Jewell Sees Baker as Toughest After Winning Eighth Straight

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Although owner of a high national ranking, the William Jewell Cardinals are concerned about holding onto the top spot in the Heart of America Conference.

William Jewell, ranked No. 2 in NAIA Division II football poll, has a 4-0 record in the conference with games remaining against Baker and Graceland, both 3-1. The Cardinals play at Baker Saturday night, then at Graceland Nov. 10.

"Our next game is going to be a test," said Coach Stan McGarvey after his Cardinals had turned back No. 13rated Missouri Valley 23-12 Saturday night for their eighth straight victory. "I feel Baker has the best personnel in the conference. We're in for a dogfight."

Baker, which lost to Valley 24-20 in the final 16 seconds the week before, heated up for the Jewell game by breezing past Tarkio 57-0. Graceland,

area colleges

which also has a powerful offense, downed Central Methodist 44-21.

Pittsburg State's hopes of capturing the Central States Conference and earning an NAIA Division I ranking were joited Saturday. Kearney State of Nebraska defeated Pittsburg 36-17 to tie the Gorillas for first place at 4-1.

Kearney, which is a potential NAIA Division I playoff entry, has the more favorable position in the stretch run. The Antelopes have home games against Washburn and Wayne State remaining. Pittsburg finishes on the road at Missouri Western Saturday and at Emporia State Nov. 10.

Missouri Western, which had its unbeaten mark scuttled 27-24 by Missouri Southern Oct. 20, fell for the second straight week. Washburn, which had lost all four of its conference games, stunned the Griffons 23-21 on a 25-yard field goal by Kevin Cummings.

Northwest Missouri State moved within one game of a share of the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship by defeating Missouri-Rolla 26-0. Five interceptions aided the Bearcats, who are 4-0 in the conference with games remaining against Lincoln and Southeast Missouri.

Lincoln, which has suffered three straight losses after a promising start, plays at Northwest Missouri Saturday. If the Bearcats win, only Northeast, 2-1, has a chance to tie them for the championship.

Northeast plays at Southeast Missouri Saturday. Southeast, playing without the service of quarterback Joe Young, who was ruled ineligible by the MIAA, dumped Lincoln 58-7. Scott Mosley, who had seen only limited service at quarterback, directed the Indians as they rolled up 459 yards total offense.