



# MEN'S BASKETBALL 2007-08

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## Final 2007-08 Regular Season Standings (through February 24, 2008)

School	PAC Games			All Games		
	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Grove City College	9	3	.750	16	9	.640
Bethany College	9	3	.750	15	10	.600
Washington & Jefferson College	8	4	.667	12	13	.480
Thomas More College	5	7	.417	10	15	.400
Westminster College	5	7	.417	7	18	.280
Thiel College	4	8	.333	10	14	.417
Waynesburg University	2	10	.167	8	16	.333
Saint Vincent College*				21	4	.820
Geneva College*				13	12	.520

\* - NCAA Division III provisional member - ineligible for PAC title and Player of the Week honors

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

#### Wednesday, February 20, 2008

Washington & Jefferson 86, WAYNESBURG 62\*  
 WESTMINSTER 79, Bethany 77\*  
 THIEL 87, Geneva 85\* (ot)  
 SAINT VINCENT 68, Grove City 64\*

#### Saturday, February 23, 2008

THOMAS MORE 85, Saint Vincent 63\*  
 GROVE CITY 65, Thiel 57\*  
 Washington & Jefferson 73, BETHANY 70\*  
 GENEVA 81, Westminster 80\*

### UPCOMING SCHEDULE

#### 2008 PAC Championship Tournament

First Round - Tuesday, February 26, 2008

#7 Waynesburg at #2 Grove City - 7 p.m.  
 #6 Thiel at #3 Washington & Jefferson - 8 p.m.  
 #5 Thomas More at #4 Westminster - 8 p.m.

Semifinals - Thursday, February 28, 2008

Lowest remaining seed at #1 Bethany - 7 p.m.  
 Middle seeds (at higher seed) - 7 p.m.

Championship - Saturday, March 1, 2008

at highest remaining seed - 7:30 p.m.

## PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

### WAHAB OWOLABI

#### Washington & Jefferson

6-4 Junior Forward  
 Queens Village, N.Y.  
 Randolph Macon Academy H.S.



Owolabi led W&J to a 2-0 week by averaging 20.0 points and 7.5 rebounds per game for the Presidents in PAC road wins at Waynesburg (86-62) and league leader Bethany (73-70). He shot 57 percent (16-of-28) from the field and 89 percent (8-of-9) from the line for the week. Owolabi tallied 21 points and nine boards in the win at Bethany, W&J's first road win against the Bison in nine years.

Also nominated was senior G **Brody Jackson** of Bethany, junior G **Ryan Gibson** of Grove City, senior F **Brad Buckner** of Thomas More, and sophomore F **Ryne Murray** of Westminster.

# PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

## Bethany Bison



A pair of losses last week didn't affect the Bison in the PAC standings, as they had already clinched the regular season championship and earned the bye for this week's PAC Tournament ... **Brody Jackson** had 23 to lead four scorers in double digits at Westminster, but the Titans rallied late for a 79-77 victory ... Jackson also had nine assists and five rebounds in the loss ... BC welcomed back over 80 alumni Saturday to celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> season of men's basketball, but W&J dampened the Bison spirits with a 73-70 win ... Jackson fired in 29 in his final regular season home game and **Tyler Morando** tallied 15, as a Bison/Presidents match-up finished with a three-point difference for the fourth straight game.

## Saint Vincent Bearcats



The Bearcats opened the week with a 68-64 win over Grove City Wednesday ... It was SVC's 13<sup>th</sup> straight win, and with the victory, the Bearcats finished a perfect 12-0 at home on the season ... **Ian McCollough** led all scorers with 27 points, while adding eight rebounds ... **Billy Bains** scored 13 points, while **Joey Butler** dished seven assists and grabbed five steals ... The Bearcat win streak came to an end Saturday in their season finale, as SVC fell 85-63 at Thomas More ... Butler led SVC with 19 points, while **Mike Watkins** scored 12 points, going 4-of-6 from the three-point line ... Butler ended the regular season as the PAC leader in steals, averaging 3.36 takeaways in 25 games.

## Washington & Jefferson Presidents



W&J ended the regular season with a pair of come-from-behind road wins ... The Presidents trailed 34-27 at Waynesburg on Wednesday before ripping off a season-high 59 points in the second half ... Saturday, W&J fought back from a 16-point second half deficit to record its second-straight win at Bethany by a 73-70 margin ... W&J recorded 12 wins during the regular season for the second consecutive season, marking the first time this feat has been accomplished since the 1993-94 and 1994-95 seasons ... Junior C **Josip Lucic-Jozak** posted 21 points and 12 rebounds at Waynesburg, while classmate **Wahab Owolabi** added 19 points and six boards.

