# 2009-10 PAC Men's Basketball Release Week 4 - December 7



#### Presidents' Athletic Conference

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### 2009-10 PAC STANDINGS (through December 6)

	PAC Contests			All Contests		
<u>School</u>	W	L	Pct.	V	<u>/ L</u>	Pct.
Bethany	2	0	1.00	4	3	.571
Washington & Jefferson	1	0	1.00	3	5 5	.375
Grove City	1	1	.500	3	3 3	.500
Thiel	0	0	.000	2	2 4	.333
Thomas More	0	1	.000	4	2	.667
Westminster	0	1	.000	2	2 4	.333
Waynesburg	0	1	.000	C	) 6	.000
Geneva*				5	i 3	.625
Saint Vincent*				Э	6 4	.429
* - NCAA Division III provisional member - ineligible for PAC title and Player of the Week honors						

#### LAST WEEK

Monday, November 30, 2009 Geneva 72, PENN STATE-BEAVER 64

Wednesday, December 2, 2009 GROVE CITY 98, Thomas More 93\* (ot) Bethany 85, WESTMINSTER 67\* Geneva 77, WASH. & JEFF. 65\* Thiel 80, SAINT VINCENT 67\*

Saturday, December 5, 2009 WASH. & JEFF. 65, Grove City 43\* GENEVA 79, Thiel 78\* Bethany 70, WAYNESBURG 52\* Westminster 82, SAINT VINCENT 73\*

#### THIS WEEK

Wednesday, December 9, 2009 Allegheny at Thiel - 7 p.m. Grove City at Hiram - 7:30 p.m. Wash. & Jeff. at Denison - 7:30 p.m. Penn St.-Behrend at Westminster - 8 p.m.

Friday, December 11, 2009 Saint Vincent at Hood - 8 p.m.

Saturday, December 12, 2009 Wash. & Jeff. at Thiel\* - 3 p.m. Grove City at Waynesburg\* - 3:30 p.m. Geneva at Bethany\* - 4 p.m. Thomas More at Westminster\* - 4 p.m.

#### PAC Player of the Week

#### BLAIR ROZENBLAD Thiel

6-4 Freshman G Youngstown, Ohio Kennedy Catholic H.S.



Rozenblad averaged 27.5 points, 4.0 rebounds and 3.0 steals per game for the 1-1 Tomcats, who

ended Saint Vincent's 28-game home win streak with an 80-67 win on Wednesday before falling 79-78 at Geneva Saturday. He posted 27 points in the win over the Bearcats, while pouring in a game-high 28 markers and five steals against the GTs. For the week, Rozenblad shot 59 percent (17of-29) from the floor.

Also nominated was freshman G/F Nick Wilcox of Bethany, senior C Andy O'Keefe of Grove City, junior G Brian Felker of Washington & Jefferson, senior G Ryan Courneen of Waynesburg, and freshman F Adam Carswell of Westminster.

#### PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL 2009-10 - Week 4 Conference Notes

**PAC PLAY UNDERWAY:** Conference play in the PAC got underway last week with a full slate of league games on Wednesday and Saturday ... Bethany jumped out to an early lead in conference play with a pair of league wins over Westminster and Waynesburg ... Top games of the week included Grove City outlasting defending PAC champion Thomas More in overtime Wednesday, and Geneva holding off a late Thiel rally to edge the Tomcats by a point Saturday. **NEWS & NOTES:** Thiel snapped Saint Vincent's 28-game home win streak with an 80-67 victory Wednesday, as **Devin Adams** bucketed 20 points ... Geneva went 3-0 last week, as the Golden Tornadoes have been led by **Rich Colick**, who is averaging 18.0 ppg ... **Adam Carswell** averaged 15.0 ppg for 1-1 Westminster, including career-high totals of 20 points and14 boards at Saint Vincent ... W&J junior G **Brian Felker** averaged 13.0 ppg and 4.5 rpg for the 1-1 Presidents last week.

AROUND THE LEAGUE: Saint Vincent junior G B.J. McGill averaged 27.0 ppg for the 0-2 Bearcats last week, including a career-best 30 markers against Thiel ... Thomas More junior F Aaron Miller posted a double-double with 20 points and 13 rebounds in a loss at Grove City ... Andy O'Keefe averaged 16.5 ppg for 1-1 Grove City ... Waynesburg senior G Ryan Courneen scored a game-high 20 points in the Yellow Jackets loss to Bethany ... Jonas Ankrom had 18 points for Bethany vs. Waynesburg.

### PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

#### Bethany Bison (4-3, 2-0 PAC)

Bethany opened conference play with a pair of 18-point victories on the

road at Westminster and Waynesburg ... The Bison sprinted to a 32-point lead at Westminster and held on for an 85-67 triumph behind 5 scorers in double figures ... Nick Wilcox led the way with 16 points, while Damien Green and Dustin Opalka had 12 each ... After going to halftime tied with Waynesburg, BC outscored the Yellow Jackets 38-20 in the second half to post a 70-52 victory, their 15<sup>th</sup> straight over Waynesburg ... Jonas Ankrom came off the bench to score 18 and Wilcox notched 14 markers, eight rebounds and five steals to lead Bethany, who held a 52-25 advantage on the glass that included 19 offensive boards that were converted into 20 second-chance points.

#### Saint Vincent Bearcats (3-4)



The Bearcats struggled last week, going 0-2 to open up

PAC play ... Wednesday, Thiel snapped Saint Vincent's 28-game home winning streak, as the Tomcats picked up an 80-67 victory ... BJ McGill continued his strong play for SVC, tallying a career-high 30 points in the defeat, along with team-highs of four assists and three steals ... Mo Hawkins added eight points, on a 3-for-4 showing from the field, but the Bearcats were done in by turnovers, committing 23 to the Tomcats' 13 ... The Bearcats' dropped their second straight on Saturday, an 82-73 decision to Westminster ... McGill and Hawkins again led the way, with 24 and 14 points, respectively .. The defeat marked the first time since the 2005-06 campaign that SVC has dropped back-to-back home contests.

#### Washington & Jefferson Presidents (3-5, 1-0 PAC)



Washington & Jefferson picked up its first PAC victory of the season on Saturday after-

noon, knocking off Grove City by a score of 65-43 ... The Presidents held the Wolverines scoreless for a stretch of 11 minutes and 29 seconds between the end of the first half and beginning of the second half to earn the 22point victory ... W&J shot a season-high 83 percent (15-of-18) from the free throw line in the victory and limited GCC to just 27 percent (12-of-44) shooting from the field ... A pair of bench players paced the Presidents against the Wolverines as junior Brian Felker and freshman Zach Bellhy scored 14 and 10 points, respectively ... W&J currently sits in sole possession of second-place in the PAC standings, while Bethany is in first-place with a perfect 2-0 mark in conference play.

Geneva Golden Tornadoes (5-3)



For the first time in three years, the Geneva **GOLDEN TORNADOES** men's basketball team is

riding a four-game win streak ... The Golden Tornadoes capped a perfect 3-0 week with a thrilling 79-78 victory over Thiel Saturday ... The GTs almost watched their 11-point lead disappear, but a last second shot by the Tomcats bounced off the rim and Geneva survived to move to 5-3 on the season ... Lambros Svingos scored a team-high 16 points in the victory Saturday and is averaging 11.0 ppg this season ... Rich Colick continues to pace the GTs with his 18 ppg average ... Geneva has turned things around defensively, allowing just under 73 ppg, nearly eight points better than a year ago ... Geneva has a light week with only a trip to Bethany on Saturday on the schedule before a three-week holiday lav-off.

#### Thiel Tomcats (2-4, 0-0 PAC)

Thiel went 1-1 last week in a pair of road games, win-

ning handily at Saint Vincent Wednesday but falling in dramatic fashion to Geneva Saturday ... The Tomcats jumped out to an 11-point halftime advantage en route to a, 80-67, win at Saint Vincent ... The victory snapped the Bearcats' 28-game home winning streak ... Freshman Blair Rozenblad once again led Thiel with an impressive scoring performance, tossing in a team-high 27 points... Junior Devon Adams played an outstanding game on both ends with 20 points, four assists and five steals ... Saturday, Thiel lost a heartbreaker, falling to Geneva, 79-78 ... Rozenblad generated the bulk of Thiel's offense, scoring a gamehigh 28 points ... Freshman Aundra Jones, Corey Chaffee and Adams also turned in double-digit scoring totals for the 'Cats.

