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Grove City Men, W&J Women Picked to Capture 2007-08 PAC Basketball Titles

PITTSBURGH, Pa. - The Grove City College men and Washington & Jefferson College women were picked to capture 2007-08 basketball championships in the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC), according to the preseason poll released at the 2007-08 PAC Basketball Media Day at Mellon Arena 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 Wolverines earned 12 of 39 first-place votes to finish with 218 points, putting Grove City narrowly ahead of a four-team race that included Bethany (215), Westminster (205) and Washington & Jefferson (204), followed by Thiel (127), Waynesburg (102) and Thomas More (73).

"It's anybody's league, as the PAC is extremely well balanced. Every night will be a challenge for us and every team in the league," said 10th-year Grove City head coach **Steve Lamie**.

On the women's side, Washington & Jefferson earned 17 of 43 first-place votes to finish with 306 points, narrowly ahead of second-place Thomas More (296) followed by Westminster (278), Bethany (170) and Waynesburg (170), Thiel (127), Grove City (112) and new PAC member Chatham (80).

"I think our kids are definitely ready for the challenge. It's a different mindset coming in favored to win the conference. We have a group that works very hard and is a little more balanced than in past years," said fourth-year W&J head coach **Jina DeRubbo**.

Finally, media day attendees selected the number of wins against PAC teams for the Geneva and Saint Vincent men's & women's basketball teams. Both the Geneva and Saint Vincent men were tabbed to win nine games against league competition, while on the women's side Geneva was tabbed for nine wins and Saint Vincent for eight. Geneva and Saint Vincent will play a full PAC schedule in 2007-08, but as provisional members of NCAA Division III they are ineligible for the PAC title this season.

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Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) 2007-08 Preseason Men's Basketball Poll

	Points	2006-07 Record
1. Grove City (12)	218	16-13 (6-6)
2. Bethany (7)	215	19-9 (9-3)
3. Westminster (11)	205	18-9 (10-2)
4. Washington & Jefferson (7)	204	14-14 (8-4)
5. Thiel (2)	127	5-20 (2-10)
6. Waynesburg	102	12-13 (4-8)
7. Thomas More	73	3-24 (3-9)

(xx) - first place votes

Predicted wins vs. PAC teams: Geneva - 9; Saint Vincent - 9

Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) 2007-08 Preseason Women's Basketball Poll

	Points	2006-07 Record
1. Washington & Jefferson (17)	306	20-9 (10-2)
2. Thomas More (12)	296	22-5 (10-2)
3. Westminster (12)	278	22-7 (10-2)
4. Bethany	170	9-18 (4-8)
4. Waynesburg	170	9-16 (3-9)
6. Thiel (1)	127	8-17 (3-9)
7. Grove City (1)	112	5-20 (2-10)
8. Chatham	80	8-19 (n/a)

(xx) - first place votes

Predicted wins vs. PAC teams: Geneva - 9; Saint Vincent - 8