

# 2008 PAC Football Release Week 10 - November 3



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## 2008 PAC FOOTBALL STANDINGS (through November 2)

School	PAC Games			PF	PA	All Games			PF	PA
	W	L	Pct.			W	L	Pct.		
Thomas More	6	0	1.00	222	105	7	1	.875	270	153
Washington & Jefferson	3	1	.750	146	87	7	1	.875	359	177
Grove City	2	2	.500	99	138	5	3	.625	190	207
Westminster	2	3	.400	105	181	4	4	.500	169	269
Waynesburg	1	3	.250	132	114	4	4	.500	227	213
Thiel	1	3	.250	98	139	2	6	.250	169	229
Bethany	1	4	.200	165	203	2	6	.250	229	300
Geneva*						3	5	.375	190	249
Saint Vincent*						1	8	.111	146	323

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

### LAST WEEK (November 1)

Geneva 38, BETHANY 23\*  
Grove City 23, WAYNESBURG 19\*  
Thiel 36, SAINT VINCENT 22\*  
THOMAS MORE 35, Wash. & Jeff. 29\*  
Westminster - idle

### THIS WEEK (November 8)

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

### Offensive Player of the Week

#### BOBBY SWALLOW

Wash. & Jeff.  
Senior QB  
6-2, 210  
Salem, Ohio  
West Branch H.S.



Swallow set new W&J single-game records for completions and attempts after completing 40-of-58 passes for 361 yards and four touchdowns (4, 3, 10, 25) in the Presidents' 35-29 PAC loss at Thomas More. He moved into 20th place in NCAA D-III history with his 92nd career scoring pass.

Also nominated was freshman RB **Eric Walker** of Bethany, senior TB **Brian Mercer** of Grove City, junior QB **Willie Bova** of Thiel, junior RB **Cordario Collier** of Thomas More, and sophomore QB **Brad Dawson** of Waynesburg.

### Defensive Player of the Week

#### BRAD STEINMETZ

Thomas More  
Junior LB  
6-0, 230  
West Harrison, Ind.  
East Central H.S.



Steinmetz recorded 14 total tackles (nine solo, five assisted), including four for losses of 22 yards and three quarterback sacks for -20 yards as the Saints clinched the 2008 PAC football title with a 35-29 home victory over Washington & Jefferson.

Also nominated was senior SLB **Ian Minster** of Grove City, junior OLB **Clint Walker** of Thiel, and junior LB **Ryan Krull** of Waynesburg.

### Special Teams Player of the Week

#### JOHN MADELINE

Thiel  
Freshman K  
5-9, 155  
Hubbard, Ohio  
Hubbard H.S.



Madeline accounted for 10 of Thiel's 36 points in the Tomcats' 36-22 PAC victory at Saint Vincent Saturday. He booted a pair of field goals (26, 30), converted two extra-point attempts and also ran for a two-point conversion in the Tomcat win.

Also nominated was junior CB **Randy Santina** of Grove City, and freshman K **Bryan Arbes** of Waynesburg.

## PAC FOOTBALL 2008 - Week 9 Conference Notes

**SAINTS DAY:** The Thomas More Saints captured their first-ever PAC football championship on November 1, as the Saints of second-year head coach **Jim Hilvert** concluded a perfect 6-0 run through the conference with a 35-29 home victory over defending league champion Washington & Jefferson ... TMC now earns the PAC's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III playoffs, which begin on November 22 ... W&J still has a chance at a Pool C bid to the Division III playoffs, but will have to win its final two games and then hope to be selected on November 16.

**WHO'S HOT:** Thomas More junior RB **Cordario Collier** rushed for 78 yards and two TDs against W&J ... Saint Vincent freshman QB **Kevin Corona** completed 27-of-42 passes for 302 yards and two touchdowns in a 36-22 loss to Thiel ... Geneva rushed for 339 yards as a team in a 38-23 victory at Bethany, led by **Matt Barge** (143 yards, 2 TDs) and **Gerard Muschette** (139 yards) ... For Bethany, freshman RB **Eric Walker** rushed for 103 yards and a touchdown against Geneva ... Westminster has won its last six games at home dating back to last season.

