



# FOOTBALL 2005

**Presidents' Athletic Conference**

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## CURRENT REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through September 3, 2005)

School	PAC Games					All Games				
	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Bethany College	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.00	34	21
Washington & Jefferson College	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.00	42	0
Thiel College	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Grove City College	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	.000	21	24
Thomas More College	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	.000	7	12
Waynesburg College	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	.000	17	21
Westminster College	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	.000	3	48

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS (September 3)

BETHANY 34, Franklin & Marshall 21

Ohio Northern 48, WESTMINSTER 3

DENISON 21, Waynesburg 17

Washington & Jefferson 42, TRI-STATE 0

MANCHESTER 24, Grove City 21

HANOVER 12, Thomas More 7

Thiel - off

### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (September 10)

Thomas More at Bethany\* - 1 p.m.

Westminster at Allegheny - 1 p.m.

Carnegie Mellon at Grove City - 1:30 p.m.

Hanover at Washington & Jefferson - 1:30 p.m.

Ohio Wesleyan at Thiel - 1:30 p.m.

Waynesburg - off

### PAC Offensive Player of the Week

**AARON KREPPS**

**Washington & Jefferson College**

*Senior wide receiver/kick returner - 6-0, 205  
Belle Vernon, Pa./Belle Vernon H.S.*

Krepps caught six passes for 133 yards while totaling 184 all-purpose yards and three touchdowns for the Presidents, who opened the season with a 42-0 victory at Tri-State. All three of Krepps' scores came in the opening half, as he hauled in TD passes of 44 and 37 yards while also rushing for a 19-yard touchdown.

*Also nominated was junior WR T.J. Parker (Austintown, OH/Austintown Fitch H.S.) of Bethany, sophomore FB Matt Weil (Fombell, Pa./Riverside H.S.) of Grove City, junior RB Ryan Abels (Elizabeth, Pa./Elizabeth Forward H.S.) of Waynesburg, and senior RB Sean Buggery (Homer City, Pa./Homer-Center H.S.) of Westminster.*

### PAC Defensive Player of the Week

**GARY GERBA**

**Bethany College**

*Junior strong safety - 6-1, 200  
Warren, Ohio/Warren JFK H.S.*

Gerba recorded four tackles, three pass break-ups, one interception, one quarterback sack and one forced fumble to lead the Bison to a season-opening 34-21 win over Franklin & Marshall. He paced a Bethany defense which forced six F&M turnovers en route to the program's first season-opening win since 2001.

*Also nominated was junior DE Richard Welch (Dryden, N.Y./Dryden H.S.) of Grove City, sophomore LB Rashawn West (Oxford, Ohio/Talawanda H.S.) of Thomas More, senior LB Mike Sklarsky (Cranberry Twp., Pa./Seneca Valley H.S.) of Washington & Jefferson, senior DB Andy Tenney (Pittsburgh, Pa./Taylor Allderdice H.S.) of Waynesburg, and senior DB Tanner Larson (Coraopolis, Pa./West Allegheny H.S.) of Westminster.*

# PAC FOOTBALL CAPSULES



## Bethany Bison

Three different players threw touchdown passes and the Bison secondary picked off five passes as Bethany won its first season opener since 2001 with a 34-21 win over Franklin & Marshall ... On BC's first play from scrimmage,

WR **Milton Joyner** threw a 72-yard TD pass to WR **T.J. Parker** ... QBs **Brian Wineberg** (67 yards to TE **Mike Elias**) and **Brent Owens** (11 yards to Parker) also threw scoring passes, while RBs **Brett Clough** (four yards) and **Joe Ford** (one yard) added rushing touchdowns ... Parker's two TD receptions tied a school record ... Defensively, LB **Tim Goetz** made 11 tackles, including 2.5 for loss, while CB **Dan Scriver** picked off two passes to tie a school record.



## Grove City Wolverines

Grove City lost a season opener for the first time since 2001 Saturday at Manchester ... Manchester quarterback Joe DeCraene fired a 28-yard touchdown pass to Mitch Harnish with 26 seconds left, giving Manchester the victory ... The game was the westernmost in Grove City history and the Wolverines' first in Indiana ... Two GCC running backs set new career highs Saturday ... Sophomore FB **Matt Weil** ran for 131 yards on 19 carries while senior WB **Adam Wargo** chewed up 106 yards on eight carries ... Grove City ran for 315 yards and averaged over five yards per carry ... **Richard Welch** led Grove City defensively with a pair of sacks and eight total tackles ... **Bill Waugh** forced and recovered a fumble.



