

SCAC GRIDIRON WEEKLY

FOOTBALL REPORT

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2006 SEASON REVIEW

| | Conference | | | Overall | | |
|----------|------------|---|-------|---------|---|-------|
| | W | L | Pct. | W | L | Pct. |
| Millsaps | 6 | 0 | 1.000 | 7 | 4 | 0.636 |
| Trinity | 5 | 1 | 0.833 | 8 | 2 | 0.800 |
| DePauw | 3 | 3 | 0.500 | 6 | 4 | 0.600 |
| Rhodes | 3 | 3 | 0.500 | 6 | 4 | 0.600 |
| Centre | 2 | 4 | 0.333 | 5 | 5 | 0.500 |
| Austin | 2 | 4 | 0.333 | 4 | 6 | 0.400 |
| Sewanee | 0 | 6 | 0.000 | 2 | 8 | 0.200 |

SCAC Champion
Millsaps College

NCAA Championship Participant
Millsaps College
First Round (11/18)
lost to Carnegie Mellon 21-0

WEB LINKS

www.ncaa.org
www.ncaasports.com
www.scac-online.org/football
www.d3football.com
www.donhansen.com

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CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Games through October 6 (Saturday)

| | SCAC | | OVERALL | | Strk |
|-------------------------|--------|-------|---------|-------|------|
| | RECORD | Pct. | RECORD | Pct. | |
| Millsaps College | 4-0 | 1.000 | 5-1 | 0.833 | W5 |
| DePauw University | 2-1 | 0.667 | 4-1 | 0.800 | W1 |
| Trinity University | 1-1 | 0.500 | 4-1 | 0.800 | L1 |
| Rhodes College | 1-1 | 0.500 | 3-2 | 0.600 | W1 |
| Austin College | 2-2 | 0.500 | 3-3 | 0.500 | W2 |
| Centre College | 2-2 | 0.500 | 3-3 | 0.500 | L1 |
| Colorado College | 1-2 | 0.333 | 3-2 | 0.600 | W1 |
| University of the South | 0-4 | 0.000 | 1-4 | 0.200 | L4 |
| *Birmingham-Southern | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0-3 | 0.000 | L3 |

*BSC will not be eligible for the conference championship and all conference games against them will not count in the league standings.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Saturday, October 6

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| CENTRE | 7 | TRINITY | 13 |
| MILLSAPS | 29 | RHODES | 27 |
| DEPAUW | 28 | AUSTIN | 16 |
| B'HAM-SOUTHERN | 24 | SEWANEE | 13 |

Colorado College 44
Macalester 14

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 13

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| TRINITY @ DEPAUW | 1 P.M. |
| MILLSAPS @ SEWANEE | 1:30 P.M. |
| BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN @ AUSTIN | 1 P.M. |
| RHODES @ COLORADO COLLEGE | 1 P.M. |

SCAC GAMES BOLDED IN ALL CAPS
All times local

2007 FOOTBALL OFFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Week 1 Blake Mears, Sewanee
 Week 2 Justin Alexander, Colorado College
 Week 3 Juan Joseph, Millsaps
 Week 4 Blake Barmore, Trinity
 Week 5 Juan Joseph, Millsaps
 Week 6 Ross Alisiani, Colorado College
 Week 7
 Week 8
 Week 9
 Week 10
 Week 11

2007 FOOTBALL DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Week 1 Adam Hay, Centre
 Week 2 Brian Marynowitz, Trinity
 Week 3 Desmond Hendricks, Rhodes
 Week 4 Casey Younger, Millsaps
 Week 5 Ronnie Wheat, Millsaps
 Week 6 Desmond Hendricks, Rhodes
 Week 7
 Week 8
 Week 9
 Week 10
 Week 11

SCAC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Games of October 6

ROSS ALISIANI OF COLORADO COLLEGE, a 6-4, 214-pound senior wide receiver from Denver, Colo., has been selected the SCAC Football Offensive Player-of-the-Week for games played Saturday, October 6.

