



## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 2002-03

### Presidents' Athletic Conference

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## PRESIDENTS' ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (PAC) 2003 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT February 25, 28; March 1, 2003

### FINAL PAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS - #

1. Washington & Jefferson College
2. Grove City College
- 3t. Waynesburg College
- 3t. Westminster College
5. Bethany College
6. Thiel College

# - The tournament winner is conference champion and the other finalist will place second. Other places in the order of finish will be determined from the round-robin schedule.

### PAC TOURNAMENT FIRST ROUND GAMES - 2/25/03

#### **First Round Game #1 - Waynesburg, Pa.**

**#3 WAYNESBURG 52, #6 Thiel 44**

The Tomcats eyed an opening round upset by taking a 21-19 lead into halftime, but the Yellow Jackets rallied to outscore Thiel 33-23 in the second half to earn the win. Freshman G **Candice Eyerman (Cranberry Township, PA/Seneca Valley H.S.)** was the lone Waynesburg player to reach double figures in scoring with 10 points, while freshman G/F **Tina Ramer (Hadley, PA/Commodore Perry H.S.)** and sophomore G **Michelle Collins (Steubenville, OH/Steubenville H.S.)** grabbed 13 and 11 rebounds, respectively. Freshman G **Heather Abate (Kittanning, PA/Ford City H.S.)** and junior G **Amanda Swanson (Clearfield, PA/Clearfield H.S.)** added 11 and 10 points, respectively, in the loss for Thiel.

#### **First Round Game #2 - New Wilmington, Pa.**

**#4 WESTMINSTER 76, #5 Bethany 60**

The Bison saw their string of four consecutive PAC women's basketball titles come to an end, as Westminster (playing in its first-ever PAC Tournament) outscored Bethany 40-24 in the second half to break open a 36-36 halftime tie. Senior F **Samor Himes (Irwin, PA/Penn-Trafford H.S.)** bucketed a game-high 24 points for Westminster. Senior G **Jennifer Petures (Monaca, PA/Center H.S.)** added 15 markers, while sophomore F **Erica Tallo (Oakdale, PA/West Allegheny H.S.)** added a double-double with 14 points and a game-high 12 rebounds. Junior C **Kelley Richardson (Follansbee, WV/Brooke H.S.)** recorded team-high totals of 23 points and nine rebounds for the Bison, while sophomore G **Nikki Babik (Johnstown, PA/Westmont-Hilltop H.S.)** added 16 markers off the bench.

### PAC TOURNAMENT SEMIFINAL GAMES - 2/28/03

#### **Semifinal Game #1 - Washington, Pa.**

**#2 GROVE CITY 77, #3 Waynesburg 69**

The Lady Wolverines advanced to the PAC championship

game by taking an eight-point halftime lead (43-35) and holding off a late Waynesburg rally which cut the GCC lead to three points (64-61) with 3:09 to play. From there, Grove City outscored the Yellow Jackets 13-6 the rest of the way to clinch the semifinal victory. GCC was led by sophomore G **Abby Moose (New Wilmington, PA/Mercer H.S.)** with game-high totals of 25 points (including four three-pointers), five assists and three steals. Senior G **Cara Denniston (Grove City, PA/Grove City H.S.)** added 14 for the Lady Wolverines. Waynesburg was paced by freshman G **Candice Eyerman (Cranberry Twp., PA/Seneca Valley H.S.)** with 21 points on seven three-pointers, while freshman F **Tina Ramer (Hadley, PA/Commodore Perry H.S.)** added a double-double with 18 points and 12 boards.

