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Field Goal Leaves Baker Fit to be Tied

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NAIA Division II powers Baker University and William Jewell College provided avid football fans with glimpses of two possible national champions. One question remained unanswered. Who's the best?

Second-ranked Baker and fourth ranked Jewell battled to a 10-10 tie in Saturday's game.

The Cardinals were considered by many to be double-figure underdogs. Baker 8-0-1, entered the game leading the nation in total offense and scoring almost 60 points per game. The Redbirds now stand at 9-0-1. Both clubs remain tied for first in the Heart of America Athletic Conference at 6-0-1.

Baker ground out over nine minutes of first quarter possession, but it was a second quarter 17-yard Jewell aerial from quarterback Kelly Groom to receiver Marty Hensley that did the trick. Jerry Burch booted the extra point for a 7-0 Cardinal lead with 11-seconds remaining in the half.

The Wildcats used an 11-play, 91-yard

scoring drive to tie the score early in the fourth quarter. Four minutes later bare-footed kicker Tony Butts drilled a 47-yard field goal for a 10-7 Baker lead.

Time became a factor as the Cardinals faced a fourth and nine from the Baker 32-yard line with 28 seconds left in the game. Snapper Steve Spencer fired a strike to holder Groom and Burch lofted a 49-yard field goal to gain the tie.

The Cardinals had a chance to tie midway through the fourth quarter, but Burch missed a 41-yard field goal attempt.

"Considering the way we came back and considering that our All-American running back was not playing . . . Sure, we were happy with the tie," said Cardinal Coach Stan McGarvey. "Don't get me wrong," he continued, "we certainly wanted to win, but under the circumstances it worked out fine."

Jewell finishes the regular season at 1:30 p.m. Saturday against Culver-Stockton in Canton, Mo. Baker finishes against Ottawa.



It's Good

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Freshman place-kicker Jerry Burch launches the 49-yard field goal that enabled the Cardinals to tie Baker 10-10 Saturday.