

"THE RED RAGE COMES HOME WITH ANOTHER VICTORY"

The William Jewell Cardinals improved their season's record to 9-0 last Saturday night as they defeated the Baker University Wildcats by the score of 20-10. The weather could not have been better for the approximately 5500 fans in attendance, at least half of whom made the trip from Liberty to witness the Cardinal victory.

The contest was a defensive struggle in the beginning, with neither team wanting to give. The Wildcats were first on the scoreboard with a 34-yard field goal as Kelly Groom connected with Marty Hensley with a 43 yard pass with 14:10 on the clock. Jerry Burch added the PAT making the score 7-3.

The second quarter was the most active of the game as each team added a touchdown before going to the locker room. With 7:03 left in the half, Baker running back Ben Reed ran the ball in 8 yards and with Joe Boehs PAT gave the Wildcats 10-7 lead. Again the Cardinals said nothing doing. This time Kelly Groom ran the ball in himself from the one yard line, with only 19 seconds remaining in the second quarter. Burch's extra point kick gave the Cardinals a 14-10 lead at the half.

Though they put only seven points on the board in the second half of play, quarterback Kelly Groom and the rest of the Cardinals clearly had gained control of the game. Groom threw another touchdown pass late in the third quarter, this time connecting with Mike McGill for five yards. However, the PAT failed, leaving the score at 20-10. The Wildcats were unable to get anything going in the second thirty minutes — thanks to the Cardinal defense. Baker had possession of the ball for less than six minutes in the second half and netted only 10 total yards.

Kelly Groom led the Cardinal offense for the game as he was responsible for all but 55 of the Redbirds' 337 total yards. In the air he

was 12 for 23 for 199 yards. He also led all rushers for the game with 83 yards on 23 carries. Groom's primary target for the day was senior wide receiver Marty Hensley who had a very impressive day on the field, catching 8 passes for 136 yards, an average of 17 yards per catch.

The defensive story for the Cardinals is also outstanding. The "Cobras" held Baker, a team that was averaging 348.1 yards per game on the ground, to only 74 yards rushing. Wildcat running backs Taylor Gill and Ben Reed tallied only 54 and 37 yards respectively. Going into Saturday's game Gill led the HAAC with a 132.4 average per game with Reed right behind him with a 125.6 average. Leading the Cardinal defense was middle linebacker Tim Johnson with 14 tackles, one unassisted. Wayne Schmidt led the linemen with 10 assists and Mike Newman the backfield with 9 tackles, one unassisted. Guy Weber was close behind his teammates with 8 tackles, one unassisted. He also had a quarterback sack and a pass broken up.

Looking to finish the regular season today, the Cardinals will again take on the Wildcats, but this time the Wildcats of Culver Stockton College. Culver brings a record of 0-8 into tonight's game. Last week they lost to St. Ambrose College by the score of 27-19.

Congratulations are in order for Kelly Groom who was named as the NAIA District 16 Offensive Player of the Week and to the entire Cardinal defense who were given the multiple honor of the Heart of America Conference Defensive Player of the Week.

The Cardinals would like to welcome everyone to today's game, especially the high school seniors who are participating in the "Journey to Jewell" program sponsored by the Admissions office.

"The Cardinals in Action"



The Cardinal defense works on the Baker offensive line as they break through and tackle the Wildcats' quarterback, #57. Tim Johnson led the defense with 14 tackles on the evening. (Photo by David Owen)



Senior wide receiver Marty Hensley grabs a Kelly Groom pass in the William Jewell Cardinals' 20-10 victory over Baker University Saturday, Nov. 7. Hensley had 8 catches on the evening for 136 yards. (Photo by David Owen)