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## **PAC to Host 2011 Women's Tennis Championship at the Pennbriar Club in Erie on October 21-22**

WEXFORD, Pa. – The Grove City Wolverine women's tennis program is in pursuit of its 25th consecutive conference title when the 2011 Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Women's Tennis Championship takes place this Friday-Saturday, Oct. 21-22 at the Pennbriar Athletic Club in Erie, Pa. Play begins each day at 8:30 a.m., and admission is free to the general public.

The Wolverine netters of head coach **Joe Walters** have won 25 of the 26 PAC women's tennis titles since the championship was first awarded in 1985. After winning the inaugural crown in 1985, Carnegie Mellon captured the 1986 title. From 1987 forward, GCC has won 24 straight titles entering the weekend and again are one of the favorites, led by the senior trio **Stacy Moon, Megan Bennett** and **Christina Bedi** at first, second and third singles, respectively.

However, this year Grove City faces stiffer competition than in most previous seasons. Westminster is coming off the most successful season in school history, as the Titans of head coach **Scott Renninger** just completed a perfect 15-0 regular season dual record, including a spotless 9-0 mark vs. PAC competition. Included in that record is a 5-4 victory over the Wolverines in New Wilmington on Sept. 29. It was the first win by the Titans over the Wolverines since the 1994 season, while it also marked Grove City's first loss to a PAC opponent since dropping a match to John Carroll during the 1986 campaign. The Titans are paced by sophomore **Caitlin Hosler** and junior **Alex Bailey** at first and second singles.

Also expected to provide tough competition is Saint Vincent, as the Bearcats of head coach **Jim Bendel** posted a 15-3 overall dual campaign, with two of the three losses coming against the league leaders. Leading the way for Saint Vincent is senior **Alexis Cup**, who is the returning PAC Player of the Year after winning the first singles flight title at the 2010 PAC Championship in Erie.

Other teams expected to make some noise this weekend include Bethany, which posted one of its best records in school history with a 12-5 dual mark; Geneva, which enters its first-ever PAC Tournament after posting a winning mark (5-4) against league foes this fall; and Thomas More, which also finished 5-4 in league action. Waynesburg, Chatham, Washington & Jefferson and Thiel will all look to move toward the upper echelon with upset performances this weekend.

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).

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