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2009 PAC FOOTBALL STANDINGS (through Nov. 7)

School	PAC Games			PF	PA	All Games				
	W	L	Pct.			W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Thomas More	6	0	1.00	180	80	9	0	1.00	255	112
Washington & Jefferson	4	1	.800	189	47	8	1	.889	310	85
Grove City	3	2	.600	125	114	4	5	.444	270	265
Waynesburg	2	3	.400	180	161	5	4	.556	343	282
Westminster	2	4	.333	155	215	3	6	.333	222	298
Thiel	1	4	.200	92	185	3	6	.333	177	266
Bethany	1	5	.167	109	228	2	7	.222	178	343
Geneva*						7	2	.778	307	207
Saint Vincent*						0	9	.000	154	322

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

LAST WEEK (November 7)

Wash. & Jeff. 49, BETHANY 0*
GROVE CITY 38, Westminster 31*
THOMAS MORE 21, Geneva 12*
WAYNESBURG 38, Thiel 17*
Saint Vincent - idle

THIS WEEK (November 14)

PAC Football Rivalry Week 2009

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

Offensive Player of the Week

BRAD DAWSON Waynesburg

Junior QB
6-1, 200
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Thomas Jefferson H.S.



Dawson earned his second PAC Player of the Week honor this season after completing 23-of-37 passes for 306 yards and three touchdowns with no interceptions in a 38-17 PAC win against Thiel. He also rushed for 49 yards and another score, giving him 355 yards of total offense on the afternoon.

Also nominated was sophomore TB **Blaine Miller** of Grove City, senior QB **Willie Bova** of Thiel, senior QB **Trevor Stellman** of Thomas More, freshman RB **Brian Baldrige** of Washington & Jefferson, and senior RB **Nick McKolosky** of Westminster.

Defensive Player of the Week

BRAD STEINMETZ Thomas More

Senior LB
6-0, 224
West Harrison, Ind.
East Central H.S.



Steinmetz paced the Saint defensive unit by posting a game-high 14 tackles, including 11 solo stops and 2 1/2 tackles for losses, in a 21-12 home victory against PAC foe Geneva. His effort led a TMC unit which held the GTs to three offensive points and 256 yards of total offense, including just 72 on the ground.

Also nominated was sophomore WLB **Jason Ferguson** of Grove City, junior DB **Craig Sedunov** of Washington & Jefferson, junior LB **Troy Cree** of Waynesburg, and junior OLB **Zachery Boyd** of Westminster.

Special Teams Player of the Week

CRAIG BICEHOUSE Grove City

Junior K
5-9, 175
Prospect, Pa.
Slippery Rock H.S.



Bicehouse connected on all six of his kick attempts in a 38-31 PAC victory over Westminster. He booted a 24-yard field goal and was also 5-for-5 in extra-point attempts. Bicehouse also averaged 65 yards per kickoff on three attempts, including one touch-back.

Also nominated was sophomore P **Aaron Walter** of Thomas More, senior DB **Nate Bucklew** of Washington & Jefferson, senior K **Scott Cree** of Waynesburg, and sophomore K **Trevor Young** of Westminster.

PAC FOOTBALL 2009 - Week 11 Conference Notes

"RIVALRY WEEK" ON TAP: The final week of the 2009 regular season means "PAC Football Rivalry Week" is here ... In a game with national playoff seeding implications, 9-0 PAC champion Thomas More travels to 9-0 HCAC champion Mount St. Joseph for Bridge Bowl XIV ... 8-1 W&J needs a home win over Waynesburg in the "PAC Backyard Brawl" to keep its NCAA Pool C playoff hopes alive ... Grove City is at Thiel in the 26th Mercer County Cup, Geneva faces Westminster in "The Game", and Bethany is at Saint Vincent in "The Green Game"

NEWS & NOTES: Thomas More is 10th in the AFCA poll and 11th in D3Football.com, while W&J is ranked 15th by the AFCA and 20th by D3Football.com ... Thiel QB **Willie Bova** broke Thiel career records in passing yards (5,415) and total offense (5,763) in the loss to Waynesburg ... **Luke O'Hara** tied a single-game Grove City record with three TD catches in one game against Westminster ... Bethany freshman WR **Ed Holmes** caught 7 passes for 95 yards and finished with 212 all-purpose yards against Washington & Jefferson.

