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Cunningham Carries

David Cunningham was an NAIA All-American running back for William Jewell last year but hadn't seen action until Saturday because of a knee injury. He made up for lost time as he scored two touchdowns, including this 9-yard run in the third quarter, to power the Cardinals to a 44-13 Heart of America Conference victory over Ottawa Saturday. Henry Hill (No. 40) tried to stop Cunningham on the play.

William Jewell Blitzes Ottawa 44-13

Unbeaten William Jewell College, ranked sixth in the NAIA Division II poll, stormed from behind to down Ottawa University 44-13 Saturday at Greene Stadium in Liberty.

Ottawa scored first on a 38-yard pass play from Paul Haskell to Hercules Stancil on the second play of the game. Arthur Sippio set up the touchdown with a fumble recovery on the first play of the game.

The Braves, ranked 19th in Division II, held the lead until 3 minutes, 34 seconds of the first period when William Jewell's Mark Capra, of St. Pius X High School, hit freshman tight end Jeff Gourley on a 20-yard scoring pass.

The Cardinals took the lead on their first possession of the second half, mounting a 57-yard drive in seven plays. The touchdown was scored by junior running back David Cunningham on a run from 20 yards out. Cunningham, an NAIA All-American last year, was making his first appearance this season, after sitting out five games with an injury.

The Cardinals' second half scoring started with 5:14 left in the third period when sophomore linebacker Mark Timmerberg returned 48 yards with an intercepted pass.

Ottawa's last tally came on a 19ard aerial from quarterback Steve Volmer to wide receiver Lowell Morgan. Al Garcia, a senior from Westport High School, ended the scoring with a 28-yard field goal for William Jewell.

William Jewell is 6-0 with a 2-0 record in the Heart of America Conference. Ottawa slipped to 4-2 with a 2-1 conference mark.