

MEN'S BASKETBALL 2002-03

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CURRENT REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (as of January 12, 2003)

	PAC Games			All Games		
School	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	Pct.	\underline{W}	<u>L</u>	Pct.
Waynesburg College	0	0	.000	6	4	.600
Grove City College	0	0	.000	7	5	.583
Bethany College	0	0	.000	6	7	.462
Thiel College	0	0	.000	6	7	.462
Westminster College	0	0	.000	6	7	.462
Washington & Jefferson College	0	0	.000	1	10	.091

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Tuesday, January 7

WAYNESBURG 69, Penn State-Altoona 62 Westminster 69. LA ROCHE 56

Wednesday, January 8

Frostburg State 80, GROVE CITY 74 THIEL 100, Hiram 87

Thursday, January 9

Waynesburg 93, LANCASTER BIBLE 44
Pitt-Greensburg 108, WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 99

Friday, January 10

WILKES 66, Westminster 61

Saturday, January 11

LA ROCHE 84, Washington & Jefferson 80 Westminster 77, Washington (MD) 75 (at Wilkes) GENEVA 81, Grove City 74 (OT) Apprentice 75, BETHANY 72 Thiel 69, PENN STATE-BEHREND 67

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Monday, January 13

Oberlin at Washington & Jefferson - 7:30 p.m. Waynesburg at Penn State-Altoona - 7:30 p.m. Westminster at Pitt-Bradford - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 15

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

Saturday, January 18

Grove City at Bethany* - 2 p.m. Westminster at Thiel* - 3 p.m. Washington & Jefferson at Waynesburg* -7:30 p.m.

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

RAY ROBINSON Waynesburg College 5-11 Senior Guard

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Robinson averaged 24.0 points, 2.5 steals and 2.0 assists last week, leading the Yellow Jackets to a fourgame win streak with victories over Penn State-Altoona (69-62) at home and at Lancaster Bible (93-44). His season-high 30 points against Lancaster Bible came in just 21 minutes of action. Robinson moved into fourth place on the Waynesburg career scoring charts with 1,719 points after starting the week in ninth place.

Also nominated was senior C **Derek Hoffman** of Bethany, junior F **Tanner Prosser** of Grove City, senior F **A.H. Davis** of Thiel, sophomore F **Steve Button** of Washington & Jefferson, and senior C **Greg Foster** of Westminster.

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

Bethany Bison

Bethany nearly rallied from a 12-point deficit with two minutes to play but fell just short in suffering a 75-72 loss to Apprentice, snapping the Bison's four-game winning streak... Guard **Mike Majzun** scored a game-high 23 points, while center **Derek Hoffman** finished with 20 points and 13 boards and forward **Matt Drahos** contributed 18... The Bison open defense of their back-to-back PAC titles on Saturday when they host Grove City.

Wash. & Jeff. Presidents

W&J's losing skid reached six games last week after non-conference home losses to Pitt-Greensburg and La Roche ... UP-G took control midway through the second half with a 25-13 run in clinching the victory ... Senior G Nolan Larry and sophomore F Steve Button led W&J with 27 points each ... Larry hit 9-of-13 shots from the field, while Button connected on 12-of-18 attempts and grabbed 11 boards ... Sophomore F Michael Chicone added 11 points, five rebounds and five assists ... Button scored a career-high 32 points in the loss to La Roche ... The Presidents trailed by 17 points with less than 10 minutes left, but tied the game, 78-78, with two minutes remaining ... Sophomore F Marcellino Manilla shot 6-of-10 for 13 points and grabbed eight boards.

Grove City Wolverines

The Wolverines are looking to rebound from a tough inter-semester stretch ... Frostburg made a dozen three-point goals in ending Grove City's 15-game home win streak against non-conference D-III schools last Wednesday ... GCC shot 50 percent (26-of-52) from the field and held a decided 41-20 rebound advantage ... Nate Maurer led Grove City with 20 points while Tanner Prosser added 15 points and eight rebounds ... Phil Bushre and Mike Lukcic both had 11 points ... At NAIA member Geneva Saturday, Wolverines shot 52 percent (30-of-58) from the field and out-rebounded the Golden Tornadoes, yet could not stop their losing streak ... Bushre poured in 19 points in only 19 minutes.

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

Waynesburg won its fourth straight in impressive fashion Thursday capping off the week with a 93-44 win at Lancaster Bible College ... The Jackets began the week with a win over Penn State-Altoona, which put them over the .500 mark for the first time this season ... Senior guard Ray Robinson and head coach Rudy Marisa both gained ground in the record books ... Robinson scored a season-high 30 points, helping the Yellow Jackets take a commanding 53-13 lead at halftime ... He went from seventh to fourth place on Waynesburg's career point list with 1,719 points ... Marisa notched his 555th career win, which ties him for seventh on the NCAA Division III all-time career coaching win list.

Thiel Tomcats

The Tomcats are currently riding their first four-game win streak under first-year head coach Mike Snell ... In their 100-87 win over Hiram, the Tomcats finished with six players in double digits, led by junior F Mike Banach's 20 ... Senior G Shane Manley and senior F A.H. Davis each added 18 ... After squandering a 38-30 halftime lead against Penn State Behrend, Thiel closed the game's final 2:14 on a 16-4 run ... A three by Manley tied the game at 66-66 with 26 seconds remaining before Davis hit the game-winning free throws with nine seconds to play ... Davis led the way with 17 points and six rebounds and freshman F Matt Dracup added 13 points on 6-of-7 shooting from the field.

