



# MEN'S BASKETBALL

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### Presidents' Athletic Conference

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## CURRENT REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (as of February 2, 2003)

School	PAC Games			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Grove City College	4	1	.800	13	6	.684
Waynesburg College	3	2	.600	10	6	.625
Westminster College	3	2	.600	9	10	.474
Thiel College	2	3	.400	9	10	.474
Washington & Jefferson College	2	3	.400	4	14	.222
Bethany College	1	4	.200	7	11	.636

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

#### Wednesday, January 29

Grove City 79, WAYNESBURG 77\*

THIEL 82, Bethany 63\*

WESTMINSTER 90, Washington & Jefferson 74\*

#### Saturday, February 1

Westminster 84, BETHANY 82\*

GROVE CITY 76, Washington & Jefferson 70\*

WAYNESBURG 84, Thiel 68\*

### UPCOMING SCHEDULE

#### Monday, February 3

Westminster at Pitt-Greensburg - 7 p.m.

Frostburg State at Waynesburg - 7:30 p.m.

Washington & Jefferson at Kenyon - 7:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, February 5

Lancaster Bible at Waynesburg - 5 p.m.

Thiel at Hilbert - 7 p.m.

Bethany at Frostburg State - 8 p.m.

#### Saturday, February 8

Bethany at Grove City\* - 3 p.m.

Thiel at Westminster\* - 3 p.m.

Waynesburg at Washington & Jefferson\* - 3 p.m.

## PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL CO-PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

### Nate Maurer - Grove City College

6-6 Sophomore Guard/Forward  
Pittsburgh, Pa./Linsly School (W.Va.)

### Brian Fadden - Westminster College

6-1 Freshman Guard  
New Castle, Pa./Mohawk H.S.)

Maurer led the league-leading Wolverines to a 2-0 week by averaging 22.5 points and 6.0 rebounds in PAC wins over Waynesburg (79-77) and Washington & Jefferson (76-70). He posted 24 points and six boards in the Waynesburg win, then tallied 21 points, six rebounds, and four assists against W&J. For the week, he shot 14-of-26 from the field (53.8%) and 16-of-17 from the line (94.1%).

Fadden posted nearly perfect shooting last week, as he led the Titans to a 2-0 week with PAC wins over W&J (90-74) and Bethany (84-82). He averaged 13.0 points, 4.5 rebounds, and 3.5 assists for the week while shooting 88.9% from the field (8-of-9) and 100% from the line (12-of-12). He was perfect against W&J, hitting 3-of-3 field goals and 10-of-10 free throws for a team-high 16 points.

Also nominated was senior C **Derek Hoffman** of Bethany, senior G **Shane Manley** of Thiel, sophomore F Chris Houser of Washington & Jefferson, and senior C **Jake Marcoux** of Waynesburg.

## PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

### *Bethany Bison*

The Bison dropped a pair of PAC games last week and have now lost three straight ... Bethany shot just 33 percent from the floor, including just 6-of-22 from behind the arc, in the loss at Thiel ... PG **Josh Polantz** hit five of the Bison's six threes for a team-high 15 points... The Bison came back from a nine-point halftime deficit to take a 77-73 lead with 6:42 to play, but couldn't hold on in a loss to Westminster... The tandem of **Derek Hoffman** (28 pts., 13-22 shooting) and **Matt Drahos** (24 pts., 10-14 shooting) combined for 52 points on 64 percent shooting, while the rest of the team hit just 11-of-39 (28%) ... Saturday's effort was a career-best for Hoffman, who averaged 19.5 ppg and 10.5 rpg last week.

### *Wash. & Jeff. Presidents*

The Presidents had their two-game winning streak snapped this week with losses at Westminster and Grove City ... W&J trailed Westminster 61-56 with 12 minutes left in the game, but could not get any closer ... Sophomore F **Steve Button** led the Presidents with game-highs in points (19) and rebounds (8) ... Junior C **Tony Franz** added 14 points and six boards, while sophomore F **Chris Houser** scored 13 points on 5-of-7 shooting ... Grove City and W&J were tied 11 times on Saturday, before the Wolverines pulled out the win in the final two minutes ... The win was the ninth-straight home victory for GCC over the Presidents ... Franz and **Nolan Larry** both recorded 15 points for the Presidents, while Larry also dished out seven assists.

