

2008 PAC Football Release Week 4 - September 22



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2008 PAC FOOTBALL STANDINGS (through Sept. 21)

School	PAC Games			PF	PA	All Games			PF	PA
	W	L	Pct.			W	L	Pct.		
Washington & Jefferson	1	0	1.00	34	24	3	0	1.00	132	80
Grove City	1	0	1.00	41	35	2	1	.667	67	79
Thomas More	1	0	1.00	34	26	1	1	.500	48	67
Westminster	0	0	.000	0	0	2	1	.667	64	88
Bethany	0	1	.000	35	41	1	2	.333	76	100
Waynesburg	0	1	.000	26	34	1	2	.333	66	93
Thiel	0	1	.000	24	34	0	3	.000	42	71
Saint Vincent*						1	2	.333	54	91
Geneva*						0	2	.000	24	75

* - NCAA Division III provisional member - not eligible for 2008 PAC championship or player of the week honors

LAST WEEK (September 20)

WESTMINSTER 31, Saint Vincent 24*
Thomas More 34, WAYNESBURG 26*
Washington & Jefferson 34, THIEL 24*
GROVE CITY 41, Bethany 35*
Geneva - idle

THIS WEEK (September 27)

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

Offensive Player of the Week

BRIAN MERCER

Grove City

Senior TB

6-0, 220

Ridgewood, N.J.

Ridgewood H.S.



Mercer rushed 29 times for 126 yards and four touchdowns (14, 2, 5, 2), including the game-winning score with 1:59 to play, to lead Grove City to a 41-35 win over Bethany in the PAC opener for both teams.

Also nominated was junior WR **Matt Cruse** of Bethany, junior RB **Cordario Collier** of Thomas More, senior WR **David Ravida** of Washington & Jefferson, sophomore RB **Billy Becker** of Waynesburg, and junior TB **Nick McKolosky** of Westminster.

Defensive Player of the Week

BRAD STEINMETZ

Thomas More

Junior LB

6-2, 224

West Harrison, Ind.

East Central H.S.



Steinmetz anchored the Saint defense in a 34-26 PAC win at Waynesburg by posting 16 total tackles (11 solo, five assisted), including two tackles for losses of four yards.

Also nominated was junior DL **John Gyure** of Bethany, senior ML **Adam Eichler** of Grove City, junior DT **William Haase** of Thiel, junior LB **David Gitlitz** of Washington & Jefferson, junior OLB **Ryan Krull** of Waynesburg, and senior DL **Andrew Robison** of Westminster.

Special Teams Player of the Week

BRYAN ARBES

Waynesburg

Freshman K

5-7, 157

Monongahela, Pa.

Ringgold H.S.



Arbes was 4-for-4 on field goal attempts (48, 34, 38, 49) in the Yellow Jackets' 34-26 PAC loss to Thomas More, tying the school record for most field goals made in a game (four) and longest field goal made (49 yards).

Also nominated was sophomore KR **Butch Kriger** of Grove City, freshman KR/PR **E.J. Dettmer** of Thomas More, junior K **Chuck Grabner** of Washington & Jefferson, and junior K **Fred Romeo** of Westminster.

PAC FOOTBALL 2008 - Week 4 Conference Notes

PAC PLAY UNDERWAY: Conference action in the PAC got underway this weekend with four games, as W&J, Grove City, Thomas More and Westminster came away with victories in tightly contested matchups ... Senior MLB **Adam Eichler** of Grove City had 14 tackles and a sack on the final drive to help secure the Wolverines 41-35 win over Bethany in the second night home game in Grove City football history ... W&J senior WR **David Ravida** caught eight passes for 64 yards and a touchdown in a 34-24 President win at Thiel.

WHO'S HOT: Westminster junior RB **Nick McKolosky** rushed 30 times for 146 yards and two touchdowns, including a 59-yard burst, in the Titans' 31-24 PAC win over Saint Vincent ... Bethany WR **Matt Cruse** caught five passes for 107 yards, including a 78-yard TD reception, against Grove City ... Thomas More junior RB **Cordario Collier** posted 130 yards of offense (55 rushing, 75 receiving) for the Saints in a 34-26 PAC road win at Waynesburg ... Freshman RB **Billy Becker** rushed for 105 yards on 27 carries for the Yellow Jackets in the loss to Thomas More.

