

BASEBALL 2012

Presidents' Athletic Conference

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PRESIDENTS' ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (PAC) 2012 BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT Ross Memorial Park - Washington, Pa. - May 10-12, 2012

Game A - May 10 - 2:30 p.m.

#4 Saint Vincent 7, #1 WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 4

The fourth-seeded Bearcats overcame a 4-2 deficit to open tournament play with a 7-4 upset victory over the top-seeded Presidents. Saint Vincent jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the top of the first, only to see Washington & Jefferson score three times to take a 3-1 lead in the bottom of the frame. Each team scored once in the second to make it a 4-2 game. After two scoreless innings, the Bearcats scored three runs in the fifth to re-take a 5-4 lead. Saint Vincent then padded the lead with two insurance runs in the eighth en route to the eventual 7-4 win, as W&J was unable to score therest of the way. Junior SP Jared Haller (Anaheim, CA/Katella H.S.) went the distance on the hill for the Bearcats to earn the complete game victory, allowing four runs on 11 hits and striking out six. Offensively, both teams had 11 hits in the contest. For Saint Vincent, junior DH Grant Krally (Bethel Park, PA/Bethel Park H.S.) went 2-for-4 with one RBI, while junior RF Andrew Kozusko (Latrobe, PA/Linsly School) also went 2for-4 with a solo home run. For Washington & Jefferson, senior SP David Trushel (Bethel Park, PA/Bethel Park H.S.) took the loss on the hill, while sophomore RF Josh Staniscia (Export, PA/Franklin Regional H.S.) went 3-for-4 with two RBIs and one run scored.

Game B - May 10 - 5:30 p.m.

#2 Westminster 2, #3 Thomas More 1

Game two of the tournament saw a pitching gem come to an end suddenly in the bottom of the ninth inning, as Westminster senior 3B Ethan Yeager (Pottstown, PA/Owen J. Roberts H.S.) successfully executed a suicide squeeze bunt with the bases loaded to score junior OF Kyle Allen (New Wilmington, PA/West Middlesex H.S.) for the game-winning run. Allen had led off the inning with a single, then stole second and advanced to third on a Thomas More throwing error. The Saints intentionally walked the next two batters to load the bases, setting up Yeager's walk-off heroics. Prior to the final inning, the game belonged to senior SPs Justin Prejsnar (New Castle, PA/New Castle H.S.) of Westminster and Aaron Carmack (Miamisburg, OH/Miamisburg H.S.) of Thomas More, who both dominated on the hill allowing one unearned run each through the first eight frames. Prejsnar scattered seven hits over 8 1/3 innings before giving way to junior LHP Nick Grow (North East, PA/North East H.S.), who earned the win in relief. Carmack took the hard-luck complete game loss, allowing two runs (one earned) on three hits while striking out four. Seniors OF Justin King (Fombell, PA/Riverside H.S.) and 1B Tim Wiand (Pottstown, PA/Owen J. Roberts H.S.) each tripled in the victory for the Titans, while sophomore 3B Tyler Graber (Plain City, OH/Jonathan Alder H.S.) was 2-for-2 at the plate for the Saints.

Game C - May 11 - noon

#2 Westminster 5, #4 Saint Vincent 3

Trailing 2-1, the second-seeded Titans used a four-run sixth inning to take a 5-2 lead over the Bearcats. Saint Vincent put another run on the board in the bottom of the eighth but got no closer as Westminster completed the 5-3 final. The Titans now advance to the PAC title game to be played Saturday at 2 p.m. Senior SP Patrick Mulligan (Brookfield, OH/Brookfield H.S.) earned the pitching win for Westminster, as he allowed three runs (one earned) on four hits with nine strikeouts in a complete game performance. The Titan offense was led by senior 1B Tim Wiand (Pottstown, PA/Owen J. Roberts H.S.), who went 3-for-3 with a solo home run, two doubles, two RBIs and two runs scored. Junior SP Gary Gerhardt (Anaheim, CA/Katella H.S.) took the loss on the hill for Saint Vincent, while

senior C Erik Fitcher (Pittsburgh, PA/Shaler H.S.) went 1-for-2 with an RBI and one run scored.

Game D - May 11 - 3 p.m.

#1 Washington & Jefferson 2, #3 Thomas More 1

The top-seeded Presidents got all the runs they needed with a two-run second inning to knock the two-time defending PAC champion Saints out of the tournament. Thomas More put up a run in the bottom of the second to halve the W&J lead to 2-1, but would get no closer as the Saints stranded 14 runners in the contest. Sophomore SP Eddie Nogay (Weirton, W.V./ Madonna H.S.) earned the pitching win on the hill for W&J, as he went 6 1/3 innings allowing one run on 12 hits with three strikeouts, while sophomore RP Brian O'Neill (Columbus, OH/St. Charles Prep H.S.) secured the save by pitching 2 2/3 innings of scoreless ball, allowing two hits and striking out two. The President offense was paced by junior 2B Scott Liller (Moon Township, PA/Moon H.S.), who went 2-for-4 at the plate with an RBI triple. Junior SP Mike Hager (Cincinnati, OH/Oak Hills H.S.) took the pitching loss for Thomas More, while sophomore 3B Tyler Graber (Plain City, OH/Jonathan Alder H.S.) went 3-for-4 and scored the lone run for TMC in defeat.

Game E - May 11 - 6 p.m.

#1 Washington & Jefferson 10, #4 Saint Vincent 4

The top-seeded Presidents captured their second victory in as many games to advance to face Westminster for the 2012 PAC title Saturday, while also eliminating the Bearcats who hurt themselves with six errors in the contest. W&J led 6-0 through 5 1/2 innings and appeared to be cruising to victory, only to see Saint Vincent rally with a four-run sixth to cut the margin to 6-4. Washington & Jefferson then added an insurance score in the seventh and three more in the eighth to close the scoring. Sophomore SP Randy Risch (Grove City, PA/Grove City H.S.) earning the pitching win for W&J, allowing four runs in five innings with five strikeouts. Freshman RP Tyler Dean (Valencia, PA/Mars Area H.S.) threw a scoreless final four frames to earn the save. Offensively, senior OF Brian Szabo (Hermitage, PA/Hickory H.S.) doubled twice and senior SS Aaron Klinec (North Olmsted, OH/St. Ignatius H.S.) drove in a team-high four RBIs for the victors. For Saint Vincent, senior SP Jeremy Mains (Scottdale, PA/Southmoreland H.S.) allowed five runs, but just two earned, in suffering the loss.

Game F - May 12 - 2 p.m.

#2 Westminster 6, #1 Washington & Jefferson 0

The Westminster Titans completed a perfect 3-0 run through the tournament to earn the school's second PAC baseball title and first since the 2005 season under head coach Carmen Nocera. The championship win belonged to senior SP Vince Iosue (Euclid, OH/Notre Dame Cathedral Latin H.S.), who fired a complete game shutout for the victoy on the hill, scattering five hits while walking two and striking out three. Westminster got all the scoring it needed with a pair of runs in the first inning, then took control of the game with a four-run third. Senior 1B Tim Wiand (Pottstown, PA/Owen J. Roberts H.S.) continued his torrid hitting by going 3-for-4, while senior 3B Ethan Yeager (Pottstown, PA/Owen J. Roberts H.S.) was 2-for-4 with a double and three RBIs. W&J sophomore SP Mike Vizzini (Monroeville, PA/Gateway) suffered his first defeat of the season on the hill, while the Presidents were led at the plate by sophomore 3B Kyle McLain (East Amherst, N.Y./Canisius), who was 2-for-4.