

# 2009 PAC Football Release Week 6 - October 5



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## 2009 PAC FOOTBALL STANDINGS (through Oct. 3)

School	PAC Games			PF	PA	All Games			PF	PA
	W	L	Pct.			W	L	Pct.		
Thomas More	3	0	1.00	121	52	4	0	1.00	135	59
Washington & Jefferson	2	0	1.00	84	26	5	0	1.00	184	57
Grove City	1	1	.500	45	42	2	3	.400	173	159
Thiel	1	1	.500	40	77	2	3	.400	87	144
Waynesburg	0	1	.000	24	47	3	1	.750	148	119
Bethany	0	2	.000	26	75	1	3	.250	74	136
Westminster	0	2	.000	37	58	1	4	.200	104	141
Geneva*						3	1	.750	120	89
Saint Vincent*						0	5	.000	100	185

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

### LAST WEEK (October 3)

THOMAS MORE 40, Bethany 12\*  
THIEL 24, Westminster 21\*  
WASH. & JEFF. 31, Geneva 10\*  
GROVE CITY 41, Saint Vincent 20\*  
Waynesburg - idle

### THIS WEEK (October 10)

Thomas More at Saint Vincent\* - 1:30 p.m.  
Waynesburg at Westminster\* - 1:30 p.m.  
Thiel at Bethany\* - 2 p.m.  
Grove City at Geneva\* - 4 p.m.  
Washington & Jefferson - idle

### Offensive Player of the Week

#### WILLIE BOVA

**Thiel**  
Senior QB  
6-0, 190  
Port Allegany, Pa.  
Port Allegany H.S.



Bova completed 22-of-33 passes for 304 yards and two touchdowns for Thiel in a 24-21 PAC victory over Westminster. He completed the second-longest pass play in Thiel history with an 86-yard TD strike to **Brendan Taylor** with 1:27 to play, breaking a 14-14 tie. He also completed two passes for 39 yards in the final 18 seconds to set up the game-winning field goal.

Also nominated was senior QB **Andrew DiDonato** of Grove City, senior QB **Trevor Stellman** of Thomas More, senior WR **Craig Besong** of Washington & Jefferson, and senior WR **Jon Gubish** of Westminster.

### Defensive Player of the Week

#### JACOB BLOOMHUFF

**Wash. & Jeff.**  
Senior DE  
6-3, 245  
Grosse Pointe, Mich.  
Grosse Pointe H.S.



Bloomhuff posted eight tackles, including 4 1/2 quarterback sacks for -20 yards, for the Presidents as they posted a 31-10 win over previously unbeaten PAC foe Geneva. He led a W&J defense which held the GTs to 136 total yards, including just 12 in the second half.

Also nominated was sophomore WLB **Jason Ferguson** of Grove City, senior SS **Clint Walker** of Thiel, senior LB **Brad Steinmetz** of Thomas More, and sophomore ILB **Zachery Boyd** of Westminster.

### Special Teams Player of the Week

#### JOHN MADELINE

**Thiel**  
Sophomore K  
5-9, 155  
Hubbard, Ohio  
Hubbard H.S.



Madelin booted a career-long 46-yard field goal as time expired to lift the Tomcats to a walk-off 24-21 PAC victory over Westminster. He also booted three extra points in the win.

Also nominated was sophomore WB/P **Ed Reith** of Grove City, and junior P/K **Joe Kelly** of Washington & Jefferson.

## PAC FOOTBALL 2009 - Week 6 Conference Notes

**HOMECOMING WEEK:** It was Homecoming Day in the PAC on Oct. 3, as all four homestanding squads sent their alumni home happy with wins ... In a matchup on unbeaten squads, W&J overcame a 10-7 deficit with 24 unanswered points in a 31-10 win over Geneva (3-1) ... Thomas More rolled to a 40-12 decision over Bethany ... Thiel posted a 24-21 victory over Westminster on a 46-yard field goal by **John Madeline** as time expired ... Grove City topped Saint Vincent 41-20, giving mentor **Chris Smith** his 100th career coaching win.

