

# WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 2006-07

#### Presidents' Athletic Conference

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# Current 2006-07 Regular Season Standings (through February 4)

	PAC Games			All G	All Games		
School	<u>W</u>	L	Pct.	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	Pct.	
Thomas More College	7	1	.875	17	3	.850	
Westminster College	6	2	.750	16	5	.762	
Washington & Jefferson College	6	2	.750	14	7	.667	
Thiel College	3	6	.333	8	12	.400	
Waynesburg College	3	6	.333	8	12	.400	
Bethany College	3	6	.333	7	14	.333	
Grove City College	2	7	.222	5	15	.250	
Saint Vincent College*	0	0	.000	7	12	.368	

<sup>\* -</sup> NCAA Division III provisional member - ineligible for PAC title and Player of the Week honors

#### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

## Monday, January 29

FROSTBURG STATE 83, Bethany 74 SAINT VINCENT 76, Chatham 46 WESTMINSTER 68, Pitt-Greensburg 61

#### Wednesday, January 31

GROVE CITY 56, Thiel 45\*
Washington & Jefferson 70, WAYNESBURG 47\*
WESTMINSTER 80, Saint Vincent 40\*
Thomas More 70, BETHANY 49\*

## Saturday, February 3

Bethany 79, GROVE CITY 69\* THIEL 76, Waynesburg 67\* THOMAS MORE 82, Westminster 69\* (OT) Washington & Jefferson 76, SAINT VINCENT 56\*

#### **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

Monday, February 5

SUNY-Fredonia at Thiel - ppd. (weather)

## Wednesday, February 7

Westminster at Grove City\* - 5:30 p.m.
Thiel at Saint Vincent\* - 6 p.m.
Washington & Jefferson at Thomas More\* - 8 p.m.
Waynesburg at Bethany\* - 8 p.m.

#### Saturday, February 10

Thomas More at Thiel\* - 1 p.m.
Waynesburg at Westminster\* - 2 p.m.
Bethany at Washington & Jefferson\* - 4 p.m.
Grove City at Saint Vincent\* – 6 p.m.

# PAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

# DESIREE STERLING Westminster College

5-7 senior guard Newton Falls, Ohio Newton Falls H.S.

Sterling averaged 18.0 points, 5.7 rebounds and 2.3 assists per game for the 2-1 Titans last week, while also



becoming the all-time leading scorer in the 36-year history of Westminster women's basketball. She posted a double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds in a 68-61 non-league win over Pitt-Greensburg, broke the school career scoring mark with 14 markers in an 80-40 win over PAC foe Saint Vincent, then tied her career-high with 26 markers in an 82-69 overtime loss at Thomas More. Sterling now has 1,314 career points for the Titans.

Also nominated was senior F Courtney Irwin of Bethany, junior C Rachel McCoy of Grove City, senior G Nicole Valentino of Thiel, junior F Tangie Sellers of Thomas More, freshman PG Kennan Killeen of Washington & Jefferson, and senior G Katie Lewandowski of Waynesburg.

# PAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES



# **Bethany Bison**

Bethany broke a six-game losing skid with a win at Grove City Saturday ... Courtney Irwin had 15 points and 11 rebounds to lead four scorers in double figures in BC's 83-74 loss at Frostburg State ... Irwin recorded another

double-double with 15 markers and 13 boards, but first place Thomas More pulled away for a 70-49 victory at Bethany ... The week concluded with Bethany's best shooting performance (54 percent) since 2004 in a 79-69 win at GCC ... Lisa Mitchell was 4-for-4 from the arc and 10-of-13 from the floor for a career-high 25 points, while Renee Brandenburg also set a personal-best with 20 points and 11 rebounds for her second double-double this year ... Irwin had eight points, nine rebounds, four assists, two blocks and two steals.



# **Grove City Wolverines**

Grove City earned a season split with Thiel by earning a 56-45 win Wednesday ... GCC held the Tomcats to 19 percent shooting from the floor and also owned a 64-45 edge on the boards ... **Rachel McCoy** paced Grove

City with 19 points, 16 rebounds and four assists ... **Shannon Overdorff** recorded her first career double-double with 13 points and a career-high 11 rebounds ... **Laura Miller** fired in a career-high 13 points ... **Sarah Bray** had a career-high five assists ... Saturday, Grove City allowed Bethany to shoot 54 percent from the field in a 79-69 defeat ... McCoy led Grove City with 20 points and eight boards ... McCoy has now tied **Sandy O'Keefe's** career blocked shot record at Grove City with 150.



