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William Jewell Upsets No. 1 Pac-Lutheran

LIBERTY, Mo. (UPI) — Quarterback Kelly Groom combined with wide receiver Marty Hensley for two touchdowns and Jerry Burch added two field goals Saturday as No. 2-ranked William Jewell defeated defending national champion Pacific Lutheran 19-14 in the opening round of the NAIA division II playoffs.

William Jewell now advances to NAIA semifinal action against Austin College Dec. 5 in Sherman, Texas. Austin whipped Panhandle State 27-16 Saturday

to advance to the semifinals.

Pacific Lutheran, out of Tacoma, Wash., went into Saturday's contest ranked No. 1 in the nation. The loss dropped the Lutes to 9-1 for the season. William Jewell, ranked No. 2 in the nation, upped its record to 11-0.

The Cardinals jumped to a 13-0 halftime lead on two Burch field goals of 22 and 28 yards, and a 1-yard touchdown pass from Groom to Hensley after a scoreless first quarter.

Pacific Lutheran didn't make the scoreboard until the third quarter, when Eric Munson snagged a 4-yard pass from quarterback Kevin Skogan to narrow the margin to 13-7.

But Jewell struck back early in the fourth with its game-

clinging TD on another Groom to Hensley pass, this one for 4 yards. Pacific tried to come back late in the fourth on a 1-yard run by senior fullback Mike Westmiller, but the play was a losing effort.

The Cardinals held the key to the game with a outstanding defense that held Pacific, the No. 5 ranked offensive team in the NAIA, to 191 total yards. Pacific came into the game averaging 412 yards a game.

The William Jewell defense also intercepted five Pacific passes, two leading to touchdowns and a third coming in the Pacific end zone to eliminate a possible scoring drive.

Groom, a 6-0, 175-pound junior from LaGrange, Mo., was named the game's outstanding offensive player, completing 12 of 21 passes for 150 yards and two touchdowns.

Sophomore Paul Taylor, a 6-1, 175-pound defensive back, was named the outstanding defensive player, picking up two of William Jewell's interceptions. David Armstrong also had two interceptions for Jewell while Mike Newman added the other.

The William Jewell offense was not up to par in the contest either, claiming only 243 yards in the game. Ranked No. 12 in offensive play, the Cardinals were averaging 400 yards a game before Saturday.