

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 2003-04

### **Presidents' Athletic Conference**

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## **CURRENT REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through January 18, 2004)**

	PAC Games			All	All Games		
School	<u>W</u>	L	Pct.	<u>W</u>	L	Pct.	
Washington & Jefferson College	1	0	1.00	9	3	.750	
Bethany College	1	0	.000	11	4	.733	
Westminster College	1	0	1.00	8	6	.571	
Grove City College	0	1	.000	7	5	.583	
Waynesburg College	0	1	.000	6	5	.545	
Thiel College	0	1	.000	5	10	.333	

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

## Monday, January 12

Bethany 81, LA ROCHE 63
Penn State-Behrend 78, THIEL 55
Washington & Jefferson 60, PENN STATE-ALTOONA 35
Case Western Reserve 73, WESTMINSTER 63

## Tuesday, January 13

GROVE CITY 61, Pitt-Bradford 41

## Wednesday, January 14

WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 55, Carnegie Mellon 46

## Thursday, January 15

Pitt-Bradford 61, THIEL 41

### Saturday, January 17

Bethany 72, GROVE CITY 65\* WESTMINSTER 55, Thiel 43\* WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 68, Waynesburg 48\*

### **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

## Monday, January 19

Grove City at Wooster - 7:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, January 21

Bethany at Waynesburg\* - 5:30 p.m. Grove City at Westminster\* - 6 p.m. Washington & Jefferson at Thiel\* - 6 p.m.

### Saturday, January 24

Thiel at Grove City\* - 1 p.m. Washington & Jefferson at Bethany\* - 4 p.m. Westminster at Waynesburg\* - 5:30 p.m.

# PAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL co-PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

## AMANDA STANONIK

## Washington & Jefferson College

5-11 Sophomore Forward

North Versailles, Pa./East Allegheny H.S.

## **NIKKI BABIK**

## **Bethany College**

5-7 Junior Guard

Johnstown, Pa./Westmont Hilltop H.S.

Stanonik led W&J to a 3-0 week, scoring in double figures in all three victories. She averaged 13.0 points, 7.0 rebounds, 2.7 steals and 1.0 blocked shots per game for the week. Stanonik posted a double-double with 19 points and 10 rebounds in a 55-46 win over Carnegie Mellon.

Babik led Bethany to a pair of road wins last week, giving the Bison a six-game winning streak. She averaged 17.0 ppg in wins over La Roche (81-63) and PAC rival Grove City (72-65) while shooting 67 percent from the field (10-of-15), 87.5 percent from three-point range (7-of-8) and 87.5 percent from the free throw line (7-of-8). She had a team-high 20 points, including five treys, vs. La Roche.

Also nominated was junior G **Nikki Babik** of Bethany, junior G **Rachel Romance** of Grove City, freshman F **Fontella Jones** of Thiel, and freshman G **Desiree Sterling** of Westminster.

## PAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

## **Bethany Bison**

The Bison have won six consecutive games and nine of its last 10 ... The last five of those wins have been away from home, including two last week ... The Bison handled La Roche, 81-63, then opened PAC play with a 72-65 win over Grove City ... After falling behind 8-0 during the opening 2:35 of the game against Grove City, the Bison went on a 29-6 run over the next 9:47 to take a 29-14 lead with 7:38 remaining in the first half ... With the game tied at 59 with 3:51 to play, senior C Kelley Richardson took over, scoring seven points down the stretch as Bethany outscored Grove City 13-6 the rest of the way ... Bethany shot 41.2-percent (7-of-17) from three-point range.

## Wash. & Jeff. Presidents

W&J extended its PAC regular-season win streak to 13 games on Saturday by defeating Waynesburg, 68-48, in Washington ... Sophomore G Jordana Gracenin made the most of her first collegiate start by dropping 19 points on 7of-9 shooting ... Sophomore F Lauren Slampak added 16 points and seven boards, while sophomore G Courtney Janczak delivered 12 points, eight assists, four steals and four rebounds ... Sophomore F Amanda Stanonik posted a double-double with 19 points and 10 rebounds in the Presidents' 55-46 win over CMU on Wednesday ... W&J limited Penn State-Altoona to 19.6 percent shooting on Monday ... Slampak scored a game-high 13 points, while Stanonik chipped in with 10 points.

