



BASEBALL 2006

Presidents' Athletic Conference

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2006 PAC BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS - May 11-14, 2006

Hosted by Washington & Jefferson College - Ross Memorial Park - Washington, Pa.

Game A - Washington, PA - May 11, 2006 - 2:30 p.m.

#2 Grove City 9, #3 Bethany 3

The Wolverines opened the game with a pair of runs in the first, only to see Bethany plate three runners in the third for a 3-2 lead. GCC answered in the bottom of the third with a pair of runs to re-take the lead at 4-3, then added solo tallies in the fourth and sixth and three more in the seventh to take control. Senior P **Eric Arnesen (Princeton, NJ/Timothy Christian H.S.)** improved to 9-0 on the season with the pitching win, holding Bethany to three runs on eight hits with one walk and seven strikeouts in seven innings of work. Seven Wolverine hitters posted multi-hit games in the win, including freshman **2B Ben Wilson (Mechanicsville, VA/Lee Davis H.S.)** who was 2-for-3 with a triple. Junior OF **Chris Schwamberger (Mansfield, OH/Madison H.S.)** and sophomore **3B Bryan Pierrot (Wadsworth, OH/Wadsworth H.S.)** each were 2-for-5 with a double, with Pierrot scoring three times. For Bethany, junior P **Brett Bartholomew (Boardman, OH/Boardman H.S.)** took the loss to fall to 4-5 on the year, while senior OF **Aaron Meadows (Wellsville, OH/Wellsville H.S.)** was 2-for-4 with a home run and a pair of RBIs.

Game B - Washington, PA - May 12, 2006 - noon

#4 Thomas More 8, #1 Wash. & Jeff. 1

The Saints shocked the top-seeded Presidents in the opening round, scoring twice in the first before taking control on a three-run home run by senior SS **Brad Thoma (West Carrollton, OH/West Carrollton H.S.)** in the third. Sophomore P **Pat Berndsen (Cincinnati, OH/Elder H.S.)** went the distance for the win, improving to 6-4 after allowing one run on eight hits with one walk and five strikeouts. Thoma was 2-for-5 with two runs scored and a team-high five RBIs, while junior OF **Dustin Brown (Independence, KY/Simon Kenton H.S.)** was 4-for-5 with a pair of runs scored and three stolen bases. Freshman **1B Brad Ketterer (Fairfield, OH/Badin H.S.)** was 2-for-3 with a double for the Saints. For W&J, junior P **Sam Mann (Warren, OH/**

Howland H.S.) started the game Thursday night and took the loss despite pitching against just two batters before the game was delayed by rain. He was replaced by junior P **Mike Trumpower (Glassport, PA/South Allegheny H.S.)**, who pitched all 8 2/3 innings Friday, giving up seven runs (five earned) on 11 hits with five strikeouts. Sophomore OF **Matt Pellis (Pittsburgh, PA/Plum H.S.)** was 3-for-4 in the loss, while Mann was 2-for-4.

Game C - Washington, PA - May 12, 2006 - 3 p.m.

#4 Thomas More 10, #2 Grove City 2

The fourth-seeded Saints posted their second upset in as many games, as Thomas More exploded for six runs in the eighth to break open a close 4-2 contest and advance to the PAC Championship round on Saturday. For TMC, senior P **Anthony Reiber (Cincinnati, OH/Roger Bacon H.S.)** earned the win after allowing two runs on seven hits with a pair of walks and a strikeout. Sophomore **Adam Sargent (Warsaw, KY/Walton Verona H.S.)** pitched a hitless final 2 2/3 frames to earn the save. At the plate, five Thomas More hitters posted multi-hit games. Senior SS **Brad Thoma (West Carrollton, OH/West Carrollton H.S.)** was 2-for-4 with a home run, two runs scored and two RBIs, while sophomore OF **Johnny Lee (West Harrison, IN/East Central H.S.)** also homored in the win. For the Wolverines, senior **Ryan Carr (New Castle, PA/Mohawk H.S.)** took the loss while sophomore OF **Jon Coyne (Solon, OH/Solon H.S.)** paced the GCC offense by going 2-for-3 with a double.

Game D - Washington, PA - May 12, 2006 - 6 p.m.

#1 Wash. & Jeff. 8, #3 Bethany 4

The Presidents took control early by sandwiching single runs in the second and fourth around a four-run third for an early 6-0 lead. Trailing 8-1, Bethany rallied late with a three-run ninth but could not stave off elimination. W&J freshman LHP

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Ian Poole (Fairview Park, OH/Fairview H.S.) improved to a perfect 7-0 on the season after allowing three runs on six hits with 10 strikeouts in 8 1/3 innings. At the plate, the Presidents were led by sophomore OF **Justin Benson (Canonsburg, PA/Chartiers-Houston H.S.)** who went 3-for-4 with a home run, while sophomore OF **Matt Pellis (Pittsburgh, PA/Plum H.S.)** was 3-for-5. Junior 1B **Sam Mann (Warren, OH/Howland H.S.)** added a solo home run for Washington & Jefferson. Senior P **Adam Martin (Leetsdale, PA/Quaker Valley H.S.)** took the pitching loss for Bethany, while the Bison were paced offensively by junior DH **Brent Owens (Vienna, GA/Dooly County H.S.)** who was 3-for-4, and senior C **Justin Waychoff (Cranberry Township, PA/Seneca Valley H.S.)** who went 2-for-4 with a pair of doubles and three RBIs.

