

# MEN'S BASKETBALL 2006-07

#### Presidents' Athletic Conference

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# **Current 2006-07 Regular Season Standings (through January 7)**

	PAC Games			All G	All Games		
School	W	L	Pct.	$\underline{W}$	<u>L</u>	Pct.	
Bethany College	2	0	1.00	9	4	.692	
Westminster College	2	0	1.00	8	5	.615	
Waynesburg College	1	1	.500	6	3	.667	
Thiel College	1	1	.500	4	7	.364	
Washington & Jefferson College	0	1	.000	3	10	.231	
Thomas More College	0	1	.000	0	13	.000	
Grove City College	0	2	.000	5	7	.417	
Saint Vincent College*	0	0	.000	7	4	.636	

<sup>\* -</sup> NCAA Division III provisional member - ineligible for PAC title and Player of the Week honors

#### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Wednesday, January 3

LAKE ERIE 79, Bethany 74

GROVE CITY 65, Case Western Reserve 57

#### Saturday, January 6

BETHANY 75, Grove City 63\*
WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 76, Saint Vincent 68\*
WESTMINSTER 89, Thomas More 79\*
Thiel 64, WAYNESBURG 60\*

#### **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

#### Wednesday, January 10

Waynesburg at Washington & Jefferson\* - 6 p.m. Bethany at Thomas More\* - 7:30 p.m. Grove City at Thiel\* - 8 p.m. Westminster at Saint Vincent\* - 8 p.m.

#### Thursday, January 11

Penn State-New Kensington at Waynesburg - 7:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, January 13

Saint Vincent at Grove City\* - 3 p.m. Thiel at Thomas More\* - 3 p.m. Washington & Jefferson at Bethany\* - 4 p.m. Westminster at Waynesburg\* - 7:30 p.m.

# PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

# JOE HERRMANN Thiel College

6-5 Junior Forward Hartstown, Pa. Jamestown H.S.

Herrmann was named PAC Player of the Week for the second time this season, after posting a double-double with 28



points and 13 rebounds for the Tomcats in their only game of the week, a 64-60 road win at conference rival Waynesburg. The junior shot 11-of-15 (73 percent) from the floor in the league victory.

Also nominated was junior G **Brody Jackson** of Bethany, junior G **Joe Capotosta** of Grove City, junior P **Brad Buckner** of Thomas More, sophomore F **Wahab Owolabi** of Washington & Jefferson, and freshman F **Ryne Murray** of Westminster..

# PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES



# **Bethany Bison**

After having their four-game winning streak stopped at Lake Erie, the Bison extended their PAC-record winning streak to 26 games over league teams with a 75-63 victory over Grove City ... Against Lake Erie, **Brody Jackson** sank

eight three-pointers and scored a career-high 31 points ... **James Wallace** notched 16 points and six rebounds in the defeat, while **Chris Stephens** totaled 12 points, six rebounds and five assists ... The GCC win was highlighted by a 16-6 BC run late that secured Bethany's ninth straight victory over the Wolverines ... **Marcus Adams** had seven of his 10 points during the key spurt ... **Ryan Besancon** recorded 16 points and 11 boards for his second doubledouble in as many PAC games, while Jackson finished with 14.



# **Grove City Wolverines**

Grove City is 0-2 in the PAC after a 75-63 loss at Bethany Saturday ... GCC made four more field goals than the Bison (27-23) but could not get to the foul line ... Bethany made 19-of-23 free throws, whereas Grove City went 3-

for-5 at the line ... **Mark Smith** led GCC with 13 points while **Joe Capotosta** added 10 ... The Wolverines held Bethany to 43 percent shooting from the floor, six points below their season average ... Wednesday, Grove City earned a 65-57 home win over Case Western Reserve ... **Ryan Gibson** paced GCC with 13 points while Capotosta added 12 ... **Shawn Carr** fired in three second-half three-pointers and finished with 11 points ... The Wolverines limited CWRU to just 31 percent shooting from the field.



#### Thiel Tomcats

The Tomcats improved to 1-1 in the conference with their 64-60 win over Waynesburg Saturday ... Junior F **Joe Herrmann** recorded his second straight double-double, finishing with 28 points and 13 rebounds ... Sophomore G **Brandon Mirizio** was Thiel's second leading

scorer with 17 points while handing out three assists to go along with four rebounds ... Freshman G Cory Chafee added 10 points ... Thiel had a clear advantage on the glass, outrebounding Waynesburg 50-30.



