



FOOTBALL 2002

Presidents' Athletic Conference
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CURRENT REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through September 22, 2002)

School	PAC Games					All Games				
	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>
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	1	1	.500	50	49
Bethany College	0	0	.000	0	0	1	2	.333	92	76
Grove City College	0	0	.000	0	0	1	2	.333	50	51
Thiel College	0	0	.000	0	0	1	2	.333	72	60

THIS WEEK'S RESULTS - September 21
WOOSTER 38, Bethany 28
Westminster 24, MANSFIELD 21
THIEL 37, Bluffton 6
DEFIANCE 37, Grove City 14
Washington & Jefferson, Waynesburg - off

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE - September 28
Allegheny at Westminster - 1 p.m.
Grove City at Bethany* - 1:30 p.m.
Waynesburg at Alfred - 1:30 p.m.
Washington & Jefferson at Thiel* - 2 p.m.

PAC Offensive Player of the Week

JEREMY LACARIA
Bethany College

*Senior quarterback - 6-0, 205
McMurray, Pa./Peters Township H.S.*

Lacaria broke four Bethany College records in the team's 38-28 loss at Wooster, as he completed 31-of-65 passes (both records) for 345 yards and three TDs through the air, while also rushing 23 times for 97 yards and another TD. He finished the day with school-record totals of 88 total attempts and 445 total yards.

Also nominated was junior HB **Steve Roberts** of Grove City, freshman RB **Darious Thompson** of Thiel, and sophomore RB **Scott Froelich** of Westminster.

PAC Defensive Player of the Week

CHRIS MINTON
Thiel College

*Sophomore defensive lineman - 6-1, 215
Cranberry Twp., Pa./Seneca Valley H.S.*

Minton posted four solo tackles, included two for losses of 23 yards, and a quarterback sack to lead the Tomcats to their first win of 2002, a 37-6 home victory over Bluffton College.

Also nominated was sophomore ILB **Mike Choby** of Grove City and senior S **Joe Stern** of Westminster.

PAC FOOTBALL NOTES

Bethany Bison

Big plays put Bethany down early and a 22-point 4th quarter wasn't enough as the Bison fell 38-28 at Wooster ... The Green and White fell behind 38-6 after three quarters, due in large part to 48, 77 and 20-yard TD passes and a 63-yard scoring run ... A record-breaking effort by Bison QB **Jeremy Lacaria** wasn't enough to bring the Bison back, as he broke four College records on the day ... RB **Will Anderson** also had a big day, rushing for 84 yards and a score and catching eight passes for 93 yards and another TD ... Overall, Bethany outgained Wooster 526-473 and the Bison's 110 offensive plays were just two off the NCAA record ... Despite the productive offensive day, Bethany suffered seven sacks.

Wash. & Jeff. Presidents

W&J opens its PAC schedule on Saturday by traveling to Greenville, Pa., to take on Thiel ... The last time W&J dropped a game which counted towards PAC standings was in 1998 as Grove City defeated the Presidents, 31-7 ... Senior wideout **Todd Fry** needs just three catches to become the all-time leading receiver in W&J history ... Senior quarterback **Brian Dawson** is just one record away from holding every single-game, season or career passing and total offense record in Washington & Jefferson history ... He can become W&J's leader in career passing touchdowns with two more scoring strikes to break the mark set by **Jason Baer** '96 of 87 touchdowns.

Grove City Wolverines

The Wolverines will look to rebound from tough outing at Defiance Saturday ... The Yellow Jackets jumped out to a 24-0 lead by halftime ... Grove City rallied in third quarter on a 41-yard TD run by **Steve Roberts** and a two-yard plunge from **Jason Walent** ... **Bo Danton** caught a career-long 52-yard pass from **Todd Smargiasso** ... Five different receivers caught a pass Saturday ... **Mike Choby** had 11 tackles while **Greg Grupp** made 10 stops ... Defiance outgained Grove City, 408-225 and had a six-minute edge in time of possession... Grove City had six fumbles but only lost one ... Grove City is now 6-3 all-time against members of the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

Waynesburg was off last week ... The Yellow Jackets will look to bounce back from a 33-13 loss to Otterbein on Sept. 14 this week, as Waynesburg travels to Alfred for a non-conference game.

Thiel Tomcats

After falling behind 6-0 at the half, the Tomcats ran off 37 unanswered second-half points to defeat Bluffton College 37-6, earning their first victory of 2002 ... The Tomcats rolled up 368 total yards on the afternoon, gaining 258 of those on the ground ... Freshman **Darius Thompson** led the way with 100 yards on 21 carries and two TDs, while junior **Justin Napotnik** finished with 76 yards on 11 carries with one score ... Sophomore QB **Daryl Moore** finished 6-of-12 for 124 yards and one TD, a 59-yard strike to sophomore WR **Shannon Alston** in the third quarter ... Senior DB **Jay Salman** and sophomore DB **Kennard Davis** each recorded interceptions ... Defensively, the Tomcats limited the Beavers to just 200 total yards.