#### **Semifinal Game #2 - Washington, Pa.**

**#1 WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 81, #4 Westminster 77**

Westminster appeared poised to post an upset of the top-seeded and nationally-ranked Presidents, as the Lady Titans held a 67-61 lead with 4:11 to play. However, W&J responded with a 10-0 run to take a 71-67 lead with 2:15 left. The Presidents then hit all eight free throws in the final 1:17 to advance to the championship against Grove City. Junior G **Shawndra McDonald (Houston, TX/Westfield H.S.)** led all scorers with 26 points while adding game-high totals of seven assists and six steals for W&J, while freshman G **Leigh Sulkowski (Upper St. Clair, PA/Upper St. Clair H.S.)** scored 23 points and junior G **Rachel Armitage (Butler, PA/Butler H.S.)** added 12 markers off the bench. All five Westminster starters scored in double figures, led by senior G **Jennifer Petures (Monaca, PA/Center H.S.)** with 18 points.

### PAC CHAMPIONSHIP - Washington, Pa. - 3/1/03

**#1 WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 72, #2 Grove City 63**

The Presidents, ranked #25 in the nation and #1 in the Great Lakes Region, captured their fourth PAC women's basketball title and their first since the 1997-98 season with a nine-point home win over Grove City. The two teams were tied 37-37 at the half, but W&J outscored GCC 35-26 in the decisive second half. The Presidents were paced by freshman G/F **Amanda Stanonik (North Versailles, PA/East Allegheny H.S.)**, who came off the bench to post career-high totals of 23 points (on 9-of-11 shooting) and nine rebounds. Senior F **Amy Strosnider (Waynesburg, PA/Waynesburg Central H.S.)** added 10 markers for W&J in the win. Junior F **Leigh LeGare (Copperas Cove, TX/Copperas Cove H.S.)** and senior F **Christy Faller (Ijamsville, MD/Urbana H.S.)** led the Lady Wolverines with 16 and 14 points, respectively.

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### PRESIDENTS' ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (PAC) 2003 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS

#### FIRST TEAM

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Shawndra McDonald	Wash. & Jeff.	G	5-3	Jr.	Houston, TX/Westfield
Abby Moose	Grove City	G	5-6	So.	New Wilmington, PA/Mercer
Kelley Richardson	Bethany	C	6-0	Jr.	Follansbee, WV/Brooke
Leigh Sulkowski	Wash. & Jeff.	G	5-11	Fr.	Upper St. Clair, PA/Upper St. Clair
Amanda Swanson	Thiel	F	5-7	Jr.	Clearfield, PA/Clearfield

#### SECOND TEAM

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Candice Eyerman	Waynesburg	G	5-5	Fr.	Cranberry Twp., PA/Seneca Valley
Katie Hardie	Bethany	F	5-10	Jr.	Youngstown, OH/Cardinal Mooney
Ashley Kenney	Westminster	G	5-6	Sr.	Greensburg, PA/Hempfield
Leigh LeGare	Grove City	F	5-10	Jr.	Copperas Cove, TX/Copperas Cove
Erica Tallo	Westminster	F	6-0	So.	Oakdale, PA/West Allegheny

#### HONORABLE MENTION

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Nikki Babik	Bethany	G	5-7	So.	Johnstown, PA/Westmont-Hilltop
Kiki Cohen	Bethany	G	5-4	Sr.	Youngstown, OH/Liberty
Christy Faller	Grove City	F	5-9	Sr.	Ijamsville, MD/Urbana
Lauren Hull	Wash. & Jeff.	F/C	5-10	Sr.	Graysville, PA/West Greene
Danielle Mezzulo	Thiel	F	5-9	Jr.	Brooklyn, OH/Brooklyn
Jennifer Petures	Westminster	G	5-6	Sr.	Monaca, PA/Center
Stacy Shook	Thiel	C	6-0	Sr.	Hadley, PA/Commodore Perry
Amy Strosnider	Wash. & Jeff.	F	5-9	Sr.	Waynesburg, PA/Waynesburg

**2003 PAC PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Leigh Sulkowski, Washington & Jefferson**

**2003 PAC FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR: Leigh Sulkowski, Washington & Jefferson**

**2003 PAC CO-COACHES OF THE YEAR: Terry Acker, Waynesburg; Melissa Lamie, Grove City**

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