Westminster Titans

The Titans went 2-1 in non-conference road games last week, sandwiching wins over La Roche (69-56 on Tuesday) and Washington (Md.) (77-75 on Saturday) around a 66-61 loss at Wilkes on Friday ... Senior C Greg Foster posted a monster game in the La Roche win, tallying a career-high 32 points and tying his career-best with 18 rebounds ... Sophomores Pat O'Connor and Craig Bohyer each added 12 markers against the Redhawks ... Sophomores Chris Hatch and O'Connor recorded 16 and 14 points, respectively, in the loss to 7-1 Wilkes ... Hatch hit the final two of his team-high 19 points as time expired in the Washington win, while Foster added 16 points and team-high totals of 12 rebounds and five blocked shots.

Past PAC Men's Basketball Players of the Week

November 25: Phil Bushre, C, Grove City

<u>December 2:</u> Nate Maurer, G/F, Grove City

December 9: Mike Pamepinto, G, Waynesburg

December 16: Mike Majzun, G, Bethany

January 6: Mike Majzun, G. Bethany

January 13: Ray Robinson, G, Waynesburg

January 20:

January 27:

February 3:

February 10:

February 17:

February 24:

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

BETHANY BISON (6-7 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

vs. Grove City* (1/18 - 2 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

Upcoming Game Notes: Grove City leads the all-time series with Bethany 42-21... The Bison have won five consecutive games in the series, including all three last season ... Bethany won a 58-50 decision in Grove City, than closed out the regular season with a 96-91 overtime win behind **Keith Schubert**'s 43 points... The Bison closed out the sweep with an 89-74 victory in the PAC Tournament title game behind **Mike Majzun**'s 25 markers... This is the PAC opener for both teams and Bethany has won its league lid-lifter each of the past two years.

GROVE CITY WOLVERINES (7-5 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

at Medaille (1/15 - 7 p.m.) at Bethany* (1/18 - 2 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WSAJ-FM (91.1)

Upcoming Game Notes: The Wolverines are aiming to snap a four-game losing streak Wednesday night against Medaille in Buffalo, N.Y. ... It is Grove City's longest losing streak since a six-game slide early in the 1999-2000 season ... Grove City begins its quest for its fifth Presidents' Athletic Conference crown Saturday at Bethany ... Grove City has not defeated Bethany since the 1999-2000 season ... The Bison have won five straight in the series, including last year's PAC tournament championship game at Hummel Field House.

THIEL TOMCATS (6-7 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

vs. Case Western Reserve (1/15 - 7:30 p.m.) vs. Westminster* (1/18 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

Upcoming Game Notes: Thiel will look to continue its fourgame win streak when the Tomcats host Case Western Reserve on Wednesday for the first time since the 1983-84 season ... The Spartans lead the all-time series with the Tomcats by a 13-6 margin ... Westminster will visit Rissell-Beeghly Gymnasia on Saturday to open up PAC play ... The Titans lead the Tomcats 5-1 in the all-time series, but the two schools split their meetings last season with each winning on their own floor ... Senior F **A.H. Davis** paced the Tomcats with 23 points and seven rebounds in their 71-63 victory over the Titans on Jan. 23, 2002..

WASH. & JEFF. PRESIDENTS (1-10 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

vs. Oberlin (1/13 - 7:30 p.m.) at Carnegie Mellon (1/15 - 8 p.m.) at Waynesburg* (1/18 - 7:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

Upcoming Game Notes: W&J and Oberlin have met 20 times, with the Presidents holding a 16-4 series advantage ... The Yeomen took last year's contest in Oberlin, Ohio, on a basket at the buzzer, 76-75 ... Carnegie Mellon leads the all-time series with W&J 39-28, including an 82-71 decision in the season opener for both clubs on Nov. 22 ... Nolan Larry scored a game-high 19 points for W&J ... PAC play opens for W&J Saturday at longtime rival Waynesburg ... The Yellow Jackets lead the all-time series, 39-36 ... Last season, Waynesburg took two of three contests.

WAYNESBURG YELLOW JACKETS (6-4 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

at Penn State-Altoona (1/13 - 7:30 p.m.) vs. Washington & Jefferson* (1/18 - 7:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WCYJ-FM (88.7), www.waynesburg.edu; WCYJ-TV (14) - All Saturday only

Upcoming Game Notes: The Jackets travel to Penn State-Altoona Monday after beating the winless Lions at home 69-62 on Tuesday ... **Brandon Battles** is the Lions top threat, scoring 19 points and grabbed 11 boards in last week's game. ... Waynesburg hosts its PAC opener Saturday vs. Washington & Jefferson ... The two teams split last season, with the home team winning both games ... The Jackets defeated the Presidents, 79-77, in the first round of the PAC Tournament in the team's last meeting ... The Jackets own the all-time series with a 39-38 record.

WESTMINSTER TITANS (6-7 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

at Pitt-Bradford (1/13 - 7:30 p.m.) at Thiel* (1/18 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WWNW-FM (88.9), WKST-AM (1200), WEXC-FM (107.1) - *Saturday only*; www.nsnsports.com.

Upcoming Game Notes: The Titans face Pitt-Bradford of the AMCC on Monday before opening their first season of eligibility in the PAC on Saturday at Thiel ... UP-B played in Westminster's season-opening Buzz Ridl Classic, but the two teams did not meet ... Westminster split its games with Thiel last season, falling 71-63 in Greenville before winning 60-58 in New Wilmington on a last-second jumper by Chris Hatch ... Senior C Greg Foster ranked ninth in NCAA Division III in blocks (2.9 bpg) and 26th in rebounding (9.9 rpg) last week.