

Sept. 19 Benedictine College

# Jewell remains unbeaten, routs Benedictine 42-15

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Six players shared in the touchdowns as William Jewell remained unbeaten with a 42-15 non-conference college football victory over Benedictine Saturday night in Liberty.

Quarterback Kelly Groom figured in three of the Cardinals' scores, running 26 yards on an option for a touchdown, and hitting receivers Marty Hensley, for 9 yards, and Mike McGill, for 48.

Running back Scoop Gillespie had a hand in two of the touchdowns. Gillespie capped an 85-yard drive with a 3-yard run in the third quarter. Then he threw

a 25-yard touchdown pass to quarterback Andre Nelson in the fourth quarter.

Back Steve Hodges swept left end and cut back to the middle on a 58-yard run for the Cardinals' other score. Jerry Burch kicked all six extra points.

The most spectacular touchdown of the night was scored by Mike Higgins of Benedictine, 1-2, on a 91-yard kickoff return in the fourth quarter. The Ravens' other score was made by freshman David Dohn on a 7-yard sweep in the third quarter.

The Cardinals, 3-0, rushed for 315 yards, with Hodges leading the way with 120 on 10 carries. Dohn had 84 of Benedictine's 213 yards rushing.

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 kickoff 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 quar-

terback 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.



RAVEN MAD... Steve Hodges frustrates a would-be tackler in last Saturday's romp over Benedictine.

Photo by Dave Owen

<b>Benedictine</b>	0	0	7	8	—	15
<b>William Jewell</b>	0	14	14	14	—	42

WJ: Scott Martin 9 pass from Kelly Groom (Steve Hudson kick)

WJ: Groom 26 run (Jerry Burch kick)

B: David Dohn 6 run (Terry Armer kick)

WJ: Scoop Gillespie 3 run (Burch kick)

WJ: Mike McGill 48 pass from Groom (Burch kick)

B: Mike Higgins 91 kickoff return (Steve Tacca pass from Steve Buhler)

WJ: Andre Nelson 25 pass from Gillespie (Burch kick)