### *Grove City Wolverines*

Grove City continued to set the pace in the PAC, reaching the halfway pole with a one-game lead ... The Wolverines picked up two victories last week, including a 79-77 triumph at Waynesburg ... **Nate Maurer** tossed in 24 points while **Tanner Prosser** added 18 on 7-of-7 accuracy from the floor ... **Andy Vljakovich** and **Ryan Eller** both scored 11 ... Against W&J, the Wolverines warded off the upstart Presidents as four players scored in double figures ... Maurer led the way with 21, while point guard **Mike Lukcic** threw in a career-high 14 points ... Prosser (13) and **Phil Bushre** (12) also reached doubles ... Grove City's rebound margin of +9.6 rpg will likely place them in this week's NCAA rankings again.

### *Waynesburg Yellow Jackets*

Waynesburg was a possession away from first place in the PAC ... The Jackets lost at home to Grove City, 79-77, in Wednesday's battle for the early lead in the conference, before Saturday's 84-68 rout of visiting Thiel ... Waynesburg now clinches its ninth-straight 10-win season and its 31<sup>st</sup> under 34th-year head coach **Rudy Marisa** ... **Ray Robinson** scored a season-high 34 points in Waynesburg's win over the Tomcats, after scoring 21 vs. Grove City ... **Jake Marcoux** had a breakthrough week ... Coming into the week, he averaged 10 minutes and 4.1 rebounds and 3.3 points per game ... In this week's two games, he averaged 28.5 minutes, 12.5 rebounds, and 13 points, including a team season-high 16 rebounds and 14 points against Thiel.

### *Thiel Tomcats*

After evening out their PAC at 2-2 with an 82-63 win over Bethany on Wednesday, the Tomcats dropped to 2-3 in the conference as they fell at Waynesburg 84-68 on Saturday ... Senior G **Shane Manley** had 24 points and 13 rebounds against Bethany, both game and career highs ... Freshman F **Matt Dracup** hit for career highs in both points (19) and rebounds (six) in 21 minutes of action ... Junior F **Dennis Bott** added 11 markers and seven boards in the win ... Despite finishing with three double-digit scorers against Waynesburg, the Tomcats fell 84-68 ... Manley paced the Tomcats with 14 points and six caroms, while senior F's **Eddie Mathews** and **A.H. Davis** added 12 and 11 points.

### *Westminster Titans*

Westminster won both of its PAC contests last week, toppling W&J at home 90-74 on Wednesday and winning at Bethany 84-82 on Saturday ... Against the Presidents, freshman G **Brian Fadden** had a perfect shooting night, going 3-for-3 from the field and 10-for-10 from the line for a team-high 16 points, while also dishing out three assists ... Sophomore G **Chris Hatch** hit a game-winning three-pointer with 52 seconds left against Bethany, breaking an 81-81 tie ... Senior C **Greg Foster** posted team-high totals of 18 points and 10 rebounds to record his 12th "double-double" in 19 games this season ... Hatch finished with 16 points in the win ... Six Titans scored in double figures versus Bethany, with a seventh finishing with eight points.

### Past PAC Men's Basketball Players of the Week

November 25: Phil Bushre, C, Grove City

December 2: Nate Maurer, G/F, Grove City

December 9: Mike Pamepinto, G, Waynesburg

December 16: Mike Majzun, G, Bethany

January 6: Mike Majzun, G, Bethany

January 13: Ray Robinson, G, Waynesburg

January 20: A.H. Davis, F, Thiel

January 27: Tony Franz, C, Wash. & Jeff.

February 3: Nate Maurer, G/F, Grove City/Brian Fadden, G, Westminster

February 10:

February 17:

February 24:

## PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

### BETHANY BISON (7-11 Overall, 1-4 PAC) at Frostburg State (2/5 - 8 p.m.) at Grove City\* (2/8 - 1 p.m.)

**Radio/TV:** none

**Upcoming Game Notes:** Frostburg State leads the series with Bethany 13-4... The Bobcats have taken the last three meetings, including a 99-83 victory in the ECAC Tournament in 2001 and an 89-80 triumph in Bethany last year... Grove City holds a 43-21 lead over the Green and White and snapped a five-game losing streak to Bethany with a 77-71 win Jan. 16... The Bison chopped a 17-point deficit to two with three minutes to play but could not complete the comeback... Guards **Josh Polantz** and **Jacob Dailer** hit for 20 and 19 points respectively.

