

# MEN'S BASKETBALL 2007-08

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### Current 2007-08 Regular Season Standings (through January 14, 2008)

	PAC Games			All G	All Games		
School	W	L	Pct.	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	Pct.	
Grove City College	3	1	.750	9	5	.643	
Bethany College	3	1	.750	7	7	.500	
Thomas More College	4	2	.667	7	7	.500	
Washington & Jefferson College	2	2	.500	5	8	.385	
Waynesburg University	1	3	.250	6	7	.462	
Thiel College	1	3	.250	5	7	.417	
Westminster College	1	3	.250	3	11	.214	
Saint Vincent College*				10	3	.769	
Geneva College*				8	6	.571	

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

#### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

#### Wednesday, January 9, 2008

GROVE CITY 74, Thomas More 62\* Saint Vincent 76, BETHANY 72\* WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 74, Thiel 65\* WESTMINSTER 86, Waynesburg 77\* HIRAM 113, Geneva 95

#### Saturday, January 12, 2008

Bethany 73, GROVE CITY 53\* THOMAS MORE 65, Washington & Jefferson 59\* Geneva 86, WAYNESBURG 72\* SAINT VINCENT 77, Thiel 72\*

#### **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

#### Wednesday, January 16, 2008

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

#### Saturday, January 19, 2008

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

# PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

# **BRODY JACKSON Bethany College**

6-0 Senior Guard Akron, Ohio Manchester H.S.

Jackson averaged 26.0 points, 4.5 rebounds and 4.5 assists per game for the 1-1 Bison last week, as Bethany lost



to Saint Vincent 76-72 before winning at PAC leader Grove City 73-53. For the week, he shot 61 percent (17-of-28) from the floor, including 58 percent beyond the arc (11-of-19), and a perfect 7-of-7 at the line. In the win at Grove City, he finished with 28 points and seven assists, including 8-of-12 accuracy from three-point range, to lift the Bison into a first-place tie with the Wolverines.

Also nominated was sophomore C Andy O'Keefe of Grove City, sophomore G Romell Salone of Thomas More, junior C Josip Lucic-Jozak of Washington & Jefferson, and sophomore F Ryne Murray of Westminster.

## PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

#### Bethany Bison



Bethany rebounded from a four-point loss to Saint Vincent Wednesday by scoring a 73-53 victory at Grove City Saturday ... In the SVC

loss, the Bison led by 10 in the second half, but the Bearcats rallied and scored the final five points of the game for the win ... **Brody Jackson** dropped in 24 to lead BC ... Jackson again led Bethany in their win at Grove City, as he had six threes in the first half and eight for the game ... He totaled 28 points and seven assists in the victory ... As a team, the Bison knocked down 17 treys, the most since hitting 17 vs. W&J in Jan., 2006 ... **Ryan Besancon** registered a double-double, scoring a career-high 22 points and matching his career-best with 11 boards.

#### Saint Vincent Bearcats



Saint Vincent came from behind in two wins over PAC foes last week ... In Wednesday's 76-72 win at Bethany, the Bearcats trailed 42-33 at half before outscoring the Bison

43-30 over the final 20 minutes ... Ian McCollough recorded his fifth double-double of the season, scoring 24 points and grabbing 10 rebounds, while teammate Joey Butler scored 23 points and notched four steals ... In Saturday's home win over Thiel, McCollough and Butler posted 20 points apiece, while BJ McGill scored nine points with five steals and four assists ... The Bearcats outscored Thiel 46-39 in the second half, shooting 58 percent from the field, and SVC forced 23 Thiel turnovers.

#### Washington & Jefferson Presidents



W&J had its two-game win streak snapped Saturday in Kentucky ... Thomas More earned its first win over the Presidents as a member of the PAC ... Junior C Josip Lucic-Jozak led the Presi-

dents in the loss with 16 points and nine rebounds, while freshman G Brian Felker added 14 ... W&J has now won seven of the last eight meetings with Thiel ... Lucic-Jozak had 22 points and 13 rebounds on Wednesday ... The Presidents forced 21 turnovers and made 26-of-39 foul shots ... W&J entered the week as the nation's sixth-best free throw shooting team ... Sophomore G Albert Varacallo and junior F Wahab Owolabi added 14 and 10 points, respectively, in the win.

