THEY ROUT BENEDICTINE 42-15

The William Jewell Cardinals opened their home season last Saturday against Benedictine College with an impressive 42-15 victory over the Ravens, extending their record to 3-0. They stand at the top of the Heart of America Athletic Conference with two victories and no defeats.

The scoreboard remained empty through the first quarter, but the Cardinals got their offense moving early in the second quarter of play. Kelly Groom connected with Scott Martin on a 16 yard pass and Steve Hudson added the extra point, putting the first 7 Cardinal points on the board. Less than 3 minutes later with 10:00 on the clock Kelly Groom ran it in himself 27 yards. This time the extra point was converted by Jerry Burch, giving the Cardinals a 14-0 lead at the half.

Steve Hodges began the second half scoring with a 58 yard run six minutes into the third quarter. Burch again added the extra point. Hodges led all rushers for the day with 120 yards on 10 carries.

The Ravens finally got on the scoreboard with 5:16 left in the third quarter on a 3 yard run by David Dohn. The extra point kick was successful. This and a 4th quarter 91 yard kick-off return were the only tallies of the day for Benedictine.

The Cardinal scored three more times before the clock ran out. With only:20 left in the third quarter Feranadars Gillespie ran in three yards for the touchdown. Gillespie drastically changed roles later in the game as he was on the throwing end of a 25 yard touchdown pass to reserve quarterback Andrae Nelson. Kelly Groom threw his second TD pass of the evening to Mike McGill who went 48 yards for the score. Groom was 9-18 on the evening for 139 yards and no interceptions. McGill was the leading receiver with 57 yards on two catches.

Leading the Cardinal defense was senior linebacker Gary Ainsworth with 12 tackles, 2 unassisted. He was followed by Wayne Schmidt and Wendell McGill, each with 9 and Jerry Twigg and David Armstrong, each with 8, 2 unassisted. Twigg also recovered two fumbles.

This week the Cardinals face Doane College from Crete; Nebraska. Last year the Cardinals defeated Doane 25-21.



Sophomore runningback Steve Hodges rushes past the Benedictine Defenders toward the goal line. Hodges had 120 yards on 10 carries for the day.

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