



# MEN'S SOCCER 2005

## *Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC)*

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## PRESIDENTS' ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (PAC) 2005 MEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT - Nov. 2-5, 2005

### FINAL 2005 PAC MEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS

1. Grove City College (12-5-4)
2. Washington & Jefferson College (15-5)
3. Bethany College (12-6-1)
4. Westminster College (8-12)
5. Thomas More College (6-9-3)
6. Thiel College (3-12-2)
7. Waynesburg College (5-12-1)

### Semifinal #1 - Wednesday, November 2

#### **#2 GROVE CITY 1, #3 BETHANY 0**

*Grove City College - Grove City, Pa. - 2 p.m.*

Junior F **Bob McNees (Beaver Falls, PA/Blackhawk H.S.)** headed an **Eli Lamborn (Hollidaysburg, PA/Hollidaysburg H.S.)** cross into the net at the 87:30 mark Wednesday afternoon, vaulting Grove City to a 1-0 victory over visiting Bethany. Grove City broke the scoreless tie as Lamborn, a sophomore, brought the ball along the right sideline and crossed it to McNees about 10 yards in front of the goal. McNees headed the ball past Bethany GK **Kosta Floros (Toronto, ONT/Centennial College)** for his team-leading 16th goal of the season. It was Lamborn's his first career assist. Sophomore GK **Michael Manahan (State College, Pa./State College H.S.)** recorded the victory in goal, stopping 11 shots. The Bison out-shot Grove City, 15-10. Floros made six saves in goal for Bethany.

The win was Grove City's 11th shutout of the season. The Wolverines will be making their fourth trip to the PAC tournament finals since the tournament's inception in 1999 (1999, 2001 and 2003). Grove City is seeking its first PAC title since 1996 and the program's first-ever outright PAC title.

### Semifinal #2 - Wednesday, November 2

#### **#1 WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 1, #4 WESTMINSTER 0**

*Washington & Jefferson College - Washington, Pa. - 7 p.m.*

Junior MF **Brian Witkovitz (New Kensington, PA/Plum H.S.)** scored the game's only goal in the 13th minute to help Washington & Jefferson advance to the PAC title match against Grove City following a 1-0 victory over fourth-seeded Westminster.

The top-seeded Presidents (15-4) will take on second-seeded Grove City in the title match on Saturday at 1:00 pm in Washington, Pa. W&J is looking to claim its third consecutive PAC Men's Soccer Championship. The Presidents' last loss in the conference title match came at Westminster in 2002 by a 1-0 margin.

Washington & Jefferson, which holds school records this season for wins (15) and shutouts (10), notched the only goal at the 12:46 mark of the first half as Witkovitz headed home a throw-in by sophomore D **Zach Williams (Adrian, MI/Tecumseh H.S.)**. Freshman GK **Tyler Hodgins (Jacksonville, MD/Dulaney H.S.)** totaled three saves in the shutout, while junior GK **Anthony Beilstein (Butler, PA/Knoch H.S.)** racked up five saves for the Titans (8-12). The Presidents held a 7-5 shot advantage, while Westminster took a 6-5 edge in corner kicks.

### PAC Championship - Saturday, November 5.

#### **#2 GROVE CITY 2, #1 WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON 1**

*Washington & Jefferson College - Washington, Pa. - 1 p.m.*

Junior F **Bob McNees (Beaver Falls, PA/Blackhawk H.S.)** converted two penalty kicks to help Grove City claim its first-ever outright PAC Men's Soccer Championship after defeating top-seeded Washington & Jefferson, 2-1, on Saturday afternoon at Alexandre Stadium in Washington, Pa.

After a scoreless first half, McNees gave second-seeded Grove City (12-5-4) a 1-0 lead at the 49:22 mark after scoring on his first penalty kick. A W&J player was called for a handball in the box to set up the attempt.

The Presidents (15-5) rallied to tie the game six minutes later when junior MF **Mike Seminerio (Westerville, OH/St. Francis DeSales H.S.)** crossed a pass to the goal line and freshman F **Stephen Fant (New Orleans, LA/Isidore Newman)** was there to direct it home.

The game appeared to be heading for overtime, but GCC sophomore midfielder **Eli Lamborn (Hollidaysburg, PA/Hollidaysburg H.S.)** broke free and was eventually brought down in the box with 1:30 remaining. McNees came on to attempt the penalty kick and gave the Wolverines the lead for good with his 18th goal of the season.

The Presidents, who have only given up two goals six times in 2005, out-shot the Wolverines by a 14-7 margin and attempted six corner kicks to GCC's one.

Sophomore GK **Michael Manahan (State College, Pa./State College H.S.)** stopped six shots for the Wolverines, while freshman GK **Tyler Hodgins (Jacksonville, MD/Dulaney H.S.)** made one save in the loss for W&J.

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