



FOOTBALL 2007

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CURRENT REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through August 28, 2007)

| 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 University | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Westminster College | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Geneva College* | | | | | | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Saint Vincent College* | | | | | | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |

* - NCAA Division III provisional member - not eligible for 2007 PAC championship or player of the week honors

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

No games scheduled

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (September 1)

Geneva at Thiel* - 1 p.m.
 Galludet at Saint Vincent - 1 p.m.
 Westminster at Allegheny - 1 p.m.
 Dickinson at Grove City - 1:30 p.m.
 Muskingum at Waynesburg - 1:30 p.m.
 Thomas More at Hanover - 1:30 p.m.
 Bethany, Washington & Jefferson - open

Washington & Jefferson Picked to Repeat as PAC Football Champion

LATROBE, Pa. - Washington & Jefferson College was picked to capture the 2007 football championship in the Presidents' Athletic Conference, according to the preseason poll released at the 2007 PAC Football Media Day at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, Pa., on July 31. Voters in the poll included conference head coaches, sports information directors (SIDs) and members of the media present at media day.

The defending PAC champion Presidents of fifth-year head coach Mike Sirianni return 11 starters and 44 lettermen from last year's team which finished 10-2 overall, including a perfect 6-0 mark against conference competition. W&J, which is ranked 19th in the D3Football.com preseason Top 25 national poll, earned 22 of 29 first-place votes and 196 points in the conference poll to easily edge second place Waynesburg (148), followed by Thiel (147), Thomas More (115), Grove City (73), Bethany (68) and Westminster (67).

"We are honored to be selected as the preseason favorite, but the last four preseason poll leaders have not won the title, including us twice," said Sirianni. "We are going to work hard and hope everyone voting is correct at the end of the season."

NCAA Division III provisional members Geneva and Saint Vincent were predicted to post 4-4 and 1-7 records, respectively, in 2007 against PAC teams, according to poll voters. Geneva and Saint Vincent are not eligible for the PAC football title until the schools are granted active membership in Division III by the NCAA at the conclusion of their provisional membership period, tentatively scheduled for 2010 for Saint Vincent and 2011 for Geneva.

Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) 2007 Preseason Football Poll

| | Points | 2006 Record |
|--------------------------------|--------|-------------|
| 1. Washington & Jefferson (22) | 196 | 10-2 (6-0) |
| 2. Waynesburg (4) | 148 | 6-4 (5-1) |
| 3. Thiel (3) | 147 | 5-5 (4-2) |
| 4. Thomas More | 115 | 6-4 (2-4) |
| 5. Grove City | 73 | 3-7 (1-5) |
| 6. Bethany | 68 | 4-6 (2-4) |
| 7. Westminster | 67 | 2-8 (1-5) |
| (xx) - first place votes | | |

| | PAC Predict. | 2006 Record |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| Geneva | 4-4 | 4-5 |
| Saint Vincent | 1-7 | --- |

PAC FOOTBALL CAPSULES

Bethany Bison



The Bison will begin their second season under head coach **Tim Weaver** on Sept. 8 when they travel to Hiram ... Bethany is returning 35 lettermen and 19 starters from last year's 4-6 team, which also tied for fourth in the PAC with a 2-4 mark ... It was the most overall and conference victories by a BC squad since they went 6-3 and 2-2 in 2001 ... The meeting with Hiram will be the third time the teams have faced off in the season opener, but the first since 1933 ... The first time was in 1912, when the Terriers claimed a 7-0 victory and then in '33, the programs battled to a 7-7 tie.

Geneva Golden Tornadoes



The Golden Tornadoes begin their first season as a member of NCAA Division III and the PAC when they face Thiel Saturday ... In addition, Geneva will be playing its home games on a brand new synthetic surface after having played on a Reeves Stadium field for the past 82 years ... Attempting to rebound from a 4-5 season in 2006, Geneva will rely heavily on a solid core of experienced players returning on both sides of the ball ... Although head coach **Geno DeMarco** saw one of his teams finish under .500 for just the third time in his career, four of the five losses were by an average of just over five points per game.

