



THOMAS MORE MEN'S BASKETBALL

2009 NCAA DIVISION III TOURNAMENT - FIRST ROUND

THOMAS MORE COLLEGE (19-8) vs. CAPITAL UNIVERSITY (24-4)

FRIDAY, MARCH 6 - 8 P.M. - THE CAPITAL CENTER (COLUMBUS, OHIO)

General

Location: Crestview Hills, Kentucky
 Founded: 1921
 Enrollment: 1,984
 Nickname: Saints
 School Colors: Royal Blue and White
 Conference: Presidents' Athletic (PAC)
 President: Sister Margaret Stallmeyer
 Athletic Director: Terry Connor

Team Information

Head Coach: John Ellenwood (Wooster '00)
 Record at School: 33-47/3 years
 Career Record: Same
 Years in NCAA Tournament: First
 PAC Regular Season Titles: 1 (2008-09)
 PAC Tournament Titles: 1 (2009)

Sports Information

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2008-09 Schedule & Results

(19-8, 9-2 PAC)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
11/21	vs. Buffalo State !	W, 75-71
11/22	vs. Rutgers-Newark !	W, 75-55
11/26	MOUNT ST. JOSEPH	W, 81-70
11/29	at Transylvania	L, 81-64
12/3	BETHANY *	W, 75-61
12/6	at Thiel *	W, 80-65
12/17	No. 14 CENTRE	L, 76-53
12/20	at Westminster *	L, 92-80
12/27	vs. Baldwin-Wallace \$	L, 69-66
12/28	at Otterbein \$	L, 80-65
12/31	WILMINGTON	W, 72-66
1/3	WAYNESBURG *	W, 92-69
1/7	GROVE CITY *	W, 80-48
1/10	at Washington & Jefferson *	L, 91-67
1/14	at Geneva	W, 92-74
1/19	OBERLIN	W, 77-50
1/21	SAINT VINCENT	L, 77-62
1/24	at Bethany *	W, 84-67
1/28	THIEL *	W, 88-64
1/31	WESTMINSTER *	W, 83-78 (OT)
2/4	at Waynesburg *	W, 92-77
2/7	at Grove City *	W, 73-59
2/11	WASH. & JEFFERSON *	W, 65-62
2/14	GENEVA	W, 90-66
2/21	at Saint Vincent	L, 85-79
2/26	(4) WASH. & JEFFERSON ^	W, 78-64
2/28	(2) BETHANY ^	W, 91-65

* - Denotes Presidents' Athletic Conference Game

! - Buffalo State Tip-Off Tournament (Buffalo, N.Y.)

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THE GAME

No. 13-ranked Capital University hosts Thomas More College in a first round game of the 2009 NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Tournament on Friday (March 6, 2009) at 8 p.m. at The Capital Center in Columbus, Ohio. It is Thomas More's first appearance in the NCAA Tournament and Capital's 11th appearance.

SAINTS WIN PAC REGULAR SEASON AND TOURNAMENT

Thomas More enters the NCAA Tournament as the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Regular Season and Tournament Champions. The Saints won the regular season with a 9-2 conference mark and earned the No. 1 seed and a bye into the PAC Tournament Semifinals. In the semifinals, the Saints defeated No. 4 seed Washington & Jefferson (Pa.) College, 78-64, before defeating No. 2 seed Bethany (W.Va.) College, 91-65, in the tournament's championship game.

THE COACHES

John Ellenwood (Wooster '00) is 33-47 in his third season at Thomas More. Ellenwood was named the 2009 Presidents' Athletic Conference Coach of the Year after winning the program's first-ever PAC Title and its first-ever bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament. He was an assistant at Ohio Wesleyan University and Capital University before taking over helm of the Saints in 2006.

Damon Goodwin (Dayton '86) is 249-149 in his 15th season as head coach at Capital. He has been named Ohio Athletic Conference Coach of the Year three times and has guided the Crusaders to the NCAA Tournament four times.

PROJECTED THOMAS MORE STARTERS

3 Romell Salone	PG 6-0 Sr.	Cincinnati, Ohio/Walnut Hills	9.8 ppg. 3.7rpg.
11 Daniel Ellis	W 5-10 Sr.	Springfield, Ohio/Spring. North	7.2 ppg. 1.6 rpg.
22 Mark Tinklenberg	F 6-6 Sr.	Dublin, Ohio/Dublin Coffman	10.6 ppg. 4.9 rpg.
32 Matty Owens	W 6-3 Sr.	Mason, Ohio/Mason	7.1 ppg. 3.7 rpg.
35 Matt Tierney	F 6-4 Sr.	Louisville, Ky./Trinity	2.7 ppg. 1.6 rpg.

SCOUTING THE GAME

Look for a high scoring matchup as Thomas More and Capital are among the top in scoring in their respective conferences as they averaged 77.0 and 79.9 points per game respectively.

The Saints feature a balanced attack as no player is among the top-10 in the PAC in scoring and rebounding, yet the team is in the top-four in those categories. Two Saints are averaging in double-figures as sophomore wing Daniel McKeehan averages 11.7 points per game and senior forward Mark Tinklenberg averages 10.4 ppg. Tinklenberg leads the team on the boards as he pulls down 4.9 rebounds per game. Thomas More is shooting 47.6 percent from the field on 733-of-1,541 shooting and have outrebounded its opponents 942-913.

