MARCH 16, 2009

CONFERENCE STANDINGS
Games through March 15 (Sunday)

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*BSC will not be eligible for the conference championship and all conference games against them will not count towards league standings.

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE
Monday, March 9 – Sunday, March 15

Wednesday, March 18
Colorado College vs. LeTourneau (Texas) University (2-7)  1 pm
Lyon (Ark.) College @ Hendrix          5 pm
Benedictine (Kan.) University @ Trinity (2-7)      5 pm

Friday, March 20
Claremont (Calif.) Mudd-Scripps @ Southwestern (2-7)   1 pm

Saturday, March 21
COLORADO COLLEGE @ AUSTIN COLLEGE (2-7)  1 PM
SEWANEE @ BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN (2-7)  1 PM
CENTRE @ RHODES (2-7) TBA
DEPAUW @ MILLSAPS (2-7)  1 PM
HENDRIX @ TRINITY (2-7)  1 PM
LeTourneau (Texas) University @ Southwestern  1 pm

Sunday, March 22
COLORADO COLLEGE @ AUSTIN COLLEGE (2-7)  11 AM
SEWANEE @ BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN (2-7) NOON
CENTRE @ RHODES (2-7) TBA
DEPAUW @ MILLSAPS (2-7) NOON
HENDRIX @ TRINITY (2-7) NOON

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2009 SCAC SOFTBALL
PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Week 1 Jamie Williams, Trinity
Week 2 Armanda Venezia, Rhodes
Week 3 Sydney Selby, Hendrix
Week 4 Karoline Kremers, Millsaps
Week 5 Elise Suna, Rhodes

Week 6
Week 7
Week 8
Week 9

2009 SCAC SOFTBALL
PITCHERS OF THE WEEK

Week 1 Lyndsy Maus, Southwestern
Week 2 Brittany Losey, Trinity
Week 3 Ashley Johnson, Austin College
Week 4 Megan Soultz, DePauw
Week 5 Sara Bowen, Rhodes

Week 6
Week 7
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Week 9

SCAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK
Games of March 9 – March 15

ELISE SUNA OF RHODES COLLEGE, a freshman outfielder from Cincinnati, Ohio, has been selected the SCAC Softball Offensive Player-of-the-Week for games played from Monday, March 9 through Sunday, March 15.

Suna went 10-for-14 (.714 avg) with an .800 on base percentage (12-for-15) to lead the Lynx to a 4-0 record on the week.

Suna scored 4 runs, had 10 RBI, a triple, a home run and a stolen base. Suna is hitting .455 on the season, with two home runs and a SCAC-leading 20 RBI.

Other outstanding individual performances in the SCAC:
First-year outfielder Kaitlyn Pavlicek of Southwestern went 2-3 with one run, two RBI's, one homerun and three walks in two games over the week. Sophomore outfielder Alyssa Kallweit of Colorado College posted a .429 batting average, drove in three runs and scored twice while leading the Tigers to a 3-2 record at the 2009 University of Dallas Spring Classic. Freshman designated hitter Jennifer Kosienski of DePauw went 4-for-9 with three runs scored and four walks producing a team-high .815 on-base percentage. Sophomore infielder Karoline Kremers of Millsaps went 4-for-8 with four runs, four RBIs and a home run as Millsaps swept a doubleheader against MacMurray College. She had two hits in both games to extend a season-long, 7-game hitting streak and also launched her team-leading second home run of the year in the opener. Freshman second baseman Elizabeth Fenwick of Centre helped the Colonels go 3-1 on the week, with all three wins coming on the road. Hendrix did not nominate anyone for this award. Austin College, Southwestern and Trinity did not play last week.

SCAC PITCHER OF THE WEEK
Games of March 9 – March 15

SARA BOWEN OF RHODES COLLEGE, a sophomore right-hander from Franklin, Tenn., has been selected the SCAC Softball Pitcher-of-the-Week for games played from Monday, March 9 through Sunday, March 15.

