

2009 PAC Football Release Week 3 - September 14



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2009 PAC FOOTBALL STANDINGS (through Sept. 12)

| School | PAC Games | | | PF | PA | All Games | | | PF | PA |
|------------------------|-----------|---|------|----|----|-----------|---|------|----|----|
| | W | L | Pct. | | | W | L | Pct. | | |
| Washington & Jefferson | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1.00 | 69 | 21 |
| Waynesburg | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1.00 | 91 | 60 |
| Thomas More | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1.00 | 14 | 7 |
| Bethany | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .500 | 48 | 61 |
| Thiel | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .500 | 34 | 30 |
| Grove City | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .000 | 87 | 97 |
| Westminster | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .000 | 40 | 69 |
| Geneva* | | | | | | 2 | 0 | 1.00 | 73 | 45 |
| Saint Vincent* | | | | | | 0 | 2 | .000 | 54 | 84 |

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

LAST WEEK (September 12)

CARNEGIE MELLON 45, Grove City 40
Bethany 41, KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN 33
Geneva 32, SAINT VINCENT 17
THIEL 20, Albion 10
WAYNESBURG 49, Hanover 21
Washington & Jefferson 34, FROSTBURG ST. 12
ALLEGHENY 27, Westminster 14
Thomas More - idle

THIS WEEK (September 19)

Westminster at Saint Vincent* - 1 p.m.
Waynesburg at Thomas More* - 1:30 p.m.
Grove City at Bethany - 7 p.m.
Thiel at Washington & Jefferson* - 7 p.m.
Geneva - idle

Offensive Player of the Week

BRAD DAWSON Waynesburg

Junior QB
6-1, 200
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Thomas Jefferson H.S.



Dawson completed 20-of-31 passes for 362 yards and a career-high five touchdowns (18, 18, 38, 36, 20) to five different receivers, while also rushing for a one-yard score to account for all of Waynesburg's offensive scores in a 49-21 non-conference home win over Hanover. He rushed three times for 17 yards to finish the game with 379 yards of total offense.

Also nominated was sophomore RB **Eric Walker** of Bethany, senior QB **Andrew DiDonato** of Grove City, senior QB **Willie Bova** of Thiel, senior WR **Craig Besong**, and sophomore QB **Shawn Lehocky** of Westminster.

Defensive Player of the Week

BRYAN VILLEGAS Thiel

Junior FS
6-1, 175
Spring Hill, Fla.
Springstead H.S.



Villegas made 10 total tackles, including nine solo stops, while adding an interception, a fumble recovery and two pass breakups for Thiel as the Tomcats recorded a 20-10 non-conference home victory against Albion.

Also nominated was senior FS **Matt Dahle** of Bethany, senior DE **Ryan Breen** of Washington & Jefferson, senior DB **Scott Cree** of Waynesburg, and sophomore ILB **Cory Meeker** of Westminster.

Special Teams Player of the Week

CHAD SMITH Bethany

Sophomore P/QB
6-2, 220
Washington, Pa.
Washington H.S.



Smith punted five times for a 40.6 yard average, including a long punt of 48 yards and one punt inside the 20, for the Bison in Bethany's 41-33 non-conference road victory at NAIA member Kentucky Christian. Smith, who starts at quarterback for the Bison, also threw for 196 yards and a career-high four TDs in the win.

Also nominated was junior CB **Mark Rossol** of Grove City, junior P/K **Joe Kelly** of Washington & Jefferson, senior P **Nate Feniello** of Waynesburg, and freshman KR **Kyle Allen** of Westminster.

PAC FOOTBALL 2009 - Week 3 Conference Notes

PAC GOES 4-2: PAC teams posted a 4-2 record in non-league action in week two, bringing the league's season-to-date mark to 8-7 in non-conference play ... Both W&J and Waynesburg improved to 2-0 with wins over Frostburg State and Hanover, respectively ... Geneva is also 2-0, as the GTs overcame a 17-12 halftime deficit to top league rival Saint Vincent 32-17 ... **Kurt Reiser** earned his first win as Thiel head coach, 20-10, over Albion, while Bethany also collected its first win of 2009, topping NAIA Kentucky Christian 41-33.

NEWS & NOTES: Sophomore RB **Eric Walker** set a new Bethany school record with three TD receptions (11, 9, 5) to go along with 172 yards rushing and another touchdown in a 41-33 Bison win at NAIA Kentucky Christian ... For the second straight week, Grove City QB **Andrew DiDonato** broke the GCC single game total offense record with 473 yards (382 passing, 91 rushing) with five TD passes ... Thiel senior QB **Willie Bova** threw a pair of TD passes while also rushing for 75 yards in the Tomcat home victory against Albion.

