

MEN'S BASKETBALL 2003-04

Presidents' Athletic Conference

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CURRENT REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through February 8, 2004)

	PAC Games			All Games		
<u>School</u>	\underline{W}	<u>L</u>	Pct.	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	Pct.
Westminster College	6	0	1.00	11	10	.524
Bethany College	5	1	.833	14	6	.700
Grove City College	3	3	.500	9	12	.429
Waynesburg College	2	4	.333	8	13	.381
Thiel College	1	5	.167	7	14	.333
Washington & Jefferson College	1	5	.167	7	14	.333

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Monday, February 2

PENN STATE-ALTOONA 91, Bethany 85 (OT) Frostburg State 72, WAYNESBURG 69 Pitt-Greensburg 107, WESTMINSTER 100

Wednesday, February 4

Waynesburg 88, MOUNT ALOYSIUS 87 FROSTBURG STATE 75, Grove City 70 Saint Vincent 80, WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 53

Saturday, February 7

Westminster 94, THIEL 93* BETHANY 80, Grove City 72* WAYNESBURG 69, Washington & Jefferson 56*

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Monday, February 9

Hood at Bethany - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 11

Waynesburg at Bethany* - 6 p.m. Westminster at Grove City* - 7:30 p.m. Thiel at Washington & Jefferson* - 8 p.m.

Saturday, February 14

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

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

MATT DRAHOS

Bethany College

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

Drahos averaged 17.5 points and 8.5 rebounds per game for the 1-1 Bison last week, including game-high totals of 29 points and 13 rebounds in an 80-72 PAC victory over Grove City on Saturday. He shot 16-of-27 (.592) from the field for the week, including 13-of-20 (.650) in the win over the Wolverines.

Also nominated was sophomore G/F Matt Phillips of Grove City, junior G Daryl Moore of Thiel, freshman G Brandon Studer of Washington & Jefferson, freshman G Beau Wilson of Waynesburg, and sophomore G Mark DeMonaco of Westminster.

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

Bethany Bison

After losing two consecutive games for the first time all season, Bethany got back on the winning track on Saturday by defeating PAC foe Grove City for the second time this season ... The Bison are now 5-1 in the PAC ... Matt Drahos led the way against the Wolverines with 29 points and 13 rebounds ... He also added two blocks and one steal ... Mike Drahos also tallied a double-double with 17 points and 11 rebounds ... Jim Deep added 16 points and went 4-of-8 from three-point range ... Against Penn State Altoona, the Bison led by as many as 14 in the first half, but the Lions came back to force overtime ... Mike Drahos led the Bison with 20 points and eight rebounds.

Wash. & Jeff. Presidents

The Presidents had their losing streak extended to five games this week after dropping contests to Saint Vincent and Waynesburg ... Cold shooting did the Presidents in during the week as W&J made only 29 percent (38-for-133) of its shots ... St. Vincent, who had been ranked as high as No. 3 in the NAIA Division II poll, ran out to a 13-3 lead and never trailed in the 27-point win ... Freshman G Brandon Studer led the Presidents with 16 points, while classmate Jon Koch added 13 ... Freshman G Anthony Hairston tied a career-high with eight assists ... Much like St. Vincent, Waynesburg ran out to a quick 17-5 lead which W&J was never able to make up on Saturday ... Studer scored a gamehigh 22 points.

Grove City Wolverines

Grove City fell two games behind second-place Bethany in the chase for a tournament quarterfinal bye Saturday ... Grove City led Bethany 40-33 at the half but yielded 47 second-half points in losing its third straight game to the Bison ... Matt Phillips set a career high with 19 points in the loss ... Phillips had set his previous high, 14, three nights earlier in a 75-70 loss at Frostburg State ... The Wolverines led 40-29 at halftime in that game before yielding 46 second-half points ... Tanner Prosser led Grove City against Frostburg State with 18 points while Phillips pulled in eight rebounds in both games ... Prosser moved into 12th place on Grove City's all-time scoring list with 1,169 points.

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

Waynesburg went 2-1 for the week, including two games coming down to the final play ... On Monday, the Jackets' Marc Lodovico missed a three-pointer with four seconds remaining in a 72-69 home loss to Frostburg State, while on Wednesday at Mount Aloysius, Mike King knocked down a pair of foul shots on the team's final possession to ice an 88-87 win ... Waynesburg's Ione PAC game of the week was a 69-56 home win over W&J ... The win over the Presidents broke a five-game PAC losing skid for the Jackets ... Freshman G Beau Wilson averaged 18 points, 4.7 assists, and 2.3 steals per game, including 19 points, six assists and two steals against Mount Aloysius ... He also led Waynesburg with 17 points in the W&J win.

Thiel Tomcats

A Mark DeMonaco trey with under a second to play Saturday lifted Westminster over the Tomcats 94-93 in Thiel's only contest of the week ... After the Titans grabbed a nine-point lead (71-62) on a DeMonaco jumper with 9:46 remaining in the second, Thiel went on an 18-9 run and tied the game at 80-80 on a tip-in by junior G Ryan Singleton at the 5:34 mark ... The Tomcats jumped ahead 93-91 on a free throw by senior F D.J. Gambridge ... After DeMonaco's three-pointer, Thiel senior G Justin Townsend threw a tremendous full-court pass from under the Titan hoop to junior G Daryl Moore but Moore's final attempt fell short of the rim...Moore paced the Tomcat attack with a career-high 26 points.

