



FOOTBALL 2003

Presidents' Athletic Conference
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CURRENT 2003 REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through September 28)

School	PAC Games					All Games				
	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Washington & Jefferson College	1	0	1.00	17	10	3	0	1.00	81	47
Grove City College	1	0	1.00	17	3	2	2	.500	115	72
Waynesburg College	0	0	.000	0	0	3	1	.750	162	59
Westminster College	0	0	.000	0	0	1	2	.333	40	93
Thiel College	0	1	.000	10	17	1	2	.333	45	66
Bethany College	0	1	.000	3	17	0	4	.000	51	151

THIS WEEK'S RESULTS - September 27

Westminster 3, ALLEGHENY 0 (OT)
 WAYNESBURG 17, Alfred 7
 GROVE CITY 17, Bethany 3*
 WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 17, Thiel 10*

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE - October 4

Washington & Jefferson at Westminster* - 1 p.m.
 Grove City at Thiel* - 1:30 p.m.
 Waynesburg at Bethany* - 2 p.m.

PAC Offensive Player of the Week

SCOTT FROELICH

Westminster College

Junior running back - 5-10, 190

Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio/Cuyahoga Falls H.S.

Froelich rushed 32 times for 150 yards (4.7 avg.) with a long run of 23 yards for the Titans in their 3-0 non-conference overtime win at Allegheny. It was his second 100-yard rushing effort in three games this season and the 13th of his collegiate career.

Also nominated was junior FB Brandon McGlothlin of Grove City, senior RB Justin Napotnik of Thiel, junior RB Matt Bettinazzi of Washington & Jefferson, and freshman RB Dennis Gearhart of Waynesburg.

PAC Defensive Player of the Week

FRANK PILATO

Washington & Jefferson College

Junior strong safety - 6-1, 185

Macedonia, Ohio/Nordonia H.S.

Pilato earned his second PAC Defensive Player of the Week award this season after posting five tackles, four pass breakups and two interceptions for the Presidents' in their 17-10 PAC victory over Thiel. He returned his first pickoff 100 yards for a touchdown, while his second in the final seconds clinched the win.

Also nominated was junior DE Mark Brown of Bethany, junior DE Dan Bukowski of Grove City, sophomore DB Darius Thompson of Thiel, junior LB Mark Harnish of Waynesburg, and junior MLB Tom Kaminsky of Westminster.

PAC FOOTBALL NOTES

Bethany Bison

Bethany fell to 0-4 and 0-1 in the league with a 17-3 road loss to Grove City... The Bison took a 3-0 lead on their first possession of the game when Paul Barsotti connected on a 31-yard field goal ... But the Wolverines took advantage of a short punt to tie the game by halftime and then used two big plays to take the lead for good in the second half ... The two touchdown plays (50 and 37 yards) accounted for 87 of GCC's 201 total yards ... The Bison managed just 162 yards and committed five turnovers, including two inside the Wolverine five-yard line in the fourth quarter ... RB Mike Doyle rushed for 62 yards to lead the offense... Defensively, LB Tim Goetz collected 12 tackles and DE Mark Brown had seven stops, including four for losses.

Wash. & Jeff. Presidents

W&J picked up its 22nd straight victory over Thiel on Saturday at Cameron Stadium ... The Tomcats outgained the Presidents (232-229) and held a 16-11 advantage in first downs, but could not muster any points until a 46-yard field goal on the first play of the fourth quarter ... Junior SS Frank Pilato broke a scoreless first quarter tie with a 100-yard interception return for a touchdown midway through the second quarter ... Junior RB Matt Bettinazzi then gave W&J a 14-0 lead on a 3-yard scamper with four minutes left in the half ... Freshman K Kyle Sidebotham booted a 25-yarder in the third quarter for W&J's final points ... Bettinazzi finished with 92 yards on 27 carries, while sophomore QB Chris Edwards completed 9-of-20 passes for 140 yards ... Senior WR Mike Virgin led the receiving corps with two catches for 51 yards.

