



# MEN'S SOCCER 2007

**Presidents' Athletic Conference**

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## PRESIDENTS' ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (PAC) 2007 MEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT - Oct. 31-Nov. 3, 2007

### Semifinal #1 - Wednesday, October 31

#### **#4 Thomas More 3, #1 Westminster 1**

*Westminster College - New Wilmington, Pa. - 2 p.m.*

The top-seeded and defending PAC champion Titans saw their title defense come to an quick end, as the Saints scored less than a minute into the contest and never looked back en route to the upset victory. The star of the day for Thomas More was junior F **Garry Sheahan (East Castle, Ireland/East Castle H.S.)** who put TMC on top 2-0 with a pair of unassisted goals, the first 57 seconds into the contest and the second in the 33rd minute. Westminster halved the lead to 2-1 on a goal by freshman M **Wade Grubbs (Chicora, PA/Butler H.S.)** assisted by senior F **Andrew Saporito (Irwin, PA/Penn-Trafford H.S.)** in the 41st minute. However, the Saints regained the two-goal advantage 55 seconds before halftime as sophomore F **John Wallace (Cincinnati, OH/Clark Montessori H.S.)** found the back of the net off a cross by freshman F **Aaron Osborne (Cincinnati, OH/LaSalle H.S.)**. The two teams then battled through a scoreless second half. Westminster held a narrow 23-22 shot and 6-5 corner kick advantage. Thomas More junior GK **Matt Koopman (Pleasant Hills, OH/Newton H.S.)** made 10 saves in the win, while Titan freshman GK **Mike Codita (Sewickley, PA/Quaker Valley H.S.)** stopped eight shots in defeat.

### Semifinal #2 - Wednesday, October 31

#### **#4 Washington & Jefferson 1, #1 Bethany 0(ot)**

*Wash. & Jeff. College - Washington, Pa. - 7 p.m.*

For the second consecutive year, local rivals W&J and Bethany battled through 90 minutes of scoreless regulation play in a PAC tournament semifinal. However, this year the Bison were forced to play a man down in the extra session after receiving a red card for a hard foul with six seconds to play in regulation. Following a scrum in front of the Bethany goal, W&J freshman M **Mike Pappas (Jefferson Hills, PA/Thomas Jefferson**

**H.S.)** collected a loose ball and scored unassisted 4:31 into the first extra session to send the Presidents into the PAC title contest. Washington & Jefferson outshot Bethany 15-5 in the contest, while also holding a 5-3 advantage in corner kicks. President junior GK **Tyler Hodgins (Jacksonville, MD/Dulaney H.S.)** stopped a pair of Bison shots to collect the win, while Bethany junior GK **Chad Perry (Pittsburgh, PA/West Mifflin H.S.)** recorded five saves in the loss.

### PAC Championship - Saturday, November 3

#### **#2 Washington & Jefferson 2, #4 Thomas More 1**

*Wash. & Jeff. College - Washington, Pa. - 1 p.m.*

The Presidents jumped out to an early 2-0 advantage, then held off adetermined Saint squad to post their first PAC men's soccer title since 2004 and third overall in the past five years. In the game's 12th minute, a Saint handball in the box resulted in a W&J penalty kick, which was converted by President junior D **Ryan McDonald (Pittsburgh, PA/Fox Chapel H.S.)** for a 1-0 advantage. The lead stretched to 2-0 in the 25th minute, as senior M **Marc Clayton (Beaver, PA/Beaver H.S.)** scored off an assist by junior M **Sean Park (Greensburg, PA/Hempfield H.S.)**. The Presidents took the 2-0 advantage into halftime. In the second half, Thomas More halved the lead in the 58th minute on an unassisted goal by junior M **David Megel (North Vernon, IN/Jennings County H.S.)**. However, TMC would be held off the scoreboard the rest of the way, giving the Presidents the title. W&J held a 16-3 advantage in shots and a 5-0 margin in corner kicks in the victory. Junior GK **Tyler Hodgins (Jacksonville, MD/Dulaney H.S.)** went the distance in goal for Washington & Jefferson, making two saves. Thomas More junior GK **Matt Koopman (Pleasant Hills, OH/Newton H.S.)** stopped five shots in the loss.

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