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**SCAC ANNOUNCES 2005-06 ALL-SCAC MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM**

**MEMPHIS, Tenn.** - In exclusive voting by the head coaches of the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC), senior center Reggie Magnusson of Centre College was selected as SCAC Men's Basketball Player-of-the-Year, while Trinity University head coach Pat Cunningham was named the league's Coach-of-the-Year. First-year forward Andrew King of Hendrix College was selected as the league's Newcomer-of-the-Year while senior forward Coy Zerhusen of Centre and senior guard Aaron Bowser of Southwestern University each received three votes to share Defensive Player-of-the-Year honors.

Magnusson finished the regular season ranked fifth in the league in scoring (17.3 ppg) and ninth in rebounding (5.9 rpg). In addition, he was 14th in the conference in field goal percentage (47.8%), ninth in free throw percentage (77.0%) and 15th in blocked shots (0.54 bpg). Magnusson, who scored 20+ points in 12 games this season, was even better in conference games, finishing second among all scorers in league play at 19.8 points per game. A two-time SCAC Player-of-the-Week selection during the season, Magnusson scored the 1,000th point of his career on February 5 against Oglethorpe – accomplishing the task in just three seasons. Magnusson is the first Centre men's basketball player to earn SCAC POTY honors since David DeMarcus in 1993.

Cunningham, in his seventh season with Trinity, has led the Tigers to a 20-5 overall mark, a 12-2 conference record, and the No. 1 seed in this year's SCAC Tournament. This is the third time – and second in three years – that Cunningham has been honored as the league's Coach-of-the-Year. Under his guidance, the Tigers have gone 60-14 in SCAC play over the last five years and won the last three SCAC tournament titles. Last year's squad advanced all the way to the NCAA Elite Eight before losing to the eventual national champion, Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Hendrix's King led all SCAC freshmen in scoring (17.4 ppg – fourth in the SCAC), rebounding (7.1 rpg – fourth in the SCAC) and field goal percentage (55.0% - seventh in the SCAC). His scoring average is the highest single-season total for a Hendrix player since Jason Rhodes averaged 20.7 points per game en route to the league's POTY honor in 1995-96. King was the only first-year player to garner a Player-of-the-Week award this season (Week 5).

After Trinity's Sean Devins graduated and finally relinquished his three-year stranglehold on the award, the coaches' vote for the league's Defensive Player-of-the-Year was split between Centre's Zerhusen and Southwestern's Bowser.

Zerhusen leads the league in rebounding with 8.6 boards per game and is in line to become just the second player in SCAC history to lead the league in rebounds per game in consecutive years. Earlier in the month, the senior forward became just the second player in league history to post 800+ rebounds and in Saturday's semifinal win against Southwestern, he surpassed Oglethorpe's Russ Churchwell's all-time rebounding mark of 849. He currently stands at 850. Zerhusen is second on Centre's all-time rebounding charts – just four boards behind the school's all-time mark.

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Bowser, the league's Player-of-the-Year and a Division III All-American a year ago, leads Southwestern and is sixth in the conference in steals – averaging 1.6 per game. The senior guard is consistently asked to go up against the SCAC's top offensive threats and has been a key figure in the Pirates' scoring defense which enters the tournament ranked third in the conference at 65.2 points allowed per game.

Joining Magnusson on the All-SCAC First Team is senior guard Munchie Muskeyvalley of Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, senior guard Jamonn Little of Southwestern and senior guard Ross Burt and senior forward Andy Bates – both of Trinity.

