CULVER-STOCKTON COLLEGE vs. WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE

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Jewell wins one for ratings committee

Culver-Stockton quarterback Charles Nager looks for a pass receiver in Saturday night's game with William Jewell. Nager

wasn't successful very often as the Cardinals romped to a 59-6 victory. (staff photo by Mary Ann Lyons)

Culver-Stockton pays 59-6 price for voters' snub of Cardinals

ere's a score that ought to impress any rating committee:

William Jewell 59. Culver-Stockton 6.

Whether the Jewell coaches and players will admit it or not, their lopsided victory in the Heart of America' Conference football opener Saturday night in Liberty hould have some effect on their National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II rat-

The Cards were snubbed in the poll last week, failing to move up o No. 1 after a 19-7 season-opening victory over Doane of Nebraska. Instead, Austin College of Texas, their playoff conqueror last year, climbed over Jewell into the top spot while Jewell remained No. 2 for a second straight week. Austin did it without play-

ing. "If we put a value on the poll, we could have scored more." said Jewell Coach Vic Wallace, who called off his top players after the Cardinals mounted a 59-0 lead in the first half. "We never played any of our starters in the second half and we just tried to keep the ball on the ground except to pass to keep drives alive."

In effect, the runaway first half messed up Wallace's game plan. He wanted to use his regulars for three quarters to sharpen their execution. "We sure looked good," he said. "Everything went boom, boom, boom, like we had rehearsed those things 100 times."

Quarterback Kelly Groom, operating behind a strong offensive line, and running back Steve Hodges paced the rout. Groom threw three touchdown passes.

two to Hodges and one to Jimi Reed. Hodges tacked on another

score on an 11-yard run.

The Cardinals ran up 359 yards total offense and held Culver to 83 yards. Culver quarterback Charles Nager was sacked six times and forced to throw on the run most of the night. Jewell shut off a Culver threat at the 4 before yielding a third-quarter touchdown on a 4-yard run by freshman fullback Devon Perry.

Jewell linebacker Tim Johnson scored a touchdown for the special teams when he ran 45 yards ith a blocked kick

The Cards scored two touchdowns 22 seconds apart in their 38-point first quarter. Hodges scored on an 18-yard pass from Groom, then scored on first down after a fumble recovery on the Culver 11.

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