AROUND THE LEAGUE: Waynesburg head coach **Rick Shepas** announced that preseason All-American sophomore RB **Robert Heller** has left the Yellow Jacket program ... **Mike Speal** of Saint Vincent had a 76-yard interception return for a touchdown against Westminster ... Thiel DT **William Haase** had six tackles (including 2.5 for losses) and a sack against Washington & Jefferson ... Geneva will try to avoid going 0-3 for the first time in **Geno DeMarco's** 16-year head coaching career when the Golden Tornadoes face Thiel Saturday.



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



A Grove City touchdown with 1:59 to play provided the winning points in a disappointing 41-35 loss for the Bison in their PAC opener Saturday night ... Bethany took a 35-33 lead on a 1-yard TD pass from **Chad Smith** to **Marcus Santini** with just three seconds left in the first half ... Santini finished with 87 rushing yards and a TD (30), as well as six catches for 46 yards and a score ... **Eric Walker** (14) and **Jeff Joyce** (3) had rushing TDs as well, while **Matt Cruse** caught a 78-yard scoring pass from Smith for his 18th career TD reception to tie the Bethany record (**T.J. Parker**) ... Cruse finished with 107 yards on five receptions, giving him 100 catches for his career ... Defensively, SS **John George** had 10 tackles and DL **John Gyure** totaled seven stops, including three sacks.

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



The Golden Tornadoes enjoyed their only bye week of the season to lick their wounds after suffering a 48-6 loss to Salisbury University, which was the worst loss in six years ... Geneva has started the season at 0-2 for just the third time in **Geno DeMarco's** 16-year career as head coach ... A DeMarco-coached Geneva team has never started 0-3 ... The Golden Tornadoes will try to turn their fortunes around as they enter PAC play this Saturday against Thiel College in Greenville.

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



Grove City recorded its first-ever night victory at Thorn Field Saturday, 41-35, against Bethany ... **Brian Mercer's** fourth touchdown run of the night put Grove City ahead with 1:59 left ... Mercer finished with 126 yards rushing ... QB **Andrew DiDonato** ran for two scores and 57 yards ... He also completed 14-of-24 passes for 186 yards ... **Stephen Mercer** pulled in five passes for 70 yards, including a 33-yard catch on the game-winning drive ... After surrendering 329 yards and 35 points in the first half, the Grove City defense blanked Bethany, limiting the Bison to 61 yards of offense in the second half ... **Ian Minster** set up two Grove City scores by recovering a fumble and intercepting a pass ... **Kevin Twarek** posted 1.5 sacks ... **Randy Santina** intercepted a pass for the second straight week.

**Saint Vincent
Bearcats
(1-2)**



Saint Vincent was defeated 31-24 at PAC foe Westminster ... The Bearcats jumped out to a 10-0 lead in the first quarter before the Titans scored 31 unanswered points over the second and third quarters ... SVC scored a pair of fourth quarter touchdowns to cut the deficit to seven, but could not complete the comeback ... Freshmen QBs **Kevin Corona** and **Jake Smith** shared signal-calling duties, combining to complete 15 passes for 170 yards while each throwing a touchdown ... TE **Jake Gabelt** and WR **Rob James** each made touchdown grabs, with the latter finishing with four catches for 72 yards ... Defensively, **Josh Diamond** led both sides with 10.5 stops, while **Mike Nadeau** picked up a pair of sacks and **Mike Speal** returned an interception 76 yards for a fourth quarter score.

**Thiel
Tomcats
(0-3, 0-1 PAC)**



Big plays by the explosive Washington & Jefferson offense and two inopportune turnovers doomed the Tomcats Saturday, as Thiel fell short in its upset bid of the No. 16 Presidents, 34-24, at Alumni Stadium... Offensively, the Tomcats rebounded from a dismal outing a week ago at Albion by putting together a 346-yard day, with 253 of those yards coming on the arm of junior QB **Willie Bova**, who completed 13-of-26 passes for two touchdowns and no interceptions ... Defensively, junior **William Haase** continued his development into one of the PAC's premiere defensive linemen by making two and a half tackles for losses including a nine-yard sack in the first quarter... Haase has registered a sack in each of the first three games of the season.

