

2008 PAC Football Release Week 3 - September 15



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2008 PAC FOOTBALL STANDINGS (through Sept. 14)

School	PAC Games			PF	PA	All Games			PF	PA
	W	L	Pct.			W	L	Pct.		
Washington & Jefferson	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0	1.00	98	56
Bethany	0	0	.000	0	0	1	1	.500	41	59
Grove City	0	0	.000	0	0	1	1	.500	26	44
Waynesburg	0	0	.000	0	0	1	1	.500	40	59
Westminster	0	0	.000	0	0	1	1	.500	33	64
Thomas More	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	.000	14	41
Thiel	0	0	.000	0	0	0	2	.000	18	37
Saint Vincent*						1	1	.500	30	60
Geneva*						0	2	.000	24	75

* - NCAA Division III provisional member - not eligible for 2008 PAC championship or player of the week honors

LAST WEEK (September 13)

BETHANY 34, Kentucky Christian 19
Saint Vincent 23, GALLAUDET 22
ALBION 16, Thiel 0
Waynesburg 34, HANOVER 32
WESTMINSTER 6, Allegheny 2
GROVE CITY 19, Carnegie Mellon 10
SALISBURY 48, Geneva 6
WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 49, Frostburg St. 21
Thomas More - idle

THIS WEEK (September 20)

Saint Vincent at Westminster* - 1:30 p.m.
Thomas More at Waynesburg* - 1:30 p.m.
Washington & Jefferson at Thiel* - 1:30 p.m.
Bethany at Grove City* - 7 p.m.
Geneva - idle

Offensive Player of the Week

BOBBY SWALLOW

Wash. & Jeff.
Senior QB
6-2, 210
Salem, Ohio
West Branch H.S.



Swallow completed 29-of-39 passes for 391 yards and three touchdowns (7, 16, 37) as nationally-ranked Washington & Jefferson improved to 2-0 with a 49-21 non-league win over Frostburg State. He improved his career regular season record as a starter at W&J to 21-1, as the 391 yards were the second-highest single game total in his career.

Also nominated was junior WR **Matt Cruse** of Bethany, senior TB **Brian Mercer** of Grove City, sophomore RB **Billy Becker** of Waynesburg, and junior QB **Kevin Franz** of Westminster.

Defensive Player of the Week

JOHN GYURE

Bethany
Junior DL
6-1, 235
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Brentwood H.S.



Gyure recorded 10 total tackles, including 3.5 tackles for losses, two quarterback sacks and a forced fumble for the Bison, who posted a 34-19 home non-conference win over NAIA member Kentucky Christian.

Also nominated was junior CB **Randy Santina** of Grove City, junior DT **William Haase** of Thiel, sophomore FS **Craig Sedunov** of Washington & Jefferson, senior DL **Dave Piecuch** of Waynesburg, and senior DL **Neil Falco** of Westminster.

Special Teams Player of the Week

CHRIS HALEY

Grove City
Freshman K-P
5-10, 185
Butler, Pa.
Butler H.S.



Haley booted a pair of field goals (22, 30) for the Wolverines in a 19-10 home non-conference win over Carnegie Mellon. His first kick tied the game 3-3, while his second gave the Wolverines a two-score advantage late in the contest. He also punted five times, averaging 37.0 yards per boot, with two placements inside the 20.

Also nominated was senior WR **Brad Zink** of Bethany, freshman P **Brice Mertiff** of Thiel, junior KR **Joe Mucho** of Washington & Jefferson, junior PR/KR **Scott Cree** of Waynesburg, and junior PR **Jon Gubish** of Westminster.

PAC FOOTBALL 2008 - Week 3 Conference Notes

BACK ON TRACK: Call it Redemption Week for PAC Football ... After struggling in the opening weekend of the season, PAC teams rebounded on September 14 by posting a combined 6-2 against non-conference competition ... Highlighting the weekend was Saint Vincent posting a 23-22 win at Gallaudet, giving the Bearcat football program their first win since returning to SVC in 2007 ... It was the first Bearcat varsity football victory since the 1962 season and broke a streak of 11 consecutive losses for SVC dating back to last season.

WHO'S HOT: Waynesburg sophomore RB **Billy Becker**, starting in place of an injured **Robert Heller**, rushed for 141 yards and two touchdowns for the Yellow Jackets in a 34-32 win at Hanover ... Bethany junior WR **Matt Cruse** caught three passes for 120 yards, including a 57-yard TD, and added a 31-yard punt return in the Bison's 34-19 home win over NAIA member Kentucky Christian... FS **Craig Sedunov** of Washington & Jefferson posted 11 tackles and recovered a fumble in the Presidents' 49-21 win over Frostburg State.

