



## SCAC 15th Anniversary Timeline

### **1996-1997**

#### June 10, 1996

The SCAC moves its office from 2302 Parklake Drive in Atlanta to 3338 Gwinnett Plantation Way in Duluth, Ga. – a suburb of Atlanta.

#### September 14, 1996

Millsap and Rhodes play the first overtime football game in the history of the SCAC with the Majors taking the 28-22 victory. The NCAA allowed for the use of overtime in football beginning with the 1996 season.

#### October 25-26, 1996

Trinity's women's soccer team sweeps Rhodes (2-0) and Hendrix (11-0) to win the 1995 SCAC Women's Soccer Championship and claim its fifth straight conference title.

#### October 27, 1996

Trinity's men's soccer team clinches its first outright SCAC Men's Soccer Championship with a 1-0 victory over Rhodes in Memphis. The Tigers finish the regular season a perfect 7-0-0 in the league and 13-1-0 overall.

#### November 2, 1996

For the seventh year in a row, the Rhodes men's cross country team runs away with the conference championship while the women's team from Rhodes wins its second-consecutive title at the 1996 SCAC Cross Country Championships – conducted under cold and windy conditions on the Sewanee golf course. Nicole Horvath of Rhodes repeats as the SCAC Women's Runner-of-the-Year. Thomas Pillow of Trinity sets a new men's championship 8K record with a time of 26:21 – besting the old mark by 19 seconds – and is recognized as the 1996 Men's Runner-of-the-Year.

#### November 9, 1996

In a rematch of last year's SCAC women's volleyball final, Trinity turns the table on Southwestern and defeats the Pirates 15-4, 5-15, 15-4, 15-13 to reclaim the crown that the Tigers had won three years in a row before last year's defeat.

#### November 10, 1996

After defeating Emory 1-0 the day before, third-ranked Trinity loses 2-0 to California-San Diego in the regional finals of the 1996 NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Championships – played in San Antonio. The Tigers had received a first-round bye.

#### November 15, 1996

Trinity is defeated 15-11, 8-15, 15-3, 4-15, 15-5 by the host school Emory in the first round of the 1996 NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball South Regional.

#### November 16, 1996

After a 2-0 victory over Wisconsin-Oshkosh in the region semifinals, Trinity is defeated 1-0 by University of Chicago in the Central Region final of the 1996 NCAA Division III Men's Soccer Championships. The Tigers lose, despite outshooting the Maroons 25-4.

#### November 16, 1996

Millsaps defeats Trinity 13-10 in Jackson to earn a piece of the 1996 SCAC Football title. Both Millsaps and Trinity finish the regular season with 3-1 conference marks, but neither receives an invitation to the 1996 NCAA Division III Football Championship.

#### January 30, 1997

The SCAC announces that women's softball and men's and women's swimming will be added as championship sports for the 1998-99 academic year, bringing the league's sports sponsorship total to 18 (nine each for men and women).

#### February 21, 1997

With a 78-55 victory over Southwestern, Hendrix clinches the 1996-97 SCAC Women's Basketball Championship. The Warriors finish the regular season with a perfect 14-0 conference mark and become just the second women's team to go through the SCAC schedule undefeated (Centre in 1992-93). The 1996-97 Hendrix team also produces the largest margin of victory in league standings history with a five-game edge over second-place Trinity.

#### February 23, 1997

Sewanee clinches the outright 1996-97 SCAC Men's Basketball title with a 68-65 victory over Oglethorpe. The Tigers finish the regular season with an 11-3 league record; 18-6 overall to take the SCAC's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

#### March 8, 1997

Both the Hendrix women and the Sewanee men fall in the second round of the 1996-97 NCAA Division III Basketball Championships. The Hendrix women, who defeated SCAD 76-54 in the first round, lose a low-scoring 40-36 match-up to Emory in Atlanta, Ga. Sewanee had home-court advantage for both its first and second round games, but could only muster a first-round 68-61 victory over Rust. In Saturday's second-round contest, Sewanee is upset 65-62 by seventh-seeded Bridgewater (Va.).

#### April 24-27, 1997

For the first time ever, the SCAC Spring Sports Festival has events cancelled due to weather. The men's and women's golf championships were not played due to the inclement conditions. Men's and women's tennis also struggles to complete its bracket. Only the third/fourth place matches were completed and Trinity and Sewanee are named Co-Champions since their title matches on both sides can not be played due to the weather. The baseball championship is forced into a single-elimination format and the championship game is pushed from Saturday to Sunday with Southwestern taking its second consecutive SCAC Baseball Championship with a 12-2 victory over Trinity in a game that is shortened to five innings – once again due to the rain. In the only event that did survive the deluge of rain, Trinity wins titles in both men's and women's track and field – snapping Rhodes' run of four consecutive men's titles. Trinity's Don Moody and Jennifer Graves are named Athletes-of-the-Year based on their performances at the 1997 Championships. Although track and field is the only sport to complete its schedule in its entirety, it took an extra six hours to finish and several teams left for the airport before the final events were complete.

