

Cardinal Sports Release

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Hello, CARDINAL Fans,

Here we are at mid-season, a perfect 5-0 record, and homecoming this Saturday. Everything looks great, Right? WRONG!!!

Would you believe, we have 5 running backs on the injured list? Their availability at this time is not known. I am sure Coach Wallace will tell you about it in his comments, later on in this letter.

OUR guys played a good game last Saturday against a very physical Tarkio team as the injuries might indicate. Offensively, we scored 27 points, and some good things happened. Defensively, again we held our foes without a touchdown.

We were able to get on the board early. At the 8:24 mark, in the 1st quarter, after we recovered a fumble on the 50 yard line, Kelly Groom lofted a perfect aerial to Mike McGill, who worked his way open and went in untouched for a TD. Jerry Burch made the conversion, and it was 7-0 early.

The Tarkio Owls displayed poise, on a 10 play drive in the second quarter. Then our guys toughened up, and the Owls settled for a 27 yard field goal, and the scoreboard read 7-3.

Two possessions later OUR CARDINALS went to the air. Two passes from Groom to Marty Hensley were good for 45 yards. Then a Groom keeper set us back after a CARDINAL clipping penalty. Back to the air again with a Groom to Hensley pass and another one to McGill put the ball on the 1 yard line. Steve Hodges plunged in with help from the offensive line and with a Burch kick it was 14-3.

Again, it was Burch who ended the scoring for the half with a perfect field goal from 42 yards out. All the third quarter scoring was added by Burch, when at the :57 mark he was good from 25 yards for another 3 points.

In the fourth quarter, Randy Jackson of Tarkio was good on a 32 yard field goal to make it 20-6. Then it was the running of Steve Hodges, Alan Greig and Wayne Landrum that marched down the field to the 15 yard line. It was Kelly Groom who ran to his right with good blocking and scampered the final 15 yards for the final TD. Burch again was automatic. It was 27-6.

Also, in the game, Burch showed his ability. A 48 yard attempt for a field goal had plenty of distance. However, it hit the goal post half way up and bounced away.

Our gang did so many good things in the game. The offensive line showed great poise. The defensive line had GREAT penetration, and made their quarterback scramble out of the pocket numerous times. The linebackers did SOME HITTING. The defensive backs were great in coverage, under the worst conditions.

We had 234 yards passing, while limiting Tarkio to 75. We were forced to pass more because of their defensive alignment. Rushing stats showed Alan Greig with 61 yards on 9 carries, and Steve Hodges with 38 on 10 carries. Wayne Landrum showed good strength with 23 yards on 7 carries.

Marty Hensley had 5 pass receptions for 85 yards and Mike McGill had 5 more for 70 yards.

On defense the linebackers were SUPER!!! Tim Johnson had 3 solo tackles and 9 assists and recovered 1 fumble. Wendell McGill was credited with 3 solos and 6 assists. Gary Ainsworth had 6 assists and Steve Mattingly had 1 solo and 3 assists coming off the bench.

Paul Taylor was GREAT in the secondary with 3 tackles and 6 assists. Other good hitters were Guy Weber, David Armstrong, Art Davis, David Millen, and Mike Newman...Mike Clark and John Fritz came in to add super support.

Now, here is Coach Wallace with the Wallace Hotline:

I first want to mention where we are at as a team in relation to our total program. Offensively, we now have our entire offense installed. This consists of 18 running plays, seven formations, our cadence and automatic system, our shifts and motions, and seven different passing actions. Defensively we now have all nine secondary coverages in and around 15 different front alignments at our disposal.

Each of our remaining games we will choose around a half dozen defenses and plays to ready for a particular game. We will scout every opponent and also exchange one or more films to make our specific plans.

At this point in the season injuries are of major concern. We are essentially healthy at every position except defensive end and running back. Scoop Gillespie missed the Tarkio game with a sprained ankle. We hope to have him back by Saturday. Hodges, Greig, and Jacobson and Davolt were all injured at Tarkio with their present status uncertain. Jerry Twigg is expected to return at defensive end but Troy Mitchell will remain on the disabled list.

I'm back.....WE certainly hope you are all in attendance for the HOMECOMING game this Saturday against Ottawa. It starts at 1:30 in Greene Stadium. All in all, it's a great weekend to be on campus. The big parade, all the festivities, a visit to the Mabee Center and MUCH, MUCH more. And, again, if you can't make it, tune in to FM 92, the RED RAGE RADIO STATION, for live coverage of the action.

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ALSO-----American Cablevision will televise the game for delayed broadcast. Check your Cable schedule to see the CARDINALS in action.

Don't forget the Homecoming Friday morning breakfast, at Shoneys restaurant. Meal time is 7:00, and anything can happen. Especially this week. See you then. WHAT A WEEKEND. DON'T MISS ANY OF IT.

RAH RAH RAH RED RAGE,

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