



MEN'S BASKETBALL 2006-07

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PAC TOURNAMENT FIRST ROUND GAMES - 2/20/07

First Round Game #1 - Grove City, Pa.

#4 GROVE CITY 89, #5 Waynesburg 60

After dropping both regular season contests to the Yellow Jackets, Grove City jumped out to a 45-33 halftime lead before rolling to a 29-point win against Waynesburg. GCC held a 43-17 rebounding advantage in the win. The Wolverines boasted a balanced scoring attack with five players in double figures, paced by senior F **Mark Smith (Venetia, PA/Peters Township H.S.)** with 14 points. Senior C **Craig Hallman (Ellwood City, PA/Riverside H.S.)** added a double-double for GCC with 13 points and a game-high 10 rebounds. For the Yellow Jackets, four players scored in double digits, led by senior G **Beau Wilson (Daybrook, WV/Clay-Battelle H.S.)** with a game-high 15 points.

First Round Game #2 - Washington, Pa.

#3 WASH. & JEFF. 67, #6 Thomas More 49

The Presidents led the Saints 31-24 at the half, then pulled away in the second eriod for the 18-point home victory. W&J placed four scorers in double figures, with senior G **Jon Koch (New Kensington, PA/Plum H.S.)** leading the way with 17 points. Sophomore F **Wahab Olowabi (Queens Village, NY/Randolph Macon H.S.)** added 14 markers for Washington & Jefferson. Junior P **Brad Buckner (Milford, OH/Milford H.S.)** paced Thomas More with 14 points, while senior G/F **Ed Thornton (Cleveland, OH/Villa Angela-St. Joseph H.S.)** added 10.

First Round Game #3 - Bethany, W.Va.

#2 BETHANY 94, #7 Thiel 80

The two-time defending PAC champions outgunned the Tomcats, as Bethany led 42-30 at the half and led by as many as 26 points (88-62) with 5:19 to play. Leading the Bison offensive attack was junior G **Brody Jackson (Akron, OH/Manchester H.S.)** with 22 points, while senior G **Marc Palermo (Youngstown, OH/Ursuline H.S.)** added 15 markers off the bench. Thiel was led by junior forward Joe Herrmann (Hartstown, PA/Jamestown H.S.), who poured in a game-high 36 points on 15-of-19 shooting from the field, while also collecting a game-high eight rebounds. Sophomore G **Brandon Mirizio (West Middlesex, PA/Kennedy Catholic H.S.)** added 18 points in the loss.

PAC TOURNAMENT SEMIFINAL GAMES - 2/22/07

First Round Game #1 - New Wilmington, Pa.

#4 Grove City 86, #1 WESTMINSTER 67

After going into halftime tied at 36-36, the Wolverines took control early in the second half en route to outscoring the top-seeded Titans 50-31 in the decisive final 20 minutes. Four Grove City players scored in double figures in the upset win, paced by senior F

Mark Smith (Venetia, PA/Peters Township H.S.) with 20 points. Junior G **Shawn Carr (New Castle, PA/Mohawk H.S.)** added a double-double with 18 points and 13 rebounds, while junior G **Ryan Gerber (Baltic, OH/Garaway H.S.)** scored 17. For Westminster, senior G **Greg Rosatelli (Clinton, PA/Hopewell H.S.)** tossed in a game-high 23 points while adding five assists, while sophomore F **Steve Bielich (Bethel Park, PA/Bethel Park H.S.)** added 18 points and a team-high nine rebounds in the loss.

First Round Game #2 - Bethany, W.Va.

#3 Washington & Jefferson 78, #2 BETHANY 75

The two-time defending PAC champion Bison saw their conference title run come to an end, as Washington & Jefferson took control late after the two teams were deadlocked 42-42 at intermission. The Presidents were paced by the play of sophomore C **Josip Lucic-Jozak (Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin H.S.)**, who recorded a double-double with team-high totals of 25 points and 11 rebounds. Sophomore F **Wahab Owolabi (Queens Village, NY/Randolph Macon Academy)** added 21 markers, while senior G **Jon Koch (New Kensington, PA/Plum H.S.)** contributed 10 points and eight caroms in the win. Bethany was led by junior G **Brody Jackson (Akron, OH/Manchester H.S.)** with a team-best 21 points on 6-of-8 accuracy from three-point range. Junior G **Marcus Adams (Columbus, OH/Mount Vernon Academy)** added 14 points in defeat for the Bison.

PAC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP GAME - 2/24/07

Washington, Pa. - 7:30 p.m.

#4 Grove City 60, #3 WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 58

A raucous crowd witnessed the fourth-seeded Wolverines edge the homestanding Presidents to capture their sixth PAC men's basketball title and first since 2003. In a tight affair with 12 lead changes and 12 ties, in which the largest lead by either team was seven points. W&J led 30-27 at the half. Trailing 53-51, GCC wnet on a 9-0 run to lead by seven (60-53) with 1:56 left. Washington & Jefferson answered with a 5-0 run, but a potential game-tying 17-foot jumper at the buzzer was offline. Junior G **Shawn Carr (New Castle, PA/Mohawk H.S.)** led the Wolverines with team-high totals of 19 points and 12 rebounds, while sophomore G **Ryan Gibson (North Canton, OH/Hoover H.S.)** added 16 points. For W&J, leading the offensive attack was senior G **Brandon Studer (Johnstown, PA/Conemaugh Valley H.S.)** with 18 points, while sophomore C **Josip Lucic-Jozak (Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin H.S.)** added a double-double with 12 points and a team-best 10 rebounds off the bench.

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