

Northwestern freezes out Jewell

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Between the weather and Northwestern of Iowa, the William Jewell Cardinals experienced a miserable afternoon of football Saturday in Liberty, losing 30-12.

The Cardinals were knocked out of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division II playoffs as Northwestern romped in a semifinal game played in a freezing rain. Northwestern, the only 13-0 team in the nation, advanced to the Division II championship

game against Pacific Lutheran next Saturday night in Tacoma, Wash. Pacific Lutheran defeated Westminster (Pa.) 14-13 in the other NAIA Division II semifinal game.

"I've never played in conditions this bad," Jewell senior guard Mark Mundell said after the Cardinals finished their year at 9-2-1. "You'd hardly even feel it when you'd hit somebody."

The weather seemed almost made to order for Northwestern (from Orange City, Iowa), which was playing in adverse conditions for the fourth time this season.

"This seems to be our kind of weather," Northwestern Coach Larry Korver said. "We've played in cold, snow, sleet and rain. This was almost a picnic compared to two weeks ago at our place. We had 35 mile-an-hour winds along with the rain."

The Red Raiders never trailed after quarterback Lee McKinstrey broke free on an 80-yard touchdown run in the second quarter. McKinstrey, a senior who was frustrated by seven interceptions in North-

western's 1982 semifinals, scored another touchdown on a 1-yard run and completed 12 of 21 passes for 114 yards. He was intercepted twice by Jewell safety Paul Taylor.

McKinstrey was chosen the outstanding offensive player of the game and Northwestern safety Glen Anderson was chosen the top defensive player in a poll of news media.

Jewell outgained Northwestern 287 yards to 281 but also outdid the Red Raiders in turnovers 8-4. The Cardinals lost five of eight fumbles and had three passes intercepted.

Northwestern's defense generally contained Jewell's 1-2 rushing punch of Steve Hodges, 77 yards, and Scoop Gillespie, 76. The Cardinals' touchdowns came on passes: quarterback Scott Sandridge connected with Hodges for a 25-yard score in the second quarter and relief quarterback Paul Troth threw to wide receiver Jimi Reed for a 14-yard scoring pass in the third quarter.

"Jewell has two outstanding backs in Gillespie and Hodges and a fine receiver in Reed," Anderson said. "We thought if we could stop at least two of those three, we had them. All the way around we stopped them. Our defense played very well."

Jewell's defense, hampered by injuries to linebacker Tim Johnson and end Steve Montgomery, was riddled for 267 yards rushing. McKinstrey picked off a big chunk of yardage on the 80-yard touchdown run in the opening 2 minutes of the second quarter. It came one play after a missed 34-yard field-goal attempt by Jewell place-kicker Dave Riley.

"They (Jewell defenders) covered the dive man and the wide pitch man and left McKinstrey open up the middle," Korver said of the option play. "I thought that was the key play of the game. It really fired our kids up."

Jewell Coach Vic Wallace said he couldn't pinpoint a key play, but said he was disappointed that his team failed to take advantage of its opportunities to score first.

"It really wasn't a turning point, but it hurt when we didn't score the first three points of the game when we got the ball down there (to Northwestern's 16)," Wallace said. "They seemed to have a little bit more punch than we did throughout the game. I feel their offense is stronger this year than last season."

Anderson's interception and 7-yard return to the Jewell 27 set up the second Northwestern touchdown, a 14-yard run by Mark Mullenburg. After Jewell cut the deficit to 13-6, the Red Raiders drove

80 yards in 17 plays and scored on McKinstrey's 1-yard run 31 seconds before halftime.

Northwestern moved 78 yards for a touchdown early in the third quarter for a 27-6 lead. Mullenburg swept 4 yards on a pitchout for the score. Jewell retaliated on Troth's pass to Reed before Northwestern wrapped up the scoring on a 26-yard field goal by Steve Rhode with 4 seconds left in the third quarter.

