

# 2009-10 PAC Women's Basketball Release Week 1 - November 16



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## 2009-10 PAC STANDINGS (through November 15)

School	PAC Contests			All Contests		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Chatham	0	0	.000	1	0	1.00
Bethany	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Grove City	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Thiel	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Thomas More	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Washington & Jefferson	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Waynesburg	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Westminster	0	0	.000	0	0	.000
Saint Vincent*				0	0	.000
Geneva*				0	0	.000

\* - NCAA Division III provisional member - ineligible for PAC title and Player of the Week honors

### LAST WEEK

Sunday, November 15, 2009

CHATHAM 66, Wilson 26

### THIS WEEK

Monday, November 16, 2009

Bethany at Carnegie Mellon - 7 p.m.

Mount Union at Westminster - 7 p.m.

Saint Vincent at Mt. Aloysius - 7 p.m.

Case W. Reserve at Wash. & Jeff. - 6 p.m.

Geneva, Thiel at La Roche Tournament

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Grove City at Allegheny - 6 p.m.

Geneva, Thiel at La Roche Tournament

Friday, November 20, 2009

Hilbert at Chatham - 6 p.m.

Albion vs. Westminster (at W&J) - 6 p.m.

Capital at Wash. & Jeff. - 8 p.m.

Bethany at Mount St. Joseph Tournament

Grove City at PS-Behrend Tournament

Thomas More at Centre Tip-Off Classic

Waynesburg at Adrian Tip-off Tournament

Saturday, November 21, 2009

Capital vs. Westminster (at W&J) - 2 p.m.

Albion at Washington & Jefferson - 4 p.m.

Point Park at Geneva - 7 p.m.

Bethany at Mount St. Joseph Tournament

Grove City at PS-Behrend Tournament

Saint Vincent at Dickinson Tournament

Waynesburg at Adrian (Mich.) Tip-off

Tournament

Sunday, November 22, 2009

Saint Vincent at Dickinson Tournament

Thomas More at Centre Tip-Off Classic

## PAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 2009-10 - Week 1 Conference Notes

**FIRST IN THE NATION:** The 2009-10 PAC basketball regular season is underway, as Chatham hosted the first NCAA Division III women's game in the nation on Sunday ... Tipping off just seconds after midnight, the Cougars easily dispatched visiting non-league foe Wilson 66-26 ... Washington & Jefferson was picked atop the 2009 PAC Preseason Poll, voted on by coaches, SIDs and media released at the conclusion of the PAC Basketball Media Day conference call on October 28.

**NEWS & NOTES:** Two new coaches have joined the league, as former Geneva standout player **Renee (Freeman) Drake** takes over at her alma mater for legendary retired coach **Ron Galbreath**, while at Thiel, **Angie Zeuch** replaces **Artina Trader**, who returned to coach her alma mater, North Carolina Wesleyan ... In its season opening win over Wilson, Chatham was led by sophomore **Lizz King** and FY **Marguerite Sargent** with 13 and 12 points, respectively, while junior PG **Courtney Smith** had six steals.

**AROUND THE LEAGUE:** Saint Vincent returns three starters from last year's 16-8 record when the Bearcats open at Mt. Aloysius Monday ... Grove City returns four starters, including junior **F Christine Slater**, the leading returning scorer in the PAC from 2008-09 ... Waynesburg begins its second season under **Sam Jones** at the Adrian Invitational this weekend ... A scheduling anomaly has Westminster opening its season with a home game for the first time since a 75-63 win over Thiel to tip off the 1990-91 season.

# PAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NOTES

## Bethany Bison (0-0, 0-0 PAC)



Bethany's 2009-10 season gets underway Monday with a road contest at Carnegie Mellon ... Sixth-year head coach **Rebecca Upton** will have a very young squad to work with this season, as only one of 11 players on her roster has more than one year of college experience under their belt ... Junior **Tara Harris** and sophomores **Renee Shepherd** and **Anne Wilson** are the three most experienced players back ... Harris was the team's leading rebounder last season with 5.9 boards per contest and also averaged 6.3 points ... Wilson, who slides into the starting point guard role this year, is the team's top returning scorer at 8.0 and Shepherd totaled 4.2 points and 4.5 rebounds in 24 games last year.

## Chatham Cougars (1-0, 0-0 PAC)



The Cougars kicked off their 2009-10 season by competing in the first official NCAA D-III women's basketball game against visiting Wilson at 12:01 am. ... Chatham earned the victory, their third in a row in season opener victories, by a dominating score of 66-26 ... The Cougars took the lead early and never looked back, led by redshirt sophomore **Lizz King** and redshirt first-year **Marguerite Sargent**, who added 13 and 12 points off the bench, respectively ... Senior **Libby Soeder** tied a career-high adding 12 rebounds, while classmate **Danielle Pais** tied a career-high with seven assists ... Junior PG **Courtney Smith** also collected a game- and a career-high six steals and the Cougars set a school record with 26 steals in the victory.

