

MEN'S SOCCER 2010

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PRESIDENTS' ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (PAC) 2010 MEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT - Nov. 2-6, 2010

Semifinal #1 - Tuesday, November 2 #3 Bethany 2, #2 GROVE CITY 1

Grove City College - Grove City, Pa.. - 2 p.m. The third-seeded Bison stunned the second-seeded Wolverines with a pair of goals by freshman F Arkangelo James (Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin H.S.) in the first 15 minutes of the match, then held off a late Grove City rally to pull the upset and advance to the PAC Championship on Saturday. James scored off a feed by senior F Ari Dewhurst (Toronto, ONT/Pope John Paul H.S.) 11:06 into the contest, then added an unassisted goal just 3:27 later for a 2-0 advantage the Bison would take into halftime. The Wolverines got on the scoreboard at the 65:45 mark on an unassisted goal by senior M Chuck Witt (Dillsburg, PA/Northern H.S.), but would get no closer. Grove City outshot bethany 14-9 and held a 5-3 advantage in corner kicks in defeat. Junior GK Patrick Coleman (South Park, PA/South Park H.S.) madesix saves for the Bison in the victory, while Wolverine freshman GK Chris Burgan (North Huntingdon, PA/Trinity Christian H.S.) stopped four shots in defeat.

Semifinal #2 - Tuesday, November 2 #4 Thomas More 1, #1 WASH. & JEFF. 1 (TMC advances on penalty kicks 5-3) Wash. & Jeff. College - Washington, Pa. - 6 p.m.

The second upset of the semifinal round saw the defending PAC champion Saints knock off the topseeded Presidents. After playing to a 1-1 draw through 120 minutes of action, Thomas More advanced to the PAC Championship via a 5-3 advantage in penalty kicks over W&J. After a scoreless first half, TMC got onthe board first when freshman F Marco Rosas (Kennesaw, GA/Harrison H.S.) took a pass from junior F Ricky Barria (Erlanger, KY/Dixie Heights H.S.) and scored at the 51:31 mark for a 1-0 Saint advantage. The Presidents rallied to tie the score at 1-1 with just 7:45 to play in regulation, when freshman F Tad Piscatelli (McMurray, PA/Peters Township H.S.) headed in a throw-in by senior M John Lhota (Clearfield, PA/ Clearfield H.S.). Both teams posted a pair of shots in the first overtime and W&J added a shot in the second OT, but neither team could break the tie, setting up the penalty kick tiebreaker. The first seven PK attempts were successful, leaving Thomas More ahead 4-3, when W&J missed on its fourth attempt. Rosas then clinched the win by converting on the finall PK attempt. Thomas More held a narrow 16-14 shot advantage in the contest, while Washington & Jefferson recorded a 5-4 corner kick advantage.

2010 PAC Championship - Saturday, November 6 #4 Thomas More 2, #3 Bethany 1

Hoag Field - Bethany, W.Va. - 1 p.m.

The defending PAC champion Saints made it two league titles in a row and three consecutive upsets in the 2010 PAC Men's Soccer Tournament, as Thomas More scored twice just after halftime before holding off a late Bison rally for the crown. After a scoreless opening half, the Saints opened the scoring just 17 seconds into the second half, when junior Ricky Barria (Erlanger, KY/ Dixie Heights H.S.) scored off an assist by freshman Manuel Rosas (Kennesaw, GA/Harrison H.S.) for a 1-0 TMC advantage. Thomas More made it 2-0 at the 51:23 mark, as senior Dan Miller (Cincinnati, OH/EIder H.S.) took an indirect kick from junior Alex Oeswein (Louisville, KY/DuPont Manual H.S.) and found the back of the net. The Bison halved the lead to 2-1 six minutes later on a goal headed in by junior Cameron Ward (Toronto, ONT/Mowat H.S.) off an assist by senior Jason Straw (Cecil, PA/Canon-McMillan H.S.). Bethany had scoring chances late, but was unable to capitalize. BC held a narrow 12-11 shot advantage in the contest, while the Saints posted a 9-2 margin in corner kicks. Freshman Nathan Ducklo (Fairfield, OH/ Fairfield H.S.) made six saves in goal for TMC in the win, while junior GK Pat Coleman (South Park, PA/ South Park H.S.) stopped two shots for the Bison.

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