

2011 PAC Football Release Week 1 - August 30



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2011 PAC STANDINGS (preseason)

School	PAC Games			PF	PA	All Games				
	W	L	Pct.			W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Bethany	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Geneva	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

LAST WEEK

No games scheduled

THIS WEEK (September 3)

Grove City at Carnegie Mellon - 1 p.m.
Saint Vincent at Bridgewater - 1 p.m.
Wash. & Jeff. at Juniata - 1 p.m.
Waynesburg at Christopher Newport - 1 p.m.
Thiel at Marietta - 7 p.m.
Bethany at Allegheny - 7 p.m.
Frostburg State at Geneva - 7 p.m.
Hiram at Westminster - 7 p.m.
Thomas More - off

Thomas More College Picked to "Four-Peat" as 2011 PAC Football Champion

LATROBE, Pa. - Three-time defending conference champion Thomas More College has been picked to again capture the 2011 football championship in the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC), according to the preseason poll released at the 2011 PAC Football Media Day at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe on August 3. Voters in the polls included conference head coaches, sports information directors (SIDs), and members of the media present at the conference media day.

The three-time defending PAC champion Saints of fifth-year head coach **Jim Hilvert** return 19 starters and 42 lettermen from last year's team which finished 11-1 overall, including a perfect 7-0 mark against conference competition. Thomas More earned 24 of 26 total first-place votes and 232 points in the conference poll to top second place Washington & Jefferson (200), followed by Waynesburg (165), Bethany and Grove City (tied with 117), Geneva (110), Saint Vincent (108), Westminster (78) and Thiel (43).

"It is an honor to be picked first again this year. This pick recognizes past and present players," said Hilvert. "But, last year is last year. We have a lot of hard work to do this year. We must play with a certain edge this year to accomplish the goals we set this off-season. In the PAC, you must be ready week in and week out. We must also stay healthy."

In the 2010 postseason, Thomas More topped Washington & Lee 42-14 in the NCAA first round before falling at Mary Hardin-Baylor in the second round. W&J captured the ECAC D-III Southwest Bowl with a 54-41 victory over Franklin & Marshall.

Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) 2011 Preseason Football Poll

	Pts	2010 Record
1. Thomas More (24)	232	11-1 (7-0)
2. Washington & Jefferson (1)	200	9-2 (6-1)
3. Waynesburg (1)	165	6-4 (4-3)
4t. Bethany	117	5-5 (4-3)
4t. Grove City	117	5-5 (3-4)
6. Geneva	110	5-5 (n/a)
7. Saint Vincent	108	3-7 (3-4)
8. Westminster	78	2-8 (1-6)
9. Thiel	43	0-10 (0-7)
<i>(xx) - first place votes</i>		

PAC FOOTBALL 2011 - Week 1 Conference Notes

HERE WE GO: The 2011 season marks the 57th season of football in the Presidents' Athletic Conference ... W&J has won a conference-best 22 PAC football titles, including 20 in the past 27 years ... However, four different teams have won the PAC crown in the past eight years, including Waynesburg (2003), Thiel (2005) and three-time defending champion Thomas More (2008-10) ... TMC advanced to the second round of the NCAA D-III playoffs in 2010 following a 42-14 first round win over Washington & Lee.

PRESEASON NOTES: Thomas More is ranked 11th in the nation by both D3Football.com and *Lindy's* and 14th by *The Sporting News* ... Washington & Jefferson is also ranked 16th by *The Sporting News* and is listed among others receiving votes by D3Football.com ... *Lindy's* also placed the W&J-Thomas More clash on September 24 as one of five games to watch in NCAA Division III this fall ... Waynesburg junior TE **Adam Moses** was tabbed as a preseason All-American by *Lindy's*, while *The Sporting News* honored Thomas More junior DB **Zach Autenrieb**.

AROUND THE LEAGUE: Geneva begins its first season as an active Division III member and is now eligible for the PAC football title ... Westminster hosts Hiram Saturday night for just the second night home game in the program's long history, with the first being a 35-0 shutout over Thiel last year ... Grove City QB **Clayton Hall** rushed for a QB school-record 228 yards last season for the Wolverines in a 28-21 season-opening loss to Carnegie Mellon ... Saint Vincent coach **Bob Colbert** was offensive coordinator at Bridgewater from 1998-2005.



