

2008 PAC Football Release Week 11 - November 10



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2008 PAC FOOTBALL STANDINGS (through November 9)

School	PAC Games			PF	PA	All Games			PF	PA
	W	L	Pct.			W	L	Pct.		
Thomas More	6	0	1.00	222	105	7	2	.778	283	170
Washington & Jefferson	4	1	.800	200	94	8	1	.889	413	184
Westminster	3	3	.500	129	202	5	4	.556	193	290
Grove City	2	3	.400	120	162	5	4	.556	211	231
Waynesburg	2	3	.400	182	149	5	4	.556	277	248
Thiel	1	4	.200	133	189	2	7	.222	204	279
Bethany	1	5	.167	172	257	2	7	.222	236	354
Geneva*						4	5	.444	207	262
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 8)

WASH. & JEFF. 54, Bethany 7*
WESTMINSTER 24, Grove City 21*
GENEVA 17, Thomas More 13*
Waynesburg 50, THIEL 35*
Saint Vincent - idle

THIS WEEK (November 15)

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

Offensive Player of the Week

BRAD DAWSON

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



Dawson completed 26-of-44 passes for 453 yards and two touchdowns while rushing for another score Saturday, leading the Yellow Jackets to a 50-35 PAC victory at Thiel. His 453 passing yards marked the second-highest single game total in school history, trailing only **John Huntley** (467 yards in 1968).

Also nominated was junior QB **Andrew DiDonato** of Grove City, senior RB **Derek Taylor** of Washington & Jefferson, and freshman WR **Justin Morgano** of Westminster.

Defensive Player of the Week

JORDAN BLINN

Westminster
Senior ILB
5-10, 200
Industry, Pa.
Western Beaver H.S.



Blinn recorded a career-high 20 tackles (11 solo), including two for losses and one quarterback sack, to lead the Titans to a 24-21 PAC win over Grove City. He made a 4th-and-2 tackle with 2:56 to play to gain possession on downs and set up the winning drive, then stopped a quarterback sneak at the Westminster 1-yard line on the game's final play to seal the victory.

Also nominated was senior MLB **Adam Eichler** of Grove City, junior LB **Brad Steinmetz** of Thomas More, senior LB **David Gitlitz** of Washington & Jefferson, and junior OLB **Ryan Krull** of Waynesburg.

Special Teams Player of the Week

TERRENCE MCALLISTER

Wash. & Jeff.
Sophomore RB
5-9, 180
Wellsburg, W.Va.
Brooke H.S.



McAllister made six tackles (three solo, three assisted) on kick coverage for the Presidents, who recorded a 54-7 PAC home win over Bethany on Saturday.

Also nominated was freshman K **Bryan Arbes** of Waynesburg, and junior KR **Jon Gubish** of Westminster.

PAC FOOTBALL 2008 - Week 11 Conference Notes

PAC RIVALRY WEEK: The final weekend of the 2008 football regular season is here, as "PAC Football Rivalry Week" takes center stage ... All five contests in week 11 are rivalry games, which will remain scheduled in the final weekend of the regular season in future years ... Waynesburg hosts W&J in the "PAC Backyard Brawl", Grove City hosts Thiel in the "Mercer County Cup", Geneva hosts Westminster in "The Game", Bethany hosts Saint Vincent in "The Green Game" and Thomas More hosts Mt. St. Joseph in the "Bridge Bowl".

WHO'S HOT: Geneva rushed for 235 yards as a team in its 17-13 upset of PAC champion Thomas More, including a team-best 98-yard effort by **Gerard Muschette** ... W&J senior RB **Derek Taylor** posted 147 all-purpose yards (59 rush, 70 rec., 18 return) and two TDs in a 54-7 win over Bethany ... Grove City junior QB **Andrew DiDonato** compiled a school-record 363 yards of total offense (236 passing, 127 rushing) in a 24-21 PAC loss at Westminster ... Junior OLB **Ryan Krull** led Waynesburg with 11 tackles, including five solos tops in the Yellow Jackets' 50-35 win at Thiel.

