



# MEN'S BASKETBALL 2003-04

Presidents' Athletic Conference

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## CURRENT REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through January 25, 2004)

School	PAC Games			All Games		
	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Bethany College	3	0	1.00	12	4	.750
Westminster College	3	0	1.00	8	9	.471
Grove City College	1	2	.333	7	10	.412
Washington & Jefferson College	1	2	.333	7	10	.412
Waynesburg College	1	2	.333	6	10	.375
Thiel College	0	3	.000	6	12	.333

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

#### **Wednesday, January 21**

Bethany 82, WAYNESBURG 74\*

WESTMINSTER 91, Grove City 86\*

Washington & Jefferson 75, THIEL 68\*

#### **Saturday, January 24**

BETHANY 90, Washington & Jefferson 64\*

GROVE CITY 73, Thiel 66\*

Westminster 119, WAYNESBURG 97\*

### UPCOMING SCHEDULE

#### **Wednesday, January 28**

Waynesburg at Grove City\* - 7:30 p.m.

Thiel at Bethany\* - 8 p.m.

Westminster at Washington & Jefferson\* - 8 p.m.

#### **Saturday, January 31**

Bethany at Westminster\* - 3 p.m.

Grove City at Washington & Jefferson\* - 3 p.m.

Waynesburg at Thiel\* - 3 p.m.

## PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

### **RYAN ELLER**

**Grove City College**

6-2 Junior Forward

Erie, Pa./Iroquois H.S.

Eller averaged 27.5 points per game as the Wolverines were 1-1 in PAC competition last week. He poured in a career-high 32 points on 14-of-16 shooting from the field in a 91-86 loss at Westminster, then scored a game-high 23 markers in a 73-66 home win over Thiel. For the week, he shot 79.3 percent from the field (23-of-29).

Also nominated was sophomore G/F **Mike Drahos** of Bethany, freshman G **Chris Kwolek** of Thiel, freshman G **Jon Koch** of Washington & Jefferson, and senior F **Pat O'Connor** of Westminster.

## PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

### ***Bethany Bison***

The Bison won two games last week and are riding a six-game winning streak ... The Bison defeated Waynesburg on the road by a score of 82-74, then handled W&J at home 90-64 ... Against the Presidents, six of Bethany's players tallied double-digit scoring totals, led by freshman **Jim Deep**, who scored 15 points ... The Bison got the win despite PAC leading scorer **Mike Drahos** scoring only six points due to foul trouble ... Earlier in the week, Drahos poured in a career-high 33 points at Waynesburg on 10-of-12 shooting from the field, 3-of-3 from behind the arc and 10-of-10 from the free throw line ... He also pulled down a game-high 12 rebounds.

### ***Wash. & Jeff. Presidents***

W&J defeated Thiel in Greenville for the first time since 1996-97 on Wednesday behind 19 points from freshman G **Jon Koch** ... W&J's seventh win of the season already eclipses its final win total from each of the past three seasons ... Freshman C **Chris Cannon** added 16 points on 8-of-11 shooting, while junior F **Chris Houser** hauled in a career-high 12 rebounds ... After racing out to an 11-0 lead in the first 3:40 on Saturday at Bethany, W&J was out-scored 41-12 the rest of the first half ... The Presidents cut the lead to 12 points with 14 minutes remaining, but an 11-0 Bison rally proved to be the difference ... Houser scored a team-high 13 points for W&J ... The Presidents are just 2-8 on the season when allowing 76 or more points.

### ***Grove City Wolverines***

Grove City broke into the win column in PAC play by holding off Thiel Saturday ... **Tanner Prosser** moved into 14<sup>th</sup> place on the Wolverines' all-time scoring list with 1,100 points ... Junior F **Ryan Eller** led all scorers with 23 points ... Five Grove City players played at least 33 minutes Saturday ... Prosser had his first career triple-double (13 points, 11 rebounds, 10 assists) against Westminster while Eller rang up a career-high 32 points ... **Chuck Cotherman** also set a career high with 16 points ... The loss snapped Grove City's three-game win streak against Westminster ... The Wolverines remain the only PAC team to keep Westminster below 100 points ... Five GCC players have assist-to-turnover ratios above 1.0.

