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BASEBALL REPORT

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2009 SCAC Baseball Tournament

• April 23-26, 2009 (Thurs-Fri-Sat-Sun)
• Hosted by Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss.
• Six Team Field, Double-elimination
• Qualify: Top three teams from each division
• Champion: SCAC automatic qualifier to NCAA Division III Tournament

NCAA Championship Tournament
• Regional Championships: May 13-17 (on campus)
• Division III World Series: May 22-26 (Appleton, Wis.)

2008 SEASON REVIEW

SCAC Champion
Trinity University

NCAA Championship Participant
Trinity University
(lost in NCAA West Regional)

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MARCH 30, 2009

CONFERENCE STANDINGS
Games through March 29 (Sunday)

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* BSC will not be eligible for the conference championship.
# Clinched a spot in the SCAC Tournament (top three teams from each division)

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE
Monday, March 30 – Sunday, April 5

Tuesday, March 31
Southwestern vs. Concordia (Texas) (@ Round Rock, Texas) (1-9) 1 p.m.
Texas-Dallas @ Austin (2-7) 2 p.m.
Asbury @ Centre (1-9) 5 p.m.
Belhaven (Miss.) @ Millsaps (1-9) 6 p.m.
Birmingham-Southern @ Piedmont (1-9) 7 p.m.
Oglethorpe @ LaGrange (1-9) 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 1
DePauw @ Wabash (1-9) 1 p.m.
Quachita Baptist @ Hendrix (1-9) 6 p.m.

Friday, April 3
TRINITY @ AUSTIN (2-7) 1 P.M.
RHODES @ OGLETHORPE (1-9) 7 P.M.

Saturday, April 4
BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN @ DEPAUW (2-9) 1 P.M.
SOUTHWESTERN @ MILLSAPS (1-9) 2 P.M.
TRINITY @ AUSTIN (2-7) 2 P.M.
SEWANEE @ CENTRE (2-7) 3:30 P.M.
RHODES @ OGLETHORPE (1-9) 4 P.M.
DEPAUW @ CENTRE (1-9) 7 P.M.

Sunday, April 5
TRINITY @ AUSTIN (1-9) NOON
RHODES @ OGLETHORPE (1-9) NOON
SEWANEE @ CENTRE (1-9) 1 P.M.
BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN @ DEPAUW (1-9) 1 P.M.
SOUTHWESTERN @ MILLSAPS (1-9) 2 P.M.

All times local / SCAC GAMES BOLDED IN ALL CAPS
2009 SCAC BASEBALL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Week 1 Will Hawkins, Millsaps
Week 2 Bennett Herrick, Austin
Week 3 Will Hawkins, Millsaps
Week 4 Ben Gardner, DePauw
Week 5 Jordan Pennington, Trinity
Week 6 Drew Leachman, Birmingham-Southern
Week 7 Hunter Owen, Millsaps
Week 8 Jeff Forgerson, Hendrix

2009 SCAC BASEBALL PITCHERS OF THE WEEK

Week 1 Brantley Freeman, Southwestern
Week 2 Aaron Williams, Millsaps
Week 3 Evan Bronson, Trinity
Week 4 Michael Panozzo, Trinity
Week 5 Jake Jones, Centre
Week 6 Mike Peterson, DePauw
Week 7 Colby Mattheson, Rhodes
Week 8 Wheeler Gnat, Hendrix

Jeff Forgerson of Hendrix College, a 6-3, 210-pound sophomore infielder from Simi Valley, Calif., has been named the SCAC Offensive Baseball Player-of-the-Week for games played Monday, March 23 through Sunday, March 29.

Forgerson hit .529 (9-for-17) at the plate that included seven RBI, two doubles, and three home runs. He tallied 20 total bases and posted a 1.176 slugging percentage to go a long with his .556 on-base percentage (1.732 OPS) in leading the Warriors to its first SCAC series win this year. With his three home runs, Forgerson established a new Hendrix single-season record with eight home runs.

