



MEN'S BASKETBALL 2004-05

Presidents' Athletic Conference

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CURRENT 2004-05 REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through Jan. 24, 2005)

School	PAC Games			All Games		
	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Grove City College	3	0	1.00	10	7	.588
Bethany College	2	1	.667	14	3	.824
Waynesburg College	2	1	.667	8	9	.471
Westminster College	1	2	.333	11	6	.647
Washington & Jefferson College	1	2	.333	4	13	.235
Thiel College	0	3	.000	4	13	.235

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Wednesday, January 19

Grove City 71, WAYNESBURG 62*

WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 66, Bethany 64*

WESTMINSTER 125, Thiel 100*

Monday, January 24 (rescheduled from Sat., Jan. 22)

GROVE CITY 67, Washington & Jefferson 54*

Waynesburg 83, THIEL 63*

Bethany 120, WESTMINSTER 109*

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 26

Waynesburg at Bethany* - 6 p.m.

Thiel at Grove City* - 7:30 p.m.

Washington & Jefferson at Westminster* - 8 p.m.

Saturday, January 29

Grove City at Bethany* - 2 p.m.

Thiel at Washington & Jefferson* - 3 p.m.

Westminster at Waynesburg* - 7:30 p.m.

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

MIKE DRAHOS

Bethany College

6-5 Junior Guard/Forward

Wheeling, W.Va./John Marshall H.S.

Drahos averaged 33.5 points, 12.0 rebounds, 3.0 assists and 1.5 blocks per game while leading the Bison to a 1-1 week. He posted team-high totals of 26 points and 11 boards in a 66-64 PAC loss to Washington & Jefferson, then again led Bethany with a PAC season-high 41 points and 13 caroms in a 120-109 win over Westminster. For the week, he shot 69 percent (22-of-32) from the field and 92 percent (23-of-25) from the charity stripe.

Also nominated was senior G **J.D. Collar** of Grove City, sophomore F **Matt Vorndran** of Washington & Jefferson, freshman F **Josh Parisi** of Waynesburg, and junior G **Mark DeMonaco** of Westminster.

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

Bethany Bison

Bethany capped a heart-breaking, snow-extended week with a win over Westminster after losing to W&J, a loss that snapped an 11-game win streak for the Bison ... Against Westminster, the Bison scored season-high point totals in a game (120) and a half (65) ... **Mike Drahos** created havoc in the middle, scoring a PAC season-best 41 points and collecting 13 rebounds ... On Wednesday, taking a two-point advantage into the final 30 seconds of the contest, the Bison defense surrendered the final four points of the game to the Presidents to drop their first conference game of the season ... Mike Drahos led the team in the contest, collecting 26 points and 11 rebounds for Bethany.

Wash. & Jeff. Presidents

W&J picked up its biggest victory of the season on Wednesday as it upended Bethany, 66-64, in Washington ... Sophomore G **Jon Koch** broke a tie with eight seconds left with a pair of free throws and a late Bison three-pointer was no good ... The second half featured 14 lead changes ... Sophomore F **Matt Vorndran** led the Presidents with 15 points, nine rebounds and four assists, while Koch fired in 14 points and grabbed six boards ... Grove City shot 62 percent in the second half on Monday to earn a 13-point home triumph ... The Presidents trailed by just two points midway through the second half, but the Wolverines held W&J to just two field goals in the final 7:03 to secure the win ... Sophomore G **Brandon Studer** led W&J with 12 points.

Grove City Wolverines

Grove City continued to maintain the top spot in the PAC with a pair of victories last week ... The Wolverines have now won seven straight PAC games, dating back to last season ... Monday, **Phil Bushre** and **J.D. Collar** each pitched in 15 points while Mike Lukcic added 11 in the Wolverines' 67-54 win over W&J ... Collar hit two threes late in the first half to give Grove City a 30-26 halftime lead ... Grove City shot 13-of-21 (62 percent) from the floor in the second half ... At Waynesburg last Wednesday, senior F **Ryan Eller** poured in 26 points, including 23 in the second half, as Grove City pulled away ... Collar added 14 points, helping the Wolverines pick up their fourth straight win.

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

Waynesburg took a 1-1 split in PAC action this week with a 71-62 loss to Grove City and an 83-63 victory at Thiel ... Freshman **Josh Parisi** averaged 17.5 points per game this week, including a career-high 22 points in his first collegiate start against Thiel ... Grove City hit four consecutive three-points against Waynesburg to swing a 48-46 Jacket into a 58-53 Wolverine advantage ... **Jeff Nero** scored a team-high 15 points and four steals in the loss to the Wolverines, while Parisi added 13 points ... In the win over Thiel, Gs **Marc Lodovico** and **Beau Wilson** scored 11 and 14 points, respectively.

Thiel Tomcats

Thiel saw its winless streak extend to nine last week after losing at Westminster 125-100 and falling at home to Waynesburg 83-63 ... Senior G **Daryl Moore** led the Tomcats with his 18-point, seven assist, six rebound effort against the Jackets ... Freshman G **Ross Watson** added 13 points and six boards ... The Tomcats fell at Westminster despite trimming a 72-50 halftime deficit to three with a strong 26-7 surge to start the second half ... Sophomore G **Brad Bowman** and freshman F **Joe Herrmann** each registered career-highs for the Tomcats in both points and rebounds ... Bowman posted 25 points and 11 rebounds while Herrmann went for 23 and grabbed 15 boards.

