

# Jewell won't see a duplicate

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## Ohio NAIA team has heavier backs than team that beat Cards in '80

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**M**emories. They're savored richly and then put aside. That's the approach Wilmington Coach Bill Ramseyer is taking toward a return visit to Liberty, Mo., for a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II football playoff game against William Jewell.

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In a 1980 semifinal game, Wilmington swept in from Ohio, dominated play in the second half and beat Jewell 31-10 behind the power running of John Worthy and Bernard Williams.

"That's in the past; this is 1983," said Ramseyer, putting

final showdown at 1 p.m. Saturday. "I don't like to compare teams or players. The backs we have now are a different type from Worthy and Williams. They're a little heavier."

Freshman tailback Spencer Littlejohn, who is 6 feet, 218 pounds, junior fullback Ted Mehlman, 6-2, 220, and senior quarterback Jim Sposet head the Wilmington pro-type offense, which features power sweeps and drop-back passes.

Wilmington, 8-1, has reached the playoffs against Jewell, 8-1-1, despite being wracked by injuries. The Quakers, ranked fourth in the next-to-last Division II poll, locked up a berth with a 13-10 road victory over No. 2 Findlay last week. The youthful defensive unit contin-

Wilmington won its seventh straight game.

Meanwhile, Pacific Lutheran, 7-2, is making the most of 1980 memories as it prepares to be host to Baker, 10-0, at 3 p.m. Central time Saturday in Tacoma, Wash. Pacific Lutheran won the NAIA Division II championship in 1980 with a victory over Wilmington.

"We've been in the playoffs four of the last five years, and we're battle-tested, so to speak," Pacific Lutheran Coach Frosty Westering said. "The championship we won in 1980 has given us prestige. Linfield from our conference won the Division II championship last year.

"We're on such a roll right now. We've won four in a row

schedule. Our keys are our pace and our experience. We're a wide-open team, but you will find us leading the offensive statistics because we're so even rushing and passing. We are in the top 10 (fourth) against the rush."

Westering said quarterbacks Kevin Skogen and fullback Rohr have been the spark plugs for the Lutes, whose losses were to Central Washington 15-14 and to Linfield 30-27. After studying film, Westering said Baker is impressive. "They're a physical team, and they speak for themselves," Westering said. "They're No. 1 in every defensive category (total defense, defense against rushing and scoring defense). This out-