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Grove City Men, Thomas More Women Earn Top Seeds For 2010 PAC Basketball Tournaments

WEXFORD, Pa. - The Presidents' Athletic Conference has announced the seeds and pairings for the 2010 PAC Men's & Women's Basketball Tournaments, scheduled for this week (February 23-27) at campus sites.

Grove City College is the top seed for the 2010 PAC Men's Basketball Tournament. The Wolverines of head coach **Steve Lamie** finished with a 9-3 conference record, tied with defending PAC champion Thomas More. GCC earned the top seed, a first round bye and home court advantage throughout the tournament via head-to-head tiebreaker after sweeping the 2009-10 regular season series with the Saints.

As the second seed, TMC will host #7 seed Waynesburg on Tuesday. The other first round contests have #6 Westminster at #3 Bethany and #5 Washington & Jefferson at #4 Thiel. The tournament is re-seeded after the first round, with Grove City hosting one semifinal against the lowest remaining seed and the middle seeds meeting in the other semifinal on Thursday. The championship game will be hosted by the highest remaining seed on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Three-time defending PAC champion Thomas More is the women's tournament top seed. The Saints of head coach **Brian Neal** finished with a 13-1 PAC record and will host #8 seed Thiel in a first round contest Tuesday. If Thomas More wins, the Saints will host the women's "final four" over the weekend, with semifinal games slated for 6 & 8 p.m. on Friday night, followed by the championship tilt on Saturday at 2 p.m.

Other opening round games on Tuesday include #7 Bethany at #2 Washington & Jefferson, #6 Chatham at #3 Grove City, and #5 Waynesburg at #4 Westminster. Like the men's tournament, the women's tournament is re-seeded following the first round, with the highest remaining seed hosting the lowest remaining seed in one semifinal, and the two middle seeds in the other.

Admission for all PAC Championship events is \$5 for adults, \$2 for students and \$1 for programs. PAC regular season passes are not accepted for PAC Tournament games. The winners of both PAC Basketball Championship Tournaments this week will earn automatic bids to the 2010 NCAA Division III playoffs, which begin the week of March 1.

Both PAC Championship games on Saturday, February 27 are scheduled to be broadcast via live video webcast through TRZ Communications, with production by public and campus television stations. Links will be available at the conference website: www.pacathletics.org.

Following is the complete schedule for the 2010 PAC basketball championship tournaments:

2010 PAC Men's Basketball Championship Tournament

First Round (at higher seed) - Tuesday, February 23

#5 Washington & Jefferson College (11-14, 6-6 PAC) at #4 Thiel College (14-10, 7-5 PAC) - 7 p.m.

#6 Westminster College (7-18, 3-9 PAC) at #3 Bethany College (17-7, 8-4 PAC) - 7 p.m.

#7 Waynesburg University (2-20, 0-12 PAC) at #2 Thomas More College (19-6, 9-3 PAC) - 8 p.m.

Semifinals (at higher seed) - Thursday, February 25

Lowest remaining seed at #1 Grove City College (17-8, 9-3 PAC) - 7 p.m.

Middle remaining seeds - 7 p.m.

Championship (at higher seed) - Saturday, February 27

7:30 p.m.

2010 PAC Women's Basketball Championship Tournament

First Round (at higher seed) - Tuesday, February 23

#8 Thiel College (6-18, 2-12 PAC) at #1 Thomas More College (22-3, 13-1 PAC) - 6 p.m.

#7 Bethany College (7-18, 4-10 PAC) at #2 Washington & Jefferson College (22-3, 12-2 PAC) - 7 p.m.

#6 Chatham University (10-15, 4-10 PAC) at #3 Grove City College (12-13, 8-6 PAC) - 7 p.m.

#5 Waynesburg University (8-16, 5-9 PAC) at #4 Westminster College (11-14, 8-6 PAC) - 7 p.m.

Semifinals (at highest remaining seed after first round) - Friday, February 26

Middle remaining seeds - 6 p.m.

Lowest remaining seed at Highest remaining seed - 8 p.m.

Championship (at highest remaining seed after first round) - Saturday, February 27

2 p.m.

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