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



Thomas More went on the road for the first time this season and defeated Waynesburg, 34-26, in the PAC opener for both teams ... The Saints led from start to finish as they led, 20-0 after one quarter, 20-6 at halftime and 34-19 after three quarters ... Junior QB **Trevor Stelman** led the TMC offense as he was 9-of-25 passing for 178 yard and three touchdowns and also rushed 10 times for 68 yards ... Junior RB **Cordario Collier** carried the ball 11 times for 55 yards and also caught five passes for 75 yards and one TD ... Freshman WR **Nick Olthaus** had two catches for 77 yards and a score ... On defense, Thomas More was led by junior LB **Brad Steinmetz**, who recorded 16 tackles including two for losses ... Junior DB **Martez Williams** had 10 tackles and two breakups.

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



The Presidents ran their regular-season road win streak to 21 games with a 34-24 victory over Thiel at Alumni Stadium ... Washington & Jefferson also increased its PAC win streak to 18 games ... The Presidents have not lost a conference game since falling to the Tomcats on Oct. 1, 2005 ... Senior QB **Bobby Swallow** completed 21-of-35 passes for 258 yards and two touchdowns and surpassed 6,000 yards for his career ... Junior PK **Chuck Grabner** booted two field goals (33,31) and made all four of his extra-point attempts ... Head coach **Mike Sirianni** moved into sole possession of second place on the W&J victories list with the 53rd of his career ... The Presidents played without starting running back **Curt Jones**, who sat out with an ankle injury.

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



Waynesburg fell behind 20-0 in the first quarter to the Saints of Thomas More before dropping a 34-26 decision in the PAC opener for both teams on Saturday, ... Sophomore RB **Billy Becker**, making his second straight college start, led the offense with a combined 133 yards (105 rushing, 28 receiving) and a touchdown on the day ... Freshman K **Bryan Arbes** was the Yellow Jackets' biggest weapon, however, as he tied a school record with four field goals made ... One of those four field goals was drilled from 49 yards, another school record ... On defense, junior OLB **Ryan Krull** led the team in tackles for a third straight week with 11, six of which were solo stops ... Krull also recorded a sack, defended a pass and returned a fumble 17 yards.

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



After a 10-10 tie at half-time, Westminster scored 21 unanswered points on its way to a 31-24 victory over Saint Vincent Saturday ... Junior QB **Kevin Franz** threw for over 200 yards for the third straight game as he compiled 243 yards on 22-of-38 passing, including a 6-yard TD pass to senior WR **Jordan Belosh** in the third quarter to break the tie ... Junior TB **Nick McKolosky** rushed for over 100 yards for the first time this season ... McKolosky finished the day with 146 yards on 30 carries and two touchdowns ... Junior WR **Jon Gubish** achieved a career-high 91 receiving yards by tying a personal best with six catches ... The Titan defense was led by senior LB **Jordan Blinn** with nine tackles ... The defense forced three turnovers, including a sack and forced fumble by senior DE **Andrew Robison** in the third quarter.

PAC FOOTBALL GAME PREVIEWS - WEEK 4



Geneva (0-2) at Thiel (0-3) Saturday, Sept. 27 - 1:30 p.m. Alumni Stadium (1,400/turf)-Greenville, Pa.



Radio/TV: WBVP-AM (1230); WMBA-AM (1460); WPIC-AM (790); www.msasportsnetwork.com;
www.790wpic.com

Series Record: Geneva leads 21-10-3

Game Notes: Thiel, 0-3 for just the second time under head coach **Jack Leipheimer**, welcomes Geneva to Alumni Stadium for its annual homecoming game... Geneva opens PAC play against the Tomcats ... Both teams will be looking for their first victory of the season as Geneva has opened 0-2 and Thiel has dropped its first three ... Geneva leads the all-time series with Thiel 21-9-3, including a 20-3 victory at Greenville to open the 2007 campaign ... Geneva's defense held Thiel to -25 yards rushing in last year's game ... The football series between Thiel and Geneva 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 will be the fourth meeting between the two teams since 2002 ... In 2001, Leipheimer's first season at Thiel, the Tomcats started the season 0-3 before beating Grove City in week four ... Thiel hasn't started a season 0-4 since 1995.



Waynesburg (1-2) at Saint Vincent (1-2) Saturday, Sept. 27 - 1:30 p.m. Chuck Noll Field (1,100/turf)-Latrobe, Pa.