Grove City Wolverines



Grove City enters 2007 on a two-game win streak ... After winning their final two games in 2006, the Wolverines are looking to carry that momentum into this season ... Grove City hosts Dickinson Saturday ... The Wolverines have six returning starters on each side of the ball ... It is the second straight year that Grove City opens the season at home ... According to this week's two-deep, five Grove City players will make their first career start Saturday ... Grove City is 5-5 in home openers since 1997 ... Nine of Grove City's 10 games this season will be played on an artificial surface ... Only Grove City's clash at Westminster Sept. 29 will be played on a natural surface.

Saint Vincent Bearcats



The Bearcats prepare for their return to the gridiron for the first time in 45 years on Saturday against Gallaudet University, the nation's only college for the hearing impaired ... Gallaudet is returning to D-III varsity football for the first time in 11 years.

Thiel Tomcats



Thiel gets its 103rd season of football underway on Saturday when it hosts PAC newcomer Geneva at Alumni Stadium (1 p.m.) ... The Tomcats return 16 starters and 29 letter winners from last season's squad ... Sophomore QB **Willie Bova** will assume the signal-calling duties for the Tomcats this season after attempting just a pair of passes as a freshman ... Senior DEs **Robert Hughes** and **Chris Lorber** will anchor the defense, which finished 2006 as the second-ranked defense in the conference.

Thomas More Saints



Thomas More opens the 2007 season at Hanover on Saturday ... The Saints return nine offensive starters ... The back seven for the Saints will look very different when the Saints lineup in 2007 ... Gone are All-Americans **Mark Carlisle** and **Chris Willis**, along with both safeties ... In addition, senior **Rashawn West** will be playing a new position, moving from outside linebacker to safety.

Washington & Jefferson Presidents



Washington & Jefferson is idle for week one of the 2007 season ... The Presidents, who have been ranked as high as No. 7 in preseason national polls, return starting junior QB **Bobby Swallow**, who finished his first year as a starter with the nation's third-best passer efficiency rating ... Junior ILB **David Gitlitz** will pace the defense after amassing 91 tackles a year ago ... W&J opens the season next Saturday under the lights at Cameron Stadium versus Geneva ... The game will be the first meeting between the two schools since W&J posted a 24-17 win over Geneva in the 1985 season opener in Beaver Falls.

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets



The Yellow Jackets open the 2007 season at home against Muskingum under the direction of third-year head coach **Rick Shepas** ... Waynesburg returns 13 starters this season, including eight on defense, headlined by senior DE **Mike Czerwien** ... The Yellow Jackets opened the 2006 season with three consecutive losses, but rallied to win their next five games and six of their last seven to fall one win shy of claiming their second conference title in four years.

Westminster Titans



The Titans return 18 starters in 2007, including nine on offense, seven on defense and two specialists, while only four players on the team have multiple years of starting experience and three with three years as lettermen, as they look to improve on last season's 2-8 campaign ... QB **Kevin Franz** and RB **Nick McKolosky** were the first Westminster freshmen to start season-openers at their positions since 1967 and 1995, respectively ... Junior ILB **Jordan Blinn** ranked second in the PAC last year with 10.8 tackles per game.

WEEK 1 PAC FOOTBALL PREVIEWS



Thiel (0-0) at Geneva (0-0)

Saturday, Sept. 1 - 1 p.m.
Alumni Stadium (1,400/turf) - Greenville, Pa.



Radio/TV: WPIC-AM (790) in Hermitage; WBVP-AM (1230) in Beaver Falls; WMBA-AM (1460) in Ambridge;
www.msasportsnetwork.com; www.geneva.edu

Series Record: Geneva leads 20-10-3

Game Notes: In the only opening weekend game involving two PAC teams, the Thiel Tomcats host the Geneva Golden Tornadoes in Greenville in the season opener for both teams, while renewing a rivalry which began in 1899 ... Thiel gets its 103rd season of football underway on Saturday ... The Tomcats opened last season's campaign with a 7-0 shutout win at Geneva ... Senior RB **Steve Minton** carried the offensive load in last year's victory, rushing 23 times for 75 yards and the game's only touchdown ... Junior WR **Tim Van Horn** caught 7 passes for 58 yards while the defensive unit held Geneva to just 54 rushing yards on 26 attempts ... This game marks the first for the Golden Tornadoes as a member of NCAA Division III and the Presidents' Athletic Conference.