**NEWS & NOTES:** W&J is ranked #8 and Thomas More #25 in this week's [D3Football.com](http://D3Football.com) national Top 25 poll ... Senior WR **Craig Besong** caught 11 balls for 164 yards and two scores in W&J's win over Geneva ... Sophomore WR **Nick Olthaus** caught a pair of TD receptions for Thomas More in its Homecoming win over Bethany ... Grove City QB **Andrew DiDonato** threw for 226 yards vs. Saint Vincent and broke the Wolverine career total offense record (7,562) ... Westminster senior WR **Jon Gubish** caught eight passes for 100 yards and a TD at Thiel.

**AROUND THE LEAGUE:** The 86-yard TD pass from **Willie Bova** to **Brandan Taylor** vs. Westminster Saturday was the second-longest pass play in Thiel football history ... **Rich Kolesar** posted his third interception of the season for Geneva in the GT loss at W&J ... Saint Vincent DB **Rob James** posted a pair of interceptions for the second consecutive week in the Bearcat loss at Grove City ... Bethany LB **Matt Dahle**, the leading tackler in the PAC, posted 12 tackles and a forced fumble in the Bison loss at Thomas More.



**Bethany  
Bison  
(1-3, 0-2 PAC)**



Bethany fell behind #18 Thomas More 20-0 at halftime and couldn't recover in a 40-12 loss to the Saints ... The Bison scored on their first possession of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half on a 10-yard TD run by **Eric Walker** and later, a 17-play drive led to a 2-yard **Chad Smith** touchdown run ... Smith completed 29 passes for the second consecutive game for 253 yards, with his top target being **Marcus D'Aguiar**, who grabbed 8 balls for 89 yards ... On defense, the PAC's leading tackler **Matt Dahle** made 12 stops, his 3<sup>rd</sup> game this season with double-digit hits, and also forced a fumble, while LB **Kyle Arrington** had 10 tackles.

**Geneva Golden  
Tornadoes  
(3-1)**



A promising start turned sour for the Golden Tornadoes in a 31-10 loss to seventh ranked Washington & Jefferson on Saturday ... After spotting the Presidents' a touchdown, Geneva got a 48-yard **Nick DiPietro** field goal and a 14-yard touchdown run from junior QB **David Girardi** ... Taking a 10-7 lead into the second quarter, the Golden Tornadoes watched W&J score the game's final 24 points ... The Geneva defense forced two more turnovers giving them 11 takeaways in four games ... **Rich Kolesar** intercepted his third pass of the season and **Solomon Hejirika** led the way with 6.5 tackles ... The loss ended Geneva's seven-game winning streak and marked the fifth consecutive loss to W&J dating back to 1983.

**Grove City  
Wolverines  
(2-3, 1-1 PAC)**



Grove City earned its first home win of 2009 with a 41-20 triumph over Saint Vincent Saturday on Homecoming ... The Wolverines gave head coach **Chris Smith** his 100<sup>th</sup> win at the helm ... QB **Andrew DiDonato** became Grove City's all-time leader in total offense with 7,562 yards ... **R.J. Bowers** set the previous record of 7,353 (all rushing) from 1997-2000 ... **Blaine Miller** ran for 74 yards and a score while **Ed Reith** had 52 rushing yards and two TDs ... Reith posted Grove City's first score on a 45-yard fake punt run ... Miller and **Luke O'Hara** both had six catches ... Ten different receivers caught passes ... The Wolverines recorded a season-high four sacks as sophomores **Vince Angelo**, **Jason Ferguson**, **Jarred Frawley** and **George Matthews V** each had sacks ... Angelo and Ferguson both forced fumbles.

