

2009-10 PAC Men's Basketball Release Week 1 - November 16



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2009-10 PAC STANDINGS (through November 15)

School	PAC Contests			All Contests		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Bethany	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Grove City	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Thiel	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Thomas More	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Washington & Jefferson	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Waynesburg	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Westminster	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Geneva*				0	0	.000
Saint Vincent*				0	1	.000

* - NCAA Division III provisional member - ineligible for PAC title and Player of the Week honors

LAST WEEK

Sunday, November 15, 2009
Catholic 70, Saint Vincent 58!

! - at York Invitational - York, Pa.

THIS WEEK

Monday, November 16, 2009
Thiel at Indiana (Pa.) - 7:30 p.m.
Penn St.-Altoona at Wash. & Jeff. - 8 p.m.
Bethany at La Roche - 9 p.m.
Saint Vincent at York Tournament

Tuesday, November 17, 2009
Waynesburg at Hilbert - 7 p.m.
Thomas More at Bluffton - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 18, 2009
Grove City at Penn State-Altoona - 7 p.m.
Westminster at Mount Union - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, November 20, 2009

Bethany at Wendy's Classic - 5:30 p.m.
Waynesburg vs. PS.-Beaver (at La Roche)
Geneva Tip-Off Tournament
Grove City at Juniata Tournament
Thiel at La Roche Tournament
Thomas More at CWRU Tournament
Wash. & Jeff. at Mt. Aloysius Classic
Westminster Buzz Ridl Classic

Saturday, November 21, 2009

Waynesburg at La Roche - 4 p.m.
Bethany at Wendy's Classic - 5:30 p.m.
Penn St.-Fayette at Saint Vincent - 7 p.m.
Geneva Tip-Off Tournament
Grove City at Juniata Tournament
Thiel at La Roche Tournament
Thomas More at CWRU Tournament
Wash. & Jeff. at Mt. Aloysius Classic
Westminster Buzz Ridl Classic

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL 2009-10 - Week 1 Conference Notes

OFF AND RUNNING: The 2009-10 PAC men's basketball season is underway, following Saint Vincent's 70-58 loss to Catholic in the opening round of the York Invitational on Sunday ... Defending PAC champion Thomas More College men's basketball team was picked to capture the 2009-10 championship in the PAC, according to the preseason poll of coaches, SIDs and media released at the conclusion of the 2009-10 PAC Basketball Media Day conference call on October 28.

NEWS & NOTES: A pair of new coaches enter the league this year, as former Thomas More assistant **Jeff Rogers** takes over for John Ellenwood leading the Saint program, while former Holy Cross assistant **Andy Sachs** replaces **Mike Summey** at Bethany ... Ellenwood is now head coach at D-II Ashland, while Summey is an assistant at D-I Miami (Fla.) ... Junior G **B.J. McGill** posted a great line for Saint Vincent in its season-opening loss to Catholic, with 25 points, six boards, five assists and four steals.

AROUND THE LEAGUE: Westminster senior **F Ryne Murray** is a preseason All-American ... Geneva opens its 14th season under head coach **Jeff Santarsiero** Friday against PS-New Kensington, while Grove City enters its 12th season under mentor **Steve Lamie** Wednesday at PS-Altoona ... The two are the longest tenured coaches at PAC schools ... Last year's W&J team reached 20 wins for only the second time in the program's history ... Thiel opens its season against D-II Indiana (Pa.) on Monday.

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

Bethany Bison (0-0, 0-0 PAC)



The Bison begin their first season under new head coach **Andrew Sachs** Monday night at LaRoche ... Bethany returns two starters from last year's 17-12 team that reached the PAC Tournament championship game and earned a berth in the ECAC Tournament, the program's fifth consecutive postseason bid ... Senior F **Joe Testa** was Honorable Mention All-PAC last year after averaging 12.3 points and 7.9 rebounds per game ... Also back is junior F **Ryan McFadden**, who started nine of the 29 games he played in last year and averaged 4.3 points and 3.3 boards per game.

Geneva Golden Tornadoes (0-0)



The Geneva men's basketball team will take the court this coming week-end to begin the process of putting its 8-15 record from a year ago behind them ... The Golden Tornadoes return four starters and a total of nine letterwinners as **Jeff Santarsiero** begins his 14th year as the Golden Tornadoes' head coach ... Geneva will host its annual Coaches vs. Cancer Tip-Off tournament this weekend as it welcomes Penn State New Kensington, Pitt-Greensburg and Marymount University to Metheny Fieldhouse ... The Golden Tornadoes will open against Penn State New Kensington on Friday night.