Alisiani set career highs with 190 receiving yards and three touchdowns in Colorado College's 44-14 victory at Macalester College. It was the first multi-touchdown game of his career and the second with 100 or more receiving yards. **Alisiani** averaged 21.1 yards per catch and went over the 1,000-yard mark for career receiving yards. It was the most receiving yards in a game for Colorado College since Jake Craig had 236 yards on 12 receptions against Rhodes on Oct. 25, 2003, and the first time a Tiger had three TD receptions in a game since Tim Wolfmeyer versus Trinity Bible College on Nov. 10, 2001. It was the most yards receiving by a SCAC player since David Crowley of Centre had 218 yards against DePauw on Oct. 30, 2004. **Alisiani** currently leads the team with 31 catches (second in the SCAC), 416 yards (second in the SCAC) and five touchdowns (tied for first in the SCAC). He ranks second on the team in scoring.

Other outstanding performances in the SCAC:

Sophomore wide receiver Bryan Mulligan of DePauw caught nine passes for 91 yards and a touchdown, including the game-winner with 44 seconds left in Saturday's 28-24 win over Birmingham-Southern. Junior wide receiver Eric McCarthy of Millsaps went over 100 yards receiving for the second consecutive game to add to his team-leading totals in yards and catches, hauling in nine passes from Joseph for 164 yards, to help lead the Majors to their fifth-straight win and 10th-straight SCAC win. Out of McCarty's nine catches, eight of them went for double-digit yardage. Junior wide receiver Riley Curry of Trinity caught eight passes for the second week in a row on Saturday, as Trinity fell at Rhodes 27-13. Curry finished with eight receptions for a season-best 114 yards against Rhodes, extending his streak to 15 consecutive games in which he has caught two or more passes. The game also marked the second 100-yard receiving day of his career. Austin College, Birmingham-Southern, Centre, Rhodes and Sewanee did not nominate anyone for the award.

SCAC DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Games of October 6

DESMOND HENDRICKS OF RHODES COLLEGE, a 6-2, 223-pound junior defensive end from Chattanooga, Tenn., has been selected the SCAC Football Defensive Player-of-the-Week for games played Saturday, October 6.

Hendricks led a Rhodes defense that limited 12th-ranked Trinity to 13 points and only 47 yards rushing in Saturday's 27-13 upset victory. **Hendricks'** fumble return of 65 yards for a touchdown helped put the game out of reach with 5:43 to play as the Lynx rallied for 21 unanswered fourth quarter points. **Hendricks** finished the game with eight tackles (4 solo), 1.5 sacks, 3.0 tackles for loss, two forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries (including the one he returned 65 yards for a touchdown) and one pass break up. His three fumble recoveries ties a SCAC single-game record. For the season, **Hendricks** leads the SCAC in sacks (8), tackles for loss (14.5) and fumbles recovered (3). He is also tied for second in forced fumbles. The Lynx lead the SCAC in rushing defense, allowing just 64.2 yards per game.

Other outstanding performances in the SCAC:

Junior defensive back Matt Finke of Austin College had a huge day for the 'Roos as they held off Sewanee, 16-13. Finke made 10 tackles, including one for loss and also forced a fumble, recovered a fumble and had an interception that he returned 21 yards. Finke also blocked an extra point and blocked a field goal attempt. First-year defensive tackle of Tyler Doane of DePauw came off the bench to record eight tackles including 3.5 sacks for 18 yards in losses. Doane recorded back-to-back sacks on the final two plays of Birmingham-Southern's first fourth quarter drive which moved the ball from the DePauw 19 to the 33 and ended in a missed field goal. Senior linebacker Shawn Gillenwater of Millsaps picked up a season and game-high 12 tackles in a 29-7 win over Centre College this past weekend in addition to 2.0 tackles-for-loss, a forced fumble and a sack. Through six games, Gillenwater leads the Majors with 36 tackles on the year (17 solo) and has contributed two sacks to Millsaps' total of 21 on the year – second in the SCAC. Senior safety/kick returner Joby Rittenhouse of Colorado College had a career-high eight solo tackles against Macalester. He also broke up one pass. Rittenhouse also had two kick and one punt returns for 52 yards, a 17.3 yard average. The 14 points allowed by the CC defense was the fewest this season in five games. Senior defensive lineman Baron Koch of Trinity finished with four tackles and an eight-yard sack in which he forced a fumble to help lead the Tiger defense in a loss to Rhodes last weekend. Koch had two solo and two assisted tackles, including the sack that forced a fumble by Rhodes inside the Trinity 30-yard line. Koch is seventh on the team with 17 total tackles on the season, leading all players with 7.0 tackles for a loss of 26 yards. He also has 1.5 sacks for a loss of 10 yards and Saturday's forced fumble was his first this year. Birmingham-Southern, Centre and Sewanee did not nominate anyone for the award.