Westminster Titans

The Titans split a pair of PAC contests at home last week, topping Thiel 125-100 before losing to Bethany 120-109 ... Senior F **Pat O'Connor** became the 31st 1,000 point scorer in school history in the Thiel win, where he scored a season-high 24 points ... The Titans also set a new school single-game record with 27 three-pointers against the Tomcats, breaking the mark of set last year against W&J ... Junior G **Mark DeMonaco** and freshman G **Nick DiNatale** each made eight treys vs. Thiel, scoring 28 and 24 points, respectively ... Freshman G **Craig Hannon** scored a team-high 21 points on five three-pointers in the Bethany loss, while DeMonaco added 19 and junior G **Brian Fadden** scored 16 for Westminster.

Past PAC Men's Basketball Players of the Week

November 21: Ryan Eller, F, Grove City

November 28: Daryl Moore, G, Thiel

December 5: Mark DeMonaco, G, Westminster

December 12: Matt Drahos, F/C, Bethany

January 2: Marc Lodovico, G, Waynesburg

January 9: Mike Drahos, G/F, Bethany

January 16: J.D. Collar, G, Grove City

January 23: Mike Drahos, G/F, Bethany

January 30:

February 6:

February 13:

February 20:

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

BETHANY BISON (14-3 Overall, 2-1 PAC)

vs. Waynesburg* (1/26 - 6 p.m.)
vs. Grove City* (1/29 - 2 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WVBC-FM (88.1)

Upcoming Game Notes: Before Wednesday's last-minute loss, Bethany hadn't tasted defeat since November 28, 2004 against West Liberty State ... **Mike Drahos** stands as the next Bison in line to break the 1,000-point plateau for Bethany ... After his career performance against Westminster Monday, Drahos needs only three points to eclipse the mark, joining twin brother Matt (accomplished Jan. 10 against Penn State - McKeesport) ... The junior has led the team in rebounds and scoring in each of the last four games.

GROVE CITY WOLVERINES (10-7 Overall, 3-0 PAC)

vs. Thiel* (1/26 - 7:30 p.m.)
at Bethany* (1/29 - 2 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WSAJ-FM (91.1), www.msasportsnetwork.com
(Saturday only)

Upcoming Game Notes: Grove City looks to stay atop the PAC Wednesday against Thiel ... It is the 2,000th game in Grove City men's basketball history ... Head coach **Steve Lamie** currently has 99 career wins ... The Wolverines swept Thiel last season ... Grove City swept Thiel in 1999, 2001 and 2004 while the Tomcats won both regular season meetings in 2000, 2002 and 2003 ... Bethany has won four straight games against the Wolverines, including a 78-71 win in last year's PAC semifinals at Bethany ... Grove City senior F **Ryan Eller** has 938 career points.

THIEL TOMCATS (4-13 Overall, 0-3 PAC)

at Grove City* (1/26 - 7:30 p.m.)
at Washington & Jefferson* (1/29 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WPIC-AM (790) - Wed. only

Upcoming Game Notes: The Tomcats continue PAC play this week when they travel to Mercer County rival Grove City and visit W&J ... The Tomcats and Wolverines meet for the 102nd time in history Wednesday, with GCC holding a 70-31 edge ... GCC has won four of the last six meetings, including the last three straight ... Thiel and W&J split the season series last year, giving the Presidents a 69-29 lead in the all-time series ... The Tomcats have claimed five of the last eight meetings dating back to the 2000-01 season.

WASH. & JEFF. PRESIDENTS (4-13 Overall, 1-2 PAC)

vs. Bethany* (1/19 - 8 p.m.)
at Grove City* (1/22 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WNJR-FM (91.7), www.washjeff.edu (Sat. only)

Upcoming Game Notes: Westminster has dominated the all-time series with the Presidents, winning 43 of the 60 games in history ... The Titans swept the season series last season after averaging 110.0 points per game ... Westminster has won four of its last five versus W&J ... Since the Titans joined the PAC in the 2000-01 season, WC has claimed all five contests played in New Wilmington ... The Presidents and Tomcats will meet for the 100th time on Saturday with W&J holding a 68-31 edge in the series ... Each school recorded wins on their opponents home courts last season.

WAYNESBURG YELLOW JACKETS (8-9 Overall, 2-1 PAC)

at Bethany* (1/26 - 6 p.m.)
vs. Westminster* (1/29 - 7:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WCYJ-FM (88.7), www.waynesburg.edu; WCYJ-TV (Channel 12) - Sat. only

Upcoming Game Notes: Waynesburg looks to start PAC play with a 3-1 record for the first time since 1999-2000 when it takes to the courts Wednesday at Bethany ... The Yellow Jackets have lost seven of the last 10 meetings against the Bison, with the last win during the 2002-03 season ... The Titans held a 2-1 advantage in last year's season series and own an 85-52 advantage in the all-time series ... The Yellow Jackets averaged 26 three-pointers attempted in last year's meeting against the three-point offense of Westminster.

WESTMINSTER TITANS (11-6 Overall, 1-2 PAC)

vs. Washington & Jefferson* (1/26 - 8 p.m.)
at Waynesburg* (1/29 - 7:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WWNW-FM (88.9), www.msasportsnetwork.com; Westminster Cable Network (WCN) (Wed. only)

Upcoming Game Notes: The Titans conclude their three-game homestand by hosting W&J Wednesday, before traveling to Waynesburg Saturday ... Westminster swept the Presidents a year ago, winning 118-111 in Washington behind 29 points from **Mark DeMonaco** and 102-74 in New Wilmington as DeMonaco again led the way with 24 ... The Titans took two of three from the Jackets, including an 86-72 win in the PAC semifinals as **Dom Joseph** and **Ed Pagley** each scored 23 ... Westminster won in Waynesburg 119-97 behind a career-high 33 points by **Pat O'Connor**.