

# **FOOTBALL 2001**

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### **CURRENT STANDINGS (through games of October 20)**

	PAC Games					All Games				
School	$\underline{W}$	L	Pct.	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	W	L	Pct.	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>
Washington & Jefferson College#	3	0	1.00	128	20	7	0	1.00	235	58
Bethany College	2	1	.667	62	61	6	1	.857	176	71
Waynesburg College	2	2	.500	69	112	3	4	.429	151	222
Thiel College	1	2	.333	65	76	1	6	.143	108	151
Grove City College	0	3	.000	37	92	1	5	.167	99	137
Westminster College*	0	0	.000	0	0	3	4	.429	82	135

<sup>\* -</sup> Completing reclassification from NCAA Division II - games do not count in conference standings.

THIS WEEK'S RESULTS - October 20
WESTMINSTER 16, Grove City 7
Bethany 21, THIEL19\*
Washington & Jefferson 62, WAYNESBURG 13\*

#### NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE - October 27

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

\* - PAC contest

## **PAC Offensive Player of the Week**

# DONTE HARRIS Thiel College

Junior Wide Receiver - 6-0, 170 Pittsburgh, Pa./Perry H.S.

Harris caught nine passes for a season-high 201 yards (22.3 avg.) and one touchdown in the Tomcats' 21-19 home loss to Bethany on Saturday. He also returned one kick for 28 yards against the Bison.

Also nominated was senior fullback **Jon Pons** of Washington & Jefferson and sophomore wide receiver **Nick Breault** of Waynesburg.

# PAC Defensive Player of the Week

# RYAN NOHE Bethany College

Sophomore cornerback - 5-11, 190 Monaca, Pa./Center H.S.

Nohe earned Defensive Player of the Week honors for the second time this year after making nine tackles and two interceptions (one for a TD) in Bethany's 21-19 win at Thiel. His second pickoff came on Thiel's final possession to seal the win for the Bison.

Also nominated was senior outside linebacker **Jonathan Forbes** of Grove City, freshman free safety **Kennard Davis** of Thiel, senior defensive tackle **Greg Simitac** of Washington & Jefferson, and senior cornerback **Doug Victor** of Waynesburg.

<sup># -</sup> Clinched share of 2001 PAC football title

# PAC FOOTBALL NOTES

#### **Bethany Bison**

Despite being outgained 522-231, Bethany used five turnovers to hold off Thiel for their ninth consecutive win over the Tomcats 21-19 ... CB Ryan Nohe made nine tackles and picked off two passes: one was returned 33 yards for a touchdown (his second INT return for a score this year), and the other came on Thiel's final possession to seal the win ... Fellow CB Marty Bavetz also had nine tackles and broke up five passes ... The other Bethany TDs came on a pair of scoring runs by FB Will Anderson from 1 and 4 yards ... Punter **Seth Brody** had a very good day, pinning the Tomcats inside their 20 four times, and including a 75-yard punt, breaking his own College record set last year vs. Westminster.

#### Wash. & Jeff. Presidents

Juniors RB Joey Nichols and QB Brian Dawson combined for six first-half touchdowns as W&J built a 45-6 halftime lead and cruised to the 62-13 victory ... The Presidents win coupled with Thiel's loss gives W&J its 16th PAC Championship in the past 17 years ... Nichols rushed for 98 yards and a career-high four TDs in the win ... Dawson completed 18-of-32 passes for 228 yards and two scores, while rushing for 32 yards and another TD (all in the first half) ... Junior split end Todd Fry caught eight passes for 102 yards and one TD, giving him 100+ yards in seven straight games and at least one score in the past six games ... The W&J defense forced six Waynesburg turnovers ... Coach John Banaszak is 11-0 in PAC contests in his career.

#### **Grove City Wolverines**

The Wolverines couldn't overcome three net yards rushing and 97 total yards of offense in a nine-point loss (16-7) to rival Westminster ... The Wolverines' alreadydepleted backfield took another hit when junior HB Jason Walent left the game with injury in the first half ... Senior QB Mike Kashurba threw for 94 yards, completing 7 of 13 passes, but was sacked 10 times ... Grove City's defense held the Titans to 276 total offensive yards ... Senior OLB Jonathan Forbes recorded 12 tackles, including nine solos and two sacks ... The Wolverines sacked Titan QBs five times ... The Wolverines last opened a season 1-5 in 1996 ... Senior FB Mike Orlando will miss the rest of the season, after suffering a knee tear Oct. 13 vs. Waynesburg.

#### Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

Waynesburg's bid for a share of the PAC title fell decisively short, as Washington & Jefferson scored eight TDs and racked up 520 total yards to give the Jackets their third straight 2-2 PAC record after winning a share of the conference championship in 1998 ... The running back tandem of Rocky Doman and Orlando Magruder continued to lead the Jacket offense as Doman netted 69 yards and a touchdown, while Magruder rushed for 42 yards ... Senior QB Tom Naughton threw for 127 yards and a touchdown to senior tight end Don Frazier from 8 yards out, despite throwing four interceptions ... Back-up QB Jeff Dumm was broken in, as the freshman transfer from Geneva threw for 101 yards on 8-of-11 passes.

#### Thiel Tomcats

The Thiel Tomcats outgained the Bethany Bison 522-231 on Saturday, rushing the ball for a season-high 171 yards, but four interceptions proved costly as the Bison prevailed 21-19 ... **T.J. Wiley** completed 25 of 44 passes for 267 yards in the loss for Thiel ... **Donte Harris** continued his magnificent junior campaign against Bethany, catching nine passes for a season-high 201 yards and a touchdown ... Fellow wide out **Kevin Wilder** caught eight balls for 62 yards in the loss.

