

# MEN'S BASKETBALL 2005-06

#### Presidents' Athletic Conference

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## Current 2005-06 Regular Season Standings (through February 5, 2006)

	PAC Games			All G	All Games		
School	$\underline{W}$	<u>L</u>	Pct.	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	Pct.	
Bethany College	9	0	1.00	18	4	.818	
Washington & Jefferson College	6	2	.750	8	13	.381	
Waynesburg College	5	4	.556	12	9	.571	
Grove City College	4	4	.500	8	13	.381	
Westminster College	4	5	.444	7	14	.333	
Thomas More College	2	7	.222	2	20	.091	
Thiel College	0	8	.000	2	18	.100	

## LAST WEEK'S RESULTS **Tuesday, January 31**

Hood 82, WAYNESBURG 65

#### Wednesday, Feburary 1

BETHANY 71, Thomas More 46\* Waynesburg 84, THIEL 68\* WESTMINSTER 90, Grove City 69\*

#### Saturday, February 4

GROVE CITY 72, Thomas More 62\*
WESTMINSTER 107, Washington & Jefferson 103\*
Bethany 89, WAYNESBURG 69\*

#### **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

Monday, February 6

Fredonia State at Thiel - 7:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, February 8

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

#### Thursday, Feburary 9

Geneva at Westminster - 7:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, February 11

Westminster at Thomas More\* - 3 p.m. Grove City at Waynesburg\* - 7:30 p.m. Thiel at Washington & Jefferson\* - 8 p.m.

# PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

## MATT DRAHOS

**Bethany College** 

6-6 Senior Forward Wheeling, W.Va./John Marshall H.S.

Drahos earned his third consecutive Player of the Week honor and fourth overall this season after averaging 25.0 points and 10.0 rebounds per game for the Bison in wins over Thomas More (71-46) and Waynesburg (89-69). Bethany remained unbeaten in PAC play and ran its current winning streak to 13 games. with the wins. Drahos recorded 27 points and 10 boards against the Saints, then posted another double-double with 23 points and 10 caroms versus the Yellow Jackets. For the week, he shot 62 percent fromv the field (18-of-29), 50 percent from three-point range (5-of-10) and 82 percent from the foul line (9-of-11).

Also nominated was sophomore G **Shawn Carr** of Grove City, senior F **R.K. Thurman** of Thomas More, freshman C **Josip Lucic-Jozak** of Washington & Jefferson, junior **Jeff Nero** of Waynesburg, and senior G **Mark DeMonaco** of Westminster.

## PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES



#### Bethany Bison

With two more wins last week, the Bison extended their win streak to 13 games, the third-longest in school history ... F **Matt Drahos** had 23 points and 10 rebounds in the win over Thomas More, which was highlighted by BC's de-

fensive effort ... The Bison forced 22 turnovers and held the Saints to the lowest point total in a BC win since 1984 ... Bethany's offense got back on track by nailing 14 treys in the victory at Waynesburg ... Matt Drahos posted his third straight double-double with 27 points and 10 boards, while **Scott Mezyk** drilled six threes and posted 20 points ... **Mike Drahos** also had a double-double with 19 points and 10 rebounds, the 13th time both Drahos brothers have recorded a double-double in the same game.



#### Thiel Tomcats

The Tomcats fell in their only contest last week, dropping an 84-68 PAC decision at home to Waynesburg Wednesday ... Junior F **Geno Bianco** had 19 points and nine rebounds for Thiel ... Senior F **Stephen Laird** added 15 points and five rebounds while sophomore G **Gary** 

**Gates** tallied 10 points and seven boards ... With Thiel up eight (23-15) and just under six minutes left in the opening half, Waynesburg outscored the Tomcats 14-4 to take a 29-27 lead into halftime ... After a Thiel layup tied the game at 59-59, the Yellow Jackets put together a 23-6 run that covered 6:05 and went up by 17 (35-52) with 13:44 remaining ... Waynesburg was able to extend its lead to as many as 20 before closing out the 16-point win.



## Washington & Jefferson Presidents

The Presidents had their four-game win streak snapped Saturday at Westminster as the Titans knocked down 19 three-pointers ... Freshman C **Josip Lucic-Jozak** paced the Presidents with 23 points (9-of-10 shooting) and 13 rebounds ... The double-double marked the sixth time this season

Lucic-Jozak has earned the feat, including three times in PAC play ... Senior G **Jon Koch** posted his second double-double of the year with 11 points and 10 boards, while senior G **Brandon Studer** posted 22 markers on 9-of-21 shooting ... Freshman PG **Nate Burton** rounded out the double-digit scorers with 12 points, while notching five rebounds and four assists ... W&J shot 53 percent (42-of-79) and held a 47-35 edge on the glass ... Studer is 60 points shy of 1,000 for his career.



