



MEN'S BASKETBALL 2004-05

Presidents' Athletic Conference

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FINAL 2004-05 REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS

School	PAC Games			All Games		
	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Bethany College	9	1	.900	22	3	.880
Grove City College	6	4	.600	13	11	.542
Westminster College	5	5	.500	15	10	.600
Washington & Jefferson College	5	5	.500	8	17	.320
Thiel College	3	7	.300	7	18	.280
Waynesburg College	2	8	.200	8	17	.320

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Wednesday, February 16

Bethany 107, WAYNESBURG 68*

THIEL 75, Grove City 70*

WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 94, Westminster 79*

Saturday, February 19

Bethany 78, GROVE CITY 71*

Washington & Jefferson 76, THIEL 70*

WESTMINSTER 127, Waynesburg 108*

END OF 2004-05 REGULAR SEASON

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

2005 PAC CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

First Round - Tuesday, February 22

#6 Waynesburg at #3 Washington & Jefferson - 7:30 p.m.

#5 Thiel at #4 Westminster - 8 p.m.

Semifinals - Thursday, February 24

Highest remaining seed at #2 Grove City - 7 p.m.

Lowest remaining seed at #1 Bethany - 7:30 p.m.

Championship - Saturday, February 26

at highest remaining seed - time TBA

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

JON KOCH

Washington & Jefferson College

6-2 Sophomore Guard

New Kensington, Pa./Plum H.S.

Koch averaged 19.0 points, 6.5 rebounds and 2.0 assists per game as W&J clinched the third seed in this week's PAC Tournament with conference wins over Westminster (94-79) and Thiel (76-70). He posted team-high totals of 20 points and nine rebounds against the Titans, then went over 400 points for the season with 18 points (including the game-clinching bucket with 1:06 to play) and four caroms against the Tomcats.

Also nominated was junior G/F **Matt Drahos** of Bethany, senior C **Phil Bushre** of Grove City, senior G **Daryl Moore** of Thiel, and junior G **Mark DeMonaco** of Westminster.

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

Bethany Bison

Bethany has now posted wins in its last nine games, including two wins last week over PAC foes Waynesburg (107-68) Wednesday and Grove City (78-71) Saturday ... Against Waynesburg, **Scott Mezyk** scored a career-high 21 points and dished out five assists ... **Matt Drahos** scored 14 points and grabbed 15 rebounds while four others scored in double figures and all 14 players scored ... The Bison cemented their PAC regular season title by downing Grove City on the road ... Matt Drahos recorded his eighth-straight double-double – notching game-highs for points (18) and rebounds (12) against the Wolverines ... **Jim Deep** added 16 points to the cause while **Chris Stephens** chipped in 13.

Wash. & Jeff. Presidents

W&J bumped itself up to the No. 3 seed for this week's PAC Tournament after notching victories over Westminster and Thiel ... The eight wins so far are the most by a W&J squad since 1999-2000 ... The No. 3 seed is also the highest for W&J in the history of the PAC tourney ... W&J held Westminster to its lowest point total of the season, tying the 79 points nationally-ranked Wooster held the Titans to earlier this year ... Sophomore G **Jon Koch** led the Presidents with 20 points and nine rebounds, while sophomore G **Anthony Hairston** added 13 points, seven rebounds and four assists ... Sophomore G **Brandon Studer** poured in 22 points to lead W&J's victory at Thiel ... Koch hit a lay-up with 1:06 left to end a late Thiel run.

Grove City Wolverines

Grove City closed the regular season with back-to-back setbacks in PAC play last week ... Grove City is the No. 2 seed in this week's tournament ... **Phil Bushre** posted a 21-point, 10-rebound double-double Saturday against Bethany while **Mike Lukcic** tossed in a dozen points ... At Thiel Wednesday night, five Wolverines scored in double-figures ... Bushre led the way with a 15-point, 13-rebound effort while **Shawn Carr** and **Mark Smith** each added 11 ... **Ryan Eller** and **Matt Phillips** both scored 10 ... Grove City outrebounded Thiel 44-24 but could not overcome 20 turnovers ... Grove City is 4-9 when allowing 70+ points in a game this season ... They are 4-0 when holding teams to under 60.

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

The Yellow Jackets dropped a pair of PAC games this week, losing to Bethany, 107-68, and Westminster, 127-108, extending their losing streak to eight games ... Waynesburg allowed 100 points in back-to-back games for the first time since the 1971-72 season ... Guards **Beau Wilson** and **Ray Gillespie** led WC with 10 points each in the loss to Bethany ... The Westminster bench scored 100 points en route to the Titans' 127-108 victory over Waynesburg ... Sophomores **Marc Lodovico** and **Shawn Coleman** each scored a team-high 18 points in the loss, while classmate Wilson added 16 points ... The Titans held a distinct 31-17 offensive rebounding advantage, which led to 37 second-chance points. .

Thiel Tomcats

Thiel finished the regular season by going 1-1 last week, defeating Grove City at home 75-70 Wednesday before losing at home to W&J 76-70 Saturday ... Against Grove City, senior G **Daryl Moore** finished the game with 23 points, five assists and three rebounds ... Sophomore G **Brad Bowman** and freshman F **Joe Herrmann** each had 14 while freshman F **Ross Watson** added 10 ... Against the Presidents, Thiel trailed by as many as 15 in the second half ... The Tomcats strung together a 17-6 run to pull to within one (71-70) with just over a minute to go, but the Presidents held on ... Moore totaled 20 points, seven assists and three rebounds while Herrmann finished with 18 points and 10 rebounds.