AROUND THE LEAGUE: Westminster freshman WR **Justin Morgano** caught a game-winning eight-yard TD pass with 46 seconds to play in the Titans' 24-21 PAC win over Grove City ... Thiel WR **Brendan Taylor** hauled in nine passes for 112 yards and a pair of scores in the Tomcats' 50-35 loss to Waynesburg ... Thomas More junior LB **Brad Steinmetz** had 12 total tackles, including three for losses and a sack, in the Saints' 17-13 loss at Geneva ... Bethany junior FS **Nelson Mitzen** recorded 15 tackles for the Bison in the 54-7 loss at W&J.



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



A 41-point outburst by W&J in the first half was too much for the Bison in a 54-7 loss Saturday to the 19th-ranked Presidents ... Bethany's score came on a two-yard run by WR **Randy Rankin** late in the second quarter ... BC was limited to 151 total yards, with QB **Chad Smith** throwing for 122 yards ... His top targets were TE **Jorge Laboy** (6 rec., 34 yds.) and WR **Taylor McNeil** (3 rec., 40 yds.) ... FS **Nelson Mitzen** had 15 tackles, his third game of double digits stops, and SS **David Abel** made 13 hits, his third consecutive contest with 10+ tackles ... LB **Ron Ermlick** was in on 11 stops as well ... The Bison close out the season Saturday when they host Saint Vincent at Bison Stadium.

**Geneva Golden
Tornadoes
(4-5)**



What a difference a month makes for the Geneva football team ... After dropping five of its first six games, the Golden Tornadoes have won three straight including their first home victory of the season against newly crowned PAC champion Thomas More ... The Golden Tornadoes defeated the Saints 17-13 to move to 4-5 and set up the opportunity to finish the season with a .500 record ... Geneva used a pair of **Matt Dean** touchdowns of one and 17 yards to pull away from Thomas More ... Geneva scored the first ten points and then held on when senior DB **Derek McElhaney** preserved the victory with his second interception of the season ... Geneva rushed for 235 yards including a team best 98 yards from Gerard Muschette ... The defense caused two turnovers in the victory.

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



Grove City amassed 454 yards of offense and 31 first downs but could not come up with its first win at Westminster since 1961 Saturday ... GCC scored on just three of seven red-zone opportunities ... **Stephen Mercer** hauled in eight passes for 82 yards while **Zach Summy** added six catches for 57 yards ... **Blaine Miller** ran for his first two collegiate touchdowns ... Defensively, LB **Adam Eichler** recorded 10 tackles, a forced fumble and an interception ... **Marc Shamley** picked up his fifth sack of 2008 ... The Wolverines executed 85 offensive plays and went 8-for-14 on third down ... Grove City is 0-3 at Memorial Field since 2005 with the three setbacks coming by a total of 11 points ... Grove City last defeated Westminster in 2006, 21-20, at the Wolverines' Thorn Field.

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



Coming off of a 36-22 loss to Thiel, the Bearcats had the week off, and will wrap up the season this weekend at Bethany ... Saint Vincent will look to snap a seven-game losing streak, and avenge last season's 66-7 loss at Bethany in week three.

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



Thiel jumped out to a 7-0 first-quarter lead, but the Yellow Jackets of Waynesburg outscored the Tomcats 50-28 down the stretch, to run away with the contest, 50-35, at Alumni Stadium ... The Tomcats were led offensively by WR **Brendan Taylor** who recorded his second-consecutive two-touchdown game by hauling in nine passes for 112 yards ... QB **Willie Bova** finished 26-of-44 for 319 yards and three touchdowns, but his day was tarnished by three interceptions ... Senior DT **Matt Turek** turned in his finest effort to date this season with seven solo tackles, including an 11-yard sack ... Junior DT **William Haase** recorded six solo tackles, including two tackles for a loss ... His final tackle of the day – an eight yard sack in the fourth quarter – made him Thiel all-time leader for TFL in a season with 18.5.

**Thomas More
Saints
(7-2, 6-0 PAC)**



Thomas More fell, 17-13, Geneva ... It was the Saints' first loss since falling to John Carroll in their opening game of the season ... TMC was led by freshman RB **Anthony Knott** who rushed the ball 12 times for 65 yards and one TD ... Junior QB **Trevor Stellman** was 13-of-24 passing for 157 yards and one TD, but threw his first two interceptions of the season ... Junior RB **Cordario Collier** carried the ball nine times for 33 yards and also had three receptions for 24 yards ... Senior WR **Nick Dew** finished with three catches for 51 yards ... The Saints' defensive effort was led by junior LB **Brad Steimetz**, who had 12 tackles (seven solo, five assisted), including a sack for a loss of seven yards ... Through the Saints' first nine games, Knott leads the rushing attack with 89 carries for 727 yards and eight TDs.

