

### MEN'S BASKETBALL 2002-03

#### **Presidents' Athletic Conference**

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#### FINAL 2002-03 REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS

|                                 | PAC Games       |   |      | All Games |    |      |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|---|------|-----------|----|------|
| School                          | $\underline{W}$ | L | Pct. | <u>W</u>  | L  | Pct. |
| Thiel College#                  | 7               | 3 | .700 | 15        | 10 | .600 |
| Grove City College#             | 7               | 3 | .700 | 16        | 8  | .667 |
| Waynesburg College              | 6               | 4 | .600 | 16        | 8  | .667 |
| Westminster College             | 4               | 6 | .400 | 10        | 15 | .400 |
| Washington & Jefferson College@ | 3               | 7 | .300 | 6         | 18 | .250 |
| Bethany College@                | 3               | 7 | .300 | 10        | 14 | .417 |

<sup># -</sup> Thiel wins head-to-head tiebreaker with Grove City

#### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

#### Wednesday, February 19

GROVE CITY 89, Waynesburg 74\*
WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 83, Westminster 81\*
Thiel 89, BETHANY 74\*

#### Saturday, February 22

WESTMINSTER 76, Bethany 74\*
Grove City 86, WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 66\*
THIEL 91, Waynesburg 88\*

#### **END OF 2002-03 REGULAR SEASON**

#### **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

#### 2003 PAC Men's Basketball Tournament Tuesday, February 25

#6 Bethany at #3 Waynesburg - 7:30 p.m. #5 Washington & Jefferson at #4 Westminster - 8 p.m.

#### Thursday, February 27

Highest remaining seed at #2 Grove City - 7 p.m. Lowest remaining seed at #1 Thiel - 7:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, March 1

Championship game (at highest remaining seed) - TBA

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

A.H. DAVIS
Thiel College
6-6 Senior Forward
Boardman, Ohio/Boardman H.S.

Davis averaged 22.0 points, 9.0 rebounds, 4.0 steals and 3.5 assists as Thiel posted PAC victories over Bethany (89-74) and Waynesburg (91-88) to lock up the PAC regular season title and the top seed and home court advantage for this week's PAC Tournament. His jumper just 43 seconds into the first half against Waynesurg gave him 1,608 career points, moving him ahead of Vic Harp (1981-85) as the all-time leading scorer in Thiel men's basketball history. He is also now the program's all-time leader in field goals with 661.

Also nominated was senior G **Mike Majzun** of Bethany, junior F **Tanner Prosser** of Grove City, senior G **Nolan Larry** of Washington & Jefferson, senior G **Ray Robinson** of Waynesburg, and senior C **Greg Foster** of Westminster.

<sup>@ -</sup> W&J wins tiebreaker with Bethany - better matching record vs. Thiel

### PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

#### **Bethany Bison**

Bethany dropped to the #6 seed for this week's PAC Tournament after going 0-2 last week ... Despite 28 points from Mike Majzun, the Bison dropped an 89-74 decision to Thiel ... Going 33-of-40 from the foul line was countered by 26 Bison turnovers and a frigid 28 percent (17-60) shooting from the floor ... Matt Drahos (12) and Josh Polantz (10) also tallied double digits for Bethany... At Westminster, Bethany lost a 10-point second half lead in dropping their second two-point game of the year to the Titans ... The Bison shot better from the floor than the hosts (49%-38%) but were outrebounded 44-37, including 17 offensive caroms ... Majzun hit for 21 and Derek Hoffman tossed in 16.

#### Wash. & Jeff. Presidents

W&J snapped a three-game conference losing streak by defeating Westminster on Wednesday at the Henry Memorial Center ... The Presidents trailed by six with just under 10 minutes remaining, but a 20-6 spurt put them up for good ... Senior G Nolan Larry led W&J with 21 points, seven rebounds and four assists, while sophomore F's Michael Chicone (15) and Chris Houser (13) also scored in double figures ... A 23-5 stretch midway through the first half pushed Grove City out to a 15-point lead and the Wolverines never looked back in recording the 20-point victory on Saturday ... Larry notched his second-best single game performance this season with 30 points, while Houser added 14 markers ... Larry notched his 1,600th career point Saturday.

