

# 2008 PAC Football Release Week 9 - October 27



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## 2008 PAC FOOTBALL STANDINGS (through October 26)

School	PAC Games			PF	PA	All Games				
	W	L	Pct.			W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Thomas More	5	0	1.00	187	76	6	1	.857	235	124
Washington & Jefferson	3	0	1.00	117	52	7	0	1.00	330	142
Westminster	2	3	.400	105	181	4	4	.500	169	269
Grove City	1	2	.333	76	119	4	3	.571	167	188
Waynesburg	1	2	.333	113	91	4	3	.571	208	190
Thiel	1	3	.250	98	139	1	6	.143	133	207
Bethany	1	4	.200	165	203	2	5	.286	206	262
Geneva*						2	5	.286	152	226
Saint Vincent*						1	7	.125	124	287

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

### LAST WEEK (October 25)

Geneva 42, SAINT VINCENT 19\*  
BETHANY 31, Waynesburg 24  
THOMAS MORE 45, Thiel 14\*  
WASH. & JEFF. 34, Westminster 7\*  
Grove City - idle

### THIS WEEK (November 1)

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

### Offensive Player of the Week

#### CURT JONES

Wash. & Jeff.

Senior RB

6-2, 205

Falconer, N.Y.

Falconer H.S.



Jones rushed for a career-high 188 yards and three touchdowns (3,2,1) for the eighth-ranked Presidents, who remained unbeaten with a 34-7 PAC win over Westminster. He also caught five passes for 84 yards to give him 272 all-purpose yards. Jones averaged 8.8 yards when running or receiving the ball.

Also nominated was freshman QB **Chad Smith** of Bethany, senior WR **Nick Dew** of Thomas More, sophomore WR **Ray Hightower II** of Waynesburg, and junior QB **Kevin Franz** of Westminster.

### Defensive Player of the Week

#### NELSON MITZEN

Bethany

Junior FS

6-3, 195

Waynesburg, Pa.

Waynesburg Central H.S.



Mitzen recorded nine tackles, two fumble recoveries and an interception on the final play of the game to seal Bethany's 31-24 PAC victory over Waynesburg. Both of his fumble recoveries halted Yellow Jacket drives inside Bethany territory.

Also nominated was sophomore LB **Tyler Owens** of Thomas More, senior DB **Chris Kessler** of Washington & Jefferson, senior DL **D.J. DeWitt** of Waynesburg, and sophomore LB **Jake Brown** of Westminster.

### Special Teams Player of the Week

#### DUSTIN ZINK

Thomas More

Sophomore K

5-8, 156

Cold Springs, Ky.

Newport Central Catholic H.S.



Zink booted a 27-yard field goal and was a perfect 6-for-6 on extra point attempts for the Saints, who remained unbeaten in PAC play and posted their sixth consecutive victory with a 45-14 home decision over league rival Thiel.

Also nominated was freshman K **Bryan Arbes** of Waynesburg, and junior KR **Nick McKolosky** of Westminster.

## PAC FOOTBALL 2008 - Week 9 Conference Notes

**READY TO RUMBLE:** The stage is now set for the game PAC fans have had circled on their calendars for several weeks ... League co-leaders Washington & Jefferson and Thomas More will battle at Bank of Kentucky Field this Saturday (Nov. 1) at 1:30 p.m. in the 2008 PAC "Game of the Year" ... A win by the Saints will clinch the league title and the PAC's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III playoffs for TMC, while a victory by the Presidents will put W&J in position to clinch the PAC crown and NCAA automatic bid with a win in one of its final two games.

**WHO'S HOT:** W&J is ranked #8 nationally by the AFCA and #9 by [D3Football.com](http://D3Football.com), while Thomas More is among others receiving votes in both polls ... Geneva's defense posted two returns for touchdowns in a 42-19 win over Saint Vincent, as **Aaron Tommelleo** returned a fumble 80 yards and **Brian Wilson** brought back an interception seven yards ... Senior WR **Nick Dew** caught seven passes for 80 yards and two TDs for Thomas More in a 45-14 win over Thiel ... Saint Vincent RB **Jairus Marlow** rushed 12 times for 62 yards and two TDs vs. Geneva.

**AROUND THE LEAGUE:** Junior QB **Kevin Franz** became Westminster's all-time leading passer following a 237-yard effort in a 34-7 loss at W&J, giving him 5,846 career yards ... Senior DL **D.J. DeWitt** had three sacks for Waynesburg in a 31-24 loss at Bethany ... DB **David Abel** made 14 tackles and LB **Tom Kisner** added 12 stops for the Bethany defense in a 31-24 win ... W&J senior DB **Chris Kessler** had a season-high seven tackles vs. Westminster ... **Abe Addison** had a 57-yard TD run for Thiel in a 45-14 loss at Thomas More.



