

# MEN'S BASKETBALL 2006-07

#### Presidents' Athletic Conference

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## Current 2006-07 Regular Season Standings (through January 28)

	PAC Games			All Games		
School	W	L	Pct.	<u>W</u>	L	Pct.
Bethany College	6	1	.857	14	5	.737
Westminster College	5	2	.714	12	7	.632
Washington & Jefferson College	4	3	.571	7	12	.368
Grove City College	3	4	.429	10	9	.526
Thomas More College	2	4	.333	2	17	.105
Waynesburg College	2	5	.286	9	9	.500
Thiel College	2	5	.286	5	13	.278
Saint Vincent College*	0	0	.000	11	7	.611

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

#### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Monday, January 22

PENN STATE-BEAVER 68, Thiel 56\*

#### Wednesday, January 24

GROVE CITY 74, Washington & Jefferson 59\* THOMAS MORE 70, Waynesburg 66\* Bethany 107, SAINT VINCENT 105 (20t)\* Westminster 78, THIEL 66\*

#### Saturday, January 27

WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 89, Westminster 87\* Bethany 75, THIEL 72\* Saint Vincent 58, THOMAS MORE 47\* WAYNESBURG 75, Grove City 68\*

#### **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

## Wednesday, January 31

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

#### Thursday, February 1

Ohio-Eastern at Saint Vincent - 7 p.m.

#### Saturday, February 3

Bethany at Grove City\* – 3 p.m.

Waynesburg at Thiel\* – 3 p.m.

Westminster at Thomas More\* – 3 p.m.

Washington & Jefferson at Saint Vincent\* – 8 p.m.

# PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

# JAMES WALLACE Bethany College

6-4 Senior Forward Bellaire, Ohio Linsly H.S.

Wallace averaged 20.5 points, 6.5 rebounds and 3.5 assists per game last week for the 2-0 Bison, who moved into sole possession of first place in the PAC



following league wins over Saint Vincent (107-105 in double OT) and Thiel (75-72). He tied his career-high with 28 points while adding nine boards and six assists in the SVC victory. For the week, Wallace shot 50 percent (14-of-28) from the field and 87 percent (13-of-15) from the foul line.

Also nominated was senior C Craig Hallman of Grove City, junior F Joe Herrmann of Thiel, senior G Jon Koch of Washington & Jefferson, senior G Beau Wilson of Waynesburg, and sophomore F Steve Bielich of Westminster.

## PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES



## Bethany Bison

Bethany won a pair of close games last week to move back into sole possession of first place in the PAC ... The Bison rode a career-night from G **Brody Jackson** to a 107-105 double-OT victory at Saint Vincent Wednesday ... Jackson hit two

free throws with four seconds left in regulation to force overtime, then hit a three with 18 ticks remaining in the second OT for the win ... He finished with 33 points, five assists and four rebounds, while **James Wallace** equaled his career-high of 28 points, pulled down a season-high nine rebounds and gave out a career-best six assists ... Saturday, BC took a 17-point second half lead and held on for a 75-72 win at Thiel ... F **Joe Testa** came off the bench to score a career-high 20 and Wallace and **Marc Palermo** each netted 13.



### **Grove City Wolverines**

Grove City's five-game win streak came to an end Saturday night at Waynesburg with a 75-68 defeat ... GCC trailed by 20 in the second half but nearly rallied for the win, closing to within 69-68 before Waynesburg finished the

game with a 6-0 run ... **Ryan Gibson** led the Wolverines with 15 points while **Craig Hallman** (12) and **Mark Smith** (11) also reached double-digits ... Wednesday, Grove City notched its 13<sup>th</sup> straight home regular-season win over W&J ... Hallman posted a 15-point, 10-rebound double-double on 6-of-6 shooting ... **Ryan Gerber** fired in a game-high 16 points while **Shawn Carr** added 13 ... The Wolverines allowed just seven second-half field goals ... Four of GCC's remaining five PAC games that count in the standings are at home.



#### Thiel Tomcats

Thiel went 0-3 last week with two losses coming against PAC opponents ... The Tomcats fell at Penn State-Beaver 68-56 Monday before losing at home to Westminster 78-66 Wednesday and dropping a 75-72 home contest to Bethany Saturday ... At Beaver, Thiel led 29-25 at the

half but was outscored 43-27 in the second frame ... Junior F Joe Herrmann finished with an 18-point, eight-rebound effort ... Against Westminster Herrmann finished with 18 points and seven boards ... Cory Chafee chipped in 16, while sophomore G Brandon Mirizio and junior G Gary Gates each added 12 ... Herrmann had one of his best games of the season against the Bison, registering gameand season-highs in points (31), rebounds (15) and assists (6).



