

FOOTBALL 2002

Presidents' Athletic Conference

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CURRENT REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through October 26, 2002)

	PAC Games					All (All Games			
School	W	<u>L</u>	Pct.	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	\underline{W}	L	Pct.	<u>PF</u> <u>PA</u>	
Washington & Jefferson College	5	0	1.00	149	94	6	1	.857	237 142	
Westminster College	3	1	.750	76	66	5	2	.714	150 128	
Waynesburg College	2	2	.500	106	94	4	3	.571	186 137	
Thiel College	2	3	.400	80	81	3	5	.375	152 141	
Grove City College	1	4	.200	69	126	2	6	.250	119 177	
Bethany College	1	4	.200	120	139	2	6	.250	212 215	

THIS WEEK'S RESULTS - October 26
BETHANY 31, Thiel 9*
Westminster 19, GROVE CITY 7*
WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 28, Waynesburg 21*

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE - November 2
Bethany at Newport News Apprentice - 1 p.m.
Thiel at Brockport State - 1 p.m.
Westminster at Frostburg State - 1 p.m.
Alfred at Grove City - 1:30 p.m.
Wash. & Jeff. at Hanover - 1:30 p.m. EST
Waynesburg - off

PAC Offensive Player of the Week

JOEY NICHOLS Washington & Jefferson College

Senior running back - 6-1, 200 Wellsburg, W.Va./Brooke H.S.

Nichols rushed 35 times for a season-high 226 yards and three touchdowns (68, 3, 23) to lead W&J to its 16th PAC football title in the past 17 years with a 28-21 win over Waynes-burg. The 226 yards marked the second-highest single game total of his career

Also nominated was senior RB **Will Anderson** of Bethany, junior SE **Bo Danton** of Grove City, sophomore QB **Jeff Dumm** of Waynesburg and sophomore RB **Scott Froelich** of Westminster.

PAC Defensive Player of the Week

DAN CARTER Bethany College

Senior defensive end - 6-2, 220 Purcellville, Va./Loudon Valley H.S.

Carter recorded five tackles, one QB sack which forced a fumble, and returned another fumble 71 yards for Bethnay's first touchdown as the Bison won their first PAC game of the year 31-9 over Thiel. He spearheaded a defense which held the Tomcats to 203 total yards.

Also nominated was sophomore ILB **Mike Choby** of Grove City, senior MLB **Dante Darby** of Thiel, junior DL **Phil Thomas** of Washington & Jefferson, senior CB **Ben Hays** of Waynesburg, and junior OLB **Nick Fritch** of Westminster.

PAC FOOTBALL NOTES

Bethany Bison

Senior RB Will Anderson rushed for 139 yards and two TDs (40, 24) and QB Jeremy Lacaria had 285 yards of total offense and a rushing touchdown as Bethany snapped a five-game losing streak with a 31-9 victory over Thiel ... The Bison's first touchdown came on a 71-yard fumble return for a touchdown by DE Dan Carter, who had five tackles, a sack, and forced a fumble to go with his second career touchdown ... Bethany's defense limited Thiel to 203 yards, including just 92 on the ground ... Anderson's big day leaves him one TD away from the single-season touchdown record (11 by Brandon Isbell) and 218 yards from the career rushing record (2,929 by Tim Caldwell).

Wash. & Jeff. Presidents

W&J clinched its 16th PAC Championship in the past 17 seasons with a 28-21 victory over Waynesburg on Saturday ... The win extended the Presidents' conference win streak to 20 games ... Senior RB Joey Nichols rushed 35 times for a season-high 26 yards and three TDs... The 226 yards marked his second-best rushing performance in his career ... Senior QB Brian Dawson completed 12-of-26 passes for 170 yards and added an insurance score in the fourth quarter on a 5-yard run which put W&J ahead, 28-14 ... Senior strong safety Tim Hawkins led the defense with 10 tackles ... Dawson needs to throw for 808 yards over the next three games to become one of just 42 QBs in NCAA history in any division (I, II or III) to amass 10,000 regular-season yards in a career.

Grove City Wolverines

Grove City dropped its fourth straight PAC game, 19-7 to Westminster on Saturday ... Bo Danton pulled in a careerhigh four passes for 105 yards ... Danton's 57-yard TD reception from Todd Smargiasso cut the Titans' lead to 13-7 right before halftime ... Smargiasso completed 7 of 12 attempts for 104 vards and a TD while Sam Mowrey went 3-for-5 for 53 yards in a brief stint ... Steve Weary assisted on a pair of sacks while Mike Choby led the Grove City defense with 13 tackles ... Ben Szelong made his first career start at inside linebacker, making 10 stops while Dan Solomon recorded eight hits in his first start at strong safety.

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

W&J fended off an upset-minded Waynesburg team, 28-21 ... Waynesburg came close to recording its first win over rival W&J since 1955 (12 consecutive losses), but fell a touchdown short ... Waynesburg was victimized by five turnovers, four of which came by interceptions, as sophomore QB Jeff Dumm completed 28-of-41 passes for 253 yards and three touchdowns, two of which to sophomore Paul D'Imperio ... Dumm also led the Jackets with 22 rushing yards on seven attempts ... Dominick Hunter led the Jackets with 10 catches for 96 yards ... Linebacker Clark Rolli led the Jackets with 12 tackles, while junior defensive linemen Brandon Doppelheuer and Phil Thomas recorded two sacks each.

