

Cards come back for 20-13 victory...

# Defense sparks fourth quarter win

In a dramatic 20-13 come-from-behind victory over Graceland College of Lamoni, Ia., Saturday, the William Jewell Cardinal football team retained its number one ranking in the NAIA Division II Coaches Poll for the fifth consecutive week.

The Cardinals, who are 5-0 overall and 3-0 in HAAC play, found themselves in a hole, 13-6 with 12 minutes left in the final quarter.

"We knew we had to get the ball to the offense if we wanted to win," said junior middle-linebacker Tim Johnson.

And get the ball to the offense, they did. On a third down and six play, Graceland halfback Mark Stanke (23 carries, 133 yards) went off tackle and fumbled, senior free safety Mike Newman recovered for the Cardinals and Jewell was in business at the Yellow Jacket 26-yard line.

Four plays later senior running back Steve Hodges carried it over from the six to make the score 13-12 with 9:19 left in the period. Sophomore Dave Riley's extra point kick tied the score at 13-13.

Both teams traded possessions before Jewell started its final drive with 2:54 left.

On first and ten from the Cardinal 19 senior quarterback Scott Sandridge looked long for senior wide out Reggie Hill. Sandridge's pass fell incomplete, but the Graceland defender was called for pass interference. The penalty moved the ball to the Graceland 46-yard line.

On the next play Sandridge hit senior wide out Jimi Reed for a 13-yard gain. A personal foul on Graceland tacked on 10 more yards, taking the ball to the Yellow Jacket 12-yard line.

From there Sandridge took it in on his own from the seven to put the Cards up 19-13. Riley's kick again was good to make the final margin 20-13.

"All it took was a break," said senior offensive tackle Jeff Riggs. "I knew as soon as Mike recovered that fumble that we were going to score. It was the spark we needed."

The Cardinal defense, which is currently ranked third in yards allowed per game in NAIA Division II at 167.6 yards, held Graceland's Jeff Smith, the top passer in the conference (213.0 per game), to 74 yards on the day.

"Our defensive backs performed well," said Jewell defensive coordinator Dan Griggs. "We also did a good job putting pressure on Smith. They go hand in hand."

"In the first half they (Graceland) out-hit us. In the second half we out-hit them and our kids executed the defense to their ability."

The defense aggravated Smith early. On his first pass attempt of the game, a flanker screen, Cardinal senior cornerback Brian Fairchild, stepped in front of the receiver, intercepted the pass and returned it 49 yards for a touchdown to put Jewell ahead 6-0. Riley's first extra point attempt failed when the snap from center was fumbled.

"We knew that they liked to throw that pass," said Fairchild. "I was just covering my assignment."

The Cardinals' next scoring threat started with 14:51 left in the first half. They marched from their own 20 to the Graceland six and a first down, only to have the next three plays net minus seven yards.

On fourth and goal from the 13 Jewell attempted a fake field goal but sophomore running back Charles Parrish was stopped for no gain and Graceland took over.

On the ensuing Yellow Jacket drive Stanke carried six times for 83 yards, including a 49-yard off tackle touchdown run to even the score at six. The extra point put the Yellow Jackets up 7-6.

Jewell's defense stifled Graceland the rest of the way, allowing just two field goals.

Junior linebacker Steve Ennen, who was selected as HAAC Defensive Player of the Week for his performance, led the Cardinal defense with seven tackles, two assists and two quarterback sacks. Senior linebacker Jerry Twigg and Johnson also combined for 19 tackles.

Jewell's offensive attack was led by senior running back Scoop Gillespie and Hodges with 52 and 50 yards respectively on the ground. Sandridge completed 12 of 24 passes for 133 yards.

The Cardinals take on HAAC rival Missouri Valley College of Fayette (3-2, 2-1) in their Homecoming game tomorrow at 2 p.m. in Greene Stadium.

## NAIA DIVISION II TOP TWENTY FOOTBALL POLL

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1. William Jewell (10)	5-0	313	11. Montana Tech	4-0	146
2. Northwestern, Ia. (6)	6-0	307	12. Dickinson State, ND	4-1	120
3. Westminster, Pa.	4-0	286	13. Anderson, Ind.	3-1	116
4. Findley, Oh.	4-0	273	14. Southwestern, Kan.	3-1	97
5. Baker	5-0	260	15. California Lutheran	3-2	79
6. Concordia, Neb.	5-0	231	16. Linfield, Ore.	2-2	61
7. Pacific Lutheran	3-1	223	17. Iowa Wesleyan	5-0	58
8. Wilmington, Oh.	3-1	201	18. Midland Lutheran	3-1	46
9. St. Thomas, Minn.	4-1	180	19. Nebraska Wesleyan	5-1	45
10. Hanover, Ind.	3-1	155	20. McMurry, Tex.	3-1	42

# SPORTS PLUS

by Greg Lucas

**Homecoming 1983.**  
 This game can be looked at as just another homecoming game or it can be looked at as a pivotal game of the season for the William Jewell College football team.  
 The latter is a more accurate account.  
 Midway through the 1983 season the Cardinals are sitting atop the NAIA Division II coaches poll for the fifth consecutive week with a 5-0 record.  
 They have the third best defense in Division II in yards allowed and are seventh in points allowed (7.8 per game).  
 The Cardinals have it made, right?  
 Valley, although their record doesn't show it (3-2 overall and 2-1 in the conference), is a tough opponent and could knock Jewell from the unbeaten ranks.  
 Though that is unlikely, Viking Head Coach Ken Gibler is no stranger to Jewell football. In his 15th year of coaching he has a 111-36-4 record.  
 Valley's only losses were to the NAIA's Division II number five ranked Baker University (34-0). Baker also is the number one defensive team in NAIA Division II. Their other loss is to NCAA Division II University of Missouri-Rolla.  
 So, both of their losses were to more than respectable teams.

The Cardinals, coming off a close win over Graceland last Saturday, will have to come up with a good offensive effort to build confidence.  
 The return of Jimi Reed to the Jewell offense following a four-week layoff with a shoulder injury added a spark that has been missing.  
 The Cardinal defense again shone as they scored one touchdown and set up another and held Jeff Smith at bay for the whole game.  
 I look for Jewell to go right at Valley and do what they do best—run off tackle and play aggressive defense. MY PREDICTION: William Jewell 33, Missouri Valley 16.  
 PLUS: The William Jewell soccer team lost a tough game to Ottawa University 1-0 on Monday. Ottawa's only goal came on a penalty kick in the first half.  
 PLUS: The first annual William Jewell College Homecoming Pep Rally will take place tonight at 9 p.m. in the Mabee Center. The event is designed to promote overall campus spirit for Saturday's finale. Don't miss it.