Radio/TV: WCYJ-FM (88.7); WCNS-AM (1480); www.waynesburg.edu; www.redzonemedia.com

Series Record: Waynesburg leads 12-10-4

Game Notes: Saint Vincent has faced Waynesburg more than any other foe, with this week's game being the 27th meeting between the two squads ... Waynesburg owns a 12-10-4 advantage in the series, and the Yellow Jackets have won their last four against the Bearcats, with SVC's last win in the series coming in 1959 by a 6-0 score ... Last season, Waynesburg defeated Saint Vincent 42-20 in week five ... The Yellow Jackets racked up 202 yards rushing in the win.



Westminster (2-1, 0-0 PAC) at Thomas More (1-1, 1-0 PAC) Saturday, Sept. 27 - 1:30 p.m. Bank of Kentucky Field (3,000/turf) - Crestview Hills, Ky.



Radio/TV: WWNW-FM (88.9); www.titanradio.net;

Series Record: Thomas More leads 5-1

Game Notes: The Saints will open The Bank of Kentucky Field on Saturday when they host Westminster College during Homecoming at Thomas More ... Thomas More enters the game with a 1-1 overall record and a 1-0 PAC record after defeating Waynesburg, 34-26, on Sept. 20 ... Westminster enters the game with a 2-1 record after defeating Saint Vincent, 31-24, on Sept. 20 ... Westminster is looking to snap Thomas More's three-game win streak against the Titans ... Westminster has led the PAC in time of possession per game for the last 13 weeks and enter the game averaging 34:28 of possession per game so far this season ... Westminster TB **Nick McKolosky** is coming off his second-best rushing game of his career with 146 yards last week vs. Saint Vincent ... He is currently the PAC's leading rusher with 98.3 yards per game. ... The Saints are sixth in the PAC against the run (163.5 yards per game) ... Westminster's only win was a 23-13 win at Thomas More in 2004 ... Last year, the Titans lost 34-7 after entering the game ranked seventh in the country in total defense at 201 yards per game, but wound up yielding 324 yards ... The offense also failed as the Titans couldn't convert on their first four third downs and QB **Kevin Franz** threw an interception on the Titans' fifth drive.



Grove City (2-1, 1-0 PAC) at Washington & Jefferson (3-0, 1-0 PAC) Saturday, Sept. 27 - 7 p.m. Cameron Stadium (3,500/turf)-Washington, Pa.



Radio/TV: WSAJ-FM (91.1); WJPA-AM (1450); www2.gcc.edu/sports; www.wjpa.com

Series Record: Washington & Jefferson leads 31-12

Game Notes: Washington & Jefferson and Grove City meet for the 44th time in history on Saturday with the Presidents leading by a 31-12 margin ... The winner will maintain at least a share of first place in the Presidents' Athletic Conference ... Grove City last started a season 3-1 in 1997 ... Grove City will play its second night game in as many weeks ... The Presidents have recorded nine consecutive wins in the series and have not dropped a game to the Wolverines at Cameron Stadium since a 31-7 GCC win in 1998 ... Washington & Jefferson earned a 49-14 win at Grove City last year ... The Presidents racked up 30 first downs and limited Grove City to a 1-for-14 effort on third down ... W&J has won the last nine games in the series by an average of 27.2 points ... W&J hasn't been held to less than 30 points versus Grove City since 1998 ... Wolverine head coach **Chris Smith** is the only current PAC coach with multiple victories against W&J.

**Bethany Bison
1-2, 0-1 PAC****September**

6 at Otterbein L 7-40
 13 KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN W 34-19
 20 at Grove City* L 35-41
 27 Open Date

October

4 THOMAS MORE* 2 p.m.
 11 at Thiel* 1:30 p.m.
 18 at Westminster* 1:30 p.m.
 25 WAYNESBURG* 1 p.m.

November

1 GENEVA* 1 p.m.
 8 at Wash. & Jeff.* 1:30 p.m.
 15 SAINT VINCENT* 1 p.m.

**Geneva Golden Tornadoes
0-2****September**

6 SETON HILL L 18-27
 13 at Salisbury L 6-48
 20 Open Date
 27 at Thiel* 1:30 p.m.

October

4 WASH. & JEFF.* 7 p.m.
 11 at Grove City* 1:30 p.m.
 18 WAYNESBURG* 7 p.m.
 25 at Saint Vincent* 1 p.m.

November

1 at Bethany* 1 p.m.
 8 THOMAS MORE* 1:30 p.m.
 15 WESTMINSTER* 1:30 p.m.

