

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 2004-05

Presidents' Athletic Conference

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CURRENT 2004-05 REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through Feb. 6, 2005)

	PAC Games			All G	All Games		
School	<u>W</u>	L	Pct.	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	Pct.	
Washington & Jefferson College	6	0	1.00	18	3	.857	
Westminster College	4	2	.667	13	6	.684	
Grove City College	4	2	.667	12	8	.600	
Bethany College	3	3	.500	8	12	.400	
Thiel College	1	5	.167	5	16	.238	
Waynesburg College	0	6	.000	9	10	.474	

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Tuesday, February 1 Grove City 62, GENEVA 60 Washington & Jefferson 59, LA ROCHE 50 WAYNESBURG 67, Point Park 54

Saturday, February 5

Bethany 78, THIEL 75* Grove City 70, WESTMINSTER 64* Washington & Jefferson 75, WAYNESBURG 63*

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 9

Waynesburg at Grove City* - 5:30 p.m. Washington & Jefferson at Bethany* - 6 p.m. Westminster at Thiel* - 6 p.m.

Saturday, February 12

Grove City at Washington & Jefferson* - 1 p.m. Westminster at Bethany* - 2 p.m. Thiel at Waynesburg* - 5:30 p.m.

PAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

ABBY MOOSE Grove City College

5-6 Senior Guard New Wilmington, Pa./Mercer H.S.

Moose averaged 24.0 points, 8.5 rebounds and 4.5 steals per game as the Wolverines were 2-0 last week with roasd wins at NAIA member Geneva (62-60) and PAC foe Westminster (70-64). She posted 21 points, nine boards and four steals as GCC defeated Geneva for the first time since 1993, then recorded 27 points, eight caroms and five steals in the PAC win over the Lady Titans.

Also nominated was sophomore F Courtney Irwin of Bethany, junior G Leigh Sulkowski of Washington & Jefferson, sophomore G Katie Lewandowski of Waynesburg, and sophomore G Desiree Sterling of Westminster.

PAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

Bethany Bison

Bethany earned its only victory of the week over Thiel 78-75 Saturday ... Courtney Irwin came up with late-game scoring – scoring the game's final six points – to hold off the Tomcats ... For the game, Irwin registered 16 points and a career-best 12 rebounds ... Senior Nikki Babik notched 24 points off her 4-of-6 performance behind the arc to aid the Bison in winning their third conference contest of the season ... Junior Jenny Place added 14 points for the Bison.

Wash. & Jeff. Presidents

W&J raced out to early double-digit leads in both games this week and cruised to victories at La Roche and Waynesburg ... The Presidents, ranked No. 3 in the region, took a 13-0 lead in the first four minutes Saturday at Waynesburg and the lead dipped to under 10 points just once the rest of the way ... Sophomore G Leigh Sulkowski led all scorers with 26 points on 8-of-18 shooting while adding eight rebounds and three steals ... Sophomore F Amanda Stanonik finished with 15 points and eight boards ... The Presidents staked claim to an early 11-point lead Tuesday and held off the Redhawks throughout the final 30 minutes ... Sulkowski scored 20 of her 23 points in the first half, while Stanonik posted 12 points and eight boards.

Grove City Lady Wolverines

Grove City extended its win streak to four Saturday by winning at Westminster for the second time in three years ... Senior G Abby Moose fired in a career-high 27 points to help Grove City rally past Westminster ... Grove City trailed by 11 in the first half before charging back ... Rachel Romance added 15 points in the win ... Grove City became the first team to score 70 points against the Lady Titans this season ... Moose moved into seventh place on Grove City's scoring list with 1,088 points ... Tuesday night at NAIA Geneva, Grove City snapped a 14game losing streak to the Tornadoes with a 62-60 road win ... Moose fired in 21 points and added five steals while Sandy O'Keefe had 12 points and four blocks.

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

The Yellow Jackets snapped their fivegame losing streak Tuesday with a 67-54 victory over NAIA Point Park ... Waynesburg shot 41 percent from three-point territory in the win ... Junior G Candice Eyerman finished with a team-high 22 points and added four rebounds and three assists in the win ... Backcourt mates Rachel Dillon and Ashley Urban posted 12 and 10 points, respectively ... Saturday, W&J extended the Jackets' conference losing streak to six games with a 75-63 victory ... The Presidents took a 13-0 lead in the opening minutes ... Sophomore G Katie Lewandowski finished with a team-high 23 points off the bench for her 11th double-figure performance of the season ... Classmate **Jenna** Pratte scored a career-high 11 points.

Thiel Tomcats

Thiel suffered a 78-75 at home against Bethany Saturday in its only contest of the week ... Senior F Kristen Benjamin capped a 19-10 run with a jumper to pull Thiel within one (74-73) with 41 seconds to play before Courtney Irwin rattled in a lay up with 13 seconds to play to give the Bison a three-point edge (76-73) ... Junior G Heather Abate cut the lead to one (76-75) with seven seconds remaining before Irwin sealed the deal with a pair of free throws late ... Sophomore G Nicole Valentino had a season-high 21 points to lead the Tomcats ... Sophomore F Fontella Jones finished with 15 points, seven rebounds and six steals, while Abate and Benjamin added 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Westminster Lady Titans

Westminster dropped its only contest of the week, falling at home to PAC foe Grove City 70-64 Saturday ... Sophomore G Desiree Sterling paced the squad with team-high totals of 17 points and four assists ... Senior F Mary Jane Eaton and senior G Alyson Gasper each added 10 points in the loss, while classmate Erica Tallo snared a team-best eight rebounds ... The Lady Titans jumped out to a quick 16-8 lead and led by as many as 11 points in the first half (37-26 with 1:21 to play) when Grove City closed the period with a 7-0 run to cut the lead to four points (37-33) at the half ... The Wolverines then outscored Westminster 37-29 in the second period.

