

2010 PAC Football Release Week 1 - August 30



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2010 PAC FOOTBALL STANDINGS (preseason)

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

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

LAST WEEK

No games scheduled

THIS WEEK (September 4)

Bridgewater at Saint Vincent – 1 p.m.
Westminster at Hiram – 1 p.m.
Allegheny at Bethany – 1:30 p.m.
Carnegie Mellon at Grove City – 1:30 p.m.
Marietta at Thiel – 1:30 p.m.
Geneva at Frostburg State – 7:30 p.m.
Thomas More, W&J, Waynesburg - off

Thomas More College Picked to Repeat as PAC Football Champions in 2010

LATROBE, Pa. - The Thomas More College football team has been selected to repeat as champions in the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC), according to the preseason poll released at the 2010 PAC Football Media Day at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe today. Voters in the polls included PAC head coaches, sports information directors, and members of the media present at media day.

The defending PAC champion Saints of head coach **Jim Hilvert** earned 22 of 30 first-place votes to lead the preseason poll, followed by Washington & Jefferson, Waynesburg, Grove City, Westminster, Thiel, Bethany and Saint Vincent. Thomas More posted a perfect 10-0 regular season record en route to its second consecutive PAC football title in 2009 and posted an NCAA Division III playoff win over DePauw before falling to Johns Hopkins in the second round. 2009 PAC runner-up W&J also earned an at-large "Pool C" berth to the 2009 NCAA D-III playoffs.

"It's a credit to our past and present players to be picked number one. We will embrace it and use it for motivation," said Hilvert, now entering his fourth season as head coach at Thomas More. "The PAC is very tough this year and we will have to play hard every week and stay healthy to be successful this season."

NCAA Division III provisional member Geneva was predicted to go 5-3 in 2010 against PAC teams, according to poll voters. Geneva, which captured the 2009 NCCAA Victory Bowl title, is not eligible for the PAC until the school is granted active membership in Division III by the NCAA at the conclusion of their provisional membership period, tentatively scheduled for the summer of 2011.

Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) 2010 Preseason Football Poll

	2009 Pts	2009 Record
1. Thomas More (22)	220	11-1 (6-0)
2. Washington & Jefferson (5)	191	9-2 (5-1)
3. Waynesburg	154	5-5 (2-4)
4. Grove City	132	5-5 (4-2)
5. Westminster	114	4-6 (2-4)
6. Thiel (3)	92	3-7 (1-5)
7. Bethany	87	3-7 (1-5)
8. Saint Vincent	35	0-10 (0-8)

(xx) - first place votes

2010 PAC Prediction

Geneva 5-3

PAC FOOTBALL 2010 - Week 1 Conference Notes

TWO IN TOP 25: A pair of PAC football programs are ranked in the 2010 Division III Top 25 preseason poll released by the D3Football.com website ... Two-time defending PAC champion Thomas More is ranked 13th in the poll, while 2009 PAC runner-up Washington & Jefferson is 21st .. The two PAC national powers are ranked in three other preseason Top 25 polls: *USA Today Sports Weekly* (TMC is ranked 12th, W&J is 19th), *The Sporting News* (W&J 13th, TMC 21st) and *Lindy's College Football Annual* (TMC 12th, W&J 21st).

NEWS & NOTES: The TMC-W&J game scheduled for Sept. 25 at Bank of Kentucky Field, which has decided the PAC champion each of the past two seasons, has been tabbed as one of seven national "Games to Watch" in Division III football by *The Sporting News* ... Preseason All-America laurels were awarded to Thomas More sophomore DB **Zach Autenreib** (Lindy's/TSN) and senior DL **Tyler Owens** (Lindy's) and W&J senior S **Craig Sedunov** (Lindy's) ... Saint Vincent has been approved for D-III active membership and is eligible for the 2010 PAC title.

AROUND THE LEAGUE: The 2010 season marks the 56th season of football in the Presidents' Athletic Conference ... W&J has won a conference-best 22 PAC football titles, including 20 in the past 26 years ... However, four different teams have won the PAC crown in the past seven years, including Waynesburg (2003), Thiel (2005) and two-time defending (2008-09) champion Thomas More ... The conference placed two teams in the NCAA Division III playoffs for the third time in the past five seasons in 2009, with TMC advancing to the second round.