2007 RESULTS

Saturday, October 6

MILLSAPS 29, CENTRE 7
RHODES 27, #12 TRINITY 13
DEPAUW 28, BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN 24
AUSTIN 16, SEWANEE 13
Colorado College 44, Macalester 14

Saturday, September 29

AUSTIN 35, COLORADO COLLEGE 30
#14 TRINITY 44, BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN 14
CENTRE 21, SEWANEE 7
MILLSAPS 35, DEPAUW 17
Washington (Mo.) 24, Rhodes 3

Saturday, September 22

MILLSAPS 42, RHODES 0
CENTRE 21, AUSTIN 14
DEPAUW 14, SEWANEE 10
#15 TRINITY 38, COLORADO COLLEGE 13

Saturday, September 15

MILLSAPS 43, AUSTIN 10
DEPAUW 38, CENTRE 7
COLO. COLLEGE 36, SEWANEE 26
RHODES 10, BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN 7

Saturday, September 8

McMurry 41, Austin 35
Maryville (Tenn.) 22, Centre 15
Colorado College 37, Pomona-Pitzer 21
DePauw 47, Anderson 7
Millsaps 44, Louisiana College 10
Rhodes 28, LaGrange 21
#19 Trinity 31, Texas Lutheran 10

Saturday, September 1

Austin 35, S'western Assemblies 21
Centre 14, Bluffton (Ohio) 9
Sewanee 30, Westminster (Mo.) 21
#21 Trinity 23, East Texas Baptist 0

Thursday, August 30

Miss. College 27, Millsaps 26

SCAC GAMES BOLDED IN ALL CAPS

D3football.com ranking noted when applicable

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

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

WEEK 6 - GAME RECAPS

Millsaps 29, Centre 7

JACKSON, Miss. – For three quarters Centre College gave Millsaps all it could handle, trailing 9-7 late in the game, before the Majors opened it up with three fourth quarter touchdowns behind junior quarterback Juan Joseph to win their sixth-straight game at home. [Millsaps Story](#) | [Centre Story](#) | [Game Box](#)

Rhodes 27, #12 Trinity 13

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – Rhodes College scored 21 unanswered fourth quarter points, capped by a 65-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown by Desmond Hendricks, to upset 12th-ranked Trinity University in SCAC action Saturday afternoon at Farguson Field. [Rhodes Story](#) | [Trinity Story](#) | [Game Box](#)

DePauw 28, Birmingham-Southern 24

HOOVER, Ala. – DePauw quarterback Spud Dick drove the Tigers 66 yards in six plays and tossed a 21-yard touchdown pass to Bryan Mulligan with 44 seconds left giving the Tigers a 28-24 win over Birmingham-Southern at Regions Park. [DePauw Story](#) | [Birmingham-Southern Story](#) | [Game Box](#)

Austin College 16, Sewanee 13

SEWANEE, Tenn. – Austin College was out-gained by Sewanee 298 to 161 in total yardage and logged just nine first downs to the Tigers' 21, but the 'Roos made enough plays on defense when it counted – including a blocked field goal and a blocked extra point – to pull out the 16-13 victory Saturday afternoon at Sewanee. [Austin College Story](#) | [Sewanee Story](#) | [Game Box](#)

