



FOOTBALL 2003

Presidents' Athletic Conference
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CURRENT 2003 REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through October 12)

School	PAC Games					All Games				
	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Washington & Jefferson College	3	0	1.00	79	55	5	0	1.00	143	92
Waynesburg College	2	0	1.00	76	19	5	1	.833	238	78
Grove City College	2	1	.667	61	54	3	3	.500	159	123
Westminster College	1	1	.500	50	26	2	3	.400	90	119
Thiel College	0	3	.000	44	67	1	4	.200	79	116
Bethany College	0	3	.000	3	92	0	6	.000	51	226

THIS WEEK'S RESULTS - 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.

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE - October 18

Thiel at Westminster* - 1:30 p.m.
 Bethany at Washington & Jefferson* - 2 p.m.
 Waynesburg at Grove City* - 2 p.m.

PAC Offensive Player of the Week

MIKE VIRGIN
 Washington & Jefferson College
 Senior wide receiver - 6-2, 190
 Clairton, Pa./Thomas Jefferson H.S.

Virgin tied a school-record with 12 catches for a career-high 186 yards and two touchdowns (32, 13) for the 13th-ranked Presidents, who topped Grove City 36-28 in a battle of PAC unbeaten. He posted eight catches for 153 yards in the first half.

Also nominated was senior QB Sam Mowrey of Grove City, sophomore WR Brandon Chambers of Thiel, freshman RB Eric Daniels of Waynesburg, and junior RB Scott Froelich of Westminster.

PAC Defensive Player of the Week

TOM FROELICH
 Westminster College
 Sophomore cornerback - 6-1, 180
 Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio/Cuyahoga Falls H.S.

Froelich posted a team-high 10 tackles (five solo, five assisted) to go along with three pass breakups, an interception, and a blocked field goal, as Westminster posted its first PAC win with a 33-0 road shutout at Bethany. The Titan defense has now posted a pair of shutouts in the past three weeks.

Also nominated was junior LB Mike Choby of Grove City, junior OLB Casey Diemert of Thiel, junior SS Frank Pilato of Washington & Jefferson, and senior LB Dan Coghlan of Waynesburg.

PAC FOOTBALL NOTES

Bethany Bison

Bethany matched its worst start since 1998 with a 33-0 blanking at the hands of Westminster Saturday ... It's the first time Bethany has been shut out in consecutive games since a three-game scoreless stretch in 1987... With just 17 points in the last four games, this is the worst scoring slump Bethany has been in since 1950, when BC put just 13 points on the board in their final four games ... The Bison had chances to score in the first quarter but failed on a 4th-and-1 at the Westminster goal line and then had a 45-yard field goal blocked on their second possession... FB Mike Doyle led Bethany's ground game with 54 yards, while WR Zack Merz caught a team-high six balls for 55 yards... Defensively, LB Steve Ochap and DE Mike Mills each made 10 stops

Wash. & Jeff. Presidents

W&J built a 29-7 third-quarter lead and held off a late Wolverine rally to post a 36-28 win in its 1,000th game on Saturday ... Senior WR Mike Virgin led the Presidents to the win by tying a school record with 12 receptions for a career-high 186 yards and two touchdowns ... Junior SS Frank Pilato had a big hand in the W&J victory once again after notching 16 tackles (14 solo) and forcing two fumbles ... Pilato also blocked a GCC punt which was returned 26 yards for a touchdown by freshman Gabe McKee ... Sophomore QB Chris Edwards completed 19-of-33 passes for 245 yards and two touchdowns ... Junior LB Eric Field totaled 10 tackles and two sacks, giving him at least 10 stops in all five games ... W&J recorded its 601st win in history despite amassing just 43 total yards in the second half, including -1 in the third quarter.

Grove City Wolverines

Grove City nearly rallied from a 22-point deficit but eventually lost to W&J Saturday ... Sam Mowrey gained 334 yards of total offense and threw four TD passes, both single-game school records ... Grove City amassed 450 yards and 24 first downs against the President defense ... Dave DiDonato caught 8 passes for 142 yards while Bo Danton pulled in two touchdown passes ... LB Mike Choby had 12 tackles, two sacks and a fumble recovery ... DBs Greg Grupp and Dan Roseum both intercepted passes ... Mowrey's 304 passing yards are the most in one game since T.J. Rockwell threw for 306 yards against Mercyhurst in 1995 ... DiDonato's 29 catches this year are the most for a GCC receiver since Tom Flenner (61 in 1995).

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

Waynesburg defeated Thiel 34-19 with a smothering run defense, which also forced five interceptions ... The Jackets improved to 5-1 for the first time since 2000 ... Freshman RB Eric Daniels scored two first-half touchdowns (50, 3) before finishing the day with 11 carries and a game-high 78 yards ... Dominick Hunter caught four passes for 39 yards and a TD, while Ivan Hawkins led the team with five catches for 48 yards ... Waynesburg stifled Thiel's run game for just 17 yards ... Leading the defensive charges for Waynesburg were senior LBs Sean Ross and Dan Coghlan with seven tackles each, while Coghlan had a tackle for loss, a 15-yard interception return, and a pass defense. Among other Jackets with interceptions were DBs Nick Emley, Eric Singer, Matt Harnish and Anthony Taylor.