#### Thomas More Saints

Thomas More posted its second win of the season with a 70-66 win over Waynesburg as senior **Ed Thornton** 

scored a season-high 17 points and sophomore **Mark Lucas** added a career-high 16 points ... Thornton and sophomore **Matt Tierney** combined to go 7-of-8 at the line down the stretch to secure the victory ... Saint Vincent hit back-to-back three-pointers to seal the win as no TMC player scored in double figures as Tierney and freshman **Aaron Miller** scored seven points each ... Lucas averaged a team-high 10 points with four boards during the week ... Tierney averaged seven points and a team-high seven rebounds, while Miller also added seven boards for the week.



## Washington & Jefferson Presidents

The Presidents split a pair of PAC games this week, including a wild 89-87 victory over Westminster Saturday which senior G **Jon Koch** won with 0.7 seconds left with a 17-foot jumper ... Koch finished with 23 points to move eight away from passing **Nolan Larry** for the school's all-time scoring record ... Senior G **Brandon** 

**Studer** bucketed a game-high 25 points and moved into sixth place on the school's all-time scoring list, moving ahead of 1955 grad **Cy Godfrey** ... Sophomore F **Wahab Owolabi** may have had the best game of all; however, with 22 points and 17 rebounds (both careerhighs) ... The Presidents trailed 35-34 at the half at Grove City Wednesday, but the Wolverines limited W&J to seven field goals in the final 20 minutes ... Koch had 14 points, while Studer added 13.



## Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

The Yellow Jackets split a pair of PAC matchups last week ... Waynesburg suffered a 70-66 loss to Thomas More Wednesday ... The game featured eight ties and 11 lead changes, all in the second half ... The Yellow

Jackets led 64-63 with 1:20 left before the Saints closed the game on a 7-2 run ... Senior G **Beau Wilson** led Waynesburg with 17 points, to along with five rebounds and two steals ... Wilson again led the team in scoring with 18, as the Yellow Jackets defeated Grove City, 75-68, Saturday ... Waynesburg led by as many as 20 in the second half before the Wolverines closed the deficit to one point, 67-66 ... Wilson then hit a three-pointer to give the Yellow Jackets a four-point lead with 1:06 left ... Senior G **Marc Lodovico** tied his career-high of five steals against the Wolverines.



#### Westminster Titans

Westminster dropped to second place in the PAC after going 1-1 with a 78-66 win at Thiel Wednesday and a heartbreaking 89-87 loss at W&J Saturday ... The Titans came back from 18 points down in the first half against Thiel and 12 points down in the second half vs. W&J ... Westminster went on a 43-14 run, including a 23-8 run to start the second half at Thiel, and went on a 14-0 run at W&J and held a three-point lead with 1:31 remaining only to have the Presidents sink the gamewinner at the buzzer ... Senior G Greg Rosatelli and

sophomore F **Steve Bielich** both averaged at least 20 points per game last week ... Rosatelli bucketed a game-high 23 points vs. Thiel and 17 points at W&J ... Bielich scored a season-high 20 points at Thiel before setting a career-high with 22 vs. W&J.



## Saint Vincent Bearcats

The Bearcats split a pair of PAC contests last week, dropping a heartbreraking 107-105 double-overtime home decision to league leader Bethany before posting a 58-47 road win at Thomas More ... **Javille Brooks** scored a career-high 34 points against Bethany ... All of his

points were scored in regulation before fouling out of the game ... Senior **Marc Duncan** added a career high 21 against Bethany, then had a game-high 16 against Thomas More ... Brooks had a double-double against TMC, with 12 points and 11 boards.

## PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

## **Bethany Bison**

vs. Thomas More\* (1/31 - 8 p.m.)
at Grove City\* (2/3 - 3 p.m.)

www.teamline.cc (code 3724) - Grove City only

Bethany will try to stay in first place in the PAC when they take on Thomas More and Grove City this week ... The Bison will be aiming for their second straight season sweep of the Saints Wednesday ... BC came away with a 70-64 victory at Thomas More Jan. 10 ... Brody Jackson fired in 23, including four three-pointers, and James Wallace had 18 points and seven rebounds ... The Bison will then try for their 10<sup>th</sup> straight win over Grove City Saturday ... BC notched a 75-63 decision on Jan. 6, as Ryan Besancon recorded 16 points and 11 boards and Jackson (14) and Marcus Adams (10) also hit for double digits.

#### Thiel Tomcats

at Grove City\* (1/31 - 7:30 p.m.) vs. Waynesburg\* (2/3 - 3 p.m.) Both games on WPIC-AM (790) and www.msasportsnetwork.com

Thiel will travel to conference rival Grove City on Wednesday night before hosting Waynesburg Saturday afternoon ... The Tomcats and Wolverines have met 132 times with Grove City holding a 97-35 all-time lead ... Grove City is 8-7 against Thiel dating back to the 2000-01 season while the Tomcats have won three of the last four encounters ... Waynesburg and Thiel have met 67 times with the Yellow Jackets holding a 41-26 edge ... Thiel is just 2-5 in its last seven against Waynesburg.