Galludet (0-0) at Saint Vincent (0-0)

Saturday, Sept. 1 - 1 p.m.
Chuck Noll Field (1,050/grass) - Latrobe, Pa.

Radio/TV: WCNS-AM (1480) in Latrobe;
www.redzonemedia.com

Series Record: First meeting

Game Notes: The Bearcats take the field for the first time in 45 years, as Saint Vincent hosts Galludet (DC) University at newly dedicated Chuck Noll Field in Latrobe ... Saint Vincent head coach **Bob Colbert** began his coaching career at Galludet in 1971 and 1972 ... Saturday's game will be his first as a collegiate head coach since his tenure at Galludet 35 years ago.



Westminster (0-0) at Allegheny (0-0)

Saturday, Sept. 1 - 1 p.m.
Fuhrer Field (3,500/turf) - Meadville, Pa.

Radio/TV: WWNW-FM (88.9) in New Wilmington; WMGW-AM (1490) in Meadville, www.titanradio.net; Westminster Cable Network (WCN)

Series Record: Westminster leads 26-25-5

Game Notes: Westminster has won three of its last five meetings with Allegheny, including a 2-1 mark in three overtime games vs. the Gators between 2003-05 ... The Gators won last year's season-opening meeting at Westminster, 35-10 ... The Titans had 16 first-time starters in last year's game, while this year only four Titans are expected to be first-time starters ... The Titans have not won a season-opener since 2000 (vs. Walsh, 27-14) and have not won a season opener on the road in four tries; last win was in 1997 (at West Liberty State, 46-16).



Dickinson (0-0) at Grove City (0-0)

Saturday, Sept. 1 - 1:30 p.m.
Thorn Field (3,500/turf) - Grove City, Pa.

Radio/TV: WSAJ-FM (91.1); www2.gcc.edu/sports

Series Record: Dickinson leads 4-1-1

Game Notes: Grove City and Dickinson last played exactly six years ago – September 1, 2001 ... That day, Dickinson pulled out a 23-14 victory over Grove City at Thorn Field ... The Red Devils also topped Grove City in 2000, 13-9, in Carlisle ... All six GCC-Dickinson meetings have come in the season's first week ... Both of Grove City's non-conference foes this year qualified for the 2006 NCAA playoffs (Dickinson and Carnegie Mellon) ... GCC is 12-11 in season openers under coach **Chris Smith** ... Grove City will honor the 1997 PAC title team at halftime Saturday ... That team went 9-1 in the regular season and made the program's first-ever postseason appearance.



Muskingum (0-0) at Waynesburg (0-0)

Saturday, Sept. 1 - 1:30 p.m.
Wiley Stadium (4,000/turf) - Waynesburg, Pa.

Radio/TV: WCYJ-FM (88.7) in Waynesburg; WMCO-FM (90.7) in Muskingum; www.waynesburg.edu; WCTV-14 in Waynesburg

Series Record: Muskingum leads 7-5

Game Notes: Waynesburg opens its 105th season of football this weekend when it hosts Muskingum for its season-opener. This weekend's contest will be the 13th all-time meeting between Yellow Jackets and Fighting Muskies and the first since 1987. The series started in 1904 ... The Yellow Jackets will debut new starters at both the quarterback and running back positions on Saturday ... Muskingum enters the game under the direction of first-year head coach **Al Logan**, who served as offensive coordinator for the Fighting Muskies last season.



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

Saturday, Sept. 1 - 1:30 p.m.
Ayers Field (4,000/grass) - Hanover, Ind.

Radio/TV: None

Series Record: Thomas More leads 6-5

Game Notes: Thomas More will open its 2007 season under new head coach **Jim Hilvert** at Hanover ... The Saints hold a 6-5 series edge after posting a thrilling 25-23 last-second home victory to open the 2006 season ... The Saints are 12-5 overall in season openers, but are just 2-2 in the last four seasons ... All three previous TMC head coaches in school history won their first game as head coach ... Three seniors - **Rashawn West**, **Brandon Lee** and **Terence Toone** - will each be making their 31st consecutive starts ... Freshmen **Josh Gauger** and **Matt Clark** will be making starts in their collegiate debuts at quarterback and middle linebacker, respectively.