Game E - Washington, PA - May 13, 2006 - 2 p.m.

#1 Wash. & Jeff. 10, #2 Grove City 7

The Presidents took advantage of four GCC errors to build a 10-5 lead through five innings. The Wolverines rallied in the final frame, plating two runners and placing runners on first and third with the potential game-tying run at the plate. W&J junior RP **Ron Mitko (Jefferson Hills, PA/Thomas Jefferson H.S.)** ended the threat with a strikeout to post the save, advancing the Presidents to the PAC title game against Thomas More while eliminating the Wolverines from the tournament. Earning the win for Washington & Jefferson was junior P **John Astfalk (Carnegie, PA/Chartiers Valley H.S.)**, who allowed five runs (three earned) on seven hits in five innings. Offensively, Mitko was 3-for-4 while both sophomore OF **Matt Pellis (Pittsburgh, PA/Plum H.S.)** and junior C **Warren Stowe (Reynoldsburg, OH/Reynoldsburg H.S.)** went 2-for-4 for W&J, with Pellis driving in a pair of runs and Stowe scoring twice. For Grove City, sophomore P **Chris Bowser (Stow, OH/Stow H.S.)** took the loss on the hill. Senior SS **Mike Ritter (Moon Township, PA/Moon Area H.S.)** and freshman OF **Seth Thompson (Canton, OH/GlenOak H.S.)** each went 2-for-3 in the loss, while freshman 2B **Ben Wilson (Mechanicsville, VA/Lee Davis H.S.)** added a solo home run in defeat.

Game F - Washington, PA - May 13, 2006 - 5:15 p.m.

2006 PAC CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND - GAME 1

#1 Wash. & Jeff. 12, #4 Thomas More 6

The Saints jumped out to a 5-0 lead after five innings and appeared on their way to clinching the PAC title. However, the top-seeded Presidents scored three times in the sixth,

then added one in the seventh and two in the eighth for a 6-5 lead. Thomas More answered with a run in the bottom of the eighth to knot the score at 6-6, but Washington & Jefferson put the game away with a six-run ninth to force a decisive third game against TMC for the PAC title Sunday. Junior P **Sam Mann (Warren, OH/Howland H.S.)** went the distance on the hill for W&J, improving to 5-6 on the year after striking out seven batters. Mann also helped his own cause at the plate, going 5-for-6 with three doubles, two runs scored and two RBIs. Junior SS **Nick Fiorelli (Bedford, OH/Trinity H.S.)** started the President offensive rally with a three-run home run in the sixth. Sophomore LHP **Adam Sargent (Warsaw, KY/Walton Verona H.S.)** took the pitching loss in relief for the Saints, dropping to 1-1 on the season. Sophomore OF **Johnny Lee (West Harrison, IN/East Central H.S.)** led the Thomas More offense by going 3-for-4 with a double and two runs scored.

Game G - Washington, PA - May 14, 2006 - noon

2006 PAC CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND - GAME 2

#1 Wash. & Jeff. 7, #4 Thomas More 4

The Presidents jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the second, only to see Thomas More respond with a four-run third to take a 4-3 lead. That score would remain until the bottom of the seventh, when Washington & Jefferson plated four runners to take a 7-4 lead it would not relinquish. It was the third PAC baseball title in W&J history, including the second in the past three years, while the Presidents tied their school-record for wins in a season (32). Junior P **Ron Mitko (Jefferson Hills, PA/Thomas Jefferson H.S.)** started the game for W&J, allowing four runs (one earned) on five hits with a pair of strikeouts in 6 1/3 innings. He gave way to freshman RP **Dan Vietmeier (McKees Rocks, PA/Montour H.S.)**, who earned the win in relief to improve to 5-0 after firing 2 2/3 innings of hitless ball with two strikeouts. Junior OF **Nate Hopkins (Greensburg, PA/Hempfield H.S.)** led the way at the plate by going 2-for-3 with a triple, two runs scored and two RBIs. Junior SS **Nick Fiorelli (Bedford, OH/Trinity H.S.)** added a key two-run triple in the seventh to give the Presidents the lead for good. For Thomas More, junior P **Brett Walter (Cincinnati, OH/LaSalle H.S.)** suffered the pitching loss to drop to 5-2 on the year. At the plate, TMC was paced by junior OF **Dustin Brown (Independence, KY/Simon Kenton H.S.)**, who was 2-for-4 with a double and a run scored.