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Washington & Jefferson College Picked to Repeat as PAC Football Champions in 2005

PITTSBURGH, Pa. - The Washington & Jefferson College football team has been selected to repeat as champions in the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC), according to the preseason poll released at the 2005 PAC Football Media Day at PNC Park in Pittsburgh today. Voters in the polls included conference head coaches, sports information directors, and members of the media present at the conference media day.

The defending PAC champion Presidents of head coach **Mike Sirianni** earned 30 of 36 first-place votes to lead the preseason poll, followed by Thiel, Waynesburg, Westminster, Thomas More, Grove City and Bethany. W&J posted a perfect 10-0 regular season record in 2004 and posted a pair of NCAA Division III playoff wins over Bridgewater and Christopher Newport before falling to Mary Hardin-Baylor in the national quarterfinals.

"It's an honor to be selected as the pre-season favorite, but the last two preseason favorites have not won the conference," said Sirianni, now entering his third season as head coach at Washington & Jefferson. "I think that shows how strong PAC football is from top to bottom.

Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) 2005 Preseason Football Poll		
	Points	2004 Record
1. Washington & Jefferson (30)	246	12-1 (5-0)
2. Thiel (6)	206	7-3 (4-1)
3. Waynesburg	157	7-4 (3-2)
4. Westminster	145	5-5 (2-3)
5. Thomas More	119	4-6
6. Grove City	91	3-7 (1-4)
7. Bethany	49	1-9 (0-5)
<i>(xx) - first place votes</i>		

Following is the voting breakdown for coaches, SIDs and media members for the football preseason poll (36 total voters - 23 media members, seven head coaches, and six SIDs):

Coaches

1. Wash. & Jeff. (5)	47
2. Thiel (2)	42
3. Waynesburg	29
4t. Thomas More	28
4t. Westminster	28
6. Grove City	19
7. Bethany	8

SIDs

1. Wash. & Jeff.(5)	41
2. Thiel (1)	36
3. Waynesburg	27
4. Thomas More	23
5. Westminster	20
6. Grove City	15
7. Bethany	6

Media

1. Wash. & Jeff. (20)	158
2. Thiel (3)	128
3. Waynesburg	101
4. Westminster	97
5. Thomas More	68
6. Grove City	57
7. Bethany	35

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