

BASEBALL 2007

Presidents' Athletic Conference

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2007 PAC BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS - May 10-12, 2007 Ross Memorial Park - Washington & Jefferson College - Washington, Pa.

Game A - Washington, PA - May 10, 2007 - 3 p.m. #3 Thiel 6, #2 Thomas More 5

The Tomcats scored three runs in the fifth and led the rest of the way, surviving a scare in the bottom of the ninth to advance to the winner's bracket final on Friday. Trailing 6-4 with runners on first and third in the bottom of the ninth, Thomas More hit into a double play on a deep sacrifice flyout to center, followed by the runner on first being doubled off to end the game. Tomcat junior P Eric Wadowsky (Pittsburgh, PA/Langley H.S.) earned the win on the hill, allowing four runs (two earned) on nine hits with a pair of strikeouts in eight innings. Sophomore Chad Ulogar (Willoughby, OH/South H.S.) retired the final two batters to earn the save. Offensively, Thiel was paced by senior IF Ben Cobler (Knox, PA/Keystone H.S.), who went 3for-5. Ulogar was 2-for-4 with a pair of RBIs, while sophomore OF David Nypaver (Williamsfield, OH/Howland H.S.) added an RBI double. For Thomas More, senior SP Brett Walter (Cincinnati, OH/LaSalle H.S.) took the loss after allowing three runs on seven hits with a pair of strikeouts in seven innings. At the plate for the Saints, senior 3B Dan Buchwald (Cincinnati, OH/Oak Hills H.S.) was 3-for-4 with a double in the loss, while junior DH Brad Ketterer (Fairfield, OH/Hamilton Badin H.S.) was 2-for-4 and freshman OF Marty Kersting (Cincinnati, OH/ Elder H.S.) belted a two-tun double.

Game B - Washington, PA - May 10, 2007 - 6 p.m. #1 Washington & Jefferson 3, #4 Westminster 2

The top-seeded Presidents managed just four hits, but plated a run in the fourth to tie the game 1-1, then scored twice in the fifth for a 3-1 lead. The Titans cut the lead to 3-2 in the sixth, but would get no closer. For W&J, sophomore P lan Poole (Fairview Park, OH/Fairview H.S.) earned the win after allowing two runs on eight hits with a strikeout in seven innings. Senior P John Astfalk (Carnegie, PA/Chartiers Valley H.S.) fired a scoreless final two frames to earn the save. Junior OFs Justin Benson (Canonsburg, PA/Chartiers-Houston H.S.) and Matt Pellis (Pittsburgh, PA/Plum H.S.) each doubled in the win for the Presidents. Westminster junior SP Andrew Robison (New Wilmington, PA/Wilmington H.S.) was the loser despite allowing three runs on four hits with five strikeouts in a complete game performance. At the plate, the Titans were led by sophomore 3B Mike Busin (New Castle, PA/ Neshannock H.S.), who was 3-for-4 with a solo home run while scoring both Westminster runs. Sophomore 1B John Izzo (New Castle, PA/Union H.S.) added an RBI double in the loss.

Game C - Washington, PA - May 11, 2007 - noon #1 Washington & Jefferson 6, #3 Thiel 0

Washington & Jefferson senior P Sam Mann (Warren, OH/ Howland H.S.) fired a complete game five-hit shutout as the Presidents advanced to the PAC title game for the third consecutive year. Mann did not walk a batter while striking out five in the win. W&J took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first, then took control with four insurance tallies in the seventh. At the plate, senior 2B Chris Varacallo (DuBois, PA/DuBois Central Catholic H.S.) was a perfect 4-for-4 for the victors with a double, a triple and three RBIs. Junior OF Justin Benson (Canonsburg, PA/Chartiers-Houston H.S.) went 2-for-4 with a double and three runs scored, while freshman SS Michael Kennedy (Hilliard, OH/Darby H.S.) also was 2-for-4 with a double. For Thiel, freshman P Dave Graff (Wickliffe, OH/Wickliffe H.S.) took the loss after allowing five runs (one earned) on nine hits with four strikeouts in 6 2/3 innings. Sophomore OF Eric Boylan (McKees Rocks, PA/Sto-Rox H.S.) paced the Tomcat offense with a 3-for-4 performance in defeat.

