

MEN'S BASKETBALL 2002-03

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CURRENT REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (as of February 9, 2003)

	PAC Games			All	All Games		
School	<u>W</u>	L	Pct.	<u>W</u>	L	Pct.	
Waynesburg College	4	2	.667	13	6	.684	
Grove City College	4	2	.667	13	7	.650	
Thiel College	3	3	.500	11	10	.524	
Westminster College	3	3	.500	9	12	.429	
Bethany College	2	4	.333	9	11	.450	
Washington & Jefferson College	2	4	.333	5	15	.250	

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Monday, February 3

PITT-GREENSBURG 76, Westminster 72 WAYNESBURG 83, Frostburg State 73 Washington & Jefferson 98, KENYON 93

Wednesday, February 5

WAYNESBURG 104, Lancaster Bible 60 Thiel 85, HILBERT 79 Bethany 105, FROSTBURG STATE 99 (2 OT)

Saturday, February 8

Bethany 102, GROVE CITY 100* (2 OT) Thiel 78, WESTMINSTER 74* Waynesburg 76, WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 69*

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Monday, February 10

Notre Dame (Ohio) at Waynesburg - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 12

Bethany at Waynesburg* - 7:30 p.m. Grove City at Westminster* - 8 p.m. Washington & Jefferson at Thiel* - 8 p.m.

Saturday, February 15

Washington & Jefferson at Bethany* - 2 p.m. Thiel at Grove City* - 3 p.m. Westminster at Waynesburg* - 7:30 p.m.

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL CO-PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Matt Drahos - Bethany College 6-6 Freshman Forward Wheeling, W.Va./John Marshall H.S.

Jake Marcoux - Waynesburg College 6-5 Senior Forward/Center Rockville, Md./Rockville H.S.

Drahos averaged 26 points, seven rebounds and five assists last week, as the Bison went 2-0 with a pair of double-overtime wins over Frostburg State (105-99) and PAC leader Grove City (102-100). He had a career-high 32 points, including 15 in the two OTs, in the FSU win. Against GCC, he tallied 20 points including the gamewinning layup at the final buzzer.

Marcoux posted double-doubles in all three games last week, leading the Jackets to a 3-0 week with wins over Frostburg State (83-73), Lancaster Bible (104-60) and PAC rival Washington & Jefferson (76-69). He averaged 13.3 points and 13.3 rebounds per game. In the W&J win, which lifted Waynesburg into a first place tie in the PAC, he tallied 16 points, 16 rebounds and five blocks.

Also nominated was sophomore F **Nate Maurer** of Grove City, junior F **Mike Banach** of Thiel, sophomore F **Steve Button** of Washington & Jefferson, and senior C **Greg Foster** of Westminster.

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

Bethany Bison

The Bison won their first two road games of the season in thrilling fashion this week, going to double OT to knock off Frostburg State and Grove City... F Matt Drahos had a career-high 32 points, including 15 in the two OTs, in the Frostburg win... Freshmen Mike Drahos (15 points, 13 rebounds, six assists) and Carson Williams (12 points, nine rebounds) had big contributions off the bench... The GCC win featured 15 lead changes and 17 ties, as the Bison battled back from a 12-point second half deficit to upset the first place Wolverines... Matt Drahos scored on a lay-up at the buzzer and tallied 20 points ... G Mike Majzun, whose assist to Drahos on the final play was his seventh of the game, also scored 20.

Wash. & Jeff. Presidents

Senior G Nolan Larry can become the all-time leading scorer in W&J history with 12 more points ... He currently has scored 1,541 points in a Presidents' uniform ... W&J split a pair of contests last week, winning on the road at Kenyon on Monday before dropping a seven-point decision to Waynesburg on Saturday ... Sophomore F Steve Button led five Presidents in double figures with 23 points and 11 rebounds ... Larry added 20 points on 7-of-13 shooting for W&J, while junior center Tony Franz chipped in with 19 points and nine rebounds in 25 minutes of action ... Larry once again scored 20 on Saturday in the loss to Waynesburg ... Button posted a double-double with 17 points and 11 boards, while Franz added 10 points and eight caroms.

