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2009 SCAC Softball Tournament
• April 24-26, 2008 (Fri-Sat-Sun)
• Hosted by Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas
• Six Team Field, Double-elimination
• Qualify: Top three teams from each division
• Champion: SCAC automatic qualifier to NCAA Division III Championship

NCAA Championship Tournament
• Regional Championships: May 8-10 (on campus)
• Division III World Series: May 15-17 (Salem, Va.)

2008 SEASON REVIEW
SCAC Champion
DePauw University

NCAA Championship Participants
DePauw University – AQ
(fifth in NCAA Augustana Regional)

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MARCH 23, 2009

CONFERENCE STANDINGS
Games through March 22 (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 23 – Sunday, March 29

Monday, March 23
DePauw @ University of Texas Tyler (2-7) 1 pm

Tuesday, March 24
Birmingham-Southern @ Spring Hill (Ala.) College 1 pm

Wednesday, March 25
University (Ark.) of the Ozarks @ Hendrix 5 pm
LeMoyne-Owen (Tenn.) College @ Rhodes (2-7) 3 pm
Covenant (Ga.) College @ Sewanee (2-7) 2 pm

Thursday, March 26
DePauw @ Louisiana College (2-7) 1 pm

Friday, March 27
DePauw vs. Mary Hardin-Baylor (Texas) University @ Louisiana College (2-7) 1 pm

Saturday, March 28
AUSTIN COLLEGE @ BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN (2-7) 1 PM
CENTRE @ MILLSAPS (2-7) NOON
TRINITY @ COLORADO COLLEGE (2-7) 1 PM
HENDRIX @ SOUTHWESTERN (2-7) 1 PM
RHODES @ SEWANEE (2-7) 1 PM
DePauw @ Mississippi College (2-7) 11 am

Sunday, March 29
AUSTIN COLLEGE @ BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN (2-7) 11 AM
CENTRE @ MILLSAPS (2-7) 11 AM
TRINITY @ COLORADO COLLEGE (2-7) NOON
HENDRIX @ SOUTHWESTERN (2-7) NOON
RHODES @ SEWANEE (2-7) NOON
DePauw @ Illinois Wesleyan (2-7) 3:30 pm
All Times Local, CONFERENCE GAMES BOLD ALL CAPS
## 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 | Rebekah Moore, Rhodes |
| Week 7 | Kaitlyn Pavlicek, Southwestern |
| Week 8 | Megan Soultz, DePauw |
| Week 9 | Ashley Johnson, Austin College |

## 2009 SCAC SOFTBALL PITCHERS OF THE WEEK

| Week 1 | Lyndsey Maus, Southwestern |
| Week 2 | Brittany Losey, Trinity |
| Week 3 | Ashley Johnson, Austin College |
| Week 4 | Megan Soultz, DePauw |
| Week 5 | Sara Bowen, Rhodes |
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## SCAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**REBEKAH MOORE OF RHODES COLLEGE**

A junior catcher from Munford, Tenn., has been selected the SCAC Softball Offensive Player-of-the-Week for games played from Monday, March 16 through Sunday, March 22.

After striking out in her first at bat of the weekend, Moore finished the weekend strong, hitting .583 (7 for 12) with an on base percentage of .714 (10 for 14). Moore blasted a home run and 3 doubles earned 2 walks and racked up 6 RBI on the weekend while scoring 2 runs.

In game one on Sunday, Moore reached base in all four plate appearances, going 2-for-3 with a walk and reached on a fielder’s choice. With Rhodes trailing 5-4 in the bottom of the 7th, Moore led the inning off with a double, which proved to be the tying run when the pinch runner scored. The Lynx went on to win the game 6-5.

In game two, Moore was a perfect 3 for 3 at the plate, with 2 doubles, 3 RBI and a run scored.