**Grove City Wolverines
2-1, 1-0 PAC****September**

6 at Dickinson L 7-34
 13 CARNEGIE MELLON W 19-10
 20 BETHANY* W 41-35
 27 at Wash. & Jeff.* 7 p.m.

October

4 at Saint Vincent* 1:30 p.m.
 11 GENEVA* 1:30 p.m.
 18 THOMAS MORE* 2 p.m.
 25 Open Date

November

1 at Waynesburg* 1:30 p.m.
 8 at Westminster* 1:30 p.m.
 15 THIEL* 1 p.m.

**Saint Vincent Bearcats
1-2****September**

6 MCDANIEL L 7-38
 13 at Gallaudet W 23-22
 20 at Westminster* L 24-31
 27 WAYNESBURG* 1:30 p.m.

October

4 GROVE CITY* 1:30 p.m.
 11 at Thomas More* 1:30 p.m.
 18 at Wash. & Jeff. 2 p.m.
 25 GENEVA* 1 p.m.

November

1 THIEL* 1:30 p.m.
 8 Open Date
 15 at Bethany* 1 p.m.

**Thiel Tomcats
0-3, 0-1 PAC****September**

6 MARIETTA L 18-21
 13 at Albion L 0-16
 20 WASH. & JEFF.* L 24-34
 27 GENEVA* 1:30 p.m.

October

4 at Westminster* 1:30 p.m.
 11 BETHANY* 1:30 p.m.
 18 Open Date
 25 at Thomas More* 1:30 p.m.

November

1 at Saint Vincent* 1:30 p.m.
 8 WAYNESBURG* 1:30 p.m.
 15 at Grove City* 1 p.m.

**Thomas More Saints
1-1, 1-0 PAC****September**

6 JOHN CARROLL L 14-41
 13 Open Date
 20 at Waynesburg* W 34-26
 27 WESTMINSTER* 1:30 p.m.

October

4 at Bethany* 2 p.m.
 11 SAINT VINCENT* 1:30 p.m.
 18 at Grove City* 2 p.m.
 25 THIEL* 1:30 p.m.

November

1 WASH. & JEFF.* 1:30 p.m.
 8 at Geneva* 1:30 p.m.
 15 MOUNT ST. JOSEPH 1:30 p.m.

**Wash. & Jeff. Presidents
3-0, 1-0 PAC****September**

6 at Oberlin W 49-35
 13 FROSTBURG STATE W 49-21
 20 at Thiel* W 34-24
 27 GROVE CITY* 7 p.m.

October

4 at Geneva* 7 p.m.
 11 Open Date
 18 SAINT VINCENT* 2 p.m.
 25 WESTMINSTER* 7 p.m.

November

1 at Thomas More* 1:30 p.m.
 8 BETHANY* 1:30 p.m.
 15 at Waynesburg* 1:30 p.m.

**Waynesburg Yellow Jackets
1-2, 0-1 PAC****September**

6 WOOSTER L 6-27
 13 at Hanover W 34-32
 20 THOMAS MORE* L 26-34
 27 at Saint Vincent* 1:30 p.m.

October

4 Open Date
 11 WESTMINSTER* 1:30 p.m.
 18 at Geneva* 7 p.m.
 25 at Bethany* 1 p.m.

November

1 GROVE CITY* 1:30 p.m.
 8 at Thiel* 1:30 p.m.
 15 WASH. & JEFF.* 1:30 p.m.

**Westminster Titans
2-1, 0-0 PAC****September**

6 at Heidelberg L 27-62
 13 ALLEGHENY W 6-2
 20 SAINT VINCENT* W 31-24
 27 at Thomas More* 1:30 p.m.

October

4 THIEL* 1:30 p.m.
 11 at Waynesburg* 1:30 p.m.
 18 BETHANY* 1:30 p.m.
 25 at Wash. & Jeff.* 7 p.m.

November

1 Open Date
 8 GROVE CITY* 1:30 p.m.
 15 at Geneva* 1:30 p.m.