

2009 PAC Football Release Week 2 - September 8



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2009 PAC FOOTBALL STANDINGS (through Sept. 5)

School	PAC Games			PF	PA	All Games			PF	PA
	W	L	Pct.			W	L	Pct.		
Thomas More	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.00	14	7
Washington & Jefferson	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.00	35	9
Waynesburg	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.00	42	39
Bethany	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	.000	7	28
Grove City	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	.000	47	52
Thiel	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	.000	14	20
Westminster	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	.000	26	42
Geneva*						1	0	1.00	41	28
Saint Vincent*						0	1	.000	37	51

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

LAST WEEK (September 5)

Otterbein 28, BETHANY 7
MCDANIEL 51, Saint Vincent 37
Waynesburg 42, WOOSTER 39
Dickinson 52, GROVE CITY 47
Heidelberg 42, WESTMINSTER 26
Thomas More 14, JOHN CARROLL 7
MARIETTA 20, Thiel 14
GENEVA 41, Frostburg State 28
WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 35, Oberlin 9

THIS WEEK (September 12)

Grove City at Carnegie Mellon - noon
Bethany at Kentucky Christian - 1 p.m.
Geneva at Saint Vincent - 1 p.m.
Albion at Thiel - 1:30 p.m.
Hanover at Waynesburg - 1:30 p.m.
Washington & Jefferson at Frostburg State - 7 p.m.
Westminster at Allegheny - 7 p.m.
Thomas More - idle

Offensive Player of the Week

ANDREW DIDONATO
Grove City
Senior QB
6-1, 200
Bridgeville, Pa.
South Fayette H.S.



DiDonato completed 32-of-41 passes for 291 yards and three touchdowns, while also rushing 22 times for 109 yards in the Wolverines' 52-47 loss to Dickinson. His 400 yards of total offense set a new school record, while his 291 yards passing was a new career-high. He also became GCC's all-time leader in career touchdown passes with 34.

Also nominated was junior RB **Derek Taylor** of Washington & Jefferson, senior WR **Josh Fisher** of Waynesburg, and senior WR **Chad Rosatelli** of Westminster.

Defensive Player of the Week

AARON MONK
Thomas More
Junior DB
5-10, 190
Cincinnati, Ohio
Elder H.S.



Monk posted six total tackles (three solo, three assisted), one pass breakup and had an interception for the Saints in their 14-7 non-conference victory at John Carroll.

Also nominated was junior S **Nathan Harmatto** of Washington & Jefferson, senior DB **Dylan August** of Waynesburg, and sophomore CB **Jordan Rooney** of Westminster.

Special Teams Player of the Week

JOE KELLY
Wash. & Jeff.
Junior K/P
6-1, 220
West Grove, Pa.
Chartiers Valley H.S.



Kelly was 5-for-5 on extra-point attempts for the Presidents, while also averaging 40.0 yards on four punts (two placed inside the 20) in Washington & Jefferson's 35-9 non-conference home victory over Oberlin.

Also nominated was junior K **Craig Bicehouse** of Grove City, sophomore P/K **Aaron Walter** of Thomas More, junior RB/KR **Troy Garove** of Waynesburg, and sophomore K **Trevor Young** of Westminster.

PAC FOOTBALL 2009 - Week 2 Conference Notes

4-5 IN WEEK ONE: The 2009 PAC football season got underway on Sept. 5, with league teams posting a 4-5 mark in non-conference action. Both of the league's national playoff teams from 2008 got off to a solid start, as defending PAC champion Thomas More won at John Carroll 14-7, while Washington & Jefferson rolled at home past Oberlin 35-9. Other winners for the PAC included Waynesburg, which outgunned Wooster 42-39 in a game featuring 10 lead changes; and Geneva, a 41-28 victor over Frostburg State.

