

BASEBALL 2010

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PRESIDENTS' ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (PAC) 2010 BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT Ross Memorial Park - Washington, Pa. - May 13-15, 2010

Game A - Washington, PA - May 13 - noon #2 Thomas More 6, #3 Grove City 2

Defensive lapses proved to be the undoing of the Wolverines, as five Grove City errors in the contest resulted in four unearned runs for the Saints. Thomas More jumped ahead 2-0 in the opening frame and made it 3-0 through two innings. GCC cut the lead to 3-1 in the fourth, but the Saints responded with two in the fifth for a 5-2 advantage. Earning the pitching win for TMC was sophomore **Paul Uhl (Cincinnati, OH/McNicholas H.S.)**, who allowed two runs on seven hits with four strikeouts in seven innings. At the plate, senior OF **Marty Kersting (Cincinnati, OH/Elder H.S.)** was 3for-4 with three RBIs for the victors, while sophomore 1B **Andrew Thole (Cincinnati, OH/McNicholas H.S.)** was 2-for-4. For Grove City, senior P **Mike Herringshaw (Chardon, OH/Notre Dame Cathedral Latin H.S.)** took the complete game loss, allowing six runs (two earned) in eight innings. Offensively, junior C **Marcus Magister (Allison Park, PA/Hampton H.S.)** was 3-for-4 for the Wolverines, while junior 2B **Andrew Patterson (Akron, OH/Cuyahoga Valley Christian H.S.)** tripled in defeat.

Game B - Washington, PA - May 13 - 3 p.m. **#1 Washington & Jefferson 18, #4 Westminster 9**

The defending PAC champion Presidents took control from the outset and never looked back, as W&J scored six runs in the opening frame keyed by a grand slam home run by senior 3B Mike Kennedy (Hilliard, OH/Darby H.S.) en route to an 18-3 lead after eight innings. Earning the pitching win was sophomore P Dave Trushel (Bethel Park, PA/Bethel Park H.S.),who allowed two earned runs in six innings with one strikeout. Kennedy paced the Washington & Jefferson offense by going 3-for-3 with five RBIs, while senior 1B Frank Quirin (Pittsburgh, PA/Central Catholic H.S.) went 4for-5 with a pair of doubles and three runsscored. Freshman Ty Miller (Clinton, PA/Hopewell H.S.) took the loss on the mound for the Titans, while offensively Westminster was led by sophomore SS Steve Perrotta (New Castle, PA/New Castle H.S.), who was 2-for-3 at the plate.

Game C - Washington, PA - May 14 - noon #1 Washington & Jefferson 10, #2 Thomas More 5

Washington & Jefferson jumped out to a 4-0 lead after three innings and never trailed inthe contest, as the Presidents advanced to the PAC championship game. Thomas More did threaten in the eighth inning, plating one run and loading the bases down 10-5, only to see the Presidents escape the jam. Senior **Jim Pasquine (Poland, OH/Poland Seminary H.S.)** was the hero for W&J, as he belted a pair of two-run home runs while also earning the pitching win after allowing three runs on six hits in six innings. For the game, Pasquine was 4-for-5 with three runs scored and the four RBIs. Senior RP **Mitch McClay (Washington, PA/Trinity H.S.)** earned the save after closing the final three frames. Junior OF **Andy Trettel (Wexford, PA/ North Allegheny H.S.)** was 2-for-4 with three runs scored for the Presidents. Thomas More freshman P **Grant Lewis (Mason, OH/Mason H.S.)** took the loss on the hill, while junior DH **Nick Ryan (Erlanger, KY/St. Henry H.S.)** and senior C **Nick Zeiser (Cincinnati, OH/Elder H.S.)** each went 3for-4 in defeat, with Ryan driving in three runs.

