



SCAC DIAMOND WEEKLY

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2008 SCAC Baseball Tournament

- April 25-27, 2008 (Fri-Sat-Sun)
- Hosted by Centre College, Danville, KY
- Four Team Field, Double-elimination
- Qualify: Four winners of SCAC Divisional Series
- Champion: SCAC automatic qualifier to NCAA Division III Tournament

NCAA Championship Tournament

- Regional Championships: May 8-11 (on campus)
- Division III World Series: May 15-18 (Salem, Va.)

2007 SEASON REVIEW

SCAC Champion

Austin College

NCAA Championship Participant

Austin College
(lost in NCAA West Regional)

WEB LINKS

www.ncaa.org
www.ncaasports.com
www.scac-online.org/baseball
www.d3baseball.com
www.abca.org

FEBRUARY 25, 2008

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Games through February 24 (Sunday)

EASTERN DIVISION	Conference			Overall			Streak
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
Centre College	0	0	0.000	2	0	1.000	W2
Rhodes College	0	0	0.000	6	3	0.667	W6
*Birmingham-Southern	0	0	0.000	5	3	0.625	W2
Oglethorpe University	0	0	0.000	2	4	0.333	L3
DePauw University	0	0	0.000	0	2	0.000	L2
Sewanee-Univ. of the South	0	0	0.000	0	2	0.000	L11

WESTERN DIVISION	Conference			Overall			Streak
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
Millsaps College	0	0	0.000	6	4	0.600	L2
Trinity University	0	0	0.000	4	3	0.571	W3
Austin College	0	0	0.000	4	5	0.444	L3
Southwestern University	0	0	0.000	3	4	0.429	W2
Hendrix College	0	0	0.000	5	9	0.357	W5

*BSC will not be eligible for the conference championship.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Monday, February 25 – Sunday, March 2

Tuesday, February 26

East Texas Baptist University @ Austin College (1-9)	6 p.m.
Hendrix @ University of the Ozarks (Ark.) (1-9)	1:30 p.m.
Millsaps @ Jacksonville State (Ala.) University (1-9)	3 p.m.
Texas Lutheran University @ Southwestern (1-9)	3 p.m.
Trinity @ Schreiner (Texas) University (1-9)	2 p.m.

Wednesday, February 27

Millsaps @ Jacksonville State (Ala.) University (1-9)	3 p.m.
Adrian (Mich.) College @ Oglethorpe (1-9)	4 p.m.
LaGrange (Ga.) College @ Sewanee (1-9)	1 p.m.
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor (Texas) @ Southwestern (2-7)	1 p.m.

Thursday, February 28

Oglethorpe @ LaGrange (Ga.) College (1-9)	5 p.m.
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Friday, February 29

Ottawa (Kan.) University @ Austin College (1-9)	6 p.m.
Adrian (Mich.) College @ Birmingham-Southern (1-9)	2 p.m.
Bethel (Ind.) College @ Centre (2-7)	5 p.m.
Millsaps @ LaGrange (Ga.) College (1-9)	5 p.m.

Saturday, March 1

Adrian (Mich.) College @ Birmingham-Southern (1-9)	2 p.m.
College of Mount St. Joseph (Ohio) @ Birmingham-Southern (1-9)	5 p.m.
DePauw @ Anderson (Ind.) University (2-7)	Noon
Eureka (Ill.) College @ Hendrix (1-9)	2 p.m.
Millsaps @ LaGrange (Ga.) College (1-9)	1 p.m.
Oglethorpe @ Maryville (Tenn.) College (2-7)	1 p.m.
North Park (Ill.) College @ Rhodes (1-9)	10:30 a.m.
Rhodes vs. Denison (Ohio) University (1-9) @ Millington, Tenn.)	6:30 p.m.
Sewanee vs. Marietta (Ohio) College (1-9) @ Piedmont	Noon
Hardin-Simmons (Texas) University @ Southwestern (2-7)	1 p.m.
Huston-Tillotson (Texas) University @ Trinity (1-9)	2 p.m.

Sunday, March 2

College of Mount St. Joseph (Ohio) @ Birmingham-Southern (1-9)	11 a.m.
DePauw vs. Monmouth (Ill.) College (1-9) @ Blackburn College	Noon
DePauw @ Blackburn (Ill.) College (1-9)	2:30 p.m.
Eureka (Ill.) College @ Hendrix (2-7)	1 p.m.
Millsaps @ LaGrange (Ga.) College (1-9)	Noon
Franklin (Ind.) College @ Rhodes (1-9)	2 p.m.
Sewanee @ Piedmont (Ga.) College (1-9)	3 p.m.