Thiel Tomcats

Thiel dropped its third straight PAC contest Saturday as the Tomcats fell at Waynesburg 34-19 ... The Tomcats were the first team to jump out to a first half lead on the 5-1 Yellow Jackets so far this season, but Waynesburg's 182 yards and three scores on the ground were enough for the Jackets to claim a 326-255 advantage in total yards ... Thiel sophomore QB Mike Lindenfelster hooked up with sophomore WR Brandon Chambers for the first score of the contest, a 9-yard TD giving the Tomcats a 6-0 lead ... Lindenfelster completed 17-of-36 passes for 173 yards and two scores, but was picked off four times ... Chambers finished with a career-high nine catches for 114 yards and two scores ... Junior FS Kennard Davis and sophomore DB Shaun Jackson each posted interceptions.

Westminster Titans

Westminster rolled to its first PAC victory of the season with a 33-0 shutout win at Bethany on Saturday ... It was the second shutout in three games for the Titan defense, marking the first time the team has posted a pair of shutouts in a season since recording three shutouts in 1996 ... Junior TB Scott Froelich posted his fourth 100-yard rushing game of the season and 15th of his career with 183 yards on 19 carries with two TDs (16, 46) ... Sophomore TB Sean Bugey also reached the plateau for the first time with six carries for 114 yards, including a nine-yard TD ... Junior QB Joe Getsy was 13-of-25 passing for 172 yards, including a 28-yard TD pass to Brian Ekis ... Ekis caught seven balls for 97 yards ... Westminster outgained Bethany 508-299, including a 330-106 advantage in rushing yardage.

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: Mike Virgin, WR, Wash. & Jeff.
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: Tom Froelich, CB, Westminster
October 18:
October 25:
November 1:
November 8:
November 15:

PAC FOOTBALL PREVIEWS

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

Saturday, Oct. 18 - 1:30 p.m.

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

Radio/TV: WPIC-AM (790) in Hermitage; WWNW-FM (88.9) in New Wilmington; WKST-AM (1200) in New Castle; www.nsnsports.com; Westminster Cable Network (WCN).

Series Record: Westminster leads 40-14-7

Game Notes: The Tomcats and Titans meet for the 62nd time ... The Titans have claimed the previous 17 meetings between the two schools ... The last time the Tomcats defeated Westminster was in 1950, a 20-7 Thiel victory ... Thiel took a 10-6 lead with 6:10 to play in the game last season as senior TB Justin Napotnik rumbled in for the score from 24 yards out ... Westminster regained the lead on their next possession when FB Ryan Mitchell plunged in from a yard out, giving the Titans the 13-10 victory ... Napotnik finished with 89 yards on 17 carries on the day ... The last meeting between the two schools at Burry Stadium was in 2001, as Westminster overcame an early 10-0 deficit to take a 15-10 lead, then forced a Thiel fumble at the goal line in the final minute to secure the victory ... Thiel dropped to 0-3 in the PAC last Saturday, falling 34-19 at Waynesburg, while the Titans earned their first PAC win at Bethany 33-0.

Bethany (0-6, 0-3 PAC) at #13 Washington & Jefferson (5-0, 3-0 PAC)

Saturday, Oct. 18 - 2 p.m.

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

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

Series Record: Washington & Jefferson leads 60-20

Game Notes: W&J has won 20 consecutive meetings between the squads ... Bethany's last win was a 28-9 triumph in 1982 ... In last year's 37-28 President win, Bethany had nearly 100 more yards and 10 more first downs but four BC turnovers were turned into 17 W&J points ... The Presidents had two returns for scores, an 87-yard kickoff return by Roger Snyder and a 72-yard interception return by Jon Herbert ... Bethany QB Jeremy Lacaria threw for 210 yards and three scores, while RB Will Anderson rushed for an even 100 yards and caught one of Lacaria's scoring passes ... Bethany will be trying to avoid its first 0-7 start since 1989, a year in which the Bison finished 0-9 ... The series between the Presidents and the Bison is the longest series in W&J history ... Since 1990, nine of Washington & Jefferson's 13 victories have been by 25 or more points ... W&J sophomore running back R.J. Zitzelsberger, who may see action for the first time this week after missing the first five games due to a stress fracture in his left foot, rushed for 40 yards and two touchdowns last season versus Bethany.

Waynesburg (5-1, 2-0 PAC) at Grove City (3-3, 2-1 PAC)

Saturday, Oct. 18 - 2 p.m.

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

Radio/TV: WCYJ-FM (88.7) in Waynesburg; WSAJ-FM (91.1) in Grove City; www.waynesburg.edu; www.nsnsports.com.

Series Record: Waynesburg leads 21-14-5

Game Notes: Waynesburg has won the last two meetings, including last season's 30-24 Homecoming win on Oct. 19. ... The Wolverines' nationally-ranked defense will try to slow down Waynesburg's high-powered offense ... In the game last season, quarterback Jeff Dumm threw for 350 yards and connected on four touchdowns to four different receivers on his way to winning his third PAC Player of the Week award of the season... The all-time series between Waynesburg and Grove City dates back to 1903. ... Waynesburg is 5-1 for the first time since 2000 ... That run was ended by Grove City with a 32-29 four-overtime loss ... The Jackets' three-game win streak is the longest under third-year head coach Jeff Hand, who now holds a 13-12 record at Waynesburg ... A win would give Waynesburg a 6-1 record for the first time since 1976 ... In 1999, Grove City rallied from 21-3 halftime deficit to defeat Yellow Jackets on Homecoming.