

MEN'S **BASKETBALL** 2006-07

Presidents' Athletic Conference

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Current 2006-07 Regular Season Standings (through November 19)

	PAC Games			All Games		
School	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	Pct.	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	Pct.
Bethany College	0	0	.000	1	1	.500
Thiel College	0	0	.000	1	1	.500
Waynesburg College	0	0	.000	1	1	.500
Grove City College	0	0	.000	0	2	.000
Thomas More College	0	0	.000	0	2	.000
Washington & Jefferson College	0	0	.000	0	2	.000
Westminster College	0	0	.000	0	2	.000
Saint Vincent College*	0	0	.000	1	1	.500

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

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Friday, November 17

Marietta 75, Thiel 59! Salisbury 95, Waynesburg 81@

DEFIANCE 76, Thomas More 48#

Bethany 91. Penn State-Altoona 87 (2OT)\$

Allegheny 78, Grove City 75 (ot)%

Carnegie Mellon 77, WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 66%

Lynchburg 101, WESTMINSTER 83+

Saint Vincent 64, Washington (Md.) 30?

Saturday, November 18

Thiel 66, CASE WESTERN RESERVE 62! Waynesburg 91, Galludet 89@ Anderson 76, Thomas More 59# JUNIATA 76, Bethany 64\$ Carnegie Mellon 70, Grove City 52^ ALLEGHENY 81, Washington & Jefferson 75^ Hampden-Sydney 93, WESTMINSTER 84+ Kean 82, Saint Vincent 66?

- ! at Case Western Reserve Tip-Off Tourney Cleveland, OH
- @ at Mount Aloysius Tounament Cresson, PA
- # at Defiance College Tournament Defiance, OH
- \$ at Juniata Tip-Off Tournament Huntingdon, PA
- % at West Penn Classic Washington, PA
- ^ at West Penn Classic Meadville, PA
- + Westminster Buzz Ridl Classic New Wilmington, PA
- ? at Manhattanville Tournament Purchase, N.Y.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, November 21

Bethany at Pitt-Greensburg - 7 p.m. Penn State-Altoona at Grove City - 7 p.m. Waynesburg at Southern Virginia - 7 p.m. Pitt-Bradford at Westminster - 7:30 p.m. Thiel at La Roche - 8 p.m. Washington & Jefferson at Ohio Wesleyan - 8 p.m.

Wednesday, November 22

Mount St. Joseph at Thomas More - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 25

Washington & Jefferson at Rochester - 2 p.m. Northern Kentucky at Thomas More - 7 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday, November 25-26

Saint Vincent at Carnegie Mellon Invitational

Sunday, November 26

Wash. & Jeff. vs. Buffalo State (at Rochester) - 2 p.m. Westminster at La Roche - 6 p.m.

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

JEFF NERO Waynesburg College

6-1 Senior Forward New Castle, Pa./Union H.S.

Nero led the Yellow Jackets to a 1-1 mark at the Mount Aloysius Invitational in Cresson, Pa., by averaging 23.5 points, 4.0 rebounds, 2.5 assists and 1.0 steals



per game. He posted a career-high 32 points in a 95-81 loss to Salisbury in the season opener, then recorded 15 points, five boards and three assists in a 91-89 OT win over Galludet.

Also nominated was senior G Chris Stephens of Bethany, senior F Mark Smith of Grove City, sophomore G Brandon Mirizio of Thiel, senior G Jon Koch of Washington & Jefferson and freshman F Ryne Murray of Westminster.

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES



Bethany Bison

Bethany opened the new season by taking second place at the Juniata Tip-Off Tournament ... BC's season opener went to double overtime before the Green & White secured a 91-87 triumph over Penn State-Altoona ... All five Bison

starters scored in double figures, led by seniors **Chris Stephens** and **James Wallace** with 16 points each ... Freshman **Ryan Besancon** had 15 points and seven boards and junior **Marcus Adams** set career-highs with 12 points, eight assists and five steals ... In the tourney title game, Bethany led the host Eagles 40-36 at halftime, but Juniata outscored BC 40-24 in the final half ... Stephens notched 16 points again and added five rebounds and three steals ... He was named to the All-Tournament team.