**Bethany
Bison
(0-0, 0-0 PAC)**



Bethany begins the 2010 season Saturday by hosting former PAC rival Allegheny in a 1:30 p.m. kickoff at Bison Stadium ... In addition to being the opening weekend of the season, it will also be the "Weekend of Champions" at Bethany, as the Bison football program welcomes back the PAC Championship teams from 1965, 1966, 1975 and 1980 ... Bethany will enter its fifth year under the direction of head coach **Tim Weaver** with 17 starters among 34 letterwinners returning ... Included in those starters are three All-PAC players from last year in junior RB **Eric Walker** (2nd Team), junior OL **Cory Potter** (2nd Team) and sophomore LB **Kyle Arrington** (Honorable Mention).

**Geneva Golden
Tornadoes
(0-0)**



The Golden Tornadoes are set to open their 120th season Saturday in a rematch against Frostburg State on opening day ... Geneva and Frostburg met in the first game of 2009 with the GTs coming away with a 41-28 victory ... That win set the stage for Geneva's 8-3 overall finish, which included a record fifth NCCAA Victory Bowl title ... The 2010 team features the return of senior QB **David Girardi**, who set the single season Geneva record for pass efficiency, by completing nearly 2/3 of his passes ... He currently ranks fourth on Geneva's all-time list in pass efficiency ... In the backfield, **Gerard Muschette** begins his assault on the Geneva record book after posting over 1100 yards in 2009. Muschette enters the season in 6th place all-time on the career rushing list.

**Grove City
Wolverines
(0-0, 0-0 PAC)**



Grove City will begin its 116th season of intercollegiate football Saturday when the Wolverines host long-time rival Carnegie Mellon at Thorn Field ... Grove City's projected starting lineup for Saturday's fray consists entirely of juniors and seniors ... Either **Zach Gross** or **Clayton Hall** will get the start at quarterback ... It would be the first start at quarterback for either player ... Each of the last four quarterbacks to make their first college start at Grove City have done so at Thorn Field ... It's been eight years since a Grove City quarterback made his first start in a road game (**Todd Smargiasso**, 2002 at Hiram) ... The Wolverines return their leading scorer (**Blaine Miller**), leading receiver (**Luke O'Hara**) and leading tackler (**Jason Ferguson**) from 2009 ... Ferguson led the conference last year with 105 total tackles.

**Saint Vincent
Bearcats
(0-0, 0-0 PAC)**



The Bearcats open their fourth season of football this Saturday, hosting non-conference foe Bridgewater ... One of the younger teams in the PAC each of the past three seasons, the Bearcats are now one of the more veteran-laden squads, returning over 70 players, including 15 starters from a disappointing 0-10 2009 campaign ... Leading the returnees on offense is senior WR **Sheldon Loughner**, who established school records a season ago with 29 catches and 437 yards, while four of five starting linemen are also set to return ... Nine starters return on the defensive side, including the entire line led by senior DE **John Jackson**, who finished among PAC leaders last season with 11 TFLs ... Senior **Rob James** returns to the defensive backfield at corner, after picking off four interceptions in 2009.

**Thiel
Tomcats
(0-0, 0-0 PAC)**



Thiel kicks off its 2010 campaign on Saturday at Alumni Stadium against Ohio Athletic Conference foe Marietta ... Second-year head coach **Kurt Reiser** returns eight starters on defense and five on offense ... TB **Ross Gargano** will look to shoulder the load offensively after posting a team-best six rushing touchdowns in 2009 ... LB **Bobby Shew** is 95 tackles shy of moving into the top 10 among the program's all-time tackles leaders (**Jace Ransom**, 1989-1992, 246).

**Thomas More
Saints
(0-0, 0-0 PAC)**



The Saints have an open date this week and will open the 2010 season next Saturday (Sept. 11) when they travel to Hanover College for a 1:30 p.m. kickoff ... Thomas More enters the season ranked as high as No. 12 this pre-season in the *Sporting News* and the *USA Today Sports Weekly* preseason polls ... The Saints are the third winningest football program in Division III according to the 2010 NCAA Division III Football Record Book as the program has amassed a .678 win percentage by going 139-66 in 20 seasons ... Head Coach **Jim Hilvert**, who is 32-10 in three seasons at TMC, welcomes back 41 letterwinners, including 14 starters (five offense, seven defense and two specialists) ... Sophomore DB **Zach Autenrieb** and senior DT **Tyler Owens** have been named preseason All-Americans.

