



# MEN'S BASKETBALL

## 2006-07

**Presidents' Athletic Conference**

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### Current 2006-07 Regular Season Standings (through February 11)

School	PAC Games			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Bethany College	9	2	.818	17	6	.739
Westminster College	8	2	.800	16	7	.696
Washington & Jefferson College	6	4	.600	10	13	.435
Grove City College	5	5	.500	12	11	.522
Thomas More College	3	7	.300	3	20	.130
Waynesburg College	3	8	.273	10	12	.455
Thiel College	2	8	.200	5	17	.227
Saint Vincent College*	0	0	.000	14	9	.609

\* - NCAA Division III provisional member - ineligible for PAC title and Player of the Week honors

#### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

##### Monday, February 5

SUNY-Fredonia at Thiel - ppd. (weather)

##### Wednesday, February 7

Washington & Jefferson 93, THOMAS MORE 67\*

BETHANY 80, Waynesburg 68\*

Westminster 71, GROVE CITY 59\*

SAINT VINCENT 77, Thiel 63\*

##### Saturday, February 10

Bethany 79, WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 76\*

Thomas More 71, THIEL 64\*

WESTMINSTER 84, Waynesburg 82\* (ot)

SAINT VINCENT 84, Grove City 74\*

#### UPCOMING SCHEDULE

##### Wednesday, February 14

Thomas More at Waynesburg\* - 7:30 p.m.

Grove City at Washington & Jefferson\* - 8 p.m.

Saint Vincent at Bethany\* - 8 p.m.

Thiel at Westminster\* - 8 p.m.

##### Saturday, February 17

Thomas More at Grove City\* - 3 p.m.

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

Bethany at Westminster\* - 4 p.m.

Saint Vincent at Waynesburg\* - 7:30 p.m.

**END OF 2006-07 REGULAR SEASON**

### PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

#### JON KOCH

#### Washington & Jefferson College

6-2 Senior Guard  
New Kensington, Pa.  
Plum H.S.



Koch earned the award for the second consecutive week after averaging 24.5 points, 5.5 rebounds and 3.5 assists per game in a 1-1 week for the Presidents, while surpassing the 1,700-point career scoring mark. He posted a game-high 29 points in a 93-67 road PAC win at Thomas More, then posted 20 points, eight rebounds and five assists (including a game-tying three-pointer with 53 seconds left) in a 79-76 home loss to PAC leader Bethany.

Also nominated was senior G/F **Chris Stephens** of Bethany, junior G **Shawn Carr** of Grove City, senior F **Geno Bianco** of Thiel, and senior G/F **Dom Joseph** of Westminster.

# PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES



## Bethany Bison

Bethany stayed atop the PAC with wins over Waynesburg and W&J last week ... The Bison used a 49-32 rebounding advantage and five players scoring in double figures to post an 80-68 triumph over the Yellow Jackets ... **Ryan**

**Besancon** had his fifth double-double with 17 points and 10 rebounds and **Brody Jackson** totaled 16 points and seven boards in BC's 10<sup>th</sup> straight win over Waynesburg ... The 79-76 victory over W&J was Bethany's sixth in a row over the Presidents ... **James Wallace** broke a 75-75 tie with a bucket with 23 seconds left, then **Chris Stephens** hit two free throws with eight seconds to play ... Stephens scored a season-high 18 points and had six assists, while Wallace (16) and **Marcus Adams** (14) also hit double digits.



## Grove City Wolverines

Grove City dropped a pair of games last week, including a 12-point home loss to Westminster Wednesday ... GCC held Westminster to a season-low 71 points, but the Wolverines shot just 29 percent from the field in the second

half ... **Shawn Carr** tied a school record with six three-point goals as all 23 of his points came in the first half ... Grove City had not lost at home to Westminster since 2002 ... Carr again drained six threes Saturday night but Grove City's comeback effort at Saint Vincent fell short ... Carr finished with 21 points ... **Craig Hallman** posted a 14-point, 14-rebound double-double, while **Ryan Gibson** contributed 12 points and six assists ... The Wolverines out-rebounded SVC 39-35 ... It was Grove City's first trip to Latrobe since 1982.



## Thiel Tomcats

The Tomcats' losing streak was extended to 10 games with losses against St. Vincent and Thomas More ... **Cory Chaffee** led the Tomcats with 21 points against Saint Vincent while **Joe Herrmann** and **Geno Bianco** chipped in with 17 and 15 points, respectively ... Bianco also

grabbed 11 rebounds ... Against Thomas More, Bianco scored 17 while Herrmann scored 16 ... Coming off the bench, Bianco, a senior, shot 14-of-25 from the floor in the Tomcats' last two games for 32 points ... He also grabbed 18 rebounds.