**Bethany  
Bison  
(2-5, 1-4 PAC)**



A 26-yard touchdown pass from **Chad Smith** to **Marcus Santini** with 1:29 left gave Bethany the lead for good and the Bison defense forced two Waynesburg turnovers in the final 68 seconds to preserve a 31-24 victory ... Smith threw for 315 yards and three TDs, covering 5 yards to **Matt Cruse** and two scores to Santini (10, 26) ... The other Bison scores came on a 2-yard run from **Jeff Joyce** and a 25-yard field goal by **Carlos Perdomo** ... **Eric Walker** rushed for 113 yards on 14 carries, while Cruse led the receivers with 7 catches for 105 yards ... BC's defense forced 5 turnovers, with FS **Nelson Mitzen** recovering 2 fumbles and picking off a pass, while DL **Bobby McConnell** also had an INT ... DB **David Abel** made 14 tackles and LB **Tom Kisner** had 12 in the win.

**Geneva Golden  
Tornadoes  
(2-5)**



Geneva needed a win in the worst and way got exactly what it needed Saturday with a 42-19 victory over Saint Vincent ... Sophomore QB **David Girardi** threw for 204 yards and a pair of TDs to lead the Golden Tornadoes ... On the ground, **Matt Barge** rushed for over 100 yards for the first time in his Geneva career ... Senior TE **Adam Chatlos** has developed into Girardi's favorite target, as he accounted for 97 receiving yards on five catches ... Geneva's defense accounted for two scores as **Aaron Tommelleo** returned a fumble 80 yards for a score and **Brian Wilson** returned an interception seven yards for the final score of the day ... Geneva watched Saint Vincent cut a 28-point lead to nine early in the fourth quarter, but the GTs responded and held on for the victory.

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



Grove City returns to action this week after an open date Saturday.

**Saint Vincent  
Bearcats  
(1-7)**



The Bearcat losing streak reached six with a 42-19 home loss to Geneva Saturday ... The Golden Tornadoes jumped out to a 28-0 second quarter lead, before SVC scored 19 unanswered points to pull to within 28-19 with nine minutes left in the fourth quarter ... Geneva then put down the comeback, scoring a pair of late TDs ... **Jairus Marlow** led the SVC offense with 62 yards on 12 carries and two touchdowns, scoring on a six-yard run in the third quarter and on a 60-yard reception from QB **Kevin Corona** early in the fourth ... **Joe Yezovich** scored his first career TD on a four-yard pass from QB **Jordan Cleary** late in the third ... Defensively, **Josh Diamond** and **Anthony Johnson** each made 10 tackles, with Johnson posting 2.5 for a loss ... **Alex Rowan** finished with seven stops, including a sack, and a pass breakup.

**Thiel  
Tomcats  
(1-6, 1-3 PAC)**



Thomas More trounced the Tomcats, 45-14, at The Bank of Kentucky Field last week ... The Saints scored on its opening possession with 6:43 remaining in the opening quarter ... Thiel responded just over two minutes later with **Abe Addison** dashing 57 yards for the touchdown, which, after a successful **John Madeline** PAT, tied the game at 7-7 ... The Saints reeled off the game's next 38 points ... Thiel, on the other hand, saw nine of its last 11 drives end with either a punt or a fumble ... Freshman **Brice Mertiff** scored the game's final TD on a three-yard run... Thiel was led on the ground by Addison, who ran for 83 yards on just four carries... Quarterback **Willie Bova** chipped in 42 yards rushing, in addition to 146 yards through the air ... **Clint Walker** paced Thiel on defense with 10 tackles.

**Thomas More  
Saints  
(6-1, 5-0 PAC)**



Thomas More extended its win streak to six games last week as it defeated Thiel, 45-14 ... The six-game win streak is the longest since 2001, when the Saints won their first 11 games and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Division III playoffs ... Freshman RB back **Kendall Owens** rushed the ball eight times for 95 yards and two touchdowns and added 41 yards receiving and 22 return yards for 158 all-purpose yards ... Junior QB **Trevor Stelman** was 9-of-11 passing for 129 yards and two TDs and added eight rushes for 49 yards ... Junior RB **Cordario Collier** had 92 yards rushing with two TDs on 12 carries ... Defensively, the Saints were led by sophomore linebacker **Tyler Owens**, who had five tackles (3 solo, 2 assisted), including three sacks for a loss of 21 yards.

