



# FOOTBALL 2005

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## CURRENT REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through September 1, 2005)

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 3)

Franklin & Marshall at Bethany - 1 p.m.  
 Ohio Northern at Westminster - 1 p.m.  
 Waynesburg at Denison - 1 p.m.  
 Washington & Jefferson at Tri-State - 1:30 p.m.  
 Grove City at Manchester - 2:30 p.m. (1:30 p.m. CDT)  
 Thomas More at Hanover - 2:30 p.m. (1:30 p.m. CDT)  
 Thiel - off

## Washington & Jefferson College Picked to Repeat as PAC Football Champions in 2005

PITTSBURGH, Pa. - The Washington & Jefferson College football team has been selected to repeat as champions in the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC), according to the preseason poll released at the 2005 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 Presidents of head coach **Mike Sirianni** earned 30 of 36 first-place votes to lead the preseason poll, followed by Thiel, Waynesburg, Westminster, Thomas More, Grove City and Bethany. W&J posted a perfect 10-0 regular season record in 2004 and posted a pair of NCAA Division III playoff wins over Bridgewater and Christopher Newport before falling to Mary Hardin- Baylor in the national quarterfinals.

"It's an honor to be selected as the preseason favorite, but the last two preseason favorites have not won the conference," said Sirianni, now entering his third season as head coach at W&J. "I think that shows how strong PAC football is from top to bottom.

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):

### 2005 PAC Preseason Football Poll

	Points	2004 Record
1. Wash. & Jeff. (30)	246	12-1 (5-0)
2. Thiel (6)	206	7-3 (4-1)
3. Waynesburg	157	7-4 (3-2)
4. Westminster	145	5-5 (2-3)
5. Thomas More	119	4-6
6. Grove City	91	3-7 (1-4)
7. Bethany	49	1-9 (0-5)

(xx) - first place votes

#### Coaches

1. Wash. & Jeff. (5) 47
2. Thiel (2) 42
3. Waynesburg 29
- 4t. Thomas More 28
- 4t. Westminster 28
6. Grove City 19
7. Bethany 8

#### SIDs

1. Wash. & Jeff. (5) 41
2. Thiel (1) 36
3. Waynesburg 27
4. Thomas More 23
5. Westminster 20
6. Grove City 15
7. Bethany 6

#### Media

1. Wash. & Jeff. (20) 158
2. Thiel (3) 128
3. Waynesburg 101
4. Westminster 97
5. Thomas More 68
6. Grove City 57
7. Bethany 35

## WEEK 1 PAC FOOTBALL PREVIEWS

### Franklin & Marshall (0-0) at Bethany (0-0)

Saturday, Sept. 3 - 1 p.m.

Bethany Field (1,500/grass) - Bethany, W.Va.

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

**Series Record:** Franklin & Marshall leads 1-0

**Game Notes:** F&M posted a 35-7 victory in what was Bethany Head Coach **Steve Lee's** first game at the helm last year ... Junior **Brent Owens** will be under center in his first season at Bethany and has two top targets to throw to in **Milton Joyner** (49 rec., 503 yards, 3 TDs) and **T.J. Parker** (39 rec., 533 yards, 2 TDs) ... Defensively, LB **Tim Goetz** (65 tackles) and safety **Gary Gerba** (54 tackles) were the top two tacklers a year ago ... F&M went 8-3 last season, including a 37-20 victory over Moravian to win the ECAC Southwest Bowl ... The Diplomats, who were picked to finish second in the Centennial Conference, are led by QB **Jeff Harner**, who was selected as the conference's preseason Player of the Year after compiling 1,878 total yards and 16 TDs (13 passing, three rushing) last year.

### Ohio Northern (0-0) at Westminster (0-0)

Saturday, Sept. 3 - 1 p.m.