### Washington & Jefferson Presidents

at Waynesburg\* (1/31 - 7:30 p.m.) at Saint Vincent\* (2/3 - 8 p.m.)

Washington & Jefferson and Waynesburg renew their Intertstate 79 rivalry on Wednesday for the 86<sup>th</sup> time ... The Presidents lead the all-time series by a 44-41 margin and have claimed five of

the last six games between the two schools ... Since the beginning of the 2000-2001 season, the final margin of victory in the series has been decided by seven points or less 12 times in 15 contests ... The Presidents lead the all-time series with the Bearcats by a 22-16 margin ... With its 76-68 victory in Washington on Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, W&J claimed its first victory over SVC since the 1993-94 season.



#### Westminster Titans

vs. Saint Vincent\* (1/31 - 8 p.m.) at Thomas More\* (2/3 - 3 p.m.)

WWNW-FM (88.9); <u>www.titanradio.net</u> - both games; SVC game on Westminster Cable Network (WCN)

Westminster plays at home for just the second time in seven games Wednesday when it hosts Saint Vincent ... The Titans beat the Bearcats, 93-89, in Latrobe on Jan. 10, behind a season-high 29 points from **Craig Hannon** ... Hannon has averaged just 8.8 points per game since and is averaging 12.7 for the season ... Six

Titans scored in double figures in Westminster's 89-79 win over Thomas More on Jan. 6, led by freshman **Ryne Murray**'s 17 points and 12 rebounds ... Murray has been in academically ineligible since that game, but the Titans have gone 4-2 without him.



### **Grove City Wolverines**

vs. Thiel\* (1/31 - 7:30 p.m.) vs. Bethany\* (2/3 - 3 p.m.)

Grove City opens a three-game homestand Wednesday against county rival Thiel ... Thiel rallied for a 71-57 win in Greenville Jan. 10 ...

GCC led by 11 early in the second half before Thiel charged back ... Grove City leads the all-time series with Thiel, 101-35 ... Saturday, the Wolverines will host Bethany ... The Bison have won six straight in the GCC Arena, the longest current streak by any Grove City opponent ... Overall, the Bison own a nine-game win streak against Grove City, including a 75-63 victory over the Wolverines Jan. 6 at Hummel Field House ... **Mark Smith** led Grove City with 13 points in that game.



#### Thomas More Saints

at Bethany\* (1/31 - 8 p.m.) vs. Westminster\* (2/3 - 3 p.m.) Insight Communications (TV channels 22/6) - Saturday only

The TMC-Bethany series is tied 3-3, including Bethany's 70-64 win in the Bluegrass earlier this season ... The Bison have won three straight games in the series ... Sophomore **Jeremy Abell** and freshman **Aaron Miller** each scored 11 points for the Saints, while freshman **Eddie Tyree** added 10 points in the home loss ... Westminster has won all four meeting, including a 10-point victory in New Wilmington earlier this season ... Junior **Brad Buckner** dropped in a career-high 24 points with nine rebounds, while Miller dropped in a career-high 14.



## Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

vs. Wash. & Jeff.\* (1/31 - 7:30 p.m.) at Thiel\* (2/3 - 3 p.m.)

Both games - <u>www.waynesburg.edu;</u> WCYJ-FM (88.7); Wednesday only -WCTV (Channel 12)

Waynesburg looks to snap a five-game losing streak against W&J Wednesday ... The Presidents claimed a 77-64 victory over the Yellow Jackets earlier this season despite 21 points from senior G **Beau Wilson** ... In eight career games against W&J, Wilson has posted 16.1 ppg ... Waynesburg heads to the road Saturday when they look to split the season series with Thiel ... The Tomcats posted a 64-60 victory over the Yellow Jackets earlier this season ... Wilson scored 18 points in the loss, which snapped a five-game win streak.



#### Saint Vincent Bearcats

at Westminster\* (1/31 - 8 p.m.) vs. Ohio-Eastern (2/1 - 7 p.m.) vs. Washington & Jefferson\* (2/3 - 8 p.m.) Wed./Sat. PAC games on WCNS-AM (1480); www.redzonemedia.com

The Bearcats will sandwich a non-league home matchup against Ohio-Eastern on Thursday between PAC contests at Westminster Wednesday and home against W&J Saturday ... Saint Vincent dropped the first meeting with both league opponents, falling 91-87 at home to the Titans and dropping a 76-68 decision on the road against the Presidents.