Thiel Tomcats

Thiel was outgained 436-203 in Saturday's 31-9 loss to Bethany ... Sophomore QB Daryl Moore finished 11of-21 passing for 111 yards and one TD, a five-yard scoring pass to senior WR Donte Harris ... Sophomore K Paul Stibich put the Tomcats on the board with 48 seconds remaining in the half with a 28-yard field goal with the Tomcats trailing 17-3 going into the half ... The field goal was set up by a 61-yard kickoff return by Harris to the Bison 29-yard line ... With the field goal, Stibich became the school's all-time kicking points leader with 78 total points in 18 games ... Junior RB Justin Napotnik finished the day with 81 yards rushing on 20 attempts.

Westminster Titans

Westminster won its third straight PAC game, 19-7 at Grove City ... Junior OLB Nick Fritch blocked a first quarter GCC punt, which was returned 32 yards by freshman CB Tom Froelich for the first Titan score ... Freshman RB Brad Johnson and sophomore RB Scott Froelich added short TD runs ... Scott Froelich rushed a school-record 37 times for 178 yards (4.8 avg.), his eighth straight 100-yard rushing effort dating back to last season ... He also became just the sixth running back in Titan history to surpass 1,000 yards rushing in a season (1,053 vards) ... Junior QB Matt Robison was 14-of-23 for 165 yards passing ... Senior MLB Joe Bianco led the Titan defense with 12 total tackles.

Past PAC Offensive Players of the Week

September 7: Todd Fry, WR, W&J
September 14: Will Anderson, RB, BET
September 22: Jeremy Lacaria, QB, BET
September 29: Jeff Dumm, QB, WAY
October 5: Jeff Dumm, QB, WAY
October 12: Daryl Moore, QB, THI
October 19: Jeff Dumm, QB, WAY
October 26: Joey Nichols, RB, W&J

November 2:

November 9:

November 16:

Past PAC Defensive Players of the Week

September 7: Kyle Vuchak, DE, GRO
September 14: Greg Grupp, SS, GRO
September 21: Chris Minton, DL, THI
September 28: Joe Bianco, MLB, WES
October 5: Eric Field, LB, W&J
October 12: Roger Snyder, LB, W&J
October 19: Erick Pabis, DT, WES
October 26: Dan Carter, DE, BET
November 2:
November 9:

November 16:

PAC FOOTBALL PREVIEWS

N. N. Apprentice (5-3) at Bethany (2-6)

Saturday, Nov. 2 - 1 p.m. Builder Field (2,000/grass) - Newport News, Va.

Radio/TV: none

Series Record: Bethany leads 3-0

Game Notes: The Bison won the last match-up in Bethany 28-7 ... The Green and White scored 14 first quarter points and used a balanced attack (164 rushing, 176 passing) to pick up the win ... In the previous three games, Bethany has outscored the Builders 75-7 ... **Will Anderson** will continue his assault on two records, as he needs two TDs to break the single-season record (11, **Brandon Isbell**, 2000) and 219 yards to break the all-time rushing record (2,929, **Tim Caldwell**, 1995-98).

Thiel (3-5) at SUNY-Brockport (6-1)

Saturday, Nov. 2 - 1 p.m.

Special Olympics Stadium(10,000/grass) - Brockport, N.Y.

Radio/TV: none Series Record: n/a

Game Notes: The Tomcats will be looking to snap a twogame slide against SUNY-Brockport this Saturday at Special Olympics Stadium in Brockport ... The Golden Eagles are 6-1 after an off-week last week ... In 1999, the last meeting between Thiel and Brockport, the Tomcats outgained the Golden Eagles 318-312 and ran 32 more plays, but Brockport rallied from an eight-point fourth quarter deficit to defeat the Tomcats 33-21 at Stewart Field.

Westminster (5-2) at Frostburg St. (4-3)

Saturday, Nov. 2 - 1 p.m. Bobcat Stadium (4,000/grass) - Frostburg, Md.

Radio/TV: WWNW-FM (88.9), WKST-AM (1200), WEXC-FM (107.1, www.nsnsports.com, Westminster Cable Network (WCN).

Series Record: Westminster leads 6-0-1

Game Notes: Westminster and Frostburg State meet for the first time sinced 1985, when the Titans posted a 26-10 decision over the Bobcats ... FSU is averaging 35.6 ppg and goes against a Titan defense which has allowed just 17 points in the past two games ... Westminster is looking for its fourth consecutive win, while the Bobcats are coming off a 35-14 victory over Ursinus ... It will be Westminster's final road game of the regular season, as the Titans close the campaign with home games against Thomas More and PAC rival Waynesburg.

Alfred (3-5) at Grove City(2-6)

Saturday, Nov. 2 - 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 5-4

Game Notes: Grove City looks to snap a four-game skid in its home finale on Saturday ... Alfred, a former member of the Presidents' Athletic Conference, is coming off a 25-19 double-overtime loss at 6-0 Hobart ... The teams have split their six meetings since 1996 ... The Saxons won at Thorn Field in 1996 and 1998, while Grove City won at Alfred in 1997 and 1999 ... The home team has won the last two meetings with Alfred winning at Merrill Field last year 16-10 ... Alfred is now a member of the five-team Empire 8 Conference.

#14 Wash. & Jeff. (6-1) at #7 Hanover (7-0)

Saturday, Nov. 2 - 1:30 p.m. EST L.S. Ayres Stadium (4,000/grass) - Hanover, Ind.

Radio/TV: WJPA-AM (1450), WNJR-FM (92.1),

www.nsnsports.com

Series Record: Series tied 2-2

Game Notes: W&J and Hanover meet for the fifth time in history on Saturday with the two schools splitting the previous four contests ... Hanover claimed victories in 1998 and 1999, while the Presidents have won each of the past two games ... The last time the two squads met at Hanover, W&J came away with a 50-32 win ... Last season, W&J won 35-10 behind a three-touchdown performance from Brian Dawson ... Joey Nichols also rushed for 181 yards and one score in the victory.