

SOFTBALL 2009

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PRESIDENTS' ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (PAC) 2009 SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Thomas More College - Crestview Hills, Ky. - May 1-2, 2009

Game A - Crestview Hills, KY - May 1 - 11 a.m. #1 Thomas More 3, #4 Westminster 1

The top-seeded Saints rode both the pitching arm and bat of sophomore P Dana Bors (Lebanon, OH/Lebanon H.S.) to the opening round victory over the Titans. Bors allowed a single to Westminster OF Addie Parker (Guys Mills, PA/Maplewood H.S.) to open the game, then held Westminster hitless the rest of the way. Bors also helped her own cause with an infield single that plated the first run of the game for TMC in the third. Thomas More added another run on a Westminster wild pitch to lead 2-0 after three frames. Westminster halved the lead to 2-1 in the top of the fifth with an unearned run on a Saint throwing error, but the Saints built the lead to back to two at 3-1 on a Bors' sacrifice fly in the bottom of the frame. For the game, Bors walked two and struck out nine. Titan sophomore P Amber Crompton (Finleyville, PA/Ringgold H.S.) took the loss in the circle, allowing three runs on four hits with a pair of strikeouts.

Game B - Crestview Hills, KY - May 1 - 1 p.m. #2 Bethany 2, #3 Washington & Jefferson 1

The Bison and Presidents battled through a scoreless pitcher's dual for five innings before Bethany took control with a pair of runs in the bottom of the sixth. Freshman DP Summer Terrell (Bridgeville, PA/Chartiers Valley H.S.) belted an RBI double for a 1-0 advantage, before the Bison made it 2-0 on a W&J passed ball. The Presidents rallied in the top of the seventh, starting with a solo home run to center by sophomore 3B Kristine Barry (Bethel Park, PA/Bethel Park H.S.). Washington & Jefferson then proceeded to load the bases with two outs before a flyout to left ended the scoring threat. Sophomore P Cortney Newland (Carmichaels, PA/ Carmichaels H.S.) earned the pitching win for BC, allowing one run on six hits with three strikeouts. For W&J, senior P Rebecca Nachreiner (Pittsburgh, PA/North Hills H.S.) suffered the loss allowing two runs (one earned) on six hits with seven strikeouts.

Game C - Crestview Hills, KY - May 1 - 3 p.m. #4 Westminster 6, #3 Washington & Jefferson 5

The Titans used a three-run sixth inning to overcome a 5-3 deficit and eliminate Washington & Jefferson from the tournament. Westminster scored once in the second and twice in the third for a 3-0 advantage, only to see W&J plate five runners in the fourth to take the lead. Leading the Westminster offense was senior 3B Amy Cornicelli (Warren, OH/Howland H.S.), who went 2-for-2 with three RBIs in the win. Sophomore P Amber Crompton (Finleyville, PA/Ringgold H.S.) earned the pitching win after firing 3 1/3 innings of scoreless relief. For W&J, junior P Georgia Schumacher (Pennsboro, WV/Ritchie County H.S.) suffered the pitching loss, while sophomore 2B Katelynn Falleroni (Washington, PA/ Trinity H.S.) paced the Presidents at the plate with a 3-for-4 performance that included a double.

Game D - Crestview Hills, KY - May 1 - 5 p.m. #2 Bethany 7, #1 Thomas More 6 (10 innings)

The winner's bracket final was an epic battle, with second-seeded Bethany prevailing to advance to the PAC Championship game(s) Saturday. The Bison took control early, jumping out to a 6-1 lead after three innings. Trailing 6-2 in the bottom of the seventh, the host Saints rallied to tie the game with four runs, the final three coming on a bases-loaded two-out triple by sophomore Samantha Ladenburger (Felicity, OH/Felicity-Franklin H.S.) to send the game to extra innings. BC clinched the upset win in the 10th on a two-out RBI single by sophomore 2B Chelsea Butler (Cortland, OH/Lakeview H.S.). Bethany hitters rapped three home runs in the win - two by junior SS Ashley Marinacci (Bellaire, OH/Bellaire St. John's H.S.) and one by freshman Summer Terrell (Bridgeville, PA/ Chartiers Valley H.S.). For TMC, senior C Jennifer Weis (Union, KY/ Reis H.S.) and freshman 1B Brittany Wegman (West Harrison, IN/East Central H.S.) each went 3-for-5 in defeat.

Game E - Crestview Hills, KY - May 2 - 11 a.m. #1 Thomas More 3, #4 Westminster 1

For the second time in as many days, the Titan bats were silenced by Thomas More sophomore P Dana Bors (Lebanon, OH/Lebanon H.S.), who fired a three-hit shutout with one walk and 10 strikeouts to eliminate Westminster. The Saints got all the scoring they needed in the second inning on an RBI by freshman OF Angie Sandmann (Morrow, OH/Little Miami H.S.), then added an insurance tally in the fifth when Bors was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded. For the Titans, sophomore P Amber Crompton (Finleyville, PA/Ringgold H.S.) suffered the hard-luck defeat despite allowing just two runs (one earned) on four hits with three strikeouts.

Game F - Crestview Hills, KY - May 2 - 1 p.m. #1 Thomas More 4, #2 Bethany 3

The Bison jumped out to a 2-0 lead on a two-run first inning homer by junior SS Ashley Marinacci (Bellaire, OH/Bellaire St. John's H.S.). Thomas More scored once in the first and once in the fifth to tie the game 2-2. After Bethany took a 3-2 lead in the top of the seventh on an RBI double by junior C Bridgette Fauth (Pittsburgh, PA/Carrick H.S.), Thomas More rallied for the win with a pair of scores in the bottom of the frame. Sophomore DP Dana Bors (Lebanon, OH/Lebanon H.S.), who went 3-for-4 in the win, drove in the tying run with an RBI single. The winning run was then plated on an infield fielder's choice off the bat of junior 3B Lisa Wiesman (Cincinnati, OH/McAuley H.S.), scoring freshman 1B Brittany Wegman (West Harrison, IN/East Central H.S.). Wiesman was also 3-for-4 offensively, while Wegman and senior C Jennifer Weis (Union, KY/Ryle H.S.) each went 2-for-4.

2009 PAC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME Game G - Crestview Hills, KY - May 2 - 3 p.m. #1 Thomas More 1, #2 Bethany 0

The 2009 PAC title game came down to one pitch in the first inning, as

Thomas More senior C Jennifer Weis (Union, KY/Ryle H.S.) blasted a two-out, solo home run. The score held up behind the one-hit pitching effort of sophomore P Dana Bors (Lebanon, OH/Lebanon H.S.), who allowed only a fifth-inning single by Bison freshman P Summer Terrell (Bridgeville, PA/Chartiers Valley H.S.)en route to her second victory of the day and third of the tournament. Terrell took the loss for the Bison, who fell just short in their bid to repeat as PAC champions, despite allowing just three TMC hits while striking out two. The victory marks the second PAC crown for Thomas More in the past three seasons (2007, 2009).

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