**Other outstanding individual performances in the SCAC:**

First-year infielder Kat Hoover of Southwestern was 5-12 with one home run this week for the Pirates. She scored twice and had five RBI’s as the Pirates won 3-1 this week. Sophomore shortstop Brianne Weeks of DePauw hit .500 for the week going 9-for-18 scoring five runs with three RBIs stealing three bases on three attempts as the Tigers went 4-0 over the week. First-year outfielder Karen MacPherson of Trinity hit .475 over the past six games, collecting nine hits in 19 at-bats, and leading the team with six runs scored. She also drove in two runs and held an on-base percentage of .524 for the week. Even more impressive was the havoc she created on the base paths over the past six games, recording nine stolen bases in nine attempts. Junior infielder Kasey Thibodeaux of Millsaps hit the second and third home runs of her Millsaps career en route to a .462 week at the plate (6-for-13) with three RBI, three runs scored and two steals.

**SCAC CO-PITCHERS OF THE WEEK**

**KAITLYN PAVLICEK OF SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY**

A freshman right-hander from Spring, Texas, has been selected the SCAC Softball Co-Pitcher-of-the-Week for games played from Monday, March 16 through Sunday, March 22.

Pavlicek was 2-0 this week including a shutout performance against #24 Claremont Mudd Scripps. Pavlicek held the Athenas to just two hits and walked only one and struck out three. On the week Pavlicek allowed just two runs (one earned), ten walks, two and struck out six while posting a 0.58 ERA.

**MEGAN SOULTZ OF DEPAUW UNIVERSITY**

A junior right-hander from Carmel, Ind., has been selected the SCAC Softball Co-Pitcher-of-the-Week for games played from Monday, March 16 through Sunday, March 22.

Soultz went a perfect 4-0 on the week pitching 23 innings allowing just four earned runs on 19 hits posting an ERA of 1.22.

Soultz struck out 11 batters over the weekend including setting the SCAC All-Time career strikeout record in the second game of Saturday’s double headers against Millsaps. Soultz currently has 471 career total strikeouts.

**Other outstanding individual performances in the SCAC:**

First-year pitcher Brittany Losey of Trinity went 2-1 over the past week to lead the Tigers to a 3-3 overall record and a 3-1 SCAC record against Hendrix College. Losey posted a 3.34 ERA in four appearances last week, giving up seven earned runs in 14.2 innings of work. First-year pitcher Elizabeth Vaughan of Hendrix led the Warriors’ pitching staff with a 1-0 record and 3.86 ERA on the weekend. She tossed 7.0 innings in two appearances and one start with just seven hits, six runs (3 earned), five walks and two strike outs. Sophomore right-hander Ashley Johnson of Austin College went 2-0 over the weekend against Colorado College with a 1.29 ERA, allowing only nine hits and three runs (two earned) while striking out eight batters. Sophomore pitcher Sara Bowen of Rhodes went 2-0 on the weekend, totaling 10 innings in the circle, giving up just 6 hits and 1 run while striking out 13.

Centre, Colorado College, Millsaps and Sewanee did not nominate anyone for this award.
RESULTS
Games of February March 16 – March 22

Monday, March 16
East Texas Baptist 8, Austin College 5 – 5 innings
East Texas Baptist 5, Austin College 5

Tuesday, March 17
LeTourneau 9, Colorado College 0
LeTourneau 7, Colorado College 0
Millisaps 6, Austin 5
#4 Texas-Tyler 7, Milsaps 2
#4 Texas-Tyler 5, Austin 2

Wednesday, March 18
LeTourneau 9, Colorado College 0
LeTourneau 7, Colorado College 0
Millisaps 6, Austin 5

Thursday, March 19
#23 Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 14, Southwestern 3
Southwestern 3, #23 Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 0

Friday, March 20
Trinity 6, Hendrix 4
Austin College 6, Colorado College 1

Birmingham-Southern 20, Sewanee 0 – 5
Birmingham-Southern 9, Sewanee 0 – 5 IN

Sunday, March 22
Rhodes 9, Centre 0
Rhodes 6, Centre 5

TRINITY 11, HENDRIX 2 – 5 INNINGS
AUSTIN COLLEGE 2, COLORADO COLLEGE 1

BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN 13, SEWANE 0, 5 IN
RHODES 9, CENTRE 1
RHODES 6, CENTRE 5

BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN 13, SEWANE 0 – 5
BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN 14, SEWANE 0 – 5
AUSTIN COLLEGE 4, COLORADO COLLEGE 2
AUSTIN COLLEGE 2, COLORADO COLLEGE 1
HENDRIX 19, TRINITY 4 – 5 INNINGS
TRINITY 11, HENDRIX 2 – 5 INNINGS

