

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 2002-03

Presidents' Athletic Conference

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CURRENT REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through February 16, 2003)

	PAC Games			All Games		
<u>School</u>	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Washington & Jefferson College	8	0	1.00	18	1	.947
Grove City College	6	2	.750	9	12	.429
Waynesburg College	3	5	.375	12	11	.522
Westminster College	3	5	.375	8	15	.348
Bethany College	2	6	.250	15	8	.652
Thiel College	2	6	.250	10	13	.435

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Wednesday, February 12 WAYNESBURG 47, Bethany 46* Grove City 68, WESTMINSTER 65* Washington & Jefferson 71, THIEL 62*

Saturday, February 15

GROVE CITY 56, Thiel 51* Washington & Jefferson 80, BETHANY 70* Westminster 66, WAYNESBURG 57*

UPCOMING SCHEDULE Monday, February 17

Grove City at Penn State-Behrend - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 19

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

Saturday, February 22

Bethany at Westminster* - 1 p.m. Grove City at Washington & Jefferson* - 1 p.m. Waynesburg at Thiel* - 1 p.m.

END OF 2002-03 REGULAR SEASON

PAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

LEIGH SULKOWSKI

Washington & Jefferson College 5-11 Freshman Guard Upper St. Clair, Pa./Upper St. Clair H.S.

Sulkowski earned her fourth PAC Player of the Week laurel this season, as she helped the Presidents clinch at least a tie for the PAC regular season crown by averaging 27.0 points, 4.0 rebounds and 2.5 assists in PAC wins over Thiel (17-62) and Bethany(80-70). W*J has now won 11 straight contests. For the week, Sulkowski shot 55 percent (17-of-31) from the floor and 82 percent (18of-22) from the foul line.

Also nominated was sophomore G Nikki Babik of Bethany, sophomore G Abby Moose of Grove City, junior guard Amanda Swanson of Thiel, senior F Kyana Bradley of Waynesburg, and senior G Jennifer Petures of Westminster.

PAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

Bethany Bison

Bethany fell in two more PAC contests last week and now stands at 2-6 in the league ... After shooting just 21 percent in the first half at Waynesburg to fall behind 28-15 by the break, the Bison came back to take a two-point lead in the closing minute, but a three-pointer with two seconds to play broke Bethany's 15game winning streak versus the Jackets ... C Kelley Richardson finished with 15 points and 10 rebounds in the loss ... W&J shot 68 percent in the second half on their way to 56 percent for the game in the 10-point win over the Bison ... G Nikki Babik came off the bench for 21 points and Richardson fired in 15 for the Bison, who were outrebounded 34-26 in the loss.

Wash. & Jeff. Presidents

The Presidents are ranked No. 2 in the Great Lakes Region and have tied a school record with an 11-game winning streak ... W&J also clinched at least a tie for the PAC regular-season title on Saturday at Bethany ... The Presidents can clinch the top seed for the PAC tournament with one win in its final two contests or one Grove City loss ... W&J can also set a new school record for wins in a season with two more victories ... Freshman G Leigh Sulkowski, the 12th leading scorer in Division III, scored 31 points on Wednesday to lead the Presidents past Thiel ... Sulkowski (24 pts.) and junior G Shawndra McDonald (21 pts.) combined for 45 points to lead W&J to the 10-point victory at Bethany on Saturday.

Grove City Lady Wolverines

The Lady Wolverines wrapped up a quarterfinal bye in the PAC tournament with two PAC wins last week ... At Westminster, Grove City erased a double-digit deficit and completed a sweep of the Lady Titans ... Kellie Kepple came off the bench to spark Grove City's final rally, scoring seven straight points ... Abby Moose led Grove City with 17 points and four assists while Leigh LeGare racked up another double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds ... Sandy O'Keefe chipped in 10 points ... GCC then held off Thiel Saturday ... Moose fired in 17 points on 6-of-11 shooting while O'Keefe had 14 points and blocked four shots ... Cara Denniston has now played in 101 consecutive games for Grove City.

