

## MEN'S BASKETBALL 2002-03

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## **CURRENT REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (as of December 1, 2002)**

|                                | PAC Games |   |      | All Games |   |      |
|--------------------------------|-----------|---|------|-----------|---|------|
| School                         | <u>W</u>  | L | Pct. | <u>W</u>  | L | Pct. |
| Grove City College             | 0         | 0 | .000 | 3         | 0 | 1.00 |
| Thiel College                  | 0         | 0 | .000 | 1         | 3 | .250 |
| Westminster College            | 0         | 0 | .000 | 1         | 3 | .250 |
| Waynesburg College             | 0         | 0 | .000 | 0         | 2 | .000 |
| Washington & Jefferson College | 0         | 0 | .000 | 0         | 3 | .000 |
| Bethany College                | 0         | 0 | .000 | 0         | 4 | .000 |

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## LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Monday, November 25

CASE WESTERN RESERVE 59, Westminster 56

### **Tuesday, November 26**

GROVE CITY 82, Penn State-Behrend 58 LA ROCHE 96, Washington & Jefferson 85 PITT-GREENSBURG 93, Bethany 91 MOUNT UNION 72, Thiel 67

#### Saturday, November 30

NOTRE DAME (OH) 83, Bethany 71 Baldwin-Wallace 73, THIEL 71

### Sunday, December 1

Wooster 64, WESTMINSTER 53

### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### Monday, December 2

Waynesburg vs. Wheeling Jesuit (at Ohio-Eastern) - 6 p.m. Washington & Jefferson at Case Western Reserve - 7:30 p.m. La Roche at Thiel - 8 p.m.

#### **Tuesday, December 3**

Waynesburg at Wendy's Classic (at Ohio-Eastern) - TBA

#### Wednesday, December 4

Washington & Jefferson at Penn State-Behrend - 7 p.m. Bethany at Baldwin-Wallace - 7:30 p.m. Case Western Reserve at Grove City - 7:30 p.m. Thiel at Allegheny - 7:30 p.m. Mount Union at Westminster - 8 p.m.

#### Thursday, December 5

Lancaster Bible at Waynesburg - 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, December 6

Medaille at Washington & Jefferson - 7:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, December 7

arc in the victory.

Medaille at Waynesburg - 2 p.m. Frostburg State at Westminster - 3 p.m.

# PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

## NATE MAURER

Grove City College 6-6, 215 - Sophomore Guard/Forward Pittsburgh, Pa./Linsly School H.S.

Maurer helped Grove City remain undefeated at 3-0 on Tuesday, as he led the Wolverines to an 82-58 win over previously unbeaten Penn State-Behrend with a careerhigh 31 points, eight rebounds and four assists. He made

11-of-12 field goal attempts from inside the three-point

Also nominated was freshman forward **Matt Drahos** of Bethany, senior forward **A.H. Davis** of Thiel, senior guard **Nolan Larry** of Washington & Jefferson, and senior center **Greg Foster** of Westminster.

## PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

### **Bethany Bison**

Bethany fell to 0-4 to open the season with a pair of road losses ... In the setback at Pitt-Greensburg, the Bison held a 22-point lead with 7:46 to play but the Bobcats outscored Bethany 40-16 to claim the win ... Forward Matt Drahos had 18 points and 13 rebounds and point guard Josh Polantz tallied 13 markers and 11 assists to lead the attack ... Against Notre Dame, Bethany overcame a 10-point deficit to take a one-point lead but Bethany scored only two points in the final seven minutes as the Falcons used a 15-2 run to take the win ... Drahos posted his second straight double-double with 18 and 11, while Polantz scored 17 and dished out eight assists.

### Wash. & Jeff. Presidents

Washington & Jefferson dropped its only contest last week on Tuesday evening, falling to LaRoche, 96-85, in Pittsburgh, Pa. ... The Presidents trailed, 49-37, at halftime and received 24 points, seven assists and six rebounds from senior guard Nolan Larry ... Larry connected on 8-of-13 shots from the field, including 5-of-7 shooting from three-point range ... Junior center Tony Franz added 13 points and seven boards, while sophomore forward Michael Chicone was the only other President in double figures with 11 markers ... W&J hit just under 46 percent from the floor, but the Redhawks made 12 three-pointers and shot over 47 percent in the win ... LaRoche outrebounded the Presidents by a 40-38 margin.

### **Grove City Wolverines**

Grove City is 3-0 for the first time in 20 years after rolling previously-unbeaten Penn State Behrend last Tuesday night at the Grove City College Arena in the home opener ... Nate Maurer poured in a career-high 31 points while Ryan Eller and J.D. Collar also reached double-figures ... Grove City has 27 assists as a team ... The Wolverines have seven guys averaging at least 6.7 points per game ... Rebounding has been a big key for the Wolverines, who are out-rebounding foes 35-23 this season ... Grove City is also shooting 51 percent from 3-point territory this season.

### Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

Waynesburg was off last week after the Yellow Jackets opened the season with two losses to Frostburg State and Neumann at the Frostburg State Tip-Off Tournament on Nov. 22 and 23 ... The Jackets lost two at Frostburg last season and went on to win a season-high seven straight games.