AROUND THE LEAGUE: Geneva DE **Brian Wilson** posted his sixth defensive TD of the season with an 80-yard fumble return against Thomas More ... Waynesburg LB **Troy Cree** had 12 tackles, a sack and two pass breakups vs. Thiel ... Westminster DB **Daniel Joyce** had a 37-yard interception return for a TD against Grove City ... W&J freshman RB **Brian Baldrige** rushed for 131 yards and two TDs on 15 carries at Bethany ... Thomas More WR **Chris Farley** had four catches for 104 yards vs. Geneva ... Saint Vincent was off last week.



**Bethany
Bison
(2-7, 1-5 PAC)**



Bethany completed their home portion of the schedule Saturday with a 49-0 loss to #15 W&J ... The Presidents scored 21 first quarter points and never looked back in posting the victory ... The Bison came away with zero points in three red zone chances and committed six turnovers in the contest, their most in a game since 2005 ... Freshman WR **Ed Holmes** caught 7 passes for 95 yards and finished with 212 all-purpose yards ... Bethany's defense did recover 3 W&J fumbles, including one in the end zone to stop a President drive ... FS **Matt Dahle** made a team-high 11 tackles, while LBs **Kyle Arrington** and **Will Powell** both totaled 10 stops, with Arrington adding a sack.

**Geneva Golden
Tornadoes
(7-2)**



A battle between two of the top defenses in the PAC lived up to its billing with both teams dominating on the defensive side of the ball ... Thomas More simply made a few more plays on offense in the second half in erasing a 10-7 Geneva lead at the half to post a 21-12 victory ... Geneva's defense forced four turnovers and came up with a sack for the only two points of the second half ... It was the first time Thomas More has defeated Geneva after the GTs had upended the Saints in each of the past two years ... Sitting at 7-2, the Golden Tornadoes will close the regular season Saturday in New Wilmington against Westminster ... Geneva will find out its NCCAA Victory Bowl fate Wednesday of this week to determine if and when the Golden Tornadoes will play in their sixth NCCAA title game.

**Grove City
Wolverines
(4-5, 3-2 PAC)**



Grove City closed its home schedule Saturday with a 38-31 win over longtime rival Westminster ... **Andrew DiDonato** fired a 21-yard TD pass to **Luke O'Hara** in the back of the end zone with 13 seconds left to give Grove City the win ... O'Hara tied a single-game GCC record with three touchdown catches in one game ... DiDonato tied the school record for 16 touchdown passes in one season ... **TB Blaine Miller** set a Grove City record for receiving yards by a back with 167 ... He also ran for 59 yards and two touchdowns ... The 167 receiving yards are the fourth-most in program history ... His 226 scrimmage yards are the most for a Grove City player since **R.J. Bowlers** ran for 226 against Alfred in 2000 ... Grove City is 10-1 in its last 11 Senior Day games ... DiDonato had 402 yards of total offense.

**Saint Vincent
Bearcats
(0-9)**



Coming off of a bye week, the Bearcats will wrap up the 2009 season this Saturday, hosting Bethany College at 1pm in the "Green Game" as part of PAC Rivalry Week. ... It will be the first-ever football game played at Saint Vincent between the Bison and the Bearcats, as SVC has played at Bethany in each of the past two seasons.

**Thiel
Tomcats
(2-7, 1-4 PAC)**



A pair of Thiel players combined to set four records Saturday, but it wasn't enough to pull out the win, as the Tomcats fell, 38-17, to Waynesburg ... QB **Willie Bova** completed a school-record 37 passes for 350 yards and a TD ... Bova also picked up Thiel career records for passing yards (5,415) and total offense (5,763) ... WR **Brendan Taylor** hauled in a Thiel record 17 passes for 216 yards... Taylor also became the third Tomcat to earn 1,000 receiving yards in a season... Senior LB **Sam Swartzfager** had his best game of the season, recording 12 tackles (nine solo) including two sacks and a tackle-for-loss for a combined 25-loss... In Thiel's top play of the day, Bova and Taylor teamed up for a 70-yard TD pass ... RB **Ross Gargano** scored his team-leading eighth touchdown of the season in the fourth quarter.

**Thomas More
Saints
(9-0, 6-0 PAC)**



The 10th-ranked Saints defeated Geneva, 21-12, on Saturday at The Bank of Kentucky Field in Crestview Hills, Kentucky ... Offensively, the Saints were led by **Trevor Stellman**, who was 16-of-22 passing for 204 yards and three touchdowns and also had 16 rushes for 106 yards ... Senior WR **Chris Farley** had four catches for 104 yards, while sophomore WR **Austin Studer** had five catches for 62 yards and one touchdown and senior TE **Jeff Brink** had two catches for 19 yards and one touchdown ... Defensively, the Saints were led by senior LB **Brad Steinmetz**, who had a game-high 14 tackles, including 11 solo and two and a half for a loss ... Junior DB **Aaron Monk** added eight tackles and a fumble recovery and senior LB **Brandon Kohrs** had seven tackles and one fumble recovery.

