

2011-12 PAC Wrestling Release

Week 10 - February 6



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2011-12 PAC STANDINGS (through February 5)

School	PAC Contests			All Contests			
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.
Waynesburg	2	0	1.00	10	8	0	.556
Thiel	1	1	.500	6	6	0	.500
Washington & Jefferson	0	2	.000	3	7	0	.300

LAST WEEK

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Waynesburg 18, THIEL17*

Saturday, February 4, 2012

Baldwin-Wallace John Summa Invitational (nine teams)

7. Wash. & Jeff. - 51

8. Thiel - 42

-- END OF 2011-12 REGULAR SEASON --

THIS WEEK

Friday, February 10, 2012

2012 PAC Wrestling Championships - 5 p.m.

(at Washington & Jefferson College - Washington, Pa.)



PAC Wrestler of the Week

GARETT JOHNSTON
Waynesburg

Senior

157 pounds

Sycamore, Pa.

West Greene H.S.



Johnston earns his third wrestler of the week honor. On Wednesday, he scored the only fall on the night of Waynesburg's PAC rivalry match at Thiel. His pin of Ryan Carson in 2:44 not only gave the Jackets six crucial points, but also provided the tie-breaking criteria that turned a 17-17 tie into an 18-17 victory. Johnston is 29-3 on the year with 13 wins by fall and he'll ride an 18-match winning streak into Friday's PAC Championships.

Also nominated was sophomore 165-lbs. **David Dibenedetto** of Washington & Jefferson..

PAC Wrestling 2011-12 - Week 10 Conference Notes

NEWS & NOTES: Waynesburg defeated Thiel by a score of 18-17 on Wednesday ... The Yellow Jackets beat their rivals on tie-breaker Criteria 2 (most pins) ... Wash. & Jeff. placed seventh in the nine-team Baldwin-Wallace John Summa Memorial Tournament on Saturday while Thiel placed eighth ... The three PAC teams prepare this week for Friday's Presidents' Athletic Conference Championships hosted by Washington & Jefferson.

AROUND THE LEAGUE: **Garett Johnston's** pin at 157 pounds, the only fall of the evening, led Waynesburg to beat Thiel 18-17 on tie-breaker criteria to complete its third PAC sweep over the last four years ... On Wednesday, Thiel's **Shayduan Velez-Lara** earned a 3-0 decision over Waynesburg's **Alex Crown** at 125 pounds ... W&J's **David Dibenedetto** won the 165-pound championship with a perfect 4-0 record at the B-W Summa Invite.

2011-12 PAC Wrestlers of the Week

- Nov. 7- **Corey Brown**, 133-lbs, THI
- Nov. 14 - **Sam Lombardo**, 165-lbs, WAY
- Nov. 21 - **Garrett Johnston**, 157-lbs, WAY
- Dec. 5 - **Corey Brown**, 133-lbs, THI
- Dec. 12 - **Sean Byham**, 141-lbs, THI
- Jan. 9 - **Garrett Johnston**, 157-lbs, WAY
- Jan. 17 - **Corey Brown**, 133-lbs, THI
- Jan. 23 - **Josh Etzel**, 149-lbs, W&J
- Jan. 30 - **Taylor Potts**, 285-lbs, W&J
- Feb. 6 - **Garrett Johnston**, 157-lbs, WAY

**Thiel Tomcats
(6-6, 1-1 PAC)**



For the second time this season the Tomcat wrestling squad came up on the losing end of a tiebreaker, this time falling to PAC rival Waynesburg by a score of 18-17 Wednesday ... Tied 17-17 after the heavyweight bout, the team point for most pin fall victories (Criteria 2) was awarded to the Yellow Jackets and gave visiting Waynesburg the one-point victory ... On Wednesday, **Shayduan Velez-Lara** made sparks fly early in Beeghly Gymnasium, earning a 3-0 decision over Alex Crown at 125 pounds ... Crown, last season's fourth-place finisher at 125 at the Division III National Championships, came into the evening with a 21-5 record ... **Corey Brown**, currently the top-ranked wrestler at 133 pounds in the January 24 National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) individual rankings, posted a 15-4 major decision over Jake Vitolo to improve to 27-1 this season and 97-24 in his illustrious Tomcat career ... Thiel finished 8th at Baldwin-Wallace's John Summa Memorial Tournament on Saturday, totaling 42.0 points with four wrestlers earning top six finishes ... **Zack Stouffer** led the way with his third-place finish at 133 pounds, finishing the day 4-1 ... He registered a 16-8 major decision over Brockport's Matthias Ellis in the third-place bout.

**Washington & Jefferson
Presidents
(3-7, 0-2 PAC)**



Washington & Jefferson placed seventh in the nine-team Baldwin-Wallace John Summa Memorial Tournament on Saturday ... Sophomore **David Dibenedetto** won the 165-pound championship with a perfect 4-0 record ... Dibenedetto ran his season record to 24-11 after earning four decisions ... He opened with an 8-4 triumph over Dalton Stanley of Wabash before topping Dylan Zivcic of Lake Erie 6-2 ... Dibenedetto then defeated top-seeded Tory Cain of RIT by a 3-1 margin to move into the championship bout ... He collected the title after edging William Painter of Ohio Northern 3-2 ... Senior **Taylor Potts** won 4-of-6 matches to place fourth in the heavyweight bracket and became the fifth wrestler in school history to reach 30 wins in a season ... Potts' 31-10 record places him fourth on the college's single-season win list ... He is five victories shy of tying Kevin DeJulius' '03 record of 36.

