

MEN'S BASKETBALL 2005-06

Presidents' Athletic Conference

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PRESIDENTS' ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (PAC) 2006 MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT February 21-23-25, 2006

FINAL 2006 PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS*

- 1. Bethany College (23-4)
- 2. Waynesburg College (16-11)
- 3. Washington & Jefferson College (10-16)
- 4. Westminster College (11-16)
- 5. Grove City College (9-17)
- 6. Thomas More College (2-24)
- 7. Thiel College (5-22)

PAC TOURNAMENT FIRST ROUND GAMES - 2/21/06

First Round Game #1 - Washington, Pa. #7 Thiel 73. #2 WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 72

Junior F Geno Bianco (Pittsburgh, PA/Langley H.S.) scored a gamehigh 27 points, including the game-winning free throws with 4.6 seconds to play, to left the Tomcats to an upset win over the Presidents. Bianco drilled five three-pointers while also grabbing a team-high eight rebounds, while freshman G Andre Jones (Pittsburgh, PA/Absegami (NJ) H.S.) added 10 points and classmate Tony White (Williamsport, PA/Williamsport H.S.) dished out a game-high six assists in the victory. W&J saw paced by freshman C Josip Lucic-Jozak (Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin H.S.) with a 26-point, 12-rebound double-double, while juniors Brandon Studer (Johnstown, PA/Conemaugh Valley H.S.) and Jon Koch (New Kensington, PA/Plum H.S.) added 17 and 14 points, respectively.

First Round Game #2 - New Wilmington, Pa. #3 WESTMINSTER 122, #6 Thomas More 92

The Titans shot a blistering 69 percent from the field (38-of-55), including 67 percent from three-point range (24-of-36) in an opening round win over the Saints. Sophomore G Craig Hannon (New Castle, PA/Union H.S.) scored a game-high 24 points on seven treys, while classmate Nick DiNatale (Pittsburgh, PA/Chartiers Valley H.S.) was a perfect 7-for-7 from the field (6-of-6 beyond the arc) for 20 points. Senior G Mark DeMonaco (New Castle, PA/New Castle H.S.) added 16 points and a game-high nine assists. Thomas More was led by freshman G Charles Kinney (Elsmere, KY/Lloyd Memorial H.S.) with 20 points off the bench, while senior F R.K. Thurman (Portsmouth, OH/Portsmouth H.S.) added 12 points and team-high totals of nine rebounds and four assists.

First Round Game #3 - Waynesburg, Pa. #4 WAYNESBURG 67, #5 Grove City 60

The Wolverines led by as many as 14 points in the second half, but Waynesburg closed the game with a 19-2 run to advance to the semifinals. Four Yellow Jackets reached double figures in scoring in the win, led by junior F Jeff Nero (New Castle, PA/Union H.S.) with 17 points. Classmate Beau Wilson (Daybrook, WV/Clay-Battelle H.S.) added 15 markers, while sophomore F Josh Parisi (Ambridge, PA/Ambridge H.S.) posted a double-double with 14 points and a game-high 12 rebounds. For Grove City, sophomore G Ryan Gerber (Baltic, OH/Garaway H.S.) bucketed a game-high 21 points in the loss, while sophomore G Joe Capotosta (Wadsworth, OH/Wadsworth H.S.) and senior Matt Phillips (Chagrin Falls, OH/Kenston H.S.) added 15 and 11 points, respectively.

* - First two spots determined by conference tournament; remainder of places determined by round robin schedule.

PAC TOURNAMENT SEMIFINAL GAMES - 2/23/06 Semifinal #1 - Bethany, W.Va.

#1 BETHANY 94, #7 Thiel 70

The top-seeded Bison opened defense of their 2005 PAC Championship by rolling to their 17th conseucitve win, as Bethany raced to a 47-29 halftime advantage against the upset-minded Tomcats and were never threatened again. Leading the way in the win was the senior duo of Matt & Mike Drahos (Wheeling, WV/John Marshall H.S.) with each posting double-doubles. Matt posted game-high totals of 32 points and 14 rebounds, while Mike added 22 markers and 10 caroms. Sophomore G Brody Jackson (Akron, OH/Manchester H.S.) dished out a game-high seven assists with no turnovers for the Bison in the win. For Thiel, senior F Damien Williams (Pittsburgh, PA/Woodland Hills H.S.) scored a team-high 16 points, while sophomore G Gary Gates (Andover, OH/Pymatuning Valley H.S.) and freshman G Andre Jones (Pittsburgh, PA/Absegami (NJ) H.S.) added 15 and 11 points, respectively.

