

CARDIAC CARDS CONQUER GRACELAND

A strong fourth quarter finish revived the team "Cardiac Cards" (remember the Missouri Western game?) as the Red Rage rallied for a 20-13 victory over Graceland at Lamoni, Iowa in a Heart of America Conference game. Jewell is now 5-0 overall, 3-0 in conference play and ranked first in the NAIA Division II poll for the fourth straight week. Graceland dropped to 2-3 overall and 1-3 in the Conference. Jewell has now beaten Graceland six years in a row.

BRIAN FAIRCHILD (Clinton, MO), senior cornerback, gave the Cardinals a 6-0 lead in the first quarter when he returned an interception 49 yards. Graceland scored on a 49 yard run in the second quarter to give the Yellowjackets a 7-6 halftime lead. A gusting wind of 15-20 mph blew all afternoon, making field position and play selection crucial for both teams. Graceland increased its lead to 13-6 in the third quarter on 29 and 34 yard field goals after the Red Rage defense, led by STEVE ENNEN, TIM JOHNSON and JERRY TWIGG thwarted and stalled the Graceland offense. Jewell's defense has now given up only one touchdown in the last 13 quarters.

With the wind to their backs, the Cardinals cranked up their comeback in the fourth quarter by tying the game at 13-13 on a powerful up-the-middle rip by STEVE HODGES. The PAT was added by DAVE RILEY. Quarterback, SCOTT SANDRIDGE scored the winning touchdown with 2:30 left on the clock on a 7 yard run which capped a 65 yard drive of 2:40. Again, DAVE RILEY kicked the point after to make the final score 20-13.

CAPSULE COMMENTS: REGGIE HILL, WR (on a pass interference call against Graceland with 4 minutes to go) "Their safety grabbed me by the head as I was going for the ball"...STEVE ENNEN, LB--"It was a tough physical game, we missed some assignments, but we made the necessary adjustments when it counted"...JIMI REED, WR (first game in 4 weeks after a shoulder injury) "It felt great out there and I really feel good about my shoulder"...MIKE ROGERS, OG "We were firing off the ball in the fourth quarter and dominating the line of scrimmage"...TIM JOHNSON, LB -- "We got the turnovers at the right time, we played and stayed together and wore Graceland down"...HEAD COACH VIC WALLACE -- "We needed to win the game by coming from behind -- it really pulls the team together and it builds collective and personal confidence for everybody -- the fourth quarter was ours and we had the wind and the will to win."

STATS LEADERS: (Graceland Game 10-8-83) () = longest gain

Rushing: Gillespie 13-52 (15), Hodges 11-50 (10) 1TD

Passing: Sandridge 12-24-0-133

Receiving: Reed 4-77 (22), Gillespie 3-19 (11), Hodges 2-21 (12)

Punting: Brinser 7-254-36.3 (52)

Interceptions: Fairchild 1-49 (ran for touchdown)

Tackles/Assists/For Loss: T. Johnson 10-2-2, Ennen 9-2-2, Twigg 7-2-0

Sacks: Ennen 2, T. Johnson 1

Fumble Recoveries: Newman 1

Team Totals: Offense: 236 yards (103 rushing, 133 passing)

Defense: 234 yards (160 rushing, 74 passing)

First Downs: WJC 13, Graceland 10

Penalties: WJC 7-50, Graceland 11-105

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS: STEVE ENNEN, senior linebacker, Heart of America Conference DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

GAME FACTS #6: WILLIAM JEWELL HOMECOMING -- vs. Missouri Valley Vikings (3-2,2-1), 2:00 p.m. in Greene Stadium. In 1983 Missouri Valley has defeated Mid-America Nazarene 15-0, Graceland 14-10, Washburn 21-20. Their losses came from Baker 34-0 and Missouri-Rolla 17-7. Jewell has defeated Valley the past four years by scores of 17-7, 25-23-12. WJC has won their last four Homecoming games by scores of 3-14 and 44-13.

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