

2008 PAC Football Release Week 8 - October 20



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2008 PAC FOOTBALL STANDINGS (through October 19)

School	PAC Games			PF	PA	All Games			PF	PA
	W	L	Pct.			W	L	Pct.		
Thomas More	4	0	1.00	142	62	5	1	.833	190	110
Washington & Jefferson	2	0	1.00	83	45	6	0	1.00	296	135
Westminster	2	2	.500	98	147	4	3	.571	162	235
Waynesburg	1	1	.500	89	60	4	2	.667	184	159
Grove City	1	2	.333	76	119	4	3	.571	167	188
Thiel	1	2	.333	84	94	1	5	.167	119	162
Bethany	0	4	.000	134	179	1	5	.167	175	238
Geneva*						1	5	.167	110	207
Saint Vincent*						1	6	.143	105	245

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

LAST WEEK (October 18)

WESTMINSTER 46, Bethany 43*
WASH. & JEFF. 72, Saint Vincent 20*
Thomas More 35, GROVE CITY 14*
Waynesburg 34, GENEVA 28*
Thiel - idle

THIS WEEK (October 25)

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

Offensive Player of the Week

KENDALL OWENS

Thomas More
Freshman RB
5-8, 180
Cincinnati, Ohio
LaSalle H.S.



Owens rushed seven times for 143 yards (20.4 avg.) and two touchdowns (16, 74) for the Saints, who remained unbeaten in PAC play with a 35-14 road victory at Grove City. He also caught a pass for three yards and added 64 return yards (41 kick, 23 punt) for 210 all-purpose yards in the victory.

Also nominated was junior QB **Andrew DiDonato** of Grove City, senior WR **Luke Espe** of Washington & Jefferson, sophomore QB **Brad Dawson** of Waynesburg, and junior WR **Jon Gubish** of Westminster.

Defensive Player of the Week

JACOB BLOOMHUFF

Wash. & Jeff.
Junior DE
6-3, 245
Grosse Pointe, Mich.
North H.S.



Bloomhuff recorded six tackles, including 3.5 for losses of 20 yards and 2.5 quarterback sacks, for the Presidents in a 72-20 victory over PAC rival Saint Vincent. He helped lead W&J to eight total team sacks, while holding the Bearcats to a school record - 90 yards rushing as a team.

Also nominated was senior CB **Brandon Zeman** of Bethany, junior LB **Brandon Kohrs** of Thomas More, junior FS **Dylan August** of Waynesburg, and senior DT **Matt Jaworski** of Westminster.

Special Teams Player of the Week

TREVOR YOUNG

Westminster
Freshman K
5-11, 175
Ellwood City, Pa.
Riverside H.S.



Young made his first career field goal attempt count, as he booted a 44-yard field goal as time expired to lift Westminster over PAC rival Bethany 46-43. He was also a perfect 3-for-3 on extra point attempts in the shootout win.

Also nominated was freshman P **Ed Reith** of Grove City, freshman ST **Jay Volker** of Thomas More, junior DB **Nate Bucklew** of Washington & Jefferson, and junior DB/RS **Scott Cree** of Waynesburg.

PAC FOOTBALL 2008 - Week 8 Conference Notes

WEEK 7 RECAP: W&J and Thomas More remain on a November 1 collision course, as both remained unbeaten against PAC opponents ... The Presidents rolled past Saint Vincent 72-20, while the Saints won on the road at Grove City 35-14 ... The game of the day was in New Wilmington, where Westminster edged Bethany 46-43 on a 44-yard field goal on the game's final play ... It was the second heartbreaking loss in as many weeks for the Bison, who fell in four OTs at Thiel on Oct. 11 ... Waynesburg topped Geneva 34-28 under the lights in Beaver Falls.

WHO'S HOT: W&J is ranked #8 nationally by the AFCA and #9 by D3Football.com, while Thomas More is among others receiving votes in both polls ... Junior DB **Nate Bucklew** of W&J posted a team-high eight tackles, with seven coming on the kickoff coverage unit for the Presidents ... Senior CB **Brandon Zeman** tied a Bethany single-game school record with two interceptions, including one for an 86-yard return for a TD, against Westminster ... Junior QB **Andrew DiDonato** of Grove City completed 28-of-39 passes for 174 yards and a TD vs. Thomas More.

AROUND THE LEAGUE: Waynesburg DB **Scott Cree** has five returns for touchdowns this season after posting a 74-yard kickoff for a TD against Geneva ... Senior DT **Matt Jaworski** had 10 tackles and a sack for Westminster against Bethany ... Sophomore QB **David Girardi** of Geneva completed 21-of-30 passes for 271 yards and three TDs in the loss to Waynesburg ... **Zach Mihalko** posted the first Saint Vincent kickoff return for a touchdown since the program's rebirth in 2007 with an 89-yard return for a score at W&J.