Bowen picked up a win and a save on the week, tossing her second consecutive no-hitter on Wednesday against Blackburn. In the game, Bowen struck out 12 and allowed just two base runners, a walk and a hit batter.

On Tuesday against MacMurray, Bowen picked up the save, coming in with the bases loaded and two outs and striking out MacMurray’s cleanup hitter.

Bowen currently has a 12 1/3 inning hitless inning streak, in which she is 3-0 with a save and has accumulated 22 strikeouts. She currently has a 4-1 record, a 1.46 ERA and 36 strikeouts in 24 innings pitched. In addition, Bowen is hitting .514 at the plate, with 5 doubles, a home run and 11 RBI.

Other outstanding individual performances in the SCAC:
Sophomore pitcher Erica VanHouzen of Colorado College won both of her starts at the 2009 University of Dallas Spring Classic and finished the weekend with a 2.23 ERA while striking out 21. Junior right hander Megan Soultz of DePauw went 2-2 over the week with a 2.43 ERA. Soultz pitched 23 innings allowing 22 hits striking out 16 batters. Junior right hander Brittney McAllister of Millsaps won her third consecutive decision for Millsaps in 5.0 innings of work against MacMurray College, scattering five hits, a career-tying five strikeouts and two runs. Centre, Hendrix and Southwestern did not nominate anyone for this award. Austin College, Southwestern and Trinity did not play last week.
RESULTS
Games of February March 9 – March 15

Monday, March 9
Millisaps 11, MacMurray 2 – 5 innings
Millisaps 15, MacMurray 2 – 5 innings

Tuesday, March 10
Rhodes 11, MacMurray 6
Rhodes 13, MacMurray 5
Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 9, Hendrix 0 – 5 innings
Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 5, Hendrix 2

Wednesday, March 11
Rhodes 8, Blackburn 0
Rhodes 10, Blackburn 2
Cal Lutheran 3, Hendrix 2
Cal Lutheran 5, Hendrix 2

Friday, March 13
Occidental 3, Hendrix 2
Occidental 7, Hendrix 4
Birmingham-Southern 8, Huntingdon 0

Saturday, March 14
Centre 17, Franklin 16
Franklin 10, Centre 9 – 9 innings
Lynchburg 3, #7 DePauw 1
#7 DePauw 11, #13 Christopher Newport 1 – 5 inn.
Colorado College 3, Univ. of Dallas 2
Univ. of Dallas 2, Colorado College 0
Colorado Wesleyan 12, Colorado College 0
#3 Louisiana College 9, Birmingham-Southern 0

Sunday, March 15
Salisbury 6, #7 DePauw 1
#7 DePauw 9, Plattsburg St. 1 – 6 innings
Centre 7, Hanover 6 – 9 innings
Centre 4, Hanover 1
Howard Payne 6, Southwestern 2
Howard Payne 4, Southwestern 3
Colorado College 3, Univ. of Dallas 2
Colorado College 8, St. Scholastica 0
#3 Louisiana College 8, Birmingham-Southern 0
Birmingham-Southern 6, #3 Louisiana College 1

SCAC GAMES BOLDED IN ALL CAPS
NFCA.org ranking noted when applicable

AROUND THE SCAC

Austin College took last week off from softball action. The Roos will return to the diamond Saturday with a double header against Colorado College.

Birmingham-Southern went 2-2 this week. The Panthers were originally scheduled to play in the Milledaps Invitational, which was canceled due to weather, so instead played on the road against Huntingdon College and No. 3 Louisiana College. In the single game against Huntingdon, the Panthers won 8-0 in five innings, and against LC the Panthers lost the first two games, 9-0 and 8-0, but won 6-1 in the third game to hand the Wildcats their first loss of the season. BSC now stands at 12-2, led by senior Kayla Backlund hitting .545. Junior Jordy Dillow leads with four home runs, and junior Jena Franks leads with 16 RBIs. In the circle, senior Melissa Muhlenfeld is 9-0 with a 3.78 ERA and Harris is 4-1 with a 0.84 ERA. In all, BSC is out-scoring its opponents 95-26 and out-hitting them 135-56. The Panthers have recorded 44 extra-base hits, including 23 doubles, 11 triples, and 10 home runs. The BSC pitching staff is allowing its opponents to hit .208 and owns a 1.28 combined ERA.

