

2008 PAC Football Release Week 5 - September 29



Presidents' Athletic Conference
8500 Brooktree Road, Suite 130
Wexford, PA 15090
Web: www.pacathletics.org

Contact: Joe Onderko
(724) 933-4630
onderko@pacathletics.org

2008 PAC FOOTBALL STANDINGS (through Sept. 28)

School	PAC Games			PF	PA	All Games			PF	PA
	W	L	Pct.			W	L	Pct.		
Washington & Jefferson	2	0	1.00	83	45	4	0	1.00	181	101
Thomas More	2	0	1.00	65	36	2	1	.667	79	77
Grove City	1	1	.500	62	84	2	2	.500	88	128
Waynesburg	0	1	.000	26	34	2	2	.500	87	105
Westminster	0	1	.000	10	31	2	2	.500	74	119
Bethany	0	1	.000	35	41	1	2	.333	76	100
Thiel	0	1	.000	24	34	0	4	.000	59	102
Geneva*						1	2	.333	55	92
Saint Vincent*						1	3	.250	66	112

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

LAST WEEK (September 27)

Geneva 31, THIEL 17*
Waynesburg 21, SAINT VINCENT 12*
THOMAS MORE 31, Westminster 10*
WASH. & JEFF. 49, Grove City 21*
Bethany - idle

THIS WEEK (October 4)

Grove City at Saint Vincent* - 1:30 p.m.
Thiel at Westminster* - 1:30 p.m.
Thomas More at Bethany* - 2 p.m.
Washington & Jefferson at Geneva* - 7 p.m.
Waynesburg - idle

Offensive Player of the Week

TREVOR STELLMAN Thomas More

Junior QB
6-1, 200
Burlington, Ky.
Connor H.S.



Stellman led the Saints to a 31-10 PAC win over Westminster by completing 17-of-23 passes (73.9%) for 200 yards and two touchdowns, while also rushing for 30 yards and another TMC score.

Also nominated was senior WR **Stephen Mercer** of Grove City, senior WR **David Ravida** of Washington & Jefferson, sophomore WR **Ray Hightower II** of Waynesburg, and junior WR **Chad Rosatelli** of Westminster.

Defensive Player of the Week

D.J. DEWITT Waynesburg

Senior DE
6-3, 240
Vanderbilt, Pa.
Connellsville H.S.



DeWitt posted nine total tackles (four solo, five assisted), including four tackles for losses and 2.5 quarterback sacks to help lead Waynesburg to a 21-12 win at PAC rival Saint Vincent.

Also nominated was senior MLB **Adam Eichler** of Grove City, junior DT **William Haase** of Thiel, junior DB **Martez Williams** of Thomas More, and junior SS **Mitch Erdely** of Washington & Jefferson.

Special Teams Player of the Week

KENDALL OWENS Thomas More

Freshman KR/PR
5-8, 180
Cincinnati, Ohio
LaSalle H.S.



Owens led the Saint special teams in a 31-10 PAC victory over Westminster by posting two kick returns for 92 yards (46.0 avg.) and four punt returns for 45 yards (11.3 avg.) His 46-yard kick return to open the second half set up the go-ahead score for TMC in a 10-10 game.

Also nominated was sophomore K/WR **Zach Summy** of Grove City, senior PR/FS **Matt Joy** of Thiel, junior K **Chuck Grabner** of Washington & Jefferson, junior PR/KR **Scott Cree** of Waynesburg, and freshman P **Andrew Clark** of Westminster.

PAC FOOTBALL 2008 - Week 5 Conference Notes

TAKING SHAPE: The second week of conference play is in the books, and already the race for the 2008 PAC title is beginning to take shape ... All four teams which posted conference wins on Sept. 20 faced each other on Saturday, with W&J and Thomas More ending the day tied for first in the league standings after posting wins over Grove City and Westminster ... In other PAC action, Waynesburg and Geneva posted wins at Saint Vincent and Thiel, respectively, with the Golden Tornadoes earning their first victory of the season against the Tomcats.

