

Doane coach upset by Jewell's final play

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Strained feelings developed between the coaches of William Jewell and Doane at the completion of their college football game Saturday night in Liberty.

The point of contention was a touchdown scored by Jewell on the final play of its 28-3 victory over the Crete, Neb., school.

Doane Coach Brian Naber, whose winless team led undefeated and No. 2 nationally ranked William Jewell 3-0 at halftime, said he thought the Cardinals poured it on by throwing a pass for their final touchdown.

Jewell Coach Vic Wallace said the touchdown was scored with reserves in the game and he didn't consider that, under the circumstances, he was running up the score.

Wallace said when he went across the field for the customary post-game handshake, he was snubbed by Naber, who ordered his players not to fraternize with the Jewell players.

Wallace claimed he was initially stunned by Naber's response but said this week that he wanted to forget the incident.

"I've written it off," Wallace said. "I'm not thinking about it anymore. And I would hope he (Naber) would do the same thing."

But Naber hasn't written it off. He doesn't have pleasant memories of his visit to William Jewell.

"He (Wallace) didn't go for two points, so I guess we were supposed to think he was being generous," Naber said. "I've never seen a good team do what they did. Most teams that have the game locked up will just fall on the ball in the last few seconds and not try to run it up (the score) by throwing a pass."

The last touchdown by the Cardinals was set up when linebacker Jerry Burchett intercepted a Doane pass and returned it to the Doane 15. Jewell tried two passes in the final 10 seconds. The first was incomplete, leaving one second on the clock. The next pass from Andre Nelson went to running back Vic Davolt, who entered the game with a play from Wallace that Davolt had suggested. The play worked for a touchdown.

"I was not trying to humiliate or embarrass anybody," Wallace said. "We were playing some people at the

time who were on our junior varsity, and they wanted the opportunity to score. Davolt had been injured all season and hadn't had much playing time.

"There was a funny thing about the last play. A player jumped off their bench and tried to intercept the pass.

But Davolt was about 5 yards behind him."

Naber, an assistant at Fort Hays State the past four years, took the Doane head coaching job in July. He contended that Jewell wasn't using junior varsity players at the finish.

"They suited up 70 players, and nobody deeper than second stringers played," he said. "They got their interception when we had our third-string line and third-string quarterback in there. He's in the big time, and we're in the small time. I don't know where he's from, but I'm not used to things like that."

Defenders toward the goal line. Hodges had 120 yards on 10 carries for the day.