Centre shrugged off a slow start to the 2009 season by winning three out of four games on the road this past weekend. Against Franklin College, the Colonels won the first game 17-16 but fell in the second game 10-9 in extra innings. A day later at Hanover College, the Colonels won both games, 7-6, 4-1, respectfully. Centre is now 4-0 with upcoming SCAC league games on the road against SCAC rival Rhodes.

Erica VanHooosen struck out a career-high 14 batters and Alyssa Kallweit threw out the20ing run at the plate with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning to help the Colorado College softball team post a 3-2 victory over the University of Dallas in CC’s season opener. The Panthers scored all three of their runs in the first inning. Sandy Cortis fielded with one out and scored a triple by Paige Honsbruch. Heidi Shannon drove in Honsbruch with a double, and later scored on a wild pitch. VanHooosen scattered three hits while going the distance. The game marked the debut of Erin Thacker as head coach of the Tigers. Sirina Milsap struck out seven and held UD to just two hits, but the Crusaders were able to manufacture runs in both the first and sixth inning and defeated CC 2-0. In the third and final game on Saturday, Nebraska Wesleyan University shut out the Tigers, 12-0. Colorado College pounded out a season-high 13 hits en route to an 8-0 victory over the College of St. Scholastica in Sunday’s first game. Cortis led the attack with three hits in four at-bats, while Allie Ehrensaft, Kallweit, Milsap and Katie Shadrer all had two hits. VanHooosen tossed her second career shutout and tied last year’s season total of two victories. She allowed just three hits in six innings, striking out five and walking a pair. The Tigers scored the only runs they would need in the third inning when Kallweit drove in Cortis and Honsbruch with a one-out double. Shadrer drove in a pair of runs with a single in the sixth inning when the Tigers scored five runs to end the game. Milsap struck out seven and scattered six hits over seven innings to help Colorado College post a 3-2 victory over Dallas in the final game of the UD Spring Classic. Colorado College travels to Longview, Texas, on Tuesday and Wednesday for games at LeTourneau University, and will play its first conference games this Saturday and Sunday at Austin College.

#7 DePauw split its four weekend games in Salisbury, Md. The Tigers lost to Lynchburg, 3-1, on Saturday before defeating 13th-ranked Christopher Newport, 11-1. On Sunday DePauw dropped a 6-1 decision at Salisbury before beating Plattsburgh State, 9-1. The Tigers collected nine hits against Lynchburg, but left eight runners on base. After taking a 1-0 lead in the first, DePauw surrendered three in the fourth. Brianne Weeks led the Tigers with three hits and Megan Soultz suffered her first loss of the season. Christopher Newport took a 1-0 lead in Saturday’s second game, but DePauw scored nine in the second and two in the fourth in a five-inning game. Cheley Patterson, Rachel Gill, Jennifer Kosinski and Kelly Schwerzler each had three hits, while Schwerzler drove in three and Gill scored three. Soultz allowed just four hits in improving to 5-1. Host Salisbury scored two unearned runs in the second before the Tigers closed the gap with one in the third, but the Sea Gulls added one in the fourth, two in the fifth and one ore in the sixth. The Tigers tallied just two hits in the loss. DePauw wrapped up the weekend against Plattsburgh by scoring seven in the second and never trailing in the win. Emma Minx led the Tigers with two hits as eight different players collected hits. For the weekend, Jennifer Kosinski hit .444 followed by Weeks and Patterson at .417 each. Soultz posted a 2.43 earned run average while striking out 16 in 23 innings. In the opening weekend, Patterson broke the SCAC career record for runs scored and now has 129. Gill has tied both the DePauw and SCAC career record of 38 doubles. Soultz needs four more strikeouts to break the SCAC record of 463 held by Erin Mulvey of Trinity (2005-07).
NATIONAL, REGIONAL POLLS

