

# FOOTBALL 2006

#### Presidents' Athletic Conference

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## **CURRENT 2006 REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through October 21)**

	PAC	PAC Games					All Games				
<u>School</u>	W	<u>L</u>	Pct.	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>		W	<u>L</u>	Pct.	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>
Waynesburg College	4	0	1.00	127	73		4	3	.571	161	165
Washington & Jefferson College	3	0	1.00	129	48		6	1	.857	233	103
Thiel College	3	2	.600	133	82		4	4	.500	160	120
Thomas More College	2	2	.500	93	74		5	2	.714	151	113
Bethany College	1	3	.250	69	167		3	4	.429	165	247
Westminster College	1	3	.250	90	126		2	5	.286	133	218
Grove City College	1	5	.167	105	176		1	6	.143	105	204

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS (October 21)
WESTMINSTER 49, Bethany 13\*
WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 52, Grove City 18\*
Waynesburg 34, THIEL 24\*
THOMAS MORE 20, Huntingdon 9

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (October 28)

Bethany at Thomas More\* - 1:30 p.m.

Waynesburg at Washington & Jefferson\* - 1:30 p.m.

Westminster at Frostburg State - 1 p.m.

Rochester at Grove City - 1:30 p.m.

Thiel - off

# PAC Offensive Player of the Week

RYAN MENDEL Wash. & Jeff. Senior RB 5-11, 190 Pittsburgh, Pa. Brentwood H.S.



Mendel earned the award for the second consecutive week after rushing 24 times for 130 yards and a career-high five touchdowns (1,1,1,1,7) in three quarters of play as W&J posted a 52-18 PAC win over Grove City. It was his fourth straight 100-yard rushing effort for the Presidents, who have now won their last six consecutive games.

Also nominated was senior SE Scott Fichter of Grove City, senior QB Billy Blankenship of Thiel, sophomore QB Trevor Stellman of Thomas More, senior RB Ryan Abels of Waynesburg, and junior FB Josh Kutzner of Westminster.

# PAC Defensive Player of the Week

ANTHONYTAYLOR Waynesburg Senior DB 5-8, 160 Washington, D.C. Wilson H.S.



Taylor recorded two interceptions for 83 yards, while adding a pair of tackles, as Waynesburg remained unbeaten in the PAC with a 34-24 win at Thiel. His first pickoff thwarted a Thiel drive at the WC 12 in the third quarter, while he returned the second interception 53 yards in the closing minutes to seal the victory.

Also nominated was junior DE Robert Hughes of Thiel, senior LB Mark Carlisle of Thomas More, senior LB Aaron Bane of Washington & Jefferson, and sophomore LB Josh Weese of Westminster.

# PAC Special Teams Player of the Week

KYLE SIDEBOTHAM Wash. & Jeff. Senior PK 5-11, 170 Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio Cuyahoga Falls H.S.



Sidebotham drilled a 29-yard field goal and all seven of his extra point attempts in W&J's 52-18 PAC win over Grove City. In the contest, he became W&J's all-time leader in field goals made (28, surpassing Luke Ravenstahl '03) and kicker scoring (261 points , passing Mike Evan '97).

Also nominated was senior K/P **Ben Popson** of Waynesburg.

## PAC FOOTBALL CAPSULES



### **Bethany Bison**

Bethany lost consecutive games for the first time this season with a 49-13 loss at Westminster Saturday ... An interception by DB **R.J. Faldowski** gave the Bison great field position early, but the Bison would miss a field goal ... The rest of

the game belonged to the Titans ... Westminster scored three first quarter TDs en route to a 28-0 halftime lead and never looked back ... The first Bison TD came on a one-yard run by QB **Brent Owens**, while the second score was a 47-yard TD pass from sophomore **Matt Blumer** to freshman **Matthew Dahle**, his first career reception and touchdown ... TE **Mike Elias** caught a game-high five passes ... LB **Cliff Anderson** notched 10 tackles, his fourth straight game with 10+ stops ... Faldowski tied the BC single-game record with two interceptions and also recovered a fumble.



#### Thiel Tomcats

Thiel fell to visiting Waynesburg 34-24 Saturday at Alumni Stadium ... The Yellow Jackets led 28-3 with 5:25 to play in the third quarter ... QB **Billy Blankenship** hooked up with sophomore WR **Tim Van Horn** and junior WR **Marc LaScola** on TD passes of 47 and eight yards,

respectively, to cut the lead to 28-17 late in the third ... Waynesburg finished with a 370-316 edge in total offensive yards and held a 37:31-22:29 advantage in time of possession ... Blankenship completed 19-of-36 passes for 237 yards and a career-high three touchdowns ... LaScola finished with three catches for 26 yards and a career-best two touchdowns, while Van Horn added four grabs for 98 yards and a score ... Junior DE **Robert Hughes** had a gamehigh 11 tackles, including 3.0 tackles for loss.



