

# Cards crush Methodist 44-0

Six touchdowns by six different players, 400 yards of offense and a rock-tight defense led William Jewell to a 44-0 rout over Central Methodist.

The Cardinals, ranked second in the nation in NAIA Division 11 with a 7-0 record, had an evenly divided attack—203 yards rushing and 197 passing.

The Cardinals have a Heart of America Conference showdown Saturday with Missouri Valley, a 23-20 winner over previously unbeaten Baker last weekend. Missouri Valley is also ranked in the nation's top 10.

The Cardinals scored on their second possession against Central Methodist, after forcing a bad kick. Taking over on the Eagles' 46-yard line, Jewell generated a 9-play drive that was capped off by a 2-yard touchdown run from Steve Hodges. Jerry Burch added the kick for a 7-0 edge.

Later in the first quarter the Cardinals needed only three plays to reach pay dirt. Fernandars "Scoop" Gillespie ran for nine yards, and Hodges carried for four yards before Gillespie broke loose for 37 yards and a touchdown.

Burch connected on a 25-yard field goal for the only scoring of the second quarter, before the Cardinals went to the air in the second half. Junior quarterback Kelly Groom found both his wide receivers for touchdowns, first to Mike McGill for a 12-yard scoring strike, and then to

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Marty Hensley on a 19-yard pass. Burch missed his first conversion of the season, but William Jewell led 30-0.

Jewell's second-team offense generated the Cardinals final two touchdowns. Sophomore quarterback Andre Nelson ran for 15 yards for one score, and junior Wayne Landrum ran one yard for another touchdown. Steve Hudson added both extra points.

First-year coach Vic Wallace praised his quarterback, but wasn't totally pleased with the Cards' offense.

"We went into the game figuring we could run on them, but our offensive line did not execute like they are able to do," he said. "I don't know what happened.

"But Kelly Groom had a great afternoon," added Wallace. "He called a smart game."

Groom completed 12-of-16 passes.

Eight different backs carried for over 200 yards with Gillespie the leading rusher with 76 yards on 14 carries. Mike McGill caught five passes for 82 yards.

Doug Switzer had one interception (with a 67-yard return), and David Armstrong picked off one pass.

Both Jewell and Missouri Valley are undefeated in conference play and Wallace knows the Cardinals will have to be on top of their game Saturday.

"We will have to play our best game," he said. "I feel we must execute perfectly to beat Missouri Valley."