## Thomas More Saints

Thomas More eclipsed last season's win total with a 71-64 victory over Thiel, marking the fourth straight win

over the Tomcats ... Sophomore **Brandon Bolden** scored a season-high 17 points on 4-of-5 shooting in 24 minutes ... Junior **Brad Buckner** added his second double-double of the season with 11 points and 10 rebounds, while freshman **Romell Salone** added 14 points ... The Saints went 22-for-29 at the charity stripe ... Sophomore **Matt Tierney** and Salone each scored nine points as the Saints fell to W&J ... Salone added a team-high four assists.



## Washington & Jefferson Presidents

W&J can clinch the No. 3 seed for the upcoming PAC Tournament with a victory over Grove City Wednesday ... One more victory will also clinch the school's most victories since the 1997-98 season ... W&J has posted 10 wins three times since that year ... The Presidents opened the week with a victory at Thomas More as senior Gs

**Jon Koch** (29) and **Brandon Studer** (25) combined for 54 points in the win ... The victory marked W&J's first three-game road win streak since the 1993-94 season ... W&J rallied from a 16-point first half deficit to tie Bethany in the final minute Saturday before the Bison pulled out the win ... Sophomore F **Wahab Owolabi** scored 20 of his game-high 26 points in the first half and added 11 rebounds ... Koch added 20 points, eight rebounds and five assists.



## Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

The Yellow Jackets suffered a pair of losses last week from the top two teams in the conference standings, fall at both Bethany (80-68) and in overtime at Westminster (84-82) ... At halftime against the Bison, Waynesburg

trailed 40-37 and the game remained in single-digits for most of the second half ... Senior G **Beau Wilson** led the team with 16 points, six rebounds and five steals, while classmate **Jeff Nero** added 12 points, five boards and four steals ... The Yellow Jackets lost Saturday to the Titans when a field goal with six seconds left in overtime decided the contest ... Wilson and Nero each bucketed 18 points with Wilson hitting five treys and Nero collecting eight rebounds ... In the loss, senior G **Marc Lodovico** became the 31st player in school history to score 1,000 career points (1,012).



## Westminster Titans

Westminster won its fourth game in a row by edging Waynesburg in overtime, 84-82, at home Saturday and defeating Grove City, 71-59, on the road Wednesday to remain a half game out of first place in the PAC ... The Titans scored a season-low 71 points in the win over GCC after losing to Grove City in a high-scoring affair, 101-91, in their previous meeting ... Junior G **Craig Hannon** led the Titans in scoring with 15 points ... Sophomore F **Ryan Ricketts** grabbed a career-high 11 rebounds ... Ricketts was the hero of the Waynesburg

game as he laid in the game-winner with six seconds left in overtime ... Senior G/F **Dom Joseph** led all scorers with 19 points to go with a game-high six assists ... Junior G/F **Chauncey Whitlow** was on fire from 3-point range as he scored 18 points on six 3-pointers.



## Saint Vincent Bearcats

The Bearcats closed their home schedule by sweeping PAC rivals Thiel (77-63) and Grove City (84-74) last week ... Senior **Javille Brooks** was named to the ECAC Division II Honor Roll for the week ending February 4 ... Senior **Marc Duncan** starred on Senior Night against Grove

City, scoring a career-high 27 points ... Brooks added 20 markers, while **Raymar Byrd** grabbed a team-high eight rebounds off the bench in just 19 minutes of play ... Against, Thiel earlier in the week, Brooks scored 21 points while Duncan dished out eight assists and **Billy Bains** had six steals.

# PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS



## Bethany Bison

vs. Saint Vincent\* (2/14 - 8 p.m.)  
at Westminster\* (2/17 - 4 p.m.)

[www.teamline.cc](http://www.teamline.cc) (code 3724) - Both games

After hosting Saint Vincent Wednesday, Bethany will travel to Westminster Saturday for a game that will determine the PAC regular season champion ... First will be a rematch of the Jan. 24 thriller with Saint Vincent that BC won 107-105 in double overtime behind 33 points from **Brody Jackson** ... Saturday's clash between Bethany and Westminster will be the second time in the last four years the teams have faced off in the regular season finale with the regular season title on the line ... The Titans won the 2004 game that was played in Bethany 99-95 on their way to the PAC tournament championship.



## Thiel Tomcats

at Westminster\* (2/14 - 8 p.m.)  
vs. Wash. & Jeff.\* (2/17 - 3 p.m.)

W&J game on WPIC-AM (790);  
[www.msasportsnetwork.com](http://www.msasportsnetwork.com)

The Tomcats conclude regular-season PAC play this week when it travels to Westminster on Wednesday before hosting Washington & Jefferson on Saturday ... Thiel is 9-46 in all-time games against Westminster ... The Titans have won three straight and have scored over 100 points in 5 of their last six against the Tomcats ... W&J holds a 74-30 lead over Thiel in all-time games ... The Presidents have won 5 of the last six, including a 74-82 victory earlier this season.



