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Jewell lives with No. 1 spot in poll

First-half burst tops Graceland

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Undefeated William Jewell showed Saturday it could live with a No. 1 football ranking.

The Cardinals, who moved to the top of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II poll last Wednesday for the first time in their history, defended the honor with a 33-15 victory over Graceland before a homecoming crowd of 4,596 on the William Jewell College campus in Liberty.

Graceland Coach Bill Dudek thought the Cards' ranking and their quickness were instrumental in the outcome, especially in the first half when William Jewell ran up a 21-0 lead.

"We didn't play very well the first quarter," Dudek said. "We let them intimidate us with that No. 1 ranking, and their quickness. A lot of teams would have folded after being down 21-0, but we showed we had some character."

The Cardinals exhibited power and quickness in driving 75 yards to a touchdown on the opening possession of the game. But a fourth-down pass off punt formation may have been the biggest play of the 9-minute, 23-second march.

On fourth-and-2 at the Graceland 31, Jeff McGuire fielded a low snap and instead of punting, tossed a short pass to receiver David Newman in the left flat. Newman broke a tackle and gained 4 yards to the 27 for a first down.

"It was intended to be a pass," McGuire said. "The low snap wasn't intended. I was lucky to get a handle on the ball and get rid of it real fast. I didn't think it was much of a gamble. If we don't make it, it wouldn't hurt too much. We're pretty far into their territory and we had three quarters to go."

Tailback Scoop Gillespie climaxed the march with a 3-yard run. Jewell went 71 yards on its next possession for a score, with fullback Steve Hodges slashing the final 16 yards.

On the opening play of the second quarter, the Cardinals' Tim Davis recovered a fumble at the Graceland 29 and quarterback

Kelly Groom immediately cashed the opportunity with a 29-yard scoring strike to wide receiver Darrell Schwabe.

Paced by the passing of Jeff Smith, a junior left-handed quarterback, Graceland went 64 yards in the third quarter for a touchdown. It was scored by tailback Mark Stanke on a 3-yard run.

The Cardinals converted a turnover into their final touchdown. David Armstrong returned an interception 37 yards to the Graceland 10, and three plays later, Groom scored from the 1. Steve Hudson's conversion attempt sailed wide to the left, breaking his streak of 29 points after touchdown.

McGuire took an intentional safety at the end of the third quarter, running the final 7 seconds off the clock in the end zone in a move designed to give Jewell the favoring wind conditions in the fourth quarter. The strategy paid when he boomed a 65-yarder on the ensuing free kick.

A Graceland threat was stopped in the fourth quarter on Paul Taylor's interception on the Jewell 1. Graceland came back on its next possession for a score when Smith threw a 23-yard strike to Terry Patterson.

Hudson accounted for Jewell's last two scores on field goals of 38 and 41 yards.

The Cardinals totaled 377 yards, with Hodges rushing for 108 and Gillespie for 82. Smith supplied all but 10 of Graceland's 266 yards with 14 completions in 34 attempts.

Jewell is 4-0 overall and 3-0 in the Heart of America Conference. Graceland is 3-2 and 2-2.

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