Grove City Wolverines

Grove City grabbed a share of the early lead in the PAC by downing Bethany at Thorn Field ... The Wolverines forced five turnovers and sacked Bethany quarterbacks four times ... DE Dan Bukowski had two of Grove City's sacks while DT Monte Bell led Grove City with 11 tackles ... S Greg Grupp recovered two fumbles ... FB Brandon McGlothlin gave Grove City the lead with a 50-yard TD run in the third quarter, the longest run of his career ... SE Bo Danton caught a 37-yard TD pass from Sam Mowrey ... Grove City has 14 sacks as a team this year after posting a total of 16 all of 2002 ... The Wolverines have outscored opponents 50-14 in the third quarter this season ... Dave DiDonato leads Grove City with 17 catches in four games.

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

Waynesburg's 17-7 win over Alfred University in its home opener gave the team a 3-1 record to start the season for a second straight year ... Neither team could rack up much yardage with steady rain during the game ... Freshman RB Dennis Gearhart mucked his way for a game-high 135 yards on 31 carries ... In the second half alone, he rushed for 114 yards on 25 touches ... The Jackets limited the Saxons (1-3) under 100 yards in both rushing (94) and passing (74) ... On offense, Waynesburg had 214 rushing yards, while QB Jeff Dumm threw for a career-low as a starter with 150 yards ... RB Eric Daniels gave Waynesburg a 10-0 lead with a third-quarter score ... RB Jared Plisko caught an 18-yard TD pass from Dumm ... LB Sean Ross led the Jackets with 11 tackles (6 solo, 5 assists).

Thiel Tomcats

W&J posted two second quarter TDs and kicked a 25-yard field goal in the third to beat Thiel 17-10 ... Following a fumble recovery by junior LB Casey Diemert at the W&J 42, the Tomcats drove 36 yards to the President 8-yard line before junior Frank Pilato intercepted a pass from junior QB Daryl Moore in the endzone and returned it 100 yards for a touchdown with 8:42 to play in the first half ... Junior K Paul Stibich got the Tomcats on the board after hitting a career-long 46 yard field goal with 14:53 to play in the game ... After forcing another W&J three-and-out, Thiel senior TB Justin Napotnik scampered in from 1-yard out with 10:22 remaining in the game to bring the Tomcats to within 17-10 ... Napotnik finished with 88 yards on 22 carries and one score.

Westminster Titans

Westminster averted an 0-3 start by posting a 3-0 overtime victory on a mud-bogged field at Allegheny College in Meadville ... Freshman K Jason Montgomery opened overtime with the game's only score, a 31-yard field goal ... The Titans then blocked a 25-yard attempt by the Gators to end the game ... The two teams played an even first half, with the Gators holding a 125-123 advantage in total yards ... The Titans controlled play after halftime, as Allegheny did not advance to the Titan side of the field and Westminster held a 170-76 advantage in total yardage ... In his first career start, senior QB Joe Getsy was 10-of-15 for 113 yards for the Titans ... Junior RB Scott Froelich posted the 13th 100-yard rushing game of his career with 32 carries for 150 yards ... Senior WR Brian Ekis caught four balls for 55 yards.

Past PAC Offensive Players of the Week

September 6: Jeff Dumm, QB, Waynesburg
September 13: Jeff Dumm, QB, Waynesburg
September 20: Brandon Chambers, WR, Thiel
September 27: Scott Froelich, RB, Westminster
October 4:
October 11:
October 18:
October 25:
November 1:
November 8:
November 15:

Past PAC Defensive Players of the Week

September 6: Mike Choby, LB, Grove City
September 13: Frank Pilato, SS, Wash. & Jeff.
September 20: Eric Field, LB, Wash. & Jeff.
September 27: Frank Pilato, SS, Wash. & Jeff.
October 4:
October 11:
October 18:
October 25:
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November 8:
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PAC FOOTBALL PREVIEW

#16 Washington & Jefferson (3-0, 1-0 PAC) at Westminster (1-2, 0-0 PAC)

Saturday, Oct. 4 - 1 p.m.

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

Radio/TV: WNJR-FM (91.7) and WJPA-AM (1450) in Washington; WWNW-FM (88.9) in New Wilmington; WKST-AM (1200) in New Castle; www.nsnsports.com; Westminster Cable Network (WCN).

