



FOOTBALL 2006

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CURRENT 2006 REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through September 9)

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	25	23
Bethany College	0	0	.000	0	0	1	1	.000	62	52
Thiel College	0	0	.000	0	0	1	1	1.00	7	14
Washington & Jefferson College	0	0	.000	0	0	1	1	.000	36	42
Grove City College	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	.000	0	28
Westminster College	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	.000	10	35
Waynesburg College	0	0	.000	0	0	0	2	.000	24	72

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS (September 9)

ALFRED 14, Thiel 0
 Carnegie Mellon 28, GROVE CITY 0
 BETHANY 42, Hiram 7
 Wooster 31, WAYNESBURG 10
 WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 22, Allegheny 10
 Thomas More, Westminster - off

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (September 16)

Thomas More at Grove City* - 1:30 p.m.
 Westminster at Carnegie Mellon - noon
 Bethany at Ohio Wesleyan - 1 p.m.
 Albion at Thiel - 1:30 p.m.
 Shenandoah at Waynesburg - 1:30 p.m.
 Washington & Jefferson at Hanover - 1:30 p.m.

PAC Offensive Player of the Week

T.J. PARKER
Bethany
 Senior WR
 5-10, 200
 Austintown, Ohio
 Austintown Fitch H.S.



Parker scored three touchdowns for the Bison, as Bethany posted a 42-7 home win over Hiram. He caught seven passes for 86 yards and two scores (14, 27) while adding a 42-yard TD run for 128 all-purpose yards. Parker's three TDs was the most by a Bethany player in a game since **Will Anderson** scored four times vs. Apprentice in 2002.

Also nominated was senior RB **Ryan Mendel** of Washington & Jefferson, and senior RB **Eric Daniels** of Waynesburg.

PAC Defensive Player of the Week

CORY WALSH
Wash. & Jeff.
 Senior CB
 5-11, 195
 Waynesburg, Pa.
 Waynesburg H.S.



Walsh recorded 12 total tackles, including a game-high seven solo stops, while adding three pass breakups and an interception return for a touchdown in the Presidents' 22-10 home win over Allegheny. His 36-yard INT return in the closing seconds clinched the victory.

Also nominated was sophomore DB **Brandon Zeman** of Bethany, senior OLB **Chris Hlinka** of Thiel, and senior DB **Anthony Taylor** of Waynesburg.

PAC Special Teams Player of the Week

TAYLOR MCNEIL
Bethany
 Sophomore WR
 5-9, 155
 Old Saybrook, Conn.
 Old Saybrook H.S.



McNeil earned PAC Special Teams Player of the Week honors for the second consecutive week. His 93-yard kickoff return for a touchdown immediately followed Hiram's only score, giving Bethany a 28-7 lead en route to a 42-7 win over the Terriers. McNeil returned his first kickoff 24 yards and added three catches for 46 yards to compile 163 all-purpose yards.

Also nominated was senior P **Henry Johnston** of Grove City, and senior K/P **Ben Posson** of Waynesburg.

PAC FOOTBALL CAPSULES



Bethany Bison

Bethany snapped a 10-game losing streak and won its first game for new head coach **Tim Weaver** with a 42-7 victory over Hiram ... It was the largest margin of victory by the Bison since a 55-7 win over Kenyon in week two of 2002 ...

Senior QB Brent Owens led a BC offense that rolled up 408 total yards by hitting on 15-of-19 passes for 255 yards and three TDs, all career-highs ... Senior WR **T.J. Parker** enjoyed another stellar day, catching seven balls for 86 yards and a pair of TDs (27, 14), while also rushing for a 42-yard score ... Freshman WR **Matt Cruse** hauled in six aerials for 117 yards and a 51-yard TD ... Defensively, BC totaled six sacks, the most by a Bison team since the 2002 Kenyon win ... CB **Brandon Zeman** scored his second TD in as many weeks when he returned an INT 35 yards for the final score.



Grove City Wolverines

Grove City opened 2006 with a 28-0 loss to Carnegie Mellon ... It is Grove City's first shut-out loss in an opener since a 13-0 loss to Kenyon in 1996 ... The Wolverines last opened a season against CMU in 1916 ...

Matt Weil ran for 104 yards on 15 carries while freshman QB **Andrew DiDonato** completed 10 of 16 passes in his first career start ... DiDonato was the first freshman to start at quarterback for the Wolverines since 1999 ... **Shane Coughlin** led Grove City with 11 total tackles while DT **Justin Fowler** blocked an extra point ... Sophomore QB **Stephen Mercer** made his first collegiate start Saturday, getting the nod at split end ... Mercer started opposite senior **Scott Fichter**, who caught a game-high five passes ... Grove City re-dedicated Robert E. Thorn Field prior to Saturday's game.