All times local / SCAC GAMES BOLDED IN ALL CAPS

2008 SCAC BASEBALL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Week 1 Quinn Salmon, Millsaps
 Week 2 Hunter Owen, Millsaps
 Week 3 Evan Jones, Trinity
 Week 4
 Week 5
 Week 6
 Week 7
 Week 8
 Week 9
 Week 10
 Week 11
 Week 12
 Week 13

2008 SCAC BASEBALL PITCHERS OF THE WEEK

Week 1 Tyler Steed, Austin College
 Aaron Williams, Millsaps
 Week 2 Aaron Williams, Millsaps
 Week 3 Evan Bronson, Trinity
 Week 4
 Week 5
 Week 6
 Week 7
 Week 8
 Week 9
 Week 10
 Week 11
 Week 12
 Week 13

SCAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Games of February 18 – February 24

EVAN JONES OF TRINITY UNIVERSITY, a 6-3, 235-pound sophomore first baseman from Hillsborough, Calif., has been named the SCAC Offensive Baseball Player-of-the-Week for games played Monday, February 18 through Sunday, February 24.

Jones hit .538 (7-13) in four games last week, leading Trinity to a 3-1 record in games he played. He scored seven runs and drove in 13 more, accounting for nearly half of the team's run total over the past five games. **Jones** had two doubles and a triple to go with two home runs in the weekend series with Rutgers-Newark. He hit a grand slam and tallied seven RBI in Saturday's win. For the week, **Jones** carried an astounding slugging percentage of 1.308, totaling 17 bases in seven hits. For the season, **Jones** leads the team with a .471 batting average, having eight hits in 17 at-bats. He is tied for the team lead with nine runs scored, and leads the team with 14 RBI. He has a slugging percentage of 1.235.

Other outstanding individual performances in the SCAC:

Senior catcher Matt Beesley of Rhodes paced the Lynx as they were 4-0 on the week, extending their winning streak to six. Beesley hit a grand slam in the first inning against Maryville (Tenn.) in the first game of a doubleheader sweep of the Scots. On the week Beesley batted .455 (5 for 11) and drove in seven while scoring three runs. He had a home run and a double and added a stolen base. Junior outfielder Daniel Ward of Hendrix combined to go 7-of-14 with six runs, four RBI and five doubles from the lead off spot this weekend. He collected four doubles in the Warriors two wins on Sunday against Principia. Ward also drove in three runs in the opener on Sunday and scored three runs in the second game against the Panthers. Sophomore outfielder Blake Williams of Southwestern extended his hitting streak to five games this past week as he hit safely in all three games the Pirates played. He was 2-for-5 at Concordia with one run scored, 2-for-4 against McMurry with three runs scored and two runs batted in and 1-for-2 against Huston-Tillotson with one run scored. For the week, he was 5-for-11 for a .455 average with five runs scored and two driven in. He also stole three bases. First-year outfielder Tony Malaschak of Millsaps led the Majors' offensive attack despite a 1-3 week on the diamond, going a combined 8-for-19 (.421) from the plate with six runs, three doubles, two RBIs and a pair of stolen bases. Sophomore shortstop Andy White of Austin College had a big week at the plate, hitting .438 in four games. White had three doubles, scored three runs and had three RBI over the course of the week. Birmingham-Southern, Centre, DePauw, Oglethorpe and Sewanee did not nominate anyone for the award.

SCAC PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Games of February 18 – February 24

EVAN BRONSON OF TRINITY UNIVERSITY, a junior left-hander from Midlothian, Va., has been selected the SCAC Baseball Pitcher-of-the-Week for games played from Monday, February 18 through Sunday, February 24.

Bronson won in his only appearance last week, starting off the weekend series with Rutgers-Newark with a dominating performance. **Bronson** struck out a career-high 14 batters on Friday, pitching seven innings and allowing just one hit to the 22 batters he faced. He struck out the first six batters of the game. For the season, **Bronson** leads the team with an ERA of 0.64 and a 2-0 record. He has given up just one run on five hits through 14 innings of work, striking out 19 batters and holding opponents to a paltry .114 batting average against him.

