



BASEBALL 2002

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2002 PAC BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hosted by Thiel College - Packard Park - Greenville, Pa. - April 25-27, 2002

FINAL STANDINGS:

- 1st place - Grove City College
- 2nd place - Thiel College
- 3rd place - Waynesburg College
- 4th place - Bethany College
- 5th place - Washington & Jefferson College

#4/#5 Play-In Game - Bethany, WV - April 24, 2002

#4 Bethany 9, #5 Washington & Jefferson 5

Sophomore **Todd Welsh (West Mifflin, PA/West Mifflin H.S.)** allowed three runs on five hits in seven innings and went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead Bethany to a 9-5 win over Washington & Jefferson in the PAC play-in game on Wednesday. The win advanced the Bison to the four-team weekend tournament at Thiel. Bethany jumped out to an 8-0 lead after three innings to take control of the contest. Senior **Max Schimmel (Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin H.S.)** led the Bison at the plate, going 3-for-5 with four RBIs. For W&J, junior **B.J. Swartzlander (Leechburg, PA.Kiski Area H.S.)** went 2-for-4 in the loss.

Game #1 - Greenville, PA - April 25, 2002 - noon

#3 Grove City 11, #2 Waynesburg 2

The Wolverines pounded out 23 hits against the Yellow Jackets to advance to the winner's bracket finals. Freshman **Mike Gundy (Grand Rapids, MI/Grand Rapids Christian H.S.)** went the distance for GCC on the hill, allowing two runs on 10 hits with one walk and seven strikeouts. Every Wolverine starter posted at least one hit, led by freshman **Michael McMillen (Pittsburgh, PA/North Allegheny H.S.)**, who was a perfect 4-for-4 at the plate, and senior **Eric Bell (Grove City, PA/Grove City H.S.)**, who went 4-for-5 with a double, two runs scored and two RBIs. **Brad Baker (Westminster, MD/Westminster H.S.)** posted both RBIs for the Jackets.

Game #2 - Greenville, PA - April 25, 2002 - 3 p.m.

#1 Thiel 10, #4 Bethany 7

The top-seeded Tomcats rolled up eight runs in the second inning, then held off a Bison rally to advance to the winner's bracket final against Grove City. With Thiel leading 10-3 after six frames, Bethany scored two in the seventh and two more in the eighth to close within three, but would get no closer. Freshman **Keith Jackson (Salem, OH/Salem H.S.)** earned the pitching win for Thiel after allowing five runs on five hits with five walks and four strikeouts in 6 2/3 innings, while junior **Travis Brown (Titusville, PA/Titusville H.S.)** allowed one hit

in the final two frames to notch the save. Junior **Randy Chiquelin (Kingstown, TN/Hamburg (NY) H.S.)** led the Thiel offense by going 3-for-4 with a home run, a double, two runs scored and three RBIs. Sophomore **Matt Raiti (Sharon, PA/Sharon H.S.)** drove in a pair of runs for the Bison.

Game #3 - Greenville, PA - April 26, 2002 - 10 a.m.

#3 Grove City 3, #1 Thiel 1

Thiel outhit Grove City 13-3, but the Wolverines made their hits count as third-seeded GCC moved to the PAC Championship game after winning a pitcher's duel with the top-seeded Tomcats. Thiel took a 1-0 lead in the first, but Grove City tied the game in the fourth then went ahead for good with two runs in the fifth. Wolverines sophomore **Matt Kearney (New Castle, PA/Neshannock H.S.)** went the distance for the win, walking two and striking out nine. Frosh **Mark McElravy (Karns City, PA/Karns City H.S.)** was the hard-luck loser, allowing just three hits with two walks and seven K's while going the distance. Junior **Jason Onyshko (Valencia, PA/Mars H.S.)** belted an RBI double in the win for Grove City.

Game #4 - Greenville, PA - April 26, 2002 - 1 p.m.

#2 Waynesburg 18, #4 Bethany 9

Trailing 1-0 after three frames, the Yellow Jackets exploded for 15 runs over the next four innings for a 15-3 lead midway through the seventh. The Bison managed six runs in the final frames, but it was not enough to keep Bethany from being eliminated from the tournament. Earning the win for Waynesburg was **Rick Sivrich (Pittsburgh, PA/Serra Catholic H.S.)**, who allowed eight runs on 10 hits with four walks and five strikeouts in 7 1/3 innings. The Jackets posted 19 hits in the win. **Kevin Krescanko (West Mifflin, PA/West Mifflin H.S.)** was 3-for-5 with four runs scored, while **Matt Cross (Bethany, WV/Brooke H.S.)** knocked in a team-high five RBIs. **Todd Welsh (West Mifflin/West Mifflin H.S.)** led Bethany at the plate, going 2-for-3 with three RBIs.