## **Grove City Lady Wolverines**

Grove City dropped its conference opener Saturday despite erasing a double-digit deficit in the second half ... Junior C Sandy O'Keefe fired in a game-high 18 points while junior G Abby Moose added 15 points ... Rachel Romance chipped in 11 points, nine rebounds and four assists ... Grove City out-rebounded Bethany, 41-27 ... Against Pitt-Bradford, the Wolverines broke the game open with a 25-0 run overlapping the first and second halves ... Moose fired in 18 points and distributed four assists while Romance had six assists ... Jocelyn Kempema tossed in 13 points ... Eleven different players played at least eight minutes ... O'Keefe hauled in nine rebounds to go along with 10 points.

## Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

Waynesburg lost to reigning champion W&J on Saturday on the road for its PAC opener, 68-48, in its only game of the week ... Waynesburg went up 11-6 when freshman Katie Lewandowski drove the lane for an uncontested layup ... The Presidents called a timeout and then went on a 13-0 run and never trailed again ... Trista Murphy knocked down three three-pointers for Waynesburg before finishing with a team-high 11 points ... Lewandowski was the other Jacket in double figures with 10 ... Sophomore G Candice Eyerman, who leads the nation with 4.8 three-pointers per game, made just one as she finished with nine points ... For her career, Eyerman has just four treys in three games against Washington & Jefferson.

## **Thiel Tomcats**

The Thiel women's basketball team went 0-3 last week, losing at home to Penn State Behrend (55-78) and Pitt-Bradford (41-61) before dropping its PAC opener at Westminster (43-55) on Saturday ... Freshman G Nicole Valentino hit a three to give Thiel an early 3-0 lead against PS-B, which would be their last lead of the contest ... The Tomcats trailed by as many as 27 in the second half ... Pitt-Bradford entered Thursday's game with a 0-10 overall record ... Thiel didn't score its first bucket until 14:13 of the first half ... Valentino was the lone Tomcat to tally double figures, finishing with 12 points ... Freshman F Fontella Jones finished with career highs in both points (15) and rebounds (12) at Westminster.

## Westminster Lady Titans

The Lady Titans fell to non-league foe Case Western Reserve 73-63 on Monday, but rebounded to win their PAC opener at home over Thiel 55-43 on Saturday ... Four players scored in double figures in the CWRU loss, paced by freshman G Desiree Sterling, who came off the bench to bucket a career-high 18 points ... Junior F Erica Tallo added 13 points and a game-high 11 rebounds, while sisters junior Mary Jane Eaton and freshman Rachel Eaton added 12 and 11 points, respectively ... Freshman G Nicole Fee had a team-best 11 points off the bench vs. Thiel ... Tallo, junior G Alyson Gasper and Sterling each added 10 points, with Gasper recording a gamehigh five steals.

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

November 23: Sandy O'Keefe, C, Grove City

November 30: Candice Eyerman, G, Waynesburg

December 7: Kelley Richardson, C, Bethany

December 14: Kelley Richardson, C, Bethany

January 4: Candice Eyerman, G, Waynesburg

January 11: Erica Tallo, F, Westminster

January 18: Amanda Stanonik, F, W&J/Nikki Babik, G, Bethany

January 25:

February 1:

February 8:

February 15:

February 22:

## PAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

## BETHANY BISON

(11-4 Overall, 1-0 PAC)

at Waynesburg\* (1/21 - 5:30 p.m.) vs. Washington & Jefferson\* (1/24 - 4 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

**Upcoming Game Notes:** Bethany is 18-11 all-time against Waynesburg, including a split last season, with each team winning at home ... The Bison are 26-34 all-time against W&J ... Last season, the Presidents swept the Bison, winning by scores of 60-48 at W&J and 80-70 at Bethany ... In Bethany's two road wins last week, junior **Nikki Babik** averaged 17 ppg. and shot 10-of-15 (.666) from the field, 7-of-8 (.875) from three-point range and 7-of-8 (.875) from the free-throw line ... Spanning the last six games, Babik has gone 27-of-28 (.964) from the line and is shooting 95 percent for the season to rank amongthe national leaders.

