



WRESTLING 2002-03

Presidents' Athletic Conference

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CURRENT REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through December 8, 2002)

School	PAC Matches			All Matches		
	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Thiel College	0	0	.000	2	3	.400
Waynesburg College	0	0	.000	1	2	.333
Washington & Jefferson College	0	0	.000	0	1	.000

THIS WEEK'S RESULTS

Friday-Saturday, December 6-7

Messiah-Petrofes Invitational - Grantham, Pa. (13 teams)

Washington & Jefferson - 10th place (55.0 points)

Thiel - 12th place (32.0 points)

Saturday, December 7

R.I.T. Tournament - Rochester, N.Y. (15 teams)

Waynesburg - 14th place (23 points)

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 14

Thiel, Waynesburg at Ohio Northern Invitational - 9 a.m.

PAC WRESTLER OF THE WEEK

MATT KIRSOPP

Thiel College

Freshman - 141 pounds

Pittsburgh, Pa./Chartiers Valley H.S.

Kirsopp went 3-1 and placed second at 141 pounds this weekend at the Messiah-Petrofes Invitational. Kirsopp defeated Byron Johnson of Washington & Jefferson, the second seed in the class, 5-3 in the opening match of the invitational. He then went on to earn pinfall victories over Brian Pulsinelli of Oneonta (2:53) and Geoff Harner of Messiah (1:15) before falling 4-3 to Kris Harrington of Brockport in the championship match.

Also nominated was senior 133-pounder **Kevin DeJulius** of Washington & Jefferson and sophomore 133-pounder **Derek Maple** of Waynesburg.

PAC WRESTLING NOTES

Thiel Tomcats

he Tomcat wrestlers finished 12th at last weekend's Messiah-Petrofes Invitational, hosted by Messiah College ... Freshman **Matt Kirsopp** (141) was the Tomcats top performer of the weekend finishing in second place ... Kirsopp defeated W&J's **Byron Johnson**, the class' second seed, 5-3 in his first match of the invite ... Before losing 4-3 to Brockport's **Kris Harrington** in the championship match, Kirsopp pinned Oneonta's **Brian Pulsinelli** in 2:53 and Messiah's **Geoff Harner** in 1:15 ... Junior **Rob Regner** (125) earned a seventh-place finish by defeating Oneonta's **Josh Cuomo** 3-2 ... Regner lost his initial match of the invite to Cuomo after suffering a pin in 3:27, but was able to hold on for the victory over Cuomo in the seventh-place match.

Wash. & Jeff. Presidents

The Washington & Jefferson wrestling team placed 10th out of 13 teams on Saturday afternoon at the Petrofes Tournament, hosted by Messiah College ... The Presidents finished with 55 points ... Brockport State (N.Y.) won the tournament with seven first-place winners and 178 points ... Messiah finished second with 118.5 points, while Oneonta State was third with 108.5 points ... Two W&J grapplers earned runner-up finishes in their respective brackets ... Top-seeded senior **Kevin DeJulius** placed second at 133 pounds, while sophomore **Matt Smith** earned runner-up laurels at 174 pounds ... DeJulius picked up a 12-7 quarterfinal decision over **Tyler Alexander** of Messiah and a 9-4 semifinal victory over Gettysburg's **Steve Kareha** to move into the championship match against second-seeded **Jason Meister** of Baptist Bible; however, Meister won the title bout with a 10-3 triumph ... Smith, the No. 2 seed, earned his sixth-straight victory by pinfall in the quarterfinals and then defeated **Tony Valenti** of Messiah in the semifinals, 8-5 ... Brockport State's **Don Favro**, the bracket's top seed, won the championship match by a 9-4 margin ... Junior **Byron Johnson** fought back from a quarterfinal loss to post a fourth-place finish at 141 pounds. ... He entered the tournament as the No. 2 seed and fell to Mount Union's **Kyle Holler** in the third-place match, 7-1 ... Freshman 149-pounder **Joe Santina** also placed eighth.

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

Waynesburg struggled at the Rochester Institute of Technology tournament with 23 points, placing 14 out of 15 squads ... The Jackets beat out Tompkins Cortland Community College for 14th place, while tournament champion Ithaca (144), John Carroll (124) and Baldwin-Wallace (108.5) rounded out the top three, respectively ... Sophomore **Derek Maple** was the only Jacket to place during the tournament ... Maple captured sixth place in the 133-pound weight class ... He lost two decisions to Baldwin-Wallace's **Jeff Varney**: an 8-6 decision in the first round and a 5-2 decision in the consolation bracket ... Maples recorded four wins, including over sixth-seeded **Anthony Montes** of Johnson & Wales, and three losses.

Past PAC Wrestlers of the Week

November 25: Matt Smith, 174 lbs., Wash. & Jeff.

December 9: Matt Kirsopp, 141 lbs., Thiel

December 16:

January 6:

January 13:

January 20:

January 27:

February 3:

February 10: