

PAC

MEN'S BASKETBALL 2001-02

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CURRENT STANDINGS (through January 27, 2002)

School	PAC Games			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Bethany College	3	0	1.00	12	6	.667
Thiel College	2	1	.667	8	11	.421
Grove City College	2	1	.667	14	5	.737
Washington & Jefferson College	1	3	.250	4	12	.250
Waynesburg College	0	3	.000	11	6	.647
Westminster College*	0	0	.000	7	12	.368

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

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Monday, January 21

Waynesburg 76, PENN STATE-ALTOONA 61

Wednesday, January 23

Grove City 74, WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 59*

BETHANY 82, Waynesburg 71*

THIEL 71, Westminster 63

Saturday, January 26

Bethany 83, THIEL 73*

WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 86, Waynesburg 79*

Grove City 111, WESTMINSTER 101 (4ot)*

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Monday, January 28

La Roche at Washington & Jefferson - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 30

Thiel at Waynesburg* - 7:30 p.m.

Bethany at Grove City* - 8 p.m.

Washington & Jefferson at Westminster - 8 p.m.

Saturday, February 2

Westminster at Bethany - 2 p.m.

Washington & Jefferson at Thiel* - 3 p.m.

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

PAC Men's Basketball Player of the Week

KEITH SCHUBERT

Bethany College

6-4 Senior Forward

Girard, Ohio/Girard H.S.

Schubert earned PAC Player of the Week honors for the second straight week and the third time this season after averaging 24.0 points and 8.5 rebounds per game for the 2-0 Bison. Bethany remained unbeaten (3-0) and in sole possession of first place in the PAC with wins over Waynesburg (82-71) and Thiel (83-73). Schubert posted 17 points in the win over the Yellow Jackets on Wednesday, then came back with 31 points and 11 rebounds on Saturday as Bethany handed the Tomcats their first PAC loss of the season. He was also a perfect 12-of-12 from the free throw line this week. With 1,821 career points, Schubert is just 70 points shy of surpassing **Rudy Yaksich** (1,891 points from 1954-58) as the all-time leading scorer at Bethany.

Also nominated was senior forward **Pat Roberts** of Grove City, sophomore center **Tony Franz** of Washington & Jefferson, and junior guard **Ray Robinson** of Waynesburg.

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

Bethany Bison

The Bison used big second half runs to pull away in both PAC victories last week ... A **Todd McGuinness** heave from three-quarters court beat the halftime buzzer to give the Bison a three-point halftime lead against Waynesburg ... A 27-7 run midway through the second half pushed Bethany's lead to 24 and the Bison held off a late rally for the victory ... Forward **Keith Schubert** led four scorers in double figures with 17 ... At Thiel, a 19-4 spurt in the second half erased a two-point Tomcat lead and allowed the Bison to take over sole possession of first place in the PAC ... Bethany went 15-15 from the foul line in the second half and 19-20 for the game ... Schubert again led with 31 points and 11 rebounds.

Wash. & Jeff. Presidents

W&J claimed its first PAC win of the year on Saturday by defeating Waynesburg at home, 86-79 ... The Presidents were led by sophomore center **Tony Franz**, who netted a career-high 27 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, and junior guard **Nolan Larry**, who scored 24 of his 26 points in the second half ... Larry also scored his 1,000th career point in the second half during a stretch where he hit three straight three-point field goals ... W&J shot 69 percent in the second half and 57 percent for the game in winning its first PAC contest ... Grove City outrebounded W&J, 44-25, and shot 48 percent from the field on Wednesday ... Sophomore forward **Scott Chodor** and Larry each scored 18 points ... Larry also added seven assists.

Grove City Wolverines

The Wolverines improved to 14-5 with a dramatic and historic 111-101 four-overtime victory at Westminster on Saturday ... A school-record seven players reached double figures in the win, led by sophomore **Tanner Prosser's** 23 points ... Prosser sent the game to overtime with a tip-in as regulation time expired ... The Wolverines trailed by 16 points in the second half before taking the lead with a 20-2 run ... Senior **Pat Roberts** played a school-record 49 minutes in the win, amassing 17 points, 14 rebounds and eight assists ... Sophomore **Phil Bushre** returned from a concussion to post 17 points and seven boards ... Freshman **Nate Maurer** collected 13 points and 10 boards in Wednesday's 74-59 win at W&J

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

Waynesburg went 1-2 last week, posting a non-conference 76-61 win over Penn State-Altoona before dropping PAC contests to Bethany (82-71) and Washington & Jefferson (86-79) ... Junior guard **Ray Robinson** led Waynesburg in scoring in all three games, averaging 19.7 points, 5.0 rebounds and 2.1 steals per game for the week ... The Jackets look to rebound in PAC play when they host the Thiel Tomcats on Wednesday night at the Rudy Marisa Field house.

Thiel Tomcats

Thiel went 1-1 last week, downing Westminster 71-63 on Jan. 23 and falling to Bethany 83-73 on Jan. 26 ... The Tomcats finished the Westminster game 28-of-63 (44.4%) from the floor ... Junior **A.H. Davis** posted a game-high 23 points and seven rebounds in the 10-point win ... On Saturday, the Tomcats trailed 37-36 at the half against the Bison, but Thiel was outscored 21-14 in the first 10 minutes of the second half ... The Tomcats finished the game with four players in double digits, led by senior **Erik Hemsing's** 14 markers ... Junior **Eddie Mathews** finished with 13 points, 11 of which came in the first half...Bethany held a 19-8 advantage from the free throw line over the Tomcats.