Semifinal #2 - New Wilmington, Pa.

#4 Waynesburg 87, #3 WESTMINSTER 75

After trailing 33-31 at the half, the Yellow Jackets outscored the Titans 56-42 in the final 20 minutes to post the road win and advance to the PAC title game. Four Waynesburg players reached double figures in scoring, led by junior G Beau Wilson (Daybrook, WV/Clay-Battelle H.S.) with a gamehigh 27 points. Classmate Jeff Nero (New Castle, PA/Union H.S.) added 20 markers, while sophomore F Josh Parisi (Ambridge, PA/Ambridge H.S.) posted a double-double with 15 points and a game-high 15 rebounds. Westminster was led by senior G Brian Fadden (New Castle, PA/Mohawk H.S.) with 18 points, while sophomore F Brian Urso (Pittsburgh, PA/Fox Chapel H.S.) added 12 off the bench.

PAC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP GAME - 2/25/06 Hummel Fieldhouse - Bethany, W.Va.

#1 BETHANY 95, #4 Waynesburg 64

Bethany led 41-26 at halftime before extending the lead in the second period en route to its second consecutive PAC men's basketball title. With the win over the Yellow Jackets, the Bison have won 18 consecutive games (one short of a school record) and have won a conference-record 23 consecutive games against PAC opponents. The senior forward duo of Mike & Matt Drahos (Wheeling, WV/John Marshall H.S.) once again led the way for the victors. Mike Drahos posted team-high totals of 28 points and 11 rebounds while adding six assists, while brother Matt added 20 points and 10 boards. Junior G Chris Stephens (Wheeling, WV/Wheeling Central Catholic H.S.) added 10 points an a team-best seven assists in the victory. For Waynesburg, senior F Ryan Bujnowski (Pittsburgh, PA/Carrick H.S.) recorded a team-high 15 points in the loss, while junior guards Beau Wilson (Daybrook, WV/Clay-Battelle H.S.) and Jeff Linden (Glen Mills, PA/Penncrest H.S.) added 11 and 10 markers, respectively.

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PRESIDENTS' ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (PAC) 2006 MEN'S BASKETBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS

FIRST TEAM Name Mark DeMonaco Matt Drahos Mike Drahos Jon Koch Scott Mezyk	School Westminster Bethany Bethany Wash. & Jeff. Bethany	Pos. G F G G	Ht. 5-8 6-6 6-5 6-2 5-11	CI. Sr. Sr. Sr. Jr. Sr.	Hometown/High School New Castle, PA/New Castle Wheeling, WV/John Marshall Wheeling, WV/John Marshall New Kensington, PA/Plum Johnstown, PA/Westmont-Hilltop
SECOND TEAM Name Shawn Carr Craig Hannon Josip Lucic-Jozak Jeff Nero Beau Wilson	School Grove City Westminster Wash. & Jeff. Waynesburg Waynesburg	Pos. G G C F G	Ht. 6-1 6-3 6-8 6-1 6-0	Cl. So. So. Fr. Jr. Jr.	Hometown/High School New Castle, PA/Mohawk New Castle, PA/Union Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin New Castle, PA/Union Daybrook, WV/Clay-Battelle
HONORABLE MENTION Name James Beedle E.J. Haynes Greg Rosatelli Chris Stephens Brandon Studer R.K.Thurman Damien Williams	School Thiel Thomas More Westminster Bethany Wash. & Jeff. Thomas More Thiel	Pos. G C G G/F G F	Ht. 5-8 6-9 5-10 6-2 5-10 6-6 6-2	Cl. Fr. Jr. Jr. Jr. Sr. Sr.	Hometown/High School McDonald, OH/McDonald Cincinnati, OH/Walnut Hills Aliquippa, PA/Hopewell Wheeling, WV/Wheeling Cent. Cath. Johnstown, PA/Conemaugh Valley Portsmouth, OH/Portsmouth Pittsburgh, PA/Woodland Hills

2006 PAC PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Matt Drahos, 6-6 Senior Forward, Bethany College 2006 PAC COACH OF THE YEAR: Aaron Huffman, Bethany College

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