AROUND THE LEAGUE: Geneva has now won six consecutive games dating back to last season, the longest current unbeaten streak in the PAC ... Waynesburg senior DB **Scott Cree** posted a school-record 100 yard interception return for a TD vs. Hanover ... W&J senior WR **Craig Besong** had eight catches for 90 yards and two TD at Frostburg State ... Westminster senior WR **Jon Gubish** caught 10 passes for 110 yards in the Titans' loss at Allegheny ... **Sean Hufgard** posted a team-high 12 tackles for Saint Vincent in the loss to Geneva.



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



The Bison scored 13 unanswered fourth quarter points and held on for a wild 41-33 win at Kentucky Christian, which broke a nine-game road losing streak dating back to the 2007 season opener ... RB **Eric Walker** set a new BC single-game record with three TD receptions and added a career-high 172 rushing yards and another score ... QB **Chad Smith** threw for 196 yards and a career-high four TDs, with three to Walker (11, 9, 5) and a 2-yard pass to TE **Jorge Laboy** ... RB **Solomon Griffin** accounted for the other score with a 1-yard TD plunge in the final quarter that gave the Bison the lead for good ... Overall, Bethany gained 411 total yards, including 215 on the ground ... DB **Matt Dahle** led BC in tackles for a second straight week with nine.

**Geneva Golden
Tornadoes
(2-0)**



The Golden Tornadoes started slowly Saturday in Latrobe, falling behind Saint Vincent 14-0 in the first quarter ... Geneva stormed back to score 32 of the final 35 points in a 32-17 victory ... It was Geneva's sixth consecutive win dating back to last year and marked the first 2-0 start for the program since 2005 ... **Brian Wilson** caught a pair of 11-yard TD passes from **David Girardi** and **Gerard Muschette** rushed for a game-high 153 yards ... A week after scoring two TDs of its own, the Geneva defense forced three turnovers against the Bearcats ... **Rich Kolesar** picked off his second pass in as many weeks and **Gary Walstrom** got his first career interception ... The GTs will enjoy their only bye week of the season coming up before returning home on September 26th to face Thiel College.

**Grove City
Wolverines
(0-2, 0-0 PAC)**



The Wolverines' high-powered offense continued to set records in non-conference play Saturday at Carnegie Mellon ... QB **Andrew DiDonato** set new single-game GCC records with 382 passing yards and five TD passes ... His 473 yards of total offense broke his own record of 400, set Sept. 5 vs. Dickinson ... Sophomore WB **Clayton Hall** also threw a 16-yard TD pass, giving Grove City 398 passing yards and six scoring throws in the game ... TB **Blaine Miller** caught a career-high eight passes while **Zach Summy** had seven catches for 127 yards and two scores ... The Wolverines' two-game total of 87 points is the program's highest since the 2003 team scored 89 in its first two games ... Junior **Mark Rossol** made his first career start at safety and made a career-high 15 tackles for the Wolverines.

**Saint Vincent
Bearcats
(0-2)**



The Bearcats dropped their 2009 home opener to Geneva College by a 32-17 count ... Saint Vincent jumped out to an early 14-0 lead midway through the first quarter, on a 15-yard pass from **Kevin Corona** to **Sheldon Loughner**, and a 36-yard interception return TD by **Tom Quirin** ... Geneva answered back, outscoring Saint Vincent 32-3 over the final three quarters for the comeback win ... Corona finished the day 16-of-28 passing for 173 yards, with Loughner and **Jairus Marlow** sharing the team lead with five catches apiece ... **Zach Mihalko** totaled 162 all-purpose yards, gaining 40 yards rushing and 122 yards on kick returns ... Defensively, **Sean Hufgard** paced the team with 12 tackles, while **David Ribero** added nine, including 2.5 for losses and his first career quarterback sack.

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



Thiel earned its first win of the season – and the first career win for head coach **Kurt Reiser** – in Saturday's home-opening, 20-10, victory over Albion at Alumni Stadium ... The Tomcat defense held the Britons to 244 yards and forced four turnovers to keep Albion out of the end zone until the 2:05 mark of the fourth quarter ... Albion's only other score came on a 41-yard field goal with 14 seconds to go in the first half ... Individually, junior **Bryan Villegas** led the 'Cats with 10 tackles ... Offensively, Thiel racked up 305 yards, 172 of which came on the ground ... Senior QB **Willie Bova** rushed 10 times for 75 yards, while TB **Dan Hess** carried the ball 21 times for 68 yards ... Bova also completed two TD passes ... Prior to Saturday, the Tomcats' only other home opener win at Alumni Stadium was a 39-36 win over Ohio Wesleyan in 2005.