**Washington & Jefferson
Presidents
(8-1, 4-1 PAC)**



W&J, ranked 13th in the AFCA and 20th by D3Football.com, rebounded from its first loss of the season against Thomas More by defeating Bethany 49-0 Saturday in West Virginia ... The Presidents jumped on top early as they led 21-0 after the first quarter and never looked back ... W&J's defense surrendered just 58 yards on the ground and forced six turnovers (4 interceptions, 2 fumbles) in the victory ... Senior WR **Craig Besong**, who leads the team and the PAC with eight TD receptions, hauled in seven catches for 112 yards and two scores ... Junior DB **Craig Sedunov** leads the team in tackles (56) and interceptions (4) and collected two interceptions and six stops against the Bison ... Washington & Jefferson hosts Waynesburg Saturday and needs a victory to keep its NCAA at-large playoff hopes alive.

**Waynesburg
Yellow Jackets
(5-4, 2-3 PAC)**



Waynesburg got a solid all-around team effort Saturday while downing Thiel 38-17 on Senior Day at Wiley Stadium ... Junior QB **Brad Dawson** continued his tremendous 2009 campaign by throwing for 306 yards and three TDs on 23-of-37 passing ... Two of those scores went to junior WR **Bobby Francis**, who snared four passes for 68 yards ... Dawson also rushed for a fourth score and didn't turn the ball over once on the day ... Speaking of the Jacket running game, sophomore **Justin Falcon** racked up a game-high 83 yards rushing and a score as part of a ground attack that out-gained the Tomcats 143-22 ... The WU defense was paced by junior LB **Troy Cree**, who had his second-straight double-digit tackle effort with 12 tackles, including an impressive 11 solo stops, two tackles for loss, a sack and two pass breakups.

**Westminster
Titans
(3-6, 2-4 PAC)**



In a game to determine third place in the PAC standings, Westminster lost at Grove City 38-31 on Saturday in a seesaw game that came down to the final possession ... After GCC scored 21 straight points to take a 31-17 early in the fourth quarter, Westminster rallied to tie the game at 31-31 only to see the Wolverines march down the field on their final possession and score the go-ahead touchdown with 13 seconds left ... Westminster senior RB **Nick McKolosky** led the Titans with 107 rushing yards on 24 totes and two touchdowns ... The Titans outtrushed the Wolverines 185-105, but Grove City held a 498-282 total yard advantage thanks to 393 passing yards to Westminster's 97 ... Sophomore QB **Shawn Lehocky** threw for 68 yards on 11-of-21 passing, while also rushing 12 times for 42 yards and a score.

PAC FOOTBALL GAME PREVIEWS - WEEK 11



"The Green Game" - Bethany (2-7) at Saint Vincent (0-9)

Saturday, Nov. 14 - 1 p.m.
Chuck Noll Field (1,100/turf) - Latrobe, Pa.



Media: WVBC-FM (88.1) in Bethany; WCNS-AM (1480) in Latrobe; www.teamline.cc (code 3724); www.redzonemedia.com;

Series Record: Bethany leads 2-0

Game Notes: The 3rd Annual Green Game makes its first-ever appearance in Latrobe this Saturday when Bethany travels to Saint Vincent for a 1 p.m. kickoff ... The Bearcats will host Bethany for the first time in team history, as the two teams have met in West Virginia in each of the past two years ... Bethany has defeated the Bearcats handily in both previous meetings, winning 44-14 last season - which was highlighted by **Taylor McNeil** catching 10 passes for a BC-record 279 yards and 2 TDs - and 66-7 in 2007 ... In last year's meeting, SVC running back **Jairus Marlow** established the team's modern record, with 130 rushing yards, averaging 10.0 yards per carry ... The Bearcats gained 188 yards on the ground on the day, still the highest single-game total in the team's three-year modern history ... **Eric Walker** rushed for 117 yards and another score ... Bethany has averaged 625 yards of offense in their two wins over the Bearcats, while holding SVC to an average of 221 total yards ... With three receptions last week, Bethany WR **Matt Cruse** now has 172 for his career and is 4 away from breaking **T.J. Parker's** career record of 175.



"Mercer County Cup" - Grove City (4-5, 3-2 PAC) at Thiel (3-6, 1-4 PAC)

Saturday, Nov. 14 - 1 p.m.
Alumni Stadium (1,400/turf) - Greenville, Pa.