AROUND THE LEAGUE: **Nick McKolosky** had 86 yards rushing and the game's only touchdown for Westminster in a 6-2 win over Allegheny ... CB **Randy Santina** had 14 tackles and an interception for Grove City against Carnegie Mellon ... Junior DT **William Haase** of Thiel posted 11 tackles, including 3.5 for losses, for the Tomcats in a 16-0 loss at Albion ... **Matt Dean** scored the lone touchdown while **Brian Wilson** added a blocked pun for Geneva in a 48-6 loss at #11 Salisbury ... Thomas More had the weekend of September 13 off.



**Bethany
Bison
(0-1, 0-0 PAC)**



The Bison won their fourth straight home opener by scoring 20 fourth-quarter points in a 34-19 victory over Kentucky Christian ... Bethany took a 14-0 1st quarter lead on a 57-yard TD pass from **Chad Smith** to **Matt Cruse** and a 17-yard scoring run by **Marcus Santini** ... The fourth quarter scores came on a 1-yard sneak by Smith and a pair of TD runs by **Eric Walker** (28, 1) ... Walker led all rushers in the game with 76 yards, while Santini ran for 58 yards for the Bison, who had 186 team rushing yards ... Smith threw for 168 yards, with Cruse catching three passes for 120 yards ... The defense was led by DL **John Gyure**, who collected 10 tackles, 3.5 for loss, 2 sacks and 1 forced fumble, while FS **Nelson Mitzen** and CB **Michael Salters** each had nine stops.

**Geneva Golden
Tornadoes
(0-2)**



Geneva hit the road for the first time in 2008 and the result was not what the Golden Tornadoes had hoped for ... Geneva ran into a runaway train in Salisbury University and dropped a 48-6 decision to the Sea Gulls ... It was the most lopsided Geneva loss since a 45-0 defeat to California (Pa.) in the 2002 season opener ... Geneva fell to 0-2 for just the third time in **Geno DeMarco's** 16 years and the first time since 1999 ... A DeMarco-coached team has never started a season 0-3 ... **Matt Dean** scored the only Geneva touchdown on a 2-yard run that was set up by a **Brian Wilson** blocked punt ... The GTs could not contain the Salisbury running attack, allowing 484 yards on the ground to the Sea Gulls ... **Zach Feltrop** led the defense with 11 tackles and a fumble recovery.

**Grove City
Wolverines
(1-1, 0-0 PAC)**



Grove City won its home opener for the first time since 2004 by earning a 19-10 victory over Carnegie Mellon Saturday at Thorn Field ... The Wolverine defense forced four second-half turnovers ... S **Zach Fulmer** intercepted two passes, including one in the end zone ... He also recovered a fumble that set up Grove City's second touchdown of the day ... CB **Randy Santina** racked up a career-high 14 tackles and an interception that clinched the win ... TB **Brian Mercer** charged through the CMU defense for 115 yards and a touchdown ... **Andrew DiDonato** completed 13-of-24 passes for 137 yards and a TD ... **Stephen Mercer** caught three passes, including a TD, and also threw a 26-yard completion to **Zach Summy** ... Summy had five catches for 91 yards ... Grove City had not beaten CMU at Thorn Field since 2000.

**Saint Vincent
Bearcats
(1-1, 0-0 PAC)**



Saint Vincent captured its first victory on the gridiron since the return of football to the school with a 23-22 comeback win at Gallaudet Saturday ... The Bearcats came back from a 20-3 second quarter deficit, scoring two touchdowns in the final eight minutes of the half – a 55-yard scamper by **Jairus Marlow** and a 24-yard pass from **Kevin Corona** to **Rob James** - before a one-yard plunge from **Ryan Kilmer** midway through the fourth quarter sealed the win ... Corona finished 9-for-14 for 95 yards, while **Zach Mihalko** gained 71 yards on 11 carries and Marlow finished with 59 yards on five tries ... The SVC defense, which held Gallaudet scoreless for the game's final 40 minutes, was paced by **Mike Speal's** 7.5 tackles ... **Joe Titler** and **Taofik Amokomowo** each recorded quarterback sacks.

