



# SCAC HOOPS WEEKLY

## MEN'S BASKETBALL REPORT

### SOUTHERN COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

NCAA Division III

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**2008 SCAC Men's Championship Tournament**  
[\(official website\)](#)

- February 29, March 1-2, 2008 (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 5-7 (on campus)
- Second Round: March 7-8 (on campus)
- Sectionals: March 14-15 (on campus)
- Semifinals/Finals: March 21-22 (Salem, Va.)

#### 2006-07 SEASON REVIEW

**SCAC Champion**  
Centre College

#### NCAA Championship Participants

Centre College  
(lost in Second Round)  
DePauw University  
(lost in First Round)

#### WEB LINKS

[www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org)  
[www.ncaasports.com](http://www.ncaasports.com)  
[www.scac-online.org/basketball\\_mens](http://www.scac-online.org/basketball_mens)  
[www.d3hoops.com](http://www.d3hoops.com)

**FEBRUARY 4, 2008**

### CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Games through February 3 (Sunday)

EASTERN DIVISION	Conference			Overall			Streak
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
Centre College	10	0	1.000	18	1	0.947	W18
DePauw University	8	2	0.800	16	4	0.800	W6
Oglethorpe University	8	2	0.800	13	6	0.684	W5
Rhodes College	3	7	0.300	8	12	0.400	W1
Sewanee-Univ. of the South	1	9	0.100	6	13	0.316	L1
*Birmingham-Southern	0	0	0.000	12	8	0.600	L2

WESTERN DIVISION	Conference			Overall			Streak
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
Millsaps College	8	2	0.800	17	3	0.850	W2
Trinity University	6	4	0.600	13	6	0.684	L2
Southwestern University	4	6	0.400	8	11	0.421	L3
Hendrix College	4	6	0.400	11	8	0.579	L1
Austin College	2	6	0.250	5	13	0.278	L1
Colorado College	0	10	0.000	0	19	0.000	L19

\*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, February 4 – Sunday, February 10

#### Wednesday, February 6

Piedmont (Ga.) College @ Oglethorpe 7 p.m.  
Maryville (Tenn.) College @ Sewanee 8 p.m.

#### Friday, February 8

**AUSTIN COLLEGE @ HENDRIX 8 P.M.**  
**BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN @ CENTRE 8 P.M.**  
**COLORADO COLLEGE @ MILLSAPS 8 P.M.**  
**RHODES @ DEPAUW 8 P.M.**  
**TRINITY @ SOUTHWESTERN 8 P.M.**

#### Saturday, February 9

**SEWANEE @ OGLETHORPE 8 P.M.**  
University of Dallas @ Trinity 8 p.m.

#### Sunday, February 10

**AUSTIN COLLEGE @ MILLSAPS 3 P.M.**  
**BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN @ DEPAUW 3 P.M.**  
**RHODES @ CENTRE 3 P.M.**  
**COLORADO COLLEGE @ HENDRIX 2 P.M.**  
University of Dallas @ Southwestern 5 p.m.

All times local  
**SCAC GAMES BOLDED IN ALL CAPS**

## 2007-08 MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Week 1	Andrew King, Hendrix
Week 2	Mike Moore, DePauw Ben Pursell, Sewanee
Week 3	Matt Nestheide, Centre
Week 4	Jared Hoskins, Rhodes
Week 5	Andrew King, Hendrix
Week 6	Brian Oilar, DePauw Rodney Rogan, Millsaps
Week 7	Kola Alade, Austin College
Week 8	Edrick Montgomery, Millsaps
Week 9	Mike Moore, DePauw
Week 10	Thomas Britt, Centre
Week 11	Edrick Montgomery, Millsaps
Week 12	
Week 13	

## SCAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Games of January 28 – February 3

**EDRICK MONTGOMERY OF MILLSAPS COLLEGE**, a 6-6, 220-pound senior forward from Pearl, Miss., has been selected the SCAC Men's Basketball Player-of-the-Week for games played from Monday, January 28 through Sunday, February 3.

**Montgomery**, after averaging a double-double on the road last weekend to earn a spot on D3hoops.com's National Team of the Week, continued his dominance on the court at home this weekend, averaging 30.5 points, 14.0 rebounds and 2.5 blocks in a sweep over Rhodes and Birmingham-Southern.