**AROUND THE LEAGUE:** Two W&J receivers - **Luke Espe** and **Craig Besong** - tied the W&J single-game receptions record with 12 catches each at Thomas More ... Waynesburg freshman K **Bryan Arbes** booted two field goals (47, 45) in a 23-19 loss to Grove City, giving him a school record-tying 11 field goals on the season ... Grove City senior TB **Brian Mercer** rushed for 95 yards and three TDs against Waynesburg ... Thiel junior OLB **Clint Walker** posted eight tackles, a pass breakup and an interception for Thiel in a 36-22 win over PAC rival Saint Vincent.



**Bethany  
Bison  
(2-6, 1-4 PAC)**



The Bison were unable to recover from a 25-point second quarter from Geneva, as the Golden Tornadoes pulled out a 38-23 victory ... **Chad Smith** sandwiched touchdown passes to **Matt Cruse** (57) and **Randy Rankin** (27) around a 5-yard scoring run from **Eric Walker** to give Bethany a 20-14 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter lead ... However, Geneva scored 17 points in the final 2:31 of the half to take a 31-20 lead at the break ... **Carlos Perdomo** hit a 22-yard field goal in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, but the GTs scored in the 4<sup>th</sup> period to put the game away ... Walker rushed for 103 yards and his 9<sup>th</sup> rushing TD of the year, while also catching 6 passes for 50 yards ... Smith threw for 306 yards and the two scores, while Cruse caught 5 balls for 112 yards ... FS **Nelson Mitzen** made 16 tackles in the loss.

**Geneva Golden  
Tornadoes  
(3-5)**



Geneva put together its first back-to-back wins of the season with a 38-23 win at Bethany Saturday ... The Golden Tornadoes got back to running the football and posted 339 yards on 50 rushes ... Both **Matt Barge** (143 yds) and **Gerard Muschette** (139 yds) posted 100+ rushing days ... Sophomore QB **David Girardi** found **Brian Dvorsak** for a pair of TDs from six and 16 yards out ... Barge scored on a pair of runs of 29 and 51 yards ... The GTs scored 17 unanswered points in the final 2 ½ minutes of the first half to turn a six-point deficit into an 11-point halftime lead ... Interceptions from **Rich Kolesar** and **Jason Kelderhouse** led to 10 of those points ... **Zach Feltrop** and **Aaron Tommelleo** combined for 27 tackles to pace a Geneva defense that held Bethany to just three second half points.

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



Grove City improved to 5-3 overall and 2-2 in the PAC Saturday by rallying past Waynesburg, 23-19, at Wiley Stadium ... It is Grove City's first win at Waynesburg since 2000 ... Grove City trailed 19-10 at the half but rallied for the win ... The Wolverines have trailed at halftime in three of their wins ... **Brian Mercer** ran for three touchdowns, along with 95 yards in the win ... Defensively, Grove City limited Waynesburg to 68 second-half yards of offense ... **Ian Minster** recorded a team-leading 12 tackles while **Jason Ferguson** added nine stops ... **Tony Clark** and **Marc Shamley** both had sacks ... **Zach Fulmer** picked off his PAC-leading fifth pass of the season ... Grove City has a conference-best 21 takeaways this year ... Grove City's 5-3 mark is the program's best eight-game record since 1998.

