

'DIE-HARD DEFENSE REFUSES TO FALL TO GRACELAND'



Senior Wide Receiver Marty Hensley makes a spectacular catch in the second half of the Graceland game. Hensley had four receptions on the day for a total of 81 yards.



Coach Vic Wallace gives Quarterback Kelly Groom crucial instructions in the fourth quarter in last week's contest with Graceland.



Sophomore Runningback Fernandars "Scoop" Gillespie dodges another Yellowjacket Linebacker. Scoop had 71 yards on the day on 12 carries.



Some of the Cardinal fans who made the trip last week to Lamoni look on early in the fourth quarter just before the Cardinals score their first touchdown against the Yellowjackets.

"The Cardiac Cardinals," as they were often called last season, again gave the fans a bit of a scare last week in Lamoni, Iowa against Graceland College. In an early defensive struggle, the Yellowjackets finally scored late in the first half. A third quarter field goal increased their advantage over the Cardinals 10-0.

The Red Rage offense finally got on the scoreboard with only 12 minutes left in the game as Kelly Groom ran the ball in 3 yards on the quarterback keeper. After the two point conversion failed and time was running out, the outcome looked grim for the Cardinals. However, the "Die-Hard" defense, who had spent more than their share of time on the field on an extremely hot day, failed to give up.

With the ball in Cardinal possession again, Groom connected with wide receiver Marty Hensley for a 17 yard TD pass. This time the two point conversion was successful as tight end Scott Martin was the target of reserve quarterback Andrae Nelson. The score stood at 14-10 forcing the Yellowjackets to go for the touchdown to win.

Graceland made a final bid with only 47 seconds left in the game, penetrating deep into Cardinal territory. The Cardinal defense again rose to the occasion, holding the Yellowjackets for 4 downs inside the 8 yard line. Gary Ainsworth and Tim Johnson led the Cardinal defense for the game. Ainsworth had 19 tackles (1 unassisted), and two passes broken up, one which ended the final Graceland drive. Johnson also has 19 tackles (2 unassisted), a pass interception, and a blocked kick.

With two victories under belts, the Cardinals tonight meet the Ravens of Benedictine College. Coming into tonight's game the Ravens are 1-1. They defeated Washburn University two weeks ago by the score of 10-7. Last week they lost to Missouri Western College 37-16.

Looking to lead the Ravens at the quarterback position is 6-2 junior Terry Torline from Spearville, Kansas. Torline has 222 yards in the air after two games, 17 completed of 47 attempts and no interceptions and two touchdowns. His leading receiver is sophomore tight end Dave Hill, who has 7 catches for 128 yards. Leading the Ravens on the ground is junior fullback Bill Riddick. Riddick has 133 yards on 31 carries, and average of 4.2 yards per carry.

Juniors Paul Krus and Pat Jodzio are the center of the Ravens' defense attack. Krus, a 230 pound middle linebacker has 14 tackles (5 unassisted) and 3 blocked kicks. Jodzio, a 220 pound end, also has 14 tackles (4 unassisted).

The Cardinals will counter with Kelly Groom at quarterback. Groom has 18 completions on 31 attempts for the year with 4 interceptions. His primary targets of the last two weeks have been senior wide receivers Mike McGill and Marty Hensley. McGill has 5 catches for 155 yards, a 31.0 average. Hensley has 7 catches for 101 yards, a 14.4 average. Leading the Cardinals on the ground is sophomore Fernandars "Scoop" Gillespie. Scoop has 188 yards on 21 carries for a 8.9 average.

The Cardinal defense is led by senior linebacker Gary Ainsworth and freshman Tim Johnson, who is also a linebacker. After two games Ainsworth has 27 assisted tackles, one unassisted tackle, and 2 passes broken up. Johnson has 32 unassisted tackles, 3 unassisted, one blocked kick, and one interception which he returned for 8 yards. A former Rockhurst High School standout, Johnson last week was named as both the Heart of America Athletic and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) District 16 Defensive Player of the Week.