



FOOTBALL 2003

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CURRENT 2003 REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through October 5)

School	PAC Games					All Games				
	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Washington & Jefferson College	2	0	1.00	43	27	4	0	1.00	107	64
Grove City College	2	0	1.00	33	18	3	2	.600	131	87
Waynesburg College	1	0	1.00	42	0	4	1	.800	204	59
Westminster College	0	1	.000	17	26	1	3	.250	57	119
Thiel College	0	2	.000	25	33	1	3	.250	60	82
Bethany College	0	2	.000	3	59	0	5	.000	51	193

THIS WEEK'S RESULTS - October 4

Washington & Jefferson 26, WESTMINSTER 17*
 Grove City 16, THIEL 15*
 Waynesburg 42, BETHANY 0*

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE - October 11

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

PAC Offensive Player of the Week

RYANABELS
 Waynesburg College
 Freshman running back - 5-9, 180
 Elizabeth, Pa./Elizabeth Forward H.S.

In his first career start, Abels had 22 carries for a career-high 150 yards and a school-record five touchdowns (11, 9, 47, 5, 7) in the Yellow Jackets' 42-0 PAC win at Bethany. The school record for rushing TDs had stood for 37 years since Rich Dahar ran for four scores for Waynesburg in a 58-0 win over Frostburg State in 1966.

Also nominated was sophomore HB Adam Wargo of Grove City, senior RB Justin Napotnik of Thiel, sophomore QB Chris Edwards of Washington & Jefferson, and junior RB Scott Froelich of Westminster.

PAC Defensive Player of the Week

GENE IANNUZZI
 Grove City College
 Junior cornerback - 5-9, 180
 Port Jervis, N.Y./Minisink Valley H.S.

Iannuzzi blocked a Thiel punt and returned the loose ball 15 yards for the game-winning points with 1:53 to play, leading Grove City to a 16-15 win over the Tomcats for the Mercer County Cup. He also posted three tackles and broke up a pair of passes in the victory for the Wolverines.

Also nominated was senior CB Ryan Nohe of Bethany, junior MLB Robert Drake of Thiel, senior FS Jonathan Herbert of Washington & Jefferson, senior DL Brandon Doppelheuer of Waynesburg, and junior OLB Jerry Bonenberger of Westminster.

PAC FOOTBALL NOTES

Bethany Bison

Bethany's early-season slide continued Saturday with a 42-0 Homecoming loss to Waynesburg ... The Yellow Jackets enjoyed a 405-179 advantage in total yardage, including a 253-43 margin in rushing yards ... WR Zack Merz had his best game of the year with game-highs in receptions (eight) and yards (107) ... SS Nick Lion led Bethany's defense with 14 tackles, while CB Ryan Nohe finished the contest with nine stops and his third interception of the year ... CB Aaron Weathers also picked off a pass and had six solo tackles ... The shutout marked the first time Bethany has been blanked since a 9-0 loss at Grove City in 2001.

Wash. & Jeff. Presidents

Washington & Jefferson became just the second team in Division III history to record 600 wins in its program's history following a 26-17 victory over Westminster on Saturday at Harold Burry Stadium ... The Presidents never trailed in the win and answered all three Titan scores with points of their own on their next drive ... Sophomore QB Chris Edwards completed 19-of-32 passes for 244 yards and three touchdowns in the victory, including five passes for 105 yards and two TDs to senior WR Mike Virgin ... Junior RB Matt Bettinazzi rushed for 71 yards on 20 carries, while sophomore TE Aaron Krepps accumulated 108 all-purpose yards (50 rush, 38 recev., 20 return) ... Defensively, Eric Field notched a game-high 12 tackles giving him at least 12 stops in his first four games ... W&J has run its conference winning streak to 22 games

Grove City Wolverines

Grove City reclaimed the Mercer County Cup by coming from behind to nip Thiel 16-15 in Greenville on Saturday... Gene Iannuzzi's touchdown return of a blocked punt with 1:53 left in the fourth quarter put Grove City on top ... The Wolverines also blocked an extra point and partially deflected a field goal in the victory ... SS Dan Solomon recorded two QB sacks in Grove City territory, helping to thwart Thiel drives ... Grove City had four sacks as a team ... HB Adam Wargo led Grove City with a career-high 86 rushing yards while Dave DiDonato caught four passes ... Wargo is the fourth different player to lead GCC in rushing this year ... The last time Grove City returned a blocked punt for a score was 1999 at Kenyon.

