



MEN'S BASKETBALL 2009-10

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PRESIDENTS' ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (PAC) 2010 MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT February 23-25-27, 2010 - Campus sites

PAC TOURNAMENT FIRST ROUND GAMES - 2/23/10

First Round Game #1 - Greenville, Pa.

#5 Washington & Jefferson 80, #4 THIEL 77

The Presidents posted the upset of the first round, as the two teams were tied at 69-69 at the end of regulation, only to see W&J outscore the Tomcats 11-8 in the decisive extra session. Leading the way for Washington & Jefferson was freshman F **Akram Hidmi (Columbus, OH/Upper Arlington H.S.)** with a career-high 28 points and a team-high eight rebounds. Senior G **Albert Varacallo (DuBois, PA/DuBois Central Catholic H.S.)** added 22 markers for the victorious Presidents. For Thiel, freshman G **Blair Rozenblad (Youngstown, OH/Kennedy Catholic H.S.)** posted a double-double with team-best totals of 26 points and 12 rebounds. Senior Gs **Cory Chaffee (Erie, PA/Villa Maria Academy H.S.)** and **Sean Devinney (Arsenal, PA/Central Catholic H.S.)** added 18 and 15 points, respectively, for the Tomcats.

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

#3 BETHANY 82, #6 Westminster 73

The sixth-seeded Titans appeared poised for an upset, as Westminster took a 40-33 lead into halftime at the Hummel Fieldhouse. However, the Bison took control late in the second half, outscoring the Titans 49-33 in the second period. Four Bethany players scored in double figures, with junior F **Ryan McFadden (Columbus, OH/Mount Vernon Academy H.S.)** pacing the team with 22 points. Senior F **Joe Testa (Amity, PA/Trinity H.S.)** and freshman F **Nick Wilcox (Venetia, PA/Peters Township H.S.)** each posted 17 points in the win, with Testa adding a team-high nine rebounds and Wilcox recording a team-best four assists. For Westminster, senior F **Ryne Murray (Pittsburgh, PA/Upper St. Clair H.S.)** led four double-digit scorers with 17 points while adding a team-high 11 rebounds for a double-double.

First Round Game #3 - Crestview Hills, Ky.

#2 THOMAS MORE 84, #7 Waynesburg 71

The Yellow Jackets, 2-20 entering the contest, made things interesting for the second-seeded Saints, as Waynesburg shot over 60 percent (29-of-48) from the field and trailed by just seven points (76-69) with 1:49 to play. However, the Thomas More defense forced 26 Waynesburg turnovers en route to the victory. Leading the TMC offensive attack was junior F **Aaron Miller (Lexington, KY/Henry Clay H.S.)** with a game-high 19 points, while sophomore C **Colt Stafford (Groveport, OH/Bishop Hartley H.S.)** added a 16-point, 10-rebound double-double for the victors. The Yellow Jackets had four players post double-digit scoring efforts in defeat, with junior G **Erik Noone (Pittsburgh, PA/Keystone Oaks H.S.)** leading the way with 15 markers followed by sophomore F **James Allenby (Chardon, OH/Chardon H.S.)** with 14.

PAC TOURNAMENT SEMIFINAL GAMES - 2/25/10

Semifinal Game #1 - Grove City, Pa.

#1 GROVE CITY 63, #5 Washington & Jefferson 59

Two days after beating #4 seed Thiel in Greenville, the Presidents appeared poised for another big tournament road upset after taking a 30-25 halftime lead over the top-seeded Wolverines. The Presidents extended

the lead and were up by as many as eight points, the last time at 46-38 with 13:00 to play. However, the Wolverines clawed their way back into the game, finally re-taking the lead on a three-pointer by senior G **Joe McCoy (Newark, OH/Newark H.S.)** with 4:23 to play. W&J had the ball in the final seconds trailing by two, but Grove City forced a turnover and sealed the win with a pair of free throws with one second to play. For the Wolverines, senior C **Andy O'Keefe (Perry, OH/Perry H.S.)** led the way with game-high totals of 19 rebounds and seven assists. Sophomore G **Brett Matson (Wexford, PA/Pine-Richland H.S.)** added 16 points and McCoy added 14, all in the second half. For Washington & Jefferson, junior Gs **Brian Felker (Gibsonia, PA/Pine-Richland H.S.)** and **Paul Matthews (Greensburg, PA/Greensburg Salem H.S.)** posted 15 points each in defeat.

Semifinal Game #2 - Crestview Hills, Ky.

#2 THOMAS MORE 88, #3 Bethany 73

The Bison controlled play early, leading the entire first half before taking a 39-34 advantage into intermission. However, the defending PAC champion Saints opened the second half with a 33-14 run to take an 14-point lead (67-53). TMC held a double-digit advantage the rest of the way. For the victors, four players reached double figures in scoring led by senior F **Daniel McKeenan (Maineville, OH/Little Miami H.S.)** with a game-high 24 points to go along with a game-best eight rebounds. Senior PG **Romell Salone (Cincinnati, OH/Walnut Hills H.S.)** and junior SG **Kurt Bovard (Villa Hills, KY/Covington Catholic H.S.)** each added 14 points in the win. For the Bison, senior F **Jonas Ankrom (Canonsburg, PA/Canon-McMillan H.S.)** came off the bench to record a team-high 22 points, while freshman G/F **Nick Wilcox (Venetia, PA/Peters Township H.S.)** added 14 markers for Bethany.

PAC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES - 2/27/10

GCC Arena - Grove City, Pa. - 7:30 p.m.

#1 GROVE CITY 78, #2 Thomas More 61

The Wolverines led from start to finish to garner the seventh PAC men's basketball title in school history and the fourth under head coach **Steve Lamie** ('99, '03, '07, '10). The Wolverine defense held the Saint offense, which leads the PAC in scoring (85.8 ppg), to just 20 first half points as the Wolverines led by as many as 16 points (20-4) en route to a 31-20 halftime advantage. Thomas More began to slowly chip away at the lead in the second half, closing to within five points (44-39) with 12:44 to play. From there, GCC went on a 17-4 run to build the lead back to 18 points (61-43) with 6:46 to go. The Wolverines, who also earned the PAC's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament, shot 69 percent (29-of-42) from the field as a team. Leading the way was junior F **Luke Tomsaelli (Cresson, PA/Penn Cambria H.S.)** with a team-high 19 points on 9-of-11 shooting from the field. Sophomore G **Brett Matson (Wexford, PA/Pine-Richland H.S.)** added 16 points and six assists for the victors. For TMC, senior F **Daniel McKeenan (Maineville, OH/Little Miami H.S.)** led all scorers with 22 points on 9-of-10 shooting from the field, while junior F **Eddie Brown (Hamilton, OH/Stephen T. Badin H.S.)** added 10 markers off the bench.

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