**Thiel
Tomcats
(0-1, 0-0 PAC)**



Thiel's offense failed to get going, as the Tomcats succumbed to Albion, 16-0, in front of a crowd of 1,472 at soggy Sprankle-Sprandel Stadium on Saturday ... The shutout loss marked just the sixth time under head coach **Jack Leipheimer** that Thiel has been blanked and the first time since a 14-0, loss to Alfred in 2006 ... The Britons held the edge in nearly every offensive statistical category, including total yards (303-137) and time of possession, in which Albion held a nearly two-to-one advantage ... One of the lone bright spots for Thiel was the superlative performance turned in by junior defensive tackle **William Haase**, who picked up his second sack of the season and a game-high eight tackles, including 3.5 tackles for a loss.

**Thomas More
Saints
(0-1, 0-0 PAC)**



Thomas More had its bye week last Saturday (September 13) ... The Saints return to the field at Waynesburg in TMC's PAC opener on Saturday, Sept. 20.

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



Washington & Jefferson posted a 49-21 win over Forstburg State in its home opener Saturday ... W&J is ranked 16th in the latest D3football.com poll ... Head coach **Mike Sirianni** tied **D.C. Morrow** for second place on the W&J football career victories list with his 52nd on Saturday evening ... Senior QB **Bobby Swallow** threw for 391 yards and three touchdowns ... The game was delayed by 45 minutes due to lightning ... W&J is now 4-0 all-time versus Forstburg State ... The Presidents have won 26 of their last 29 regular-season games at Cameron Stadium and has won 21 straight contests overall in the regular season dating back to the second week of 2006.

**Waynesburg
Yellow Jackets
(1-1, 0-0 PAC)**



Even without All-American RB **Robert Heller**, who missed the game with an ankle injury, Waynesburg was able to generate enough offense to win a 34-32 shootout at Hanover (Ind.) College on Saturday ... Sophomore RB **Billy Becker** made his first start for the Yellow Jackets and rushed for 141 yards and two touchdowns on 28 carries ... Freshman RB **Justin Falcon** made his first collegiate appearance a good one as he ran up 77 yards on 12 carries ... Senior QB **Andy Lauterbach** also made his season debut in the second half after starting the majority of Waynesburg's 2007 contests ... The Pittsburgh native was 8-for-10 passing for 67 yards and a score with no interceptions ... On defense, the Jackets lived in Hanover's backfield, recording seven sacks and 13 tackles for losses.

**Westminster
Titans
(1-1, 0-0 PAC)**



Westminster gutted out a 6-2 win over Allegheny Saturday ... Allegheny scored a safety when an errant Titan snap in punt formation went through the back of the end zone with 7:35 remaining ... The WC defense responded by forcing Allegheny to punt on the ensuing drive and Westminster scored the game-winning touchdown with 1:43 left on a 1-yard run by junior TB **Nick McKolosky**, culminating an eight-play, 79-yard drive ... Senior CB **Kiel Wolf**, senior LB **Jake Martinez**, and sophomore SS **Daniel Joyce** each posted seven tackles ... Senior DL **Neil Falco** also posted two sacks for -12 yards ... Junior QB **Kevin Franz** (25-for-40, 251 yards) had two clutch throws in the fourth quarter, hitting classmates **Chad Rosatelli** for 33 yards and **Gary Hutsler** for 25 yards to take the Titans down to Allegheny's 16-yard line.

PAC FOOTBALL GAME PREVIEWS - WEEK 3



Saint Vincent (1-1) at Westminster (1-1)

Saturday, Sept. 20 - 1:30 p.m.

Harold Burry Stadium (4,500/turf) - New Wilmington, Pa.



Radio/TV: WCNS-AM (1480) in Latrobe; WWNW-FM (88.9) in New Wilmington; Westminster Cable Network (WCN); www.titanradio.net; www.redzonemedia.com

Series Record: Westminster leads 7-1

Game Notes: Saint Vincent and Westminster open the PAC portion of the schedule Saturday in New Wilmington ... Last season, the Titans handed the Bearcats a 48-7 home loss in week two ... Westminster junior tailback **Nick McKolosky** rushed 25 times for 143 yards and a career-high three touchdowns in last year's meeting ... His 143 rushing yards is currently the second-highest single-game total in his career... SVC's lone score of the day came on a 63-yard strike to Blaszkowski in the final seconds of the second quarter ... Westminster gained 438 yards of total offense on the day, including 277 on the ground... Westminster leads the all-time series between the two teams 7-1, with SVC's only win coming in the first-ever meeting between the two teams, a 34-0 triumph in 1949 ... Saint Vincent travels to Westminster for the first time since 1961 when the Titans won 28-7 ... When the Titans defeated the Bearcats, 19-13, in 1962 in Latrobe, the loss induced Saint Vincent into a 46-year losing streak that ended last week at Gallaudet for their first win since the program returned in 2007 ... Westminster quarterback **Kevin Franz** has thrown for 200 or more yards in both of his games this year (202 vs. Heidelberg and 251 vs. Allegheny).