Thiel Tomcats

The Tomcats were on the wrong end of a 14-0 decision Saturday afternoon at Alfred University's Merrill Field ... Thiel finished with a 202-164 advantage in total offensive yards (146-64 passing) but converted just two-of-15 third-down chances ... The Tomcats also finished with an 11-9 edge in first downs ...

Senior QB **Billy Blankenship** finished the day 18-of-34 for 146 yards and two interceptions, while junior TB **Steve Minton** finished with 63 yards on 17 and sophomore QB **Dan Hess** carried seven times for 27 yards ... Defensively, senior OLB **Chris Hlinka** and junior OLB **Michael Stimac** led the Tomcats with 10 total tackles apiece ... Junior DE **Chris Lorber** added six tackles and a pair of sacks.



Thomas More Saints

Thomas More had the weekend off after opening the 2006 season with a 25-23 home win over Hanover on September 2.



Washington & Jefferson Presidents

Senior **Ryan Mendel** set new career highs with 33 carries for 177 yards in the Presidents' 22-10 victory ... W&J ran the ball 56 times for 298 yards and racked up 433 total yards, while limiting the Gators to 296 (33 rushing) ... Senior CB **Cory Walsh** wrapped up the victory after returning an interception 36 yards in the final seconds ...

Sophomore QB **Ryan Church** started the scoring with a 15-yard run in the first quarter and sophomore RB **Curt Jones** added his first career touchdown (one yard) in the second quarter ... Mendel went over 2,000 yards for his career ... Sophomore QB **Bobby Swallow** completed 9-of-13 passes for 135 yards ... Walsh had 12 tackles and three interceptions, while sophomore LB **David Gitlitz** notched 10 stops.



Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

Behind 17 unanswered third-quarter points, Wooster spoiled the Yellow Jackets' home opener, cruising to a 31-10 victory at Wiley Stadium Saturday ... The two teams combined for 35 second-half points

after a defensive struggle in the first half saw the Fighting Scots hold a 7-3 advantage ... With Wooster already on the scoreboard, Waynesburg cut the deficit to 7-3 on a record-setting 39-yard field goal by senior K **Ben Popson** with 9:22 left until halftime ... The field goal put Popson in the school record book for most career field goals (29) ... DB **Anthony Taylor** led all players with a career-high 11 tackles ... RB **Eric Daniels** rushed for a team-best 62 yards on 12 carries ... The Yellow Jacket defense featured a career-best 10-tackle performance from LB **Dan Andreassi**.

Westminster Titans

Westminster opened the season with a 35-10 home loss to Allegheny on September 2 ... The Titans were off last weekend.



2006 PAC Football Players of the Week

	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special Teams</u>
9/2	T. Stillman, TMC	M. Carlisle, TMC	T. McNeil, BET
9/9	T.J. Parker, BET	C. Walsh, W&J	T. McNeil, BET
9/16			
9/23			
9/30			
10/7			
10/14			
10/21			
10/28			
11/4			
11/11			

WEEK 2 PAC FOOTBALL PREVIEWS



Thomas More (1-0) at Grove City (0-1)

Saturday, Sept. 16 - 1:30 p.m.
Thorn Field (3,500/turf) - Grove City, Pa.



Radio/TV: WSAJ-FM (91.1); www.gcc.edu/sports

Series Record: Thomas More leads 1-0

Game Notes: PAC conference play opens this weekend as Grove City hosts Thomas More Saturday at Robert E. Thorn Field ... The Wolverines held Thomas More to just three offensive points in last year's matchup, a 15-7 TMC win ... Grove City had nine sacks and held the Saints to 36 rushing yards last year ... Wolverine SE **Scott Fichter** caught seven passes for 150 yards in last year's meeting ... Thomas More leads the all-time series 1-0 ... Grove City is 8-2 in its last 10 PAC openers ... The Saints were off last week after opening the 2006 season with a come-from-behind 25-23 home win over Hanover during the opening weekend.



Westminster (0-1) at Carnegie Mellon (2-0)

Saturday, Sept. 16 - noon
Gesling Stadium (3,500/turf) - Pittsburgh, Pa.

