

CARDINALS LOSE TO NORTHWESTERN 30-12

The William Jewell Cardinals were denied their shot at the NAIA Div. II National Football Championship on Saturday afternoon, December 3 at Greene Stadium by losing to the No. 1 rated team in Div. II Northwestern College of Orange City, IA., 30-12. The Red Rage finished another exciting chapter in Jewell football with a 9-2-1 record after making the playoffs for a record fourth straight time. Jewell is now 5-5 in playoff appearances (with a record of 4-2 at home in the playoffs). Head Coach Vic Wallace's record is now 30-5-1 in his 3 years at Jewell for a .833 winning percentage. The seniors on the '83 team compiled a 41-6-2 record in their 4-year career at WJC for a .837 winning percentage. Congratulations to all of the seniors for four years of Red Rage excitement.- you are terrific and #1 in our hearts.

The semifinal playoff game was played in sleeting rain evidenced by a total of 12 turnovers (8 - Jewell, 4 - Northwestern). A crowd of 2,000 watched as All-American QB Lee McKinstrey broke free on an 80-yard TD run in the second quarter and the Red Raiders (13-0) never trailed. Northwestern outgained Jewell 381-287 in total yards while Jewell lost 5 of 8 fumbles and had 3 passes intercepted. The closest Jewell could get was at 13-6 after STEVE HODGES scored on a 20-yard pass from QB SCOTT SANDRIDGE in the second quarter. Jewell had its opportunities in the second half, but couldn't overcome the adverse weather conditions and a strong Northwestern defense in a bid for the finals in 2 consecutive years. "It just wasn't in the 'Cards'" for Jewell to win as the ball bounced Northwestern's way all day. Congratulations again to Coach Wallace, his coaching staff and his '83 edition of the Red Rage. Also thank you all of the season ticket holders, fans and Cardinal Coaters for supporting and making Jewell football a success.