



# FOOTBALL 2007

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## CURRENT REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through September 15, 2007)

School	PAC Games					All Games				
	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Grove City College	1	0	1.00	23	16	1	2	.333	42	49
Bethany College	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0	1.00	90	14
Washington & Jefferson College	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0	1.00	78	34
Waynesburg University	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0	1.00	73	45
Westminster College	0	0	.000	0	0	2	1	.667	77	45
Thiel College	0	0	.000	0	0	1	2	.333	23	64
Thomas More College	0	1	.000	16	23	1	1	.500	56	47
Geneva College*						2	1	.667	77	45
Saint Vincent College*						0	3	.000	27	146

\* - NCAA Division III provisional member - not eligible for 2007 PAC championship or player of the week honors

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS (September 15)

WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 50, Hanover 14  
 Thiel 13, ALBION 10  
 Geneva 37, WESTMINSTER 14\*  
 Grove City 23, THOMAS MORE 16\*#  
 BETHANY 66, Saint Vincent 7  
 Waynesburg - open

# - at Beechwood H.S. - Fort Mitchell, Ky.

### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (September 22)

Thomas More at Thiel\* - 1 p.m.  
 Bethany at Geneva\* - 6:30 p.m.  
 Waynesburg at Grove City\* - 7 p.m.  
 Oberlin at Washington & Jefferson - 7 p.m.  
 Saint Vincent, Westminster - open

## PAC Offensive Player of the Week

**Bobby Swallow**  
 Wash. & Jeff.  
 Junior QB  
 6-3, 210  
 Salem, Ohio  
 West Branch H.S.



Swallow tied a W&J school record with six touchdown passes in a little over 30 minutes of action, as he helped the Presidents remain unbeaten with a 50-14 non-league home win over Hanover. He was 20-of-25 passing for a career-high 307 yards before being replaced early in the third quarter with W&J leading 50-7.

Also nominated was senior QB **Milton Joyner** of Bethany, senior TB **Matt Weil** of Grove City, junior RB **Dan Hess** of Thiel, sophomore RB **Cordario Collier** of Thomas More, and senior WR **Brett Ziegler** of Westminster.

## PAC Defensive Player of the Week

**Mike Baker**  
 Grove City  
 Junior CB  
 5-10, 185  
 Harrison City, Pa.  
 Greensburg Central  
 Catholic H.S.



Baker posted a pair of end zone interceptions, including one to clinch the victory on a 3rd-and-goal with 1:22 to play, to help lead Grove City to a 23-16 road win over Thomas More in the PAC opener for both teams. Baker also posted six tackles in the win, including five solo stops, while adding a fumble recovery which set up GCC's final touchdown drive.

Also nominated was junior DB **Brandon Zeman** of Grove City, senior DE **Chris Lorber** of Thiel, sophomore LB **Brandon Kohrs** of Thomas More, and senior DL **Jeff Ernst** of Washington & Jefferson.

## PAC Special Teams Player of the Week

**Matt Blumer**  
 Bethany  
 Junior K/QB  
 6-0, 205  
 Sarasota, Fla.  
 Cardinal Mooney H.S.



Blumer was a perfect 9-for-9 in extra point attempts and added a career-long 31-yard field goal (longest by a Bison kicker since 2004) to help lead Bethany to a 66-7 win over PAC rival Saint Vincent. He also added a seven-yard TD run in the third quarter.

Also nominated was freshman K/P **Chris Haley** of Grove City.

## PAC FOOTBALL CAPSULES

### Bethany Bison



For the first time since 2001, the Bison are off to a 2-0 start following a 66-7 victory over Saint Vincent Saturday ...

The win featured the most points by a Bison team since a 73-6 win over D.C. Teachers College in 1969 and also saw new school records set for total yards (739) and rushing yards (482) in a game ... Bethany's defense also enjoyed a big day, getting four sacks, two INTs and holding the Bearcats to 117 total yards, the lowest amount allowed by a Bison unit since giving up 70 in a win over Gallaudet in '01 ... Four Bison scored two touchdowns each: **Milton Joyner**, **Nick Neratka**, **Matt Cruse** and **Marcus Santini** ... Joyner finished 12-of-16 for 214 yards and two TD passes, both to Cruse (83, 8).

### Saint Vincent Bearcats



The Bearcats dropped their first road contest of the season to Bethany by a 66-7 margin ... In the first meeting ever between the two teams, the Bison scored 49 points in the first half, including 35 in the second quarter, quickly putting the game out of reach ... Saint Vincent gained just 117 yards of total offense, led by 33 receiving yards from **Tom Quirin** and 27 yards on the ground by Logan Small ... Defensively, LB **Ramsey Lesnett** recorded 6.5 tackles, while DT **Dan Mecca** and DBs **TC Sawick** and **Jeremy Hearne** all made five stops ... LB **John Jackson** made four tackles, while also intercepting a pass.