#### Geneva Golden Tornadoes



GOLDEN TORNADOES

Geneva split a pair of games last week ... After allowing 113 points in a loss at Hiram, the Golden Tornadoes rebounded with an im-

pressive 14-point victory at Waynesburg ... Geneva shot 48% from the field and got a team high 31 points from **Bryan Hill** ... Hill matched his career high, which he set one week earlier against Saint Vincent ... Saturday, Hill knocked down six three-point field goals and was 9-of-10 from the foul line ... Teammate **Greg McDivitt** added 19 points and a team best nine rebounds ... Perhaps the biggest contribution was from junior PG **Justin Nardi**, who scored 10 of his 14 points in the second half and he also dished out six assists to help Geneva improve to 8-6.

#### Thiel Tomcats



The Tomcat losing streak moved to five games after Thiel fell 74-65 at Washington & Jefferson Wednesday and 77-72 at Saint Vincent Saturday ... At

W&J, senior F Joe Herrmann paced the Tomcats with 19 points, six rebounds and four assists ... Freshman G Devon Adams added 13, while junior G Brandon Mirizio chipped in with 10 ... Against Saint Vincent, Herrmann finished with a game-high 21 points, six rebounds and five assists ... Adams added 18 points and five rebounds, while freshman F Tommy Hall helped out with 13 points and three boards.

#### **Grove City Wolverines**



Grove City fell into a tie for first in the PAC Saturday with a 73-53 setback against Bethany ... GCC yielded 17 three-point goals against the Bison

on Saturday ... Andy O'Keefe led the Wolverines with 12 points ... Wednesday, Grove City earned its ninth win of the year by rallying for a 74-64 win over Thomas More ... The Wolverines scored 49 second-half points ... Shawn Carr and Ryan Gerber both scored 16 points, while Ryan Gibson (13) and O'Keefe (12) also reached double figures ... Grove City shot 14 of 21 from the floor in the second half ... Six of Grove City's final 11 games are away from home ... The Wolverines are 3-1 at home, 3-2 on the road and 3-2 at neutral sites.

#### Thomas More Saints



The Thomas More men snapped a twogame PAC losing streak with 65-59 win over Washington & Jefferson ... It was the

Saints' fourth PAC win over the season, eclipsing last season's total ... Sophomore Romell Salone helped lead the Saints to the win, scoring six of his team-high 14 down the stretch ... Salone finished the week with 13.0 points and 7.5 rebounds – both team high's from his point guard position ... Juniors Jeremy Abell and Mark Tinklenberg both added nine points per game.

#### Waynesburg Yellow Jackets



The Yellow Jackets suffered two losses last week to a pair of former NAIA rivals in Westminster, 86-77, and Geneva, 86-72 ...

Against the Titans, Waynesburg senior G Tim Drakeley scored a game-high 29 points on 11-of-18 attempts with four three pointers ... The Yellow Jackets held the lead against Westminster for most of the second half before the Titans mounted a 17-7 rally ... On Saturday against Geneva, four Waynesburg players scored in double figures led by senior F Josh Parisi with 19 points ... The Golden Tornadoes held distinct advantages in three-point shooting and rebounding in the 14-point win.

#### Westminster Titans



Westminster picked up its first PAC win of the season with an 86-77 home triumph over Waynesburg Wednesday at Buzz

Ridl Gymnasium ... Sophomore F Ryne Murray led the Titans with 25 points and 10 rebounds for his sixth double-double of the season ... He also set a new career-high with seven steals ... Senior F Craig Hannon also scored 21 points for his sixth 20-point game of the season ... Senior C Jake Zatchok tied a personal best with a season-high 10 points, while establishing a new career-high with 10 rebounds ... Senior G/F Chauncey Whitlow set a new season high with 16 points, including 5-of-12 shooting from 3-point range ... Junior G David Richards dished out a team-high six assists.

## PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

#### Bethany Bison



at Franciscan (1/16) vs. Westminster\* (1/19)

Bethany's week begins with a non-conference game at Franciscan Wednesday ... The Bi-

son won their first meeting with the Barons last season 98-62 at home, as 13 different players scored, including **Joe Testa** with 14 ... BC will try to stay tied for first in the PAC Saturday when they host Westminster ... The Titans lead the series 64-15, including a pair of wins last season (96-82 at BC, 102-90 at home) ... Bethany's home loss to Westminster snapped the Bison's conference record 29-game win streak vs. PAC opponents, while the Titan win in New Wilmington clinched the regular season title for Westminster ... **Ryan Besancon** had 12 points and 10 rebounds in the first game.

#### Saint Vincent Bearcats



vs. W&J\* (1/16) at Grove City\* (1/19) (GCC - WCNS-AM (1480); www.redzonemedia.com)

Saint Vincent will look for its first win against W&J since 2003-04, as SVC

was swept by the Presidents in two close games last season ... The Bearcats were defeated 76-68 in Washington with **Billy Bains** scoring 13 points ... The Presidents picked up the season sweep with an 88-83 win in Latrobe on February 3 ... Bains and **Tre'sor Kalambay** posted 14 points apiece The Bearcats split last year's season series with Grove City, falling 63-62 on the road and defeating the Wolverines 84-74 at home ... In the defeat, Bains scored a team-high 14 points for Saint Vincent.

