



MEN'S BASKETBALL

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Presidents' Athletic Conference
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CURRENT REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through November 23, 2003)

| School | PAC Games | | | All Games | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|---|------|-----------|---|------|
| | W | L | Pct. | W | L | Pct. |
| Bethany College | 0 | 0 | .000 | 1 | 1 | .500 |
| Grove City College | 0 | 0 | .000 | 1 | 1 | .500 |
| Washington & Jefferson College | 0 | 0 | .000 | 1 | 1 | .500 |
| Westminster College | 0 | 0 | .000 | 1 | 1 | .500 |
| Thiel College | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 2 | .000 |
| Waynesburg College | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 2 | .000 |

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Friday, November 21
 CAPITAL 86, Bethany 66@
 Carnegie Mellon 79, GROVE CITY 62#
 MOUNT ST. JOSEPH 78, Thiel 68\$
 Washington & Jefferson 88, Allegheny 78 (at Grove City)#
 FROSTBURG STATE 79, Waynesburg 74%
 WESTMINSTER 94, Philadelphia Bible 80!

Saturday, November 22
 Bethany 102, Alma 100@
 Grove City 82, Allegheny 59 (at Carnegie Mellon)#
 Denison 75, Thiel 73\$
 CARNEGIE MELLON 82, Washington & Jefferson 60#
 Salisbury 78, Waynesburg 73 (OT)%
 Centre 81, WESTMINSTER 65!

@ - at Capital Classic - Columbus, Ohio
 # - West Penn Classic
 \$ - at Franklin Savings Tip-Off Tournament - Cincinnati, Ohio
 % - at Frostburg State Tip-Off Tournament - Frostburg, Md.
 ! - Buzz Ridl Classic - New Wilmington, Pa.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, November 25
 Kenyon at Washington & Jefferson - 7 p.m.
 Grove City at Penn State-Behrend - 7:30 p.m.
 Thiel at La Roche - 7:30 p.m.
 Pitt-Greensburg at Bethany - 8 p.m.
 Westminster at Juniata - 8 p.m.

Saturday, November 29

Notre Dame (Ohio) at Bethany - 1 p.m.
 Washington & Jefferson at Juniata - 7 p.m.
 Thiel at Baldwin-Wallace - 7:30 p.m.

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

MARK DEMONACO

Westminster College
 5-8 Sophomore Guard
 New Castle, Pa./New Castle H.S.

DeMonaco, in his first games at Westminster after transferring from La Roche College, was named to the All-Tournament team after leading the Titans to a second place finish at the Buzz Ridl Classic. DeMonaco posted-team-high averages of 21.5 points and 7.0 rebounds per game, with 21 points and five boards in a 94-80 win over Philadelphia Bible and 22 points and nine rebounds in an 81-65 loss to Centre.

Also nominated was sophomore F Mike Drahos of Bethany, junior F Ryan Eller of Grove City, junior G Daryl Moore of Thiel, freshman G Brandon Studer of Washington & Jefferson, and freshman G Beau Wilson of Waynesburg.

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

Bethany Bison

The Bison won the consolation game of the Capital Classic for their first win of the season, as Bethany rallied from a 16-point deficit in the game's final nine minutes ... Freshman C Joe Sprumont recorded a game-winning dunk with three seconds to play ... Mike Drahos had 20 points and 12 rebounds in the win, while Josh Polantz (18 points) and Matt Drahos (16 points) also scored in double figures.

Wash. & Jeff. Presidents

W&J opened its 2003-2004 season with an 88-78 victory over Allegheny on Friday at Grove City ... Junior forward Steve Button led the way off the bench with 22 points, six rebounds and three assists ... Freshman guard Jon Koch added 15 points and seven rebounds, while classmate Brandon Studer netted 11 points and dished out five assists ... On Saturday night, the Presidents built an 11-point first-half lead and led by as many as six points in the second half only to drop an 82-60 decision ... Studer poured in 14 points to be the only player in double figures out of 12 W&J scorers ... Koch added nine points and five boards ... Both Studer and Button were named to the West Penn Classic All-Tournament Team.

Grove City Wolverines

Grove City opened the 2003-04 season by splitting two games at the West Penn Classic ... Following a loss to CMU in the opener, Grove City bounced back to drill Allegheny Saturday night behind 22 points from junior Ryan Eller ... Eller also hit a career-high three triples ... Junior center Matt O'Brien scored a career-high 10 points in his first start Saturday night while freshman center Eric O'Brien added 10 points off the bench ... Grove City shot 18-for-25 from the floor in the second half ... Tanner Prosser had a double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds Friday night in the loss to CMU ... It was Grove City's worst loss in an opener since 1991.

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

Waynesburg lost two close games at the Frostburg State Tip-Off Tournament over the weekend, including a 79-74 loss to the host and eventual champion Bobcats, before an overtime 78-73 loss to Salisbury in the consolation game ... Freshman PG Beau Wilson was impressive in his debut as a Yellow Jacket making all-tournament team and averaging 15.5 points per game in the tourney, including a game-high 22 points against Salisbury ... Wilson and senior G Mike King nailed back-to-back three-pointers to tie the game with Frostburg, before the Bobcats hit 4-of-6 free throws to seal the win ... King and Gillespie led Waynesburg with 18 and 14 points apiece against FSU ... Against Salisbury, Waynesburg missed four field goals in the final minute of regulation before being outscored in overtime, 9-4.