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



The Bison open their sixth season under head coach **Tim Weaver** Saturday night at former PAC rival Allegheny in Meadville, Pa., in a 7 p.m. kickoff ... Bethany returns 19 starters overall, including nine on the offensive side ... Highlighting the returners is senior RB **Eric Walker**, a Second Team All-PAC selection, and Honorable Mention all-conference choices QB **Matt Grimard**, C **Cory Potter** and LT **Bryan Benzinger** ... The Bethany defense brings back eight starters, including four Honorable Mention selections in DE **Kasib Taalib-Din**, LB **Kyle Arrington**, S **Jamaan Webb** and CB **Jeff Joyce**, who was voted all-conference as a kick returner ... Bethany went 5-5 last year for its first .500 season since 2001 and its 4-3 mark in the PAC made for its most league wins since 1980.

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



Geneva opens the 2011 season and a new era as it begins its first active season as a full member of NCAA Division III and the PAC ... The GTs are coming off a 5-5 season that featured a triple-OT victory against rival Westminster in the final week of the 2010 campaign ... All-time leading rusher **Gerard Muschette** and three-year starting QB **David Girardi** are gone, but the Golden Tornadoes are anxious for some new faces to fill the void ... Geneva will host Frostburg State at Reeves Field Saturday as they open the season against the Bobcats for the third consecutive season ... The Golden Tornadoes have defeated Frostburg in each of the last two years, including 32-27 in last season's opener ... Coach **Geno DeMarco** begins his school record 19th season at the helm of the program.

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



Grove City opens its 117th season of football Saturday at Carnegie Mellon ... The Wolverines return 16 starters from last year, including nine from a defensive unit that led the PAC in total yardage allowed ... Among the defensive returnees are senior NT **Jarred Frawley** and senior LB **Jason Ferguson**, a pair of All-PAC first team honorees in 2010 ... Offensively, seven starters return ... Senior TB **Blaine Miller** led GCC in rushing, receiving and scoring in 2010, becoming the first Wolverine player to lead the team in all three categories in the same year since 1968 ... Senior **Clayton Hall** and sophomore **Brian Pell** have been battling for the starting quarterback position ... Hall started the first three games of 2010 before being sidelined by injury while Pell started the final five games ... Frawley and Hall are co-captains.

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



For the second straight season, the Bearcats will open the year against Bridgewater, taking to the road to face the Eagles of the ODAC ... It will be a homecoming of sorts for a pair of Saint Vincent coaches, as head coach **Bob Colbert** was on the Bridgewater staff from 1998-2005 ... The Bearcats' offensive coordinator, **Bret Colbert**, is a graduate of Bridgewater and was a three-year letterman at wide receiver ... Coming off of their best season since the return of football to SVC in 2007, the Bearcats are slated to have returning starters at eight spots on offense and six spots on defense ... The offense will be led by 2010 PAC First Team QB **Aaron Smetanka**, as well as honorable mention All-PAC TB **Mike Kale** ... Defensively, the MLB duo of **Anthony Johnson** and **Armando Fortunato** leads the way.

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



Thiel brings back 15 starters from a season ago, including all-PAC selections **Tim Taylor** (Jr., DE) and **Ethan Ludwig** (Jr., OLB) ... Taylor's 17.5 tackles for loss in 2010 were second all-time among single-season counterparts at Thiel, while his seven sacks were 10th best all-time ... Ludwig paced the Tomcats in tackles last season with 75 ... Offensively, the Tomcats return sophomore QB **Jared Soell** and his favorite target from a year ago, sophomore TE **Kyle Turkalj**, who finished with 35 catches ... Turkalj quickly established himself as one of the top pass-catching tight ends in the conference, finishing tenth in receptions per game and earning All-PAC honorable mention honors.

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



The Saints have an open date this week and will open the 2011 season next Saturday (Sept. 10) when they host Hanover at 1:30 p.m. at The Bank of Kentucky Field ... The Saints open the season ranked No. 11 by the internet website, D3football.com and *Lindy's* and No. 14 by *The Sporting News* ... The Saints are second winningest football program in Division III according to the 2011 NCAA Division III Football Record Book, as the program has amassed a .691 win percentage by going 150-67 in 21 seasons ... Head coach **Jim Hilvert**, who is 34-11 in four seasons at Thomas More, welcomes back 42 letterwinners, including 18 starters (nine offense, seven defense and two specialists) ... Junior DB **Zach Autenrieb** has been named a preseason All-Americans *The Sporting News*.