WHO'S HOT: Senior WR **Stephen Mercer** set a new school record with 15 receptions for Grove City in the loss to W&J ... RB **Jairus Marlow** posted a 93-yard touchdown run for Saint Vincent against Waynesburg ... Sophomore RB **Gerard Muschette** rushed for 126 yards and a touchdown for Geneva against Thiel ... W&J WR **David Ravida** caught 12 passes for 69 yards vs. Grove City ... DB **Martez Williams** of Thomas More had nine solo tackles and an interception against Westminster ... Junior DB **Scott Cree** posted two interceptions for Waynesburg against St. Vincent

AROUND THE LEAGUE: Washington & Jefferson is ranked 11th in both the AFCA and D3Football.com national Top 25 polls ... Grove City's 57 pass attempts against Washington & Jefferson on Saturday set a new team record ... Junior WR **Chad Rosatelli** caught 10 passes for 74 yards and a touchdown for Westminster against ThomasMore ... The Waynesburg defense posted four interceptions and recorded nine sacks in a 21-12 win at Saint Vincent ... Thiel fell to 0-4 for the first time since 1995 after falling to Geneva Saturday.



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



The Bison were off last week and return to the field this Saturday with a home date against Thomas More at Bison Stadium ... This weekend is Homecoming at Bethany and BC is gunning for their second win in the last three years on Homecoming ... Two years ago, the Bison knocked off Grove City 34-28, but the Green & White were defeated 45-7 by Waynesburg a season ago ... Bethany will also be trying to even their conference mark at 1-1 after a 41-35 defeat at Grove City Sept. 20.

**Geneva Golden
Tornadoes
(1-2)**



Geneva picked up its first victory of the season and moved to 1-2 on the strength of a 31-17 victory over Thiel in Greenville Saturday ... The Golden Tornadoes used an overpowering running attack that posted 231 yards on the ground ... Sophomore **Gerard Muschette** rushed for 126 yards on 16 carries and a touchdown to pace the ground game ... **Matt Barge** chipped in with 72 yards and **Matt Dean** rushed for a pair of touchdowns ... Sophomore QB **David Girardi** completed 13-of-17 passes for 153 yards to pick up his first victory as a starter ... The defense held Thiel to just 189 total yards as senior **Zach Feltrop** led the way with 8.5 total tackles ... Geneva will look to build upon that victory next Saturday when they welcome W&J to Reeves Field for Homecoming 2008.

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



Grove City fell to 1-1 in the PAC Saturday with a 49-21 setback at W&J ... Grove City's early generosity – two turnovers and a short punt – allowed W&J to take a 28-0 lead early in the second quarter ... The Wolverines pulled to within 35-21 with 11:28 left on **Stephen Mercer's** 11-yard TD catch ... Mercer set a new program record with 15 catches in the game ... QB **Andrew DiDonato** threw for a career-high 273 yards ... He set new single-game school records for completions (31) and attempts (56) ... As a team, the Wolverines threw the ball 57 times, setting a new team standard ... TE **Chris Rich** caught a career-high four passes ... MLB **Adam Eichler** racked up 16 tackles ... The Wolverines had four sacks and forced three turnovers ... WR **Zach Summy** went 3-for-3 kicking extra points.

**Saint Vincent
Bearcats
(1-3)**



The Bearcats dropped a 21-12 home contest to Waynesburg University ... A 93-yard touchdown run by **Jairus Marlow** put the Bearcats on the board first, seven minutes into play ... It was the longest play from scrimmage since SVC's return to the gridiron last season ... It was also the final lead of the day for the Bearcats, as the Waynesburg defense clamped down, intercepting four passes and picking up nine quarterback sacks ... The SVC defense played well, allowing just 12 Waynesburg first downs and forcing seven punts ... LB **Anthony Johnson** led the way with 10 tackles, while **Tom Quirin** and **Josh Diamond** each had seven stops ... Freshman WR **Jeremy Drischler** made a pair of grabs for 56 yards, while Marlow finished with 102 yards of total offense.

**Thiel
Tomcats
(0-4, 0-1 PAC)**



Thiel College took a step backwards in a, 31-17, loss to Geneva College in front of a Homecoming crowd of 1,567 at Alumni Stadium ... The Thiel offense managed just 189 yards on the afternoon with all but 55 coming through the air, while the Golden Tornadoes rolled up 384 total yards ... With the loss, Thiel fell to 0-4 (0-2 PAC) for the first time since 1995.

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



Thomas More used a 21-point third quarter to break a 10-10 tie at halftime and defeat Westminster, 31-10, in the first football game at The Bank of Kentucky Field on the TMC campus ... Junior QB **Trevor Stellman** was 17-of-23 passing for 200 yards and two touchdowns and added 30 yards rushing and a score on the ground ... Senior WR **Nick Dew** had six catches for 82 yards and two TDs ... Junior DB **Martez Williams** anchored the Saints' defense with nine tackles, all solo, including one tackle for a loss of three-yards and added an interception ... Freshman RB/return specialist **Kendal Owens** had 45 yards on four punt returns and 92 yards on two kick-off returns, including a 46-yard kickoff return to open the second half against Westminster.

