



# FOOTBALL 2006

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## CURRENT 2006 REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through September 23)

School	PAC Games					All Games				
	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Thiel College	1	0	1.00	17	14	2	2	.500	44	52
Waynesburg College	1	0	1.00	29	18	1	3	.250	63	110
Thomas More College	1	1	.500	35	37	2	1	.667	60	60
Washington & Jefferson College	0	0	.000	0	0	3	1	.750	104	55
Bethany College	0	0	.000	0	0	2	1	.667	96	80
Westminster College	0	0	.000	0	0	1	2	.333	43	92
Grove City College	0	2	.000	38	50	0	3	.000	38	78

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS (September 23)

WAYNESBURG 29, Grove City 18\*  
 Thiel 17, THOMAS MORE 14 (ot)\*  
 Washington & Jefferson 33, OBERLIN 13  
 WESTMINSTER 27, Adrian 24 (2ot)  
 Bethany - off

### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (September 30)

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

### PAC Offensive Player of the Week

**RYAN ABELS**  
 Waynesburg  
 Senior RB  
 5-10, 190  
 Elizabeth, Pa.  
 Elizabeth Forward H.S.



Abels became the all-time leading rusher in Waynesburg history on a game-clinching 56-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter of Saturday's 29-18 victory over Grove City. Abels posted a game-high 122 yards on 21 carries and a pair of touchdowns (5, 56) against the Wolverines. The senior now has 3,350 career rushing yards, surpassing the previous mark of 3,297 held by Mike Stout (1996-99).

Also nominated was freshman WB **Matt Weaver** of Grove City, junior WR **Marc LaScola** of Thiel, senior RB **Ryan Mendel** of W&J, and freshman RB **Nick McKolosky** of Westminster.

### PAC Defensive Player of the Week

**ROBERT HUGHES**  
 Thiel  
 Junior DE  
 6-3, 237  
 Youngstown, Ohio  
 Rayen H.S.

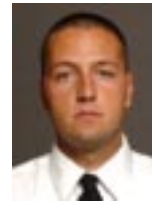


Hughes had a huge game for the Tomcats in their 17-14 OT win at Thomas More Saturday. His punt block, recovery and 25-yard return for a TD put the Tomcats on the scoreboard for the first time just before the end of the first half. In overtime, he sacked Thomas More QB Trevor Stellman, forcing the Saints into a third-and-25 situation. In all, Hughes had 10.5 tackles, two of which were behind the line of scrimmage.

Also nominated was junior DL **Justin Fowler** of Grove City, senior DL **Dan Brodland** of W&J, junior DE **Mike Czerwien** of Waynesburg, and sophomore LB **Jake Martinez** of Westminster.

### PAC Special Teams Player of the Week

**FRED ROMEO**  
 Westminster  
 Freshman K  
 5-11, 175  
 Poland, Ohio  
 Poland Seminary H.S.



Romeo connected on all five of his kick attempts for the Titans in their 27-24 double-overtime home win over Adrian Saturday in New Wilmington. He was 3-for-3 on extra point attempts and 2-for-2 on field goal attempts, including a game-winning 21-yard effort in the second overtime period.

Also nominated was junior K **Sammy Koyl** of Thiel, sophomore P **Zack Zebrasky** of Washington & Jefferson, and senior DB **Anthony Taylor** of Waynesburg.

# PAC FOOTBALL CAPSULES



## Bethany Bison

The Bison were off last week ... Bethany is currently riding its first two-game win streak since the 2002 campaign after posting wins over Hiram (42-7 on Sept. 9) and at Ohio Wesleyan (34-28 on Sept. 16) ... The Bison open their PAC schedule this weekend by hosting defending conference champion Thiel at Bethany Field at 1:30 p.m.