#### **Grove City Wolverines**

Grove City closed conference play with two PAC wins last week that saw the Wolverines surpass the 85-point mark twice ... Andy Vlajkovich sparked victory at W&J with 21 first-half points, including 5-of-6 beyond the three-point line ... Tanner Prosser and Nate Maurer both tossed in 17 points ... Prosser added nine rebounds, five assists, three blocks and three steals while Mike Lukcic had a team-high six assists ... Prosser posted a 12-point, 9-rebound, 7-assist outing against Waynesburg Wednesday while Maurer poured in 31 points and grabbed 10 rebounds ... Phil Bushre added 10 points and seven rebounds ... Maurer's 482 points are the sixth-highest singleseason total in GCC history.

#### Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

Waynesburg's seven-game win streak and hold on first place in the PAC collapsed during the week, as the Jackets dropped road games at Grove City Wednesday and Thiel Saturday to fall to the No. 3 seed for this week's PAC Tournament ... Saturday the Jackets lost to Thiel after holding an 11-point lead with under 10 minutes left in the game and a three-point lead with under a minute remaining ... Senior G Ray Robinson scored a season-high 42 points in the loss, which is tied for the fourth-highest single-game scoring total in school history (he owns the mark with 45) ... Robinson also scored 24 in Waynesburg's loss to GCC ... Senior C Aaron Ankrom scored 14 against Grove City and 17 against Thiel, including 14 rebounds.

#### **Thiel Tomcats**

The Tomcats and first-year head coach Mike Snell secured the PAC regular season championship and top spot in this week's tournament with pair of conference wins last week as they rolled past Bethany 89-74 and edged Waynesburg 91-88 ... Thiel is currently riding a sixgame win streak, the program's longest such streak since the 1953-54 season ... Senior F A.H. Davis finished with 20 points and 10 boards against Bethany, his fourth double-double of the season, while senior G Shane Manley added 20 ... Thiel shot 45 percent from the field in Saturday's win over Waynesburg and finished with four players in double figures ... Davis paced the Tomcats with 24 points.

#### Westminster Titans

Westminster split a pair of PAC contests last week to clinch the #4 seed for the PAC Tournament and a Tuesday first round home game against #5 W&J ... The Titans fell at W&J 83-81 on Wednesday, before ending a five-game losing streak with a 76-74 home win over Bethany Saturday ... Greg Foster had 20 points and 10 rebounds in the W&J loss ... Foster (3.316 QPA, physics) was named to the Verizon Academic All-District II team on Thursday ... Brian Fadden hit a driving layup with three seconds left to lift the Titans over Bethany ... Fadden finished the game with a career-best 22 points (including 12-of-13 accuracy from the line), while Foster posted his 16th "double-double" in 25 games with 21 points and 11 boards.

#### Past PAC Men's Basketball Players of the Week

November 25: Phil Bushre, C, Grove City

<u>December 2:</u> Nate Maurer, G/F, Grove City

December 9: Mike Pamepinto, G, Waynesburg

December 16: Mike Majzun, G, Bethany

January 6: Mike Majzun, G. Bethany

January 13: Ray Robinson, G, Waynesburg

January 20: A.H. Davis, F, Thiel

January 27: Tony Franz, C, Wash. & Jeff.

February 3: Nate Maurer, G/F, Grove City/Brian Fadden, G, Westminster

February 10: Matt Drahos, F, Bethany/Jake Marcoux, F/C, Waynesburg

February 17: Ray Robinson, G, Waynesburg

February 24: A.H. Davis, F, Thiel

### PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

## #6 BETHANY BISON (10-14 Overall, 3-7 PAC)

PAC Tournament First Round Game at #3 Waynesburg (2/25 - 7:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

**Upcoming Game Notes:** The Bison split a pair of games with Waynesburg this season, taking an 83-78 win at home Jan. 22 and suffering a 97-90 loss on the road Feb. 12 ... **Derek Hoffman** (24.5 ppg) and **Mike Majzun** (22.0 ppg) averaged big games against the Yellow Jackets this season, as did **Matt Drahos** (12.5 points, 10.5 rebounds) ... The Bison went 2-0 in last year's inaugural conference tourney, beating Waynesburg and Grove City at home ... A Bison win Tuesday sends them to Thiel for the semifinals Thursday night ... Bethany was swept by the Tomcats this year, losing by an average of 17 points.