Colorado College 44, Macalester 14

ST. PAUL, Minn. – John McDonald threw for 255 yards and four touchdowns as the Colorado College football team picked up its first road win of the year, 44-14, over Macalester College on Saturday. [Game Story](#) | [Game Box](#)

NATIONAL, REGIONAL POLLS

D3FOOTBALL.COM TOP 25

www.d3football.com

| Poll | Date | Team | Rank |
|------|------|---------------|------|
| Pre | A1 | Trinity..... | 21 |
| | | Millsaps..... | RV |
| 1 | S3 | Trinity..... | 19 |
| 2 | S10 | Trinity..... | 17 |
| 3 | S17 | Trinity..... | 15 |
| 4 | S24 | Trinity..... | 14 |
| | | Millsaps..... | RV |
| 5 | O1 | Trinity..... | 12 |
| | | Millsaps..... | RV |
| 6 | O8 | Trinity..... | 23 |
| | | Millsaps..... | RV |

AFCA TOP 25

www.afca.com

| Poll | Date | Team | Rank |
|------|------|---------------|------|
| 1 | S18 | Trinity..... | 15 |
| | | Centre..... | RV |
| | | DePauw..... | RV |
| 2 | S25 | Trinity..... | 14 |
| | | Centre..... | RV |
| 3 | O2 | Trinity..... | 11 |
| | | Centre..... | RV |
| | | Millsaps..... | RV |
| 4 | O9 | Trinity..... | 24 |
| | | Millsaps..... | RV |

FOOTBALL GAZETTE TOP 40

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| Poll | Date | Team | Rank |
|------|------|--------------|------|
| 1 | S10 | Trinity..... | 19 |
| 2 | S17 | Trinity..... | 19 |
| 3 | S24 | Trinity..... | 17 |
| 4 | O1 | Trinity..... | 17 |
| 5 | O8 | Trinity..... | 30 |

NCAA DIII SOUTH REGION RANKINGS

www.ncaasports.com

| Poll | Date | Team | Rank |
|------|------|------|------|
|------|------|------|------|

AROUND THE SCAC

Austin, who leads the SCAC in rushing offense, was held to a season-low 130 yards rushing but it was enough to pull out the 16-13 victory on Saturday at Sewanee. Scooter Means had a team-high 15 tackles and Matt Finke had 10 tackles, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery, an interception and two blocked kicks to lead the 'Roos. Austin hosts Birmingham-Southern College this Saturday in the first-ever meeting between the two schools.

A touchdown with :44 left in the game helped DePauw spoil **Birmingham-Southern's** comeback bid and Homecoming as the Tigers escaped with a 28-24 win on Saturday at Regions Park. BSC trailed most of the game until Joe Thigpen scored on a 30-yard run with 2:05 remaining to give BSC a 24-21 lead. Bryan Mulligan caught a touchdown pass from Spud Dick to cap a six-play, 66-yard drive and push DePauw back in front for good. Thigpen completed 18-of-33 passes for 230 yards and one touchdown pass while rushing for 33 yards and two touchdowns. BSC travels to Austin College on Saturday in Sherman, Texas.

Trailing by only two points entering the fourth quarter, **Centre** allowed three unanswered touchdowns in the final frame to fall 29-7 to defending SCAC champion Millsaps, Saturday, in Jackson. The Majors out-gained Centre 442 to 167 in total offensive yards, including a 353 to 145 edge in passing yards. Grant Conliffe finished the day 11 of 21 for 107 yards, while Tyler Hinkel caught five passes for 74 yards. Adam Hay led all Colonel defenders with 12 total tackles, while also forcing a fumble and breaking up a pass. Sophomore cornerback Zack Sloan posted 10 tackles and also broke up a pass. The Centre defense forced one turnover to extend its streak to 27 games forcing at least one turnover. The Colonels, now 3-3 overall and 2-2 in the SCAC will take a week off and return to action Saturday, Oct. 20 at Birmingham Southern.