#### Thiel Tomcats

Thiel finished the week 1-1, dropping a 56-45 decision at Grove City Wednesday before earning a 76-67 home win vs. Waynesburg Saturday ... After trailing at GCC 20-3 at the 5:18 point of the first half, the Tomcats battled back to tie the game at 39-39 with 3:45 to play ... Thiel

struggled through a miserable first half, starting just 1-of-25 from the field ... Thiel finished the game shooting just 19.7 percent (15-76) from the field and went just 11-of-20 from the free throw line ... Senior G **Nicole Valentino** led the Tomcats with 16 points and nine rebounds ... Senior F **Fontella Jones** added a double-double with 10 points and 10 boards ... Against Waynesburg, sophomore G **Amber Bodrick** led the Tomcats with 31 points and eight rebounds.



#### Thomas More Saints

Thomas More claimed sole possession of first place with an overtime win over Westminster Saturday ... The

Saints had to overcome two eight-point deficits – one in each half – and scored the first 13 points of the extra session to post the victory ... Senior **Megan Wood** scored 19 points with nine rebounds to lead the Saints, while junior **Tangie Sellers** and sophomore **Kristen Humphrey** added 16 and 14 points, respectively ... Senior **Brooke Warner** became the 12<sup>th</sup> player in program history to join the 1,000-point club in Thomas More's win over Bethany ... Junior **Jenna Kelsch** scored a career-high 11 points in the win, while Sellers and Humphrey tallied 14 and 10 points, respectively.



# Washington & Jefferson Presidents

The Presidents extended their win streak to three games by defeating Waynesburg and Saint Vincent last week ... W&J defeated the Yellow Jackets for the 20<sup>th</sup> consecutive time on Wednesday ... W&J led 39-22 at the half before stretching its lead to as many as 33 points ... Sophomore G Kaleigh Bangor led 11 different scorers

with 10 points ... Junior F Jen Rogers added nine points and six rebounds, while junior C Sarah Hunt contributed eight points and seven boards ... A 23-5 run to close the first half helped W&J open a 37-19 lead as the Presidents cruised past the Bearcats Saturday ... W&J led by as many as 31 points ... Freshman PG Kennan Killeen led W&J with 17 points, eight assists and six rebounds, while Bangor drilled four three-pointers.



# Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

The Yellow Jackets suffered a pair of PAC losses last week, falling to W&J (70-47) and Thiel (76-67) ... Wednesday, the Presidents jumped out to a 17-point halftime lead after shooting over 50 percent from the floor ...

W&J held a 44-25 edge on the glass and scored 30 points in the paint ... W&J has now won 20 straight contests against the Yellow Jackets, dating back to 1996-97 ... Senior G Katie Lewandowski had 10 points and added four steals and three assists ... Against Thiel, the Yellow Jackets out-shot the Tomcats from the floor, but couldn't slow sophomore Amber Bodrick (31 points) ... Lewandowski netted 27 points on 7-of-14 shooting, while fellow senior Jenna Pratte added 11 points ... Sophomore F Michaelene Jones led Waynesburg with 12 rebounds (five offensive).



#### Westminster Titans

Westminster posted a 2-1 record last week with wins at home over Pitt-Greensburg (68-61) Monday and Saint Vincent (80-40) Wednesday before having its eight-game win streak snapped in overtime at Thomas More (82-69) Saturday in a game that determined first-place in the PAC standings ... Senior G **Desiree Sterling** became the all-time leading scorer in the 36-year history of Westminster women's basketball with 14 points vs. Saint Vincent, giving her 1,288 career points ... Sterling had a double-double with 14 points and 10

rebounds vs. Pitt-Greensburg and tied her career-high with 26 points at Thomas More ... Junior G/F **Emilee Ackerman** scored a game-high 19 vs. Saint Vincent, while sophomore G **Gina Brunetti** had a career-high 13 points vs. Pitt-Greensburg.



#### Saint Vincent Bearcats

After posting a 76-46 home win over incoming PAC member Chatham on Monday, the Bearcats dropped matchups against league foes Westminster (80-40) and Washington & Jefferson (76-56) ... Freshman PG **Maura Wahl** had a career-high 22 points against Chatham,

hitting 6-of-9 shots outside the arc ... Laura Klimchock scored 22 points against Chatham, 13 against Westminster and 24 against W&J.

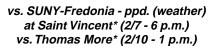
# PAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

# **Bethany Bison**

vs. Waynesburg\* (2/7 - 8 p.m.) at Washington & Jefferson\* (2/10 - 4 p.m.) www.teamline.cc (code 3724) - Both games

The Bison have a chance to move into fourth place in the PAC and possibly get in position for a first round home game in the PAC Tournament this week ... Bethany dropped a 74-69 OT decision at Waynesburg in their first match-up Jan. 17, despite double-doubles from **Courtney Irwin** (20 pts., 11 rebs.) and **Mandi Swiger** (18 pts., 14 rebs.) ... BC will try to maintain their dominance over Waynesburg in Bethany, as they've defeated the Yellow Jackets 11 of their last 12 meetings in Hummel Field House ... The Bison will then travel to W&J Saturday, looking to avenge a 70-51 loss to the Presidents Jan. 13.