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



After being off last week, Thomas More returns to action this week to open Presidents' Athletic Conference action with its home opener against Waynesburg University ... The Saints are 3-1 in PAC openers since joining the conference in 2005.

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



The 10th ranked Washington & Jefferson football squad posted another double-digit victory Saturday evening, defeating Frostburg State, 34-12 ... Junior QB **Gino Rometo** led the Presidents, completing 17-of-31 pass attempts for 174 yards, including three touchdowns in a reserve role ... Senior WR **Craig Besong**, who is second in the PAC with 16 receptions, hauled in eight catches for 90 yards, including two touchdowns in the victory ... The Presidents' defensive unit remained strong in week two, allowing just 239 yards of offense (73 rushing, 166 passing), while recording three sacks and three turnovers ... W&J will open its 2009 PAC schedule on Saturday evening when hosting Thiel at 7 p.m. at Cameron Stadium.

**Waynesburg
Yellow Jackets
(2-0, 0-0 PAC)**



After the first two weeks of the season, the Yellow Jackets are 2-0 and sport the best offense in the Presidents' Athletic Conference ... Waynesburg leads the PAC in both scoring average (45.5 points per game) and total offensive yardage per game (523.0) ... The Jackets are coming off of a 49-21 win over Hanover this past Saturday ... With the game tied 14-14 at halftime, Waynesburg outscored the Panthers 35-7 in the second half ... Senior DB **Scott Cree** had the play of the game as he set a school record with a 100-yard interception return for a touchdown ... For the second straight week, junior QB **Brad Dawson** stole the show offensively for the Jackets ... He threw for 362 yards and five touchdowns on 20-of-31 passing ... He also rushed for a sixth score in the win.

**Westminster
Titans
(0-2, 0-0 PAC)**



Westminster could not dig itself out of an early three-touchdown deficit in a 27-14 loss at Allegheny Saturday night in non-conference action ... Westminster led or tied in nearly all major statistical, including total yards (336-239), rushing yards (86-86), passing yards (250-153), first downs (22-13), fewer penalties (4-for-30 to 6-for-46), time of possession (30:56-29:04) and third-down conversions (7-14 to 5-15) ... The Titans threw four interceptions in the game and could not induce any Allegheny turnovers ... Westminster sophomore QB **Shawn Lehocky** completed 13 of 28 passes for a career-high 161 yards and a TD ... He also rushed eight times for 35 yards and a score ... Senior TB **Nick McKolosky** rushed 17 times for 70 yards ... Junior WR **John Baummer** snared two balls for 42 yards and a touchdown.

PAC FOOTBALL GAME PREVIEWS - WEEK 3



Westminster (0-2) at Saint Vincent (0-2)

Saturday, Sept. 19 - 1 p.m.

Chuck Noll Field (1,100/grass) - Latrobe, Pa.



Media: WWNW-FM (88.9) in New Wilmington; WCNS-AM (1480) in Latrobe; www.titanradio.net; www.redzonemedia.com; Westminster Cable Network (WCN) - tape delay Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Series Record: Westminster leads 8-1

Game Notes: The Bearcats will host Westminster College on Saint Vincent's Homecoming Day this Saturday ... Saint Vincent is 1-8 all-time vs. Westminster on the gridiron, with the only Bearcat win in the series coming in the two teams' first meeting in 1949 ... In last season's match up, the Bearcats saw a late comeback effort fall short, as they were defeated 31-24 by the Titans despite scoring a pair of touchdowns in the game's final four minutes, including a 76-yard interception return score by **Mike Speal** ... Last year's game was a game of quarterly shutouts: Saint Vincent won the first and fourth quarters, 10-0 and 14-0, and Westminster won the second and third quarters, 10-0 and 21-0 ... Westminster TB **Nick McKolosky** rushed for a season-high 146 yards on 30 carries and two touchdowns, one of which a career-long run of 59 yards ... In 2007, the Titans traveled to Latrobe and won 48-7 in the team's first meeting since 1962.



Waynesburg (2-0, 0-0 PAC) at Thomas More (1-0, 0-0 PAC)

Saturday, Sept. 19 - 1:30 p.m.