Colorado College posted a season-high 44 points against Macalester and improved to 2-0 against non-conference opponents. This season marks just the third time since 1994 the Tigers are above .500 after five games. Junior quarterback Jon McDonald threw a career-high four touchdown passes against Macalester. The Tigers posted a season-high 502 yards total offense. Senior wide receiver/placekicker Max Green remained perfect on the season by converting on a 42-yard field goal against the Scots, making him six for six on the season. Green has made his last 10 attempts since missing at Rhodes on Oct. 21, 2006. Senior tight end Nolan Swett needs nine catches to move into third place in career receptions and 100 yards to move into third place in receiving yards. Junior running back Justin Alexander needs 19 carries and 144 yards to move into fifth place on CC's career list in both statistics. Colorado College will return home for the first time since Sept. 15 when the Tigers play host to SCAC rival Rhodes next Saturday in CC's Homecoming Game at Washburn Field.

DePauw needed a last-minute drive to hold off Birmingham-Southern, 28-24, on Saturday. DePauw quarterback Spud Dick drove the Tigers 66 yards in six plays and tossed a 21-yard touchdown pass to Bryan Mulligan with 44 seconds to pull out the victory. Dick completed 5 of 6 passes on the drive including a key 26-yarder to Chris Gasbarra on third down. Curtis Moore finished with a career-high 182 rushing yards in his first collegiate start, while Dick completed 25 of 38 passes for 254 yards. He connected on 9 of 11 in the second half. Mulligan hauled in nine for 91 yards, while Jeff Bonner caught six for 73 yards. The DePauw defense had seven sacks on the day. DePauw plays host to Trinity this weekend. The last time to two met in Greencastle, Trinity scored on a nine-yard scoring pass on a fourth-and-goal with 10 seconds remaining to pull out the 29-28 victory.

SCAC LEADERS

Rushing

| | <u>No.</u> | <u>Yds</u> |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| 1- Justin Alexander, COLO | 91 | 467 |
| 2- Blake Mears, UOS | 101 | 436 |
| 3- Ross Hasten, AC | 69 | 435 |
| 4- Ryan Cowley, AC | 66 | 348 |
| 5- Jon McDonald, COLO | 70 | 345 |

Passing

| | <u>Att.</u> | <u>Comp.</u> | <u>Yds</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| 1- Juan Joseph, MC | 225 | 144 | 1698 |
| 2- Blake Barmore, TU | 149 | 96 | 1326 |
| 3- Spud Dick, DU | 172 | 103 | 1167 |
| 4- Jon McDonald, COLO | 142 | 91 | 974 |
| 5- Mark Oliver, RC | 129 | 62 | 807 |

Receiving

| | <u>No.</u> | <u>Yds</u> |
|------------------------|------------|------------|
| 1- Eric McCarty, MC | 30 | 494 |
| 2- Ross Alisiani, COLO | 31 | 416 |
| 3- Bryan Mulligan, DU | 35 | 414 |
| 4- Riley Curry, TU | 26 | 377 |
| 5- Tyler Hinkel, CEN | 23 | 336 |

Scoring

| | <u>TDs</u> | <u>FGs</u> | <u>XPts</u> | <u>Pts</u> |
|------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| 1- Chris Baer, TU | 7 | 0 | 0 | 42 |
| 2- Peter Licalzi, TU | 0 | 8 | 16 | 40 |
| 3- Max Green, COLO | 2 | 6 | 9 | 39 |
| 4- Ross Hasten, AC | 6 | 0 | 0 | 36 |
| 5- Ross Alisiani, COLO | 5 | 0 | 0 | 30 |
| Eric McCarty, MC | 5 | 0 | 0 | 30 |
| Blake Mears, UOS | 5 | 0 | 0 | 30 |

