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PAC Announces Schedules for 2011 Men's & Women's Soccer/Volleyball Championship Tournaments

WEXFORD, Pa. – The Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) has announced the schedules for the 2011 PAC Championship Tournaments in the sports of men's & women's soccer and women's volleyball. The tournaments, which take place next week on campus sites, will crown the 2011 PAC champions in all three sports that will receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Championships the following week (Nov. 10-12). Admission for all PAC Championship events is \$5 for adults, \$2 for students and \$1 for programs. PAC and institutional passes are not accepted at PAC championship events.

PAC newcomer Geneva has earned the top seed and hosting rights for the semifinal and final rounds of the 2011 PAC Volleyball Championship Tournament. The six-team, single-elimination tournament gets underway on Tuesday night (Nov. 1) with a pair of first-round matches, as #3 Thomas More hosts #6 Saint Vincent while #5 Westminster travels to #4 Thiel. The two first round winners will advance to the weekend "final four" in Beaver Falls, Pa., with the Friday semifinals including the top-seeded Golden Tornadoes facing the Thiel/Westminster winner, while #2 Bethany battles the Thomas More/Saint Vincent victor. The championship match is set for Saturday at 4 p.m.

The 2011 PAC Women's Soccer Tournament features three-time defending PAC champion Washington & Jefferson as the top seed with home field advantage throughout the four-team, single-elimination tournament. The Presidents will host #4 Waynesburg in one semifinal on Tuesday (Nov. 1) at 7 p.m., while the other semifinal features #3 Grove City at #2 Thomas More at 2 p.m. The championship match is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 5 at a site and time TBA.

Finally, two-time defending PAC champion Thomas More is the top seed and will have home field advantage throughout the 2011 PAC Men's Soccer Championship Tournament. The four-team, single-elimination tournament gets underway on Wednesday (Nov. 2) at 2 p.m., when the Saints host #4 seed Bethany in a rematch of the 2010 PAC title match, won by Thomas More 2-1. In the other semifinal, #2 seed Geneva hosts #3 seed Grove City at 7 p.m. The championship matchup is set for this weekend at a site, date and time TBA.

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) as a member of NCAA Division III.

Here are the complete 2011 PAC Volleyball & Soccer Championship Tournament schedules:

2011 PAC VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

First Round - Tuesday, November 1, 2011 (at campus sites)

#6 Saint Vincent (21-10, 10-8 PAC) at #3 Thomas More (18-10, 13-5 PAC) - 7 p.m.

#5 Westminster (19-11, 11-7 PAC) at #4 Thiel (19-10, 13-5 PAC) - 7 p.m.

Semifinals - Friday, November 4, 2011 (at Metheny Fieldhouse - Beaver Falls, Pa.)

Thiel/Westminster winner at #1 Geneva (25-8, 17-1 PAC) - 6 p.m.

Thomas More/Saint Vincent winner vs. #2 Bethany (27-5, 14-4 PAC) - 8 p.m.

Finals - Saturday, November 5, 2011 (at Metheny Fieldhouse - Beaver Falls, Pa.)

4 p.m.

2011 PAC WOMEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Semifinals - Tuesday, November 1, 2011 (at campus sites)

#3 Grove City (10-6-2, 7-2 PAC) at #2 Thomas More (10-4-1, 7-1-1 PAC) - 2 p.m.

#4 Waynesburg (14-4-1, 5-3-1 PAC) at #1 Washington & Jefferson (14-3-1, 8-0-1 PAC) - 7 p.m.

Finals - Saturday, November 5, 2011 (at highest remaining seed)

Time TBA

2011 PAC MEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Semifinals - Wednesday, November 2, 2011 (at campus sites)

#4 Bethany (6-11, 4-4 PAC) at #1 Thomas More (14-1-1, 8-0 PAC) - 2 p.m.

#3 Grove City (12-4-1, 6-1-1 PAC) at #2 Geneva (12-4-2, 6-1-1 PAC) - 7 p.m.

Finals - Friday/Saturday, November 4-5, 2011 (at highest remaining seed)

Time TBA

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