



# SPORTS NEWS

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**Thiel College to Host 2010 PAC Wrestling Championships on Friday, February 12 at 5 p.m.**

WEXFORD, Pa. - The 2010 Presidents' Athletic Conference Wrestling Championships will take place at the Rissell-Beeghly Gymnasia on the campus of Thiel College in Greenville, Pa., on Friday, February 12, 2010, beginning at 5 p.m.

PAC wrestling has traditionally been the domain of the host MatCats, as Thiel has dominated the sport in the conference over the past two decades. The Tomcats have won 10 consecutive league titles (2000-09) and 17 of the last 19 league titles dating back to 1991. Head coach **Craig Thurber** will once again have his squad primed to defend its crown, led by sophomore 133-pounder **Corey Brown**. Brown captured the 2009 PAC Wrestler of the Year award as a freshman before earning NCAA Division III All-America honors with a sixth-place finish at nationals. Defending PAC 149-pound champion **Alec Miller** will also pace the Tomcat efforts.

This year's championship has the makings of one of the most tightly contested meets in recent conference history, as both Waynesburg and Washington & Jefferson bring strong squads to Greenville. The Yellow Jackets, led by head coach **Ron Headlee**, had five different wrestlers earn PAC Wrestler of the Week honors in 2009-10 and are led by junior 141-pounder **Nick Garber** and junior 184-pounder **Corbin Semple**, both NCAA Division III national qualifiers a year ago.

For W&J, head coach **Jay Robison** and his squad enter the championships with high hopes after posting a 21-17 dual meet upset of Thiel in Greenville last weekend. The Presidents are paced by sophomore 125-pounder **Zach Cecchetti** and freshman 197-pounder **Robbie Mies**.

All three PAC teams enter the championship with 1-1 dual record against PAC foes. In addition to the W&J win over Thiel on February 5, the Tomcats edged the Yellow Jackets 17-16 in Greenville on December 11, while Waynesburg toppled W&J 35-9 in Washington on January 22.

Admission to all PAC Championship contests is \$5 for adults, \$2 for students and \$1 for programs. No institutional or conference passes are accepted at PAC Championship events.

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 NCAA Division III 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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