Westminster Titans

Westminster earned its first win of 2002 on Saturday, posting a come-from-behind 24-21 non-conference win at NCAA Division II Mansfield University ... The Titans trailed 7-0, 14-7, and 21-14 before scoring 10 unanswered fourth quarter points ... The game-winning points came on a 25-yard field goal by sophomore **Josh Simpson** with 5:34 to play ... Mansfield drove to the Titan 9-yard line with 1:10 to play, but missed a potential game-tying 27-yard field goal ... Sophomore TB **Scott Froelich** posted his second straight 100-yard rushing effort and fifth of his young career, with 38 rushes for 154 yards (4.1 avg.) and two TDs (15, 25) ... Junior QB **Kevin Huber** threw a 6-yard TD pass to junior WR **Steve Scott** for another score.

Past PAC Offensive Players of the Week

September 7: Todd Fry, WR, W&J
September 14: Will Anderson, RB, BET
September 22: Jeremy Lacaria, QB, BET
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: Chris Minton, DL, THI
September 28:
October 5:
October 12:
October 19:
October 26:
November 2:
November 9:
November 16:

PAC FOOTBALL PREVIEWS

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

Saturday, Sept. 28 - 1:30 p.m.

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

Radio/TV: WVBC-FM in Bethany (88.1), WSAJ-FM in Grove City (91.1); WVTX-TV in Bethany (3)

Series Record: Grove City leads 33-21-2

Game Notes: Grove City has won five consecutive games in the series ... Last year at Grove City, Steve Roberts gained a career-high 205 yards on 31 carries while the Wolverine defense picked off three Bethany passes and held the Bison to 137 yards of total offense in a 9-0 victory ... Both teams come in off losses to Ohio schools, with Bethany rebounding from a 38-28 loss at Wooster and GCC heading in from a 37-14 loss at Defiance ... This is the first meeting between the teams at Bethany since former Wolverine and current Cleveland Brown **R.J. Bowers** broke the all-time NCAA rushing record here in 2000, a game won by Grove City in overtime 20-14 on a Bowers TD run ... The Wolverines are trying for their third straight win at Bethany, having defeated the Bison 37-20 in Bethany in 1998 ... Both teams have lost to Carnegie Mellon and each has defeated a North Coast Athletic Conference team for its lone win this season.

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

Saturday, Sept. 28 - 2 p.m.

Alumni Stadium (1,400/turf) - Greenville, Pa.

Radio/TV: WJPA-AM in Washington (1450), WNJR-FM in Washington (92.1): www.nsnsports.com

Series Record: Washington & Jefferson leads 32-21-2

Game Notes: Thiel hosts the 20th-ranked Presidents on Saturday, marking the opening of PAC football action for both squads as well as the Tomcats Homecoming game ... The two teams will meet for the 58th time in history on Saturday ... The 57-game series between W&J and Thiel is the second-longest rivalry in W&J history, trailing just the 78-game series with Bethany ... The Presidents have won each of the last 20 games in the series with the last Thiel win coming in a 34-3 rout in Greenville in 1981 ... In the last 15 W&J wins over Thiel, the Presidents have outscored the Tomcats by a 725-74 margin ... The average score in those 15 contests have been in W&J's advantage, 48.3-4.9 ... Last season the Presidents defeated the Tomcats 38-20 at Cameron Stadium in Washington behind four touchdowns by running back **Joey Nichols** ... Tomcat free safety **Kennard Davis** led the Tomcats defensively with nine tackles, two interceptions and four passes defended in defeat ... W&J is coming out of an off week after falling 28-25 to Allegheny on Sept. 14 ... The Presidents outgained the Gators by a 367-124 margin but committed eight turnovers in the upset...Thiel is coming off a 37-6 win over Bluffton College, a game in which the Tomcats rolled up 368 total yards, gaining 258 of those on the ground.

Allegheny (1-1) at Westminster (1-1)

Saturday, Sept. 28 - 1 p.m.

Burry Stadium (4,500/grass) - New Wilmington, Pa.

Radio/TV: WWNW-FM (88.9), WKST-AM (1200), WEXC-FM (107.1), WMGW-AM (1450), www.nsnsports.com, Westminster Cable Network (WCN).

Series Record: Series tied 23-23-5

Game Notes: The Titans and Gators last met in 1995, with Allegheny scoring on a long TD pass in the final minute to win 17-10 in a driving rainstorm at Robertson Field in Meadville ... Allegheny has the last two games in the series, including the last meeting in New Wilmington, a 14-9 Gator win in 1994 ... The Titans' last win in the series was a 24-17 victory in Meadville in 1993, while Westminster's last home win over the Gators was a 20-0 shutout in 1992 ... Allegheny was off last week and is coming off a 28-25 upset win over W&J on Sept. 14 in Meadville.

Waynesburg (1-1) at Alfred (1-2)

Saturday, Sept. 28 - 1:30 p.m.

Merrill Field (5,000/grass) - Alfred, N.Y.

Radio/TV: WCYJ-FM (88.7), www.waynesburg.edu

Series Record: Series tied 1-1

Game Notes: The last time Waynesburg played Alfred was in 1997, when the Saxons were PAC members ... In '97, Waynesburg posted a 43-27 victory ... The first meeting between the two schools was in 1996, won by Alfred 56-26 ... Alfred picked up its first win of the season on Saturday, with a 16-13 victory over St. Lawrence ... The Saxons won on a pair of **Jesse Raynor** scoring runs.