



# FOOTBALL 2002

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## CURRENT REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through September 29, 2002)

School	PAC Games					All Games				
	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Washington & Jefferson College	1	0	1.00	21	17	2	1	.667	109	65
Grove City College	1	0	1.00	28	20	2	2	.500	78	71
Waynesburg College	0	0	.000	0	0	2	1	.667	80	43
Westminster College	0	0	.000	0	0	2	1	.667	74	62
Bethany College	0	1	.000	20	28	1	3	.250	112	104
Thiel College	0	1	.000	17	21	1	3	.250	89	81

### THIS WEEK'S RESULTS - September 28

WESTMINSTER 24, Allegheny 13  
Grove City 28, BETHANY 20\*  
Waynesburg 39, ALFRED 3  
Washington & Jefferson 21, THIEL 17\*

### NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE - October 5

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

### PAC Offensive Player of the Week

**JEFF DUMM**

**Waynesburg College**

*Sophomore quarterback - 6-2, 201  
Charleroi, Pa./Charleroi H.S.*

Dumm accounted for five touchdowns for Waynesburg in the Yellow Jackets' 39-3 non-conference win at Alfred. He threw for three touchdowns (66, 62 and 13 yards) while also rushing for a pair of scores (1, 12).

Also nominated was sophomore WR **Zach Merz** of Bethany, junior HB **Steve Roberts** of Grove City, senior QB **Brian Dawson** of Washington & Jefferson and sophomore RB **Scott Froelich** of Westminster.

### PAC Defensive Player of the Week

**JOE BIANCO**

**Westminster College**

*Senior middle linebacker - 6-0, 240  
Bethel Park, Pa./Bethel Park H.S.*

Bianco posted 10 solo tackles, four assisted tackles and one pass breakup to lead Westminster to a 24-13 non-conference win over Allegheny. He tallied two tackles for losses of 13 yards, including one quarterback sack, against the Gators.

Also nominated was junior LB **Larry Wingfield** of Bethany, junior CB **Dan Roseum** of Grove City, freshman DE **Jonathan Howson** of Thiel, and junior DE **Jon Betz** of Washington & Jefferson.

## PAC FOOTBALL NOTES

### **Bethany Bison**

Missed opportunities and special teams problems were the deciding factor in the Bison's 28-20 loss to Grove City in the PAC opener for both squads ... Bethany held a 20-14 halftime lead but could not hold on ... The Green and White were inside the Wolverine 20-yard line three times in the second half but came away with zero points because of a bad snap on a field goal, a missed field goal and a fumble ... QB **Jeremy Lacaria** had his second consecutive 300-yard passing day, throwing for 315 and a touchdown ... He also rushed for a one-yard score just before halftime ... RB **Will Anderson** scored two more touchdowns on an eight-yard scoring reception and a two-yard run.

### **Wash. & Jeff. Presidents**

W&J erased a 10-point halftime deficit as senior quarterback **Brian Dawson** connected with senior wideout **Todd Fry** on two third-quarter touchdown passes in defeating Thiel, 21-17 ... Dawson threw three touchdown passes in the win, giving 89 for his career, which sets his 21<sup>st</sup> school passing or total yardage record ... Dawson now owns every school passing and total yardage record in W&J history ... Junior flanker **Mike Virgin** caught four balls for 125 yards and one 69-yard touchdown in the first half ... Senior running back **Joey Nichols** rushed 27 times for 118 yards ... Senior linebacker **B.J. Swartzlander** led the defense with nine stops, while junior defensive end **Jon Betz** amassed six tackles, including three for a loss.

### **Grove City Wolverines**

Grove City grabbed an early share of the PAC lead by rallying for a 28-20 win at Bethany ... The Wolverine defense held Bethany scoreless in the second half ... **Steve Roberts'** 153-yard outing was the second-best of his career ... He ran for 205 against Bethany in 2001 ... His 57-yard TD run gave Grove City a 21-20 lead ... **Todd Smargiasso** completed seven of eight attempts for 133 yards ... **Jason DeMeo** pulled in a career-high three balls, including a 32-yard TD pass ... **Mike Titzel** placed four of his five punts inside the 20 and also drilled four extra points ... **Dan Roseum** sealed the win with his first interception of the season ... **Mike Prioletti** made 11 tackles and had a sack.

### **Waynesburg Yellow Jackets**

Waynesburg used a big-play passing attack to roll to a 39-3 win over Alfred Saturday in non-conference action ... Sophomore QB **Jeff Dumm** had a stellar performance for the Yellow Jackets, rushing for touchdowns of 1 and 12 yards, while passing for three scores from 66, 13 and 62, as he threw for 292 yards in the first half ... **Bobby Hogue** caught a 66-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter, followed by **Dominick Hunter** and **Ivan Hawkins** scores in the second quarter from 13 and 62, respectively ... Dumm gave Waynesburg a commanding 33-3 lead in the second half ... The Waynesburg defense dominated the Alfred offense by limiting the Saxons to just two first downs in the second half.

### **Thiel Tomcats**

In front of a crowd of 2,500, W&J scored 14 points in the second half of action to defeat the Tomcats 21-17 ... Thiel put 17 points up in the first half en route to a 17-7 lead at the half...In the opening half, the Tomcats outgained the Presidents 244-168 ... Thiel managed to outrush W&J by a 125-4 margin in the first half behind 85 yards from junior RB **Justin Napotnik** and 30 from sophomore QB **Daryl Moore** ... W&J finished with 321 total yards on 67 offensive plays, while Thiel countered with 319 total yards on 69 total plays ... The Tomcats held a 34:23-to-25:37 advantage in time of possession ... Moore finished with 153 yards on 11-of-25 passing with one interception.

