

# **3 SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE** BEARCAT FOOTBALL

GAME ONE | SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE VS. WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON COLLEGE Saturday, Sept. 2 | Chuck Noll Field | Latrobe, Pa.

#### THIS WEEK'S GAME

Saint Vincent opens up the 2023 season by hosting Presidents' Athletic Conference rival Washington & Jefferson College. The Bearcats, under fifth-year head coach Aaron Smetanka, finished 5-5 overall and 5-3 in PAC play last season, winning four of its final games of the season, and return 17 starters from a season ago. Saint Vincent was picked to place sixth in the PAC's preseason poll... Washington & Jefferson, under 21st-year head coach Mike Sirianni, finished 9-2 overall last season, placing second in the PAC with a 6-2 conference mark. The Presidents return 13 starters, including eight All-PAC honorees, highlighted by D3Football.com First Team All-American defensive tackle Dawson Dietz. W&J was slotted second in the conference's preseason poll... W&J is 13-1 all-time against Saint Vincent, and has won nine straight matchups in the series. The Bearcats' lone win came in 2011 by a 35-27 score at Chuck Noll Field.

# STATISTICAL MATCHUP (2022 final stats)

SVC	Statistic	WJC
28.8	Points Per Game	37.6
	Scoring Defense	
318.0	Total Offense/gm	409.2
374.5	Total Defense/gm	255.6
99.5	Rushing yds/gm	139.2
15	Rushing Touchdowns	23
175.5	Rushing Defense/gm	99.7
218.5	Passing yds/gm	270.0
184-300-14		237-379-13
22	Passing TDs	28
199.0	Passing Defense/gm	
	Interceptions (Def.)	
11	Fumbles Recovered	14
+2	Turnover Margin	+5

#### TEAM LEADERS (Returnees w/2022 final stats)

#### **Saint Vincent**

Passing: Austin Slye -- 18 comp. - 30 att. - 2 INT - 135 yds - 1 TD Rushing: Brandon Saint-Preaux -- 11 att. - 21 yds. - 1.9 avg. - 0 TD Receiving: Molayo Irefin -- 62 rec. - 732 yds. - 11.8 avg. - 8 TD

Tackles: Ethan Facey - 55 (37 sol/18 ast/ 0.5 TFL); Nate Sullivan - 39 (14 sol/25 ast)

#### **Washington & Jefferson**

Passing: Jacob Pugh -- 110 comp. - 183 att. - 7 INT - 1,376 yds - 15 TD Rushing: Raymond Holmes -- 105 att. - 498 yds. - 4.7 avg. - 5 TD Receiving: John Peduzzi -- 54 rec. - 915 yds. - 16.9 avg. - 8 TD

Tackles: Justin Johns - 102 (51 sol/51 ast/6.0 TFL); Dawson Dietz - 83 (44 sol/39 ast/23.5 TFL)

#### **HEAD COACHES**

#### **SAINT VINCENT**

Aaron Smetanka (Saint Vincent College, C'12) - 5th season - 15-20 overall record

#### **WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON**

Mike Sirianni (Mount Union, C'94) - 21st season - 176-42 overall record

#### **SCHEDULES & RESULTS**

#### SAINT VINCENT (0-0, 0-0 PAC)

Sept. 2	WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON*	1 p.m.
Sept. 9	at Carnegie Mellon*	1 p.m.
Sept. 16	ALLEGHENY*	1 p.m.
Sept. 30	at Geneva*	7 p.m.
0ct. 7	CASE WESTERN RESERVE*	1 p.m.
Oct. 14	at Waynesburg*	1 p.m.
Oct. 21	at Grove City*	1 p.m.
Oct. 28	WESTMINSTER*	1 p.m.
Nov. 4	THIEL*	1 p.m.
Nov. 11	at Bethany*	1 p.m.
* denotes Presi	idents' Athletic Conference game	

Home games in ALL CAPS

#### W&J (0-0, 0-0 PAC)

Sept. 2	at Saint Vincent*	1 p.m.
Sept. 9	at Bethany*	1 p.m.
Sept. 16	WESTMINSTER*	1 p.m.
Sept. 23	THIEL*	1 p.m.
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#### **LIVE COVERAGE**

#### Radio

WCNS AM 1480 / 107.5 FM

#### Streaming Audio

https://www.pittsburghnewstalk.com/listen/

#### **Streaming Video**

https://www.pacdigitalnetwork.com/stvincent/

#### **Live Stats**

https://rb.gy/156ei

#### **SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE QUICK FACTS** Founded......1846 Location ......Latrobe, Pennsylvania Undergraduate Enrollment ......1,550 Nickname......Bearcats Athletic Colors ...... Green and Gold Athletic Affiliation ...... NCAA Division III Conference ...... Presidents' Athletic Conference President......Rev. Paul R. Taylor, O.S.B. Deputy Athletic Director...... Sue Hozak Assistant Athletic Director...... Nicole Karr Assistant Athletic Director......Jimmy Petruska SAINT VINCENT FOOTBALL FACTS First Year of Football......1923 (no team between 1963-2006) All-Time Record......196-234-25 Last Postseason Appearance ......2021 ECAC James Lynah Bowl - L, 38-19 at FDU-Florham Home Stadium ......Chuck Noll Field Surface/Capacity......Natural Grass/1,100 SAINT VINCENT FOOTBALL STAFF Head Coach ...... Aaron Smetanka Alma Mater/Year.....Saint Vincent/2012 Years at SVC/Record ......5th/15-20 Defensive Coordinator......John Bell Offensive Coordinator......Phil Hamilton Special Teams/Wide Receivers......J.J. Eckels Offensive Line ......John Bainbridge Tight Ends ...... Richard Medeiros Cornerbacks ...... Ron Baldonieri Linebackers ...... Terron Colson Running Backs ......Chris Brown Special Teams Assistant......Jason Ross Offesive Line Assistant ......David Neil Football Operations......Rob McElhanev Football Athletic Trainer ...... Ashley Interrante SAINT VINCENT ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS Director of Athletic Communications......Jim Berger Office Phone......724-805-2741

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#### **BEARCAT BRIEFS**

THEY ALL COUNT: For the first time in the team's modern era (2007-present), Saint Vincent opens up the season against a Presidents' Athletic Conference foe in Washington & Jefferson. This season, for the first time, all 11 conference teams will play a full, 10-game PAC schedule, with no non-conference matchups.

