



FOOTBALL 2004

Presidents' Athletic Conference

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CURRENT REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through September 2, 2004)

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
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

Bethany at Franklin & Marshall - 1 p.m.

Denison at Waynesburg - 1:30 p.m.

Manchester at Grove City - 1:30 p.m.

Westminster at Ohio Northern - 1:30 p.m.

Wisconsin-Platteville at Thiel - 1:30 p.m.

Tri-State at Washington & Jefferson - 6 p.m.

Waynesburg Picked to Repeat as PAC Football Champions in 2004 Preseason Poll

The Waynesburg College football team has been selected to repeat as champions in the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC), according to the preseason poll released at the 2004 PAC Football Media Day at PNC Park in Pittsburgh on August 10. 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 Yellow Jackets of head coach **Jeff Hand** earned 22 of 36 first-place votes to lead the preseason poll, followed by Washington & Jefferson, Westminster, Grove City, Thiel, and Bethany. Waynesburg captured its first-ever PAC crown with a perfect 5-0 mark in 2003, then advanced to the NCAA Tournament where the Jackets dropped a 28-24 first-round decision to eventual national semifinalist Bridgewater. W&J also reached the playoffs in 2003 after placing second in the PAC, as the Presidents won the ECAC Division III Southwest Bowl with a convincing 41-19 win at Wilkes.

"It's an honor to be chosen and recognized by our peers and the media. It's also a very challenging thing for us to live up to," said Hand, now entering his sixth overall season as a head coach and fourth at Waynesburg.

Following is the voting breakdown for coaches, SIDs and media members for the football preseason poll (36 total voters - 24 media members, six coaches, and six SIDs):

2004 PAC Preseason Football Poll

	Points	2003 Record
1. Waynesburg (22)	195	9-2 (5-0)
2. Wash. & Jeff. (8)	175	9-2 (4-1)
3. Westminster (4)	152	5-5 (3-2)
4. Grove City	105	5-5 (2-3)
5. Thiel (2)	89	3-7 (1-4)
6. Bethany	42	1-9 (0-5)
(xx) - first place votes		

Coaches

1. Waynesburg (4)	34
2. Wash. & Jeff. (1)	26
3. Westminster	25
4. Thiel (1)	18
5. Grove City	16
6. Bethany	7

SIDs

1. Waynesburg (5)	34
2. Wash. & Jeff.(1)	28
3. Westminster	26
4. Grove City	19
5. Thiel	13
6. Bethany	6

Media

1. Waynesburg (13)	125
2. Wash. & Jeff. (7)	121
3. Westminster (3)	101
4. Grove City	70
5. Thiel (1)	58
6. Bethany	29

PAC FOOTBALL PREVIEWS

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

Saturday, Sept. 4 - 1 p.m.

Sponaugle-Williams Stadium - Lancaster, Pa.

Radio/TV: none

Series Record: First meeting

Game Notes: Bethany opens the 2004 season with a new coaching staff, schemes and personnel, led by first-year head coach Steven Lee ... F&M has won three consecutive season-openers, while the Bison have lost their last two ... The last time Bethany won its opener was a 17-0 shutout of Shenendoah in 2001 ... F&M enters the game riding a two game win streak after defeating Ursinus (37-17) and Gettysburg (14-13) to end the 2003 season ... Bethany returns nine starters, including WR **Zack Merz**, LBs **Tim Goetz** and **Mike Skrinjar**, DL **Mark Brown** and OL **Chris Betts** ... All five were All-PAC Honorable Mention picks in 2003.

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

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

Wiley Stadium (4,000/grass) - Waynesburg, Pa.

Radio/TV: WCYJ-FM (88.7)

Series Record: Waynesburg leads 4-1

Game Notes: The Yellow Jackets open defense of their PAC Championship with a home contest against the visiting Big Red from the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) ... Waynesburg rolled to a 70-14 win over Denison in Granville, Ohio to open the 2003 season.

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

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

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

Radio/TV: WSAJ-FM (91.1), www.msasportsnetwork.com

Series Record: First meeting

Game Notes: Grove City is looking to extend the momentum in generated late in 2003 as the Wolverines own a two-game win streak, dating back to season-ending victories over Alfred and Kings Point ... The Wolverines return 16 total starters, eight on each side of the ball ... Junior **Bradford Clark** is penciled in as the Wolverines' starting quarterback although sophomore **Scott Fichter** is expected to see time under center ... Manchester begins a new era as former Ball State assistant Shannon Griffith makes his debut as the Spartans' head coach ... Manchester is coming off a 2-8 season, including a 1-5 mark in Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) play.

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

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

Dial-Roberson Stadium (3,500/grass) - Ada, Ohio

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

Series Record: Westminster leads 1-0-1

Game Notes: The Titans open their 111th season of football at Ohio Northern, a member of the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) which was 4-6 a year ago ... The two teams have not met since a 7-7 tie in 1975 ... Westminster will debut a new starting QB in sophomore **J.R. Barley**, a transfer from Division I-AA Liberty ... The Titans are 35-17 in season openers since 1952, but have dropped four of their last five season-opening games, including three straight ... ONU is led by first-year head coach **Dean Paul**, formerly at Thomas More ... The two teams will open Dial-Roberson Stadium, the Polar Bears' new on-campus home field.

Wisc.-Platteville (0-0) at Thiel (0-0)

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

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

Radio/TV: WPIC-AM (790)

Series Record: First meeting

Game Notes: The Tomcats open the 2004 season by hosting the Pioneers from the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WAIC) ... Both teams are coming off 3-7 seasons but with high hopes ... The Pioneers played almost everyone evenly the last two years, but dropped 11 games on either the final possession or overtime, while Thiel returns 17 starters and 32 lettermen overall for their 100th season of football ... The Tomcats will be directed by senior QB Darrell Satterfield in his first season as a starter ... Thiel played an exhibition game at the University on Toronto in April.

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

Saturday, Sept. 4 - 6 p.m.

Cameron Stadium (4,500/turf) - Washington, Pa.

Radio/TV: WJPA-AM (1450), WNJR-FM (91.7), www.msasportsnetwork.com

Series Record: First meeting

Game Notes: W&J is 62-12-1 when opening the season at home throughout history ... Since 1989, W&J has opened up its season at home 10 times and has won nine of those contests with the only loss coming at the hands of Emory & Henry, 12-10, in 1998 ... The Presidents opened last year with a 28-23 come-from-behind win over Allegheny under the lights ... TSU was 0-10 as an NAIA Independent last season, but is now a member of the NCAA Division III Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) ... Last season's 9-2 overall record marked the 20th consecutive year Washington & Jefferson has finished above .500.