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

Waynesburg blanked Bethany 42-0 in its PAC opener for its first shutout since Oct. 10, 1998 (against Thiel by the same score) ... A school-record performance by freshman RB Ryan Abels nearly outdid the smothering Jacket defense ... Abels rushed for five touchdowns on 22 carries for a career-high 150 yards ... Coming into the game, Abels, a first-time starter, had only 14 carries for 77 yards ... The five rushing scores breaks a school record held by all-time leading scorer Rich Dahar, who had four in a 58-0 win over Frostburg State in 1966 ... Senior DE Brandon Doppelheuer led the defense with 10 stops (1 for loss) and a forced fumble ... The shutout is not only coach Jeff Hand's first at Waynesburg, but it also lifts his record at the school to .500 (12-12), for the first time since a 1-1 start his first year.

Thiel Tomcats

After a two-year stay in Greenville, the Mercer County Cup has relocated to Grove City after the Wolverines handed Thiel a 16-15 loss Saturday to spoil Homecoming at Alumni Stadium ... Thiel held a commanding 324-211 advantage in total yards over the Wolverines ... Junior QB Daryl Moore finished 7-of-21 for 111 yards and also picked up 21 yards rushing on 13 carries ... Senior TB Justin Napotnik tallied 69 yards on 12 carries, while junior FB Justin Kuban picked up 22 on eight attempts, including a one-yard touchdown run ... Sophomore TE Dane Haskins led the receiving corps, finishing with four catches for 78 yards and one TD ... Junior MLB Robert Drake led the Tomcats defensively with a season-high 11 tackles.

Westminster Titans

Despite a career-day by junior TB Scott Froelich, the Titans dropped their PAC opener with a 26-17 loss to W&J at Burry Stadium ... Froelich rushed 38 times for 205 yards (5.5 avg.) and one TD ... He tied his own school record for rushes in a game, set originally against Mansfield last season ... His 205 yards was a new career-high, breaking the old mark of 198 set against Waynesburg in 2001 ... It was his third 100-yard effort this season and the 14th of his career ... Junior QB Joe Getsy completed 11-of-20 passes for 116 yards, with senior WR Brian Ekis catching five passes for 54 yards ... DBs Kevin Kresinski and Tom Froelich each posted interceptions, while junior LB Jerry Bonenberger had a team-high 11 tackles and a pair of QB sacks.

Past PAC Offensive Players of the Week

September 6: Jeff Dumm, QB, Waynesburg
September 13: Jeff Dumm, QB, Waynesburg
September 20: Brandon Chambers, WR, Thiel
September 27: Scott Froelich, RB, Westminster
October 4: Ryan Abels, RB, Waynesburg
October 11:
October 18:
October 25:
November 1:
November 8:
November 15:

Past PAC Defensive Players of the Week

September 6: Mike Choby, LB, Grove City
September 13: Frank Pilato, SS, Wash. & Jeff.
September 20: Eric Field, LB, Wash. & Jeff.
September 27: Frank Pilato, SS, Wash. & Jeff.
October 4: Gene Iannuzzi, CB, Grove City
October 11:
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PAC FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Thiel (1-3, 0-2 PAC) at Waynesburg (4-1, 1-0 PAC)

Saturday, Oct. 11 - 1:30 p.m.