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

After Waynesburg's dramatic 47-46 win over Bethany Wednesday, the Jackets were in third place in the PAC, however, with Saturday's 66-57 loss to Westminster the Jackets now share the spot with the Titans ... Ashley Urban's high-arcing three-pointer with two seconds left capped off Waynesburg's win over Bethany, ending a 15-game losing streak against the Bison ... Urban was 1 for 11 from the field before hitting the improbable game-winner.... Kyana Bradley led the Jackets with 16 points, seven boards and four steals ... She also led the Jackets with 17 points and nine rebounds against Westminster ... Candice Eyerman registered nine points and 10 points in each game this week, including three three-pointers in each game.

Thiel has dropped five straight games and seven of their last nine with conference losses to W&J (71-62) and Grove City (56-51) last week ... Despite finishing with three scorers in double figures the Tomcats were unable to hand the Presidents their first PAC loss of the season ... Junior G Amanda Swanson finished with 25 points, nine rebounds and five steals in the loss ... Grove City finished hitting 40.0 percent of their shots compared to Thiel's 29.7 percent in their 56-51 win over the Tomcats ... Thiel hit five three-pointers in the final three minutes, but it wasn't enough to close the gap ... Swanson paced Thiel with 13 points and a season-high 15 boards.

Westminster Lady Titans

Westminster split a pair of PAC contests last week, falling at home to Grove City 68-65 on Wednesday before toppling Waynesburg 66-57 on the road on Saturday ... Senior G Jennifer Petures bucketed a game-high and season-high 23 points against GCC, which also tied her career-high, while dishing out a team-best four assists ... Sophomore F Erica Tallo added 10 markers, while senior F Samor Himes hauled in a team-high eight rebounds in the loss ... Three Lady Titans scored in double figures at Waynesburg, led by Tallo with team-high totals of 19 points and nine rebounds ... Petures scored 18 points, including four threepointers, while classmate Ashley Kenney added 14 points while dishing out a game-high five assists.

Past PAC Women's Basketball Players of the Week

November 25: Leigh Sulkowski, G, Wash. & Jeff. December 2: Katie Hardie, F, Bethany December 9: Leigh Sulkowski, G, Wash. & Jeff. December 16: Abby Moose, G, Grove City January 6: Kelley Richardson, C, Bethany January 13: Amanda Swanson, G, Thiel January 20: Shawndra McDonald, G, Wash. & Jeff. January 27: Kyana Bradley, F, Waynesburg February 3: Leigh Sulkowski, G, Wash. & Jeff. February 10: Shawndra McDonald, Wash. & Jeff. February 17: Leigh Sulkowski, G, Wash. & Jeff. February 24:

Thiel Tomcats

PAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

BETHANY BISON (15-8 Overall, 2-6 PAC) vs. Thiel* (2/19 - 6 p.m.) at Westminster* (2/22 - 1 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WVBC-FM (88.1)

Upcoming Game Notes: Bethany will try to avenge a Jan. 29 loss at Thiel and try to complete a season sweep of Westminster in the final week of regular season play ... In the loss at Thiel, Bethany shot just 22 percent in the first half and then allowed the Lady Cats to hit 54 percent in the second half in the 69-66 Thiel win ... Kelley Richardson had 21 points in the win ... The 73-54 Westminster win was highlighted by 17 points and 10 rebounds from Katie Hardie and Bethany shooting 65 percent (15-23) in the second half to pull away after a holding a three-point half-time lead.