## #1 THIEL TOMCATS (15-10 Overall, 7-3 PAC)

PAC Tournament Semifinal Game vs. lowest remaining seed (2/27 - 7:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

Upcoming Game Notes: Thiel enters the PAC Tournament as the number one seed after defeating Waynesburg 91-88 last Saturday at Rissell-Beeghly Gymnasia in Greenville. ... Thiel currently has three players averaging double figures (A.H. Davis - 19.2 ppg, Shane Manley - 13.7 ppg, Mike Banach - 12.0 ppg) ... The four senior members of the Tomcat basketball team have put together the most successful four-season stretch in Thiel history with a 53-49 overall record ... This year's team is just two wins away from surpassing the best single-season record in Thiel basketball history (16-10 in both 1998 and 2000).

# #3 WAYNESBURG YELLOW JACKETS (16-8 Overall, 6-4 PAC)

PACTournament First Round Game vs. #6 Bethany (2/25 - 7:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WCYJ-FM (88.7), www.waynesburg.edu Upcoming Game Notes: Bethany travels to Waynesburg for the second time this season ... In the teams' last outing, Bethany erased the Jackets' 28-point second-half lead, including a 24-0 run ... The Jackets held on for a 97-90 thanks to a three-pointer by Ray Robinson, who scored 32 points despite being injured for most of the second half ... Last year these teams met in the PAC semifinals at Bethany with the Bison winning 88-78.

### #2 GROVE CITY WOLVERINES (16-8 Overall, 7-3 PAC)

PAC Tournament Semifinal Game vs. highest remaining seed (2/27 - 7 p.m.)

Radio/TV: TBA

**Upcoming Game Notes:** The Wolverines are seeking their first conference championship since the 1998-99 season, **Steve Lamie**'s first year as head coach ... The Wolverines lost last year's title game at Bethany 89-74 ... After winning the title in 1999, Grove City finished second in 2000, third in 2001 and rebounded to take second last year ... Grove City won three straight PAC titles from 1989-91.

## #5 WASH. & JEFF. PRESIDENTS (6-18 Overall, 3-7 PAC)

PAC Tournament First Round Game at #4 Westminster (2/25 - 8 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

**Upcoming Game Notes:** W&J and Westminster meet for the 58th time on Tuesday evening with the Titans holding a 40-17 edge in the series ... The Titans have claimed six of the last eight games in the series, but the Presidents have taken each of the last two games in Washington by a total of four points ... **Nolan Larry** is averaging 16.0 points, 5.0 rebounds and 5.0 assists versus the Titans this season ... **Chris Houser** is scoring 13.0 points per game versus Westminster this season as he has hit 11-of-16 shots in the two contests.

### #4 WESTMINSTER TITANS (10-15 Overall, 4-6 PAC)

PAC Tournament First Round Game vs. #5 Washington & Jefferson (2/25 - 8 p.m.)

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

**Upcoming Game Notes:** The Titans face W&J in their first-ever PAC Tournament contest after splitting a pair of regular season games against the Presidents ... Westminster shot 67 percent from the field in the first half of a 90-74 home win over W&J on Jan. 29 ... Four Titans scored in double figures in the win, led by freshman G **Brian Fadden** with 16 points on a perfect shooting night (3-3 FGA, 10-10 FTA) ... The Titans fell to W&J in Washington 83-81 on Wednesday despite shooting 54 percent from the field (31-of-57) and 53 percent from three-point range (10-of-19)