**Saint Vincent  
Bearcats  
(0-5)**



The Bearcats fell to 0-5 on the year with a 41-20 defeat at Grove City ... The Wolverines jumped out a 28-0 lead in the opening minutes of the second half, before the Bearcats saw a late comeback attempt fall short ... SVC's three touchdowns all came via long pass plays, with quarterback **Kevin Corona** completing a 42-yard touchdown pass to **Marvin Daney** and a 32-yard score to **Sheldon Loughner**, before **Jake Smith** came on to complete a 51-yard scoring strike to **Christian Sutton** for the first reception of his career ... Defensively, **Rob James** again had a big day at the cornerback position, picking off two interceptions for the second straight week ... **Anthony Johnson** made a game-high 13 tackles, including 2.5 for loss and 1.5 sacks.

**Thiel  
Tomcats  
(2-3, 1-1 PAC)**



K **John Madeline** earned his place in Thiel football lore Saturday by booting a career-long 46-yard field goal as time expired to sink Westminster, 24-21, in front of a Homecoming crowd of 1,700 at Alumni Stadium ... In the win, Thiel racked up a season-high 332 yards of offense, with 304 coming by way of **Willie Bova's** 22-of-33 passing day... RB **Ross Gargano** made a team-high eight grabs for 67 yards and a score... WR **Brendan Taylor** hauled in six balls for 151 yards and a TD... Freshman **Tyler Dejong** made five catches for 74 yards... **Clint Walker** and **Bobby Shew** each reached double digits in tackles, tallying 12 and 10, respectively... The 86-yard TD hookup between Bova and Taylor was the second-longest pass play in school history... The longest was a 97-yarder thrown by **Chuck Snyder** to **Robert Strimer** in 1935.

**Thomas More  
Saints  
(4-0, 3-0 PAC)**



The No. 18<sup>th</sup>-ranked Saints raced out to a 40-6 lead after three quarters on its way to a 40-12 win over Bethany Saturday in their Homecoming game ... Senior QB **Trevor Stellman** led the Saint offensive attack, as he had 282 yards of the Saints' 436 total offensive yards ... He was 13-of-18 passing for 172 yards and four TDs and was also the Saints' top rusher as he had six rushes for 110 yards and a score ... Senior RB **Cordario Collier** also had a good offensive day with 15 carries for 67 yards, while sophomore RB **Kendall Owens** had two carries for 42 yards and two receptions for 36 yards and a TD ... Sophomore WR **Nick Olthaus** had two catches for 59 yards, both for touchdowns ... Defensively, the Saints were led by senior LB **Brad Steinmetz** with 10 tackles, a half sack and an interception TD.

**Washington & Jefferson  
Presidents  
(5-0, 2-0 PAC)**



W&J, which is ranked eighth by D3Football.com, continued its winning ways Saturday, defeating Geneva, 31-10, at Cameron Stadium ... With W&J trailing 10-7 after the first quarter, the Presidents offense responded and scored 24 unanswered points to collect the 21-point victory ... A pair of seniors posted career days in a W&J uniform as DE **Jacob Bloomhuff** collected 4.5 sacks, while WR **Craig Besong** hauled in 11 receptions for 164 yards and two touchdowns ... Junior QB **Gino Rometo** also had a productive day under center for W&J, completing 17-of-23 pass attempts for 201 yards and two TDs ... The President defensive unit had a season-best seven sacks in the victory ... The Presidents are idle this weekend, before traveling to Saint Vincent on October 17<sup>th</sup> for a 1 p.m. game at Chuck Noll Field.

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



Waynesburg is coming off of their bye week in week five of the 2009 season and used the extra time to prepare for this Saturday's matchup in Westminster ... The last time the Yellow Jackets were in action, they scored a 33-12 victory over Saint Vincent back on Sept. 26 ... In the win, the potent Waynesburg passing game was complemented by a 200-yard team rushing performance and a defense that allowed just 198 total yards of offense and intercepted two Bearcat passes.

