

MEN'S BASKETBALL 2003-04

Presidents' Athletic Conference

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CURRENT REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through February 1, 2004)

	PAC Games			All Games		
School	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	Pct.	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	Pct.
Westminster College	5	0	1.00	10	9	.526
Bethany College	4	1	.800	13	5	.722
Grove City College	3	2	.600	9	10	.474
Washington & Jefferson College	1	4	.333	7	12	.368
Thiel College	1	4	.200	7	13	.350
Waynesburg College	1	4	.200	6	12	.333

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Wednesday, January 28

GROVE CITY 65, Waynesburg 55
BETHANY 88, Thiel 74*
Westminster 118, WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 111*

Saturday, January 31

WESTMINSTER 103, Bethany 81*
Grove City 80, WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 77*
THIEL 67, Waynesburg 50*

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Monday, February 2

Bethany at Penn State-Altoona - 7 p.m. Frostburg State at Waynesburg - 7:30 p.m. Pitt-Greensburg at Westminster - 8 p.m.

Wednesday, February 4

Waynesburg at Mount Aloysius - 7 p.m. Grove City at Frostburg State - 7:30 p.m. Saint Vincent at Washington & Jefferson - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 7

Westminster at Thiel* - 3 p.m. Grove City at Bethany* - 4 p.m. Washington & Jefferson at Waynesburg* - 7:30 p.m.

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

ED PAGLEY

Westminster College

6-0 Junior Guard New Castle, Pa./New Castle H.S.

Pagley averaged 21.5 points per game as the Titans posted PAC wins over Washington & Jefferson (118-111) and Bethany (103-81), giving Westminster sole possession of first place in the conference. He scored 22 points on four three-pointers in the W&J win, then added a teamhigh 21 markers while adding four assists and four steals in the victory over the Bison.

Also nominated was sophomore G/F **Matt Drahos** of Bethany, senior F **Tanner Prosser** of Grove City, senior F **D.J. Gambridge** of Thiel, freshman G **Jon Koch** of Washington & Jefferson, and senior G **Mike King** of Waynesburg.

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

Bethany Bison

The Bison had their seven-game winning streak snapped at Westminster on Jan. 31 with a 103-81 loss ... It was Bethany's first loss since Dec. 29, and also its first PAC loss ... Sophomore **Matt Drahos** tallied 20 points in both games last week, posting a double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds vs. Thiel, then recording 21 points and nine rebounds at Westminster ... Freshman F **James Wallace** notched a career-high with 15 points vs. Thiel and tied his career-best with eight rebounds.

Wash. & Jeff. Presidents

W&J and Westminster combined for the second-most points in W&J history on Wednesday, trailing only the 241 points scored in the Presidents' 121-120 double-OT win over Kenyon two years ago ... Junior F Steve Button tied his careerhigh with 32 points, while freshman G Jon Koch recorded a career-high 29 ... Freshman F Matt Vorndran also came off the bench to net a career-high 13 markers ... On Saturday, the Presidents once again battled back from a 13-point halftime deficit to take a 75-74 lead with under two minutes left, but Grove City forced two late turnovers and hung on for the win ... Koch paced W&J with 23 points on 8-of-20 shooting, while Button, junior F Chris Houser and sophomore G Brandon Studer all added 15.

Grove City Wolverines

Grove City continues its second-half surge by improving to 3-2 in the conference ... Tanner Prosser led Grove City past Waynesburg with 18 points and a career-high 19 rebounds ... Grove City held the Jackets without a field goal for the final 4:40 of the game ... Ryan Eller, last week's PAC player of the week, fired in 18 points ... At W&J Saturday, Prosser helped Grove City hold off the Presidents with a 24-point, 11-rebound, 5-assist, 3block effort ... The Wolverines shot 71 percent (15-for-21) from the floor in the second half ... Eller added 18 points, including the go-ahead bucket with 44 seconds left ... Grove City did not make a three-point goal for the first time in 50 games.

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

Waynesburg lost its fourth straight PAC game last week to fall into a three-way tie for last place with W&J and Thiel ... The Jackets lost at Grove City on Wednesday, 65-55, despite cutting the Wolverines lead to just two points with four minutes to go ... Waynesburg had a chance to beat Thiel on Saturday, but the Tomcats went on a 15-3 run in the final 6:17 before winning, 67-50 ... Senior G Mike King led Waynesburg in scoring for the week with 14.5 points per game ... Freshman G Beau Wilson was held scoreless for the first time in his career against Grove City, before netting 14 against Thiel ... Sophomore G Ryan Bujnowski sparked the Jackets against Grove City with two key baskets, before finishing with seven points in 11 minutes.

Thiel Tomcats

Thiel went 1-1 in PAC action last week ... The Tomcats were outrebounded 45-32 in their 74-88 loss at Bethany on Wednesday before snapping a four-game losing skid with a 67-50 home victory against Waynesburg Saturday ... Senior F D.J. Gambridge had a career-high 22 points to go along with six boards and four blocks in the Bethany loss ... Senior F Mike Banach added 10 points and eight rebounds ... After squandering a 10-point halftime lead the Tomcats outscored Waynesburg 25-9 over the final 13:53 Banach finished with 15 points, nine rebounds and a career-high five blocks ... Gambridge added 14 and seven rebounds while junior G Ryan Singleton contributed 12 points and five rebounds.

