



SCAC HOOPS WEEKLY

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL REPORT

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**2008 SCAC Women'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
(Holland, Mich.)

2006-07 SEASON REVIEW

SCAC Champion
DePauw University

NCAA Championship Participants
Oglethorpe University
(lost in First Round)
DePauw University
(National Champion)

WEB LINKS

www.ncaa.org
www.ncaasports.com
www.scac-online.org/basketball_womens
www.d3hoops.com

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CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Games through December 16 (Sunday)

EASTERN DIVISION	Conference			Overall			Streak
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
Oglethorpe University	1	0	1.000	8	0	1.000	W8
DePauw University	1	0	1.000	5	1	0.833	W2
Sewanee-Univ. of the South	1	0	0.000	4	5	0.444	L4
Centre College	0	1	0.000	2	4	0.333	L4
Rhodes College	0	2	0.000	5	3	0.625	W2
*Birmingham-Southern	0	0	0.000	6	3	0.667	L1

WESTERN DIVISION	Conference			Overall			Streak
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
Trinity University	2	0	1.000	6	1	0.857	W3
Hendrix College	1	0	1.000	6	2	0.750	W1
Southwestern University	1	1	0.500	5	2	0.714	W2
Colorado College	1	1	0.500	5	4	0.556	W2
Millsaps College	0	1	0.000	2	5	0.286	L2
Austin College	0	2	0.000	1	7	0.125	L7

*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, December 17 – Sunday, December 23

Monday, December 17

Wittenberg (Ohio) University @ DePauw 6 p.m.
Birmingham-Southern @ Spring Hill (Ala.) College 11 a.m.
Transylvania (Ky.) University @ Centre 7 p.m.
Schreiner (Texas) University @ Southwestern 3 p.m.

Tuesday, December 18

Rhodes @ University of Chicago 6 p.m.

Thursday, December 20

Austin College @ University of Dallas 6 p.m.
DePauw vs. Messiah (Pa.) College @ Cancun, Mexico TBA

Friday, December 21

DePauw vs. King's (Pa.) College @ Cancun, Mexico TBA

All times local
SCAC GAMES BOLDED IN ALL CAPS

2007-08 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Week 1 Meghan Scholbe, Trinity
Week 2 Krista Prato Matthews, Trinity
Week 3 Katie Kulavic, Oglethorpe
Week 4 Jenna Fernandez, DePauw
Anna Findley, Oglethorpe
Week 5 Melanie Auguste, Colorado College
Week 6
Week 7
Week 8
Week 9
Week 10
Week 11
Week 12
Week 13

SCAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Games of December 10 – December 16

MELANIE AUGUSTE OF COLORADO COLLEGE, a 5-6, junior guard from Cameron Park, Calif., has been selected the SCAC Women's Basketball Player-of-the-Week for games played from Monday, December 10 through Sunday, December 16.

Auguste was dominant in two wins against Augustana (Ill.) College this past weekend.

In Friday's 71-61 victory, she posted just the ninth triple-double in the SCAC since the 2001-02 season - finishing with 12 points, 11 rebounds and 12 assists. **Auguste** hit four clinching free throws in the final 15 seconds to ice the game for Colorado College.

Auguste followed that performance with a double-double on Saturday, scoring 15 and handing out 11 assists as the Tigers prevailed in convincing fashion, 63-44.

For the two games, **Auguste** averaged 13.5 points, 8.0 rebounds, 11.5 assists and 3.0 steals per game as Colorado College improved its overall mark to 5-4.

For the season, **Auguste** is 11th in the league in scoring (14.2 points per game), tied for eighth in rebounding (7.8 per game), ninth in steals (2.56 per game), tied for 13th in free throw percentage (76.5%) and leads the SCAC in assists (7.11 per game).

Other outstanding performances in the SCAC:

Junior guard Anna Findley of Oglethorpe recorded a game high 31 points on 12 of 17 shooting from the floor, which included 6 of 9 from beyond the arc, in the Petrels' 92-70 victory over Methodist. In just 10 minutes of action in the second half, Findley was a perfect 6-for-6 from the floor, including 3-for-3 from long range. Along with 31 points, Findley recorded a game-high seven steals, four rebounds and three assists. Sophomore forward Chelsey White of Hendrix led the Warriors in each contest this week with 23 points against Univ. of Dallas and 25 points against LaGrange. White has now posted 23+ point performances in Hendrix's last three games. She was 10 of 20 from the field with one three-pointer against LaGrange and 8 of 16 from the field and 7 of 8 from the free throw line against Univ. of Dallas. Centre, Rhodes and Sewanee did not nominate anyone for the award, and Austin College, DePauw, Millsaps, Southwestern and Trinity did not play.

RESULTS

Games of December 10 – December 16

Tuesday, December 11

Emory 79, Sewanee 67

Wednesday, December 12

Spalding 67, Centre 57

Thursday, December 13

Univ. of Dallas 76, Hendrix 72 – OT

Friday, December 14

Colorado College 71, Augustana (Ill.) 61

Saturday, December 15

Rhodes 66, Huntingdon 62

#19 Oglethorpe 92, Methodist 70

Southern Miss 78, Birmingham-Southern 50

Colorado College 63, Augustana (Ill.) 44

Hendrix 70, LaGrange 61

Sunday, December 16

Rhodes 61, LaGrange 49

SCAC GAMES BOLDED IN ALL CAPS

D3hoops.com ranking noted when applicable

AROUND THE SCAC

Austin College did not play last week, but returns to the floor on Thursday (Dec. 20) with a road match at University of Dallas. In their last action, the 'Roos gave the ball away 25 times and shot just 30.5% from the field in dropping a 50-43 decision to University of Texas-Dallas on Thursday (Dec. 6). With 10 points, Maegan Fitzgerald was the only 'Roo to reach double figures in scoring. Katy Williams had eight points and a game and season-high 16 rebounds. It was the second straight game that Austin College, which is last in the SCAC in scoring at 56.4 points per game, has failed to reach 50 points scoring.

Birmingham-Southern dropped its lone game this week on the road, losing to Southern Miss, 78-50, on Saturday. Senior forward Reba Ross posted 28 points and 11 rebounds in the loss for her ninth double-double of the season, and is now only 22 points away from hitting 1,000 career points. Junior forward Elyse Clay posted a career-high nine points and five rebounds in Saturday's game. BSC is on the road again Monday, Dec. 17, taking on Spring Hill College at 11 a.m. CT.

Centre went 0-1 last week falling to Spalding 67-57 in the second match up of the season between the two schools. The Colonels, which previously defeated the Golden Eagles 66-53 in the season-opener for both teams in Danville, scored only 15 points in the first half on six of 30 shooting from the field. Centre was scheduled to play at Franklin Saturday, Dec. 15, but the game was postponed due to inclement weather. The Colonels have now lost four straight games heading into their game with in-state rival Transylvania this week. Centre and Transylvania have only played nine times since the 1991-92 season with the Pioneers winning eight of those nine contests. The Colonels' lone win came in the 2005-06 season, a 62-60 overtime win in Lexington, Ky.

Colorado College won two home games against Augustana (Ill.) College of the CCIW, building 20-point leads in the second half in both. CC held off a Vikings comeback in the first half to win 71-61, and kept a healthy lead the second game and won going away, 63-44. Colorado College is now 5-4 (1-1 SCAC). Senior forward Paige Whitney scored her 1,000th career point on Friday when she hit two free throws early in the second half. Whitney is the seventh player in school history to reach 1,000 points, and now has 1,020. Whitney also had two blocked shots on Saturday to tie for fourth on the career list with 56. Spohomore forward Eliese Hansberry was dominant inside in both games. She was the high-scorer in both games, with 25 on Friday and 16 on Saturday. She finished with 15 rebounds and two blocks for the two games.

#7 DePauw had its only scheduled contest of the week – a Saturday evening contest against Wittenberg – postponed until Monday due to severe weather in the area. After Monday's makeup contest, the Tigers head for Cancun, Mexico for the Caribbean Hoops Showdown where they'll face King's and fourth-ranked Messiah this Thursday and Friday, respectively. DePauw has been ranked in the top 25 of 58 straight D3hoops.com polls.

Hendrix split a pair of contests this week with a 76-72 loss to University of Dallas on Thursday and a 70-61 win over LaGrange College on Saturday. The Warriors finish the week with a 6-2 overall record and remain 1-0 in SCAC play. Sophomore Wyvonne Hawkins tied the game at 65-65 with a 3-pointer off an assist from sophomore Chelsey White with 21 ticks left in regulation. But University of Dallas struck first in overtime and would hold on to its lead for the remainder of the tilt. White, who ended the affair with her second-straight 23-point performance, also pulled down six rebounds and grabbed four steals. Hawkins finished with 15 points, while sophomore Christina Byler posted her first double-double of the season with 14 points and 12 boards. On Saturday, Hendrix scored the first bucket of the contest against LaGrange and never looked back as they led the entire game. White posted her third-straight 23+ point performance and led the Warriors with a season-high 25 points. Sophomore Christina Byler tallied 20 points and pulled down nine rebounds.

