

# PAC

# FOOTBALL 2001

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## CURRENT STANDINGS (through games of September 22)

School	PAC Games					All Games				
	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>
Bethany College	0	0	.000	0	0	3	0	1.00	90	10
Washington & Jefferson College	0	0	.000	0	0	3	0	1.00	79	31
Grove City College	0	0	.000	0	0	1	1	.500	55	29
Waynesburg College	0	0	.000	0	0	1	2	.333	82	110
Thiel College	0	0	.000	0	0	0	3	.000	33	60
Westminster College*	0	0	.000	0	0	1	2	.333	44	66

\* - Completing reclassification from NCAA Division II - games do not count in conference standings.

### THIS WEEK'S RESULTS - September 22

West Liberty State 42, WESTMINSTER 22  
Bethany 45, GALLUDET 3  
WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 35, Hanover 10  
Grove City - idle  
Thiel - idle  
Waynesburg - idle

### NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE - September 29

Washington & Jefferson at Westminster - 1 p.m.  
Waynesburg at Bethany\* - 1:30 p.m.  
Grove City at Thiel\* - 2 p.m.

\* - PAC contest

### **PAC Offensive Player of the Week**

#### **JOEY NICHOLS**

#### **Washington & Jefferson College**

*Junior Running Back - 6-1, 200  
Wellsburg, W.Va./Brooke H.S.*

Nichols rushed for 181 yards and one touchdown (five yards) on 27 carries in leading undefeated and #4-ranked W&J to a 35-10 home win over Hanover on Saturday. Nichols posted at least six yards on 13 of his 27 rushing attempts in the contest. For the season, he has gained 306 yards (102 yards per game) with a 4.7 yards per rush average.

Also nominated was junior quarterback **Jeremy Lacaria** of Bethany.

### **PAC Defensive Player of the Week**

#### **RYAN GRAFT**

#### **Washington & Jefferson College**

*Sophomore Cornerback - 5-7, 165  
Scottdale, Pa/Southmoreland H.S.*

Graft posted four pass breakups and two interceptions while adding one tackle in the Presidents' 35-10 home victory over Hanover on Saturday. This season, he has helped lead a W&J pass defense which has allowed just 163.7 yards per game.

Also nominated was senior cornerback **Marty Bavetz** of Bethany.

## PAC FOOTBALL NOTES

### *Bethany Bison*

Bethany broke out to a 28-3 halftime lead and cruised to its third consecutive win, 45-3 at Galludet ... Bethany outgained Gallaudet 465-70, including a 312-50 advantage on the ground ... Quarterback **Jeremy Lacaria** was 8-15 through the air for 123 yards and two scores (19,18) and rushed for 44 yards and a 13-yard touchdown ... Fullback **Will Anderson** rushed for 80 yards and halfback **Tom Medina** scored a pair of TDs ... Cornerback **Marty Bavetz** picked off his fourth pass of the year, which doubles his career total coming into the season ... Bethany is 3-0 for the second consecutive year and for the third time in head coach **Steve Campos'** nine-year tenure.

### *Wash. & Jeff. Presidents*

Junior split end **Todd Fry** posted his third consecutive 100-yard receiving game with 157 yards and two touchdowns in leading the #4-ranked Presidents to a 35-10 win over Hanover ... W&J's defense forced four Panther turnovers and held Hanover to 43 yards rushing in the victory ... Junior quarterback **Brian Dawson** tossed three touchdowns, giving him eight on the season ... The Presidents' defense is allowing just 163.7 yards passing and 308.3 total yards per game this season ... W&J has forced seven turnovers in the three games ... Fry leads the team with 20 receptions for 469 yards and four touchdowns this season for an average of 23.5 yards per catch (all are team highs).

### *Grove City Wolverines*

Grove City was idle this weekend ... Due to having their game against Wooster scheduled for Sept. 15 cancelled, the Wolverines will have nearly three weeks without playing a game before traveling to face Thiel for the Mercer County Cup this Saturday.

### *Waynesburg Yellow Jackets*

Waynesburg was idle this weekend ... The Yellow Jackets return to action this weekend, traveling to Bethany for the PAC opener for both schools.

### *Thiel Tomcats*

Thiel was idle this weekend ... The 0-3 Tomcats are still looking for their first win under new head coach **Jack Leipheimer** ... Thiel hosts Grove City for the Mercer County Cup this Saturday.

### *Westminster Titans*

Westminster dropped to 1-2 after falling in its home opener to NCAA D-II West Liberty State 42-22 ... Titan sophomore QB **Matt Robison** completed 15-of-24 passes for 180 yards and three TDs in the loss, with two scoring passes to junior tight end **Nevin Baker** (who caught five passes for 54 yards) ... Senior WR **Brian Lipiello** hauled in four passes for 97 yards, including a 71-yard touchdown ... Freshman **Scott Froelich** was the team's leading rusher with 75 yards on 15 carries ... The win for West Liberty marked their first-ever victory over the Titans, snapping a three-game Westminster win streak ... Senior CB **Bryan O'Neill** posted his first interception of the season against WLSC.