Series Record: Washington & Jefferson leads 22-2

Game Notes: W&J and Westminster meet for the 25th time in history on Saturday ... W&J took a 28-7 win the last time the schools met in New Wilmington in 2001 ... The series dates all the way back to 1894 when W&J edged the Titans 16-0 in Washington ... Prior to the Titans' 19-17 win over the Presidents in 2000 at Cameron Stadium, the only other victory for WC over W&J came during a forfeit win in 1910 ... Prior to 2000, the two teams had not met since the 1930 season ... Last year, W&J won its second consecutive contest against the Titans with a 29-21 victory in Washington in a game which would eventually decide the PAC title (W&J finished first at 5-0, Westminster placed second at 4-1) ... The Presidents raced to a 23-7 lead early in the third period, only to see Westminster score twice in a span of 2:16 to cut the lead to 23-21 after three periods ... W&J scored early in the fourth for the 29-21 lead, then stopped a final Titan drive at the W&J 20 in the closing minutes ... Brian Dawson threw TD passes to Tom Paff and Todd Fry and rushed for another score in the win, while Joey Nichols added 94 yards rushing ... For the Titans, Scott Froelich rushed 27 times for 134 yards, while QB Matt Robison completed TD passes to Froelich and Matt Steve.

Grove City (2-2, 1-0 PAC) at Thiel (1-2, 0-1 PAC)

Saturday, Oct. 4 - 1:30 p.m.

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

Radio/TV: WSAJ-FM (91.1) in Grove City; WPIC-AM (790) in Hermitage; www.nsnsports.com

Series Record: Grove City leads 55-29-5

Game Notes: Grove City and Thiel meet in the 20th annual clash for the Mercer County Cup, the award presented to the winner of the matchup of the two Mercer County schools ... The Wolverines have dominated the Cup series, winning 13 of the previous 19 meetings ... However, Thiel has claimed the previous two meetings and has outscored the Wolverines by a 70-30 margin in those two contests ... Grove City's 55 wins against Thiel are its most against any opponent ... Grove City has not started 3-2 since 1998, when the Wolverines won four of their first six ... Grove City has not won on an artificial surface since Oct. 30, 1999 ... The wins in 2001 and 2002 is the first time that Thiel has been able to put together back to back wins against Grove City since the Cup's inception ... Thiel QB Daryl Moore finished with 104 yards rushing and two touchdowns in last year's 33-3 Tomcat victory against the Wolverines.

Waynesburg (3-1, 0-0 PAC) at Bethany (0-4, 0-1 PAC)

Saturday, Oct. 4 - 2 p.m.

Bethany Field (1,000/grass) - Bethany, W.Va.

Radio/TV: WVBC-FM (88.1) in Bethany; WCYJ-FM (88.7) in Waynesburg; www.waynesburg.edu

Series Record: Waynesburg leads 21-14-7

Game Notes: The Yellow Jackets won last year's match-up against the Bison 42-21 and have taken five of the last six meetings ... Bethany took a 14-0 lead in the first quarter last year but Waynesburg countered with 42 consecutive points to blow the game open ... RB Will Anderson rushed for 99 yards and also threw a 23-yard TD pass to Chad Eimer ... The Yellow Jackets, who had five scoring plays of 15 yards or longer in the game, were led by QB Jeff Dumm, who threw for 205 yards and four scores ... The Jackets racked up a season-high 205 rushing yards in the game (for the season Waynesburg average just 93.6 rushing yards) ... It will be Bethany's Homecoming and the Bison are 2-3 in their last five Homecoming contests ... It will be the second of four Homecoming contests for Waynesburg this season ... Bethany's key to the game will be holding onto the football, as BC has committed 22 turnovers on the year, including five in each of the last three games ... The Jackets last won at Bethany, 26-21, in 1999, after a 34-7 loss in 2001 ... This year, a more balanced Jackets offense, is led by a pair of freshmen running backs in Dennis Gearhart (85 yards per game) and Eric Daniels (87.2 yards per game), while Gearhart is averaging 31 carries and 142 yards in the last two games.