

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 2003-04

Presidents' Athletic Conference

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FINAL 2003-04 REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS

| | PAC Games | | | All Games | | |
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| School | <u>W</u> | L | Pct. | <u>W</u> | L | Pct. |
| Bethany College | 10 | 0 | 1.00 | 21 | 4 | .880 |
| Westminster College | 7 | 3 | .700 | 15 | 9 | .625 |
| Washington & Jefferson College | 6 | 4 | .600 | 16 | 7 | .696 |
| Grove City College | 5 | 5 | .500 | 13 | 10 | .565 |
| Waynesburg College | 1 | 9 | .100 | 9 | 13 | .409 |
| Thiel College | 1 | 9 | .100 | 6 | 19 | .240 |

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Wednesday, February 18
Grove City 55, WAYNESBURG 50*
Bethany 76, THIEL 55*
WESTMINSTER 71, Washington & Jefferson 66*

Saturday, Feburary 21

Washington & Jefferson 60, GROVE CITY 56* BETHANY 82, Westminster 67* WAYNESBURG 64, Thiel 54*

END OF 2003-04 REGULAR SEASON

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

2004 PAC Women's Basketball Tournament Tuesday, February 24

#5 Waynesburg at #4 Grove City* - 6 p.m. #6 Thiel at #3 Washington & Jefferson - 7 p.m.

Friday, February 27 (at Bethany College)

Highest remaining seed vs. #2 Westminster - 6 p.m. Lowest remaining seed vs. #1 Bethany - 8 p.m.

Saturday, Feburary 28 (at Bethany College PAC Championship Game - 2 p.m.

PAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

KATIE HARDIE Bethany College

5-10 Senior Forward Youngstown, Ohio/Cardinal Mooney H.S.

Hardie averaged 17.0 points, 8.0 rebounds and 2.5 steals while leading Bethany to PAC wins over Thiel (76-55) and Westminster (82-67), clinching a perfect 10-0 PAC regular season record and the top seed in the conference tournament. She missed her career-high by one point after posting a double-double with 30 points and 10 rebounds against the Lady Titans, including 10-of-13 shooting from the field and a perfect 5-of-5 accuracy from three-point range.

Also nominated was junior G **Jocelyn Kempema** of Grove City, freshman G **Nicole Valentino** of Thiel, senior G **Shawndra McDonald** of Washington & Jefferson, sophomore G **Candice Eyerman** of Waynesburg, and junior G **Alyson Gasper** of Westminster.

PAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

Bethany Bison

The Bison won their 15th and 16th consecutive games last week at Thiel and vs. Westminster ... With the wins, the Bison finished the PAC regular season with a perfect 10-0 record to earn the topseed in this week's PAC Tournament ... The Bison are now 21-4 overall this season, just one win shy of the program record of 22 wins, which was accomplished three times previously ... Katie Hardie led the way in the 82-67 victory over the Titans with 30 points and 10 rebounds, just one point short of her career-high of 31 points ... Hardie went 5of-5 from beyond the arc in the game and 10-of-13 from the field overall ... Kelley Richardson added 22 points and seven rebounds.

Wash. & Jeff. Presidents

W&J snapped its first two-game losing streak in two years on Saturday by defeating Grove City, 60-56 ... A 17-8 run at the start of the second half proved to be the difference for the Presidents, who led for all but 1:31 ... Senior G Shawndra McDonald led the way with 18 points, while sophomore G Leigh Sulkowski added 13 points, seven rebounds and four assists ... Sophomore G Lauren Slampak also notched a double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds ... A late rally was not enough as the Presidents dropped a 71-66 decision at Westminster Wednesday ... Sulkowski dropped in 20 points, while grabbing nine boards ... McDonald netted 14 markers to move into third place on the school's all-time scoring charts (1,428 points).

Grove City Lady Wolverines

Grove City closed the regular season with a loss to Washington and Jefferson Saturday ... Junior C Sandy O'Keefe tossed in 17 points and grabbed eight rebounds ... Junior guards Abby Moose and Jocelyn Kempema added 13 and 11 points, respectively ... Kempema led Grove City to a come-from-behind win at Waynesburg Wednesday night with a dozen points and four steals ... Grove City shot just 24 percent from the floor in the first half ... Freshman Lee Anne Lukcic shot 3-for-3 from the floor, scoring a season-high eight points that sparked the comeback ... Seniors Leigh LeGare and Misty Wadowsky were honored before Saturday's final regular season home game at College Arena.

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

Waynesburg won its first PAC game of the season on Saturday with a 64-54 win over visiting Thiel, a team it defeated four times last year before losing on the road this season ... Candice Eyerman scored 19 points and Ashley Urban netted a career-high 18 points in the win, as both players sank four three-pointers apiece ... Waynesburg surrendered an 18-5 Thiel run in the second half before hanging on for the win ... The Jackets lost 55-50 on Wednesday to Grove City and kept the visiting Wolverines within nine points but could not make a run, as Eyerman led the way for the Jackets with 15 points.

