



FOOTBALL 2002

Presidents' Athletic Conference
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CURRENT REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through November 9, 2002)

School	PAC Games					All Games				
	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Washington & Jefferson College	5	0	1.00	149	94	7	2	.778	322	192
Westminster College	3	1	.750	76	66	5	4	.556	167	176
Waynesburg College	2	2	.500	106	94	5	3	.625	210	158
Thiel College	2	3	.400	80	81	3	7	.300	166	180
Grove City College	1	4	.200	69	126	3	7	.300	148	219
Bethany College	1	4	.200	120	139	3	7	.300	263	250

THIS WEEK'S RESULTS - November 9

McDaniel 28, BETHANY 17
 ALFRED 22, Thiel 14
 Thomas More 24, WESTMINSTER 0
 WAYNESBURG 24, Frostburg State 21
 U.S. MERCHANT MARINE 35, Grove City 17
 WASH. & JEFF. 71, Newport News Apprentice 15

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE - November 16

Waynesburg at Westminster* - 1 p.m.
 Washington & Jefferson at Buffalo State - 1 p.m.
 Bethany, Grove City, Thiel - regular season over

PAC Offensive Player of the Week

BRIAN DAWSON

Washington & Jefferson College

Senior quarterback - 6-3, 205

Pittsburgh, Pa./Thomas Jefferson H.S.

Dawson completed 16-of-18 passes (88.9%) for 289 yards and three touchdowns (7, 28, 62) to lead W&J to a 71-15 non-conference win over Newport News Apprentice. He started the game with 11 straight completions. Dawson is 211 yards from becoming just the seventh quarterback in D-III history to pass for 10,000 career yards.

Also nominated was sophomore WR **Zack Merz** of Bethany senior QB **Todd Smargiasso** of Grove City, and sophomore WR **Paul D'Imperio** of Waynesburg.

PAC Defensive Player of the Week

TOMMY O'CONNOR

Waynesburg College

Senior cornerback - 5-8, 171

Rockville, Md./St. John's College H.S.

O'Connor recorded eight tackles, three pass breakups and a pair of interceptions, the second of which set up the game-winning field goal for Waynesburg in the Yellow Jackets' 24-21 win over Frostburg State. He also posted four punt returns for 120 yards, including a 50-yard return.

Also nominated was senior DE **Dan Carter** of Bethany, sophomore LB **Mike Choby** of Grove City, and junior DE **Jon Betz** of Washington & Jefferson.

PAC FOOTBALL NOTES

Bethany Bison

RB **Will Anderson** set new Bethany single-season and career rushing marks but McDaniel used four Bison turnovers to come away with a 28-17 triumph ... Anderson, whose 15-yard scoring reception in the fourth quarter gave him a College-record 15 TDs on the year, finished this season with 1,186 yards, breaking **Brandon Isbell's** 2000 record of 1,175 ... He also capped his career with 2,946 yards, surpassing **Tim Caldwell's** record of 2,929 ... QB **Jeremy Lacaria**, who threw for 279 yards and two scores, also set new single-season records in completions (190) and total attempts (479) ... WR **Zack Merz** set new career-highs with nine catches for 131 yards and a 19-yard scoring reception.

Wash. & Jeff. Presidents

W&J outgained Apprentice by a 506-202 margin in cruising to a 71-15 victory over the Shipbuilders ... The 71 points marked the best output by W&J in 58 games dating back to a 73-20 victory over Waynesburg in week five of 1996 ... It also marked the seventh 70+ point game in school history ... Senior RB **Joey Nichols** went over the 100-yard mark for the fifth time this season and for the third straight game with 152 yards and four TDs ... Junior flanker **Mike Virgin** also gathered four catches for 112 yards and two scores ... Senior K **Luke Ravenstahl** became the all-time W&J leader in field goals with 25 in his career after nailing 3-of-4 attempts ... Virgin has posted five 100-yard receiving games this season, including three consecutive contests.

Grove City Wolverines

The Wolverines could not bounce back from 28-3 halftime deficit at Merchant Marine, falling 35-17 ... **Steve Roberts** ran for a pair of second-half touchdowns ... Grove City had nine fumbles, losing three ... **Todd Smargiasso** threw for 204 yards, becoming the first Grove City quarterback in six years to throw for 200 in a game ... It was the 17th-highest single-game passing day in school history ... **Bo Danton** and **Jason DeMeo** each caught three passes ... **Gene Iannuzzi** intercepted a pass and also forced and recovered a fumble ... Grove City finished the season +7 in turnover margin ... DeMeo became the first Wolverine freshman to lead the team in receiving since **Jake Dailey** in 1997.

