

WOMEN'S SOCCER 2005

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PRESIDENTS' ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (PAC) 2005 WOMEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT - November 1-5, 2005

FINAL 2005 PAC WOMEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS

- 1. Thomas More College (13-4-2)
- 2. Grove City College (6-11-3)
- 3. Westminster College (16-4-1)
- 4. Washington & Jefferson College (10-8-2)
- 5. Bethany College (6-10-1)
- 6. Waynesburg College (6-13-1)
- 7. Thiel College (0-19)

Semifinal #1 - Tuesday, November 1 #4 GROVE CITY 1, #1 WESTMINSTER 1 (20T) Grove City advances on penalty kicks 4-2

Westminster College - New Wilmington, Pa. - 2 p.m. Grove City opened play in the 2005 PAC Tournament by shocking the top-seeded Lady Titans on their home field.

The Wolverines took the lead in the 34th minute of play, as freshman midfielder Laura Shipley (Austin, TX/St. Michael's Academy H.S.) scored an unassisted goal to put the Wolverines ahead 1-0 at the half. Westminster rallied to tie the contest 1-1 just two minutes into the second half, as sophomore forward Mallory Bugel (Valencia/Mars Area H.S.) scored her team- and PAC-high 20th goal of the season assisted by junior forward Sarah Calderone (Bethesda, MD/Walter Johnson H.S.). Both teams had scoring chances the rest of the way, including the Lady Titans hitting the crossbar with a shot in overtime, but remained tied after two extra sessions. In penalty kicks, Westminster led 2-1 after two rounds, but Grove City rallied with three consecutive goals while stopping Westminster twice to advance. Wolverine freshman Bethany Preston (Elma, NY/Iroquois H.S.) led the way with 21 saves, while Lady Titan freshman goalkeeper Whitney Griffin (Los Alamos, NM/Los Alamos H.S.) made eight saves in the contest. Westminster outshot Grove City 39-13 and held a 3-1 margin in corner kicks.

Semifinal #2 - Tuesday, November 1 #3 THOMAS MORE 0, #2 WASH. & JEFF. 0 (20T) Thomas More advances on penalty kicks 2-0

Washington & Jefferson College - Washington, Pa. - 6 p.m.
The Saints made it 2-for-2 in semifinal upsets, as they battled host W&J to a scoreless draw through two overtimes before advancing with a pair of successful penalty kicks.

Thomas More sophomore goalkeeper Carlin Scrudato (Liberty Twp., OH) stopped two penalty kicks during the

shootout and Washington & Jefferson misfired on two other attempts. Senior midfielder **Becky Rutherford (Cincinnati, OH)** converted Thomas More's first penalty kick and sophomore defender **Lisa Stricker (Cincinnati, OH)** followed with her own score. The Saints clinched the victory after the fourth W&J attempt hit the crossbar.

Washington & Jefferson nearly won the game with 52 seconds left in double overtime; however, a W&J shot was just wide.

Scrudato totaled seven saves in the 110 minutes to record the win, while freshman goalkeeper **Jackie Foltz** (Port Royal, PA/Juniata) went the distance for the Presidents and made three saves.

PAC Championship - Saturday, November 5 #3 THOMAS MORE 2, #4 GROVE CITY 0

Univ. of Cincinnati - Cincinnati, Ohio - 1 p.m.

Thomas More, in its first season of PAC membership, captured its first conference championship in any sport as the Saints (13-4-2) shut out the Wolverines (6-11-3) at the University of Cincinnati.

TMC opened the scoring in the game's 12th minute, as senior MF Emily Kellner (Cincinnati, OH) scored off an assist by junior F Julianne Brown (Villa Hills, KY) for a 1-0 lead the Saints would take into halftime. Thomas more then added an insurance goal just over 13 minutes into the second half, as Brown found the back of the net off an assist by senior MF Becky Rutherford (Cincinnati, OH).

The Saints outshot the Wolverines 17-12 in the contest, while also holding a 7-1 advantage in corner kicks. The win continued a stellar defensive effort to close the season by Thomas More, which has allowed just two goals in its last 15 matches (11-1-3 during that span).

Sophomore GK Carlin Scrudato (Liberty Township, OH) earned the victory in goal, making 10 saves in the shutout. Grove City, which has appeared in the PAC title match each of the past six seasons, fell despite six saves from freshman GK Bethany Preston (Elma, NY/Iroquois H.S.).

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