

apparent rout.

However, it was not to be. The three possessions ended in overed by the Wildcats.

ell had recovered a fumbled Culver punt return on the Wildcat 34.

The Cards moved the ball to the 12-yard line only to fumble again, ending

"I was disappointed with the way both the offense and the defense played," said Jewell Head Coach Vic Wallace. "We sure didn't play like the team we are."

game," added Wallace. Jewell takes on HAAC tral Methodist College, Mid-America Nazarene C urday, at 7:30 p.m. here

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is the leading rusher with 43 carries for 208 yards and four touchdowns. Scoop is a senior with 1862 total rushing ards amassed, 19 touchdowns and a career average of five yards per/carry.

Hodges is also a senior, and was a NAIA Honorable Mention All American last year. Steve has 1875 total rushing yards on 390 carries, with 24 touchdowns and a career 4.8 yards per/carry average.

Opposing defenses face two different styles of running back in Gillespie and Hodges. At 5'11" and 180 pounds, Gillespie is the cruiser, with deceptive speed and slashing moves. Scoop is as dangerous a blocker as he is a runner, prompting running back coach Dennis Kuras to call him, "...pound for pound, as good as any blocker on

the team." He is the Cardinals' Charlie Hustle-the guy who gives 100 percent even on the sideline.

Steve Hodges is 5'10" and 200 pounds. His low center of gravity makes him difficult to solo tackle and fun to watch. Most runners are exciting in the open field, but he is most exciting when at least two defenders are trying to drag him down. "He has real quick feet," remarked Kuras. "He is as fast in four or five steps as he is going to be in 25 steps."

With two outstanding athletes in the same backfield, one might think egos would clash. But according to the Pony Express, such is not the case. "I play each game to win," said Scoop. "My first priority is to do whatever it takes to win. Often that means not having such

great statistics. . . Having another back that runs as much as I do doesn't restrict me at all.

The same group goals are sought by Hodges: "I think he can do everything I can do. . . The reason we don't have greater statistics is because our offense is very talented. We don't have a standout because the offense stands out itself. What is more important though, is winning the games and being in the championship playoffs."

Despite their willingness to complement each other, Hodges and Gillespie admitted a desire to play more often. "I'd love to stay in and beef up my statistics," confessed Gillespie. "But when I was a freshman I played behind a junior and a senior at running back and I didn't play much, so I know how it

feels."

"When I'm taken out I feel great that other people can play," said Hodges. "But heck, I'd like to play the whole game."

According to Kuras, the secret to the success of the Pony Express is their ability to make the Cardinal offense unpredictable. "The best thing about them is that you can't key on one," he said.

Hodges agreed: "An asset to our offense is that we've got two running backs and not just one, and that would scare any coach because he can't say, 'We're going to key on this guy and shut him down and we'll do alright.' We have two backs and if you shut one down, the other is going to have a great game."

Their next game is on Oct. 8 at Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa at 1 p.m.