



# WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 2002-03

**Presidents' Athletic Conference**

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## CURRENT REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through February 23, 2003)

School	PAC Games			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Washington & Jefferson College	10	0	1.00	20	1	.952
Grove City College	7	3	.700	11	13	.458
Waynesburg College <sup>^</sup>	4	6	.400	13	12	.520
Westminster College <sup>^</sup>	4	6	.400	9	16	.360
Bethany College	3	7	.300	16	9	.640
Thiel College	2	8	.200	10	15	.400

<sup>^</sup> - Waynesburg wins tiebreaker over Westminster by virtue of better overall record

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

**Monday, February 17**

Grove City 64, PENN STATE-BEHREND 56

**Wednesday, February 19**

GROVE CITY 65, Waynesburg 50\*  
WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 68, Westminster 54\*  
BETHANY 80, Thiel 64\*

**Saturday, February 22**

WESTMINSTER 72, Bethany 66\*  
WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 59, Grove City 53  
Waynesburg 59, THIEL 48\*

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

**Monday, February 24**

Washington & Jefferson at Frostburg State - 7:30 p.m.

**END OF 2002-03 REGULAR SEASON**

**2003 PAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

**Tuesday, February 25**

#6 Thiel at #3 Waynesburg - 5:30 p.m.  
#5 Bethany at #4 Westminster - 6 p.m.

**Friday, February 28**

Highest remaining seed vs. #2 Grove City (at W&J) - 6 p.m.  
Lowest remaining seed at #1 Washington & Jefferson - 8 p.m.

**Saturday, March 1**

Championship game (at W&J) - 4 p.m.

### PAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**AMANDA SWANSON**

**Thiel College**

**5-7 Junior Guard**

**Clearfield, Pa./Clearfield H.S.**

Swanson earned her second PAC Player of the Week award this season after averaging 25.5 points, 6.5 rebounds, 5.0 steals and 3.0 assists last week. She also became just the ninth women's basketball player in school history to surpass the 1,000-point plateau and just the third to do so in her junior year. She also extended her season steals total to 99, breaking the Thiel single-season mark of 93 set by Tracy Ralph in 1989.

Also nominated was sophomore G **Nikki Babik** of Bethany, sophomore G/F **Jocelyn Kempema** of Grove City, senior center **Lauren Hull** of Washington & Jefferson, freshman G **Candice Eyerman** of Waynesburg, and senior F **Samor Himes** of Westminster.

## PAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

### **Bethany Bison**

A 1-1 week means Bethany enters the PAC tourney as the fifth seed and on the road for Tuesday's quarterfinals ... The Bison shot 51 percent and had four scorers reach double figures in an 80-64 victory over Thiel ... **Katie Hardie** went 8-12 from the floor and 5-8 from the arc in scoring 21 points, her highest total in 14 games ... **Nikki Babik** had 16, **Renee Shehady** totaled 14 and **Kelley Richardson** added 12 for the Bison, who buried 12 triples in the contest... The Green and White's loss at Westminster mean the teams will square off again in the tournament quarters ... Babik had 14 points, including 10 in the final 57 seconds to close the margin, and **Stefanie Panas** matched her career-high with 11 points.

### **Wash. & Jeff. Presidents**

W&J won its school record 20<sup>th</sup> game on Saturday to extend its school-record win streak to 13 games ... The Presidents are ranked No. 1 in the Great Lakes Region for the first time in the program's history ... W&J remains one of just five teams left in the nation with one loss or less ... The other four teams represent the top four ranked teams in Division III ... Freshman G **Leigh Sulkowski** ranks as the country's seventh-leading scorer ... Junior G **Shawndra McDonald** can move into second place on the school's all-time assist list with eight more assists ... McDonald scored 16 points Wednesday against Westminster ... Senior C **Lauren Hull** paced the President effort on Saturday with 11 points, 14 rebounds and four blocks against Grove City.

### **Grove City Lady Wolverines**

Grove City's five-game win streak ended Saturday with six-point loss at W&J ... Grove City led by 10 in the first half and held W&J leading scorers **Leigh Sulkowski** and **Shawndra McDonald** to a combined 16 points, 20 points below their combined average ... **Cara Denniston** played in her 104<sup>th</sup> consecutive game for Grove City Saturday, tying **Stephanie Murphy's** GCC record ... The Lady Wolverines opened the week with a victory at Behrend behind 12 points from **Leigh LeGare** and 11 from **Christy Faller** ... GCC fell behind 20-4 before storming back with a 23-4 half-closing run vs. Waynesburg ... **Jocelyn Kempema** had a career-high 15 points while LeGare contributed 11 points and 12 rebounds.

### **Waynesburg Yellow Jackets**

Waynesburg finished the regular season at 13-12 for its best record in eight years ... The Jackets lost on the road Wednesday, 65-50, after jumping to a 20-4 lead on Grove City ... The Wolverines countered with a 23-4 run to end the first half ... Saturday at Thiel, the Jackets held the Tomcats to just 10 points in the last 13:32 of the game ... Waynesburg won 57-48 to sew up the No. 3 seed in this week's conference tournament ... Freshman G **Candice Eyerma** led the Jackets in scoring for both games with 14 points Wednesday and 15 Saturday ... Sophomore F **Michelle Collins** grabbed a career-high 14 rebounds at Thiel ... Freshman PG **Rachel Dillon**, who scored 11 vs. Grove City, is one assist away from the single-season school record of 123.

