



St. Lawrence Men, Rensselaer Women Top Liberty League Preseason Basketball Coaches' Polls

November 11, 2009 – The St. Lawrence Saints are the preseason favorites in the 2009-10 Liberty League men's basketball coaches' poll, while the Rensselaer Engineers are the preferred choice on the women's side.

In the men's poll, St. Lawrence picked up five first-place votes and 44 points overall to lead the selections. The Saints were followed by Hamilton in second, Clarkson in third, and 2009 tournament champion Rensselaer in fourth. Hobart, Skidmore, Union and Vassar round out the poll in fifth through eighth, respectively.

Rensselaer was the top choice to lead the women's poll, picking up five first-place votes and 47 points overall. Just two points separated Skidmore in second, Union in third, and William Smith in fourth. Hamilton placed fifth in the poll, followed by 2009 tournament champion St. Lawrence in sixth. Clarkson and Vassar round out the poll in seventh and eighth respectively.

The 2009-10 basketball season gets underway this Sunday (Nov. 15), while Liberty League play begins on Jan. 9, 2010. The top four teams in the final standings for both the men and the women will compete in the Liberty League championship tournaments with semifinals taking place on Fri., Feb. 26 and the championship games on Sat., Feb. 27. The top seeded team on each side will host all tournament games.

2009-10 Liberty League Men's Basketball Preseason Coaches' Poll

1.	St. Lawrence	44 (5)
2.	Hamilton	42 (2)
3.	Clarkson	38 (1)
4.	Rensselaer	28
5.	Hobart	25
6.	Skidmore	21
7.	Union	19
8.	Vassar	7

(First-Place Votes in Parentheses)

2009-10 Liberty League Women's Basketball Preseason Coaches' Poll

1.	Rensselaer	47 (5)
2.	Skidmore	37 (2)
3.	Union	36
4.	William Smith	35 (1)
5.	Hamilton	24
6.	St. Lawrence	23
7.	Clarkson	12
8.	Vassar	10

(First-Place Votes in Parentheses)