Radio/TV: WWNW-FM (88.9) in New Wilmington; WRCT-FM (88.3) in Pittsburgh, www.titanradio.net; Westminster Cable Network (WCN) - tape delay Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Series Record: Westminster leads 16-13-1

Game Notes: CMU is hosting its first home game of the season after road wins at Hiram (27-6) and Grove City (28-0) ... Freshmen started at quarterback and tailback for Westminster in game one, while the defense featured seven starting sophomores and freshmen and just two returning starters ... The teams haven't met since Westminster won 50-0 in 1971 ... The Titans were defending NAIA national champions that year ... CMU last won in 1967, a 41-34 upset in New Wilmington ... That was also the last year Westminster opened the season with a freshman starting quarterback ... Current CMU assistant **Pat Johnston** played for Westminster from 1967-1970.



Bethany (1-1) at Ohio Wesleyan (0-2)

Saturday, Sept. 16 - 1 p.m.
Selby Field (9,100/turf) - Delaware, Ohio

Radio/TV: WVBC-FM (88.1); www.teamline.cc (code 3724)

Series Record: Ohio Wesleyan leads 1-0

Game Notes: The Bishops won the only previous meeting by a 19-15 score in 1943 ... This will be a chance for the Bison to string back-to-back wins together in the same season since beating Thiel and Apprentice in 2002 ... **T.J. Parker's** big day against Hiram moved him past **Troy Costain** (1,526) for fourth place all-time at Bethany in receiving yards, as he now has 1,600 ... Bethany's six sacks against Hiram was paced by freshman **John Gyure**, who totaled three, the most by a BC defender since **Mike Mills** notched three in a 2001 win over Apprentice ... This will be OWU's first home game and first time playing at Selby Field after its new OmniGrass surface was installed ... The Bishops are 0-2 following losses at Franklin (38-23) and a 34-33 overtime setback at Catholic.



Albion (1-1) at Thiel (1-1)

Saturday, Sept. 16 - 1:30 p.m.
Alumni Stadium (1,400/turf) - Alfred, N.Y.

Radio/TV: WPIC-AM (790), WLLF-FM (96.7) in Hermitage; www.msasportsnetwork.com

Series Record: Albion leads 2-0

Game Notes: The Tomcats welcome the Albion College Britons to Alumni Stadium on Saturday ... Albion, 1-1 on the season, suffered a 29-7 loss at Wheaton College on Sept. 9 ... Albion holds a slight 2-0 edge in the all-time series over Thiel, winning in Greenville 20-0 in 1992 and at home 35-0 in 1993 ... Albion, a NCAA Division III playoff team a year ago (7-4), returns 13 starters from their 2005 squad ... Included is split end **Peter Shaw**, who has 11 catches for 223 yards and a touchdown in two games this season ... With 138 rushing yards in two games this season, junior TB **Steve Minton** needs just 399 yards to become the school's all-time leading rusher.



Shenandoah (0-2) at Waynesburg (0-2)

Saturday, Sept. 16 - 1:30 p.m.
Wiley Stadium (4,000/turf) - Waynesburg, Pa.

Radio/TV: WCYJ-FM (88.7); www.waynesburg.edu; WCTV-TV (Channel 12) in Waynesburg

Series Record: First meeting

Game Notes: The Yellow Jackets look to snap their two-game season-opening losing streak on Saturday when they host Shenandoah for the second of five-straight home contests ... It will be the first-ever meeting between the two programs; both teams enter the game with 0-2 records ... Waynesburg has been outscored 72-24 in its first two games this season after averaging over 24 points/game in its last three games last season ... The Yellow Jackets haven't dropped three consecutive games to start a season since the 1998 campaign when they won five of their last six games to end with a 5-4 record.



Washington & Jefferson (1-1) at Hanover (0-2)

Saturday, Sept. 16 - 1:30 p.m.
L.S. Ayres Stadium (4,000) - Hanover, Ind.

Radio/TV: WJPA-AM (1450), www.wjpa.com

Series Record: Washington & Jefferson leads 5-3

Game Notes: The Presidents & Panthers will meet for the ninth time in history on Saturday with W&J leading the all-time series by a 5-3 margin ... The schools have met every year since 1998 and will play in the Hoosier State for the fifth time ... W&J holds a 2-2 record at Hanover ... Last year, W&J set new school records for total yards (778) and rushing yards (431) during its 56-20 rout of Hanover at Cameron Stadium ... **Ryan Mendel** rushed for 168 yards on just 15 carries and scored a pair of touchdowns in the win ... **Gabe McKee** led the Presidents' defense with nine tackles (eight solo) ... Both W&J and Hanover ran exactly 80 plays in last year's contest.