Thomas More (0-1, 0-0 PAC) at Waynesburg (1-1, 0-0 PAC)

Saturday, Sept. 20 - 1:30 p.m.

John C. Wiley Stadium (5,000/turf) - Waynesburg, Pa.



Radio/TV: WCYJ-FM (88.7); WCTV-TV (Channel 12) in Waynesburg; www.waynesburg.edu;

Series Record: Thomas More leads 3-2

Game Notes: Thomas More and Waynesburg each open their PAC schedules at Wiley Stadium ... The Saints are coming off of a bye in week two after dropping their season-opener by the final of 41-14 to John Carroll back on Sept. 6 ... Since joining the PAC, the Saints have won three-of-five games with Waynesburg, but the Jackets have been victorious in the last two meetings ... The Yellow Jackets enter the game with a 1-1 record following a 34-32 win at Hanover College on Sept. 13 ... Waynesburg beat Thomas More, 20-6, last season.



Washington & Jefferson (2-0, 0-0 PAC) at Thiel (0-2, 0-0 PAC)

Saturday, Sept. 20 - 1:30 p.m.

Alumni Stadium (1,400/turf) - Greenville, Pa.



Radio/TV: WPIC-AM (790) in Hermitage; WJPA-AM (1450) in Washington; www.790wpic.com; www.wjpa.com

Series Record: Washington & Jefferson leads 37-22-2

Game Notes: W&J and Thiel meet on the gridiron for the 62nd time in history on Saturday with the Presidents leading the series by a 37-22-2 margin ... W&J has claimed 25 of the last 26 games in the series, but the Tomcats were victorious in Washington in 2005, 38-35, in overtime, a win which propelled Thiel to the PAC title ... Thiel has not defeated W&J in Greenville since a 17-0 Tomcat win on October 25, 1980 at Stewart Field (Greenville High School) ... **Bobby Swallow** passed for 230 yards and three touchdowns last season, while Thiel held a large advantage in time of possession (36:20 - 23:40) ... W&J did not run a play from scrimmage last year until the 1:25 mark of the first quarter ... Thiel is 1-6 against W&J under head coach **Jack Leipheimer** ... Since 1982, the Presidents have compiled a 25-1 record against the Tomcats.



Bethany (1-1, 0-0 PAC) at Grove City (1-1, 0-0 PAC)

Saturday, Sept. 20 - 7 p.m.

Robert E. Thorn Field (3,500/turf) - Grove City, Pa.



Radio/TV: WSAJ-FM (91.1) in Grove City; www2.gcc.edu/sports; www.teamline.cc (code 3724)

Series Record: Grove City leads 38-22-2

Game Notes: The lights will go on again at Robert E. Thorn Field as Grove City hosts its second-ever night football game at Robert E. Thorn Field ... Grove City owns six straight home wins against Bethany and has won 10 of the last 11 meetings with the Bison overall ... The Wolverines earned a 36-15 home win over the Bison last year ... Grove City scored 21 unanswered points to break a 15-15 tie to claim the victory ... **Zach Fulmer** intercepted two passes while quarterback **Andrew DiDonato** accounted for 267 yards of total offense ... The last Bethany win in Grove City was a 13-6 triumph in 1995 ... This marks the fourth straight season Bethany will play a night game, but BC has lost the previous three evening outings ... The last Green & White win under the lights was a 17-0 victory at Shenandoah in the '01 season opener ... WR **Matt Cruse** had been productive in two career meetings with Grove City, hauling in 10 catches for 166 yards and 3 touchdowns, including a 49-yard scoring strike in last year's match-up ... The teams first met in 1913 ... Grove City is plus-3 in turnover margin this year ... The Wolverines last won home games in consecutive weeks in 2005 ... The second of those wins came against Bethany that year, 21-12 ... Saturday's game is the first of back-to-back night games for the Wolverines, who will visit W&J Sept. 27.

