

Jewell, Baker to play Saturday

Overflow crowd expected

You don't have to remind Jim Finlay that the William Jewell-Baker football game packs a wallop.

The former William Jewell news director found out the hard way last year.

When the Cardinals rallied for a 10-10 tie on a 49-yard field goal by Jerry Burch, a Jewell partisan fluming the game atop the press box jumped up and down for joy. His movement caused a window in the press box to come unhinged.

Finlay was in the path of the window and was dazed by the blow. "I saw stars for 20 minutes after the game," he said.

The 1980 game matched two unbeaten teams, both highly ranked by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. In addition, a California statistician who figured college foot-

ball ratings for a hobby, had high-scoring Baker rated 37th in the nation.

Every play became crucial as the small college teams played what many consider a "classic game." No play was more crucial than the field goal by Burch with 28 seconds left.

"What I remember most about the game is that Jewell was most fortunate to kick the field goal and tie us,"

Baker Athletic Director Jim Irick said this week. "But I don't think anybody could expect to see a better game than that."

Jewell defensive tackle Wayne Schmidt, preparing for a rematch against Baker on Saturday night in Baldwin, Kan., said the buildup for the 1980 game added to the intensity.

"There was a lot of publicity about the game, and everything was on the line," Schmidt said. "David Cunningham (Jewell's leading rusher) was

out with an injury, and we felt like we had to overcome that. We felt Baker had better individuals, but if we played well as a team, we could beat them. It was sort of a victory for us because we did come from behind."

The game drew a full house of 6,000 fans last year in Liberty, and Irick expects an overflow crowd at Baker's 4,000-seat stadium Saturday night.

There was talk last month that the game might be switched to spacious Arrowhead Stadium. But the talk apparently never reached official channels.

"Nothing has come to my office in regards to anything like that," Irick said. "And we'd have to know about it in advance to get approval from the

Heart of America Conference to switch the game."

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Baker must defeat William Jewell to keep football playoff hopes alive

It's that time of year for the Baker University Wildcats. Either they win tonight or become an extinct species in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics football playoffs.

The NAIA picks the top eight teams from its final Division II poll next weekend for the playoffs. Baker, with a 7-1 record is ranked 11th entering tonight's 7:30 game on its home field in Baldwin, Kan., against No. 2-ranked William Jewell, 8-0.

"It's definitely a must situation for us," Baker Coach Charlie Richard said Friday. "We've got to win. But as many undefeated teams as there are above us now (six), it'll probably be tough for us to get back in regardless."

Richard believes Jewell is in a much better position for the playoffs.

"Even with a loss I think they'd still be in the top eight," Richard said. "I don't think they'd drop out."

Jewell also has a more favorable schedule. The Cardinals' last game is at home against winless Culver-Stockton. Baker closes with Ottawa, a traditional rival which will be playing its last game in the Heart of America Conference.

Baker is pinning its victory hopes

tonight on a powerful rushing attack, which is second in the NAIA.

"Jewell has three tremendous linebackers, and its down linemen have improved every week," Richard said. "It's a tough defense to move the ball against. But we've got to move it on the ground against them. That's what we do best."

Baker has a powerful 1-2 running punch. Fullback Taylor Gill has gained 1,059 yards rushing on 200 carries and tailback Ben Reed has 1,005 yards on 128 carries.

Richard said Jerry Rauschebach, the team's top passer, will start at quarterback ahead of Pee Wee Phillips, who is the better option runner.

Missouri Valley, which can gain a share of the Heart of America championship if Baker defeats William Jewell, closes its season at 7:30 tonight against Graceland. Valley's only conference loss was to William Jewell, the week after it defeated Baker.