

MEN'S BASKETBALL 2005-06

Presidents' Athletic Conference

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Current 2005-06 Regular Season Standings (through February 12, 2006)

	PAC Games			All G	All Games		
School	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	Pct.	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	Pct.	
Bethany College	10	0	1.00	19	4	.826	
Washington & Jefferson College	7	3	.700	9	14	.391	
Waynesburg College	7	4	.636	14	9	.609	
Westminster College	5	5	.500	8	15	.348	
Grove City College	4	6	.400	8	15	.348	
Thomas More College	2	9	.222	2	22	.083	
Thiel College	1	9	.100	4	19	.174	

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Monday, February 6

THIEL 89, Fredonia State 81

Wednesday, February 8

THIEL 75, Grove City 70*
Waynesburg 77, THOMAS MORE 61*
Bethany 86, WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 75*

Thursday, Feburary 9

Geneva 107, WESTMINSTER 102

Saturday, February 11

Westminster 100, THOMAS MORE 92* WAYNESBURG 64, Grove City 63* WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 77, Thiel 68*

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 15

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

Saturday, February 18

Washington & Jefferson at Grove City* - 3 p.m. Thiel at Bethany* - 4 p.m. Waynesburg at Westminster* - 4 p.m.

END OF 2005-06 REGULAR SEASON

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

MATT DRAHOS

Bethany College

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

Drahos rolled to his fourth straight PAC Player of the Week honor (and fifth of the season) after recording 38 points, 14 rebounds and five blocked shots in Bethany's only game of the week, an 86-75 road win at second-place Washington & Jefferson which clinched the regular season title for the Bison. He was 14-of-28 (50 percent) from the floor, including 4-of-6 from three-point range (67 percent), and a perfect 6-of-6 at the foul line. Drahos now has 883 career rebounds, leaving him 18 short of surpassing the Bethany school record held by Phil Harrison (900).

Also nominated was sophomore G **Shawn Carr** of Grove City, sophomore G **Gary Gates** of Thiel, senior F **R.K. Thurman** of Thomas More, freshman C **Josip Lucic-Jozak** of Washington & Jefferson, junior **Beau Wilson** of Waynesburg, and sophomore G **Craig Hannon** of Westminster.

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES



Bethany Bison

Bethany clinched its second consecutive regular season PAC title and home court advantage in the PAC Tournament with an 86-75 victory at W&J Wednesday ... The Bison held a 37-25 advantage at halftime, then extended their lead

to 70-45 with nine minutes to go before holding off a late President charge for the win ... F **Matt Drahos** continued his recent string of amazing play with 38 points and 14 rebounds, his fourth consecutive double-double ... F **Mike Drahos** finished with 13 points, six rebounds and five assists, while G **Scott Mezyk** totaled 10 markers and seven assists ... In addition to extending their third-longest winning streak in school history to 14, BC also captured their 20th straight triumph over PAC opposition.



Thiel Tomcats

The Tomcats finished the week 2-1, earning consecutive wins over Fredonia State (89-81) and Grove City (75-70) before falling on the road at W&J 77-68 Saturday ... The win over the Wolverines was the squad's first PAC victory of the season ... The win over Fredonia State snapped

a 14-game losing streak...Sophomore G **Gary Gates** had a careerhigh 22 points and five steals in the victory over the Blue Devils ... In the five-point win over conference rival Grove City, senior F **Damien Williams** poured in a season-high 22 and seven rebounds ... Thiel finished shooting a season-high 56.8 percent (25-of-44) from the floor ... In the loss at W&J, freshman G **James Beedle** had 16 points, while senior F **Stephen Laird** added 13 points and five rebounds.



Washington & Jefferson Presidents

W&J snapped its two-game losing streak by holding off Thiel, 77-68, Saturday in Washington ... With one more win, W&J will clinch back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since doing so in the 1996-97 and 1997-98 seasons ... W&J will also clinch the No. 2 seed for the PAC Tourna-

ment with one victory this week ... Junior G **Jon Koch** posted his third double-double of the season with 24 points and 14 rebounds in the victory over the Tomcats, upping his career scoring total to 1,278 points ... Junior G **Brandon Studer** added 13 points, while freshman C **Josip Lucic-Jozak** netted 12 points and grabbed eight rebounds ... Lucic-Jozak paced W&J in the loss to Bethany with his seventh double-double (20 points and 14 rebounds), while Koch and Studer added 13 and 12, respectively.



