

2009 PAC Football Release Week 5 - September 28



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2009 PAC FOOTBALL STANDINGS (through Sept. 26)

School	PAC Games			PF	PA	All Games			PF	PA
	W	L	Pct.			W	L	Pct.		
Washington & Jefferson	2	0	1.00	86	26	4	0	1.00	153	47
Thomas More	2	0	1.00	81	40	3	0	1.00	95	47
Grove City	1	1	.500	45	42	1	3	.250	132	139
Waynesburg	0	1	.000	24	47	3	1	.750	148	119
Bethany	0	1	.000	14	35	1	2	.333	62	96
Westminster	0	1	.000	16	34	1	3	.250	83	117
Thiel	0	1	.000	16	56	1	3	.250	63	123
Geneva*						3	0	1.00	110	58
Saint Vincent*						0	4	.000	80	144

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

LAST WEEK (September 26)

WAYNESBURG 33, Saint Vincent 12*
Thomas More 34, WESTMINSTER 16*
GENEVA 37, Thiel 13*
Wash. & Jeff. 28, GROVE CITY 10*
Bethany - idle

THIS WEEK (October 3)

Bethany at Thomas More* - 1:30 p.m.
Westminster at Thiel* - 1:30 p.m.
Geneva at Wash. & Jeff.* - 2 p.m.
Saint Vincent at Grove City* - 2 p.m.
Waynesburg - idle

Offensive Player of the Week

TREVOR STELLMAN
Thomas More
Senior QB
6-0, 185
Burlington, Ky.
Conner H.S.



Stellman led the Saints offensive attack as he had 323 yards of the Saints' 411 total offensive yards in the Saints' 34-16 win at Westminster. He was 13-of-16 passing for 239 yards and three touchdowns and was also the Saints' top rusher as he had 11 rushes for 84 yards and a touchdown.

Also nominated was junior WR **Luke O'Hara** of Grove City, junior QB **Steven Shumaker** of Washington & Jefferson, junior QB **Brad Dawson** of Waynesburg and senior QB **Kevin Franz** of Westminster.

Defensive Player of the Week

DYLAN AUGUST
Waynesburg
Senior DB
6-1, 185
Bethel Park, Pa.
Bethel Park H.S.



August tied for the game lead with eight total tackles, including four solo stops, and intercepted a pass in a 33-12 PAC opponent Saint Vincent.

Also nominated was sophomore WLB **Jason Ferguson** of Grove City, senior LB **Brad Steinmetz** of Thomas More, senior DB **Mitch Erdely** of Washington & Jefferson and junior ILB **Cory Meeker** of Westminster.

Special Teams Player of the Week

ED REITH
Grove City
Sophomore WB-P
5-10, 185
Pittsburgh, Pa.
North Hills H.S.

Reith averaged 37.8 yards per punt on five punts. He placed one punt inside the 20 against W&J. Reith also returned a kickoff 37 yards to the W&J 45 in the second quarter, setting up a Grove City field goal. He averaged 29.5 yards on two kick returns, made one tackle on a punt and caught three passes for 23 yards.

Also nominated was sophomore R **Mercier Doucette** of Thomas More, junior P/K **Joe Kelly** of Washington & Jefferson and freshman K **Jon Storck** of Waynesburg.

PAC FOOTBALL 2009 - Week 5 Conference Notes

PAC PERFECTION: Thomas More and Wash. & Jeff. continue to dominate the PAC with 2-0 conference records ... Geneva also is defending a 3-0 overall start to the season entering week 5 ... Two of these undefeated teams will have to defend their perfect record, as W&J and Geneva clash Saturday in Washington ... The Presidents lead the series 35-19-2, including a 43-14 win (and 470 yards of total offense) last year in Beaver Falls ... The last Geneva victory over W&J was in 1983 by the score of 19-0.

NEWS & NOTES: For the second consecutive week, all four PAC football games were determined by at least a two-touchdown margin ... W&J moved to No. 7 in the D3Football ranking, while the Saints cracked the Top 25 with an appearance at No. 25 after their 34-16 decision over Westminster ... The Saints are also ranked No. 24 in the AFCA Top 25 ranking ... Bethany WR **Matt Cruse** needs 52 more receiving yards to break the school record (2,141) ... Cruse also has 141 receptions, five away from passing Zack Merz for second on the all-time list.

