

2009 PAC Football Release Week 12 - November 16



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2009 PAC FOOTBALL STANDINGS (through Nov. 14)

School	PAC Games			PF	PA	All Games			PF	PA
	W	L	Pct.			W	L	Pct.		
Thomas More	6	0	1.00	180	80	10	0	1.00	297	129
Washington & Jefferson	5	1	.833	224	59	9	1	.900	345	97
Grove City	4	2	.667	156	138	5	5	.500	301	289
Waynesburg	2	4	.333	192	196	5	5	.500	355	317
Westminster	2	4	.333	155	215	4	6	.400	253	326
Bethany	1	5	.167	109	228	3	7	.300	212	356
Thiel	1	5	.167	116	216	3	7	.300	201	297
Geneva*						7	3	.700	335	238
Saint Vincent*						0	10	.000	167	356

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

LAST WEEK (November 14)

PAC Football Rivalry Week 2009

Bethany 34, SAINT VINCENT 13*
Grove City 31, THIEL 24* (2ot)
WESTMINSTER 31, Geneva 28*
WASH. & JEFF. 35, Waynesburg 12*
Thomas More 42, MOUNT ST. JOSEPH 17

THIS WEEK (November 21)

NCAA Division III Playoffs - First Round

DePauw at Thomas More - noon
Wash. & Jeff. at Mount Union - noon

NCCAA Victory Bowl

Geneva at Greenville (Ill.) - 1 p.m.

Offensive Player of the Week

ANDREW DIDONATO Grove City

Senior QB
6-1, 200
Bridgeville, Pa.
South Fayette H.S.



DiDonato earned his second PAC weekly award this season, after accounting for 372 yards of total offense and four touchdowns in the Wolverines' 31-24 double-overtime win at Thiel in the 26th Mercer County Cup. He completed 32-of-43 passes for 279 yards and two scores, while also rushing 13 times for 93 yards and two TDs while leading GCC back from a 17-0 deficit.

Also nominated was junior QB **Dan Pegg** of Bethany, senior RB **Cordario Collier** of Thomas More, junior WR **Jordan Roycroft** of W&J, junior QB **Brad Dawson** of Waynesburg, and sophomore QB **Shawn Lehocky** of Westminster.

Defensive Player of the Week

KYLE ARRINGTON Bethany

Freshman MLB
6-1, 225
Jackson Twp., Ohio
Jackson H.S.



Arrington recorded 12 tackles and an interception for the Bison, who posted a season-low 247 yards allowed in a 34-13 road win at PAC rival Saint Vincent in "The Green Game." His interception and 16-yard return snuffed out an SVC drive in Bison territory and was one of five turnovers forced by the BC defense.

Also nominated was sophomore OLB **Marc Shamley** of Grove City, senior LB **Brad Steinmetz** of Thomas More, senior DE **Jacob Bloomhuff** of Washington & Jefferson, junior LB **Troy Cree** of Waynesburg, and senior DB **Mario Camerota** of Westminster.

Special Teams Player of the Week

CRAIG BICEHOUSE Grove City

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



Bicehouse earned Special Teams laurels for the second consecutive week after hitting all five of his kick attempts in the Wolverines' 31-24 double OT win at Thiel. His 32-yard field goal with 2:43 to play in regulation tied the game at 17-17, while he was also 4-for-4 on extra points, including one that tied the game at 24-24 in the first OT session.

Also nominated was freshman KR **Ed Holmes** of Bethany, sophomore P/K **Aaron Walter** of Thomas More, junior P/K **Joe Kelly** of W&J, freshman K **Jon Storck** of Waynesburg, and sophomore K **Trevor Young** of Westminster.

PAC FOOTBALL 2009 - Week 12 Conference Notes

TWO FOR NCAA: The 2009 PAC football regular season is in the books, and for the third time in the past five seasons the conference has had two teams qualify for the NCAA D-III playoffs ... PAC champion Thomas More (10-0) will host SCAC champion DePauw (7-2) at Bank of Kentucky Field, while Washington & Jefferson (9-1), which earned one of six Pool C at-large bids, plays at 10-0 defending national champion Mount Union ... Geneva also made the postseason and will play in the NCCAA Victory Bowl at Greenville (Ill.).

