

PAC

MEN'S BASKETBALL 2001-02

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CURRENT STANDINGS (through January 13, 2002)

School	PAC Games			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Waynesburg College	0	0	.000	9	3	.750
Grove City College	0	0	.000	11	4	.733
Bethany College	0	0	.000	7	6	.538
Thiel College	0	0	.000	5	10	.333
Washington & Jefferson College	0	0	.000	3	9	.250
Westminster College*	0	0	.000	7	8	.467

* - Completing reclassification from NCAA Division II - games do not count in conference standings.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Monday, January 7

Waynesburg 86, MEDAILLE 81
OBERLIN 76, Washington & Jefferson 75
WOOSTER 67, Westminster 58

Wednesday, January 9

GROVE CITY 95, Medaille 65
THIEL 97, Hiram 70
Waynesburg 116, OHIO-EASTERN 111

Thursday, January 10

GENEVA 80, Westminster 72

Friday, January 11

Newport News Apprentice 87, BETHANY 72

Saturday, January 12

THIEL 81, Hilbert 51
Westminster 71, MOUNT ALOYSIUS 68
Carnegie Mellon 94, WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 66
Grove City 73, PENN STATE-ALTOONA 61

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Monday, January 14

Bethany at Penn State-Altoona - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 16

Thiel at Washington & Jefferson* - 7:30 p.m.
Waynesburg at Grove City* - 8 p.m.
Bethany at Westminster - 8 p.m.

Saturday, January 19

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

PAC Men's Basketball Player of the Week

ROB STRCULA
Waynesburg College

5-10 Senior Guard

Vienna, W.Va./Parkersburg Catholic H.S.

Strcula averaged 24.5 points, 4.5 assists, 4.0 rebounds and 2.0 steals per game last week, as the 2-0 Yellow Jackets posted road wins at Medaille (86-81) and Ohio-Eastern (116-111). In the win over Ohio-Eastern, Strcula led Waynesburg with 36 points including nine three-pointers made.

Also nominated was senior guard **Nevada Smith** of Bethany, senior forward **Pat Roberts** of Grove City, junior forward **A.H. Davis** of Thiel, and sophomore forward **Scott Chodor** of Washington & Jefferson.

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

Bethany Bison

The Bison shot just 35 percent and were outrebounded 49-29 in dropping an 87-72 decision to the Apprentice School Friday night ... After going 9-15 from behind the arc in the first half, Bethany hit just one of 10 attempts in the second half ... Guard **Nevada Smith** drilled a three-pointer with 16 minutes left in the first half to surpass 1,000 points for his career. He is just the 15th player in Bethany history to reach that milestone ... Smith totaled 18 points in the loss, shooting 4-5 from the arc, and is now shooting 51 percent from the three-point line this season.

Wash. & Jeff. Presidents

W&J dropped both non-conference contests this past week, falling at Oberlin on Monday, 76-75, and to CMU on Saturday, 94-66 ... The Presidents held a 75-73 lead in the final seconds at Oberlin, but **Julius Hill** canned a three-pointer at the buzzer to give the Yeomen the dramatic one-point victory ... **Nolan Larry** led four W&J scorers in double figures with 19 points ... On Saturday, CMU jumped out to an early 30-13 lead and never looked back in the 94-66 triumph ... the Tartans forced 29 W&J turnovers (19 in the first half) and collected 20 steals ... **Scott Chodor** led the way with 15 points on 6-of-9 shooting, while Larry added 11 markers ... Heading into last week, Larry was second in Division III in scoring at 27.2 ppg.

Grove City Wolverines

The Wolverines have won six of their last seven games and are off to their best start since 1994-95 ... Grove City posted a pair of victories last week as sophomore **Jim Fetzner** fired in a career-high 21 points in a 30-point win over Medaille and senior **Pat Roberts** led four Wolverines in double figures with 18 points in a 12-point triumph over Penn State Altoona ... Sophomore **Tanner Prosser** contributed 14 points and 11 rebounds at Altoona, while freshman **Nate Mauer** recorded 12 points and a career-high 15 boards ... Mauer made his first collegiate start, replacing sophomore center **Phil Bushre** who suffered a concussion against Medaille ... Bushre could miss up to four weeks.

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

Guards **Rob Strcula** hit nine three-pointers for 36 points and junior **Ray Robinson** added 25 points as the Jackets defeated Ohio University-Eastern 116-111 ... The Jackets will open PAC play this Wednesday against Grove City College.

Thiel Tomcats

The Tomcats are in the midst of a two-game winning streak after defeating Hiram 97-70 on Jan. 9 and Hilbert 81-51 on Jan. 12...They shot a season-high 55 percent from the field in the two lopsided victories over Hiram and Hilbert...**A.H. Davis** paced the Tomcats in both wins as he scored a game-high 27 points on 12-of-18 shooting and grabbed six boards in the Hiram win ... Davis finished 9-of-11 from the floor for 23 points and four steals against Hilbert ... Thiel is outrebounding its opponents 517-514 so far this season.