**Westminster  
Titans  
(1-4, 0-2 PAC)**



Westminster lost at Thiel, 24-21, Saturday in PAC action after the teams combined for 24 points in the final 2:02 ... Westminster led 7-0 through three quarters before Thiel took a 14-7 lead in the fourth quarter ... The Titans rallied to tie the game twice at 14-14 and 21-21 before Thiel's John Madeline hit a 46-yard field goal as time expired ... WC senior RB **Nick McKolosky** rushed 25 times for 102 yards, including a 1-yard TD run to tie the game at 14-14 with 2:02 remaining ... Senior QB **Kevin Franz** threw for 141 yards on 14-of-21 passing with one TD and one interception ... Overall, the Tomcats edged the Titans in total yards, 332-326, including a 304-173 advantage through the air ... Westminster's defense held steady for most of the game, forcing Thiel to punt on six of its first seven possessions, including three three-down series.

## PAC FOOTBALL GAME PREVIEWS - WEEK 6



### Thomas More (4-0) at Saint Vincent (0-5)

**Saturday, Oct. 10 - 1:30 p.m.**  
*Chuck Noll Field (1,100/turf) - Latrobe, Pa.*



**Media:** WCNS-AM (1480) in Latrobe; [www.redzonemedia.com](http://www.redzonemedia.com);

**Series Record:** Thomas More leads 2-0

**Game Notes:** The Bearcats and Saints will battle on the gridiron for the third time this Saturday, with Thomas More winning both previous matchups ... Thomas More enters the game with a 4-0 overall record and a 3-0 PAC record and ranked No. 18 last week in the AFCA Top-25 and No. 25 in this week's [D3football.com](http://D3football.com) Top-25 ... In 2006, the two teams were tied 17-17, before Thomas More scored 27 points over the final 12 minutes of the fourth quarter to win 44-17... In last year's matchup, Saint Vincent was held to a season-low seven points and 178 yards of total offense, including just 23 yards on the ground, in the 35-7 Thomas More win ... The Bearcats' lone touchdown came on a 10-yard fumble recovery return by **Armando Fortunato** late in the fourth quarter.



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

**Saturday, Oct. 10 - 1:30 p.m.**  
*Harold Burry Stadium (4,500/turf) - New Wilmington, Pa.*



**Media:** WCYJ-FM (88.7) in Waynesburg; WWNW-FM (88.9) in New Wilmington; [www.waynesburgsports.com](http://www.waynesburgsports.com); [www.titanradio.net](http://www.titanradio.net); Westminster Cable Network (WCN) - live and tape delay Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

**Series Record:** Westminster leads 35-29-3

**Game Notes:** Westminster hosts its annual Homecoming game vs. Waynesburg ... The Titans have won eight of its last nine Homecoming games; the only loss was a 17-3 setback vs. Thomas More in 2005 ... Though Westminster holds the advantage in the long-running overall series between the two teams (35-29-3), the Yellow Jackets have definitely had the advantage in the recent history of the rivalry ... Waynesburg has been victorious in the previous six meetings with the Titans, which ties their longest streak vs. Westminster in the series, and has won the last two meetings by an average of 39 points per contest ... The Titans haven't defeated Waynesburg since a 33-29 victory at home in the 2002 season finale. Westminster fifth-year head coach **Jeff Hand** was the head coach at Waynesburg the last time the Titans beat the Yellow Jackets ... Hand is 0-4 against his former team.



