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## **2012 PAC Football Media Day Announced**

GREENVILLE, Pa. — The 2012 Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Football Media Day will once again be hosted by Saint Vincent College in Latrobe on Thursday, August 2. The annual media day event serves as the kickoff to the football season with each of the conference's nine football coaches addressing the media and previewing the upcoming season for each of their respective programs.

Starting with a brief welcome and 2011 season recap by PAC Commissioner Joe Onderko, each of the conference's football coaches and their student-athlete representatives will answer questions about the year. One on one interview sessions for media members will be available following the Q&A session with each head coach and player (approx. 2:30 p.m.).

The 2012 season marks the 58th of PAC football. Head Coach Jim Hilvert and the Thomas More College Saints earned the league championship in 2011 for the fourth straight year, completing the season with a 7-1 record in conference play and finishing with a 9-2 overall mark. Thomas More fell at Franklin College 24-21 in the first round of the NCAA Division III Football Championship Tournament.

Also participating in PAC Football Media Day will be representatives from Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) and Case Western Reserve University (CWRU), who were accepted as PAC affiliate members in the sport of football on December 14, 2011. The Tartan and Spartan football programs will begin play in the PAC starting in the 2014 season. Beginning in 2014, the PAC will play an unbalanced football schedule with eight conference and two non-conference dates. Both CMU and CWRU will remain full members of the University Athletic Association (UAA) in all other sports.

Media members in attendance, along with each institution's head coach and sports information director, will participate in a preseason poll for the projected conference finish of the 2012 season. Full poll results will be released at the conclusion of the event and will be made available at [www.pacathletics.org](http://www.pacathletics.org).

The 2012 PAC football schedule kicks-off on Saturday, September 1, as all nine teams begin their seasons with non-conference action.

Founded in 1955, the Presidents' Athletic Conference continues its mission of promoting intercollegiate athletics and the pursuit of academic excellence. Consisting of 10 select private institutions in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky, the PAC remains a unique organization in this day of high pressure intercollegiate athletics. With academics at the center of each member's philosophy, the PAC is built on the principle that an athletic program is a part of college life, but not an entity in itself. The PAC annually crowns champions in 19 sports (10 men, nine women).

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