NEWS & NOTES: Senior WR **Chad Rosatelli** set a new Westminster single-game receptions record with 13 catches for 122 yards against Heidelberg ... Senior DE **Brian Wilson** was dominating for Geneva against Frostburg State, posting a fumble return for a TD to go along with two tackles for losses, a QB sack and a forced fumble ... Senior QB **Willie Bova** was 25-of-43 passing for 206 yards and two TDs for Thiel against Marietta ... Sophomore RB **Jairus Marlow** had 139 yards of total offense and three TDs for Saint Vincent against McDaniel.

AROUND THE LEAGUE: Senior WR **Josh Fisher** posted three TD receptions for 51 yards in Waynesburg's thrilling win at Wooster ... W&J junior RB **Derek Taylor** rushed for 93 yards and two TDs in the President win over Oberlin ... Senior QB **Trevor Stellman** posted TD runs of three and 17 yards in Thomas More's 14-7 win at John Carroll ... Saturday's 52-47 loss to Dickinson marked the first time in school history Grove City lost a game when scoring 40+ points ... Bethany senior WR **Matt Cruse** needs 148 receiving yards to become the school's all-time yardage leader.



**Bethany
Bison
(0-1, 0-0 PAC)**



Bethany went into the 4th quarter tied with #24 Otterbein at 7-7, but the Cardinals scored 21 straight points to post a 28-7 victory ... The Bison opened the season with a 14-play, 91-yard drive capped off by freshman RB **Solomon Griffin's** 6-yard TD run for a 7-0 lead ... Bethany had chances for more throughout the game, but had a field goal blocked and converted just 1-of-4 chances in the red zone ... The offense had 268 total yards, with 167 coming on the ground ... **Eric Walker** ran for 77 yards on 12 carries and **Marcus Santini** gained 57 on 11 attempts ... Defensively, senior DB **Matt Dahle** made 10 tackles, including one for loss, and freshman LB **Kyle Arrington** made six stops and picked off a pass.

**Geneva Golden
Tornadoes
(1-0)**



Geneva opened the 2009 season in impressive fashion in front of a capacity crowd of over 6,000 at the new Reeves Field ... The Golden Tornadoes picked up a pair of touchdowns on offense and a pair on defense in opening up a 27-14 halftime lead against Frostburg State ... **Rich Kolesar** turned in the play of the game when he stepped in front of an FSU pass at the three-yard line and scampered 97 yards for a touchdown, which was the 2nd longest interception return in school history ... **Brian Wilson** also scored on defense with a 23-yard fumble return ... QB **David Girardi** completed 19-of-32 passes for 200 yards and found **AJ Delmonico** in the end zone for a second half touchdown before scoring himself on a two-yard run in the final minute of the 41-28 GT victory.

**Grove City
Wolverines
(0-1, 0-0 PAC)**



Grove City opened its 115th season of intercollegiate play Saturday with a 52-47 setback against Dickinson at Robert E. Thorn Field ... QB **Andrew DiDonato** accumulated a school-record 400 yards of total offense, including a career-high 291 passing yards ... That is the fourth-highest total in program history ... DiDonato also became Grove City's all-time leader with 34 touchdown passes ... **Will McCoy**, **Luke O'Hara** and **Zach Summy** all caught touchdown passes while **Blaine Miller** ran for two scores ... Junior **Craig Bicehouse** kicked a pair of field goals ... **Mark Rossol** and **Randy Santina** both intercepted passes ... Grove City had never lost when scoring more than 40 points ... It's the highest-scoring game in modern Grove City history.

**Saint Vincent
Bearcats
(0-1)**



The Bearcats found themselves on the wrong end of an offensive shootout on opening day, falling 52-37 at McDaniel ... **Jairus Marlow** was the offensive star for Saint Vincent, gaining 139 yards of total offense (79 rec/38 rush/22 KR) and scoring three touchdowns, including runs of 18 and one yard and a 61-yard TD reception ... QB **Kevin Corona** completed 13-of-23 passes for 265 yards and two TDs, with a 53-yard strike to **Phil Masciantonio** joining the Marlow score ... **Marvin Daney** made five receptions for 72 yards, including a fourth-quarter TD from QB **Jake Smith** ... Defensively, **Jeff Graham** led SVC with 10 tackles, while **David Ribero**, **Sean Hufgard**, and **Jim Muraco** totaled eight apiece ... The 37 points were the most scored by the Bearcats in modern history, and the highest since 1961.

