

FOOTBALL 2002

Presidents' Athletic Conference

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CURRENT REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through September 15, 2002)

	PAC Games						All Games				
School	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	Pct.	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>		<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	Pct.	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>
Bethany College	0	0	.000	0	0		1	1	.500	64	38
Grove City College	0	0	.000	0	0		1	1	.500	36	14
Washington & Jefferson College	0	0	.000	0	0		1	1	.500	88	48
Waynesburg College	0	0	.000	0	0		1	1	.500	41	40
Westminster College	0	0	.000	0	0		0	1	.000	26	28
Thiel College	0	0	.000	0	0		0	2	.000	35	54

THIS WEEK'S RESULTS - September 14
ALLEGHENY 28, Washington & Jefferson 25
Carnegie Mellon 9, GROVE CITY 6 (OT)
Geneva 41, THIEL 26
BETHANY 55, Kenyon 7
Otterbein 33, WAYNESBURG 13
Westminster - off

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE - September 21

Bethany at Wooster - 1 p.m.

Westminster at Mansfield - 1 p.m.

Bluffton at Thiel - 1:30 p.m.

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

Washington & Jefferson, Waynesburg - off

PAC Offensive Player of the Week

WILL ANDERSON Bethany College

Senior running back - 6-0, 230 Oakmont, Pa./Riverview H.S.

Anderson set new career-highs with 234 yards rushing and three TDs (50, 6, 64) in Bethany's 55-7 win over Kenyon. He also caught two passes for 31 yards, giving him 265 yards of total offense.

Also nominated was junior HB **Steve Roberts** of Grove City, sophomore QB **Daryl Moore** of Thiel, and junior WR **Mike Virgin** of Washington & Jefferson.

PAC Defensive Player of the Week

GREG GRUPP Grove City College

Junior strong safety - 6-0, 190 Harmony, Pa./Slippery Rock H.S.

Grupp posted nine tackles, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery and one QB sack in Grove City's 9-6 overtime loss to Carnegie Mellon. He led the GCC defense which held CMU to 171 yards of total offense.

Also nominated was junior LB **Steve Ochap** of Bethany, sophomore OLB **Dante Darby** of Thiel, sophomore LB **Eric Field** of Washington & Jefferson, and junior DL **Brandon Doppelheuer** of Waynesburg.

PAC FOOTBALL NOTES

Bethany Bison

The Bison earned their first win of the 2002 season and gave new head coach Chris Snyder his first victory with a 55-7 thrashing of Kenyon ... The Bison scored three TDs in the first 4:15 of the game and had built a 41-0 lead by halftime ... RB Will Anderson set career-highs with 234 yards rushing and three TDs, while the Bison piled up 367 rushing yards and 559 yards of total offense ... QB Jeremy Lacaria was 9-15 for 129 yards and three scores, while WR Chad Eimer caught three balls for 85 yards and two scores ... Defensively, Bethany gathered seven sacks and held the Lords to 143 total yards ... The win saw Bethany score its highest total and record its most lopsided victory since a 56-0 shutout of Swarthmore in 1997.

Wash. & Jeff. Presidents

Allegheny forced eight W&J turnovers in shocking the Presidents, 28-25, in Meadville ... The win snapped a sevengame losing skid for the Gators against W&J and gave them their first win in the series since 1981 ... Allegheny now leads the all-time series, 20-18-1 ... The Presidents outgained the Gators by a 367-124 margin ... AC did not complete a pass or earn an offensive first down until the 12:34 mark of the third quarter ... The Gators scored the go-ahead touchdown on an 87-yard interception return by Derek Vikara ... Senior wideout Todd Fry broke his own school record for receptions in a game with 12 for 145 yards ... The loss to Allegheny marked the first regular-season loss for W&J since a 19-17 loss to Westminster in 2000.

Grove City Wolverines

Grove City's four-game win streak in overtime games came to an end Saturday against Carnegie Mellon 9-6 ... It was the Wolverines' first loss at home to CMU since 1995 ... Junior Mike Titzel booted a pair of field goals, including a 37-yarder in overtime ... Titzel also averaged 46.5 yards on eight punts, including a 62-yard punt ... Four of the punts were inside the 20 ... Mike Choby recorded 13 total tackles while Mike Prioletti had 12 stops ... The Wolverines also held a 7-minute edge in time of possession ... Grove City held CMU to just 2.6 yards per carry.

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

Paydirt was hard to come by for Waynesburg during Saturday's home opener, as the Yellow Jackets could only manage a late touchdown in their 33-13 loss against Otterbein ... Waynesburg's offense sputtered early on as the Jackets failed to score on three drives into the red zone ... Waynesburg settled for field goal attempts on three occasions, as Brian Cence split the uprights from 23 and 20 yards, while missing from 34 ... Jared Plisko scored on a 23-yard TD pass late in the fourth quarter from Jeff Dumm ... Dumm threw for 158 yards on 14-of-30 passing ... Monta Sifford led the Jackets with 32 rushing yards ... Brandon Doppelheuer once again led the Jackets' defense with 11 tackles (7 solo, 4 assists), including four for a loss.

