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MEN'S BASKETBALL REPORT

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2009 SCAC Men's Championship Tournament
(official website)

- February 27-28, March 1, 2009 (Fri-Sat-Sun)
- Hosted by Hendrix College, Conway, AR
- Eight Team Field, Single-elimination
- Qualify: Top four teams from each division
- Champion: SCAC automatic qualifier to NCAA Division III Championship

NCAA Championship Tournament
- First Round: March 4-5 (on campus)
- Second Round: March 5-6 (on campus)
- Sectionals: March 12-13 (on campus)
- Semifinals/Finals: March 19-20
(Salem, Va.)

2007-08 SEASON REVIEW

SCAC Champion
Millsaps College

NCAA Championship Participants
Millsaps College
(Lost in national quarterfinals)
Centre College
(Lost in second round)

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DECEMBER 22, 2008

CONFERENCE STANDINGS
Games through December 21 (Sunday)

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

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Monday, December 22 – Sunday, January 4

Sunday, December 28
Hendrix vs. Dickinson (at Daytona, Fla.)  6 p.m.

Monday, December 29
Milwaukee School Engineering @ Austin  2 p.m.
SUNYIT @ Southwestern  3 p.m.
Westminster (Mo.) @ Rhodes  3 p.m.
Hendrix vs. Concordia (at Daytona, Fla.)  4 p.m.
DePauw vs. Drew (at Tampa, Fla.)  5 p.m.
Piedmont @ Centre  7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 30
DePauw vs. Lynchburg/Huntingdon  1/2 p.m.
Maryville (Tenn.) @ Centre  7 p.m.

Friday, January 2
MILLSAPS @ TRINITY  6 P.M.
HENDRIX @ SOUTHWESTERN  6 P.M.
SEWANEE @ BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN  6 P.M.
OGLETHORPE @ RHODES  6 P.M.

All Times Local
SCAC GAMES BOLDED IN ALL CAPS
**2008-09 MEN’S BASKETBALL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

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**SCAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Games of December 15 – December 21

**WADE WELDON OF OGLETHORPE UNIVERSITY**, a junior guard from Lilburn, Ga., and **B.J. MOON OF TRINITY UNIVERSITY** a senior guard from San Antonio, Texas have been named SCAC Basketball Co Players-of-the-Week for games played Monday, December 15 through Sunday, December 21.

**Weldon** helped pace Oglethorpe to two wins on the week by averaging 18 points per game, 3.5 rebounds a game, 3 assists per game and shot 63.6 percent (14-22) from the floor, including 55.6 percent (5-9) from beyond the arc.

**Moon** led Trinity to a pair of wins at the Southwestern/Trinity Holiday Classic by defeating Lakeland and Marian. **Moon** averaged 16 points per game while shooting 12-of-19 (63.2 percent) including 4-of-7 from beyond the arc. He also chipped in with 3 rebounds per game, 5 assists per game and 3.5 steals per game.

*Other outstanding performances in the SCAC:*

- Junior guard Kola Ailade of Austin College averaged 14.5 points and 4 rebounds per game, while shooting 11-of-23 from the floor for the “Roos.
- Senior guard Kris Bentley of Centre College averaged 16 points per game, 2 rebounds per game and 2 steals per game in the Colonels’ two wins.
- Junior guard Tony James of DePauw University scored a career-high 15 points on 7-of-12 shooting in the Tigers’ 66-60 loss to Division I Indiana State.
- Senior guard Corey Smith of Rhodes College scored 29 points including 21 in the second half to lead the Lynx to a 71-58 road win at the University of Dallas. Smith also grabbed 11 rebounds.
- Junior guard Zach Bergstrom of Southwestern University averaged 15 points per game on 9-of-25 shooting to pace the Pirates to two wins during the week.
- Colorado College, and Sewanee-The University of the South did not play.
- Birmingham-Southern, Hendrix, and Millsaps did not nominate anyone this week.
RESULTS
Games of December 15 – December 21

Monday, December 15
#16 Centre 71, Cincinnati-Clermont 54

Tuesday, December 16
Southeastern Louisiana 85, Millsaps 56

Wednesday, December 17
#16 Centre 76, Thomas More 53
Birmingham-Southern 60, Huntingdon 57

Thursday, December 18
Southwestern 67, Marian 53
#22 Trinity 63, Lakeland 52
#24 Texas-Dallas 72, Austin 63
Hendrix 83, Central Baptist 76 (2OT)