**MOLAYO MAGIC:** On Aug. 8, senior wide receiver Molayo Irefin became the first player in program history to be named a D3Football.com Preseason All-American. Irefin earned the plaudits as a return specialist after leading the PAC in both kick return average (27.2 yards) and punt return average (15.8) during a 2022 campaign in which he became the first Bearcat football player to be named D3Football. com All-America. Irefin's season included a 100-yard kick return touchdown vs. Waynesburg and an 85yard punt return touchdown against Stevenson, just the fourth kick and punt return touchdowns in the team's modern era. Along with his receiving prowess, Irefin ranked second in the PAC in receptions (62) and touchdown receptions (8), while his 732 receiving yards ranked third in the league. Irefin racked up 1,335 all-purpose yards on the season to rank second in the conference and 12th in NCAA Division III.

**THEY'RE BACK:** Irefin is one of four Saint Vincent returnees who earned All-PAC recognition in 2022, joining graduate student cornerback Ahmad Shaw (Second Team All-PAC) and senior center Nate Bettwy and junior safety Ethan Facey, who were each Honorable Mention All-PAC honorees. Additionally, offensive tackle C.J. Ciecierski, who missed the bulk of the 2022 campaign due to injury, was a 2021 All-PAC Honorable Mention pick. In all, 14 players in SVC's projected starting lineup this week against W&J made at least two starts in 2022.

WELCOME ABOARD: Five new faces will adorn the Saint Vincent sideline this season, with the additions of linebackers coach Terron Colson, running backs coach Chris Brown, offensive line assistant David Neil, special teams assistant Jason Ross and manager of operations Rob McElhaney. Additionally, John Bell enters his first season as defensive coordinator. Bell has been a member of the Bearcat football staff since the program's rebirth in 2007, previously holding the roles of defensive line coach and strength and conditioning coordinator.

CAPTAIN 'CATS: Per a vote of their teammates, the 2023 Saint Vincent College football team co-captains include senior defensive tackle Jake Beistel, senior receiver Molayo Irefin, senior quarterback Austin Slye, senior linebacker Nate Sullivan, senior receiver Kaelib McElroy, and junior linebacker Wiley Purry.

**SEASONED VETS:** The Bearcat welcome back a pair of fifth-year players in 2023 in graduate students Ahmad Shaw and Dwight Collins Jr. Shaw, a 2022 Second Team All-PAC selection, has been a full-time starter over the past two seasons, amassing seven interceptions in his past 20 games, including a teamhigh four picks last season. Collins has been a key contributor at the defensive tackle spot, amassing 49 tackles, 6.5 TFLs and 3.0 quarterback sacks over the past two seasons. Both students are enrolled in the Saint Vincent College Master of Science in Management: Operational Excellence graduate program. Shaw earned his bachelor's degree in management, while Collins holds a B.A. in communication.

**ON THE MAP:** Nine different states are represented on the Bearcats' 2023 roster, with 59 players hailing from Pennsylvania, 16 from Florida, 14 from Maryland, six from Virginia, three from Ohio, two from South Carolina, and one apiece from California, New Jersey and New York.

COACH CLIMBING THE RANKS: Fifth-year Saint Vincent College head coach Aaron Smetanka enters the 2023 season with 15 career victories, just one shy of tying his predecessor, Ron Dolciato, for the most in the team's modern era (2007-present). Historically, Smetanka's 15 wins rank fifth all-time among 10 head coaches dating back to the 1923 campaign. Red Edwards is the team's all-time winningest coach, amassing a record of 60-28-11 from 1932-46.

**UP NEXT:** Saint Vincent will take to the road next week for a 1 p.m. bout at two-time defending PAC champion Carnegie Mellon in Pittsburgh. The Bearcats will then return home to celebrate Homecoming at Chuck Noll Field on Sept. 16 against the visiting Allegheny College Gators.

#### **SAINT VINCENT VS. W&J - THE SERIES**

#### Washington & Jefferson leads, 13-1

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2022	W&J 52, SVC 21	2013	W&J 42, SVC 7
2021			W&J 40, SVC 14
2020			SVC 35, W&J 27
2019			
2018	•		
2017	•		
			W&J 64, SVC 6
2010			

#### **SAINT VINCENT SEASON-OPENERS (2007-22)**

2022	vs. Stevenson	L, 21-25
2021	at Bluffton	W, 34-14
2020*	at Grove City	L, 14-37
2019	vs. Ithaca	L, 28-66
2018	at Ithaca	L, 14-38
2017	vs. Alma	L, 34-40
2016	at Alma	W, 47-24
2015	vs. John Carroll	L, 3-26
2014	at John Carroll	L, 0-44
2013	at Bridgewater	L, 0-57
2012	vs. Bridgewater	L, 7-23
2011	at Bridgewater	L, 17-20 (OT)
2010	vs. Bridgewater	L, 14-19
2009	at McDaniel	L, 37-52
2008	vs. McDaniel	L, 7-38
	vs. Gallaudet	

