



# FOOTBALL 2006

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## CURRENT 2006 REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through September 16)

School	PAC Games					All Games				
	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Thomas More College	1	0	1.00	21	20	2	0	1.00	46	43
Bethany College	0	0	.000	0	0	2	1	.667	96	80
Washington & Jefferson College	0	0	.000	0	0	2	1	.667	71	42
Thiel College	0	0	.000	0	0	1	2	.333	27	38
Westminster College	0	0	.000	0	0	0	2	.000	16	68
Waynesburg College	0	0	.000	0	0	0	3	.000	34	92
Grove City College	0	1	.000	20	21	0	2	.000	20	49

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS (September 16)

Thomas More 21, GROVE CITY 20\*  
 CARNEGIE MELLON 33, Westminster 6  
 Bethany 34, OHIO WESLEYAN 28  
 Albion 24, THIEL 20  
 Shenandoah 20, WAYNESBURG 10  
 Washington & Jefferson 35, HANOVER 0

### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (September 23)

Grove City at Waynesburg\* - 1:30 p.m.  
 Thiel at Thomas More\* - 1:30 p.m.  
 Washington & Jefferson at Oberlin - 1 p.m.  
 Adrian at Westminster - 1:30 p.m.  
 Bethany - off

### PAC Offensive Player of the Week

**BOBBY SWALLOW**  
 Wash. & Jeff.  
 Sophomore QB  
 6-2, 210  
 Salem, Ohio  
 West Branch H.S.



Swallow completed an incredible 90 percent of his pass attempts by going 18-of-20 for 210 yards and four touchdowns (8, 29, 10, 29) in the Presidents' 35-0 road blanking of Hanover. He set new single-game career-highs in completions, yards and touchdowns in the road win.

Also nominated was senior WR **T.J. Parker** of Bethany, sophomore QB/SE **Stephen Mercer** of Grove City, junior TB **Steve Minton** of Thiel, and senior WR **Chase Weber** of Thomas More.

### PAC Defensive Player of the Week

**BRAD STEINMETZ**  
 Thomas More  
 Sophomore LB  
 6-0, 225  
 West Harrison, Ind.  
 East Central H.S.



Steinmetz helped the Saints post a 21-20 PAC win at Grove City with a team-high 14 tackles (seven solo, seven assisted), including 2.5 for losses and 1.5 QB sacks - all career-highs. He also blocked a field goal attempt and an extra point attempt in the second half, giving the Saints their margin of victory.

Also nominated was junior WLB **Bill Waugh** of Grove City, senior DL **Logan Malie** of Thiel, sophomore LB **David Gitlitz** of Washington & Jefferson, junior DE **Mike Czerwien** of Waynesburg, and sophomore LB **Jordan Blinn** of Westminster.

### PAC Special Teams Player of the Week

**CLIFF ANDERSON**  
 Bethany  
 Senior LB  
 6-1, 210  
 Sycamore, Pa.  
 West Greene H.S.



Anderson recovered an onside kick with 41 seconds to play to set up the game-winning touchdown for the Bison, who posted a pair of touchdowns in the final 46 seconds in their thrilling come-from-behind 34-28 win at Ohio Wesleyan. He posted a team-high nine total tackles in the win, including 2.5 stops for losses, while also forcing a fumble to thwart an OWU drive in Bethany territory.

Also nominated was senior P **Henry Johnston** of Grove City, sophomore P **Zack Zebrasky** of Washington & Jefferson, and junior P **Dusty Rhodes** of Westminster.

# PAC FOOTBALL CAPSULES



## Bethany Bison

The Bison scored two TDs in the final 46 seconds to pull out a 34-28 comeback win at Ohio Wesleyan ... QB **Brent Owens**, who set a career-high for the second straight week with 20 completions for 212 yards and two scores, hit WR **Matt Cruse** for a nine-yard TD to cap the Bison rally from a 21-0 halftime deficit ... The win, Bethany's biggest comeback in school history, was their second in a row and first road win since 2002 ... Senior WR **T.J. Parker** had a huge day, setting career-highs with 12 receptions for 156 yards and one TD ... The Bison ground game also clicked, as RB **Brett Clough** had a career-high 85 yards rushing and one TD ... Defensively, the Bison were led by LB **Cliff Anderson**, who had nine tackles, including 2.5 for loss, one forced fumble and the recovery of the onside kick with 41 seconds to play.

