



# FOOTBALL 2006

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## CURRENT 2006 REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS

School	PAC Games					All Games				
	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Bethany College	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Grove City College	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Thiel College	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Thomas More College	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Washington & Jefferson College	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Waynesburg College	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Westminster College	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

No games scheduled

### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (September 2)

Salisbury at Washington & Jefferson - 1 p.m.  
 Waynesburg at Wesley - 1 p.m.  
 Allegheny at Westminster - 1:30 p.m.  
 Hanover at Thomas More - 1:30 p.m.  
 Bethany at Muskingum - 7 p.m.  
 Thiel at Geneva - 7 p.m.  
 Grove City - off

## Thiel College Picked to Repeat as PAC Football Champions in 2006

PITTSBURGH, Pa. - The Thiel College football team has been selected to repeat as champions in the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC), according to the preseason poll released at the 2006 PAC Football Media Day at PNC Park in Pittsburgh on August 2. Voters in the polls included conference head coaches, sports information directors, and members of the media present at the conference media day.

The defending PAC champion Tomcats of head coach **Jack Leipheimer** earned 21 of 35 first-place votes to lead the preseason poll, followed by Washington & Jefferson, Thomas More, Waynesburg, Westminster, Grove City and Bethany. Thiel posted a perfect 10-0 regular season record in 2005 and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Division III playoffs. W&J also was picked to compete in the 2005 NCAA Division III playoffs after posting a 9-1 regular season mark, giving the PAC two teams in the NCAA playoffs for the first time in the 50+ year history of the conference.

"We are humbled and honored. This is a testament to our players that have gone through the program and the hard work and dedication of our current players and staff," said Leipheimer, now entering his sixth season as head coach at Thiel.

Following is the voting breakdown for coaches, SIDs and media members for the football preseason poll (36 total voters - 23 media members, seven head coaches, and six SIDs):

#### Coaches

1. Thiel (7)	55
2. Washh. & Jeff.	44
3. Thomas More (1)	40
4. Waynesburg	26
5. Westminster	25
6. Grove City	23
7. Bethany	11

#### SIDs

1. Thiel (5)	59
2. Wash. & Jeff. (3)	53
3. Thomas More (1)	44
4. Waynesburg	37
5. Westminster	28
6. Grove City	22
7. Bethany	9

#### Media

1. Thiel (9)	114
2. Wash. & Jeff. (8)	113
3. Thomas More (1)	81
4. Waynesburg	71
5. Westminster	61
6. Grove City	44
7. Bethany	20

### 2006 PAC Preseason Football Poll

	Points	2005 Record
1. Thiel (21)	228	11-1 (6-0)
2. Wash. & Jeff. (11)	211	9-2 (5-1)
3. Thomas More (3)	165	5-5 (4-2)
4. Waynesburg	134	4-6 (2-4)
5. Westminster	108	4-6 (2-4)
6. Grove City	95	3-7 (2-4)
7. Bethany	40	1-9 (0-6)

(xx) - first place votes

# WEEK 1 PAC FOOTBALL PREVIEWS



## **Salisbury (0-0) at Washington & Jefferson (0-0)**

**Saturday, Sept. 2 - 1 p.m.**  
Cameron Stadium (4,500/turf) - Washington, Pa.

**Radio/TV:** WJPA-AM (1450), WNJR-FM (91.7); [www.wjpa.com/sports](http://www.wjpa.com/sports), [www.washjeff.edu](http://www.washjeff.edu)

**Series Record:** Salisbury leads 1-0

**Game Notes:** W&J and Salisbury meet for the first time since 1975 Saturday ... Salisbury took the only contest in history between the two teams by a 24-21 margin in Maryland ... The Sea Gulls, who were a Division II power at the time, connected on a game-winning field goal in the final minute ... The Presidents return 16 starters from last year's 9-2 squad ... Either sophomore **Bobby Swallow** or classmate **Ryan Church** will become just the third starting quarterback at W&J since 1999 ... W&J senior RB **Ryan Mendel** needs 178 yards to pass 2,000 for his career ... Like W&J, the Sea Gulls are looking to replace key skill position players who were lost to graduation (12 total starters lost).



