

PAC

MEN'S BASKETBALL 2001-02

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FINAL 2001-02 STANDINGS

School	PAC Games			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Bethany College	7	1	.875	21	8	.724
Thiel College	5	3	.625	11	15	.423
Grove City College	4	4	.500	17	10	.630
Waynesburg College	3	5	.375	18	9	.667
Washington & Jefferson College	1	7	.125	6	19	.240
Westminster College*	0	0	.000	10	15	.400

* - Completing reclassification from NCAA Division II - games do not count in conference standings.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Monday, February 11

WAYNESBURG 87, Penn State-Altoona 66
LA ROCHE 80, Washington & Jefferson 64

Wednesday, February 13

BETHANY 75, Thiel 59*
WAYNESBURG 86, Washington & Jefferson 71*
Westminster 76, GROVE CITY 69

Saturday, February 16

BETHANY 96, Grove City 91 (OT)*
THIEL 95, Waynesburg 91 (2OT)*
WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 65, Westminster 63

END OF REGULAR SEASON

2002 PAC Men's Basketball Tournament

Tuesday, February 19

WAYNESBURG 79, Washington & Jefferson 77

Thursday, February 21

BETHANY 88, Waynesburg 78
Grove City 77, THIEL 62

Saturday, February 23

BETHANY 89, Grove City 74

2002 NCAA Division III Championships

Thursday, February 28

Bethany 110, PITT-BRADFORD 98

Saturday, March 2

OTTERBEIN 121, Bethany 98

BETHANY BISON (20-7 Overall, 7-1 PAC)

at Pitt-Bradford (2/28)
Bethany/UP-B winner at Otterbein (3/2)

Radio/TV: WVBC-FM, (88.1), Bethany

Upcoming Game Notes: This will be the third meeting all-time between Bethany and Pitt-Bradford, with the Panthers holding a 2-0 advantage ... The last time these teams faced was in 1996, when Pitt-Bradford recorded an 81-77 victory ... After starting out with an 0-3 record, the Panthers have won 23 of their last 24 and won the AMCC title ... This is the second consecutive year that Bethany has faced the AMCC champ in the postseason ... Last year, a banged-up Bison squad lost at Frostburg State in the ECAC South Region Tournament ... If Bethany is victorious against Bradford, it will set up the first ever meeting between the Bison and Otterbein, the OAC champion.

END OF 2001-02 SEASON

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

Bethany Bison

Bethany clinched back-to-back PAC titles for the first time since 1965-68 and in the process, earned a bid to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1981-82 ... In the tournament semifinal against Waynesburg, guard **Nevada Smith** hit eight three-pointers and scored 28 points in a 10-point win ... Senior point guard **Scott Johnson** dished out eight assists to break **Don McFarland's** 1988 single-season assist record as the Bison broke the College single-season victories ... In the title game against Grove City, Bethany outscored GCC 53-36 in the second half to erase a two-point halftime deficit and pull out an 89-74 victory. Guard **Mike Majzun** scored 21 of his game-high 25 in the second half.

Wash. & Jeff. Presidents

W&J concluded its regular-season schedule with a 65-63 victory over Westminster on Saturday ... The win marked just the 16th victory in 55 all-time meetings versus the Titans ... The Presidents fought back from a 17-point second-half deficit ... **Nolan Larry** scored 17 of his game-high 20 points in the second half, including four three-pointers ... W&J fell 86-71 to Waynesburg on Wednesday ... The Presidents held an early 22-16 lead, but an 11-0 run to end the half for the Yellow Jackets gave WC a 43-32 halftime advantage ... Larry led W&J with 19 points, while **Scott Chodor** netted 16 ... **Mike Drevitch** added 10 points on 3-of-6 three-point shooting ... LaRoche evened the season series with W&J on Monday by defeating the Presidents, 80-64 ... Franz led W&J with 14 markers.

Grove City Wolverines

The Wolverines fell in the PAC championship game, 89-74, despite posting their second-best shooting performance of the season (55.6 percent) ... A near triple-double was turned in by sophomore forward **Tanner Prosser**, who recorded 19 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds ... Prosser fired in 29 points two days earlier in the semifinal victory at Thiel, while senior forward **Pat Roberts** grabbed a career-best 17 boards to spark the 77-62 win ... Grove City continues to rank among the top three schools in the nation in both rebound margin (+11.9) and field-goal shooting defense (37.7 percent) ... The Wolverines closed the year with a record of 17-10 overall, their most wins since a 17-7 finish in 1990-91.

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

After defeating the Washington & Jefferson Presidents 79-77 in the preliminary game of the PAC tournament, the Jackets lost to number-one seed Bethany Bison 88-78 in the semi-finals ... The backcourt tandem of senior **Rob Strcula** and sophomore **Mike King** led the Jackets with 16 points each ... The team's leading scorer junior **Ray Robinson** was held to 10 points ... Junior **Aaron Ankrom** contributed 12 rebounds to the Jackets effort.