**Bethany
Bison
(1-5, 0-4 PAC)**



Bethany suffered its second straight heart-breaking loss when Westminster hit a 44-yard field goal as time expired in a 46-43 Titan win ... The Bison took a 28-0 lead in the 1st quarter and led 43-29 with 3:55 to play ... RB **Marcus Santini** ran for 116 yards, including an 84-yard scoring run, and also caught a 20-yard TD pass ... RB **Eric Walker** scored a pair of rushing TDs to give him eight on the year, two shy of the BC record ... **Chad Smith** threw for 144 yards and touchdowns to Santini and **Jorge Laboy** (18) ... The Bison defense picked off four passes, their most since grabbing 5 INTs in the '05 season opener against Franklin & Marshall ... CB **Brandon Zeman** had two picks and returned one 86 yards for a score, while SS **John George** and LB **David Grillo** had one each.

**Geneva Golden
Tornadoes
(1-5)**



Geneva's football team is not interested in moral victories despite the gutsy effort put forth in a 34-28 loss to Waynesburg on Saturday ... The Golden Tornadoes dropped to 1-5 with their third consecutive loss ... Sophomore QB **David Girardi** put together his most productive outing with a 21-of-30 effort for 271 yards and three touchdowns ... Freshman WR **AJ Delmonico** pulled in two of those touchdown receptions while teammate **Luke Duriancik** accounted for the other score ... Geneva took a brief four-point lead in the second half only to see the Yellow Jackets score 17 unanswered points to regain control of the contest ... It was the first victory for Waynesburg over Geneva since 1986.

**Grove City
Wolverines
(4-3, 1-2 PAC)**



Grove City fell to 4-3 overall Saturday with a 35-14 setback against visiting Thomas More on Homecoming at Thorn Field ... The Wolverines opened the game with a 15-play, 60-yard drive that resulted in no points due to a deflected field goal ... QB **Andrew DiDonato** completed 28 of 39 passes for 174 yards ... **Stephen Mercer** caught seven passes, including a four-yard TD catch from DiDonato ... Mercer also caught a two-point conversion ... **Brian Mercer** ran for 40 yards, including a four-yard scoring run ... **Adam Eichler** led Grove City with 11 tackles ... **Marc Shamley** recorded two quarterback sacks ... **Ed Reith** averaged 43.6 yards per punt on seven kicks ... Grove City is now 8-5 in its last 13 Homecoming games ... The Wolverines are off this week and return to action November 1 at Waynesburg.

**Saint Vincent
Bearcats
(1-6)**



The Bearcats saw their losing streak reach five games, as they were overwhelmed by a 72-20 count at W&J Saturday ... The Presidents out-gained SVC 751-107, and limited the Bearcats to -90 yards rushing ... Though the run game struggled, the Bearcats managed 197 passing yards, led by QB **Kevin Corona**, who completed 9-of-16 passes for 131 yards, including an 18-yard TD toss to **Jake Gabelt** in the second quarter ... Gabelt scored his second TD of the day in the third quarter, on a three-yard pass from RB **Jairus Marlow** ... SVC's third score came in the fourth quarter, on an 89-yard kickoff return by **Zach Mihalko**, the first kick return TD for the Bearcats in the modern era ... Defensively, **Josh Diamond** led the squad with nine tackles, while **Anthony Johnson** made 7.5 stops, including a quarterback sack.

**Thiel
Tomcats
(1-5, 1-2 PAC)**



Thiel returns to action this week after a bye week during week seven of the season ... The Tomcats are 1-1 after its two most recent byes... Junior QB **Willie Bova** was named PAC Offensive Player of the Week last week, after leading Thiel to its first win of the season ... Through seven weeks, Thiel is the least penalized team in the PAC and also boasts the best red zone defense ... Saturday's game at Thomas More will be Thiel's first at Bank of Kentucky Field.

**Thomas More
Saints
(5-1, 4-0 PAC)**



Thomas More extended its win streak to five games as the Saints defeated Grove City, 35-14 ... The five-game win streak is the longest since the 2001 season, when the Saints won their first 11 games and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Division III Playoffs ... Freshman RB **Kendall Owens** had 210 all-purpose yards as he carried the ball seven times for 143-yards (20.4 ypc) for two TDs, including a 74-yard scoring run, had one catch for three yards, 41 kick return yards and 23-yards on punt returns ... Junior QB **Trevor Stelman** was 14-of-22 passing for 165 yards with a touchdown and also rushed the ball 11 times for 56 yards with a TD ... Defensively, the Saints were led by junior LB **Brandon Kohrs** who had 10 tackles (five solo, five assisted) with a sack and forced fumble.