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

AROUND THE SCAC

Austin College completed its first four game series sweep in the three year history of the program with its victories over Colorado College over the weekend. The ‘Roos took a decisive 6-1 victory in game one before getting three dramatic victories the rest of the weekend, including a 5-4 win on Saturday as well as a pair of walk off victories on Sunday. On Saturday, Ashley Johnson took a no hitter into the sixth inning and the ‘Roos got homers by Suzanne Beltran and Sam Smith in the first two innings in their five run win, and in the second game with the ‘Roos trailing by a run in the bottom of the sixth Stefanie Faith blasted a two run shot to lift the ‘Roos to the win. On Sunday the ‘Roos and Tigers battled to a 2-2 tie into the bottom of the seventh, and with two outs and a runner on Carolyn Stone hit a walk off homer to give Austin College the 4-2 victory. In the second game the Tigers took a 1-0 lead into the final inning but Stone scored to tie things up and Beltran hit a single to deep left with the bases loaded to give the ‘Roos the 2-1 come from behind victory. Stone batted .700 over the weekend and Johnson went 2-0 with a 1.29 earned run average in the four game series.

Birmingham-Southern went 4-0 this weekend, opening conference play at home against Sewanee and shutting out the Tigers in all four five-inning games. BSC won game one 9-0, game two 20-0, game three 13-0, and game four 14-0. On Sunday, junior Tori Harris and freshman Beth Lefler both threw no-hitters for BSC. Junior Jena Franks led the team at the plate, going 9-14 (.643) with five doubles and eight RBI. She also led with a 1.000 slugging percentage, 14 total bases, and a .667 on-base percentage. In the circle, all four of BSC’s pitchers (senior Melissa Muehlenfeld, freshman Ronni Ferris, Harris, and Lefler) picked up wins in the shutouts. Muehlenfeld was also 5-6 on stolen bases this weekend and is now 15-15 on the year. Senior Kayla Backlund leads BSC overall with a .547 batting average, and Franks leads with 24 RBI. The Panthers have out-scored their opponents 151-26 this year and out-hit them 189-61. The pitching staff owns a combined ERA of 1.03 with 11 shutouts and a .166 opponent batting average.

After winning three of their last four games the Centre traveled down to Memphis, Tenn., to open 2009 SCAC league play against Rhodes. In the first day of play, Centre dropped two games to the Lynx, 8-0, 5-1. One day later the Colonels lost two more games to the Lynx, 6-5, 9-1. On the season the Colonels are now 4-12 with road league games against Millsaps College up next.

The Colorado College and Trinity University softball teams are joining forces in the fight against cancer when the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference rivals unite for the first “Strike Out Cancer” day on Saturday, March 28. The contest will be held in conjunction with the 1 p.m. doubleheader at Memorial Park in Colorado Springs. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. “Strike Out Cancer” t-shirts will be sold at the games and the CC athletics department will be giving away prizes. Both teams are collecting money for their local American Cancer Society branch. The CC player who raises the most money will have an opportunity to ‘pie’ each Colorado College coach after the second game. The Tigers lost their fourth consecutive doubleheader in the state of Texas on Sunday, falling twice at Austin College by the scores of 4-2 and 2-1, in a pair of outings that just as easily could have gone the other way. The Kangaroos won both in the bottom of the seventh inning, rallying for two runs in their final at-bat to prevail in the nightcap after CC’s Ericka VanHooosen had shut them out while allowing only three hits through the first six frames. Earlier, in the opener of the twinbill, they snapped a 2-2 deadlock on a two-run homer by Carolyn Stone with two out in the seventh. Sandy Corfiss belted a solo home run in the sixth inning of Game 2, snapping a scoreless tie. But VanHooosen got in trouble by walking a couple batters in the seventh. Colorado College wasted a real gem by senior Sirina Milsap on Saturday. Milsap allowed only three hits and one earned run in six innings, but a couple untimely errors cost the Tigers dearly as they dropped a 5-4 decision to Austin College in the second game. Paige Honsbruch, who scored CC’s only run on a fielder’s choice grounder by Ali Ehrensaft in the seventh inning of Game 1, belted a three-run homer in the fifth frame of the nightcap to hand Milsap and Colorado College a 4-3 lead. Austin earlier had scored three unearned runs in the second to wipe out a 1-0 deficit resulting from Ericka VanHooosen’s solo home run to lead off the top of the inning. Honsbruch went 3-for-6 in the two outings. The Tigers, whose bats came alive to collect nine hits in the late contest, will try to snap a five-game losing skid when the meet Austin in another SCAC doubleheader on Sunday.