**Montgomery** has really stepped his game up the previous two weeks from the floor and the charity stripe, posting three 30-point games along with three double-doubles and 12 blocks.

The senior knocked down a career-high 11 of 12 attempts from the free throw line en route to 31 points and 15 boards in a 93-72 win Friday over Rhodes and hit 6 of 7 from the stripe on Sunday en route to 30 points and 13 boards in an overtime win against the Panthers.

**Montgomery** has climbed all the way into second in the SCAC in blocks (2.11 per game), third in rebounds (9.2 per game) and sixth in the league in scoring (16.1 per game).

In just three seasons of work for Millsaps, he is now just 53 rebounds away from becoming the fifth player in league history to amass 700 career rebounds.

### Other outstanding performances in the SCAC:

First-year forward Todd Ward of Oglethorpe averaged a double-double last weekend - 17.0 points and 12.0 rebounds per game - as the Petrels went on the road and swept a pair of SCAC games over Austin College and Colorado College. Ward hit on 14 of 27 shots from the field (51.9%) from the field and also averaged 3.0 assists and 1.5 steals per game. Senior guard Matt Nestheide of Centre averaged 16.0 points, 3.5 rebounds and 3.0 assists in helping the Colonels to a pair of SCAC road wins. In Friday's 78-69 overtime win over Trinity, Nestheide scored a season-high 23 points with six rebounds, three assists and a steal. After hitting a lay-up and being fouled with 0:20 left to play, the senior guard knocked down the free throw to send the game to overtime, where Centre would pull away for the nine-point win. One day later, Nestheide scored nine points and had three assists in a 59-49 win over Southwestern. Senior guard Ryan Wertz of DePauw matched a career-high with 21 points in Saturday's 70-68 win at Trinity, which included nailing 5 of 7 three-point attempts. For the weekend, Wertz averaged 13.5 points per game and shot 60.0 percent (9-15) from the field. He hit on 53.8 percent (7-13) of his attempts from three-point range. Junior guard Cory Smith of Rhodes led the Lynx to a 1-1 record over the weekend. He scored 21 points, had four rebounds and two assists in the loss to Millsaps on Friday night. On Sunday against Hendrix, Smith scored 21 points with three rebounds and an assist in the victory. On the weekend, Smith scored 42 points (21.0 per game), had seven rebounds (3.5 per game), three assists and three steals. He shot 62.5% from the field (10-16) and 75% from the free throw line (21-28). Sophomore guard Kola Alade of Austin College put up some big numbers as the 'Roos split their weekend series with Oglethorpe and Sewanee over the weekend, averaging 18.0 points, 6.0 rebounds, and 4.5 assists. Alade scored 26 as the 'Roos fell 71-69 to Oglethorpe, with 18 of his points coming in the second half. He followed that up by hitting what turned out to be the game-winning three-pointer against Sewanee in a 54-53 victory. First-year forward Roger Williams of Birmingham-Southern was the team's leading scorer in three games this week, averaging 15.7 points and 6.0 rebounds with two assists and three steals. He was 19-of-30 from the field for a 63.3 percent during the three-game stretch. Williams became the first Panther this season to post a double-double, scoring 18 points and grabbing 10 rebounds against LaGrange College on Tuesday. He scored 16 points and had five rebounds against Hendrix on Friday and chipped in 13 points with three rebounds in an overtime loss at Millsaps on Sunday. Junior forward Charles Houston of Trinity continued his hot scoring streak over the weekend, though the Tigers suffered a pair of losses to the SCAC East Division's top two teams. Houston averaged 16 points per game over the weekend, hitting 11 of 18 (61.1%) from the field and 7 of 11 (63.6%) from the line. He also averaged 7.0 rebounds and 2.5 steals per game in the two SCAC games. Colorado College, Hendrix, Sewanee and Southwestern did not nominate anyone for the award.

