

# Jewell's championship search comes up empty

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For Mark Mundell and 29 other seniors on the William Jewell football team, the search was under way.

They weren't looking for reasons why Jewell had lost to Northwestern Iowa 30-12 and was eliminated from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II playoffs. The turnovers and missed opportunities provided a ready answer there.

Neither was there a need to look back and reflect upon why their trips to the playoffs as freshmen, sophomores and juniors had also come up short of a national championship.

Their search was for the significant meaning of college athletics beyond the won-lost records.

## Seniors end fourth straight year with playoff disappointment

Mundell, an NAIA all-district 16 guard who was visibly upset. "We didn't get it done. You never like for your college career to end like this, but you have to go on.

"What we have to do now is look back at the four years and see what we accomplished. We have to remember the good things you get out of football — the friendships and being part of a winning team. That may not be what you want for newspapers, but it's what we're thinking about now."

During the last four years, Mundell was on Jewell teams that won 43 games, lost six and tied two. The 1983

sitions, including nine on offense. The opportunities for playoff berths and memories of big winning years may be graduating with them.

Three Jewell failures stood out in the loss to Northwestern, played in a game-long freezing rain.

- With the score tied 0-0 early in the second quarter, the Cardinals drove to the Northwestern 16. Dave Riley's 34-yard field-goal attempt was low. A play later Northwestern quarterback Lee McKinstrey ran 90 yards for a touchdown and the Red Raiders never trailed.

Northwestern leading 20-6, Jewell recovered a fumble on the Red Raiders' 26. Two plays later, running back Scoop Gillespie fumbled, and Northwestern recovered at its 22 and drove to a touchdown for a 27-6 lead.

- Late in the third quarter quarterback Paul Troth connected with wide receiver Jimi Reed for a 14-yard touchdown pass as Jewell trimmed Northwestern's lead to 27-12. But instead of continuing the comeback, the Cardinals lost the momentum when an onside kickoff failed. Northwestern took possession on its 49, drove into Jewell territory

The Cardinals didn't offer a serious threat in the fourth quarter while battling the elements and the Northwestern defense.

After the game, two Northwestern fans discussed the weather as they thawed out in the warmth of Jewell's Mabee Center fieldhouse.

"Just think, the sun will probably will be shining here tomorrow," one said.

Replied the other fan, "Hey, it's shining for us today."

Northwestern advances to the NAIA Division II championship game Saturday night against Pacific Lutheran in the Tacoma Dome, Tacoma, Wash.

*Jewell stays home with its memories*

## CARDINALS LOSE TO NORTHWESTERN 30-12

The William Jewell Cardinals were denied their shot at the NAIA Div. II National Football Championship on Saturday afternoon, December 3 at Greene Stadium by losing to the No. 1 rated team in Div. II Northwestern College of Orange City, IA., 30-12. The Red Rage finished another exciting chapter in Jewell football with a 9-2-1 record after making the playoffs for a record fourth straight time. Jewell is now 5-5 in playoff appearances (with a record of 4-2 at home in the playoffs). Head Coach Vic Wallace's record is now 30-5-1 in his 3 years at Jewell for a .833 winning percentage. The seniors on the '83 team compiled a 41-6-2 record in their 4-year career at WJC for a .837 winning percentage. Congratulations to all of the seniors for four years of Red Rage excitement — you are terrific and #1 in our hearts.

The semifinal playoff game was played in sleeting rain evidenced by a total of 12 turnovers (8 - Jewell, 4 - Northwestern). A crowd of 2,000 watched as All-American QB Lee McKinstrey broke free on an 80-yard TD run in the second quarter and the Red Raiders (13-0) never trailed. Northwestern outgained Jewell 381-287 in total yards while Jewell lost 5 of 8 fumbles and had 3 passes intercepted. The closest Jewell could get was at 13-6 after STEVE HODGES scored on a 20-yard pass from QB SCOTT SANDRIDGE in the second quarter. Jewell had its opportunities in the second half, but couldn't overcome the adverse weather conditions and a strong Northwestern defense in a bid for the finals in 2 consecutive years. "It just wasn't in the 'Cards'" for Jewell to win as the ball bounced Northwestern's way all day. Congratulations again to Coach Wallace, his coaching staff and his '83 edition of the Red Rage. Also thank you all of the season ticket holders, fans and Cardinal Coaters for supporting and making Jewell football a success.