Game #5 - Greenville, PA - April 26, 2002 - 4 p.m.

#1 Thiel 11, #2 Waynesburg 9

Waynesburg jumped out to a 5-0 lead after three frames, only to see Thiel rally with a five-run sixth to take a 10-7 lead. The Jackets closed within one (10-9) in the bottom of the sixth, but Thiel added an insurance run in the seventh to eliminate the Jackets and advance to the PAC Championships game, where

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Game #6- Greenville, PA - April 27, 2002 - noon
PAC CHAMPIONSHIP - #3 Grove City 9, #1 Thiel 0

a rematch with Grove City awaits. Sophomore **Ryan Guerra (Pleasantville, PA/Titusville H.S.)** earned the win in relief for the 'Cats, allowing one run in three innings of work. Sophomore **Caleb Goist (Columbiana, OH/Columbiana H.S.)** worked a scoreless final three frames to notch the save. At the plate, freshman **Joe Vrona (Campbell, OH/Campbell H.S.)** was 3-for-4 with a home run and three RBIs for the victors, while junior **Randy Chiquelin (Kingstown, TN/Hamburg (NY) H.S.)** was 3-for-5 with a homer and three RBIs. **George Taylor (Washington/Chartiers-Houston H.S.)** led the Jacket offense by going 2-for-3 with a double and three RBIs.

Grove City College capped a perfect 3-0 tournament record with a decisive shutout win over the top-seeded Tomcats, giving the Wolveriens their second consecutive PAC baseball title. GCC scored in each of the first three innings to take a 4-0 lead after three, then added two insurance runs in the sixth and three more in the eighth. Sophomore **Greg Grupp (Harmony, PA/Slippery Rock H.S.)** pitched eight scoreless innings to earn the win, scattering five hits with two walks and six strikeouts. Offensively, junior **Matt Skipper (Canton, OH/Canton South H.S.)** led the victors by going 3-for-5 with a double and three runs scored. Freshman **Joe Vrona (Campbell, OH/Campbell H.S.)**, who took the pitching loss for Thiel, went 3-for-4 at the plate.

2002 ALL-PAC BASEBALL TEAMS (released 5/9/02)

FIRST TEAM

C	Bill Tenney	Jr.	Waynesburg
1B	Jim Chester	Jr.	Thiel
2B	Brad Baker	Jr.	Waynesburg
2B	Jake Cuthbert	So.	Grove City
3B	Randy Chiquelin	Jr.	Thiel
SS	Caleb Goist	So.	Thiel
UT	Max Schimmel	Sr.	Bethany
OF	Matt Raiti	So.	Bethany
OF	B.J. Swartzlander	Jr.	Wash. & Jeff.
OF	George Taylor	So.	Waynesburg
DH	Joel Diller	Fr.	Grove City
P	Dan Coughlan	So.	Waynesburg
P	Mike Gundy	Fr.	Grove City
P	Matt Kearney	So.	Grove City
P	Nick Sivrich	Sr.	Waynesburg

SECOND TEAM

C	Frank Pilato	Fr.	Wash. & Jeff.
C	Matt Skipper	Jr.	Grove City
1B	Drew Hoagland	Sr.	Grove City
3B	John Mycyk	Fr.	Grove City
SS	Jason Cramer	Fr.	Wash. & Jeff.
OF	Eric Bell	Sr.	Grove City
OF	Jon Keenan	So.	Thiel
OF	Kevin Krescanko	Jr.	Waynesburg
OF	Brent Rockwell	Jr.	Wash. & Jeff.
OF	Joe Vrona	Fr.	Thiel
DH	Eric Holt	So.	Waynesburg
P	Gregg Grupp	So.	Grove City
P	Keith Jackson	Fr.	Thiel
P	Todd Welsh	So.	Bethany

2002 PAC Player of the Year: **Randy Chiquelin**, Thiel

2002 PAC Coach of the Year: **Rob Skaracich**, Grove City