

MEN'S SOCCER 2009

Presidents' Athletic Conference

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PRESIDENTS' ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (PAC) 2009 MEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT - Nov. 4-8, 2009

<u>Semifinal #1 - Wednesday, November 4</u> #1 THOMAS MORE 3, #4 Grove City 0

Thomas More College - Crestview Hills, Ky. - 2 p.m. The top-seeded Saints advance to host the PAC championship match this Sunday (Nov. 8) after shutting out the visiting Wolverines. Junior F Aaron Osborne (Cincinnati, Ohio/LaSalle H.S.) gave the Saints a 1-0 advantage at the 18:06 mark when he scored off a double assist from senior M Shane Cox (Limerick, Ireland/St. Mary's Immaculate H.S.) and freshman D Jacob Waldrop (Louisville, Ky./St. Xavier H.S.). In the second half, senior F Joey Tensing (Cincinnati, Ohio/Mt. Healthy H.S.) increase the Saints' lead to 2-0 when he scored unassisted at the 45:45 mark. Then at the 75:06 mark, Osborne closed out the scoring as he scored off an assist from Tensing for the final score of 3-0. Sophomore GK Zack Lawson (Frankfort, Ky./ Frankfort H.S.) played all 90 minutes in goal recorded five saves as he posted his eighth shutout of the season and improved his record to 16-2-1. Thomas More outshot Grove City, 19-11, including 7-5 on goal, but Grove City won the battle of corner kicks, 3-2. For Grove City, which finished the 2009 season at 8-10-1, senior GK Sean Osborne (Manassas, Va./Osbourn H.S.) stopped four shots

Semifinal #2 - Wednesday, November 4
#3 Washington & Jefferson 4, #2 WESTMINSTER 0
Westminster College - New Wilmington, Pa. - 7:30 p.m.

The Presidents took a 1-0 halftime lead, then exploded for three second half goals to upset the Titans and advance to the PAC Championship match Sunday at Thomas More. W&J freshman M Jimmy Gante (York, Pa./Dallastown H.S.) scored the first two goals of his career, both assisted by junior D Chris Whiteman (Hawthorn Woods, III./Heritage H.S.), as he netted the game's only goal in the first half with an 18th-minute tally. After senior F Dan Hart (McMurray, Pa./Peters Township H.S.) scored in 46th minute, the Whitemanto-Gante combination made it 3-0 in the 54th minute. Junior M Chris Skovira (Scottdale, Pa./Southmoreland H.S.) finished the scoring with a goal in the 65th minute. Freshman GK Simen Myrum

(Lillehammer, Norway) made three saves for W&J, while Westminster junior Mike Codita (Sewickley, Pa./Quaker Valley H.S.) stopped four shots. Both teams attempted 12 shots in the game, including Westminster senior lan Hill (Pittsburgh, Pa./North Catholic H.S.) leading all players with three shots. The Titans' season ends with a 10-10 record.

2009 PAC Championship - Sunday, November 8 #1 THOMAS MORE 1, #3 Washington & Jefferson 0

Thomas More College - Crestview Hills, Ky. - 1 p.m. An Aaron Osborne (Cincinnati, OH/LaSalle H.S.) goal off an assist from Joey Tensing (Cincinnati, OH/Mount Healthy H.S.) just 7:50 into the game proved to be all Thomas More College needed on Sunday, as the topseeded Saints (17-2-1) captured their first-ever PAC Men's Soccer Championship with a 1-0 home victory over third-seeded Washington & Jefferson College at The Bank of Kentucky Field. With the win, the Saints secured the PAC's automatic bid to the 2009 NCAA Division III Playoffs, with brackets scheduled to be announced tomorrow (Monday, Nov. 9) at 10 a.m. Thomas More held a narrow 14-12 shot advantage over W&J, while the Presidents maintained a 6-5 margin in corner kicks. TMC sophomore GK Zack Lawson (Frankfort, KY/Frankfort H.S.) made three saves in the shutout victory over the Presidents, while W&J freshman GK Simen Myrum (Lillehammer, Norway) stopped five shots in defeat.

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