## Geneva Golden Tornadoes



Geneva took it right down to the wire, but the Golden Tornadoes managed to finish the regular season one game over .500 and qualify for the NCCAA post-season ... After suffering yet another heartbreaking loss on Wednesday at Thiel, Geneva rebounded for a heartstopping win of its own Saturday over Westminster ... In the Thiel loss, sophomore **Bryan Hill** knocked down nine three-pointers and scored 31 points ... Saturday, **Zac Northen's** eight-foot baseline jumper with 28 seconds left in the game proved to be the game-winner ... **Greg McDivitt** scored 24 points as head coach **Jeff Santarsiero** picked up Geneva victory #203 to move into sole possession of second place on Geneva's all-time victories list.

## Thiel Tomcats



The Tomcats finished the regular season going 1-1 last week ... Thiel picked up an 87-85 overtime victory against visiting Geneva Wednesday before falling on the road to Grove City 65-57 Saturday ... Against the Golden Tornadoes, senior F **Joe Herrmann** fired in a team-high 22 points to go along with 10 rebounds and five assists ... Junior G **Brandon Mirizio** scored a season-high 18 points and registered seven assists, while freshman G **Devon Adams** added 15 points, five rebounds and five assists ... In their 65-57 loss at Grove City, Herrmann registered a game-high 27 points and eight rebounds ... Junior F **Keebo Dowe** added 10 points, four blocks and three rebounds.

## Waynesburg Yellow Jackets



Waynesburg suffered an 86-62 loss to rival Washington & Jefferson on Wednesday in its final regular season game of the season ... Senior F **Josh Parisi** led the Yellow Jackets with 18 points on 6-of-11 shooting, while also posting five rebounds, four assists and three steals ... Freshman G/F **Erik Noone** and senior G **Tim Drakeley** each finished with 13 points ... Waynesburg held a 34-27 lead at halftime before W&J seized control of the game with a 25-6 rally in the second half to take a 67-58 lead ... The Yellow Jackets shot 37.7 percent from the field and were out-rebounded by a 41-26 margin in the loss.

## Grove City Wolverines



Grove City closed the regular season with a 65-57 home win over Thiel Saturday on Senior Day ... Senior **Ryan Gerber** fired in 21 points, including five three-point goals ... **Shawn Carr** (15) and **Ryan Gibson** (11) also scored in double figures ... Wednesday, the Wolverines dropped a 68-64 decision at Saint Vincent ... The game featured eight ties and six lead changes in the second half ... Gibson poured in 24 points for GCC while **Bobby Turner** added 13 points on 6-of-7 shooting ... Grove City trailed by as many as 12 in the first half and led by as many as eight in the second half ... The Wolverines committed 26 turnovers, however ... Grove City's 16 regular-season victories are the program's most since 2002-03.

## Thomas More Saints



Thomas More ended its regular season by snapping Saint Vincent's 13-game winning streak, beating the Bearcats, 85-63 ... Senior **Brad Buckner**, in his final home game, led the Saints with 16 points and four rebounds on 7-of-9 shooting ... Three other players reached double figures – **Eddie Brown** (15 pts.), **Matty Owens** (14 pts.) and **Mark Tinklenberg** (10 pts.) ... Tinklenberg moved into second on the single-season three-pointers list, and needs two to tie the single-season mark.

## Westminster Titans



Westminster clinched a No. 4 seed and home-court advantage in the first round of the PAC Tournament last week with an upset home win over first-place Bethany, 79-77, Wednesday ... The Titans then lost a nail-biter at Geneva, 81-80 ... Sophomore F **Ryne Murray** averaged 20.5 points and 8.5 rebounds in the two games, including 22 points and 10 boards in the win over Bethany ... Senior G **Craig Hannon** and junior G **David Richards** bucketed 20 and 17 points, respectively, in the win over the Bison, while senior C/F **Jake Zatchok** scored six and pulled down a career-high 11 rebounds ... Murray scored 19 points and senior G/F **Chauncey Whitlow** 15 in the loss at Geneva.

# PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

## Bethany Bison



**PAC Tournament - Semifinal vs. TBA (2/28)**

By earning the top seed for the PAC Tournament, Bethany has a bye into the semifinals and won't have to leave Hummel Field House during the tournament ... This is the fourth time in league tourney history that BC has earned the #1 seed and the Bison went on to win the PAC crown the previous three years ... Bethany will take on the lowest remaining seed left after Tuesday's quarterfinals, which could mean a rematch against the winner of #4 Westminster/#5 Thomas More, two teams who knocked off BC during the regular season ... The Bison are 7-1 at home in the PAC Tournament, with their average margin of victory being 20.4 ppg.

