



# MEN'S BASKETBALL 2002-03

**Presidents' Athletic Conference**

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## CURRENT REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (as of November 24, 2002)

School	PAC Games			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Grove City College	0	0	.000	2	0	1.00
Thiel College	0	0	.000	1	1	.500
Westminster College	0	0	.000	1	1	.500
Bethany College	0	0	.000	0	2	.000
Washington & Jefferson College	0	0	.000	0	2	.000
Waynesburg College	0	0	.000	0	2	.000

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

**Friday, November 22**

North Carolina Wesleyan 95, Bethany 69#  
 Grove City 87, Allegheny 84\$  
 Thiel 71, St. John's (Minn.) 67!  
 Carnegie Mellon 82, WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 71\$  
 FROSTBURG STATE 88, Waynesburg 77&  
 WESTMINSTER 78, Lake Erie 54@

**Saturday, November 23**

VIRGINIA WESLEYAN 90, Bethany 63#  
 Grove City 87, Carnegie Mellon 70%  
 CHICAGO 84, Thiel 67!  
 ALLEGHENY 96, Washington & Jefferson 71%  
 Neumann 78, Waynesburg 54&  
 Geneva 70, WESTMINSTER 66@

# - Virginia Wesleyan Tournament - Norfolk, Va.  
 \$ - West Penn Tipoff Classic - Washington, Pa.  
 % - West Penn Tipoff Classic - Meadville, Pa.  
 ! - University of Chicago Midway Classic - Chicago, Ill.  
 & - Frostburg State Tipoff Tournament - Frostburg, Md.  
 @ - Buzz Ridl Classic - New Wilmington, Pa.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

**Monday, November 25**

Westminster at Case Western Reserve - 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 26**

Penn State-Behrend at Grove City - 7:30 p.m.  
 Washington & Jefferson at La Roche - 7:30 p.m.  
 Bethany at Pitt-Greensburg - 8 p.m.  
 Thiel at Mount Union - 8 p.m.

**Saturday, November 30**

Bethany at Notre Dame (Ohio) - 3 p.m.  
 Baldwin-Wallace at Thiel - 7 p.m.

**Sunday, December 1**

Wooster at Westminster - 4 p.m.

## PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**PHIL BUSHRE**

**Grove City College**

**6-7, 200 - Junior Center**

**Swartz Creek, Mich./Swartz Creek H.S.**

Bushre earned the first PAC Men's Basketball Player of the Week award of the 2002-03 season after averaging 14.0 points and 7.5 rebounds en route to Most Outstanding Player honors at the West Penn Tip-Off Classic this weekend. He tallied a double-double with 15 points, 10 rebounds and three steals in Grove City's 87-84 win over Allegheny on Friday, then added 13 points, five boards and three assists in the Wolverines' 87-70 victory over Carnegie Mellon on Saturday.

Also nominated was senior center **Derek Hoffman** of Bethany, junior forward **Mike Banach** of Thiel, senior guard **Nolan Larry** of Washington & Jefferson, senior guard **Mike Pamepinto** of Waynesburg, and senior center **Greg Foster** of Westminster.

## PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

### *Bethany Bison*

Bethany dropped its opening two games of the season at the Virginia Wesleyan Tournament over the weekend ... A 6-0 run to open the second half brought Bethany within five of #25 N.C. Wesleyan, but the Bishops used an 19-4 run to push their lead to 20 and never looked back in a 95-69 victory ... Against the host team in the consolation, a 12-0 spurt put the Bison down early and they never recovered in a 90-63 setback ... G **Mike Majzun** scored 35 points in the two games and now has 906 for his career ... C **Derek Hoffman** averaged 13.5 points and 6.5 boards in the tournament, while PG **Josh Polantz** averaged nine points, 6.5 assists and four rebounds.

### *Wash. & Jeff. Presidents*

W&J opened 2002-03 with a pair of losses at the West Penn Tip-off Classic ... The Presidents dropped an 82-71 home decision to Carnegie Mellon on Friday ... The Tartans forced 27 President turnovers are came back from a 31-29 halftime deficit to score 53 points in the second half in defeating W&J ... Senior G **Nolan Larry** battled foul trouble the entire night and scored a game-high 19 points in just 23 minutes ... Sophomore F **Michael Chicone** added 15 points and seven rebounds, while sophomore F **Marcellino Manilla** chipped in with 11 points and four boards ... Allegheny raced out to a 46-33 halftime lead and cruised to the 25-point triumph on Saturday in Meadville ... Sophomore forward **Steve Button** led the way with 15 points and six caroms.

### *Grove City Wolverines*

For the second straight season, the Wolverines swept their opponents in the annual West Penn Tip-Off Classic ... Center **Phil Bushre** earned the Classic's Most Outstanding Player award while **Nate Maurer** earned All-West Penn honors ... Bushre, Maurer and **Andy Vljakovich** all scored in double figures both nights, as did sophomore reserves **J.D. Collar** and **Ryan Eller** ... Against CMU, Grove City used a 12-0 run to break open a 56-56 game in the second half ... The Wolverines shot 17-for-22 (71 percent) from the floor in the second half against CMU en route to the 87-70 win ... Grove City, the country's second-best rebounding team in 2001-02, outrebounded their opponents by 12 boards per game this weekend.

