

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 2004-05

#### Presidents' Athletic Conference

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### **CURRENT 2004-05 REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through Jan. 2, 2005)**

	PAC Games			All Games		
School	<u>W</u>	L	Pct.	$\underline{W}$	<u>L</u>	Pct.
Washington & Jefferson College	0	0	.000	9	2	.818
Westminster College	0	0	.000	7	4	.636
Grove City College	0	0	.000	5	4	.556
Waynesburg College	0	0	.000	5	4	.556
Thiel College	0	0	.000	3	9	.250
Bethany College	0	0	.000	2	8	.200

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS Wednesday, December 15 Otterbein 63, BETHANY 61

Friday, December 17 Notre Dame (Ohio) 78, THIEL 72 Washington & Jefferson 99, Tri-State 67\$

Saturday, December 18 Washington & Jefferson 73, DEFIANCE 69\$

Monday, December 20 Muskingum 56, BETHANY 51 ALLEGHENY 60, Westminster 46

Wednesday, December 29 JOHN CARROLL 55, Grove City 51 Southern Maine 81, Washington & Jefferson 66^

Thursday, December 30 Washington & Jefferson 64, Kean 49^

Thursday, December 30 Ohio Wesleyan 65, WESTMINSTER 56 MOUNT UNION 68, Grove City 62 HEIDELBERG 60, Thiel 46

\$ - at Defiance Tournament - Defiance, Ohio ^ - at Marymount Tournament - Arlington, Va.

<u>UPCOMING SCHEDULE</u> **Monday, January 3** Westminster at Carnegie Mellon- 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 4**Thiel at Pitt-Greensburg - 6 p.m.
Bethany at Allegheny - 7 p.m.
Denison at Grove City - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 5 Waynesburg at Juniata - 7 p.m.

**Thursday, January 6**Thiel at Ursuline - 7 p.m.
Waynesburg at Chatham - 7 p.m.

Friday, January 7

Juniata at Grove City - 6 p.m. Washington & Jefferson vs. Messiah - 6 p.m.@

Saturday, January 8

Washington & Jefferson vs. Lycoming - 3 p.m.@ Bethany vs. St. Elizabeth - 3:45 p.m.# Juniata at Thiel - 6 p.m.

Sunday, January 9

Bethany vs. Brooklyn/Villa Julie - TBA#

@ - at Elizabethtown Blue Jay Classic - Elizabethtown, Pa. # - at Villa Julie Tournament - Stevenson, Md.

## PAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

### LEIGH SULKOWSKI

Washington & Jefferson College

6-0 Junior Guard

Upper St. Clair, Pa./Upper St. Clair H.S.

Sulkowski averaged 27.5 points, 10.3 rebounds, 2.2 assists, 1.8 steals and 1.8 blocks while leading the Presidents to a 3-1 mark over the holidays. She was named MVP of the Defiance Tournament after leading W&J to the title and also scored a career-best 34 points in a loss to #16 Southern Maine. She shot 57 percent (45-of-79) and 48 percent (12-of-25) from three-point range in the four games.

Also nominated was senior C **Sandy O'Keefe** of Grove City, and senior F **Erica Tallo** of Westminster.

### PAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

#### **Bethany Bison**

The Bison have now dropped four straight games after losing close home contests against Otterbein (63-61) and Muskingum (56-51) over the break ... Otterbein rallied to score the final 10 points of the game as Bethany turned the ball over on its final five possessions ... The Bison took a 61-53 lead with 2:11 remaining on two Nikki Babik free throws, but would not score again ... Junior Jenny Place led the Bison with 18 points while adding six rebounds and a career-high seven assists ... Senior C Katie Resanovich led the Bison with 12 points and 10 boards for her second career double-double in the Muskingum contest, while Place added 12 points and six boards.

#### Wash. & Jeff. Presidents

W&J played in a pair of tournaments over the holiday break, winning the Defiance Tournament and placing third at the Marymount (Va.) Tournament ... Junior G Leigh Sulkowski rifled in 26 points on 12-of-14 shooting to lead the Presidents past Tri-State in the opening round of the Defiance Tournament ... Junior F Lauren Slampak added 15 points and seven boards, while classmate Courtney Janczak added 14 points and six assists ... Slampak and Janczak earned all-tournament team honors ... Sulkowski tied a career-high with 34 points in the opening round loss to No. 16 Southern Maine ... She then closed out her torrid pace with 25 points and 14 boards in the victory over Kean ... Junior F Amanda Stanonik added seven points and 11 rebounds.

### **Grove City Lady Wolverines**

Grove City dropped a pair of tight decisions in northeast Ohio last week ... At John Carroll Wednesday, the Wolverines held the hosts to just 24 percent shooting from the floor ... Sandy O'Keefe led Grove City with 19 points, including 6-of-6 accuracy at the foul line ... The rest of the team went 7-for-16 at the line ... O'Keefe also led Grove City in scoring at Mount Union, pouring in 14 points ... Freshman Rachel McCoy added 10 points and nine rebounds while junior guard Tammy Hess fired in 13 points, including a pair of three-pointers ... The Wolverines led by as many as 15 in the first half before Mount Union rallied ... Grove City outrebounded the Purple Raiders 41-35 but committed 31 turnovers.

#### Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

Waynesburg women's basketball, which has been idle for nearly a month, returns to action on Wednesday at Juniata at 7 p.m.