#16 DePauw opened SCAC play at Millsaps and swept the four-game series from the Majors to improve to 10-2 overall and extend its conference regular season win streak to 22 games. In Saturday’s doubleheader the Tigers won by scores of 8-0 and 5-0, Megan Soultz and Kristin Barrow combined for the shutouts with Soultz taking both wins. The Tigers finished with 14 hits in the opening game as Ashlee Anton led with the three with three and Brianne Weeks, Jennifer Kosinski, Kelly Schwerzler and Rachel MacBeth followed with two each. DePauw totaled 12 hits in the game two win as Weeks, Minx and Rachel Gill each had two. On Sunday, the Tigers rallied from an early 2-0 deficit to win the first game 5-3 before taking the nightcap, 10-2. Chelsy Patterson led the Tigers with three of their nine hits in the first game, while Weeks followed with two hits. In the nightcap, the Tigers totaled 13 hits paced by Weeks with three and two each from Patterson, Gill and Carolyn Bartlett. Bartlett drove in three in the win. Soultz picked up the complete game win in the first game, while Barrow relieved her in the second game. Soultz became the SCAC’s career strikeout leader in Saturday’s second game as she topped the mark of 463 by Trinity’s Erin Malvey (2005-07). The Tigers committed just one error in the four games for a .991 fielding percentage.
NATIONAL, REGIONAL POLLS

NATIONAL FASTPITCH COACHES ASSOCIATION TOP 25

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AROUND THE SCAC

Hendrix went 1-3 this week after a four-game set at Trinity University over the weekend. The Warriors’ midweek doubleheader against Lyon College was canceled due to scheduling conflicts. Hendrix was held scoreless for the first four innings of the opener and lost four innings of the nightcap on Saturday as Trinity took a pair of games (6-4 and 9-1) to open SCAC play. Hendrix College first year LF Trace Grinnell went 3-for-4 with three runs scored and seven RBI to lead the Warriors to their first conference victory of the season, 19-4, in Sunday’s opener. The Tigers took the second game in five innings 11-2. Hendrix now stands at 8-11 overall and sits at third place in the league’s west division. Grinnell paced the Warriors with a .538 (7-for-13) batting average, .692 slugging percentage and eight RBI over the weekend. She scored four runs and tagged one triple on the week. Sophomore OF Ellen Burr battled .417 (5-for-12) with three runs scored, a double and an RBI. First year RHP Elizabeth Vaughan led the pitching staff with a 1-0 record and 3.86 ERA on the weekend. She tossed 7.0 innings in two appearances and one start with just seven hits, six runs (3 earned), five walks and two strike outs.

Millisaps dropped to 7-12-1 overall and 0-4 in league play with a 1-5 week on the diamond, defeating Austin College 6-5 in thrilling fashion before losing a 7-2 decision to 4th-ranked UT-Tyler and four games to 16th-ranked DePauw in Jackson. Senior Tiffany Ladnier (11-for-20) and junior Kasey Thibodeaux (9-for-13) paced the Majors’ offense at the plate with eight runs scored, while Thibodeaux hit a pair of solo home runs against DePauw in Sunday’s doubleheader loss. The Majors won their seventh-straight game on Tuesday with a come-from-behind win against the ‘Roos in Longview, Texas, scoring two in the game’s final inning. Junior Amanda Bintz earned her first win as a Major in 4.0 innings of scoreless ball, allowing just one hit. UT-Tyner snapped the Majors’ win streak at seven in the second game of a doubleheader, scoring four runs in the fourth to open up what was a 3-0 ballgame. All-American pitcher Megan Soultz and DePauw proved to be too much for Millisaps in a four-game sweep over the weekend, outscoring the Majors 28-5. Millisaps will take the week off from competition before hosting Centre College in four games Mar. 28-29.