**Washington & Jefferson
Presidents
(4-0, 2-0 PAC)**



Washington & Jefferson is ranked 11th in both the AFCA Division III Coaches Poll and by D3football.com ... The Presidents defeated Grove City for the 10th straight time on Saturday evening and now leads the overall series by a 32-12 margin ... Senior QB **Bobby Swallow** passed for 201 yards and three touchdowns, while senior RB **Curt Jones** notched 80 yards on the ground and three scores ... He has rushed for three touchdowns in all three games he has played this season ... Senior WR **David Ravida** tied a school record with 12 receptions and moved into fourth place on the career list.

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



Waynesburg got back to .500 with a 21-12 win over Saint Vincent ... Sophomore QB **Brad Dawson** put together his top performance in a Yellow Jacket uniform as he threw for 217 yards and a touchdown with no interceptions, completing 14-of-28 passes ... Almost half of those yards went to sophomore WR **Ray Hightower II**, who hauled in six passes for 101 yards and a TD ... Yet another sophomore, RB **Billy Becker**, led the ground attack with 63 yards and a TD on 16 carries ... The Waynesburg defense racked up a season-high nine sacks, including 2.5 by senior DE **D.J. Dewitt** ... Junior CB **Scott Cree** picked off a pair of passes, giving him a team-high three on the season ... Junior OLB **Ryan Krull** led the team in tackles for a fourth straight game with two solo hits and nine assists, giving him a total of 11 stops on the day.

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



Westminster traveled to Kentucky Saturday to face Thomas More ... The Titans absorbed a 31-10 loss after the Saints scored 21 unanswered points in the second half ... Junior QB **Kevin Franz** moved into third place on Westminster's all-time career passing list with 4,812 yards after he completed 27-of-43 passes for 229 yards ... Franz passed **Joe Micchia's** total of 4,619 yards from 1987-89 ... Franz spread the ball around, connecting with seven different receivers including junior WR **Chad Rosatelli**, who caught a career-high 10 passes for 74 yards ... Junior TB **Nick McKolosky** only had 28 rushing yards on 15 carries ... McKolosky hauled in five passes for 42 yards ... Freshman S **Tony Andreassi** led the Titans with nine tackles in his first career start ... Senior DE **Andrew Robison** posted his 14th career sack.

PAC FOOTBALL GAME PREVIEWS - WEEK 5



Grove City (2-2) at Saint Vincent (1-3)

Saturday, Oct. 4 - 1:30 p.m.

Chuck Noll Stadium (1,100/turf) - Latrobe, Pa.



Radio/TV: WSAJ-FM (91.1); WCNS-AM (1480); www2.gcc.edu/sports; www.redzonemedia.com

Series Record: Saint Vincent leads 2-1

Game Notes: The Bearcats host Grove City in a Homecoming Day contest at Chuck Noll Field ... Saint Vincent owns a 2-1 advantage in the all-time series between the two teams, with Grove City picking up its first win over the Bearcats last year, a 44-0 shutout in week nine ... Saint Vincent managed just 127 yards of offense and seven first downs ... It will be the Wolverines' first trip to Latrobe since the final game of the 1960 campaign, when the Bearcats came from behind for a 14-9 win ... Saint Vincent beat the Wolverines 19-7 in 1932, the first of three all-time meetings ... GCC picked up a school-record 37 first downs in the 44-0 win a year ago ... **Brian Mercer** ran for three touchdowns and also caught a touchdown pass ... **Andrew DiDonato** threw three touchdown passes and ran for a fourth ... Grove City has gone 62 games without playing in overtime, the longest OT-free stretch in program annals since the inception of overtime in 1996 ... Prior to that, Grove City played five in a span of just 23 games ... Head coach **Chris Smith** is 39-1 all-time when Grove City scores at least 30 points.



Thiel (0-4, 0-1 PAC) at Westminster (2-2, 0-1 PAC)

Saturday, Oct. 4 - 1:30 p.m.

