



Jewell remains Heart of America's gem

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In the last two seasons, William Jewell has compiled a 21-2-1 record and twice reached the semifinals of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II playoffs.

With 15 returning starters, headed by quarterback Kelly Groom and defensive-line star Guy Weber, the Cardinals figure to be national title contenders again.

William Jewell hasn't lost a league game in two seasons, another good reason why the Cardinals from Liberty have been picked to repeat as Heart of America Conference champions. In a poll of conference coaches, William Jewell received six of the seven first-place votes.

The Heart lost a member when Ot-

tawa joined the Kansas Conference, but the league gained two new head coaches. Ted Kozinski, an assistant, replaced Don Shinnick at Central Methodist. Jeff Moore, who was on the Missouri staff last year, replaced Scott Swofford at Tarkio.

Vic Wallace, who is starting his second year as Jewell coach, lost two starting receivers but still has firepower with Groom, who runs the veer offense, and returning backfield starters Scoop Gillespie and Steve Hodges. The Cardinals averaged nearly 30 points a game last year.

"We return our entire defensive secondary, and we have two excellent safeties in Paul Taylor and Mike Newman," Wallace said. "Weber heads our defensive line, which we are calling the 'Cobras.' Tim Johnson is an outstanding linebacker for us."