

MEN'S BASKETBALL 2003-04

Presidents'Athletic Conference

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CURRENT REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through January 11, 2004)

| | PAC Games | | | All Games | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|---|------|-----------|---|------|
| School | W | L | Pct. | W | L | Pct. |
| Bethany College | 0 | 0 | .000 | 8 | 4 | .667 |
| Washington & Jefferson College | 0 | 0 | .000 | 6 | 7 | .462 |
| Grove City College | 0 | 0 | .000 | 5 | 8 | .385 |
| Waynesburg College | 0 | 0 | .000 | 4 | 8 | .333 |
| Thiel College | 0 | 0 | .000 | 4 | 9 | .308 |
| Westminster College | 0 | 0 | .000 | 4 | 9 | .308 |

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS **Tuesday, January 6** PENN STATE-ALTOONA 85, Waynesburg 66

Wednesday, January 7

BETHANY 109, Medaille 78 Allegheny 83, THIEL 78 WESTMINSTER 111, Case Western Reserve 95 GROVE CITY 78, Pitt-Greensburg 66 WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 98, Frostburg State 75

Thursday, January 8 LA ROCHE 82, Waynesburg 64

Saturday, January 10

WAYNESBURG 81, Penn State-McKeesport 66 BETHANY 95, Lancaster Bible 66 La Roche 84, WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 83 SUNY-FREDONIA 68, Thiel 56 Grove City 63, St. Mary's (Md.) 58#

Saturday-Sunday, January 10-11 MORAVIAN 70, Grove City 38#

- at Moravian College Greyhound Classic - Bethlehem, Pa.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE Monday, January 12 Bethany ay La Roche - 7:30 p.m. Penn State-McKeesport at Thiel - 8 p.m.

Tuesday, January 13 Pitt-Bradford at Westminster - 7 p.m. Mount Aloysius at Waynesburg - 7:30 p.m.

Geneva at Grove City - 7:30 p.m. Thiel at Case Western Reserve - 7:30 p.m. Carnegie Mellon at Washington & Jefferson - 8 p.m.

Saturday, January 17 Bethany at Grove City* - 3 p.m.

Thiel at Westminster* - 3 p.m. Waynesburg at Washington & Jefferson* - 3 p.m.

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

MARK DEMONACO

Westminster College 5-8 Sophomore Guard New Castle, Pa./New Castle H.S.

DeMonaco scored a career-high 47 points, including a schoolrecord 11 three-pointers, to lead Westminster to a 111-95 win over Case Western Reserve in the Titans' only game of the week. DeMonaco shot 14-of-22 from the field (including 11-of-19 from three-point range) and 8-of-11 from the line as he finished just four points short of the school-record for points in a game (51, set by **John Fontanella** vs. Grove City in December, 1966). He also added six rebounds, four assists and three steals in the victory.

Also nominated was sophomore G/F **Mike Drahos** of Bethany, junior G **Mike Lukcic** of Grove City; senior F **D.J. Gambridge** of Thiel, freshman G **Brandon Studer** of Washington & Jefferson, and freshman G **Marc Lodovico** of Waynesburg.

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES Grove City Wolverines

Bethany Bison

The Bison returned home for the first time in over a month last week and played two games at Hummel Field House ... Bethany cruised to two victories over Medaille and Lancaster Bible by a combined margin of 204-144 ... The 109 points scored against Medaille were the second-most tallied by the Bison this season (after a 110-point game vs. Ohio-Eastern on Dec. 2) ... It was also the third time Bethany has reached 100 points this season ... Over the last four games, Bethany is averaging 88.7 points per game ... Mike Drahos led the Bison in scoring and rebounding in both games last week, as he recorded 22 points and eight rebounds against Medaille and 24 points and nine rebounds against Lancaster Bible.

Wash. & Jeff. Presidents

W&J split a pair of home contests versus AMCC opponents last week, routing Frostburg State Wednesday before falling to La Roche in the final minutes Saturday ... Freshman C Chris Cannon led the charge against FSU with 17 points and 15 rebounds, while classmate Brandon Studer poured in 18 points ... Freshman G Anthony Hairston scored 16 points on 7-of-9 shooting and added six rebounds and four assists and junior F Steve Button netted 15 points off the bench, while freshman G Jon Koch recorded 13 points ... Button scored 24 points and grabbed nine boards in the loss to LaRoche ... W&J held a 10-point lead midway through the second half, but the Redhawks hit five key treys in the closing minutes ... Studer had another solid game with 21 points, seven assists, five rebounds and four steals.