## Grove City Wolverines



Grove City dropped its PAC opener for the second straight season, falling at home to Thomas More ... The Wolverines are now 11-12 all-time in conference openers ... QB **Andrew DiDonato** threw for 188 yards on 15-of-24 accuracy ... **Stephen Mercer** caught five passes for 71 yards, both career highs ... He caught a touchdown and ran for a score ... Mercer also threw a two-point conversion to **Dan Jeltres** ... **Ian Tobin** hauled in four passes while **Jay Yanak** added three catches ... Senior OL **Fred Mueller** returned to the starting lineup, making his first career start at left tackle ... **Justin Fowler** blocked an extra point for the second straight week ... He has three blocks this year ... CB **Chris Schwamberger** intercepted a pass and returned it 58 yards to set up a Grove City touchdown in the first half.



## Thiel Tomcats

The Tomcats suffered a 24-20 non-conference loss to visiting Albion Saturday ... Albion posted 14 unanswered points in the fourth quarter, coming back from a 20-10 deficit heading into the final stanza ... Albion finished with a 292-272 edge in total yards, including 160-116 in rushing yards ... Thiel held a 19-13 advantage in first downs ... Junior TB **Steve Minton** finished with 102 yards on 20 carries with a pair of TDs ... Senior QB **Billy Blankenship** was 18-of-34 for 176 yards and a score, while junior WR **Brett Helman** led all receivers with seven catches for 76 yards ... Senior DL **Logan Malie** led the Tomcats with eight tackles and a pair of sacks, while junior DE **Chris Lorber** tallied seven tackles, two tackles for loss and a sack.



## Thomas More Saints

The **Trevor Stellman** to **Chase Weber** combination came up big for the second straight game, as the duo connected on a 16-yard pass in the fourth quarter to give the Saints a 21-20 victory at Grove City in the PAC opener for both teams ... In the game against Hanover (a 25-23 TMC win), the duo's winning pass was also from 16 yards out ... The linebacking corps combined for 36 tackles, with senior **Mark Carlisle** and sophomore **Brad Steinmetz** recorded 14 tackles each ... Steinmetz added two blocked kicks, a field goal and an extra point, both in the second half ... Sophomore **Lawrence Colbert** led the Thomas More rushing attack with 89 yards on 12 carries and a touchdown.



## Washington & Jefferson Presidents

W&J became the first team since 1983 to shut out Hanover with a 35-0 win Saturday at L.S. Ayres Field ... The shutout loss was the first for Hanover (0-3) in 232 games, dating back to a 28-0 loss to Findlay (Ohio), on Oct. 22, 1983 ... Sophomore QB **Bobby Swallow** provided all the offense W&J needed by going 18-of-20 for 210 yards and four touchdowns ... He opened the scoring with an 8-yard TD pass to sophomore RB **Kevin Mathews** ... The score marked the third straight game the Presidents have scored on their first possession ... Swallow added TD passes to junior WR **Tom McCafferty** (29, 10) and sophomore WR **David Ravid** (29) ... Sophomore LB **David Gitlitz** once again led the defense with seven tackles and one fumble recovery.



## Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

Four second-half interceptions led to 14 Shenandoah points, as Waynesburg fell to the Hornets, 20-10, Saturday at Wiley Stadium ... The Yellow Jackets led 10-0 at halftime after Shenandoah managed just 25 yards of total offense in the first half ... Waynesburg rushed for a season-high 97 yards in the loss, including 73 from RB **Ryan Abels**, who scored the lone Yellow Jacket touchdown in the second quarter on a 1-yard plunge ... Sophomore QB **Chris Smithley** completed 8-of-17 attempts for 100 yards and three interceptions in his first collegiate start ... Defensively, DE **Mike Czerwien** paced the Yellow Jackets with 10 tackles, including a sack ... Juniors **Stefon Strothers** and linebacker **Dan Andreassi** added six and five stops, respectively.



## Westminster Titans

Westminster suffered a 33-6 loss at Carnegie Mellon ... The Titans (0-2) battled the Tartans (3-0) tough early as neither team scored in the first quarter, but CMU scored 26 unanswered points before halftime ... The Tartans controlled the ball with 40 plays for 300 yards in the first half alone ... By comparison, Westminster ran just 21 plays in the first half for 60 yards ... The Titans could not get much production out of their 47 plays, as freshman RB **Jason Nagy** ran the ball a team-high 43 yards on eight carries ... Reserve freshman QB **Kevin Franz** also had 41 yards on four attempts, including the team's lone score, a 21-yard keeper up the middle with 5:33 remaining ... Defensively, sophomore LB **Jordan Blinn** posted a game-high 14 tackles (6 solo), including a forced fumble and a sack for 11 yards.