#### **Thiel Tomcats**

Thiel went 0-2 last week, dropping nonconference games at Mt. Union (72-67) on Tuesday and their home opener against Baldwin-Wallace (73-71) Saturday ... Senior F A.H. Davis led the Tomcats with a game-high 22 points against the Purple Raiders, while senior F Eddie Mathews finished with 11 points and five rebounds ... The Tomcats rallied from an 11 point deficit with 8:50 to play in the second half against Baldwin-Wallace and trailed by just two after a three-pointer by senior G Shane Manley with 42 seconds remaining ... Manley finished the game with 23 points, hitting six-of-10 threes in the second half ... Davis scored 15 points and grabbed a game-high seven rebounds.

#### Westminster Titans

The Titans dropped non-conference games at Case Western Reserve (59-56) and at home against undefeated Wooster (64-53) last week ... Westminster has dropped three straight after a seasonopening win ... Senior C Greg Foster posted team-high totals of 14 points, eight rebounds and three blocked shots in the loss at CWRU, while sophomore G Justin Crum added 13 markers off the bench in the loss ... Foster posted a game-high 15 points against Wooster, including 9of-9 free throw accuracy ... It was Foster's fourth double-digit scoring effort in as many games this season ... Sophomore G Craig Bohyer chipped in 10 points off the bench, including three three-pointers.

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

November 25: Phil Bushre, C, Grove City

<u>December 2:</u> Nate Maurer, G/F, Grove City

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 (0-4 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

at Baldwin-Wallace (12/4 - 7:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

**Upcoming Game Notes:** Baldwin-Wallace leads the all-time series with Bethany 11-2 ... The Bison claimed a 75-68 decision in last year's meeting in Bethany ... **Nevada Smith** tallied 20 points as Bethany snapped a five-game losing streak to the Yellow Jackets ... Bethany has never won at B-W, as the Green and White's only other win in the series came in 1995 in Bethany.

# GROVE CITY WOLVERINES (3-0 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

vs. Case Western Reserve (12/4 - 7:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

**Upcoming Game Notes:** The Wolverines are looking for their first 4-0 start since 1982, when Grove City started the season 9-0.

# THIEL TOMCATS (1-3 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

vs. La Roche (12/2 - 8 p.m.) at Allegheny (12/4 - 7:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

**Upcoming Game Notes:** The Tomcats will play host to La Roche College of the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) Monday evening at Rissell-Beeghly, then travel I-79 North to take on Allegheny College of the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) on Wednesday ... La Roche holds a 9-8 advantage in the all-time series ... The Tomcats fell to the Redhawks 95-81 in Pittsburgh last season ... Thiel is 4-23 in their all-time series with Allegheny, losing at home to the Gators 88-86 last season ... The Tomcats last victory over Allegheny was a 96-93 overtime win at Rissell-Beeghly during the 1986-87 season.

# WASH. & JEFF. PRESIDENTS (0-3 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

at Case Western Reserve (12/2 - 7:30 p.m.) at Penn State-Behrend (12/4 - 7 p.m.) vs. Medaille (12/6 - 7:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

**Upcoming Game Notes:** W&J and Case Western Reserve meet for the 27<sup>th</sup> time in history this evening with CWRU holding a 14-12 advantage in the all-time series ... It marks the first time since the 1986-87 season that the two teams will meet ... The Presidents won that game, 82-58 ... W&J and Penn State-Behrend meet for the 15<sup>th</sup> time on Wednesday with the Presidents leading the series, 8-6 ... W&J won last year's contest in Washington, 57-50, behind 26 points from **Nolan Larry** ... Medaille comes to Washington on Friday in the first game between the two schools.

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

vs. Wheeling Jesuit (at Ohio-Eastern) (12/2 - 6 p.m.) at Wendy's Classic (at Ohio-Eastern) (12/3 - TBA) vs. Lancaster Bible (12/5 - 7:30 p.m.) vs. Medaille (12/7 - 2 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

**Upcoming Game Notes:** Waynesburg enters the Wendy's Classic hosted by Ohio -Eastern in St. Clairsville, Ohio, against Wheeling Jesuit on Monday at 6 p.m. ... Other teams competing at the event will be host Ohio University-Eastern and West Liberty State ... The Jackets last visit to St. Clairsville was last year's 116-111 win over OUE ... Waynesburg and Wheeling will meet for the first time since 1987-88 when the Jackets won 64-60 ... The Jackets and Medaille will tangle for the fifth time in history.

# WESTMINSTER TITANS (1-3 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

vs. Mount Union (12/4 - 8 p.m.) vs. Frostburg State (12/7 - 3 p.m.)

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

Upcoming Game Notes: Westminster plays games two and three of its current four-game homestand this week, as the Titans host Mount Union from the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) and Frostburg State from the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) ... The Titans dropped an 85-52 decision at Mount Union last year, with Chris Hatch scoring a team-high 10 points in the loss ... This will be the first meeting between Westminster and FSU in recent years on the hardcourt.