



SOFTBALL 2002

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2002 PRESIDENTS' ATHLETIC CONFERENCE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS Hosted by Bethany College - Bethany, WV - April 26-27, 2002

FINAL STANDINGS

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

Game #1 - Bethany, WV - April 26, 2002 - 10 a.m.

#4 Waynesburg 1, #5 Grove City 0

Waynesburg advanced via a pitcher's dual win over the Lady Wolverines, as Yellow Jacket junior **Kerri Petko (Connellsville, PA/Connellsville H.S.)** blasted a second inning home run for the lone score of the contest. Sophomore **Sarah Langsdorf (Sardis, OH/River H.S.)** went the distance for the shutout win, scattering five hits with no walks and five strikeouts. Sophomore **Allison Atwood (Warren, PA/Warren H.S.)** was the hard luck loser for GCC, giving up one run on five hits with no walks and six strikeouts.

Game #2 - Bethany, WV - April 26, 2002 - noon

#2 Washington & Jefferson 3, #3 Thiel 2

W&J jumped out to a 2-0 lead after one, only to see Thiel rally to tie the game 2-2 with single tallies in the third and fifth innings. The Presidents scored the game-winner in the bottom of the sixth, as junior **Marlena Fox (Geneva, OH/Geneva H.S.)** singled in sophomore **Angela Iadanza (Canton, OH/Perry H.S.)** for the game-winning run. Earning the pitching win for W&J was sophomore **Lauren Pieri (Dunlevy, PA/Charleroi H.S.)**, who gave up two runs on eight hits with two walks and seven strikeouts. Thiel senior **Melissa Mosco (Latrobe, PA/Ligonier Valley H.S.)** suffered the loss after allowing three runs on five hits with one walk and three K's. Senior **Jill Miller (Monongahela, PA/Ringgold H.S.)** led the Presidents offense by going 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Game #3 - Bethany, WV - April 26, 2002 - 2 p.m.

#1 Bethany 1, #4 Waynesburg 0 (eight innings)

Waynesburg freshman **Shana D'Aurora (Steubenville, OH/Steubenville H.S.)** fired a no-hitter through seven innings, only to have it ruined when the top-seeded Bison scored the game's only run in the bottom of the eighth. Senior **Maureen Heckert (Gibsonia, PA/Vincentian H.S.)** led off the frame with a triple, then was singled home by junior **Dana LeViere (Pittsburgh, PA/Northgate H.S.)**. Bethany junior hurler **Rachael Schafer (Pittsburgh, PA/Perry H.S.)** allowed four

hits in eight scoreless innings with eight strikeouts to earn the win, while D'Aurora ended up allowing one run on two hits with one walk in the loss. Junior **Haylee Swinchock (Clarksville, PA/Beth-Center H.S.)** went 2-for-3 in the loss for the Jackets.

Game #4 - Bethany, WV - April 26, 2002 - 4 p.m.

#3 Thiel 8, #5 Grove City 0 (six innings)

The only game of the opening day of play not decided by a single run saw the Lady Wolverines eliminated from the tournament by the Tomcats, who scored two in the fourth, four in the fifth and two more in the sixth to end the game on the "eight run" rule. Senior **Melissa Mosco (Latrobe, PA/Ligonier Valley H.S.)** posted the pitching win for Thiel, allowing just three hits with one walk and two strikeouts in five innings, before giving way to sophomore **Jen Troyer (Brackenridge, PA/Highlands H.S.)**, who pitched the sixth and final frame to complete the shutout. Thiel pounded 12 hits in the victory. Freshman **Kristina Cale (Windham, OH/Windham H.S.)** was 3-for-4 with a double and two runs scored, while frosh **Sheri Timko (Springboro, PA/Conneaut Valley H.S.)** and senior **Shannon Strang (Munhall, PA/Steel Valley H.S.)** each were each 2-for-3 with a double and two RBIs. Freshman **Stephanie Briggs (Grove City, PA/Grove City H.S.)** went 2-for-3 in the loss for Grove City.

Game #5 - Bethany, WV - April 27, 2002 - 9 a.m.

#4 Waynesburg 16, #3 Thiel 7

Thiel jumped out to a 4-0 lead after two innings, only to see Waynesburg explode for eight runs in the third and take an 8-4 lead. The Yellow Jackets then put the game away with two runs in the sixth and six more in the seventh to eliminate the Tomcats from the tournament. Sophomore **Sarah Langsdorf (Sardis, OH/River H.S.)** earned the win for the Jackets, allowing six earned runs on eight hits with four walks and two strikeouts. Waynesburg pounded out 15 hits in the win, led by junior **Haylee Swinchock (Clarksville, PA/Beth-Center H.S.)**, who was 2-for-4 with a home run, three runs scored and three RBIs. Freshman **Bianca Raymont (Waynesburg, PA/Waynesburg Central H.S.)** added a 3-for-5 performance with a double and three runs scored for the victors. For Thiel, senior **Shannon Strang (Munhall, PA/Steel Valley H.S.)** and junior **Tami Hassell (Hubbard, OH/Hubbard H.S.)** each posted a pair of hits and scored twice.

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Game #6 - Bethany, WV - April 27, 2002 - 11 a.m.