### Washington & Jefferson Presidents



W&J ran out to a 33-0 lead after 15 minutes of play and cruised to a 50-14 victory over Hanover Saturday at Cameron Stadium ... Junior QB **Bobby Swallow** tied a school record with six TD passes ... Swallow, who played a little over one half of football, completed 20-of-25 passes for a career-best 307 yards ... W&J piled up 675 yards of total offense and limited the Panthers to 105 ... Senior DT **Jeff Ernst** had a career day with five tackles for a loss of 16 yards, two sacks and one forced fumble ... Junior RB **Kevin Mathews** notched his second-straight 100-yard rushing day with 145 on just 13 carries ... Junior LB **David Gitlitz** led the team in tackles for the second straight week with 10 stops.

### Geneva Golden Tornadoes



Geneva met Westminster for the 110<sup>th</sup> time and the Golden Tornadoes used their defense and special teams to come away with a 37-14 victory on Saturday in New Wilmington ... Geneva blocked three kicks, including two punts that resulted in 14 points ... Geneva also returned a pair of interceptions for scores.

### Thiel Tomcats



Junior RB **Dan Hess** rushed for 166 yards and two TDs on a career-high 35 carries to lead Thiel to a 13-10 non-conference victory at Albion Saturday ... Thiel posted a season-high 207 yards rushing and finished with a 31:16-28:44 edge in time of possession ... Sophomore QB **Willie Bova** completed 9-of-21 passes for 80 yards, while junior RB **Jeremiah Wagner** rushed for 39 yards while catching three passes for 23 yards ... Senior WR **John Adams** finished with three catches for 32 yards ... The Tomcat defense collected seven sacks, led by senior DE Chris Lorber who totaled six tackles, including 3.0 tackles for loss and 3.0 sacks ... Senior MLB **Michael Stimac** paced the Tomcats with 12 tackles.

### Waynesburg Yellow Jackets



Waynesburg was off last week ... The Yellow Jacket offense enters PAC play this weekend led by freshman standout RB **Robert Heller**, who leads the country with 253.5 rushing yards/game and 10 total touchdowns (nine rushing).

### Grove City Wolverines



Grove City opened PAC play Saturday with a 23-16 victory at Thomas More ... Junior CB **Mike Baker** intercepted a pair of TMC passes in the end zone, including one with 1:22 to play ... TB **Matt Weil** ran for 116 yards and two touchdowns, including a seven-yard TD run that put Grove City ahead to stay in the fourth quarter ... For the second straight week, **Ian Tobin** caught 13 passes, tying the school's single-game reception record ... QB **Andrew DiDonato** threw for 100 yards and also ran for a career-high 90 yards ... **Chris Haley** booted a 32-yard field goal, the first of his career ... Junior LB **Adam Eichler** recorded a career-high 15 tackles while senior DE/LB **Ross McCracken** had 12 stops and also forced a fumble.

### Thomas More Saints



Thomas More turned the ball over three times in falling to Grove City, 23-16 ... Two of the TMC turnovers were interceptions in the end zone ... Sophomore **Cordario Collier** rushed for 170 yards on 35 carries ... It was his second 100-yard rushing game of the season and sixth of his career ... It took just two games for junior **Nick Dew** to eclipse his career total for receptions ... Coming into the season, he had 12 catches – he now has 19 ... Sophomore **Brandon Kohrs** recorded a career-high 12 tackles for the Saints ... He also intercepted a two-point conversion attempt and took it 100 yards for a score ... The Saints forced three fumbles, but couldn't recover any.

### Westminster Titans



Westminster lost its first game of the season Saturday as the Titans fell in their home opener against Geneva, 37-14 ... The Titans (2-1) were victimized by three interceptions and two lost fumbles, as the Golden Tornadoes (2-1) returned a blocked punt and two interceptions for touchdowns ... Sophomore QB **Kevin Franz** completed 26-of-39 passes for 320 yards and a pair of TD passes to senior WR **Brett Ziegler** (25, 74) ... With his six receptions for 159 yards, Ziegler moves into eighth place on the WC career receptions list with 101 ... Defensively, junior DE **Andrew Robison** led the Titans with 11 tackles (two for a loss) and one quarterback sack.

## WEEK 4 PAC FOOTBALL PREVIEWS



### Thomas More (1-1, 0-1 PAC) at Thiel (1-2, 0-0 PAC)

Saturday, Sept. 22 - 1 p.m.  
Alumni Stadium (1,400/turf) - Greenville, Pa.