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



Saturday's game at Juniata kicks off the 120th football season in Washington & Jefferson history ... The school has 675 all-time victories, the third-most by a NCAA Division III program ... The Presidents have also produced 27 consecutive winning seasons ... W&J has made 12 consecutive postseason appearances, including 10 trips to the NCAA Division III playoffs ... W&J enters the season with an eight-game win streak dating back to last season ... Head coach **Mike Sirianni** owns a 79-14 (.849) record and has posted the fourth-best winning percentage among active NCAA football coaches (minimum five years experience) ... The Presidents have won at least nine games every season during coach Sirianni's tenure.

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



Waynesburg has high expectations for the 2011 season, thanks in large part to its three pre-season All-Americans and a deep, veteran-laden defense ... The Yellow Jacket defense is led by senior All-Americans **Sean Hunt** at cornerback and **Darryl Moore, Jr.** at defensive tackle ... In all, WU returns nine starters to a defense that was vastly improved from its 2009 incarnation ... The Jacket offense will feature many more new faces, with the biggest changes on the line and at quarterback ... Waynesburg will feature four new starters in the trenches, but return first-team All-PAC C **Nick Hanley** ... He'll also be responsible for hiking the ball to new starting QB **Josh Graham**, who looked impressive last year while leading his team to a 42-16 victory over Grove City ... He'll also have an All-American to throw to in junior TE **Adam Moses**.

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



Led by seventh-year head coach **Jeff Hand**, Westminster returns 13 starters (six offense, six defense, one specialist) from last year's team that posted a 2-8 record and a seventh-place record of 1-6 in the PAC ... Half of the Titans' losses last year were in one-possession games, including a road loss by one point and another road loss decided in triple overtime ... Most notably on offense is the loss of four linemen ... However, the Titans return the top four rushers, top three receivers and senior QB **Shawn Lehocky**, who ranks 10th in team history with 2,766 passing yards, including 155-of-293 for 1,726 yards and 14 TDs last year ... His favorite target will likely be junior receiver **Geno Pasquinelli**, a second-team all-PAC selection, who caught 48 passes for 514 yards and six TDs despite having an injury that reduced him to six starts.

2011 PAC FOOTBALL GAME PREVIEWS - WEEK 1



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

Saturday, Sept. 3 - 1 p.m.

Gesling Stadium (3,739/turf) - Pittsburgh, Pa.

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

Series Record: Carnegie Mellon leads 32-18-2

Game Notes: Grove City visits longtime rival Carnegie Mellon in the 2011 season opener ... The teams first met in 1908 ... CMU won last year's season-opening fray, 28-21, at Thorn Field ... Grove City outgained CMU 443-260 ... **Clayton Hall** set a GCC school record for rushing yards by a quarterback with 228 ... He also threw for 134 yards ... Grove City is in pursuit of its first win at CMU since a 16-14 triumph in 2004 ... Grove City last won its season opener on the road in 2002, when the Wolverines rolled past Hiram 30-7 ... Grove City is 51-55-2 all-time in Opening Day games.



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

Saturday, Sept. 3 - 1 p.m.

Jopson Field (3,500/grass) - Bridgewater, Va.

Media: WCNS-AM (1480) in Latrobe; www.1480wcns.com

Series Record: Bridgewater leads 1-0

Game Notes: For the second straight season, the Bearcats and Eagles will battle on opening day... Bridgewater edged the Bearcats in the 2010 opener 19-14, taking advantage of a safety in the game's final moments to ice the win ... The five-point victory was Bridgewater's closest of the year, as the Eagles finished second in the ODAC with an 8-2 mark, outscoring opponents an average of 33-22 ... The 19 points were also the second lowest output for the Eagles on the year... Bridgewater was tabbed to finish third in the ODAC in the conference's preseason poll, while also receiving votes in the D3football.com Top 25 poll.



Washington & Jefferson (0-0) at Juniata (0-0)

Saturday, Sept. 3 - 1 p.m.

Knox Stadium (3,000/grass) - Huntingdon, Pa.

Media: WJPA-AM (1450) in Washington; www.wjpa.com/sports.htm

Series Record: Juniata leads 3-2-1

Game Notes: The schools have not met since 1989, a 20-0 shutout win for W&J in the season opener in Washington ... W&J has a record of 30-12-2 (.714) against current members of the Centennial Conference ... Juniata scored six touchdowns during the entire 2010 season and was shut out four times ... The Eagles are picked last in the CC preseason poll and look for new direction from first-year head coach **Tim Lautz** ... The Presidents have split three previous meetings in Huntingdon, Pa., including one tie ... W&J has not lost to Juniata since October 30, 1971, a 15-6 defeat in Washington.