## Geneva Golden Tornadoes (0-0)



Geneva women's basketball begins a new era this week under first-year interim head coach **Renee Drake** ... Drake took over the Geneva women's program two months ago and will look to guide the Golden Tornadoes back from a disappointing 9-15 record a year ago. Geneva returns four starters and seven letter winners for the upcoming season ... Geneva opens the year on the road at the La Roche College tournament and will return home on Saturday for the home opener against Point Park University.

## Grove City Wolverines (0-0, 0-0 PAC)



Grove City begins the 2009-10 season at Allegheny Tuesday night in non-conference action ... It is Grove City's first road opener since facing Messiah in the 2005-06 opener ... The Wolverines have played two neutral-site openers and a home opener since then ... Head coach **Sarah Harris** is 1-2 in season openers ... Grove City returns four starters from last year, including junior F **Christine Slater**, the conference's leading returning scorer ... Also back are seniors **Krista Beechy** and **Laura Miller** and sophomore **Megan Gebrosky** ... The Wolverines will compete in the Penn State Behrend Tournament this weekend in Erie ... Grove City faces Kenyon Friday night and either Behrend or Fredonia State Saturday.

## Saint Vincent Bearcats (0-0)



The Bearcats tip off the 2009-10 campaign Monday night, traveling to Mount Aloysius for a 7 p.m. battle ... Though the Bearcats graduated four players from last season's 16-8 squad, three starters and six players total return, led by the guard tandem of sophomore **Emily Fenton** and junior **Maria Baroffio** ... Fenton earned PAC Coaches Honors in her freshman campaign, averaging 11.5 points and 3.4 rebounds while making a team-high 41 three-pointers ... Baroffio averaged 11.1 points and totaled 45 steals in '08-09 ... Two frontcourt starters also return in junior **Chelsea Young** and sophomore **Brittany Sedlock**, who led the team and placed in the top-10 in the PAC with an average of 7.4 rebounds.

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



Ready to take the reins of the Thiel women's basketball program, first-year head coach **Angie Zeuch** is optimistic of her team's success throughout what promises to be a challenging campaign ... Though 10-14 a season ago, the Tomcats enter the 2009-10 campaign empowered by a strong finish that saw them advance to the semi-finals of the PAC tournament... Senior G **Jasmin Jones** returns after missing the second half of last season due to injury ... Thiel's returning sophomores bring experience through Gs **Rachel Doran**, **Nina Gabrelcik** and **Rianne Thornton** and Fs **Ashley Davis** and **Chelsi Clark**.

## Thomas More Saints (0-0, 0-0 PAC)



The Thomas More women's basketball team looks to continue the program's winning tradition in 2009-10 under sixth-year head coach **Brian Neal** ... Neal, who enters the season with a 115-26 record in his first five seasons in Crestview Hills, returns seven letterwinners, including one starter, from last season's squad that went 28-3 overall, 13-1 in the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC), won the PAC regular season and Tournament titles and advanced to the "Sweet 16" of the NCAA Division III National Tournament ... Key returners are junior F/C **Nicole Dickman**, senior G **Sarah Yeiser**, junior F **Dana Bors** and junior G/F **Amy Stultz**.

## Washington & Jefferson Presidents (0-0, 0-0 PAC)



The Presidents' starting five will feature three-year starters and three-time All-PAC selections F **Maggie Gibson** and PG **Kennan Killeen** ... Gibson earned first team All-PAC honors the past two seasons after garnering second-team laurels as a freshman ... Killeen has been recognized on the second team each of her first three seasons ... Two-year starting G **Stephanie Smith**, rounds out the list of seniors ... Sixth-year head coach **Jina DeRubbo**, who holds a 241-90 career record in 13 seasons, has amassed 110-33 record at W&J ... DeRubbo has the second-most wins in the program's history, trailing current assistant **Vicki Staton**, who amassed 279 wins in her 25-year career.

## Waynesburg Yellow Jackets (0-0, 0-0 PAC)



Waynesburg begins its second season under head coach **Sam Jones** at the Adrian Invitational this weekend

## Westminster Titans (0-0, 0-0 PAC)



Bouncing back in a big way from an eight-win season is something that Westminster accomplished just three years ago ... The Titans set a school record for wins in a season with a 22-7 record in 2006-07 after going 8-19 the previous year ... Westminster again enters the 2009-10 season looking to rebound from last year's eight-win 8-17 season and seventh-place finish in the PAC with a 4-10 mark ... The Titans return four starters including three other letter-winners and nine newcomers.

# PAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

## Bethany Bison

at Carnegie Mellon (11/16)  
at Mount St. Joseph Tournament (11/20-21)



The Bison tip-off the new campaign Monday by facing former PAC rival Carnegie Mellon, who leads the series with Bethany 19-14 ... The teams split their most recent two match-ups, with the Tartans winning 71-68 in Pittsburgh during 2008 and the Bison claiming a 67-66 victory at the buzzer in Bethany back in '07 ... The Bison will face Mount St. Joseph for just the second time ever Friday at the Lions' Tip-Off Tourney, as MSJ won the only other match-up 69-62 in 2004 at the Bethany Holiday Tournament ... On Saturday, the Bison will face either Cumberlands from Kentucky, who reached the Elite Eight of the NAIA Tournament last year, or Alma from Michigan..

## Chatham Cougars

Chatham Purple Reign Tournament (11/20-21)



Chatham returns to action this Friday, November 20th when they host Hilbert College in the opening game of the Third Annual Purple Reign Tournament benefitting the American Cancer Society and Coaches vs. Cancer ... Tip-off is set for 6 p.m., followed by the other semi-final contest beginning at 8 p.m. with PSU-Greater Allegheny taking on Ursuline College.

## Geneva Golden Tornadoes

vs. Carlow (at La Roche) (11/16)  
at La Roche (11/17)  
vs. Point Park (11/21)



Two of Geneva's nine victories last year came in the first two games of the year at the La Roche tournament ... The GTs will look to duplicate that feat as they open this year against the same two teams in Carlow and La Roche ... Geneva leads the all-time series 27-10 against Carlow and 6-0 against the Redhawks ... Carlow was a longtime opponent for Geneva in the NAIA ... Saturday night, Geneva will face another familiar opponent in former NAIA rival Point Park University ... Geneva leads that all-time series 28-19 and will host the Pioneers for the 2009 home opener.

## Grove City Wolverines

at Allegheny (11/17)  
at PS-Behrend Tournament (11/20-21)



Grove City visits longtime foe Allegheny Tuesday night in the season lidlifter ... Allegheny leads the all-time series 23-15 but the Wolverines won last year's meeting in Grove City, 54-51 ... Grove City is 6-0 all-time in the Wise Center, including a pair of titles in the Allegheny Tip-Off Tournament (2004, 2007) ... Friday's game will be Grove City's first-ever matchup with Kenyon.

## Saint Vincent Bearcats

at Mount Aloysius (11/16)  
at Dickinson Tournament (11/21-22)



The Bearcats open the season Monday at Mt. Aloysius, the first meeting between the two teams in exactly 10 years, as they opened up the 1999-2000 campaign with SVC winning 84-74 on Nov. 16, 1999 ... Saint Vincent, 4-6 in its last 10 season-openers, has won two of its past three, including a 77-72 win at NAIA Ursuline on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> last season ... **Emily Fenton** came off the bench to score 14 points in her collegiate debut, going 6-of-8 from the field ... The Bearcats will remain on the road in the opening week, taking part in a tournament hosted by Dickinson ... They begin with a tough draw, taking on Moravian, ranked 15<sup>th</sup> by [D3hoops.com](http://D3hoops.com), Saturday night.

## Thiel Tomcats

at La Roche Invitational (11/16-17)



The Thiel women start the season with in a 7:00 p.m. contest against the Red Hawks of La Roche College on Monday, November 16.

## Thomas More Saints

at Centre Tournament (11/20-22)



Thomas More is a combined 20-6 all-time against LaGrange and Centre ... The Saints are 3-0 against LaGrange, including a 66-58 win in their last meeting in 2004-2005 and are 17-6 all-time against Centre, including the last 13 meetings dating back to the 2001-2002 season.

## Washington & Jefferson Presidents

vs. Case Western Reserve (11/16)  
W&J Tip-off Classic (11/20-21)



The Presidents and Spartans meet for the fourth time, with W&J currently holding a 2-1 edge in the all-time series ... The two squads met last season in Cleveland with the Presidents winning 65-52 ... Senior SG **Stephanie Smith** led all scorers with 17 points, while senior PG **Kennan Killeen** added 11 points and eight rebounds ... Senior **Ashleigh Tondo** paced the Spartans with nine points and eight rebounds ... W&J hosts its annual tip-off classic this weekend at the Henry Memorial Center ... W&J plays No. 22 Capital on Friday evening at 8 p.m. and entertains Albion (Mich.) on Saturday at 4 p.m.

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A scheduling anomaly has Westminster opening its season with a home game for the first time since a 75-63 win over Thiel to tip off the 1990-91 season ... Some of the freshmen on this year's team weren't even born the last time Westminster opened the season at home ... The Titans host Mount Union, a team they beat each of the last three seasons, including a 68-60 overtime win on the road last year, a 61-58 win at home in 2007, and a 55-43 win at Mount Union in 2006 ... The Purple Raiders last defeated the Titans, 52-38, at Westminster in 2005 ... The Titans will then travel to Washington & Jefferson for a weekend invitational.