

Jewell's first-round opponent in playoffs is top-ranked team

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Pacific Lutheran University and William Jewell College, the No. 1 and No. 2 teams in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II final football poll for the 1981 season, will meet in the first round of the national playoffs at 1 p.m. Saturday in Liberty.

In addition to the Jewell-Pacific Lutheran matchup, No. 7 Anderson College (Indiana), 8-1, will play No. 4 Westminster College (Pennsylvania), 9-0) in New Wilmington, Pa.; No. 8 Dickinson State (North Dakota), 7-0, will play No. 3 Concordia College (Minnesota), 9-0-1, in Moorhead, Minn.; and No. 6 Austin College (Texas), 9-1, will play No. 5 Panhandle State (Oklahoma), 8-0, in Goodwell, Okla.

Pacific Lutheran, 9-0, of Tacoma, Wash., is the defending Division II champion and has won 14 consecutive games, the longest streak in the NAIA. Jewell, 10-0, lost to Wilmington of Ohio in the semifinals of last year's playoffs.

Westminster, Concordia, Austin and Anderson also have been in the playoffs before. Westminster won the title in 1976, and '77; Concordia won in '78; Austin lost in the '79 quarterfi-

ster in the 1970 title game. Dickinson State and Panhandle State are first-time participants.

The pairings for the playoffs are not based on a team's final ranking. All top eight teams are considered to be of equal strength.

However, since the NAIA sponsors all playoff games and provides the transportation for participating teams, pairings are based on geographic locations, when possible.

Three other area teams finished in the top 20: Bethany College of Lindsborg, Kan., from the Kansas Conference finished 13th; Missouri Valley of Marshall, Mo., and Baker University of Baldwin, Kan., members of the Heart of America Conference along with Jewell, finished 17th and 18th.

Pittsburg State, which defeated Missouri Western 25-6 on Saturday, probably will earn a berth in the Division I playoffs. The final Division I poll and playoff pairings will be determined next Sunday.

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