**Thiel
Tomcats
(0-1, 0-0 PAC)**



Thiel opened the 2009 campaign and the **Kurt Reiser** Era Saturday with a disappointing 20-14 loss at Marietta ... Thiel was able to keep the game within reach – never trailing by more than a score – despite the lack of any substantive running game ... The Tomcats accounted for only six net yards on the ground, with senior RB **Dan Hess** leading the way with 34 yards on 20 carries ... Senior QB **Willie Bova** was credited with minus-33 rushing yards, but managed to put together a solid day through the air, completing 25-of-43 passes for 206 yards and two touchdowns ... Junior **Bobby Shew** led Thiel defensively with nine tackles ... Junior **Will Haase** also stood out, racking up six tackles – including one tackle for a loss – and a fumble recovery.

**Thomas More
Saints
(1-0, 0-0 PAC)**



The Saints opened the 2009 season with a 14-7 win over John Carroll University on Saturday in University Heights, Ohio ... Senior QB **Trevor Stellman** led the Saints offensively with two touchdown runs of three and 17 yards ... JCU was driving to take tie or take the lead when freshman DB **Zach Autenrieb** intercepted a Blue Streak pass at the Thomas More one-yard line ... Defensively, senior LBs **Brad Steinmetz** and **Brandon Kohrs** led the Saints with eight tackles each and junior defensive back **Aaron Monk** had six tackles, an interception and a pass break-up ... Thomas More is off this week ... The Saints return to action when they open PAC play at home against Waynesburg on Sept. 19.

**Washington & Jefferson
Presidents
(1-0, 0-0 PAC)**



Washington & Jefferson bumped up four spots to No. 10 in the D3football.com poll after its 26-point victory over Oberlin ... The Presidents received a pair of touchdown runs from junior **Derek Taylor** and freshman **Brian Baldrige** ... Junior **Steven Shumaker** tossed his first touchdown pass as a starter early in the fourth quarter after hitting senior **Jacob McBride** on a 4-yard toss ... The W&J defense spearheaded the victory after limiting the Yeomen to 188 total yards and 12 first downs ... OC averaged on 1.9 yards per rush and scored its only touchdown on the final play of the game.

**Waynesburg
Yellow Jackets
(1-0, 0-0 PAC)**



Waynesburg is coming off of one of the most exciting wins in program history after beating the College of Wooster 42-39 on Saturday ... The Yellow Jackets and the Fightin' Scots combined for more than 1,000 yards of offense, with 285 of them coming off the right arm of junior QB **Brad Dawson** ... He piled up those yards on 25-of-45 attempts. Sophomore RB Justin Falcon set a new personal high with 148 yards and a touchdown on 20 carries ... However, the biggest performance of the day came courtesy of senior WR **Josh Fisher**, who hauled in three passes, all for touchdowns, with the final catch being a game-winning 25-yard strike from Dawson ... The Jackets defense was led by senior S **Dylan August**, who racked up 12 tackles, including a game-high eight solo hits and 1.5 tackles for losses.

**Westminster
Titans
(0-1, 0-0 PAC)**



Westminster lost its season opener against Heidelberg, 42-26, snapping the Titans' seven-game home streak, their longest streak since 1994 ... The Titans (0-1) led by 10 points (17-7) in the first half and 17-14 at halftime, before Heidelberg QB **Andrew Miller** threw a pair of third-quarter TD passes to **Mike Preston** for 61 and 71 yards, respectively, to give the Student Princes (1-0) a 28-17 lead with 1:09 remaining in the third quarter ... Westminster senior WR **Chad Rosatelli** tied the school record for receptions in a game as he snared 13 balls for 122 yards ... The Titans outgained the Student Princes, 406-294, and held a 27-11 advantage on first downs ... Westminster piled up 309 passing yards including 268 from senior QB **Kevin Franz**, who completed 27-of-46 passes and two touchdowns to senior WR **Jon Gubish**.

