

# Smaller Austin team challenges Jewell

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If you can't join 'em, fight 'em.

That could be the motto this week for Austin College Coach Larry Kramer as he prepares his team for Saturday's football playoff game against William Jewell College in Sherman, Texas.

But it isn't. Kramer said he has been too busy to think about what it would be like to lead the opposition in the semifinals of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II playoffs.

Kramer's name was mentioned last winter when Jewell was seeking a replacement for Coach Stan McGarvey, who became an assistant at the University of Cincinnati. Kramer chose to stay at Austin, where he consistently has turned out winning teams. Vic

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Wallace, a late entry for the Jewell coaching job, was selected and has yet to lose a game for the Cardinals.

"I hadn't thought about the Jewell job at all. I've been concentrating so much on this game," Kramer said on Thursday. "Yes, it is ironic. But Jewell got the right man. Vic Wallace and his staff have done an outstanding job."

Kramer also is impressed by Jewell's talent, especially quarterback Kelly Groom, running backs Scoop Gillespie and Steve Hodges and receivers Mike McGill and Marty Hensley.

"They have two great defensive tackles (Guy Weber and Wayne

Schmidt) and a middle linebacker (Tim Johnson) who is really a good football player," Kramer added. "Their defensive line is much bigger than ours. If we had a big lunch, we might average 200."

Austin, co-champion of the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association, compiled a 9-1 regular-season record, finished sixth in the final NAIA Division II poll and defeated Panhandle State (Okla.) 27-16 in the playoff quarterfinals. Jewell, No. 2 in the poll, is 11-0 after beating top-ranked Pacific Lutheran 19-14 in the quarterfinals.

Austin uses a slot-I offense. "It's more of a spread," Kramer said. "We don't have a true tight end. We feel it's an offense that opens things up more for us. We had two freshmen tight ends, and with the experience of our wide receivers, we felt this would be a

better offense for us."

Austin quarterback Larry Shillings completed 149 of 284 passes for 1,681 yards and 17 touchdowns during the regular season. His top receivers were Clay Oliphint with 51 catches for 728 yards and 10 touchdowns and Rory Dukes with 34 catches for 515 yards and three touchdowns.

Freshman tailback Van Hargis gave the Austin running attack a lift when he rushed for 123 yards in the playoff game against Panhandle.

Kramer said his top defensive performers have been tackle Larry Hickman and cornerbacks Kenny Kirby and Les Garcia.

Austin is putting in extra bleachers in anticipation of a crowd of 4,000 for the game. Kramer said the temperature is expected to be in the 70s.