Westminster Titans

Westminster split a pair of games last week, as the Titans dropped a 107-102 non-league decision to incoming PAC member Geneva before evening their league mark at 5-5 with a 100-92 win at Thomas More ... Sophomore F **Nick Adams** led the Titan offense against Geneva with a team-high 21 points off the bench, including five three-pointers ... Other top scorers included senior G **Mark DeMonaco** and sophomore F **Brian Urso** each with 17, sophomore G **Craig Hannon** with 15, and junior G **Greg Rosatelli** with 13 ...

Senior G **Brian Fadden** grabbed a game-high nine rebounds in the loss, while Rosatelli dished out a team-high six assists ... Hannon posted team-high totals of 24 points (on seven three-pointers) and seven rebounds in the Thomas More victory.



Grove City Wolverines

Grove City dropped a pair of road PAC games last week by a combined six points ... Wednesday, Grove City allowed Thiel to shoot 15-of-21 from the floor in the second half while going the final 6:50 of the game without a field

goal ... **Shawn Carr** led Grove City with 20 points ... Saturday at Waynesburg, Grove City finished PAC play 1-5 on the road after its 64-63 loss ... Sophomore F **Bobby Turner** put Grove City up 63-62 with 10 seconds left by making two free throws ... Prior to the shots, Turner was 18-of-35 (51 percent) at the line this season ... Turner made his first career start Saturday ... Carr led Grove City with 17 points and six rebounds ... **Chuck Cotherman** added 12 points of 6-of-9 shooting while **Matt Phillips** contributed 10 points.



Thomas More Saints

Senior **R.K. Thurman** averaged 19 points and 6.5 rebounds as Thomas More went 0-2 on the week ...

Thurman needs just nine points to pass **Ike Kirch** for third place in scoring during the TMC NCAA-period career scoring charts ... Junior **E.J. Haynes** recorded his fifth double-double of the season with 21 points and 13 rebounds against Westminster ... For the week, Haynes averaged 16.5 points and 10.5 rebounds ... He added five blocks on the season, and needs just nine more to become the school's all-time blocks leader ... Junior **Garry Horton** scored 11 points with eights assists and six rebounds in the Westminster loss.



Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

Waynesburg posted a pair of PAC wins last week, as Waynesburg topped Thomas More 77-61 before claiming a dramatic 64-63 win over Grove City on Senior Night ... Juniors **Beau Wilson** and **Jeff Nero** scored 19 and 18 points, respectively, and both added six rebounds in the win over the Saints ... Against the Wolverines, Wilson hit the

game-winning free throws with two seconds remaining to finish with 16 points ... During the contest, he became the 29th player in school history to score 1,000 career points ... Nero added a gamehigh 17 points, while sophomore **Josh Parisi** contributed 12 points and a game-high seven rebounds.

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

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PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

Bethany Bison

at Grove City* (2/15 - 7:30 p.m.) vs. Thiel* (2/18 - 4 p.m.)

If Bethany can win their two contests this week, they will become the first PAC team since W&J

in 1993-94 to go undefeated in regular season league action ... To run the table, the Bison will need a road win at Grove City and a home victory over Thiel ... BC beat Grove City 92-58 in their first meeting Jan. 21, their largest win over GCC since 1935-36 ... On Saturday, Matt and Mike Drahos, Josh Polantz and Scott Mezyk will play their final regular season game at Hummel Field House, where they have gone 36-7 in their career ... A 102-64 win at Thiel earlier this year was Bethany's fourth straight over the Tomcats.



Thiel Tomcats

vs. Westminster* (2/15 - 7:30 p.m.) at Bethany* (2/18 - 4 p.m.)