Muskeyvalley averaged 16.3 points per game during the regular season (sixth in the SCAC) and also finished sixth in the league in assists (3.5 apg), eighth in steals (1.5 spg), tied for second in three-point field goals made per game (2.71) and sixth in free throw percentage (83.5%). Little averaged 14.2 points per game (18th in the SCAC), and is also ranked in the top 10 in the conference in rebounds (6.3 per game – seventh), field goal percentage (51.7% – ninth) and assists (3.39 per game – seventh). During the regular season, Burt averaged team-highs of 15.7 points (seventh in the SCAC) and 5.8 rebounds per game (10th in the SCAC) for Trinity. He shot 48.1% from the field (13th in the SCAC), including 43.2% from three-point range (fourth in the SCAC). Bates was just behind his teammate Burt on the SCAC scoring charts – averaging 15.2 points per game (eighth in the SCAC). He shot a team-high 49.1% from the field (11th in the SCAC) and also shot 38.2% from three-point range (13th in the SCAC).

### 2005-06 SCAC PLAYER-OF-THE-YEAR

Reggie Magnusson	Centre	6-7	Sr.	Center	Reykjavik, Iceland
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### 2005-06 SCAC NEWCOMER-OF-THE-YEAR

Andrew King	Hendrix	6-6	Fy.	Forward	Dallas, Texas
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### 2005-06 SCAC DEFENSIVE PLAYER-OF-THE-YEAR

Coy Zerhusen	Centre	6-4	Sr.	Forward	Georgetown, Ky.
Aaron Bowser	Southwestern	6-2	Sr.	Guard	Arlington, Texas

### 2005-06 SCAC COACH-OF-THE-YEAR

Pat Cunningham	Trinity	20-5 Overall / 12-2 SCAC / SCAC Regular Season Champions			
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### 2005-06 ALL-SCAC FIRST TEAM

Reggie Magnusson	127 (5)	Centre	6-7	Sr.	Center	Reykjavik, Iceland
Ross Burt	116 (1)	Trinity	6-6	Sr.	Guard	Houston, Texas
Munchie Muskeyvalley	115	Rose-Hulman	6-0	Sr.	Guard	Rock Island, Ill.
Andy Bates	103 (1)	Trinity	6-6	Sr.	Forward	Austin, Texas
Jamonn Little	100 (2)	Southwestern	6-3	Sr.	Guard	Arlington, Texas

### 2005-06 ALL-SCAC SECOND TEAM

Aaron Bowser	79 (1)	Southwestern	6-2	Sr.	Guard	Arlington, Texas
Alex Stewart	78	DePauw	6-2	Sr.	Guard	Plano, Texas
Robert Cates	77	Southwestern	6-7	Sr.	Forward	Houston, Texas
Rami Almefty	71	Rhodes	6-0	Sr.	Guard	Little Rock, Ark.
Tyler Warren	58	Millsaps	6-1	Sr.	Guard	San Antonio, Texas

### 2005-06 ALL-SCAC THIRD TEAM

Coy Zerhusen	53	Centre	6-4	Sr.	Forward	Georgetown, Ky.
Stephen Schott	48	DePauw	6-6	So.	Post	Indianapolis, Ind.
Matt Nestheide	34	Centre	6-0	So.	Guard	Edgewood, Ky.
Eric Dickinson	31	Oglethorpe	6-0	Jr.	Guard	Palm City, Fla.
Rodney Rogan	30	Millsaps	6-4	So.	Forward	Houston, Texas

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**HONORABLE MENTION (players receiving votes)**

**DePauw** – Mike Moore (Fy.); **Hendrix** – Andrew King (Fy.); **Oglethorpe** – Ahmad Kareem Shaheed (So.), Andrew Tulowitzky (Jr.); **Rhodes** – Matthew Jakes (Sr.); **Rose-Hulman** – Brennan Dunville (Sr.); **Sewanee** – Spencer Rowland (Jr.); **Trinity** – James Lake (Sr.), Jay Riola (Sr.)

First-place votes in parentheses. Voting totals based on coaches' votes with 15 points awarded for first-place votes, 14 points for second-place votes, 13 points for third-place votes, etc., down to one point for a 15th-place vote. All players not elected to the First, Second or Third Team, but who received at least one vote, were named Honorable Mention. Coaches could not vote for their own players.

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