**RESULTS***Games of January 28 – February 3***Tuesday, January 29**

Birmingham-Southern 70, LaGrange 52

**Friday, February 1****HENDRIX 75, BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN 67****OGLETHORPE 71, AUSTIN COLLEGE 69****SEWANEE 79, COLORADO COLLEGE 72****DEPAUW 54, SOUTHWESTERN 34****MILLSAPS 93, RHODES 72****#11 CENTRE 78, TRINITY 69 – OT****Saturday, February 2****DEPAUW 70, TRINITY 68****#11 CENTRE 59, SOUTHWESTERN 49****Sunday, February 3****OGLETHORPE 82, COLORADO COLLEGE 62****AUSTIN COLLEGE 54, SEWANEE 53****RHODES 83, HENDRIX 73****MILLSAPS 75, B'HAM-SOUTHERN 69 – OT****SCAC GAMES BOLDED IN ALL CAPS**

D3hoops.com ranking noted when applicable

**AROUND THE SCAC**

**Austin College** had a pair of tightly contested games over the weekend, falling 71-69 to Oglethorpe before holding off Sewanee in a 54-53 victory on Sunday. Against Oglethorpe, Kola Alade scored 18 of his game high 26 points but the 'Roos came up just short, with Kyle Lintelman's last second shot rimming out. In the win over Sewanee, Chris Sturtevant nailed 4-of-5 attempts from deep and 9-of-13 shots overall to finish with 22 points. Alade finished the game with 10 points, seven rebounds, and five assists, and hit what proved to be the game-winning three at the 2:26 mark to put the 'Roos ahead 54-52. Sturtevant finished the weekend shooting 60.9% from the field, while Alade averaged a team best 18 points and added six rebounds and 4.5 assists per game.

**Birmingham-Southern** went 1-2 on the week to fall to 12-8 on the season. The Panthers opened the week defeating LaGrange College at home before falling on the road to Hendrix College and Millsaps College over the weekend. Roger Williams became the first BSC player to post a double-double this season when he scored 18 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in a 70-52 win over LaGrange. Hendrix College pulled out a 75-67 win over the Panthers on Friday with Williams again leading the way with 16 points. BSC saw a 14-point second-half lead slip away as Millsaps came back to earn a 75-69 win in overtime on Sunday. Williams and Daniel Hudson led BSC with 13 points apiece. BSC remains on the road this weekend, traveling to nationally ranked Centre College on Friday at 7 p.m. and DePauw University on Sunday at 2 p.m.

**#5 Centre** continued to find ways to win, rallying from 16 points down in the second half against Trinity to force overtime and win in the extra period 78-69 Friday, followed by a 59-49 win one day later over Southwestern. The Colonels have now won 18 straight games this season, only two shy of tying Rhodes (1991-92) for the most consecutive wins by a men's basketball team in SCAC history. Centre has also now won 18 straight games over league opponents dating back to last year and including the conference tournament. In the win over Trinity, the Colonels shot only 36.4% in the first half, but shot the ball better as the game went on, finishing at 43.9% (25-57), including 12 of 30 from beyond the three-point line. Centre then posted a season-low six turnovers in a low-scoring win over the Pirates Saturday. The Colonels, now 18-1 overall and 10-0 in the SCAC, will return home this week to attempt to extend another streak - 23 straight home wins - against Birmingham Southern and Rhodes.

**Colorado College** dropped home SCAC games this past weekend to Sewanee (79-72) and to Oglethorpe (82-62). With three assists against Oglethorpe, senior forward Kyle Keefe became the 18th player in CC history to reach 150 career assists. Heis now tied with Matt Bahl at No. 17 on the career list with 151. Keefe has dished out four or more assists in five of the last six games. Keefe tied his career high with 23 points against Sewanee. Junior guard Lance Jacobs reached the 20-point mark for the third time this season against Oglethorpe and surpassed junior guard Nate Brodman as the team's scoring leader. Jacobs has reached double figures in 15 of 19 games, including the last seven. Brodman needs just 24 points to become the 19th player to reach the 900-point plateau.