AROUND THE LEAGUE: Geneva QB **David Girardi** had his first 300+ yard passing game with 325 on 22-33 passing ... Grove City junior WR **Luke O'Hara** caught a career-high eight passes the Wolverines ... Westminster set a new school record for pass completions in a game as the Titans completed 39 of 54 passes for 307 yards in the game ... Titan QB **Kevin Franz** set a new career high for completions with 37 of 49 passing with 297 yards ... W&J football team became the 36th team in school history to open the season 4-0 after defeating Grove City on Saturday.



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



The Bison were off last week and return to the field this Saturday at defending PAC champion Thomas More ... WR **Matt Cruse**, who has 2,090 career receiving yards, needs 52 more to break T.J. Parker's Bethany record of 2,141 yards ... Cruse also has 141 receptions and is five away from surpassing Zack Merz for second on the all-time list ... QB **Chad Smith** is already sixth in BC history with 2,878 career passing yards and tied for seventh with 21 career touchdown passes.

**Geneva Golden
Tornadoes
(3-0)**



Geneva College extended its winning streak to seven games with a convincing 37-13 victory over Thiel on Saturday ... The Golden Tornadoes got a pair of touchdowns each from **Gerard Muschette** and **Matt Dean** while junior QB **David Girardi** picked up his first 300+ yard passing game with 325 on 22-33 passing and a touchdown ... Geneva's defense forced three more turnovers and has now taken the ball away from opponents nine times in the first three games ... Geneva has opened the season at 3-0 for the first time since winning the first three games of the 2005 season, which was also the last time it advanced to the NAIA national playoffs.

**Grove City
Wolverines
(1-3, 1-1 PAC)**



Grove City is 1-1 in the PAC after a 28-10 setback against visiting Wash. & Jeff. ... The Wolverines took a 7-0 lead just two minutes into the game on a touchdown run by **Andrew DiDonato** but W&J rebounded to take a 21-10 halftime lead ... Junior WR **Luke O'Hara** caught a career-high eight passes for Grove City ... Eight different receivers caught passes ... Sophomore WLB **Jason Ferguson** had 13 stops and a sack while senior SS **Vance Keirse** returned to the starting lineup and made nine tackles ... Sophomore SLB **Tim Irwin** had his first career interception ... K **Craig Bicehouse** kicked a 27-yard field goal ... He leads all PAC kickers with 22 points ... Grove City will host Saint Vincent this week in the annual Homecoming game ... The Wolverines will not play at home for 28 days after Saturday's game.

**Saint Vincent
Bearcats
(0-4)**



The Bearcats were unable to capture their first win on Saturday, falling 33-12 at Waynesburg ... SVC got things started on a high note, with **Jeremy Drischler** hauling in a 14-yard pass from **Kevin Corona** to give the Bearcats a 6-0 lead just two minutes into play, but the Yellow Jackets responded by scoring 31 unanswered points ... Corona finished with two touchdown throws on the day, also hitting **Sheldon Loughner** on a six-yard scoring strike late in the fourth quarter ... Defensively, **Sean Hufgard** led the Bearcats in tackles for the fourth straight game, making six, while converted WR **Rob James** picked off the first two interceptions of his career.

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



Geneva took advantage of a ten-point swing in the first quarter and consistently excellent starting field position to down Thiel College, 37-13, in Presidents' Athletic Conference football action Saturday night at Reeves Field ... The Golden Tornadoes (3-0) racked up 454 yards of offense in the contest, while holding the Tomcats to 227 ... QB **Willie Bova** accounted for a bulk of his team's offense going 12-for-32 through the air, while adding a team-high 32 yards on the ground... Senior **Brendan Taylor** was the Tomcats' leading receiver, hauling in five passes for 86 yards ... Senior RB **Dan Hess** scored his first touchdown since the final game of the 2007 season in the second quarter ... Junior LB **Bobby Shew** made a team-high six tackles for the Tomcats.

**Thomas More
Saints
(3-0, 1-0 PAC)**



The No. 24th-ranked Saints raced out to a 34-0 lead after three quarters on its way to a 34-16 win over Westminster on Saturday ... Senior QB **Trevor Stellman** led the Saints' offensive attack as he had 323 yards of the Saints' 411 total offensive yards in the game ... He was 13-of-16 passing for 239 yards and three touchdowns and was also the Saints' top rusher as he had 11 rushes for 84 yards and a touchdown ... Senior RB **Cordario Collier** also had a good offensive day as he had 10 carries for 42 yards and one touchdown and also had three catches for 37 yards ... Defensively against Westminster, the Saints were led by senior LB **Brad Steinmetz**, who had 13 tackles, including one sack and two and a half tackles for a loss.