### *Waynesburg Yellow Jackets*

Waynesburg lost its first two game of the season at the annual Frostburg State University Tip-Off Tournament over the weekend ... Waynesburg lost the to host Bobcats, 88-77, on Friday, before suffering a 78-54 defeat to Neumann, 78-54, on Saturday ... Senior C **Aaron Ankrom** led the Jackets against Frostburg State with 15 points and nine rebounds, while classmate **Ray Robinson** sank 14 points in both games ... Senior guard **Mike Pamepinto** earned a spot on the all-tournament team with a strong showing against Neumann ... Pamepinto scored 13 points, while grabbing a game-high 12 rebounds ... The Jackets return to action on Dec. 2 at the Wendy's Classic hosted by Ohio University.

### *Thiel Tomcats*

The Tomcats rallied from a six-point half-time deficit to earn a 71-67 victory over St. Johns (MN) at the University of Chicago Midway Classic on Saturday, giving first-year head coach **Mike Snell** his first win as a collegiate head coach ... Junior F **Mike Banach** led the Tomcats with a game-high 23 points and five rebounds, while senior F **A.H. Davis** chipped in 16 points ... Thiel was defeated in the championship by Chicago 84-68 on Sunday, despite having four players score in double-digits ... Davis tallied 25 points and four rebounds and senior F **Eddie Mathews** helped out with 11 points and four rebounds ... Banach and sophomore G **Justin Townsend** were both named to the All-Tournament Team.

### *Westminster Titans*

The Titans placed second in their annual season-opening Buzz Ridl Classic this weekend, topping Lake Erie 78-54 in the opening round before falling to former NAIA rival Geneva 70-66 in the title game ... In the Lake Erie win, senior C **Greg Foster** posted a "double-double" with game-high totals of 24 points (new career-high) and 12 rebounds ... Sophomore G **Justin Crum** added a career-high 15 points off the bench, while senior G **Jeff Simmons** tallied 13 points and a game-high five assists ... Crum tallied a game-high 17 points against Geneva, while Foster posted a "double-double" for the second consecutive night with 11 points and a game-high 11 rebounds ... Both Crum and Foster were named to the All-Tournament team.

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

November 25: Phil Bushre, C, Grove City

December 2:

December 9:

December 16:

January 6:

January 13:

January 20:

January 27:

February 3:

February 10:

February 17:

February 24:

## PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

### BETHANY BISON (0-2 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

at Pitt-Greensburg (11/26 - 8 p.m.)  
at Notre Dame (Ohio) (11/30 - 3 p.m.)

**Radio/TV:** none

**Upcoming Game Notes:** Pitt-Greensburg leads the series with Bethany 5-3 but the Bison have won the last two by an average of 26 points ... In last year's 111-86 victory, **Keith Schubert** scored 35 to become Bethany's all-time leading scorer ... Bethany won an 88-59 decision over Notre Dame, a second-year NAIA program, last year as **Nevada Smith** delivered 27 points.

### GROVE CITY WOLVERINES (2-0 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

vs. Penn State-Behrend (11/26 - 7:30 p.m.)

**Radio/TV:** none

**Upcoming Game Notes:** The Wolverines are looking for their first 3-0 start since 1982, when Grove City started the season 9-0.

### THIEL TOMCATS (1-1 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

at Mount Union (11/26 - 8 p.m.)  
vs. Baldwin-Wallace (11/30 - 7 p.m.)

**Radio/TV:** none

**Upcoming Game Notes:** Thiel will travel to Mt. Union on Tuesday and will open up their home schedule on Saturday when they play host to Baldwin-Wallace ... The Tomcats are 3-15 all-time against the Purple Raiders and have lost ten straight ... Saturday will be the Tomcats eighth meeting with B-W and the Yellow Jackets hold a 4-3 series lead, including an 86-78 victory in Berea last season.

### WASH. & JEFF. PRESIDENTS (0-2 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

at La Roche (11/26 - 7:30 p.m.)

**Radio/TV:** none

**Upcoming Game Notes:** W&J and LaRoche have met 16 times in recent history with the Presidents holding a 9-7 advantage in the all-time series ... The two teams split a pair of contests last season with each team winning on their home floor ... **Tony Franz** averaged 16.0 points and 13.0 rebounds in the two games, while **Nolan Larry** averaged 15.0 points, 7.5 assists and 4.5 boards per contest ... Larry dished out a career-high 10 assists in an 83-73 victory at W&J on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

### WAYNESBURG YELLOW JACKETS (0-2 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

No Games Scheduled

**Radio/TV:** none

**Upcoming Game Notes:** The Jackets return to action on Dec. 2 at the Wendy's Classic hosted by Ohio University.

### WESTMINSTER TITANS (1-1 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

at Case Western Reserve (11/25 - 7:30 p.m.)  
vs. Wooster (12/1 - 4 p.m.)

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

**Upcoming Game Notes:** The Titans travel to face Case Western Reserve of the University Athletic Association (UAA) on Monday, then return home to face Wooster from the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) on Sunday ... The Titans have not faced CWRU in recent years ... Last year, Wooster posted a 67-58 home win over Westminster last season, despite 14 points by **Joe Wilson** of the Titans.