## Grove City Wolverines

Grove City opened the road portion of its schedule with a 29-18 setback at Waynesburg ... Grove City posted a season-high 373 yards of offense, including 200 on the ground ... TB **Matt Weil** ran for 120 yards on 18 attempts while freshman **Matt Weaver** ran for 56 yards on five attempts along with four catches for 45 yards ... **Scott Fichter** posted a game-high five catches for 63 yards while **Jay Yanak** caught his first collegiate touchdown ... DT **Justin Fowler** had nine tackles while **Chris Schwamberger** intercepted a pass ... Fowler has now blocked four kicks this season ... **Steve Weary** set a team record with six blocks last season ... Grove City has not made a place kick yet this year (0-3 PAT, 0-2 FG) ... SS **Shane Coughlin** leads Grove City with 26 total tackles.



## Thiel Tomcats

Thiel opened defense of its 2005 PAC title with a come-from-behind 17-14 OT win at Thomas More ... Trailing 14-0 late in the first half, and with the Tomcats in need of a big play to get back into the game, junior DE **Robert Hughes** rose to the occasion ... Hughes blocked a punt and returned it 25 yards for the touchdown with 20 seconds remaining in the half ... The Tomcats got the ball with 2:36 remaining and put together a 12-play, 55-yard drive that ended with a six-yard TD pass from **Billy Blankenship** to **Marc LaScola** with 19 seconds remaining in regulation ... **Sammy Koyl** sent the game to overtime by nailing the extra point, then gave Thiel a 17-14 lead on a 27-yard field goal on the first possession of overtime.



## Thomas More Saints

After winning its first two games of the season on late scores, Thomas More was on the other end of late game heroics as Thiel scored 17 unanswered points to post the victory, 17-14, Saturday in Crestview Hills, Ky. ... It was the first loss of the season for Thomas More ... RB **Lawrence Colbert** rushed for 70 yards on 22 carries to lead the Saint offense ... The TMC defense controlled most of the game, limiting Thiel to 84 yards of total offense prior to the final two drives ... LB **Mark Carlisle** finished with eight tackles and one interception in defeat.



## Washington & Jefferson Presidents

W&J cruised to a 26-0 halftime lead during its 33-13 victory at Oberlin Saturday ... Senior RB **Ryan Mendel** rushed for a career-best 192 yards and two touchdowns in the win ... Senior DL **Dan Brodland** spurred the defense with nine tackles, two sacks and a forced fumble ... Sophomore QB **Bobby Swallow** fired a pair of TD passes, one to senior TE **Peter Briggs** (50) and another to junior WR **Tom McCafferty** (10) ... The Presidents posted their first two scores on consecutive offensive plays as Mendel raced 47 yards for a score, then following an Oberlin punt Swallow and Briggs hooked up for their score ... W&J held a 456-257 yardage margin and held the nation's sixth-leading rusher, **R.V. Carroll**, to 26 yards on 12 carries.



## Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

Senior RB **Ryan Abels** showed his flair for the dramatic Saturday, as he became the all-time leading rusher in Waynesburg history on a game-clinching, 56-yard TD run in the final minutes of the fourth quarter ... Behind 234 rushing yards, the Yellow Jackets registered a 29-18 victory in their PAC opener against Grove City ... Abels rushed for a game-high 122 yards on 21 carries and a pair of scores and now ranks first in school history with 3,350 rushing yards ... Fellow RB **Eric Daniels** also posted a memorable day, rushing for 88 yards and two TDs on 15 attempts ... Daniels became the eighth player in school history to amass 2,000 career rushing yards ... Defensively, Waynesburg was led by DE **Mike Czerwien** with eight stops (6 solo, 2 assist), including two for losses, a sack and a blocked kick.



## Westminster Titans

Westminster pulled off a thrilling double overtime upset over Adrian, 27-24 ... The Titans (1-2) topped a Bulldog team (1-2) picked to win the MIAA and was ranked in the preseason Top 25 national poll ... Freshman K **Fred Romeo** drilled the game-winning 21-yard field goal in the second OT after Adrian missed a 42-yard attempt ... The Titan defense forced an Adrian field goal in the first OT after they had 1st-and-goal from the 3 ... Freshman RB **Nick McKolosky** sent the game to OT with a 1-yard TD run with 30 seconds left in regulation ... McKolosky led the Titans with 28 rushing yards on 10 carries and one score, adding eight catches for 82 receiving yards and one TD ... Freshman QB **Kevin Franz** was 30-of-43 for 307 yards passing ... LB **Jake Martinez** led the defense with 10 tackles.