### **Westminster Titans**

Westminster posted its second straight win with a 24-13 non-conference victory over visiting Allegheny this week ... Titan sophomore TB **Scott Froelich** posted 239 yards of total offense in the win, rushing 32 times for 187 yards and 1 TD (11) while catching two balls for 52 yards and another score (49) ... Junior QB **Kevin Huber** was 9-of-13 passing for 183 yards and 2 TDs, including a 70-yard scoring strike to sophomore WR **Matt Steve** ... Steve caught three balls for 91 yards ... Senior MLB **Joe Bianco** posted 10 solo tackles and four assists in the win ... Sophomore S **Clint DeLuca** made his first career interception ... Sophomore S **Kevin Kresinski** blocked his second field goal of the season.

### **Past PAC Offensive Players of the Week**

September 7: Todd Fry, WR, W&J  
September 14: Will Anderson, RB, BET  
September 22: Jeremy Lacaria, QB, BET  
September 29: Jeff Dumm, QB, WAY  
October 5:  
October 12:  
October 19:  
October 26:  
November 2:  
November 9:  
November 16:

### **Past PAC Defensive Players of the Week**

September 7: Kyle Vuchak, DE, GRO  
September 14: Greg Grupp, SS, GRO  
September 21: Chris Minton, DL, THI  
September 28: Joe Bianco, MLB, WES  
October 5:  
October 12:  
October 19:  
October 26:  
November 2:  
November 9:  
November 16:

## PAC FOOTBALL PREVIEWS

### Bethany (1-3, 0-1 PAC) at Waynesburg (2-1, 0-0 PAC)

Saturday, Oct. 5 - 1:30 p.m.

John F. Wiley Stadium (4,000/grass) - Waynesburg, Pa.

**Radio/TV:** WCYJ-FM (88.7) in Waynesburg, [www.waynesburg.edu](http://www.waynesburg.edu), WCYJ-TV (Channel 13) in Waynesburg

**Series Record:** Waynesburg leads 20-14-7

**Game Notes:** Bethany snapped a four-game losing streak to the Yellow Jackets with a 34-7 victory last season ... Big plays were the catalyst, as an 83-yard scoring pass by **Jeremy Lacaria**, a 28-yard interception return by **Ryan Nohe** and a College-record 92-yard scoring run by **Will Anderson** paced the Bison triumph ... The Bison have not won in Waynesburg since 1996, a 26-12 victory on a sloppy, muddy field ... Bethany needs a victory to keep from falling to 0-2 in the PAC, which they have done three of the last four years ... Yellow Jacket quarterback **Jeff Dumm** is coming off a stellar performance after throwing for three touchdowns and rushing for two in last week's 39-3 win over Alfred University.

### Thiel (1-3, 0-1 PAC) at Grove City (2-2, 1-0 PAC)

Saturday, Oct. 5 - 2 p.m.

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

**Radio/TV:** WSAJ-FM (91.1) in Grove City; WPIC-AM (790) in Hermitage

**Series Record:** Grove City leads 53-30-5

**Game Notes:** The Wolverines and Tomcats battle for the Mercer County Cup in Grove City's annual Homecoming game on Saturday ... First-year coach **Jack Leipheimer** and his Tomcats saw their winless streak come to a halt in 2001 with their 40-27 victory ... The win for Thiel was not only their first Mercer County cup victory since defeating the Wolverines 20-14 in 1993, but was also their first Presidents' Athletic Conference win since that game as well ... The Wolverines scored touchdowns on three of their first four possessions in the opening half, but were forced to punt four times and committed two interceptions in the second half ... The Tomcats held a commanding 294-26 edge in passing yards in 2001 ... Grove City has won eight of the last nine matchups with Thiel, including 27-7 win two years ago ... Grove City's 53 wins against the Tomcats are the Wolverines' most against any team ... Thiel's last win at Thorn Field came in 1984, a 9-7 win ... It was the first career loss for Grove City head coach **Chris Smith** ... Prior to last season, Grove City had won five consecutive Homecoming games ... Since the Mercer County Cup's 1984 inception, Grove City has claimed the crown 13 times.

### Westminster (2-1, 0-0 PAC) at #24 Washington & Jefferson (2-1, 1-0 PAC)

Saturday, Oct. 5 - 2 p.m.

Cameron Stadium (4,500/turf) - Washington, Pa.

**Radio/TV:** WJPA-AM (1450), WNJR-FM (92.1), WWNW-FM (88.9), WKST-AM (1200), WEXC-FM (107.1), [www.nsnsports.com](http://www.nsnsports.com), Westminster Cable Network (WCN).

**Series Record:** W&J leads 21-2

**Game Notes:** W&J and Westminster meet for the 24<sup>th</sup> time in history on Saturday for Homecoming Day at Cameron Stadium ... Westminster comes to Cameron Stadium for the first time since defeating the Presidents, 19-17, two years ago ... The Titans set a school-record with 10 quarterback sacks against W&J in that game, the final one by **Charles Szabo** producing a safety in the final minutes for the game-winning points ... W&J took a 28-7 win last season in New Wilmington ... **Todd Fry** caught six passes for 165 yards and two touchdowns in last year's W&J win, while **Joey Nichols** rushed for 167 yards on 28 carries and added one touchdown ... Westminster's lone score came on a scoring pass from **Matt Robison** to **Brian Lipiello** ... Titan RB **Scott Froelich** rushed for 106 yards on 27 carries against the Presidents last year, becoming the first true freshman at WC to rush for 100 yards in a game since **Denny Flora** in 1995 ... Froelich has four consecutive 100+ yard rushing efforts dating back to last season ... Prior to the 2000 contest between the two schools, the last previous football game between Westminster and W&J occurred in 1930.