

Jewell breaks loose against Mid-America

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After sputtering for three weeks, the William Jewell offense broke out with 597 yards Saturday, trampling Mid-America Nazarene 58-3 in a Heart of America Conference game in Liberty.

Jewell, which had not moved the ball well in a narrow victory over Graceland, a tie with Missouri Valley and a shutout loss to Baker, clicked on six touchdown passes, bringing its record to 6-1-1. The Cardinals are ranked 10th in the NAIA Division II poll.

Wide receiver Jimi Reed, who had only one reception against Baker, led Jewell's big-play offense with seven catches for 142 yards and four touchdowns. Reed scored on 44- and 11-yard passes from starting quarterback Scott Sandridge, a 36-yarder from No. 2 quarterback Paul Troth and a 23-yarder on a halfback option pass from Robert Brinser.

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The most spectacular score came on short pass from Sandridge to halfback Scoop Gillespie. After taking a screen pass on the left side, Gillespie cut across the field and completed a 59-yard scoring run as running back Charles Parrish and guards Todd White and Mark Mundell made picture-perfect blocks downfield.

Mid-America, 3-5, scored on a 25-yard field goal by Scott Daniels in the first quarter after Troy Baumgardner set it up with an interception at the Jewell 34. The Cardinals tied the count at 3-3 on Dave Riley's 22-yard field goal.

After that it was all Jewell with the Cardinals scoring 58 straight points. The Cards held Mid-America to 57 yards rushing and 83 yards passing. Steve Hodges had

66 yards rushing as Jewell piled up 212 yards on the ground.

"We got our offense back, and we needed to get it back," Jewell Coach Vic Wallace said. "It's been simmering all year. I felt we had the potential all along."