The Tomcats will play their final contest at Beeghly Gymnasium against Westminster Wednesday night before closing on the PAC

regular season at Bethany Saturday afternoon ... Thiel is 9-44 all-time against Westminster despite winning two of the last three meetings ... The Titans posted a 117-100 win over the Tomcats on Jan. 4 in New Wilmington ... Bethany has won five of the last six match ups and holds a 95-43 against the Tomcats in the all-time series ... Bethany finished with five players in double figures in its 102-64 win in Greenville on Jan. 25.



Washington & Jefferson Presidents

vs. Thomas More* (2/15 - 6 p.m.) at Grove City* (2/18 - 3 p.m.)

W&J and Thomas More will meet for the second time in history in Washington and the sixth time overall Wednesday ... The Presidents snapped a three-game losing skid versus TMC with a 69-

55 victory in Kentucky on Jan. 11 ... The only other meeting at the Henry Memorial Center between the two schools occurred during the 1997-98 season as the Saints came away with a 76-42 triumph ... W&J and Grove City will play for the 92nd time Saturday with the Wolverines holding a 47-44 edge ... **Jon Koch** and **Brandon Studer** led 10 Presidents in the scoring column with 17 points each in the Presidents' 72-57 win in Washington on Jan. 25.



Westminster Titans

at Thiel* (2/15 - 7:30 p.m.) vs. Waynesburg* (2/18 - 4 p.m.)

Westminster closes its 2005-06 regular season schedule this week with a road contest at Thiel followed by a home Senior Day contest vs. Waynesburg ... The Titans can clinch the #3 seed in the PAC Tournament with a pair of wins this week ... Sophomore G Craig Hannon poured in a career-high 45 points (tied for ninth-highest single-game scoring total in NCAA Division III this season) as the Titans posted a 117-100 win

over Thiel in New Wilmington on Jan. 4 ... Waynesburg posted a 117-87 blowout win over Westminster on Jan. 25, despite 23 points by senior G **Mark DeMonaco**.



Grove City Wolverines

vs. Bethany* (2/15 - 7:30 p.m.) vs. Wash. & Jeff.* (2/18 - 3 p.m.)

Grove City closes the regular season with a pair of home games ... The Wolverines are 5-3 at home this year, 3-1 in PAC games ... The

Wolverines lost at Bethany Jan. 23, 92-58 as the Bison shot 59 percent (34-of-58) from the floor ... **Daniel Zacour** led GCC with 14 points ... The Wolverines have lost five straight at home against the Bison ... Grove City dropped a 72-57 decision at W&J Jan. 25 ... **Mark Smith** led Grove City with 16 points ... The Presidents have won two straight against the Wolverines ... **Shawn Carr** has 43 three-point goals this season ... The single-season record is 50.



Thomas More Saints

at Wash. & Jeff.* (2/15 - 6 p.m.)

In the Saints' 69-55 loss to W&J earlier this season, senior **R.K.Thurman**

led the way with 12 points and four rebounds, while junior **Garry Horton** added 10 points and three boards ... The loss snapped a three-game winning streak against the Presidents, but TMC still holds a 3-2 series advantage.



Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

at Westminster* (2/18 - 4 p.m.)

Waynesburg enters the final week of the regular season with a two-game lead over Westminster for third place in the PAC ... However, the Yellow Jackets finish their season on Saturday when they face the Titans in New Wilmington ... A win would

give Waynesburg a sweep of the season series, following a 117-87victory over Westminster at the Marisa Fieldhouse on Jan. 25 ... **Beau Wilson** had 23 points, seven rebounds and five assists in the win, while **Marc Lodovico** and **Jeff Nero** each added 19 markers ... Nero added a game-high nine rebounds and seven assists ... The Yellow Jackets last swept the season series with the Titans during the 2002-03 season.

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL BROADCASTSTHIS WEEK

Bethany - Grove City game only on www.teamline.cc (code 3724)

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

Wash. & Jeff. - Thomas More game only on WNJR-FM (91.7) in Washington; mms://media.washjeff.edu/WNJR

Waynesburg - Westminster game on WCYJ-FM (88.7) in Waynesburg; www.waynesburg.edu

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