**Saint Vincent  
Bearcats  
(1-8)**



The Bearcat losing streak reached seven with a 36-22 loss to Thiel at Chuck Noll Field ... Saint Vincent gained 384 yards of total offense, but committed four costly turnovers ... SVC quarterback **Kevin Corona** enjoyed a career day, completing 27 passes for 302 yards and a pair of touchdowns ... **Phil Masciantonio** was Corona's favorite target, hauling in six grabs for 102 yards and a touchdown ... **Sheldon Loughner** also caught a TD pass, while cornerback **Roscoe Barber** returned an interception 53 yards for a score, his second INT run back of the year ... **Jairus Marlow** led the Bearcat ground game, with 80 yards on just seven carries ... Defensively, Barber added five tackles and three defended passes to his INT, while **Josh Diamond** made 10 stops and a third quarter interception.

**Thiel  
Tomcats  
(2-6, 1-3 PAC)**



Thiel rode a 19-point second half to earn its second win of the season, 36-22, at Saint Vincent's Chuck Noll Field on Saturday afternoon ... QB **Willie Bova** finished the day with a 105 yards and a touchdown on the ground in addition to a 258-yard, three TDs air campaign ... Receivers **Tim Van Horn** and **Brendan Taylor** each caught seven passes for 60 and 87 yards, respectively ... **Clint Walker** paced Thiel defensively, with eight tackles including one for a loss ... Walker also intercepted a pass to end Saint Vincent's final drive... PK **John Madeline** accounted for 10 points in the contest (2 FG, 2 PAT, ran for 2pt conversion) ... With the win, Thiel improved to 7-4 all-time against the Bearcats.

**Thomas More  
Saints  
(7-1, 6-0 PAC)**



Thomas More captured its first-ever PAC football title and the PAC crown in any men's sport since joining the conference in 2005, as the Saints defeated previously unbeaten and No. 5-ranked Washington & Jefferson, 35-29, at The Bank of Kentucky Field ... The win was the Saints' seventh straight win, which is the longest streak since 2001 when they won 11 straight games and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Division III Playoffs ... TMC was led by junior QB **Trevor Stellman**, who was 9-of-15 passing for 150 yards and carried the ball 18 times for 85 yards and one TD ... Freshman RB **Anthony Knott** carried the ball 12 times for 109 yards and one TD ... Senior WR **Nick Dew** finished with four catches for 53 yards ... The Saints' defense was led by junior LB **Brad Steimetz**, who had 14 tackles.

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



Washington & Jefferson had its 26-game, regular-season win streak snapped at Thomas More Saturday ... Senior QB **Bobby Swallow** set new school records with 40 completions and 58 attempts and threw for 361 yards and four touchdowns ... Swallow moved into 20<sup>th</sup> place in NCAA Division III history with his 92<sup>nd</sup> career scoring pass ... Two W&J receivers, senior **Luke Espe** and junior **Craig Besong**, tied school records with 12 receptions ... Besong hauled in four touchdown passes ... W&J had not lost a PAC game since being defeated by Thiel in overtime, 38-35, on October 1, 2005 ... W&J suffered its first road PAC loss since dropping a 27-17 decision at Waynesburg on October 25, 2003.

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



Waynesburg built a 19-10 halftime lead over Grove City, but couldn't hold on in the second half, as they dropped a 23-19 contest to the visiting Wolverines ... One of the positives for the Jackets was freshman K **Bryan Arbes** tying **Ben Popson's** (2003-2006) record for most field goals made in a season (11), by nailing kicks from 47 and 45 yards out ... Freshman RB **Justin Falcon** made his second straight start in the backfield and led the Waynesburg ground game with 71 yards on 16 carries ... Sophomore QB **Brad Dawson** had a busy afternoon, completing 22-of-36 passes for 161 yards and a touchdown ... The Waynesburg defense was led by junior outside LB **Ryan Krull**, who piled up a game high 16 tackles, including six solo stops.

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



The Westminster football team was idle last week after losing 34-7 at Washington & Jefferson Oct. 25 ... The Titans return home this weekend to play Grove City ... Westminster has won six straight at home including seven of its last eight and all four of its wins this year.