Thiel Tomcats

Thiel saw its losing streak rn to six after dropping a pair of PAC contests last week ... The Tomcats fell at home to PAC leader Bethany 76-55 on Wednesday, before losing their league finale at Waynesburg 64-54 on Saturday ... Senior G Kerry Gutherie had 15 points and five rebounds in the loss to Bethany, while freshman G Nicole Valentino added 13 points and nine rebounds ... Waynesburg outscored the Tomcats 14-0 over the game's first 5:27 and led 24-4 with just under 10 minutes to play in the first half ... After Thiel closed within six (52-46), the Jackets made 12-of-14 free throws down the stretch to earn the win ... Valentino and junior G Laura Simonetti each had 12 points, while Gutherie added 11.

Westminster Lady Titans

The Lady Titans split a pair of PAC games last week, allowing Westminster to clinch the second seed and a first round bye for this week's PAC Tournament ... Westminster defeated Washington & Jefferson at home 71-66 on Wednesday, before dropping an 82-67 decision at PAC leader Bethany on Saturday ... Freshman G Desiree Sterling bucketed a teambest 19 points against W&J, while junior G Alyson Gasper posted an outstanding all-around game with a career hightying 15 points while adding team-best totals of six assists and five steals ... In the Bethany contest, junior F Erica Tallo led the way with 19 points, followed by Sterling with 14 and junior G Erin Morrow with 12.

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: Desiree Sterling, G, Westminster

February 1: Sherelle Vossen, G. Bethany

February 8: Shawndra McDonald, G, Washington & Jefferson

February 15: Kelley Richardson, C, Bethany

February 22: Katie Hardie, F, Bethany

PAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

BETHANY BISON (21-4 Overall, 10-0 PAC)

vs.TBA (2/27 - 8 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WVBC-FM (88.1)

Upcoming Game Notes: Bethany will look to win its fifth PAC Championship in the last six years later this week ... The Bison won four straight titles from 1999-2002, before W&J took the crown last season ... The Bison finished the conference regular season undefeated for the first time since the 1999-2000 team finished 8-0 in the PAC ... With 30 points against Westminster Saturday, senior **Katie Hardie** moved up to sixth on the Bethany all-time scoring list, with 1,240 points ... She also moved to third on the school all-time rebounding list (768) after pulling down 10 vs. the Titans ... **Nikki Babik** has 54 three-pointers this season, eight behind the all-time single-season mark of 62 set by **Kiki Cohen** in 2001-02.

THIEL TOMCATS (6-19 Overall, 1-9 PAC)

at Washington & Jefferson (2/24 - 7 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

Upcoming Game Notes: The sixth-seeded Tomcats will hit the road to open play in the PAC Tournament when they travel to third-seeded Washington & Jefferson on Tuesday evening ... Over the past four seasons the Presidents have dominated the series, earning nine straight wins over the Tomcats.

GROVE CITY LADY WOLVERINES (13-10 Overall, 5-5 PAC)

vs. Waynesburg (2/24 - 6 p.m.)

Radio/TV: TBA

Upcoming Game Notes: Grove City has won 18 straight against Waynesburg ... Included in that streak are two postseason victories (2000 and 2003) ... Grove City eliminated Waynesburg from the 2003 PAC Tournament with a 77-69 semifinal win at Washington and Jefferson ... Three Grove City players are currently averaging 10.0 or more points per game ... No Grove City women's team has had three players finish the season with double-digit scoring averages since 1997 ... **Abby Moose** leads the team at 12.0 points per game while fellow juniors **Sandy O'Keefe** (11.0) and **Jocelyn Kempema** (10.0) follow ... Grove City is just 4-5 at home this year.

WASH. & JEFF. PRESIDENTS (16-7 Overall, 6-4 PAC)

vs.Thiel* (2/24 - 7 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WNJR-FM (91.7)

Upcoming Game Notes: Washington & Jefferson has won 11 consecutive meetings with Thiel and has also claimed six-straight at the Henry Memorial Center ... Sophomore forward **Amanda Stanonik** poured in a career-high 24 points in the Presidents' 59-48 victory in Greenville on Jan. 21 st, while classmate **Leigh Sulkowski** netted 18 markers in just 21 minutes of action in an 83-53 rout in Washington on Feb. 11th ... W&J has defeated the Tomcats on average by 32.5 points the last time the two schools have met at the Henry Memorial Center.

WAYNESBURG YELLOW JACKETS (9-13 Overall, 1-9 PAC)

at Grove City (2/24 - 6 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

Upcoming Game Notes: Waynesburg travels to Grove City in the first round of the PAC Tournament to face the team that ended its season in the tournament a year ago ... The No. 3-seeded Jackets lost 77-69 to the second-seeded Wolverines in the semifinals last year, after the Jackets won their quarterfinal game over Thiel ... Waynesburg has not defeated Grove City in 18 tries dating back to 1995, the longest streak for any of its opponents.

WESTMINSTER LADY TITANS (15-9 Overall, 7-3 PAC)

vs.TBA (at Bethany)* (2/27 - 6 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WWNW-FM (88.9)

Upcoming Game Notes: The Lady Titans are off until Friday after receiving a first round bye in the PAC Tournament ... Westminster was eligible for the PAC Tournament for the first time last season ... In 2002-03, the Lady Titans (seeded fourth) posted a 76-60 home win over Bethany in the opening round before falling at eventual PAC champion Washington & Jefferson 81-77 in the semifinals ... Junior F Erica Tallo has reached double figures in scoring in each of the last 19 games, while freshman G Desiree Sterling has an 18-game double-digit scoring streak ... The Lady Titans are 13-5 in their last 18 games after a 2-4 start.