



THIEL MEN'S SOCCER 2026 MATCH NOTES

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SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Time / Result
9/1	at Pitt Bradford	W 2-0
9/5	PITT GREENSBURG	11 a.m.
9/8	at Muskingum	7 p.m.
9/10	BALDWIN WALLACE	7:30 p.m.
9/12	HILBERT \$	7:30 p.m.
9/15	at Westminster *	7:30 p.m.
9/20	at Carlow	7 p.m.
9/22	GROVE CITY *	7:30 p.m.
9/25	BETHANY *	7:30 p.m.
9/29	at Chatham *	7:30 p.m.
10/3	at Franciscan *	7 p.m.
10/7	HIRAM *	7:30 p.m.
10/10	at W&J *	Noon
10/14	GENEVA *	7:30 p.m.
10/17	WAYNESBURG *	2:30 p.m.
10/21	at Allegheny *	3:30 p.m.
10/24	at Saint Francis *	1 p.m.
10/28	SAINT VINCENT *	7:30 p.m.

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MEN'S SOCCER STAFF

Director of Soccer / Head Coach	Zack Walters
Alma Mater	Westminster
Seasons at Thiel	Eighth, Seventh as HC
Goalkeeping Coach	Phil George
Alma Mater	Edinboro
Seasons at Thiel	Fifth
Assistant Coach	Jordon Zajac
Alma Mater	Slippery Rock
Seasons at Thiel	Fifth
Assistant Coach	AJ Trobek '25
Alma Mater	Thiel
Seasons at Thiel	Second

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Thiel 1-0-0 (0-0) vs. Pitt-Greensburg 1-0-0 (0-0)

Saturday, Sept. 5, 2026 | 11:00 a.m.

Alumni Stadium at Stoeber Field | Greenville, Pa.

PITT-GREENSBURG BOBCATS



Record (AMCC)	1-0 (0-0)
Last Match	W 2-1 at Lancaster BC (9/1)
Head Coach	Marc Bucci
Pitt-Greensburg Record	46-70-14 (Eighth Season)
Overall Record	Same

THIEL TOMCATS



Record (PAC)	1-0 (0-0)
Last Match	W 2-0 at Pitt Bradford (9/1)
Head Coach	Zack Walters
Thiel Men's Record	15-72-11 (Seventh Season)
Overall Men's Record	Same

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THE SERIES

First Meeting	1998	Last Meeting	Pitt-Greensburg W 2-0 (8/29/25)
All-Time Series	Pitt-Greensburg leads 5-13-3	Last Thiel Win	W 2-1 (8/31/24)
At Thiel	2-6-2	Current Streak	Pitt-Greensburg W1
At Pitt-Greensburg	3-7-1	Longest Thiel Streak	W2 (2023-24)
First Meeting	Pitt-Greensburg W 8-1 (9/11/98)	Longest Pitt-Greensburg Streak	W5 (2001-08)

PITCH POINTS

BACK IN ACTION -- The Tomcats start the 2026 campaign 1-0 with a victory over Pitt Bradfor ... In their last matc, Pitt-Greensburg took the 2-0 win at their home turf... In the last five games, Thiel is 2-2-1 against the Bobcats.

PAC PTW -- Thiel returners a pair of All-PAC standouts in **Mitchell Strauss** and **Grant Becker** ... Strauss is a back-to-back All-league selection who enters the year fourth in program history in assists (11) and 10th in points (25) ... Becker was a first-time All-Conference pick a year ago and will serve as the maestro, per se, of the Thiel attack.

Also vital for Thiel will be sophomore **Bryce Bobich** ... He appeared in all 14 games last season on defense and, along with Becker and Strauss, were named Players to Watch by the PAC for the 2026 campaign ... In the first game of the year, Bobich scored Thiel's second goal to secure the win over Pitt Bradford.

