



MEN'S BASKETBALL 2003-04

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FINAL 2003-04 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>
Westminster College	8	2	.800	13	12	.520
Bethany College	7	3	.700	17	8	.680
Grove City College	7	3	.700	13	12	.520
Waynesburg College	4	6	.400	10	15	.400
Thiel College	3	7	.300	9	16	.360
Washington & Jefferson College	1	9	.100	7	18	.280

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Wednesday, February 18

Grove City 70, WAYNESBURG 58*

THIEL 64, Bethany 63*

WESTMINSTER 102, Washington & Jefferson 74*

Saturday, February 21

GROVE CITY 82, Washington & Jefferson 72*

Westminster 99, BETHANY 95*

WAYNESBURG 82, Thiel 77*

END OF 2003-04 REGULAR SEASON

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

2004 PAC Men's Basketball Tournament

Tuesday, February 24

#5 Thiel at #4 Waynesburg - 7:30 p.m.

#6 Washington & Jefferson at #3 Grove City - 8 p.m.

Thursday, February 26

Highest remaining seed at #2 Bethany - 7:30 p.m.

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

Saturday, February 28

PAC Championship (at highest remaining seed - time TBA)

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

MARK DEMONACO

Westminster College

5-8 Sophomore Guard

New Castle, Pa./New Castle H.S.

DeMonaco led the Titans to a 2-0 week and the top seed in the PAC Tournament by averaging 27.5 points, 5.5 rebounds, 4.5 assists and 2.0 steals per game in wins over W&J (102-74) and Bethany (99-95). He led the team in scoring in both games, scoring 24 points on eight treys against the Presidents before tallying 31 points on seven three-pointers against the Bison. For the week, he shot 15-of-32 (46.9%) from three-point range.

Also nominated was sophomore G/F **Mike Drahos** of Bethany, senior F **Tanner Prosser** of Grove City, sophomore F **Stephen Laird** of Thiel, junior F **Steve Button** of Washington & Jefferson, and junior C **Phil McLaughlin** of Waynesburg.

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

Bethany Bison

The Bison will enter the PAC Tournament as the No. 2 seed after going 0-2 last week ... Bethany and Westminster both entered Saturday's match-up with 7-2 records in the PAC ... The Titans won the contest by a score of 99-55 ... **Matt** and **Mike Drahos** both tallied double-doubles in the contest, with Matt tallying 28 points and 12 rebounds, and Mike adding 25 points and 11 rebounds ... Earlier in the week, the Bison fell at Thiel by a score of 64-63 ... **Chris Stephens** stole the ball with three seconds left, giving the Bison one last chance to win, however, Mike Drahos was called for a travel as time expired ... He led the Bison with 17 points and 10 rebounds, giving him two double-doubles for the week.

Wash. & Jeff. Presidents

The Presidents dropped a pair of road PAC games this week at Westminster and Grove City ... W&J held a 14-8 lead early at Westminster, but the Titans roared back to hit a school-record 25 three-pointers en route to the 28-point victory ... Junior F **Steve Button** scored a team-high 12 points for W&J, while freshman F **Matt Vorndran** added 10 ... The Presidents battled Grove City tough in the first half Saturday, but the Wolverines pulled away with a 24-15 run to start the second half ... Freshman G **Jon Koch** netted 22 markers ... Freshman G **Brandon Studer** added 12 points, while Button and freshman G **Anthony Hairston** both notched 10 points ... Koch is now just 15 points away from breaking the school record for most points by a freshman.

Grove City Wolverines

Grove City is the hottest team in the PAC at the onset of the conference tournament, having won four straight overall and seven of eight in the PAC ... Senior **Tanner Prosser** posted an 18-point, 8-rebound outing against W&J, three days after a 20-point, 11-rebound effort at Waynesburg ... Prosser moved up four spots on Grove City's all-time scoring list into sixth place with 1,234 points ... He also joined **Jeff Claypool** (1965-69) as the only Grove City players to score at least 300 points in all four years ... Five Grove City players scored in double figures against the Presidents ... In addition to Prosser's 18, **Mike Lukcic** (15), **J.D. Collar** (13), **Matt Phillips** (12) and **Bobby Glass** (10) all hit double digits.

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

Waynesburg protected its home floor and fourth place in the PAC with a win over visiting Thiel on Saturday 82-77, after an 82-77 home loss to Grove City Wednesday ... Junior C **Phil McLaughlin** and senior G **Mike King** came up big in the win ... McLaughlin posted career-highs with 22 points and 15 rebounds ... King hit the final go-ahead bucket with 47 seconds remaining for two of his 18 points ... Freshman G **Beau Wilson** also scored 20 points ... Waynesburg won despite Thiel's 17-2 run midway through the second half ... On Wednesday, Waynesburg trimmed Grove City's lead to three points in the waning moments of the first half, before the Wolverines ran away with 12-point win in the second half ... **Jeff Nero** led the Jackets with 14 points.

Thiel Tomcats

The Tomcats went 1-1 in PAC play last week, defeating Bethany at home 64-63 Wednesday before falling 82-77 at Waynesburg on Saturday ... Thiel shot just 37 percent from the floor, but battled through 14 ties to edge the Bison and split the season series ... Sophomore F **Stephen Laird** paced the Tomcats with 17 points against Bethany, shooting 6-of-8 from the floor and 4-of-6 from three-point range ... Junior G **Daryl Moore** added 13 points, while senior F **D.J. Gambridge** added 12 and five rebounds ... Junior G **Ryan Singleton** led the Tomcats Saturday against Waynesburg with a career-high 22 points on 7-of-15 shooting from the field, while Laird added 15 points in the loss.