## **SAINT VINCENT SEASON-OPENER TEAM GAME HIGHS (2007-22)**

\*played 3/9/2021 due to COVID-19 pandemic

Most Points Scored	47 .	at Alma, 9/3/2016
		vs. Ithaca, 9/7/2019
Fewest Points Scored	0	at Bridgewater, 9/7/2013; at John Carroll, 9/6/2014
Fewest Points Allowed	14	at Bluffton, 9/11/2021
Largest Winning Margin	23	(47-24) at Alma, 9/3/2016
Largest Losing Margin	57	(57-0) at Bridgewater, 9/7/2013
Most Combined Points	95	
Most Yards/Total Offense	613	vs. Alma, 9/3/2016
Fewest Yards/Total Defense	281	vs. Bridgewater, 9/4/2010
Most Turnovers By	5	at Ithaca, 9/1/2018
Most Turnovers Forced	2	Four Times
Most Sacks By	6	at Bluffton, 9/11/2021

## **SAINT VINCENT SEASON-OPENER INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS (2007-21)**

Rushing Yards	159	Jhanard Dorsett, vs. Alma, 9/2/2017
Rushing Touchdowns	2.	Jhanard Dorsett, vs. Alma, 9/2/2017
Receptions	10 .	
Receiving Touchdowns	2.	
Passing Yards	424 .	Derek Stewart, vs. Alma, 9/3/2016
Passing Touchdowns	5.	Derek Stewart, vs. Alma, 9/3/2016
Tackles	14.	Anthony Johnson, vs. Bridgewater, 9/4/2010
	14.	Matt McCarthy, vs. Alma, 9/3/2016
Quarterback Sacks	2.0.	Izaak Gray, vs. Alma, 9/2/2017
	2.0 .	Ryan Brown at Bluffton, 9/11/2021
	2.0.	Cam Norris at Bluffton, 9/11/2021

#### **PAC STANDINGS (2022 FINAL)**

	PAC		OVER	ALL
TEAM	W	L	W	<u>_L</u>
Carnegie Mellon	8	0	11	1
Washington & Jefferson	6	2	9	2
Westminster	6	2	7	3
Grove City	5	3	8	3
Case Western Reserve	5	3	6	4
Saint Vincent	5	3	5	5
Waynesburg	3	5	4	6
Geneva	3	5	3	7
Allegheny	2	6	3	7
Thiel	1	7	1	9
Bethany	0	8	1	9

## THIS WEEK'S PAC SCHEDULE

#### Sept. 2, 2023

Westminster at Grove City - 1 p.m. W&J at Saint Vincent - 1 p.m. Allegheny at Waynesburg - 1 p.m. Case Western Reserve at Thiel - 7 p.m. Carnegie Mellon at Geneva - 7:30 p.m.

#### **NEXT WEEK'S PAC SCHEDULE**

#### Sept. 9, 2023

Geneva at Allegheny - 1 p.m. Thiel at Westminster - 1 p.m. Grove City at Waynesburg - 1 p.m. Saint Vincent at Carnegie Mellon - 1 p.m. W&J at Bethany - 1 p.m.

#### D3F00TBALL.COM TOP-25 POLL (PRESEASON)

Rank	School (No. 1 votes)	W-L	Points	
1	North Central (III.) (22)	15-0	622	
2	Mount Union (3)	14-1	597	
3	Mary Hardin-Baylor	12-2	553	
4	Trinity (Texas)	11-1	511	
5	Wartburg	13-1	500	
6	St. John's	10-2	495	
7	Linfield	10-1	434	
8	Hardin-Simmons	9-2	397	
9	Ithaca	12-1	362	
10	Delaware Valley	12-1	349	
11	WiscWhitewater	8-3	322	
12	WiscLa Crosse	9-2	304	
13	Wheaton (III.)	8-3	285	
14	Bethel	10-3	278	
15	Randolph-Macon	11-1	256	
16	Carnegie Mellon	11-1	248	
17	Cortland	9-2	237	
18	Johns Hopkins	10-1	182	
19	John Carroll	8-2	165	
20	Aurora	11-2	155	
21	WiscOshkosh	6-4	140	
22	Susquehanna	10-1	134	
23	WiscRiver Falls	7-4	127	
24	Alma	11-1	99	
25	Salisbury	9-2	59	

Others receiving votes: Utica; Washington U.; Endicott; Mount St. Joseph; Huntingdon; *Washington & Jefferson*; DePauw; Albion; Springfield; Muhlenberg; Birmingham-Southern; Howard Payne; Baldwin Wallace; Stevenson; Lake Forest; RPI; Trinity (Conn.); Heidelberg; Monmouth; Bridgewater; Gustavus Adolphus; Shenandoah.

# SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE PROBABLE DEPTH CHART

<u>OFF</u>	ENSE_					DEF	<u>ENSE</u>				
LT	72	Colby Missel	Sr.	6-2	260	DE	15	Max Pisula	Sr.	6-2	215
	74	Tim Pollock	Jr.	6-4	285		3	Cameron Jackson	Jr.	6-2	220
LG	58	Joel Loomis	Sr.	5-11	250	NT	5	Jake Beistel	Sr.	6-0	300
	76	Mason Raymond	Fr.	6-0	245		57	Tyron Rich	Fr.	5-11	290
C	54	Nathan Bettwy	Sr.	5-11	250	DT	50	Josiah Weyandt	So.	6-0	230
	71	Daniel Calabrace	Fr.	5-11	265		94	Dwight Collins Jr.	Grd.	5-9	280
RG	53	Anthony Capozzoli	So.	5-11	250	DE	92	Ryan Snyder	Fr.	6-3	225
	77	Eamonn Costello	So.	6-0	280		30	Peyton Hrehovchak	Jr.	5-11	225
RT	56	C.J. Ciecierski	Sr.	5-11	245	LB	45	Nathan Sullivan	Sr.	5-11	205
	74	Tim Pollock	Jr.	6-4	285		35	Reiley Wiant	So.	6-2	210
TE	44	Pete Billey	Jr.	6-3	250	LB	8	Wiley Purry	So.	5-11	230
	25	Vinny Chirdon	Fr.	6-1	215		24	Brandon Nolder	Jr.	6-0	190
WR	4	Molayo Irefin	Sr.	5-11	180	SAF	24	Brandon Nolder	Jr.	6-0	190
	3	Kaelib McElroy	Sr.	5-9	185		7	KeShawn Davis	Jr.	6-1	175
WR	6	Jeffrey Downs	Jr.	6-1	185	СВ	17	Brian Boyd	Jr.	5-11	175
	7	Wayne Corbin Jr.	Jr.	5-9	175		2	Evan Brozenich	Jr.	6-2	195
WR	10	Matthew Esdelle	Jr.	6-0	185	FS	0	Ethan Facey	Jr.	5-10	185
	81	Dammion Bundridge	Jr.	6-2	200		18	Robbie Labuda	Fr.	6-3	180
QB	8	Austin Slye	Sr.	5-11	175	СВ	1	Ahmad Shaw	Grd.	5-10	190
	11	Luke Levendosky	So.	6-0	175		31	Richard Raphael Jr.	Fr.	5-10	155
RB	2	Brandon Saint-Preux	So.	5-9	180	SS	22	Kyle Murray	So.	5-10	180
	33	Sayvion Willis	So.	5-9	240		9	Jaydon Fischer	So.	5-11	180
<u>SPE</u>	CIAL TE	AMS									
K	99	Justin Emeigh	So.	5-11	175	KR	4	Molayo Irefin	Sr.	5-11	180
	99	Evan Suraci	So.	6-1	170		2	Evan Brozenich	Jr.	6-2	195
Н	14	Zac Herbinko	Jr.	5-11	190	KR	7	Wayne Corbin Jr.	Jr.	5-9	175
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LS	88	James Sword	Sr.	6-6	220	or	20	Ty Martin	Fr.	5-11	170
LJ	1	Ahmad Shaw	Grd.	5-10	180	PR	4	Molayo Irefin	Sr.	5-11	180
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# **2023 SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE ROSTER**

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2Brandon Saint-Preux       SoRB       5-9      180       Fort Lauderdale, Fla. / Archbishop M         3Cameron Jackson       JrDL       6-2      220      Oakmont, Pa. / Riv         3Kaelib McElroy       SrWR       5-9      185      Hagerstown, Md. / North Hage         4Molayo Irefin       SrWR       5-11      180      Bowie, Md. / Archbishop SI         5Jake Beistel       SrDL       6-0      300      Alverton, Pa. / Southmonth	cCarthy rerview rstown palding preland Frazier Salem
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6 Daishaun AlexanderFr P/K6-3	egional
6Jeffrey Downs II	
7 Wayne Corbin Jr	
7	
8 Wiley Purry	
8Austin Siye	
9Blake Jones	
10Matthew Esdelle	le20010
11 Devon Dean-ColesFr DB6-2170	Tairton
11Luke Levendosky	
12 Austin WellsFr WR6-2185 East Pittsburgh, Pa. / Woodla	
13Tyler HornSoWR5-11175Jeannette, Pa. / Jea	
13 Koron LambertJrJr. ILB5-8195Baltimore, Md. / Mount Saint J	
14Zac HerbinkoJrVR5-11195Valencia, Pa. / Dee	
14 Mekhi WellsFr DB5-10160 West Palm Beach, Fla. / Palm Beac	
15Chris DownsFrVR6-1175	
15Max PisulaSrDL/FB6-2215Scottdale, Pa. / Greensburg Central v	Catholic
16Stevie OurslerFrQB6-0175Prince Frederick, Md. / Calv	ort Hall
16 Alex St. Julien	
17 Brian Boyd	
17Jaret YonkerFrQB6-3200Pawleys Island, S.C. / Wac	
18Wesley BadgerFr	
18Robbie LabudaFrDB6-3180Mount Pleasant, Pa. / Mount P	
19Lance Bender	
20Ty Martin	
21Tonio EvansSo DB6-0Homestead, Fla. / Somerset Ac	
22Kyle Murray	
23Richie WoodsFrRB5-9185Venetia, Pa. / Peters To	
24 Brandon NolderJr DB6-0185 Farmington, Pa. / South All	
25Vinny ChirdonFr TE6-1210Loretto, Pa. / Penn C	
26Colin ColemanJr RB5-9175Bronx, N.Y. / Mt. Saint Michael Ad	ademy
27Laird StoverSr DB6-0185Titusville, Pa. / Ti	
28Tyler ScottFrRB5-11170Castaic, Calif. / West	
29Matt OursJrOLB5-11210	khawk
30 Tyler Bewszka	
31Richard Raphael JrFr DB5-10155	Arthur
32Gino CaesarFr RB5-10195 Greensburg, Pa. / Her	npfield
33 Sayvion Willis	ademy
34 Philo Bassous	Moore
35 Reiley Wiant So OLB6-2210 Belle Vernon, Pa. / Belle Verno	on Area
36 Sylus Hilaire Fr DB5-11175 Homestead, Fla. / Somerset Ad	ademy
37 Angelo DiFilippoSo DB5-9155Wexford, Pa. / North All	egheny
38Zach Bewszka Fr RB5-7165 Export, Pa. / Franklin Re	egional
39 Tyler Harpst Pittsburgh, Pa. / Mount Lo	ebanon
40 Jonathan Puddie Fr ILB5-9195	Glades
41 Danny Phershayaphai Fr DB5-9 155 Woodbridge, Va. / John F	. Lewis
43 Jake Hostetler Windber, Pa. / W	
44Pete BilleyJrTE6-3250Mount Pleasant, Pa. / Mount P	leasant
45 Nathan SullivanSr LB5-11205 Elizabeth, Pa. / Elizabeth F	
46 Storm Miller Fr OLB6-0210 Stephens City, Va. / Sh	
47 Justin Emeigh	
48 Nick Donofrio	
49Tony Ferreira	
50Josiah WeyandtSoDL6-0235Bedford, Pa. / E	Bedford