### ***Waynesburg Yellow Jackets***

Waynesburg dropped PAC home games to Bethany and Westminster, the only two remaining undefeated teams in the league ... Though averaging 85 points in the two games, the Jackets yielded an average of 101, including a wild 119-97 loss on Saturday ... Both teams came one three-point shot attempt shy of tying the NCAA record for combined attempts in a game with 97, as 66 of the Titans' 108 shots were from behind the arc ... Waynesburg senior G **Mike King** scored 21 points in the game and became the 28<sup>th</sup> player in school history to reach the 1,000-point mark for his career ... Freshman G **Marc Lodovico** also scored 21 points ... King also scored 21 points and added four steals in Waynesburg's 82-74 loss to Bethany on Wednesday.

### ***Thiel Tomcats***

After opening PAC play last weekend with a 106-103 loss at Westminster, the Tomcats dropped a pair of conference games this week, falling at home to W&J 75-68 Wednesday and 73-66 at Grove City Saturday ... After starting the season 4-4 Thiel has dropped eight of its last 10, including three straight at home ... Senior F **D.J. Gambridge** had 17 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Tomcats against W&J ... Thiel shot just 54.5 percent from the free throw line, hitting just six-of-12 free throws in the first half ... Grove City snapped a four-game regular season losing streak to the Tomcats ... Freshman G **Chris Kwolek** tied a career high with 20 points on 8-of-12 shooting, hitting 4-of-7 from three-point range.

### ***Westminster Titans***

The Titans remained tied for first in the PAC, running their win streak to five by topping Grove City (91-86) and Waynesburg (119-97) ... Four Titans scored in double figures against GCC, led by sophomore G **Mark DeMonaco** with 21 points, including six three-pointers ... Junior G **Ed Pagley** added 20 markers and a game-high six steals ... Junior F **Pat O'Connor** contributed 15 points, all on five three-pointers, while freshman F **Randall Poindexter** chipped in a career-best 11 markers ... Westminster made a school-record 23 three-pointers against Waynesburg, breaking the mark of 22 set in a win over Kalamazoo on Jan. 2 ... O'Connor posted nine three-pointers en route to a career-high 33 points against the Jackets.

### **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: Mike King, G, Waynesburg

January 25: Ryan Eller, F, Grove City

February 1:

February 8:

February 15:

February 22:

## PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

### **BETHANY BISON** **(12-4 Overall, 3-0 PAC)** vs. Thiel\* (1/28 - 8 p.m.) at Westminster\* (1/31 - 3 p.m.)

**Radio/TV:** none

**Upcoming Game Notes:** Bethany will look to extend its six-game winning streak this week against Thiel and at Westminster ... After going 4-0 against the Tomcats and Titans during the 2001-02 season, the Bison went 0-5 against them last year, including getting eliminated from the PAC Tournament by Thiel ... Bethany has more all-time wins against Thiel than any other opponent, sporting a 90-40 all-time mark against the 'Cats ... However, Thiel went 3-0 against Bethany last season, including the 81-77 PAC Tournament win on Feb. 27 ... Bethany is 11-59 against Westminster after losing both contests last season.

### **GROVE CITY WOLVERINES** **(7-10 Overall, 1-2 PAC)** vs. Waynesburg\* (1/28 - 7:30 p.m.) at Washington & Jefferson\* (1/31 - 3 p.m.)

