



MEN'S BASKETBALL 2004-05

Presidents' Athletic Conference

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CURRENT 2004-05 REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through Feb. 13, 2005)

<u>School</u>	<u>PAC Games</u>			<u>All Games</u>		
	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Bethany College	7	1	.875	20	3	.870
Grove City College	6	2	.750	13	9	.591
Westminster College	4	4	.500	14	9	.609
Washington & Jefferson College	3	5	.375	6	17	.261
Waynesburg College	2	6	.250	8	15	.348
Thiel College	2	6	.250	6	17	.261

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Wednesday, February 9

GROVE CITY 93, Waynesburg 79*

BETHANY 89, Washington & Jefferson 64*

THIEL 119, Westminster 114 (OT)*

Saturday, February 12

Grove City 57, WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 54*

BETHANY 110, Westminster 99*

Thiel 78, WAYNESBURG 76*

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 16

Bethany at Waynesburg* - 7:30 p.m.

Grove City at Thiel* - 8 p.m.

Westminster at Washington & Jefferson* - 8 p.m.

Saturday, February 19

Bethany at Grove City* - 3 p.m.

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

Waynesburg at Westminster* - 4 p.m.

END OF 2004-05 REGULAR SEASON

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL CO-PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

MATT DRAHOS

Bethany College

6-6 Junior Forward

Wheeling, W.Va./John Marshall H.S.

JOE HERRMANN

Thiel College

6-5 Freshman Forward

Jamestown, Pa./Jamestown H.S.

Drahos averaged 30.5 points and 16.0 rebounds per game for the Bison, who remained in first place in the PAC with wins over W&J (89-64) and Westminster (110-99). He posted new career-highs with 40 points and 19 rebounds in the win over the Titans.

Herrmann led the Tomcats to a 2-0 PAC week, their first conference wins of the season, by averaging 29.0 points, 9.5 rebounds and 4.0 assists per game in league victories over Westminster (119-114 in OT) and Waynesburg (78-76). He posted a career-high 44 points (PAC season-high and third highest all-time at Thiel) against Westminster, tying the school single game field goal record by shooting 21-of-26 from the field.

Also nominated was senior C **Phil Bushre** of Grove City, freshman C **Tony Lewis** of Washington & Jefferson, and senior G **Ed Pagley** of Westminster.

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

Bethany Bison

Bethany has now posted seven straight wins, including two last week over conference foes W&J (89-64) and Westminster (110-99) ... Against Westminster, **Matt Drahos** exploded for career-highs in points (40) and rebounds (19) ... Twin brother **Mike Drahos** notched a double-double with 26 points and 11 rebounds as the men won for the second time this season over the Titans ... The Bison earned a measure of revenge in downing W&J, the only PAC team to date that has beaten Bethany (66-64 on Jan. 19 at W&J) ... Matt Drahos led all scorers with 21 points and a game-best 13 boards ... **Scott Mezyk** added 16 points – one shy of his career high – while Mike Drahos added 19 points and four assists.

Wash. & Jeff. Presidents

The Presidents dropped a pair of league contests last week, falling to Bethany, 89-64, and Grove City, 56-54 ... The Bison ran out to an early 10-0 lead, but the Presidents closed to within two points at the 12:02 mark before another 10-0 BC run helped Bethany hold a large enough cushion for the rest of the game ... Sophomore G **Brandon Studer** led W&J with 12 points on 4-of-6 shooting, while freshman C **Tony Lewis** made 5-of-6 shots for 10 points ... A Phil Bushre lay-up with 37 seconds remaining proved to be the difference on Saturday for Grove City in a three-point victory ... Studer led all scorers with 15 points on 5-of-13 shooting and Lewis added 13 points and three boards in 14 minutes ... Freshman G **Tyler Trutza** dished out six assists.