Grove City Wolverines (0-0, 0-0 PAC)



Grove City opens the 2009-10 season Tuesday night at Penn State Altoona ... The Wolverines return two full-time starters in seniors **Joe McCoy** and **Andy O'Keefe** ... Also returning are lettermen **Cody Fleeger**, **Brett Matson**, **Luke Tomaselli** and **Drew Vandermeer** ... Junior G **Bryn Moran** is also back for his third season in the Wolverine backcourt ... Seven of Grove City's first eight games are away from home ... The lone home game is Grove City's conference opener with Thomas More December 2 ... The Wolverines open the season at Penn State Altoona Wednesday night ... Grove City won last year's meeting in Grove City, 70-64 ... Each of Grove City's first three games are in central Pennsylvania as the Wolverines will compete in the Juniata Tournament this weekend.

Saint Vincent Bearcats (0-1)



The youthful Bearcats opened the 2009-10 season Sunday with a 70-58 defeat to Catholic University in a tip-off tournament hosted by York College ... Saint Vincent's lone returning starter, junior G **BJ McGill**, led the way in defeat with 25 points, while adding six rebounds, five assists, and four steals ... Senior F **Mike Watkins** added eight points and six rebounds, but the Bearcats shot just 39 percent from both the field (22-of-53) and foul line (7-of-18), while committing 26 turnovers ... It was the first defeat in a season-opener for Saint Vincent since 1998, when the Bearcats were felled by West Liberty St. ... The team will continue play in the York tournament on Monday, facing Penn State-York, before opening the home slate with a Saturday night contest against Penn State-Fayette.

Thiel Tomcats (0-0, 0-0 PAC)



Coming off of a tough and disappointing 2-23 record a year ago, Thiel's men's basketball squad is expected to rebound – and score - in the 2009-10 season ... Returning to the hardwood at Beeghly Gymnasium are senior Gs **Cory Chaffee**, **Sean Devinney** and **Wes Siko** ... Junior F **Allen George**; junior G **Devon Adams**; and sophomore G **Jonathan Novo** also return ... **Blair Rozenbald**, a 6'-3" guard, joins the Tomcats after transferring from D-I Youngstown State ... His arrival in Greenville is a homecoming of sorts, as he played under Loomis for three years in high school.

Thomas More Saints (0-0, 0-0 PAC)



The Saints open the 2009-10 campaign this week under first year head coach **Jeff Rogers** ... Rogers moves up one chair on the Saints' bench as he served as an assistant to former head coach **John Ellenwood**, who resigned after last season to take the head coach's position at Ashland University ... Rogers begins his first season as a collegiate head coach by welcoming back nine letterwinners, including one starter, to a program that finished 19-9 overall and 10-2 in the PAC to win its first-ever PAC Championship and advance to the NCAA Division III Tournament for the first time in school history ... Key returners are senior PG **Romell Salone**, senior PF **Daniel McKeegan**, junior C **Brian Muse**, junior SG **Kurt Bovard**, junior F **Eddie Brown** and junior SG **Johnny Bovard**.

Washington & Jefferson Presidents (0-0, 0-0 PAC)



Washington & Jefferson College celebrated its first postseason championship in school history last year after winning the ECAC Division III South title ... The Presidents defeated Pitt-Bradford, Catholic and Cabrini during the tournament and reached 20 victories for only the second time in school history ... Head coach **Glenn Gutierrez**, who has led the Presidents to a school-best three consecutive seasons of at least 14 victories, expects a four-man nucleus of seniors PG **Matt Drakeley** and G/F **Albert Varacallo** and junior Gs **Brian Felker** and **Paul Matthews** to replace last year's core as the new faces of the program.

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets (0-0, 0-0 PAC)



Waynesburg opens the 2009-10 season at Hilbert Tuesday.

Westminster Titans (0-0, 0-0 PAC)



Westminster would like to avoid a slow start ... The last three years the Titans have endured starts to the season that included a 1-4 start in 2006, a 2-11 start in 2007 and last year's 1-11 start ... Despite that, the Titans finished first, fourth, and third, respectively, in the PAC by season's end with successful runs during conference play ... The Titans return three starters from last year's team that went 10-17 with a third-place finish in the PAC with a 7-5 conference mark ... One of those returning starters is reigning PAC Player of the Year **Ryne Murray** ... However, Murray, a D3hoops.com and Sporting News Preseason All-American, only has one semester of eligibility remaining and he will not be eligible to play until January.

PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

Bethany Bison

at La Roche (11/16)
Wendy's Classic (11/
20-21)



Bethany opens the year for the second consecutive season against LaRoche ... The Bison are 8-5 all-time against the Redhawks, including a 77-61 victory in last year's opener behind 21 points and eight rebounds from **Joe Testa** ... Bethany will open play in the Wendy's Classic at West Liberty Friday against Division II Wheeling Jesuit ... The Bison lead the series with Cardinals 15-14, although Jesuit won the last meeting 81-78 in 2007 ... Bethany does own recent wins over the Cardinals in 2001 (108-100) and 2005 (71-70) ... The Classic will conclude Saturday with Bethany taking on Pitt-Titusville in the first-ever meeting between the schools.

