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2008 PAC BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT - May 9-11, 2008 Hosted by Thomas More College - Crestview Hills, Ky./Cincinnati, Ohio

Game A - Crestview Hills, KY - May 9, 2008 - 10 a.m.

#4 Grove City 7, #1 Thomas More 3

The 2008 PAC Tournament opened with an upset, as the top-seeded Saints (11-1 PAC record in the regular season) were upended at home by the fourth-seeded Wolverines (5-7 PAC). Trailing 2-1 after three, GCC plated three runs in the fourth and one in the fifth for a 5-2 advantage. Thomas More narrowed the gap to 5-3 with a run in the sixth, but the Wolverines added two insurance scores in the top of the ninth, including a successful suicide-squeeze bunt for the final tally. Grove City sophomore P **Mike Herringshaw (Chardon, OH/Notre Dame Catholic Latin H.S.)** earned the complete-game pitching win, allowing three runs on 10 hits with three walks and a strikeout. Offensively, the Wolverines were paced by senior OF **Brian Moran (Columbia, MD/Chapelgate Christian H.S.)**, who was 3-for-4 with a home run, two runs scored and a pair of RBIs. Junior OF **Seth Thompson (Canton, OH/Glen Oak H.S.)** added three hits as well and scored twice. For TMC, senior P **Matt Koopman (Pleasant Hill, OH/Pleasant Hill H.S.)** took the loss on the hill, while sophomore C **Nick Zeiser (Cincinnati, OH/Elder H.S.)** homered in defeat for the Saints.

Game B - Crestview Hills, KY - May 9, 2008 - 1 p.m.

#3 Thiel 12, #2 Westminster 10

Trailing 4-3 after six innings, the Tomcats tied the game 4-4 with a run in the seventh, then took control with six in the eighth and two more in the ninth for a 12-4 lead. The Titans rallied late, however, as Westminster plated six runners in the bottom of the ninth and brought the potential game-tying run to the plate before Thiel closed out the win. For the Tomcats, junior P **Josh Tedesco (Campbell, OH/Ursuline H.S.)** earned the victory, allowing five earned runs on eight hits with three strikeouts in eight innings. Junior P **Mark Brewer (Beaver Falls, PA/Blackhawk H.S.)** secured the final out for his second save of the season. At the plate, sophomore 1B **Justin Scarpitti (Erie, PA/Cathedral Prep H.S.)** was 3-for-5 for TC with three extra-base hits (2B, 3B, HR), three runs scored and five RBIs. Sophomore OF **Ryan Oldfield (Akron, OH/St. Vincent-St. Mary H.S.)** added a three-run homer for the victors. Senior P **Jake Zatchok (Berlin Center, OH/Western Reserve H.S.)** suffered the pitching loss in relief for the Titans. WC senior 3B **Mike Busin (New Castle, PA/Neshannock H.S.)** was 2-for-3 with a home run and three runs scored, while junior 1B **John Izzo (New Castle, PA/Union H.S.)** was 2-for-5 with a homer and three RBIs in defeat.

Game C - Crestview Hills, KY - May 11, 2007 - 4:30 p.m.

#1 Thomas More 11, #2 Westminster 3

The top-seeded Saints used a 14-hit offensive attack to eliminate the Titans and advance to the loser's bracket final on Saturday. Thomas More led just 4-3 after four innings, but scored twice for a 6-3 lead after five frames, then put the game away with a five-run seventh. Senior P **Pat Berndsen (Cincinnati, OH/Elder H.S.)** went the distance on the hill for the win, allowing no earned runs (three unearned) with one walk and five strikeouts. The TMC offense was paced by senior OF **Marc Price (Cincinnati, OH/Deer Park H.S.)**, who went 3-for-6 with two runs and two RBIs, while senior DH **Brad Ketterer (Fairfield, OH/Badin H.S.)** homered and doubled in the victory. For Westminster, sophomore P **Mike McCoy (New Castle, PA/Union H.S.)** took the pitching loss, while the WC offense was limited to six singles.

Game D - Cincinnati, OH - May 10, 2008 - 9 a.m.