Capital is shooting 49.2 percent from the field on 755-of-1535 shooting and have outrebounded its opponents 757-546. Three Crusaders average in double-figures in scoring with senior wing Ryan Wood with 14.5 ppg, senior wing Nate Stahl with 14.0 ppg. and senior post Quintin Mitchell with 11.1 ppg. Senior post Casey Brown leads the Crusaders on the boards with 7.6 rpg.

UP NEXT ...

The winner of this game will play the winner of a matchup between the College of Wooster and Gettysburg College 7 p.m. on Saturday (March 7, 2009) night at The Capital Center.

2008-09 ROSTER

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown/High School
3	Romell Salone	Sr.	PG	6-0	Cincinnati, Ohio/Walnut Hills
10	Johnny Bovard	So.	W	5-11	Cincinnati, Ohio/Elder
11	Daniel Ellis	Sr.	W	5-10	Springfield, Ohio/Springfield North
12	Daniel McKeehan	So.	W	6-2	Maineville, Ohio/Little Miami
14	Aaron Tierney	Fr.	PG	6-2	Louisville, Ky./Trinity
15	Kurt Bovard	So.	PG	5-11	Villa Hills, Ky./Covington Catholic
22	Mark Tinklenberg	Sr.	F	6-6	Dublin, Ohio/Dublin Coffman
24	Eddie Brown	So.	W	6-3	Hamilton, Ohio/Stephen T. Badin
25	Andrew Johnson	Fr.	W	6-0	Grayson, Ky./East Carter
30	Todd Krohman	Fr.	W	6-3	Florence, Ky./Boone County
32	Matty Owens	Sr.	W	6-3	Mason, Ohio/Mason
33	Brian Muse	So.	P	6-7	Bethel, Ohio/Bethel
34	Tyler Royse	Fr.	F	6-7	Georgetown, Ky./Scott County
35	Matt Tierney	Sr.	F	6-4	Louisville, Ky./Trinity
42	Dustin Giesler	Fr.	F	6-4	Newport, Ky./Newport Catholic
45	Colt Stafford	Fr.	P	6-7	Groveport, Ohio/Bishop Hartley
50	Robert Wilson	So.	P	6-6	Tipp City, Ohio/Tippecanoe
52	Clay Naiser	Fr.	P	6-6	Louisville, Ky./St. Xavier
	Luke Inman	So.	W	5-10	Seymour, Ind./Jennings County
	Andre Simmons	Fr.	P	6-6	Cincinnati, Ohio/Shroder

Head Coach: John Ellenwood (Third Season)

Assistant Coaches: Matt Finke, Jeff Rogers and Jesse Jett

NCAA DIVISION III TOURNAMENT FIRST & SECOND ROUND (THE CAPITAL CENTER)

Wooster (22-6)

March 6 - 6 p.m.

Gettysburg (18-8)

March 7 - 7 p.m.

Capital (24-4)

March 6 - 8 p.m.

Thomas More (19-8)

Advance to "Sweet 16"



PAC STANDINGS

	PAC W-L	Overall W-L
Thomas More	9-2	19-8
Bethany	9-3	17-11
Westminster	7-5	10-17
Wash. & Jefferson	7-5	17-10
Grove City	6-6	12-12
Waynesburg	2-10	6-19
Thiel	1-11	2-23
Saint Vincent *		22-3
Geneva *		8-17

* - NCAA D-III provisional member - ineligible for PAC title.



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THOMAS MORE COMBINED TEAM STATISTICS (AS OF FEB. 28, 2009)

ALL GAMES

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(19-8)	(12-2)	(6-5)	(1-1)
CONFERENCE.....	(9-2)	(6-0)	(3-2)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(10-6)	(6-2)	(3-3)	(1-1)