Rhodes opened SCAC play with a 4 game sweep of Centre, winning by scores of 9-0, 5-1, 6-5 and 9-1. On Saturday, Cindy Bitters tossed a 2-hit shutout to lead the Lynx to a 9-0 win in game 1, with Allison Conn and Elise Suna pacing the offense. Conn went 3 for 3 in the game and Suna was 2 for 4 with 3 RBI. In game 2, Sara Bowen earned the win in the circle, giving up just 1 run on 6 hits while striking out 11. Bannen and Kelli Zomer each has 2 hits and 2 runs scored. Whatley and Ashlyn Chandler each has a hit and 2 RBI. The Lynx won Sunday’s first game in thrilling fashion, pushing across 2 runs in the bottom of the 7th for the 6-5 win. Rebekah Moore led off the bottom of the 7th with a double, and Bowen singled to score Chandler, who had pinch run for Moore. With the score tied and runners on second and third with 2 outs, Jennifer Whatley lined a single to right to score pinch runner Cassi Bails-McLeod and give the Lynx to the win. Bowen picked up the win in relief, holding the Colonels hitless over the final 3 innings. Freshman Chelsea Peters led the Lynx in the circle in game 2 on Sunday, giving up just 1 run on 4 hits while striking out 6. Moore led the Lynx offensively, going 3 for 3 with 2 doubles and 3 RBI to lead the Lynx to the 9-1 win. On the weekend, Bowen was 2-0 in the circle, losing 10 innings, giving up just 1 run on 6 hits with 13 strikeouts. Offensively, Moore hit .583 (7 for 12) with an on base percentage of .714 (10 for 14) for the weekend. She blasted a home run and 3 doubles, earned 2 walks and walked up 6 RBI, while scoring 2 runs. Kelli Zomer also hit .583 (7 for 12) with a .600 on base percentage (9 for 15), with a triple, a home run, an RBI, a stolen base, a sacrifice bunt, and 4 runs scored. Rhodes is 15-3 and riding a 12 game winning streak, the longest in school history. Rhodes will play LeMoyne Owen College on Wednesday, before traveling to Sewanee for a 4 game SCAC series this weekend.

Sewanee dropped all four games of an SCAC series against Birmingham-Southern this weekend. The Tigers are -6 so far and will host Covenant on Wednesday before hosting Rhodes this weekend.

Southwestern went 3-1 this week including a split with nationally ranked Claremont Mudd Scripps. The Pirates took the first game of the double header against the 24 Athenas on Friday, 3-0. First-year Kaylyn Pavlick was sensational going seven innings and allowing no runs on two hits while walking one and striking out three. In game two CMS jumped out to an 8-0 lead after two innings of play and increased their lead to nine after the fourth. Southwestern posted three on the board in the fifth, but after a five run sixth by CMS, the Pirates fell 14-3. SU followed the split with a double header against LeTourneau University on Saturday. Southwestern run ruled the Yellow Jackets in game one, winning 10-2. The Pirates scored five in the first inning and then two in the fourth and three in the fifth to capture the win. Lyndsay Maus led the Pirates to a shutout victory in game two, winning 5-0. The Pirates are now 9-11 overall and begin conference action this weekend when Hendrix visits Georgetown for a pair of double-headers beginning Saturday at 1 pm.

Trinity had its eight-game losing streak snapped over the weekend, finishing the week by taking three out of four games in SCAC play against Hendrix. The Tigers finished 3-3 overall for the week, losing a mid-week doubleheader to Benedictine (KS) College before heading into the weekend series in conference play. Trinity swept both games of the opening doubleheader on Saturday, then bounced back from a lopsided loss in game three to win the series finale on Sunday afternoon. Senior shortstop Jamie Williams broke Trinity’s career record for hits over the weekend, passing Ali Woods (1999-2002) for the top spot in the record book. Williams, who recorded her record-breaking 168th hit with a third-inning double on Sunday, holds numerous school records for both single season and career categories, and is third all-time in career batting average. The Tigers travel to Colorado College this weekend, continuing SCAC action on the road. Trinity swept a four-game SCAC series against Colorado College at home last season.