# GROVE CITY LADY WOLVERINES (7-5 Overall, 0-1 PAC)

at Wooster (1/19 - 7:30 p.m.) at Westminster\* (1/21 - 6 p.m.) vs. Thiel\* (1/24 - 1 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WSAJ-FM (91.1); www.nsnsports.com (1/19) Upcoming Game Notes: Grove City looks to even its record in the conference Wednesday night at Westminster ... Grove City closes its road non-conference schedule Monday night at Wooster.

# THIEL TOMCATS (5-10 Overall, 0-1 PAC)

vs. Washington & Jefferson\* (1/21 - 6 p.m.) at Grove City\* (1/24 - 1 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

**Upcoming Game Notes:** The Tomcats host W&J on Wednesday (6 p.m.) before traveling to Grove City on Saturday (1 p.m.) ... After losing to the Presidents by 35 on Jan. 22 last season the Tomcats fell by just nine at home on Feb. 12 ... Thiel split the season series with Grove City, claiming a 59-54 win in Greenville before going down 56-51 in Grove City..

# WASH. & JEFF. PRESIDENTS (9-3 Overall, 1-0 PAC)

at Thiel\* (1/21 - 6 p.m.) at Bethany\* (1/24 - 4 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WNJR-FM (91.7)

**Upcoming Game Notes:** W&J hits the road for PAC contests at Thiel and Bethany this week ... The Presidents lead the all-time series with the Tomcats 26-15 and have won nine consecutive games over TC ... Last season, W&J defeated the Tomcats twice, including a 71-62 win Greenville ... Sophomore G Leigh Sulkowski averaged 25.5 points in the two wins ... The W&J-Bethany matchup features two of the region's top teams who will make a push for the conference title and a NCAA Tournament berth ... W&J leads the all-time series, 30-25, and swept the Bison for the first time since the 1997-98 season last year.

# WAYNESBURG YELLOW JACKETS (6-5 Overall, 0-1 PAC)

vs. Bethany\* (1/21 - 5:30 p.m.) vs. Westminster\* (1/24 - 5:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WCYJ-FM (88.7); www.waynesburg.edu; WCYJ-TV (Channel 14)

**Upcoming Game Notes:** Bethany returns to Waynesburg for the first time since the Yellow Jackets' **Ashley Urban** netted a game-winning three-pointer on Feb. 12, 2003 ... The 47-46 win ended the Bison's 15-game winning streak over Waynesburg ... Westminster visits Waynesburg for the first time since beating the Jackets 66-57 on Feb. 15, 2003 ... Prior to that game, Waynesburg defeated the Titans in New Wilmington, 50-40, on Jan. 25 for its first PAC win in four years.

# WESTMINSTER LADY TITANS (8-6 Overall, 1-0 PAC)

vs. Grove City\* (1/21 - 6 p.m.) at Waynesburg\* (1/24 - 5:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WWNW-FM (88.9) on 1/24 only; Westminster Cable Network (WCN) on 1/21 only

**Upcoming Game Notes:** The Lady Titans look to remain unbeaten in PAC play, as Westminster hosts Grove City and travels to Waynesburg ... The Lady Titans dropped a pair of heartbreakers to the Lady Wolverines a year ago, falling 75-70 in double overtime in Grove City before suffering a 68-65 home setback ... Westminster and Waynesburg split a pair of games in 2002-03, with each winning on the other's home floor ... The Yellow Jackets posted a 55-40 win in New Wilmington, before Westminster recorded a 66-57 decision in Waynesburg.