PAC FOOTBALL GAME PREVIEWS - WEEK 2



Geneva (1-0) at Saint Vincent (0-1) Sat., Sept. 12 - 1 p.m. Chuck Noll Field (1,100/grass) - Latrobe, Pa.



Media: WBVP-AM (1230) in Beaver Falls; WMBA-AM (1460) in Ambridge; WCNS-AM (1480) in Latrobe; www.msasportsnetwork.com; www.redzonemedia.com

Series Record: Series tied 7-7-1

Game Notes: Saint Vincent will play their first of two games on the season against Geneva College this Saturday ... The Golden Tornadoes are SVC's second most frequent opponent in program history, as this week's meeting will be the 16th all-time between the two schools, with the series tied at 7-7-1 ... The teams met in each of the last five seasons (1958-62) before football was disbanded at Saint Vincent, and then in each of the past two seasons since the sport made its return to SVC ... The Bearcats' last win over the Golden Tornadoes was in week two of the 1961 season, by a score of 13-7 ... In 2007, the Golden Tornadoes prevailed 56-27 and they picked up a 42-19 win a year ago ... This week's meeting will be the first of two contests between the two schools this year ... It will mark the first time Geneva will play the same team twice in the same regular season since dropping a pair of games to Youngstown State back in 1942.



Grove City (0-1) at Carnegie Mellon (1-0) Sat., Sept. 12 - noon Gesling Stadium (3,000/turf) Pittsburgh, Pa.

Media: WSAJ-FM (91.1); www2.gcc.edu/sports

Series Record: Carnegie Mellon leads 30-19-1

Game Notes: Grove City faces longtime rival Carnegie Mellon Saturday in the non-conference finale for 2009 ... The Wolverines rallied for a 19-10 win over CMU at Thorn Field in 2008 ... CB **Randy Santina** recorded 14 tackles and an interception in last year's victory ... Carnegie Mellon leads the all-time series 30-19-1 ... Grove City last won at CMU in 2004, 16-14 ... That is also Grove City's last win in a road opener ... CMU won the last meeting at Gesling Stadium two years ago, 16-6.



Bethany (0-1) at Ky. Christian (0-2) Sat., Sept. 12 - 1 p.m. South Point H.S. Stadium (5,000/turf) - South Point, Ohio

Media: None

Series Record: Bethany leads 1-0

Game Notes: The Bison hit the road for the first time in 2009, travelling to face Kentucky Christian, which is 0-2 this season ... However, their two losses came against a pair of ranked NAIA foes in #17 Lambuth (44-0) and #6 Cumberlands (74-7) ... The Knights are in their second season as a varsity program after posting a 1-9 mark in their inaugural year ... Bethany was one of the losses for KCU, as the Bison scored 19 unanswered 4th quarter points, including a pair of scores by RB **Eric Walker**, to come back for a 34-19 victory ... With 34 receiving yards last week, WR **Matt Cruse** now has 1,993 for his career and is 148 away from the school's all-time mark of 2,141 held by **T.J. Parker** (2003-06).



Albion (0-1) at Thiel (0-1) Sat., Sept. 12 - 1:30 p.m. Alumni Stadium (1,400/turf) Greenville, Pa.

Media: WPIC-AM (790); www.thielathletics.com

Series Record: Albion leads 4-1

Game Notes: Both Thiel and Albion look to rebound from season-opening losses ... Thiel fell 20-14 on the road at Marietta, while Albion suffered a 42-3 defeat at the hands of Butler ... Saturday's bout is the Tomcats' first home game of the young season ... The game opens the ninth season of play at Thiel's Alumni Stadium ... The Tomcats and Britons have locked horns five times previously, with Albion holding a 4-1 edge ... The series began in 1992 and was most recently renewed last season when the Britons blanked the Tomcats 16-10 at Sprinkle-Sprandel Stadium ... Thiel's most recent series win came in 2007 - a 13-10 decision in Greenville.