Other outstanding individual performances in the SCAC:
Sophomore infielder/OH Lee Cohen of Austin College hit .375 with a triple and three RBI during the week. Sophomore outﬁelder Darby Weppner of Birmingham-Southern College batted .333 (4-12) with 11 RBI, one double, slugged .667 and scored two runs during the week. Junior infielder/OF Alex Zeman of DePauw University hit .450 (14-for-31) scoring 11 runs, drove in 12, hit one triple and belted three home runs on the week. Senior infielder Daniel Santys of Oglethorpe University was 3-for-7 (.429) including scoring four runs and hitting two home runs. Junior infielder Andrew Llanos of Oglethorpe University hit .521 (11-for-21) while knocking in 13 runs, scored six and tallied two home runs and three doubles. Senior outﬁelder Ben Scott of Rhodes College hit .667 (10-15) while doubling, hitting a home run and scored eight runs during the week. First-year inﬁelder/OF Alex DePasquale of Sewanee-The University of the South was 8-for-15 (.533) while driving in five, hitting a grand slam and a double during the week. Senior inﬁelder Stosh Hoover of Trinity University hit .500 (7-14) while scoring five runs and driving in a team-leading seven runs during the week. Centre College did not nominate anyone this week and Southwestern University did not play.

Wheeler Gnat of Hendrix College, a 6-2, 185-pound senior right-hander from Cedar Park, Texas has been selected SCAC Baseball Pitcher-of-the-Week for games played from Monday, March 23 through Sunday, March 29.

Gnat picked up a win and a save in three appearances during the week. He gave up just one earned run, six hits, two walks and struck out eight batters over 6.2 innings for a 1.35 ERA. Gnat stifled a late Trinity rally after entering with runners on second and third and nobody out in the seventh innings Sunday. He struck out the side in the eight before earning the save an inning later.

Other outstanding individual performances in the SCAC:
Senior left-hander Clay Malcolm of Birmingham-Southern College pitched six innings, and scattered five hits, yielded one run and struck out two in a win over Oglethorpe on Friday. Senior right-hander Drew Maddox of Millsaps College picked up a save and a win in consecutive games against Austin. He struck out seven in 7.1 innings of work. Sophomore right-hander Daniel Santys of Oglethorpe University was 1-0 in two appearances over six innings, striking out 10. Sophomore right-hander Taylor Babich of Rhodes College made two appearances in relief striking out four in three total innings. Junior right-hander Logan Ray of Sewanee-The University of the South pitched 7.2 innings and struck out four and yielding six hits against DePauw on Saturday. Sophomore right-hander Noah Solomon of Trinity University was 1-0 with a 2.79 ERA while scattering seven hits 9.2 innings in two appearances for the Tigers. Austin College, Centre College, and DePauw University did not nominate anyone this week. Southwestern University did not play.
RESULTS
Games of March 23 – March 29

Monday, March 23
St. Olaf 8, DePauw 5
DePauw 4, St. Olaf 3
Oglethorpe 9, North Central (Ill.) 8 – 10 innings

Tuesday, March 24
DePauw 10, St. Thomas (Minn.) 8
Rhodes 21, Rust 5 – 7 innings
Emory (Ga.) 11, Centre 0
Oglethorpe 24, North Central (Ill.) 4 – 7 innings
Trinity 14, Texas Lutheran 6
#3 Texas-Tyler 12, Austin 5

Wednesday, March 25
DePauw 20, #22 Wisconsin-Oshkosh 9
Maryville (Tenn.) @ Sewanee – Cancelled

Thursday, March 26
Ozarks (Ark.) 12, Hendrix 7
Centre @ Piedmont (Ga.) – Cancelled

Friday, March 27
DEPAUW 10, SEWANEE 6
BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN 13, OGLETHORPE 6

Saturday, March 28
HENDRIX 5, TRINITY 4 – 8 innings
OGLETHORPE 9, BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN 4
RHODES 7, CENTRE 6
DEPAUW 23, SEWANEE 11
TRINITY 7, HENDRIX 6

Sunday, March 29
RHODES 14, CENTRE 7
HENDRIX 9, TRINITY 7
#5 MILLSAPS 9, AUSTIN 5 – 8 innings
CENTRE 8, RHODES 4
#5 MILLSAPS 12, AUSTIN 3
BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN 9, OGLETHORPE 5
SEWANEE 10, DEPAUW 9