Media: WSAJ-FM (91.1) in Grove City; WPIC-AM (790) in Hermitage/Greenville; www2.gcc.edu/sports; www.790wpic.com

Series Record: Grove City leads 56-34-5

Game Notes: County rivals Grove City and Thiel square off for the prestigious Mercer County Cup for the 26th time on Saturday ... It is the 26th meeting for the Cup ... Grove City owns a 16-9 Cup series lead, including a thrilling 20-14 win at rain-soaked Thorn Field last year ... The Wolverines also pulled out a 14-13 win at Thiel two years ago ... Thiel, however, has won five of the last eight contests by a combined 179-85 margin ... Grove City-Thiel is the longest continuous series among the games played during PAC Rivalry Week ... Thiel is Grove City's most-frequently played foe as this will be the 96th meeting between the teams ... The teams first met in 1892, with Grove City earning a 58-0 win over Thiel ... Thiel taskmaster **Kurt Reiser** is the seventh man to coach Thiel in a Cup game; GCC coach **Chris Smith**, who introduced the Cup in 1984, is in his 26th Cup game.



"The Game" - Geneva (7-2) at Westminster (3-6)

Saturday, Nov. 14 - 1:30 p.m.
Harold Burry Stadium (4,500/turf) - New Wilmington, Pa.



Media: WBVP-AM (1230) in Beaver Falls; WMBA-AM (1460) in Ambridge; WWNW-FM (88.9) in New Wilmington; www.msasportsnetwork.com; www.geneva.edu; www.titanradio.net; Westminster Cable Network (WCN) - live and tape delay Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Series Record: Westminster leads 61-42-8

Game Notes: Geneva and Westminster will face off in the 112th edition of "The Game" on Saturday in New Wilmington ... The Titans hold a 61-42-8 edge in the series but the Golden Tornadoes have won each of the last two meetings since joining the PAC in 2007 ... The two teams were archrivals back when they were both NAIA teams, but Westminster left for the NCAA in 1998 and Geneva followed two years ago ... Last year, Geneva held off Westminster 29-26 in a game that featured five total field goals, including three by Geneva's **Nick DiPietro** ... The last time Geneva visited Westminster was in 2007 when the GTs won 37-14, despite Westminster QB **Kevin Franz**, the school's all-time leading passer, throwing for a career-high 319 yards on 26-of-39 passing and two TDs... Prior to 2007, the last meeting was a 12-7 Titan win at Geneva in 2001 ... Westminster hasn't defeated Geneva at home since a 21-0 win in 1993 ... The series began in 1891 with a 42-0 Geneva victory.



"PAC Backyard Brawl" - Waynesburg (5-4, 2-3 PAC) at W&J (8-1, 4-1 PAC)

Saturday, Nov. 14 - 1:30 p.m.
Cameron Stadium (3,500/turf) - Washington, Pa.



Media: WCYJ-FM (88.7) in Waynesburg; WJPA-AM (1450) in Washington; www.waynesburgsports.com; www.wjpa.com/sports.htm; www.msasportsnetwork.com;

Series Record: Washington & Jefferson leads 33-3

Game Notes: The 2009 regular season comes to an end this weekend when the Yellow Jackets travel north on I-79 to face Washington & Jefferson in the "PAC Backyard Brawl" as part of PAC Rivalry Week ... The Jackets will take a shot at ending a five-game losing streak to the Presidents ... W&J has won 33 of the previous 36 meetings, including a 17-1 record against the Yellow Jackets since they joined the PAC in 1990 ... The two schools have not met at Cameron Stadium since 2006, a 30-3 W&J win ... The Jackets' last win against the Presidents came in 2003 when Waynesburg took home the PAC title.



"Bridge Bowl XIV" - Thomas More (9-0) at Mount St. Joseph (9-0)

Saturday, Nov. 14 - 1:30 p.m.
Schueler Field (2,400/turf) - Cincinnati, Ohio

Media: None

Series Record: Thomas More leads 10-3

Game Notes: 10th-ranked Thomas More College and 19th-ranked College of Mount St. Joseph will both bring perfect 9-0 records into Bridge Bowl XIV at Schueler Field in Cincinnati, Ohio ... Thomas More leads the all-time series 10-3, including a 19-0 win last season at The Bank of Kentucky Field where the Saints held the Lions to only 80 yards of total offense in the win ... Both teams have already clinched the NCAA playoff automatic bids from their respective conferences (Thomas More from the PAC, Mount St. Joseph from the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC).