Game D - Washington, PA - May 14 - 3:35 p.m. #3 Grove City 11, #4 Westminster 6

The Wolverines took control with a seven-run fourth inning and led 11-2 after seven innings, then held off a late Titan rally to eliminate Westminster from the tournament. Junior P Cory Metcalf (Ashland, OH/Ashland H.S.)

earned the GCC pitching win, allowing six runs on 11 hits in 8 2/3 innings. Offensively, the Wolverines were paced by freshman OF Josh Sacks (Columbia, MD/Chapelgate Christian H.S.), who reached base on all five plate appearances (a perfect 3-for-3 with two walks) while scoring twice. Freshman P Kyle Allen (New Wilmington, PA/West Middlesex H.S.) took the pitching lossfor the Titans, while sophomore SS Steve Perrotta (New Castle, PA/New Castle H.S.) went 3-for-5 with a double and two runs scored in defeat.

Game E - Washington, PA - May 14 - 6:30 p.m. #2 Thomas More 5, #3 Grove City 2

The closest game to date at the PAC Tournament saw the Saints and Wolverines knotted at 2-2 through six innings, when Thomas More took control with a three-run seventh. Senior OF Marty Kersting (Cincinnati, OH/Elder H.S.) led the TMC offense by going 3-for-4, while senior 2B Chris Fishburn (Cincinnati, OH/Elder H.S.) doubled and scored threeruns, while sophomore 1B Andrew Thole (Cincinnati, OH/McNicholas H.S.) drove in three runs. Freshman P Grant Lewis (Mason, OH/Mason H.S.) earned the pitching win with three innings of relief work, allowing no earned runs. Freshman Erick Locker (Canton, OH/Lake Center Christian H.S.) suffered the pitching loss for the Wolverines, while junior DH Kyle Wolff (Centerville, OH/Centerville H.S.) was 2-for-3 at the plate.

Game F - Washington, PA - May 15 - 1 p.m. #2 Thomas More 6, #1 Washington & Jefferson 5 (13)

The Saints forced a seventh and deciding tournament game with an improbable ninth inning comeback in a PAC Tournament classic. Trailing 5-0 entering the frame and 5-1 with two outs, Thomas More rallied to tie the game 5-5, then capitalized on two W&J errors to win the game in the 13th. After TMC used six pitchers in the first six innings, Saint senior P Kyle Wewe (Brookville, IN/Franklin County H.S.) eanred the pitching win after firing seven scoreless innings of relief. Offensively, junior 3B Sam Schmeltzer (Aurora, IN/South Dearborn H.S.) was 3-for-5 with two runs scored for the victors, while senor C Nick Zeiser (Cincinnati, OH/Elder H.S.) drove in two runs. Sophomore Dave Trushel (Bethel Park, PA/ Bethel Park H.S.) took the loss in relief for the Presidents, while three players - junior OF Andy Trettel (Wexford, PA/North Allegheny H.S.), senior OF Neil Pascarella (Monongahela, PA/Ringgold H.S.) and senior IF Mike Kennedy (Hilliard, OH/Darby H.S.) - posted three hits apiece.

Game G - Washington, PA - May 15 - 1 p.m. #2 Thomas More 2, #1 Washington & Jefferson 1

Thomas More completed its comeback run and captured its first-ever PAC baseball title by edging the Presidents 2-1. With the victory, the Saintsearned the PAC's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III playoffs, while the top-seeded Presidents must now hope for a Pool C "at large" bid to NCAAs on Monday. Freshman P David Etscheid (Union, KY/Ryle H.S.) earned the pitching win for TMC with 5 2/3 innings of scoreless relief, while senior P Kyle Wewe (Brookville, IN/Franklin County H.S.) pitched the final 1 1/3 to earn the save. Junior OF Max Robbins (Cincinnati, OH/Elder H.S.) and senior OF Marty Kersting (Cincinnati, OH/Elder H.S.) each drove in runs in the win. For W&J, seniors Mike Kennedy (Hilliard, OH/Darby H.S.) and Jim Pasquine (Poland, OH/Poland Seminary H.S.) ech went 2-for-4 in the loss, while junior SP Jordan Zivoder (Lyndhurst, OH/Brush H.S.) suffered the pitching loss for the Presidents.