Other outstanding individual performances in the SCAC:

Senior left-hander Robert Flanagan of Rhodes went 2-0 on the week. In his two starts he combined for 7.0 innings, yielding seven hits, one earned run, no walks and nine strikeouts. On the season Flanagan is 2-1 with a 2.77 ERA. First-year right-hander Drew Crofton of Birmingham-Southern came on in relief of starter Richard Vance to earn his second win of the season against The University of the South last Saturday. Crofton, who improved to 2-1 on the season, pitched five scoreless innings with five strikeouts while allowing no runs on four hits. He retired eight of the first 10 batters he faced after entering the game in the third inning. Sophomore right-hander Dave Keine of Hendrix College picked up two wins in three appearances and didn't give up a run all weekend. He tossed 2.0 innings, walked three and struck out one for his first win of the season on Saturday. Keine tossed the last two innings of Sunday's opener (2.0 IP, 2 H, 2 BB, 4 SO) for his second win and he closed out the final game of the weekend (2.0 IP, 2 H, 2 BB, 4 SO). He is now 2-4 on the year. Austin College, Centre, DePauw, Millsaps, Oglethorpe, Sewanee and Southwestern did not nominate anyone for the award.

RESULTS*Games of February 18 – February 24***Monday, February 18**

Hendrix 7, Texas-Dallas 6
 Washington & Lee 7, Oglethorpe 2
 Concordia-Austin 6, Trinity 4

Tuesday, February 19

Mary Hardin-Baylor 6, Trinity 5
 Belhaven 6, Millsaps 5
 Austin 13, East Texas Baptist 2
 Concordia-Austin 7, Southwestern 6

Wednesday, February 20

Rhodes 10, Rust 0
 Southwestern 15, McMurry 10
 Millsaps 10, Huntingdon 8

Thursday, February 21

Southwestern 5, Huston-Tillotson 4

Friday, February 22

Rhodes 4, Piedmont 3
 Trinity 11, Rutgers-Newark 1

Saturday, February 23

Hendrix 2, Blackburn 1
 Hendrix 6, Blackburn 5
 McMurry 6, Austin College 1
 Piedmont 7, Millsaps 4
 Birmingham-Southern 10, Sewanee 3
 McMurry 20, Austin College 5
 Centre 6, North Central (Ill.) 5
 Trinity 17, Rutgers-Newark 4

Sunday, February 24

Centre 12, North Central (Ill.) 9
 Hendrix 5, Principia 4
 Hendrix 15, Principia 5
 Trinity 5, Rutgers-Newark 4
 Transylvania 16, DePauw 10
 Transylvania 10, DePauw 4
 Piedmont 9, Millsaps 6
 Birmingham-Southern 8, Sewanee 0
 Rhodes 8, Maryville (Tenn.) 2
 Rhodes 10, Maryville (Tenn.) 3
 McMurry 14, Austin College 8

SCAC GAMES BOLDED IN ALL CAPS

D3baseball.com ranking noted when applicable

AROUND THE SCAC

Austin College went 1-3 last week, running past East Texas Baptist 13-2 before being swept in a three game trip to McMurry by scores of 6-1, 20-5, and 14-8. Against ETBU, the 'Roos racked up 19 hits and got five scoreless innings from Will Chermak in his first appearance of the year. Andy White went 3-for-4 with three RBI in the game to lead the offense. Chermak got his first loss of the year in the series opener against McMurry, while Scooter Merritt hit his first career home run in the 20-5 loss and Bobby Schleizer hit his second round tripper of the season in the final loss of the weekend. White finished the week hitting .438 with three doubles, three runs scored, and three runs batted in.

Birmingham-Southern went 2-0 on the week, sweeping two games from visiting The University of the South-Sewanee on Saturday and Sunday. The Panthers won game one 10-3 on Saturday and claimed game two 8-0 on Sunday. Drew Crofton came on in relief to toss five innings with five strikeouts to earn the win on Saturday. Four BSC pitchers combined to toss a three-hit shutout in Sunday's win.

Centre opened the season with a pair of wins over North Central defeating the Cardinals 6-5 and 14-9. With the field covered in snow earlier in the day, the Colonels were forced to push back the start time of the season-opener, but the wait was worth it as Centre got a walk-off single from junior Brandon Rosen in the bottom of the ninth to give the Colonels their fourth straight opening-day win. Sophomore Aaron Herbert picked up the win in relief of his brother John, tossing the final three innings and striking out four while not allowing an earned run. It's the fourth straight year a Herbert has won the opening game for Centre. John won the season-opener the last three years and Aaron picked up the win this season. Centre then fell behind 3-0 in the early innings the next day, but scored nine runs in the sixth and seventh innings to win 14-9. Centre, now 2-0, will next play Asbury Thursday, Feb. 28 in Danville, Ky.