Westminster Titans

After seeing its seven-game win streak ended with a 107-100 non-conference loss to Pitt-Greensburg on Monday, the Titan cagers remained unbeaten and in first place in the PAC with a thrilling 94-93 win at Thiel on Saturday ... Sophomore G Mark DeMonaco buried a 30foot three-pointer with 0.6 seconds to play, as the Titans overcame a 93-91 Thiel lead ... Junior F Pat O'Connor had a teamhigh 20 points including five three-pointers in the win, while DeMonaco added 18 points including four treys and sophomore G Brian Fadden added team-best totals of seven rebounds and five assists ... In the UP-G loss, DeMonaco posted game-high totals of 24 points, seven assists and four steals, while O'Connor added 19 points.

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

February 8: Matt Drahos, F, Bethany

February 15:

February 22:

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

BETHANY BISON (14-6 Overall, 5-1 PAC)

vs. Hood (2/9 - 7 p.m.) vs. Waynesburg* (2/11 - 6 p.m.) at Washington & Jefferson* (2/14 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

Upcoming Game Notes: Bethany has a busy week, with three games on the schedule, including two PAC contests ... The Bison open the week by hosting Hood College on Monday in the first-ever meeting between the two schools ... Bethany will then host PAC foe Waynesburg Wednesday, as the Bison will try to defeat the Yellow Jackets for the second time this season, winning the prior contest 82-74 on Jan. 21 as Mike Drahos recorded a career-high with 33 points and added 12 rebounds ... The Bison will then play its fourth game in eight days at rival W&J Saturday.

THIEL TOMCATS (7-14 Overall, 1-5 PAC)

at Washington & Jefferson* (2/11 - 8 p.m.) vs. Grove City* (2/14 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WPIC-AM (790); www.nsnsports.com (2/14) Upcoming Game Notes: The Tomcats face W&J and Grove City this week after falling to each earlier in the season ... Thiel is 28-69 all-time against W&J ... Before their 75-68 loss to the Presidents on Jan. 21 in Greenville the Tomcats were 5-1 in their last six meetings ... Senior F D.J. Gambridge finished with 17 points and 10 rebounds while senior F Mike Banach added eight and 11 boards ... Grove City snapped a four-game regular-season losing streak to the Tomcats with their 73-66 home victory on Jan. 24 ... Freshman G Chris Kwolek came off the bench to score a career-high 20 points in the loss.

WAYNESBURG YELLOW JACKETS (8-13 Overall, 2-4 PAC)

at Bethany* (2/11 - 6 p.m.) at Westminster* (2/14 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WCYJ-FM (88.7), www.waynesburg.edu
Upcoming Game Notes: Waynesburg hits the road for two
PAC games this week ... The Jackets meet Bethany for
the 86th time, with Waynesburg leading the all-time series
44-41, despite Bethany winning 8 of the last 11 games ...
Waynesburg lost to the Bison, 82-74, at home on Jan. 21
with the Jackets' Mike King scoring 21 and the Bison's
Mike Drahos scoring 33 ... The Jackets trail the all-time
series with Westminster, 84-51 ... The last time the two
teams met, Westminster won 119-97 on Jan. 24 in
Waynesburg, as they combined for 96 three-point shot attempts, one shy of the NCAA record.

GROVE CITY WOLVERINES (9-12 Overall, 3-3 PAC)

vs. Westminster* (2/11 - 7:30 p.m.) at Thiel* (2/14 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WSAJ-FM (91.1); www.nsnsports.com (2/14) Upcoming Game Notes: Grove City looks to climb back into contention in the PAC this week with a pair of games against local foes ... The Wolverines are looking for their third straight home win over Westminster ... Grove City seeks its third straight home win ... Tanner Prosser needs three points to pass Mark Smith (1,171) for 11th on Grove City's all-time scoring list and 13 points to pass Tom Robinson (1,181) for 10th ... Smith is no relation to current Grove City forward Mark Smith ... Nick Mihalic is the only Grove City freshman to have played in all 21 games ... Grove City went 7-3 in the conference last year.

WASH. & JEFF. PRESIDENTS (7-14 Overall, 1-5 PAC)

vs. Thiel (2/11 - 8 p.m.) vs. Bethany* (2/14 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WNJR-FM (91.7)

Upcoming Game Notes: W&J and Thiel hit the hardwood for the 99th time on Wednesday with W&J holding a 68-30 edge in the series ... The Tomcats have won five of the last seven meetings against the Presidents, but W&J came away with a 75-68 victory in Greenville on Jan. 21st behind 19 points and seven rebounds from freshman guard **Jon Koch** ... W&J and Bethany will meet for the 150th time on Saturday with W&J leading 90-59 ... The Bison have claimed seven of the last eight meetings in the series; however, W&J won 88-85 at the Henry Memorial Center last season.

WESTMINSTER TITANS (11-10 Overall, 6-0 PAC)

at Grove City* (2/11 - 8 p.m.) vs. Waynesburg* (2/14 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WWNW-FM (88.9), WKST-AM (1200); www.nsnsports.com; Westminster Cable Network (2/14) Upcoming Game Notes: The Titans look to remain at the top of the PAC standings as they travel to Grove City before hsoting Waynesburg ... Westminster posted a 91-86 win over GCC on Jan. 21, as Mark DeMonaco and Ed Pagley led the way with 21 and 20 points, respectively ... In Westminster's 119-97 win at Waynesburg on Jan. 24, the two teams combined for 96 three-point attempts, one shy of the NCAA Division III record ... Pat O'Connor led the way with 33 points, including nine of the team's school-record 23 three-pointers, in the win over the Jackets.