

# Pre-season polls rank Cardinals 3rd in nation

Preseason National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II polls have been released, and the William Jewell College football Cardinals have been ranked third best team in the nation.

Jewell trails last year's national champion, Pacific Lutheran University of Tacoma, Wash., and Wilmington College of Ohio, which last year ended Jewell's playoffs hopes

in semi-final action.

William Jewell received 285 votes in the preseason ranking. Pacific Lutheran had 319 votes and 15 of 16 first place ballots, and Wilmington had 304 votes plus the remaining first place ballot.

Additionally, Baker University of Baldwin City, Kan., Jewell's biggest foe last year, was ranked fifth in the preseason poll, gathering 243

ballots.

The only other Heart of America Athletic Conference vote getter was Missouri Valley College.

In pre-season HAAC polling, William Jewell was ranked second in the conference by coaches, and Baker was ranked first. Mo Valley was ranked third by HAAC coaches.

William Jewell College ended last year ranked fourth in the nation. And Baker ended the year ranked seventh, thus both HAAC rivals moved up in the polling.

In other preseason notes, Missouri Valley, with 11, holds fifth place in the current streak of consecutive winning seasons.

Baker, with 12 wins and one tie, leads, and Jewell, with 11 wins and 1 tie, brings up second in the regular season unbeaten but tied streaks going into the 1981 football season.

Other useful statistics with which to dazzle your friends include Mo Valley's 19th-place ranking as winningest NAIA football team in the seasons 1976-1980. Mo Valley boasts a 76.9 percent winning average over five years.

And Mo Valley is ranked as the second winningest NAIA football team in the last 10 seasons, with a 79.3 per cent spread out over 10 years. In the decade ending last year, Mo Valley had won 81 games, lost 20 and tied three.