

Jewell edges Western, 8-7

LIBERTY, Mo. - William Jewell used a little razzle-dazzle to set up a fourth-quarter touchdown and then made the two-point conversion for an 8-7 victory over Missouri Western Saturday night.

A flea-flicker pass play for 27 yards gave the Cardinals a first-and-goal at the 2-yard line and Scoop Gillespie galloped around right end for the touchdown on the next play with 5:48 left in the game.

Then Sandridge faked a handoff to Gillespie and found tight end Scott Smith deep in the end zone and completed the pass for the two-pointer to put William Jewell ahead.

"It was the same backfield motion as the touchdown play," Sandridge said of the winning conversion. "I rolled to the right and knew I couldn't make it in by running and then he (Smith) got open.

"No way we were going to kick to get a tie, we wanted the win. We were going for it all the way."

Missouri Western moved to the Cardinal 38 with 2:33 to play in the game but a holding penalty pushed the Griffons back near midfield and the Cardinals took over on downs in the final minute and ran out the clock.

The victory is William Jewell's 24th straight at home and moves the Cardinals to 2-0 this season. Missouri Western drops to 1-1.

Missouri Western had taken a 7-0 lead with 1:28 to go in the third quarter on a 4-yard run by running back Chuck Jones and Eric Bruder's PAT.

Mistakes set up both touchdowns.

Still leading with just over six minutes to play, Missouri Western quarterback Andy Williams threw an interception that set up the winning score. Williams dropped back

on a third-and-six at his own 30 and his pass was deflected by defensive end Phil Montgomery. The ball popped up and was caught by All-American linebacker Tim Johnson to give the Cardinals the ball at the Griffon 29.

The Cardinals ran the flea-flicker on first down. Sandridge hit Paul Troth, who had lined up at wide receiver and then taken three quick steps back as the ball was hiked. Troth then lofted a high pass toward the goal line that Smith leaped to snare and then fell down at the 2. Gillespie went in on the next play and the conversion put Jewell on top.

A fumble set up Missouri Western's touchdown. Cardinal running back Steve Hodges was hit by Stuart Standeven and Jerry Partridge on a sweep and fumbled the ball at the 19, where Chris Ball made the recovery for the Griffons.

Five plays later Jones took a pitch from Williams on an option play to the right side and bowled over safety Tim Trout at the goal line for the

score, and Bruder's PAT made it 7-0.

Missouri Western held William Jewell to 104 yards in total offense, while the Griffons had 274. Williams, a sophomore getting his first start, completed just 13 of 28 and threw two interceptions. Running back Jeff Holland ran for 94 yards in 18 carries and caught six passes for 32 more.

Neither team scored in the first half, but both the Cardinals and Griffons moved into field goal range before coming away empty-handed.

The Griffons had good field position most of the half, and the third time they had the ball they started at their own 49.

Holland took a pitch from Williams around left end on the first play and leaped over two tacklers as he raced to the Cardinal 31 for a 21-yard gain. After going nowhere on three tries, Bruder came in to try a 47-yard field goal with 3:45 left in the first quarter. But the snap from center was high and the ball rolled all the way to the Griffon 43 where Jewell took over.

The Cardinals, pinned deep in their own territory most of the half, marched from their 24 to the Griffon 32 to set up their field goal try.

Hodges set a pitch and some open field end for a 19-yard drive. Eddy Adden kicked a 49-yard field goal on the 32, and the left side had enough distance to get wide right at the second quarter.

Missouri Western had the ball in Griffith one other time in the second quarter on the goal attempt. But the ball fluttered when Mark Sandridge for a 22-yard punt out any scoring

to the Jewell 22 on downs, thanks to a fumble by Jones. On fourth down, Williams fumbled the ball back sneak after down yardage and was recovered for the

Jewell has No. 1 sparkle in NAIA poll

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It's early and the defending champion hasn't begun to fight. But William Jewell has already landed a couple of solid licks and moved to the top of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II football rankings.

The Cardinals, who lost to Linfield in the NAIA Division II title game last fall and were ranked No. 2 in pre-season poll, leaped over the Oregon team on the basis of victories over NAIA Division I teams Evangel and Missouri Western. Linfield opens its season this week.

Jewell Coach Vic Wallace, who told his team about the No. 1 ranking after practice Wednesday in Liberty, was happy but understandably wary.

"I'm glad we're No. 1, but I don't think it means anything this time of

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year," Wallace said. "We're just a target for people. The main thing is to be in the top eight at the end of the year and in the playoffs. This is a real credit to our athletic program, the school, the boosters and the community. It means more to them than the team."

Jewell, which suffered a midseason upset to Mid-America Nazarene last year while ranked No. 1, now defends its top position against a team that owns the NAIA's longest current losing streak at 24 games. The Cardinals play Culver-Stockton in their Heart of America Conference opener Saturday in Canton, Mo.

"There's no question people are out to shoot us down," Jewell quarterback Scott Sandridge said. "But they were trying to do that anyway because we played in the championship game last year. You have to work extra hard when you play a team like Culver-Stockton that is supposed to be easy. You have to get mentally prepared. We probably weren't mentally prepared when we played Mid-America last year."

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