### 2006 PAC Football Players of the Week

	Offense	Defense	Special Teams
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	B. Swallow, W&J	B. Steinmetz, TMC	C. Anderson, BET
9/23			
9/30			
10/7			
10/14			
10/21			
10/28			
11/4			
11/11			

## WEEK 3 PAC FOOTBALL PREVIEWS



### **Grove City (0-2, 0-1 PAC) at Waynesburg (0-3, 0-0 PAC)** **Saturday, Sept. 23 - 1:30 p.m.** **John F. Wiley Stadium (4,000/turf) - Waynesburg, Pa.**



**Radio/TV:** WSAJ-FM (91.1); [www.gcc.edu/sports](http://www.gcc.edu/sports); WCYJ-FM (88.7); [www.waynesburg.edu](http://www.waynesburg.edu); WCTV-TV (Channel 12) in Waynesburg

**Series Record:** Waynesburg leads 23-15-5

**Game Notes:** Waynesburg continues its five-game homestand Saturday, when the Yellow Jackets open Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) play with a 1:30 p.m. kickoff against Grove City ... GCC will look to rebound from its 21-20 loss to Thomas More in the Wolverines PAC opener last week ... Despite the Wolverines winning last season's meeting against the Yellow Jackets, Waynesburg still holds a 23-15-5 advantage in the all-time series with Grove City ... In the meeting between the two schools last season, the Wolverines won a muddy defensive clash 7-6 ... A blocked punt in the fourth quarter set up the Wolverines' lone touchdown ... Waynesburg's lone score of the game was on a 78-yard scamper by Ryan Abels (kick blocked) ... Grove City has not won on artificial turf since 2004 ... Waynesburg has not won on a non-natural surface since 2002 ... The Wolverines last won at Waynesburg in 2000, a 32-29 quadruple-overtime classic ... That game is the longest in Presidents' Athletic Conference history and the longest in both programs' history ... The teams first met in 1903 ... Abels enters this week just 75 yards shy from surpassing the school record for career rushing yards ... The Yellow Jackets look to avoid their first 0-4 start to a season since the 1993 campaign.



### **Thiel (1-2, 0-0 PAC) at Thomas More (2-0, 1-0 PAC)** **Saturday, Sept. 23 - 1:30 p.m.** **Thomas More Stadium (3,000/grass) - Crestview Hills, Ky.**



**Radio/TV:** WPIC-AM (790), WLLF-FM (96.7) in Hermitage; [www.msasportsnetwork.com](http://www.msasportsnetwork.com); Insight Communications Channels 21/6 in Kentucky; [www.northernkentuckysports.com](http://www.northernkentuckysports.com)

**Series Record:** Thiel leads 2-1

**Game Notes:** The Tomcats look to snap their first two-game skid since the 2003 season Saturday as they travel to Crestview Hills, Ken. Saturday to take on early season PAC leader Thomas More ... The Tomcats are 2-1 all-time against the Saints ... Thiel posted a 24-14 win in Greenville last season against Thomas More ... The Saints appeared to have an interception return for a touchdown in last year's contest, but a illegal block on the play negated the score ... Thiel suffered a 14-6 loss in their only trip to Thomas More in 1999 ... In his first season as a starter for the Tomcats, senior OLB **Chris Hlinka** is currently eighth in the PAC in tackles, averaging 8.3 stops per game.



### **Washington & Jefferson (2-1)** **at Oberlin (1-1)**

**Saturday, Sept. 23 - 1 p.m.**  
**Dill Field (3,500) - Oberlin, Ohio**

**Radio/TV:** WJPA-AM (1450), WNJR-FM (91.7); [www.wjpa.com](http://www.wjpa.com)

**Series Record:** Series tied 0-0-1

**Game Notes:** Washington & Jefferson and Oberlin have not met on the football field since battling to a 0-0 tie in 1894 ... The 1894 season marked the fifth year of collegiate football at W&J ... The Yeomen have started the season with a 1-1 record ... OC dropped a 29-23 overtime decision at Case Western Reserve in week one before battling back to defeat Heidelberg, 48-34, on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> ... The Yeomen racked up 597 yards in their victory, including a school-record 366 passing yards from sophomore QB **Greg Mangano** ... W&J holds a 53-39-7 record against current members of the North Coast Athletic Conference.



### **Adrian (1-1) at** **Westminster (0-2)**

**Saturday, Sept. 23 - 1:30 p.m.**  
**Burry Stadium (4,500/grass) - New Wilmington, Pa.**

**Radio/TV:** WWNW-FM (88.9) in New Wilmington; [www.titanradio.net](http://www.titanradio.net); Westminster Cable Network (WCN)

**Series Record:** Westminster leads 4-0

**Game Notes:** Westminster plays its second of the only two 2006 opponents that it didn't face in the 2005 season when the Titans welcome Adrian to New Wilmington ... The Titans lead the all-time series 4-0, including a pair of blowout wins in 1989 (48-20) and 1988 (36-3) on the way to their fourth and fifth NAIA National Championships. ... This is the first road game for the Bulldogs, who lost to Defiance (10-0) in their opener and defeated Bluffton (17-6) on Sept. 16. ... Adrian was runner up in the MIAA last year with an 8-2 record and return 15 starters this year.