Westminster Titans

Westminster took sole possession of first place with wins over W&J (118-111) and Bethany (103-81) last week, running the team's win streak to seven games ... Sophomore G Mark DeMonaco paced the Titan scoring attack at W&J with a team-high 29 points including six threepointers, followed by junior G Ed Pagley with 22, junior F Pat O'Connor with 21, junior G Chris Hatch with 18 and sophomore F Dom Joseph with 10 ... Pagley led four double-digit scorers with 21 points on 9-of-14 shooting against Bethany, as the Titans forced 38 Bison turnovers ... Joseph posted 19 points and a team-high six steals in the win, while sophomore G Brian Fadden and Hatch added 14 and 11 markers, respectively, in the win.

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: Ed Pagley, G, Westminster

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February 8:

February 15:

February 22:

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

BETHANY BISON

(13-5 Overall, 4-1 PAC)

at Penn State-Altoona (2/2 - 7 p.m.) vs. Grove City* (2/7 - 4 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

Upcoming Game Notes: Bethany will look to get back to its winning ways this week at Penn State-Altoona and vs. Grove City ... The Bison were 4-0 in the PAC and riding a seven-game winning streak before a loss to red-hot Westminster in New Wilmington ... The Bison have never lost to Altoona, boasting a 5-0 all-time mark against them, including an 85-74 win at home last season ... Bethany is now 23-43 all-time against Grove City after a 68-51 win earlier this season to open PAC play ... Last season's home contest against GCC went to overtime, with Bethany winning 102-100 on a lay-up by **Matt Drahos** as time expired.

THIEL TOMCATS (7-13 Overall, 1-4 PAC)

vs. Westminster* (2/7 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WPIC-AM (790); www.nsnsports.com Upcoming Game Notes: The Tomcats play just one game next week when they host Westminster College ... Thiel split the season series with Westminster last year but is just 8-41 against the Titans in the all-time series ... Senior F Mike Banach finished with 20 points and seven rebounds in the Tomcats' 78-74 road win against the Titans in 2003 ... Banach had 21 points and 10 rebounds in their 106-103 loss to the Titans this season.

GROVE CITY WOLVERINES (9-10 Overall, 3-2 PAC)

at Frostburg State (2/4 - 7:30 p.m.) at Bethany* (2/7 - 4 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WSAJ-FM (91.1); www.nsnsports.com **Upcoming Game Notes:** Grove City steps out of conference play to face Frostburg State Wednesday night ... Frostburg beat Grove City 81-74 last season at the Grove City College Arena ... **Tanner Prosser** has 1,142 career points and needs four to pass **Bart Niemeyer** (1958-62) for 13th place on Grove City's all-time list ... Eller is 36 for his last 49 from the floor ... Saturday, Grove City looks for a split of the season series with Bethany ... The Wolverines won at Bethany in last year's league opener, 77-71.

WASH. & JEFF. PRESIDENTS (7-12 Overall, 1-4 PAC)

vs. Saint Vincent (2/4 - 7:30 p.m.) at Waynesburg* (2/7 - 7:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WNJR-FM (91.7)

Upcoming Game Notes: W&J leads the all-time series with Saint Vincent by a 21-15 margin, but the two teams have not met since the Bearcats took a 79-72 victory in Latrobe during the 1995-96 season ... St. Vincent has been ranked as high as No. 3 in the NAIA Division II Top 25 poll, but fell to No. 14 last week ... SVC has lost two of its last three games after losing All-American **Tony Washam** to injury ... W&J travels to Waynesburg on Saturday looking to avenge a 74-69 loss on Jan. 17th ... The all-time series is now deadlocked 39-39 ... Freshman G **Jon Koch** led W&J in the loss to Yellow Jackets with 15 points.

WAYNESBURG YELLOW JACKETS (6-12 Overall, 1-4 PAC)

vs. Frostburg State (2/2 - 7:30 p.m.) at Mount Aloysius (2/4 - 7 p.m.) vs. Washington & Jefferson* (2/7 - 7:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WCYJ-FM (88.7), www.waynesburg.edu (2/2 & 2/7); WCYJ-TV (Channel 14) (2/7 only)

Upcoming Game Notes: Waynesburg wraps up its nonconference schedule this week with Frostburg State and Mount Aloysius ... The Jackets lost at Frostburg, 79-74, in its season-opener, led by **Mike King**'s 18 points ... Waynesburg beat Mount Aloysius on Jan. 13 at home, 104-81 ... Waynesburg leads the all-time series with FSU, 45-23, and own a 3-0 all-time series lead with the Mounties ... Waynesburg returns to PAC action at home against W&J, the only PAC team it defeated this year, 74-69, on Jan. 17.

WESTMINSTER TITANS (10-9 Overall, 5-0 PAC)

vs. Pitt-Greensburg (2/2 - 8 p.m.) at Thiel* (2/7 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WWNW-FM (88.9), WKST-AM (1200) (2/7 only); www.nsnsports.com

Upcoming Game Notes: The Titans host a non-conference game with Pitt-Greensburg before opening the second half of the PAC league schedule at Thiel ... UP-G posted a 76-72 home win over Westminster last year despite 25 points and a career-high 24 rebounds by Titan **Greg Foster** ... The 24 caroms was the NCAA Division III singlegame high in the 2002-03 season ... The Titans opened PAC play with a 106-103 home win over Thiel on Jan. 17 ... Westminster is 8-1 and averaging 108.9 ppg in the last nine games, forcing at least 23 turnovers in each game.