#2 Washington & Jefferson 2, #1 Bethany 1

The second-seeded Presidents became the first PAC team this season to knock off the top-seeded Bison, breaking open a 1-1 game with a fifth-inning run. W&J sophomore pitcher **Lauren Pieri (Dunlevy, PA/Charleroi H.S.)** held Bethany to one run on four hits with one walk and two strikeouts to earn the win. Despite striking out 12 batters, junior **Rachael Schafer (Pittsburgh, PA/Perry H.S.)** took the loss, giving up two runs on seven hits with no walks. Offensively, sophomore **Angela Iadanza (Canton, OH/Perry H.S.)** went 2-for-3, including the game-winning RBI double in the fifth, for W&J in the victory.

Game #7 - Bethany, WV - April 27, 2002 - 1 p.m.

#1 Bethany 10, #4 Waynesburg 2 (five innings)

Top-seeded Bethany bounced back quickly from its first loss of the season to a PAC opponent, as they knocked the fourth-seeded Yellow Jackets out of the tournament in a game called after five frames due to the "eight run" rule. Waynesburg led 2-0 after two innings, but the Bison recorded four runs in the third, one more in the fourth and five more in the fifth to clinch the win. Sophomore **Nicole Serene (Kittanning, PA/Shannock Valley H.S.)** pitched the first two innings for Bethany before being relieved by junior **Rachael Schafer (Pittsburgh, PA/Perry H.S.)**, who fired three scoreless frames to earn the win. Senior **Jennifer Kearney (Mount Holly, NJ/Rancocas Valley H.S.)** led the BC offense by going 3-for-4, while sophomore **Janice Masters (Lansing, OH/Bellaire St. John's H.S.)** was 2-for-3 with a double, a home run, two runs scored and two RBIs. Junior **Kerri Petko (Connellsville, PA/Connellsville H.S.)** doubled in the loss for Waynesburg.

Game #8 - Bethany, WV - April 27, 2002 - 3 p.m.

#1 Bethany 10, #2 Washington & Jefferson 9 (eight innings)

Bethany senior **Raquel Burns (Wheeling, WV/Wheeling Central H.S.)** blasted a home run (her second of the game) in the bottom of the eighth to end a wild contest and force a third matchup between the Bison and the Presidents for the PAC championship. Bethany led 4-1 after four, but W&J pounded out seven runs to take an 8-4 lead in the fifth. The two teams ended the seventh tied at 9-9, setting up Burns' game-winning heroics. **Rachael Schafer (Pittsburgh, PA/Perry H.S.)** earned the win for Bethany, allowing nine runs (only three earned) on 11 hits with four walks and eight strikeouts. Burns was 3-for-5 with the two solo home runs, while Schafer and sophomore **Leslie Lopez (Dillonvale, OH/Buckeye Local H.S.)** each doubles twice in the win. For W&J, frosh **Melissa Witzberger (Wheeling, WV/John Marshall H.S.)** led the way offensively by going 2-for-5 with a home run, a double and two RBIs.

Game #9 - Bethany, WV - April 27, 2002 - 5 p.m.

PAC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

#1 Bethany 9, #2 Wash. & Jeff. 1 (five innings)

After surviving the previous game, the top-seeded Bison scored runs in each of the first four innings to make quick work of the Presidents and capture their fourth consecutive PAC softball title and ninth in the past 12 years. Bethany sophomore **Nicole Serene (Kittanning, PA/Shannock Valley H.S.)** took a perfect game into the fifth before finishing the game allowing one run on three hits with no walks and one strikeout. Senior **Raquel Burns (Wheeling, WV/Wheeling Central H.S.)** and sophomore **Janice Masters (Lansing, OH/Bellaire St. John's H.S.)** each were 2-for-3 with a home run for the victors. Sophomore **Lauren Pieri (Dunlevy, PA/Charleroi H.S.)** posted the lone RBI for the Presidents in the loss.

2002 PAC TOURNAMENT AWARDS

Most Valuable Pitcher: **Nicole Serene**, Bethany

Most Valuable Hitter: **Raquel Burns**, Bethany

2002 ALL-PAC SOFTBALL TEAMS

FIRST TEAM

Rachael Schafer	Jr.	P/IF	Bethany
Jill Miller	Sr.	SS	Wash. & Jeff.
Amy Schafer	Jr.	C/IF	Bethany
Raquel Burns	Sr.	IF	Bethany
Janice Masters	So.	IF	Bethany
Tina McCune	So.	SS	Thiel
Melissa Mosco	Sr.	P	Thiel
Tami Hassell	Jr.	C/UT	Thiel
Ellie Smith	Jr.	CF	Grove City
Maureen Heckert	Sr.	IF	Bethany

SECOND TEAM

Jen Kearney	Sr.	IF/OF	Bethany
Sarah Coulson	Sr.	3B	Thiel
Laura LeVake	Sr.	P	Grove City
Allison Atwood	So.	P/2B	Grove City
Angela Iadanza	So.	IF/OF	Wash. & Jeff.
Haylee Swinchock	Jr.	P/IF	Waynesburg
Jess Cancel	Sr.	OF	Waynesburg
Shannon Strang	Sr.	OF/1B	Thiel
Sarah Langsdorf	So.	P	Waynesburg
Jill Shields	Fr.	C/OF	Wash. & Jeff.

HONORABLE MENTION

Shana D'Aurora	Fr.	P/IF	Waynesburg
Shari Timko	Fr.	OF	Thiel

2002 PAC MVP: **Rachael Schafer**, Bethany

2002 PAC Freshman of the Year: **Jill Shields**, Wash. & Jeff.

2002 PAC Pitcher of the Year: **Rachael Schafer**, Bethany

2002 PAC co-Coaches of the Year:

Jan Forsty, Bethany/**Emily Houghton**, Wash. & Jeff.