

THURSDAY, DEC. 11, 1980

Red Rage finishes 11-1-1

Quakers Quell Comeback- Cards' Title Hopes



(l to r) Guy Weber, Pat Burke and Wayne Schmidt look on as the Cardinals' national championship bid slowly faded in the fourth quarter of Saturday's football contest.

It just wasn't in the cards. Wilmington, Ohio displayed a rugged offensive ground game and took advantage of Jewell turnovers to post a 31-17 NAIA Division II semifinal football victory.

"I don't know where we go from here, but I'm glad to be there!" an elated Quaker Coach Bill Ramseyer said after the game.

Wilmington will square off against Pacific Lutheran, a 32-0 winner over Valley City St., N.D. Saturday at 3 p.m. for the National Championship in Tacoma, Wash.

Cardinal quarterback Kelly Groom tossed a 10-yard scoring strike to tight end Scott Martin in the first quarter to put Jewell on top 7-0.

The Quakers broke on the scoreboard with a second quarter 38-yard field goal from Steve McDevitt. Both clubs exchanged possessions twice, with Wilmington advancing the football in an impressive manner but com-

ing up empty.

The Quakers then took the lead with 28 seconds remaining in the half as Gary Worthy scored from two yards out, but McDevitt missed the extra point.

Mike McGill returned the ensuing kick-off 58 yards and Groom directed a drive to the Quaker three yard line setting up a 21-yard field goal by freshman Jerry Burch, giving Jewell a 10-9 lead on the last play of the half.

The final lead of the season vanished when Worthy dashed three yards for a score early in the third period set up by an interception. Quaker quarterback John Calhoun carried for the two-point conversion and Wilmington led 17-10. "The offensive line did the job up front," Calhoun said. "I didn't have a good day passing, but at times I couldn't believe the offensive line work."

Minutes later following a Jewell fumble, Quaker fullback Russell Williams sprinted 44 yards for another score and McDevitt kicked the extra point for a 24-10 lead.

Worthy added his third touchdown in the fourth quarter for a 31-10 margin.

The Cardinals, who had come back so many times in the regular season, could put together only one additional rally. Groom bounced a pass off McGill and into the hands of Martin for a 22-yard touchdown pass and Burch added the point after for the final 31-17 score.

"Jewell's got a great football team," Worthy said. "Maybe we were just better on this day." The Dayton, Ohio sophomore scored three touchdowns before being named the offensive player of the game. He carried 35 times for 199 yards.

Wilmington upped their record to 9-1 while Jewell finished at 11-1-1. Senior defensive back Bruce Hill was named the defensive player of the game.

NAIA Division II semifinal Saturday, Dec. 6

Wilmington	0	9	15	7	31
Jewell	7	3	0	7	17

WI: Scott Martin 10 pass from Kelly Groom (Jerry Burch kick)

WC: FG Steve McDevitt 38

WC: Gary Worthy 2 run (kick failed)

WI: FG Burch 21

WC: Worthy 3 run (John Calhoun run)

WC: Russell Williams 44 run (McDevitt kick)

WC: Worthy 21 run (McDevitt kick)

WI: Martin 22 pass from Groom (Burch kick)