

Cardinal Sports Release



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CARDINAL BULLETIN

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What a beautiful day it was when the Cardinals celebrated their 1979 Homecoming! Echoes are still being heard in regard to the traditional parade, the floats, bands, clowns and the attractive homecoming queen candidates. From the time the sky diver delivered the game ball until the final field goal of the game the day seemed to be designed for a William Jewell College Homecoming football victory. With the outstanding help of the Cheerleaders, Yell Leaders and Cardettes, who contribute so much to the spirit of the game, the enthusiastic crowd and a beautiful field, the courtesy of Mike Reuck, and Don and Les McCullough, and the music of the Football Band there seemed to be little left to do but win the game.

The most satisfying aspect of the contest was the overall performance of the total team. For the first time in a number of weeks, the RED RAGE received outstanding play from all three units, the offense, the defense and the specialty teams. In order for us to continue to win we must not have a breakdown in any one of these categories. To single out top individual performances would be a great error as the victory was a total team effort.

I cannot give enough praise to a group of men that play instrumental roles in preparing our young men for battle. They go without much praise or recognition but without them the Cardinals would certainly not be performing at the level they are now. I refer to the Assistant Coaches. They are Larry Hamilton, defensive halfbacks; Darrel Gourley, running backs and quarterbacks, Rodger Labeth, defensive interior linemen; Jim Gray, interior offensive linemen; Richard Burton, linebackers; Steve Butler, wide receivers and Rob Bowers and Mark Thomas, graduate assistants.

This coming Saturday the Cardinals will be journeying to Fayette, Mo. to play Central Methodist College. As one walks through the dressing room before practice they would hear the whispers and comments relating to the bitter loss to Central Methodist last year. If you will recall the Cardinals made a courageous fight to come from behind and yet lost with only a few seconds remaining on the clock. The squad has not forgotten that game and will be hoping to avenge that loss. The Central Methodist Eagles will run an offense that focuses upon the passing game. The defense has been stingy in recent games as Missouri Valley was only able to score against Central Methodist last week through three interceptions that went for touchdowns.

SPECIAL NOTES

COACHES BREAKFAST will be held as usual at 7:00 am at the Holiday Inn close to Worlds of Fun. Student guests will be Bruce Hill and Vic Davolt.

PARENTS' CLUB NEWS: There will be no bus to Central Methodist due to lack of interest but we still hope to get a bus to Graceland if enough are interested.

SAVE YOUR NEWSPAPERS! WJC Student Senate is sponsoring a paper drive October 24-28. Save your papers and bring them with you to the game on October 27. The box will be in the gravel parking lot South of the stadium.

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CARDINALS AMBUSH BRAVES: 44-13

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The William Jewell Cardinals, ranked 6th in the NAIA Division II polls, rolled to an impressive victory over the 19th-ranked Ottawa University Braves before a homecoming crowd in Liberty Saturday afternoon.

The Cards were stung early in the game as Arthur Sippio recovered a Jewell fumble on the WJC 38. On their first offensive play, quarterback Paul Haskell tossed a touchdown pass to Hercules Stancil to give the Braves the lead. After Tony Langone's kick made the score 0-7, the surprised Cardinals found themselves trailing for the first time this season.

Late in the first quarter, the Cardinals got the chance they had been seeking as Bruce Hill (junior, O'Fallon) returned a punt 22 yards to the Ottawa 46. From here, Mark Capra (senior, Kansas City) went to work on the Brave defense behind the devastating blocking of Dennis Williams (senior, Raytown), Steve Spencer (junior, Raytown), Guy Weber (freshman, Hillsboro), Sid Silvey (senior, Liberty) and Randy Wepler (senior, Liberty).

Key blocks allowed Vic Davolt (sophomore, Rolla) to break into the open twice and the Cardinals had first and 10 at the Brave 22. Jewell was stopped on their first two downs, but on third and 8 from the 20, Capra hit Liberty freshman Jeff Gourley (Liberty) for a

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touchdown. Al Garcia's (senior, Kansas City) kick evened the score at 7-7.

Early in the second quarter, Coach Stan McGarvey sprang his secret weapon on the unsuspecting Ottawa defense. The weapon came in the form of last year's leading rusher, All-American running back, David Cunningham (junior, Louisiana, MO). The move was a secret since only McGarvey and his coaches knew that Cunningham had seen contact for the first time Friday afternoon during practice and appeared ready to go. As Cunningham burst into the end zone at the end of a 20 yard scamper on his third carry of the game, it was evident that the junior from Louisiana, MO, was staking claim to his vacated running back slot. As he was being mobbed by his joyous teammates in the end zone, it was also evident that this would be a long afternoon for the visiting Braves. Al Garcia again added the extra point and the Cardinals left the field at halftime with a 14-7 lead.

On their second possession of the third quarter, last year's starting backfield of Capra, Davolt, and Cunningham put their old act back together as Jewell drove 66 yards for a score. On this drive, Davolt carried 4 times for 37 yards, Capra once for 13 and Cunningham once for 9 as he scored his second touchdown. Garcia was again successful as his kick made the score 21-7.

Jewell's next score was set up by Jack Stasi's (senior, Kansas City) 6th interception of the year, a spectacular one-handed catch. Six plays later, freshman tailback Alvin Robertson (Pleasanton, KS) carried the ball in from the 2 and with Garcia's help, the score stood at 28-7.

As the 4th quarter rolled around, Jewell took advantage of a

determined defensive effort led by Jim Koch (sophomore, Maryland Heights, MO) and Wayne Schmidt (sophomore, N. Tonawanda, NY). Taking possession at the Ottawa 43, Capra shot two quick passes to Rob Schermerhorn (senior, Great Mills, MD) and Jeff Gourley (freshman, Liberty), then called his own number on a 4-yard run. Garcia added the conversion to make the score 35-7.

Jewell scored their final touchdown as Mark Timmerberg (sophomore, Montgomery City) returned a stolen pass 35 yards for a touchdown. Hoping to give his team depth, McGarvey substituted freely on defense and Ottawa was able to add one last score on a pass from Steve Volmer to Lowell Morgan. Al Garcia added a 28-yard field goal for the Cards with 5:48 left in the game to put the final score at 44-13.

The Cardinal defense, which held Ottawa to only 200 yards in total offense, was led by Jim Koch with 15 tackles. Offensively, Capra hit on 11 of 16 passes for 105 yards and Davolt rushed for 101 yards on 22 carries.

The Cardinals will place their perfect record on the line next Saturday as they go on the road to face Central Methodist in Fayette. The game is scheduled for a 1:30 p.m. kickoff and will be covered locally by KWPB-FM, Red Rage Radio, in Liberty.