Cardinals win fifth at Tarkio

A hard-hitting William Jewell defense caused five fumbles, and quarterback Kelly Groom ran for one touchdown and threw for another as the Cardinals remained unbeaten with a 27-6 triumph over Tarkio on the Owls home field.

The Cardinals were without two standout running backs, Fernandars Gillespie, who did not suit up for the game and Vic DaVolt, who left the contest in the first quarter, and first-year coach Vic Wallace is concerned about the health of his backfield.

"I'm worried about the problems with our running backs," he admitted. "We don't know how bad the injuries are right now, but at least our defense is improving with every game."

Wallace was especially pleased with the play of the Jewell linebackers, Tim Johnson, Gary Aisnworth, Wendell McGill and Steve Mattingly.

Groom and wide receiver Mike McGill combined for the Cards' first score on a 10-yard pass play and Jerry Burch's kick gave Jewell a 7-0 lead. Tarkio countered with a 27-yard field goal by Randy Jackson in the second quarter, before Steve Hodges bulled his way into the end zone on a 1-yard run. Burch's kick made it 14-3.

The sophomore kicker added a 43-yard field goal to give the Cards a 17-3 halftime lead, and kicked a 25-yarder in the third quarter. Kelly Groom scored the Cardinals final touchdown on a 15-yard keeper.