# PAC FOOTBALL GAME PREVIEWS - WEEK 10



## **Bethany (2-6, 1-4 PAC) at Washington & Jefferson (7-1, 3-1 PAC)**

**Saturday, Nov. 8 - 1:30 p.m.**

**Cameron Stadium (3,500/turf) - Washington, Pa.**



**Radio/TV:** WVBC-FM (88.1) in Bethany; WJPA-AM (1450) in Washington; [www.teamline.cc](http://www.teamline.cc) (code 3724);

[www.wjpa.com](http://www.wjpa.com); [www.msasportsnetwork.com](http://www.msasportsnetwork.com)

**Series Record:** Washington & Jefferson leads 65-20

**Game Notes:** W&J has won 25 consecutive games over the Bison ... The last BC triumph was a 28-9 decision in 1982 ... Last season, Bethany was within three at 35-32 with 10 minutes left in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, but W&J scored 42 of the final 49 points in a wild 77-39 shootout ... W&J and Bethany combined for the most points in Presidents' history last season with 116 points ... The two teams combined for 1,241 yards (640 - W&J, 601 - BC) and 59 first downs (31 - BC, 28 - W&J) ... The game also had 19 kickoffs ... A total of seven Bethany records were either tied or broken that day and the teams combined for 1,241 total yards and 59 first downs ... **Matt Cruse**, who did not play in last year's game, moved up to third at Bethany in all-time receptions (129) and second in receiving yards (1,961) on Saturday ... He is 180 yards behind **T.J. Parker's** BC record of 2,141 career receiving yards ... **Eric Walker** has nine rushing touchdowns, one behind the single-season record of 10 set by **Will Anderson** in 2002.



## **Grove City (5-3, 2-2 PAC) at Westminster (4-4, 2-3 PAC)**

**Saturday, Nov. 8 - 1:30 p.m.**

**Harold Burry Stadium (4,500/turf) - New Wilmington, Pa.**



**Radio/TV:** WSAJ-FM (91.1) in Grove City; WWNW-FM (88.9) in New Wilmington; [www2.gcc.edu/sports](http://www2.gcc.edu/sports); [www.titanradio.net](http://www.titanradio.net); Westminster Cable Network (WCN)

**Series Record:** Westminster leads 48-32-8

**Game Notes:** The battle for third place in the PAC involves Grove City traveling to Westminster, where the Wolverines haven't won since October 7, 1961 ... That day, the Wolverines toppled Westminster in a West Penn Conference clash, 21-13, on Migration Day ... Grove City is in pursuit of its first six-win season since 2000 ... This is the 90<sup>th</sup> all-time meeting between the teams ... Grove City's first-ever intercollegiate football game came in 1892 against Westminster ... Tailback **Brian Mercer** has 84 points this year, which is the seventh-highest single-season total in program history ... Two players have eclipsed the 100-point mark in Grove City history, **Doug Steiner** (1997) and **R.J. Bowers** (1998-2000) ... Westminster is 20-2-1 overall against Grove City since the Wolverines last won in New Wilmington ... Westminster is coming off a bye week after losing at second-place W&J two weeks ago ... Grove City is coming off a 23-19 win at Waynesburg ... The Titans have won six straight home games including seven out of their last eight and all four at Burry Stadium this year ... Last year, Westminster beat Grove City, 14-7, at home in a game where all the scoring took place in the first half, including Titan QB **Kevin Franz** throwing a game-winning, six-yard TD to **Jason Discello** in the final minute of the second quarter ... Westminster TB **Nick McKolosky** rushed 26 times for 108 yards while Franz completed 19-of-26 passes for 188 yards ... Grove City QB **Andrew DiDonato** led the Wolverines with 75 yards rushing on 17 attempts, to go with 135 yards on 19-of-36 passing ... Grove City's only win over the Titans since the two teams began playing every year in 2000 was a 21-20 win in Grove City in 2006.