**Bethany Bison
2-7, 1-5 PAC****September**

5 OTTERBEIN L 7-28
 12 at Kentucky Christian W 41-33
 19 GROVE CITY* L 14-35
 26 Open Date

October

3 at Thomas More* L 12-40
 10 THIEL* W 42-21
 17 WESTMINSTER* L 28-31
 24 at Waynesburg* L 13-52
 31 at Geneva* L 21-54

November

7 WASH. & JEFF.* L 0-49
 14 at Saint Vincent* 1 p.m.

**Geneva Golden Tornadoes
7-2****September**

5 FROSTBURG STATE W 41-28
 12 at Saint Vincent W 32-17
 19 Open Date
 26 THIEL* W 35-17

October

3 at Wash. & Jeff.* L 10-31
 10 GROVE CITY* W 34-17
 17 at Waynesburg* W 49-39
 24 SAINT VINCENT* W 38-20
 31 BETHANY* W 54-21

November

7 at Thomas More* L 12-21
 14 at Westminster* 1:30 p.m.

**Grove City Wolverines
4-5, 3-2 PAC****September**

5 DICKINSON L 47-52
 12 at Carnegie Mellon L 40-45
 19 at Bethany* W 35-14
 26 WASH. & JEFF.* L 10-28

October

3 SAINT VINCENT* W 41-20
 10 at Geneva* L 17-34
 17 at Thomas More* L 7-17
 24 Open Date
 31 WAYNESBURG* W 35-24

November

7 WESTMINSTER* W 38-31
 14 at Thiel* 1:30 p.m.

**Saint Vincent Bearcats
0-9****September**

5 at McDaniel L 37-51
 12 GENEVA L 17-32
 19 WESTMINSTER* L 14-27
 26 at Waynesburg* L 12-33

October

3 at Grove City* L 20-41
 10 THOMAS MORE* L 13-40
 17 WASH. & JEFF.* L 7-21
 24 at Geneva* L 20-38
 31 at Thiel* L 14-38

November

7 Open Date
 14 BETHANY* 1 p.m.

**Thiel Tomcats
3-6, 1-4 PAC****September**

5 at Marietta L 14-20
 12 ALBION W 20-10
 19 at Wash. & Jeff.* L 16-56
 26 at Geneva* L 17-35

October

3 WESTMINSTER* W 24-21
 10 at Bethany* L 21-42
 17 Open Date
 24 THOMAS MORE* L 14-28
 31 SAINT VINCENT* W 38-14

November

7 at Waynesburg* L 17-38
 14 GROVE CITY* 1:30 p.m.

**Thomas More Saints
9-0, 5-0 PAC****September**

5 at John Carroll W 14-7
 12 Open Date
 19 WAYNESBURG* W 47-24
 26 at Westminster* W 47-24

October

3 BETHANY* W 40-12
 10 at Saint Vincent* W 40-13
 17 GROVE CITY* W 17-7
 24 at Thiel* W 28-14
 31 at Wash. & Jeff.* W 14-7

November

7 GENEVA* W 21-12
 14 at Mount St. Joseph 1:30 p.m.

**Wash. & Jeff. Presidents
8-1, 4-1 PAC****September**

5 OBERLIN W 35-9
 12 at Frostburg State W 34-12
 19 THIEL* W 56-16
 26 at Grove City* W 28-10

October

3 GENEVA* W 31-20
 10 Open Date
 17 at Saint Vincent* W 21-7
 24 at Westminster* W 49-7
 31 THOMAS MORE* W 14-7

November

7 at Bethany* W 49-0
 14 WAYNESBURG* 1:30 p.m.

**Waynesburg Yellow Jackets
5-4, 2-3 PAC****September**

5 at Wooster W 42-39
 12 HANOVER W 49-21
 19 at Thomas More* L 24-47
 26 SAINT VINCENT* W 33-12

October

3 Open Date
 10 at Westminster* L 42-49 (ot)
 17 GENEVA* L 39-49
 24 BETHANY* W 52-13
 31 at Grove City* L 24-35

November

7 THIEL* W 38-17
 14 at Wash. & Jeff.* 1:30 p.m.

**Westminster Titans
3-6, 2-4 PAC****September**

5 HEIDELBERG L 26-42
 12 at Allegheny L 14-27
 19 at Saint Vincent* W 27-14
 26 THOMAS MORE* L 16-34

October

3 at Thiel* L 21-24
 10 WAYNESBURG* W 49-42 (ot)
 17 at Bethany* W 31-28
 24 WASH. & JEFF.* L 7-49
 31 Open Date

November

7 at Grove City* L 31-38
 14 GENEVA* 1:30 p.m.