### Past PAC Offensive Players of the Week

September 1: Tom Naughton, QB, WAY  
September 8: Mike Orlando, FB, GRO  
September 15: Paul Stibich, K, THI  
September 22: Joey Nichols, RB, W&J  
September 29:  
October 6:  
October 13:  
October 20:  
October 27:  
November 3:  
November 10:

### Past PAC Defensive Players of the Week

September 1: Duane Cymmerman, DT, BET  
September 8: Mike Williams, DE, W&J  
September 15: Sean Ross, LB, WAY  
September 22: Ryan Graft, CB, W&J  
September 29:  
October 6:  
October 13:  
October 20:  
October 27:  
November 3:  
November 10:

## PAC FOOTBALL PREVIEWS

### Washington & Jefferson (3-0) at Westminster (1-2)

Saturday, Sept. 29 - 1 p.m.

Harold Burry Stadium (4,500/grass) - New Wilmington, Pa.

**Radio/TV:** WWNW-FM (88.9), New Wilmington; WKST-AM (1200), New Castle; WEXC-FM (107.1), Greenville; WJPA-AM (1450), Washington; NSN Sports Network ([www.nsnsports.com](http://www.nsnsports.com)); Live and tape-delay telecast by Westminster Cable 9 Television (Sunday, 7:30 p.m.)

**Series Record:** Washington & Jefferson leads 20-2

**Game Notes:** Undefeated and #4-ranked Washington & Jefferson travels to New Wilmington looking to avenge a 19-17 home loss to the Titans last season ... The teams were tied 17-17 late, when Westminster scored the winning points on a safety as defensive tackle **Charles Szabo** sacked President QB **Brian Dawson** in the end zone with 3:25 to play ... Westminster was led by running back **John Ciavarra** with 124 yards rushing in the win, while **Ryan Silvis** caught eight passes for 133 yards for W&J in defeat ... The two teams will meet for the 23rd time on Saturday, but for only the second time in the past 70 years ... Prior to last season, the last time Westminster and W&J met on the football field was 1930 ... The last W&J win over Westminster was a 35-0 victory during the 1930 season.

### Waynesburg (1-2, 0-0 PAC) at Bethany (3-0, 0-0 PAC)

Saturday, Sept. 29 - 1:30 p.m.

Rine Field (1,000/grass) - Bethany, W.Va.

**Radio/TV:** WVBC-FM (88.1), Bethany

**Series Record:** Waynesburg leads 16-12-7

**Game Notes:** Waynesburg has won four consecutive games in the series between the conference rivals, including a 13-3 win at Waynesburg last year which knocked Bethany from the ranks of the unbeaten ... Once again the Jackets will look to disrupt Bethany's 3-0 record, as the Bison are fresh off a 45-3 win over Gallaudet ... The Yellow Jackets used two Bison turnovers to score 10 points midway through the fourth quarter to come away with the win ... One key to this year's game will be the battle between Bethany's defense and the Waynesburg offense ... The Bison defense has allowed 10 points in three games and is surrendering just 205 yards of offense per game ... The Yellow Jacket defense is averaging 27.3 points and 293.7 yards per game ... Bethany last defeated Waynesburg in 1996, 26-12 ... The Jackets are reeling after falling victim to their first shutout in 47 games with a 27-0 loss to Ohio Wesleyan on Sept. 15.

### Grove City (1-1, 0-0 PAC) at Thiel (0-3, 0-0 PAC)

Saturday, Sept. 29 - 2 p.m.

Alumni Stadium (1,400/field turf) - Greenville, Pa.

**Radio/TV:** WTGP-FM (88.1), Greenville; WSAJ-FM (91.1), Grove City

**Series Record:** Grove City leads 53-29-5

**Game Notes:** The Wolverines and Tomcats meet for the 88th time on Saturday in Greenville, making them the most common opponents in each other's football histories ... The two schools first met in 1892 ... Grove City won last year's meeting, 27-7 behind the running of All-American back **R.J. Bowers** ... The Wolverines are 13-4 against Thiel in the Mercer County Cup series, having won the last seven meetings between the two schools ... Thiel last won the Mercer County Cup in 1993, 20-14 ... GCC mentor Chris Smith originated the Mercer County Cup in 1984, his first year as head coach of the Wolverines ... Saturday's game marks the first time the Mercer County Cup has been contested at Thiel's new on-campus home, Alumni Stadium.