## Saint Vincent Bearcats



**Possible ECAC playoff-Opponent TBA (3/7)**  
(WCNS-AM (1480);  
[www.redzonemedia.com](http://www.redzonemedia.com))

After completing its most successful regular season since 2004-05, the Bearcats will now await word on receiving a bid to the ECAC post season.

## Geneva Golden Tornadoes



**NCCAA East Regional opponent TBA (3/7-8)**  
(Media coverage TBA)

The Golden Tornadoes qualified for the NCCAA post-season, which is scheduled to tip-off in two weeks ... The Golden Tornadoes will most likely host the Eastern Regional tournament on the weekend of March 7-8 with the times and opponents to be determined.

## Thiel Tomcats



**PAC Tournament - 1st Rd. at W&J\* (2/26)**

The sixth-seeded Tomcats travel to third-seeded W&J on Tuesday ... The Presidents picked up a pair of wins over the Tomcats (74-65, 1-9-08 at W&J; 54-49, 2-9-08 at Thiel) and pushed their all-time record against Thiel to 81-30.

## Grove City Wolverines



**PAC Tournament - 1st Rd. vs. Waynesburg\* (2/26)**

For the third straight season, Grove City and Waynesburg will meet in the PAC Tournament quarterfinals ... Waynesburg won at home in 2006 while Grove City prevailed at home last year ... Grove City is 7-4 all-time in the PAC Championship Tournament, including titles in 2003 and 2007 ... Grove City last won back-to-back league titles from 1989-91, when the Wolverines won three straight league crowns ... Senior G **Shawn Carr** now has 1,074 career points, which ranks 16<sup>th</sup> all-time at Grove City ... He also has 199 career three-point goals.

## Thomas More Saints



**PAC Tournament -1st Rd. at Westminster\* (2/26)**

Thomas More will compete in the Presidents' Athletic Conference tournament with its highest seed ever ... The Saints will travel to Westminster, after splitting the season series with the Titans ... **Mark Tinklenberg** scored a team-high 22 points in Thomas More 89-80 loss in New Wilmington earlier this season.

## Washington & Jefferson Presidents



**PAC Tournament-1st Rd. vs. Thiel\* (2/26)**  
(WNJR-FM (91.7);  
[www.washjeff.edu](http://www.washjeff.edu))

W&J and Thiel meet in the first round of the PAC Tournament for the second time in three years ... In the 2006 PAC Tournament, the seventh-seeded Tomcats stunned second-seeded W&J, 73-72, at the Henry Memorial Center ... Since that loss, W&J has won four consecutive games versus the Tomcats ... W&J swept this year's season series by scores of 74-65 and 54-49 ... Junior C **Josip Lucic-Jozak** collected double-doubles in both previous games, averaging 18.5 points and 12.0 rebounds ... The game marks the 109<sup>th</sup> all-time meeting between the two schools.

## Waynesburg Yellow Jackets



**PAC Tournament-1st Rd. at Grove City\* (2/26)**  
(WCYJ-FM (88.1);  
[www.waynesburg.edu](http://www.waynesburg.edu))

The Yellow Jackets finished their fifth regular season under **Frank Ferraro** with an 8-16 overall record and a 2-10 mark in PAC play ... Waynesburg earned the seventh seed for this week's PAC Tournament and open the tournament with a quarterfinal contest against Grove City ... This marks the third-straight season in which the Yellow Jackets and Wolverines meet in the opening round of the PAC tournament, with the winner making an appearance in each of the last two championship games ... In two games against Grove City this year, senior G **Tim Drakeley** is averaging 22.5 ppg.

## Westminster Titans



**PAC Tournament - 1st Rd. vs. Thomas More\* (2/26)**  
(WWNW-FM (88.9); WCN (Chs. 9/10); [www.titanradio.net](http://www.titanradio.net))

Westminster, the No. 4 seed this year and the No. 1 seed last year, hasn't won a PAC Tournament game since beating Thomas More, 122-92, in the first round of the 2006 tournament ... Since then, the Titans lost at home to Waynesburg in the semifinals and were upset in the semifinals last year by eventual-champion Grove City, 86-67 ... This year, the Titans split with TMC, winning 89-80 at home on Feb. 2 and losing 78-67 on the road Dec. 8 ... Though the Titans have lost 18 games this year, seven of the losses were either in overtime or by three points or less.