



FOOTBALL 2007

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CURRENT REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through September 1, 2007)

School	PAC Games					All Games				
	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Thomas More College	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.00	40	24
Waynesburg University	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.00	28	10
Westminster College	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.00	13	6
Bethany College	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Washington & Jefferson College	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Grove City College	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	.000	13	17
Thiel College	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	.000	3	20
Geneva College*						1	0	1.00	20	3
Saint Vincent College*						0	1	.000	13	32

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

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS (September 1)

Geneva 20, Thiel 3*
 Galludet 32, Saint Vincent 13
 Westminster 13, Allegheny 6
 Dickinson 17, Grove City 13
 Waynesburg 28, Muskingum 10
 Thomas More 40, Hanover 24
 Bethany, Washington & Jefferson - open

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (September 8)

Alfred at Thiel - 1 p.m.
 Bethany at Hiram - 1 p.m.
 Waynesburg at Wooster - 1 p.m.
 Westminster at Saint Vincent* - 1:30 p.m.
 Grove City at Carnegie Mellon - 1:30 p.m.
 Geneva at Washington & Jefferson* - 7 p.m.
 Thomas More - open

PAC Offensive Player of the Week

Cordario Collier
Thomas More
Sophomore RB
 5-8, 185
 New Albany, Ind.
 New Albany H.S.



Collier posted 253 total yards from scrimmage (career-high 186 yards rushing, 77 yards receiving) and scored four touchdowns (40, 1, 2 rushing; 51 receiving) to help lead the Saints to a 40-24 road victory over Hanover in their 2007 season opener.

Also nominated was junior SE **Stephen Mercer** of Grove City; freshman RB **Robert Heller** of Waynesburg; and senior QB **Brett Myers** of Westminster.

PAC Defensive Player of the Week

Stefon Strothers
Waynesburg
Senior DB
 5-7, 175
 McDonald, Pa.
 Canon-McMillan H.S.



Strothers posted eight total tackles (six solo) with an interception, three pass breakups and a quarterback hurry as Waynesburg opened the 2007 season with a 28-10 home win over Muskingum. His interception in the end zone in the fourth quarter ended a Muskingum threat and sealed the win.

Also nominated was senior NT **Justin Fowler** of Grove City; junior LB **Sam Swartzfager** of Thiel; sophomore LB **Brandon Kohrs** of Thomas More; and senior CB **Eric Brown** of Westminster.

PAC Special Teams Player of the Week

Fred Romeo
Westminster
Sophomore K
 5-11, 175
 Lowellville, Ohio
 Poland Seminary H.S.



Romeo booted a pair of field goals (30, 21), with the 30-yarder setting a new career-long, to help lead the Titans to a season-opening 13-6 road victory at Allegheny.

Also nominated was senior K/P **Sammy Koyl** of Thiel; and sophomore KR/PR **Scott Cree** of Waynesburg.

PAC FOOTBALL CAPSULES

Bethany Bison



After sitting through its bye week, Bethany will open the 2007 season Saturday at Hiram ... The Bison will be seeking a win in their season opener for just the second time since 2001 ... BC's last win in an opener was in 2005, when they knocked off Franklin & Marshall 34-21 ... One of the highlights to that game was WR **Milton Joyner** throwing a 72-yard touchdown pass on Bethany's first offensive play from scrimmage ... Joyner will have that chance again, only this time as quarterback, as head coach **Tim Weaver** has named him the starting signal caller for the Bison.

Saint Vincent Bearcats



The Bearcats returned to the field for the first time in 45 years against Gallaudet University, falling 32-13 ... Trailing 19-0 in the third quarter, **Jake Gabelt** took a pass from **Phil Hamilton** and scored SVC's first touchdown ... The play covered eight yards ... Later, **Rob James** caught a Hamilton pass and ran 86 yards for a Bearcat score that cut the margin to 19-13 at the time ... Hamilton finished the day 15-of-25 for 198 yards, 2 TDs and one interception ... **Logan Small** was SVC's top rusher, carrying the ball 14 times for 63 yards ... James caught six passes for a total of 124 yards, while FB **Marc Gonzales** added 4 catches for 20 yards.

Washington & Jefferson Presidents



W&J opens the season on 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 ... This weekend is Hall of Fame Weekend at Washington & Jefferson College ... Four former W&J football players/coaches will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in a ceremony on campus Friday evening ... **John Luckhardt**, **Russell Goodwin '15**, **Charles "Ace" Heberling '49** and **Dan Primrose '97** will all be inducted.

Geneva Golden Tornadoes



Geneva opened its new era as a member of the PAC and NCAA Division III with an impressive 20-3 victory over Thiel College ... The victory avenges the 2006 season opening loss to Thiel at Reeves Stadium ... Geneva scored the game's final 20 points, including a pair of touchdowns from freshman RB **Gerard Muschette**, who had 11 carries for 77 yards and a pair of receptions for 45 yards ... Geneva's defense held Thiel to just 150 total yards, including -25 yards on the ground ... After missing the entire 2006 season, sophomore DE **Brian Wilson** came out with a mission in 2007 ... Wilson led Geneva's defense with 10 total tackles, including 7 tackles for loss ... He had three sacks, a fumble recover and a batted pass.

