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2009 PAC FOOTBALL STANDINGS (through Oct. 31)

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| Washington & Jefferson | 3 | 1 | .750 | 140 | 47 | | 7 | 1 | .875 | 261 | 85 |
| Grove City | 2 | 2 | .500 | 87 | 83 | | 3 | 5 | .375 | 232 | 234 |
| Westminster | 2 | 3 | .400 | 124 | 177 | | 3 | 5 | .375 | 191 | 260 |
| Waynesburg | 1 | 3 | .250 | 142 | 144 | | 4 | 4 | .500 | 305 | 265 |
| Thiel | 1 | 3 | .250 | 75 | 147 | | 3 | 5 | .375 | 160 | 228 |
| Bethany | 1 | 4 | .200 | 109 | 179 | | 2 | 6 | .250 | 178 | 294 |
| Geneva* | | | | | | | 7 | 1 | .875 | 295 | 186 |
| Saint Vincent* | | | | | | | 0 | 9 | .000 | 154 | 322 |
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^{* -} NCAA Division III provisional member - not eligible for PAC championship or player of the week honors

LAST WEEK (October 31)

GENEVA 54, Bethany 21* THIEL 38. Saint Vincent 14* Thomas More 14, WASH. & JEFF. 7* GROVE CITY 35, Waynesburg 24* Westminster - idle

THIS WEEK (November 7)

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

Offensive Player of the Week

WILLIE BOVA Thiel

Senior QB 6-0, 190 Port Allegany, Pa. Port Allegany H.S.

Bova threw for 373 yards, coming within one yard of breaking his own pro-

gram record for passing yardage in a game. In all, Bova completed 27-of-42 passes, threw for four touchdowns, and ran for a fifth.

Also nominated was sophomore TB Blaine Miller of Grove City, senior RB Cordario Collier of Thomas More, junior WR Jordan Roycroft of Wash. & Jeff. and sophomore RB Justin Falcon of Waynesburg.

Defensive Player of the Week

TROY CREE Waynesburg

Junior LB 6-0, 220 Waynesburg, Pa. Waynesburg Central H.S.



Cree had a breakout game for the Yellow

Jackets by racking up a game-high 16 tackles against Grove City, including nine solo hits, which was also a game high. The backer also recovered a fumble and broke up a pass. He also had half a sack and half a tackle for loss.

Also nominated was sophomore NT Marcus Chakot of Grove City, sophomore DE Jay Volker of Thomas More and senior S Mitch Erdely of Wash. & Jeff.

Special Teams Player of the Week

JAMES JENNINGS Grove City

Senior OLB 6-0, 195 Twinsburg, Ohio Twinsburg H.S.



Jennings recovered a fumbled punt attempt in the end zone to give

Grove City a 14-0 lead in the second quarter. He also made one special teams tackle and helped lead the Wolverine coverage units that limited Waynesburg return specialist Scott Cree to just 62 total return yards on five runbacks.

Also nominated was junior K/P Joe Kelly of Wash. & Jeff. and freshman K Jon Storck of Waynesburg.

PAC FOOTBALL 2009 - Week 10 Conference Notes

SAINTS REPEAT: The 2009 "Game of the Year" in the PAC was a grueling defensive struggle Saturday in Washington, Pa. ... In the end, the Thomas More Saints overcame a 7-0 halftime deficit to post a 14-7 victory over previously unbeaten Washington & Jefferson and clinch their second consecutive PAC football title ... In other PAC Halloween grid action, Geneva improved to 7-1 by throttling Bethany 54-21, Grove City moved into third place in the PAC with a 35-24 home win over Waynesburg, and Thiel topped Saint Vincent at home, 38-14.

weeks D3Football.com national Top 25 poll, while W&J is ranked 23rd ... Thomas More is the first team in the nation to clinch an automatic bid to the 2009 NCAA D-III playoffs ... Sophomore TB Blaine Miller rushed for 108 yards and two touchdowns for Grove City in a 35-24 win over Waynesburg ... Jake Delmonico set a new Geneva school record with a 93-yard punt return TD in the GTs' 54-21 PAC win over Bethany ... Freshman CB Malcolm Kennedy had two interceptions for Thiel against Saint Vincent.