#### Washington & Jefferson Presidents



at Saint Vincent\* (1/16) vs. Waynesburg\* (1/19) (Both games - WNJR-FM (91.7); www.washjeff.edu)

W&J swept Saint Vincent last year by 76-68 and 88-83 (OT) margins ... Wahab

Owolabi averaged 15.0 points and 10.5 rebounds a game against the Bearcats, including an 18-point, 14-rebound double-double in Washington ... W&J leads the all-time series 23-16 ... W&J and Waynesburg resume their I-79 rivalry Saturday for the 87th time ... The Presidents hold a 45-41 edge in the series ... W&J won both games last year and has claimed six of the last seven games between the two schools ... Since 2000-01, the final margin has been seven points or less in 12 of 16 contests.

#### Geneva Golden Tornadoes



at Thomas More\* (1/16) vs. Thiel\* (1/19)

(THI game only-WBVP-AM (1230); Both games www.msasportsnetwork.com)

Geneva will be traveling to Thomas More on Wednesday for the first-ever meeting between the two schools ... On Saturday, Geneva hosts Thiel and will battle the Tomcats for the first time since an 82-74 loss during the 1989-90 season ... Geneva leads the all-time series 35-11 and defeated the Tomcats 31-13 in the first ever meeting back in 1922.

#### **Thiel Tomcats**



vs. Westminster\* (1/16) at Geneva\* (1/19) (WES game - WPIC-AM (790); www.msasportsnetwork.com)

The Tomcats will play host to Westminster Wednes-

day before traveling to Geneva on Saturday ... Westminster holds a 47-9 all-time mark against Thiel and has won the last four straight meetings ... The last Tomcat victory over the Titans was in New Wilmington on Feb. 22, 2005 ... Geneva leads the all-time series 35-11 ... The Golden Tornadoes posted a 63-51 win in the last meeting during the 1990-91 campaign.

#### **Grove City Wolverines**



at Waynesburg\* (1/16) vs. St. Vincent\* (1/19) (WAY game - WSAJ-FM (91.1); www2.gcc.edu/sports)

Grove City visits Waynesburg Wednesday, having

dropped four straight regular-season games to the Yellow Jackets ... GCC eliminated Waynesburg from the 2007 PAC tournament, though, earning an 89-60 win Feb. 20 at the GCC Arena ... Five Grove City players scored in double figures, led by **Mark Smith**'s 14 points ... The Wolverines shot 13-of-25 from 3-point territory ... Grove City leads the all-time series 50-28 ... Saturday, Saint Vincent visits Grove City ... The teams split their two games last year with the home team winning each ... Grove City earned a 63-62 win Jan. 13, 2007 ... **Ryan Gerber** led Grove City with 15 points.

#### Thomas More Saints



vs. Geneva\* (1/16) vs. Transylvania (1/19) (TRA game - Insight Comm. TV - Chs. 22/21)

Wednesday's meeting with Geneva

marks the first time the two schools have met on the hardwood ... Transylvania leads the series, 7-4, including five straight wins.

#### Waynesburg Yellow Jackets



vs. Grove City\* (1/16) at W&J\* (1/19) (Both games - WCYJ-FM (88.7); GRO only -WCTV-TV (Ch. 14)

The Yellow Jackets return to action this week when they face defending PAC champion Grove City and Washington & Jefferson, the runner-up in the conference last year ... Waynesburg actually swept the season series with the Wolverines last year, before Grove City posted an 89-60 victory in the PAC tournament ... The Yellow Jackets struggles against the Presidents continued last year after losing both meetings against W&J ... Waynesburg has lost the last six meetings against W&J dating back to the 2004-05 season.

#### Westminster Titans



at Thiel\* (1/16) at Bethany\* (1/19) (Both games - WWNW-FM (88.9); www.titanradio.net)

Westminster defeated Thiel last year by scores of 78-66 at home and 92-74 on the road ... Chauncey Whitlow led Westminster in the last meeting with 19 points ... The Titans beat Bethany last year by scores of 102-90 at home and 96-82 on the road ... When the Titans beat the Bison on the road last year, they broke Bethany's 29-game PAC win streak by shooting 55.2 percent from 3-point range (16-29) ... Craig Hannon scored 25 points in the last meeting at Westminster.