#	Player	GP-GS	Min--Avg	---TOTAL---		---3-PTS---		FT-FTA	Pct	---REBOUNDS---				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
				FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct			Off	Def	Tot	Avg								
25	Daniel McKeehan....	27-10	564 20.9	111-183	.607	1-3	.333	93-155	.600	57	68	125	4.6	63	1	24	38	0	38	316	11.7
22	Mark Tinklenberg...	27-27	664 24.6	99-228	.434	40-119	.336	47-67	.701	23	108	131	4.9	61	0	53	57	12	29	285	10.6
03	Romell Salone.....	25-16	507 20.3	78-134	.582	7-13	.538	81-108	.750	32	60	92	3.7	45	1	58	50	0	39	244	9.8
11	Daniel Ellis.....	25-17	426 17.0	62-128	.484	38-80	.475	18-28	.643	12	29	41	1.6	42	0	9	18	2	16	180	7.2
32	Matty Owens.....	27-25	619 22.9	72-139	.518	20-50	.400	27-44	.614	22	79	101	3.7	51	0	23	25	5	19	191	7.1
33	Brian Muse.....	27-8	422 15.6	66-117	.564	0-1	.000	51-85	.600	40	60	100	3.7	63	1	16	26	19	14	183	6.8
12	Kurt Bovard.....	27-10	509 18.9	56-139	.403	24-81	.296	41-56	.732	8	37	45	1.7	22	0	51	45	0	22	177	6.6
24	Eddie Brown.....	27-0	402 14.9	61-153	.399	9-29	.310	35-47	.745	7	40	47	1.7	28	0	28	43	4	37	166	6.1
10	Johnny Bovard.....	27-1	423 15.7	34-112	.304	19-78	.244	11-14	.786	7	25	32	1.2	31	0	29	18	0	16	98	3.6
35	Matt Tierney.....	27-17	287 10.6	30-58	.517	0-2	.000	14-23	.609	19	24	43	1.6	51	1	12	12	3	9	74	2.7
50	Robert Wilson.....	27-0	170 6.3	21-49	.429	0-0	.000	9-13	.692	17	24	41	1.5	33	1	9	10	1	2	51	1.9
45	Colt Stafford.....	19-2	118 6.2	14-25	.560	0-0	.000	5-15	.333	12	13	25	1.3	19	0	2	10	3	4	33	1.7
14	Aaron Tierney.....	15-2	75 5.0	8-26	.308	1-6	.167	4-6	.667	3	7	10	0.7	10	0	2	8	2	7	21	1.4
30	Andrew Johnson.....	15-0	72 4.8	4-9	.444	0-2	.000	5-9	.556	3	9	12	0.8	9	0	1	6	0	1	13	0.9
34	Tyler Royse.....	6-0	10 1.7	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	0	2	2	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0.7
52	Clay Naiser.....	7-0	13 1.9	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	2	3	5	0.7	0	0	1	3	1	1	4	0.6
30	Todd Krohman.....	12-0	27 2.3	2-7	.286	1-6	.167	0-0	.000	2	3	5	0.4	1	0	0	0	0	3	5	0.4
34	Dustin Giesler.....	5-0	8 1.6	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.4
TEAM.....										36	31	67	2.5	1		2					
Total.....		27	5426	733-1541	.476	161-473	.340	452-690	.655	311	631	942	34.9	543	5	322	386	58	261	2079	77.0
Opponents.....		27	5427	672-1517	.443	166-478	.347	372-543	.685	297	616	913	33.8	575	-	318	459	59	178	1882	69.7

TEAM STATISTICS	TMC	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
SCORING.....	2079	1882	!11/21/08	at Buffalo State	W	75-71	275
Points per game.....	77.0	69.7	!11/22/08	vs Rutgers-Newark	W	75-55	95
Scoring margin.....	+7.3	-	11/26/08	MOUNT ST. JOSEPH	W	81-70	655
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	733-1541	672-1517	11/29/08	at Transylvania	L	64-81	390
Field goal pct.....	.476	.443	*12/03/08	BETHANY	W	75-61	526
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	161-473	166-478	*12/06/08	at Thiel	W	80-65	389
3-point FG pct.....	.340	.347	12/17/08	CENTRE	L	53-76	476
3-pt FG made per game.	6.0	6.1	*12/20/08	at Westminster	L	80-92	330
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	452-690	372-543	%12/27/08	vs Baldwin-Wallace	L	66-69	745
Free throw pct.....	.655	.685	%12/28/08	at Otterbein	L	65-80	757
F-Throws made per game	16.7	13.8	12/31/08	WILMINGTON	W	72-66	526
REBOUNDS.....	942	913	*01/03/09	WAYNESBURG	W	92-69	376
Rebounds per game....	34.9	33.8	*01/07/09	GROVE CITY	W	80-48	426
Rebounding margin....	+1.1	-	*01/10/09	at Washington & Jefferson	L	67-91	280
ASSISTS.....	322	318	01/14/09	at Geneva	W	92-74	629
Assists per game.....	11.9	11.8	01/19/09	OBERLIN	W	77-50	556
TURNOVERS.....	386	459	01/21/09	SAINT VINCENT	L	62-77	527
Turnovers per game....	14.3	17.0	*01/24/09	at Bethany	W	84-67	346
Turnover margin.....	+2.7	-	*01/28/09	THIEL	W	88-64	252
Assist/turnover ratio.	0.8	0.7	*01/31/09	WESTMINSTER	W OT	83-78	752
STEALS.....	261	178	*02/04/09	at Waynesburg	W	92-77	-
Steals per game.....	9.7	6.6	02/07/09	at Grove City	W	73-59	1350
BLOCKS.....	58	59	*02/11/09	WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON	W	65-62	1063
Blocks per game.....	2.1	2.2	02/14/09	GENEVA	W	90-66	726
ATTENDANCE.....	8152	6936	02/21/09	at Saint Vincent	L	79-85	1350
Home games-Avg/Game...	14-582	11-554	^02/26/09	WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON	W	78-64	528
Neutral site-Avg/Game.	-	2-420	^02/28/09	BETHANY	W	91-65	763

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SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Thomas More.....	973	1091	15	- 2079
Opponents.....	899	973	10	- 1882