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Thomas More Men & Women Picked to Capture 2010-11 PAC Basketball Titles

PITTSBURGH, Pa. - The Thomas More College men's & women's basketball teams were each picked to capture 2010-11 championships in the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC), according to the preseason poll released following the 2010-11 PAC Basketball Media Day conference call today. Voters in the polls included conference head coaches, sports information directors, and members of the media participating in the conference media day call.

In the men's poll, the Saints of second-year head coach **Jeff Rogers** received eight of 19 first-place votes to finish with 131 total points, just three points ahead of second-place Thiel (128, seven first place votes) in an extremely tight race. Thomas More was 21-7 and the PAC runner-up in 2009-10. Following the Tomcats in the poll was Bethany (114), defending PAC champion Grove City (93), Washington & Jefferson (82), Saint Vincent (66), Westminster (47) and Waynesburg (23).

"It's a credit to our past and present players to be picked number one. We will embrace it and use it for motivation," said Rogers. "The PAC is very tough this year and we will have to play hard every week and stay healthy to be successful this season."

The women's poll has the Saints of seventh-year head coach **Brian Neal** comfortably ahead of the rest of the league. Four-time defending PAC champion Thomas More, ranked 18th nationally by D3Hoops.com and 19th in the WBCA/ESPN/USA Today preseason D-III poll, received 17 of 20 first-place votes to finish with 177 points, well in front of second-place Saint Vincent (149). The Bearcats are also ranked in the D3Hoops.com preseason Top 25 poll at #25. Following Saint Vincent was Washington & Jefferson (124), Westminster (121), Chatham (84), Grove City (72), Waynesburg (70), Bethany (67), and Thiel (36).

"Preseason rankings are great publicity for our program and it's nice to be thought of so highly by the PAC coaches and media representatives," said Neal. "However, we know this season will be a tremendous challenge and hopefully we can live up to such lofty expectations."

Finally, media day attendees selected the number of wins against PAC teams for the Geneva men's & women's basketball teams. The Golden Tornado men were tabbed to post a 10-6 record vs. PAC teams, while the GT women were tabbed for a 7-11 mark vs. the PAC. Geneva will play a full PAC schedule in 2010-11, but as provisional members of NCAA Division III they are ineligible for the PAC title this season.

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Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) 2010-11 Preseason Men's Basketball Poll

| | | 09-10 | 09-10 |
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| | Points | Record | PAC |
| 1. Thomas More (8) | 131 | 21-7 | 9-3 |
| 2. Thiel (7) | 128 | 14-11 | 7-5 |
| 3. Bethany (2) | 114 | 19-9 | 8-4 |
| 4. Grove City (2) | 93 | 19-9 | 9-3 |
| 5. Washington & Jefferson | 82 | 12-15 | 6-6 |
| 6. Saint Vincent | 66 | 6-19 | n/a |
| 7. Westminster | 47 | 7-19 | 3-9 |
| 8. Waynesburg | 23 | 2-22 | 0-12 |

(xx) - first place votes

Predicted Geneva record vs. PAC: 10-6

Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) 2010-11 Preseason Women's Basketball Poll

| | | 09-10 | 09-10 |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| | Points | Record | PAC |
| 1. Thomas More (17) | 177 | 26-4 | 13-1 |
| 2. Saint Vincent (2) | 149 | 23-5 | n/a |
| 3. Washington & Jefferson (1) | 124 | 23-5 | 12-2 |
| 4. Westminster | 121 | 13-15 | 8-6 |
| 5. Chatham | 84 | 11-16 | 4-10 |
| 6. Grove City | 72 | 12-14 | 8-6 |
| 7. Waynesburg | 70 | 9-17 | 5-9 |
| 8. Bethany | 67 | 7-19 | 4-10 |
| 9. Thiel | 36 | 6-19 | 2-12 |

(xx) - first place votes

Predicted Geneva record vs. PAC: 7-11