Grove City Wolverines

Grove City opened the season by participating in the annual West Penn Classic ... The Wolverines dropped a 78-75 overtime decision to Allegheny Friday, then fell to CMU Saturday, 70-52 ... Junior **Ryan Gerber** paced

Grove City with 20 points, including four three-pointers, against Allegheny while senior F **Mark Smith** added 13 points ... Sophomore G **Ryan Gibson** made his first career start and had nine points and four assists ... GCC led 48-35 with 11 minutes left ... The Wolverines jumped out to a 9-2 lead against CMU Saturday but could not preserve the lead ... Smith posted 11 points for Grove City while Gibson had nine points ... Grove City opens its home schedule Tuesday vs. Penn St.-Altoona



Thiel Tomcats

Thiel opened its season 1-1 at the CWRU Alumni Association Tip-Off Tournament, falling in the first round to Marietta 75-59 before defeating host CWRU in the consolation game 66-62 ... Freshman G **Sharron Summerville** had 13 to lead the Tomcats against Marietta

while sophomore G **Brandon Mirizio** added 11 ... Mirizio led four Tomcats in double figures against CWRU, finishing with 21 points, four rebounds, four steals and three assists ... Mirizio was the lone Tomcat to earn a spot on the all-tournament team ... Junior F **Joe Herrmann** added 15 points, eight rebounds, five assists and four blocks ... Sophomore G **Steffon Radcliff** chipped in with 12 points while freshman G **Cory Chafee** added 10.



Thomas More Saints

Thomas More dropped contests to Defiance (76-48) and Anderson (76-59) at the Defiance Tournament to

open the season ... Junior **Brad Buckner** scored 16 points and grabbed seven rebounds in the lost to Anderson, and was named to the Defiance All-Tournament team ... For the weekend, he averaged 10 points and 4.5 boards ... Sophomore **Charles Kinney** added 7.5 points for the weekend ... Sophomore **Matt Tierney** scored nine points and grabbed eight rebounds against Defiance.



Washington & Jefferson Presidents

W&J senior G **Jon Koch** averaged 23.5 points per game, but it was not enough as W&J dropped a pair of close contests at the West Penn Tipoff Classic ... The Presidents fell at home to Carnegie Mellon, 77-66, Friday and then were handed an 81-75 setback at Allegheny Saturday ... Friday's contest was a back-and-forth affair with

16 ties ... W&J held a 63-62 lead with 4:39 remaining after a jumper by junior C **Tony Lewis**, but the Tartans took over with a 13-2 run during the final four minutes ... Koch led W&J with 18 points and five rebounds, while senior G Brandon Studer added 16 points and five steals ... Saturday, W&J forced a tie five times in the second half; however, **Casey McCloskey**'s jumper at the 1:11 mark sealed the win for AC ... Koch poured in 29 points while Studer added 17.



Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

The Yellow Jackets took a split in their season-opening tournament at Mt. Aloysius, losing to Salisbury 95-81 before defeating Gallaudet, 91-89, in overtime ... Against Salisbury, senior F **Jeff Nero** tried to keep

Waynesburg in the contest by scoring a career-high 32 points on 13-of-25 attempts ... Fellow senior **Shawn Coleman** added 13 points off the bench against the Seagulls ... In the consolation game, senior G **Beau Wilson** scored the game-winning field goal as time expired in overtime ... Wilson finished with 17 points, five steals and three assists and was one of four starters in double figures ... Seniors **Marc Lodovico** and **Jeff Linden** each scored 18 points, while Nero added 15 points, five rebounds and three assists.



Westminster Titans

Westminster lost both games as host of the 15th annual Buzz Ridl Classic ... The Titans (0-2) lost to Lynchburg (101-83) after leading by six points at halftime ... They shot just 24.2 percent on the second half ... Senior G/F **Dom Joseph** led the Titans with 15 points on 7-of-11 shooting from the floor, while sophomore F **Steve Bielich** had 14 points to go with 11 rebounds ... Freshman F **Ryne Murray** also had a double-double with 13 boards and 10 points ... Westminster then lost to Hampden-Sydney (93-84) in the second day ... Senior

G Greg Rosatelli led Westminster with 17 points as one of four Titans scoring in double figures ... Bielich had 12 points and a game-high 10 rebounds before leaving the game in the opening minutes of the second half with an injury.



