



VOLLEYBALL 2011

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PRESIDENTS' ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (PAC) 2011 VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT November 1-5, 2011 - Campus Sites

First Round Match #1 - November 1, 2011

Rissell-Beeghly Gymnasia - Greenville, Pa.

#5 Westminster defeated #4 Thiel 3-2

(20-25, 25-23, 25-22, 23-25, 15-7)

The Titans pulled off the minor upset over the Tomcats in Greenville, as Westminster advanced to the PAC Tournament semifinals while also clinching their first 20-win season since 2008. For Westminster, leading the way was senior OH Tara Ott (Camp Hill, PA/Cedar Cliff H.S.) and sophomore OH Megan Romocean (Ravenna, OH/Southeast H.S.) led the Titans with 14 and 12 kills, respectively. Senior S Jessie Szakacs (Youngstown, OH/Liberty H.S.) handed out 31 assists and junior DS Tara Incerpi (Carrollton, Ohio/Minerva H.S.) scooped 29 digs. For Thiel, junior MH Kelly Barzak (Warren, OH/Howland H.S.) led all Tomcat players, finishing with 16 kills while adding 5.5 total blocks. Junior OH Alyssa Chine (North Jackson, OH/Jackson-Milton H.S.) added 14 kills and 16 digs while Chelsea Meister (Liberty Center, OH/Liberty Center H.S.) recorded 48 assists and 16 digs

First Round Match #2 - November 1, 2011

Connor Convocation Center - Crestview Hills, Ky.

#3 Thomas More defeated #6 Saint Vincent 3-2

(21-25, 22-25, 25-21, 25-21, 15-9)

The sixth-seeded Bearcats raced to an early 2-0 lead and appeared poised to upset the two-time defending PAC champion Saints, but Thomas More came roaring back with three straight set wins to advance to the weekend "final four" at Geneva. Freshman OH Karsen Cronin (Fairfield, OH/Fairfield H.S.) led three Saints in double-digit kills with 23. Joining her with double-digits were junior OH Hanna Lietz (Cincinnati, OH/Seton H.S.) and freshman OH Felicity Britt (Alexandria, KY/Bishop Brossart H.S.) with 10 each. Junior S Tori Verville (Edgewood, KY/Holy Cross H.S.) led the team in assists with 39. For Saint Vincent, senior OH Natalie Hozak (Mt. Pleasant, PA/Geibel H.S.) led the SVC attack with 19 kills, while classmate Taylor Guido (Greensburg, PA/Greensburg Salem H.S.) added 15 kills. Junior S Devin McGrath (Robinson Twp., PA/Our Lady of Sacred Heart H.S.) directed the Bearcat offense for 58 assists. Defensively, sophomore MH Brittany Hauser (Bradenville, PA/Derry Area H.S.) recorded six blocks in the loss.

Semifinal Match #1 - November 4, 2011

Metheny Fieldhouse - Beaver Falls, Pa.

#1 Geneva defeated #5 Westminster

(25-19, 25-20, 25-19)

The host and top-seeded Golden Tornadoes, playing in their first-ever PAC Tournament after gaining NCAA Division III active membership status this summer, swept their rivals from Westminster to advance to the PAC tournament finals. Sophomore OH Ashley Davis (New Middletown, OH/Springfield Local H.S.) and junior MB Maggie Bowersox (Saegertown, PA/Calvary Baptist Christian H.S.) paced the Golden Tornado offense with 13 and 10 kills, respectively. Sophomore S Deanna Briody (Oakdale, NY/Connetquot H.S.) added team-high totals of 34 assists and 17 digs, while freshman MB Erin Smith (Ambridge, PA/Ambridge H.S.) posted

three blocks for the GTs. For the Titans, the lone double-figure kill total belonged to sophomore MB Rebecca Riemer (Pittsburgh, PA/Mount Lebanon H.S.), who posted a team-best 13 kills. Senior S Jessie Szakacs (Youngstown, OH/Liberty H.S.) set up 22 assists in the loss, while junior LIB Tara Incerpi (Carrollton, OH/Minerva H.S.) recorded a match-high 19 digs for Westminster.

Semifinal Match #2 - November 4, 2011

Metheny Fieldhouse - Beaver Falls, Pa.

#2 Bethany defeated #3 Thomas More 3-2

(25-19, 29-27, 19-25, 18-25, 15-13)

The second-seeded Bison survived a roller-coaster match which saw Bethany win the final two points to break a 13-13 tie in the fifth and final set to advance to Saturday's final against top-seeded Geneva, while eliminating the two-time defending PAC champion Saints from the tournament. After Bethany won the first set 25-18, the Bison overcame a 24-20 deficit to win the second set 29-27 and take a 2-0 lead. Thomas More, which overcame a 2-0 deficit in its first round win over Saint Vincent, appeared poised for a repeat after winning sets three and four. The fifth and final set went back-and-forth before being tied 13-13, setting up the critical final two points for the Bison to clinch the victory. Four Bethany players posted double-digit kill totals, led by senior MB Carrie Talkington (Moundsville, WV/John Marshall H.S.) with 19 and junior OH Lauren Goodwill (Canton, OH/Jackson H.S.) with 14. Talkington also posted amatch-high five blocks. Junior S Jessica Zavatchen (Uniontown, PA/Laurel Highlands H.S.) set up a match-high 54 assists in the win, while senior LIB Tiffany Hoffman (Cambridge, OH/John Glenn H.S.) posted a team-best 30 digs. For Thomas More, senior MB Katie Sullivan (Cincinnati, OH/Seton H.S.) led the way offensively with 18 kills. Senior S Michelle Clifford (Cincinnati, OH/McAuley H.S.) recorded 45 assists, while freshman LIB Kelsey Castiglioni (Harrison Twp., MI/L'Anse Creuse H.S.) recorded a match-high 39 digs in the loss.

2011 PAC Championship Match - November 5, 2011

Metheny Fieldhouse - Beaver Falls, Pa.

#1 Geneva defeated #2 Bethany

(23-25, 25-22, 25-17, 25-22)

The Golden Tornadoes captured their first-ever PAC championship in any sport, as top-seeded Geneva overcame an opening set loss to defeat second-seeded Bethany in four sets. Pacing the GT offense was junior OH Kristland McCracken (Beaver Falls, PA/Beaver County Christian H.S.) with a match-high 21 kills, while sophomore OH Ashley Davis (New Middletown, OH/Springfield Local H.S.) added 15 kills in the victory. Sophomore S Deanna Briody (Oakdale, NY/Connetquot H.S.) recorded a match-high 57 assists while adding 18 digs, while senior LIB Brianna Mixer (Monaca, PA/Beaver County Christian H.S.) posted a match-high 25 digs. For the Bison, senior MB Carrie Talkington (Moundsville, WV/John Marshall H.S.) tallied a team-best 19 kills in defeat, while junior S Jessica Zavatchen (Uniontown, PA/Laurel Highlands H.S.) set up 47 assists and senior DS Megan Hoffman (Cambridge, OH/John Glenn H.S.) had a team-high 22 digs for Bethany.