

MEN'S BASKETBALL 2002-03

Presidents' Athletic Conference

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CURRENT REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (as of January 19, 2003)

	PAC Games			All	All Games		
School	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	Pct.	<u>W</u>	L	Pct.	
Waynesburg College	1	0	.000	8	4	.667	
Grove City College	1	0	1.00	9	5	.643	
Westminster College	1	0	1.00	7	8	.467	
Thiel College	0	1	.000	7	8	.467	
Bethany College	0	1	.000	6	8	.429	
Washington & Jefferson College	0	1	.000	2	12	.143	

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Monday, January 13

WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 79, Oberlin 68 Waynesburg 72, PENN STATE-ALTOONA 68 PITT-BRADFORD 79, Westminster 75

Wednesday, January 15

Grove City 71, MEDAILLE 59
THIEL 85, Case Western Reserve 74
CARNEGIE MELLON 85, Washington & Jefferson 71

Saturday, January 18

Grove City 77, BETHANY 71*
Westminster 94, THIEL 82*
WAYNESBURG 78, Washington & Jefferson 76*

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Monday, January 20

Penn State-Altoona at Grove City - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 22

Waynesburg at Bethany* - 6 p.m. Thiel at Washington & Jefferson* - 7:30 p.m. Westminster at Grove City* - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 25

Bethany at Washington & Jefferson* - 3 p.m. Grove City at Thiel* - 3 p.m. Waynesburg at Westminster* - 6 p.m.

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

A.H. DAVIS Thiel College 6-6 Senior Forward

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Davis led the Tomcats to a 1-1 week while averaging 35.5 points and 11.0 rebounds per game, while shooting 68 percent (28-of-41) from the floor. He posted a careerhigh 37 points and added five rebounds for the Cats in their 85-74 win over Case Western Reserve on Wednesday, then tallied 34 points and a career-best 17 boards in a 94-82 PAC loss to Westminster on Saturday.

Also nominated was freshman G **Josh Polantz** of Bethany, sophomore G/F **Nate Maurer** of Grove City, sophomore F **Michael Chicone** of Washington & Jefferson, senior G **Ray Robinson** of Waynesburg, and sophomore F **Pat O'Connor** of Westminster.

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

Bethany Bison

Bethany dropped its PAC opener and had a five-game winning streak against Grove City stopped with a 77-71 loss Saturday ... The Bison trailed by as many as 17 in the second half before slicing the deficit to two with three minutes to play ... Point guard **Josh Polantz** had a career-high 20 points and added four assists and three steals in the setback ... Guard **Jacob Dailer** buried five three-pointers on his way to a career-high 19 markers, while **Mike Majzun** added 13 ... The Bison defense forced 20 turnovers but allowed Grove City to shoot 53 percent from the floor.

Wash. & Jeff. Presidents

W&J snapped a six-game losing streak Monday with a 79-68 victory over Oberlin ... Sophomore F Michael Chicone set a career-high with 19 points in the win on 6-of-11 shooting, including a 4-for-6 night from three-point range ... Junior C Tony Franz netted 11 points and grabbed six boards ... On Wednesday, CMU handed W&J a defeat for the second time this season ... Senior G Nolan Larry led W&J with 27 points, seven rebounds, five assists and two steals ... The Presidents opened up conference play on Saturday, falling just short at Waynesburg, 78-76 ... W&J had a late chance to tie or win the game, but sophomore F Steve Button's three-point attempt fell short ... Chicone set his second career high in three games with 31 points.

Grove City Wolverines

Grove City opened PAC play with a victory over defending champion Bethany Saturday ... Nate Maurer paced the Wolverines with a career-high 39 points, the most by a Wolverine player since Mark Timko knocked down 47 points against Waynesburg on Feb. 12, 1994 ... The Wolverines nearly let a 17-point lead slip away in the second half, but pulled away in final two minutes ... Phil Bushre added 10 points for GCC while Mike Lukcic distributed eight assists ... Grove City snapped a five-game losing streak to Bethany ... Against Medaille, Maurer tossed in 20 points while Tanner Prosser posted 14 points, nine assists and seven rebounds ... Grove City shot 17-for-22 (73 percent) in the second half at Medaille.

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

Waynesburg improved its win streak to six after Saturday's 78-76 PAC win over W&J ... Waynesburg went into the locker rooms at halftime with a 51-42 advantage, and led by as much as nine with five minutes left, before the Presidents came back to outscore the Jackets in the second half, 34-27 ... Ray Robinson led four Jackets in double figures with 19 points, followed by backcourt teammate Mike King with 16 ... Seniors Aaron Ankrom and Mike Pamepinto scored 15 and 13 points, respectively ... Robinson came off the bench to lead the charge in last Monday's 72-68 win at Penn State-Altoona with a game-high 26 points and a team-high eight rebounds ... The Jackets overcame a 32-26 halftime deficit in the non-conference win.

Thiel Tomcats

After running off five straight victories, including an 85-74 win over Case Western Reserve on Wednesday, the Tomcats dropped their PAC opener to Westminster on Saturday, losing 94-82 ... Senior F A.H. Davis dropped a career-high 37 points on the Spartans and led a trio in double digits ... The Tomcats finished 31-of-56 from the field but were outrebounded 38-27 ... Davis followed up his career day against CWRU with 34 points and a career-high 17 rebounds in the Tomcats 94-82 loss to Westminster ... Senior G Shane Manley, ranked fourth in the latest D-III report in 3-pt. FG%, finished 6of-14 from beyond the arc for 18 points while senior F Eddie Mathews added 11 points and five boards in the PAC defeat.

