

Who's No. 1? Jewell jolted by poll's snub

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Surprised? William Jewell Coach Vic Wallace had reason to be when he heard the results of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II football poll.

"You would have thought it would have gone the other way," Wallace said Wednesday after learning that William Jewell had been passed by the NAIA rating committee for the No. 1 spot.

Logically, Jewell figured to move up. The Cardinals were rated No. 2 in the NAIA pre-season poll behind Concordia of Minnesota. In opening games last weekend Jewell defeated Doane of Nebraska 19-7 and Concordia lost to Moorhead State 30-9.

So what happens? The panel of 16 football coaches on the rating committee moved Austin College of Sherman, Texas, which has yet to play this season, from No. 3 to No. 1. Concordia, which shared the Division II championship with Austin last year after a 24-24 tie in the title game, dropped to No. 15.

Austin, which defeated William Jewell 33-28 in the playoff semifinals last year, received eight first-place votes to six for Jewell. Third-place Westminster (Pa.), which has yet to play, received

the other two.

"I guess the raters weren't impressed by our showing against Doane," Wallace said. "But then, they had no way of knowing the conditions we played under. It rained buckets all through the first half."

Jewell's statistical superiority was far more impressive than its margin on the scoreboard. The Cardinals gained 221 yards total offense to Doane's 103.

"Being No. 2 again gives us something to shoot for," Wallace said. "I'm not as concerned where we are rated. I'm just worried about our next game."

Jewell's next game is its home opener at 7:30 p.m. Saturday against Culver-Stockton in Liberty. It's also the start of Heart of America Conference play for the Cardinals.

Baker and Missouri Valley of the Heart of America Conference and Benedictine, an independent, also made the NAIA Division II top 20. Baker was ranked 16th, Benedictine No. 17 and Missouri Valley No. 19.

Pittsburg State, which remained No. 2 behind top-ranked Elon of North Carolina, was the only team from the Kansas-Missouri area to make the NAIA Division I top 20.

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Jewell likely to be in fit of feistiness

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Under the best of conditions, William Jewell isn't an ideal small-college football opponent. Jewell hasn't lost a regular-season game since 1979 and is loaded with veteran players.

Being on the same field with William Jewell this week could be even more hazardous to a team's health. Snubbed for the No. 1 spot in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II poll, the second-ranked Cardinals could be downright ornery when they take the field.

Culver-Stockton, which has lost 14 straight games the last two years, will

find out just how ornery the Cardinals will be at 7:30 tonight in a Heart of America Conference game at William Jewell's stadium in Liberty.

"Our players know what they're getting into," Culver-Stockton offensive coach Terry Ahern said after viewing films of Jewell's 19-7 victory over Doane College of Nebraska. "William Jewell's defense is awesome. They've got two tackles (Guy Weber and Steve Holeman) and a linebacker (Tim Johnson) we don't know what we're going to do against. The rest of their players fly around and hit people, and that's what you have to do in a 4-3 defense."

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