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets (0-6, 0-1 PAC)



The Waynesburg men's

hoopsters dropped their first PAC contest of the year to Bethany on Saturday ... Things started well for the Yellow Jackets as they were tied 32-32 when the first half came to a close ... However, the Bison were able to take the game over in the second half and pick up the win ... Though it came in a loss, the Jackets got a fine effort from senior G Ryan Courneen, who poured in a game-high 20 points on 8-of-14 shooting ... Junior G **Steven Iser** added 11 points and freshman PG **LaVance Turnage**, **Jr**. had a solid debut for the team, scoring six points and dishing out three assists in just 13 minutes off the bench. Grove City Wolverines (3-3, 1-1 PAC)



Grove City is 1-1 in the PAC after the first week of competi-

tion ... Wednesday, the Wolverines pulled out a 98-93 overtime win over Thomas More ... Grove City owned a 15-point lead in the second half before Thomas More charged back ... Senior C Andy O'Keefe scored a career-high 25 points on 9-of-11 shooting ... Brett Matson (19), Drew Vandermeer (18) and Luke Tomaselli (17) also scored in double figures ... The Wolverines are now 5-5 in their last 10 overtime games ... Saturday, the Wolverines jumped out to a 9-2 lead at W&J before being felled by a prolonged offensive blackout ... Grove City shot just 27 percent from the field ... O'Keefe and Tomaselli each had eight points for Grove City ... The Wolverines visit surging Hiram Wednesday before a trip to Waynesburg Saturday afternoon.

#### Thomas More Saints (4-2, 0-1 PAC)



The Saints fell, 98-93, in overtime to Grove City

last week in their only game of the week ... Against the Wolverines the Saints had four players score in double-figures led by junior F **Aaron Miller**, who recorded a double-double with 20 points and 13 rebounds ... Also in double-figures were sophomore PG **Daniel Whelan** with 13 points and senior PF **Daniel McKeehan** and junior C **Robert Wilson** with 10 points each ... For the season, Thomas More is shooting 45.8 percent from the field and is led in scoring by **McKeehan** and **Whelan**, who are each averaging 13.0 points per game ... **McKeehan** is also leading the team in rebounding with 5.8 rebounds per game.

#### Westminster Titans (2-4, 0-1 PAC)



Westminster went 1-1

last week, losing its PAC opener Wednesday at home to Bethany, 85-67, before winning at Saint Vincent, 82-73, on Saturday ... Junior G **Max Spinner** led the Titans with 17 points per game, while freshman F Adam Carswell posted a 15.0 scoring average ... Spinner led the Titans with 16 points in the loss to Bethany, followed by freshman G **Reuben King** with 15 and Carswell with 10 ... Bethany went on a 20-2 run late in the first half to decide the game

... Carswell posted new career-highs of 20 points and 14 rebounds, while Spinner bucketed 18 with eight boards in the win over Saint Vincent ... The Titans went on a 21-0 run midway through the game and led by double figures nearly the entire second half.

## PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

#### Bethany Bison vs. Geneva\* (12/12)

Off their first 2-0 start in PAC play since 2006-07, the Bison return to the

floor Saturday when they host Geneva at Hummel Field House ... The Golden Tornadoes lead the all-time series 55-23, including two narrow victories last season after Bethanv swept the season series in 2007-08 ... The GTs forced overtime with a three at the buzzer in the first match-up and won 98-94 in OT, then held off a Bison rally in the rematch at Hummel Field House for a 78-74 decision ... Joe Testa, the current PAC leader in rebounding, grabbed eight boards in the Waynesburg win to move him into 10th place on the school's all-time rebounding list with 577

#### Geneva Golden Tornadoes at Bethany\* (12/12)



The Golden Tornadoes travel to Bethany this GOLDEN TORNADOES weekend for the only

game of the week ... Geneva handed Bethany a pair of four-point losses a year ago including a 98-94 overtime victory in one of the most entertaining games of the season ... The Golden Tornadoes and Bison have matched up 52 times in a series that began in 1922 ... Geneva holds a 30-22 edge in the series, including its two wins a year ago.

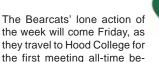
Grove City Wolverines at Hiram (12/9) at Waynesburg\* (12/12)



Grove City faces a pair of op-

ponents on the road this week ... Wednesday, Grove City steps out of league play to face Hiram ... The Terriers are coming off an upset of nationally-ranked Wittenberg Saturday ... Hiram won last year's meeting in Grove City 66-56 December 10, 2008 ... Each of the previous three meetings between the teams went to overtime ... Grove City leads the all-time series 31-13 ... Saturday, Grove City will visit Waynesburg in conference action ... Grove City leads the all-time series 55-28, including a regular-season sweep last year.

#### Saint Vincent Bearcats at Hood (12/11)



tween the two schools... Saint Vincent will not return home for the remainder of the calendar year, as will play four straight road contests over the next month, before hosting Washington & Jefferson on Jan. 5th.



Thiel Tomcats vs. Allegheny (12/9) vs. Wash. & Jeff.\* (12/12)



Thiel opens its home sched-

ule on Wednesday when it welcomes Allegheny College for a 7 p.m. match ... The Tomcats resume conference play on Saturday afternoon with a home bout against Washington & Jefferson ... The last time the 'Cats and Gators locked horns, Allegheny came away victorious, 89-78 ... W&J swept the season series with the Tomcats in 2008-09, including a 77-62 decision over Thiel at Beeghly Gymnasium on Jan. 7.



