

2009 PAC Football Release Week 4 - September 21



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2009 PAC FOOTBALL STANDINGS (through Sept. 19)

School	PAC Games			PF	PA	All Games			PF	PA
	W	L	Pct.			W	L	Pct.		
Washington & Jefferson	1	0	1.00	56	16	3	0	1.00	125	37
Thomas More	1	0	1.00	47	24	2	0	1.00	61	31
Grove City	1	0	1.00	35	14	1	2	.333	122	111
Westminster	0	0	.000	0	0	1	2	.333	67	83
Waynesburg	0	1	.000	24	47	2	1	.667	115	107
Bethany	0	1	.000	14	35	1	2	.333	62	96
Thiel	0	1	.000	16	56	1	2	.333	50	86
Geneva*						2	0	1.00	73	45
Saint Vincent*						0	3	.000	68	111

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

LAST WEEK (September 19)

Westminster 27, SAINT VINCENT 14*
THOMAS MORE 47, Waynesburg 24*
Grove City 35, BETHANY 14*
WASH. & JEFF. 56, Thiel 16* - 7 p.m.
Geneva - idle

THIS WEEK (September 26)

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

Offensive Player of the Week

CRAIG BESONG

Wash. & Jeff.

Senior WR

6-3, 220

Baden, Pa.

Ambridge H.S.



Besong caught nine passes for 139 yards and a touchdown, which gave W&J a 14-0 second quarter lead, as the Presidents opened PAC play with a 56-16 home victory over Thiel. He is now nine catches away from moving into fifth place on the W&J career receptions chart.

Also nominated was senior QB **Andrew DiDonato** of Grove City, sophomore RB **Kendall Owens** of Thomas More, junior QB **Brad Dawson** of Waynesburg, and senior RB **Nick McKolosky** of Westminster.

Defensive Player of the Week

RANDY SANTINA

Grove City

Senior CB

5-9, 185

Elizabeth, Pa.

Elizabeth Forward H.S.



Santina had a team-high seven tackles to go along with two fourth-quarter interceptions for the Wolverines, who posted a 35-14 win at Bethany in the PAC opener for both teams Saturday. His first interception came at the goal line to snuff out a possible Bison scoring drive.

Also nominated was junior DE **Greg Dixon** of Thomas More, junior S **Nathan Harmotto** of Washington & Jefferson, junior LB **Troy Cree** of Waynesburg, and senior DE **Neil Falco** of Westminster.

Special Teams Player of the Week

TREVOR YOUNG

Westminster

Sophomore K

5-11, 175

Ellwood City, Pa.

Riverside H.S.



Young was a perfect 5-for-5 on kick attempts Saturday for the Titans in their 27-14 win at PAC rival Saint Vincent. He booted a pair of field goals (42, 21) and was also 3-for-3 on extra-point attempts in the victory.

Also nominated was junior CB **Chris Korn** of Grove City, junior PK **Dustin Zink** of Thomas More, junior P/K **Joe Kelly** of Washington & Jefferson, and senior P **Nate Feniello** of Waynesburg.

PAC FOOTBALL 2009 - Week 4 Conference Notes

PAC PLAY OPENS: The PAC opened conference play on Sept. 19 with four contests, all won by two touchdowns or more. 2008 NCAA playoff participants Thomas More and W&J each remained unbeaten with impressive home wins, as the Saints toppled Waynesburg 47-24 and the Presidents downed Thiel 56-16. Grove City and Westminster each earned their first win of 2009 on the road, as the Wolverines ruined the first home night game in Bethany history, 35-14, while the Titans were victorious at Saint Vincent, 27-14.

NEWS & NOTES: Grove City QB **Andrew DiDonato** posted 301 yards of total offense (240 passing, 61 rushing) and three TDs in the Wolverines' 35-14 win at Bethany ... Sophomore RB **Kendall Owens** rushed for a TD, passed for a TD and caught a TD pass for Thomas More against Waynesburg ... Westminster senior RB **Nick McKolosky** rushed a career-high 31 times for 121 yards and a TD in the win at Saint Vincent ... Bethany WR **Matt Cruse** needs just 52 yards receiving to become the school's all-time leader in receiving yards (**T.J. Parker** - 2,141).

AROUND THE LEAGUE: W&J remains at #8 in the D3Football.com Top 25 poll ... Geneva's current six-game win streak is the program's longest since a 10-game streak in the 1999-2000 seasons ... Junior LB **Troy Cree** posted 10 tackles and a sack for Waynesburg in the loss at Thomas More ... LB **Ryan Dawes** posted a team-high 7.5 tackles for Thiel in the Tomcat loss at W&J ... **Zack Mihalko** posted 170 all-purpose yards (37 rush, 52 receiving, 81 kick return), including a 19-yard TD reception for Saint Vincent against Westminster.



