

Cards stack up third straight win

The William Jewell football Cardinals continued their winning ways with a big victory over the Benedictine Ravens, 42-15, before a home crowd of nearly 4,300 in Greene Stadium Saturday. It was the first home game for the Cardinals, and they keep their record unblemished 3-0. Benedictine falls to 1-2.

The Cards showed plenty of versatility, scoring three times through the air and three on the ground. Junior quarterback Kelly Groom had his best game of the young season, passing for 139 yards, with nine completions in 18 attempts, and two touchdowns.

He also carried the ball eight times for a net gain of 66 yards and one touchdown.

The game, however, was closer than the score would indicate. Benedictine led in first downs, 18-13; in passing, with 16 out of 28 completions, and with plays from scrimmage, 76-59. But it was big plays for the Cardinals that made the difference.

There could have been even more scoring but in the first quarter, both teams had touchdowns called back on penalties and the Cardinals missed a field goal. The score after one quarter was 0-0.

In the second quarter, the Ravens' Karl Brondell blocked a Jeff McGuire punt and the Ravens took over on Jewell's 10. The Cardinals recovered a fumble on the next play and Jerry Twigg came up with the loose ball. Jewell then went 88 yards in seven plays culminating in a Kelly Groom pass to tight end Scott Martin for a 16-yard touchdown.

Seve Hudson added the PAT. Five plays later, Mike Newman, Cardinal sophomore defensive back, intercepted a Terry Torline pass and the Cardinals took over on the 41-yard line. Three plays later, Groom, on a keeper, moved through the secondary and stacked up 26 yards

and a second touchdown for Jewell. Jerry Burch added the PAT, and the Cards led, 14-0.

The Ravens marched 15 plays. But, it was for naught as linebacker Gary Ainsworth caused a fumble, recovered by teammate Guy Weber, and the half ended with the Ravens scoreless.

Early in the second half, on the Cards' first possession, Steve Hodges took a Groom pitchout, and rambled 58 yards for still another Cardinal score. Burch added the PAT, good for 21-0.

Benedictine managed 10 plays that culminated in a David Dohn six-yard carry. The freshman tailback put his Ravens on the board. Terry Armour kicked the PAT.

The Cardinals struck again in the third quarter as a 15-play drive ended with Fernandars Gillespie carrying for three yards and another Cardinal score. Burch made it 28-8, Jewell.

In the fourth, Jewell downed a punt on Benedictine's 49-yard line. And on the first play, Groom passed to Mike McGill, who caught the ball in stride and went in standing up bringing the partisan crowd to its feet. Burch added the PAT.

On the kickoff, Ravens tailback Mike Higgins fielded an Eddy Adden kick on his own 9, and charged the middle, breaking through Cardinal defenders for 91 yards and a Raven TD. Torline passed to Steve Tacca for a two-point conversion and the score read 32-15, Jewell.

The Cardinals were not finished. A little razzle-dazzle saw sophomore quarterback Andre Nelson hand off to 'Scoop' Gillespie who went to his right, stopped and threw downfield to Nelson for a 25-yard scoring strike. Nelson, all alone, went in untouched. Burch added the extra point, and scoring ended with the Cardinals enjoying a 42-15 win.

After the game, Jewell coach Vic

Wallace had praise for his opponents. "Benedictine read our plays very well, and we had a couple of breaks that got us going. In the second half, we just plain executed good. Kelly (Groom) had a good game, and his option plays were nearly perfect. Our power dive plays also kept the defense honest, and the offensive line did great."

"We had so many super efforts," added Wallace. "Mike McGill again put the game away for us with his TD catch. When Mike wants the ball, he just goes after it."

Individual statistics for Jewell has Steve Hodges gaining 120 yards on 12 carries and Gillespie continuing his league-leading statistics with 10 carries, good for 69 yards. Six different players scored for the Cardinals and two more added conversions, showing versatile scoring abilities.

Defensively, Seniors Gary Ainsworth and Wendell McGill, linebackers, led the team. Ainsworth was credited with two solo tackles and 10 assists, while McGill had nine assisted tackles. Senior Wayne Schmidt and sophomore Jerry Twigg also had big roles for the Cardinal defense as did junior David Armstrong.

The Cardinals next outing will be against Doane College of Nebraska Saturday night. Game time is 7:30 at Greene Stadium. Fans have the opportunity to witness a rare double-header. The Cardinal freshman team will play against Missouri Western on the same field, at 1 p.m. giving fans a chance to get a look at the Jewell team of the future.

CARDINAL NOTES

In other Heart of America Athletic Conference football action Baker defeated Mid-American Nazarene College, 42-7; Central Methodist wracked up a non-conference win over William Penn, 11-10; Ottawa and opponent Southwestern tied at



AINSWORTH, DAVE MILLEN
Pull down Benedictine runner (David Owen photo)

21; Peru State amassed 64 points while Tarkio remained scoreless, and Missouri Valley College lost a heartbreaker to Washburn, 12-10.

Thus far, with two conference wins, William Jewell leads the conference.

However, Baker, Ottawa, Mo Valley and Tarkio are all tied for second and are all undefeated in one conference outings.

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The Liberty Tribune was mysteriously blessed with the following poem. We're uncertain as to whom the participants are, but suspect they know:

*Come on Harry
Where can you be?
Vic needs your analyses
To assure victory.*

*There's no one there
To pick on Pat
The Czar will quit coming;
We don't want that!*

*The breakfasts' at Shoney's
Still at 7 a.m.
Come on now Harry
Put the coach on a limb!*

*The rumor is out,
Wallace's wit is too quick.
If you stay away
The rumor will stick.*

*The bets are on Vic
It could be a rout
We'll see your Friday:
Our challenge is out!*

This bizarre poetry is cryptically signed "The Coches' Breakfast Gang."