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



Washington & Jefferson heads into the final week of the season needing to secure a victory to keep its hopes alive for an at-large bid into the NCAA Division III postseason tournament ... With the 54-7 victory over Bethany Saturday, the Presidents extended their win streak to 26 games against the Bison ... On the season, senior QB **Bobby Swallow** has completed 218-of-329 pass attempts, including 29 touchdowns and only four interceptions to lead the offense, while senior LB **David Gitlitz** has paced the defense with 61 total tackles, including nine tackles for loss and four sacks ... The Presidents currently lead the PAC in numerous categories, including scoring offense (45.9 pts/game), pass offense (323.0 yds/game), kickoff returns (23.9 yds/return), and rushing defense (73.2 yds/game).

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



The Yellow Jackets emphatically snapped a two-game losing skid with an offensive explosion in a 50-35 win over Thiel ... Sophomore QB **Brad Dawson** had by far his best day since joining the Waynesburg program, throwing for 453 yards and two touchdowns against the Tomcats ... However, the Pittsburgh native wasn't the only major offensive weapon for Waynesburg as freshman RB **Justin Falcon** rushed for four touchdowns ... The Jacket defense also made an impact, forcing six turnovers, including three interceptions by three different defenders ... Junior OLB **Ryan Krull** led the team in tackles with 11, including five solo stops ... Freshman K **Bryan Arbes** broke the school record for field goals in a season when he booted his 12th of the year from 28 yards out against the Tomcats.

**Westminster
Titans
(5-4, 3-3 PAC)**



Westminster remained undefeated at Burry Stadium this season by defeating Grove City, 24-21, Saturday ... The Titans have now won a PAC-best seven straight home games and the team completes the season unbeaten at home for the first time since 1996 when the Titans made the NAIA playoffs ... Freshman WR **Justin Morgano** hauled in his first career TD pass from 8 yards out from junior QB **Kevin Franz** for the eventual game-winning score ... Morgano caught three passes for 31 yards ... Junior **Jon Gubish** led the receivers with four catches for 48 yards ... Franz threw for 155 yards on 15-of-28 passing with a touchdown and an interception ... Junior TB **Nick McKolosky** rushed for 132 yards on 30 carries including two TDs ... Senior FS **Jake Wilczynski** posted 11 tackles in the win.

PAC FOOTBALL GAME PREVIEWS - WEEK 11



"The Green Game" - Saint Vincent (1-8) at Bethany (2-7)

Saturday, Nov. 15 - 1 p.m.
Bethany Field (1,000/turf) - Bethany, W.Va.



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

Series Record: Bethany leads 1-0

Game Notes: Bethany will host Saint Vincent at Bison Stadium Saturday in the "Green Game" ... This will be the second meeting between the programs after the Bison won the initial match-up 66-7 last year at home ... BC set school-records for total yards (739) and rushing yards (482), while holding the Bearcats to 117 yards ... **Marcus Santini** rushed for 85 yards and scored two TDs in last year's victory ... FS **Nelson Mitzen** has 88 tackles, leaving him 12 away from becoming just the ninth Bison to hit 100 since 1989 ... SVC's lone score was a nine-yard pass from **Phil Hamilton** to **Jeff Bishop** ... A Bison win would give them a 3-2 home record this season, their third straight year with a .500 record or better in Bethany.



"Mercer County Cup" - Thiel (2-7, 1-4 PAC) at Grove City (5-4, 2-3 PAC)

Saturday, Nov. 15 - 1:30 p.m.
Robert E. Thorn Stadium (3,500/turf) - Grove City, Pa.



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

Series Record: Grove City leads 56-34-5

Game Notes: The Silver Anniversary game of the Mercer County Cup will be played Saturday at Robert E. Thorn Field ... Grove City is looking for its first back-to-back wins in the Cup series since 1999-2000 ... The Wolverines lead the Cup series, 15-9 ... Thiel has won each of the last three Mercer County Cup games played at Thorn Field, however ... Grove City reclaimed the trophy last year with a 14-13 win over the Tomcats in Greenville ... Overall, it is the 96th meeting between the teams ... Grove City leads the all-time series, 55-34-5 ... The teams first met in 1892, with Grove City earning a 58-0 win ... It is Senior Day for the Wolverines ... Grove City 8-1 in its last nine Senior Day games ... Thiel head coach **Jack Leipheimer's** teams are 5-2 against GCC.