Grove City Wolverines

The Wolverines fell into a tie for first place with Waynesburg Saturday as Bethany escaped the GCC Arena with a double-OT victory ... Nate Maurer tied his career high with 39 points, matching the total he posted against Bethany in the PAC opener Jan. 18 ... Grove City shot 65 percent (39 of 60) from the floor, but just 63 percent at the foul line (17 of 27) ... Maurer also had eight assists and seven rebounds, while J.D. Collar came off the bench to score 17 ... Phil Bushre added 15 points while **Tanner Prosser** chipped in 14 before they both fouled out in overtime ... Mike Lukcic handed out a career-high nine assists in a career-best 46 minutes ... GCC has dropped three straight to Bethany at the GCC Arena.

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

Waynesburg is riding a four-game win streak, as the Jackets enter the final two weeks of conference games tied for first place with Grove City ... The Jackets won a pair of non-conference home games against Frostburg State (83-73) Monday and Lancaster Bible (104-60) Wednesday before Saturday's PAC win at W&J (76-69) ... Senior guard Ray Robinson registered his sixth-straight game with at least 20 points, as he sank a game-high 26 points—his fourth 26-point game in the last five games ... Robinson also moved into second-place on the school's career scoring list with 1,933 points ... Robinson scored 26 against Lancaster Bible and Frostburg State, while Beau Henderson set career-highs in assists with nine and 15 in the two games.

Thiel Tomcats

Thiel won two close calls last week, traveling to Hamburg, N.Y. to defeat Hilbert 85-79 on Wednesday and beating Westminster 78-74 on Saturday at Buzz Ridl Gymnasium ... Thiel finished with four in double figures at Hilbert, led by senior F A.H. Davis' 24 points ... Junior F Mike Banach added 19 points and four rebounds, while senior G Shane Manley and senior F Eddie Mathews chipped in with 11 and 10, respectively ... After going into the half tied with Westminster at 35-35, Thiel came out in the second half on a 23-12 run to go up by 11, 58-47, and were able to hold on to claim the fourpoint win ... Banach paced the Tomcats with 20 points and seven rebounds, while Manley added 16 points and five caroms.

Westminster Titans

Westminster dropped a pair of contests last week, falling at Pitt-Greensburg 76-72 on Monday in non-conference action before suffering a 78-74 home PAC loss to Thiel on Saturday ... The loss to UP-G spoiled a monster game by senior C Greg Foster, who posted game-high totals of 25 points (on 12-of-18 shooting from the field), 24 rebounds and six blocks ... The 24 boards was a new career-high ... Five Titans reached double figures against Thiel led by sophomore F Pat O'Connor, who scored a team-high 19 points (including five teys) and a career-high 13 rebounds ... Foster added his 15th double-double in 21 games, posting 14 points and a game-high 14 boards. while freshman G Brian Fadden tied his career-high with 16 points.

Past PAC Men's Basketball Players of the Week

November 25: Phil Bushre, C, Grove City

<u>December 2:</u> Nate Maurer, G/F, Grove City

December 9: Mike Pamepinto, G, Waynesburg

December 16: Mike Majzun, G, Bethany

January 6: Mike Majzun, G. Bethany

January 13: Ray Robinson, G, Waynesburg

January 20: A.H. Davis, F, Thiel

January 27: Tony Franz, C, Wash. & Jeff.

February 3: Nate Maurer, G/F, Grove City/Brian Fadden, G, Westminster

February 10: Matt Drahos, F, Bethany/Jake Marcoux, F/C, Waynesburg

February 17: February 24:

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

BETHANY BISON

(9-11 Overall, 2-4 PAC)

at Waynesburg* (2/12 - 7:30 p.m.) vs. Washington & Jefferson* (2/15 - 2 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

Upcoming Game Notes: Bethany will be going for its sixth consecutive win over Waynesburg on Wednesday... First-year coach **Aaron Huffman** earned his first PAC win with an 83-78 triumph over Waynesburg Jan. 22... C **Derek Hoffman** totaled 23 points and 11 rebounds as Bethany erased a two-point halftime deficit... In the Jan. 25 loss at W&J, it was the Bison that blew a four-point lead in the final two minutes of an 88-85 loss ... **Mike Majzun** had a game-high 24 and Hoffman contributed 15 points and 17 rebounds, but the Bison's 45-36 advantage on the glass was countered by 21 turnovers.

