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Thomas More College Picked to Repeat as PAC Football Champions in 2010

LATROBE, Pa. - The Thomas More College football team has been selected to repeat as champions in the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC), according to the preseason poll released at the 2010 PAC Football Media Day at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe today. Voters in the polls included PAC head coaches, sports information directors, and members of the media present at media day.

The defending PAC champion Saints of head coach **Jim Hilvert** earned 22 of 30 first-place votes to lead the preseason poll, followed by Washington & Jefferson, Waynesburg, Grove City, Westminster, Thiel, Bethany and Saint Vincent. Thomas More posted a perfect 10-0 regular season record en route to its second consecutive PAC football title in 2009 and posted an NCAA Division III playoff win over DePauw before falling to Johns Hopkins in the second round. 2009 PAC runner-up W&J also earned an at-large "Pool C" berth to the 2009 NCAA D-III playoffs.

"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 Hilvert, now entering his fourth season as head coach at Thomas More. "The PAC is very tough this year and we will have to play hard every week and stay healthy to be successful this season."

NCAA Division III provisional member Geneva was predicted to go 5-3 in 2010 against PAC teams, according to poll voters. Geneva, which captured the 2009 NCCAA Victory Bowl title, is not eligible for the PAC until the school is granted active membership in Division III by the NCAA at the conclusion of their provisional membership period, tentatively scheduled for the summer of 2011.

Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) 2010 Preseason Football Poll		
		2009
	Points	Record
1. Thomas More (22)	220	11-1 (6-0)
2. Washington & Jefferson (5)	191	9-2 (5-1)
3. Waynesburg	154	5-5 (2-4)
4. Grove City	132	5-5 (4-2)
5. Westminster	114	4-6 (2-4)
6. Thiel (3)	92	3-7 (1-5)
7. Bethany	87	3-7 (1-5)
8. Saint Vincent	35	0-10 (0-8)
<i>(xx) - first place votes</i>		
	2010 PAC Prediction	
Geneva	5-3	

Following is the voting breakdown among coaches, SIDs and media:

Coaches

1. Thomas More (8)	77
2. Wash. & Jeff. (1)	63
3. Waynesburg	51
4. Grove City	47
5. Westminster	40
6. Thiel (1)	33
7. Bethany	30
8. Saint Vincent	12

SIDs

1. Thomas More (6)	67
2. Wash. & Jeff. (2)	58
3. Westminster	42
4. Grove City	40
5. Waynesburg	38
6. Thiel (1)	36
7. Bethany	32
8. Saint Vincent	11

Media

1. Thomas More (9)	76
2. Wash. & Jeff. (2)	70
3. Waynesburg	65
4. Grove City	55
5. Westminster	32
6. Bethany	25
7. Thiel (1)	23
8. Saint Vincent	12