Radio/TV: WPIC-AM (790) in Hermitage; [www.msasportsnetwork.com](http://www.msasportsnetwork.com);

**Series Record:** Thiel leads 4-1

**Game Notes:** Thiel opens its 2007 PAC schedule on Saturday as they welcome the Saints of Thomas More to Alumni Stadium ... The Tomcats hold a 4-1 series edge against the Saints, having won the last three straight ... Thiel battled back from an early 14-0 deficit, including returning a blocked punt for a touchdown, to earn a 17-14 overtime win in a heavy downpour last year at Thomas More ... Senior WR **Marc LaScola's** 5-yard TD grab with 19 seconds to play forced the game into overtime, where senior PK **Sammy Koyl** nailed a 27-yard FG for the win ... Thiel is 4-2 in its last six PAC openers ... Thomas More will be looking to avoid an 0-2 PAC start ... TMC sophomore RB **Cordario Collier** is averaging 219.5 all purpose yards per game after two contests.



### Bethany (2-0) at Geneva (2-1)

Saturday, Sept. 22 - 6:30 p.m.  
Reeves Field (5,600/turf) - Beaver Falls, Pa.



Radio/TV: WBVP-AM (1230) in Beaver Falls; WMBA-AM (1460) in Ambridge; [www.teamline.cc](http://www.teamline.cc) (code 3724); [www.msasportsnetwork.com](http://www.msasportsnetwork.com); [www.geneva.edu](http://www.geneva.edu);

**Series Record:** Geneva leads 25-9-1

**Game Notes:** Geneva and Bethany will renew their series for the first time since 1983 this Saturday ... The series dates back to 1908 ... The Bison are coming off an offensive record-setting performance in a 66-7 victory over St. Vincent last Saturday ... Meanwhile, the Golden Tornadoes anticipate their home opener, which will be the first chance to try out the new synthetic playing surface at Reeves Field ... The Golden Tornadoes won the last match-up, a 25-17 victory in 1983, with the last BC triumph being a 15-14 win in 1973 ... The 90 points scored by the Bison offense is the most in the first two games since they put up 93 in the opening two contests of the 1968 season (69-14 win over Case Tech; 29-24 loss to Allegheny) ... The Bison's top-ranked rushing offense in the PAC (352.0) goes against Geneva's top-ranked rushing defense (33.0) ... BC has 704 yards in two games this season after accumulating just 711 all of last year ... RB **Nick Neratka** is the first Bethany back to go over 100 yards in consecutive games (137, 109) since **Will Anderson** did it in four straight contests in 2002.



### Waynesburg (2-0, 0-0 PAC) at Grove City (1-2, 1-0 PAC)

Saturday, Sept. 22 - 7 p.m.  
Thorn Field (3,500/turf) - Grove City, Pa.



Radio/TV: WCYJ-FM (88.7) in Waynesburg; WSAJ-FM (91.1) in Grove City; [www.waynesburg.edu](http://www.waynesburg.edu); [www2.gcc.edu/sports](http://www2.gcc.edu/sports);

**Series Record:** Waynesburg leads 24-15-4

**Game Notes:** Grove City hosts Waynesburg in the first-ever night home football game in Grove City College history ... It is the Wolverines' first night game since playing under the lights at Carnegie Mellon in 1996 ... Waynesburg leads the all-time series, 24-15-4, including a 10-6 edge in PAC games ... Waynesburg won last year's meeting, 29-18, at Wiley Stadium ... Grove City won the last meeting at Thorn Field in 2005, 7-6 ... That was the last game played prior to Thorn Field's renovation ... Saturday night's game will feature free admission as part of Community Night ... Grove City is 7-4 in its last 11 home PAC openers ... Waynesburg is looking for its first 3-0 start since the 2004 season ... The Yellow Jackets have posted an 11-6 mark against Grove City since Waynesburg joined the PAC in 1990 ... Waynesburg enjoyed a bye week last Saturday and boasts a 9-1 record in games following a bye week since the 1997 season ... Waynesburg is no stranger to first night games as it played in the first night game in Pittsburgh history in 1929 vs. Duquesne ... The Yellow Jackets played their first home night game in 1949 against Randolph-Macon.



### Oberlin (0-2) at Wash. & Jeff. (2-0)

Saturday, Sept. 22 - 7 p.m.  
Cameron Stadium (3,500/turf) - Washington, Pa.

Radio/TV: WJPA-AM (1450) in Washington; [www.msasportsnetwork.com](http://www.msasportsnetwork.com); [www.wjpa.com/sports](http://www.wjpa.com/sports)

**Series Record:** W&J leads 1-0

**Game Notes:** Last year's meeting between W&J and Oberlin was the first between the two schools on the gridiron since 1894 ... Saturday's contest is the 200<sup>th</sup> time W&J will play a team from Ohio ... The Presidents hold a 123-67-9 record in their previous battles with a Buckeye State opponent ... Oberlin had a bye last week after opening the seasons with losses to Case Western Reserve (37-15) and Heidelberg (37-26) ... W&J rushed for 307 yards in last year's win at OC ... **Bobby Swallow** also threw for 149 yards and two scores.