No. Name	Yr	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School
					Clearfield, Pa. / Clearfield
					Canonsburg, Pa. / Chartiers-Houston
					Duncansville, Pa. / Hollidaysburg Area
					Springdale, Pa. / Springdale
					Murrysville, Pa. / Franklin Regional
57 Tyron Rich	Fr	DL	5-11	290 .	Alexandria, Va. / Hayfield
					Dingmans Ferry, Pa. / Delaware Valley
					Central City, Pa. / Bishop McCort
					Greensburg, Pa. / Hempfield
62Connor Petrunak	Sr	0L	6-1	290 .	Latrobe, Pa. / Greensburg Central Catholic
					N. Huntingdon, Pa. / Greensburg Central Catholic
					Homestead, Fla. / Somerset Academy
					North Miami, Fla. / Dr. Michael M. Krop
					Pittsburgh, Pa. / Baldwin
					Latrobe, Pa. / Greater Latrobe
					Annapolis, Md. / Archbishop Spalding
					Pittsburgh, Pa. / Upper Saint Clair
75 Diondre Chatman	Fr	DL	5-11	265 .	Johnstown, Pa. / Bishop McCort
					Gallitzin, Pa. / Penn Cambria
77 Eamonn Costello	So	0L	6-0	285 .	Pittsburgh, Pa. / Woodland Hills
					Saltsburg, Pa. / River Valley
					Rillton, Pa. / Yough
80 Airshad Mohamed	So	TE	6-3	230 .	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. / Hollywood Hills
81 Dammion Bundridge	Jr	WR	6-2	200 .	Carnegie, Pa. / Chartiers Valley
83 Aiden Takach	Fr	WR	5-11	165 .	Erie, Pa. / Harbor Creek
					Holland, Pa./Council Rock South
85Matt Clapper	Fr	0L	6-2	235 .	Hudson, Ohio / Hudson
					Chester, Md. / Kent Island
87Koen Lefever	Fr	WR	6-4	195 .	Lake Mary, Fla. / Lake Mary Prep
88James Sword	Sr	DL/LS	6-6	220 .	Hagerstown, Md. / North Hagerstown
					Greensburg, Pa. / Hempfield
90Payton Hrehovchak	Jr	OLB	5-11	225 .	Greensburg, Pa. / Greater Latrobe
91Andrew Gelin	So	DL	6-2	235 .	Lauderhill, Fla. / Saint Thomas Aquinas
					Dallstown, Pa. / Dallastown
94 Dwight Collins Jr	Gr	DL	5-9	280 .	Orlando, Fla. / Edgewater
					Armagh, Pa. / United
					Akron, Ohio / Cuyahoga Falls
					Miami, Fla. / Miami Springs
					Hillsborough, N.J. / Hillsborough
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#### **COACHING STAFF**

Head Coach: Aaron Smetanka

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#### **PRONUNCIATIONS**

2	Evan bro-ZEN-itch	47	Justin AMY
2	Brandon saint-PROO	54	Nate BET-wee
3	Kaelib mick-ELL-roy	56	Christian see-SEER-skee
5	Nick BYE-stell	62	Connor PET-roo-nak
15	Max puh-Z00-lah	71	Daniel cal-luh-BRASE
25	Vinny CHEER-don	79	Sam de-POLL-luh-toe
30	Tyler BY00-ska	90	Payton her-ROVE-chak
34	PHYE-low buh-SOOS	91	Andrew GELL-lin (hard G)
38	Zach BYOO-ska	95	Ryan do-PREE
41	Danny PURRSH-va-fve	99	Evan sur-AW-chee

2023 GAME-BY-GAME INDIVIDUAL LEADERS							
<u>Opponent</u>	Passing Yds.	Rushing Yds.	Carries	Receptions	Receiving Yds.	Touchdowns	Tackles
W&J							
CMU							
Allegheny							
Geneva							
Case							
Waynesburg							
Grove City							
Westminster							
<u>Thiel</u>							
<u>Bethany</u>							

MILESTONE GAMES						
<u> 10+ Tackles</u>			100+ yards Receiving			
Ethan Facey	10 (7 sol/3 ast)	Nov. 5, 2022 vs. Waynesburg	Molayo Irefin	108 yds	Sept. 25, 2021 at Thiel	
			Molayo Irefin	133 yds	Oct. 16, 2021 vs. Grove City	
			Molayo Irefin	173 yds	Oct. 23, 2021 at Waynesburg	
			Molayo Irefin	112 yds	Oct. 30, 2021 vs. Carnegie Mellon	
			Molayo Irefin	110 yds	Nov. 20, 2021 at FDU-Florham	
			Molayo Irefin	107 yds	Oct. 8, 2022 at Case	
			Molayo Irefin	103 yds	Oct. 22, 2022 at Allegheny	
			Molayo Irefin	146 yds	Nov. 12, 2022 vs. Bethany	