Westminster Titans

The Titans split a pair of PAC contests to close the regular season, falling at W&J 94-79 Wednesday before posting a 127-108 home win over Waynesburg Saturday ... At W&J, junior G **Mark DeMonaco** posted team-high totals of 18 points and five assists, while senior G **Ed Pagley** and freshman G **Nick DiNatale** added 14 and 11 markers, respectively ... Senior F **Pat O'Connor** snared a team-best eight rebounds in defeat ... Against the Jackets, DeMonaco poured in a game-high 30 points on eight three-pointers, while freshman G **Craig Hannon** tied his career-high with 26 points on seven treys ... O'Connor and senior G **Chris Hatch** added 11 and 10 points, respectively, while junior F **Dom Joseph** added a team-best 11 rebounds.

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: Jon Koch, G, Wash. & Jeff.

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

BETHANY BISON (22-3 Overall, 9-1 PAC) vs. TBA# (2/24 - 7:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WVBC-FM (88.1)

Upcoming Game Notes: Bethany set a school mark by earning its 22nd win on the season ... The 2001-02 team previously held the mark with 21 wins ... Bethany is currently riding a nine-game winning streak, their second longest this season ... The Bison won 11 games in a row earlier this year and have run their record to 20-1 in the last 21 games ... During that streak, either **Matt** and **Mike Drahos** have been the team's high-scorer in all but three games and have led the team in rebounding every outing but one.

GROVE CITY WOLVERINES (13-11 Overall, 6-4 PAC) vs. TBA# (2/24 - 7 p.m.)

Radio/TV: TBA

Upcoming Game Notes: Grove City is 2-0 at home all-time in the Presidents' Athletic Conference Championship Tournament ... The Wolverines were 4-1 at home against the PAC and 6-3 overall at home this season ... The last time Grove City entered the tournament as the No. 2 seed (two years ago), the Wolverines won the PAC title ... Senior forward **Ryan Eller** has 1,051 career points, tied for 18th on Grove City's all-time list with **Mike Donahoe** (1975-79) ... He could move up several spots this week ... Grove City has won five PAC titles: 1989, 1990, 1991, 1999 and 2003.

THIEL TOMCATS (7-18 Overall, 3-7 PAC) at Westminster# (2/22 - 8 p.m.)

Radio/TV: None

Upcoming Game Notes: The fifth-seeded Tomcats will meet fourth-seeded Westminster Tuesday in New Wilmington in a PAC Men's Basketball Championship Tournament first round contest ... Before their 119-114 home overtime win over the Titans on Feb. 9, the Tomcats had dropped eight of the previous 10 matchups ... The Tomcats shot a season-high 62.7 percent (52-83) from the field while their 119 points are the third-most in a single game in program history ... Freshman F **Joe Herrmann** tied the school record for most field goals in one game with 21 and his 44 points are the third-most tallied in a single game in program records.

WASH. & JEFF. PRESIDENTS (8-17 Overall, 5-5 PAC) vs. Waynesburg# (2/22 - 7:30 p.m.)

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

Upcoming Game Notes: W&J and Waynesburg split a pair of games this season with each school winning on the road ... The Yellow Jackets took a 96-93 decision in triple OT in Washington on January 15 ... **Shawn Coleman** scored six of his 18 points in the third overtime to propel Waynesburg to the win ... **Jon Koch** led the Presidents with 23 points, eight rebounds and five steals ... **Brandon Studer** helped W&J even the season series as he scored 23 points, including two game-winning free throws with eight seconds left, in a 71-69 victory on February 5 ... The win was the first for the Presidents at Rudy Marisa Field House in 11 years ... Koch added 20 markers for the Presidents.

WAYNESBURG YELLOW JACKETS (8-17 Overall, 2-8 PAC) at Washington & Jefferson# (2/22 - 7:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WCYJ-FM (88.7), www.waynesburg.edu:

Upcoming Game Notes: Waynesburg has lost eight straight games for the first time since the 1991-92 season ... The Yellow Jackets are assured of finishing with a sub-.500 record in back-to-back seasons for the first time since the 1993-94 and 1994-95 seasons ... The sixth-seeded Jackets draw third-seeded Washington & Jefferson in the opening round of the PAC Tournament this week ... The Jackets and Presidents split this season's series with the road team winning each contest, including a three-overtime win by Waynesburg at the Henry Memorial Center ... The two regular season games between WC and W&J were decided by a combined five points.

WESTMINSTER TITANS (15-10 Overall, 5-5 PAC) vs. Thiel# (2/22 - 8 p.m.)

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

Upcoming Game Notes: The Titans host the Thiel Tomcats in an opening round game in the 2005 PAC Tournament ... The teams split their two regular season meetings, with each winning on their home floor ... Westminster defeated Thiel 125-100 in New Wilmington on Jan. 19 as the Titans drained a school single-game record 27 three-pointers ... **Mark DeMonaco** scored a team-high 28 points with eight three-pointers, while **Pat O'Connor** added 24 and scored his 1,000th career point ... The Tomcats won in Greenville, 119-114 in OT, on Feb. 9 ... Freshman G **Nick DiNatale** paced the Titans with 24 points on eight treys.