

Cardinals

defeat

Methodists

Quarterback Kelly Groom completed 19 of 27 passes for 381 yards and one touchdown in leading William Jewell to a 49-0 Heart of America Athletic Conference victory over Central Methodist Sept. 25.

The Cardinals, 3-0 overall and 2-0 in the HAAC, scored on Scoop Gillespie's five-yard run early in the first quarter. Central Methodist, 1-2 and 0-2, took the ensuing kickoff and drove inside the Jewell 10, but missed a 29-yard field goal attempt.

Jewell tallied moments later as wide receiver Jimi Reed passed 45 yards to tight end Scott Martin on a flea-flicker play. Jewell led at that point 14-0.

The Cardinals managed to add two second quarter touchdowns and led 28-0 at halftime.

William Jewell, ranked second in the latest National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II poll, racked up 710 yards of total offense. Running back Steve Hodges finished with 87 yards on 15 carries.

Groom, who's completed 66 percent of his passes this season, teamed with Reed nine times for 204 yards.

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Fayette, Mo.—Two weeks ago, second-ranked William Jewell was passed up for the No. 1 ranking in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II poll when third-ranked Austin, Texas, moved into the top spot.

The Cardinals renewed their bid for No. 1 Saturday with a 49-0 victory over Central Methodist in a Heart of America Conference game.

Jewell, which had 831 yards of total offense, was led by senior quarterback Kelly Groom, who completed 19 of 26 passes for 386 yards and one touchdown. Two other quarterbacks, Jimi Reed and Scott Sandridge, each tossed a touchdown pass.

The Cardinals also rushed for 213 yards, led by an 85-yard performance of Steve Hodges, who scored on runs of 5, 40, and 2 yards.

Central Methodist had more than 300 yards of total offense. The Eagles' best drive followed the opening kickoff. They took the ball at their own 20 and marched to the William Jewell 9. A penalty and a missed field goal followed and William Jewell took a 7-0 lead on Fernandars Gillespie's 3-yard run.

William Jewell is 3-0 overall and 2-0 in the conference. Central Methodist is 1-2 and 0-2.