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



After defeating Grove City, 28-10, on Saturday evening, the seventh-ranked Washington & Jefferson football team became the 36th team in school history to open the season 4-0 ... The Presidents trailed early in the contest against Grove City, but back-to-back scores by senior WR **Craig Besong** and junior QB **Steven Shumaker** gave W&J a 14-7 lead early in the second quarter ... The Presidents didn't look back from that point on, tacking on two more scores by freshman RB **Brian Baldrige** and senior RB **Terrence McAllister** in the second half ... The defensive unit proved to be the deciding factor in the 18-point victory as they forced five turnovers (3 fumbles, 2 interceptions), while holding the Wolverine offense, which was averaging 468.7 yards in their first three games, to just 232 yards.

**Waynesburg
Yellow Jackets
(3-1, 0-1 PAC)**



The Waynesburg football team got back on the winning track this past Saturday with a 33-12 home win over Saint Vincent College ... While junior QB **Brad Dawson** continued his stellar season with the Jackets (242 yards passing, two total touchdowns), the Jacket running game and defense both put up outstanding performances ... **Jamelle Bowers** and **Billy Becker** combined for 143 of Waynesburg's 201 team rushing yards, while the defense held the Bearcats to just 198 total yards of offense ... Freshman K **John Storck** also converted his first collegiate field goal try, which came from 40 yards out ... Waynesburg heads into their bye week and will return to action on Saturday, Oct. 10, when they travel to New Wilmington, Pa., to face Westminster in a PAC matchup.

**Westminster
Titans
(1-3, 0-1 PAC)**



Westminster lost its first PAC game of the season, losing to No. 24-ranked Thomas More, 34-16, on Saturday ... Westminster set a new school record for pass completions in a game as the Titans completed 39 of 54 passes for 307 yards in the game, including senior QB **Kevin Franz** setting a new career high for completions with 37-49 passing with 297 yards including two touchdowns and two interceptions ... The previous record was James Graham completing 34 of Westminster's 56 passes in a 36-30 loss at Saginaw Valley on Oct. 9, 1999 ... Titan senior WR **Jon Gubish** tied a school record for receptions in a game as he caught 13 passes for 121 yards and two touchdowns ... Gubish caught two fourth-quarter touchdown passes from 3 and 10 yards after the Titans trailed 34-0 ... In all, 10 different Titans caught passes.

PAC FOOTBALL GAME PREVIEWS - WEEK 5



Bethany (1-2, 0-1 PAC) at Thomas More (4-0, 2-0 PAC)

Saturday, Oct. 3 - 1:30 p.m.

Bank of Kentucky Field (3,000/turf) - Crestview Hills, Ky.



Media: www.teamline.cc (code 3724)

Series Record: Tied at 2-2

Game Notes: Thomas More enters the game with a 3-0 overall record (2-0 PAC) and ranked No. 24 last week in the AFCA Top-25 and No. 25 in this week's D3football.com Top-25 ... Bethany enters the game with a 1-2 overall record and 0-1 in th PAC ... The all-time series, which goes back to 2005 is tied at 2-2 ... The Saints evened the series with a 42-12 triumph at Bison Stadium last fall, despite BC having more first downs (21-18), more total yards (395-378) and controlling the ball longer (32:10-27:50) ... TMC did grind out 273 yards and 5 TDs on the ground ... Bethany's **Chad Smith** completed 28-of-45 through the air for 288 yards and 1 TD, a 55-yard hook-up with **Matt Cruse**, who had 4 receptions for 136 yards ... Bethany won their only previous trip to Thomas More, a 21-17 victory in 2006 ... In 3 games against Thomas More, Cruse has 17 catches for 297 yards and 4 touchdowns.



Westminster (1-3, 0-1 PAC) at Thiel (1-3, 0-1 PAC)

Saturday, Oct. 3 - 1:30 p.m.

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



Media: WWNW-FM (88.9) in New Wilmington; WPIC-AM (790) in Hermitage/Greenville; www.titanradio.net; www.790wpic.com; Westminster Cable Network (WCN) - tape delay Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Series Record: Westminster leads 41-18-8

Game Notes: Westminster leads the all-time series with Thiel by a 41-18-8 count, including two straight wins ... The Titans won the last two meetings, both in New Wilmington, by scores of 16-10 in 2008 and 20-16 in 2007 ... Prior to 2007, the Tomcats won three straight games including the last encounter in Greenville, 45-27, in 2006 ... Thiel has outscored the Titans, 133-63, during that span ... Westminster last won at Thiel in 2002 ... In Westminster's last visit to Greenville, Titan WR **Brett Ziegler** tied a school record with 13 receptions ... This year's game will feature three of the Top 4 receivers in the league, as Thiel's Brendan Taylor averages 7.75 catches per game, second in the PAC, followed by **Jon Gubish** (7.25) and **Chad Rosatelli** (6.5).



