

# St. Louisans sparking 11-0 Jewell in playoffs

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LIBERTY, Mo. (Special) — Fernanders Gillespie and Steve Hodges aren't exactly household names among college football fanatics, but the St. Louis area running backs for William Jewell College could be before they finish their careers.

The rushing tandem has sparked the Cardinals to an 11-0 record and into the semifinals of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II playoffs Saturday at Sherman, Texas, against Austin College.

The pair has combined for 1,210 yards rushing, with Southwest High School alumnus Gillespie carrying for 609 on 105 carries and Hodges, a graduate of Jennings High School, going 601 in 103 tries.

Both are only sophomores.

**THE CARDINALS**, in the first year of head coach Vic Wallace, have one of the youngest teams ever to make it to the NAIA playoffs, starting only a couple of seniors on both offense and defense.

Junior quarterback Kelly Groom works behind an offensive line which features three sophomores. Groom, from LaGrange, Mo., has completed more than 50 percent of his passes for 1,341 yards and an even dozen touchdowns.

His main target has been senior wide receiver Marty Hensley of Jefferson City, who has latched onto 32 of Groom's 95 completions for 532 yards and four scores.

Defensively, meanwhile, freshman linebacker Tim

Johnson of Kansas City is the team's leading tackler, while junior defensive tackle Guy Weber of Hillsboro, Mo., an All-America candidate, leads the club with 10 quarterback sacks.

The Cardinals allowed only 79 points while winning all 10 regular season games and capturing the Heart of America Athletic Conference championship. Jewell allowed a total of only 192 yards per game, while amassing an even 400 per game themselves on offense.

**GROOM THREW TWO** touchdown passes as the Cardinals tripped defending NAIA Division champion Pacific Lutheran University of Tacoma, Wash., 19-14 in the quarterfinals for the right to meet the Kangaroos of Austin, who will enter the game with a 10-1 mark.

William Jewell also advanced to the semifinals last season before bowing to Wilmington, Ohio, 31-17 — the furthest the Cardinals had ever advanced in NAIA competition.

But that was before Wallace, who was the offensive coordinator for Texas Tech last year, took over this season. Not only will he be returning to Texas this weekend, but he will be doing so with a perfect record as head coach. The winner of the game will meet the survivor of the other semifinal test between Westminster College of Pennsylvania and Concordia College of Minnesota. The final will be played Saturday, Dec. 12, at a time and site to be determined by the two finalists.

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## Groom keys Jewell upset of Lutheran

LIBERTY, Mo.—Former Highland quarterback Kelly Groom combined with wide receiver Marty Hensley for two touchdowns and Jerry Burch added two field goals Saturday as No. 2-ranked William Jewell defeated defending national champion Pacific Lutheran 19-14 in the opening round of the NAIA division II playoffs.

William Jewell now advances to NAIA semifinal action against Austin College Dec. 5 in Sherman, Texas. Austin whipped Panhandle State 27-16 Saturday to advance to the semifinals.

Pacific Lutheran, out of Tacoma, Wash., went into Saturday's contest ranked No. 1 in the nation. The loss dropped the Lutes to 9-1 for the season. William Jewell, ranked No. 2 in the nation, upped its record to 11-0.

The Cardinals jumped to a 13-0 halftime lead on two Burch field goals of 22 and 28 yards, and a 1-yard touchdown pass from Groom to Hensley after a scoreless first quarter.

Pacific Lutheran didn't make the scoreboard until the third quarter, when Eric Munson snagged a 4-yard pass from quarterback Kevin Skogan to narrow the margin to 13-7.

But Jewell struck back early in the fourth with its game-clinching TD on another Groom to Hensley pass, this one for 4 yards. Pacific tried to come back late in the fourth on a 1-yard run by senior fullback Mike Westmiller, but the play was a losing effort.