Thiel Tomcats

After jumping out to a 26-10 lead early in the third period, the Tomcats gave up 31 unanswered points in the second half to fall 41-26 to visiting Geneva (1-1) ... Ahead 19-10, Tomcat senior LB Dante Darby intercepted a **Ben Swallow** pass at the Thiel 35-yard line and returned it 50 yards to the Geneva 15, where he pitched it back to sophomore DB Kennard Davis who went the remaining 15 yards for a 26-10 lead ... Sophomore QB Daryl Moore once again was the catalyst of the Tomcat offense, rushing 16 times for 75 yards and one TD, while completing 14-of-25 passes for 175 vards ... Sophomore WR Shannon Alston led the Tomcats with five catches for 88 yards ...Junior RB Justin Napotnik had 49 yards on 11 carries with one TD.

Westminster Titans

Westminster was off this week ... The Titans return to the field on Saturday at NCAA Division II Mansfield University at 1 p.m.

Past PAC Offensive Players of the Week

September 7: Todd Fry, WR, W&J

September 14: Will Anderson, RB, BET

September 22:

September 29:

October 5:

October 12:

October 19:

October 26:

November 2:

November 9:

November 16:

Past PAC Defensive Players of the Week

September 7: Kyle Vuchak, DE, GRO

September 14: Greg Grupp, SS, GRO

September 21:

September 28:

October 5:

October 12:

October 19:

October 26:

November 2:

November 9:

November 16:

PAC FOOTBALL PREVIEWS

Bethany (1-1) at Wooster (1-0)

Saturday, Sept. 21 - 1 p.m. John P. Papp Stadium (4,500/grass) - Wooster, Ohio

Radio/TV: none

Series Record: First meeting

Game Notes: Wooster comes into the game 1-0 after a 14-9 win at Hope (Mich.) College Sept. 7 ... The game will feature two very good running backs in Bethany's **Will Anderson** and Wooster's **Scott Jones** ... Anderson set a career-high last week with 234 yards and three TDs against Kenyon, while Jones rushed for 133 yards in the Hope triumph ... Counting last week's game with Kenyon, this will be only the second game Bethany has played against an NCAC team since 1989.

Westminster (0-1) at Mansfield (1-1)

Saturday, Sept. 21 - 1 p.m. Van Norman Field (3,000/grass) - Mansfield, Pa.

Radio/TV: WWNW-FM (88.9), WKST-AM (1200), WEXC-FM (107.1), www.nsnsports.com, Westminster Cable

Newotrk (WCN).

Series Record: Westminster leads 2-0

Game Notes: The Titans travel to Central Pennsylvania for a non-conference matchup with the NCAA Division II Mansfield University Mountaineers from the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) ... Westminster has won both previous meetings between the two schools, winning 34-12 in New Wilmington in 1997 and posting a 42-11 decision at Mansfield in 1998 ... In the '97 game, the Titans trailed 9-6 at intermission before outscoring the Mountaineers 28-3 in the second half ... The 1998 game followed a similar script, with the Titans holding a 15-3 halftime lead before blowing the game open in the second period ... Mansfield posted a 20-19 road win at D-III Buffalo State on Saturday, after falling to PSAC rival East Stroudsburg 31-14 on Sept. 7 ... After rushing for 137 yards in the Titans' 28-26 loss to Walsh in week one, sophomore TB Scott Froelich is the leading rusher in the PAC (137.0 ypg).

Bluffton (1-1) at Thiel (0-2)

Saturday, Sept. 21 - 1:30 p.m. Alumni Stadium (1,400/turf) - Greenville, Pa.

Radio/TV: none

Series Record: Bluffton leads 6-1

Game Notes: The Tomcats will welcome Bluffton College to Alumni Stadium this Saturday ... The Beavers' Adam Burgess buried a 42-yard field goal as time expired to beat the Tomcats 23-20 in Bluffton during the 2001 season ... Thiel is currently 1-6 against the Beavers, including two straight losses ... The Tomcats have been outscored 188-99 in those seven meetings with the Beavers ... The first game in the series came in 1994 with Bluffton defeating the Tomcats 42-7 ... Bluffton rolled up 549 total yards in their 45-0 defeat of Hiram College Saturday ... The Beavers churned out 396 rushing yards, led by freshman Ben Dodds with 168 ... Hiram was held to just 22 yards rushing and went 0-for-11 on third down conversions.

Grove City (1-1) at Defiance (1-1)

Saturday, Sept. 21 - 1:30 p.m. Coressel Stadium (5,000/grass) - Defiance, Ohio

Radio/TV: WSAJ-FM (91.1)
Series Record: First meeting

Game Notes: Grove City faces Defiance for the first time in the 108-year history of Wolverine football ... Grove City has won two straight games in Ohio, including a 30-7 win over Hiram this season ... Defiance reached the NCAA Division III playoffs last season and opened the season with a 30-22 loss to Olivet (Mich.) ... Defiance rallied from a 14-0 deficit to defeat Adrian, 17-14 ... The Yellow Jackets forced four Adrian turnovers ... It is Grove City's final tune-up before the conference opener Sept. 28 at Bethany.