## Thiel Tomcats

Coming off a bye week to open their 2005 season, the Tomcats will host Ohio Wesleyan on Sept. 10 ... Thiel is 2-8 in season openers and 2-4 in home season openers since 1995 ... In 126 games versus teams from the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC), Thiel is currently 55-

70-1 ... The Tomcats finished the 2004 season with a 7-3 overall record and a 4-1 mark in the PAC, good enough to finish second ... Thiel was named as one of the top 20 turnaround teams in 2004 by *American Football Quarterly* ... Senior WR **Brandon Chambers** was selected by *Lindy's 2005 National College Football* as a member of its preseason All-American All-Division III team ... Chambers was named to the Second Team Offense.



## Thomas More Saints

The Saints ventured into the red zone on three separate occasions with coming away with points in a 12-7 season-opening loss at Hanover on Saturday ... Twice they turned the ball over on downs inside the Hanover 10 and the other time they missed a field goal ... Senior **Tyran Thompson** rushed for 113 yards on 29 carries, the 10th 100-yard rushing effort of his career (tied for third all-time at TMC) ... Senior QB **Nate Berkley** was 7-of-13 for 112 yards ... Defensively, sophomore LB **Rashawn West** recorded 11.5 tackles, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and two pass deflections in the loss.



## Washington & Jefferson Presidents

W&J shut out Tri-State for the second consecutive season opener during a 42-0 rout Saturday ... The Presidents limited the Thunder to 116 total yards and had seven sacks ... Senior WR **Aaron Krepps** had three first-half touchdowns, while senior QB **Chris Edwards** tossed four scoring passes ... Edwards moved into third place on

the school's all-time passing list as he now has 5,155 career yards ... Junior RB **Ryan Mendel** totaled 102 yards and one touchdown on just 13 carries, while senior RB **R.J. Zitzelsberger** carried nine times for 74 yards ... Senior LB **Mike Sklarsky** had eight tackles and 2.5 sacks, while junior DT **Tim Landis** had four tackles and two sacks.



## Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

The Yellow Jackets were unable to answer 21 straight second-half points by Denison in their season opener Saturday, losing 21-17 to the Big Red ... Denison scored two touchdowns during the opening minute of the fourth quarter, including an interception return for a score to take the lead ... Waynesburg committed five turnovers, including four interceptions ... Junior RB **Ryan Abels** led the Jackets with 132 yards on 20 carries ... Junior QB **Tres Cobb** received his first collegiate start against the Big Red and finished completing 15-of-35 attempts for 116 yards with three interceptions ... Senior LB **Nick Emley** intercepted a pass and returned it for his second career score ... Classmate DB **Andy Tenney** led the team with a career-high 15 tackles, forced two fumbles and recovered another.



## Westminster Titans

Westminster saw the debut of Jeff Hand as Titan head football coach spoiled by nationally-ranked Ohio Northern, which posted a 48-3 victory ... Westminster posted its only points in the fourth quarter, as a 33-yard field goal by senior K **Chris Castillo** capped an 11-play, 39-yard drive ... ONU held a 369-149 advantage in total yardage in the contest, while the Polar Bear defense posted six quarterback sacks ...

Senior TB **Sean Buggey** led the Titan offense with 18 carries for 70 yards, while freshman TB **Eddie Williams** added 13 carries for 38 yards ... Junior QB **J.R. Barley** was 10-of-23 passing for 76 yards ... Defensively, senior DB **Tanner Larson** posted a team-high eight tackles and a fumble recovery ... Junior DB **Joey Tissler** and senior LB **Jerry Bonenberger** each added seven tackles.

### 2005 PAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

#### Offense

9/3 Aaron Krepps, WR, W&J  
9/10  
9/17  
9/24  
10/1  
10/8  
10/15  
10/22  
10/29  
11/5  
11/12

#### Defense

Gary Gerba, SS, BET

## WEEK 2 PAC FOOTBALL PREVIEWS

### Thomas More (0-1, 0-0 PAC) at Bethany (1-0, 0-0 PAC)

Saturday, Sept. 10 - 1 p.m.

