Over Ottawa

Sophomore running back Steve Hodges dodges an Ottawa defender in Saturday's win by the William Jewell Cardinals 17-3.

Cardinals had other potential scoring drives nullified with fumbles and penalties. With the Cardinals driving hard, a fumble inside the 5-yard line saw an Ottawa recovery, and William Jewell also was guilty of 14 penalties, for a season high 145 yards. Without those, they surely would have doubled their score.

One big plus for the Cardinals was their avoidance of injuries. The running backs saw five on the injured list, but all can be expected to return to future action.

On defense, the Cardinals were awesome. Seven quarterback sacks were recorded, with freshman Steve Montgomery getting four, while linebacker Wendell McGill was responsible for two. Another note, showing the versatility of the Cardinal offense, was that 10 different Cardinals caught passes from 3 different throwers.

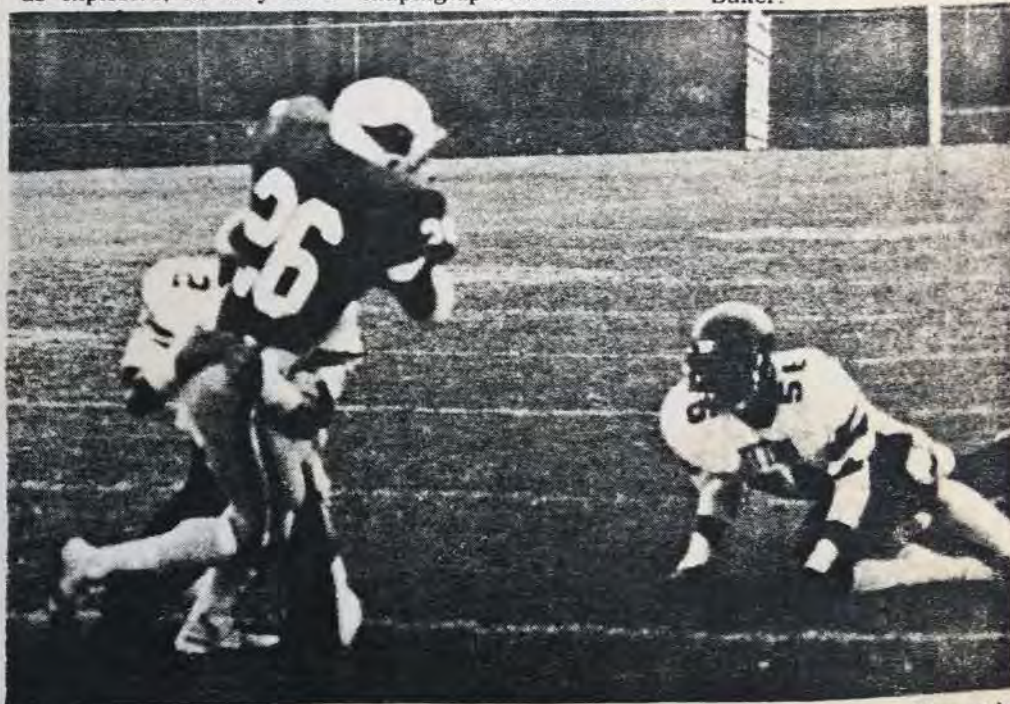Defensive coordinator for the Cardinals, Dan Griggs, was elated about his team's statistics. "It shows how good we are, when you realize our defense has given up only two touchdowns in six games," says Griggs. "We have given up an average of less than 200 yards per game for the season. Every position on defense is sound and healthy for the rest of the season."

The offense has been just as explosive, as they have averaged over 6 yards per play from scrimmage all season, a matter that has Head Coach Vic Wallace beaming. "There is a lot of work to be done. The big part of our schedule is ahead of us," he says.

The conference race is shaping up with three teams tied for the lead, Missouri Valley, Baker, and William Jewell. Next week Baker travels to Missouri Valley for a big showdown, while the Cardinals travel to Central Methodist. Successive weekends have the Cardinals hosting Missouri Valley and then traveling to Baker.

Sophomore running back Fernadars Gillespie is brought down by the opposition as he goes for the goal line in the William Jewell Cardinals' 17-3 victory over Ottawa University Saturday.