#### Westminster Titans

Westminster posted PAC home wins last week over Grove City (90-69) Wednesday and Washington & Jefferson (107-103) Saturday ... Senior G Mark DeMonaco scored 21 of his game-high 23 points in second half of the GCC win ... Other double-digit Titan scorers included sophomore F Nick Adams with 18 points (including five treys), junior G Greg Rosatelli with 14, and sophomore G Craig Hannon with 13 ... Rosatelli added team-high totals of five assists and five steals, while senior G Brian Fadden snared a team-

high seven rebounds in the win ... Sophomore F **Chauncey Whit-low** scored a career-high 28 points on eight three-pointers against the Presidents, followed by DeMonaco (25), Hannon (23) and Adams (10).



#### **Grove City Wolverines**

Grove City is 4-4 in the PAC, entering the homestretch of conference play ... Saturday against visiting Thomas More, the Wolverines used a 30-of-34 performance at the foul line to help vault them to victory ... **Shawn Carr** 

led Grove City with 15 points and seven rebounds while **Joe Capotosta** came off the bench for 13 first-half points ... Capotosta went 3-for-3 behind the three-point line in the win ... Grove City shot just 5-of-19 from the floor in the second half ...Wednesday night at Westminster, sophomore F **Bobby Turner** fired in a careerhigh 14 points ... **Daniel Zacour** added 12 points ... Zacour then made his first career start Saturday against Thomas More and added nine points.



#### Thomas More Saints

Senior F **R.K. Thurman** became the 26<sup>th</sup> player in school history to record 1,000 career points when he scored

14 points in TMC's loss to Grove City ... Junior **E.J. Haynes** broke the school's single season blocked shot record with his 52nd block of the season in the game against Bethany ... He broke the record he set just last season ... Haynes also tied a career-high he set last week against Thiel with seven blocks against Grove City.



#### Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

The Yellow Jackets sandwiched a pair of losses last week around an 84-68 victory over Thiel ... Waynesburg opened the week with its final non-league game of the season, an 82-65 loss to Hood in which the Jackets posted their lowest point total of the season ... Juniors **Jeff Linden** and **Jeff Nero** posted 21 and 16 points, respec-

tively ... Nero followed that with a 24-point, nine-rebound, four-assist, six-steal performance vs. Thiel ... Lodovico finished with 14 markers, while Linden posted 12 points ... Waynesburg fell behind early to Bethany Saturday (14-2), but went on an 11-5 run to close the deficit to six points ... However, the Yellow Jackets would get no closer, despite 22 points from junior **Beau Wilson**.

## 2005-06 PAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

11/20 Beau Wilson, G, Waynesburg
11/27 Jon Koch, G, Washington & Jefferson
12/4 Matt Drahos, F, Bethany
12/11 Beau Wilson, G, Waynesburg
12/18 Shawn Carr, G, Grove City
1/2 Mark DeMonaco, G, Westminster
1/8 Mike Drahos, F, Bethany

1/15 Scott Mezyk, G, Bethany 1/22 Matt Drahos, F, Bethany 1/29 Matt Drahos, F, Bethany

2/5 **Matt Drahos**, F, Bethany 2/12

2/19

## PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS



#### Bethany Bison

at Wash. & Jeff.\* (2/8 - 8 p.m.)

Bethany will try to wrap up the top seed and home court advantage throughout the PAC Tournament when they travel to W&J Wednesday in

their only action of the week ... A win would give BC a sweep of the season series, following a 100-83 triumph over the Presidents at Hummel Field House Jan. 14 ... **Mike Drahos** had 33 points and 12 rebounds in the victory, while **Scott Mezyk** scored 24 points on perfect eight-for-eight shooting from the arc ... The last Bethany loss against a PAC foe was at W&J, a 66-64 Presidents win on Jan. 19, 2005 ... Since then, the Bison have won 19 consecutive games against league rivals by an average margin of 19.6 points.



#### Thiel Tomcats

vs. Fredonia State (2/6 - 7:30 p.m.) vs. Grove City\* (2/8 - 7:30 p.m.) at Wash. & Jeff.\* (2/11 - 8 p.m.)