## Washington & Jefferson Presidents

vs. Grove City\* (2/14 - 8 p.m.)  
at Thiel\* (2/17 - 3 p.m.)

Wed. only - WNJR-FM (91.7);  
[mms://media.washjeff.edu/WNJR](http://mms://media.washjeff.edu/WNJR)

W&J, which was already clinched a first-round PAC Tournament home contest, will host Grove City Wednesday in a game that will go a long way in determining the No. 3 seed for the PAC tournament ... The Wolverines lead the all-time series 50-46 after toppling the Presidents, 74-59, earlier this year in Grove City ... GCC is 15-2 against W&J in the past 17 meetings ... W&J and Thiel meet for the 106th time Saturday with the Presidents holding a commanding 73-32 series lead ... Sophomore **C Josip Lucic-Jozak** paced four Presidents in double figures during W&J's 82-74 win vs. Thiel in Washington earlier this season.



## Westminster Titans

vs. Thiel\* (2/14 - 8 p.m.)  
vs. Bethany\* (2/17 - 4 p.m.)

WWNW-FM (88.9); [www.titanradio.net](http://www.titanradio.net); Westminster Cable Network (WCN) - both games

Westminster can afford a loss at Thiel and still secure the top seed in the PAC tournament by beating Bethany Saturday ... The Titans beat Bethany, 96-82, Jan. 20 behind **Nick Adams'** career high 27 points as they shot a season-high 55.2 percent (16-29) from 3-point range ... The Titans beat Thiel Jan. 24, 78-66, as **Greg**

**Rosatelli** tied a career-high with 23 points and **Steve Bielich** came one point shy of tying his career-high with 20 points.



## Grove City Wolverines

at Wash. & Jeff.\* (2/14 - 8 p.m.)  
vs. Thomas More\* (2/17 - 3 p.m.)

[mms://media.gcc.edu/wsajsports](http://mms://media.gcc.edu/wsajsports); WSAJ-FM (91.1) - Wednesday only

Grove City has already clinched a home game in next week's PAC Championship Tournament ... The Wolverines will own the No. 3 seed with a pair of wins this week ... Otherwise, Grove City will be the No. 4 seed ... **Shawn Carr** needs eight three-pointers to break **Dave Pifer's** single-season school record of 50 three-pointers ... Wednesday, Grove City will look to complete a season sweep of W&J on the road ... Saturday, Grove City hosts Thomas More on Senior Day/Hall of Fame Day ... **Craig Hallman** and **Mark Smith** are the team's two seniors.



## Thomas More Saints

at Waynesburg\* (2/14 - 7:30 p.m.)  
at Grove City\* (2/17 - 3 p.m.)

Thomas More ends the regular season with two road games with Waynesburg and Grove City ... The Yellow Jackets leads the series, 2-1, but Thomas More recorded the 70-66 win earlier this season ... Senior **Ed Thornton** had 17 points to lead the Saints, while sophomore **Mark Lucas** added 16 points ... Freshman **Aaron Miller** had a career-high 10 rebounds ... Thomas More trails the Grove City series, 4-0, including a heartbreaking 49-48 loss at the buzzer earlier this season ... Miller had a team-high 14 points.



## Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

vs. Thomas More\* (2/14 - 7:30 p.m.)  
at Westminster\* (2/17 - 7:30 p.m.)

Both games - WCTV-TV (Channel 12);  
WCYJ-FM (88.7); [www.waynesburg.edu](http://www.waynesburg.edu)

Waynesburg finishes the season with a pair of home games ... The Yellow Jackets suffered a 70-66 road loss to the Saints earlier this season ... Waynesburg closes the campaign with a game against longtime NAIA rival Saint Vincent ... The Bearcats defeated the Yellow Jackets earlier this season by a score of 87-78 in the first meeting between the two schools since the 1989-90 season ... Saturday will mark the final regular season games for six seniors, including three four-year starters (**Marc Lodovico, Jeff Nero** and **Beau Wilson**) ... Combined, the six seniors have started 346 career games over the last four years.



## Saint Vincent Bearcats

at Bethany\* (2/14 - 8 p.m.)  
at Waynesburg\* (2/17 - 7:30 p.m.)

Both games on WCNS-AM (1480);  
[www.redzonemedia.com](http://www.redzonemedia.com)

Saint Vincent closes the season on the road at Bethany and Waynesburg ... The Bearcats dropped a 107-105 double-overtime home decision to the Bison, but recorded an 87-78 home victory against Waynesburg earlier this season.