



Thiel's Season Ends in ECAC First Round

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Pitt-Greensburg 66, Thiel 52
 Erik Hemsing 17 points

THIEL RECLAIMS PAC TITLE

The PAC championship trophy found a home in Mercer County for the third straight year as the Thiel Tomcats regained the title it lost to Grove City a year ago with an 85-64 win over visiting Bethany on Saturday afternoon. Erik Hemsing scored 18 points and Brandon Ross added 14 for Thiel, who finished 6-2 in the conference, one game ahead of Grove City, who closed one game back at 5-3. The title marked the Tomcats' third championship overall. Two years ago they won their first PAC crown in 28 years with a playoff win over Waynesburg. Thiel is led by first-year head coach Karel Jelinek.

Final Standings	PAC		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Thiel	6	2	16	10
Grove City	5	3	11	14
Waynesburg	4	4	14	10
Washington & Jefferson	4	4	10	13
Bethany	1	7	9	16

1999-2000 PAC All-Conference Awards

Erik Hemsing of Thiel Named MVP

One player from each school earned a spot on the 1999-2000 All-PAC First Team as voted by the men's basketball coaches committee. Thiel sophomore guard Erik Hemsing, who was instrumental in securing the Tomcats' second PAC title in three years, was named Most Valuable Player. Thiel first-year head coach Karel Jelinek was a unanimous choice for PAC Coach of the Year. Thiel received a league-high three total all-conference placements, while Grove City, Washington & Jefferson and Waynesburg placed two each.

PAC Most Valuable Player: Erik Hemsing, Thiel

PAC Coach of the Year: Karel Jelinek, Thiel

PAC FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	Ht.	Pos.	Hometown/High School
Erik Hemsing	Thiel	So.	6-1	G	Sharpsville, PA/Kennedy Christian
Nate Luderer	W & J	Sr.	6-4	F	Portage, MI/Portage Northern
Ray Robinson	Waynesburg	So.	5-11	G	Uniontown, PA/Uniontown
Tanner Prosser	Grove City	Fr.	6-4	F	Brentwood, PA/Brentwood
Keith Schubert	Bethany	So.	6-4	F	Girard, OH/Girard

PAC SECOND TEAM

A.H. Davis	Thiel	Fr.	6-6	F	Boardman, OH/Boardman
Rob Strcula	Waynesburg	So.	5-10	G	Parkersburg, WV/Parkersburg Catholic
Brandon Ross	Thiel	Sr.	6-4	F	Pittsburgh, PA/Langley
Ian Versaw	W & J	So.	6-4	F	Verona, PA/Penn Hills
Dave Pifer	Grove City	Sr.	6-0	G	Sarver, PA/Freeport

