

# 2011 PAC Football Release Week 8 - October 17



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## 2011 PAC STANDINGS (through October 15)

School	PAC Games			PF		PA		All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Thomas More	5	0	1.00	183	69	6	0	1.00	227	82
Waynesburg	4	1	.800	168	95	4	2	.667	175	107
Westminster	3	1	.750	93	87	4	2	.667	113	135
Saint Vincent	2	2	.500	108	84	3	3	.500	180	107
Washington & Jefferson	2	2	.500	110	100	3	3	.500	169	120
Bethany	2	3	.400	116	111	3	3	.500	144	118
Geneva	2	3	.400	112	163	2	5	.286	143	243
Grove City	0	4	.000	60	117	0	6	.000	86	165
Thiel	0	4	.000	28	152	0	6	.000	66	228

### LAST WEEK (October 15)

Thomas More 20, SAINT VINCENT 17\*  
WESTMINSTER 22, Waynesburg 20\*  
BETHANY 20, Thiel 0\*  
GENEVA 23, Grove City 7\*  
Wash. & Jeff. - off

### THIS WEEK (October 22)

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

### Offensive Player of the Week

#### ROCCO COLLAVECCHIA

Geneva  
Junior QB/RB/WR  
6-4, 225  
New Castle, Pa.  
Shenango H.S.



Collavecchia, splitting time between running back and quarterback, led Geneva to a 23-7 PAC win over Grove City as he rushed 21 times for a career-high 178 yards (8.5 avg.) and two fourth-quarter touchdowns (13, 75). He also completed a pair of passes for 28 yards while behind center.

Also nominated was sophomore RB **Nico Irizarry** of Bethany, senior TB **Blaine Miller** of Grove City, sophomore RB **Adam Rauch** of Thomas More, senior QB **Josh Graham** of Waynesburg, and senior QB **Shawn Lehocky** of Westminster.

### Defensive Player of the Week

#### TIM TAYLOR

Thiel  
Junior DE  
6-2, 219  
Girard, Pa.  
Erie Cathedral Prep H.S.



Taylor shattered a pair of Thiel single-game marks in the Tomcats' 20-0 loss at Bethany Saturday, as his game totals of 7.0 tackles for losses (for -30 yards) and 4.5 quarterback sacks each set new school single-game records. He finished the contest with 10 total tackles and added a forced fumble for the Tomcats.

Also nominated was sophomore DE **Kasib Taalib-Din** of Bethany, junior DB **Jon Bushmire** of Geneva, junior CB **Mike Brown** of Grove City, sophomore DL **Alex Zupanovich** of Saint Vincent, sophomore DB **Alex Taylor** of Thomas More, junior S **Bryan Gary** of Waynesburg, and junior OLB **Aaron Nauer** of Westminster.

### Special Teams Player of the Week

#### STEPHEN AMIC

Bethany  
Freshman P  
6-0, 170  
McDonald, Pa.  
West Allegheny H.S.



Amic was instrumental in winning the field position battle for Bethany on a windy day, helping the Bison post a 20-0 PAC shutout win over visiting Thiel Saturday. He posted five punts for a 45.6 yard average, including three dropped inside the Tomcat 20-yard line. His career-long 65-yard punt in the first half flipped field position and set up the first Bethany touchdown of the game.

Also nominated was sophomore P **Joe Diani** of Grove City, junior WR **Christian Jackson** of Waynesburg, and sophomore K **Zac Henry** of Westminster.

## PAC FOOTBALL 2011 - Week 8 Conference Notes

**SAINTS MARCH INTO LEAD:** Three-time defending PAC champion Thomas More sits alone atop the standings following four league games on October 15 ... The Saints remained unbeaten Saturday by overcoming a 10-7 halftime deficit to win 20-17 at Saint Vincent ... Waynesburg, which also entered the day unbeaten in PAC play, suffered its first conference loss of the season at Westminster, 22-20 ... In other action, Bethany blanked Thiel 20-0, while Geneva outlasted visiting Grove City 23-7.

