

# PAC

## MEN'S BASKETBALL 2001-02

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### CURRENT STANDINGS (through February 10, 2002)

School	PAC Games			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Bethany College	5	1	.833	16	7	.696
Thiel College	4	2	.667	10	13	.769
Grove City College	4	3	.571	16	7	.696
Waynesburg College	2	4	.333	15	7	.682
Washington & Jefferson College	1	6	.143	5	16	.238
Westminster College*	0	0	.000	9	14	.391

\* - Completing reclassification from NCAA Division II - games do not count in conference standings.

#### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

##### **Monday, February 4**

WAYNESBURG 89, Frostburg State 87

BETHANY 111, Pitt-Greensburg 86

##### **Wednesday, February 6**

Bethany 82, WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 78\*

THIEL 64, Grove City 63\*

Waynesburg 68, WESTMINSTER 60

##### **Saturday, February 9**

GROVE CITY 80, Washington & Jefferson 58\*

WESTMINSTER 60, Thiel 58

WAYNESBURG 89, Bethany 88\*

#### UPCOMING SCHEDULE

##### **Monday, February 11**

Penn State-Altoona at Waynesburg - 7:30 p.m.

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

##### **Wednesday, February 13**

Thiel at Bethany\* - 6 p.m.

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

Westminster at Grove City - 8 p.m.

##### **Saturday, February 16**

Grove City at Bethany\* - 2 p.m.

Waynesburg at Thiel\* - 3 p.m.

Westminster at Washington & Jefferson - 3 p.m.

**END OF REGULAR SEASON**

### **PAC Men's Basketball Player of the Week**

#### **ROB STRCULA**

#### **Waynesburg College**

5-10 Senior Guard

*Vienna, W. Va./Parkersburg Catholic H.S.*

Strcula earned PAC Player of the Week honors for the second time this season, as he led the Yellow Jackets to a 3-0 week with wins over Frostburg State (89-87), Westminster (68-60) and league leader Bethany (89-88). Strcula hit the game-winning shot as time expired against the Bison, as Waynesburg handed Bethany its first conference loss. For the week, he averaged 14.0 points, 3.7 rebounds, 2.3 assists and 1.3 steals in the three wins.

Also nominated was senior forward **Keith Schubert** of Bethany, freshman forward **Ryan Eller** of Grove City, junior forward **A.H. Davis** of Thiel, and junior guard **Nolan Larry** of Washington & Jefferson.

## PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

### **Bethany Bison**

After winning a pair of games to start the week, the Bison had their nine-game winning streak snapped in heart-breaking fashion at the buzzer against Waynesburg 89-88 ... Forward **Keith Schubert** became Bethany's all-time leading scorer in the Pitt-Greensburg win with 35 points on 12-18 shooting from the floor and 11-13 from the foul line ... The 111 points were the most by the Bison since a 120-67 win over Thiel in 1981 ... The 6-4 forward came back with 25 to lead four Bison in double figures vs. W&J, while **Derek Hoffman** and **Nevada Smith** added 15 each ... Schubert fired in 24, including a jumper with seven seconds left that gave Bethany the lead until **Rob Strcula's** buzzer-beater vs. Waynesburg.

### **Wash. & Jeff. Presidents**

W&J took PAC leader Bethany to the wire, but it was not enough as BC hit key free throws down the stretch for a 82-78 victory ... **Nolan Larry** stole the show in the second half, scoring 25 of his game-high 34 points, including five three-pointers ... For the game, he hit 6-of-7 from long distance and added eight rebounds and five assists ... **Tony Franz** added 15 points and nine rebounds, while **Scott Chodor** netted 12 markers ... Grove City defeated the Presidents for the third time this season, 80-58 ... Larry was the only W&J player in double figures with 23 points on 6-of-21 shooting ... With just more 10 points, Larry will break the single-season record of 500 points, which was set by current W&J assistant coach **Terry Wilkins** in 1993-94.

### **Grove City Wolverines**

Another 1-1 week in conference play slipped the Wolverines into third place in the PAC behind Bethany and Thiel ... The Wolverines dropped a heartbreaker at Thiel Wednesday as the Tomcats rallied from a 60-53 deficit in the final minute to win 64-63 ... In the loss, freshman **Ryan Eller** poured in a career-high 22 points on 8-for-8 shooting from the floor and 6-for-6 marksmanship from the line ... Grove City rebounded with a 22-point win over W&J Saturday, completing a three-game sweep of the Presidents ... Junior **Andy Vlajkovich** led 12 Wolverines in the scoring column with 15 points ... GCC outrebounded W&J, 50-29, which could make them the D-III leader in rebound margin this week (+12.4).

### **Waynesburg Yellow Jackets**

The Jackets capped a 3-0 week as they defeated the PAC-leader Bethany Bison 89-88 in a game Saturday at the Rudy Marisa Field house ... Senior guard **Rob Strcula** hit a two-point field goal at the buzzer for the Jackets victory over Bethany.

### **Thiel Tomcats**

The Tomcats moved to 4-2 in the PAC when sophomore **Justin Townsend** hit a runner in the lane with less than one second left on the clock to give Thiel a 60-58 win over Grove City ... Thiel was victorious despite hitting just 8-of-19 shots from the charity stripe... Senior **Erik Hemsing** and junior **Durrell Hackett** each scored 14 points ... In similar fashion to the Tomcats last-second win over Grove City, Westminster freshman **Chris Hatch** hit a jumper with five seconds remaining to give the Titans a 60-58 win over the Tomcats ... Junior **A.H. Davis** paced the Tomcats with 16 points, four rebounds and three assists ... Hemsing finished with 13 markers in the loss.