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

Saturday, Nov. 15 - 1:30 p.m.
John F. Wiley Stadium (4,000/turf) - Waynesburg, Pa.



Radio/TV: WJPA-AM (1450) in Washington; WCYJ-FM (88.7) in Waynesburg; www.msasportsnetwork.com;
www.wjpa.com; www.waynesburg.edu; WCTV (Channel 12) in Waynesburg

Series Record: Washington & Jefferson leads 32-3

Game Notes: The 2008 regular season comes to an end on Saturday as Waynesburg hosts rival Washington and Jefferson ... The game is part of the first installment of PAC Football Rivalry Week ... The Presidents have won four consecutive meetings and have claimed 16 of the last 17 meetings ... Last year, the Jackets and Presidents locked up in a showdown of unbeaten conference leaders and the game lived up to its expectations ... Last year, the two schools met with the conference championship on the line and W&J escaped with a 22-21 victory on **Bobby Swallow's** 1-yard TD plunge midway through the fourth quarter ... **Jacob Bloomhuff** had six total tackles, including three for a loss, and one sack for the Presidents ... Overall, W&J holds a 32-3 advantage in the all-time series.



"The Game" - Westminster (5-4) at Geneva (4-5)

Saturday, Nov. 15 - 1:30 p.m.
Reeves Stadium (6,500/turf) - Beaver Falls, Pa.



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

Series Record: Westminster leads 61-41-8

Game Notes: The 111th meeting between Geneva and Westminster sets up to be a good one ... Geneva is looking for its fourth straight win and Westminster is looking for a winning season coming into action with a record of 5-4 ... The Titans lead the all-time series 61-41-8, but Geneva came away with a 37-14 victory in New Wilmington last year ... In the loss to Geneva last year, Westminster QB **Kevin Franz** threw for a career-high 319 yards on 26-39 passing ... Geneva has won four of the last five meetings ... Prior to that, the teams' last game was a 12-7 Westminster win at Geneva in 2001 when the Titans had just five first downs, 19 rushing yards and 34 passing yards, but won thanks to a pair of interception returns for touchdowns ... In one of the longest standing rivalries in Western Pennsylvania, Geneva and Westminster first hooked up in 1891 when Geneva won the game 42-0 in Westminster's first-ever game ... After ending the rivalry after the 1997 game, Geneva and Westminster split games in 2000 and 2001 ... This year, Westminster is unbeaten at home, but in four road losses the Titans have been outscored 47.5-17.5.



"Bridge Bowl XIII" - Mount St. Joseph (5-4) at Thomas More (7-2)

Saturday, Nov. 15 - 1:30 p.m.
The Bank of Kentucky Field (3,000/turf) - Crestview Hills, Ky.

Radio/TV: WMSJ-FM in Cincinnati; www.usbnsports.com

Series Record: Thomas More leads 9-3

Game Notes: Thomas More will host Bridge Bowl XIII on Saturday when the Saints play host to across-the-river rival, Mount St. Joseph (5-4) at 1:30 p.m. ... The Saints lead the Bridge Bowl rivalry with Mount St. Joseph, 9-3 ... Thomas More won the first eight contests in the series that began in 1990, but the Lions have won three of the last four games, including a 35-14 decision in Cincinnati last season.

Bethany Bison
2-7, 1-5 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.* L 7-54
 15 SAINT VINCENT* 1 p.m.

Geneva Golden Tornadoes
4-5**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* W 17-13
 15 WESTMINSTER* 1:30 p.m.

Grove City Wolverines
5-4, 2-3 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* L 21-24
 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
2-7, 1-4 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* L 35-50
 15 at Grove City* 1 p.m.

Thomas More Saints
7-2, 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* L 13-17
 15 MOUNT ST. JOSEPH 1:30 p.m.

Wash. & Jeff. Presidents
8-1, 4-1 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* W 54-7
 15 at Waynesburg* 1:30 p.m.

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets
5-4, 2-3 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* W 50-35
 15 WASH. & JEFF.* 1:30 p.m.

Westminster Titans
5-4, 3-3 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* W 24-21
 15 at Geneva* 1:30 p.m.