#### Thomas More Saints

In their only game of the week, the Saints fell to Westminster in PAC action, 89-79 ... Junior **Brad Buckner** 

narrowly missed his second double-double of the season with a career-high 24 points with nine rebounds ... In his first career start, freshman **Aaron Miller** recorded a career-high 14 points – his first double-digit performance – five rebounds and a team-high three steals ... Sophomore **Matt Tierney** chipped in with a season-high 10 points.



# Washington & Jefferson Presidents

Washington & Jefferson defeated Saint Vincent, 76-68, in its only game of the week ... After a tight first half, the Presidents used a 19-6 run over the first 8:30 of the second half to forge a 13-point lead and breezed to the victory ... Sophomore F Wahab Owolabi led the Presidents with 18 points and 14 rebounds ... Senior G Brandon Studer

scored 12 of his game-high 21 points in the second half, while senior G Jon Koch netted 19 points ... Koch is now four point shy of passing Dave Branchen '91 for second place on the school's all-time scoring list ... W&J shot 53 percent from the floor, including 63 percent accuracy in the second half, and held a 31-27 rebounding advantage.



# Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

Thiel posted a 64-60 win over Waynesburg Saturday at the Marisa Fieldhouse to snap the Yellow Jackets' five-game winning streak ... In the loss, senior G **Beau Wilson** led Waynesburg with 18 points, while six other

Waynesburg players added six-plus points in the loss ... Thiel led 40-30 with 15:03 to go before the Yellow Jackets mounted a run to cut the lead to 40-38 with 12:26 to go following a three-pointer from senior F **Jeff Nero**, to cap an 8-0 run ... The Tomcats stretched the lead back to nine points, 56-47, with 4:11 remaining ... Down the stretch, Waynesburg cut the lead to two points with 32 seconds left, but would get no closer as Thiel sealed the win from the free throw line ... Junior F **Josh Parisi** had a season-high nine rebounds (four offensive), while also adding six points and four blocks.



#### Westminster Titans

Westminster registered its seventh win in its last eight games with an 89-79 win over visiting PAC rival Thomas More Saturday ... Freshman F Ryne Murray compiled a double-double for the third straight game as he paced the Titans with 17 points and 12 rebounds ... Westminster mounted a 16-point (35-19) lead for its largest advantage of the first half on a Nick Adams three-pointer with 3:30 left in the period ... Adams, who scored 14 points in the game, sank four of Westminster's 15 three-poijnters as the Titans were

37.5 percent (15-40) from beyond the arc ... In addition to Murray and Adams, sophomore C **Steve Bielich** scored 15, senior PG **Greg Rosatelli** bucketed 13 (along with nine assists), junior G **Craig Hannon** sank 11, and junior F/G **Chauncey Whitlow** posted 10.



### Saint Vincent Bearcats

Billy Bains and Marc Duncan each scored 13 to lead the team, but Saint Vincent fell to W&J 76-68 on the road Saturday ... For the season, four Bearcats are scoring in double digits: Javille Brooks (13.5), Billy Bains (11.6), Jonny Hasson (10.9) and Tre'sor Kalambay (10.2) ...

**Roscoe Biggers** is averaging 4.5 assists per game in just 21.5 minutes of playing time ... Brooks is averaging 7.4 rebounds per game.

# PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

# **Bethany Bison**

at Thomas More\* (1/10 - 7:30 p.m.) vs. Wash. & Jeff.\* (1/13 - 4 p.m.)

Although Thomas More leads the all-time series with Bethany 4-3, BC won both matchups

with the Saints in TMC's first year in the league ... The Bison won an 84-77 dogfight in Kentucky, then got defensive in a 71-46 triumph at home ... The tilt with W&J renews the longest running rivalry in both teams' history, with the Presidents holding an 88-65 series advantage ... W&J was the last PAC team to beat the Bison with a 66-64 victory back on Jan. 19, 2005 in Washington ... Since then, BC has won four in a row over the Presidents and 26 straight over PAC foes ... Bethany's two wins last year, by scores of 100-83 and 86-75, gave the Green & White 11 wins in the last 13 meetings with W&J.

#### Thiel Tomcats

vs. Grove City\* (1/10 - 8 p.m.) at Thomas More\* (1/13 - 3 p.m.) (Grove City game - WPIC-AM (790); www.msasportsnetwork.com)

Thiel continues PAC play this week as it hosts Grove City on Wednesday before traveling to Thomas More on Saturday ... Thiel is 34-97 in the all-time series against Grove City ... The Tomcats are 6-8 against the Wolverines since the start of the 2000-01 season and have posted wins in two of the last three ... Thiel and Thomas More have met just twice with the Saints holding a 2-0 edge.