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

A wild ending capped a big day for the Yellow Jackets, who edged Frostburg State, 24-21 ... **Brian Cence** nailed a 35-yard field goal, as time expired in regulation to secure the team's first winning season under second-year coach **Jeff Hand** ... Two plays set up the score: senior CB **Tommy O'Connor's** interception with 10 seconds remaining and **Jeff Dumm's** 15-yard pass play to **Paul D'Imperio**, who managed to get out of bounds ... Dumm had another productive game with 264 passing yards on 27-of-49 attempts, including two TDs - a 24-yard strike to D'Imperio and a five-yard fade pass to **Jake Marcoux** ... Dumm set school records in single season passing yards with 2,110, and single season total offense with 2,235 yards.

Thiel Tomcats

The Tomcats closed out their 2002 campaign with a 22-14 loss at Alfred ... Thiel led 14-7 at the half, but 15 second-half points by the Saxons was enough to drop the Tomcats to 3-7 on the year ... Sophomore P **Clay Brocious** tossed a 51-yard TD pass to freshman RB **Shaun Jackson** to put the Tomcats up 7-0 ... On a third-and-goal from the Tomcat three, Alfred QB **Ron Diluba** fumbled the ball at the two, where it was scooped up by Thiel freshman DE **Jonathan Howson** and returned 98 yards for the touchdown, putting Thiel in front 14-0 ... The Tomcats recovered three Saxon fumbles on the afternoon and had six sacks as a team, led by sophomore DL **Chris Minton's** 2.5 sacks.

Westminster Titans

Westminster dropped its second straight contest with a 24-0 shutout loss at home to Thomas More (Ky.) College ... The Titans were last shut out at Bethany 24-0 on Oct. 6 of last season ... Westminster was limited to just 128 yards of total offense ... Sophomore TB **Scott Froelich** had 67 yards rushing on 20 carries ... Junior QB **Kevin Huber** was 6-of-15 passing for 60 yards ... Junior WRs **Brian Ekis** and **Steve Scott** each caught three passes for 38 and 22 yards, respectively ... Senior S **Joe Stern** led the defense with 11 total tackles (eight solo, three assisted) ... Senior DT **Erick Pabis** posted his team-best 10 1/2th QB sack of the season ... Junior QB **Matt Robison** is out for the season with a hand injury suffered at Frostburg State on Nov. 2.

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: Will Anderson, RB, BET
November 9: Brian Dawson, QB, W&J
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: Ross Trimmer, FS, GRO
November 9: Tommy O'Connor, CB, WAY
November 16:

PAC FOOTBALL PREVIEWS

Waynesburg (5-3, 2-2 PAC) at Westminster (5-4, 3-1 PAC)

Saturday, Nov. 16 - 1 p.m.

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

Radio/TV: WCYJ-FM (88.7) in Waynesburg; WWNW-FM (88.9) in New Wilmington, WKST-AM (1200) in New Castle, WEXC-FM (107.1) in Greenville, www.waynesburg.edu; www.nsnsports.com, Westminster Cable Network (WCN).

Series Record: Westminster leads 34-23-3

Game Notes: The Waynesburg Yellow Jackets will travel to New Wilmington to battle the Westminster Titans for the 61st time in history with second place in the conference on the line ... Westminster has captured the last seven meetings between the two schools, including a 16-14 win at Waynesburg to close the 2001 season ... The last win for the Yellow Jackets over the Titans was a 10-9 decision in 1986 ... In last year's game, a 26-yard field goal by **Phil McCann** with 4:46 to play gave the Titans the game-winning points ... Despite outgaining Waynesburg 424-121 in total yards and holding a 21-6 advantage in first downs, the Titans trailed 14-13 late due to a fumble return for a touchdown by **Tommy O'Connor** of Waynesburg and a short Yellow Jacket TD run set up by a blocked punt ... Both teams are coming off recent tight games against Frostburg State ... The Jackets are coming off a 24-21 win over the Bobcats last week, while the Titans lost 24-17 to the Bobcats two weeks ago ... O'Connor needs one pick to tie the Waynesburg career interception mark of 16.

Wash. & Jeff. (7-2) at Buffalo St. (1-8)

Saturday, Nov. 16 - 1 p.m.

Coyer Field (3,000/turf) - Buffalo, N.Y.

Radio/TV: WJPA-AM (1450), WNJR-FM (92.1), www.nsnsports.com

Series Record: Buffalo State leads 4-3

Game Notes: The Presidents have taken the last two games in the series, including a 47-14 victory last season at Cameron Stadium ... **Brian Dawson** threw for 306 yards and three touchdowns last season, while sophomore linebacker **Eric Field** amassed 10 tackles and returned a fumble 62 yards for a touchdown ... The last time the two schools matched up in Buffalo, W&J came away with a 42-21 win ... W&J and BSU have met every year since the series started with a 31-14 Washington & Jefferson victory in 1995.