Geneva Golden Tornadoes

Geneva Tip-Off
Tournament (11/20-21)



The last time Geneva won its own Tip-Off Tournament with the first weekend of the 1997 season in Jeff Santarsiero's second year as head coach ... Geneva will look to open the year with a victory over Penn State-New Kensington after defeating the Lions to open the 2007-08 campaign ... The Golden Tornadoes will also welcome Marymount University and Pitt-Greensburg to Metheny Fieldhouse for the weekend having never played either school in the history of the program.

Grove City Wolverines

at Penn St.-Altoona (11/18)
at Juniata Tournament (11/20-21)



Grove City is looking to reverse a four-game slide in season openers ... Head coach **Steve Lamie** is 5-6 in season openers ... Wednesday's opener marks the second straight year that the Wolverines open the season with a true road game ... Prior to last year, Grove City had not played a foe in its home facility in the opener since 1992 ... Friday, Grove City plays Penn State-DuBois in the opening round of the Juniata Doc Greene Tournament ... The Wolverines will face either Hilbert or Juniata in Saturday's game ... Grove City will host Juniata January 4 in non-league action.

Saint Vincent Bearcats

vs. Penn St.-York (11/16)
vs. Penn St.-Fayette (11/21)



The young Bearcats, who return just three players and one starter from last year's team, will look to rebound from its season-opening loss at the York Tournament in the tourney's consolation game against Penn State-York ... It will be the first time in school history the two teams will match up ... Saint Vincent will then put its 27-game home winning streak on the line Saturday night, hosting Penn State-Fayette ... In last season's meeting between the two teams, the Bearcats set school records for most points and largest margin of victory in their 126-39 win over the Lions ... Eight Bearcats scored in double figures in the win, and the team shot 65 percent from the field, forced 27 PSU-Fayette turnovers, and owned a 58-21 margin in rebounding.

Thiel Tomcats

at Indiana (Pa.) (11/16)
at La Roche Tournament (11/20-21)



The Thiel men begin the week with a match up against the Division II IUP Crimson Hawks on Monday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m. ... The 'Cats will be looking to end an eight-game losing streak that was started January 28 of this year against the Saints of Thomas More.

Thomas More Saints

at Bluffton (11/17)
at CWRU Tournament (11/20-21)



Thomas More is 18-10 all-time against its four possible opponents this week ... The Saints are 18-8 all-time against Bluffton and 0-1 against both Otterbein and Washington & Lee, and if they play Case Western Reserve it would be their first-ever meeting on the hardwood.

Washington & Jefferson Presidents

vs. PS-Altoona (11/16)
at Mt. Aloysius Tournament (11/20-21)



The Presidents and Lions meet on the hardwood for the fourth time with Penn State-Altoona holding a 2-1 edge in the all-time series ... The two squads last met during the 2000-01 season when the Presidents earned an 82-75 victory at the Henry Memorial Center ... The first contest between the two schools took place in PSU-Altoona's inaugural season (1998-99) and the Lions defeated the Presidents 84-78 in Washington ... W&J continues play this weekend, traveling to the Mt. Aloysius Coaches Vs. Cancer Classic in Cresson, Pa. ... The Presidents battle York Friday evening at 6 p.m., while Mt. Aloysius hosts PSU-Mont Alto at 8 ... The winners will meet in the championship Saturday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. ... The consolation game tips off at 1:00 p.m.

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets

at Hilbert (11/17)
at La Roche Tournament (11/20-21)



The Yellow Jackets will open the 2009-10 season at Hilbert Tuesday, then play in the La Roche Invitational over the weekend.

Westminster Titans

at Mt. Union (11/18)
Buzz Ridl Classic (11/20-21)



The Titans lost 75-72 at home vs. Mount Union last year after coming back from a 14-point deficit in the final 8:27 only to lose at the buzzer when Chris Switzer swished a 35-foot 3-pointer for the game-winner ... Westminster has lost four straight vs. Mount Union as the last win was a 67-59 neutral site victory at Walsh in 1995 ... When the Titans host the 18th annual Buzz Ridl Classic, they will be seeking their first BRC win since 2005 as Westminster has lost seven straight in their annual two-game November invitational ... The last meeting with Allegheny was a 68-66 setback on the road on Dec. 3, 2007 ... The Titans won 102-97 the last time Allegheny visited New Wilmington on Dec. 6, 2006.