



MEN'S BASKETBALL 2004-05

Presidents' Athletic Conference

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CURRENT 2004-05 REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through Jan. 30, 2005)

<u>School</u>	<u>PAC Games</u>			<u>All Games</u>		
	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Bethany College	4	1	.800	16	3	.842
Grove City College	4	1	.800	11	8	.579
Westminster College	3	2	.600	13	6	.684
Waynesburg College	2	3	.400	8	11	.421
Washington & Jefferson College	2	3	.400	5	14	.263
Thiel College	0	5	.000	4	15	.211

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Wednesday, January 26

BETHANY 86, Waynesburg 61*

GROVE CITY 65, Thiel 50*

WESTMINSTER 116, Washington & Jefferson 101*

Saturday, January 29

BETHANY 72, Grove City 67*

WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 72, Thiel 70*

Westminster 113, WAYNESBURG 98*

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, February 1

Bethany at Lake Erie - 7 p.m.

Waynesburg at Notre Dame (Ohio) - 7 p.m.

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

Westminster at Geneva - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 2

Thiel at Lancaster Bible - 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 5

Bethany at Thiel* - 3 p.m.

Grove City at Westminster* - 4 p.m.

Washington & Jefferson at Waynesburg* - 7:30 p.m.

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

PAT O'CONNOR

Westminster College

6-4 Senior Forward

Pittsburgh, Pa./Keystone Oaks H.S.

O'Connor led the Titans to a 2-0 PAC week by averaging 21.0 points, 8.5 rebounds, 4.5 steals and 1.0 blocks per game. He posted a season-high 32 points (one off his career-high), including eight three-pointers, in a 116-101 win over W&J. O'Connor then tallied a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds in a 113-98 win at Waynesburg.

Also nominated was junior G/F **Matt Drahos** of Bethany, senior C **Phil Bushre** of Grove City, sophomore G **Jon Koch** of Washington & Jefferson, and sophomore F **Shawn Coleman** of Waynesburg.

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

Bethany Bison

Bethany has now won three straight games, all against conference foes ... Thanks to the win streak, Bethany now enjoys a share of the first-place in the PAC ... The Bison defeated Grove City 72-67 behind the Drahos brothers' offense and a season-best performance for **Scott Mezyk** ... **Mike** and **Matt Drahos** earned 20 and 14 points, respectively, while Mezyk canned 6-of-8 shots to down the formerly PAC-undefeated Grove City Wolverines ... Matt Drahos also grabbed a game-best 13 rebounds ... Against Waynesburg, Matt Drahos exploded for 24 points and 11 rebounds in the 86-61 victory ... Brother Mike notched 10 points and 12 rebounds, which was enough to give the junior his 1,000th career point.

Wash. & Jeff. Presidents

W&J closed the first half of its PAC schedule with a dramatic 72-70 victory over Thiel Saturday ... Freshman G **Tyler Trutza** hit an off-balanced runner with 0.4 seconds remaining to lift the Presidents to victory ... Sophomore G **Jon Koch** led the Presidents with 19 points, five rebounds and five assists, while sophomore F **Matt Vorndran** and freshman C **Tony Lewis** added 14 and 12 points, respectively ... W&J shot 55 percent and out-rebounded Westminster, 49-37, Wednesday, but could not overcome 26 turnovers in a 116-101 loss ... The Presidents led most of the first half, but a late first half run and an early second half spurt proved to be the difference for the Titans ... Koch had 28 points and six assists for W&J.

Grove City Wolverines

Grove City posted several milestones Wednesday night in its 65-50 win over Thiel ... It was the 2000th game in Grove City men's basketball history and head coach **Steve Lamie** earned his 100th career win ... Grove City also won its 100th all-time game against Thiel and remained unbeaten in conference play ... **Phil Bushre** had a game-high 21 points while **Ryan Eller** added 13 ... **Matt Phillips** had 10 boards and eight assists ... Saturday, Grove City's six-game win streak ended at Bethany, 72-67 ... Grove City trailed by as many as 15 in the first half ... **J.D. Collar** led the Wolverines with 15 points while Bushre had 14 ... The Wolverines fell into a tie for first place in the PAC at the halfway mark.

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

Waynesburg was swept in a pair of PAC contests this week – losing 86-61 to Bethany and 113-98 to Westminster ... Sophomore F **Shawn Coleman** posted game- and career-highs against the Titans with 22 points and 13 rebounds for his first double-double of the season and second of his career ... Senior G **Ray Gillespie** also posted a career-high in the loss to the Titans, scoring 18 points, while backcourt mate **Beau Wilson** also bucked 18 ... The Yellow Jackets shot a season-best 56 percent from the field (42 of 75) ... Against the Bison, Waynesburg struggled from the field making just 18-of-60 attempts (30 percent) ... Freshman F **Josh Parisi** led Waynesburg with 14 points off the bench, while G **Marc Lodovico** added 10 points in the loss.

Thiel Tomcats

Thiel saw its winless streak extend to 11 last week after dropping a pair of PAC road contests ... The Tomcats shot just 19.2 percent from the field in the opening half against Grove City Wednesday, falling 65-50 ... Junior F **Stephen Laird** totaled 13 points and four assists while freshman F **Joe Herrmann** and senior G **Daryl Moore** each finished with 11 ... W&J's **Tyler Trutza** hit a jumper with 0.4 seconds remaining to lead the Presidents to a 72-70 victory over the Tomcats Saturday ... Herrmann led all scorers with 24 points and 10 rebounds ... Moore added 18 points and two assists, while freshman G **Ross Watson** collected 10 points and four boards.