Waynesburg (0-0) at Christopher Newport (0-0)

Saturday, Sept. 3 - 1 p.m.

Pomoco Stadium (4,200/grass) - Newport News, Va.

Media: WCYJ-FM (99.5) in Waynesburg; www.waynesburgsports.com

Series Record: First meeting

Game Notes: A new year will bring a new opponent to the Waynesburg program when the Yellow Jackets square off with Christopher Newport for the first time in program history ... The Jackets do have some history with the USA South Athletic Conference, however, as Waynesburg beat Averett (Va.) 39-8 in 2000, but lost 20-10 to Shenandoah in 2004 ... The Captains of CNU should provide an excellent test for the Yellow Jackets, as Christopher Newport has qualified for the NCAA Division III playoffs during seven of their 10 years in existence.



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

Saturday, Sept. 3 - 7 p.m.

Drumm Stadium (5,000/turf) - Marietta, Ohio

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

Series Record: Marietta leads 7-1

Game Notes: The Tomcats are looking to start the 2011 season on the right foot as they travel to Marietta to take on the Pioneers Saturday night ... Marietta, looking to bounce back from a 2-8 season a year ago, return 13 starters, including All-OAC honorable mention QB **Andrew Keller** ... Keller passed for a touchdown and rushed for another in the Pioneers' 28-7 win at Thiel a season ago, despite the Tomcats finishing with a 239-224 advantage in total yards and a 14-10 edge in first downs ... Thiel is looking to secure its first season-opening win since posting a 7-0 victory against Geneva College in 2006.



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

Saturday, Sept. 3 - 7 p.m.

Fuhrer Field (3,700/turf) - Meadville, Pa.

Media: www.stretchinternet.com

Series Record: Allegheny leads 18-15-1

Game Notes: Once long-time PAC foes, Bethany and Allegheny meet Saturday for just the second time in the last 28 years in Meadville ... The Gators posted a convincing 28-0 shutout victory at Bethany in last season's lidlifter ... The Bison held AC to just 288 total yards, but could only muster 202 yards of offense and turned it over four times in suffering their first shutout in a season opener since 1996 ... **Jeff Joyce** and **Kyle Arrington** both made 11 tackles in the loss ... The Bison will be aiming for their first victory in a season opener since 2007, which also came on the road vs. an NCAC opponent, 24-7 at Hiram.



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

Saturday, Sept. 3 - 7 p.m.

Reeves Field (6,500/turf) - Beaver Falls, Pa.

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

Series Record: Geneva leads 11-8-1

Game Notes: Geneva is 11-8-1 all-time against Frostburg State in a series that began in 1926 ... The Golden Tornadoes have opened up the last two seasons against the Bobcats with victories, including last year's game that saw Geneva come away with a 32-27 victory ... **Gerard Muschette** opened his amazing senior season with three touchdowns to lead the Golden Tornadoes to the non-conference victory ... It is Community Night at Geneva, with free admission to all fans in attendance.



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

Saturday, Sept. 3 - 7 p.m.

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

Media: WWNW-FM (88.9) in New Wilmington; www.titanradio.net; Westminster Cable Network (WCN); www.wcnlive.com.

Series Record: Westminster leads 11-1-1

Game Notes: Westminster hosts Hiram for the first game of the 2011 season and the second home night game in Westminster history ... Westminster went 2-8 last year and Hiram went 1-9 ... The Titans' two wins last year were a 35-0 win over Thiel in Westminster's first home night game and a 23-6 win at Hiram to open the season ... The Titans posted a 41-22 win in 2004, the last time Hiram visited New Wilmington ... Both Westminster coordinators (co-OC **Dwayne Pavkovich** and new DC **Mike Sandy**) are Hiram graduates and former Terrier players.

**Bethany Bison
0-0, 0-0 PAC****September**

3 at Allegheny 7 p.m.
 10 KING'S 1 p.m.
 17 WASH. & JEFF.* 7 p.m.
 24 at Geneva* 7 p.m.

October

1 at Waynesburg* 1 p.m.
 8 WESTMINSTER* 2 p.m.
 15 THIEL* 1:30 p.m.
 22 at Thomas More* 1:30 p.m.
 29 Open Date

November

5 GROVE CITY* 1:30 p.m.
 12 at Saint Vincent* 1 p.m.

**Geneva Golden Tornadoes
0-0, 0-0 PAC****September**

3 FROSTBURG STATE 7 p.m.
 10 at Albright 6 p.m.
 17 at Thomas More* 1:30 p.m.
 24 BETHANY* 7 p.m.

October

1 SAINT VINCENT* 4 p.m.
 8 at Waynesburg* 1:30 p.m.
 15 GROVE CITY* 7 p.m.
 22 at Wash. & Jeff.* 2 p.m.
 29 THIEL* 1 p.m.