300+ Yards Passing

100+ yards Rushing

# **2023 SAINT VINCENT SCORING PLAYS**

Opp. Qtr. Time Play Conversion Plays-Yards TOP

# 2023 SUPERLATIVES INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes
Rushing Yards
TD Rushes
Long Rush
Pass Attempts
Pass Completions
Passing Yards
TD Passes
Receptions
Receiving Yards
Receiving Touchdowns
Field Goals
Long Field Goal
Punts
Punting Avg
Punts I-20
Long Punt
Long Punt Return
Long Kickoff Return
Tackles
Tackles for Loss
Sacks
Interceptions

#### **TEAM GAME HIGHS**

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Rushes	
Rushing Yards	
Rushing Avg	
TD Rushes	
Pass Attempts	
Pass Completions	
Passing Yards	
TD Passes	
Total Plays	
Total Offense	
Yards per Play	
First Downs	
Sacks By	
Penalties	
Penalty Yards	
Interceptions by	
Punts	
Punting Avg	
Punts I-20	
Long Punt	



# 2023 SUPERLATIVES OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes
Rushing Yards
TD Rushes
Long Rush
Pass Attempts
Pass Completions
Passing Yards
TD Passes
Receptions
Receiving Yards
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Field Goals
Long Field Goal
Punts
Punting Avg
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Long Punt
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Long Kickoff Return
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Tackles for Loss
Sacks
Interceptions

#### **OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS**

Rushes
Rushing Yards
Rushing Avg
TD Rushes
Pass Attempts
Pass Completions
Passing Yards
TD Passes
Total Plays
Total Offense
Yards per Play
First Downs
Sacks By
Penalties
Penalty Yards
Interceptions by
Punts
Punting Avg
Punts I-20
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# THE LAST TIME THE BEARCATS...

Had a player pass for 300+ yards	Brady Walker, 315 yards, 10/22/2022 at Allegheny
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	Dalton Dietrich, 9/24/2016 vs. Grove City
Had a player with 150+ receiving yards	
	Molayo Irefin, 10 receptions, 9/3/2022 vs. Stevenson
	407 yards, 10/23/2021 at Waynesburg
Had 300+ rushing yards	377 yards (42 attempts), 10/3/2015 vs. Thiel
Had 200+ rushing yards	
Scored three rushing touchdowns	vs. Case Western Reserrve, 10/2/2021
Scored four rushing touchdowns	vs. Grove City, 10/17/2018
Had a player rush for 100+ yards	
Had a player rush for 150+ yards	Mike Stasko, 157 yards, 11/16/2019 at Bethany
Had a player rush for 200+ yards	Tyler Donahue, 282 yards, 10/3/2015 vs. Thiel
Had a player rush for three touchdowns	Shavonta Craft, 9/10/2016 vs. Thiel
Gained 500+ yards of total offense	517 yards, 11/13/2021 vs. Bethany
	Molayo Irefin, 100-yard kick return, 11/5/22 vs. Waynesburg
	Molayo Irefin, 100 yards, 11/5/22 vs. Waynesburg
Scored a punt return touchdown	Molayo Irefin, 85 yards, 9/3/2022 vs. Stevenson
	20 yards, 11/13/2021 vs. Bethany
	97 yards, 9/25/2021 at Thiel
Held an opponent under 200 total yards	165 yards, 11/13/2021 vs. Bethany
Had 5+ sacks in a game	6 , 9/11/2021 at Bluffton
Had four interceptions in a game	10/23/2021 at Waynesburg
	Kim Ornis, 15 tackles, 9/24/2016 vs. Grove City
	Joanes Polynice, 74-yard fumble return, 11/5/22 vs. Waynesburg
	Mike Stasko, 10/12/2019 vs. Thiel
	Mike Stasko, 10/12/2019 vs. Thiel (blocked punt in the end zone)
Played in overtime	10/1/2011 at Geneva (L, 20-23)
Won in overtime	

# LONGEST PLAYS/TEAM GAME RECORDS

Longest Field goal	42 - Justin Emeigh (10/222022 at Allegheny)
Longest Pass	93 - Tyler Donahue to Damon Black Jr. (TD) (10/3/2015 vs. Thiel)
Longst Punt	
Longest Punt Return	85 - Molayo Irefin (TD) (9/3/2022 vs. Stevenson)
Longest Kick Return	100 - Molayo Irefin (TD) (11/5/2022 vs. Waynesburg)
Longest Defensive TD	
Team Points	
Team Touchdowns	8 - (Multiple Times; Last 9/24/16 vs. Grove City)
First Downs	
Net Yards Gained	613 (9/3/2016 at Alma)
	55 (9/3/2011 vs. Bridgewater)
Rushing Yards	
Rushing Touchdowns	5 (10/3/2015 vs. Thiel)
Passing Yards	
Passing Touchdowns	
Most Pass Attempts	
Most Passing First Downs	19 (10/23/2021 at Waynesburg)
Most Passes Completed	
Fewest Yards Allowed	117 (10/6/2016 vs. Thiel)
Fewest Rushing Yards Allowed	38 (10/12/2019 at Thiel)
	6 (THREE TIMES - Last 9/11/2021 at Bluffton)
Most Passes Intercepted	4 (10/23/2021 at Waynesburg)
Most Fumbles Recovered	4 (9/17/2016 vs. Geneva)
Most Forced Turnovers	6 (9/17/2016 vs. Thiel)

# SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE SINGLE-GAME RECORDS

	JAINT VINCENT COLL
Rushing Yards	
	Tyler Donahue (10/3/15 vs. Thiel)
	Shavonta Craft (9/27/14 vs. Grove City)
150	
Rushing Touchdowns	
3	Shavonta Craft (9/10/16 at Thiel)
	Shavonta Craft (10/3/15 vs. Thiel)
	Andy Borgen (10/25/14 vs. Carnegie Mellon)
Passing Yards	
442	Derek Stewart (9/24/16 vs. Grove City)
	Derek Stewart (10/29/16 at W&J)
	Brady Walker (10/23/2021 at Waynesburg)
Pass Attempts	
	Derek Stewart (10/29/16 at W&J)
45	Andy Borgen (11/9/16 at Grove City)
Pass Completions	
30	Derek Stewart (11/12/2016 at Bethany)
30	Derek Stewart (10/29/2016 at W&J)
29	Andy Borgen (11/9/2013 at Grove City)
	Derek Stewart (9/24/2016 vs. Grove City)
28	Derek Stewart (9/3/2016 at Alma)
Completion Pct (min 15 att)	
88.5 (23-26/0 INT)	Aaron Smetanka (9/10/11 vs. FDU-Florham)
Touchdown Passes	
7	Derek Stewart (9/24/2016 vs. Grove City)
5	Brady Walker (10/22/2022 at Allegheny
5	Derek Stewart (9/3/2016 at Alma)
5	Brady Walker (4/17/2021 vs. Waynesburg)
Passes Intercepted	
4	Brady Walker (10/29/22 at Carnegie Mellon)
4	Aaron Smetanka (10/22/11 at Grove City)
	Kevin Corona (10/10/2009 vs. Thomas More)
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Receptions	
	D.J. Oceant-Kelly (11/1/2014 vs. Westminster)
	D.J. Oceant Kelly (9/13/2014 vs. Waynesburg)
Receiving Yards	
	Molayo Irefin (10/23/2021 at Waynesburg)
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Touchdown Receptions	
3	Dalton Dietrich (9/24/2016 vs. Grove City)
3	Sheldon Loughner (10/23/2010 vs. Grove City)
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Kick Return Yards	
222	Zach Mihalko (10/18/2008 at W&J)
Punt Return Yards	
94	Molayo Irefin (9/3/2022 vs. Stevenson)
Punts	
11	Christian Witchey (11/10/2018 vs. Bethany)
11	Mark McCracken (9/1/2014 at John Carroll)
Interceptions	
2TEN TIMI	ES (Last: Ahmad Shaw (11/13/2021 vs. Bethany)
Forced Fumbles	
3	Jean Cherilus (9/16/17 at Geneva)
2	Multiple Times
Tackles	
	Anthony Johnson (11/13/2010 at Bethany)
17	Anthony Johnson (10/9/2010 vs. W&J)
	Renny LaRue-Holloman (9/30/2013 at Thiel)



#### THE SMETANKA FILE

#### **PERSONAL**

**Hometown:** Allison Park, Pa. **Resides:** Penn Township, Pa. **Alma Mater:** Saint Vincent '12

**Date Named Head Coach:** Dec. 5, 2018 **Family:** Wife, Courtney; Son, Carter; Daughter,

Kennedy

#### **COACHING HISTORY**

SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE Head Coach, 2019 - present

GREENSBURG CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL Head Coach, 2017-18

CHARTIERS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Quarterbacks Coach, 2016

SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE

Quarterbacks Coach, 2013-15

PETERS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

Quarterbacks Coach, 2012

#### **PLAYING EXPERIENCE**

ERIE EXPLOSION (Continental Indoor Football League)

- Quarterback, 2013-14
- 2013 CIFL Title, 13-0 record
- 2014 CIFL Title, 9-2 record
- 2014 CIFL Offensive Player of the Year

#### SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE

- Quarterback, 2010-11
- Two-time First Team All-PAC
- Team Offensive MVP, 2010, 2011
- Team Co-Captain, 2011
- Held SVC career program records in pass attempts (536), completions (331), completion percentage (61.8) and touchdown passes (31).
- Named to PAC's 60th Anniversary All-Time Team (2014)

#### ROBERT MORRIS UNIVERSITY

- Quarterback, 2008-09



# AARON SMETANKA HEAD COACH

# Fifth Season Saint Vincent, 2012

A standout quarterback for the Bearcats during his playing days, Aaron Smetanka was hired as the third head coach in the Saint Vincent College football team's modern era on Dec. 5, 2018. He completed his fourth season as head coach in 2022, and holds a 15-20 career record.

In 2022, the Bearcats finished 5-5 overall and 5-3 in the Presidents' Athletic Conference, with the five conference wins the team's most since 2011. The Bearcats scored 37 touchdowns and averaged 28.6 points per game, both third best in the PAC. Eight Saint Vincent players earned All-PAC accolades, highlighted by junior receiver/return specialist Molayo Irefin. Irefin, who led the PAC in kick return (27.2) and punt return (15.9) average, recorded the longest punt return in the team's modern era with an 85-yard touchdown in the season-opener against Stevenson, before posting a 100-yard kick return touchdown in a week nine victory over Waynesburg. Irefin also ranked second in the PAC in receptions (62) and touchdown receptions (8) and third in receiving yards (732). Along with his All-PAC honor, Irefin was also named First Team All-Region and Third Team All-America by D3football.com, becoming the first SVC football All-American since 1960. Quarterback Brady Walker led the PAC with 21 touchdown passes and 165 completions, while ranking third with 2,015 passing yards. Defensively, cornerback Ahmad Shaw was named Second Team All-PAC after picking off a team-high four interceptions.