#4 Grove City 4, #3 Thiel 3

The Cinderella Wolverines posted their second upset in as many days to advance to the PAC title game, one step away from the PAC's first-ever automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament. Thiel led 3-1 after three frames, but Grove City posted solo tallies in the sixth and seventh innings to knot the score 3-3. In the bottom of the ninth, junior OF **Seth Thompson (Canton, OH/Glen Oak H.S.)** singled for GCC, then advanced to third on a Thiel throwing error on a pickoff attempt. After an infield single and intentional walk loaded the bases with one out, senior C **Ray Mertz (Glenshaw, PA/Shaler H.S.)** singled to left center for the game-winning RBI. Wolverine freshman P **Cory Metcalf (Ashland, OH/Ashland H.S.)** went the distance on the hill for the win, allowing three runs on seven hits with six strikeouts. Mertz paced the Grove City offense by going 3-for-5 with a pair of RBIs. For Thiel, the loss went to junior RP **Mark Brewer (Beaver Falls, PA/Blackhawk H.S.)**. The Tomcat offense was led by junior C **Andrew Howard (Olney, MD/Sherwood H.S.)** and junior DH **Chris Dunham (Conneaut Lake, PA/Linesville H.S.)**, who each went 2-for-4.

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Game E - Cincinnati, OH - May 10, 2008 - noon

#3 Thiel 10, #1 Thomas More 7

Thiel junior C **Andrew Howard (Olney, MD/Sherwood H.S.)** belted a three-run walk-off home run in the bottom of the ninth, breaking a 7-7 tie and lifting the Tomcats to the PAC championship game while eliminating the top-seeded Saints from the tournament. Thomas More led the contest 6-3 in the sixth, only to see Thiel take a 7-6 lead with three runs in the seventh and one in the eighth. The Saints stayed alive with a two-out RBI single in the ninth to tie the game 7-7, setting up Howard's heroics. Earning the win for TC was sophomore P **Dave Diyorio (Youngstown, OH/Austintown Fitch H.S.)**, who held TMC to one run in 3 1/3 innings of relief. Offensively, junior DH **Chris Dunham (Conneaut Lake, PA/Linesville H.S.)** paced the victors by going 4-for-5 with a double, a home run and five RBIs. Thomas More senior P **Pat Berndsen (Cincinnati, OH/Elder H.S.)** took the loss in relief, while senior OF **Michael Browne (Hamilton, OH/Ross H.S.)** was 3-for-4 with three RBIs in defeat.

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Game F - Cincinnati, OH - May 10, 2008 - 3:50 p.m.

#4 Grove City 11, #3 Thiel 10

In a wild, back-and-forth affair which saw five lead changes, 21 runs, 24 hits and nine errors, the fourth-seeded Grove City Wolverines completed their Cinderella run through the PAC Tournament with an 11-10 decision over rival Thiel in the 2008 PAC title game. With the victory, GCC captured its first PAC baseball crown since winning back-to-back league titles in 2001 and 2002, while also securing the PAC's first-ever automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Baseball Tournament. Grove City led 4-0 in the middle of the fourth, only to see Thiel score three in the fourth and four more in the sixth for a 7-4 advantage. The two teams continued to exchange the lead, with the Tomcats taking a 9-8 advantage after eight frames. The Wolverines would not be denied, scoring three times in the top of the ninth for an 11-9 lead, then withstanding a pair of errors in the bottom of the ninth to end the game with the potential game-tying run on third base for the Tomcats. The winning pitcher for Grove City was junior RP **Matt Tindall (Copley, OH/Copley H.S.)**, after pitching the final inning. On offense, senior OF **Brian Moran (Columbia, MD/Chapelgate Christian H.S.)** was 4-for-5 with a home run and six RBIs for the victors, while freshman DH **Butch Kriger (Pittsburgh, PA/Montour H.S.)** was also 4-for-5 with a double. The Thiel offense was a balanced attack, as four players posted multi-hit games, led by junior OF **David Nypaver (Williamsfield, OH/Howland H.S.)**, who went 2-for-5 with a home run and four RBIs in the loss.