**Washington & Jefferson
Presidents
(6-0, 2-0 PAC)**



W&J and Westminster will square off for the 30th time in history on Saturday evening with the Presidents winning 27 of the previous 29 games ... W&J has won seven consecutive games with the Titans ... Westminster's lone victories in the series came in 2000 (19-17) and 1910 (W&J forfeit) ... **Bobby Swallow** has thrown for 569 yards and seven touchdowns the last two years against Westminster ... The Presidents have scored at least 45 points against WC in each of the last four meetings.

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



The Yellow Jackets won their third game in a row this past Saturday with a thrilling 34-28 victory over Geneva ... After struggling through three quarters, QB **Brad Dawson** ran for a touchdown and threw for another in the fourth quarter to seal the victory ... Dawson hooked up with junior WR **Josh Fisher** on a 46-yard scoring play and followed that up with a 38-yard TD run ... Junior DB/RS **Scott Cree** ran his third kickoff back for a touchdown earlier in the game ... Cree also has a punt return for a score and an interception return for a touchdown, giving him five total return touchdowns this season ... Freshman RB **Justin Falcon** had a breakthrough game for Waynesburg as he recorded his first collegiate 100-yard rushing day ... The first-year back carried the ball 22 times for 118 yards against the Golden Tornadoes.

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



Westminster gutted out an amazing come-from-behind Homecoming victory over Bethany, 46-43, Saturday ... Freshman K **Trevor Young** culminated the thrilling game by nailing a 44-yard field goal as time expired ... The field goal was set up by junior WR **Jon Gubish** catching a 19-yard pass from junior QB **Kevin Franz** on a 4th-and-10 play from the Bethany 41-yard line ... Franz finished the day 30-of-50 passing for a season-high 306 yards and three TD passes, while Gubish tied a career high with eight catches and set a new career mark with 104 yards ... TB **Nick McKolosky** had a career-high three rushing touchdowns, as he racked up 137 yards on 23 carries ... Also posting career highs was junior TE **Gary Hutsler**, who had eight catches for 87 yards and two touchdowns ... Senior LB **Jordan Blinn** had 10 tackles.

PAC FOOTBALL GAME PREVIEWS - WEEK 8



Geneva (1-5) at Saint Vincent (1-6)

Saturday, Oct. 25 - 1 p.m.

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



Radio/TV: WBVP-AM (1230) in Beaver Falls; WMBA-AM (1460) in Ambridge; WCNS-AM (1480) in Latrobe; www.redzonemedia.com; www.msasportsnetwork.com;

Series Record: Saint Vincent leads 7-6-1

Game Notes: The PAC's two members in NCAA Division III provisional status square off in Latrobe, with both squads looking to right the ship and end losing streaks ... The GTs have dropped three straight, while the Bearcats have lost five in a row ... Geneva met Saint Vincent for the first time since 1962 last year and came away with a 56-27 victory ... In that victory, Geneva racked up close to 450 yards of total offense and **Gerard Muschette** rushed for a pair of touchdowns ... Geneva jumped out to a 36-0 halftime lead, before the Bearcats outscored the Golden Tornadoes 27-20 over the final 30 minutes ... It was Saint Vincent's most productive offensive game of the season, as they gained 340 yards of total offense. Tight end **Sheldon Loughner**, fullback **Joe Strickland**, and receiver **Greg Chinchilla** all hauled in touchdown grabs for SVC ... The Bearcats last defeated Geneva in the 1961 affair that saw Saint Vincent prevail 14-7 ... Geneva has won the past three meetings between the two schools.



Waynesburg (4-2, 1-1 PAC) at Bethany (1-5, 0-4 PAC)

Saturday, Oct. 25 - 1:30 p.m.