Saint Vincent Bearcats

The Bearcats opened their first season as a member of the PAC and provisional member of NCAA Division III with a split at the Manhattanville Tournament in New York ... Saint Vincent rolled past Washington (Md.) in the opening round before falling to Kean 82-66 ... Javille Brooks

made the All-Tournament Team in the Manhattanville College tourney, scoring 23 points and grabbing 12 rebounds in just 25 minutes against Kean ... A day earlier, he had eight points and six rebounds against Washington ... **Ian McCollough** scored 13 to lead the team against Washington.

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS



Bethany Bison

at Pitt-Greensburg (11/21 - 7 p.m.)

Bethany will try to even the all-time series with Pitt-Greensburg Tuesday when the teams face off at UP-G's Chambers Hall ... The Bobcats

lead the series 6-5 but the Bison have won the last two meetings, including an 88-68 triumph last season in Bethany ... BC stormed out to a 49-28 halftime lead and cruised to the win from there ... **Matt** (23 pts., 10 rebs.) and **Mike Drahos** (12 pts., 16 rebs.) had double-doubles and **Chris Stephens** set career-highs with 20 points and eight rebounds, while handing out seven assists.



Grove City Wolverines

vs. Penn State-Altoona (11/21 - 7 p.m.)

Grove City looks to earn its first win of the season Tuesday night against visiting Penn State-Altoona ... The Lions won last year's meeting in Altoona, 69-64 ... **Ryan Gerber**

led Grove City with 19 points, including 5-of-6 accuracy behind the three-point line ... **Shawn Carr** added 18 points ... Grove City leads the all-time series 5-1 ... The Wolverines will then return to action Nov. 29 at Geneva.



Thiel Tomcats

at La Roche (11/21 - 8 p.m.)

Thiel plays its third of seven-straight games away from Beeghly Gymnasium to open the season Tuesday as the 'Cats travels to La Roche Tuesday evening ...Thiel and La Roche

have met 22 times with each team winning 11 games ... The Tomcats have posted wins in five of the last seven meetings ... The Redhawks claimed a 78-71 win last season in Greenville.



Thomas More Saints

vs. Mt. St. Joseph (11/22 - 7:30 p.m.) vs. No. Kentucky (11/25 - 7 p.m.)

Thomas More starts a stretch when the play four consecutive regional-rivals as they will host rival Mount St. Joseph in its home opener Wednesday before taking on Div. II rival Northern Kentucky Saturday.



Washington & Jefferson Presidents

at Ohio Wesleyan (11/21 - 8 p.m.) at Rochester (11/25 - 2 p.m.) vs. Buffalo St. (at Rochester) (11/26 - 2 p.m.)



W&J hits the road for three contests this upcoming week ... The Presidents will be looking to avoid a repeat from last season after starting the

year with seven consecutive losses ... W&J travels to Delaware, Ohio, Tuesday to battle OWU ... Last season, the Battling Bishops earned a 70-67 victory in Washington despite a 37-point effort from **Jon Koch** ... W&J travels to Rochester, N.Y., for a pair of weekend contests ... The games against Rochester and Buffalo State will be single contests instead of the previously scheduled tournament.



Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

at Southern Virginia (2/21 - 7 p.m.)

Waynesburg travels to Buena Vista, Va., on Tuesday for its second-ever meeting against Southern Virginia, an NAIA school

... The Yellow Jackets defeated the Knights, 96-70, last season at the Rudy Marisa Fieldhouse ... Six different Waynesburg players scored in double figures in the win, paced by 17 from **Jeff Linden** off the bench ... G **Beau Wilson** added 14 points, five assists, three steals and four rebounds in the victory over Southern Virginia ... Waynesburg will then have a 12-day layoff before returning to the courts on Monday, Dec. 4, at Franciscan-Steubenville.



Westminster Titans

vs. Pitt-Bradford (11/21 - 7:30 p.m.) at La Roche (11/26 - 6 p.m.) (Both games on WWNW-FM (88.9); www.titanradio.net)

Westminster plays Pitt-Bradford Tuesday in its ensuing game after the Buzz Ridl just as it did last year when the Titans lost at Bradford, 121-109 ... The loss was the second in a seven-game losing streak that ended when Westminster defeated this Saturday's opponent, La Roche, 100-76, at home behind

Chauncey Whitlow's game-high 22 points.



Saint Vincent Bearcats

at Carnegie Mellon Invitational (11/25-26)

The Bearcats compete at the Carnegie Mellon Invitational this weekend, facing Point Park in the tournament opener on Saturday before battling an opponent TBA Sunday.