Past PAC Women's Basketball Players of the Week

November 21: Alyson Gasper, G, Westminster

November 28: Leigh Sulkowski, G, Wash. & Jeff.

December 5: Leigh Sulkowski, G, Wash. & Jeff.

December 12: Kristen Benjamin, F, Thiel

January 2: Leigh Sulkowski, G, Wash. & Jeff.

January 9: Rachel McCoy, F, Grove City

January 16: Katie Resanovich, F/C, Bethany

January 23: Leigh Sulkowski, G, Wash. & Jeff.

January 30: Mary Jane Eaton, F, Westminster

February 6: Abby Moose, G, Grove City

February 13:

February 20:

PAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

BETHANY BISON

(8-12 Overall, 3-3 PAC)

vs. Washington & Jefferson* (2/9 - 6 p.m.) vs. Westminster* (2/12 - 2 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WVBC-FM (88.1)

Upcoming Game Notes: The Bison face two PAC opponents this week, both of which own victories over Bethany this season ... Bethany will again face former mentor Jina DeRubbo Wednesday when the W&J Presidents come to town ... The Presidents earned an 86-70 victory over the Bison earlier this season behind Leigh Sulkowski's play, a game in which she had 29 points, nine rebounds and six steals ... Prior to the loss, the Bison had won the previous three games against the Presidents, sweeping the school in 2003-04 on their way to the PAC Championship ... Westminster defeated the Bison 77-50 on Jan. 24.

THIEL TOMCATS (5-16 Overall, 1-5 PAC)

vs. Thiel* (2/9 - 6 p.m.) at Waynesburg* (2/12 - 5:30 p.m.)

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

Upcoming Game Notes: The Tomcats host Westminster Wednesday before traveling to Waynesburg Saturday ... Westminster cruised to a 56-33 home win over the Tomcats on Jan. 19 ... The Tomcats managed just one field goal in the first 20 minutes but were able to stay within striking distance thanks to **Heather Abate**, who went 5-of-6 from the charity stripe ... The Tomcats downed the Yellow Jackets 71-48 on Jan. 24, the program's largest PAC margin of victory since downing the Yellow Jackets 77-48 during the 2001-02 season ... **Kristen Benjamin** led all scorers with 20 points and nine rebounds.

WAYNESBURG YELLOW JACKETS (9-10 Overall, 0-6 PAC)

at Grove City* (2/9 - 5:30 p.m.) vs. Thiel* (2/12 - 5:30 p.m.)

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

Upcoming Game Notes: Waynesburg looks to snap two losing streaks when it travels to Grove City Wednesday – the Wolverines win streak over the Yellow Jackets and PAC losing streak ... The Wolverines have won the previous 20 meetings against the Yellow Jackets, including this season's 61-51 victory ... Junior PG Rachel Dillon scored a team-high 16 points in the first meeting ... Waynesburg hosts Thiel Saturday in a rematch of last season's PAC regular-season finale, which was Waynesburg's lone conference victory last season and the last PAC win.

GROVE CITY WOLVERINES (12-8 Overall, 4-2 PAC)

vs. Waynesburg* (2/9 - 5:30 p.m.) at Washington & Jefferson* (2/12 - 3 p.m.)

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

Upcoming Game Notes: Grove City is looking for its first five-game win streak since 2003 Wednesday night ... Grove City has won 19 straight against Waynesburg ... In the first meeting Jan. 19, the Wolverines earned a 61-51 road win ... **Abby Moose** reached the 1,000-point mark by scoring 13 points in her first game back from the 2005 Deaflympics ... **Rachel McCoy** led Grove City in the victory with 16 points ... Grove City will look to earn its second straight win at W&J Saturday ... Washington and Jefferson earned a 70-64 win in Grove City Jan. 24.

WASH. & JEFF. PRESIDENTS (18-3 Overall, 6-0 PAC)

at Bethany* (2/9 - 6 p.m.) vs. Grove City* (2/12 - 1 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WNJR-FM (91.7), www.washjeff.edu
Upcoming Game Notes: W&J Head Coach Jina DeRubbo
leads the Presidents into West Virginia Wednesday as she
will coach against her former Bison team in Hummel Field
House for the first time ... Juniors Leigh Sulkowski and
Amanda Stanonik combined for 50 points in W&J's 86-70
victory over the Bison on January 19 ... That win gave
W&J a 31-28 edge in the all-time series ... W&J and Grove
City will meet for the 49th time in history Saturday ... W&J
holds a 28-20 series lead after earning a 70-64 road win on
January 24 ... Sulkowski converted a three-point play to
break a late tie and finished with a game-high 26 markers.

WESTMINSTER LADY TITANS (13-6 Overall, 4-2 PAC)

at Thiel* (2/9 - 6 p.m.) at Bethany* (2/12 - 2 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WWNW-FM (88.9), www.msasportsnetwork.com Upcoming Game Notes: Westminster travels to face league rivals Thiel and Bethany this week as the Lady Titans battle for an opening round bye in the PAC Tournament ... Senior F Mary Jane Eaton led a balanced scoring attack with a team-high 10 points, while Westminster held visiting Thiel College scoreless for the first 13:29 of the game en route to a 56-33 win in New Wilmington on Jan. 19 ... Sophomore G Desiree Sterling scored a game-high 18 points for the Blue & White in a 77-50 home win over Bethany on Jan. 24.