### 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	R. Abels, WAY	R. Hughes, THI	F. Romeo, WES
9/30			
10/7			
10/14			
10/21			
10/28			
11/4			
11/11			

## WEEK 5 PAC FOOTBALL PREVIEWS



**Thiel (2-2, 1-0 PAC) at Bethany (2-1, 0-0 PAC)**  
**Saturday, Sept. 30 - 1:30 p.m.**  
**Bethany Field (1,000/grass) - Bethany, W.Va.**



**Radio/TV:** WPIC-AM (790) and WLLF-FM (96.7) in Hermitage; [www.msasportsnetwork.com](http://www.msasportsnetwork.com); WVBC-FM (88.1) in Bethany; [www.teamline.cc](http://www.teamline.cc) (code 3724)

**Series Record:** Thiel leads 33-27-1

**Game Notes:** Thiel and Bethany do battle on the gridiron for the 62nd time this weekend when they meet in the West Virginia panhandle ... Bethany's last win over Thiel came in 2002 (31-9) ... Bethany opened the season with a 45-20 loss to Muskingum before rattling off consecutive victories over Hiram (42-7) and Ohio Wesleyan (34-28) ... Going into last week, when the Bison were idle, Bethany was leading the PAC in scoring offense (32 ppg) and passing yards per contest (232 ypg) ... Bethany senior QB Brent Owens leads the PAC with 180.7 yards passing per game while senior WR T.J. Parker tops the conference in receptions per game (7.33) and receiving yards per game (91.0).



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



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

**Series Record:** Thomas More leads 3-0

**Game Notes:** After opening its PAC schedule with a 29-18 home win over Grove City last week, Waynesburg continues conference play on Saturday when it hosts Thomas More for a 1:30 p.m. kickoff ... The game is the fourth-straight for the Yellow Jackets at Wiley Stadium ... The Saints have won all three of the all-time meetings, including last season's 13-7 contest in Kentucky ... the Saints scored the first 10 points of the game, then used great defensive plays to secure the win. First, linebacker **Rashawn West** caught the WC running back from behind at the five, then **Chris Willis** kept the Yellow Jackets from taking the lead with the interception in the endzone two plays later ... the game marks a stretch of three straight road games for the Saints ... On Saturday, there will be a ceremony commemorating the 1966 Yellow Jacket team which won the NAIA National Championship ... Several players and personnel from that season are scheduled to be in attendance.



**Westminster (1-2, 0-0 PAC) at Grove City (0-3, 0-2 PAC)**  
**Saturday, Sept. 30 - 1:30 p.m.**  
**Robert E. Thorn Field (3,500/turf) - Grove City, Pa.**



**Radio/TV:** WWNW-FM (88.9) in New Wilmington; [www.titanradio.net](http://www.titanradio.net); Westminster Cable Network (WCN) tape delay Sunday at 7:30 p.m.; WSAJ-FM (91.1) in Grove City; [www.gcc.edu/sports](http://www.gcc.edu/sports)

**Series Record:** Westminster leads 47-31-8

**Game Notes:** The 87<sup>th</sup> renewal of the Westminster-Grove City local rivalry takes place at Thorn Field this weekend ... The Titans lead the series 47-31-8, including wins in each of the last six seasons ... The last two meetings, however, have been decided by three points or less (9-6 in 2004 and 14-13 in 2005) ... Westminster won the game last year on a 14-yard touchdown reception by Brett Ziegler from Brett Myers with 16 seconds remaining ... The two teams have common opponent this year as Westminster lost at Carnegie Mellon, 33-6, on Sept. 16, while the Wolverines lost at home to Carnegie Mellon, 28-0, on Sept. 9 ... The Wolverines are looking for their first win against Westminster since 1979. That year, Grove City upset the Titans' 12-7. The teams did not meet from 1984 until 1999 ... The teams first met in 1892, with Westminster winning both meetings ... Grove City swept two games from the Titans the following year.