Westminster Titans

Westminster fell at Pitt-Bradford 79-75 on Monday, then won its first-ever PAC contest at Thiel, 94-82, on Saturday ... Senior C Greg Foster posted team-high totals of 23 points (on 11-of-16 shooting), 10 rebounds and six blocked shots at UP-B ... It was his ninth "double-double" this season ... Sophomores Chris Hatch and Pat O'Connor added 17 and 13 points, respectively ... Freshman G Brian Fadden dished out a team-high six assists ... Five players scored in double figures at Thiel, led by O'Connor, who tied his career-high with 23 points including six three-pointers ... Foster and Hatch added 17 points each ... Fadden, making his first collegiate career start, posted a career-high 12 points on 12-of-12 accuracy from the free throw line.

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

<u>December 9:</u> Mike Pamepinto, G, Waynesburg

December 16: Mike Majzun, G, Bethany

January 6: Mike Majzun, G. Bethany

January 13: Ray Robinson, G, Waynesburg

January 20: A.H. Davis, F, Thiel

January 27:

February 3:

February 10:

February 17:

February 24:

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

BETHANY BISON (6-8 Overall, 0-1 PAC)

vs. Waynesburg* (1/22 - 6 p.m.) at Washington & Jefferson* (1/25 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

Upcoming Game Notes: This will be the 80th meeting between the Bison and Yellow Jackets, with Bethany holding a 42-37 lead ... Bethany has won four of the last five in the series, including two of three last year ... A pair of double-digit wins by Bethany were sandwiched around a one-point, buzzer-beating Waynesburg win ... The series between Bethany and W&J is led by the Presidents 86-58, but the Bison have won four straight ... Last year, **Keith Schubert** averaged 25.5 points per game as Bethany won by 24 and four points.

THIEL TOMCATS (7-8 Overall, 0-1 PAC)

at Washington & Jefferson* (1/22 - 7:30 p.m.) vs. Grove City* (1/25 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

Upcoming Game Notes: The Tomcats have had great success against W&J in recent years as winners of nine straight, but still trail the Presidents in the series 37-19 (since 1975-'76) ... Thiel took both meetings against W&J last season, winning 67-61 in Washington and 88-81 in Greenville, with **A.H. Davis** scoring 23 points for the Tomcats in their second meeting ... After sweeping the season series with GCC last year (79-67 at Grove City; 64-63 in Greenville), Thiel lost the PAC semifinal to the Wolverines 77-62 ... The Tomcats are 13-35 (since 1975-'76) against Grove City in the Mercer County schools' all-time series.

WAYNESBURG YELLOW JACKETS (8-4 Overall, 1-0 PAC)

at Bethany* (1/22 - 6 p.m.) at Westminster* (1/25 - 6 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WCYJ-FM (88.7), www.waynesburg.edu; Upcoming Game Notes: Waynesburg was the lone conference team to defeat PAC Champion Bethany last season, however, the Jackets dropped two on the Bison's home court last season, including an 88-78 loss in the PAC semifinals ... Waynesburg enters the game riding a six-game win streak, led by senior guard Ray Robinson, who, coming into the week, was ranked second in the PAC in scoring (21.1 ppg) ... The Jackets own the all-time series 43-38 ... Saturday, the Jackets will travel to Westminster ... The Titans own that series 83-49, but Waynesburg won both meetings last season.

GROVE CITY WOLVERINES

(9-5 Overall, 1-0 PAC)

vs. Penn State-Altoona (1/20 - 6:30 p.m.) vs. Westminster* (1/22 - 7:30 p.m.) at Thiel* (1/25 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WSAJ-FM (91.1) - Saturday only

Upcoming Game Notes: Grove City faces Penn State Altoona Monday night as tune-up for local rivals Westminster and Thiel later in the week ... Westminster has won two straight games at the Grove City College Arena, while Thiel swept the regular season meetings from Grove City last season ... Grove City ended Thiel's season in the PAC semifinals, however, with a victory in Greenville.

WASH. & JEFF. PRESIDENTS (2-12 Overall, 0-1 PAC)

vs. Thiel* (1/22 - 7:30 p.m.) vs. Bethany* (1/25 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WNJR-FM (91.7)

Upcoming Game Notes: The Tomcats and Presidents meet for the 96th time on Wednesday, with W&J holding a 66-29 series advantage ... Thiel has won the last five contests, including a 67-61 triumph last season in Washington, Pa... Senior G Nolan Larry led the Presidents with 17 points in the loss ... The W&J-Bethany series is the longest in Washington & Jefferson history as the two schools have met 146 times with the Presidents leading the series, 89-57 ... Bethany has claimed victory in each of the last four meetings; however, the Bison have only won by four points in each of the last two meetings at W&J.

WESTMINSTER TITANS (7-8 Overall, 1-0 PAC)

at Grove City* (1/22 - 7:30 p.m.) vs. Waynesburg* (1/25 - 6 p.m.)

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

Upcoming Game Notes: The Titans split with Grove City last year, with each team winning on the other's home floor ... GCC outlasted Westminster 111-101 in four overtimes in New Wilmington on Jan. 26 last season, the longest game in the history of either school ... **Mike Hill** led WC with a career-high 28 points in the loss ... The Titans won at Grove City 76-69 on Feb. 13 ... Waynesburg swept the Titans in 2001-02, winning 81-70 in Waynesburg and 68-60 in New Wilmington.