**DePauw** extended its season-long win streak to six straight and improved to 16-4 overall and 8-2 in the SCAC with wins at Southwestern and Trinity. Against Southwestern, the Tigers trailed by seven points midway through the second half, but put together an 11-0 run and outscored Southwestern 33-6 over the final 12:30 on the way to the 54-34 victory. Mike Moore led the Tigers with 19 points, while Stephen Schott added nine points and a game-high nine rebounds. The Tigers shot 34 percent for the game after connecting on 50 percent in the second half. The 34 points were the fewest allowed by the Tigers since a 90-30 win over Indiana-Northwest during the 1995-96 season. The Tigers had to again battle back from a deficit in Saturday's game at Trinity as they trailed by as many as 12 in the first half on the way to a 70-68 win. Ryan Wertz paced DePauw with a career-high 21 points as he hit 5-of-7 three-pointers. Moore added 11 points and nine rebounds, while Schott and Steve Lemasters each scored 10. DePauw shot 53.1 percent for the game and held Trinity to just 42.3 percent including only 30.8 percent in the second half. During the weekend, Stephen Schott moved into third place in DePauw and SCAC history with 772 career rebounds. He is one of just four SCAC players with at least 1,300 points and 700 rebounds.

**Hendrix** split a pair of home SCAC affairs this weekend – defeating Birmingham-Southern College, 75-67, on Friday and losing to Rhodes College, 83-73, on Sunday. Four Warriors posted double-digit performances in the teams win over the Panthers. The first half saw five lead changes and ended with Hendrix on top, 32-26.. The Warriors' lead slipped to just one point on four occasions during the final period. Sophomore Janson Hightower led the Warriors with 11 points. Sophomore Cal Rose, junior Andrew King and junior David Foley tallied 10 points apiece. King led the team with eight boards, while Rose and Foley led the squad with three steals each. King tallied 28 points and pulled down 10 rebounds in the Warriors' loss to SCAC rival Rhodes. The first half produced eight lead changes and eight ties prior to the break, but Rhodes gained a lead it would not relinquish with 17:08 left in regulation. King was 11 of 17 from the field, while Foley added 14 points and eight rebounds. Hightower scored 13 points and dished out a team-high two assists.

**NATIONAL, REGIONAL POLLS**

**D3HOOPS.COM TOP 25**

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Poll	Date	Team	Rank
Pre	O29	Centre.....	RV
		DePauw.....	RV
1	N27	DePauw.....	RV
		Centre.....	RV
		Trinity.....	RV
2	D4	Trinity.....	RV
		Centre.....	RV
		DePauw.....	RV
3	D11	Trinity.....	22
		Centre.....	RV
4	D18	Trinity.....	22
		Centre.....	RV
5	J2	Trinity.....	RV
		Centre.....	RV
		Millsaps.....	RV
6	J7	Centre.....	RV
		Millsaps.....	RV
		Trinity.....	RV
7	J14	Centre.....	20
		Millsaps.....	23
		Trinity.....	RV
8	J21	Centre.....	14
		Millsaps.....	18
9	J28	Centre.....	11
		Millsaps.....	RV
10	F4	Centre.....	5
		DePauw.....	RV
		Millsaps.....	RV

**NCAA DIVISION III SOUTH REGION POLL**

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Poll	Date	Team	Rank
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*For complete team and individual statistics and box scores for all games, click to the official website of SCAC Men's Basketball:*

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**AROUND THE SCAC**

**Millsaps** made good of a weekend sweep at home over Rhodes, 94-73, and Birmingham-Southern, 75-69 OT, to push its home win streak out to 12 games – the longest such streak in the Tim Wise era. On Friday night, the Majors outscored the Lynx 21-0 off second chance points and shot 48 percent in the second half to run away with a 21-point win and move their league record to 8-2 in the West. Four scorers notched double figures for Millsaps, led by senior forward Edrick Montgomery with 31 points (career-high 11-of-12 from the charity stripe), 15 rebounds and four blocks. The Majors had seven blocks in the game. Millsaps survived a very talented and young BSC team on Sunday, rallying from a 14-point second half deficit to come away with a six-point win in overtime. Montgomery posted his second-straight 30-point game and third in four games overall, while senior Lorenzo "Big Shot" Bailey knocked down a pair of threes late to force the extra frame. Junior Chad Sony picked up a game-high six assists to go along with seven points, while Sanders and Bailey both reached double figures in the scoring column. Millsaps will continue a four-game homestand on Friday, playing host to Colorado College and Austin College in the Hangar Dome.

