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## W&J Baseball, Thomas More Softball Picked to Repeat as PAC Champions

WEXFORD, Pa. – The Washington & Jefferson College baseball team and the Thomas More College softball squad have each been picked to repeat as champions of the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC), according to a preseason poll of the conference's head coaches.

In baseball, the Presidents of head coach **Jeff Mountain** garnered seven of nine possible first place votes to secure the top spot in the poll with 61 points. Thomas More garnered the other two first place votes and tallied 54 points, followed by Thiel (41), Waynesburg (34), Grove City (27), Westminster (24) and Bethany (11). The Geneva and Saint Vincent baseball teams, which are not eligible for the 2010 PAC Championship due to their NCAA Division III provisional status, were tabbed to finish 11-13 and 10-14, respectively, against PAC competition this season.

The softball poll had the defending PAC champion Saints of head coach **Lindsay Bramhall** earn eight of 10 possible first-place votes to lead the poll with 78 points. Bethany was voted in the top spot on two ballots and placed second with 71 points, followed by Westminster (55), Washington & Jefferson (46), Grove City (43), Thiel (31), Waynesburg (23) and Chatham (13). Geneva and Saint Vincent were predicted to finish 12-6 and 7-11, respectively, against PAC opponents in 2010.

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 NCAA Division III 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).

Here are the complete 2010 PAC baseball and softball preseason poll results:

### 2010 PAC BASEBALL POLL

1. Washington & Jefferson (7)	61
2. Thomas More (2)	54
3. Thiel	41
4. Waynesburg	34
5. Grove City	27
6. Westminster	24
7. Bethany	11

Geneva - 11-13 vs. PAC

Saint Vincent - 10-14 vs. PAC

### 2010 PAC SOFTBALL POLL

1. Thomas More (8)	78
2. Bethany (2)	71
3. Westminster	55
4. Washington & Jefferson	46
5. Grove City	43
6. Thiel	31
7. Waynesburg	23
8. Chatham	13

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