Thomas More Saints at Westminster\* (12/12



Westminster leads the all-time series with Thomas More 7-3 as both

team won on their home courts last season, with Westminster winning 92-80 in New Wilmington and Thomas More winning, 83-78 in Crestview Hills.

Washington & Jefferson Presidents at Denison (12/9) at Thiel\* (12/12)



The Presidents and Big Red will play for the 21<sup>st</sup> time in history

on Wednesday with Denison holding an 11-9 edge in the all-time series ... Denison earned a 62-59 victory against W&J in last season's meeting in the Henry Memorial Center... Washington & Jefferson and Thiel meet for the 112th time on Saturday, with the Presidents leading by a 79-32 margin ... The Presidents won both meetings last year and currently hold a ninegame win streak against the Tomcats ... The Tomcats last victory against the Presidents came in the PAC Tournament Quarterfinals in the 2005-06 season, collecting a 73-72 comefrom-behind victory in the Henry Memorial Center.

Waynesburg Yellow Jackets vs. Grove City\* (12/12)



Waynesburg will play its fourth-straight home game on Saturday when it hosts

Grove City ... The Yellow Jackets will try to end a three-game losing streak to the Wolverines and will also be looking for their first win of the season ... The Wolverines hold a big advantage in the all-time series (49-29) between the two teams.

Westminster Titans vs. PS-Behrend (12/9) vs. Thomas More\* (12/12) (WWNW-FM (88.9); www.titanradio.net)



Westminster and Penn St.-Behrend have met in each of the last eight seasons, with Behrend holding a 5-3 advantage ... Westminster lost 77-55 at Behrend last year ... The Titans lost at home, 80-65, in 2007-08 and won 73-55 at home in 2006-07 ... The loss at Behrend last year was the season opener, which saw Rob Briggs making his college debut with 17 points which remains his career-high ... He also grabbed 10 rebounds for one of his four career double-doubles ... Westminster is 7-3 alltime against Thomas More, the defending PAC champions, including a 92-80 win at home last year when the Titans were 0-9 to start the season ... The Titans then lost at Thomas More. 83-73 in overtime, later in the season.

2009-10 PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK November 23: Daniel McKeehan, 6-2 Senior F, Thomas More		Saint Vincent Bearcats 3-4		
December 7: <b>Blair Rozenblad</b> , 6-4 Freshman G, Thiel December 14: December 21: January 4: January 11: January 18: January 25: February 1: February 8: February 15:	Nov. 15 Nov. 21 Nov. 24 Nov. 28 Dec. 2 Dec. 5 Dec. 11 Dec. 29 Dec. 30 Jan. 2 Jan. 5 Jan. 7	vs. Catholic at Penn State-York PENN STFAYETTE PENN STABINGTON at Penn StAltoona L THIEL* WESTMINSTER* at Hood at St. John Fisher Invit. at St. John Fisher Invit. at Penn State-Fayette WASH. & JEFF.* at Geneva*	59-62 (ot) L 67-80 L 73-82 8 p.m. . 8 p.m. . TBA	
PAC MEN'S BASKETBALL IN THE DIVISION III NATIONAL STATISTICS <u>Coming Soon!</u>	Jan. 9 Jan. 13 Jan. 16 Jan. 20 Jan. 23 Jan. 27 Feb. 3 Feb. 6 Feb. 10 Feb. 13 Feb. 17 Feb. 20	BETHANY* at Waynesburg* GROVE CITY* at Thomas More* at Thiel* at Westminster* at Wash. & Jeff.* GENEVA* at Bethany* WAYNESBURG* at Grove City* THOMAS MORE*	8 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 3 p.m. 8 p.m. 8 p.m. 8 p.m. 8 p.m. 8 p.m. 8 p.m. 4 p.m.	

