

Cardinal Sports Release



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Hello Cardinal fans:

Question...How do you tame a Wildcat? Answer...You have a flock of Cardinals pecking away, and pecking away, until you have them totally under control. The end result...William Jewell Cardinals 20, Baker Wildcats 10. How sweet it is! We are 9-0 and going for 10.

Let's tell it like it is. The famed Baker offense that has dazzled the statistic followers with 435.4 yards offense per game was held to a mere 172 total yards. The much publicized tandem offense of Taylor Gill and Ben Reed was shattered. Gill had averaged 132.4 yds. rushing per game but was held to 37 yards on 15 carries. Ben Reed was averaging 125.6 yards rushing, and was limited to 54 on 15 carries.

Now, get this. The once mighty Wildcats were held to only 10 yards of offense in the entire second half. Hats off to a great Cardinal offensive line that dominated the second half. We played ball control and were in control of the ball for 25 out of 30 minutes in the second half.

True, they started out tough. They stopped us cold in the first quarter, but we were just as tough on defense. The second quarter Baker got a field goal of 34 yards to put them on top. Then, a pass from Kelly Groom to Marty Hensley was good for 43 yards and a Cardinal touchdown. After a Jerry Burch conversion, we led 7-3.

They came back and drove to paydirt when Ben Reed battled the final 8 yards for a TD, and with the PAT it was 10-7 in favor of the bad guys. Then, we opened it up some and pushed it down their throats before Kelly went into the end zone with some great blocking. That was it for the first half. We were ahead 14-10, and the tide was changing in our favor. You could feel the victory coming.

The taming of the Wildcat was near. We came out for the second half with determination that was evident from the opening play. We totally controlled the play, offensively and defensively. A pass from Kelly to Mike McGill had their defense helpless, and it was good for 5 yards and a touchdown. That finished the scoring for the game but the taming of the Wildcats continued.

Now, let's compare game stats. On 1st downs, it was William Jewell 18 to Baker's 8. Rushing yardage showed 138 for William Jewell to 74 for Baker. That's right, 74 yards rushing yards on 38 carries. Passing yardage was equally impressive for us; with 199 yards to 98 for Baker. We had 337 total yards compared to Bakers 172.

So fantastic was Kelly Groom that he passed for 199 yards and rushed for 83 yards, good for 282 total yards. That left only 55 yards for the rest of the team to count up. In addition, he called a near perfect game.