November

5 Open Date
 12 at Westminster* 1 p.m.

**Grove City Wolverines
0-0, 0-0 PAC****September**

3 at Carnegie Mellon 1 p.m.
 10 LEBANON VALLEY 1:30 p.m.
 17 WESTMINSTER* 7 p.m.
 24 WAYNESBURG* 2 p.m.

October

1 Open Date
 8 at Thomas More* 1:30 p.m.
 15 at Geneva* 7 p.m.
 22 SAINT VINCENT* 1:30 p.m.
 29 WASH. & JEFF.* 1:30 p.m.

November

5 at Bethany* 1:30 p.m.
 12 at Thiel* 1 p.m.

**Saint Vincent Bearcats
0-0, 0-0 PAC****September**

3 at Bridgewater 1 p.m.
 10 FDU-FLORHAM 1 p.m.
 17 Open Date
 24 at Thiel* 12:30 p.m.

October

1 at Geneva* 4 p.m.
 8 WASH. & JEFF.* 1 p.m.
 15 THOMAS MORE* 1 p.m.
 22 at Grove City* 1:30 p.m.
 29 at Waynesburg* 1:30 p.m.

November

5 WESTMINSTER* 1 p.m.
 12 BETHANY* 1 p.m.

**Thiel Tomcats
0-0, 0-0 PAC****September**

3 at Marietta 7 p.m.
 10 WIDENER 1:30 p.m.
 17 at Waynesburg* 1:30 p.m.
 24 SAINT VINCENT* 12:30 p.m.

October

1 THOMAS MORE* 1:30 p.m.
 8 Open Date
 15 at Bethany* 1:30 p.m.
 22 WESTMINSTER* 1:30 p.m.
 29 at Geneva* 1 p.m.

November

5 at Wash. & Jeff.* 1:30 p.m.
 12 GROVE CITY* 1 p.m.

**Thomas More Saints
0-0, 0-0 PAC****September**

3 Open Date
 10 HANOVER 1:30 p.m.
 17 GENEVA* 1:30 p.m.
 24 at Wash. & Jeff.* 1:30 p.m.

October

1 at Thiel* 1:30 p.m.
 8 GROVE CITY* 1:30 p.m.
 15 at Saint Vincent* 1 p.m.
 22 BETHANY* 1:30 p.m.
 29 at Westminster* 2:30 p.m.

November

5 WAYNESBURG* 1 p.m.
 12 at Mount St. Joseph 1 p.m.

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

3 at Juniata 1 p.m.
 10 DELAWARE VALLEY 1:30 p.m.
 17 at Bethany* 7 p.m.
 24 THOMAS MORE* 1:30 p.m.

October

1 at Westminster* 1 p.m.
 8 at Saint Vincent* 1 p.m.
 15 Open Date
 22 GENEVA* 2 p.m.
 29 at Grove City* 1:30 p.m.

November

5 THIEL* 1:30 p.m.
 12 WAYNESBURG* 1:30 p.m.

**Waynesburg Yellow Jackets
0-0, 0-0 PAC****September**

3 at Christopher Newport 1 p.m.
 10 WILKES 12 p.m.
 17 THIEL* 1:30 p.m.
 24 at Grove City* 2 p.m.

October

1 BETHANY* 1:30 p.m.
 8 GENEVA* 1:30 p.m.
 15 at Westminster* 1:30 p.m.
 22 Open Date
 29 SAINT VINCENT* 1:30 p.m.

November

5 at Thomas More* 1 p.m.
 12 at Wash. & Jeff.* 1:30 p.m.

**Westminster Titans
0-0, 0-0 PAC****September**

3 HIRAM 7 p.m.
 10 LYCOMING 1 p.m.
 17 at Grove City* 7 p.m.
 24 Open Date

October

1 WASH. & JEFF.* 1 p.m.
 8 at Bethany* 2 p.m.
 15 WAYNESBURG* 1 p.m.
 22 at Thiel* 1:30 p.m.
 29 THOMAS MORE* 2:30 p.m.

November

5 at Saint Vincent* 1 p.m.
 12 GENEVA* 1 p.m.