THIEL TOMCATS (10-13 Overall, 2-6 PAC) at Bethany* (2/19 - 6 p.m.) vs. Waynesburg* (2/22 - 1 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

Upcoming Game Notes: The Tomcats trail Bethany 23-18 in the all-time series, but did take this season's previous meeting in Greenville 69-66 behind 32 points and 29 rebounds from reserves ... Junior G **Amanda Swanson** finished with 20 points and eight caroms in the victory ... Before falling to Waynesburg 50-43 on Nov. 23, the Tomcats had won the previous eight meetings between the schools and won the last three by an average of 23 points ... After leading 25-23 at the half, Thiel was outscored 36-11 in the second half before falling 59-36 in Waynesburg on Feb. 1...Swanson had 14 markers and six rebounds.

WAYNESBURG YELLOW JACKETS (12-11 Overall, 3-5 PAC) at Grove City* (2/19 - 5:30 p.m.) at Thiel* (2/22 - 1 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WCYJ-FM (88.7), www.waynesburg.edu **Upcoming Game Notes:** Waynesburg is fighting to host a PAC tournament game, as the Jackets enter the week tied for third place ... Waynesburg will travel to Grove City Wednesday, a team that defeated the Jackets 53-52 on Jan. 29, before traveling to Thiel Saturday ... Waynesburg already defeated Thiel twice this season, once at Allegheny (50-43) for its first win of the season, and again at home 59-36 on Feb. 1 ... **Kyana Bradley** scored 19 points in the last meeting with Grove City, and 16 points in the team's last meeting with Thiel, which also included 11 rebounds.

GROVE CITY LADY WOLVERINES (9-12 Overall, 6-2 PAC)

at Penn State-Behrend (2/17 - 7 p.m.) vs. Waynesburg* (2/19 - 5:30 p.m.) at Wash. & Jeff.* (2/22 - 1 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WSAJ-FM (91.1) - Saturday only Upcoming Game Notes: Grove City looks for a season sweep against Waynesburg Wednesday night ... The Lady Wolverines rallied for a 53-52 win in the first meeting ... Grove City trailed 31-18 in first game but eventually claimed the win when Trista Murphy's buzzer-beater missed the mark ... Cara Denniston could tie Stephanie Murphy's school records for consecutive games (104) Saturday at Washington and Jefferson.

WASH. & JEFF. PRESIDENTS (18-1 Overall, 8-0 PAC) vs. Westminster* (2/19 - 5:30 p.m.) vs. Grove City* (2/22 - 1 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WNJR-FM (91.7)

Upcoming Game Notes: W&J and Westminter will meet for the 11th time on Wednesday with Westminster winning seven of the 10 previous contests ... The Lady Titans had their seven-game win streak in the series snapped on Jan. 29^{th,} as **Shawndra McDonald** scored 20 points in leading the Presidents to the 68-57 win ... The victory was W&J's first over the Lady Titans in 22 years ... W&J leads the alltime series with Grove City 24-19 ... The Presidents have won six of the last eight matchups, including a 75-43 rout three weeks ago at GCC ... **Leigh Sulkowski** scored 27 points and grabbed a career-high 14 rebounds in the win.

WESTMINSTER LADY TITANS (8-15 Overall, 3-5 PAC) at Wash. & Jeff.* (2/19 - 5:30 p.m.)

at wash. & Jeff.^ (2/19 - 5:30 p.m.) vs. Bethany* (2/22 - 1 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WWNW-FM (88.9), WEXC-FM (107.1), Westminster Cable Network (WCN) - *Saturday only* **Upcoming Game Notes:** The Lady Titans will try to avenge PAC losses to both W&J and Bethany as Westminster tries to earn a home game in the upcoming PAC Tournament ... Westminster led W&J (#2 in Great Lakes Region) 27-26 at halftime in New Wilmington on Jan. 29, but the Presidents pulled away for a 68-57 victory ... Jaime Lynn tallied 13 points for WC in the loss ... Bethany rolled to a 73-54 home win over the Lady Titans on Feb. 2 ... Erica Tallo scored 12 points in the loss, followed by Mary Jane Eaton and Lynn with 11 and 10 points, respectively.