### Thiel (2-3, 1-1 PAC) at Bethany (1-3, 0-2 PAC)

**Saturday, Oct. 10 - 2 p.m.**  
*Bethany Field (1,000/turf) - Bethany, W. Va.*



**Media:** WPIC-AM (790) in Hermitage/Greenville; WVBC-FM (88.1) in Bethany; [www.790wpic.com](http://www.790wpic.com); [www.teamline.cc](http://www.teamline.cc) (code 3724)

**Series Record:** Thiel leads 37-28-1

**Game Notes:** In a series that dates back to the 1917 season, Thiel leads the all-time series with Bethany 37-28-1 and has won the last six meetings after BC captured the previous 11 consecutive match-ups (1992-2002) ... Last year, the Bison raced out to a 28-7 halftime lead, but the Tomcats rallied to force overtime and **Willie Bova's** 10-yard scoring run in the 4<sup>th</sup> overtime proved to be the difference in a 50-44 Thiel victory ... Chad Smith threw for 353 yards and 2 TDs, while TE Jorge Laboy caught 8 passes for 136 yards and a pair of scores ... Bova set or tied three Thiel single-game records while throwing for four touchdowns and running for one more ... His 63 attempts, 32 completions, and 374 passing yards all bested **Darrell Satterfield** records set during the Tomcats' PAC championship run in 2005 ... Prior to last year's classic, Thiel had won the previous five meetings by an average of 28.4 points ... The last BC victory on Homecoming was a 34-28 victory over Grove City in 2006 ... Thiel's longest winning streak in the series came when the Tomcats won nine in a row from 1930 to 1954.



### Grove City (2-3) at Geneva (3-1)

**Saturday, Oct. 10 - 4 p.m.**  
*Reeves Field (6,500/turf) - Beaver Falls, Pa.*



**Media:** WSAJ-FM (91.1) in Grove City; WBVP-AM (1230) in Beaver Falls; WMBA-AM (1460) in Ambridge; [www2.gcc.edu/sports](http://www2.gcc.edu/sports); [www.geneva.edu](http://www.geneva.edu); [www.msasportsnetwork.com](http://www.msasportsnetwork.com);

**Series Record:** Geneva leads 41-36-7

**Game Notes:** Geneva and Grove City will hook up for the 85<sup>th</sup> time in history with Geneva holding a 40-33-7 edge in the all-time series ... Last year, Grove City cruised to a 38-13 victory over the Golden Tornadoes ... That victory ended a five-game winning streak by Geneva over the Wolverines and marked the first loss to Grove City since 1979 ... The 25-point margin of victory marked the Wolverines' largest win over Geneva since a 34-0 win in 1975 ... The 38 points were the most for Grove City against Geneva since a 42-0 triumph in 1968, during the freshman season of head coach **Chris Smith** ... The last time these teams met at Reeves Field, Geneva sneaked out a 13-12 victory in 2007 ... Geneva's seven-game winning streak came to an end this past Saturday against Washington & Jefferson ... The streak came after a 1-5 start a year ago that included the 38-13 loss to Grove City ... Grove City is 12-8-1 against Geneva since 1965 ... The teams first met in 1893 with Grove City topping Geneva, 4-0 ... The Wolverines have blanked the GTs 19 additional times since then ... Geneva is Grove City's third-most frequently played foe, as the Wolverines have only played Thiel (95) and Westminster (90) more often.

**Bethany Bison  
1-3, 0-2 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\* L 12-40  
 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  
3-1****September**

5 FROSTBURG STATE W 41-28  
 12 at Saint Vincent W 32-17  
 19 Open Date  
 26 THIEL\* W 35-17

**October**

3 at Wash. & Jeff.\* L 10-31  
 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  
2-3, 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\* W 41-20  
 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  
0-5****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\* L 20-41  
 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  
2-3, 1-1 PAC****September**

5 at Marietta L 14-20  
 12 ALBION W 20-10  
 19 at Wash. & Jeff.\* L 16-56  
 26 at Geneva\* L 17-35

**October**

3 WESTMINSTER\* W 24-21  
 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  
4-0, 3-0 PAC****September**

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

**October**

3 BETHANY\* W 40-12  
 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  
5-0, 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\* W 31-20  
 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  
1-4, 0-2 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\* L 21-24  
 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.