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DEPAUW AND TRINITY MEN PICKED TO BATTLE FOR 2002-03 SCAC HOOPS CROWN

In exclusive voting of the men's basketball coaches in the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC), defending champion DePauw University has been selected as the team to beat for the conference title during the 2002-03 – edging out Trinity University by a narrow four-point voting margin.

DePauw picked up seven of the 10 first-place votes and came in with 97 total points to finish ahead of Trinity's 93 points that included three first-place votes. Coach Bill Fenlon's DePauw squad was a unanimous selection to win the conference in 2001-02 and came through with a 16-2 mark in the conference and 24-4 overall. The Tigers went on to win two NCAA tournament games before losing in the sectional final. All-SCAC first-team selection senior Joe Ringger (17.4 ppg, 7.8 rpg) and second-team selection senior Jeremy Bettis (15.1 ppg, 8.1 rpg) return to lead the Tigers.

Trinity finished the 2001-02 campaign with a 14-4 conference record and 18-7 record overall. Coach Pat Cunningham welcomes back All-SCAC honorable mention selection sophomore Jason Morris (13.8 ppg) to lead the Tigers.

The 2002-03 season kicks off Friday, November 22.

2002-03 SCAC MEN'S BASKETBALL PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

1.	97 (7)	DePauw University Tigers	16-2	24-4
2.	93 (3)	Trinity University Tigers	14-4	18-7
3.	69	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Engineers	12-6	18-7
4.	66	Centre College Colonels	10-8	16-9
5.	62	Southwestern University Pirates	8-10	10-15
T6.	46	Millsaps College Majors	12-6	18-7
	46	The University of the South-Sewanee Tigers	6-12	11-14
8.	27	Rhodes College Lynx	7-11	10-14
9.	25	Oglethorpe University Stormy Petrels	2-16	4-21
10.	19	Hendrix College Warriors	3-15	5-19

Note: First-place votes, in parentheses, are worth 10 points, second-place votes are worth nine points, etc., down to a 10th-place vote worth one point. Final SCAC and overall records for 2001-02 are listed in the right columns after each school.

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