Grove City Wolverines

Grove City remained in second place in the PAC by earning a pair of wins last week ... Freshman **Shawn Carr** fired in a career-high 21 points Wednesday as Grove City rolled past Waynesburg ... The win was Grove City's 12th straight when scoring at least 90 points in a regulation game ... **Phil Bushre** added a 15-point, 12-rebound double-double while **Ryan Eller** added 12 points ... Saturday at W&J, Bushre scored the eventual game-winner with 37 seconds left, breaking a 54-54 tie ... He and Eller each had 14 points for Grove City, which trailed by as many as 11 in the first half ... Eller moved into 19th place on Grove City's all-time scoring list with 1,031 points ... Bushre now has 910 career points.

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

Waynesburg fell to Grove City, 93-79, and Thiel, 78-76, last week, extending its losing streak to six games ... The Yellow Jackets received 20 points from sophomore F **Jeff Nero** and freshman reserve G **Jered Gamble** in the loss to the Wolverines ... Gamble scored his career-high 20 points in a career-best 21 minutes off the bench ... Nero scored his 20 points on 7-of-14 attempts from the field, including 6-of-12 from three-point range ... Nero has scored 20+ points four times this season and reached double digits 14 times ... Waynesburg lost to Thiel when a potential game-winning shot occurred after the end of regulation ... Nero and guards **Ray Gillespie** and **Beau Wilson** all scored a team-high 13 points in the loss.

Thiel Tomcats

The Tomcats strung together a pair of wins for only the second time this season, downing Westminster at home in overtime 119-114 Wednesday before beating Waynesburg 78-76 on the road Saturday ... Freshman F **Joe Herrmann** poured in a career-high 44 points against Westminster, tying the school record for most field goals in one game with 21 ... His 44 points are the third-most tallied in a single game in program records ... He added 12 rebounds and dished out five assists ... The 119 points scored is the third-most in a single game in program history ... Junior G **C.J. Hunt** knocked down a three-pointer with seven seconds to go in the game to push the Tomcats past Waynesburg.

Westminster Titans

The Titans dropped a pair of PAC road contests last week, falling at Thiel 119-114 in OT Wednesday and at Bethany 110-99 Saturday ... Westminster overcame a 16-point deficit with eight minutes to play to lead by three (99-96) in the final seconds at Thiel, but Tomcat freshman F **Joe Herrmann** hit a three-pointer with one second left to send the game to overtime (99-99) ... Freshman G **Nick DiNatale** led the Blue & White with 24 points on 8-of-13 accuracy from three-point range ... Senior G **Ed Pagley** added 23 points on six treys, while junior F **Dom Joseph** added 16 points and a game-high 13 rebounds ... Pagley led six Titan double-digit scorers at Bethany with 19 points, including five three-pointers.

Past PAC Men's Basketball Players of the Week

November 21: Ryan Eller, F, Grove City

November 28: Daryl Moore, G, Thiel

December 5: Mark DeMonaco, G, Westminster

December 12: Matt Drahos, F/C, Bethany

January 2: Marc Lodovico, G, Waynesburg

January 9: Mike Drahos, G/F, Bethany

January 16: J.D. Collar, G, Grove City

January 23: Mike Drahos, G/F, Bethany

January 30: Pat O'Connor, F, Westminster

February 6: Ryan Eller, F, Grove City

February 13: Matt Drahos, BET/Joe Herrmann, THI

February 20:

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

BETHANY BISON (20-3 Overall, 7-1 PAC) at Waynesburg* (2/16 - 7:30 p.m.) at Grove City* (2/19 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WVBC-FM (88.1)

Upcoming Game Notes: Bethany goes into the week looking to earn their first PAC championship in **Aaron Huffman's** three-year tenure at the school ... The Bison men last claimed the PAC title in 2002 under then-head coach **Rob Clune** ... Twin brothers **Matt** and **Mike Drahos** are averaging an identical 21.1 points per game in conference play ... Matt does hold a slight advantage over his brother in the rebounding department, notching 11.3 caroms per game compared to Mike's 9.8 ... Matt was honored by D3hoops.com on its National Team of the Week thanks to his 28.5 points and 16.5 rebounds per game last week.