SCAC GAMES BOLDED IN ALL CAPS
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AROUND THE SCAC

Austin dropped its three games on the week, falling to a pair of nationally ranked opponents in UT-Tyler and Millsaps. Against Tyler, the ‘Roos fell behind 5-0 early before cutting the deficit to 7-5 but the Patriots proved to be too much, scoring five runs over the final three innings to hand Austin College a 12-5 loss. Lee Cohen went 2-for-3 with a triple and three RBI in the game. Against Millsaps, the ‘Roos again came back from an early 5-0 deficit to tie things up when they scored five runs all in the sixth inning to force extras, but a big eighth inning for the Majors made it a 9-5 final. Sean Muder and John Reisig each had two hits for the ‘Roos and Cohen had an RBI double. In game two, the Majors plated five runs in the top of the first and didn’t look back on their way to handing the ‘Roos a 12-3 loss. Bobby Schleizer had a strong game at the plate, going 3-for-3 with two RBI and a double to pace the ‘Roos. For the week, Schleizer batted .600 in two games while Cohen hit .375 with four RBI, a double and a triple to lead the ‘Roos.

Birmingham-Southern (18-5, 4-1 SCAC-East) took two-of-three this week from Oglethorpe to maintain their first-place position in the SCAC-East standings for another week. The Panthers took game one, 13-6 on Friday and game three 9-5 on Sunday. The Petrels took game two 9-4. Darby Whitten drove in 11 runs in the three-game set, including a two-run homer to help salt game one away for BSC. Clay Malcolm had the best weekend for the Panthers hurlers, going six innings in Friday’s win. He allowed just five hits and one run, while Cohen hit .375 with four RBI, a double and a triple to lead the ‘Roos.

Centre went 1-3 on the week falling 11-0 to Emory on the road and then winning one of three games at Rhodes on the weekend. The Colonels led 6-5 into the bottom of the ninth against Rhodes in their conference-opener, but allowed two runs to fall 7-6 in game one. Centre then fell 14-7 in game two before defeating the Lynx 8-4 in the series finale. The Colonels, now 4-14 overall and 1-2 in SCAC play, will host Asbury on Tuesday and then Sewanee in a three-game SCAC series this weekend.

DePauw wrapped up its Spring Break trip with a 5-2 mark during the week. The Tigers opened with a doubleheader split against St. Olaf before defeating St. Thomas and 2nd-ranked Wisconsin-Oshkosh. DePauw finished the trip by taking two out of three at Sewanee. For the week, DePauw hit .352 with a .576 slugging percentage. Ben Gardner paced the team with a .500 batting average (15-30), while Taylor Hoffman hit .452 with three homers and 12 RBI. Hoffman also scored 11 runs as the Tigers averaged over 11 runs during the stretch including two games of 20 or more runs. Gardner set a school record when he collected six base hits in the win over Wisconsin-Oshkosh. DePauw also was 28 of 31 in stolen bases with Justin Weiner and Gardiner each collecting seven. For the season the Tigers have stolen 80 bases in 87 tries.

Hendrix went 2-2 this week with a pair victories over SCAC foe Trinity University this weekend. The Warriors dropped a midweek game to in-state rival University of the Ozarks on Thursday before losing the second game of Saturday’s doubleheader to Trinity. The Warriors now stand at 12-18 overall and 7-8 in the SCAC. The 2-1 record against Trinity this week grabbed the 2009 series for the Warriors (first series win against Tigers in over eight years) and now gives Hendrix the tie-breaker in the west division standings for the coveted third place spot. The Warriors were led by sophomore 1B Jeff Forgerson this week with a .529 (9-for-17) batting average, a 1.176 slugging percentage .556 on-base percentage, two doubles, three home runs, seven RBI and 20 total bases. Senior CF Daniel Ward collected two homers and drove in five runs on the week.