KUSHONATOR -- Junior defender **Joey Kushon** secured three points in Thiel's first win of the 2026 season ... Kushon scored the Tomcats first goal in the 54th minute and assisted the second goal in the 74th minute.

FRESH FACES -- Thiel men's soccer brings in 12 new faces to the team for 2026.

BACK ON THE PITCH -- Thiel returns to action on Tuesday, Sept. 8 as they travel to Muskingum to compete at 7 p.m. ... The Tomcats open conference play on Tuesday, Sept. 15 at Westminster College ... The Blue and Gold will host Hilbert on Saturday, Sept. 12 for senior day.

THIEL'S RECORD WHEN...	
Situation	Record
Overall	1-0-0
Home	0-0-0
Away	1-0-0
vs PAC opponents	0-0-0
vs Non-conference opponents	0-0-0
Thiel scores first	0-0-0
Opponent scores first	0-0-0
Thiel scores zero goals	0-0-0
Thiel scores 1 goal	0-0-0
Thiel scores 2 goals	1-0-0
Thiel scores 3+ goals	0-0-0
Opponent scores zero goals	1-0-0
Opponent scores 0 goal	0-0-0
Opponent scores 2 goals	0-0-0
Opponent scores 3+ goals	0-0-0
Day games (before 6 pm)	0-0-0
Night games (after 6 pm)	1-0-0
Outshooting opponent	0-0-0
Outshot by opponent	0-0-0
Shots are even	0-0-0
More Corners	0-0-0
Opponent takes more corners	0-0-0
Corners are even	0-0-0
Playing on Monday	0-0-0
Playing on Tuesday	1-0-0
Playing on Wednesday	0-0-0
Playing on Thursday	0-0-0
Playing on Friday	0-0-0
Playing on Saturday	0-0-0
Playing on Sunday	0-0-0



ROSTER					
Num	Player	Pos	Ht	Cl	Hometown / H.S.
0	Dylan Budziak	GK	6-2	So.	Mentor, Ohio / Mentor
00	Johnny Kavelish	GK	6-1	Fr.	Edinboro, Pa. / General McLane
1	Bryce Stefanowicz	GK	6-2	Sr.	Greenville, Pa. / Greenville
2	Peyton Kushon	F	5-5	Fr.	Pittsburgh, Pa. / Deer Lakes
3	Bryce Bobich	D	5-9	So.	Plum, Pa. / Plum
4	Gus Brasington	D	5-7	Fr.	Edinboro, Pa. / General McLane
6	Steven Villaneuva	M	5-9	Fr.	Manassas, Va. / Brentsville District
7	Zack Loeser	F	6-0	Sr.	Long Island, N.Y. / Rocky Point
8	Grant Becker	M	5-7	Sr.	North Olmsted, Ohio / North Olmsted
9	Ryan Fisher	F	5-9	Sr.	Munhall, Pa. / Steel Valley
10	Mitchell Strauss	F	5-10	Jr.	Bradford, Pa. / Bradford Area
11	Ryder Nowland	F	5-11	Fr.	Haymarket, Va. / Gainesville
12	Joey Kushon	D	5-9	Jr.	Pittsburgh, Pa. / Deer Lakes
13	Ashton Redmond	F	6-4	Sr.	Leechburg, Pa. / Leechburg
14	Logan Cione	D	5-10	Jr.	Hermitage, Pa. / Hickory
15	Logan Smith	D	5-10	Sr.	Girard, Pa. / Girard
17	Brayden Frost	D	6-1	So.	Imperial, Pa. / West Allegheny
18	Micah Fortney	M	5-6	So.	Palmyra, Pa. / Mount Calvary Christian
19	Davis Carson	D	6-0	Sr.	Chesterland, Ohio / West Geauga
20	Logan Gordon	M	5-6	Sr.	Hermitage, Pa. / Hickory
21	Alex Ciambella	D	5-9	So.	East Amherst, N.Y. / Williamsville North
22	Jordan Monroe	M/D	5-8	So.	Lawrenceville, Pa. / Williamson
23	Brayden Kereszturi	D	5-11	So.	Wadsworth, Ohio / Wadsworth
24	Derek Thomas	D	6-1	Sr.	Poland, Ohio / Poland
25	Maxwell Kovacik	F	6-0	So.	Slippery Rock, Pa. / Slippery Rock Area
26	Michael Fleeson	D	6-0	Jr.	Bessemer, Pa. / Mohawk
27	Jeremy Parisi	M	5-4	Fr.	Amherst, N.Y. / Williamsville North
28	Connor Maney	M	5-9	Fr.	Milesburg, Pa. / Bald Eagle
29	Colton Smith	M	6-0	Fr.	Medina, N.Y. / Lyndonville Central
30	Rylan Piccirilli	F	5-9	So.	Sharpsville, Pa. / Sharpsville
31	Quinn Norris	M	5-11	Fr.	Warren, Pa. / Warren
32	Kyle Benson	M	6-1	Sr.	Roaming Shores, Ohio / Grand Valley
33	Evan Haas	D	6-3	Fr.	Sarver, Pa. / Knoch
35	Donte Aloisio	F	6-5	Fr.	Mercer, Pa. / Mercer
99	Jacob Coffield	GK	6-1	Fr.	Bethel Park, Pa. / Bethel Park

