

Cardinal Sports Release



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Hello Cardinal Fans:

Another great breakfast get together.....another Great game....and our #2 National Ranking.....It all spells a big word - **EXCITEMENT!!!**

Offensively, we finally got on track in the second half. First, we forced a bad kick, and took over on their 37 yard line at 10:08 in the 3rd quarter. Steve Hodges carried for 7 yards, Kelly Groom, on a keeper, was good for 28 yards, and Scoop Gillespie took it in for the final 2 yards. How do you spell relief? Jerry Burch added the PAT. It was finally 7-3, and we never looked back.

The DEFENSE was credited with 8 sacks. We forced 4 fumbles and were around the ball at all times. Tim Johnson had 3 solo tackles, 9 assists, 2 QB sacks and recovered 1 fumble. Wayne Schmidt was good for 1 solo, 10 assists and 1 sack and 1 recovered fumble. Guy Weber had 10 assists and 1 sack, and was in the backfield all night. In addition, Gary Ainsworth, Doug Switzer, Wendell McGill, Art Davis, Mike Newman, Dave Millen, Paul Taylor, David Armstrong, all had great efforts. If there was a game ball, it would go to the entire defensive unit.

WALLACE COMMENTS:

With a week off before traveling to Tarkio, I thought it would be interesting to reflect on the season and comment on what we will be attempting to do for the next ten days.

On offense, we are concentrating on perfection of our option game. This requires flawless execution by the quarterback; his technique and adherence to the coaching points are critical. It also requires perfection in blocking by the receivers and backs. This is much more difficult than you might expect because the secondaries disguise their coverages and how they intend to support the run until the play develops. It is also difficult to block a defender in the open field. The option game provides the big play potential, but it also provides a risk of loss or fumble if the offense cannot execute it to perfection. The other phase of our offense we are giving concentrated attention to is our short passing game.

On defense, we are working on our pass rush with the defensive line. We are also attempting to establish more discipline with the pass drops of our linebackers and cornerbacks. We are continuing to work on the support of the run defense by our corners. The critical aspect is for the corners to determine pass or run immediately. To this point we have been mostly a zone defense, we will also begin a concentrated effort to perfect our man to man coverages.

To wrap up, I'd like to comment on our effectiveness as a team. At present we are 4-0. Our offense ranks second in the district behind our friend Baker and tenth in the nation of all NAIA Division I and II schools. We are averaging 422.8 yards per game, 256 rushing and 166.8 passing. Our defense is presently second in the District, averaging only 222.5 yards given up per game. We're four yards per game behind Baker for first.