Continuing to surprise SCAC pundits, **Oglethorpe** went on the road this past weekend and picked up two more wins to raise their record to 13-6 on the season and an impressive 8-2 in conference play. On Friday at Austin College, the Petrels improved to 7-0 on the season in games decided by five points or less in defeating the Kangaroos, 71-69. Freshman transfer Todd Ward posted 18 points, 11 rebounds, two assists and two steals in only 22 minutes of game action. Senior Ahmad Kareem Shaheed added 20 points on 9 of 14 shooting and grabbed six boards as the Petrels held on down the stretch for the victory. On Sunday, Oglethorpe let head coach Phil Ponder breathe a little easier with a runaway 82-62 victory over Colorado College. The Petrels jumped to a 24-point 47-23 halftime lead and cruised to the win. Four Petrels landed in double-figures for the game including two freshmen, Joe Kennedy and Todd Ward. Kennedy had 10 points and three rebounds while Ward scored 16 points and continued his great work on the boards with a team-high 13 rebounds. Seniors Craig Jackson and Ahmad Kareem Shaheed had 21 and 10 points respectively. The Petrels step out of conference for the final time this Wednesday night when they host Piedmont.

**Rhodes** got a road split this weekend losing in Jackson, Mississippi to Millsaps College 93-72. The Lynx were tied with the Majors with just five minutes to go in the first half but went cold from the field and went into halftime down 15. The Lynx chipped into the lead and had it at eight but never got any closer. Cory Smith led the Lynx with 21 points and Jared Hoskins netted 13 points. On Sunday, Rhodes beat Hendrix 83-73 and improved its record to 8-12 overall and 3-7 in the SCAC. Rhodes placed four players in double digits on the day, led by Joe Thompson and Smith's 21 each. Reid Hamilton and Nathan Ollie each scored 15 points in the win. Joe Thompson also led the Lynx in rebounding with 10 rebounds, giving Thompson his first double-double on the season. Rhodes heads to DePauw University and Centre College this weekend.

**Sewanee** went 1-1 last weekend, with a comeback win over Colorado College that was the first SCAC win so far for the Tigers. They lost by one to Austin College in Sherman on Sunday afternoon. The Tigers are 6-13 and are 1-9 in conference games. Senior Gary Grizzle (LaGrange Ga.) led the Tigers with performances of 12 and 16 on the trip west. The Tigers will host regional opponent Maryville College Wednesday night and travel to Oglethorpe on Saturday.

**Southwestern** struggled this past weekend as they lost a pair of home SCAC games to DePauw and #11 Centre. On Friday, SU had its lowest scoring output of the year as the Pirates fell 54-34 to the Tigers. The game was tied at 17-17 at halftime but SU could not get the offense clicking at all as DePauw pulled away in the second half. The next night, the Pirates offense was better but still could not score enough as they fell to Centre 59-49. Southwestern continues to play solid defense, holding both teams under 60 points while they each came in to the weekend averaging over 75 points per game. Southwestern hosts Trinity on Friday (Feb. 8) at 8:00 pm and then the University of Dallas comes to town for a non-conference tilt on Sunday (Feb. 10) at 5:00 pm.

**Trinity** lost two SCAC games over the weekend, missing potential game-winning shots at the end of regulation in both. On Friday night against 11th-ranked Centre, Trinity had a three-point lead in the 30 seconds, but Centre connected on a game-tying three-point play. The Tigers had the final shot, but it bounced off the rim, forcing overtime. In OT, Centre outscored Trinity 11-2 to take the victory. Charles Houston led the Tigers with 14 points and nine rebounds, while Luke Calderera came off the bench to score 11 points. Saturday's game against DePauw featured the two second-place teams from the SCAC West and East Divisions. Trinity cut the lead down to two in the final 15 seconds, and had a chance for the victory, but the game-winning three-point shot missed at the buzzer. Houston led the team with 18 points in this game, followed closely by 16 points from B.J. Moon. Next week, Trinity will play Southwestern and the University of Dallas on Friday and Saturday nights. Friday's SCAC game against Southwestern will be the 38th meeting between these two teams since the 1984-85 season. The Tigers won 68-52 earlier this season in San Antonio. Trinity is 23-3 against Dallas since the 1986-87 season, winning 12 straight games in the series.