Coaching Staff

Director of Soccer / Head Coach: Zack Walters (Seventh Season)

Goalkeeping Coach: Phil George (Fifth Season)

Assistant Coach: Jordon Zajac (Fifth Season)

Assistant Coach: AJ Trobek '25 (Second Season)

Pronunciation Guide

0	Dylan Bud-zee-ak
00	Johnny Cav-el-ish
2	Peyton Koo-shon
3	Bryce Boe-bich
4	Gus Braise-ing-ton
6	Steven Vee-a-new-ava
7	Zack Low-zher
10	Mitchell Strauss (rhymes with house)
11	Ryder No-lend
12	Joey Koo-Shon
14	Logan Sy-own
18	My-Kuh Fortney
21	Alex See-Am-Bella
23	Brayden Care-iz-tory
25	Maxwell Co-vas-ick
27	Jeremy Pa-ree-see
28	Connor May-Knee

30	Rylan Pitch-er-illi
33	Evan Haws (Hoss)
35	Dawn-tay Uh-low-see-oo
99	Jacob Ko-field

General

Teal (like the color) Tomcats

MEDIA ROSTER



0 DYLAN BUDZIAK
So. | GK | 6-2
Mentor, Ohio
Mentor



00 JOHNNY KAVELISH
Fr. | GK | 6-1
Edinboro, Pa.
General McLane



1 BRYCE STEFANOWICZ
Sr. | GK | 6-2
Greenville, Pa.
Greenville



2 PEYTON KUSHON
Fr. | F | 5-5
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Deer Lakes



3 BRYCE BOBICH
So. | D | 5-9
Plum, Pa.
Plum



4 GUS BRASINGTON
Fr. | D | 5-7
Edinboro, Pa.
General McLane



6 STEVEN VILLANEUVA
Fr. | M | 5-9
Manassas, Va.
Brentsville District



7 ZACK LOESER
Sr. | F | 6-0
Long Island, N.Y.
Rocky Point



8 GRANT BECKER
Sr. | M | 5-7
North Olmsted, Ohio
North Olmsted



9 RYAN FISHER
Sr. | F | 5-9
Munhall, Pa.
Steel Valley



10 MITCHELL STRAUSS
Jr. | F | 5-10
Bradford, Pa.
Bradford Area



11 RYDER NOWLAN
Fr. | F | 5-11
Haymarket, Va.
Gainesville



12 JOEY KUSHON
Jr. | D | 5-9
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Deer Lakes



13 ASHTON REDMOND
Sr. | F | 6-4
Leechburg, Pa.
Leechburg



14 LOGAN CIONE
Jr. | D | 5-10
Hermitage, Pa.
Hickory



15 LOGAN SMITH
Sr. | D | 5-10
Girard, Pa.
Girard



17 BRAYDEN FROST
So. | D | 6-1
Imperial, Pa.
West Allegheny



18 MICAH FORTNEY
So. | M | 5-6
Palmyra, Pa.
Mount Calvary Christian



19 DAVIS CARSON
Sr. | D | 6-0
Chesterland, Ohio
West Geauga



20 LOGAN GORDON
Sr. | M | 5-6
Hermitage, Pa.
Hickory



21 ALEX CIAMBELLA
So. | D | 5-9
East Amherst, N.Y.
Williamsville North



22 JORDAN MONROE
So. | M/D | 5-8
Lawrenceville, Pa.
Williamson



23 BRAYDEN KERESZTURI
So. | D | 5-11
Wadsworth, Ohio
Wadsworth



24 DEREK THOMAS
Sr. | D | 6-0
Poland, Ohio
Poland



25 MAXWELL KOVACIK
So. | F | 6-0
Slippery Rock, Pa.
Slippery Rock Area



26 MICHAEL FLEESON
Jr. | D | 6-0
Bessemer, Pa.
Mohawk



27 JEREMY PARISI
Fr. | M | 5-4
Amherst, N.Y.
Williamsville North



28 CONNOR MANEY
Fr. | M | 5-9
Milesburg, Pa.
Bald Eagle



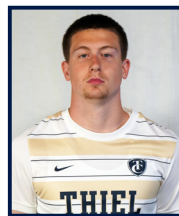
29 COLTON SMITH
Fr. | M | 6-0
Medina, N.Y.
Lyndonville Central