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



Radio/TV: WPIC-AM (790); WWNW-FM (88.9); www.790wpic.com; www.titanradio.net; Westminster Cable Network

Series Record: Westminster leads 42-18-7

Game Notes: Two teams looking for their first Presidents' Athletic Conference wins of the season will clash at Harold Burry Stadium when Thiel visits Westminster. Westminster won last year's meeting at home 20-16 but the Tomcats have won three out of the last five meetings ... Thiel has outscored the Titans, 136-61, during that span ... Westminster won a see-saw battle last year despite dominating the pace by running 84 plays for 316 yards (217 passing) and holding possession for 40:45 ... Titan QB **Kevin Franz** rushed for a touchdown and threw for a score, the latter a 5-yard pass giving the Titans a 20-10 lead in the fourth quarter before the Titan defense held on for the victory ... **Nick McKolosky** carried the ball a career-high 34 times for 105 yards ... Thiel QB **Marc LaScola** completed 12 of 23 passes for 129 yards, including a 19-yard touchdown pass to Jeremiah Wagner at 8:21 in the fourth quarter ... Thiel finished with 236 yards of offense (129 pass, 107 rush) ... **Dan Hess** led the Tomcats with 57 rushing yards on 18 carries ... This year, Westminster is coming off a 31-10 loss at Thomas More last week while the Tomcats lost 31-17 at home vs. Geneva ... McKolosky (80.8) and Franz (231.2) are the Titans' leading rusher and passers, respectively, while **Cody Sirgey** (52.8) and **Willie Bova** (172.5) are Thiel's rushing and passing leaders.



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

Saturday, Oct. 4 - 2 p.m.

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



Radio/TV: www.teamline.cc (code 3724)

Series Record: Bethany leads 2-1

Game Notes: Thomas More travels to West Virginia for a key PAC matchup at Bethany ... Thomas More enters the game with a 2-1 overall record and a 2-0 PAC mark and on a two-game winning streak after defeating Westminster, 31-10, on Sept. 27 ... Bethany enters the game with a 1-2 overall record and a 0-1 PAC record following a bye last week ... Bethany leads the series, 2-1, including the last two in a row ... Thomas More is second in scoring offense in the PAC as it averages 26.3 points per game and has the third ranked scoring defense as it has given up 25.7 points per game ... Last season, Bethany sprinted to a 28-7 halftime lead and cruised to a 35-14 triumph ... **Milton Joyner** threw three scoring passes, including a pair of **Taylor McNeil** (5, 50) and one to **Matt Cruse** (17), while **Matt Dahle** returned a punt 62 yards for a score ... Cruse has put up good career numbers against TMC, with 13 receptions for 161 yards and three TDs in two contests ... Cruse will also be looking to set a record Saturday, as his 18 career touchdown receptions is tied with **T.J. Parker** (2003-06) for the most in Bethany history ... Two seasons ago, BC rallied from a 14-0 halftime deficit for a 21-17 win in Kentucky for their first triumph over Thomas More, who took the first meeting 33-15 in 2005.



Washington & Jefferson (4-0) at Geneva (1-2)

Saturday, Oct. 4 - 7 p.m.

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



Radio/TV: WJPA-AM (1450); WBVP-AM (1230); WMBA-AM (1460); www.wjpa.com; www.msasportsnetwork.com;

Series Record: Washington & Jefferson leads 34-19-2

Game Notes: W&J and Geneva will meet on the gridiron for the 56th time in history on Saturday ... Last year's meeting, a 28-20 W&J victory in the Presidents' season opener, was the first game between the two schools since 1985 ... **Bobby Swallow** passed for 255 yards and four touchdowns last year at Cameron Stadium ... The two teams first matched up in 1908 when the Presidents' defeated Geneva 29-0 ... Geneva last defeated Washington & Jefferson in 1983 with a 19-0 victory.

**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
1-2****September**

6 SETON HILL L 18-27
 13 at Salisbury L 6-48
 20 Open Date
 27 at Thiel* W 31-17

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
2-2, 1-1 PAC****September**

6 at Dickinson L 7-34
 13 CARNEGIE MELLON W 19-10
 20 BETHANY* W 41-35
 27 at Wash. & Jeff.* L 21-49

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
1-3****September**

6 MCDANIEL L 7-38
 13 at Gallaudet W 23-22
 20 at Westminster* L 24-31
 27 WAYNESBURG* L 12-21

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
0-4, 0-1 PAC****September**

6 MARIETTA L 18-21
 13 at Albion L 0-16
 20 WASH. & JEFF.* L 24-34
 27 GENEVA* L 17-31

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

6 JOHN CARROLL L 14-41
 13 Open Date
 20 at Waynesburg* W 34-26
 27 WESTMINSTER* W 31-10

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
4-0, 2-0 PAC****September**

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

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
2-2, 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* W 21-12

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

6 at Heidelberg L 27-62
 13 ALLEGHENY W 6-2
 20 SAINT VINCENT* W 31-24
 27 at Thomas More* L 10-31

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.