

Cards Soar To Win Over Ravens

The William Jewell Cardinals continued their winning ways, with a big win over the Benedictine Ravens, before a home crowd of nearly 4,300 fans in Greene Stadium, on Saturday night. It was the first home game for the Cardinals, and they kept their record unblemished, at 3-0. Benedictine fell to 1-2.

The Cardinals showed plenty of versatility, scoring 3 times through the air, and three on the ground, with junior quarterback Kelly Groom having his best game of the young season. Groom passed for 139 yards, with 9 completions in 18 attempts, good for two touchdowns. He also carried the ball 8 times, for a net yardage of 66, and one touchdown.

The game, however, was much closer than the score would indicate. Benedictine led in 1st downs 18-13, in passing, with 16 out of 28 completions, and with plays from scrimmage, 76-59. But, it was the big plays of the Cardinals, that made the ultimate difference.

There would have been even more scoring, but in the 1st quarter, both teams had

touchdowns called back because of penalties, and the Cardinals also missed a field goal attempt. The score after 1 quarter was 0-0.

In the 2nd quarter, the Ravens Karl Brondell, blocked a Jeff McGuire punt, and the Ravens took over on Jewell's 10 yard line. The Cardinals recovered a fumble on the next play from scrimmage, as Jerry Twigg came up with the loose ball on their own 12. Jewell then went 88 yards in 7 plays with a Kelly Groom pass to Tight End Scott Martin, for a 16 yard touchdown, to break the scoring deadlock. Steve Hudson added the PAT, and it was 7-0.

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, it was Kelly Groom on a keeper, moving through the secondary, good for 26 yards, and another touchdown for Jewell. Jerry Burch added the PAT, and it was 14-0.

The Ravens then marched out 15 plays. But, it was for

naught, as Linebacker Gary Ainsworth caused a fumble that was recovered by Guy Weber, and the half ended without the Ravens getting on the scoreboard.

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

Benedictine then went 10 plays, culminated by a David Bohn 6 yard carry, and the Freshman tailback put the Ravens on the board. Terry Armour kicked one through the uprights and it was 21-7. The Cardinals struck again in the 3rd quarter as a 15 play drive ended with Fernandars Gillespie dove in for 3 yards and another Cardinal score. Burch made it 28-7.

In the 4th quarter, Jewell downed a punt on Benedictines 49 yard line, and on the 1st play, Groom passed to Mike McGill, who caught the ball in stride, and went in standing up. That brought the crowd to its feet, and Burch added the PAT. It was then 35-7.

On the kickoff, Ravens tailback Mike Higgins, fielded an Eddy Adden kick on his own 9 yard line, and went right up the middle, breaking through the Cardinals defenders for 91 yards, and a Raven TD. Torline then passed to Steve Tacca for a two point conversion, and the scoreboard read 35-15.

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

After the game, Jewell mentor Vic Wallace, had plenty of 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 supper efforts," said Wallace. "but, Mike McGill again put the game away for us with his TD catch. When Mike wants the ball, he just goes after it."

Individual stats 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 a very versatile scoring punch.

Defensively, Seniors Gary Ainsworth and Wendell

McGill, Cardinal linebackers, led the team. Ainsworth was credited with 2 solo tackles and 10 assists, while McGill had 9 assisted tackles. Senior Wayne Schmidt and Sophomore Jerry Twigg also played big roles for the defense, as did Junior David Armstrong.

The Cardinals next outing will be against Doane, College of Nebraska, on Saturday night. Game time is 7:30 at Greene Stadium. Actually, fans have the opportunity to witness a rare double-header. The Cardinal Freshman team will play against Missouri Western on the same field, at 1:00 p.m. A great chance to get a look at the Jewell team of the future.