## **Thomas More (7-1) at Geneva (3-5)**

**Saturday, Nov. 8 - 1:30 p.m.**

**Reeves Field (6,500/turf) - Beaver Falls, Pa.**



**Radio/TV:** WBVP-AM (1230) in Beaver Falls; WMBA-AM (1460) in Ambridge; [www.msasportsnetwork.com](http://www.msasportsnetwork.com);

**Series Record:** Geneva leads 1-0

**Game Notes:** Geneva welcomes the 2008 PAC champion Thomas More Saints to Reeves Field this weekend ... Thomas More enters the game with a 7-1 overall record and has won the Presidents' Athletic Conference title and the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III playoffs ... The Saints are currently riding a seven-game winning streak which is the team's longest since 2001, which was the last season the Saints went to the NCAA Division III playoffs ... Following their 35-29 win over W&J, the Saints entered the [D3football.com](http://D3football.com) Top 25 poll at No. 24 ... The Golden Tornadoes and Saints will be meeting for just the second time ever after Geneva escaped Kentucky with a 10-9 victory last year ... The win over the Saints in 2007 was the 100<sup>th</sup> victory in the career of Geneva head coach **Geno DeMarco** ... **Luke Duriancik's** five-yard touchdown catch in the third quarter proved to be the difference.



## **Waynesburg (4-4, 1-3 PAC) at Thiel (2-6, 1-3 PAC)**

**Saturday, Nov. 8 - 1:30 p.m.**

**Alumni Stadium (1,400/turf) - Greenville, Pa.**



**Radio/TV:** WCYJ-FM (88.7) in Waynesburg; WPIC-AM (790) in Hermitage; [www.waynesburg.edu](http://www.waynesburg.edu); [www.790wpic.com](http://www.790wpic.com);

**Series Record:** Waynesburg leads 21-8-1

**Game Notes:** Thiel hosts Waynesburg for the Tomcats 2008 Senior Day ... Waynesburg leads the all-time series, which began back in 1913, 21-8-1 ... The Yellow Jackets are 2-1 all-time at Alumni Stadium ... Waynesburg has won the last two meetings with Thiel, including last year's five-point triumph over the Tomcats ... Thiel has now won two of its last three games ... Saturday's game will be Thiel's last of the year at home ... Thiel's 13 seniors will be recognized pre-game ... Waynesburg will try to end a two-game losing streak on Saturday ... Waynesburg has enjoyed a good amount of success against this week's opponents since the series between the two schools began in 1913. The Yellow Jackets hold an all-time record of 21-8-1 over the Tomcats ... Also, prior to Thomas More's win this past Saturday, the Jackets and Tomcats were the only two teams to be crowned PAC champs, other than Washington & Jefferson, since 1998.

**Bethany Bison**  
2-6, 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*	L 23-38
8	at Wash. & Jeff.*	1:30 p.m.
15	SAINT VINCENT*	1 p.m.

**Geneva Golden Tornadoes**  
3-5**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*	W 38-23
8	THOMAS MORE*	1:30 p.m.
15	WESTMINSTER*	1:30 p.m.

**Grove City Wolverines**  
5-3, 2-2 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*	W 23-19
8	at Westminster*	1:30 p.m.
15	THIEL*	1 p.m.

**Saint Vincent Bearcats**  
1-8**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*	L 22-36
8	Open Date	
15	at Bethany*	1 p.m.

**Thiel Tomcats**  
2-6, 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*	W 36-22
8	WAYNESBURG*	1:30 p.m.
15	at Grove City*	1 p.m.

**Thomas More Saints**  
7-1, 6-0 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.*	W 35-29
8	at Geneva*	1:30 p.m.
15	MOUNT ST. JOSEPH	1:30 p.m.

**Wash. & Jeff. Presidents**  
7-1, 3-1 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*	L 29-35
8	BETHANY*	1:30 p.m.
15	at Waynesburg*	1:30 p.m.

**Waynesburg Yellow Jackets**  
4-4, 1-3 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*	L 19-23
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.