Westminster Titans

The Titans captured the PAC regular season crown and the top seed in this week's PAC Tournament by virtue of wins over W&J (102-74) and Bethany (99-95) ... The Titans made 25 three-pointers in the W&J win, breaking the school single-game record for the third time this season ... Sophomore G **Mark DeMonaco** led the team in scoring in both games, tallying 25 points on eight three-pointers against the Presidents before recording 31 points on seven treys against the Bison ... Sophomore F **Dom Joseph** grabbed a season-high 14 rebounds against W&J, while junior F **Pat O'Connor** added 17 points on five three-pointers, despite playing just 14 minutes due to foul trouble ... O'Connor and junior G **Ed Pagley** each scored 17 points at Bethany.

Past PAC Men's Basketball Players of the Week

November 23: Mark DeMonaco, G, Westminster
November 30: Mike Drahos, F, Bethany
December 7: Mike King, G, Waynesburg
December 14: Tanner Prosser, F, Grove City
January 4: Steve Button, F, Washington & Jefferson
January 11: Mark DeMonaco, G, Westminster
January 18: Mike King, G, Waynesburg
January 25: Ryan Eller, F, Grove City
February 1: Ed Pagley, G, Westminster
February 8: Matt Drahos, F, Bethany
February 15: Matt Phillips, G/F, Grove City
February 22: Mark DeMonaco, G, Westminster

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

BETHANY BISON (17-8 Overall, 7-3 PAC) vs. TBA (2/26 - 7:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WVBC-FM (88.1)

Upcoming Game Notes: Bethany will look to end its two-game losing streak on Thursday in the semifinals of the PAC Tournament ... The Bison will host the highest-seeded team remaining after Tuesday's play-in games ... Westminster will play the lowest seed ... The Bison are looking for their first PAC Tournament Championship since 2001-02, when the Bison won both the regular season and tournament titles ... **Mike Drahos** tallied two double-doubles last week and now has 10 this season ... With 11 rebounds against Westminster, Drahos now has 234 rebounds this season, which ranks sixth on the Bethany single-season records list.

GROVE CITY WOLVERINES (13-12 Overall, 7-3 PAC) vs. Washington & Jefferson (2/24 - 8 p.m.)

Radio/TV: TBA

Upcoming Game Notes: The Wolverines begin defense of their PAC championship Tuesday in the conference quarterfinals ... Grove City swept the season series from W&J and has won seven straight against the Presidents ... Grove City closed the regular season with an 82-72 home win against the Presidents Saturday ... A win Tuesday night would guarantee Grove City its fourth consecutive winning season ... The Wolverines have not had four straight winning seasons since 1980-84 ... Junior F **Ryan Eller** needs six points to reach the 400-point mark for the season ... Only 10 other Grove City players have ever scored 400 in a season.

THIEL TOMCATS (9-16 Overall, 3-7 PAC) at Waynesburg (2/24 - 7:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

Upcoming Game Notes: Thiel returns to Waynesburg Tuesday as the #5 seed with upset in mind as they will take on the fourth-seeded Yellow Jackets for the third time this season ... Thiel and Waynesburg split their regular season games, each winning on its home floor ... Junior G **Ryan Singleton** has averaged 17.0 points and 4.0 rebounds (including a career-high 22 points on Saturday) against Waynesburg this season, and is a perfect 15-of-15 from the free throw line in the two games ... Waynesburg is 37-24-1 against Thiel in the all-time series but is just 5-7 against the Tomcats in the last 12 meetings.

WASH. & JEFF. PRESIDENTS (7-18 Overall, 1-9 PAC) at Grove City* (2/24 - 8 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

Upcoming Game Notes: Grove City leads the all-time series with W&J by a 44-42 margin ... The Wolverines have won seven in a row versus W&J and nine of the last 10 ... GCC has also claimed 10 straight victories versus W&J at the Grove City College Arena ... The Presidents have dropped 80-77 and 82-72 decisions to Grove City this season ... Freshman guard **Jon Koch** is averaging 22.5 points per game versus GCC this season and has connected on four three-pointers in each contest.

WAYNESBURG YELLOW JACKETS (10-15 Overall, 4-6 PAC) vs. Thiel* (2/24 - 7:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WCYJ-FM (88.7), www.waynesburg.edu; WCYJ-TV (Channel 14)

Upcoming Game Notes: Waynesburg hosts its third home game in the PAC tournament in the last three years when Thiel visits the Marisa Fieldhouse for the second time in a four-day span ... The Jackets defeated the Tomcats 82-77 on Saturday to improve their all-time series lead to 37-24, but have lost five of their last seven meetings ... Waynesburg is 1-1 at home all-time in the PAC Tournament, including a 79-77 win over Washington & Jefferson in 2002 and an 82-74 loss to Bethany last year.

WESTMINSTER TITANS (13-12 Overall, 8-2 PAC) vs. TBA (2/26 - 7:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WWNW-FM (88.9), WKST-AM (1200); www.nsnsports.com; Westminster Cable Network

Upcoming Game Notes: Westminster's first place finish in the PAC regular season marked the first time Westminster has placed first or tied for first in the regular season since tying for the top spot in the NAIA Keystone-Empire Collegiate Conference (KECC) in 1997-98 ... The Titans, who are guaranteed home court advantage throughout the tournament, are 4-1 at home against PAC competition this season, with the only loss being a 94-88 setback to Waynesburg on Feb. 14 ... Junior G **Ed Pagley** has scored in double figures in 15 consecutive games.