**Washington & Jefferson  
Presidents  
(7-0, 3-0 PAC)**



W&J's 34 points tied for the team's second-lowest scoring output of the season, but the Presidents still managed a 27-point victory ... W&J had the nation's No. 1 scoring offense heading into the contest with Westminster ... Senior RB **Curt Jones** rushed for a career-high 188 yards and scored three touchdowns ... Sophomore RB **Derek Taylor** also rushed for a career-high 71 yards on seven attempts ... Senior QB **Bobby Swallow** passed for 290 yards and two scores, while senior WR **David Ravida** caught eight passes for 106 yards and one score ... W&J racked up 555 total yards and averaged 7.1 yards per play ... Senior LB **David Gitlitz** led the defense with eight tackles ... He is currently tied for fifth place on the school's all-time tackle list ... W&J has won 50 of its last 52 PAC contests.

**Waynesburg  
Yellow Jackets  
(4-3, 1-2 PAC)**



The Yellow Jackets are coming off of a 31-24 loss at Bethany Saturday that snapped a six-game win streak for Waynesburg over the Bison ... Waynesburg gave up the game-winning score with just 1:29 left in the contest ... The Jackets had two more chances to tie the game or snatch the win, but both tries ended in turnovers ... Though it came in a loss, freshman RB **Justin Falcon** had a breakout day, carrying the ball with 143 yards rushing and a touchdown on 38 carries ... Sophomore WR **Ray Hightower II** recorded his third 100-yard receiving day of the year with five catches for 111 yards and a touchdown ... On defense, senior DL **D.J. DeWitt** led the team with eight tackles, three of them being solo stops, four tackles for loss and three sacks.

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



The Westminster football team lost to No. 8-ranked Washington & Jefferson, 34-7, Saturday for its first night game since 2001 ... The Titans' record is now 4-4 overall and 2-3 in the PAC ... Junior QB **Kevin Franz** became Westminster's all-time leading passer as he threw for 237 yards on 23-of-44 passing with one touchdown and one interception ... Franz now has 5,846 career passing yards ... Junior WR **Chad Rosatelli** hauled in Franz's only touchdown pass in the third quarter to cut W&J's deficit to 27-7 ... Rosatelli caught six catches for 85 yards ... Junior WR **Jon Gubish** also caught a team-high eight passes for 75 yards ... Senior LB **Jordan Blinn** and freshman S **Tony Andreassi** each posted their first career interceptions for the Titans ... Sophomore LB **Jake Brown** led Westminster with 11 tackles.

## PAC FOOTBALL GAME PREVIEWS - WEEK 9



### Geneva (2-5) at Bethany (2-5)

Saturday, Nov. 1 - 1 p.m.  
Bethany Field (1,000/turf) - Bethany, W.Va.



Radio/TV: WBVP-AM (1230) in Beaver Falls; WMBA-AM (1460) in Ambridge; WVBC-FM (88.1) in Bethany;  
[www.msasportsnetwork.com](http://www.msasportsnetwork.com); [www.teamline.cc](http://www.teamline.cc) (code 3724)

**Series Record:** Geneva leads 26-7-1

**Game Notes:** Geneva and Bethany met for the first time since 1983 last year with the Golden Tornadoes coming out on top by the score of 28-13 in Beaver Falls ... In that victory, **Matt Dean** rushed for 102 yards for the GTs on just nine carries ... Taylor McNeil (21) and Matt Cruse (11) caught scoring passes from **Milton Joyner**, but Geneva's **Luke Duriancik** scored on a 6-yard run with 1:37 to play to clinch the victory ... Bethany CB **Brandon Zeman** made 12 tackles in the loss ... Geneva posted a 439-284 advantage in total yards, including a 339-67 margin in rushing yards ... Bethany will be trying for their first win over Geneva since 1973 Saturday at Bison Stadium ... That season, BC nipped the Golden Tornadoes 15-14, but Geneva has won the last three meetings between the schools ... The Bison have jumped to +5 on the season in turnover margin after forcing 13 takeaways in the past three contests ... **Matt Cruse** moved into 4<sup>th</sup> place Saturday on the all-time Bethany reception list (124) and is three away from taking over third place ... With 1,849 career receiving yards, he is also 11 shy of fourth place overall in the category.



### Grove City (4-3, 1-2 PAC) at Waynesburg (4-3, 1-2 PAC)

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



Radio/TV: WSAJ-FM (91.1) in Grove City; WCYJ-FM (88.7) in Waynesburg; WCTV (Channel 12) in Waynesburg;  
[www2.gcc.edu/sports](http://www2.gcc.edu/sports); [www.waynesburg.edu](http://www.waynesburg.edu);

**Series Record:** Waynesburg leads 25-15-5

**Game Notes:** Grove City visits Wiley Stadium Saturday in a meeting of teams with identical records ... The Yellow Jackets and Wolverines meet up for the 46<sup>th</sup> time in a series that stretches back to 1903 ... In 2007, one of the most exciting chapters of the rivalry was written when the Jackets snatched a 27-23 victory away from Grove City with just 13 seconds left in the first-ever night college football contest at GCC's Thorn Field ... The Wolverines are in pursuit of their first win at Waynesburg since 2000 ... Grove City has won its last two games when coming off a week off (2000, 2007) ... The Wolverines lead the conference in turnover margin (plus-7) and takeaways (20) ... Safety **Zach Fulmer** leads the PAC with four interceptions while nose tackle **Jarred Frawley** leads the PAC with three forced fumbles ... "Mike" linebacker **Adam Eichler** leads the PAC with 80 total tackles ... Waynesburg leads the all-time series, 25-15-5, including a 12-6 edge since joining the conference in 1990.