Hanover (0-1) at Waynesburg (1-0) Sat., Sept. 12 - 1:30 p.m. John F. Wiley Stadium (4,000/turf) - Waynesburg, Pa.

Media: WCYJ-FM (88.7); WCTV-TV (Ch. 14); www.waynesburgsports.com

Series Record: Waynesburg leads 2-1

Game Notes: Waynesburg will be looking to pick up its third-straight win over Hanover ... Last season, the Jackets won a tight road game in Indiana over the Panthers by the final of 34-32 ... Hanover is coming off of a 34-20 loss to Centre (Ky.) ... The Jackets hold a 2-1 advantage in the overall series between the two programs.



Wash. & Jeff. (1-0) at Frostburg State (0-1) Sat., Sept. 12 - 7 p.m. Bobcat Stadium (4,000/turf) Frostburg, Md.

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

Series Record: W&J leads 4-0

Game Notes: Washington & Jefferson has won all four previous meetings throughout history with Frostburg State ... Last year, W&J jumped out to a 21-0 lead and cruised to a 49-21 triumph ... The two colleges had not met for 15 seasons prior to last year's meeting at Cameron Stadium ... W&J racked up 560 total yards and forced two FSU fumbles ... Frostburg State dropped a season-opening 41-28 decision at Geneva on Saturday ... Neither team was able to compile more than 300 yards of total offense, but the Golden Tornadoes scored four-straight touchdowns in the middle of the game, including two on the defensive end.



Westminster (0-1) at Allegheny (1-0) Sat., Sept. 12 - 7 p.m. Fuhrer Field (3,500/turf) Meadville, Pa.

Media: WWNW-FM (88.9); WMGW-AM (1490); www.titanradio.net; Westminster Cable Network (WCN); Fox Sports Network (FSN) Pittsburgh

Series Record: Westminster leads 28-25-5

Game Notes: Low-scoring games won by the visiting team - that's what you can expect in the Allegheny-Westminster series ... In the last six meetings, Allegheny has outscored Westminster with a mere 12.2-9.6 average score ... The visiting team has won five of the last six meetings ... The one win by a home team was Westminster gutting out a 6-2 victory in the rain last year in the first-ever game at Harold Burry Stadium played on artificial turf ... The most lopsided game in the last six years was Allegheny winning 35-10 at Westminster in 2006 ... There were also three straight overtime games from 2003-05 ... Allegheny posted a 13-0 home win over Juniata last week, as the Gators held the Eagles to 157 total yards.

**Bethany Bison
0-1, 0-0 PAC****September**

5 OTTERBEIN L 7-28
 12 at Kentucky Christian 1 p.m.
 19 GROVE CITY* 7 p.m.
 26 Open Date

October

3 at Thomas More* 1:30 p.m.
 10 THIEL* 1:30 p.m.
 17 WESTMINSTER* 1:30 p.m.
 24 at Waynesburg* 1:30 p.m.
 31 at Geneva* 1:30 p.m.

November

7 WASH. & JEFF.* 1 p.m.
 14 at Saint Vincent* 1 p.m.

**Geneva Golden Tornadoes
1-0****September**

5 FROSTBURG STATE W 41-28
 12 at Saint Vincent 1 p.m.
 19 Open Date
 26 THIEL* 7 p.m.

October

3 at Wash. & Jeff.* 2 p.m.
 10 GROVE CITY* 4 p.m.
 17 at Waynesburg* 1:30 p.m.
 24 SAINT VINCENT* 1:30 p.m.
 31 BETHANY* 1:30 p.m.

November

7 at Thomas More* 1:30 p.m.
 14 at Westminster* 1:30 p.m.