### **Grove City Wolverines**

at Thiel\* (1/10 - 8 p.m.) vs. Saint Vincent\* (1/13 - 3 p.m.) (Thiel game - WSAJ-FM (91.1); www2.qcc.edu/sports)

Grove City visits Mercer County rival Thiel in the 136<sup>th</sup> all-time meeting between the schools ... GCC leads the series 101-34, with the 101 wins being the highest total against any opponent ... The teams split last year's two meetings with each squad winning at home ... Grove City earned an 81-65 home win Jan. 18, 2006 as **Chuck Cotherman** fired in 19 points ... Thiel won the second meeting in Greenville, 75-70, Feb. 8 ... Saturday, Grove City will host Saint Vincent ... It is the first meeting between the teams since a 53-52 SVC win in Latrobe on Jan. 25, 1982.



#### Thomas More Saints

vs. Bethany\* (1/10 - 7:30 p.m.) vs. Thiel\* (1/13 - 3 p.m.) (Insight Communications (TV channels 22/6) - Saturday only)

Thomas More will open its home PAC slate with back-to-back home games ... The Saints hold a slim 3-2 edge over Bethany, but lost both games last season, 84-77 at Connor Convocation and 71-46 in Bethany ... Thomas More did win both contests last season against Thiel for the Saints lone PAC wins ... The Saints knocked off TC 92-84 in Greenville before posting the 73-66 home win.



# Washington & Jefferson Presidents

vs. Waynesburg\* (1/10 - 6 p.m.) at Bethany\* (1/13 - 4 p.m.)

(WNJR-FM (91.7); mms://media.washjeff.edu/WNJR)

W&J and Waynesburg renew their I-79 rivalry for the 85th time Wednesday ... The Presidents lead the all-time series 43-41 and have won four of

the last five meetings ... Since 2000-2001, the final margin of victory in the series has been seven points or less in 12 of 14 contests ... The W&J-Bethany series is the longest in Presidents' history, as the two schools have played 155 times with the Bison holding a 93-62 edge ... Since 1998-99, Bethany has claimed 13 of 17 victories ... BC has defeated W&J eight straight times at Hummel Fieldhouse ... The last W&J win in West Virginia came on Jan. 21, 1998, by a 71-60 score.



# Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

at Wash. & Jeff.\* (1/10 - 6 p.m.)
vs. PS-New Kensington (1/11 - 7:30 p.m.)
vs. Westminster\* (1/13 - 7:30 p.m.)
(WCYJ-FM (88.7); www.waynesburg.edu all games; WCTV-12 - Saturday only))

The Yellow Jackets continue PAC play Wednesday when they travel to W&j ... The Presidents have won the last four meetings ... The Yellow Jackets then host Penn State-New Kensington Thursday in a non-league game ... Waynesburg cruised to a 78-53 road victory over the Lions last season after shooting 53 percent from the floor ... WC continues its homestand Saturday, hosting Westminster ... Waynesburg won two of the three meetings last season against the Titans, including an 87-75 win in the PAC Tournament.



#### Westminster Titans

at Saint Vincent\* (1/10 - 8 p.m.) at Waynesburg\* (1/13 - 7:30 p.m.)

(WWNW-FM (88.9); www.titanradio.net - both games)

Westminster begins a stretch where five of its next six games are road PAC contests ... The Titans are the league's highest scoring team averaging 87.7 points per game ... Saint Vincent is the best defensive team, limiting opponents to just 63.5 points per game ... Westminster is 7-7 against Waynesburg since the Titans joined the PAC, with the Jackets going 2-1 in three

games last year ... The Titans suffered a season-ending home loss to Waynesburg, 87-75, in the PAC semifinals last year ... The loss came just five days after **Craig Hannon** scored 29 points in a 94-82 regular-season win over the Yellow Jackets in New Wilmington.



# Saint Vincent Bearcats

vs. Westminster\* (1/10 - 8 p.m.) at Grove City\* (1/13 - 3 p.m.)

(WCNS-AM (1480); www.redzonemedia.com)

The Bearcats host Westminster Wednesday before traveling to Grove City Saturday in a pair of matchups against PAC opponents ...

Wednesday's game will mark **Greg Rosatelli**'s return to the Carey Center ... Rosatelli was Saint Vincent's starting point guard at the beginning of the 2005-06 season before transferring to Westminster at mid-season that year.