## Thiel Tomcats



The Tomcats continue their PAC schedule this week when they travel to Saint Vincent on

Wednesday before hosting Thomas More on Saturday ... Thiel's game against SUNY-Fredonia scheduled for Monday has been postponed ... Saint Vincent holds an 8-6 all-time mark against Thiel while the Tomcats are currently 0-3 all-time against Thomas More.

# **Grove City Wolverines**

vs. Westminster\* (2/7 - 5:30 p.m.) at Saint Vincent\* (2/10 - 6 p.m.)

Grove City hosts Westminster Wednesday night ... The Lady Titans won the first meeting Jan. 17, 71-50, by outscoring the Wolverines

36-12 over the final 17 minutes ... Rachel McCoy posted 14 points for Grove City while Elyse Bogusz added 11 ... GCC leads the all-time series with Westminster, 33-23 ... McCoy has 974 career points ... She could become Grove City's ninth all-time 1,000-point scorer this week ... Saturday, Grove City visits Saint Vincent ... The Wolverines won the first meeting Jan. 13 in Grove City, 74-72 ... McCoy had 24 points while Shannon Overdorff added 22.

# Saints

#### Thomas More Saints

vs. Wash. & Jeff.\* (2/7 - 8 p.m.) at Thiel\* (2/10 - 1 p.m.) Insight Communications (TV channels 22/6) - Wednesday only

Thomas More looks to avenge its only PAC loss when they host Washington & Jefferson ... The Presidents lead the overall series, 4-1, but the Saints posted won the only game played at Connor Convocation ... TMC fell 53-49 earlier this season in a game **Megan Wood** scored 14 points with eight rebounds ... Thomas More leads the series with Thiel, 3-0, including a 76-53 win at home on January 13 ... Three players – Wood, **Brooke Warner** and **Amanda Link** – all reached double figures in the victory.



# Washington & Jefferson Presidents

at Thomas More\* (2/7 - 8 p.m.) vs. Bethany\* (2/10 - 4 p.m.)

mms://media.washjeff.edu/WNJR - Sat. only

W&J

W&J could force a tie atop the league standings during Wednesday's game in Kentucky ... W&J has claimed three of the last four victories in the

series; however, all of those have come at home ... TMC ran to a 39-21 lead last year in Kentucky and cruised to a 64-45 win ... W&J shot 31 percent in the loss ... W&J owns a 34-29 edge in the Bethany series ... The Presidents have claimed three of their last four home contests against BC ... W&J head coach **Jina DeRubbo** has won four of the five contests against Bethany after turning the Bison into a national contender from 1997-2004.



# Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

at Bethany\* (2/7 - 8 p.m.) at Westminster\* (2/10 - 2 p.m.) WCYJ-FM (88.7); www.waynesburg.edu

The Yellow Jackets look to move out of a three-way tie for fourth place in the PAC

this week when they travel to Bethany and second-place Westminster ... Waynesburg looks to continue its recent success against the Bison, winning the last three meetings including a 74-69 overtime victory earlier this season ... In the last five games against Bethany, G **Katie Lewandowski** has averaged 18.2 points per game, including a career-high 32 earlier this season ... The Yellow Jackets hope to take a season split with the Titans after losing 68-60 earlier this year despite 17 points from Lewandowski.



#### Westminster Titans

at Grove City\* (2/7 - 5:30 p.m.) vs. Waynesburg\* (2/10 - 2 p.m.)

WWNW-FM (88.9); <u>www.titanradio.net</u> - both games; WAY game on Westminster Cable Network (WCN)

Westminster's two conference losses are against firstplace Thomas More ... Therefore, the Titans do not own the tiebreaker and will need to make up two games on the Saints to grab the top seed for the PAC tournament ... They start by traveling to Grove City to play a Wolverine team they defeated at home 71-50

earlier in the season ... Then the Titans will host their remaining three PAC games, starting with Waynesburg on Saturday. The Titans won at Waynesburg, 68-60, on Jan. 13.



# Saint Vincent Bearcats

vs. Thiel\* (2/7 - 6 p.m.) vs. Grove City\* (2/10 - 6 p.m.)

Both games - www.redzonemedia.com

The Saint Vincent women's basketball team will host PAC rivals Thiel and Grove City this week ... The Bearcats topped the Tomcats on

the road 91-87 earlier this season, while losing at Grove City 74-72.