



MEN'S BASKETBALL 2008-09

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PRESIDENTS' ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (PAC) 2009 MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT February 24-28, 2009 - Campus Sites

PAC TOURNAMENT FIRST ROUND GAMES - 2/24/09

First Round Game #1 - New Wilmington, Pa. - 7 p.m.

#3 WESTMINSTER 94, #6 Waynesburg 78

The Titans broke open a close game at the half (40-36) and led by as many as 25 points in the second half en route to advancing to the semifinal round. Westminster was paced by junior F **Ryne Murray (Pittsburgh, PA/Upper St. Clair H.S.)**, who posted a double-double with team-high totals of 26 points and 13 rebounds. Junior C/F **Steve Bielich (Bethel Park, PA/Bethel Park H.S.)** and sophomore G **Max Spinner (Boca Raton, FL/Boca Raton H.S.)** added 18 and 14 markers, respectively, for the Titans. Waynesburg was led by sophomore F **Jeff Young (Washington, DC/John F. Kennedy H.S.)** with a team-best 17 points, while junior G **Ryan Courneen (Sewickley, PA/Quaker Valley H.S.)** added 16 points for the Yellow Jackets.

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

#4 WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 74, #5 Grove City 68

The Presidents led by 11 points (36-25) at the half, only to see the Wolverines cut the lead to two points late before W&J held on to advance to the semifinals. The Presidents rode a 19-point, 11-rebound double double by senior C **Josip Lucic-Jozak (Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin H.S.)**. Sophomore G **Brian Felker (Gibsonia, PA/Pine-Richland H.S.)** and senior F **Wahab Owolabi (Queens Village, NY/Randolph Macon H.S.)** added 16 and 12 points, respectively, for W&J. Grove City had four scorers in double figures, with senior G **Joe McCoy (Newark, OH/Newark H.S.)** scoring a team-best 19 points and senior G **Ryan Gibson (North Canton, OH/Hoover H.S.)** adding 17 markers.

First Round Game #3 - Bethany, W.Va. - 8 p.m.

#2 BETHANY 74, #7 Thiel 69

The seventh-seeded Tomcats gave the defending PAC champion Bison all they could handle in a tight first round matchup, as Thiel led 40-28 at the half before giving way late in the physical contest which saw a total of 61 fouls called (32-Bethany, 29-Thiel). Bethany kept its hopes of repeating as conference champion alive behind a game-high 25 points by sophomore G **Dakota Matz (Zanesville, OH/Zanesville H.S.)**. Thiel was paced offensively by junior G **Nick Sefscik (Allison Park, PA/Shaler H.S.)** with a team-best 23 points in defeat.

PAC TOURNAMENT SEMIFINAL GAMES - 2/26/09

Semifinal Game #1 - Crestview Hills, Ky. - 7 p.m.

#1 THOMAS MORE 78, #4 Washington & Jefferson 64

The top-seeded Saints jumped out to a 33-26 halftime lead, then opened the second half with a 10-2 run before maintaining a double-digit lead the rest of the way. With the victory, Thomas More will now host Saturday's PAC title game. TMC was paced offensively by sophomore W **Daniel McKeenan (Mainesville, OH/Little Miami H.S.)**, who led four Saint double-digit scorers with 16 points. Junior PG **Romell Salone (Cincinnati, OH/Walnut Hills H.S.)** added 13 markers and a game-high five assists in the victory. For W&J, junior G **Matt Drakeley (Washington, PA/Trinity H.S.)** scored a game-high 20 points, including a perfect 10-of-10 accuracy at the foul line.

Semifinal Game #2 - Bethany, W.Va. - 7 p.m.

#2 BETHANY 71, #3 Westminster 67

The Bison and Titans battled for a furious 40 minutes in a game which featured 22 lead changes, 15 ties and no lead by either team larger than seven points. Trailing by two points in the final minute, Westminster had four three-point attempts go off the mark, allowing the Bison to clinch the win with two free throws by junior F **Joe Testa (Amity, PA/Trinity H.S.)** with 11 seconds to play. Bethany had four scorers reach double figures, led by freshman G **Lance Beckwith (Raleigh, NC/Word of God Christian H.S.)** with 26 points. For Westminster, junior F **Ryne Murray (Pittsburgh, PA/Upper St. Clair H.S.)** recorded game-high totals of 31 points and 14 rebounds in defeat.

PAC TOURNAMENT FINALS - 2/28/09

Championship - Crestview Hills, Ky. - 5 p.m.

#1 THOMAS MORE 91, #2 Bethany 65

The Saints built a 14-point (29-15) first half lead, only to see the Bison close the gap and trail by just one (37-36) at the half. With the game tied 43-43 with 14:48 to play, Thomas More took control of the game with a huge 25-4 to run to take a 68-47 lead and went on to hold a double-digit lead the rest of the way. TMC, which shot 58 percent (34-of-59) from the field for the game, had a balanced offensive attack with five players scoring in double figures. Leading the Saint attack was senior W **Daniel Ellis (Springfield, OH/Springfield North H.S.)** with 16 points, including four three-pointers, while sophomore P **Brian Muse (Bethel, OH/Bethel H.S.)** added 14 points on 5-of-5 shooting off the bench. For Bethany, freshman G **Lance Beckwith (Raleigh, NC/Word of God Christian H.S.)** posted a team-high 16 points in the loss.