

Defense dominates...

Wildcats hand Cards 10-0 loss

Steve Hodges, number 35, carries the ball against Baker

by Greg Lucas

Baker University handed William Jewell its first loss of the 1983 season and only its second in four years with a 10-0 shutout performance in a key NAIA and Heart of America Athletic Conference game in Baldwin City, Kan., Saturday.

The Wildcats, who are now 7-0 overall and 4-0 in HAAC play and ranked fourth in the NAIA Division II Coaches Poll, marched 80 yards on its first possession for a 6-0 lead. Baker scored on a 46-yard pass from sophomore quarterback Chuck Rhodes to tight end Joe Boeh at the 13:04 mark of the first quarter.

The Cardinals' initial possession started on their own 30. On a third down and 12 play senior quarterback Scott Sandridge fumbled and Wildcat defensive back David Brown recovered the ball on the Jewell 33.

Baker drove to the six where the Cardinal defense held on a third down and goal play from the six. A Wildcat 25-yard field goal attempt by Ron Frazier

was good for a 10-0 lead with 5:48 remaining in the opening period.

The defenses of both teams as well as four key Cardinal turnovers forced scoreless second, third and fourth quarters.

"It was a great defensive game," said Baker Head Coach Charlie Richards. "Ours (Baker's defense) played great the whole game and Jewell's defense just outplayed our offense totally in the second half."

Vic Wallace, Cardinal Head Coach, echoed Richards.

"There were two good defenses out on the field," said Wallace. "Their (Baker's) defense had a 10-point lead and had us in poor field position for the whole second half. That gave Baker a tremendous advantage."

Senior free safety Mike Newman foiled another Wildcat drive with an interception in the endzone late in the first period.

With less than a minute left in the first half Baker defensive back Roger Mallory

picked off a Sandridge pass on the Wildcat 1-yard line to end a 56-yard drive in which the Cardinals moved the ball from the Jewell 25 to the Baker 19.

A fourth quarter 36-yard field goal attempt by Jewell's Dave Riley (sophomore) with 5:35 remaining fell short. That was the last Cardinal scoring threat.

Senior linebacker Jerry Twigg and junior Tim Johnson led the defense with eight tackles each while Newman and senior strong safety Paul Taylor had seven each.

Sandridge completed 13 of 24 passes for 154 yards including two interceptions. The Cardinal offense netted just 57 yards rushing.

Jewell, 5-1-1 overall and 3-1-1 in HAAC play, takes on Mid-America Nazarene College of Olathe at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in Greene Stadium.

The game matches the Cardinals against the only team other than Baker to defeat them in a regular season contest since 1980.