No. 5 Millsaps swept a pair of games at Austin College over the weekend to improve to 24-3 overall and 12-3 in league play. Sunday’s victories wrapped up a 5-0 series win over the ‘Roos and secured a spot for the Majors in this year’s SCAC Tournament in Jackson. In game one, Millsaps needed a four-run eighth in a scheduled 7-inning contest to come away with a 9-5 victory. The Majors carried the momentum into the second game with a five-run first inning, highlighted by a two-RBI double from Todd Barthhouse, as they cruised to a 12-3, run-rule victory in seven innings. Sophomore Tony Malaschak added back-to-back homers in the second and fourth innings en route to a career-high five RBIs. Senior right-hander Drew Maddox grabbed both wins for Millsaps in moving to a team-best 6-1 on the hill, earning the relief win in Game 1 and the victory off the start in Game 2 in which he notched his 100th career strikeout in the fourth inning. The Majors will close out a stretch of six-straight road games Tuesday, playing Belhaven College at 6 p.m. at Smith-Wills as part of the annual Maloney Trophy Series.
NATIONAL, REGIONAL POLLS

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AROUND THE SCAC

Oglethorpe continued its hot play by taking 3 out of 5 games this past week. On Monday, the Petrels got a two-out, game-tying 3-run homer from Andy Farrey in the bottom of the 9th to help Oglethorpe top North Central College 9-8 in 10 innings. The following night, Oglethorpe bombed North Central by the final score of 24-4 as the team pounded out 21 hits and scored in every inning with the exception of the 8th. In his first collegiate start, Joseph Parillo connected for a grand slam and went 4-5 on the night. Over the weekend, the Petrels finally got conference play under way as they took three of four from the Birmingham-Southern Panthers. The Panthers won the series opener 13-6 to snap a 9-game Oglethorpe winning streak. The Petrels got back in the win column by taking game-two of the series by the score of 9-4. Llano again led the way for Oglethorpe going 2-5 at the plate and driving in three runs. In the rubber match on Sunday, the Panthers emerged victorious 9-5. Freshman Jake Spear led the Petrel attack by driving in 2 runs while going 2-4 at the plate. At 15-8 on the season, Oglethorpe has away games this week against LaGrange (Tuesday) and Division I Georgia State (Wednesday) before hosting a three-game weekend series with Rhodes.

Rhodes went 3-1 on the week with a 21-5 victory over Rust College on Tuesday and then took 2 of 3 from visiting Centre College. Rhodes won the first game of the series 7-6 when senior J.R. Bizzell hit a bases loaded double with two outs in the bottom of the ninth to drive in the winning runs. On Sunday, Rhodes split the double header, winning the first game 14-7, before dropping the second game 8-4. Senior 3B Mason Mosby led the Lynx offense hitting .667 (10-15) with a homerun, double, 8 runs scored, 4 RBIs, and stole 2 bases. Rhodes is now 19-11 on the year and 3-3 in SCAC play. Rhodes travels to Atlanta, Ga. this weekend to take on Oglethorpe University.

Sewanee took on the DePauw Tigers for three games this weekend. Friday and Saturday resulted in a 10-6 and 23-11 loss respectively for Sewanee, while Sunday Sewanee was able to topple DePauw with a 10-9 win. Freshman Taylor Barrett stood out for the weekend, contributing a grand slam in the seventh inning of Saturday’s game and the game winning hit in the dramatic ninth inning of Sunday’s matchup. Taylor Irwin, Franklin Pogue, and Chris Mauro were also key contributors at the plate over the weekend. This leaves Sewanee 7-13 overall, and 1-5 in SCAC play. Sewanee will next face Centre College in a three-game SCAC series in Danville, Ky. beginning Friday.

Southwestern was idle last week. The Pirates resume action on Tuesday when they face Concordia University-Austin at Dell Diamond in Round Rock, Texas. Southwestern and Concordia University-Austin will meet for the second time this season. The Pirates came away with a 10-3 win at Dell Diamond in Round Rock back on March 17. In that game center fielder Cray Betts led the Pirate offense as he went 3-for-5 with five RBI including a double and a home run. Matt Stuart picked up the win by pitching four innings in relief and scattered seven hits while striking out one.

Trinity went 2-2 overall last week, earning wins over Texas Lutheran University and Hendrix College. Trinity earned a season series split with Texas Lutheran with a 14-6 win on Tuesday night, then went on the road to face Hendrix and finish off the regular season SCAC series. Hendrix won two of the three games to take the season series 3-2. Up next will be another three-game road series in SCAC play, facing off against Austin College this weekend. Trinity and Austin split a pair of games in San Antonio earlier this year. The Tigers won the opening game 9-8 on an 11th-inning walk off home run by Kevin Jackson. Game two was a 14-8 win for Austin College. Last year, Trinity swept a four-game road series from Austin College.

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

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