## **Waynesburg (0-0) at Wesley (0-0)**

**Saturday, Sept. 2 - 1 p.m.**  
Wesley Stadium (2,500/turf) - Dover, Del.

**Radio/TV:** WCYJ-FM (88.7); [www.waynesburg.edu](http://www.waynesburg.edu)

**Series Record:** Wesley leads 2-0

**Game Notes:** The Yellow Jackets open the 2006 season with a non-conference game at Wesley, a national semifinalist last season ... Waynesburg returns 13 starters (7 offense, 5 defense, 1 specialist) from last season, including senior RB **Ryan Abels** ... Abels enters the season just 165 yards shy of eclipsing the career school record of 3,297 rushing yards set by **Mike Stout** ... The Yellow Jacket defense will be led by two-time first-team all-conference DE **Mike Czerwien**, who has totaled 21 sacks and 34 tackles for loss in two seasons ... Wesley returns 41 lettermen and 11 starters from last season, including first-team All-American DB **Mario Harris** (113 tackles, 5 forced fumbles) and QB **Chris Warrick** (3,710 passing yards/37 touchdowns) ... The teams last met in 1993 and 1994.



## **Allegheny (0-0) at Westminster (0-0)**

**Saturday, Sept. 2 - 1:30 p.m.**  
Burry Stadium (4,500/grass) - New Wilmington, Pa.

**Radio/TV:** WWNW-FM (88.9), [www.titanradio.net](http://www.titanradio.net); Westminister Cable Network (WCN); WMGW-AM (1490) in Meadville

**Series Record:** Westminster leads 26-24-5

**Game Notes:** Westminister and Allegheny have played to overtime in their last three meetings, including two decided on field goals ... The Titans won last year, 12-9, thanks to four **Chris Castillo** field goals, including a 43-yarder in the first overtime session ... Westminister is 2-1 in the last three games against Allegheny despite not scoring a touchdown in either of the two wins ... The Titans won 3-0 in overtime in 2003 and lost 21-14 in double overtime in 2004 ... Westminister enters its second year under coach **Jeff Hand**, who is 5-2 in season openers and 4-3 in home openers as a head coach ... Westminister hasn't won the first game of the season since beating Walsh, 27-14, in the 2000 home opener.



## **Hanover (0-0) at Thomas More (0-0)**

**Saturday, Sept. 2 - 1:30 p.m.**  
TMC Stadium (3,000/grass) - Crestview Hills, Ky.

**Radio/TV:** TV Insight Communications Ch. 22 (Kenton County)/Ch. 6 (Campbell County); [www.northernkentuckysports.com](http://www.northernkentuckysports.com)

**Series Record:** Hanover leads 6-4

**Game Notes:** In last season's meeting, the Saints outgained Hanover, but lost to the Panthers 12-7 in the season opener for both teams in Hanover, Ind. ... Thomas More is 2-2 versus Hanover at home ... The game will mark the first career starts for six Saints, including sophomore QB **Trevor Stelman** ... Other TMC players earning their first starts are **Lawrence Colbert**, **Austin Vogt**, **Nick Kaliin**, **Kyle Duncan** and **Kevin Nare**.



## **Bethany (0-0) at Muskingum (0-0)**

**Saturday, Sept. 2 - 7 p.m.**  
McConagha Stadium (4,500/grass) - New Concord, Ohio

**Radio/TV:** [www.teamline.cc](http://www.teamline.cc) (team code 3724)

**Series Record:** Bethany leads 5-4

**Game Notes:** This will be the first meeting between the schools in 75 years ... The last time these squads met on the gridiron was in 1931, a 19-0 Muskingum victory ... The Bison had dropped three straight season openers prior to last year, when they opened 2005 with a 34-21 victory over Franklin & Marshall ... Three different BC players threw touchdowns in the contest, including current senior QB **Brent Owens** and junior WR **Milton Joyner**, and the Bison also picked off five passes ... The Muskies are coming off a 2-8 season and return 30 letterwinners, including 14 starters ... The Muskingum defense, which led the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) in turnover margin a year ago, is led by senior LB **Jack Junker**, who earned Second Team All-OAC honors after making a team-high 90 tackles.



## **Thiel (0-0) at Geneva (0-0)**

**Saturday, Sept. 2 - 7 p.m.**  
Reeves Field (6,500/grass) - Beaver Falls, Pa.



**Radio/TV:** WPIC-AM (790), WLLF-FM (96.7) in Hermitage; WBVP-AM (1230) in Beaver Falls, WMBA-AM (1460) in Ambridge; [www.msasportsnetwork.com](http://www.msasportsnetwork.com)

**Series Record:** Geneva leads 20-9-3

**Game Notes:** Thiel opens its 2006 season on the road Saturday against the Geneva Golden Tornadoes ... Geneva is entering its final season in the NAIA Mid-States Football Association (MSFA) before joining the PAC in 2007 ... Thiel is coming off a remarkable 2005 campaign in which it went a perfect 10-0 in the regular season, earned its first-ever NCAA Division III play-off berth and won the PAC championship for the first time since 1972 ... Thiel returns 16 starters from last year's team ... Geneva was 8-4 overall in 2005, earning a berth in the NAIA Playoffs ... The teams last met in 2002, with Geneva winning 41-26.