having a concussion but was in very improved condition by the game's end.

Following the blocked field goal, it was again all Cardinals' as Cunningham romped five yards for a score to place the tally at 35-10.

In the opening minutes of the fourth period, it was

again Capra to Schermerhorn, this time for 57 yards and a touchdown. To put the score at 42-10 as Garcia was again successful with his conversion. Garcia was perfect for the night as he eventually hit 8 of 8.

With the score so high, Coach Stan McGarvey turned his junior varsity squad

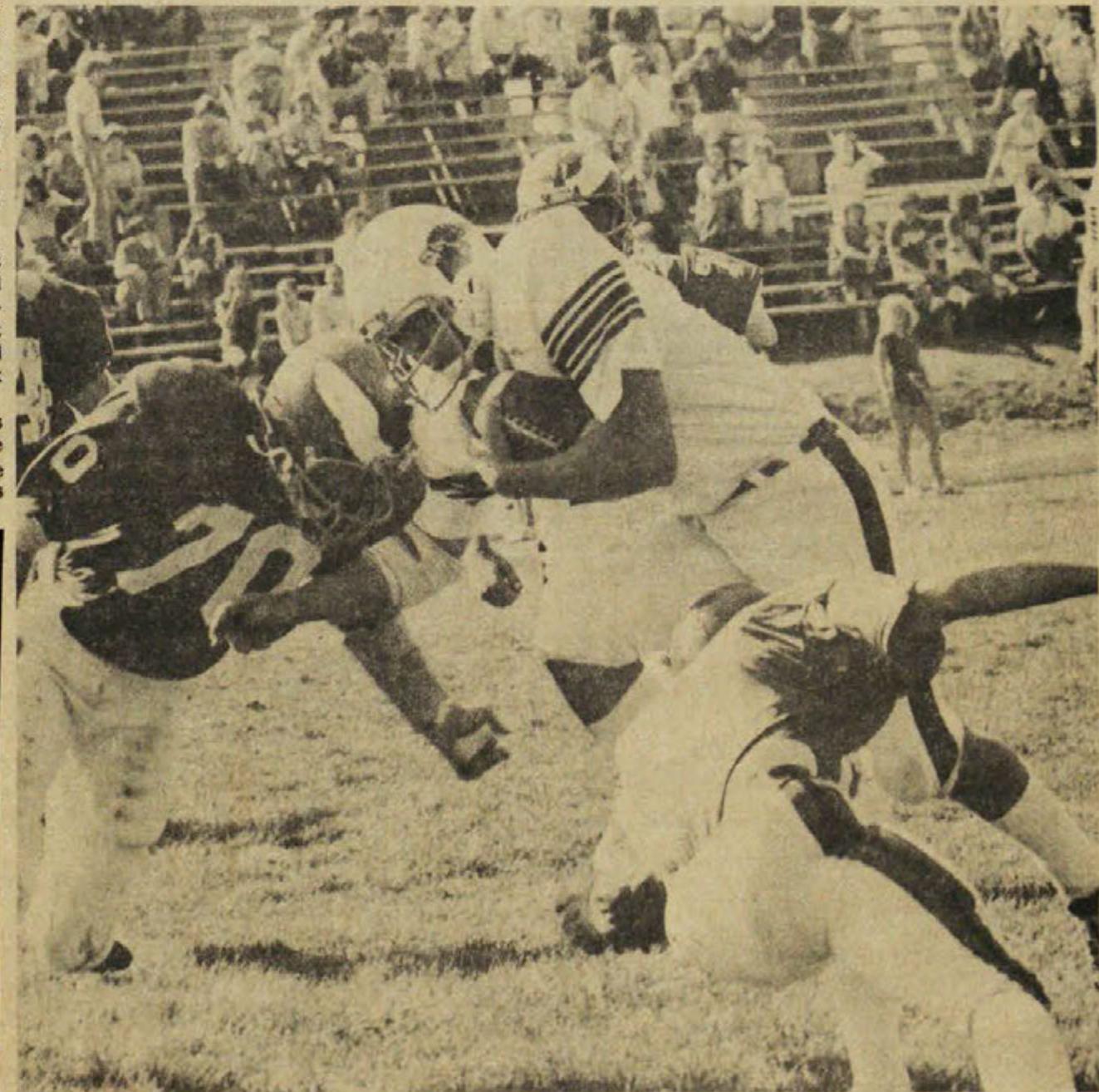
loose on the Eagles and they thanked him with two more touchdowns.

Kelly Groom and Robbie Vaughn piloted the Cardinals as Alvin Robertson added the first score of a 2-yard run and this was followed by Brook Boehmler's 8-yard journey.

Also impressive was Larry

Pleus who had several powerful runs from his running back slot.

The defensive power of the Cardinals showed up in the statistics where the Eagles were held to only 236 yards of offense and 65 yards of this came on a fluke pass play by the Eagles in the last minutes of play.



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The Hard Way (Photo by David Ussery)