

# FOOTBALL 2007

#### Presidents' Athletic Conference

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## FINAL REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through November 10, 2007)

	PAC	PAC Games						All Games				
School	W	L	Pct.	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>	W	L	Pct.	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>		
Washington & Jefferson College	6	0	1.00	276	104	10	0	1.00	474	170		
Waynesburg University	5	1	.833	192	91	8	2	.800	324	180		
Grove City College	3	3	.500	117	134	4	6	.400	192	180		
Westminster College	2	4	.333	93	210	5	5	.500	202	290		
Bethany College	2	4	.333	150	230	4	6	.400	272	314		
Thomas More College	2	4	.333	78	133	4	6	.400	185	219		
Thiel College	1	5	.200	104	108	3	7	.300	189	186		
Geneva College*						8	2	.800	244	150		
Saint Vincent College*						0	10	.000	111	500		

<sup>\* -</sup> NCAA Division III provisional member - not eligible for 2007 PAC championship or player of the week honors

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS (November 10)
WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 77, Bethany 39\*
GENEVA 13, Grove City 12\*
Thiel 62, SAINT VINCENT 14\*
WAYNESBURG 54, Westminster 13\*
MOUNT ST. JOSEPH 35, Thomas More 14

\*\*\*END OF 2007 REGULAR SEASON\*\*\*

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (November 17)
NCAA Division III Playoffs - First Round

N.C. Wesleyan at Washington & Jefferson - noon

ECAC Division III Southeast Bowl Waynesburg at Dickinson - noon

NCCAA Victory Bowl Malone at Geneva - 6 p.m.

# PAC Offensive Player of the Week

### Dan Hess Thiel Junior RB 5-7, 185 Apollo, Pa. Kiski Area H.S.



Hess rushed for an NCAA Division III season single-game high 327 yards and five touchdowns on 43 carries to lead Thiel to a 62-14 PAC win at Saint Vincent on Saturday. The 327 yards also marked a new Thiel single game school record.

Also nominated was senior QB Milton Joyner of Bethany, sophomore TB Brian Mercer of Grove City, junior RB Kevin Mathews of Washington & Jefferson, freshman RB Robert Heller of Waynesburg, and senior WR Brett Ziegler of Westminster.

# PAC Defensive Player of the Week

Mike Czerwien Waynesburg Senior DE 5-8, 225 Pittsburgh, Pa. North Hills H.S.



Czerwien recorded eight total tackles (seven solo), including four tackles for losses and three quarterback sacks to help lead Waynesburg to a 54-13 home PAC win over Westminster. He has posted multi-sack games in each of the past four contests.

Also nominated was sophomore DB **Nelson Mitzen** of Bethany, senior NT **Justin Fowler** of Grove City, and senior DE **Chris Lorber** of Thiel.

# PAC Special Teams Player of the Week

Taylor McNeil Bethany Junior WR/KR 5-10, 160 Old Saybrook, Conn. Old Saybrook H.S.



McNeil accumulated 386 all-purpose yards for the Bison in their 77-39 PAC loss to unbeaten W&J. He returned eight kickoffs for 126 yards to break the BC single season record for yardage (643). He also caught 13 passes for 221 yards and one TD, while rushing twice for 39 yards.

Also nominated was sophomore DE **Shane Mullins** of Grove City, sophomore DB **Zach Agett** of Washington & Jefferson, sophomore P **Nate Feniello** of Waynesburg, and senior P **Dusty Rhodes** of Westminster

# PAC FOOTBALL CAPSULES

#### Bethany Bison



The Bison finished their second straight 4-6 season Saturday with a 77-39 loss to #5 W&J ... Bethany was within three (35-32) with 11

minutes left in the third quarter ... There were seven school records either tied or broken in the loss, including most combined points in a game (116) ... QB Milton Joyner threw for 375 yards and 5 TDs, which tied the BC single-game record and gave him the school's single-season TD pass mark with 21 ... Combined with his 78 rushing vards. Joyner also broke the single-game total vards (453) record ... WR Taylor McNeil tied the Bethany single-game record with 13 receptions for 221 yards and one TD (52) ... He finished the game with 386 allpurpose yards.

