



MEN'S BASKETBALL 2004-05

Presidents' Athletic Conference

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CURRENT 2004-05 REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (through Jan. 16, 2005)

<u>School</u>	<u>PAC Games</u>			<u>All Games</u>		
	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Bethany College	1	0	1.00	13	2	.867
Grove City College	1	0	1.00	8	7	.533
Waynesburg College	1	0	1.00	7	8	.467
Westminster College	0	1	.000	10	5	.667
Thiel College	0	1	.000	4	11	.267
Washington & Jefferson College	0	1	.000	3	12	.200

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Monday, January 10

BETHANY 89, Penn State-McKeesport 69
Hood 82, WAYNESBURG 77

Tuesday, January 11

PENN STATE-ALTOONA 78, Waynesburg 68
Case Western Reserve 97, THIEL 89

Wednesday, January 12

CARNEGIE MELLON 88, Washington & Jefferson 79

Thursday, January 13

Grove City 78, JUNIATA 68

Saturday, January 15

GROVE CITY 94, Westminster 86*
BETHANY 86, Thiel 66*
Waynesburg 96, WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 93* (3ot)

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 19

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

Saturday, January 22

Washington & Jefferson at Grove City* - 3 p.m.
Waynesburg at Thiel* - 3 p.m.
Bethany at Westminster* - 8 p.m.

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

J.D. COLLAR

Grove City College

6-1 Senior Guard

Cincinnati, Ohio/Anderson H.S.

Collar averaged 25.0 points and 6.0 rebounds while leading the Wolverines to a 2-0 week. He scored a career-high 31 points and six boards for Grove City in a 78-68 win at Juniata, then tallied 19 points, six caroms and two blocked shots in a 94-88 PAC win over Westminster. For the week, he shot 65 percent from the field (15-of-23), including 71 percent (5-of-7) from three-point range.

Also nominated was junior F **Mike Drahos** of Bethany, sophomore G **Jon Koch** of Washington & Jefferson, sophomore F **Jeff Nero** of Waynesburg, and junior G **Mark DeMonaco** of Westminster.

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

Bethany Bison

Bethany ran its win streak to 11 games with a pair of victories last week, downing Penn State-McKeesport 89-69 before opening league play with an 86-66 home win over Thiel ... Bison junior **Matt Drahos** scored his 1,000th point vs. McKeesport, finishing the game with 24 points and 11 rebounds ... His brother **Mike Drahos** chipped in 25 points and 11 rebounds ... **Jim Deep** canned three trifectas on his way to 18 points ... **James Wallace** nabbed a game-best 13 rebounds ... Against the Tomcats, Mike Drahos continued on his quest for 1,000 points in fine fashion, earning a game-high 21 points to go along with his game-best 15 rebounds.

Wash. & Jeff. Presidents

The Presidents nearly pulled out a victory in their PAC opener vs. Waynesburg Saturday, but the Yellow Jackets rallied from a late nine-point deficit in regulation to force overtime ... The Jackets then outscored W&J, 12-9, in the third OT period to earn the win ... W&J trailed 72-69 with seven seconds left in the first OT, but sophomore F **Patrick Stewart** canned a long trey to send the game into the second OT ... Sophomore G **Jon Koch** led W&J with 23 points, while Hairtson added 19 ... Sophomore G **Brandon Studer** scored all 17 of his points in the extra sessions ... W&J held the halftime lead at CMU Wednesday, but a 15-0 Tartan run in the second half was the difference ... Koch had 23 points, while sophomore F **Matt Vorndran** notched 15.

Grove City Wolverines

The Wolverines continued their winning ways in January with a pair of comeback wins last week ... Saturday, Grove City trailed Westminster by six before rallying to win the PAC opener ... **Phil Bushre** led the Wolverines with 22 points, nine rebounds and eight assists while **Ryan Eller** added 20 ... Eller moved over the 900-point mark for his career ... **J.D. Collar** added 19 points and six boards ... Grove City held Westminster to just 32 percent shooting in the second half ... At Juniata Thursday, the Wolverines rallied from a 13-point first-half hole for the non-conference win ... Collar scored 21 of his career-high 31 points in the second half ... Eller added 12 points while **Mark Smith** hit a pair of critical treys.

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

Waynesburg lost its first two games this week before defeating Washington & Jefferson in the conference opener in triple overtime ... The Yellow Jackets were unable to withstand a second-half surge by Hood Monday, losing 82-77 ... The Blazers shot 47 percent in the second half to erase the Yellow Jackets' eight-point halftime lead ... The Jackets faced a hot shooting PSU-Altoona the next night, losing 78-68 as the Lions shot 50 percent from the field ... Against the Presidents, the Yellow Jackets scored 18 of their 33 overtime points from the free throw line ... Four Waynesburg players scored in double figures, including three with 20+ points, including **Marc Lodovico** with 24, **Jeff Nero** with 23 and **Beau Wilson** with 21.