#### Thiel Tomcats

Thiel posted an 0-2 mark over the holiday break ... The Tomcats fell at home to Notre Dame (Ohio) 78-72 on Dec. 7 before losing on the road to Heidelberg 60-46 on Dec. 29 ... Senior C Kristen Benjamin had a team-high 18 points to go along with eight rebounds and junior G Heather Abate finished with 17 points and six assists against Notre Dame ... Thiel held the Falcons to 37.5 percent (29-70) shooting from the floor but were outscored 13-0 at the line in the second half ... The Tomcats managed a 36-34 edge in rebounds... Benjamin had gamehighs in both points (24) and rebounds (13) against Heidelberg ... Sophomore F Fontella Jones and sophomore G Nicole Valentino each added six points.

#### Westminster Lady Titans

Westminster dropped a pair of non-league contests over the holiday break, falling at Allegheny 60-46 on Dec. 20 before suffering a 65-56 home setback to Ohio Wesleyan on Dec. 30 ... Sophomore G Desiree Sterling led the way at Allegheny with a game-high 14 points, while senior F Erica Tallo recorded 10 points and a team-high 12 rebounds ... Senior G Alyson Gasper posted team-best totals of three assists and four steals in defeat ... Tallo led the way against OWU with team-high totals of 19 points, 10 rebounds (her fifth double-double of the year), seven steals and two blocked shots ... Sophomore G Nicole Fee added 13 points in the loss, while Gasper posted a team-best six assists.

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

November 21: Alyson Gasper, G, Westminster

November 28: Leigh Sulkowski, G, Wash. & Jeff.

December 5: Leigh Sulkowski, G, Wash. & Jeff.

December 12: Kristen Benjamin, F, Thiel

January 2: Leigh Sulkowski, G, Wash. & Jeff.

January 9:

January 16:

January 23:

January 30:

February 6:

February 13:

February 20:

### PAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

## BETHANY BISON (2-8 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

at Allegheny (1/4 - 7 p.m.) at Villa Julie Tournament (1/8-9)

Radio/TV: none

**Upcoming Game Notes:** The Bison will look to break out of a four-game skid on Tuesday when they travel to Meadville for a non-league contest at Allegheny ... Bethany will then compete in the Villa Julie Tournament in Stevenson, Md., over the weekend, facing St. Elizabeth on Saturday at 3:45 p.m. before facing either the host school or Brooklyn on Sunday ... Senior G **Nikki Babik** needs just 18 points to reach the 1,000-point plateau in her Bethany career.

## THIEL TOMCATS (3-9 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

at Pitt-Greensburg (1/4 - 6 p.m.) at Ursuline (1/6 - 7 p.m.) vs. Juniata (1/8 - 6 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

**Upcoming Game Notes:** The Tomcats look to snap a two-game skid this week on the road Tuesday against Pitt-Greensburg (6 p.m.) ... Thiel last split the season series with Pitt-Greensburg during the 2002-03 season, winning at home (75-57) but losing on the road (62-57) ... The Tomcats posted their lone home win of the season against Ursuline on Dec. 10, winning 66-49 ... Senior C Kristen Benjamin had 24 points and eight rebounds in the victory ... The Tomcats have not faced Juniata since the 1986-87 season ... Thiel won the matchup 81-54.

# WAYNESBURG YELLOW JACKETS (5-4 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

at Juniata (1/5 - 7 p.m.) at Chatham (1/6 - 7 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

**Upcoming Game Notes:** Waynesburg returns to action after almost a month layoff when it travels to Juniata on Jan. 5 ... The Yellow Jackets will face familiar opponent Chatham on Thursday ... In the past four meetings against the Cougars dating back to the 2001-2002 season, the Jackets have won by an average score of 71-41, including last season's 86-35 victory in Waynesburg ... The Yellow Jackets jumped to a 44-7 first-half lead over Chatham and the 51-point win was the program's largest victory since a 100-36 win over Chatham in 1998 ... **Steph Petchel** scored a season and career-high 21 points last year.

## GROVE CITY LADY WOLVERINES (5-4 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

vs. Denison (1/4 - 7 p.m.) vs. Juniata (1/7 - 6 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

**Upcoming Game Notes:** Grove City will play three of its next four games at home in preparation for the PAC opener Jan. 15 ... The Wolverines will play Denison (6-3) for the first time ever Tuesday ... Grove City earned a 59-56 win at Juniata Jan. 10, 2004 as **Sandy O'Keefe** led Grove City with 17 points ... The Wolverines had 24 offensive rebounds in the win and forced 24 Juniata turnovers ... Senior guard **Abby Moose** is currently away from the team as she is with the U.S. Deaflympic team in Australia ... Senior guard **Jocelyn Kempema** rejoined the team after spending the first semester studying abroad.

## WASH. & JEFF. PRESIDENTS (9-2 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

at Elizabethtown Blue Jay Classic (1/7-8)

Radio/TV: none

**Upcoming Game Notes:** Washington & Jefferson meets 10<sup>th</sup>-ranked Messiah on Friday evening at the Elizabethtown Blue Jay Classic ... The Falcons, who have breezed to a 9-0 record this season, won the only other meeting between the two schools in history ... Lycoming enters the round-robin tournament with a 3-5 record ... the Warriors have won two straight games as they have defeated Juniata (64-61) and Penn State-Altoona (56-44) ... Lycoming and W&J have never met before in history.

# WESTMINSTER LADY TITANS (7-4 Overall, 0-0 PAC)

at Carnegie Mellon (1/3 - 7:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

**Upcoming Game Notes:** The Lady Titans will look to snap a two-game losing streak when they travel to Pittsburgh for a non-league matchup with Carnegie Mellon on Monday night in the team's only game of the week ... Last season, Westminster recorded a 59-42 victory over the Tartans in New Wilmington as **Erica Tallo** posted a double-double with team-high totals of 17 points and 12 rebounds ... The Lady Titans won the last meeting with CMU at Skibo Gymnasium two years ago by a 74-61 count, with Tallo again leading the way with 18 points and eight rebounds.