NATIONAL FASTPITCH COACHES ASSOCIATION TOP 25
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AROUND THE SCAC

Hendrix took its show to California for the 2009 Spring Break Road Trip and, unfortunately, returned home with six losses. The Warriors hit a speed bump after opening the season with seven wins in nine games and now stand at 7-8 overall. Hendrix dropped a pair of games to No. 17 Claremont-Mudd-Scripps (9-0 and 5-2) on Tuesday and then traveled to Cal Lutheran University for a pair of losses (3-2 and 5-2) on Wednesday. The Warriors ended their road trip at Occidental College with a 3-2 loss and 7-4 loss. Hendrix will look to snap its six-game slump with a pair of wins over Lyon College on Wednesday at Warrior Field. Sophomores Jaclyn Herrera and Hanna Braden led the Warriors at the plate over the week. Herrera batted .333 with one run, three RBI and on homer, while Braden scored four runs with a double, a dinger and an RBI.

Millsaps knocked off MacMurray College on Monday in a doubleheader for its sixth-straight win overall before having their 3rd Annual Invitational rained out last weekend. The Majors pounded out 26 runs off 30 hits, including a season-high 15 runs and 17 hits in Game 2, while holding the Highlanders to four runs. Juniors Brittney McAllister and Kasey Thibodeaux won their third-straight games in the circle to move to 3-3, while four different Majors had four-hit performances, including sophomore Karoline Kremers who was 4-for-5 with four runs, four RBIs and a three-run home run in Game 1. Sophomore Laura Litton also had a team-high five RBIs behind three hits and a triple. To make up for lost games over the weekend, Millsaps will now travel to Tyler, Texas, on Tuesday, March 17 for a single game against Austin College (2 p.m.) and nationally-ranked UT-Tyler (4 p.m.). The Majors will then gear up for an 8-game homestand, beginning with DePauw University March 21-22.

Rhodes went 4-0 this week, with wins over MacMurray (11-6 and 13-5) and Blackburn (8-0 and 10-2). Highlights for the week included Sophomore Sara Bowen, who threw her second consecutive no-hitter, extended her hitless innings streak to 12 1/3, and picked up a win and a save. At the plate, Freshman Elise Suna hit .714 (10-14) on the week with a .800 on base percentage (12-15). She had a home run, a double, a triple, 10 RBI and a stolen base to pace a Lynx offense that averaged over 10 runs per game on the week. Other offensive highlights included Bowen, who was 5 for 9 with 5 RBI, freshman Kelli Zomer was 7 for 12 with 8 runs scored and a pair of home runs, and sophomore Allison Conn was 8 for 12 with 6 runs scored. Rhodes opens SCAC play this weekend at home against Centre.

Sewanee took the week off last week. The Tigers will return to action hitting the road to play a double header against Birmingham-Southern Saturday in Alabama.

Southwestern went 0-2 this week to fall to 6-10 on the season. Southwestern went to Howard Payne University after the Millsaps Tournament was cancelled due to rain. The Pirates fell 6-2 and 4-3 on Sunday and were outhit by the Yellowjackets 18-11 over the two games. Lyndsey Mauz received the loss in game one and Kaitlyn Pavlicek got the game two loss. Pavlicek led the Pirate offensively going 2-3 with one run, two RBI’s and three walks in the two games. Pavlicek also had the only homerun for both teams in the contests. Southwestern will return home this week for double headers with Claremont Mudd-Scripps on Friday and LeTourneau on Saturday.

Trinity had its only games of the week cancelled due to bad weather conditions in Mississippi, losing six games scheduled at the Millsaps College Classic. Trinity will be home for its next six games, starting with a doubleheader against Benedictine College on Wednesday evening. This weekend, the Tigers open SCAC play with a four-game series against Hendrix College. Last season, the Tigers swept a four-game road series against Hendrix to finish out conference play. In 2007, the teams split a four-game weekend series in San Antonio. Trinity won the first and last games of the series to earn the series split.

For complete team and individual statistics and box scores for all games, click to the official website of SCAC Softball:

http://www.scacsports.com/sports/sball/index