NEWS & NOTES: Thomas More is 10th in the AFCA poll and 11th in D3Football.com, while W&J is ranked 13th by the AFCA and 20th by D3Football.com ... Thiel senior QB **Willie Bova** posted 338 yards of total offense (267 passing, 71 rushing) in the Tomcats' double-OT loss to Grove City ... Thomas More senior QB **Trevor Stelman** rushed for 112 yards and two TDs in the Saints' 42-17 Bridge Bowl win at Mount St. Joseph ... QB **Dan Pegg** posted the ninth-highest single game passing total in Bethany history with 341 yards and 3 TDs at Saint Vincent.

AROUND THE LEAGUE: Grove City's double-OT win at Thiel Saturday was the first overtime contest for the Wolverines since 2002, a span of 78 games ... With a win against Waynesburg, W&J's 23 seniors posted the 40th win of their collegiate careers ... Junior QB **Brad Dawson** broke **Jeff Dumm's** Waynesburg record for passing yards in a season with 2,718 yards on the year ... Westminster senior WR **Chad Rosatelli** finished his collegiate career fourth on the Titan career receptions list with 134 catches.



**Bethany
Bison
(3-7, 1-5 PAC)**



The Bison ended the 2009 season on a high note by rushing out to a 22-0 halftime lead and going on to post a 34-13 triumph at Saint Vincent in the 3rd Annual "Green Game" ... QB **Dan Pegg** threw for 341 yards and TDs to **Jorge Laboy** (16), **Matt Cruse** (37) and **Ed Holmes** (50) while also rushing 5 yards for the final score of the day ... **Eric Walker** accounted for the other TD with a 2-yard scoring run, his 11th of the season to break the Bethany single-season rushing TD mark and also tie the single-season total TD record (15) ... Cruse had 113 yards on five catches, which gave him the Bison career reception record (177) ... LB **Kyle Arrington** had 12 tackles and an INT, while **Michael Salters** picked off two passes for the Bison, who held SVC to 247 yards.

**Geneva Golden
Tornadoes
(7-3)**



In one of the most heart wrenching losses in series history, the GTs dropped a 31-28 decision to Westminster in the final regular season game of the year ... A penalty-marred final drive culminated with a Westminster touchdown with only 11 seconds remaining on the clock as the Titans rallied for the game-winning score ... It was the first time since Geneva joined the PAC three years ago that Westminster has managed to beat the Golden Tornadoes ... Geneva got six catches and 99 yards receiving from **Sam Thurston** and another 100+ yard rushing performance from **Gerard Muschette** ... Muschette became just the seventh running back in school history to surpass the 1,000-yard mark for a single season ... Geneva will now turn its attention to the 2009 NCCAA Victory Bowl.

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



Grove City wrapped up the regular season Saturday with a come-from-behind 31-24 double-overtime win at Thiel in the 26th Mercer County Cup game ... The Wolverines trailed 17-0 in the fourth quarter before charging back ... In the first OT, GCC tied the game 24-24 on **Andrew DiDonato's** 11-yard TD run ... The Wolverines then took the lead for good on DiDonato's 25-yard scoring pass to **Luke O'Hara** ... **S Mark Rossol** broke up a fourth-down pass on Thiel's possession to clinch the win ... O'Hara caught a career-high 12 passes for 140 yards ... DiDonato finished with 372 yards of total offense ... **Aaron Palmieri** racked up 13 tackles defensively while **Jason Ferguson** added a dozen stops ... **Marc Shamley** had two of Grove City's four sacks while **Vance Keirsej** set up a TD with a 54-yard interception return.

**Saint Vincent
Bearcats
(0-10)**



The Bearcats were unable to end the season on a high note, falling 34-13 to Bethany in Saturday's season finale ... As has been the case throughout the season, turnovers plagued Saint Vincent, as they gave the ball up five times, including four interceptions ... Senior TE **Jake Gabelt** ended his career in fine fashion, hauling in a team-high five receptions, including the eighth TD of his career, giving him the team's modern day lead ... Senior FB **Marc Gonzales** scored the first TD of his career on a three-yard plunge in the third quarter ... With three catches Saturday, junior WR **Sheldon Loughner** ended the season with 29 grabs for 437 yards, both modern-day season records ... Defensively, SS **Alex Rowan** led SVC with nine stops ... Freshman LB **David Ribero** finished with eight tackles, including 0.5 TFL.

