



# MEN'S BASKETBALL 2007-08

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## PRESIDENTS' ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (PAC) 2008 MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT February 26, 28; March 1, 2008 - Campus Sites

### PAC TOURNAMENT FIRST ROUND GAMES - 2/26/08

**First Round Game #1 - Grove City, Pa. - 7 p.m.**

#2 GROVE CITY 88, #7 Waynesburg 73

The Wolverines recorded five double-digit scorers to advance to the semifinals with a first round win over the Yellow Jackets. Leading the Grove City attack was senior G **Shaun Carr (New Castle, PA/Mohawk H.S.)** with team-high totals of 24 points, seven rebounds and five assists. Freshman C **Kris Verderber (Chagrin Falls, OH/Kenston H.S.)** added 11 markers in the win for the Wolverines. For Waynesburg, senior F **Josh Parisi (Ambridge, PA/Ambridge H.S.)** led the way with a team-best 21 points and nine rebounds, while senior G **Jered Gamble (Newell, WV/Oak Glen H.S.)** added 13 markers and a team-best four assists.

**First Round Game #2 - Washington, Pa. - 8 p.m.**

#3 WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 67, #6 Thiel 63 (ot)

The game of the night in the PAC first round saw host Washington & Jefferson advance after outlasting the upset-minded Tomcats in an overtime defensive struggle. W&J led the entire overtime and was up five in the closing seconds when Thiel junior G **Brandon Mirizio (West Middlesex, PA/Kennedy Catholic H.S.)** hit a three-pointer to cut the lead to two (65-63) with four seconds to play. However, Thiel was assessed a technical for calling a timeout it did not have, allowing the Presidents to seal the win with a pair of free throws. The duo of junior C **Josip Lucic-Jozak (Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin H.S.)** and freshman G **Brian Felker (Gibsonia, PA/Pine-Richland H.S.)** led W&J with 19 points apiece, with Lucic-Jozak adding a team-high 10 rebounds for a double-double. For the Tomcats, Mirizio fired in a game-high 20 markers, while freshman G **Devon Adams (Philadelphia, PA/George Jr. Republic)** added 17 points in defeat.

**First Round Game #3 - New Wilmington, Pa. - 8 p.m.**

#5 Thomas More 95, #4 WESTMINSTER 77

The Saints shot 53 percent from the field and committed just six turnovers while forcing 18 Titan miscues to post the road victory. Thomas More had five scorers reach double figures, led by junior G **Matty Owens (Mason, OH/Mason H.S.)** with 17 points. Junior F **Mark Tinklenberg (Dublin, OH/Coffman H.S.)** added 15 markers in the win, while sophomore G **Romell Salone (Cincinnati, OH/Walnut Hills H.S.)** tallied 13 points and a team-high four assists. Westminster was paced offensively by senior G **Craig Hannon (New Castle, PA/Union H.S.)**, who fired in a game-high 31 points on 10-of-12 shooting from the field. Sophomore F **Ryne Murray (Pittsburgh, PA/Upper St. Clair H.S.)** added 12 points and team-high totals of nine rebounds and five assists for the Titans.

### PAC TOURNAMENT SEMIFINAL GAMES - 2/28/08

**Semifinal Game #1 - Grove City, Pa. - 7 p.m.**

#3 Washington & Jefferson 64, #2 GROVE CITY 63

The Wolverines and Presidents battled for 40 minutes in a nip-and-tuck defensive affair, culminating with W&J junior C **Josip Lucic-Jozak** scoring the game-winning layup with three seconds to play. The win returns Washington & Jefferson to the PAC title game for the second consecutive year. For the Presidents, sophomore G **Albert Varacallo (DuBois, PA/DuBois Central Catholic H.S.)** posted team-high totals of 21 points and seven rebounds, while Lucic-Jozak added 18 markers and sophomore G **Matt Drakeley (Washington, PA/Trinity H.S.)** added 15. The defending PAC champion Wolverines were led in the loss by senior G **Ryan Gerber (Baltic, OH/Garaway H.S.)** with 20 points, while junior G **Ryan Gibson (North Canton, OH/Hoover H.S.)** scored 14 markers.

**Semifinal Game #2 - Bethany, W.Va. - 8 p.m.**

#1 BETHANY 105, #5 Thomas More 98

The other PAC semifinal was a run-and-gun shootout from start to finish, with top-seeded Bethany jumping out to a 50-40 halftime lead before holding off an upset-minded Saint squad in the second half. Six Bison players reached double figures in scoring, led by senior G **Brody Jackson (Akron, OH/Manchester H.S.)** with team-best totals of 21 points and six assists. Junior G **Tyler Morando (Wheeling, WV/Wheeling Central H.S.)** added 18 points and eight rebounds in the victory. The Thomas More duo of junior G **Matty Owens (Mason, OH/Mason H.S.)** and freshman G **Eddie Brown (Hamilton, OH/Stephen T. Badin H.S.)** tallied game-high totals of 27 points apiece in the loss.

### **2008 PAC Men's Basketball Championship Game**

**Saturday, March 1 - Bethany, W.Va. - 7:30 pm**

#1 BETHANY 90, #3 Washington & Jefferson 76

The top-seeded Bison buried 13 three-pointers en route to their record 12th PAC men's basketball title and the PAC's first automatic berth to the NCAA Division III Tournament in over 10 years. For the Bison, leading the way was senior G **Brody Jackson (Akron, OH/Manchester H.S.)**, who tallied a game-high 30 points including four treys. Junior F **Petre Petkovski (Wheeling, WV/Wheeling Park H.S.)** added 14 markers and a team-best seven rebounds, while senior G **Marcus Adams (Columbus, OH/Mt. Vernon Academy H.S.)** added 13 points and a game-high six assists in the victory. For Washington & Jefferson, freshman G **Brian Felker (Gibsonia, PA/Pine-Richland H.S.)** came off the bench to record a team-high 22 points, while junior C **Josip Lucic-Jozak (Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin H.S.)** contributed 17 points and a game-high nine rebounds.

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