Thiel will start its week at home against Fredonia State Monday before hosting PAC rival Grove

City on Wednesday and traveling to W&J Saturday ... Fredonia State is 17-13 in the 30-game series and has claimed seven of the last nine meetings ... The Blue Devils earned an 81-73 overtime win in Fredonia, N.Y. on Jan. 7 ... Grove City is 72-32 in the 104-game series with Thiel and defeated the Tomcats 81-65 in Greenville on Jan. 18 ... W&J is 72-29 all-time in the 104-game series with Thiel ... The Presidents topped the Tomcats 83-71 in Greenville on Jan. 21.



### Washington & Jefferson Presidents

vs. Bethany\* (2/8 - 6 p.m.) vs. Thiel (2/11 - 8 p.m.)

The Washington & Jefferson-Bethany series is the longest in Presidents' history as the two schools have played 154 times with the Bison holding a 92-62 edge ... Since the 1998-99 sea-

son, Bethany has claimed 12 of 16 victories, but the Presidents have taken two of the last three meetings in Washington ... The last five meetings in Washington has seen a final margin of four points or less every time ... W&J holds a 71-31 lead in the all-time series with Thiel ... W&J has claimed five of the last seven meetings contests and is looking for back-to-back season sweeps versus the Tomcats.



#### Westminster Titans

vs. Geneva (2/9 - 7:30 p.m.) at Thomas More\* (2/11 - 3 p.m.)

Westminster closes its non-conference schedule against incoming PAC member Geneva before traveling to face Thomas More Saturday ... The Titans and Golden Tornadoes, long-time rivals when both were NAIA members, last met on Feb. 1, 2005 in Beaver Falls with Geneva posting a 125-116 win ... Westminster posted the second-highest single-game scoring total in the program's history in the team's first meeting with

Thomas More on Jan. 21, a 134-109 Titan victory.



#### **Grove City Wolverines**

at Thiel\* (2/8 - 7:30 p.m.) at Waynesburg\* (2/11 - 7:30 p.m.)

Grove City closes the road portion of the regular season with two road games ... GCC is looking for its 102nd all-time win against Thiel

Wednesday in Greenville ... Grove City won the first meeting between the teams, 81-65, on Jan. 18 ... Chuck Cotherman scored 19 points while Shawn Carr added 15, including five three-pointers ... Saturday, Grove City will look for a season split with host Waynesburg ... Waynesburg won the first game at Grove City, 70-60, on Jan. 14 ... Carr had a 12-point, 11-rebound double-double while Matt Phillips and Ryan Gerber both had a dozen points ... The loss snapped GCC's eight-game win streak vs. Waynesburg.



#### Thomas More Saints

vs. Waynesburg\* (2/8 - 7:30 p.m.) vs. Westminster\* (2/11 - 3 p.m.)

Thomas More lost to both teams the first time around, falling to Waynesburg, 92-74 and to Westminster, 134-109 ... Freshman **Mason O'Hara** had a career-high 22 points the last time TMC played Waynesburg, while **E.J. Haynes** scored 18 point and pulled down a career-high 18 rebounds ... In the loss to Westminster, junior **Garry Horton** had a season-high 18 points and six assists as four players reached double figures ... Haynes led the way with 22 points and six boards.



#### Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

at Thomas More\* (2/8 - 7:30 p.m.) vs. Grove City\* (2/11 - 7:30 p.m.)

The Yellow Jackets travel to Crestview Hills, Ky., to face first-year PAC member Thomas More ... Waynesburg claimed a 92-74 victory over the Saints earlier this season in only the second

game ever between the two teams ... Junior G **Beau Wilson** registered his second 30-point game of the season (31 points), while reserve **Jeff Linden** bucketed 20 markers ... Waynesburg hosts its final PAC game of the season Saturday when Grove City visits the Marisa Fieldhouse on Senior Night ... The Yellow Jackets are looking for their first sweep of the Wolverines since the 1997-98 season after snapping an eight-game losing streak to GCC with a 70-60 win earlier this season, as Wilson scored 17 points.

#### PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL BROADCASTSTHIS WEEK

Bethany - Wash. & Jeff. game on www.teamline.cc (code 3724)

**Grove City** - Both games on WSAJ-FM (91.1) in Grove City and <a href="https://www.gcc.edu/sports">www.gcc.edu/sports</a>.

Thiel - Grove City game only on WPIC-AM (790) in Hermitage.

Wash. & Jeff. - Both games on WNJR-FM (91.7) in Washington; mms://media.washjeff.edu/WNJR

**Waynesburg** - Grove City game only on WCYJ-FM (88.7) and WCTV (Channel 12) in Waynesburg.

**Westminster** - Both games on WWNW-FM (88.9) in New Wilmington; www.titanradio.net; www.msasportsnetwork.com; Geneva game on Westminster Cable Network (WCN) (Chs. 9/10) in New Wilmington.