**Thiel
Tomcats
(3-7, 1-5 PAC)**



Saturday's Mercer County Cup face off proved to be a tale of two halves for the Tomcats as they suffered a 31-24 loss at the hands of the Grove City Wolverines... Thiel finished its 2009 season with a 3-7 overall record and a 1-5 PAC record ... Senior QB **Willie Bova** racked up 338 total yards (267 passing, 71 rushing) and one TD ... Defensively, the Tomcats shot out the gates causing three turnovers in the Wolverines' first three drives of the first quarter ... Junior LB **Bobby Shew** led the defensive charge, picking off two Grove City passes only seven minutes into the contest ... Senior RB **Dan Hess** scored two first half touchdowns... DL **Tom Cermak** led the team in tackles with seven (four solo)... Senior WR **Brendan Taylor** ended the day with 10 receptions for 72 yards and a touchdown.

**Thomas More
Saints
(10-0, 6-0 PAC)**



The 10th-ranked Saints defeated 17th-ranked and across-the-River rival, the College of Mount St. Joseph, 42-17, Saturday in Bridge Bowl XIV at Schueler Field in Cincinnati, Ohio ... The win improved the Saints' record in the Bridge Bowl to 11-3 and gave the Saints their fourth undefeated regular-season in school history ... Thomas More outgained the Lions, 325-199, while holding MSJ to negative seven yards of rushing ... Offensively, the Saints were led by senior QB **Trevor Stelman**, who was 10-of-20 passing for 125 yards and three TDs and also had eight rushes for 34 yards ... Senior RB **Cordario Collier** had 18 carries for 112 yards and two touchdowns ... Defensively, the Saints were led by senior linebacker **Brad Steinmetz**, who had 13 tackles, including two tackles for a loss and one sack.

**Washington & Jefferson
Presidents
(9-1, 5-1 PAC)**



For the sixth-straight season, the Washington & Jefferson College football team will appear in the 2009 NCAA Division III playoffs and the Presidents will travel to Alliance, Ohio, to meet defending national champion Mount Union College ... W&J finished the year with nine victories for the 15th time since 1992 after defeating Waynesburg on Saturday 35-12 ... Junior QB **Gino Rometo** had his best day in a W&J uniform with 310 yards and three touchdowns, two to classmate **Jordan Roycroft** ... W&J honored 23 seniors prior to the game who won their 40th game as Presidents ... Senior WR **Craig Besong** caught 11 passes to increase his career total to 177 ... He moved into fifth place on the all-time receptions list.

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



The 2009 Waynesburg football season came to an end Saturday as the Yellow Jackets fell at Washington & Jefferson by the final of 35-12 ... However, there were some positives to take out of the loss ... Junior QB **Brad Dawson** broke **Jeff Dumm's** record for most passing yards in a season, which he set in 2004, by throwing for 237 yards against the Presidents, giving him 2,718 yards on the year ... Dawson also moved into fourth place on the school's all-time career passing list with 4,457 total yards through the air ... Junior LB **Troy Cree** finished his season with a third-straight double-digit tackling performance ... He made a game-high 14 total stops including eight solo hits ... Despite missing time with an injury this year, Cree led the team in total tackles (92), tackles for loss (9.0), solo tackles (66) and sacks (3.5).

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



Westminster ended its 2009 season with a dramatic 31-28 win over its archrival Geneva on Saturday ... The game included eight lead changes, ending with sophomore QB **Shawn Lehocky** scoring on a 1-yard TD run with 11 seconds left for the game-winner ... The Titans are now 9-2 in their last 11 home finales and their win over Geneva was their first over a team that would finish the season with seven or more wins since 2003 ... Lehocky led the Titans with 101 passing yards, completing 7-of-13 passes including one touchdown, while also rushing for 59 yards on 13 attempts and a score ... Senior RB **Nick McKolosky** led the Titans with 88 yards on 21 carries and one touchdown, the 30th of his career which ranks sixth all-time at Westminster, while his 2,891 career rushing yards are fifth in school history.