Grove City snapped a four-game losing streak by picking up a pair of wins last week ... Ryan Eller fired in a career-high 30 points in the Wolverines' win over Pitt-Greensburg while Mike Lukcic tied a school record by making all five of his three-point attempts against St. Mary's of Maryland in the semifinals of the Moravian Greyhound Rock Classic Saturday night ... Lukcic earned All-Tournament honors at Moravian, his second All-Tournament honor of the season ... Tanner Prosser nearly produced his first tripledouble against Pitt-Greensburg with 11 points, 10 assists and eight rebounds ... Prosser now has 1,050 points for his career, 18th all-time in Grove City history ... The Wolverines close non-conference play Wednesday night at home against Geneva.

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

Waynesburg broke out of its worst slump of the season with an 81-66 over Penn State-McKeeport, after the Jackets lost fourstraight road games ... In four games combined, Waynesburg shot 35 percent from the field ... The Jackets shot 50.8 percent on Saturday, including freshmen G Marc Lodovico shooting 9-of-12 from the field and doubling his previous career high with 24 points ... Saturday also marked the first time all season Waynesburg out-rebounded an opponent (42-35) ... Junior C Phil McLauhglin came off the bench against the Lions adding 14 points and seven boards ... Waynesburg trailed by as much as 23 points in the second half against La Roche, before freshman G Chris Moore, who scored a career-high 12 points, sank three of his four three-pointers for the game.

Thiel Tomcats

The Tomcats dropped a pair of non-conference contests last week, losing at home to Allegheny 78-83 on Wednesday before enduring a 56-68 loss at Fredonia State on Saturday ... Thiel had a four-point lead over the Gators at the half but fell behind late in the second ... Senior F D.J. Gambridge led five Tomcats in double figures, finishing with 18 points and 10 rebounds ... Junior G's Daryl Moore and Ryan Singleton each had 12 while sophomore F Percy Sweeting tallied 11 on 5-of-6 shooting ... Senior F Mike Banach added 10 and four rebounds...the Tomcats shot just 29.5 percent from the field in their 56-68 loss at Fredonia State ... Gambridge led the squad with 13 points and seven boards ... Senior F Dennis Bott added 11 and three rebounds.

Westminster Titans

Sophomore G Mark DeMonaco bucketed a career-high 47 points, including a schoolrecord 11 three-pointers, to lead Westminster to a 111-95 win over Case Western Reserve on Tuesday ... DeMonaco shot 14-of-22 from the field (including 11-of-19 from three-point range) and 8-of-11 from the line as he finished just four points short of the schoolrecord for points in a game (51, set by John Fontanella vs. Grove City in December, 1966) ... Other top guns for the Titans included junior G Ed Pagley, who scored 23 points including five three-pointers; and junior F Pat O'Connor who added 11 markers ... Sophomore F Dom Joseph grabbed a teambest seven rebounds, while Pagley led the team in assists with five and O'Connor added a team-best five steals ... The Titans are averaging 110.0 ppg in the last three games.

Past PAC Men's Basketball Players of the Week

November 23: Mark DeMonaco, G, Westminster November 30: Mike Drahos, F, Bethany December 7: Mike King, G, Waynesburg December 14: Tanner Prosser, F, Grove City January 4: Steve Button, F, Washington & Jefferson January 11: Mark DeMonaco, G, Westminster January 18: January 25: February 18: February 1: February 8: February 22:

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

BETHANY BISON (8-4 Overall, 0-0 PAC) at La Roche (1/12 - 7:30 p.m.) at Grove City* (1/17 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

Upcoming Game Notes: Bethany won in overtime in the last meeting against both La Roche and Grove City ... Against La Roche, the Bison escaped with an 81-77 OT victory at home on Jan. 4, 2003 ... After losing to Grove City, 77-71, in the first meeting last season, Bethany won the next match-up on Feb. 8 at home by a score of 102-100 in double OT ... Matt Drahos hit a layup at the buzzer for the victory ... Bethany is 5-4 all-time against La Roche and 22-43 against Grove City.