#### Saint Vincent Bearcats



The Bearcats ended the first season of Saint Vincent football in 45 years winless, after falling to Thiel 62-14 ... Saint Vincent jumped out to an early 7-0 lead, when QB

Mike Speal connected with Sheldon Loughner for an 80-yard touchdown just five minutes into play ... After a Thiel TD, the Bearcats regained the lead in the second quarter, when HB Logan Small scored on a 15-yard run ... Thiel then scored 55 unanswered points to put the game away ... Speal finished the day completing 10 passes for a season-high 212 yards, with Dan Blaszkowski hauling in five grabs for 53 yards ... Defensively, LBs Chris Gillies and Justin Blatnik had nine tackles each.

#### Washington & Jefferson Presidents



W&J finished the regular season with a perfect record for the ninth time in the 116-year history of football at the college ... The Presidents and Bison combined for the most points

scored in a game in W&J history ... W&J's 77 points were the third-most in school history and the most since a 105-0 victory over Dickinson in 1914 ... Junior RB Kevin Mathews had a career day with 278 allpurpose yards (208 rush, 52 receiv, 18 return) and four touchdowns (3 rush, 1 recev) ... Junior QB Bobby Swallow capped his season with 42 TD passes and three INTs after firing six TD passes to tie his own school record ... Junior WR David Ravida had nine receptions for 136 yards and a TD.

#### Geneva Golden Tornadoes



GOLDEN TORNADOES

Geneva and Grove City renewed their long-time rivalry on Saturday ... The two schools had not played since 1983, but

it turned out to be well worth the wait as the Golden Tornadoes scored on a Luke Duriancik 3-yard touchdown with 9.6 seconds left in the fourth quarter to steal a 13-12 victory ... Geneva's final drive consisted of 76 vards in the final 2:40 ... Nick DiPietro nailed the game-winning extra point to go along with his first two-field goal game of the season ... Geneva moved to 8-2 on the season and will now prepare for its fifth NCCAA Victory Bowl appearance next Saturday against Malone College.

#### Thiel Tomcats



The Tomcats concluded their season with a 62-14 win at Saint Vincent Saturday ... Junior RB Dan Hess posted a 2007 Division III single-game record

327 yards and five touchdowns on 43 carries in the win ... The Tomcats rolled up 709 yards of total offense on 85 plays against the Bearcats, fifth-most in Division III this season ... The squad also combined for 514 rushing yards on 67 attempts, seventh-most among D-III counterparts this season ... Hess' 1,947 career rushing yards currently ranks him sixth in the Tomcat record book while his 20 rushing TDs rank third ... Senior DE Chris Lorber stood out defensively as he recorded seven total tackles, 4.0 tackles for loss and a pair of sacks.

#### Waynesburg Yellow Jackets



Freshman RB Robert Heller helped the Yellow Jackets close its regular season in dominating fashion with a 54-13 victory over

Westminster ... Against the Titans, Heller became the first player in school history to rush for 2,000 yards in a season after he totaled a single-game school-record 312 yards and five touchdowns (11, 2, 21, 3, 2) on 40 attempts ... Junior QB Andy Lauterbach completed 9-of-15 attempts for 167 yards with a touchdown and no interceptions ... Senior LB Brendon Steele led the team with 11 tackles (six solo) and a forced fumble, while senior DE Mike Czerwien finished with eight stops (seven solo), 4.0 TFL and three sacks.

#### **Grove City Wolverines**



Grove City wrapped up the 2007 regular season Saturday with a last-second, 13-12 loss at Geneva ... Grove City outgained 315-303 and

owned a 71/2-minute edge in time of possession ... Grove City also limited Geneva to 4-of-18 efficiency on third down ... Grove City committed a season-high 10 penalties after entering the game as the least-penalized team in the league ... TB Brian Mercer ran for 101 vards while Matt Weil returned from a month-long injury absence to run for 44 yards ... The teams had not played since 1983 ... Senior lan Tobin finished the season with 69 catches, the second-highest total in Grove City history ... CB Mike Baker recorded 16 total passes defensed this year.