NEWS & NOTES: Thomas More is 11th in this | AROUND THE LEAGUE: Bethany QB Dan Pegg was 26-of-48 for 300 yards and a TD passing against Geneva ... Senior S Mitch Erdely had a game-high 10 tackles and a fumble recovery for W&J against Thomas More ... Waynesburg sophomore RB Justin Falcon piled up 119 yards rushing on 23 carries and three touchdowns in the Yellow Jacket loss at Grove City ... Saint Vincent QB Jake Smith posted 278 yards of total offense (219 passing, 69 rushing) for the Bearcats at Thiel ... Westminster had the weekend off.



















Bethany Bison

Thirty-three second quarter points from Geneva sent the Golden



Tornadoes to a 54-21 victory over the Bison Saturday ... Bethany scored all three of its touchdowns in the final quarter, with the first coming on a 50-yard scoring pass from Dan Pegg to Ed Holmes ... The second score came when Matt Cruse blocked a punt and Marcus D'Aguiar ran 33 yards to the end zone ... Eric Walker capped the scoring with a 1-yard run, his 10th rushing TD of the season to tie BC's single-season record ... Holmes caught five passes for 97 yards and his first collegiate score ... Walker was limited to 65 yards, but became just the 8th back in BC history to eclipse 800 yards rushing in a season (804) ... LB Kyle Arrington made 8 tackles in the loss

Saint Vincent Bearcats (0-9)

The Bearcats were victimized by seven turnovers, falling 38-

14 at Thiel College ... Five of the Tomcats' first seven possessions ended in points, while three of SVC's first five trips resulted in fumbles ... Jake Smith completed a career-high 24 passes for 219 yards in the losing effort, while also gaining 69 yards on the ground, but was plaqued by throwing a trio of interceptions ... Six different Bearcats made at least two catches, led by Sheldon Loughner, Jeremy Drischler, and Christian Sutton, who hauled in five grabs apiece ... Defensively, LB David Ribero continued his strong season, making 11 tackles, including 2.0 for loss, while Evan Lucas and Calvin Demillion each had solo sacks.

Washington & Jefferson **Presidents** (7-1, 3-1 PAC)



The Washington & Jefferson College football team was defeated by Thomas More for a

second-straight year ... The Saints' defense limited W&J to 155 total yards and 11 first downs, including only a pair in the second half ... W&J grabbed a 7-0 lead on its second possession of the game, but two touchdowns four minutes apart in the third quarter by TMC proved to be the difference ... The W&J defense held TMC to only 237 total yards, but the Saints forced three second-half interceptions ... Junior QB Gino Rometo completed 13-of-23 passes for 106 yards to lead W&J, including a 12-yard scoring pass to junior wide receiver Jordan Roycroft.

Geneva Golden **Tornadoes** *(7-1)*

Geneva clinched its first perfect home regular GOLDEN TORNADOES season since going un-

beaten at Reeves Field in 1995 ... The Golden Tornadoes finished the perfect 5-0 home schedule with an impressive 54-21 decision over Bethany Saturday ... Geneva scored the game's first 54 points before watching the Bison post 21 fourth quarter points ... Matt Barge scored three times and fellow RB Matt Dean found the end zone twice ... It was the second time this season that Geneva posted five rushing TDs in the same game ... The GTs scored 33 second quarter points including an offensive, defensive and special teams touchdown Geneva will travel to PAC champion Thomas More this weekend, as the Golden Tornadoes attempt to defeat the Saints for the third consecutive year.

Thiel Tomcats (3-5, 1-3 PAC)

Thiel had its all-around best game of the season Saturday, as the

Tomcats trounced Saint Vincent, 38-14, at Alumni Stadium ... Thiel established new season highs in passing yards (373), total yards (442), points scored, first downs (24), and turnovers caused (seven), including four fourthquarter interceptions ... Senior QB Willie Bova threw for every one of Thiel's yards through the air, coming within one yard of breaking his own program record for passing yardage in a game ... In all, Bova completed 27-of-42 passes, threw for four TDs, and ran for a fifth ... Freshman WR Tyler Dejong hit pay dirt for Thiel in the second quarter, and then did it again in the fourth to score his first- and secondcareer touchdowns ... Senior MLB Sam Swartzfager led Thiel with six tackles and a fumble return of 13 yards.

