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## Thomas More Picked to Repeat as PAC Champions in 2010 Volleyball Coaches Poll

WEXFORD, Pa. - Thomas More College has been picked to repeat as Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) volleyball champions in 2010, according to a preseason poll of league volleyball coaches. The Saints, led by head coach **John Spinney**, garnered seven of 10 possible first place votes to finish with 87 points in the poll.

After Thomas More, 2009 PAC runner-up Thiel was predicted to finish second, receiving the other three first place votes and 79 points overall. Rounding out the preseason poll are Saint Vincent (70), Westminster (61), Bethany (49), Washington & Jefferson (39), Grove City (30), Waynesburg (23), and Chatham (12).

NCAA Division III provisional member Geneva was predicted to go 12-6 in 2010 against PAC teams, according to poll voters. Geneva is not eligible for the PAC until the school is granted active membership in Division III by the NCAA at the conclusion of their provisional membership period, tentatively scheduled for the summer of 2011.

A complete conference volleyball season preview with preseason summaries of all 10 PAC programs can be found on the PAC website at <http://www.pacathletics.org/vbpreview10.htm>.

Founded in 1955, the Presidents' Athletic Conference continues its mission of promoting inter-collegiate 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).

### 2010 PAC VOLLEYBALL PRESEASON COACHES POLL

<u>Team</u> (1st place votes)	<u>Points</u>	<u>2009 record</u>
1. Thomas More (7)	87	28-11, 13-1 PAC
2. Thiel (3)	79	23-11, 11-3 PAC
3. Saint Vincent	70	23-11
4. Westminster	61	13-23, 10-4 PAC
5. Bethany	49	16-15, 5-9 PAC
6. Washington & Jefferson	39	16-16, 10-4 PAC
7. Grove City	30	8-24, 4-10 PAC
8. Waynesburg	23	6-20, 3-11 PAC
9. Chatham	12	1-25, 0-14 PAC

Geneva picked to finish 12-6 vs. PAC opponents (19-12, 13-5 vs. PAC opponents in 2009)