#### Westminster Titans

Westminster overcame a 7-0 halftime deficit with 16 unanswered second half points to top Grove City 16-7 for the Titans' second straight win ... Defense led the way for the Titans, as WC tied a modern-day school record with 10 QB sacks against the Wolverines, led by junior DT Charles Kiger with four sacks ... Senior WR Brian Lipiello caught eight passes for 122 yards in the win, with a pair of TD receptions (69, 3) ... Freshman TB Scott Froelich rushed for a career-high 108 yards on 23 carries, gviing him his second 100-yard rushing effort of the season ... Sophomore QB Matt Robison was 9-of-18 passing for 146 yards and one TD ... Sophomore QB/WR Kevin Huber had a three-yard TD pass and one run for 13 yards.

#### Past PAC Offensive Players of the Week

September 1: Tom Naughton, QB, WAY September 8: Mike Orlando, FB, GRO September 15: Paul Stibich, K, THI September 22: Joey Nichols, RB. W&J September 29: T.J. Wiley, QB, THI October 6: Jeremy Lacaria, QB, BET October 13: Joey Nichols, RB, W&J October 20: Donte Harris, WR, THI October 27: November 3:

November 10:

#### Past PAC Defensive Players of the Week

September 1: Duane Cymmerman, DT, BET September 8: Mike Williams, DE, W&J September 15: Sean Ross, LB, WAY September 22: Ryan Graft, CB, W&J September 29: Ryan Nohe, DB, BET October 6: Matt Dietz, LB, W&J October 13: DeMare Mayo, LB, W&J October 20: Ryan Nohe, DB, BET October 27: November 3:

November 10:

# PAC FOOTBALL PREVIEWS

# Bethany (6-1, 2-1 PAC) at Grove City (1-5, 0-3 PAC)

Saturday, Oct. 27 - 1:30 p.m. Robert E. Thorn Field (3,500/grass) - Grove City, Pa.

Radio/TV: WSAJ-FM (91.1), Grove City Series Record: Grove City leads 32-21-2

**Game Notes:** Grove City and Bethany will meet for the 56th time in the all-time series which dates back to 1913 ... The Wolverines have won the last four meetings between the two schools ... Last year, **R.J. Bowers** became college football's all-time leading rusher in the Wolverines' 20-14 overtime victory at Bethany ... Grove City will try to reverse a four-game losing streak ... The last time the Wolverines dropped five straight games was in 1995 when Bethany dealt GCC the fifth loss — a 13-6 decision on Homecoming at Thorn Field ... Grove City hasn't opened a season 1-6 since 1990 ... The last Bison victory in the series was a 17-13 triumph in 1996 ... A Bison win would give them seven on the season, the most for the program since 1995 and only the seventh time in Bethany's 104 years of football that they've won that many games.

# Thiel (1-6, 1-2 PAC) at Washington & Jefferson (7-0, 3-0 PAC)

Saturday, Oct. 27 - 1:30 p.m. Cameron Stadium (4,500/field turf) - Washington, Pa.

Radio/TV: WTGP-FM (88.1), Greenville; WJPA-AM (1450), Washington; NSN Sports Network (www.nsnsports.com) Series Record: Washington & Jefferson leads 31-21-2

**Game Notes:** W&J and Thiel meet for the 55<sup>th</sup> time this Saturday, with the Tomcats heading to W&J's Cameron Stadium for the first time under head coach **Jack Leipheimer ...** The Tomcats were defeated by W&J 58-3 at Greenville High School's Stewart Field last season ... The Tomcats last win against the Presidents came 20 years ago, when the Tomcats and head coach **Wayne Petraca** defeated the Presidents 34-3 ... W&J has claimed each of the last 19 contests ... Thiel last defeated W&J in Washington, Pa., in 1980, 17-0 ... W&J has racked up 48 or more points in each of the last eight meetings between the two schools ... Since 1987, W&J has outscored the Tomcats, 687-54, in 14 contests for an average of 49.1-3.9 per contest.

## Westminster (3-4) at Gannon (3-3)

Saturday, Oct. 27 - 1 p.m. Multipurpose Field (2,500/Astroplay turf) - Erie, Pa.

Radio/TV: WWNW-FM (88.9), New Wilmington; WKST-AM (1200), New Castle; WEXC-FM (107.1), Greenville; www.nsnsports.com; WC Cable 9 Television (tape delay).

Series Record: Westminster leads 2-0

**Game Notes:** The Titans face the NCAA Division II Golden Knights for the third consecutive year ... Westminster topped Gannon 24-16 in New Wilmington last year, after posting a 52-0 blanking of the Knights in Erie in 1999 ... Titan freshman TB **Scott Froelich** has rushed for 357 yards in the past four games (89.3 yards per game) ... The WC defense has allowed a combined -10 yards rushing the past two weeks in wins over Thiel (-13 yards rushing) and Grove City (three yards rushing).

## Juniata (4-3) at Waynesburg (3-4)

Saturday, Oct. 27 - 1:30 p.m. John F. Wiley Stadium (4,000/grass) - Waynesburg, Pa.

Radio/TV: WCYJ-FM (88.7), Waynesburg; Internet broadcast at www.waynesburg.edu; WCYJ-TV, Waynesburg Borough & Franklin Township.

Series Record: Waynesburg leads 5-3

Game Notes: Waynesburg won last year's game 24-18 over the Eagles in Huntingdon ... Juniata QB Jamie Campbell and RB Mike Leach are both returnees for the Eagles ... Campbell threw for 184 yards including a 3-yard touchdown run in last year's game, while Leach scored from 1 yard out totaling 92 yards ... Waynesburg's Rocky Doman scored the game's opening touchdown ... This year, Doman leads the Jackets with 596 rushing yards ... Prior to last year, the Eagles defeated the Jackets in 1996 and 1997.