**Washington & Jefferson
Presidents
(0-0, 0-0 PAC)**



Washington & Jefferson opens its season on Sept. 11 in Doylestown, Pa., as a part of the PAC-MAC Challenge Series ... The Presidents and Aggies are preseason top 25 teams in numerous national polls ... DVC opens its season Saturday night at Muhlenberg ... W&J and Delaware Valley have never met previously on the gridiron ... Washington & Jefferson has won five consecutive road season openers and has not dropped its first game of the season away from Cameron Stadium since a 38-10 setback at Emory & Henry in 1997.

**Waynesburg
Yellow Jackets
(0-0, 0-0 PAC)**



The Waynesburg University Yellow Jackets will enjoy an extra week of pre-season preparation as they have their bye in week one of the 2010 season ... The Jackets are led by senior QB **Brad Dawson**, who set a new school single-season record for passing yards in 2009 with 2,718 ... He also threw for 23 touchdowns and ran for five more ... The Jacket defense is led by the junior combo of DL **Darryl Moore, Jr.** and DB **Sean Hunt** ... Moore was a second-team All-PAC pick and Hunt enjoyed a breakout season with 44 tackles, a sack, two interceptions and five pass breakups last year ... On special teams, Waynesburg is led by sophomore K **Jon Storck**, who was a first-team All-PAC selection in 2009.

**Westminster
Titans
(0-0, 0-0 PAC)**



Westminster return 13 starters (five offense, six defense, two specialists) from last year's team that posted a 4-6 overall record and a 2-4 mark for fourth place in the PAC ... Westminster will play 10 games including six on the road, but their four home games are vs. Bethany and Grove City, which haven't won in New Wilmington since 1940 and 1961, respectively; Saint Vincent, which has never won at Westminster; and Thiel for Westminster's first-ever home night game ... The Titans have four starters returning on the offensive linemen, including senior RG **Mike Kudelko** who earned second-team all-PAC honors last year ... Junior QB **Shawn Lehocky** will take over the starting duties on a full-time basis after starting three games last year ... The six returning defensive starters are led by senior ILB **Cory Meeker**, a two-year starter.

PAC FOOTBALL GAME PREVIEWS - WEEK 1



Bridgewater (0-0) at Saint Vincent (0-0)

Saturday, Sept. 4 - 1 p.m.

Chuck Noll Field (1,100/grass) - Latrobe, Pa.

Media: www.redzonemedia.com (audio); www.meredix.com (video)

Series Record: First meeting

Game Notes: This week's meeting will be the first ever between the Bearcats and Bridgewater on the gridiron ... The Eagles went 7-3 last season in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC), and are ranked as high as 17th in preseason polls entering this season... Saint Vincent head coach **Bob Colbert** served as an assistant at Bridgewater from 1998-2005, as the Eagles made six NCAA postseason appearances during that time ... In addition, SVC assistant coach **Bret Colbert** was a two-year letterman at wide receiver at Bridgewater ... Saint Vincent is 18-19-3 all-time in season openers, dating back to the historic era of football (1923-62) at the school.



Westminster (0-0) at Hiram (0-0)

Saturday, Sept. 4 - 1 p.m.

Henry Field (2,500/grass) - Hiram, Ohio

Media: WWNW-FM (88.9); www.titanradio.net; Westminster Cable Network (WCN) - tape delay Sunday at 7:30 pm

Series Record: Westminster leads 10-1-1

Game Notes: Westminster is 10-1-1 all-time vs. Hiram including their last meeting, a 38-7 win at Hiram in 2005 ... Westminster senior RB **Sean Buggey** rushed 26 times for a career-high 178 yards and three touchdowns as the Titans outgained the Terriers 412-107 in total yards for then-first-year head coach **Jeff Hand**'s second victory at Westminster ... Hiram's only win in the series was a 13-0 victory in 1912; however, the team's only played four times since 1918 (1941, 1942, 2004, 2005) ... Hiram returns 15 starters from last year's team that posted an 0-10 record ... Westminster has lost its last two season-openers – both against Heidelberg, at home last year and on the road in 2008 ... The last time they won a season opener was at Allegheny in 2007.



Allegheny (0-0) at Bethany (0-0)

Saturday, Sept. 4 - 1:30 p.m.