By the second-largest margin in conference history, Trinity defeats Rhodes by 72.5 points to capture its fourth consecutive all-sports title.

#### May 12, 1997

The sixth-seeded Trinity women's tennis team loses to top-seed Kenyon, 6-3, in the finals of the NCAA Division III Women's Tennis Championship at Claremont-Mudd-Scripps College in Claremont College. The Tigers made their first appearance in the national finals after five straight showings in the national semifinals. The Sewanee women lost in the first round to Amherst, 6-3.

In the individual competition, senior Nao Kinoshita of Rhodes wins her second national title in three years, taking the 1997 NCAA Division III Women's Tennis Singles Championship with a straight sets victory of 6-4, 6-4 over Jamie Levine of Skidmore. Kinoshita, a three-time all-American, ends her career as the most decorated female student-athlete in SCAC history. Kinoshita wins two individual national championships with one second-place finish, a doubles national championship and finishes with a 74-5 all-time singles record.

And as if one title over the weekend was not enough, Kinoshita teams with Taylor Tarver to win the Doubles Championship. The Rhodes duo won the championship with a 6-4, 6-3 straight sets victory over Aaron Hockman and Ali St. Vincent of Kenyon.

On the men's side, in team play, Trinity loses, 5-2, to top-seed Washington (Md.) College in the semifinals of the NCAA Division III South Regional at Emory. Sewanee is defeated 7-0 by Emory in a quarterfinal regional match.

May 19, 1997

Southwestern, the SCAC champion receives a bid to the 1997 NCAA Division III Baseball Championships. The Pirates, the third seed in the Midwest Regional, finish third with one win book-ended by two losses at the four-team regional.

June 1997

Peter Austin of Millsaps is drafted in the 40th round of the 1997 Major League Baseball draft – making him the first SCAC student-athlete to be taken by a professional team in its amateur draft. Russ Young of Sewanee is believed to be the first student-athlete of the SCAC era to sign to play a professional sport. Young signed a professional contract with the Orlando Predators of the Arena Football League in 1995 and then played with the Amsterdam Admirals of the World League of American Football (WLAF) in 1996.

June 6, 1997

The SCAC Board of Directors issue an affirmative response to accept the letters of application from DePauw University and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology to become members of the conference. The two schools, who have been members of the Division III Indiana Collegiate Athletic Conference, will join the eight current members of the SCAC with membership to be in place for the 1998-99 academic year.

The membership increase to 10 schools effective for the 1998-99 academic year coincides with the league's sports sponsorship increasing from the current 15 to 18 with the addition of women's softball and men's and women's swimming that same year.

For sports with divisional play, DePauw and Rose-Hulman join Centre, Sewanee and Oglethorpe in the Eastern Division and Millsaps moves from the East to the West to partner with Hendrix, Rhodes, Southwestern and Trinity.

#### **1996-97 Players/Athletes of the Year**

Men's Cross Country – Thomas Pillow, Trinity; Women's Cross Country – Nicole Horvath, Rhodes; Football – Brad Madden, Millsaps (Offensive) and John Beckwith, Trinity (Defensive); Men's Soccer – Neil Brunetz, Rhodes; Women's Soccer – Rachel Day, Rhodes and Deb Hutcheson, Trinity (Co-Players); Volleyball – Amy Barrett, Trinity; Men's Basketball – Ryan Harrigan, Sewanee; Women's Basketball – Lauren Turnbow, Hendrix; Baseball – Tim Crowley, Oglethorpe and Mike Highfill, Millsaps (Co-Players) and Brandon Hedblom, Southwestern (Pitcher); Men's Golf – none selected; Women's Golf – none selected; Men's Tennis – none selected; Women's Tennis – none selected; Men's Track & Field – Don Moody, Trinity; Women's Track & Field – Jennifer Graves, Trinity

#### **1996-97 Coaches of the Year**

Men's Cross Country – Cliff Afton, Sewanee and Robert Shankman, Rhodes (Co-Coaches); Women's Cross Country – Cliff Afton, Sewanee and Robert Shankman, Rhodes (Co-Coaches); Football – Ron Jurney, Millsaps; Men's Soccer – Paul McGinlay, Trinity; Women's Soccer – Nick Cowell, Trinity; Volleyball – Shannon Carlson, Millsaps and Julie Jenkins, Trinity (Co-Coaches); Men's Basketball – Joe Thoni, Sewanee; Women's Basketball – Chuck Winkelman, Hendrix; Baseball – Jim Mallon, Southwestern; Men's Golf – none selected; Women's Golf – none selected; Men's Tennis – none selected; Women's Tennis – none selected; Men's Track & Field – Johnny Gonzales, Trinity; Women's Track & Field – Johnny Gonzales, Trinity