**NEWS & NOTES:** Thomas More remains ranked sixth by the AFCA and eighth by [D3Football.com](http://D3Football.com) in their national Top 25 polls ... The Saint defense was paced against Saint Vincent by sophomore DB **Alex Taylor**, who posted 12 tackles and a pair of interceptions ... Also starring on defense was senior DE **Kasib Taalib-Din**, who led Bethany to a shutout of Thiel with nine tackles and a fumble recovery ... Westminster senior QB **Shawn Lehocky** rushed for 59 yards and a TD while passing for 123 yards and another score vs. Waynesburg.

**AROUND THE LEAGUE:** Senior TB **Blaine Miller** rushed 21 times for 123 yards and a TD while adding 66 receiving yards on four catches for Grove City at Geneva ... Freshman TB **De'Von Drish** posted 30 rushes for 131 yards for Thiel at Bethany ... Junior DB **Jon Bushmire** of Geneva recorded his first two career interceptions against Grove City ... Saint Vincent sophomore DL **Alex Zupanovich** had six stops, including 2.5 tackles for losses, vs. Thomas More ... Junior S **Bryan Gary** had 11 tackles for Waynesburg at Westminster.



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



Bethany recorded its first shutout since 2001 with a 20-0 blanking of Thiel Saturday at Bison Stadium ... The Bison held the Tomcats to 258 total yards and forced three turnovers, including two in the second half to end TC drives ... LB **Kyle Arrington** made a team-high 14 tackles, while DE **Kasib Taalib-Din** had nine tackles, including one sack, and recovered a fumble and CB **Wyssmy Despagne** nabbed his first career INT ... The BC offense scored 20 2<sup>nd</sup>-quarter points, beginning with a 3-yard TD pass from **Matt Grimard Gage Lototzo** ... The other TDs came on an 8-yard pass from Grimard to **Ed Holmes** and a 1-yard scoring run by **Nico Irizarry**, who rushed for 117 yards in his first career start ... Grimard completed 21-of-28 passes for 171 yards.

**Geneva Golden  
Tornadoes  
(2-5, 2-3 PAC)**



Just when you thought you had seen everything **Rocco Colavecchia** had to offer, he took off on a 75-yard TD run to put the finishing touches on Grove City Saturday ... Colavecchia scored a pair of fourth quarter touchdowns to make the difference in a 23-7 Geneva victory ... While the offense did enough to win the game, it was the defense that stepped up in a big way Saturday night ... Geneva's defense forced six takeaways and held the Wolverines off the scoreboard in the final three quarters ... **Jon Bushmire** grabbed his first two career interceptions and **Jon Baldwin** came up with a pick of his own in the end zone to preserve the lead ... **Tucker Nuetzel** and **Dillon Goodell** each finished with 10 tackles ... Geneva heads back to the road to face Washington & Jefferson Saturday.

**Grove City  
Wolverines  
(0-6, 0-4 PAC)**



Grove City could not overcome a minus-4 turnover differential Saturday night at Geneva ... **TB Blaine Miller** accounted for 189 yards of offense and a touchdown for the Wolverines ... Miller ran for a season-high 123 yards on 21 carries ... He also caught four passes for 66 yards ... **Dustin Anewalt** also caught four passes for the Wolverines ... Defensively, **Tim Irwin** and **Mike Brown** both intercepted passes ... Irwin led the way with eight tackles ... **Marcus Chakot** had a sack and **Jarred Frawley** posted a pair of tackles for the loss ... Return ace **Jimmy Bailey** became the eighth Grove City man to have over 500 return yards in a season ... His 545 yards rank sixth on the single-season list ... Grove City is the least-penalized team in the conference, having been whistled for just 21 penalties through six games.