THIEL TOMCATS (11-10 Overall, 3-3 PAC)

vs. Washington & Jefferson* (2/12 - 8 p.m.) at Grove City* (2/15 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: none

Upcoming Game Notes: Before falling to W&J 89-72 on Jan. 22, Thiel had earned victories over the Presidents in each of the previous five meetings ... The Tomcats have taken the last three regular-season meetings against Grove City after winning 69-63 in Greenville on Jan. 25 ... Senior F **A.H. Davis** finished with a game-high 26 points on 12-of-19 shooting ... Sophomore G **Daryl Moore** added 12 points and four boards in the win ... Senior G **Shane Manley** is currently ranked fifth in the latest D-III statistics in three-point percentage (47.5%) ... Davis needs 64 points to pass **Vic Harp** for the top spot on Thiel's all-time scoring list.

WAYNESBURG YELLOW JACKETS (13-6 Overall, 4-2 PAC)

vs. Notre Dame (Ohio) (2/10 - 7:30 p.m.) vs. Bethany* (2/12 - 7:30 p.m.) vs. Westminster* (2/15 - 7:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WCYJ-FM (88.7), www.waynesburg.edu; WCYJ-TV (Channel 14) - Wednesday & Saturday only

Upcoming Game Notes: Waynesburg hosts three games this week, including Monday's non-conference game against Notre Dame (Ohio) and PAC tilts against Bethany Wednesday and Westminster Saturday ... Notre Dame enters Monday's game at 7-20 ... Bethany defeated Waynesburg, 83-73, in the team's first meeting, as the Bison held **Ray Robinson** (22 ppg) to a season-low 10 points ... Robinson leads the PAC in scoring and is on pace to reach the 2,000-point barrier Saturday against Westminster.

GROVE CITY WOLVERINES (13-7 Overall, 4-2 PAC)

at Westminster* (2/12 - 8 p.m.) vs. Thiel* - (2/15 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WSAJ-FM (91.1) - Wednesday only

Upcoming Game Notes: The Wolverines will look for a season sweep and second straight victory at Westminster Wednesday ... Grove City held Westminster to 4 of 26 (15 percent) shooting in the first half Jan. 22 ... The Wolverines outrebounded the Titans 60-31 as **Tanner Prosser** posted a 14-point, 16-rebound double-double ... **Nate Maurer** led all scorers that night with 15 points ... Wednesday's game will be the 109th as the Titans hold a 71-37 series lead ... The Wolverines look to snap a threegame regular-season losing streak to Thiel on Saturday ... Thiel won the first meeting 69-63 in Greenville Jan. 25.

WASH. & JEFF. PRESIDENTS (5-15 Overall, 2-4 PAC)

at Thiel* (2/12 - 8 p.m.) at Bethany* (2/15 - 2 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WNJR-FM (91.7)

Upcoming Game Notes: W&J and Thiel meet for the 97th time on Wednesday, with the Presidents holding a commanding 66-30 lead in the series ... Since 1997-98 Thiel has dominated the series, winning eight of the past 11 contests ... The Tomcats have also claimed five-straight victories in Greenville ... W&J took an 89-72 decision on January 22nd behind 49 combined points from Nolan Larry (27) and Tony Franz (22) ... Bethany and the Presidents will resume the longest series in W&J history on Saturday with W&J leading by a 90-57 margin ... W&J has not won in Bethany since the 1998-99 season.

WESTMINSTER TITANS (9-12 Overall, 3-3 PAC)

vs. Grove City* (2/12 - 8 p.m.) at Waynesburg* (2/15 - 7:30 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WWNW-FM (88.9), WKST-AM (1200), WEXC-FM (107.1); www.nsnsports.com; Westminster Cable Network (WCN) - *Wednesday only*.

Upcoming Game Notes: The Titans will try to avenge PAC losses to Grove City and Waynesburg earlier this season ... The Wolverines pounded the Titans at GCC College Arena 72-47 on Jan. 22 despite 11 points and 12 rebounds by **Greg Foster** ... Waynesburg edged Westminster in New Wilmington 80-75 in overtime on Jan. 25 ... **Jeff Simmons** tallied a team-high 19 points in the loss to the Yellow Jackets, while Foster added 13 points and a game-high 16 rebounds for the Titans.