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

Media: www.stretchinternet.com

Series Record: Allegheny leads 17-15

Game Notes: Former PAC rivals Bethany and Allegheny square off for the first time in more than 25 years Saturday at Bison Stadium in the season opener for both teams ... The Gators, who were members of the PAC until leaving for the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC), won the last meeting in 1983 by a 16-10 count to take a 17-15 advantage in the series ... However, before that outcome, Bethany had taken four straight from Allegheny ... The Bison have been very good in recent home openers, claiming wins in four of the last five and averaging 36.6 points in those five contests ... Under ninth-year head coach **Mark Matlak**, Allegheny returns 42 lettermen and 15 starts from last year's 8-2 squad and was picked to finish third in the NCAC this fall.



Carnegie Mellon (0-0) at Grove City (0-0)

Saturday, Sept. 4 - 1:30 p.m.

Thorn Field (3,500/turf) - Grove City, Pa.

Media: WSAJ-FM (91.1) in Grove City; www.gcc.edu/sports

Series Record: Carnegie Mellon leads 31-18-1

Game Notes: Grove City and Carnegie Mellon square off Saturday in the season opener for both teams ... The teams met in Week Two last year with CMU pulling out a 45-40 win ... Grove City set school records with 398 passing yards and six passing touchdowns ... The teams have played every year since 1982, except for the 1997 and 1998 seasons ... CMU has won seven of the last 11 meetings and leads the series all-time 31-18-1 ... It is the second straight season that Grove City has opened the season at home ... Grove City last played consecutive openers at home in 2003 and 2004 ... Grove City is 51-55-9 all-time in openers ... The Wolverines will not play at Thorn Field for 36 days after Saturday's game ... Grove City has been one of the region's most disciplined teams, having led the conference in fewest penalties four times in the last five years.



Marietta (0-0) at Thiel (0-0)

Saturday, Sept. 4 - 1:30 p.m.

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

Media: WPIC-AM (790) in Hermitage; www.790wpic.com

Series Record: Marietta leads 6-1

Game Notes: The Tomcats are set to open the 2010 season at Alumni Stadium on Saturday against Marietta ... The Pioneers and Tomcats have met in the previous two season openers with Marietta posting victories in each (21-18 in Greenville in 2008 and 20-14 in Marietta in 2009) ... The Pioneers hold a 6-1 advantage in the all-time series with the Tomcats and have claimed each of last five meetings ... The Tomcats fell to 2-8 in season openers since 2000 with the loss to Marietta last season ... In last season's victory, Marietta QB **Andrew Keller** threw for 188 yards on 17-of-23 passing to go along with two scores while rushing for 31 yards and a touchdown ... LB **Bobby Shew** led the Tomcats with a team-high nine tackles.



Geneva (0-0) at Frostburg State (0-0)

Saturday, Sept. 4 - 7:30 p.m.

Bobcat Field (4,000/turf) - Frostburg, Md.

Media: WBVP-AM (1230) in Beaver Falls; www.msasportsnetwork.com; www.geneva.edu

Series Record: Geneva leads 10-8-1

Game Notes: Geneva defeated Frostburg State in the 2009 season opener by the score of 41-28 ... It was the first meeting between the two schools since a 12-6 Frostburg victory in 1989 ... The Golden Tornadoes maintain a 10-8-1 overall record against the Bobcats heading into the 2010 match-up ... In the victory a year ago, Geneva scored 27 unanswered points in the second and third quarter including a 97-yard interception return for a touchdown from **Rich Kolesar** ... With nine starters returning on both sides of the ball, the expectations for another successful season are in place as head coach **Geno DeMarco** begins his record 18th season at the helm of the Geneva program.

Bethany Bison
0-0, 0-0 PAC

September
4 ALLEGHENY 1:30 P.M.
11 at King's 1 P.M.
18 at Wash. & Jeff.* 7 P.M.
25 GENEVA* 7 P.M.

October
2 WAYNESBURG* 2 P.M.
9 at Westminster* 1 P.M.
16 at Thiel* 1:30 P.M.
23 THOMAS MORE* 1 P.M.
30 Open Date

November
6 at Grove City* 1:30 P.M.
13 SAINT VINCENT* 1 P.M.

