

Air Assault Destroys Bears As High-Flying Cards Roll

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Everything that could go wrong went wrong for Washington University's football team Saturday night, turning the Bears' 1980 Homecoming game at Francis Field into a nightmare.

Undefeated William Jewell College made the Bears its fifth victim of the season with a 57-17 laugher. In so doing, the Cardinals scored the most points they have in two years. WU's record is 1-2.

Jewell quarterback Kelly Groom had almost a perfect night. He connected on 15 of 22 passes for 319 yards and four touchdowns. But Jerry Burch, the Cardinals' freshman place kicker, hurt the Bears as much as Groom did. Burch booted field goals of 37, 40 and 37 yards and hit six of seven extra-point attempts. One was blocked.

Jewell led at halftime, 33-11. The Cardinals shredded the Bears' defense with four long touchdown strikes and then added insult to injury with a parting shot in the dying seconds of the half when Burch drilled a 40-yard field goal. There was no time showing on the scoreboard clock when his kick sailed squarely through the uprights.

It was Groom, a sophomore from LaGrange, Mo., who punished the

Bears in the first half. He threw for an amazing 213 yards, completing seven of 11 attempts. Three of the completions went for touchdowns of 37, 49 and 53 yards. But that wasn't all. He cranked up for another 23-yarder to flanker Mike McGill that put Jewell in position for Burch's field goal at the end of the half.

While the Bears' secondary was trying to find a way to keep the ball out of the hands of the sticky-fingered Cardinal receivers, the Bears' forward wall was being punched out by hard-running David Cunningham, who ranked as the nation's No. 2 rusher in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics coming into the game.

Cunningham, a senior from Louisiana, Mo., didn't hurt his statistics in the first half. He ran for 98 yards on 14 carries. Junior Jon Schmidt was the Bears' leading runner with 51 yards on nine carries.

Two of Groom's long TD passes went to McGill, the other to Cunningham. The Cardinals struck quickly, scoring the first time they had the ball. Following the kickoff, Jewell needed only four plays, Groom hitting McGill from 37 yards out.

After a Mike Landis field goal of 30

yards had put the Bears on the board for the first time, Groom threw a soft pass to Cunningham in the right flat and the speedster did the rest on his own, weaving for 49 yards into the end zone.

Fourteen seconds later Jewell had busted the Bears' defense again for another TD. WU fullback David Branch took a handoff from quarterback Dick Ward and darted into the line. Suddenly, the ball squirted from his grasp and Chris Choice, a defensive tackle, found the ball in his arms. What did he do? He made the right choice, rambling 23 yards to pay dirt.

That gave Jewell a 20-3 first-quarter lead, but the Bears were to get even for Choice's good fortune. Early in the second quarter, Fernandars "Scooter" Gillespie, a freshman running back from St. Louis Southwest High, was stripped of the ball. Dean Pichee alertly picked it up for the Bears and ran 40 yards for the TD.

Bears' Coach Ken Henderson called for a two-point conversion attempt. Ward lofted a short pass to tight end Joe Plassmeyer, who dropped the ball. But officials ruled interference, moving the ball to the 1. From there, Schmidt dived in.

Too Much To Bear

CHICAGO	2	0	1-3
BLUES	0	0	0-0

FIRST PERIOD

C — D. Sutter 2 (Lysiak, Preston) 11:35
C — Crossman 1 (Savard, Higgins) 15:21
Penalties — Babych (B) 5:24; Hutchison (C) 17:44.

SECOND PERIOD

No scoring
Penalties — Murray (C) 1:50; Murray (C) 3:56; Patey (B) 7:13; Hutchison (C) 10:46; Higgins (C), minor and major, 19:32; Monahan (B), major and game misconduct, 19:32.

THIRD PERIOD

C — Mulvey 6 (Brown, Lysiak) 10:29
Penalties — Higgins (C), major, 8:23; Murray (C), Lecuyer (C), Sedlbauer (C) and Crossman (C), double misconducts, 8:23; Chicago bench, 8:23; Turnbull (B), minor and major, 8:23; Brownschilde (B), Kea (B) and Dunlop (B), double misconducts, 8:23; Currie (B), misconduct, 8:23; Blues bench, 8:23.

SHOTS ON GOAL

CHICAGO	9	6	9-24
BLUES	10	9	8-27

Goaltenders — Chicago, Esposito. Blues, Livt.
Referee — Bryan Lewis. Attendance — 3,460.

Can't Bear It

WILLIAM JEWELL	20	13	21	3	— 57
WASHINGTON U.		3	8	6	— 17

JEWELL — McGill 37 pass from Groom (Burch kick)
WU — FG Landis 30
JEWELL — Cunningham 49 pass from Groom (Burch kick)
JEWELL — Choice 23 fumble recovery (kick blocked)
WU — Pichee 40 fumble recovery (Schmidt run from 2)
JEWELL — FG Burch 37
JEWELL — McGill 53 pass from Groom (Burch kick)
JEWELL — FG Burch 40
JEWELL — Gillespie 4 run (Burch kick)
WU — Bolton 68 pass from Ward (pass failed)
JEWELL — Marfin 8 pass from Groom (Burch kick)
JEWELL — Hill 23 punt return (Burch kick)
JEWELL — FG Burch 37