



# SPORTS NEWS

**Presidents' Athletic Conference**

P.O. Box 183

New Wilmington, PA 16142

Phone - (724) 901-0090

Fax - (800) 708-0191

E-Mail: [onderko@pacathletics.org](mailto:onderko@pacathletics.org)

Web: [www.pacathletics.org](http://www.pacathletics.org)

*FOR RELEASE: April 29, 2012*

## **Saint Vincent College to Host 2012 PAC Softball Championship Tournament in Latrobe, Pa., on May 3-4**

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. – Saint Vincent College has earned the top seed and hosting rights for the **2012 Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Softball Championship Tournament**. The four-team, double-elimination tournament will take place this Thursday-Friday, May 3-4, 2012 at the Saint Vincent softball field in Latrobe, Pa. The 2012 PAC Tournament Champion will earn the PAC's automatic bid to the 2012 NCAA Division III Softball Playoffs, beginning on May 11, 2012.

The Bearcats of sixth-year head coach **Nicole Hinerman**, who still have one conference regular season double-header to play against Grove City Monday, have already clinched the 2012 PAC regular season softball crown by virtue of a 12-4 league mark. Saint Vincent will open play on Thursday (May 3) at 11 a.m. against #4 seed Geneva, followed by the other opening round contest between #2 Thiel and #3 Westminster at 1 p.m. The winners of the first round contests will meet in Game C at 3 p.m., followed by the losing teams in the opening round contests facing off in an elimination Game D at 5 p.m. Friday.

On Friday (May 4), the loser of Game C will face the winner of Game D in an elimination game at 11 a.m. for the right to play for the conference crown against the Game C winner at 1 p.m. If both teams have one loss at this point, the "if necessary" game is scheduled for 3 p.m.

The tournament is being held one day earlier than usual due to the first-time participation of Geneva, which has an institutional policy prohibiting athletic competition on Sundays. Therefore, the tournament has been moved up one day to allow for Saturday as the tournament "rain date". The conference is guaranteed a new champion in 2012, as both 2011 PAC softball champion Bethany and 2011 PAC runner-up Thomas More did not qualify for the 2012 tournament.

Founded in 1955, the Presidents' Athletic Conference continues its mission of promoting intercollegiate athletics and the pursuit of academic excellence. Consisting of 12 select private institutions (10 full members, two football affiliate members) in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio, 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.

Here is the complete 2012 PAC Softball Championship Tournament schedule:

### Thursday, May 3, 2012 - Saint Vincent College - Latrobe, Pa.

Game A - #4 Geneva (27-17, 11-7 PAC) at #1 Saint Vincent (23-13, 12-4 PAC) - 11 a.m.

Game B - #3 Westminster (21-17, 11-7 PAC) vs. #2 Thiel (11-7, 18-18 PAC) - 1 p.m.

Game C - Game A winner vs. Game B winner - 3 p.m.

Game D - Game A loser vs. Game B loser - 5 p.m.

### Friday, May 4, 2012 - Saint Vincent College - Latrobe, Pa.

Game E - Game C loser vs. Game D winner - 11 a.m.

Game F - Game C winner vs. Game E winner - 1 p.m.

Game G - if necessary - 3 p.m.

#jmo#