THIEL TOMCATS (4-9 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

vs. Penn State-McKeesport (1/12 - 8 p.m.) at Case Western Reserve (1/14 - 7:30 p.m.) at Westminster* (1/17 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WPIC-AM (790); www.nsnsports.com (1/17 only) **Upcoming Game Notes:** Thiel plays a pair of non-conference games this week before opening its PAC schedule this Saturday at Westminster ... The Tomcats take on Penn State McKeesport for the first time Monday ... Thiel will travel to Cleveland to take on Case Western Reserve ... The Tomcats handed the Spartans an 85-74 loss in Greenville last season ... CWRU holds a 32-14 advantage in the all-time series ... Thiel split last year's meetings with Westminster, falling 94-82 at home before earning a 78-74 victory in New Wilmington ... Westminster commands a 40-7 edge in the schools all-time series.

WAYNESBURG YELLOW JACKETS (4-8 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

vs. Mount Aloysius (1/13 - 7:30 p.m.) at Washington & Jefferson* (1/17 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WCYJ-FM (88.7), www.waynesburg.edu

Upcoming Game Notes: Waynesburg hosts winless Mount Aloysius (0-12) for the first of two non-conference games with the Mounties this year ... In last year's meeting, **Mike King** and **Ray Robinson** scored 22 and 29 points, respectively, as Waynesburg won on the road, 96-94, with Robinson netting the game winner with five seconds remaining ... On Saturday, Waynesburg begins PAC play when it travels to W&J ... The Jackets won both games over the Presidents last year, including a 76-69 win at Washington.

GROVE CITY WOLVERINES (5-8 Overall, 0-0 PAC) vs. Geneva (1/14-7:30 p.m.)

vs. Bethany* (1/17 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

Upcoming Game Notes: Grove City hosts Geneva in its final tune-up before conference play starts Saturday ... Grove City has not beaten the Golden Tornadoes since Jan. 9, 1999, a 61-52 win in Beaver Falls ... **Tanner Prosser** needs two points to pass **Mike Donahoe** (1975-79) for 17th on Grove City's all-time scoring list ... Prosser could move into the Top 15 this week ...The Wolverines split with Bethany last season as each team won on the road.

WASH. & JEFF. PRESIDENTS (6-7 Overall, 0-0 PAC) vs. Carnegie Mellon (1/14 - 8 p.m.) vs. Waynesburg* (1/17 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WNJR-FM (91.7)

Upcoming Game Notes: W&J and CMU have met 69 times in history with W&J clinging to a 38-31 lead in the all-time series ... The Tartans defeated W&J, 82-60, earlier this season on November 22nd in the West Penn Tip-off Classic ... **A.J. Straub** and **Matt Kaitz** both scored 17 points for CMU, while freshman guard **Brandon Studer** led W&J with 14 ... PAC play opens for W&J and Waynesburg on Saturday in Washington ... The Presidents hold a slim 39-38 lead in the series, but the Yellow Jackets own a four-game winning streak over W&J and have claimed nine of the last 11 meetings ... Waynesburg won both of last season's contests by a total of nine points.

WESTMINSTER TITANS (4-9 Overall, 0-0 PAC) vs. Pitt-Bradford (1/13 - 7 p.m.) vs. Thiel* (1/17 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WWNW-FM (88.9), WKST-AM (1200) (1/17 only) www.nsnsports.com; Westminster Cable Network (WCN) (1/17) **Upcoming Game Notes:** The Titans play the second and third games of their current four-game homestand, hosting UP-B in a non-conference game before opening PAC play against Thiel ... Last year, Westminster dropped a 79-75 decision at Bradford despite 23 points and 10 rebounds by **Greg Foster** ... The Blue & White split its two games with the Tomcats a year ago, with each winning on the other's home floor ... Westminster recorded a 94-82 win in Greenville behind 23 points by **Pat O'Connor**, only to see Thiel earn a 78-74 victory in New Wilmington despite 19 points by O'Connor and 14 rebounds by Foster.