Westminster Titans

The Titans posted a pair of PAC wins last week, topping W&J at home 116-101 on Wednesday before winning at Waynesburg 113-98 Saturday ... Senior F **Pat O'Connor** blistered the nets for a season-high 32 points, including eight three-pointers, in the W&J win ... Four other Titans scored in double figures: senior G **Ed Pagley** with 14, junior G **Mark DeMonaco** with 13, freshman G **Craig Hannon** with 12, and junior G **Brian Fadden** with 10 while also snaring a team- and season-high 10 rebounds for his first double-double of the campaign ... Three Titans - DeMonaco, junior F **Dom Joseph** and Hannon - led a balanced scoring attack with 14 points each at Waynesburg, as seven Titans scored in double figures.

Past PAC Men's Basketball Players of the Week

November 21: Ryan Eller, F, Grove City

November 28: Daryl Moore, G, Thiel

December 5: Mark DeMonaco, G, Westminster

December 12: Matt Drahos, F/C, Bethany

January 2: Marc Lodovico, G, Waynesburg

January 9: Mike Drahos, G/F, Bethany

January 16: J.D. Collar, G, Grove City

January 23: Mike Drahos, G/F, Bethany

January 30: Pat O'Connor, F, Westminster

February 6:

February 13:

February 20:

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

BETHANY BISON (16-3 Overall, 4-1 PAC)

at Lake Erie (2/1 - 7 p.m.)
at Thiel* (2/5 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WVBC-FM (88.1)

Upcoming Game Notes: Mike and Matt Drahos were each recognized before the Grove City contest with game balls commemorating their 1,000th career points ... The Bison play Lake Erie Tuesday before returning to conference action Saturday at Thiel ... The Bison lead in the all-time series with Lake Erie 2-1 and ride a three-game win streak into the matchup with the Storm ... Bethany took its first conference match-up of the season over Thiel College, winning by a score of 86-66 ... Bethany has won two out of the last three contests with the Tomcats, with their last lost coming at Thiel last season, 64-63.

GROVE CITY WOLVERINES (11-8 Overall, 4-1 PAC)

at Westminster* (2/5 - 4 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WSAJ-FM (91.1), www.msasportsnetwork.com

Upcoming Game Notes: Grove City looks for its second season sweep of Westminster in three seasons Saturday in New Wilmington ... The Wolverines are off until then ... The Wolverines won the first meeting Jan. 15, 94-86, by scoring the final eight points of the game ... Phil Bushre led Grove City with 22 points in the win while Ryan Eller added 20 ... Bushre just missed a triple-double, tallying nine rebounds and eight assists ... Grove City has won 11 straight regulation games when scoring at least 90 points ... Eller has 964 career points and needs 36 to become Grove City's 21st 1,000-point scorer ... He scored a career-high 32 at Westminster last year.

THIEL TOMCATS (4-15 Overall, 0-5 PAC)

at Lancaster Bible (2/2 - 7 p.m.)
vs. Bethany* (2/5 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WPIC-AM (790) - Sat. only

Upcoming Game Notes: Thiel will look to break out of its 11-game slide Wednesday when they travel to Lancaster Bible College ... Wednesday's meeting will be the first between the Tomcats and the Chargers ... The Tomcats host Bethany on Saturday for the 136th time in the all-time series with the Bison as holds a 92-43 edge in the series ... The Bison earned an 86-66 win in Bethany, W. Va. earlier this season.

WASH. & JEFF. PRESIDENTS (5-14 Overall, 2-3 PAC)

at La Roche (2/1 - 7:30 p.m.)
at Waynesburg* (2/5 - 7:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WNJR-FM (91.7), www.washjeff.edu

Upcoming Game Notes: LaRoche took a 10-9 all-time series lead against the Presidents with an 84-83 victory last season in Washington ... Brandon Studer totaled 21 points, seven assists, five rebounds and four steals in the loss ... The Yellow Jackets hold a 41-39 series lead after topping the Presidents in triple overtime, 96-93, three weeks ago ... Jon Koch led the W&J effort with 23 points, eight rebounds and five steals ... Anthony Hairston added 19 points and six assists, while Studer scored all 17 points in the overtime sessions.

WAYNESBURG YELLOW JACKETS (8-11 Overall, 2-3 PAC)

at Notre Dame (Ohio) (2/1 - 7 p.m.)
vs. Washington & Jefferson* (2/5 - 7:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WCYJ-FM (88.7), www.waynesburg.edu; WCYJ-TV (Channel 12) - Sat. only

Upcoming Game Notes: Waynesburg returns to non-conference action Tuesday when it travels to Notre Dame (Ohio) ... The Yellow Jackets hold a 2-1 advantage in the all-time series against the Falcons, who are an NAIA school ... The two squads split last season's two-game series with the home team winning each contest ... The second round of PAC play begins for Waynesburg Saturday when it hosts W&J for a 7:30 p.m. tipoff ... The first meeting between the Jackets and Presidents required three overtime periods to finish with a 96-93 Waynesburg win.

WESTMINSTER TITANS (13-6 Overall, 3-2 PAC)

at Geneva (2/1 - 7:30 p.m.)
vs. Grove City* (2/5 - 4 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WWNW-FM (88.9), www.msasportsnetwork.com; Westminster Cable Network (WCN) (Sat. only)

Upcoming Game Notes: The Titans take a break from league play to face former NAIA rival Geneva Tuesday, before hosting Grove City to open the second half of PAC competition Saturday ... The last meeting between Westminster and Geneva was in the championship game of the 2001 Buzz Ridl Classic, with the Golden Tornadoes posting a 63-54 decision ... Westminster fell 94-86 at Grove City to open league play on Jan. 15, despite team-high totals of 21 points and four assists by Mark DeMonaco.