### Washington & Jefferson Presidents

The Presidents racked up 50 points for the second consecutive week and senior RB **Ryan Mendel** rushed for a career-high five touchdowns during a 52-18 win over Grove City ... Senior PK **Kyle Sidebotham** broke a pair of school records during the game as he became W&J's all-time leader in field goals (28) and kicker scoring (261

pts.) ... Sophomore QB **Bobby Swallow** completed 12-of-17 passes for 200 yards and two touchdowns ... Senior CB **Cory Walsh** paced the defense with 10 tackles (seven solo) .. The W&J defense limited the Wolverines to 19 total yards and three first downs in the second half ... W&J has now defeated GCC eight consecutive times ... Head coach **Mike Sirianni** is now tied for fourth place on the W&J career coaching victory list with his 36-6 record.



#### Westminster Titans

Westminster rolled to a 49-13 homecoming win over Bethany ... The 36-point margin of victory is the most decisive win for the Titans since joining NCAA Division III in 2000 ... The Titans' previous win by 36 points or more was a 55-7 win over Urbana in 1997 when Westminster was a member of the NAIA ... Westminster racked up a season-high 508 yards of total offense, bettering its previous high of 376 yards

... The Titans also limited the Bison to 209 yards, a season low for WC opponents, as the Titans allowed 404.8 ypg entering the game ... Seven different Titans scored touchdowns, including five with their first scores of the season and three with the first of their careers ... Three Titan scores came via the air, three were on the ground, and one was the team's first defensive TD of the year.



#### **Grove City Wolverines**

Grove City accumulated 255 first-half yards at W&J Saturday ... However, the Wolverines executed just 15 plays in the second half as W&J pulled away, 52-18 ... **Scott Fichter** caught a season-long 45-yard pass and had

five catches for 84 yards and a touchdown ... Matt Weil and QB Andrew DiDonato each ran for touchdowns ... DiDonato threw for a career-high 193 yards ... Senior CB Chris Schwamberger intercepted his third pass of the season ... SS Shane Coughlin posted 14 total tackles ... Junior LB Bill Waugh and sophomore S Zach Fulmer each had sacks ... DiDonato now has 939 passing yards, the most ever for a Grove City freshman quarterback ... Henry Johnston's career-long 70-yard punt against W&J tied for the second-longest in program history.



#### Thomas More Saints

Thomas More's defense held Huntingdon to a single-game record negative eight yards rushing in a 20-9 Saint

win Saturday ... The previous record was set in 1994, when TMC held Wilmington to one yard rushing ... Senior **Mark Carlisle** led the Saints with 11 tackles, eight solos ... Sophomore QB **Trevor Stellman** passed for a career-high 384 yards on 24-of-39 passing and two touchdowns ... He was just one yard from the school's single-game mark set by **Nate Berkley** in 2004 ... Senior **Chase Weber** hauled in a career-high 164 yards, including a career-long 80 yard touchdown pass ... The 164 yards eclipsed his 2005 total ... The Saints are now 3-1 on artificial turf this season.



### Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

Waynesburg jumped out to a 21-0 lead in the first half before holding on for a 34-24 victory over Thiel Saturday ... Senior DB **Anthony Taylor** sealed the victory with 2:38 left in the fourth quarter with his second in-

terception of the game ... Midway through the third quarter, the Yellow Jackets increased their lead to 28-3 when senior QB **Tres Cobb** scored from the Thiel 1-yard line on a sneak ... From there, the Tomcats mounted a 21-3 run over a 13-plus minute span to narrow the deficit to 31-24 ... Waynesburg was again led by senior RBs **Ryan Abels** and **Eric Daniels** ... Abels rushed for 122 yards and two scores on 22 attempts, while Daniels added 91 yards on 16 carries ... Cobb completed 14-of-18 attempts for 162 yards and a TD to senior WR **Mike Shields**.

2006 PAC Football Players of the Week								
	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	Special Teams					
9/2	T. Stillman, TMC	M. Carlisle, TMC	T. McNeil, BET					
9/9	T.J. Parker, BET	C. Walsh, W&J	T. McNeil, BET					
9/16	B. Swallow, W&J	B. Steinmetz, TMC	C. Anderson, BET					
9/23	R. Abels, WAY	R. Hughes, THI	F. Romeo, WES					
9/30	D. Hess, THI	M. Czerwein, WAY	H. Johnston, GRO					
10/7	M. Collier, TMC	D. Brodland, W&J	S. Koyl, THI					
10/14	R. Mendel, W&J	M. Carlisle, TMC	C. Willis, TMC					
10/21	R. Mendel, W&J	A. Taylor, WAY	K. Sidebotham, W&J					
10/28								
11/4								
11/11								

# **WEEK 9 PAC FOOTBALL PREVIEWS**



### Bethany (3-4, 1-3 PAC) at Thomas More (5-2, 2-2 PAC)

Saturday, Oct. 28 - 1:30 p.m. Thomas More Stadium (3,000/grass) - Crestview Hills, Ky.