Bank of Kentucky Field (3,000/turf) - Crestview Hills, Ky.



Media: WCYJ-FM (88.7) in Waynesburg; www.waynesburgsports.com; Insight Cable One Television in Northern Ky.

Series Record: Thomas More leads 4-2

Game Notes: Thomas More opens defense of its 2008 PAC football title with a battle of unbeaten teams, as the Saints host 2-0 Waynesburg in the conference opener for both teams ... Thomas More enters the game with a 1-0 record following its 14-7 win at John Carroll University on September 5 and Waynesburg enters the game with a 2-0 record after defeating the College of Wooster, 42-39 and Hanover College, 49-21 ... In 2008, Waynesburg put up a good fight in their home game against Thomas More ... The Saints were able to pick up a 34-26 victory over the Jackets, ending a two-game losing streak to Waynesburg ... Thomas More owns a 4-2 advantage in the all-time series between the two programs.



Grove City (0-2, 0-0 PAC) at Bethany (1-1, 0-0 PAC)

Saturday, Sept. 19 - 7 p.m.

Bethany Field (1,000/turf) - Bethany, W. Va.



Media: WSAJ-FM (91.1) in Grove City; WVBC-FM (88.1) in Bethany; www2.gcc.edu/sports; www.teamline.cc (code 3724)

Series Record: Grove City leads 39-22-2

Game Notes: Bethany opens up PAC play this weekend by hosting Grove City in the first night football home game in Bison history ... The Wolverines have won 11 of the last 12 meetings, including a 41-35 triumph last year under the lights at GCC ... The lone Bison win in that stretch came in Grove City's last trip to Bethany, a 34-28 victory in 2006 ... Last season, Bethany led 35-33 at the half but **Brian Mercer's** fourth touchdown run of the game put Grove City ahead to stay with 1:59 left ... The Wolverines had 186 yards rushing and 186 yards passing ... Bethany is looking for its first win in a night game since a 17-0 shutout over Shenandoah in the 2001 season opener ... **Matt Cruse**, who at 2,008 career receiving yards is 134 away from breaking the Bethany school record, has 15 receptions for 273 yards and 3 TDs in his career against Grove City ... It is the first meeting between the two schools at Bethany since 2006 ... Grove City is 12-for-12 scoring in the red zone this year ... The Wolverines have a PAC-high 54 first downs this year ... GCC junior WR **Zach Summy** leads the PAC in receiving yards with 223 ... Wolverine sophomore LB **Jason Ferguson** leads the PAC with 22 total tackles.



Thiel (1-1, 0-0 PAC) at Washington & Jefferson (2-0, 0-0 PAC)

Saturday, Sept. 19 - 7 p.m.

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



Media: WPIC-AM (790) in Hermitage/Greenville; WJPA-AM (1450) in Washington; www.790wpic.com; www.wjpa.com/sports

Series Record: Washington & Jefferson leads 38-22-2

Game Notes: Washington & Jefferson and Thiel will meet for the 63rd time in history on Saturday with the Presidents holding a 38-22-2 edge ... W&J has claimed 26 of the last 27 games in the series, including three in a row ... The two schools were locked into a 10-10 battle last year at Alumni Stadium, but 17 unanswered W&J points early in the second half proved to be the difference ... W&J outgained the Tomcats by a 382-346 margin and racked up 21 first downs ... **Terrence McAllister** led the W&J rushing attack with 43 yards on 19 attempts ... The last time Thiel downed W&J was in 2005 – a 38-35 overtime win at Cameron Stadium ... Since 1982, the Presidents have compiled a 26-1 record against the Tomcats.

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

5 OTTERBEIN L 7-28
 12 at Kentucky Christian W 41-33
 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
2-0****September**

5 FROSTBURG STATE W 41-28
 12 at Saint Vincent W 32-17
 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
0-2, 0-0 PAC****September**

5 DICKINSON L 47-52
 12 at Carnegie Mellon L 40-45
 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
0-2****September**

5 at McDaniel L 37-51
 12 GENEVA L 17-32
 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
1-1, 0-0 PAC****September**

5 at Marietta L 14-20
 12 ALBION W 20-10
 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
2-0, 0-0 PAC****September**

5 OBERLIN W 35-9
 12 at Frostburg State W 34-12
 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
2-0, 0-0 PAC****September**

5 at Wooster W 42-39
 12 HANOVER W 49-21
 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
0-2, 0-0 PAC****September**

5 HEIDELBERG L 26-42
 12 at Allegheny L 14-27
 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.