Thiel Tomcats 2-4, 0-0 PAC	Thomas More Saints 4-2, 0-1 PAC	Wash. & Jeff. Presidents 3-5, 1-0 PAC
Nov. 16at Indiana (Pa.)L64-82Nov. 21at La RocheL73-78Nov. 22vs. Penn StBeaverW89-71Nov. 24at EdinboroL74-83Dec. 2at Saint Vincent*W80-67Dec. 5at Geneva*L78-79Dec. 9ALLEGHENY7 p.m.Dec. 12WASH. & JEFF.*3 p.m.Dec. 30at Case W. Reserve Inv.TBAJan. 4at Bethany*8 p.m.Jan. 7WAYNESBURG*8 p.m.Jan. 9GROVE CITY*3 p.m.Jan. 16at Thomas More*3 p.m.Jan. 23SAINT VINCENT*3 p.m.Jan. 30at Wash. & Jeff.*4 p.m.Feb. 3BETHANY*8 p.m.Feb. 10at Grove City*8 p.m.Feb. 13WESTMINSTER*3 p.m.Feb. 17THOMAS MORE*7:30 p.m.Feb. 23-27PAC Tournament	Nov. 17at BlufftonW 90-78Nov. 20vs. OtterbeinW 84-70Nov. 21at Case W. ReserveW 86-82Nov. 25at Mount St. JosephL 80-84Nov. 28TRANSYLVANIAW 82-67Dec. 2at Grove City*LDec. 12at Westminster*4 p.m.Dec. 17at Capital7 p.m.Dec. 27MOUNT UNION7 p.m.Dec. 28BALDWIN-WALLACE7 p.m.Dec. 30at Wilmington1:30 p.m.Jan. 2GENEVA*3 p.m.Jan. 7at Wash. & Jeff.*8 p.m.Jan. 9WAYNESBURG*3 p.m.Jan. 13at Bethany*8 p.m.Jan. 20SAINT VINCENT*7:30 p.m.Jan. 30WESTMINSTER*3 p.m.Jan. 30WESTMINSTER*3 p.m.Feb. 3at Geneva*8 p.m.Feb. 10at Waynesburg*7:30 p.m.Feb. 13BETHANY*3 p.m.Feb. 17at Thiel*7:30 p.m.	Nov. 16     PENN STALTOONA     W 71-64       Nov. 20     vs. York     L 57-80       Nov. 21     vs. Penn StMont Alto     W 96-56       Nov. 24     at Kenyon     L 72-83       Nov. 28     at DePauw     L 68-76       Nov. 29     vs. Franklin     L 72-75       Dec. 2     GENEVA*     L 65-77       Dec. 5     GROVE CITY*     W 65-43       Dec. 9     at Denison     7:30 p.m.       Dec. 12     at Thiel*     3 p.m.       Dec. 20     JUNIATA     2 p.m.       Dec. 23     at Muskingum     TBA       Jan. 5     at Saint Vincent*     8 p.m.       Jan. 7     THOMAS MORE*     8 p.m.       Jan. 9     WESTMINSTER*     2 p.m.       Jan. 16     at Waynesburg*     7:30 p.m.       Jan. 20     BETHANY*     6 p.m.       Jan. 23     at Geneva*     3 p.m.       Jan. 24     Grove City*     8 p.m.       Jan. 30     THIEL*     4 p.m.       Feb. 3     SAINT VINCENT*     8 p.m.
	Feb. 20at Saint Vincent*4 p.m.Feb. 23-27PAC Tournament	Feb. 20at Bethany*4 p.m.Feb. 23-27PAC Tournament

### Waynesburg Yellow Jackets 0-6, 0-1 PAC

### Westminster Titans 2-4, 0-1 PAC

Nov. 18	at Mount Union	L 53-73
Nov. 20	ALLEGHENY	L 77-100
Nov. 21	NOTRE DAME (OH)	L 60-91
Nov. 29	OBERLIN	W 67-60
Dec. 2	BETHANY*	L 67-85
Dec. 5	at Saint Vincent*	W 82-73
Dec. 9	PENN STBEHREND	8 p.m.
Dec. 12	THOMAS MORE*	4 p.m.
Dec. 29	vs. Central	8:30 p.m.
Dec. 30	at Westmont Classic	TBA
Jan. 2	vs. Claremont-Mudd-Scri	pps 6 p.m.
Jan. 3	at California Tech	4 p.m.
Jan. 5	at Waynesburg*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 9	at Wash. & Jeff.*	2 p.m.
Jan. 13	THIEL*	8 p.m.
Jan. 16	GENEVA*	4 p.m.
Jan. 20	at Grove City*	8 p.m.
Jan. 23	at Bethany*	4 p.m.
Jan. 27	SAINT VINCENT*	8 p.m.
Jan. 30	at Thomas More*	3 p.m.
Feb. 3	WAYNESBURG*	8 p.m.
Feb. 10	WASH. & JEFF.*	8 p.m.
Feb. 13	at Thiel*	3 p.m.
Feb. 17	at Geneva*	8 p.m.
Feb. 20	<b>GROVE CITY*</b>	4 p.m.
Feb. 23-2	27 PAC Tournament	