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



Turnovers greatly hindered Waynesburg's chances at victory this past Saturday, as they dropped a 35-24 contest to Grove City ... The Yellow Jackets coughed the ball up four times and two of those turnovers were converted into vital Wolverine touchdowns ... Though it came in a losing effort, sophomore RB Justin Falcon turned in his finest performance since week one as he rushed for a game-high 119 yards and three touchdowns on 23 carries ... Junior LB Troy Cree was a one-man wrecking crew on defense with a team season-high 16 tackles, including nine solo stops ... He also broke up a pass and recovered a fumble.

Grove City Wolverines (3-5, 2-2 PAC)

Grove City evened its conference record Saturday with a 35-

24 victory over visiting Waynesburg ... Blaine Miller and Andrew DiDonato both ran for two touchdowns each ... Miller ran for a career-high 108 yards ... Grove City also scored on special teams as James Jennings recovered a fumbled punt attempt in the end zone ... It is Grove City's first special-teams touchdown since October 11, 2008 ... Defensively, NT Marcus Chakot made his first start and had two sacks, four tackles for loss and a forced fumble ... Aaron Palmieri picked off a pass while Jason Ferguson and Butch Kriger also recovered fumbles ... Ferguson had a team-high 10 tackles ... Grove City owned a 13-minute edge in time of possession ... It's the first time the home team won a Grove City-Waynesburg game since 2006.

Thomas More Saints (8-0, 6-0 PAC)



The 13th-ranked Saints defeated PAC rival and

sixth-ranked W&J, 14-7, Saturday in Washington to clinched is second straight PAC Championship and earn their second straight berth in the NCAA Division III Playoffs ... Against W&J, senior RB Cordario Collier had 105 yards of total offense as he had 24 rushes for 80 yards and one TD and also caught two passes for 25 vards ... Senior QB Trevor Stellman was 11-of-17 passing for 96 yards and one score and had nine rushes for 48 yards ... Freshman LB Nick Gramke led the team with six tackles, while sophomore DE Jay Volker added four tackles, including 1 1/ 2 sacks and had an interception and blocked field goal attempt ... Freshman DB Zach Autenreib also added three tackles and had two interceptions.

Westminster **Titans** (3-5, 2-3 PAC)



The Westminster football team was off last week ... The Titans visit Grove City this week.

PAC FOOTBALL GAME PREVIEWS - WEEK 10



Washington & Jefferson (7-1, 3-1 PAC) at Bethany (2-5, 1-4 PAC)

Saturday, Nov. 7 - 1 p.m.

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



Media: WJPA-AM (1450) in Washington; WVBC-FM (88.1) in Bethany; www.wjpa.com/sports.htm; www.msasportsnetwork.com; www.teamline.cc

Series Record: Washington & Jefferson leads 66-20

Game Notes: Bethany continues their longest rivalry Saturday when they host W&J for Senior Day, as 18 players will take the field for their final game at Bison Stadium ... This will be the 87th meeting between the schools, with the Presidents holding a 66-20 series advantage, making it also the longest rivalry in W&J history ... W&J extended their winning streak over the Bison to 26 games last year with a 54-7 victory in Washington behind 4 TD passes from **Bobby Swallow** ... The last BC triumph in the series was a 28-9 decision in 1982 ... Already the school record holder in career receiving yards (2,490) and TD receptions (24), **Matt Cruse** has 169 catches and needs seven more to surpass **T.J. Parker** (175) for that Bethany career mark ... W&J has averaged 57.0 points per game against Bethany since 2004.



Westminster (3-5, 2-3 PAC) at Grove City (3-5, 2-2 PAC)

Saturday, Nov. 7 - 1 p.m.

Robert E. Thorn Field (3,500/turf) - Grove City, Pa.