### **Thiel Tomcats**

The Tomcats dropped two PAC contests last week and finished the conference regular season with a 2-8 mark ... Junior G **Amanda Swanson** became the ninth women's basketball player to eclipse the 1,000-point mark and just the third to do so during her junior campaign against Bethany ... Swanson did so with her first field goal of the game, a three-pointer that tied the game at 7-7 with 15:53 remaining in the first half ... She finished with a season-high 31 points, eight rebounds and four steals ... The Tomcats shot just 27 percent from the field against Waynesburg ... They led 26-20 going into the half, but Waynesburg runs of 12-2 and 15-4 sealed the game ... Swanson scored a game-high 20 points in the loss.

### **Westminster Lady Titans**

Westminster split a pair of PAC contests last week to earn the #4 seed for this week's PAC Tournament and a first round home game on Tuesday against #5 Bethany ... The Lady Titans trailed PAC leader W&J by just three (55-52) with 4:11 left, but were outscored 13-2 the rest of the way in a 68-54 loss on Wednesday ... **Samor Himes** led WC with 15 points against W&J, while **Kristen Karatinos** and **Erica Tallo** each added 12 ... Westminster topped Bethany 72-66 at home Saturday, to set up a Tuesday rematch ... **Ashley Kenney** had a game-high 20 points (including 8-of-10 shooting from the line) ... Himes and **Jaime Lynn** each posted 11 points, while **Jennifer Petures** and Tallo contributed 10 points apiece.

### **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: Amanda Swanson, G, Thiel

## PAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

### **#5 BETHANY BISON (16-9 Overall, 3-7 PAC) PAC Tournament First Round Game at #4 Westminster (2/25 - 6 p.m.)**

**Radio/TV:** none

**Upcoming Game Notes:** A little over 72 hours after Westminster ended Bethany's regular season with a 72-66 loss, the Lady Titans and Bison will face off in the PAC Tournament quarterfinals ... The Westminster win avenged a 73-54 Green and White triumph Feb. 1, in which **Katie Hardie** tallied 17 points and 10 rebounds as Bethany shot 57 percent from the floor... If Bethany and #3 Waynesburg win, then the Bison will face W&J in the semifinals, while Bison and Thiel victories means BC takes on Grove City ... Since the PAC Tournament started three years ago, Bethany has gone unbeaten (6-0) in tournament play.

### **#2 GROVE CITY LADY WOLVERINES (11-13 Overall, 7-3 PAC) PAC Tournament Semifinal Game vs. highest remaining seed (at W&J) (2/28 - 6 p.m.)**

**Radio/TV:** WSAJ-FM (91.1)

**Upcoming Game Notes:** **Cara Denniston** will likely set new GCC record by playing in her 105<sup>th</sup> consecutive game Friday night in PAC semifinals ... The Lady Wolverines are seeking their first conference title since 1987 ... Grove City has finished second in the PAC four times in the last six seasons ... Under head coach **Melissa Lamie**, Grove City has won just one game in the Henry Memorial Center ... Grove City is 2-3 in the PAC tournament since 2000.

### **#6 THIEL TOMCATS (10-15 Overall, 2-8 PAC) PAC Tournament First Round Game at #3 Waynesburg (2/25 - 5:30 p.m.)**

**Radio/TV:** none

**Upcoming Game Notes:** The sixth-seeded Tomcats will take on third-seeded Waynesburg on Tuesday in the opening game of the Women's PAC Tournament at 5:30 p.m. in Waynesburg ... The Yellow Jackets have defeated the Tomcats in three straight contests this season and have won by an average of 13.0 points.

### **#1 WASH. & JEFF. PRESIDENTS (20-1 Overall, 10-0 PAC) at Frostburg State (2/24 - 7:30 p.m.) PAC Tournament Semifinal Game vs. lowest remaining seed (2/28 - 8 p.m.)**

**Radio/TV:** WNJR-FM (91.7)

**Upcoming Game Notes:** Prior to serving as the top seed and host for the PAC Tournament later this week, Washington & Jefferson closes the regular season with a non-conference road game at Frostburg State on Monday night ... FSU leads the all-time series with W&J 8-5, however, the Presidents posted a 79-45 victory over the Bobcats in the Bethany tournament on Dec. 6 of this season.

### **#3 WAYNESBURG YELLOW JACKETS (13-12 Overall, 4-6 PAC) PAC Tournament First Round Game vs. #6 Thiel (2/25 - 5:30 p.m.)**

**Radio/TV:** WCYJ-FM (88.7), [www.waynesburg.edu](http://www.waynesburg.edu)

**Upcoming Game Notes:** No. 6-seeded Thiel and No. 3-seeded Waynesburg will meet for the fourth time this season as the Jackets host the Tomcats in the first round of the PAC Tournament ... These two teams also met in the tournament's pigtail game last year ... Thiel eliminated Waynesburg 77-48 ... Waynesburg won all three meetings this season including a 50-43 win at Allegheny on Nov. 23, a 59-36 home win on Feb. 1, and Saturday's 57-48 win at Thiel ... The 36 points at Waynesburg on Feb. 1 is the fewest amount of points the Jackets gave up in a game this season.

### **#4 WESTMINSTER LADY TITANS (9-16 Overall, 4-6 PAC) PAC Tournament First Round Game vs. #5 Bethany (2/25 - 6 p.m.)**

**Radio/TV:** WWNW-FM (88.9), [www.nsnsports.com](http://www.nsnsports.com)

**Upcoming Game Notes:** The Lady Titans host Bethany for the second time in four days as Westminster competes in its first-ever PAC Tournament ... Bethany posted a 73-54 home win on Feb. 2 despite 14 points by **Samor Himes** of Westminster, while the Lady Titans topped the Bison at Buzz Ridl Gymnasium 72-66 on Saturday ... Bethany enters the tournament as the four-time defending PAC champions, however, Westminster won three of four games against the Bison the previous two years as the Lady Titans completed their reclassification from NCAA Division II.