Westminster Titans

Westminster fell to 0-4 against PAC opponents last week, as the Titans fell at Thiel 71-63 on Wednesday before suffering a heartbreaking 111-101 four-overtime defeat to Grove City at Buzz Ridl Gymnasium on Saturday ... The four-overtime contest was the longest game in history for both schools ... Junior center **Greg Foster** posted an impressive line against the Tomcats, recording a team-high 14 points to go along with career-high totals of 17 rebounds and six blocked shots ... Sophomore point guard **Mike Hill** recorded a career-best 28 points, including five three-pointers, against the Wolverines ... Sophomore forward **Andy Podbielski** posted a "double-double" off the bench with 13 points and 10 boards on Saturday.

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: Keith Schubert, F, Bethany

January 28: Keith Schubert, F, Bethany

February 4:

February 11:

February 18:

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

BETHANY BISON **(12-6 Overall, 3-0 PAC)** at Grove City* (1/30 - 8 p.m.) vs. Westminster (2/2 - 2 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

Upcoming Game Notes: It'll be a battle for first place at Grove City Wednesday night when Bethany faces the Wolverines ... The Bison swept both meetings last season with GCC, winning on the road 75-54 behind a career-high 32 points from Nevada Smith, and taking the rematch in Bethany 86-78 ... Grove City leads the series 42-18 ... Bethany will try to sweep the season series from Westminster on Saturday ... The Bison rallied from a 15-point second half deficit and on a short jumper by Derek Hoffman with six seconds left, claimed a 78-77 win against the Titans ... Westminster still leads the series 57-10.

GROVE CITY WOLVERINES **(14-5 Overall, 2-1 PAC)** vs. Bethany* (1/30 - 8 p.m.) at Waynesburg* (2/2 - 7:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

Upcoming Game Notes: Grove City enters the week having won six of its last seven games and nine of 11 ... The Wolverines will be seeking a share of first place in the Presidents' Athletic Conference when it hosts Bethany Wednesday night ... Grove City leads the all-time series, 45-19, despite being swept by the Bison last year by scores of 75-54 and 86-78 ... The Wolverines will look to complete a season sweep against Waynesburg on Saturday, having taken the first meeting on Jan. 16, 78-60 ... **Tanner Prosser** scored a team-high 20 points in the victory, which was highlighted by a 19-3 second-half run.

THIEL TOMCATS **(8-11 Overall, 2-1 PAC)** at Waynesburg* (1/30 - 7:30 p.m.) vs. Washington & Jefferson* (2/2 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

Upcoming Game Notes: The Tomcats look to improve to 4-1 in the PAC with victories over Waynesburg and W&J this week ... The Tomcats won both match-ups against the Yellow Jackets last season by a combined six points (won 82-78 on Jan. 27 in Greenville and 57-55 on Feb. 7 in Waynesburg) ... **Erik Hemsing** lit up the Jackets last season averaging 17.5 points-per-game ... The Tomcats go for their fourth consecutive win over W&J on Feb. 2 after sweeping the series in 2000-01 and defeating the Presidents 67-61 on Jan. 16 in Washington, Pa.

WASH. & JEFF. PRESIDENTS **(4-12 Overall, 1-3 PAC)** vs. La Roche (1/28 - 7:30 p.m.) at Westminster (1/30 - 8 p.m.) at Thiel* (2/2 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

Upcoming Game Notes: W&J and La Roche meet for the 15th time, with the Presidents holding an 8-6 series advantage ... W&J dropped two overtime contests to LaRoche last season by five points combined ... W&J and Westminster will meet for the 53rd time, with the Titans leading the series, 38-15 ... **Nolan Larry** averaged 18.0 points in two losses to WC last season ... The Presidents will try to avenge a 67-61 loss earlier in the season to Thiel on Saturday ... The Presidents held a one-point lead in the final minute, but **Erik Hemsing** nailed a trey to give the Tomcats the lead for good with 58 seconds left ... Larry scored 17 points to lead W&J in the first meeting.

WAYNESBURG YELLOW JACKETS **(11-6 Overall, 0-3 PAC)** vs. Thiel* (1/30 - 7:30 p.m.) vs. Grove City* (2/2 - 7:30 p.m.)

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

Upcoming Game Notes: Beginning with their home game against the Thiel Tomcats, the Jackets will play six of their remaining eight games at home.

WESTMINSTER TITANS **(7-12 Overall)** vs. Washington & Jefferson (1/30 - 8 p.m.) at Bethany (2/2 - 2 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WWNW-FM (88.9), New Wilmington; WKST-AM (1200), New Castle; Remaining home games televised live by Westminster Cable 9 Television.

Upcoming Game Notes: Westminster will look to break a four-game losing streak when the Titans host W&J on Wednesday ... Westminster swept the Presidents last season, winning 87-69 in Washington and 104-75 at Buzz Ridl Gymnasium ... The Titans suffered a 78-77 loss to Bethany on Jan. 16 in New Wilmington on a **Derek Hoffman** jumper with six seconds left ... Westminster has held a double-digit lead at halftime or later in three of its four losses to PAC teams.