**Grove City Wolverines
0-1, 0-0 PAC****September**

5 DICKINSON L 47-52
 12 at Carnegie Mellon noon
 19 at Bethany* 7 p.m.
 26 WASH. & JEFF.* 7 p.m.

October

3 SAINT VINCENT* 2 p.m.
 10 at Geneva* 4 p.m.
 17 at Thomas More* 1:30 p.m.
 24 Open Date
 31 WAYNESBURG* 1:30 p.m.

November

7 WESTMINSTER* 1 p.m.
 14 at Thiel* 1:30 p.m.

**Saint Vincent Bearcats
0-1****September**

5 at McDaniel L 37-51
 12 GENEVA 1 p.m.
 19 WESTMINSTER* 1 p.m.
 26 at Waynesburg* 1:30 p.m.

October

3 at Grove City* 2 p.m.
 10 THOMAS MORE* 1:30 p.m.
 17 WASH. & JEFF.* 1 p.m.
 24 at Geneva* 1:30 p.m.
 31 at Thiel* 1:30 p.m.

November

7 Open Date
 14 BETHANY* 1 p.m.

**Thiel Tomcats
0-1, 0-0 PAC****September**

5 at Marietta L 14-20
 12 ALBION 1:30 p.m.
 19 at Wash. & Jeff.* 7 p.m.
 26 at Geneva* 7 p.m.

October

3 WESTMINSTER* 1:30 p.m.
 10 at Bethany* 1:30 p.m.
 17 Open Date
 24 THOMAS MORE* 1:30 p.m.
 31 SAINT VINCENT* 1:30 p.m.

November

7 at Waynesburg* 1:30 p.m.
 14 GROVE CITY* 1:30 p.m.

**Thomas More Saints
1-0, 0-0 PAC****September**

5 at John Carroll W 14-7
 12 Open Date
 19 WAYNESBURG* 1:30 p.m.
 26 at Westminster* 1:30 p.m.

October

3 BETHANY* 1:30 p.m.
 10 at Saint Vincent* 1:30 p.m.
 17 GROVE CITY* 1:30 p.m.
 24 at Thiel* 1:30 p.m.
 31 at Wash. & Jeff.* 1:30 p.m.

November

7 GENEVA* 1:30 p.m.
 14 at Mount St. Joseph 1:30 p.m.

**Wash. & Jeff. Presidents
1-0, 0-0 PAC****September**

5 OBERLIN W 35-9
 12 at Frostburg State 7 p.m.
 19 THIEL* 7 p.m.
 26 at Grove City* 7 p.m.

October

3 GENEVA* 2 p.m.
 10 Open Date
 17 at Saint Vincent* 1 p.m.
 24 at Westminster* 1:30 p.m.
 31 THOMAS MORE* 1:30 p.m.

November

7 at Bethany* 1 p.m.
 14 WAYNESBURG* 1:30 p.m.

**Waynesburg Yellow Jackets
1-0, 0-0 PAC****September**

5 at Wooster W 42-39
 12 HANOVER 1:30 p.m.
 19 at Thomas More* 1:30 p.m.
 26 SAINT VINCENT* 1:30 p.m.

October

3 Open Date
 10 at Westminster* 1:30 p.m.
 17 GENEVA* 1:30 p.m.
 24 BETHANY* 1:30 p.m.
 31 at Grove City* 1:30 p.m.

November

7 THIEL* 1:30 p.m.
 14 at Wash. & Jeff.* 1:30 p.m.

**Westminster Titans
0-1, 0-0 PAC****September**

5 HEIDELBERG L 26-42
 12 at Allegheny 7 p.m.
 19 at Saint Vincent* 1 p.m.
 26 THOMAS MORE* 1:30 p.m.

October

3 at Thiel* 1:30 p.m.
 10 WAYNESBURG* 1:30 p.m.
 17 at Bethany* 1:30 p.m.
 24 WASH. & JEFF.* 1:30 p.m.
 31 Open Date

November

7 at Grove City* 1 p.m.
 14 GENEVA* 1:30 p.m.