DePauw opened the season with a doubleheader against Transylvania and dropped both ends of the twinbill. DePauw pounded out 13 hits in the opening game with Jon Newman, Taylor Hoffman, Drew Holy, Kyle Thompson and Jeremy Dickinson each collecting two. The Tigers, however, allowed 10 runs to the Pioneers in the second and trailed the rest of the way as Transylvania won 16-10. In the nightcap, John Tschantz allowed just one earned run in seven innings, but Transylvania scored five times in the eighth in taking a 10-4 win. Mike Stout had three of DePauw's six hits.

Hendrix swept Blackburn College and Principia College in a pair of doubleheaders over the weekend. The Warriors won their first twinbill on Saturday thanks to a couple game-winning hits by junior Matt Giza. Hendrix won the opener 2-1 and took the second game 6-5. The Warriors then snatched two from Principia on Sunday with a 5-4 come-from-behind win in the opener and a 15-5 blowout in the nightcap. Hendrix's five-game winning streak gives them a 5-9 overall record. The Warriors won the first tilt against Blackburn in dramatic fashion in the seventh inning when junior Daniel Ward took a one-out walk, moved 90 feet closer on first year Jeff Forgerson's single up the middle, advanced to third on a fielder's choice and strolled plateward on Giza's game-winning single to left. First year left-hander Jordan Suydam tossed a gem (7.0 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 2 SO) for his first win of the season. In the second game on Saturday, the Warriors needed extra innings to pull out the win. Ward led off the 10th inning with his second single of the game, moved to second on sophomore Dave Keine's bunt single, raced to third on a wild pitch and scored on Giza's second game-winning smash over the left fielder's head. Forgerson was 4-for-5 with two runs and a double. Hill went 3-for-4 with two runs, three runs batted in and a walk. Keine entered in the ninth frame to pick up his first win of 2008. On Sunday, Keine picked up his second win of the weekend by closing out the last two innings of the come-from-behind win against Principia. He shut out the Panthers and gave up just two hits, walked two and struck out four. Hendrix combined to hit 15-for-31 with four doubles and three triples in the nightcap. Forgerson was 3-for-5 with two triples, three runs and three RBI in the second tilt. He also came out of the designated hitter position to toss three scoreless innings for his first win of the season.

Millsaps stumbled through the week with a 1-3 record, falling 6-5 at Belhaven on Tuesday and holding off a late rally at Huntingdon College on Wednesday to win 10-8 before dropping a pair at home to Piedmont College. The Majors swung the bats extremely well at Smith-Wills in Game 2 of the Maloney Trophy Series and cranked out 15 hits but it was the Blazers who took advantage of an error in the bottom of the eighth to plate the go-ahead run for the win. On Wednesday, Millsaps jumped out to an early 9-4 cushion with a 5-run fourth against Huntingdon before holding off four runs from the Hawks the final five innings for the victory. Freshman Andrew Pearce, in his first collegiate appearance, picked up the win in 1.2 innings of relief work, while fellow frosh Aaron Williams was credited with his first career save behind a 2-0 record. Playing host to Piedmont on Saturday and Sunday in a two-game set, Millsaps struggled to find its rhythm on offense, getting out-hit 15-6 in a 7-4 loss in 11 innings in the series opener followed by a 9-6 loss the next day.

NATIONAL, REGIONAL POLLS

D3BASEBALL.COM TOP 25
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Poll	Date	Team	Rank
Pre	J22	Rhodes.....	RV
		Millsaps.....	RV
1	F26	Rhodes.....	RV
		Millsaps.....	RV

ABCA TOP 25
www.abca.org

Poll	Date	Team	Rank
Pre	D26	Rhodes.....	RV
		Millsaps.....	RV

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

<http://www.scac-online.org/baseball>

AROUND THE SCAC

Freshman Tony Malaschak led **Millsaps** offensively in the series, going 4-for-9 from the plate with two doubles and an RBI, while the pitching staff was hit with 16 runs (15 earned). The schedule won't get any easier for Millsaps, as they open an eight-game road stretch over four states on Tuesday with Division I Jacksonville State University.

Oglethorpe lost its only game of the week against Washington and Lee last Monday, 7-2 to fall to 2-5 on the young season. Sophomore John Hale took the loss despite allowing only two earned runs in 6.0 innings of action. The Petrels face Adrian, LaGrange, Maryville (DH) and Reinhardt for what should be a busy stretch of five games in six days this coming week.