**Saint Vincent  
Bearcats  
(3-3, 2-2 PAC)**



The Bearcats even their record to 3-3 and 2-2 in the PAC with a 20-17 loss against nationally-ranked Thomas More at Chuck Noll Field ... The Bearcats used 10 unanswered points in the first half to take a 10-7 halftime lead against the Saints ... The Saints out-gained the Bearcats on the ground, 220-85, while SVC held a 276-58 yards advantage through the air ... Senior QB **Aaron Smetanka** finished 23-of-36 for 267 yards in the loss ... Senior LBs **Armando Fortunato** and **Anthony Johnson** each collected 10 tackles, while Fortunato added a sack against the Saints ... Sophomore DL **Alex Zupanovich** added six tackles and 2.5 TFL in the second half ... Each of SVC's three losses this season have come by a field goal.

**Thiel  
Tomcats  
(0-6, 0-4 PAC)**



Bethany registered a 20-0 PAC victory over the visiting Tomcats Saturday afternoon ... Despite the loss, the Tomcat faithful cheered the efforts of junior DE **Tim Taylor** and his record-setting performance at Bison Stadium ... Taylor secured his place in the Tomcat football annals with Saturday's gritty defensive performance, registering a school-record 7.0 tackles for loss as well as a record-setting 4.5 sacks ... He finished with 10 total stops and added a forced fumble ... The Tomcat ground attack was led by freshman TB **De'Von Drish** and his 30-carry, 131-yard performance ... Sophomore QB **Andrew Smith** finished 11-of-22 passing for 87 yards and one interception and also ran eight times for 34 yards ... Sophomore WR **Nate Blazeovich** tallied three catches for 32 yards to pace the Tomcat receiving corps.

**Thomas More  
Saints  
(6-0, 5-0 PAC)**



The No. 6-ranked Saints extended their season-opening win streak to five games and clinched the 16<sup>th</sup> winning season in the program's 22-year history as they defeated Saint Vincent, 20-17 in Latrobe ... TMC led 7-3 after one quarter, Saint Vincent led 10-7 at halftime and Thomas More led 14-10 after three quarters ... Offensively, the Saints were led by sophomore RB **Adam Rauch**, who had five carries for 79 yards, including a 68-yard TD run, and added two catches for seven yards and another touchdown ... Junior QB **Rob Kues** was 10-of-19 passing for 58 yards and one TD and had 13 carries for 29 yards, while senior RB **Kendall Owens** had eight carries for 61 yards and sophomore RB **Domonique Hayden** finished with 13 carries for 45 yards and one touchdown.

**Washington & Jefferson  
Presidents  
(3-3, 2-2 PAC)**



W&J was idle last week and will face Geneva at Cameron Stadium on Homecoming Saturday...The Presidents will be looking for their first home win of the season ...W&J has alternated wins and losses this season, having lost its last game to Saint Vincent 35-27 on October 8 ... Saturday's game will be the 100<sup>th</sup> for head coach **Mike Sirianni** at W&J ... Sirianni has the second-most wins in program history with 82, trailing only **John Luckhardt's** 137 ... W&J finishes its 2011 schedule with three of its final four games at Cameron Stadium ... Under Sirianni, W&J owns a 41-8 record at Cameron Stadium, but has dropped its first two home contests to nationally-ranked Delaware Valley and Thomas More ... The Presidents have won five consecutive Homecoming Day games.

**Waynesburg  
Yellow Jackets  
(4-2, 4-1 PAC)**



Waynesburg's four-game win streak came to an end Saturday at the hands of Westminster in a 22-20 PAC loss ... The Yellow Jackets jumped out to a 14-0 lead on a pair of **Josh Graham-to-Mike Ferraro** TD passes ... However, the Jacket offense failed to post any more points and the team's only other touchdown came on a 93-yard punt return by junior WR **Christian Jackson** ... Senior QB **Josh Graham** completed 20-of-41 pass attempts for 205 yards, two touchdowns and an interception ... Junior S **Bryan Gary** had a successful return to the Waynesburg starting defensive lineup by piling up a team-high 11 tackles, including seven solo stops and a tackle for loss ... Sophomore DE **Bran-don Fedorka** picked up his PAC-leading seventh sack on the season and notched his 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> tackles for loss.