**Waynesburg
Yellow Jackets
(10-8, 2-0 PAC)**



The Waynesburg University wrestling team concluded its 2011-12 schedule with its most thrilling victory of the season ... Sophomore **Brandon Fedorka's** 1-0 win at heavyweight tied the Yellow Jackets' PAC dual match with Thiel at 17-17 with no bouts left to contest ... However, thanks to senior **Garett Johnston's** pin at 157 pounds, the only fall of the evening, Waynesburg beat their rivals 18-17 on tiebreaker criteria to complete its third PAC sweep over the last four years ... Waynesburg's bonus point came on most pins, which is Criteria 2 ... After falling behind 7-0 after two bouts, the Jackets bounced back by winning the next four contests ... The streak included Johnston's 13th pin of the year and a 7-6 upset win by sophomore **Sam Lombardo** over Thiel senior Matt Lowry, who has been nationally recognized all season long by d3wrestle.com ... The Mat Cats came back to win at 174, 184 and 197 pounds, but Fedorka's hard fought at heavyweight saved the day for Waynesburg.

**Thiel Tomcats
6-6, 1-1 PAC**

**Wash. & Jeff. Presidents
3-7, 0-2 PAC**

**Waynesburg Yellow Jackets
10-8, 2-0 PAC**

Nov. 4-5	at Ithaca Invitational	3rd/9
Nov. 12	at Wash. & Jeff. Invit.	NTS
Nov. 19	at Mount Union	L 15-16
Dec. 3	at Ohio Northern Invit.	8th/16
Dec. 9	WASH. & JEFF.*	W 33-9
Jan. 7	at Waynesburg Invit.	3rd/12
Jan. 13-14	at Lycoming Budd Whitehall Duals	
	Ohio Northern	L 6-39
	RIT	W 23-12
	King's	W 31-15
	Wisc.-Stevens Point	L 16-18
	Rhode Island	L 9-32
Jan. 20	MOUNT UNION	L 16-22
Jan. 28	MEL BERRY DUALS	10 a.m.
	WASH. & JEFF.*	W 25-18
	MERCYHURST-NE	W 26-15
	SETON HILL	W 30-20
Feb. 1	WAYNESBURG*	L 17-18
Feb. 4	at B-W Summa Invit.	8th/9
Feb. 10	at PAC Championships	5 p.m.
Feb. 25	at NCAA Midwest Regional (Case West. Reserve)	10 a.m.

Nov. 5	at King's Monarch Invit.	6th/13
Nov. 11	MANCHESTER	W 26-17
Nov. 12	W&J INVITATIONAL	NTS
Nov. 19	at Mercyhurst Open	NTS
Dec. 9	at Thiel*	L 9-33
Dec. 28	at Wilkes Open	NTS
Jan. 7	at Gettysburg Quad	
	Gettysburg	L 23-25
	Wash. & Lee	L 15-22
	Hunter	L 12-37
Jan. 11	WAYNESBURG*	L 6-36
Jan. 14	at Ursinus Invitational	7th/9
Jan. 20	at Penn St-DuBois	W 34-16
Jan. 21	at Messiah Open	NTS
Jan. 28	at Thiel (Mel Berry Duals)	L 18-25
	vs. Mercyhurst-NE	W 28-27
	vs. Seton Hill	L 18-36
Feb. 4	at B-W Summa Invit.	7th/9
Feb. 10	PAC CHAMPIONSHIPS	5 p.m.
Feb. 25	at NCAA Midwest Regional (Case West. Reserve)	10 a.m.

Nov. 5	at Messiah Invitational	4th/8
Nov. 12	at Mount Union Invit.	3rd/4
Nov. 16	at Shippensburg	W 21-15
Nov. 19	at Messiah Quad	
	vs Messiah	L 13-19
	vs Lake Erie	L 9-31
	vs York	L 15-18
Nov. 30	at West Liberty State	L 9-24
Dec. 3	at Ohio Northern Invit.	9/16
Dec. 8	at Muskingum	W 40-6
Dec. 14	MERCYHURST	L 18-21
Dec. 18	at Gator Duals	
	Loras	W 30-12
	Morningside	W 20-19
	Luther	L 16-32
	Elmhurst	L 13-33
Jan. 7	WAYNESBURG INVIT.	1st/12
Jan. 11	at Wash. & Jeff.	W 36-6
Jan. 14	ITHACA	L 16-18
Jan. 21	at Messiah Open	NTS
Jan. 25	OHIO VALLEY	W 32-6
Jan. 26	PENN ST.-BEAVER	W 54-0
	PSU-GR. ALLEGHENY	W 51-3
	PENN ST.-FAYETTE	W 46-9
Feb. 1	at Thiel*	W 18-17
Feb. 10	at PAC Championships	5 p.m.
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