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

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

**Series Record:** First meeting

**Game Notes:** Thomas More makes its football conference debut, as the Saints travel to West Virginia to face the Bison in the first PAC league game of the 2005 season ... In addition to being Thomas More's first PAC game in school history, it will also be the first-ever meeting between the teams ... Bethany, who won its first season opener since 2001, is hoping to get off to a similar start as that year, when BC began the year 5-0 ... After intercepting just eight balls all of last year, Bethany picked off five passes in the F&M victory, their most since snaring five aerials in a 56-0 win over Swarthmore College on Sept. 13, 1997... The 34 points scored by the Bison is the most since a 49-7 triumph over Shenandoah in 2000 and only the second time since 1969 that BC has scored more than 30 points in a lidlifter.

### Westminster (0-1) at Allegheny (0-1)

Saturday, Sept. 10 - 1 p.m.

Robertson Field (3,500/grass) - Meadville, Pa.

**Radio/TV:** WWNW-FM (88.9), Westminster Cable Network (WCN)

**Series Record:** Westminster leads 25-24-5

**Game Notes:** Local rivals Westminster and Allegheny meet with each program looking to rebound from opening week losses ... The Gators dropped a heartbreaking 23-17 overtime decision at Baldwin-Wallace in Berea, Ohio Saturday ... Last year, Allegheny took advantage of seven Titan turnovers to post a 21-14 double-overtime victory in New Wilmington ... Westminster lost despite outgaining Allegheny 156-(-2) in the opening half, as the Titans could only manage a 6-0 lead at the half ... The last meeting between the two squads in Meadville was in 2003, which saw Westminster edge the Gators 3-0 in overtime on a mud-soaked field ... **Jason Montgomery** booted a 31-yard field goal for the Titans to open the overtime period ... Westminster then blocked a 25-yard Allegheny field goal attempt to seal the victory.

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

Saturday, Sept. 10 - 1:30 p.m.

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

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

**Series Record:** Carnegie Mellon leads 27-18-2

**Game Notes:** Grove City looks to even its record Saturday against longtime rival Carnegie Mellon ... The Wolverines won for the first time ever at Gesling Stadium last year, earning a 16-14 win in Pittsburgh Sept. 11, 2004 ... The Wolverines have won two straight home openers ... They last lost a home opener in 2002 when CMU earned a 9-6 overtime victory over Grove City at Robert E. Thorn Field ... CMU is coming off a 45-0 win over Hiram in its season opener.

### Hanover (1-0) at Washington & Jefferson (1-0)

Saturday, Sept. 10 - 1:30 p.m.

Cameron Stadium (3,500/turf) - Washington, Pa.

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

**Series Record:** Washington & Jefferson leads 4-3

**Game Notes:** Washington & Jefferson and Hanover meet for the eighth time in history on Saturday with the Presidents holding a slim 4-3 advantage ... The Presidents have won two straight over the Panthers and four of the last five ... Last season, W&J came away with a 27-15 win in Indiana behind 201 yards passing and three touchdowns by Chris Edwards ... R.J. Zitzelsberger set a new career high with 26 carries and 128 yards rushing ... the only time Hanover has defeated W&J in Washington occurred during the 1998 season by a 30-20 margin ... The 42-point victory over Tri-State was the largest in a season opener by a President squad since a 63-20 rout of Ursinus in 2002 ... W&J is ranked No. 6 in the [D3football.com](http://D3football.com) preseason poll.

### Ohio Wesleyan (1-0) at Thiel (0-0)

Saturday, Sept. 10 - 1:30 p.m.

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

**Radio/TV:** WLLF-FM (96.7)

**Series Record:** Thiel leads 1-0

**Game Notes:** After a bye week to start 2005, the Tomcats open with Ohio Wesleyan ... Thiel was picked to finish in second place in the seven-team Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC), according to the preseason poll released at the 2005 PAC Football Media Day...The Tomcats finished 2004 with a 7-3 overall record and a 4-1 mark in the PAC, good enough to finish second ... The program's last seven-win season was in 1972 (7-2) as Thiel recorded its second and last PAC championship ... The Tomcats have not posted a win in a season opener since their 19-0 shutout over Capital University in 1999 ... Thiel posted a 22-19 victory over the Battling Bishops in Delaware, Ohio, last season ... Senior WR **Brandon Chambers** scored three touchdowns on passes of 54, 19 and 25 yards en route to 178 yards on nine receptions.