Thiel Tomcats

The Tomcats have earned the second seed in the 2002 PAC Men's Basketball tournament, going 1-1 against PAC foes last week ... After suffering a 68-56 loss at Waynesburg on Jan. 30, the Tomcats welcomed the Yellow Jackets to Rissell-Beehly on Feb. 16 for their final PAC contest and defeated the visitors 95-91 in double OT ... Junior forward **Durrell Hackett** scored a season-high 21 points while grabbing four rebounds ... Junior forward **A.H. Davis** scored all 17 of his points after halftime and finished with a season-high 18 rebounds ... Thiel hit the boards well against Waynesburg, outrebounding the Yellow Jackets 51-40 ... Bethany topped Thiel 75-59 in the Tomcats' other game.

Westminster Titans

The Titans closed the 2001-02 season at 10-15 after splitting a pair of games against PAC opponents last week, topping Grove City 76-69 on Wednesday before falling at Washington & Jefferson 65-63 on Saturday ... Against the Wolverines, three true freshmen led the Titans in scoring: **Pat O'Connor** (career-high 23 points), **Craig Bohyer** (15) and **Chris Hatch** (nine) ... Westminster led W&J by 15 points at halftime (41-26) before succumbing to a second half Presidents rally ... Junior guard **Jeff Simmons** led Westminster with 14 points in the loss ... Junior center **Greg Foster** posted his fourth "double-double" of the season in the loss at W&J, posting 10 points and 13 rebounds.

Past PAC Men's Basketball Players of the Week

November 19: K. Schubert, F, BET/A. Vlajkovich, G, GRO

November 26: Nolan Larry, G, Wash. & Jeff.

December 3: Nevada Smith, G, Bethany

December 10: Nolan Larry, G, Wash. & Jeff.

December 17: Aaron Ankrom, C, Waynesburg

January 7: Tanner Prosser, F, Grove City

January 14: Rob Strcula, G, Waynesburg

January 21: Keith Schubert, F, Bethany

January 28: Keith Schubert, F, Bethany

February 4: Keith Schubert, F, Bethany

February 11: Rob Strcula, G, Waynesburg

February 18: Keith Schubert, F, Bethany

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

BETHANY BISON (18-7 Overall, 7-1 PAC)

vs. W&J or Waynesburg (2/21 - 7 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WVBC-FM, (88.1), Bethany

Upcoming Game Notes: Bethany, who has won back-to-back regular season titles for the first time since winning three in a row from 1965-68, has home-court advantage throughout the PAC Tournament ... The Bison swept each team in the league, with the exception of potential semifinal opponent Waynesburg, who beat Bethany at the buzzer on Feb. 9 ... The PAC did have a tournament back in 1992, on a trial basis, and the Bison won it, defeating Thiel and W&J ... The Conference still recognized the regular season leader as the league champion that season.

GROVE CITY WOLVERINES (16-9 Overall, 4-4 PAC)

at Thiel* (2/21 - 7:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

Upcoming Game Notes: The Wolverines will look for their first win of the season over Thiel when the two Mercer County rivals meet in the PAC Championship Tournament semifinals on Thursday in Greenville ... Thiel won the last meeting at Rissel-Beeghly Gym on Feb. 6, 64-63, rallying from seven points down in the final minute ... Grove City freshman **Ryan Eller** scored a career-high 22 points off the bench in the loss ... The Tomcats won in Grove City on Jan. 19, 79-67.

THIEL TOMCATS (11-14 Overall, 5-3 PAC)

vs. Grove City (2/21 - 7:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

Upcoming Game Notes: The Tomcats will enter the PAC Men's Basketball Tournament as the number two seed. They will host Grove City, the number three seed, on Thursday, Feb. 21 at Rissel-Beeghly to determine who will advance to the championship game, which will be played at the home court of the highest remaining seed on Saturday, Feb. 23 ... Number five seed Washington & Jefferson will travel to number four seed Waynesburg for the play-in game on Tuesday, and the winner of that game will travel to Bethany to take on the number one seeded Bison on Thursday.

WASH. & JEFF. PRESIDENTS (6-18 Overall, 1-7 PAC)

at Waynesburg (2/19 - 7:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

Upcoming Game Notes: W&J and Waynesburg will meet for the third time this season on Tuesday evening with both teams claiming victories on their home floors ... The Yellow Jackets defeated W&J just six days ago, 86-71, at Marisa Field House ... Waynesburg leads the all-time series between the two schools, 39-34 ... **Nolan Larry** is averaging 22.5 points, 6.5 assists, 5.5 rebounds vs. the Yellow Jackets this season ... He has also connected on 52 percent of his shots (15-of-29) ... **Tony Franz** scored a career-high 27 points and grabbed 11 rebounds in W&J's 86-79 win over WC earlier this season.

WAYNESBURG YELLOW JACKETS (17-8 Overall, 3-5 PAC)

vs. Washington & Jefferson (2/19 - 7:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: Home games on WCYJ-FM (88.7) and on the internet at www.waynesburg.edu.

Upcoming Game Notes: Waynesburg split a pair of games with W&J in the regular season.

WESTMINSTER TITANS (10-15 Overall)

Season Complete