PAC Men's Basketball Team Statistics

FINAL

SCORING OFFENSE				FREE-THROW %							
G	PTS	AVG		G	FTM	FTA	PCT				
WAYNESBURG	24	1925	80.2	WASH. & JEFF.	23	312	436	71.6			
THIEL	26	1905	73.3	THIEL	26	411	592	69.4			
WASH. & JEFF.	23	1674	72.8	BETHANY	25	286	422	67.8			
GROVE CITY	25	1744	69.8	GROVE CITY	25	281	420	66.9			
BETHANY	25	1574	63.0	WAYNESBURG	24	339	507	66.9			
SCORING DEFENSE				3-PT FIELD-GOAL %							
G	PTS	AVG		G	3FGM	3FGA	PCT				
GROVE CITY	25	1728	69.1	GROVE CITY	25	129	343	37.6			
BETHANY	25	1787	71.5	BETHANY	25	196	532	36.8			
THIEL	26	1859	71.5	WASH. & JEFF.	23	162	455	35.6			
WASH. & JEFF.	23	1704	74.1	WAYNESBURG	24	155	448	34.6			
WAYNESBURG	24	1850	77.0	THIEL	26	178	541	32.9			
SCORING MARGIN				3-PT FIELD GOALS MADE							
G	MAR			G	3FGM	3FGA	AVG				
WAYNESBURG	24	+3.2		BETHANY	25	196	532	7.8			
THIEL	26	+1.8		BETHANY & JEFF.	23	162	455	7.0			
GROVE CITY	25	+0.7		THIEL	26	178	541	6.8			
WASH. & JEFF.	23	-1.3		WAYNESBURG	24	155	448	6.5			
BETHANY	25	-8.5		GROVE CITY	25	129	343	5.2			
FIELD-GOAL %				FEWEST TURNOVERS							
G	FGM	FGA	PCT	G	TO	AVG					
GROVE CITY	25	667	1370	48.7	BETHANY	25	361	14.4			
WAYNESBURG	24	707	1593	44.4	WASH. & JEFF.	23	340	14.8			
WASH. & JEFF.	23	600	1414	42.4	WAYNESBURG	24	360	15.0			
THIEL	26	658	1610	40.9	GROVE CITY	25	382	15.3			
BETHANY	25	546	1354	40.3	THIEL	26	412	15.8			
FG % DEFENSE				REBOUND MARGIN							
G	FGM	FGA	PCT	G	OWN	OWN	OPP	OPP			
THIEL	26	669	1603	41.7		REB	AVG	REB	AVG	MAR	
GROVE CITY	25	601	1399	43.0	GROVE CITY	25	912	36.5	729	29.2	+7.3
WAYNESBURG	24	664	1498	44.3	THIEL	26	1079	41.5	1014	39.0	+2.5
WASH. & JEFF.	23	630	1383	45.6	WAYNESBURG	24	909	37.9	856	35.7	+2.2
BETHANY	25	626	1365	45.9	WASH. & JEFF.	23	701	30.5	867	37.7	-7.2
					BETHANY	25	674	27.0	856	34.2	-7.2

PAC Men's Basketball Individual Statistics

FINAL

SCORING	G	TFGM	3FGM	FTM	PTS	PPG
Ray Robinson, WAY	24	201	64	62	528	22.0
Keith Schubert, BET	25	159	48	89	455	18.2
Nate Luderer, W&J	23	132	20	75	359	15.6
Erik Hemsing, THI	26	128	66	41	363	14.0
A.H. Davis, THI	26	125	2	86	338	13.0
Ian Versaw, W&J	23	110	21	41	282	12.3
Brandon Ross, THI	26	106	0	105	317	12.2
Tanner Prosser, GRO	25	122	3	53	300	12.0
Rob Strcula, WAY	20	71	37	54	233	11.7
James Arnold, WAY	23	92	19	58	261	11.3
Chris Kreider, GRO	25	110	9	36	265	10.6
Nevada Smith, BET	25	82	64	34	262	10.5
Dave Pifer, GRO	25	96	50	15	257	10.3
Todd McGuinness, BET	25	91	13	58	253	10.1
Aaron Ankrom, WAY	24	93	2	41	229	9.5
Nolan Larry, W&J	23	62	20	44	188	8.2
Bret McKinney, WAY	24	74	8	39	195	8.1
Matt Rossi, W&J	23	70	0	45	185	8.0
Pete Stokic, BET	25	67	2	56	192	7.7
Shane Meling, GRO	25	66	12	46	190	7.6
Jim Smolko, THI	26	67	44	11	189	7.3
Willi Harris, W&J	22	51	26	18	146	6.6
Mike Ayers, THI	26	52	12	55	171	6.6
Graig Marx, W&J	23	60	7	24	151	6.6

