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PAC Sports Network Set to Webcast All Games in 2012 PAC Baseball Championship Tournament

WEXFORD, Pa. – The PAC Sports Network will provide an audio webcast of each game in the **2012 PAC Baseball Championship Tournament**, scheduled for May 10-12, 2012 hosted by Washington & Jefferson College at Ross Memorial in Washington, Pa. The webcast link can be found at the PAC website (www.pacathletics.org) or via direct URL at www.pacstream.net.

The PAC Sports Network Announcing crew, consisting of veteran Western Pennsylvania broadcasters **Randy Gore** (also the play-by-play voice for the Washington Wild Things minor league baseball team), **Justin Pyles** and **Dave Singer**, just completed a full season covering conference men's & women's basketball action via the "PAC Basketball Game of the Week" and will be providing the first-ever comprehensive coverage of the PAC baseball tournament this week.

The 2012 PAC Baseball Tournament champion will earn the conference's automatic bid to the 2012 NCAA Division III Baseball Tournament, beginning May 17, 2012. Action will get underway on Thursday (May 10) at 2:30 p.m. with Game A, as top-seeded Washington & Jefferson (33-6, 21-3 PAC) hosts fourth-seeded Saint Vincent (23-17, 12-12 PAC), which clinched its first-ever PAC Tournament berth. The other first round contest Thursday (Game B) will feature second-seeded Westminster (25-15, 16-8 PAC) battling third seed and two-time defending PAC Tournament champion Thomas More (25-14, 13-11 PAC) beginning at 5:30 p.m. Daily PAC Tournament admission fees are \$5 for adults, \$2 for non-W&J students and free admission to W&J students with valid ID. Conference and institutional passes are not accepted at PAC Championship events.

Here are capsule previews of the four teams competing for the 2012 PAC baseball title:

#1 WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON - The top-seeded 18th/19th ranked W&J Presidents of 10th-year head coach **Jeff Mountain**, will look to capture their first PAC baseball crown since 2009. Sophomore 3B **Kyle McLain** leads the team with a .439 batting average and 36 RBIs. Sophomore OF **Josh Staniscia** is hitting .419, with eight triples and a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage, while senior OF **Brian Szabo** holds a .364 average and has four doubles on the year. On the mound, the Presidents will look to senior RHP **David Trushel**, who is 9-1 on the year with a 2.54 earned run average (ERA) and 55 strikeouts. W&J will also rely on sophomore RHPs **Eddie Nogay** (5-0, 2.40 ERA) and **Randy Risch** (4-2, 2.86 ERA).

#2 WESTMINSTER - The second-seeded Titans are looking for the first league crown since 2005 led by **Carmen Nocera**, who is in his 13th and final season at the helm of the program. Senior 1B **Tim Wiand** has a .421 batting average, with 12 doubles and 42 RBIs and a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage. Junior **Kyle Allen** is hitting .377 with 23 RBIs and has stolen 12 bases in 14 attempts, while senior OF **Justin King** holds a .344 average. The team will rely on three seniors and one junior to lead the way on the mound. Senior RHP **Justin Prejsnar** has a 7-1 record with a 1.68 ERA, while classmate **Vince Iosue** holds a 4-5 record with a 2.97 ERA. Senior RHP **Patrick Mulligan** has a 5-2 record and a 3.38 ERA with 52 strikeouts, while junior LHP **Nick Grow** has a 1-2 record with a 1.95 ERA on the year.

#3 THOMAS MORE - The two-time defending PAC champion Saints are seeded third in the tournament and are led by 12th-year mentor **Jeff Hetzer**. TMC will look to junior SS **David Kennett**, who is leading the team with a .416 batting average, and has successfully stolen 18 bases on 22 attempts. Sophomore 3B **Travis Miller** is hitting .405 with nine doubles, while senior 1B **Andrew Thole** holds a .384 average with five home runs, 83 total bases and 43 RBIs. The Saints will look to several pitchers including freshman RHP **Tim Baldrick** who holds a 5-2 record with a 3.88 ERA, and senior RHP **Aaron Carmack**, who has a 2-1 record and 4.10 ERA. Junior LHP **Mike Hager** holds a 4-1 record with a 4.98 ERA, while classmate RHP **David Etscheid** has a 5-3 record, a 4.30 ERA and 48 strikeouts on the year.

#4 SAINT VINCENT - The Bearcats, who qualified for their first-ever PAC Tournament on the final day of the regular season, are led by 15th-year head coach **Mick Janosko**. Saint Vincent will look for an offensive spark from junior SS **Brad Burkardt**, who has a .386 batting average, with 77 total bases and three home runs. Senior OF **Zack Galasso** is hitting .362 with 15 doubles and 37 RBIs, while sophomore OF **Joey Fearer** holds a .343 average and is 7-for-7 in stolen base attempts. On the mound, junior LHP **Jared Haller** boasts a 9-3 record with a 2.79 ERA and 61 strikeouts, while junior RHP **Gary Gerhardt** has a 2-5 record, 5.37 ERA and 43 strikeouts. Senior RHP **Paul Kubeja** holds a 3-2 record and 4.70 ERA, while sophomore RHP **Alex Kozusko** has appeared in 16 games as a reliever.

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 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) as a member of NCAA Division III.

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