Tackles

| | <u>Solo</u> | <u>Ast.</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1- Adam Hay, CEN | 49 | 43 | 92 |
| 2- Matt Johnson, CEN | 26 | 37 | 63 |
| 3- Scooter Means, AC | 22 | 33 | 55 |
| 4- Tyler Boron, CEN | 26 | 21 | 47 |
| 5- Tyler Moody, CEN | 26 | 20 | 46 |
| Brendan Ross, COLO | 24 | 22 | 46 |

AROUND THE SCAC

For three quarters Centre gave **Millsaps** all they could handle, trailing 9-7 late in the game, before the Majors opened it up with three fourth quarter touchdowns behind a pair of runs from Raymece Savage and Kenneth Metzger to win their sixth-straight game at home at 10th-straight SCAC game dating back to last season. The Majors totaled 442 yards of offense but couldn't muster a touchdown until the final period, settling for three field goals (34, 35, 38) from freshman kicker Taylor Russolino who tied the school's single-game record. Shawn Gillenwater led the defense, picking up a team-high 12 tackles to go along with a forced fumble and a sack. Millsaps (5-1, 4-0 SCAC) will hit the road for its next game, traveling to Sewanee, Tenn., to face off with the 1-4 Tigers at 1:30 p.m.

Rhodes pulled off a huge upset on Saturday, defeating 12th-ranked Trinity 27-13. Trailing 13-6 early in the fourth quarter, Rhodes scored 21 unanswered points to earn the victory, including a 65-yard fumble recovery for touchdown by Desmond Hendricks to ice the game. The victory was just the second for Rhodes over Trinity since 1993 – with the other coming in 2003 (23-20 in overtime). The Lynx defense forced five Trinity turnovers (four fumbles, one interception). Rhodes travels to play at Colorado College on Saturday. Although this is the first game between the two as SCAC foes, the two have played every season since 1993 with Rhodes holding a 10-2-1 advantage, including 10 straight wins (the 1997 was cancelled due to snow).

Sewanee lost its fourth straight game of the season as the Tigers dropped a 16-13 home decision to Austin College on Saturday. It was Sewanee's 10th straight conference loss, the longest SCAC losing streak since the Tigers dropped 10 straight over the course of three seasons (last game of 2002, all six in 2003 and the first three of 2004). Sewanee's last SCAC win was on Nov. 12, 2005 at Rhodes. On Saturday, Sewanee out-gained Austin 298-161 and had 21 first downs to Austin's nine, but a blocked Sewanee field goal and an interception proved to be more than the Tigers could overcome. Blake Mears rushed for 116 yards and a touchdown on 26 carries to lead Sewanee. Next up for Sewanee, defending SCAC champion Millsaps travels to the Mountain this Saturday.

No. 12 Trinity was stunned in a 27-13 loss at Rhodes last Saturday. Trinity had won 11 of its last 12 games coming into Saturday. Trinity held a 10-3 lead at halftime after scoring 10 unanswered points in the second quarter, but Rhodes held the Tiger offense to just three second half points. Rhodes scored 21 points in the fourth quarter, and also became the first team to score in the third quarter against Trinity, hitting a field goal that cut the lead to 10-6 at the time. Blake Barmore completed 22 of 37 for 282 yards and a touchdown, but the Trinity offense committed five turnovers that kept them from putting together a possible comeback. Barmore also ran eight times for 48 yards, but was sacked seven times in the game. Riley Curry finished with eight receptions for a season-high 114 yards in the game, while Caleb Urban caught his third touchdown of the season. Trinity will take on DePauw next Saturday in a clash of two of the top teams in the conference standings. Both teams have also already lost a game in SCAC play, so both are faced with a must-win situation this week. Trinity is 8-0 all-time against DePauw, since the Indiana Tigers joined the SCAC in 1998. Each of the past four meetings have been decided by 11 points or less – including a 29-28 Trinity win in 2004 and a 26-24 game in 2003. The 2003 game was the last matchup between these two teams in Greencastle, Indiana.