Scott Johnson, BET	25	60	26	11	157	6.3
David Stiansen, GRO	25	52	39	7	150	6.0
FIELD-GOAL PERCENTAGE	G	FGM	FGA	PCT		
Nate Luderer, W&J	23	132	280	47.1		
Ray Robinson, WAY	24	201	475	42.3		
Keith Schubert, BET	25	159	396	40.2		
FREE-THROW PERCENTAGE	G	FTM	FTA	PCT		
Rob Strcula, WAY	20	54	60	90.0		
Nate Luderer, W&J	23	75	94	79.8		
Brandon Ross, THI	26	105	139	75.5		
James Arnold, WAY	23	58	77	75.3		
Keith Schubert, BET	25	89	120	74.2		
Ray Robinson, WAY	24	62	87	71.3		
3-PT FIELD-GOAL PERCENTAGE	G	3FGM	3FGA	PCT		
Nevada Smith, BET	25	64	140	45.7		
Dave Pifer, GRO	25	50	111	45.0		
Erik Hemsing, THI	26	66	167	39.5		
David Stiansen, GRO	25	39	101	38.6		
Rob Strcula, WAY	20	37	101	36.6		
Ray Robinson, WAY	24	64	185	34.6		
Jim Smolko, THI	26	44	133	33.1		
3-PT FIELD GOALS MADE	G	3FGM	AVG			
Ray Robinson, WAY	24	64	2.7			
Nevada Smith, BET	25	64	2.6			
Erik Hemsing, THI	26	66	2.5			
Dave Pifer, GRO	25	50	2.0			
Keith Schubert, BET	25	48	1.9			
Rob Strcula, WAY	20	37	1.9			
Jim Smolko, THI	26	44	1.7			
David Stiansen, GRO	25	39	1.6			
REBOUNDING	G	REB	AVG			
Tanner Prosser, GRO	25	216	8.6			
Aaron Ankrom, WAY	24	172	7.2			
Brandon Ross, THI	26	155	6.0			
Keith Schubert, BET	25	145	5.8			
Nate Luderer, W&J	23	133	5.8			
A.H. Davis, THI	26	143	5.5			
Pat Roberts, GRO	25	130	5.2			
Bret McKinney, WAY	24	123	5.1			
James Arnold, WAY	23	116	5.0			
Todd McGuinness, BET	25	125	5.0			
BLOCKED SHOTS	G	BLK	AVG			
Aaron Ankrom, WAY	24	31	1.3			
Pete Stokic, BET	25	22	0.9			
Don Frazier, WAY	19	16	0.8			
Pat Roberts, GRO	25	17	0.7			
Bret McKinney, WAY	24	16	0.7			
A.H. Davis, THI	26	16	0.6			
Nate Luderer, W&J	23	13	0.6			
Matt Rossi, W&J	23	12	0.5			
Tanner Prosser, GRO	25	13	0.5			
Keith Schubert, BET	25	13	0.5			
Brandon Ross, THI	26	13	0.5			
ASSISTS	G	AST	AVG			
Rob Strcula, WAY	20	127	6.4			
Jon Albert, W&J	20	88	4.4			
Vince Manzella, THI	26	111	4.3			
James Arnold, WAY	23	86	3.7			
Todd McGuinness, BET	25	72	2.9			
Scott Johnson, BET	25	65	2.6			
Chris Kreider, GRO	25	65	2.6			
Nevada Smith, BET	25	61	2.4			
Tanner Prosser, GRO	25	60	2.4			

Damon Finazzo, GRO	25	53	2.1
STEALS	G	STL	AVG
Rob Strcula, WAY	20	53	2.7
James Arnold, WAY	23	48	2.1
Jon Albert, W&J	20	38	1.9
Ray Robinson, WAY	24	42	1.8
Vince Manzella, THI	26	45	1.7
Todd McGuinness, BET	25	43	1.7
Scott Johnson, BET	25	38	1.5
Pete Stokic, BET	25	37	1.5

STAT MINIMUMS

Field-goal shooting	5.0 made per game
3-point field goal shooting	1.5 made per game
Free-throw shooting	2.5 made per game
Participation	75% of team's games played

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