**Westminster  
Titans  
(4-2, 3-1 PAC)**



After erasing a 14-0 second-quarter deficit, Westminster scored 22 straight points and outlasted visiting Waynesburg, 22-20, Saturday as the Titans won their 10<sup>th</sup> Homecoming game in the last 12 years ... The Titans improve to 4-2 after six games for the first time since 2002 and also improve to 3-1 in the PAC for the first time since 2003 ... Waynesburg scored with 3:34 left, missed a two-point conversion try and got the ball back again before Westminster senior CB **Jordon Rooney** intercepted a pass to clinch the Titan win ... Senior QB **Shawn Lehocky** posted a 43-yard run that set up a 1-yard TD run by sophomore RB **Tyler Banks** which gave the Titans a 22-14 lead with 11:37 left ... Lehocky also threw a 43-yard touchdown pass to junior WR **Geno Pasquinnelli**, who finished with three catches for 56 yards.

## 2011 PAC FOOTBALL GAME PREVIEWS - WEEK 8



### Bethany (3-3, 2-3 PAC) at Thomas More (6-0, 5-0 PAC)

Saturday, Oct. 22- 1:30 p.m.

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



**Media:** [www.stretchinternet.com](http://www.stretchinternet.com); Insight Cable Channel 22; [www.livesportsvideo.com](http://www.livesportsvideo.com)

**Series Record:** Thomas More leads 4-2

**Game Notes:** Bethany goes on the road Saturday to face Thomas More in Kentucky ... Thomas More was ranked No. 6 in the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Top-25 and No. 8 in [D3football.com](http://D3football.com) Top-25 last week ... The Saints lead the all-time series (which began in 2005) between the teams 4-2 ... Thomas More has won the last three meetings between the two schools, including a 48-14 decision last year in West Virginia ... The last Bison win was a 35-14 triumph in 2007 and BC's lone win on Thomas More's turf was in 2006, a 21-17 decision ... Last year, TMC ran out to a 21-0 lead after one quarter, but the Bison trimmed that to 27-14 following a 3-yard TD run by **Matt Grimard** early in the third quarter ... Thomas More closed the game with 21 unanswered points for the 48-14 win, which featured three passing scores by Saint QB **Rob Kues** and two interception returns for touchdowns ... Grimard threw for 227 yards in the game, while **Kyle Arrington** made 11 tackles and **Jamaan Webb** had 10 stops and blocked two kicks for the Bison.



### Saint Vincent (3-3, 2-2 PAC) at Grove City (0-6, 0-4 PAC)

Saturday, Oct. 22 - 1:30 p.m.

Robert E. Thorn Field (3,000/turf) - Grove City, Pa.



**Media:** WCNS-AM (1480); WSAJ-FM (91.1); [www.meridex.com](http://www.meridex.com); [www.gcc.edu/sports](http://www.gcc.edu/sports);

**Series Record:** Series tied 3-3

**Game Notes:** Grove City returns home to face Saint Vincent ... The Bearcats will be looking to move back above the .500 plateau after a 20-17 loss to nationally-ranked Thomas More last week ... It will be the Wolverines' first home game in 28 days ... Grove City has won three of the four meetings with Saint Vincent since the Bearcats restarted football, including a 2-0 mark at Thorn Field ... Saint Vincent won last year's meeting in Latrobe, 42-17 ... With one more win this season, Saint Vincent will win its fourth game, the most since 1960, two seasons before the program was disbanded following the 1962 season ... The all-time series between the two teams is tied, 3-3 ... For Grove City, WB **Jimmy Bailey** is averaging 110 all-purpose yards per game, the highest average for a Wolverine player since 2002, when **Steve Roberts** averaged 119.5 all-purpose yards per game.