**Radio/TV:** WSAJ-FM (91.1); www.nsnsports.com (1/31)

**Upcoming Game Notes:** Grove City looks to move up the PAC ladder this week against the two other 1-2 teams ... Grove City swept both teams last season and owns four-game win streaks against both teams ... Head coach **Steve Lamie** is 5-0 at home against Waynesburg ... **Tanner Prosser** needs 46 points to move into 13<sup>th</sup> place on Grove City's all-time list ... **Bart Niemeyer**, Grove City's third all-time 1,000-point scorer, is currently 13<sup>th</sup> at 1,145 ... Grove City leads the all-time series against Waynesburg 45-23 ... The Wolverines are 43-44 all-time against Washington and Jefferson.

### **THIEL TOMCATS** **(6-12 Overall, 0-3 PAC)** at Bethany\* (1/28 - 7:30 p.m.) vs. Waynesburg\* (1/31 - 3 p.m.)

**Radio/TV:** WPIC-AM (790); www.nsnsports.com

**Upcoming Game Notes:** Thiel travels to Bethany on Wednesday to face the 3-0 Bison, and host 1-2 Waynesburg on Saturday ... The Tomcats defeated the Bison three times last season, including an 81-77 win in the PAC semifinals behind a 17-point, eight rebound effort from senior G **Justin Townsend** ... Thiel is just 42-90 all-time against Bethany, but the Tomcats have claimed victories in seven of their last 11 meetings ... The Yellow Jackets hold a 36-23-1 series advantage ... The Tomcats have had great success vs. the Yellow Jackets over the past five seasons, winning nine of the 11 contests during that time.

### **WASH. & JEFF. PRESIDENTS** **(7-10 Overall, 1-2 PAC)** vs. Westminster (1/28 - 8 p.m.) vs. Grove City\* (1/31 - 3 p.m.)

**Radio/TV:** WNJR-FM (91.7)

**Upcoming Game Notes:** Westminster has dominated the all-time series with the Presidents, winning 41 of the 58 games in history ... The Titans won two of three meetings last season, but W&J earned an 83-81 victory in the only game played in Washington ... **Chris Houser** scored 13 points off the bench in the two-point win ... The Titans knocked down 24 three-pointers in the three games last season ... The Presidents and Wolverines have met 84 times with the series deadlocked at 42-42 ... Grove City has won five straight games, with the last W&J win coming during a 67-58 triumph in Washington in 2000-01.

### **WAYNESBURG YELLOW JACKETS** **(6-10 Overall, 1-2 PAC)** at Grove City\* (1/28 - 7:30 p.m.) at Thiel\* (1/31 - 3 p.m.)

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

**Upcoming Game Notes:** Waynesburg travels to Grove City for the first time since the start of a season-ending three-game losing streak last year that dropped the Jackets out of sole possession of first place with an 89-74 loss ... Grove City has won the last six meetings ... **Mike King**, averaging a team-high 17.2 points this season, scored just five points in two games against the Wolverines last year ... Waynesburg lost both games vs. Grove City last year, including a 79-77 setback at home ... The Jackets travel to Thiel, where they lost a regular season finale to the Tomcats, 91-88, last year, after beating Thiel at home, 84-68.

### **WESTMINSTER TITANS** **(8-9 Overall, 3-0 PAC)** at Wash. & Jeff.\* (1/28 - 8 p.m.) Bethany\* (1/31 - 3 p.m.)

**Radio/TV:** WWNW-FM (88.9), WKST-AM (1200); Westminster Cable Network (WCN) (1/31); www.nsnsports.com;

**Upcoming Game Notes:** The Titans close the first half of PAC play by traveling to Washington to face W&J on Wednesday, before a home showdown with PAC co-leader Bethany on Saturday ... Westminster is 6-1 in its last seven games and is averaging 110.8 ppg during that span ... Westminster and W&J each won at home a year ago, with the Titans winning 90-74 in the regular season and 85-64 in the PAC Tournament in New Wilmington, while the Presidents won 83-81 in Washington ... WC posted a pair of two-point wins over Bethany last year: 84-82 and 76-74.