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

Radio/TV: WPIC-AM (790) in Hermitage; WCYJ-FM (88.7) in Waynesburg; www.waynesburg.edu; WCTV (Channel 12) in Waynesburg
Series Record: Waynesburg leads 18-6-1

Game Notes: The Waynesburg-Thiel football series dates back to 1913. ... Waynesburg had defeated Thiel 13 straight years before last season's 21-13 loss at Greenville ... Thiel QB Daryl Moore threw two first quarter touchdowns and finished 18-of-33 passing for 237 yards and three scores and was named PAC Offensive Player of the Week for his performance... TB Justin Napotnik led all rushers with 103 yards on 16 attempts, while the Tomcat defense limited Yellow Jacket backs to -9 yards rushing on the day ... WR Shannon Alston hauled in 11 catches for 103 yards and two touchdowns ... Waynesburg QB Jeff Dumm threw for 361 yards, the fifth-most passing yards in school history ... Waynesburg is coming off its first shutout in five years and an unprecedented five rushing touchdown performance by freshmen RB Ryan Abels—the Jackets' third freshman running back to rush for over 100 yards this season, joining Dennis Gearhart (vs. Gettysburg and Alfred) and Eric Daniels (vs. Denison and Randolph-Macon)—in last week's 42-0 win over Bethany ... With the emergence of the three freshmen backs, Dumm has thrown for career-lows as a starter the past two weeks with 150 and 147, but needs just seven yards to reach the 1,000-yard mark on the season. ... The game is Homecoming for Waynesburg ... Waynesburg is 4-1 for the first time since 1999.

#16 Washington & Jefferson (4-0, 2-0 PAC) at Grove City (3-2, 2-0 PAC)

Saturday, Oct. 11 - 1:30 p.m.

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

Radio/TV: WSAJ-FM (91.1) in Grove City; WNJR-FM (91.7) and WJPA-AM (1450) in Washington; www.nsnsports.com

Series Record: Washington & Jefferson leads 26-12

Game Notes: W&J and Grove City in a battle for the top spot in the PAC with both teams holding identical 2-0 conference marks ... The Presidents and Wolverines have met 38 times in history ... Grove City is the last team to beat W&J in a PAC contest after a 31-7 victory in 1998 ... Since then, the Presidents have recorded 22 straight conference victories ... The Presidents have won four straight from the Wolverines, including wins at Thorn Field in 1999 and 2001 ... The last time the two teams met in Grove City, W&J shut out the Wolverines, 31-0, in 2001 ... The Wolverines are 3-2 for the first time since that 1998 season, when the Wolverines started 4-2.

Westminster (1-3, 0-1 PAC) at Bethany (0-5, 0-2 PAC)

Saturday, Oct. 11 - 1:30 p.m.

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

Radio/TV: WVBC-FM (88.1) in Bethany; WWNW-FM (88.9) in New Wilmington; WKST-AM (1200) in New Castle; www.nsnsports.com; Westminster Cable Network (WCN).

Series Record: Westminster leads 28-9-2

Game Notes: The Titans and Bison meet in Bethany, with each team looking for its first PAC victory of the 2003 season ... The Titans have taken 2-of-3 games from the Bison since joining the PAC ... Last season, the Titans won a hard-fought 23-20 decision during Homecoming at Burry Stadium in New Wilmington ... Bethany led 12-7 at the half and 20-14 after three periods, but a Matt Robison-to-Matt Steve TD pass from 45 yards out tied the game and a 38-yard field goal by Josh Simpson with 6:46 left proved to be the winning points for Westminster ... The Bison made a final charge, but a late rally was snuffed out when Joe Stern intercepted a Jeremy Lacaria pass in the end zone with 19 seconds to play ... Scott Froelich rushed 28 times for 143 yards for the Titans, while Will Anderson rushed for 159 yards and Lacaria also rushed for two scores for Bethany ... The last time these two teams met in Bethany during the 2001 season, the Bison came away with a convincing 24-0 decision ... Prior to that game, Bethany had not defeated Westminster since the 1940 season ... Bethany is trying to avert its first 0-6 start since 1998 ... Since scoring 41 points in the first two games, Bethany has just 10 points in the last three contests ... It's the lowest three-game scoring output since suffering three straight shutouts in 1986.