Thiel Tomcats

Thiel saw its losing streak stretch to seven last week ... Case Western Reserve handed the Tomcats a 97-89 setback Tuesday ... Freshman F **Joe Herrmann** finished with 20 points, including 6-of-11 from three-point range, to pace the 'Cats ... Senior G **Daryl Moore** and junior F **Stephen Laird** each had 11 while freshman G **Ross Watson** and **Jason Manningham** added 10 each ... Bethany opened the second half of Saturday's game by outscoring the Tomcats 26-5 over the first 10:40 of the period, leading the Bison to the 86-66 victory in the PAC opener ... Moore had 15 points and five assists, while Herrmann added 13 points and junior F **Damien Williams** and junior G **C.J. Hunt** went for 12 apiece.

Westminster Titans

The Titans opened defense of their PAC championship on a down note with a 94-88 loss at Grove City ... The game was tied 86-86 with 1:21 left when Grove City took over, scoring the game's final eight points to earn the league win ... Junior G **Mark DeMonaco** led the scoring attack with 21 points (including five three-pointers) while also dishing out a team-best four assists ... Other double-digit Titan scorers included senior G **Ed Pagley** with 13 points, senior F **Pat O'Connor** with 12, and freshman G **Craig Hannon** with 11 ... O'Connor currently has 982 career points, leaving him 18 short of becoming the 31st member of the Titan basketball 1,000-point club.

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:

January 30:

February 6:

February 13:

February 20:

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

BETHANY BISON (13-2 Overall, 1-0 PAC)

at Washington & Jefferson* (1/19 - 8 p.m.)
at Westminster* (1/22 - 8 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WVBC-FM (88.1)

Upcoming Game Notes: Bethany looks for its 12th consecutive win when the Bison travel to Washington to face the President on Wednesday ... Bethany then heads to New Wilmington to face Westminster in a rematch of the 2004 PAC Championship game.

GROVE CITY WOLVERINES (8-7 Overall, 1-0 PAC)

at Waynesburg* (1/19 - 7:30 p.m.)
vs. Washington & Jefferson* (1/22 - 3 p.m.)

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

Upcoming Game Notes: Grove City looks to stay atop the PAC ... Grove City swept both Waynesburg and W&J last season ... The Wolverines eliminated the Presidents from last year's PAC tournament in the quarterfinals, 71-61... Five GCC players scored in double figures, led by **Ryan Eller's** 16 ... Grove City owns six straight wins over Waynesburg, including three straight at Rudy Marisa Field House ... **Matt Phillips** had an 18-point, 11-rebound double-double at Waynesburg last Feb. 18 ... Eller needs 92 points to become Grove City's 21st 1,000-point scorer.

THIEL TOMCATS (4-11 Overall, 0-1 PAC)

at Westminster* (1/19 - 8 p.m.)
vs. Waynesburg* (1/22 - 3 p.m.)

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

Upcoming Game Notes: The Tomcats will look to reverse their current seven-game skid this week with Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) contests at Westminster Wednesday and at home Saturday against Waynesburg ... The Tomcats are 7-42 all-time against the Titans and lost both meetings last season by a combined four points (103-106 and 93-94) ... Waynesburg holds a 38-24-1 series lead against the Tomcats and have won three of the last five meetings, including a 65-62 decision in the PAC Tournament last season.

WASH. & JEFF. PRESIDENTS (3-12 Overall, 0-1 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 (Wed. only)

Upcoming Game Notes: W&J and Bethany will battle for the 151st time in history Wednesday, with the Presidents holding a 90-60 lead ... The Bison blew out the Presidents in West Virginia last year, 90-64, but had to go to overtime to edge W&J, 87-85, in Washington ... W&J's last victory over the Bison came during the 2002-2003 season, when the Presidents notched an 88-85 victory in Washington ... Grove City defeated W&J three times last season to take a 45-42 lead in the all-time series ... All three games were decided by 10 points or less ... The Wolverines own an eight-game winning streak over the Presidents.

WAYNESBURG YELLOW JACKETS (7-8 Overall, 1-0 PAC)

vs. Grove City* (1/19 - 7:30 p.m.)
at Thiel* (1/22 - 3 p.m.)

Radio/TV: WCYJ-FM (88.7), www.waynesburg.edu

Upcoming Game Notes: The Yellow Jackets continue PAC play this week when they host Grove City and visit Thiel ... Waynesburg has lost nine of the last 10 meetings against the Wolverines, with the lone win during the 2000-01 season ... In the last meeting between the two teams, Grove City won 70-58 ... **Jeff Nero** scored 14 points, while **Beau Wilson** and **Mike King** netted 10 points each in the loss ... Waynesburg held a 2-1 advantage in last year's series with Thiel ... The Jackets eliminated the Tomcats from the PAC Tournament when Wilson hit a three-pointer with two seconds left to give Waynesburg a 65-62 quarterfinal win.

WESTMINSTER TITANS (10-5 Overall, 0-1 PAC)

vs. Thiel* (1/19 - 8 p.m.)
vs. Bethany* (1/19 - 8 p.m.)

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

Upcoming Game Notes: After dropping its PAC opener, the Titans look to get back on track with home games vs. league foes Thiel and Bethany ... Westminster won a pair of nail-biters against the Tomcats a year ago, winning 106-103 in New Wilmington behind 27 points from **Mark DeMonaco**, then winning 94-93 in Greenville as DeMonaco canned a 35-footer at the final buzzer ... The Titans swept three contests with Bethany in 2003-04, including a 97-88 win in the PAC Championship ... In the regular season, Westminster won 103-81 at home and 99-95 at Bethany.