Geneva Golden Tornadoes
0-0

September
4 at Frostburg 7:30 P.M.
11 ALBRIGHT 7 P.M.
18 THOMAS MORE* 1:30 P.M.
25 at Bethany* 7 P.M.

October
2 at Saint Vincent* 1 P.M.
9 WAYNESBURG* 4 P.M.
16 at Grove City* 7 P.M.
23 WASH & Jeff. * 7 P.M.
30 at Thiel* 1 P.M.

November
6 Open Date
13 WESTMINSTER* 1 P.M.

Grove City Wolverines
0-0, 0-0 PAC

September
4 CARNEGIE MELLON 1:30 P.M.
11 at Lebanon Valley 1 P.M.
18 at Westminster* 1 P.M.
25 at Waynesburg* 1:30 P.M.

October
2 Open Date
9 THOMAS MORE* 2 P.M.
16 GENEVA* 7 P.M.
23 at Saint Vincent* 1 P.M.
30 at Wash. & Jeff.* 2 P.M.

November
6 BETHANY* 1:30 P.M.
13 THIEL* 1 P.M.

Saint Vincent Bearcats
0-0, 0-0 PAC

September
4 BRIDGEWATER 1 P.M.
11 at FDU-Florham 1 P.M.
18 Open Date
25 THIEL* 1 P.M.

October
2 GENEVA* 1 P.M.
9 at Wash. & Jeff.* 2 P.M.
16 at Thomas More* 1:30 P.M.
23 GROVE CITY* 1 P.M.
30 WAYNESBURG* 1 P.M.

November
6 at Westminster* 1 P.M.
13 at Bethany* 1 P.M.

Thiel Tomcats
0-0, 0-0 PAC

September
4 MARIETTA 1:30 P.M.
11 at Widener 1 P.M.
18 WAYNESBURG* 1:30 P.M.
25 at Saint Vincent* 1 P.M.

October
2 at Thomas More* 1:30 P.M.
9 Open Date
16 BETHANY* 1:30 P.M.
23 at Westminster* 7 P.M.
30 GENEVA* 1 P.M.

November
6 WASH. & JEFF.* 1 P.M.
13 at Grove City* 1 P.M.

Thomas More Saints
0-0, 0-0 PAC

September
4 Open Date
11 at Hanover 1:30 P.M.
18 at Geneva* 1:30 P.M.
25 WASH. & JEFF.* 1:30 P.M.

October
2 THIEL* 1:30 P.M.
9 at Grove City* 2 P.M.
16 SAINT VINCENT* 1:30 P.M.
23 at Bethany* 1 P.M.
30 WESTMINSTER* 1:30 P.M.

November
6 at Waynesburg* 1:30 P.M.
13 MOUNT ST. JOSEPH 1 P.M.

Wash. & Jeff. Presidents
0-0, 0-0 PAC

September
4 Open Date
11 at Delaware Valley 1 P.M.
18 BETHANY* 7 P.M.
25 at Thomas More* 1:30 P.M.

October
2 WESTMINSTER* 7 P.M.
9 SAINT VINCENT* 2 P.M.
16 FROSTBURG 2 P.M.
23 at Geneva* 7 P.M.
30 GROVE CITY* 2 P.M.

November
6 at Thiel* 1 P.M.
13 at Waynesburg* 1:30 P.M.

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets
0-0, 0-0 PAC

September
4 Open Date
11 at Wilkes 12 P.M.
18 at Thiel* 1:30 P.M.
25 GROVE CITY* 1:30 P.M.

October
2 at Bethany* 2 P.M.
9 at Geneva* 4 P.M.
16 WESTMINSTER* 1:30 P.M.
23 FROSTBURG 1:30 P.M.
30 at Saint Vincent* 1 P.M.

November
6 THOMAS MORE* 1:30 P.M.
13 WASH. & JEFF.* 1:30 P.M.

Westminster Titans
0-0, 0-0 PAC

September
4 at Hiram 1 P.M.
11 at Lycoming 1 P.M.
18 GROVE CITY* 1 P.M.
25 Open Date

October
2 at Wash. & Jeff. 7 P.M.
9 BETHANY* 1 P.M.
16 at Waynesburg* 1:30 P.M.
23 THIEL* 7 P.M.
30 at Thomas More* 1:30 P.M.

November
6 SAINT VINCENT* 1 P.M.
13 at Geneva* 1 P.M.