**Bethany
Bison
(1-2, 0-1 PAC)**



Bethany's first home night game in school history was spoiled by Grove City, who took a 21-0 halftime lead and went on to a 35-14 victory ... The Bison scored on their first drive of the second half on a 1-yard TD run by **Eric Walker** and later found paydirt on a 9-yard scoring toss from **Chad Smith** to **Matt Cruse** for his 22nd career touchdown reception ... Cruse finished the game with 7 catches for 82 yards, giving him 2,090 for his career, 52 away from breaking **T.J. Parker's** BC record (2,141) ... Smith's 29 completions was tied for the third-most in Bethany single-game history ... **Matt Dahle** led the defensive efforts with 16 tackles and a pair of pass break-ups and **Michael Howcott** made 11 stops.

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



Geneva College enjoyed its only bye week of the season this past weekend ... The Golden Tornadoes have started 2-0 for the first time since 2003 ... They have also won six straight games dating back to last year ... It is the longest such winning streak since a 10-game streak between the years of 1999-2000 ... The Golden Tornadoes will welcome Thiel College to Reeves Field this weekend for the 35th meeting between the two schools.

**Grove City
Wolverines
(1-2, 1-0 PAC)**



Grove City opened PAC play Saturday night with a 35-14 win at Bethany ... The Wolverine defense intercepted a season-high four passes, including two by **Randy Santina** ... **Mark Rossol** and **Butch Kriger** also had picks ... It's the first time since a 63-6 win at Bethany Oct. 2, 2004 that the Wolverines had four picks in one game ... Grove City's offense piled up a season-high 28 first downs and owned a 12-minute edge in time of possession ... TB **Blaine Miller** ran for 91 yards and two scores while **Will McCoy** had four catches for 62 yards and two TDs ... Seven GCC receivers had at least two receptions ... QB **Andrew DiDonato** completed 22-of-32 passes for 240 yards ... The Wolverines also had a season-high 207 rushing yards ... **Luke O'Hara** caught Grove City's first two-point conversion of the season.

**Saint Vincent
Bearcats
(0-3)**



Saint Vincent fell to 0-3 on the season with a 27-14 setback to visiting Westminster on Homecoming Day at Chuck Noll Field, as the Titans scored 20 unanswered points over the second and third quarters ... **Zach Mihalko** continued his strong season by gaining 170 all-purpose yards, with 81 yards on kick returns, 37 rushing, and 52 receiving, including a 19-yard TD reception in the first quarter ... TE **Jake Gabelt** made his ninth career TD catch in the fourth quarter, on a two-yard halfback pass from **Jairus Marlow** ... **Marvin Daney** hauled in a team-high four receptions, while defensively, LB **Anthony Johnson**, in his first action of 2009, finished with a game-high 12 tackles ... **David Ribero** added 11 stops, and **Sean Hufgard** 10 ... The Bearcats were unable to overcome four interceptions and trailed 37:48 – 22:12 in time of possession.

**Thiel
Tomcats
(1-2, 0-1 PAC)**



Washington & Jefferson proved to be a formidable foe for Thiel Saturday night, as the Presidents overpowered the Tomcats 56-16 at Cameron Stadium ... W&J outgained Thiel 537-231 and earned 27 first downs to Thiel's 10 in front of 2,444 in the PAC opener for both teams ... Down 14-0, Thiel scored its first points on a 48-yard toss to **Brendan Taylor** from QB **Willie Bova** with 8:56 to go in the first half... Sophomore RB **Ross Gargano** broke new ground for the 2009 Tomcats later in the period when he scored Thiel's first rushing TD of the season on a two-yard run that made the score 21-13 ... K **John Madeline** closed the Thiel scoring in the third quarter with a 44-yard field goal... LB **Ryan Dawes** turned in his second-consecutive strong outing on the defensive side of the ball, making a team-leading 7.5 tackles

**Thomas More
Saints
(2-0, 1-0 PAC)**



The Saints opened defense of their PAC title with a 47-24 home win over Waynesburg Saturday ... Thomas More never trailed in the game as it led by as many as 38 points (47-9) after three quarters ... The Saints' offense rolled up 495 total yards, while the defense held the Yellow Jackets to 293 total yards ... Senior QB **Trevor Stelman** was 18-of-26 passing for 247 yards and four touchdowns and added seven rushes for seven yards ... Sophomore RB **Kendall Owens** had five rushes for 73 yards and a touchdown, had two catches for 16 yards and a touchdown and was 1-for-1 passing for 44 yards and a touchdown ... Senior LB **Brad Steinmetz** and junior DB **Greg Dixon** led the Saints' defense as they each had six tackles.

