

MEN'S SOCCER 2008 Presidents' Athletic Conference

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PRESIDENTS' ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (PAC) 2008 MEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT - November 4-8, 2008

Semifinal #1 - Tuesday, November 4 #2 Wash. & Jeff. 2, #3 Thomas More 1 (ot) Wash. & Jeff. College - Washngton, Pa. - 5 p.m.

The defending PAC champion Presidents advanced to the PAC title game on a goal by junior M Christopher Skovira (Scottdale, PA/Southmoreland H.S.) just over eight minutes into the first overtime session. After a scoreless opening, half, Thomas More took a 1-0 advantage at the 49:27 mark with an unassisted goal by sophomore F Aaron Osborne (Cincinnati, OH/LaSalle H.S.). The Presidents rallied to tie the contest at 65:27, as sophomore Josh Weber (Pittsburgh, PA/Chartiers Valley H.S.) found the back of the net off an assist by senior M Jeremy Delmaster (Elizabeth, PA/Elizabeth Forward H.S.). W&J outshot Thomas More 17-11 in the contest, including 3-0 in the extra session. The Presidents also recorded seven corner kicks to five for the Saints. W&J senior GK Tyler Hodgins (Jacksonville, MD/Dulaney H.S.) made five saves in the victory, while Thomas More senior GK Matt Koopman (Pleasant Hill, OH/Newton H.S.) stopped six shots in the loss.

Semifinal #2 - Tuesday, November 4 #1 Westminster 3, #4 Grove City 2

Westminster College - New Wilmington, Pa. - 8 p.m. The top-seeded Titans raced to a 3-0 lead, then held on as a late rally by the visiting Wolverines fell short. Westminster opened the scoring in the game's 40th minute, as freshman Coty Hainsey (New Paris, PA/ Chestnut Ridge H.S.) headed in a cross from junior M Jarred Smeltzer (Wilmerding, PA/East Allegheny H.S.) for a 1-0 advantage. The Titans made it 2-0 just over three minutes later on an unassisted goal by senior M Garrett Horvath (Southlake, TX/Southlake Carroll H.S.). In the second half, the Titans scored again for a 3-0 lead in the 51st minute, as junior F Brice Lott (Pittsburgh, PA/Plum H.S.) took a long feed from junior M Stephen Rossi (Oakmont, PA/Central Catholic H.S.) and scored on a breakaway. Grove City got on the scoreboard on a penalty kick goal by senior M Matt Sol (Crofton, MD/South River H.S.) in the 57th minute, then cut the lead to 3-2 on a Westminster "own goal" at 74:24. GCC would get no closer, however, as Westminster held on for the win while holding a 21-14 advantage in shots and a 3-2 margin in corner kicks. In goal, sophomore GK Mike Codita (Sewickley, PA/ Quaker Valley H.S.) stopped a pair of shots for the Titans, while junior GK Sean Osborne (Manassas, VA/ Osbourn H.S.) recorded six saves for Grove City.

2008 PAC CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

Westminster College - New Wilmington, Pa. Saturday, November 8 - 7 p.m.

#1 Westminster 2, #2 Wash. & Jeff. 1 (2ot)

The top-seeded Westminster Titans captured their third PAC men's soccer title, coming back from a 1-0 second half deficit to edge second seed Washington & Jefferson 2-1 in double overtime. After a scoreless opening half, W&J opened the scoring in the 64th minute as freshman M Nick Bradnam (Irwin, PA/Hempfield H.S.) lifted a long shot into the upper left corner from 30 yards out to put the Presidents on top 1-0. The leads remained until just under 10 minutes remained in regulation, when Titan senior M Garrett Horvath (Southlake, TX/ Southlake Carroll H.S.) broke through the defense and scored the requalizing goal off an assist by freshman D Jake Huey (Butler, PA/Butler H.S.). The two teams remained even through the first extra session, before Westminster clinched the victory on a rebound goal by junior lan Hill (Pittsburgh, PA/North Catholic H.S.) off a shot by classmate Brice Lott (Pittsburgh, PA/ Plum H.S.). The Titans outshot the Presidents 27-12 in the contest and also held a 6-5 advantage in corner kicks. Sophomore GK Mike Codita (Sewickley, PA/Quaker Valley H.S.) made seven saves in the win for Westminster, while W&J senior GK Tyler Hodgins (Jacksonville, MD/Dulaney H.S.) also stopped seven shots in the contest.