

# Jewell advances to playoffs

The high-flying William Jewell Cardinals, minus David Cunningham, swept past the Culver-Stockton Wildcats Saturday afternoon on the arm of Kelly Groom and the hands of Mike McGill. Add a known factor, the legs of David Cunningham, and you have the best offensive machine which the Cardinals have fielded this season.

Their ability to put together an offensive punch will be strongly tested in the first round of the NAIA Division II playoffs as they host the Baker Wildcats at 1 p.m. on Saturday, in Greene Stadium here.

Jewell escaped with a last-second 10-10 tie on the Nov. 8 against Baker and has been smarting since then. According to Baker's quarterback, Chuck Ervin, "Jewell was glad to get a tie; we weren't."

The tie gave Jewell half of the Heart of America Conference after having been down 10-7.

Baker comes into the contest with strong offensive and defensive machines which should show a little more variety on offense than last time.

In the previous game, Baker felt it had Jewell outclassed and that it could move the ball as it wished. This proved to be a misconception. With the possible national championship on the line, both schools are expected to pull out all the stops.

Baker's offense is currently averaging 151 yards passing and 390

rushing while putting an average of 51 points per game on the board. The team's scoring average of 15 points per game in its last two outings has not been indicative of the normal output.

On defense, the Cards have allowed an average 147 yds per game on the ground and 124 in the air, and have allowed 13 points per game. Over the last two outings, the defense has allowed 250 yards per game and 8 points.

On the offensive side, William Jewell has averaged 147 yards by air and 258 on the ground. With Cunningham out the last three games,

Jewell has divided rushing efforts among Vic Davolt, Fernandars Gillespie and Steve Hodges. This trio has performed well and Groom has continued to improve his timing with Mike McGill as their three touchdowns in the Culver game attest.

The Cards have scored at a rate of 35 points per game throughout the season.

On the defensive side, Baker shows its true strength. In playing Missouri Valley, Jewell and Ottawa this season, Baker allowed a total of only 13 points. The three teams had scored a total of 86 points per game. Add to this an average allowance of 109 yards passing, 124 yards rushing and a conference record of 32 pass interceptions and you have a tough outing for the Jewell offense.

All in all, it promises to be an evenly matched game and much more exciting than its chief competitor, University of Missouri versus Kansas University.