30 RYLAN PICCIRILLI
So. | F | 5-9
Sharpsville, Pa.
Sharpsville



31 QUINN NORRIS
Fr. | M | 5-11
Warren, Pa.
Warren



32 KYLE BENSON
Sr. | M | 6-1
Roaming Shores, Ohio
Grand Valley



33 EVAN HAAS
Fr. | D | 6-3
Sarver, Pa.
Knoch



35 DONTÉ ALOISIO
Fr. | F | 6-5
Mercer, Pa.
Mercer



99 JACOB COFFIELD
Fr. | GK | 6-1
Bethel Park, Pa.
Bethel Park



ZACK WALTERS
Director of Soccer



PHIL GEORGE
Goalkeeping Coach



JORDON ZAJAK
Assistant Coach



AJ TROBEK '25
Assistant Coach

STATISTICS

2026 Thiel College Softball Overall Statistics (as of Mar 16, 2026)

Overall Record: 5-5 Home: 0-0 Away: 0-0 Neutral: 5-5

All games Sorted by Batting Avg

#	Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
12	Risser, Kayley	.462	9-8	26	7	12	2	3	0	10	20	.769	5	0	1	0	.548	0	1	2-3	25	2	0	1.000
18	Heid, Kylie	.400	10-10	35	12	14	4	3	0	6	24	.686	3	0	4	0	.447	0	0	4-5	19	18	4	.902
7	Fedder, Alaina	.381	10-10	21	2	8	3	0	0	6	11	.524	4	0	1	0	.480	0	2	0-0	10	21	2	.939
24	Herman, Mackenzie	.353	10-10	34	7	12	3	0	0	4	15	.441	3	0	6	0	.405	0	0	0-0	6	12	3	.857
16	Hufford, Madison	.320	9-8	25	2	8	3	0	0	5	11	.440	0	1	4	0	.333	1	0	0-0	18	2	2	.909
14	Despenes, Sheila	.286	8-7	14	7	4	0	0	0	2	4	.286	4	2	3	0	.476	1	0	0-0	4	0	1	.800
1	Merolillo, Lily	.238	10-7	21	3	5	0	1	0	3	7	.333	3	0	5	0	.333	0	3	1-1	10	10	1	.952
6	Gilmore, Ava	.231	10-8	13	5	3	0	0	0	2	3	.231	2	2	4	0	.389	1	1	3-3	12	1	1	.929
29	Aguilar, Audrey	.286	6-5	14	1	4	0	0	0	4	4	.286	1	1	1	0	.353	1	0	0-0	18	0	2	.900
8	Schimizzi, Julia	.250	6-4	8	1	2	0	0	0	1	2	.250	2	0	4	0	.400	0	0	0-0	10	0	2	.833
20	Fordyce, Rylie	.182	5-5	11	0	2	0	0	0	1	2	.182	2	0	1	0	.308	0	0	1-1	5	0	1	.833
19	Stevens, Mekiyah	.125	4-2	8	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	.125	0	0	2	0	.125	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	.000
9	Oswalt, Makenna	.000	8-6	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	3	0	.083	0	1	0-0	35	0	0	1.000
11	Moreno, Kalina	.000	5-3	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	2	0	1	0	.222	0	0	1-1	1	3	0	1.000
17	Foreman, Marsha	.000	3-2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1-1	8	0	0	1.000
2	Campbell, Mahalia	.000	5-2	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
Totals		.293	10-10	256	53	75	15	7	0	44	104	.406	32	6	40	0	.379	4	8	14-16	182	69	19	.930
Opponents		.318	10-10	283	50	90	10	5	0	45	110	.389	16	3	24	0	.359	2	1	8-10	181	64	20	.925

LOB: Team (71), Opp (71) DPs Turned: Team (2), Opp (3) IBB: Team (0), Opp (0) Picked Off: Merolillo (1)

All games Sorted by Earned Run Avg

#	Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	B/AVG	WP	HP	BK	SFA	SHA
7	Fedder, Alaina	2.03	2-1	5	4	1	0-0	0	20.2	29	10	6	1	8	4	2	0	.315	1	0	0	0	1
6	Gilmore, Ava	2.90	0-1	3	1	0	0-0	0	9.2	19	9	4	1	2	2	1	0	.388	0	1	0	0	0
24	Herman, Mackenzie	4.40	2-0	4	3	1	0-0	0	14.1	19	15	9	8	9	1	0	0	.288	3	2	0	1	0
1	Merolillo, Lily	5.25	1-3	7	2	0	0-0	0	16.0	23	16	12	6	5	3	2	0	.303	1	0	0	1	0
Totals		3.58	5-5	19	10	2	0	0	60.2	90	50	31	16	24	10	5	0	.318	5	3	0	2	1
Opponents		4.87	5-5	16	10	5	1	0	60.1	75	53	42	32	40	15	7	0	.293	9	6	0	4	8

PB: Team (3), Totals (3), Fordyce (2), Hufford (1), Opp (2) Pickoffs: Team (0), Totals , Opp (1) SBA/ATT: Totals (16-20), Hufford (5-7), Merolillo (5-5), Fordyce (2-2), Fedder (1-1), Foreman (1-1), Gilmore (1-3), Herman (1-1)

RECORD TRACKER

CAREER RECORDS

ASSISTS

1.	Jordan Lilley (2014-16)	14
	Zachary Oliver (2015-18)	14
3.	Francis Ahia (2010-12, '14)	12
4.	Mitchell Strauss (2024-Pres.)	11
	Chad Swisher (2007-09)	11

ASSISTS PER GAME (MIN. 17 GP)

1.	Mitchell Strauss (2024-Pres.)	0.35
2.	Jordan Lilley (2014-16)	0.29
	Dominic Walker (2015)	0.29

POINTS

1.	Chad Swisher (2007-09)	59
2.	Rory Duncan (2010-13)	57
3.	Nikola Vasilev (2004-05)	54
4.	Zachary Oliver (2015-18)	52
5.	Francis Ahia (2010-12, '14)	48
6.	Jordan Lilley (2014-16)	38
7.	AJ Trobek (2022-24)	35
8.	Jason Kolos (2000-03)	31
	Dominic Walker (2015)	31
10.	Mitchell Strauss (2024-Pres.)	25

POINTS PER GAME (MIN. 17 GP)

1.	Dominic Walker (2015)	1.82
2.	Nikola Vasilev (2004-05)	1.59
3.	Chad Swisher (2007-09)	1.20
4.	Mitchell Strauss (2024-Pres.)	1.06
5.	Zachary Oliver (2015-18)	0.83
6.	Rory Duncan (2010-13)	0.81
7.	Jordan Lilley (2014-16)	0.79
8.	AJ Trobek (2022-24)	0.76
9.	Francis Ahia (2010-12, '14)	0.69
10.	Troy Elsea (2011-14)	0.59

AROUND THE PAC

STANDINGS

TEAM	PAC	OVR	H	A	N
Thiel	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0
Grove City	0-0	0-0-1	0-0-1	0-0	0-0
Hiram	0-0	0-0-1	0-0	0-0-1	0-0
Waynesburg	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-0	0-0
Saint Francis *	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
W&J	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Allegheny	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0
Bethany	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0
Chatham	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0
Franciscan	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0
Geneva	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0
Saint Vincent	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0
Westminster	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0

* Ineligible for PAC Championship as SFU reclassifies to DIII

PRESEASON COACHES' POLL

RANK	TEAM	POINTS (1ST)
1.	Grove City	132 (11)
2.	Franciscan	120 (1)
3.	Allegheny	101
4.	Geneva	100
5.	Saint Vincent	92
6.	Waynesburg	77
7.	W&J	73
8.	Chatham	51
9.	Hiram	43
10.	Bethany	34
11.	Westminster	24
12.	Thiel	23
	Saint Francis *	-

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DIRECTOR OF SOCCER ZACK WALTERS



Zack Walters enters his seventh season leading the Thiel men's soccer program and first season at the helm of the women's soccer program in 2026. Walters was elevated to Director of Soccer in May 2026, assuming leadership of both programs and oversight of Thiel's soccer operations. He enters his eighth season of collegiate coaching overall.

Walters has spearheaded the revitalization of the men's soccer program since taking over as head coach. His most successful season came in 2024, when he guided the Tomcats to seven victories, matching the second-highest single-season win total in program history. Thiel opened the year 5-1-1 in non-conference play, marking the best non-conference start in program history.

Goalkeeper Bryce Stefanowicz finished the season with a 7-6-2 record to become the first goalkeeper in program history to post a winning record. Freshman Mitchell Strauss also established program single-season records with eight assists and 0.47 assists per game.

Walters has helped develop 12 All-PAC selections during his tenure while placing an emphasis on success in the classroom. He has mentored 11 CSC Academic All-District selections and guided the program to six consecutive United Soccer Coaches Team Academic Awards.

Walters originally joined the Thiel men's soccer staff as an assistant coach in 2019 before taking over the program in 2020. Prior to arriving at Thiel, he served as a volunteer assistant coach at his alma mater, Westminster College, in 2018. That season, Walters helped the Titans capture the PAC championship and earn a berth in the NCAA Division III Tournament. He also served as Director of Coaching for LC Select from 2021-25 and holds a U.S. Soccer "C" License.

A four-year starter and two-year captain at Westminster from 2014-17, Walters was a two-time All-PAC selection during his playing career. He recorded 12 goals and 10 assists for 34 career points and was a member of Westminster's 2015 PAC championship team that advanced to the NCAA Division III Tournament. During that championship season, Walters scored the game-winning goal against No. 2 nationally ranked Thomas More. He was later selected to the Westminster All-Decade (2010-19) Second Team.