Rhodes won all four games this week by a combined score of 32-8. The Lynx knocked of Rust 10-0 in 7 innings on Wednesday, Piedmont 4-3 on Friday, and took a doubleheader from Maryville 8-2 and 10-3 on Sunday. The Lynx are now 6-3 on the year. Senior Robert Flanagan was 2-0 on the week, with wins over Rust College and Maryville College. Flanagan combined for 7 innings, 9 strikeouts, no walks, and allowed only one earned run for a weeks ERA of 1.29. Junior Andy Holt was 1-0 with a victory over a tough Piedmont College team. Holt went 7 innings, struck out four, allowed two walks and one earned run. Holt's ERA was 1.29 this week. Senior Chris Catalanotto was 1-0 with a victory over Maryville College. Catalanotto also worked two innings of relief work against Rust College. For the week, Catalanotto threw six innings, had 5 strikeouts, 3 walks, and did not allow a run. The Lynx bullpen had a stellar week as well working 12 innings, striking out 8, surrendering 3 walks and 3 earned runs for an ERA of 2.25. The Lynx offense continued to heat up the entire week culminating in an 18 hit performance in the second game Sunday against Maryville. Freshman Brent Lindsey was 7-11 (.636 average), with 2 walks, 2 runs scored, and drove in 4. Junior J.R. Bizzell went 9-20, with a double, 5 runs scored and had 3 RBIs. Senior Daniel Vanaman hit .400 this week (6-15), with 3 doubles, 3 runs scored and drove in 2. Senior Matt Beesley was 4-11 at the plate with a grand slam, 3 runs and 7 RBIs. Senior Richard Hurd was 4-10 with 5 walks, two runs scored, and had an RBI. Junior Mason Mosby was 6-14 (.428) with a double, triple, two runs scored, and an RBI. The Lynx will return to action this weekend with two games on Saturday, a 10:30 start against North Park and a 6:30 start against Denison. Rhodes will then take on Franklin College on Sunday at 2:00.

Sewanee The diamond Tigers kicked off their 2008 season at Birmingham-Southern and took a tough pair of losses this weekend. The Tigers fell 10-3 on Saturday and 8-0 on Sunday, after hanging in with the Panthers through five innings on both days. Senior catcher Daniel Hinkle (Tallahassee) went 3-4 on Saturday with 2 RBIs.

Southwestern played three games in three days this week and came away with a 2-1 record. On Tuesday, the Pirates headed in to Austin to face off with Concordia (TX) and came away with a tough 7-6 loss. The Tornados got a run in the bottom of the ninth to win it. The following day, SU pounded out 15 runs on 11 hits for a 15-10 win over McMurry University in Georgetown. Junior Eric Gonzales was 3-5 with two runs scored, three RBI and a pair of doubles. The next day, the Pirates defeated NAIA Huston-Tillotson University with an exciting ending. Southwestern managed just five hits in the game but a one-out, two-strike suicide squeeze brought home the winning run on a close play at the plate as the Bucs pulled out a 5-4 win. SU improved to 3-4 on the season and will host ranked Texas Lutheran on Tuesday, undefeated Mary Hardin-Baylor in a doubleheader on Wednesday and then Hardin-Simmons in a doubleheader on Saturday.

Trinity finished 3-2 over the last week, which includes sweeping a weekend series from Rutgers-Newark University. After losing back-to-back games on Monday and Tuesday, Trinity stood 1-3 on the season. The team then opened a three-game series with Rutgers-Newark, winning 11-1 in the opening game. On Saturday, the Tigers were even better, scoring a 17-4 win. Sunday's series finale was the best game of the week, as Trinity pulled off an extra-inning 5-4 win. Evan Jones hit .538 (7-13) last week, playing in four of the five games. He scored seven runs and drove in 13 more, totaling 17 bases overall. He had two doubles, a triple, and two home runs for an astounding 1.308 slugging percentage. In Saturday's win over Rutgers-Newark, Jones nearly broke a Trinity record as his seven RBI fell just one short of the most ever. Jeff Claydon also played in four of the five games, batting .417 (5-12) with a double and a home run and four RBI. Stosh Hoover started all five games and finished with a .400 (6-15) average for the week, scoring eight runs to lead the team. Evan Bronson kicked off the weekend series with a dominating performance on the mound, striking out 14 batters in seven innings of work, giving up just one hit among the 22 batters he faced. Zach Bukowski and Ryan Poffenroth also had strong weeks, though neither player was able to earn a win. Poffenroth threw six innings of relief on Monday night against Concordia, striking out five batters and not allowing a hit. On Sunday, he threw seven innings in his first start of the year and struck out six batters. Bukowski went for 5.2 innings against Mary Hardin-Baylor on Tuesday, giving up one run on two hits and striking out five. Trinity faces Schreiner University on Tuesday of this week, then will host Huston-Tillotson in a single game on Sunday afternoon.