

Moila Bowl: Leave Defense at Home

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Perhaps Darrel Gourley best summed up the frustration of William Jewell after its 72-44 loss to Missouri Western in the Moila Shrine Bowl football game Saturday.

"I've been in this business 31 years," the Jewell assistant coach said, "and this is the first time I've ever been with a team that put 44 points on the board and still got beat."

The game between NAIA colleges was an offensive show from the start. It seemed like the bowl committee told the Cardinals and Griffons to leave their defenses at home when the invitations were passed out.

Missouri Western, rebounding from the frustration of four straight losses, moved easily behind the passing of Mike Solomon and the running of Rodney Stephenson. The Griffons scored on 10-of-13 possessions, with only one set up by a turnover deep in Jewell

area colleges

territory.

Missouri Western scored on drives of 67 and 88 yards in the first quarter; 13, 66 and 38 yards in the second quarter; 48 and 68 yards in the third quarter; and 56, 50 and 80 yards in the last quarter.

Jewell started slowly and punted on its three possessions in the first quarter. Then the Cards got going behind the passing of Mark Capra. Jewell scored on drives of 80, 69 and 80 yards in the second quarter; on another 80-yard march in the third quarter; and on drives of 78 and 74 yards in the fourth quarter. One Jewell drive to the Missouri Western 3 ended with an interception in the end zone.

Coach Rob Hicklin of Missouri Western thought the biggest difference between the teams was their levels of

competition. Missouri Western is in NAIA Division I. William Jewell is in Division II.

"I think we showed some people there's a world of difference between the Division I Central States Conference and the Division II Heart of America," Hicklin said. "The Central States is much more physical."

Stan McGarvey, William Jewell coach, admitted that his Cardinals were at a physical disadvantage defensively.

"Their runnings backs are so big and strong, they dominated us," McGarvey said. "We were arm-tackling them. Our guys didn't give up on defense, but they were just out-manned."

Offensively, the Cardinals rolled as Capra completed 32 passes for 418 yards to six receivers. Often throwing underneath the Griffons' coverage, Capra found backs Vic Davolt for 13 catches and 127 yards and David Cun-

ningham for seven catches and 90 yards. Rob Schermerhorn led the Cards with 139 yards on seven receptions, including a 69-yard pass when Capra audibled to beat the Griffons' blitz.

Pat Casey made six catches for 119 yards and Tim Hoskins five for 117 to lead Missouri Western.

Solomon received the Most Valuable Player Award. Stephenson was chosen the Griffons' best offensive player, and linebacker Robert Newhart earned the defensive honor. Jewell players honored were Capra on offense and linebacker Gary Ainsworth on defense.

It was a game that satisfied offensive-minded fans and one that kept statisticians busy. The cameramen could provide a season's worth of highlight film from the game.

"I hate to see what our film bill will be," said McGarvey.