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

**Radio/TV:** WWNW-FM (88.9), Westminster Cable Network (WCN), [www.msasportsnetwork.com](http://www.msasportsnetwork.com)

**Series Record:** Series tied 1-1-1

**Game Notes:** The Titans open their 112th season of football against consensus preseason Top 10 opponent Ohio Northern from the Ohio Athletic Conference at Burry Stadium ... The game marks the first game for new Titan head coach **Jeff Hand** ... Last season, ONU finished 8-2 overall, including a 31-0 blanking of Westminster in the season opener in Ada, Ohio ... Senior RB **Sean Buggey** will replace four-year starter **Scott Froelich** as the primary rusher for Westminster ... The Titan defense will operate out of a 3-4 base alignment for the first time and will be keyed by the return of senior LB **Jerry Bonenberger** (team-high 102 tackles in 2003), who missed the entire 2004 season due to injury.

### Waynesburg (0-0) at Denison (0-0)

Saturday, Sept. 3 - 1 p.m.

Piper Stadium (5,000/grass) - Denison, Ohio

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

**Series Record:** Waynesburg leads 5-1

**Game Notes:** The **Rick Shepas** era will officially start this Saturday when Waynesburg opens the 2005 campaign at Denison University ... The game marks the fifth straight season opener between the Yellow Jackets and the Big Red, with Waynesburg winning the previous four games ... The Yellow Jackets hold a 5-1 advantage in the all-time series, which dates back to 1998 ... In the 2004 season opener, Denison gained just 97 yards of total offense, while Waynesburg rolled to a 64-0 shutout victory behind four rushing touchdowns ... Redshirt junior **Tres Cobb** is scheduled to start at quarterback in the opener after serving as the backup to three-year starter and current quarterbacks coach **Jeff Dumm**.

### Wash. & Jeff. (0-0) at Tri-State (0-0)

Saturday, Sept. 3 - 1:30 p.m.

Shive Field (2,500/grass) - Angola, Ind.

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

**Series Record:** Washington & Jefferson leads 1-0

**Game Notes:** W&J and Tri-State met for the first time in last year's season opener ... The Presidents came away with a 31-0 shutout at Cameron Stadium ... **R.J. Zitzelsberger** totaled 91 yards on 17 rushes and one score, while QB **Chris Edwards** finished 14-of-22 for 185 yards and one touchdown ... **Aaron Krepps** hauled in seven passes for 64 yards and also had 69 yards on punt returns ... W&J has only posted a record of 16-20-1 in road season openers throughout history ... The Presidents last opened the season on the road in 2001 with a 16-7 win at Ursinus ... Last season's 12-1 record marked the 21st straight year W&J has finished over the .500 mark ... The last time W&J did not was during the 1983 season (3-5-1).

### Grove City (0-0) at Manchester (0-0)

Saturday, Sept. 3 - 2:30 p.m. EDT (1:30 p.m. EST)

Carl W. Burt Stadium (4,500/grass) - Manchester, Ind.

**Radio/TV:** WSAJ-FM (91.1), [www.gcc.edu](http://www.gcc.edu)

**Series Record:** Grove City leads 1-0

**Game Notes:** Grove City opens its 111th season of football Saturday at Manchester ... The Wolverines are aiming for their fourth straight Opening Day victory ... They haven't won four straight openers since 1975-78 ... Grove City won last year's meeting at home against the Spartans, 54-14, as GCC scored 34 second-half points ... **Aaron Margo** set a new College record with a 94-yard interception return in the win last season ... Saturday marks the western-most game in Grove City football history, according to available records ... Grove City is 7-4 all-time against current members of the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference ... Manchester has a current 11-game losing streak and has lost 16 of 17 ... Ten of Grove City's 11 projected offensive starters started at least one game last season.

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

Saturday, Sept. 3 - 2:30 p.m. EDT (1:30 p.m. EST)

Madison H.S. Stadium - Madison, Ind.

**Radio/TV:** None

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

**Game Notes:** The game, originally scheduled for L.S. Ayres Field on the Hanover campus, has been moved to Madison High School Stadium in Madison, Ind., due to poor field conditions at Hanover ... Thomas More won the last meeting between the two schools 31-30 in overtime in 2004, when current senior **Dan Ollberding** blocked an extra point in the extra session ... Last season, Hanover finished 6-4 overall, 5-1 in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC).