



# MEN'S BASKETBALL 2005-06

**Presidents' Athletic Conference**

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## Current 2005-06 Regular Season Standings (through January 2, 2006)

School	PAC Games			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Bethany College	0	0	.000	7	4	.636
Waynesburg College	0	0	.000	5	4	.556
Grove City College	0	0	.000	3	7	.300
Westminster College	0	0	.000	3	8	.273
Thiel College	0	0	.000	2	9	.182
Washington & Jefferson College	0	0	.000	1	10	.091
Thomas More College	0	0	.000	0	12	.000

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

#### Monday, December 19

Waynesburg 78, PENN STATE-NEW KENSINGTON 53

#### Tuesday, December 20

WESTMINSTER 100, La Roche 76  
Transylvania 107, THOMAS MORE 65

#### Wednesday, December 21

MUSKINGUM 93, Waynesburg 77

#### Friday, December 23

NORTHERN KENTUCKY 85, Thomas More 39

#### Wednesday, December 28

Westminster 94, Ottawa (Kan.) 89@  
Pacific Lutheran 63, Washington & Jefferson 54%

#### Thursday, December 29

Mount St. Mary's (N.Y.) 99, Westminster 95@  
Lycoming 94, Thiel 75!  
MARIETTA 90, Grove City 81#  
Ohio Wesleyan 86, Thomas More 67\$  
Ramapo 79, Washington & Jefferson 64%

#### Friday, December 30

Bethany 70, MUSKINGUM 65  
WOOSTER 129, Thiel 80!  
Bridgewater 71, Grove City 67#  
Nazareth 89, Thomas More 83 (OT)\$  
Elmira 84, Washington & Jefferson 78%

@ - at South Padre Island (Tex.) Shootout

! - at E.M. "Mose" Hole/Wooster Kiwanis Classic - Wooster, Ohio

# - at Marietta Shrine Tournament - Marietta, Ohio

\$ - at Otterbein Tournament - Westerville, Ohio

% - at Cactus Jam Classic - Tempa, Ariz.

### UPCOMING SCHEDULE

#### Tuesday, January 3

Bethany at Hiram - 7 p.m.

#### Wednesday, January 4

Waynesburg at Washington & Jefferson\* - 6 p.m.

Pitt-Greensburg at Grove City - 7 p.m.

Thiel at Westminster\* - 8 p.m.

#### Friday, January 6

Grove City at Albright - 8 p.m.

SUNY-Maritime at Washington & Jefferson - 8 p.m.

#### Saturday, January 7

Bethany at Thomas More\* - 3 p.m.

Westminster at DeSales - 3 p.m.

Penn State-Fayette at Waynesburg - 7:30 p.m.

Thiel at SUNY-Fredonia - 8 p.m.

Grove City at Albright TGIFridays/Sheraton Tournament

Washington & Jefferson Hilton Garden Inn/Jacksons Classic

#### Sunday, January 8

D'Youville at Bethany - 3 p.m.

## PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**MARK DEMONACO**

**Westminster College**

5-8 Senior Guard

New Castle, Pa./New Castle H.S.

DeMonaco averaged 24.0 points, 3.3 rebounds, 4.3 assists and 1.3 steals while leading Westminster to a 2-1 record over the holiday break, including a season-high 35 points in a 94-89 win over NAIA member Ottawa (Kan.). He shot 47 percent from the field (23-of-49), including 40 percent from three-point range (16-of-40), and 83 percent at the line (10-of-12).

Also nominated was senior F **Matt Drahos** of Bethany, junior F **Mark Smith** of Grove City, senior F **R.K. Thurman** of Thomas More, junior G **Jon Koch** of Washington & Jefferson, and junior F **Jeff Nero** of Waynesburg.

# PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES



## Bethany Bison

Bethany wrapped up its first half of the season with a 70-65 road win at Muskingum Dec. 30 in their only action over the holiday break ... Three-pointers by **Scott Mezyk** and **Marc Palermo** highlighted a 12-2 Bison run early in the second half and gave BC their biggest lead at 46-34 ... The Muskies fought back to take the lead three times, including a 65-64 advantage with a minute left ... **Matt Drahos** then finished a three-point play with 36 seconds left to give Bethany the lead for good and **Mike Drahos** hit two free throws with eight ticks to go to seal the win ... Matt Drahos finished with 20 points and became just the fourth Bethany player in school history to go over 1,500 for his career, while Mike Drahos tallied 19 points and 13 rebounds.



## Thiel Tomcats

The Tomcats dropped a pair of contests at the E.M. "Mose" Hole/ Wooster Kiwanis Classic, hosted by the College of Wooster ... Thiel suffered a 94-75 loss to Lycoming in the opening round and fell to the host Scots 129-80 in the consolation contest ... Against Lycoming, freshman G **James Beedle** finished with 23 points, six steals and four assists ... Sophomore F **Joe Herrmann** added 12 points and eight rebounds, while senior F **Stephen Laird** and junior F **Geno Bianco** each chipped in with 10 ... Second-ranked Wooster knocked down a school-record 20 treys in the consolation game ... Herrmann paced the 'Cats with 21 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists ... Senior F **Damien Williams** added 15 points and five rebounds.



## Washington & Jefferson Presidents

The Presidents dropped all three games last week at the Cactus Jam Classic in Tempe, Ariz. ... W&J fell behind by 12 points to Pacific Lutheran in its first game, only to rally in the second half before coming up just short ... Junior G **Jon Koch** was the only President to reach double digits with 20 points ... Koch netted 31 points, including the 1,000th of his career vs. Ramapo, but it was not enough as the Roadrunners posted a 15-point triumph ... Junior G **Brandon Studer** totaled 11 second-half points ... Elmira shot a blistering 60 percent to defeat W&J in the fifth-place game ... Sophomore C **Tony Lewis** netted 23 points to lead W&J, while Studer added 20 ... Koch is the first President to score 1,000 points since **Nolan Larry** accomplished the feat in 2002.



## Westminster Titans

Westminster went 2-1 over the holiday break, starting with a 100-76 home win over La Roche on Dec. 20 ... Sophomore G **Chauncey Whitlow** led the way with a career-best 22 points and adding a team-high three steals, while freshman C **Steve Bielich** added 21 points and senior G **Brian Fadden** came up just shy of his first career triple-double, as he posted 17 points and team-high totals of 11 rebounds and eight assists ... The Titans split two games at the South Padre Island (Tex.) Shootout, topping Ottawa 94-89 before falling to Mount St. Mary's (N.Y.) 99-95 ... Senior G **Mark DeMonaco** poured in 35 points in the Ottawa win, while sophomore G **Craig Hannon** and DeMonaco tallied 25 and 24 points, respectively, in the loss to Mount St. Mary's.



## Grove City Wolverines

Grove City dropped two games at the Marietta Shrine Tournament ... The Wolverines fell to Marietta in the semifinals Thursday, 90-81 ... Friday, Bridgewater pulled out a 71-67 win in the consolation game ... Junior C **Craig Hallman** posted 20 points and 10 rebounds, both career-highs, against Marietta ... Five GCC players reached double figures, as **Chuck Cotherman** fired in 13 points while **Mark Smith**, **Matt Phillips** and **Joe Capotosta** all had 10 ... Friday, Smith and **Shawn Carr** each had 11 points while **John Scheller** added 10 ... The Wolverines out-rebounded both Marietta and Bridgewater ... Grove City was 2-0 when out-rebounding its opponents prior to the tournament ... GCC was 38-of-45 at the foul line during the two games.



## Thomas More Saints

The Saints are still looking for their first win over the season, after dropping four games over the holidays ... During the break, senior **R.K. Thurman** appeared to be rounding into form ... The 6-6 forward averaged 13.5 points and 9.2 rebounds, including a 21-point, 13-rebound performance in TMC's overtime loss to Nazareth ... Junior **Michael Selm** reached double figures for the only two times in his career, scoring a career-high 11 points against OWU and following it up with a 10-point performance against Nazareth.



## Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

The Yellow Jackets took a split in their final two games of the 2005 portion of their schedule ... In a 78-53 win over PS-New Kensington, Waynesburg shot over 53 percent from the floor ... Junior F **Jeff Nero** scored a team-high 14 points on 7-of-10 shooting and added four steals and four rebounds ... Fellow juniors **Shawn Coleman** and **Marc Lodovico** each bucketed 12 points in the win, while G **Beau Wilson** tied his career high with eight assists ... Wednesday, Waynesburg fell 93-77 at Muskingum despite a team-high 21 points from Nero ... Joining Nero in double figures were G **Jeff Linden** and F **Ryan Bujnowski** with 14 and 10 points, respectively ... The Jackets trailed by 16 in the first half before taking a lead in the opening minutes of the second half ... However, Muskingum held Waynesburg scoreless over four minutes to put the game out of reach.

### 2005-06 PAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

11/20	<b>Beau Wilson</b> , G, Waynesburg
11/27	<b>Jon Koch</b> , G, Washington & Jefferson
12/4	<b>Matt Drahos</b> , F, Bethany
12/11	<b>Beau Wilson</b> , G, Waynesburg
12/18	<b>Shawn Carr</b> , G, Grove City
1/2	<b>Mark DeMonaco</b> , G, Westminster
1/8	
1/15	
1/22	
1/29	
2/5	
2/12	
2/19	

# PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS



## Bethany Bison

at Hiram (1/3 - 7 p.m.)  
at Thomas More\* (1/7 - 3 p.m.)  
vs. D'Youville (1/8 - 3 p.m.)

Their PAC opener highlights a busy first week of 2006 for the Bison ... BC 's final tune-up will be Tuesday at Hiram in a 7 p.m. tip-off ... The Bison improved their all-time series advantage to 32-22 over the Terriers with a 76-70 win last year in Bethany ... BC begins defense of its conference championship by traveling to Thomas More Saturday ... It will be the sixth all-time meeting between the teams, with Thomas More holding a 4-1 lead, and first since a 98-74 Saint win in 2001 ... The week concludes with a home match-up against D'Youville Sunday.



## Thiel Tomcats

at Westminster\*(1/4 - 8 p.m.)  
at SUNY-Fredonia (1/7 - 8 p.m.)

The Tomcats will try to break their current five-game slide against PAC rival Westminster this Wednesday before traveling to SUNY- Fredonia Saturday ... Wednesday will be the 53rd meeting between Thiel and Westminster, with the Titans holding a commanding 43-9 series edge ... The Tomcats claimed two of three match ups last season, including a 110-107 win in the first round of the PAC Tournament ... **Joe Herrmann** averaged 32.2 points and 12.0 rebounds in the three games, scoring a career-best 44 in the Tomcats' 119-114 OT win at Beeghly Gym...SUNY-Fredonia owns a 16-13 record against Thiel and claimed a 75-72 win in Greenville last season.



## Washington & Jefferson Presidents

vs. Waynesburg\* (1/4 - 6 p.m.)  
W&J Hilton Inn/Jacksons Classic (1/6-7)

W&J opens PAC play Wednesday by hosting I-79 rival Waynesburg ... The two schools meet for the 83rd time in history with the series dead-locked, 41-41 ... Waynesburg has gotten the best of W&J in recent history as it has claimed seven of the past 10 meetings; however, W&J took two of three contests last year, including an 88-64 rout in the opening round of the PAC Tournament ... W&J and SUNY-Maritime will meet for the first time in history on Friday evening ... Wooster and The College of New Jersey will play the other first round game ... W&J holds a 3-6 record all-time versus Wooster and has never played New Jersey.



## Westminster Titans

vs. Thiel\* (1/4 - 8 p.m.)  
at DeSales (1/7 - 3 p.m.)

Westminster opens its PAC slate Wednesday with a home contest against Thiel ... The Tomcats won two of three meetings against the Titans last season, including a 110-107 victory in the opening round of the PAC Tournament in New Wilmington ... **Mark DeMonaco** posted a team-high 24 points in the loss ... Each team won on its home court during the 2004-05 regular season, with the Titans posting a 125-100 victory at Buzz Ridl Gymnasium (with DeMonaco scoring 28), while the Tomcats rode a buzzer-beating three-pointer to a 119-114 overtime win in Greenville ... Westminster and DeSales will meet for the first time.



## Grove City Wolverines

vs. Pitt-Greensburg (1/4 - 7 p.m.)  
at Albright Tournament (1/6-7)

Grove City hosts Pitt-Greensburg Wednesday night in its first home game since Dec. 8 ... The Wolverines earned a 71-65 win at Greensburg Jan. 4, 2005 ... That win snapped a six-game slide for Grove City ... Five Wolverines scored in double figures in last year's win, led by **Phil Bushre's** 18 points ... The Wolverines won the last meeting in Grove City, 78-66, on Jan. 7, 2004 ... GCC owns a 5-2 edge in the series ... Grove City will participate in the TGIFriday's/ Sheraton at Albright College Friday and Saturday in Reading, Pa. ... Grove City play host Albright Friday for the first time since 1992.



## Thomas More Saints

vs. Bethany\* (1/7 - 3 p.m.)

Thomas More starts PAC play with a home game with Bethany, and leads the overall series, 3-0 ... The last time the two teams met, Thomas More downed the Bison, 98-74.



## Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

at Washington & Jefferson (1/4 - 6 p.m.)  
vs. Penn State-Fayette (1/7 - 7:30 p.m.)

Waynesburg opens PAC play this Wednesday, Jan.4, when the Jackets face rival Washington & Jefferson at the Henry Memorial Center ... W&J won two of three contests last season, including an 88-64 victory in the PAC Tournament ... The first two games between the Presidents and Yellow Jackets last season were decided by a combined five points, including a 96-93 triple-overtime win by Waynesburg to open PAC play ... F **Jeff Nero** reached double figures in all three games, including 23 during the triple-OT win ... On Saturday, Jan. 7, the Yellow Jackets will face Penn State-Fayette for the first time in program history.

## PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL RADIO/TV BROADCASTS THIS WEEK

**Thomas More** - Bethany game on Insight Communications Channels 22/8 in Northern Kentucky

**Wash. & Jeff.** - All three games on WNJR-FM (91.7) in Washington; [mms://media.washjeff.edu/WNJR](mailto:mms://media.washjeff.edu/WNJR)

**Westminster** - Both games on WWNW-FM (88.9) in New Wilmington; [www.titanradio.net](http://www.titanradio.net); [www.msasportsnetwork.com](http://www.msasportsnetwork.com)