GROVE CITY WOLVERINES (13-9 Overall, 6-2 PAC) at Thiel* (2/16 - 8 p.m.) vs. Bethany* (2/19 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WSAJ-FM (91.1), www.msasportsnetwork.com

Upcoming Game Notes: Grove City will look for a season sweep of Thiel Wednesday ... GCC won the first meeting Jan. 26, 65-50, as coach **Steve Lamie** earned his 100th career win ... It was Grove City's 2000th all-time game and the Wolverines' 100th all-time win over Thiel ... **Phil Bushre** had 21 points and seven rebounds in the win ... Saturday, Grove City closes the regular season vs. Bethany ... Bushre, **J.D. Collar**, **Ryan Eller**, **Mike Lukcic** and **Matt O'Brien** will be honored for "Senior Day" ... Bethany won the first meeting 72-67 Jan. 29 ... The annual Alumni Game will be played afterwards.

THIEL TOMCATS (6-17 Overall, 2-6 PAC) vs. Grove City* (2/16 - 8 p.m.) vs. Washington & Jefferson* (2/19 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WPIC-AM (790) - Wed. only

Upcoming Game Notes: The Tomcats close their regular season with a pair of PAC home contests, welcoming Grove City Wednesday and W&J Saturday ... The Wolverines hold a 71-31 lead in the series, having won seven of the last 11 meetings, including a 65-50 win on Jan. 26 ... W&J maintains a 70-29 all-time edge in the series with the Tomcats ... Thiel has claimed six of the last 10 but fell in Washington 72-70 on Jan. 29 ... Freshman F **Joe Herrmann** led all scorers with 24 points and 10 rebounds.

WASH. & JEFF. PRESIDENTS (6-17 Overall, 3-5 PAC) vs. Westminster* (2/16 - 8 p.m.) at Thiel* (2/19 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WNJR-FM (91.7), www.washjeff.edu

Upcoming Game Notes: Westminster has dominated the all-time series with the Presidents, winning 44 of the 61 games ... The Titans has won five of its last six versus W&J ... Washington & Jefferson has defeated Westminster two times in the last three matchups in Washington, but the Titans earned a 118-111 victory last season at the Henry Memorial Center behind 29 points from **Mark DeMonaco** ... The Presidents and Tomcats will meet for the 101st time Saturday, with W&J holding a 69-31 series edge ... Freshman **Tyler Trutza** hit a runner with 0.4 seconds left on January 29 to lift W&J to a 72-70 home win.

WAYNESBURG YELLOW JACKETS (8-15 Overall, 2-6 PAC) vs. Bethany* (2/16 - 7:30 p.m.) at Westminster* (2/19 - 4 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WCYJ-FM (88.7), www.waynesburg.edu; WCYJ-TV (Channel 12) - Wed. only

Upcoming Game Notes: Waynesburg has dropped six consecutive games for the first time since 1991-92 ... The Yellow Jackets look to snap the streak Wednesday when they host PAC leader Bethany ... In the first meeting this season, the Bison used a combined 34 points from **Matt** and **Mike Drahos** to defeat the Jackets 86-81 ... Bethany has won four straight, including a PAC quarterfinal win in 2002-03 ... Waynesburg concludes its regular season Saturday at Westminster ... The Yellow Jackets shot a season-best 56 percent in a 113-98 loss in the first meeting.

WESTMINSTER TITANS (14-9 Overall, 4-4 PAC) at Washington & Jefferson* (2/16 - 8 p.m.) vs. Waynesburg* (2/19 - 4 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WWNW-FM (88.9), www.msasportsnetwork.com; Westminster Cable Network (WCN) - Sat. only

Upcoming Game Notes: The Titans close the 2004-05 regular season with a Wednesday road contest at W&J followed by Senior Day vs. Waynesburg Saturday ... Westminster, which owns wins over both teams this season, can clinch the #3 seed for the PAC Men's Basketball Tournament with a win at W&J ... Senior F **Pat O'Connor** blistered the nets for a season-high 32 points in a 116-101 Titan win over W&J in New Wilmington on Jan. 26 ... Seven players reach double figures in scoring for Westminster in a 113-98 road PAC win at Waynesburg on Jan. 29.