Thiel Tomcats

Thiel started the 2003-04 season on a sour note, losing both of its games as the Franklin Savings Tip-Off Tournament at Mount St. Joseph ... The Tomcats fell to the host Lions 78-68 in the opening round ... Senior F Mike Banach had 17 points and four rebounds, while junior G Daryl Moore added 15 and five rebounds... Sophomore F Percy Sweeting chipped in with seven points and a pair of rebounds off the bench ... A 28-12 Tomcat run over the final 8:59, fueled by 12 points from Moore, closed the Denison lead to 75-73 ... A last-second Banach jumper to tie the game and send it into overtime wouldn't fall ... Sophomore F Stephen Laird had 16 points and six rebounds to pace the Tomcats ... Moore added 15 points and was named to the All-Tournament Team.

Westminster Titans

Westminster opened the season by splitting a pair of games at the Buzz Ridl Classic, as the Titans topped Philadelphia Bible 94-80 in the firstround before falling to Centre 81-65 in the finals ... The opener gave first-year head coach Larry Ondako his first career win ... Five Titans hit double figures in the opener, led by sophomore G Mark DeMonaco with a team-high 21 points ... Sophomore F Micah Delo added 17, followed by junior F Pat O'Connor with 12, sophomore F Dom Joseph with 11, and freshman G Ryan Hauck with 10 ... Joseph also grabbed a team-best eight rebounds ... DeMonaco posted team-high totals of 22 points and nine rebounds against Centre ... Sophomore G Brian Fadden added 19 points, while freshman F Randall Poindexter added 10 ... DeMonaco and Fadden were named to the All-Tourney team.

Past PAC Men's Basketball Players of the Week

November 23: Mark DeMonaco, G, Westminster

November 30:

December 7:

December 14:

January 4:

January 11:

January 18:

January 25:

February 1:

February 8:

February 15:

February 22:

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

BETHANY BISON

(1-1 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

vs. Pitt-Greensburg (11/25 - 8 p.m.)
vs. Notre Dame (Ohio) (11/29 - 1 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

Upcoming Game Notes: The Bison open their home schedule with non-conference contests against Pitt-Greensburg on Tuesday and Notre Dame (Ohio) on Saturday.

GROVE CITY WOLVERINES

(1-1 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

at Penn State-Behrend (11/25 - 7:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WSAJ-FM (91.1), www.nsnsports.com

Upcoming Game Notes: Grove City has never won at Penn State Behrend under head coach Steve Lamie ... The Wolverines downed Behrend at home 82-58 last year, behind a career high 31 points from then-sophomore Nate Maurer.

THIEL TOMCATS

(0-2 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

at La Roche (11/25 - 7:30 p.m.)
at Baldwin-Wallace (11/29 - 7:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

Upcoming Game Notes: The Tomcats defeated LaRoche 87-76 on December 2, 2002, behind A.H. Davis' 21 points and a 15-point, six rebound effort by Mike Banach ... The Tomcats outscored the Yellow Jackets 43-38 in the second half of last season's 73-71 loss at Rissell-Beeghly Gymnasia behind 22 points from Shane Manley ... B-W shot 55% from the field (27-49) en route to the win.

WASH. & JEFF. PRESIDENTS

(1-1 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

vs. Kenyon (11/25 - 7 p.m.)
at Juniata (11/29 - 7 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WJNR-FM (91.7); www.washjeff.edu

Upcoming Game Notes: W&J and Kenyon meet for the 19th time in history on Tuesday evening with the Presidents holding an 12-6 edge in the all-time series ... The Presidents eaked out a 98-93 victory in Gambier, Ohio, last season ... W&J shot a season-high 53 percent in the win and was led by Steve Button's 23 points and 11 rebounds ... Washington & Jefferson and Juniata have played 23 times in history with W&J winning 12 of those contests ... The two schools have not met since the 1992-1993 season when the Eagles recorded a wild 116-111 victory in the championship game of the Juniata Tournament.

WAYNESBURG YELLOW JACKETS

(0-2 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

Idle

Radio/TV: none

Upcoming Game Notes: Waynesburg hosts Penn State-Altoona for its home opener on Thursday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m.

WESTMINSTER TITANS

(1-1 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

at Juniata (11/25 - 8 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WWNW-FM (88.9), www.nsnsports.com

Upcoming Game Notes: The Titans travel to Huntingdon, Pa., to face Juniata College in the team's only game of the week ... Juniata is also 1-1, having defeated host Dickinson 75-55 before falling to #15 Randolph-Macon 65-53 at the Dickinson Tip-Off Invitational in Carlisle, Pa., this weekend ... Leading scorers for the Titans through two games include Mark DeMonaco (21.5 ppg), Brian Fadden (14.0 ppg), Randall Poindexter (10.0 ppg), Micah Delo (9.5 ppg), and Dom Joseph (9.0 ppg) ... Despite standing only 5-8, DeMonaco also has a team-best 7.0 rebounds per game.