### GROVE CITY WOLVERINES (13-6 Overall, 4-1 PAC) vs. Bethany\* (2/8 - 3 p.m.)

**Radio/TV:** none

**Upcoming Game Notes:** Grove City looks for a season sweep of Bethany Saturday after reaching the halfway point with a one-game lead over Waynesburg and Westminster ... The Wolverines have not beat Bethany at the Grove City College Arena since Feb. 5, 2000, an 87-65 Wolverine win ... The Wolverines will have no worse than a share of first place following Saturday's action.

### THIEL TOMCATS (9-10 Overall, 2-3 PAC) at Hilbert (2/5 - 7 p.m.) at Westminster\* (2/8 - 3 p.m.)

**Radio/TV:** none

**Upcoming Game Notes:** The Tomcats travel to Hilbert College on Wednesday for the 11th meeting in the all-time series, trailing the Hawks 6-4 ... **A.H. Davis** scored a game-high 23 points in the Thiel's 81-51 victory in Greenville last season ... Thiel travels to Westminster on Saturday looking to avenge a 94-82 loss on their home floor Jan. 18 ... Davis finished with game-highs in points (34) and rebounds (17) in the loss ... Senior guard **Shane Manley** was ranked seventh in the latest Division III statistical rankings (through 1/26) with a 47.6 percent three-point field goal percentage.

### WASH. & JEFF. PRESIDENTS (4-14 Overall, 2-3 PAC) at Kenyon (2/3 - 7:30 p.m.) vs. Waynesburg\* (2/8 - 3 p.m.)

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

**Upcoming Game Notes:** W&J and Kenyon have met 17 times over the years with the Presidents claiming victory 11 times ... Last season, the Presidents captured a wild 121-120 win in double overtime in Washington ... **Nolan Larry** scored 34 points and handed out six assists in the win ... The Yellow Jackets and Presidents will battle for the 81<sup>st</sup> time on Saturday, with W&J holding a 39-37 advantage in the series ... Waynesburg defeated the Presidents, 78-76, on January 18<sup>th</sup> as **Steve Button's** three-point attempt fell short at the buzzer ... **Michael Chicone** scored a career-high 31 points on 12-of-17 shooting.

### WAYNESBURG YELLOW JACKETS (10-6 Overall, 3-2 PAC) vs. Frostburg State (2/3 - 7:30 p.m.) vs. Lancaster Bible (2/5 - 5 p.m.) at Washington & Jefferson\* (2/8 - 3 p.m.)

**Radio/TV:** WCYJ-FM (88.7), www.waynesburg.edu; WCYJ-TV (Channel 14) - *Wednesday only*

**Upcoming Game Notes:** Waynesburg hosts two non-conference tilts this week before traveling to W&J Saturday ... Monday, Waynesburg hosts Frostburg State, a team the Jackets defeated at home, 89-87, in OT last year on a game-winner by **Mike King** ... This year the Bobcats defeated Waynesburg 88-77 for both teams' season openers. Lancaster Bible visits Waynesburg Wednesday for a game that was postponed on Jan. 9 ... Waynesburg defeated W&J, 78-76, at home earlier this season.

### WESTMINSTER TITANS (9-10 Overall, 3-2 PAC) at Pitt-Greensburg (2/3 - 7 p.m.) vs. Thiel\* (2/8 - 3 p.m.)

**Radio/TV:** WWNW-FM (88.9), WKST-AM (1200), WEXC-FM (107.1); www.nsnspports.com; Westminster Cable Network (WCN) - *Saturday only*.

**Upcoming Game Notes:** The Titans travel for a non-conference gam at UP-G on Monday, before resuming the second half of the PAC schedule at home against Thiel Saturday ... Last year, Westminster posted an 80-59 home win over Pitt-Greensburg, as **Joe Wilson** tallied a "double-double" with team-high totals of 16 points and 11 rebounds ... Five Titans scored in double figures in a 94-82 win at Thiel on Jan. 18, led by **Pat O'Connor** who tied his career-high with 23 points (including six three-pointers).