Friday, December 19
#22 Trinity 62, Marian 49
Rust 79, Birmingham-Southern 77
Southwestern 55, Lakeland 51
Oglethorpe 73, Buffalo State 70

Saturday, December 20
Indiana State 66, DePauw 60
Austin 78, Stevenson 58
Rhodes 60, Dallas 52
Oglethorpe 88, Pitt-Greensburg 71

SCAC GAMES BOLDED IN ALL CAPS
D3hoops.com ranking noted when applicable

AROUND THE SCAC

Austin split their two games over the weekend, falling in a hard fought game against the No. 24-ranked University of Texas-Dallas 72-63 and topping Stevenson University 78-58. Against UTD, the Comets used a 20-8 run late in the game to break open what had been a back and forth game. Kola Alade hit for 20 points and added six rebounds and a pair of steals, and Chris Sturtevant added 12 points, eight rebounds and three assists. Spencer Burke pulled down 10 boards in the game. Against Stevenson, the ‘Roos used some timely three pointers in the second half to open up another close game on their way to the 20 point win. Austin College used an incredibly balanced scoring attack in the win, with 13 players getting into the scoring column and nine players scoring at least six points. Alade led the way with nine, while Taylor Beatty pulled down 12 boards and Burke added 11 rebounds and three blocked shots.

Birmingham-Southern (5-4) split its two games this week. They won 60-57 on Wednesday at Huntingdon College before falling 79-77 at Rust on Friday. BSC was paced on Wednesday by Dominic Whicher with 16 points and 10 rebounds for the double-double. Aaron Parr and Nathan West joined Whicher in double-figures with 13 and 10 points respectively. Whicher missed out being the game’s leading scorer by one point, Huntingdon’s Jeremy Pittman finished with 17 on the night. On Friday Nathan West led the Panthers with 20 points, he just missed the double-double with nine assists on the night. Rodger Williams finished with 19 and 6 rebounds. BSC will return to Bill Battle Coliseum after the Holidays when they host Sewanee on January 2. Game time is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. in Birmingham.

After taking a week off for finals, No. 16 Centre returned to action to earn a pair of non-conference road wins over UC-Clermont and Thomas More to improve to 7-1. The Colonels, now on a five-game winning streak, opened the week with a 71-54 win over Clermont taking a 17-point lead into the locker room at halftime and finishing with a 17-point road win. Two days later, Centre defeated Thomas More 76-53 after leading by only two at the half. The lead changed hands 13 times in the first half, but the Colonels turned it up a notch in the second half to open up another close game on their way to the 20 point win. Austin College used an incredibly balanced scoring attack in the win, with 13 players getting into the scoring column and nine players scoring at least six points. Alade led the way with nine, while Taylor Beatty pulled down 12 boards and Burke added 11 rebounds and three blocked shots.

Colorado College closed out its 2008 portion of the schedule in historical fashion as the Tigers earned its first ever Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference victory, a 71-56 win over Southwestern, back on December 6. The Tigers are off until January 3 when it travels to Austin College to pick back up SCAC play.

Steve Lemasters tied a career high with 17 points and Tony James notched a career-best 15, but Division I host Indiana State hung on for a 66-60 win over DePauw. ISU held a 33-25 lead at the break before the Tigers closed the gap to 35-34 as Lemasters nailed a trio of three-pointers in the opening five minutes of the second half. Joe Bergfeld's put back and Tom Callen's layup with 1:05 left cut the margin to 62-58. DePauw's lone lead in the game came early in the first half when it used an 8-0 run to take a 10-6 lead. Indiana State scored the next seven and never relinquished the lead. The Tigers dropped to 5-4 with the loss. Lemasters' 17-point effort included a 4-of-7 performance from three-point range. Mike Moore moved into second place on the DePauw and Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference career lists with 492. DePauw returns to action on Monday, December 29, when it faces Drew in the opening game of the Tampa Bay Shootout. Tipoff from Tampa Prep School is set for 5 p.m.