### Thiel (1-6) at Saint Vincent (1-7)

Saturday, Nov. 1 - 1:30 p.m.  
Chuck Noll Field (1,100/grass) - Latrobe, Pa.



Radio/TV: WPIC-AM (790) in Hermitage; WCNS-AM (1480) in Latrobe; [www.790wpic.com](http://www.790wpic.com); [www.redzonemedia.com](http://www.redzonemedia.com)

**Series Record:** Thiel leads 6-5

**Game Notes:** Saint Vincent will close out its home portion of the schedule with a 1:30 p.m. contest against Thiel College. The two teams previously met in the 2007 season finale, with Thiel winning 62-14 ... The Bearcats jumped out to an early 7-0 lead on an 80-yard TD reception by **Sheldon Loughner**, but the Tomcats then roared, scoring four second quarter touchdowns en-route to the win ... Thiel RB **Dan Hess** had a monster day, scoring four touchdowns and rushing for 327 yards ... The Tomcats rolled up 709 yards of total offense on 85 plays against the Bearcats ... Bearcat QB **Mike Speal**, now a linebacker at SVC, completed 11 passes for a career-high 212 yards ... It will be the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting ever between the two teams on the gridiron, with Thiel currently holding a 6-5 edge in the matchup ... SVC last defeated the Tomcats in the 1958 season-opener, winning by a 15-7 count.



### Washington & Jefferson (7-0, 3-0 PAC) at Thomas More (6-1, 5-0 PAC)

Saturday, Nov. 1 - 1:30 p.m.  
Bank of Kentucky Field (3,000/turf) - Crestview Hills, Ky.



Radio/TV: WJPA-AM (1450) in Washington; [www.wjpa.com](http://www.wjpa.com); [www.msasportsnetwork.com](http://www.msasportsnetwork.com)

**Series Record:** Washington & Jefferson leads 3-0

**Game Notes:** The 2008 PAC "Game of the Year" takes place in Kentucky, as sole possession of first place in the PAC will be on the line when Washington & Jefferson faces Thomas More on the gridiron ... The Saints will clinch the league title and the PAC's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III playoffs for TMC, while a victory by the Presidents will put W&J in position to clinch the PAC crown and NCAA playoff automatic bid with a win in one of its final two contests this season ... Two of the three previous games have been in Kentucky with W&J winning 32-14 in 2005 and 42-0 last season ... W&J also earned a 21-12 decision at Cameron Stadium in 2006 ... **Curt Jones** rushed for 153 yards and two scores last season versus the Saints ... **Bobby Swallow** has thrown for 399 yards and five TDs (0 INTs) in his two starts versus TMC ... **David Gitlitz** has amassed 18 tackles (3.0 for a loss) and one interception in the past three years versus TMC ... Thomas More is the top-ranked scoring defense in the PAC as it has only given up 17.7 points per game and has the second ranked scoring offense as it averages 33.6 points per game ... W&J is the top-ranked scoring offense in the PAC as it scores 47.1 points per game and has the second ranked scoring defense as it only gives up 20.3 points per game.

**Bethany Bison  
2-5, 1-4 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\* W 31-24

**November**

1 GENEVA\* 1 p.m.  
 8 at Wash. & Jeff.\* 1:30 p.m.  
 15 SAINT VINCENT\* 1 p.m.

**Geneva Golden Tornadoes  
2-5****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\* W 42-19

**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  
1-7****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\* L 19-42

**November**

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

**Thiel Tomcats  
1-6, 1-3 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\* L 14-45

**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  
6-1, 5-0 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\* W 45-14

**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  
7-0, 3-0 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\* W 34-7

**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  
4-3, 1-2 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\* L 24-31

**November**

1 GROVE CITY\* 1:30 p.m.  
 8 at Thiel\* 1:30 p.m.  
 15 WASH. & JEFF.\* 1:30 p.m.

**Westminster Titans  
4-4, 2-3 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.\* L 7-34

**November**

1 Open Date  
 8 GROVE CITY\* 1:30 p.m.  
 15 at Geneva\* 1:30 p.m.