### Westminster (4-2, 3-1 PAC) at Thiel (0-5, 0-3 PAC)

Saturday, Oct. 22 - 1:30 p.m.

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



**Media:** WWNW-FM (88.9); WPIC-AM (790); [www.titanradio.net](http://www.titanradio.net); [www.790wpic.com](http://www.790wpic.com);

**Series Record:** Westminster leads 44-19-8

**Game Notes:** Thiel and Westminster meet for the 72nd time Saturday with the Titans holding a commanding lead in the all-time series which dates back to 1894 ... Thiel, winners of four of the last seven meetings between the two programs, suffered a 35-0 shut out loss in New Wilmington a season ago in the first-ever home night game in Westminster history ... Westminster is 4-2 for the first time since 2002 and 3-1 in the PAC for the first time since 2003 ... The Titans are seeking their first three-game winning streak since they won four straight in 2003 ... Thiel posted a 24-21 win over the Titans the last time they visited Greenville in 2009.



### Geneva (2-5, 2-3 PAC) at Wash. & Jeff. (3-3, 2-2 PAC)

Saturday, Oct. 22 - 2 p.m.

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



**Media:** WBVP-AM (1230); WJPA-AM (1450); [www.geneva.edu](http://www.geneva.edu); [www.msasportsnetwork.com](http://www.msasportsnetwork.com); [www.wjpa.com/sports.htm](http://www.wjpa.com/sports.htm);

**Series Record:** Washington & Jefferson leads 37-19-2

**Game Notes:** Washington & Jefferson returns home after a two-game road trip and bye week to face Geneva ... The Presidents have won seven straight contests against the Golden Tornadoes, including a 22-16 decision on College Hill a year ago ... W&J holds a decisive 37-19-2 advantage in the all-time series that began back in 1891 ... Geneva's last victory against W&J came in 1983 when the Golden Tornadoes shut-out the Presidents 19-0 ... W&J has already lost three games this season for the first time since 1998 when it lost on four occasions ... W&J has two PAC losses for the first time since 1983, also the last time it did not finish with a winning record ... President sophomore QB **Matt Bliss** continues to lead the PAC in passing yards per game (279.0) and total offense (309.2) ... W&J sophomore WR **Alex Baroffio** leads the PAC in receptions per game at 7.3 and receiving yards per game (117.8).



**Bethany Bison  
3-3, 2-3 PAC**

**September**

3 at Allegheny W 28-7  
10 KING'S ppd.  
17 WASH. & JEFF.\* L 14-31  
24 at Geneva\* W 48-27

**October**

1 at Waynesburg\* L 7-23  
8 WESTMINSTER\* L 27-30  
15 THIEL\* W 20-0  
22 at Thomas More\* 1:30 p.m.  
29 Open Date

**November**

5 GROVE CITY\* 1:30 p.m.  
12 at Saint Vincent\* 1 p.m.

**Geneva Golden Tornadoes  
2-5, 2-3 PAC**

**September**

3 FROSTBURG STATE L 21-34  
10 at Albright L 10-46  
17 at Thomas More\* L 6-41  
24 BETHANY\* L 27-48

**October**

1 SAINT VINCENT\* W 23-20 (ot)  
8 at Waynesburg\* L 33-47  
15 GROVE CITY\* W 23-7  
22 at Wash. & Jeff.\* 2 p.m.  
29 THIEL\* 1 p.m.

**November**

5 Open Date  
12 at Westminster\* 1 p.m.

**Grove City Wolverines  
0-6, 0-4 PAC**

**September**

3 at Carnegie Mellon L 19-21  
10 LEBANON VALLEY L 7-27  
17 WESTMINSTER\* L 20-25  
24 WAYNESBURG\* L 26-32

**October**

1 Open Date  
8 at Thomas More\* L 7-37  
15 at Geneva\* L 7-23  
22 SAINT VINCENT\* 1:30 p.m.  
29 WASH. & JEFF.\* 1:30 p.m.

