

Tie downgrades Jewell-Baker game from a battle of the perfect records

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One perfect record is missing from the William Jewell-Baker football showdown next Saturday night in Baldwin, Kan. But the game, no longer a match-up of unbeaten, untied teams, still packs a wallop.

A 14-14 tie with Missouri Valley on Saturday cost Jewell, 5-0-1, a perfect season and undoubtedly its top position in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II poll. Baker, 6-0 and fifth in last week's poll, probably will go into the game rated higher than the Cardinals.

Don't try to sell the ratings superiority to Baker. The Wildcats won't buy it. They've been burned too many times in this rivalry. Baker has not beaten Jewell since 1979.

"I don't think the ratings mean anything," Baker quarterback Chuck Rhodes said after the Wildcats downed Mid-America Nazarene 31-9 Saturday night in Olathe. "We could both be 0-6, and the rivalry would still be intense. We haven't beaten them in so long. When I was growing up in Baldwin all I would hear was how Baker could never beat Jewell.

"I'm really looking forward to this game. We've got a good team. I

thought we had a better team than Jewell did last year, and they really stuck it to us (39-18)."

Baker Coach Charlie Richard also discounts the ratings.

"The way I see it, Jewell has the advantage over us," he said. "They've won the last three years. This is a great rivalry, and it should be a good football game. We're very similar teams. We both have great de-