Media: WWNW-FM (88.9) in New Wilmington; WSAJ-FM (91.1) in Grove City; <u>www.titanradio.net</u>; <u>www2.gcc.edu/sports</u>; Westminster Cable Network (WCN) - live and tape delay Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Series Record: Westminster leads 49-32-8

Game Notes: Like last year, third place in the PAC is on the line when Westminster plays Grove City in the Wolverines' 2009 home finale ... The two teams tied for third in the league last year, which was Westminster's highest finish since 2003 ... Grove City is 9-1 in its last 10 Senior Day games ... The lone loss in that span came in a 9-6 setback at Thorn Field on November 6, 2004 ... Last year, officials ruled Grove City QB Andrew DiDonato short of the goal line on the final play of the game as host Westminster escaped with a 24-21 decision ... DiDonato threw for 236 yards and ran for an additional 127 yards ... Westminster ran the ball effectively in the game, as Nick McKolosky rushed for 132 yards on 30 carries and two touchdowns ... Grove City had 31 first downs, a nine-minute edge in time of possession and 454 yards of offense ... However, the Wolverines misfired on 4 of 7 red-zone chances ... This year, Grove City has not scored in the red zone just three times in 31 opportunities ... The Titans are 21-2-1 vs. Grove City since 1961 with both losses coming at Grove City in 1979 and 2006 ... This is the Titans' first trip to Grove City since that 21-20 loss in which Westminster missed an extra point after QB Kevin Franz threw a touchdown pass to Brian Becker with 24 seconds left ... Franz threw for 295 yards in the game and DiDonato threw for 100 yards.



Geneva (7-1) at Thomas More (8-0) Saturday, Nov. 7 - 1:30 p.m.

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



Media: WBVP-AM (1230) in Beaver Falls; WMBA-AM (1460) in Ambridge; www.geneva.edu; www.msasportsnetwork.com

Series Record: Geneva leads 2-0

Game Notes: In a similar situation from a year ago, the Golden Tornadoes will meet up with a Thomas More squad that clinched the PAC title one week earlier ... Thomas More enters the game with a 8-0 overall record and ranked No. 13 last week in the AFCA Top-25 and No. 11 in this week's D3football.com Top-25, following its, 14-7, win over No. 6 Washington & Jefferson College that clinched the PAC Championship for the second straight year for the Saints ... In 2008, the Golden Tornadoes upset the conference champs 17-13 for the only regular season loss for the Saints ... Since joining the PAC in 2007, the Golden Tornadoes are 2-0 against Thomas More including a 10-9 Geneva victory in 2007, which was **Geno DeMarco**'s 100th career victory ... Geneva has won four straight since falling to W&J in Washington back on October 3.



Thiel (3-5, 1-3 PAC) at Waynesburg (4-4, 1-3 PAC)

Saturday, Nov. 7 - 1:30 p.m.

John F. Wilev Stadium (4.000/turf) - Wavnesburg, Pa.



Media: WPIC-AM (790) in Hermitage/Greenville; WCYJ-FM (88.7) in Waynesburg; www.waynesburgsports.com; WCTV-TV (Channel 14) in Waynesburg

Series Record: Waynesburg leads 22-8-1

Game Notes: Waynesburg will honor 17 senior members of its football team this Saturday when they host Thiel for Senior Day ... Thiel looks to build on last week's 38-14 win vs. Saint Vincent as it takes its show on the road for the final time this season ... The Yellow Jackets have won the last three games in this series which dates back to 1913, including a 50-35 decision against the Tomcats at Alumni Stadium a year ago ... Waynesburg holds a 22-8-1 strangle hold in the all-time series ... Thiel QB Willie Bova enters the contest 157 yards away from Jeff Sorenson's (1988-91) Thiel record for total offense (5,558).

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| November 7 WASH. & JEFF.* 14 at Saint Vincent* | 1 p.m. 1 p.m. | November 7 at Thomas More* 14 at Westminster* | 1:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m. | November 7 WESTMINSTER* 14 at Thiel* | 1 p.m. 1:30 p.m. | | |
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