

Northwestern comes back to Jewell looking for better results

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Same song, second verse.

But it will be a different melody if the football team from Northwestern College of Orange City, Iowa, has its way in a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II playoff rematch against William Jewell in Liberty today.

Northwestern came to Liberty a year ago packing an unbeaten record, awesome offensive credentials and the No. 1 ranking in NAIA Division II. Jewell was unimpressed, ran up a 21-3 lead at the half and booted the Red Raiders from the semifinals 23-10.

Although the Red Raiders went home red-faced last year, they say revenge isn't part of

their game plan this time. The circumstances, however, are startlingly similar.

Northwestern returns for another semifinal playoff game at 1 p.m. today against William Jewell, 9-1-1, in Greene Stadium on the Jewell campus with a 12-0 record, an offense that's averaging 515 yards a game and the No. 1 ranking in the NAIA's final Division II poll.

"Our coach doesn't want us to go into the game with revenge in mind," Northwestern quarterback Lee McKinstrey said. "We want to concentrate on execution and playing our type of game."

Northwestern's type of game is balance. The Red Raiders rushed for 259.5 yards a game and passed for 256 yards.

McKinstrey said the Red Raiders were thrown off-balance last year by the Jewell defense. McKinstrey was intercepted seven times with safeties Mike Newman and Paul Taylor getting three each.

"We really didn't realize how good they were last year," said McKinstrey, a 6-foot-1, 190-pound senior who has drawn interest from pro scouts. "We tried to have a balanced attack, but when they shut off our running game, we panicked and threw 65 times. Jewell did a good job of mixing up their pass coverage on us. Their defense looks the same now as it did a year ago. Newman and Taylor are still the safeties."

McKinstrey threw 40 scoring passes last season, but with the Red Raiders' improved

rushing attack he threw only 23 this year. He completed 158 of 300 passes, 52.7 percent. He also scored 11 touchdowns rushing.

Northwestern's ground attack is led by senior Doug Bakker with 885 yards, senior Mark Muilenburg with 614 and junior Larry Von Arb with 609. Bakker is averaging 5.4 yards a carry, Muilenburg 5.4 and Von Arb 7.7.

Tight end Scott Guthmiller, a senior, is Northwestern's top receiver with 797 yards on 49 catches. Junior wide receiver Arlyn Mouw has 548 yards on 33 catches and senior Mike Van Berkum 670 on 32.

Junior linebacker Steve De Vries, who played his freshman year at Iowa State, leads the defensive unit. De Vries set a

school record this year with 216 defensive points, based on two points for a tackle, one for an assisted tackle.

William Jewell, led by senior backs Scoop Gillespie and Steve Hodges, has averaged 51.2 points in its last four games. The Cardinals, directed by senior quarterback Scott Sandridge, were impressive in routing Wilmington (Ohio) 51-7 in a quarterfinal playoff game. Northwestern won over St. Thomas (Minn.) 17-10 in the quarterfinals.

In the other Division II semifinal game today, Wilmington (Pa.) plays at Pacific Lutheran (Wash.). The Division II championship game will be played next Saturday with the site to be determined after today's games.