Thiel Tomcats



The Tomcats dropped a 20-3 decision to visiting Geneva Saturday in their 2007 opener ... The Golden Tornadoes posted 421 yards of total offense, including 249 yards on the ground ... Sophomore QB **Willie Bova** completed 19-of-31 passes for 175 yards in his first collegiate start ... Bova was sacked six times which led to -47 rushing yards ... Senior RB **Steve Minton** ran 17 times for just 20 yards ... Senior WR **Marc LaScola** caught nine passes for 53 yards while senior WR **Brett Helman** hauled in three catches for 62 yards ... Junior LB **Sam Swartzfager** led the defense with a career-high 14 tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss and a sack ... Senior DE **Chris Lorber** added eight tackles and a sack.

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets



Behind the performance of freshman RB **Robert Heller**, the Yellow Jackets opened the 2007 season with a 28-10 home victory over Muskingum ... Heller impressed in his collegiate debut, rushing for 230 yards and four TDs (23, 47, 4, 39) on 32 carries ... His 230 yards ranks as the fifth-highest single-game total in school history and the most ever by a freshman ... Junior QB **Andy Lauterbach** showed good athleticism in his first career start, rushing eight times for 74 yards ... The Yellow Jacket defense limited the Muskies to just 51 rushing yards on 29 attempts ... Senior LB **Brendon Steele** finished with a game-high 10 tackles, including 2.0 tackles for loss.

Grove City Wolverines



Grove City fell to 51-53-9 all-time in season openers Saturday with a 17-13 setback against 2006 Division III playoff qualifier Dickinson ... The Red Devils scored twice in a two-minute span in the third quarter, erasing GCC's 13-3 lead ... SE **Stephen Mercer** hauled in a 61-yard TD pass as part of his five-reception, 109-yard outing ... Senior **Ian Tobin** caught a career-high nine passes ... QB **Andrew DiDonato** threw for 252 yards, the ninth-highest single-game effort in school history ... Seven different receivers caught passes ... TB **Matt Weil** ran for 88 yards on 19 carries, including a one-yard third-quarter TD ... Grove City, the PAC's least-penalized team each of the last two years, committed 11 penalties for 80 yards Saturday.

Thomas More Saints



TMC opened the season with a convincing 40-24 win over rival Hanover ... Freshman QB **Josh Gauger** started his collegiate career by completing his first seven passes with two scores en route to throwing for 267 yards and three TDs ... Sophomore **Cordario Collier** rushed for a career-high 186 yards ... He finished with 253 all-purpose yards and four TDs ... Junior WR **Nick Dew** tied a school record with 10 receptions ... Senior **Dennis Gullick** hauled in his first career touchdown in the second quarter ... Sophomore LB **Brandon Kohrs** recorded a career-high nine tackles with his first career interception ... Four players added eight tackles for the Saints.

Westminster Titans



Westminster won its first season opener since 2000 by defeating Allegheny, 13-6, Saturday ... The game came down to Allegheny's final drive when Titan CBs **Mario Camerota** and **Eric Brown** broke up passes in the end zone on third and fourth down with just over two minutes remaining ... Senior QB **Brett Myers**, starting for the third time in his career, threw for a career-high 228 yards on 23-of-33 passing, including a 12-yard TD to sophomore TE **Gary Hutsler** on the Titans' first drive ... Sophomore K **Fred Romeo** also booted two field goals, including a career-long 30-yarder. Sophomore TB **Nick McKolosky** established career-highs with 28 rushes for 88 yards.

WEEK 2 PAC FOOTBALL PREVIEWS



Westminster (1-0) at Saint Vincent (0-1)

Saturday, Sept. 8 - 1:30 p.m.
Chuck Noll Field (1,050/grass) - Latrobe, Pa.



Radio/TV: WWNW-FM (88.9) in New Wilmington; WCNS-AM (1480) in Latrobe; www.titanradio.net; www.redzonemedia.com; Westminster Cable Network (WCN) - tape delay Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Series Record: Westminster leads 6-1

Game Notes: Saint Vincent's last meeting against Westminster was in 1962, the second-to-last game before football was dropped at SVC ... Westminster won that game by a score of 19-13 ... This will be the Bearcats' first PAC contest ... The Titans won their first season-opener in seven years after beating Allegheny, 13-6, on the road last week. Westminster beat Walsh, 27-14, in the 2000 opener before finishing the season 8-2 ... The last time the Titans started a season 2-0 was in 1997 when they finished 9-2 ... Westminster's quarterback – senior **Brett Myers** (228 yards on 23-33 passing) – and tailback – sophomore **Nick McKolosky** (88 yards on 28 carries) – are coming off career-high games.