### **Westminster Titans**

The Titans went 1-1 in home action against PAC teams last week, falling 68-60 to Waynesburg on Wednesday before topping Thiel 60-58 on freshman **Chris Hatch's** 15-foot jumper with five seconds remaining ... Junior guard **Jeff Simmons** was the lone Titan to score in double figures against the Jackets, posting 11 points ... Junior center **Greg Foster** has extended his streak of double-digit rebounding efforts to six games, after grabbing 10 boards against Waynesburg and 17 in the Thiel win ... Simmons and freshman **Pat O'Connor** tied for team scoring honors against the Tomcats with 14 points apiece, while Foster added 13 points and junior guard **Rick Giordano** dished out six assists.

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

November 19: K. Schubert, F, BET/A. Vlajkovich, G, GRO

November 26: Nolan Larry, G, Wash. & Jeff.

December 3: Nevada Smith, G, Bethany

December 10: Nolan Larry, G, Wash. & Jeff.

December 17: Aaron Ankrom, C, Waynesburg

January 7: Tanner Prosser, F, Grove City

January 14: Rob Strcula, G, Waynesburg

January 21: Keith Schubert, F, Bethany

January 28: Keith Schubert, F, Bethany

February 4: Keith Schubert, F, Bethany

February 11: Rob Strcula, G, Waynesburg

February 18:

## PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

### BETHANY BISON (16-7 Overall, 5-1 PAC) vs. Thiel\* (2/13 - 6 p.m.) vs. Grove City\* (2/16 - 2 p.m.)

**Radio/TV:** WVBC-FM, (88.1), Bethany

**Upcoming Game Notes:** Bethany can wrap up the top seed for the upcoming PAC Tournament with a victory over Thiel Wednesday ... **Keith Schubert** had 31 points and 11 rebounds and **Mike Majzun** tossed in 22 in an 83-73 Bison victory on Jan. 26 ... The Grove City contest will be the final regular season home game for eight Bison seniors ... Bethany won a hard-fought 58-50 battle in Grove City Jan. 30, as the Green and White shot just 29 percent but forced 28 Wolverine turnovers.

### GROVE CITY WOLVERINES (16-7 Overall, 4-3 PAC) vs. Westminster (2/13 - 8 p.m.) at Bethany\* (2/16 - 2 p.m.)

**Radio/TV:** WSAJ-FM (91.1), Grove City (Bethany only)

**Upcoming Game Notes:** The Wolverines will look to complete a season sweep over Westminster on Wednesday, having beaten the Titans in four overtimes on Jan. 26, 111-101, in New Wilmington ... Sophomore **Tanner Prosser** scored a team-high 23 points in the win, including a tip-in as time expired in regulation ... Senior **Pat Roberts** played a school-record 49 minutes that night, registering 17 points, 14 rebounds and eight assists ... The Wolverines close the week at first-place Bethany, looking to avenge a 58-50 home loss on Jan. 30.

### THIEL TOMCATS (10-13 Overall, 4-2 PAC) at Bethany\* (2/13 - 6 p.m.) vs. Waynesburg\* (2/16 - 3 p.m.)

**Radio/TV:** none

**Upcoming Game Notes:** Thiel will try to avenge their two PAC losses to Bethany and Waynesburg this week to close out the regular season ... Thiel fell to Bethany at home 83-73 on Jan. 26, despite **Erik Hensing's** 14 markers ... The Tomcats suffered a 68-56 loss to the Yellow Jackets at the **Rudy Marisa** Field House on Jan. 30 ... **A.H. Davis** finished with 12 points and nine boards in the defeat ... Davis is currently averaging team-highs with 17.5 points and 5.9 rebounds per game ... The last time Thiel swept the regular season series against Grove City was 1999-2000.

### WASH. & JEFF. PRESIDENTS (5-16 Overall, 1-6 PAC) at La Roche (2/11 - 7:30 p.m.) at Waynesburg\* (2/13 - 7:30 p.m.) vs. Westminster (2/16 - 3 p.m.)

**Radio/TV:** none

**Upcoming Game Notes:** W&J defeated LaRoche earlier this season on Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>, 83-73 ... **Scott Chodor** netted a career-high 27 points in the win, while **Nolan Larry** notched 17 points and a career-high 10 assists ... The Presidents also defeated Waynesburg once this season, 86-79 ... **Tony Franz** scored a career-high 27 points and grabbed 11 rebounds ... Larry scored 24 of his 26 points in the second half, including his 1,000<sup>th</sup> career point ... Westminster routed W&J, 66-48, for its first victory vs. PAC schools on Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> ... Larry led W&J with 15 markers.

### WAYNESBURG YELLOW JACKETS (15-7 Overall, 2-4 PAC) vs. Penn State-Altoona (2/11 - 7:30 p.m.) vs. Washington & Jefferson\* (2/13 - 7:30 p.m.) at Thiel\* (2/16 - 3 p.m.)

**Radio/TV:** Home games on WCYJ-FM (88.7) and on the internet at [www.waynesburg.edu](http://www.waynesburg.edu).

**Upcoming Game Notes:**

### WESTMINSTER TITANS (9-14 Overall) at Grove City (2/13 - 8 p.m.) at Washington & Jefferson (2/16 - 3 p.m.)

**Radio/TV:** WWNW-FM (88.9), New Wilmington; WKST-AM (1200), New Castle; Remaining home games televised live by Westminster Cable 9 Television.

**Upcoming Game Notes:** The Titans close the 2001-02 regular season with road contests at PAC foes Grove City and W&J ... The Titans and Wolverines played a classic in New Wilmington on Jan. 26, with Grove City outlasting Westminster 111-101 in four overtimes in the longest game in the history of both schools ... The Titans won their first meeting with the Presidents this season, posting a 66-48 win over W&J in New Wilmington on Jan. 30 behind 18 points by sophomore guard **Mike Hill**.