Game D - Washington, PA - May 11, 2007 - 3 p.m. #2Thomas More 7, #4 Westminster 5

The Saints trailed 2-1 after three innings, but took control with four runs in the fourth and two more in the fifth to eliminate Westminster from the double-elimination tournament. Earning the pitching complete game win for Thomas More was junior P Pat Berndsen (Cincinnati, OH/Elder H.S.), who allowed five runs (four earned) on 11 hits while striking out four. Pacing TMC at the plate was senior C Fred Riess (Cincinnati, OH/ Oak Hills H.S.), who went 2-for-4 with three RBIs. Other top Saint hitters included senior 3B Dan Buchwald (Cincinnati, OH/Oak Hills H.S.), who was 2-for-4 with a pair of runs scored; and senior 2B Brad McIntosh (Carlisle, OH/Carlisle H.S.), who was 2-for-3 with an RBI. Titan senior P Tony Cunningham (Ellwood City, PA/Lincoln H.S.) took the complete pitching loss despite striking out five. For Westminster offensively, sophomore SS Nick Maiorano (New Castle, PA/New Castle H.S.) was 3-for-4 with two runs scored and a pair of RBIs. Junior OF Brandon Drespling (New Castle, PA/Laurel H.S.) and sophomore 1B John Izzo (New Castle, PA/Union H.S.) each tripled and posted a pair of hits in the loss for Westminster.

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Game E - Washington, PA - May 11, 2007 - 6:15 p.m. #3 Thiel 8, #2 Thomas More 7

The Tomcats advanced to the PAC Championship game in dramatic fashion, overcoming deficits of 6-0 after three innings and 7-2 after five with a five-run seventh, knotting the score at 7-7. Thiel then loaded the bases with one out in the bottom of the ninth to set up sophomore PH Matt Stumpf (McKees Rocks, PA/Sto-Rox H.S.), who successfully laid down a bunt to plate the game-winning run. Earning the pitching win in relief for the Tomcats was freshman Dave Diyorio (Youngstown, OH/Austintown Fitch H.S.) after huring a scorless ninth. Diyorio was also 2-for-5 with a double and three RBIs at the plate. Other Thiel hitters posting multi-hit games included sophomore DH Chris Dunham (Conneaut Lake, PA/Linesville H.S.), freshman 1B Justin Scarpitti (Erie, PA/Cathedral Prep H.S.), sophomore OF David Nypaver (Williamsfield, OH/Howland H.S.), and sophomore C Andrew Howard (Olney, MD/ Sherwood H.S.). For Thomas More, sophomore RP Bryan Farrell (Cincinnati, OH/Elder H.S.) took the loss. At the plate for the Saints, freshman SS Chris Fishburn (Cincinnati, OH/ Elder H.S.) was 3-for-5 with a pair of runs scored, while senior C Fred Riess (Cincinnati, OH/Oak Hills H.S.) was 2-for-4 with a double and two RBIs.

Game F - Washington, PA - May 12, 2007 - 1 p.m. #3 Thiel 6, #1 Washington & Jefferson 4

The Tomcats forced a third and final matchup with W&J for the PAC title, as Thiel rallied from an early 3-0 deficit against the Presidents. Earning the pitching win was freshman SP Cory Borland (Uniontown, PA/Laurel Highlands H.S.), who allowed four runs (two earned) on five hits with a pair of strikeouts in 6 1/3 innings. Freshman RP Chad Ulogar (Willoughby, OH/South H.S.) posted the final out to record the save. Offensively, sophomore C Andrew Howard (Olney, MD/Sherwood H.S.) led the Tomcats by going 3-for-5 with a pair of RBIs, while sophomore OF Dan Morrison (Cortland, OH/Maplewood H.S.) was 2-for-4 with a double and two runs scored. W&J senior SP Mike Trumpower (Glassport, PA/South Allegheny H.S.) suffered the loss, giving up four runs on seven hits with a strikeout in six innings of work. The Presidents were paced at the plate by junior OF Justin Benson (Canonsburg, PA/Chartiers-Houston H.S.), who went 2-for-3 with a home run and two runs scored,. Freshman DH Jim Pasquine (Poland, OH/Poland Seminary H.S.) was 2-for-2 with a double in the loss.

2007 PAC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Game G - Washington, PA - May 12, 2007 - 4 p.m. #1 Washington & Jefferson 6, #3 Thiel 0

Senior P Ron Mitko (Jefferson Hills, PA/Thomas Jefferson **H.S.)** fired a complete game two-hit gem with four strikeouts, leading Washington & Jefferson to a 6-0 blanking of Thiel in the 2007 PAC title game. It was the second consecutive conference title and third in the past four seasons for W&J under the direction of fifth-year head coach Jeff Mountain. The Presidents jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first and never looked back, scoring single runs in the third and fourth innings while adding two insurance tallies in the fifth. Washington & Jefferson was led offensively in the victory by senior 1B Sam Mann (Waren, OH/Howland H.S.), who was 3-for-4 with a home run and three runs scored. Senior C Warren Stowe (Reynoldsburg, OH/Reynoldsburg H.S.) was 2-for-4 in the win, while freshman DH Jim Pasquine (Poland, OH/Poland Seminary H.S.) recorded a team-best three RBIs. For Thiel, sophomore P Chris Dunham (Conneaut Lake, PA/Linesville H.S.) took the pitching loss, while senior 2B Ben Cobler (Knox, PA/Keystone H.S.) recorded the team's only extra-base hit with a double.