#### Thomas More Saints



Saint sophomore RB Cordario Collier went over the 1,000vard plateau for the first time in his career as he rushed for 139

yards on 29 carries ... However, it wasn't enough as Thomas More fell to Mount St. Joseph Saturday, 35-14, at Schueler Field in Bridge Bowl XII ... It was the third time in four years the Lions have won the annual rivalry ... It was the first time since Tvran **Thompson** broke the 1,000 barrier in 2003 that a Thomas More running back eclipsed the mark ... Freshman LB Matt Clark recorded a team-high 11 tackles to become the first true freshman in TMC history to have more than 100 tackles ... He finished his rookie season with 108 stops.

#### Westminster Titans



Westminster's season came to an end Saturday as the Titans lost at Waynesburg, 54-13, in PAC action ... The Titans finish the season with a 5-5 overall mark for their first non-losing season since 2004 and the team's 51st nonlosing season in the last 56

years ... Westminster scored its touchdowns on a 24-yard reception by sophomore Chad Rosatelli from sophomore QB Kevin Franz to tie the game, 7-7, before senior WR Brett Ziegler caught an 11-yard pass from Franz in the second quarter ... Ziegler caught five passes for 39 yards to become the school's all-time career receptions leader with 142 catches, surpassing the old mark of 140 held by Matt Dvorsak (1995-99).

# PAC FOOTBALL POSTSEASON PREVIEWS



# NCAA DIVISION III PLAYOFFS - FIRST ROUND

### North Carolina Wesleyan (8-2) at Washington & Jefferson (10-0)

Saturday, Nov. 17 - noon Cameron Stadium (3,500/turf) - Washington, Pa.

Radio/TV: WJPA-AM (1450), WNJR-FM (91.7) in Washington; www.wjpa.com/sports.htm; www.msasportsnetwork.com; www.washjeff.edu

Series Record: First meeting

Game Notes: The playoff veteran, W&J, will meet the playoff newcomer, North Carolina Wesleyan, in the first round of the NCAA playoffs on Saturday at Cameron Stadium ... The Presidents are making their 19th appearance in the NCAA playoffs, while the Bishops earned their first appearance in the fourth year of varsity football at the college ... NC Wesleyan won the USA South Conference title to earn the automatic bid ... NCW's only losses this season came in the first two weeks of the season to NCAA participants Wesley and Widener ... W&J holds a 19-18 record in NCAA postseason play ... The Presidents are the bracket's No. 1 seed and will host throughout the regional with victories ... The winner of the W&J-NCW game takes on the winner of Trinity (Texas)-Mary Hardin-Baylor in the second round on Nov. 24 ... North Carolina Wesleyan is the first time in USA South Conference history to go undefeated in league play ... W&J has played Christopher Newport, also a member of the USA South, three times in the NCAA playoffs since 2002 ... W&J defeated CNU all three times.



### ECAC DIVISION III SOUTHEAST BOWL

Waynesburg (8-2) at Dickinson (8-2)

Saturday, Nov. 17 - noon Biddle Field (2,577) - Carlisle, Pa.

Radio/TV: WCYJ-FM (88.7) in Waynesburg; www.waynesburg.edu;

Series Record: First meeting

**Game Notes:** Waynesburg qualified for the post-season for the third time in five years on Monday when it accepted a bid to the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Southeast Championship ... The Yellow Jackets will travel to face Dickinson College for the first-ever meeting between the two programs ... This will be the second ECAC Southeast Championship game for Waynesburg in recent years, last playing in the bowl game in 2004 at Johns Hopkins ... The Red Devils enter the game with an 8-2 record and feature one of the Centennial Conference's top rushing offenses (196.6 yards/game) and defenses (110.5 yards/game).



### NCCAA VICTORY BOWL

Malone (7-3) at Geneva (8-2)

Saturday, Nov. 17 - 6 p.m. Reeves Stadium (6,000/turf) - Beaver Falls, Pa.

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

Series Record: Malone leads 8-7

Game Notes: Geneva is 4-0 in NCCAA Victory Bowls over the years with victories in 1998, 99, 2002, 03 ... This was the first season since 1993 when Malone started football that the Golden Tornadoes and Pioneers were not scheduled to play in the regular season ... Ironically, it will be Geneva and Malone hooking up on Saturday ... Malone holds an 8-7 advantage in the all-time series, including victories in the last two years ... Geneva and Malone hooked up in the post-season back in 1995 when Geneva met Malone in the first round of the NAIA playoffs ... The Pioneers came away with a 15-14 victory.