**Washington & Jefferson
Presidents
(3-0, 1-0 PAC)**



Washington & Jefferson remains at No. 8 in this week's D3football.com Top 25 poll ... The Presidents' defense has not allowed an opponent to total more than 240 yards or 12 first downs in all three games so far ... W&J's junior quarterback duo of **Gino Rometo** and **Steven Shumaker** combined for 397 yards and had a hand in six touchdowns in the win over Thiel ... Senior WR **Craig Besong** amassed 139 receiving yards on nine catches, while junior WR **Jordan Roycroft** added his first two career touchdown receptions ... Junior S **Nathan Harmotto** returned an interception 43 yards for a touchdown and sophomore CB **Matthew Gal** broke up four TC pass plays ... W&J outscored the Tomcats 35-3 in the second half.

**Waynesburg
Yellow Jackets
(2-1, 0-1 PAC)**



Waynesburg will look to bounce back from this past Saturday's 47-24 loss at Thomas More as they host Saint Vincent College this weekend ... Against the Saints, the Yellow Jackets fell behind 18-0 by the time the first quarter had expired and the defending PAC champions were able to continue on for the victory ... Junior QB **Brad Dawson** led the Waynesburg offense with 206 yards through the air and two touchdowns without throwing an interception ... Junior LB **Troy Cree** paced the defense by setting game highs in total tackles (10) and solo tackles (8) ... He also picked up a sack and a tackle for loss.

**Westminster
Titans
(1-2, 0-0 PAC)**



Westminster picked up its first win of the season by snapping a nine-game road losing streak Saturday with a 27-14 victory at Saint Vincent ... Senior RB **Nick McKolosky** posted a career-high 31 rush attempts and finished with 121 yards and one TD ... Three of McKolosky's nine career 100-yard games have come against Saint Vincent ... McKolosky also caught three passes for 26 yards and a 13-yard score in the second quarter that gave Westminster a 17-7 lead ... The Titans outgained SVC by a 317-225 margin ... Senior QB **Kevin Franz** completed 15-of-19 passes for 167 yards and two touchdowns, including the one to McKolosky and a second to senior WR **Jon Gubish** from 36 yards out to make the score 27-7 in the third quarter ... Westminster's defense intercepted four passes and posted four sacks.

PAC FOOTBALL GAME PREVIEWS - WEEK 4



Saint Vincent (0-3) at Waynesburg (2-1)

Saturday, Sept. 26 - 1:30 p.m.

John F. Wiley Stadium (4,000/turf) - Waynesburg, Pa.



Media: WCNS-AM (1480) in Latrobe; WCYJ-FM (88.7) in Waynesburg; www.redzonemedia.com; www.waynesburgsports.com

Series Record: Waynesburg leads 13-10-4

Game Notes: Waynesburg is Saint Vincent's most frequent foe on the gridiron, as this week's meeting will be the 28th all-time between the two squads, with Waynesburg owning a 13-10-4 advantage ... The Yellow Jackets have the last two meetings since football was reinstated at Saint Vincent and the last four overall, as the Bearcats last defeated Waynesburg 19-7 in week four of the 1960 season ... Last year, Waynesburg came back from an early deficit to pick up a 21-12 victory over the Bearcats in Latrobe ... In last season's Waynesburg win, SVC running back **Jairus Marlow** made headlines by scoring on a 93-yard scamper for the longest running play in Saint Vincent football history.



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

Saturday, Sept. 26 - 1:30 p.m.

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



Media: WWNW-FM (88.9) in New Wilmington; www.titanradio.net; Westminster Cable Network (WCN)

Series Record: Thomas More leads 6-1

Game Notes: Westminster hosts defending PAC champion Thomas More in a game featuring two teams coming off wins last weekend ... Thomas More enters the game with a 2-0 record (1-0 PAC) following its 47-24 win over Waynesburg, and Westminster enters the game at 1-2 after defeating Saint Vincent 27-14 ... Thomas More is 6-1 all-time vs. Westminster including four straight wins over the Titans ... The last two games were held in Kentucky with the Saints winning 31-10 last year and 34-7 in 2007 ... The last time the teams played in New Wilmington, Thomas More won 42-14 ... Thomas More is just one of two Westminster opponents (W&J) this year that the Titans trail in the all-time series ... Westminster leads the series with 78 of 120 all-time opponents ... Last year, Westminster RB **Nick McKolosky** was stuffed for a season-low 28 yards on 15 attempts ... McKolosky is coming off a 121-yard outing on a career-high 31 carries in last week's win over Saint Vincent ... Also in the loss at Thomas More last year, WR **Chad Rosatelli** caught a season-high 10 passes for 74 yards – all in the first half.