Hendrix junior forward Michael Bertrand knocked down a pair of clutch free throws with just one second remaining to send the contest into its second overtime and the Warriors outlasted the Mustangs in the final minutes. Hendrix stretches its winning streak to six games and improves to 6-1 overall, while Central Baptist ends a three-game winning streak and falls to 10-6 on the year. The Warriors will now look to their first opponent of the Land of Magic Classic, Dickinson College, on Dec. 28 at 5 p.m. CT in Daytona Beach, Fla.
### NATIONAL, REGIONAL POLLS

**D3HOOPS.COM TOP 25**

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### AROUND THE SCAC

**Millsaps** shot a season-high 65 percent in the second half but could not overcome a 26-point halftime deficit in falling 85-56 to Division I Southeastern Louisiana on Tuesday night at the University Center. Behind junior Blake Martinez’s 17, junior Cameron Varnado scored 11 off the bench on 3-of-7 shooting. Chad Songy edged a few spots closer in the career assists column, dishing out a team-high four dimes to give him 224, just 25 shy of Phillip Robinson for fifth all-time. The Majors will take the next two weeks off for Christmas Break before returning to action Jan. 2 and 4 at conference foes Trinity and Southwestern University.

**Oglethorpe** won both games at the Stormy Petrel Classic beating Buffalo State 73-70, and then beating Pitt-Greensburg 88-71. Leading the way for the Petrels was Wade Weldon who scored 18 points in both games. With the wins, Oglethorpe improved to 8-2. The Stormy Petrels return to the courts January 2 when it travels to Memphis, Tenn. for a showdown with SCAC rival Rhodes and then travels to Birmingham-Southern for a January 4 contest.

**Rhodes** won their lone game of the week, a 71-58 road victory over the University of Dallas. The Lynx used a 12-2 run to open the second half to overcome a sluggish first half and a two point halftime deficit. The win raised the Lynx record to 6-2 overall. Cory Smith had a double-double (29 of the season) with 29 points and 11 rebounds. Smith scored 21 points in the second half as the Lynx posted 46 points on 54% shooting from the field in the half. Nathan Ollie knocked in 15 points and Rob Bledsoe added 8 to go along with his 4 blocks. Andyshea Saberion dished out a game high 7 assists and Jeff Blumenthal added 4 steals. The win raised the Lynx record to 6-2 overall. Cory Smith had a double-double (29 of the season) with 29 points and 11 rebounds. Smith scored 21 points in the second half as the Lynx posted 46 points on 54% shooting from the field in the half. Nathan Ollie knocked in 15 points and Rob Bledsoe added 8 to go along with his 4 blocks. Andyshea Saberion dished out a game high 7 assists and Jeff Blumenthal added 4 steals. The win raised the Lynx record to 6-2 overall. Cory Smith had a double-double (29 of the season) with 29 points and 11 rebounds. Smith scored 21 points in the second half as the Lynx posted 46 points on 54% shooting from the field in the half. Nathan Ollie knocked in 15 points and Rob Bledsoe added 8 to go along with his 4 blocks. Andyshea Saberion dished out a game high 7 assists and Jeff Blumenthal added 4 steals.

**Sewanee** (2-7 overall, 0-2 SCAC) closed out its 2008 portion of the schedule December 9 with a 77-66 loss on the road to Emory. The Tigers will resume play after the holidays at Birmingham-Southern and Rhodes on January 2 and 4 respectively.

**Southwestern** was back in action this week in the Southwestern/Trinity Classic in Georgetown, TX. A strong second half led the Pirates to a 67-56 win over Marian University (WI). Junior Zach Bergstrom led Southwestern with 17 points shooting 50 percent from the field and beyond the arc. Friday, in the second game of the night, Southwestern emerged victorious in a very physical match-up with Lakeland College (WI). Despite cold shooting, the Pirates’ defense and A.C. Cox’s 13 points in the final 3:35 lifted Southwestern past the Muskies, 55-51. The wins improve Southwestern to 6-3 on the year. They will return to action after Christmas on December 29th with another home game against SUNY Institute of Technology at 3:00 p.m.

**No. 22 Trinity** won a pair of games last week, defeating both Lakeland College and Mariner University at the Southwestern/Trinity Holiday Classic in Georgetown, Texas. Trinity opened its week with an 83-52 win over Lakeland on Thursday evening, as B.J. Moon came close to opening the tournament with a triple-double. Moon finished with 13 points, seven assists, and six steals to lead the Tigers to victory. Charles Houston also had 13 points to go with seven rebounds and five steals. On Friday against Mariner, Moon scored a season-high 19 points on 7-11 shooting and Houston posted a double-double, collecting 11 boards and 14 points. The win was the seventh straight for Trinity, marking the team’s longest winning streak since the 2004-05 season. Trinity will be off until December 31, when the team will host SUNY Institute of Technology. The Tigers will then continue SCAC play against Millsaps and Hendrix on January 2 and January 3 at home.

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