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



Radio/TV: WCYJ-FM (88.7) in Waynesburg; WVBC-FM (88.1) in Bethany; www.waynesburg.edu; www.teamline.cc

(code 3724)

Series Record: Waynesburg leads 26-14-7

Game Notes: After two consecutive heartwrenching road defeats, Bethany returns home to host PAC foe Waynesburg ... Waynesburg leads the series 23-14-6 and have taken the last six meetings by an average of 30.6 points ... That streak was the Yellow Jackets' longest against any PAC team heading into this season before a sixth-straight victory over Westminster early this year ... Last year, the Bison were limited to just 113 total yards in a 45-7 Yellow Jacket victory in Bethany ... **Matt Cruse** accounted for BC's only score of the game with a 31-yard touchdown reception from **Milton Joyner** ... It was the sixth-straight win to open the season for the 2007 Yellow Jackets ... The Bison have intercepted six passes in the last two games after picking off just eight in the previous 14 contests dating back to last season ... BC has scored more than 40 points in consecutive games for the first time since 1997 (56 at Swarthmore, 45 vs. Greensboro) ... Bethany has also lost consecutive game by less than a touchdown for the first time since back-to-back 13-10 losses to Capital and Duquesne early in the 1993 season.



Thiel (1-5, 1-2 PAC) at Thomas More (5-1, 4-0 PAC)

Saturday, Oct. 25 - 1:30 p.m.

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



Radio/TV: WPIC-AM (790) in Hermitage; www.790wpc.com

Series Record: Thiel leads 3-2

Game Notes: Thomas More returns to host Thiel, fresh off its bye week, at Bank of Kentucky Field ... Thomas More enters the game with a 5-1 overall record and a 4-0 PAC record and on a five-game win streak after defeating Grove City, 35-14 ... Thiel is coming off a bye week and enters the game with a 1-5 overall record and a 1-2 PAC record ... Thiel leads the all-time series 3-2 dating back to 1999, but the Saints won the last meeting, 8-6, in Greenville last year ... Thomas More is the top-ranked scoring defense in the PAC as it has only given up 18.3 points per game and has the second ranked scoring offense as it averages 31.7 points per game ... Last week the Saints received five votes in the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Division III Top-25 and received one vote in this weeks' D3football.com Top-25 ... The Saints represent one of only two current PAC teams over which Thiel holds an advantage in the all-time series (the other is Bethany)... The Tomcats lost last year's meeting, 8-6, at Alumni Stadium ... The last time Thiel lost in Kentucky was during the 1999 season by a 14-6 margin.



Westminster (4-3, 2-2 PAC) at Washington & Jefferson (6-0, 2-0 PAC)

Saturday, Oct. 25 - 7 p.m.

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



Radio/TV: WWNW-FM (88.9) in New Wilmington; WJPA-AM (1450) in Washington; www.titanradio.net; www.wjpa.com;

Westminster Cable Network (WCN) - tape delay Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Series Record: Washington & Jefferson leads 27-2

Game Notes: W&J and Westminster will square off for the 30th time in history on Saturday evening with the Presidents winning 27 of the previous 29 games ... W&J has won seven consecutive games with the Titans ... Westminster's lone victories in the series came in 2000 (19-17) and 1910 (W&J forfeit) ... **Bobby Swallow** has thrown for 569 yards and seven touchdowns the last two years against Westminster ... The Presidents have scored at least 45 points against WC in each of the last four meetings, outscoring the Titans 51.8 to 14.8 in that span, including last year's 58-18 win at New Wilmington ... The game will feature the PAC's top two passers in Swallow (310.5 yards per game) and Westminster's **Kevin Franz** (246.0) ... Franz tied a career high with 30 pass completions and set a new career high with 50 pass attempts for a season-high 306 yards and a career-high tying three touchdown passes in last week's 46-43 comeback win over Bethany.

Bethany Bison
1-5, 0-4 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* L 12-42
 11 at Thiel* L 44-50 (4ot)
 18 at Westminster* L 43-46
 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
1-5**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.* L 14-43
 11 at Grove City* L 13-38
 18 WAYNESBURG* L 28-34
 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
4-3, 1-2 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* W 27-12
 11 GENEVA* W 38-13
 18 THOMAS MORE* L 14-35
 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
1-6**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* L 12-27
 11 at Thomas More* L 7-34
 18 at Wash. & Jeff. L 20-72
 25 GENEVA* 1 p.m.

November

1 THIEL* 1:30 p.m.
 8 Open Date
 15 at Bethany* 1 p.m.

Thiel Tomcats
1-5, 1-2 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* L 10-16
 11 BETHANY* W 50-44 (4ot)
 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
5-1, 4-0 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* W 42-12
 11 SAINT VINCENT* W 34-7
 18 at Grove City* W 35-14
 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
6-0, 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* W 43-14
 11 Open Date
 18 SAINT VINCENT* W 72-20
 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
4-2, 1-1 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* W 63-26
 18 at Geneva* W 34-28
 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
4-3, 2-2 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* W 16-10
 11 at Waynesburg* L 26-63
 18 BETHANY* W 46-43
 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.