Bethany Bison
1-1, 0-0 PAC**September**

6 at Otterbein L 7-40
 13 KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN W 34-19
 20 at Grove City* 7 p.m.
 27 Open Date

October

4 THOMAS MORE* 2 p.m.
 11 at Thiel* 1:30 p.m.
 18 at Westminster* 1:30 p.m.
 25 WAYNESBURG* 1 p.m.

November

1 GENEVA* 1 p.m.
 8 at Wash. & Jeff.* 1:30 p.m.
 15 SAINT VINCENT* 1 p.m.

Geneva Golden Tornadoes
0-2**September**

6 SETON HILL L 18-27
 13 at Salisbury L 6-48
 20 Open Date
 27 at Thiel* 1:30 p.m.

October

4 WASH. & JEFF.* 7 p.m.
 11 at Grove City* 1:30 p.m.
 18 WAYNESBURG* 7 p.m.
 25 at Saint Vincent* 1 p.m.

November

1 at Bethany* 1 p.m.
 8 THOMAS MORE* 1:30 p.m.
 15 WESTMINSTER* 1:30 p.m.

Grove City Wolverines
1-1, 0-0 PAC**September**

6 at Dickinson L 7-34
 13 CARNEGIE MELLON W 19-10
 20 BETHANY* 7 p.m.
 27 at Wash. & Jeff.* 7 p.m.

October

4 at Saint Vincent* 1:30 p.m.
 11 GENEVA* 1:30 p.m.
 18 THOMAS MORE* 2 p.m.
 25 Open Date

November

1 at Waynesburg* 1:30 p.m.
 8 at Westminster* 1:30 p.m.
 15 THIEL* 1 p.m.

Saint Vincent Bearcats
1-1**September**

6 MCDANIEL L 7-38
 13 at Gallaudet W 23-22
 20 at Westminster* 1:30 p.m.
 27 WAYNESBURG* 1:30 p.m.

October

4 GROVE CITY* 1:30 p.m.
 11 at Thomas More* 1:30 p.m.
 18 at Wash. & Jeff. 2 p.m.
 25 GENEVA* 1 p.m.

November

1 THIEL* 1:30 p.m.
 8 Open Date
 15 at Bethany* 1 p.m.

Thiel Tomcats
0-2, 0-0 PAC**September**

6 MARIETTA L 18-21
 13 at Albion L 0-16
 20 WASH. & JEFF.* 1:30 p.m.
 27 GENEVA* 1:30 p.m.

October

4 at Westminster* 1:30 p.m.
 11 BETHANY* 1:30 p.m.
 18 Open Date
 25 at Thomas More* 1:30 p.m.

November

1 at Saint Vincent* 1:30 p.m.
 8 WAYNESBURG* 1:30 p.m.
 15 at Grove City* 1 p.m.

Thomas More Saints
0-1, 0-0 PAC**September**

6 JOHN CARROLL L 14-41
 13 Open Date
 20 at Waynesburg* 1:30 p.m.
 27 WESTMINSTER* 1:30 p.m.

October

4 at Bethany* 2 p.m.
 11 SAINT VINCENT* 1:30 p.m.
 18 at Grove City* 2 p.m.
 25 THIEL* 1:30 p.m.

November

1 WASH. & JEFF.* 1:30 p.m.
 8 at Geneva* 1:30 p.m.
 15 MOUNT ST. JOSEPH 1:30 p.m.

Wash. & Jeff. Presidents
2-0, 0-0 PAC**September**

6 at Oberlin W 49-35
 13 FROSTBURG STATE W 49-21
 20 at Thiel* 1:30 p.m.
 27 GROVE CITY* 7 p.m.

October

4 at Geneva* 7 p.m.
 11 Open Date
 18 SAINT VINCENT* 2 p.m.
 25 WESTMINSTER* 7 p.m.

November

1 at Thomas More* 1:30 p.m.
 8 BETHANY* 1:30 p.m.
 15 at Waynesburg* 1:30 p.m.

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets
1-1, 0-0 PAC**September**

6 WOOSTER L 6-27
 13 at Hanover W 34-32
 20 THOMAS MORE* 1:30 p.m.
 27 at Saint Vincent* 1:30 p.m.

October

4 Open Date
 11 WESTMINSTER* 1:30 p.m.
 18 at Geneva* 7 p.m.
 25 at Bethany* 1 p.m.

November

1 GROVE CITY* 1:30 p.m.
 8 at Thiel* 1:30 p.m.
 15 WASH. & JEFF.* 1:30 p.m.

Westminster Titans
1-1, 0-0 PAC**September**

6 at Heidelberg L 27-62
 13 ALLEGHENY W 6-2
 20 SAINT VINCENT* 1:30 p.m.
 27 at Thomas More* 1:30 p.m.

October

4 THIEL* 1:30 p.m.
 11 at Waynesburg* 1:30 p.m.
 18 BETHANY* 1:30 p.m.
 25 at Wash. & Jeff.* 7 p.m.

November

1 Open Date
 8 GROVE CITY* 1:30 p.m.
 15 at Geneva* 1:30 p.m.