

Jewell, Coffeyville can cast a glance toward post-season play

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Midway through the season, William Jewell and Coffeyville are unbeaten and sitting atop their respective levels of football. And it appears the Cards and Ravens are just getting warmed up.

Jewell, No. 1 team in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II, showed a powerful ground attack in turning back Baker 39-18 Saturday night in Liberty.

Coffeyville, the No. 1 team in the National Junior College Athletic Association, walloped Fort Scott 82-3 for the the biggest winning margin in the

school's 59-year football history. The previous widest spread came in a 68-0 triumph over Cowley County in 1976.

With their conference races academic, Jewell and Coffeyville are working up steam for post-season competition.

Jewell has clinched a share of the Heart of America Conference championship. The Cards, 5-0, are two games ahead of their nearest competitors and have just two league games remaining. They play Mid-America Nazarene this Saturday in Olathe and Tarkio on Nov. 13.

Coffeyville locked up the Kansas Jayhawk Juco Conference title Satur-

day. The Red Ravens, 7-0, are two games ahead with one conference game remaining. They play at home against Hutchinson on Saturday night.

Jewell and Coffeyville each have one tough game remaining. Jewell meets Benedictine, rated 15th in NAIA Division II, in a road game Nov. 6. Coffeyville's final regular-season game will be against Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, rated 12th in the junior-college poll, Nov. 21 in Coffeyville, Kan.

Although Jewell running back Steve Hodges said, "We're not thinking about the playoffs; we're taking it one

game at a time," the Cards are in a position where they have to be glancing over their shoulders to the eight-team NAIA Division II playoffs.

Being No. 1 is no assurance the Cards will draw a favorable seeding. The NAIA match-ups are not based on final rankings so much as they are geography and travel expenses. Thus Jewell could be paired in the opening round against Northwestern of Iowa, now No. 2 in the ratings.

The Jayhawk Juco Conference's playoff semifinals match the top team against the fourth-place team and the second-place team against the third-place team on Nov. 7. The winners

meet for the league title on Nov. 14.

William Jewell, usually noted for making the big play with the passing of Kelly Groom, rolled on the ground against Baker. The Cards totaled 302 yards rushing with Hodges gaining 150 yards and Scoop Gillespie 120.

The Cardinals upstaged Baker, which went into the game as the NAIA rushing leader with a 297-yard average.

"Jewell's running attack is better than it has been in the last three years," Baker Coach Charlie Richard said. "Their defense is also solid. But we moved the ball on them better than we did last year."

Senior back Ron Razz paced Jewell with 90 yards rushing in 18 carries and saw limited duty because of a leg injury. Sophomore Larry Freeman scored on a 3-yard run and freshman quarterback Chuck Rhodes threw a 10-yard scoring pass to junior receiver Gregg Patton as Baker overcame commanding leads and closed the gap to 12-10 at the half and 25-18 early in the fourth quarter.

Jewell then struck on a pair of 82-yard drives powered by Hodges and Gillespie and extended its regular-season unbeaten streak to 22. The Cards' last loss in the regular season was administered by Baker, 53-21 in November 1979.

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Cardinal defensive back Paul Taylor (41) snagged an interception in last Saturday's victory over Baker. Teammate David Armstrong (39) helps out.

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The top 20 teams in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II poll with first-place votes, season records through Oct. 20 and points averaged on a 20-19-18-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis.

Rank	Team	Record	Points Avg.
1	Northeastern Okla.	7-0-0	203
2	Westminster, Pa. (1)	7-0-0	203
3	Lafayette, Ind.	7-0-0	203
4	St. John's, Minn. (2)	7-0-0	203
5	St. Joseph, Mo.	7-0-0	203
6	St. Joseph, Texas	7-0-0	203
7	California Lutheran	7-1-0	222
8	Pacific Lutheran, Wash.	8-1-0	195
9	William Jewell	8-1-0	188
10	Wash. State	8-1-0	188
11	Wash. State	8-1-0	188
12	Haverly, Neb.	8-1-0	188
13	Dickinson State, N.D.	8-1-0	188
14	South Falls, S.D.	8-1-0	188
15	Concordia, Minn.	8-2-0	112
16	St. Joseph, Mo.	8-2-0	61
17	St. Joseph, Mo.	8-2-0	61
18	Benedictine, Kan.	8-2-0	61
19	Perdore State, Okla.	8-2-0	24
20	Chadron State, Neb.	8-2-0	20