Radio/TV: <a href="https://www.northernkentuckysports.com">www.northernkentuckysports.com</a> Series Record: Thomas More leads 1-0

Game Notes: Bethany and Thomas More will meet for the second time ever on Saturday and the first time in the state of Kentucky ... Thomas More won its first Presidents' Athletic Conference game against the Bison last season, as the Saints defeated Bethany 33-15 at Bethany Field ... It was first-ever match-up between the two schools ... BC wideout T.J. Parker caught a pair of touchdown passes, but Thomas More QB Nate Berkley threw for three scores and ran for another in the win ... LB Mark Carlisle posted 12 tackles to lead a Saint defense that had four sacks and three interceptions, including two by Chris Willis ... Parker had six catches for 118 yards and two scores, while LB Cliff Anderson had 11 tackles, one INT and one sack ... With his four catches against Westminster, Parker became just the fifth player in Bethany history to catch at least 50 passes in a season and the first since Zack Merz caught 52 in 2002 ... This may be Bethany's first-ever game in the Bluegrass State ... The only previous BC opponent from Kentucky prior to last year was a 1904 contest against Kentucky State, which Bethany lost 6-0 ... However, records are unclear where that game was played ... A Thomas More win would secure TMC's first winning season since the Saints were 6-4 in 2003.



## Waynesburg (4-3, 4-0 PAC) at Washington & Jefferson (6-1, 3-0 PAC)

Saturday, Oct. 28 - 1:30 p.m. Cameron Stadium (3,500/turf) - Washington, Pa.



Radio/TV: WCYJ-FM (88.7) in Waynesburg; www.waynesburg.edu; WJPA-AM (1450) in Washington; www.wjpa.com;

All-Time Series Record: Washington & Jefferson leads 30-3

**Game Notes:** Sole possession of first place in the PAC with two weeks to play will be on the line when archrivals Waynesburg and W&J tee it up in Washington Saturday ... W&J and Waynesburg will meet as the only two teams remaining in the conference with undefeated league marks ... The Presidents and Yellow Jackets will be meeting for the 34th time in history with W&J leading the series, 30-3 ... Washington & Jefferson has taken two straight games versus Waynesburg, scoring 35 points on both occasions ... The last WC win in the series occurred in 2003 as a 27-17 Yellow Jacket triumph led to the PAC Championship ... **Aaron Krepps** played a big role in the 35-24 victory last season for the Presidents with 253 all-purpose yards and two touchdowns ... Waynesburg has won one game in history in Washington, Pa., taking a 42-12 decision in 1954 ... W&J has won 38 of its last 40 games in the PAC ... The series dates back to the 1897 campaign ... In three career games against W&J, **Ryan Abels** has rushed for 261 yards on 57 carries (4.6 yard/carry), including two scores ... In Waynesburg's win over the Presidents in 2003, he rushed for 137 yards and a score on 31 attempts ... Backfield mate **Eric Daniels** has posted 164 yards on 26 carries, including two scores in last season's 35-24 contests ... In the last five games this season, Abels has rushed for 488 yards and nine touchdowns on 106 attempts (4.6) ... The Yellow Jackets have already equaled their win total from last season (4).



Westminster (2-5) at Frostburg St. (1-5)
Saturday, Oct. 28 - 1:30 p.m.
Bobcat Stadium (4,000/turf) - Frostburg, Md.

Radio/TV: WWNW-FM (88.9) in New Wilmington; www.titanradio.net; Westminster Cable Network (WCN) - tape delay Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

All-Time Series Record: Westminster leads 8-2-1

Game Notes: Frostburg State is coming off its first win of the season, a 7-3 victory at Union (Ky.) last week ... It was the Bobcats' first road game of the season, as six of their first seven games were at Bobcat Stadium ... The series dates back to 1975 ... The teams have played every year since 2002, including Frostburg wins in 2005 (16-13 at Westminster) and 2002 (24-17 at Cumberland, Md.) ... Westminster had won two straight years over the Bobcats, a 25-13 road victory in 2004 and a 35-33 triumph in 2003 ... Westminster coach Jeff Hand has coached against Frostburg in each of the last five seasons (0-1 with Westminster and 3-1 as head coach at Waynesburg).



Rochester (5-2) at Grove City (1-6)
Saturday, Oct. 28 - 1:30 p.m.
Thorn Field (3,500/turf) - Grove City, Pa.

Radio/TV: WSAJ-FM (91.1) in Grove City; <a href="https://www.gcc.edu/sports">www.gcc.edu/sports</a>; All-Time Series Record: First meeting

**Game Notes:** Grove City begins a season-ending stretch of three straight non-conference games Saturday against Rochester ... It is the first-ever meeting between the teams ... Rochester is coming off a 34-7 win at Worcester Polytechnic ... The Yellowjackets are under the guidance of first-year head coach **Scott Greene** ... It is the fifth of six home games this season for Grove City.