In 2021, Smetanka led the Bearcats to just their second postseason appearance since the team's 2007 rebirth, as they took part in the ECAC James Lynah Bowl. The Bearcats closed the season with five wins, tied for the second most in the team's modern era. The Bearcat offense scored 30 or more points in five different games and averaged 361.3 yards per game to rank fourth in the Presidents' Athletic Conference. The Bearcat defense also ranked in the top five in the PAC in yards allowed, while their 18 interceptions ranked second in the conference and 16th in NCAA Division III.

Walker threw for 2,721 yards and 22 touchdowns in 2021, finishing his junior season as the team's all-time record holder in career touchdown passes (37) and passing yards (4,200). Irefin set a program record with 919 receiving yards and ranked second in the PAC in receptions (68), while he led the PAC in kick return average (23.5 yards) and all-purpose yards (174.90/gm), which ranked fifth nationally.

Defensively, graduate student Cam Norris recorded 7.0 quarterback sacks and 12.5 tackles for loss, while junior Ahmad Shaw and rookie Marvelle Cromerdie each intercepted three passes. Walker, Irefin and Norris were among a seven Bearcats who earned All-PAC honors, while safety Kyle Coombe, who recorded 51 tackles and three interceptions, was named First Team CoSIDA Academic All-District<sup>TM</sup>.

In 2021, Smetanka guided the Bearcats to a 2-2 record during an abbreviated 2020-21 season that was played in the spring due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the four games, punctuated by a 35-6 victory over Bethany in week two and a 56-26 home win in the season finale against Waynesburg, the Bearcats ranked third in the Presidents' Athletic Conference in both scoring offense (29.8 points/gm) and total offense (382.5 yards/gm). Defensively, the Bearcats' allowed just a 44.4 percent conversion rate on third down, ranking second in the PAC, while they finished fourth in the league with six quarterback sacks.

Individually, 10 players earned All-PAC honors, highlighted by center Colton Belmont's First Team selection and Second Team picks Mike Stasko (RB), David Marshall (RB), Cam Norris (OLB) and Jared Gonzalez (P). Belmont was also recognized with All-Region honors by D3Football.com, while Stasko rolled up 370 rushing yards and four touchdowns to end his career as the Bearcats' modern era all-time leading rusher with 1,877 yards.

In 2019, Smetanka's first year at the helm, the Bearcats recovered from an 0-4 start to win three of their final six games. He recorded his first victory on Oct. 12 with a 41-18 decision at PAC rival Thiel, while the Bearcats ended the season on a high note with a 27-10 home win over Bethany College.

Seven SVC players were honored with All-PAC recognition following the conclusion of the 2019 team, including First Team selection Christian Witchey (punter) and Second-Teamers Belmont and Stasko. Stasko set new team records with 907 rushing yards and 10 touchdowns, while linebacker Izaak Gray recorded six quarterback sacks to graduate as the team's

all-time career leader with 16.5 OB takedowns.

Smetanka rewrote the record books during his career as the Bearcats' quarterback, before going on to play professionally for the Erie Explosion of the Continental Indoor Football League. Smetanka's coaching career began in 2012, and it includes a three-year stint as an assistant at Saint Vincent, while he served as head coach at Greensburg Central Catholic High School in 2017 and 2018.

A two-year starter under center for the Bearcats (2010-11), Smetanka ranks among the program's modernday career record-holders in passing yards (4,117), attempts (536), completions (331), and touchdown passes (31). Voted the team's offensive most valuable player in both 2010 and 2011, Smetanka was also a First Team All-Presidents' Athletic Conference selection in each season. As a senior and team co-captain in 2011, Smetanka led the Bearcats to their most successful season since the team's rebirth, as they went 6-4 in the regular season and qualified for the Eastern College Athletic Conference's Southwest Bowl. In 2014, Smetanka was named to the PAC's 60th Anniversary All-Time Team, which recognized the top football players in the conference's long history.

After graduating from SVC, Smetanka began his coaching career as the quarterback coach at Peters Township High School for the 2012 season. Following a one-year stint, he returned to his alma mater to join the Bearcat coaching staff as quarterback coach, a position he held for three seasons. Smetanka held a variety of responsibilities in this role, as in addition to coaching the team's quarterbacks, he was heavily involved in recruiting, scouting, and breakdown of game film, while also providing positive guidance and mentorship to the Bearcat players.

During his first stint on the Saint Vincent staff, Smetanka also starred under center for the Erie Explosion from 2013-14. As a rookie in 2013, he guided the team to a perfect 10-0 record and the CIFL title. A year later, Smetanka was named the Continental Indoor Football League's Offensive Player of the Year, leading the Explosion to a 9-2 record and their second consecutive league championship.

After spending the 2016 season on the staff at Chartiers Valley High School as passing game coordinator and quarterback coach, Smetanka was named the head coach of Greensburg Central Catholic in January 2017. He oversaw all aspects of the Centurion football program, as in addition to his head coaching role, he coordinated both the offense and special teams, while also serving as quarterback coach, strength and conditioning coach and equipment manager. During his time at GCC, a total of 21 Centurions were named all-conference.

In addition to his coaching experience, Smetanka has been a coach and speaker for the Coaching Boys into Men program for the past two years, an initiative aimed at promoting healthy relationships, building leadership skills and decreasing violence among high school boys. Smetanka was chosen as a featured speaker at the 2018 Coaching Boys into Men Summit, and was named the national MVP Coach of the Year, earning recognition from the United Way in its 2018 annual report.

A native of Allison Park, Pennsylvania, and graduate of North Catholic High School, Smetanka earned a bachelor's degree in business management from Saint Vincent's Alex G. McKenna School of Business, Economics and Government. He and wife Courtney are the proud parents of son Carter and daughter Kennedy.

# mentorship to the Bearcat players. the proud parents of son Carter and daughter Kennedy.

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