**November**

5 at Bethany\* 1:30 p.m.  
12 at Thiel\* 1 p.m.

**Saint Vincent Bearcats  
3-3, 2-2 PAC**

**September**

3 at Bridgewater L 17-20 (ot)  
10 FDU-FLORHAM W 55-3  
17 Open Date  
24 at Thiel\* W 36-14

**October**

1 at Geneva\* L 20-23 (ot)  
8 WASH. & JEFF.\* W 35-27  
15 THOMAS MORE\* L 17-20  
22 at Grove City\* 1:30 p.m.  
29 at Waynesburg\* 1:30 p.m.

**November**

5 WESTMINSTER\* 1 p.m.  
12 BETHANY\* 1 p.m.

**Thiel Tomcats  
0-6, 0-4 PAC**

**September**

3 at Marietta L 24-32  
10 WIDENER L 14-44  
17 at Waynesburg\* L 7-46  
24 SAINT VINCENT\* L 14-36

**October**

1 THOMAS MORE\* L 7-50  
8 Open Date  
15 at Bethany\* L 0-20  
22 WESTMINSTER\* 1:30 p.m.  
29 at Geneva\* 1 p.m.

**November**

5 at Wash. & Jeff.\* 1:30 p.m.  
12 GROVE CITY\* 1 p.m.

**Thomas More Saints  
6-0, 5-0 PAC**

**September**

3 Open Date  
10 HANOVER W 44-13  
17 GENEVA\* W 41-6  
24 at Wash. & Jeff.\* W 35-32

**October**

1 at Thiel\* W 50-7  
8 GROVE CITY\* W 37-7  
15 at Saint Vincent\* W 20-17  
22 BETHANY\* 1:30 p.m.  
29 at Westminster\* 2:30 p.m.

**November**

5 WAYNESBURG\* 1 p.m.  
12 at Mount St. Joseph 1 p.m.

**Wash. & Jeff. Presidents  
3-3, 2-2 PAC**

**September**

3 at Juniata W 40-0  
10 DELAWARE VALLEY L 19-20  
17 at Bethany\* W 31-14  
24 THOMAS MORE\* L 32-35

**October**

1 at Westminster\* W 20-16  
8 at Saint Vincent\* L 27-35  
15 Open Date  
22 GENEVA\* 2 p.m.  
29 at Grove City\* 1:30 p.m.

**November**

5 THIEL\* 1:30 p.m.  
12 WAYNESBURG\* 1:30 p.m.

**Waynesburg Yellow Jackets  
4-2, 4-1 PAC**

**September**

3 at Christopher Newport L 7-12  
10 WILKES ppd.  
17 THIEL\* W 46-7  
24 at Grove City\* W 32-26

**October**

1 BETHANY\* W 23-7  
8 GENEVA\* W 47-33  
15 at Westminster\* L 20-22  
22 Open Date  
29 SAINT VINCENT\* 1:30 p.m.

**November**

5 at Thomas More\* 1 p.m.  
12 at Wash. & Jeff.\* 1:30 p.m.

**Westminster Titans  
4-2, 3-1 PAC**

**September**

3 HIRAM W 17-7  
10 LYCOMING L 3-41  
17 at Grove City\* W 25-20  
24 Open Date

**October**

1 WASH. & JEFF.\* L 16-20  
8 at Bethany\* W 30-27  
15 WAYNESBURG\* W 22-20  
22 at Thiel\* 1:30 p.m.  
29 THOMAS MORE\* 2:30 p.m.

**November**

5 at Saint Vincent\* 1 p.m.  
12 GENEVA\* 1 p.m.