NATIONAL, REGIONAL POLLS

D3HOOPS.COM TOP 25

www.d3hoops.com

Poll	Date	Team	Rank
Pre	O29	DePauw.....	5
		Oglethorpe.....	RV
1	N27	DePauw.....	8
		Oglethorpe.....	RV
2	D4	DePauw.....	8
		Oglethorpe.....	25
3	D11	DePauw.....	7
		Oglethorpe.....	19
		Trinity.....	RV

USA TODAY/ESPN DIVISION III TOP 25 COACHES POLL

www.wbca.org

Poll	Date	Team	Rank
Pre	O31	DePauw.....	2
		Oglethorpe.....	RV
1	N27	DePauw.....	8
		Oglethorpe.....	RV
2	D4	DePauw.....	8
		Oglethorpe.....	25
3	D11	DePauw.....	8
		Oglethorpe.....	17

NCAA DIVISION III SOUTH REGION POLL

www.ncaasports.com

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 Women's Basketball:

http://www.scac-online.org/basketball_womens

AROUND THE SCAC

Millsaps will not play again until Saturday, Dec. 29, at Belhaven College and will be looking to snap a two-game losing skid. All five of the Majors' losses this season have been by nine points or less, with three of those decided by five or less. Juniors Crystal Dickerson and Tiffany Whitmore continue to lead the offense, averaging 13 and 12 points per contest. Dickerson has also been solid on the boards, grabbing a team-high 9.7 per game, while junior Jessica Bowie has chipped in 8.6 rpg to go along with 14 blocks. Millsaps will continue SCAC play after the Christmas break, hosting Southwestern and Trinity University.

#19 Oglethorpe continues to roll, defeating Methodist 92-70 in its only game of the week on Saturday to improve to 8-0. OU has now won a program-best 17 straight home games. Anna Findley had a game-high 31 points, hitting on 12 of 17 shots from the field, including 6 of 9 from beyond the arc. She also had seven steals, four rebounds and three assists. Katie Kulavic scored the 1,000th point of her career, finishing the game with 18 points. She is just the fifth player in program history to reach the milestone. Findley is just 54 points from reaching 1,000 points scored for her career. Oglethorpe is off this week, but returns to its home floor on Dec. 29 to play Roanoke in the OU Holiday Classic. The Petrels tangle with 22nd-ranked Wilmington the following evening. In the last meeting between the two, the Quakers knocked OU from last year's NCAA Tournament in a 76-54 decision on Wilmington's home floor.

Rhodes posted back-to-back wins on Saturday and Sunday, defeating Huntingdon and LaGrange respectively to improve to 5-3 on the season. The Lynx pulled out a 66-62 victory over Huntingdon, despite shooting just 33.9% from the floor – the third straight game Rhodes has shot below 34% from the field. LaKeya McGill had a team-high 15 points in the win. On Sunday against LaGrange, the Lynx got a double-double from Ashley Farrell (17 points, 10 rebounds) to cruise to the 61-49 victory. Rhodes led 35-22 at the half and held the Panthers to just 28.1 percent (16-57) for the game. They Lynx travel to play at University of Chicago on Thursday – a first-ever meeting between the two in the SCAC era.

Sewanee lost its fourth straight, dropping a 79-67 decision to Emory on Monday on the Mountain. Anne Willis had 19 points to lead the Tigers, followed by Steffi Renninger with 14. Emory shot a blistering 53.8 percent (28-52), including 55.2 percent in the second half when the visiting Eagles stretched out a 34-31 halftime lead. Sewanee is off until a New Year's Eve contest against University of Dallas at Huntingdon (Ala.) College.

Southwestern was off last week. The Pirates improved to 5-2 on the season when they defeated University of Dallas, 79-65, on Saturday (Dec. 8). SU took the lead early and never relented. SU got a 21 points, eight rebound performance from junior Natasha Azizi, who also tied a career-high with four steals. Senior Jessica Hoch added 16 points for Southwestern. The Pirates shot 51.9 percent in the game, the first time this season the team has shot over 50 percent from the floor. SU also held a 37-29 advantage in rebounds. Southwestern welcomes Schreiner to Georgetown on Monday and then hosts to its own Invitational Dec. 28-29. Southwestern is 4-0 against Schreiner since 2003-04.

Trinity did not play last week and will be off until the end of the month when the team will host the Trinity University Holiday Classic on December 28-29. The Tigers will face Carthage and Elmhurst in the tournament. Trinity has not played either of its two opponents since joining the SCAC in 1991-92. Krista Prato Matthews scored her 700th career point against Colorado College last weekend, and she also passed current Tiger teammate Martha King for third place on Trinity's career blocks list. Prato Matthews has 126 blocks in her career, needing 44 more to break the record. That record is held by Bernadette Navjar (1996-99) and Tara Rohde (2001-05). Meghan Scholbe moved into fifth at Trinity in career steals, passing Melissa Carl (1999-2003) and Megan Selmon (1999-2003) last weekend. If she equals her 73 steals from a year ago, she will become the third player in school history to record 200 or more steals in a career. Scholbe would also be only the second player in school history to record at least 70 steals in more than one season.