Geneva (1-0) at Washington & Jefferson (0-0)

Saturday, Sept. 8 - 7 p.m.
Cameron Stadium (4,500/turf) - Washington, Pa.



Radio/TV: WBVP-AM (1230) in Beaver Falls; WMBA-AM (1460) in Ambridge; WJPA-AM (1450) in Washington; www.msasportsnetwork.com; www.geneva.edu; www.wjpa.com

Series Record: Washington & Jefferson leads 33-19-2

Game Notes: Geneva will look to maintain its momentum coming off a season opening victory at Thiel, as the Golden Tornadoes will face pre-season PAC favorite Washington & Jefferson for the first time since 1985 ... The two school have met a total of 54 times since 1908 ... The last time Geneva defeated W&J was during the 1983 season, when the Golden Tornadoes came away with a 19-0 victory ... W&J has won four consecutive games versus Geneva in Washington ... The last time Geneva defeated the Presidents on the road was in 1973 by a 27-13 margin ... W&J sports a 219-79-4 (.732) all-time record against current members of the Presidents' Athletic Conference ... The Presidents have won 41 of their last 43 conference contests ... Washington & Jefferson has posted a record of 63-13-1 when opening the season at home throughout history ... Since 1999, only three quarterbacks - **Brian Dawson**, **Chris Edwards** and **Bobby Swallow** - have started the Presidents' season openers.



Alfred (0-0) at Thiel (0-1)

Saturday, Sept. 8 - 1 p.m.
Alumni Stadium (1,400/turf) - Greenville, Pa.

Radio/TV: WPIC-AM (790) in Hermitage; www.msasportsnetwork.com;

Series Record: Alfred leads 9-6

Game Notes: The Tomcats look to rebound from their week one loss on Saturday as they host Alfred University ... Thiel is 6-9 all-time against Alfred, but has lost seven straight to the Saxons ... The last Tomcat win over the Saxons was a 13-7 victory in 1923 ... Alfred hung a 14-0 shutout loss on Thiel last season, forcing four Tomcat turnovers while limiting the visitors to just 56 yards on the ground ... Thiel has not started a season 0-2 since 2002.



Bethany (0-0) at Hiram (0-0)

Saturday, Sept. 8 - 1 p.m.
Henry Field (2,500/grass) - Hiram, Ohio

Radio/TV: www.teamline.cc (code 3724)
Series Record: Hiram leads 21-15

Game Notes: After not meeting for 17 years, the teams rekindled the rivalry last year, with Bethany claiming a 42-7 victory ... WR **T.J. Parker** scored three TDs, including one rushing and two receiving, and QB **Brent Owens** tossed three scoring passes as the Bison snapped a 10-game losing streak ... Other big plays included **Matt Cruse** catching a 51-yard TD pass, **Taylor McNeil** returning a kickoff 93 yards for a score and **Brandon Zeman** returning an interception 35 yards to paydirt ... Hiram returns 17 starters from last year's team that finished 0-10 ... The Terriers are led by new head coach **Bob Wolfe**, who previously served as head coach at Tiffin for eight years and at Allegheny for two.



Waynesburg (1-0) at Wooster (0-1)

Saturday, Sept. 8 - 1:30 p.m.
Papp Stadium (4,500/grass) - Wooster, Ohio

Radio/TV: WCYJ-FM (88.7) in Waynesburg; www.waynesburg.edu;

Series Record: Wooster leads 2-0

Game Notes: Waynesburg continues non-conference play when it travels to the College of Wooster this weekend ... The Fighting Scots have won both all-time meetings in the series, including a 31-10 victory last season ... Wooster scored 17 unanswered points in the third quarter of last year's meeting to break open 7-3 halftime contest ... The Yellow Jackets managed only 78 rushing yards on 28 attempts against the Fighting Scot defense ... The game will be a return to the Massillon area for Waynesburg head coach **Rick Shepas**, as Wooster is only about 25 miles west of where Shepas coached the Massillon-Washington High School football team for seven years.



Grove City (0-1) at Carnegie Mellon (1-0)

Saturday, Sept. 8 - 1:30 p.m.
Gesling Stadium (3,000/turf) - Pittsburgh, Pa.

Radio/TV: WSAJ-FM (91.1); www2.gcc.edu/sports
Series Record: Carnegie Mellon leads 29-18-2

Game Notes: For the second straight week, Grove City will face a 2006 NCAA Division III playoff qualifier ... Carnegie Mellon ran for 393 yards in a 33-10 victory at Rochester Saturday ... The Tartans have won 11 straight regular season games ... Outside of Grove City's trip to Thomas More next weekend, this is the Wolverines' longest road trip of the year ... The Wolverines will also play at Geneva, Thiel and Westminster ... CMU leads the all-time series, 29-18-2, including a 28-0 victory at Thorn Field last year ... This is the first meeting between the teams in Pittsburgh since 2004, when the Wolverines pulled out a 16-14 victory, Grove City's first at Gesling Stadium.