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With Austin leading 30-28, Shillings was sacked at the Austin 17 on a third-down play, and Jewell took possession at its 37 following a Gene Branum punt.

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Shillings then drove Austin to the Jewell 9, and Branum kicked his second 22-yard field goal with 2:30 left.

Jewell had the ball for one more possession, but lost it on downs in the final seconds.

Hodges was the leading rusher

for Jewell with 101 yards in five carries.

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