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

Saturday, Sept. 26 - 7 p.m.

Reeves Field (6,500/turf) - Beaver Falls, Pa.



Media: WPIC-AM (790) in Hermitage/Greenville; WBVP-AM (1230) in Beaver Falls; WMBA-AM (1460) in Ambridge; www.790wpic.com; www.msasportsnetwork.com

Series Record: Geneva leads 22-10-3

Game Notes: The Golden Tornadoes will get back to work after taking a week off last Saturday ... Geneva is coming off of a 32-17 win at Saint Vincent on September 12th in the first of two meetings between the two schools ... This Saturday, the Golden Tornadoes welcome Thiel College to Reeves Field in the 36th meeting between the two schools in a rivalry that dates back to 1899 ... Last year Geneva defeated Thiel 31-17 for the second consecutive victory against the Tomcats ... The last time these teams met in Beaver Falls, Thiel escaped with a 7-0 victory in the season opener in 2006 ... Geneva leads the all-time series by a comfortable 22-10-3 margin ... Thiel is 10-22-3 vs. the Golden Tornadoes all-time, in a series that began in 1899... Geneva and Thiel played regularly in the early part of the last century before discontinuing the series in 1934 ... The series resumed for one game in 1955, then again for eight meetings between 1970 and 1981 ... Saturday's game will be the fifth meeting between the two teams since 2002.



Washington & Jefferson (3-0, 1-0 PAC) at Grove City (1-2, 1-0 PAC)

Saturday, Sept. 26 - 7 p.m.

Robert E. Thorn Field (3,500/turf) - Grove City, Pa.



Media: WJPA-AM (1450) in Washington; WSAJ-FM (91.1) in Grove City; www.wjpa.com/sports; www2.gcc.edu/sports;

Series Record: Washington & Jefferson leads 32-12

Game Notes: Grove City hosts Washington & Jefferson Saturday night in the third night college football game at Robert E. Thorn Field, with both teams coming off impressive PAC wins and thus holding a share of first place in the league ... W&J is the highest-scoring team in the league, averaging 41.7 points per game while Grove City is second at 40.7 per game ... Grove City is averaging a PAC-best 468.7 yards per game while W&J is second at 448.0 ... W&J boasts the PAC's top pass defense while Grove City owns the conference's most proficient passing game ... CB **Randy Santina** leads the PAC with three interceptions, which is half of Grove City's PAC-leading six picks ... W&J enters Saturday's game with a 10-game win streak over the Wolverines and a 32-12 edge in the all-time series ... Grove City has not defeated W&J since a 31-7 victory at Cameron Stadium in 1998 ... Since that contest, W&J has scored at least 30 points in every game against the Wolverines ... The last 10 W&J victories had an average margin of 27.3 points per win ... A win at Grove City would give W&J its 36th 4-0 start in school history ... Craig Besong had seven catches for 70 yards and two touchdowns in last year's 49-21 victory at Cameron Stadium ... The Wolverines are 2-2 in night games over the past three seasons.

Bethany Bison
1-2, 0-1 PAC

September

5 OTTERBEIN L 7-28
12 at Kentucky Christian W 41-33
19 GROVE CITY* L 14-35
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
1-2, 1-0 PAC

September

5 DICKINSON L 47-52
12 at Carnegie Mellon L 40-45
19 at Bethany* W 35-14
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
0-3

September

5 at McDaniel L 37-51
12 GENEVA L 17-32
19 WESTMINSTER* L 14-27
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
1-2, 0-1 PAC

September

5 at Marietta L 14-20
12 ALBION W 20-10
19 at Wash. & Jeff.* L 16-56
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
2-0, 1-0 PAC

September

5 at John Carroll W 14-7
12 Open Date
19 WAYNESBURG* W 47-24
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
3-0, 1-0 PAC

September

5 OBERLIN W 35-9
12 at Frostburg State W 34-12
19 THIEL* W 56-16
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
2-1, 0-1 PAC

September

5 at Wooster W 42-39
12 HANOVER W 49-21
19 at Thomas More* L 24-47
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
1-2, 0-0 PAC

September

5 HEIDELBERG L 26-42
12 at Allegheny L 14-27
19 at Saint Vincent* W 27-14
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.