PAC FOOTBALL GAME PREVIEWS - POSTSEASON



NCAA DIVISION III PLAYOFFS - FIRST ROUND

DePauw (7-2) at Thomas More (10-0)

Saturday, Nov. 21 - noon

The Bank of Kentucky Field (3,000/turf) - Crestview Hills, Ky.

Media: Insight TV (Channel 1) in Northern Kentucky; www.depauw.edu/univ/wgre/listen.asp

Series Record: First meeting

Game Notes: 10th-ranked Thomas More College will meet DePauw University for the first time on the gridiron when it hosts the Tigers in a NCAA Division III Football Playoff first round game at The Bank of Kentucky Field on Saturday at 12 noon ... The Saints (10-0) won the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) to claim the conference's automatic bid to the playoffs and are the No. 2 seed in the Wesley (Del.) College regional ... DePauw (7-2) is the region's No. 7 seed and an automatic qualifier into the playoffs after winning the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) ... The game will be Thomas More's third-ever home NCAA Playoff game as it hosted MacMurray College and Wittenberg University in the 2001 Playoffs.



NCAA DIVISION III PLAYOFFS - FIRST ROUND

Washington & Jefferson (9-1) at Mount Union (10-0)

Saturday, Nov. 21 - noon

Mount Union Stadium (5,529/turf) - Alliance, Ohio

Media: WJPA-AM (1450); www.wjpa.com/sports.htm

Series Record: Washington & Jefferson leads 4-0

Game Notes: The Presidents (9-1) and No. 1 ranked Purple Raiders (10-0) will play a first-round contest Saturday (Nov. 21) at Mount Union Stadium at 12:00 pm ... W&J, ranked 13th by the AFCA and 20th by D3football.com, is making its 21st appearance in the NCAA Division III playoffs. ... The Presidents owns a 21-20 record in postseason play and advanced to last year's quarterfinal round ... The Red & Black are in the NCAA playoffs for the sixth-straight year, joining Mount Union and Mary Hardin-Baylor as the only schools to accomplish the feat ... Mount Union has made the playoffs every year since 1992 and owns 21 all-time appearances ... W&J and MUC have played four times throughout history, but not since 1941 ... The Presidents have never lost to the Purple Raiders, posting shutouts in 1913, 1914, 1940 and 1941.



2009 NCCAA VICTORY BOWL

Geneva (7-3) at Greenville (Ill.) (7-2)

Saturday, Nov. 21 - 1 p.m. EST (noon CST)

Francis Field (2,000) - Greenville, Ill.

Media: www.msasportsnetwork.com; www.geneva.edu

Series Record: First meeting

Game Notes: Geneva will be heading to its record sixth National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) Victory Bowl this week ... After a 7-3 regular season finish, the Golden Tornadoes ended the regular season ranked #2 in the NCCAA national poll ... Geneva will travel to Greenville, Ill., to battle Greenville College for the first time in school history ... While Geneva has played in five previous Victory Bowls, Greenville will be heading to its first ... Geneva is 4-1 in its previous five visits with the only loss coming in 2007 against Malone College ... Geneva played its first Victory Bowl in 1998 and came away with a win against Maranatha Baptist ... Other Victory Bowl victories for the GTs include wins over Mid-America Nazarene, North Greenville and Northwestern College.

**Bethany Bison
3-7, 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* W 34-13

**Geneva Golden Tornadoes
7-3****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* L 28-31
 21 at Greenville (Ill.)! 1 p.m.

**Grove City Wolverines
5-5, 4-2 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* W 31-24 (2ot)

**Saint Vincent Bearcats
0-10****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* L 13-34

**Thiel Tomcats
3-7, 1-5 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* L 24-31 (2ot)

**Thomas More Saints
10-0, 6-0 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 W 42-17
 21 DEPAUW^ noon

**Wash. & Jeff. Presidents
9-1, 5-1 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* W 35-12
 21 at Mount Union^ noon

**Waynesburg Yellow Jackets
5-5, 2-4 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.* L 12-35

**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* W 31-28