



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 2004-05

Presidents' Athletic Conference

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FINAL 2004-05 PAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

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

Note: Top two places determined by PAC Tournament, all other places based on round robin schedule

PAC TOURNAMENT FIRST ROUND GAMES - 2/24/05

First Round Game #1 - New Wilmington, Pa.

#3 WESTMINSTER 54, #6 Waynesburg 43

The Lady Titans trailed 24-19 at the half and by 12 (31-19) early in the second half, but Westminster scored the game's final 14 points to overtake a 43-40 Waynesburg lead with 3:39 to play. Sophomore G **Desiree Sterling (Newton Falls, OH/Newton Falls H.S.)** was the lone Lady Titan to reach double figures in scoring with a game-high 13 points. Senior F **Erica Tallo (Oakdale, PA/West Allegheny H.S.)** tied Sterling and senior F **Mary Jane Eaton (Rimersburg, PA/Union H.S.)** for team rebound honors with seven each, while adding team-best totals of three assists and seven steals. The Yellow Jack-ets were led by junior G **Rachel Dillon (Erie, PA/McDowell H.S.)** with nine points.

First Round Game #2 - Bethany, W.Va.

#5 Thiel 73, #4 BETHANY 63

The Tomcats led by 14 points (39-25) at the half and by as many as 20 (47-27) in the second half before withstanding a late Bethany rally to post the upset. For Thiel, sophomore F **Fontella Jones (Farrell, PA/Farrell H.S.)** totaled 20 points, 10 rebounds and six assists. Senior F **Kristen Benjamin (Kent, OH/Kent H.S.)** added 20 points and seven boards, while sophomore G **Nicole Valentino (Sharon, PA/Sharon H.S.)** finished with 14 points. For Bethany, sophomore F **Courtney Irwin (Sturgeon, PA/South Fayette H.S.)** and senior F **Katie Resanovich (Jefferson Hills, PA/Serra Catholic H.S.)** finished with 16 and 14 points, respectively, while sophomore F **Nicole Vlajkovich (Canfield, OH/Canfield H.S.)** grabbed a game-high 16 rebounds.

PAC TOURNAMENT SEMIFINAL GAMES - 2/25/05

Semifinal Game #1 - Washington, Pa.

#3 Westminster 63, #2 Grove City 54

The Lady Titans advanced to the PAC title game for the first time in school history by outlasting Grove City in a foul-plagued contest. The deciding factor was at the charity stripe, where Westminster made 29-of-41 shots to just 15-of-17 for Grove City. Senior F **Erica Tallo (Oakdale, PA/West Allegheny H.S.)** posted game-high totals of 17 points and 12 assists for the Lady Titans, while sophomore G **Desiree Sterling (Newton Falls, OH/Newton Falls H.S.)** added 14 points. For the Wolverines, senior G **Abby Moose (New Wilmington, PA/Mercer H.S.)** led the way with 12 points before fouling out.

Semifinal Game #2 - Washington, Pa.

#1 WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 84, #5 Thiel 40

The Presidents rolled to a 43-15 halftime lead and never looked back as they advanced to the PAC title game against Westminster with a lopsided win over the visiting Tomcats. W&J did much of its damage on the glass, as the Presidents outrebounded Thiel 61-37. Five W&J players scored in double figures in the win, paced by junior F **Lauren Slampak (Uniontown, PA/Laurel Highlands H.S.)** with a game-high 19 points. Classmate **Amanda Stanonik (North Versailles, PA/East Allegheny H.S.)** added 13 points, while senior G **Tara Wilmus (Carnegie, PA/Carlynton H.S.)** dished out five assists. Thiel was paced by sophomore G **Nicole Valentino (Sharon, PA/Sharon H.S.)** with a team-high 10 points.

PAC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP - 2/26/05

Washington, Pa.

#3 Westminster 64, #1 WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 59

The Lady Titans captured their first-ever PAC championship and their first tournament title of any kind since they competed in the Women's Keystone Conference (WKC) in the 1960s with an upset of W&J. Sophomore G **Desiree Sterling (Newton Falls, OH/Newton Falls H.S.)** led the way with a career-high 22 points while adding team-high totals of seven rebounds, six assists and three steals. Seniors **Erica Tallo (Oakdale, PA/West Allegheny H.S.)** and **Mary Jane Eaton (Rimersburg, PA/Union H.S.)** added 14 and 12 points, respectively, in the win. The Presidents were paced by junior F **Amanda Stanonik (North Versailles, PA/East Allegheny H.S.)** with a game-high 23 points.



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PRESIDENTS' ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (PAC) 2005 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>
Rachel McCoy	Grove City	F	6-0	Fr.	East Liverpool, OH/Beaver Local
Abby Moose	Grove City	G	5-6	Sr.	New Wilmington, PA/Mercer
Lauren Slampak	Wash. & Jeff.	F	6-0	Jr.	Uniontown, PA/Laurel Highlands
Desiree Sterling	Westminster	G	5-6	So.	Newton Falls, OH/Newton Falls
Leigh Sulkowski	Wash. & Jeff.	G	6-0	Jr.	Upper St. Clair, PA/Upper St. Clair

SECOND TEAM

<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	Sr.	Johnstown, PA/Westmont-Hilltop
Kristen Benjamin	Thiel	F	6-2	Sr.	Kent, OH/Roosevelt
Candice Eyerman	Waynesburg	G	5-5	Jr.	Cranberry Twp., PA/Seneca Valley
Jenny Place	Bethany	G/F	5-8	Jr.	Farmdale, OH/Badger
Erica Tallo	Westminster	F	6-0	Sr.	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>
Mary Jane Eaton	Westminster	F	5-7	Sr.	Rimersburg, PA/Union
Dayna Greenfield	Wash. & Jeff.	G	5-5	Jr.	Pittsburgh, PA/Allderdice
Courtney Janczak	Wash. & Jeff.	G	5-6	Jr.	Pittsburgh, PA/North Catholic
Fontella Jones	Thiel	F	5-9	So.	Farrell, PA/Farrell
Katie Lewandowski	Waynesburg	G	5-4	So.	Pittsburgh, PA/North Catholic
Sandy O'Keefe	Grove City	C	6-2	Sr.	Perry, OH/Perry
Katie Resanovich	Bethany	F/C	6-0	Sr.	Jefferson Hills, PA/Serra Catholic
Amanda Stanonik	Wash. & Jeff.	G/F	5-11	Jr.	N. Versailles, PA/East Allegheny

2005 PAC PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Leigh Sulkowski, 6-0 Junior Guard, Wash. & Jeff. College

2005 PAC FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR: Rachel McCoy, 6-0 Forward, Grove City College

2005 PAC COACH OF THE YEAR: Jina DeRubbo, Washington & Jefferson

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