Geneva (3-0) at Washington & Jefferson (4-0)

Saturday, Oct. 3 - 2 p.m.

Cameron Stadium (3,500/turf) - Washington, Pa.



Media: WBVP-AM (1230) in Beaver Falls; WMBA-AM (1460) in Ambridge; WJPA-AM (1450) in Washington; WNJR-FM (91.7) in Washington; www.msasportsnetwork.com; www.wjpa.com/sports; www.washjeff.edu/wnjrwebstream.html

Series Record: Washington & Jefferson leads 35-19-2

Game Notes: It will be a battle of unbeaten on Saturday afternoon in Washington, Pa. ... The Golden Tornadoes will put their seven-game winning streak and their 3-0 record on the line against W&J ... Geneva and W&J will meet for the 57th time in a series that dates back to 1891 in a 26-8 W&J victory ... The President's have defeated Geneva each of the last two years since renewing a rivalry that hadn't played since 1985 before Geneva started play in the PAC in 2007 ... W&J has defeated Geneva four straight times with the last Geneva victory coming in 1983 by the score of 19-0 ... Last year, W&J cruised to a 43-14 victory over Geneva as the Presidents racked up 470 yards of total offense ... **Craig Besong** had a career game with eight catches for 213 yards and two touchdowns ... **Mitch Erdely** had seven tackles to pace the defense which notched five sacks ... Geneva has not defeated W&J since a 19-0 victory at Reeves Field in 1983 ... Since that contest, W&J has scored at least 24 points in the each of the four games with the Golden Tornadoes.



Saint Vincent (0-4) at Grove City (1-3)

Saturday, Oct. 3 - 2 p.m.

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



Media: WCNS-AM (1480) in Latrobe; WSAJ-FM (91.1) in Grove City; www.redzonemedia.com; www2.gcc.edu/sports;

Series Record: Tied 2-2

Game Notes: The Bearcats and Grove City will meet on the gridiron for the fifth time this week, with a 2 p.m. contest at Grove City ... The Wolverines have won the past two meetings since SVC joined the PAC in 2007, including a 27-12 win in week five last season in Latrobe, with SVC kicker **Aaron Jones** hitting on two field goals, including a career-high 37-yarder... Saint Vincent last defeated the Wolverines in the season finale of the 1960 season by a 14-9 score ... It is the first time that the Bearcats will be Grove City's Homecoming foe ... Grove City earned a 27-12 win in Latrobe last year ... **Zach Fulmer** intercepted two passes in last year's game, including one that he returned 60 yards for a touchdown ... Head coach **Chris Smith** has 99 career victories ... Quarterback **Andrew DiDonato** needs 43 yards to become the college's all-time leader in total offense, passing R.J. Bowers (7,353 yards) ... Grove City won the previous meeting with Saint Vincent at Thorn Field two years ago, 44-0 ... The all-time series is tied 2-2.

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
3-0

September

5 FROSTBURG STATE W 41-28
12 at Saint Vincent W 32-17
19 Open Date
26 THIEL* W, 37-13

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
1-3, 1-1 PAC

September

5 DICKINSON L 47-52
12 at Carnegie Mellon L 40-45
19 at Bethany* W 35-14
26 WASH. & JEFF.* L, 10-28

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
0-4

September

5 at McDaniel L 37-51
12 GENEVA L 17-32
19 WESTMINSTER* L 14-27
26 at Waynesburg* L, 12-33

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
1-3, 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* L, 13-37

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
3-0, 2-0 PAC

September

5 at John Carroll W 14-7
12 Open Date
19 WAYNESBURG* W 47-24
26 at Westminster* W, 34-16

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
4-0, 2-0 PAC

September

5 OBERLIN W 35-9
12 at Frostburg State W 34-12
19 THIEL* W 56-16
26 at Grove City* W, 28-10

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
3-1, 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* W, 33-12

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
1-3, 0-1 PAC

September

5 HEIDELBERG L 26-42
12 at Allegheny L 14-27
19 at Saint Vincent* W 27-14
26 THOMAS MORE* L, 16-34

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.