Westminster Titans

Westminster went 1-2 last week, falling at #24 Wooster (67-58) on Monday and at NAIA member Geneva (80-72) on Thursday before topping NAIA member Mount Aloysius (71-68) on Saturday ... Junior F **Joe Wilson** posted a team-high 14 points against Wooster, but missed the next two games with swelling in his knee ... A pair of freshman guards posted career-highs in points in the final two games of the week: **Chris Hatch** scored a career-high 23 points (including three three-pointers) in the loss at Geneva, while **Craig Bohyer** tallied a career-best 18 points (including four three-pointers) in the win at Mount Aloysius ... The Titans have now completed their 2001-02 non-conference schedule.

Past PAC Men's Basketball Players of the Week

November 19: K. Schubert, F, BET/A. Vlajkovich, G, GRO

November 26: Nolan Larry, G, Wash. & Jeff.

December 3: Nevada Smith, G, Bethany

December 10: Nolan Larry, G, Wash. & Jeff.

December 17: Aaron Ankrom, C, Waynesburg

January 7: Tanner Prosser, F, Grove City

January 14: Rob Strcula, G, Waynesburg

January 21:

January 28:

February 4:

February 11:

February 18:

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

BETHANY BISON

(7-6 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

at Penn State-Altoona (1/14 - 7 p.m.)

at Westminster (1/16 - 8 p.m.)

vs. Washington & Jefferson* (1/19 - 2 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

Upcoming Game Notes: The Bison will take the floor three times this week, including its PAC opener ... Bethany leads the all-time series with PSU-Altoona 3-0, including a 93-72 victory last year ... Despite trailing the series with Westminster 57-9, the Bison split with the Titans last season ... It was the first victory over Westminster since the 73-74 season ... Bethany trails the series with W&J 86-56 but has won three straight over the Presidents ... Forward **Keith Schubert** is averaging 21.8 points in six career games against W&J.

GROVE CITY WOLVERINES

(11-4 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

vs. Waynesburg* (1/16 - 8 p.m.)

vs. Thiel* (1/19 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

Upcoming Game Notes: Grove City opens its PAC slate on Wednesday, looking to improve on last year's 4-4 league mark ... The Wolverines split the season series against Waynesburg last year, and swept Thiel by three- and two-point margins ... Grove City leads the all-time series against Waynesburg, 41-23, and against Thiel, 95-28.

THIEL TOMCATS

(5-10 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

at Washington & Jefferson* (1/16 - 7:30 p.m.)

at Grove City* (1/19 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

Upcoming Game Notes: Thiel will travel to W&J on Wednesday to take on the Presidents in their first PAC action of the 2001-2002 season...Thiel swept W&J in both meetings last season, winning 88-75 on Jan. 27 and 85-74 on Feb. 17...The Tomcats lost both contests to Grove City last year by a combined five points, falling 56-53 on Jan. 20 and 69-67 on Feb. 10.

WASH. & JEFF. PRESIDENTS

(3-9 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

vs. Thiel* (1/16 - 7:30 p.m.)

at Bethany* (1/19 - 2 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

Upcoming Game Notes: W&J and Thiel meet for the 94th time on Wednesday evening with the Presidents holding a 66-27 advantage ... Last season, Thiel took both PAC contests ... The last Washington & Jefferson victory came on Feb. 16, 2000, by a 71-65 count ... W&J and Bethany have met 144 times in history with Washington & Jefferson leading, 89-55 ... The 144 meetings is the longest series in W&J history ... Bethany took both meetings last year ... The last W&J win came on Jan. 22, 2000, 69-55.

WAYNESBURG YELLOW JACKETS

(9-3 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

at Grove City (1/16 - 8 p.m.)

vs. Westminster (1/19 - 7:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: Home games on WCYJ-FM (88.7) and on the internet at www.waynesburg.edu.

Upcoming Game Notes: Waynesburg opens PAC play at Grove City on Wednesday.

WESTMINSTER TITANS

(7-8 Overall)

vs. Bethany (1/16 - 8 p.m.)

at Waynesburg (1/19 - 7:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WWNW-FM (88.9), New Wilmington; WKST-AM (1200), New Castle

Upcoming Game Notes: The Titans open play against PAC opposition with a home contest against defending PAC champion Bethany and a road game at Waynesburg ... Bethany was the only PAC team to defeat the Titans in 2000-01, posting a 95-91 home win over Westminster on Jan. 24 despite a career-high 38 points by Titan **Chad Phillips** ... Westminster (9-1 vs. the PAC last year) avenged the loss with a 94-84 win over the Bison in New Wilmington on Feb. 7 ... The Titans topped Waynesburg 93-79 on the road and 88-83 at home last season.