



SCAC FASTPITCH WEEKLY

SOFTBALL REPORT

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**2008 SCAC
Softball
Tournament**

- April 25-27, 2008 (Fri-Sat-Sun)
- Hosted by Centre College, Danville, KY
- Six Team Field, Double-elimination
- Qualify: Top three teams from each division
- Champion: SCAC automatic qualifier to NCAA Division III Championship

NCAA Championship Tournament

- Regional Championships: May 8-12 (on campus)
- Division III World Series: May 16-20 (Salem, Va.)

2007 SEASON REVIEW

SCAC Champion

Trinity University

NCAA Championship Participants

Trinity University – AQ
(lost in NCAA West Regional)

DePauw University – at-large
(lost in Division III World Series)
Fifth-place national finish

WEB LINKS

- www.ncaa.org
- www.ncaasports.com
- www.scac-online.org/softball
- www.nfca.org

MARCH 10, 2008

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Games through March 9 (Sunday)

	Conference			Overall			Streak
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
DePauw University	0	0	0.000	6	1	0.857	W6
Millsaps College	0	0	0.000	3	7	0.250	L1
Sewanee-Univ. of the South	0	0	0.000	0	0	0.000	L16
Centre College	0	0	0.000	0	4	0.000	L5

	Conference			Overall			Streak
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
Rhodes College	0	0	0.000	3	1	0.750	W1
Trinity University	0	0	0.000	3	9	0.250	W2
Hendrix College	0	0	0.000	1	4	0.200	L3
Colorado College	0	0	0.000	2	10	0.167	L1
Austin College	0	0	0.000	1	13	0.071	L1

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Monday, March 10 – Sunday, March 16

Tuesday, March 11

East Texas Baptist University @ Austin College (2-7)	5 p.m.
Hendrix vs. McKendree (Ill.) University (1-7) (@ Tucson, Ariz.)	8:30 a.m.
Hendrix vs. Judson (Ill.) College (1-7) (@ Tucson, Ariz.)	3 p.m.
Maranatha Baptist Bible (Wisc.) College @ Rhodes (2-7)	1 p.m.

Wednesday, March 12

DePauw @ St. Mary-of-the-Woods (Ind.) College (2-7)	4:30 p.m.
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Friday, March 14

Austin College, Centre, Colorado College, DePauw, Hendrix, Millsaps, Rhodes and Trinity @ Millsaps College Classic – Ridgeland, Miss.	9 a.m.
Austin College vs. LaGrange (Ga.) College (1-7)	9 a.m.
DePauw vs. University of Texas-Dallas (1-7)	9 a.m.
Centre vs. Hendrix (1-7)	9 a.m.
Colorado College vs. Louisiana College (1-7)	11 a.m.
Trinity vs. Piedmont (Ga.) College (1-7)	11 a.m.
DePauw vs. Hendrix (1-7)	1 p.m.
Austin College vs. Millsaps (1-7)	1 p.m.
Centre vs. LaGrange (Ga.) College (1-7)	3 p.m.
Colorado College vs. Mississippi College (1-7)	3 p.m.
Millsaps vs. University of Texas-Dallas (1-7)	3 p.m.
Rhodes vs. Piedmont (Ga.) College (1-7)	5 p.m.
Trinity vs. LaGrange (Ga.) College (1-7)	5 p.m.

Saturday, March 15

Austin College, Centre, Colorado College, DePauw, Hendrix, Millsaps, Rhodes and Trinity @ Millsaps College Classic – Ridgeland, Miss.	9 a.m.
Austin College vs. Huntingdon (Ala.) College (1-7)	9 a.m.
Trinity vs. DePauw (1-7)	9 a.m.
Rhodes vs. Piedmont (Ga.) College (1-7)	11 a.m.
Hendrix vs. Louisiana College (1-7)	11 a.m.
Colorado College vs. Centre (1-7)	11 a.m.
Trinity vs. Centre (1-7)	1 p.m.
Austin College vs. University of Texas-Dallas (1-7)	3 p.m.
Hendrix vs. Millsaps (1-7)	3 p.m.
Colorado College vs. DePauw (1-7)	3 p.m.
Rhodes vs. Millsaps (1-7)	5 p.m.

Sunday, March 16

Austin College, Centre, Colorado College, DePauw, Hendrix, Millsaps, Rhodes and Trinity @ Millsaps College Classic – Ridgeland, Miss.	9 a.m.
Trinity vs. Millsaps (1-7)	9 a.m.
Hendrix vs. Huntingdon (Ala.) College (1-7)	9 a.m.
Colorado College vs. LaGrange (Ga.) College (1-7)	9 a.m.
Rhodes vs. DePauw (1-7)	11 a.m.
Austin College vs. Centre (1-7)	11 a.m.
Hendrix vs. Piedmont (Ga.) College (1-7)	11 a.m.
Trinity vs. LaGrange (Ga.) College (1-7)	11 a.m.
Millsaps vs. Colorado College (1-7)	1 p.m.
Rhodes vs. Centre (1-7)	1 p.m.
Austin College vs. DePauw (1-7)	1 p.m.

All times local

SCAC GAMES BOLDED IN ALL CAPS

2008 SCAC SOFTBALL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

- Week 1 Rachel Gill, DePauw
- Week 2 Chelsy Patterson, DePauw
- Week 3 Paige Honsbruch, Colorado College
- Week 4
- Week 5
- Week 6
- Week 7
- Week 8
- Week 9
- Week 10
- Week 11
- Week 12
- Week 13

2008 SCAC SOFTBALL PITCHERS OF THE WEEK

- Week 1 Megan Soultz, DePauw
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- Week 3 Cindy Bitters, Rhodes
- Week 4
- Week 5
- Week 6
- Week 7
- Week 8
- Week 9
- Week 10
- Week 11
- Week 12
- Week 13

SCAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Games of March 3 – March 9

PAIGE HONSBRUCH OF COLORADO COLLEGE, a sophomore third baseman from Grinnell, Iowa, has been selected the SCAC Softball Offensive Player-of-the-Week for games played from Monday, March 3 through Sunday, March 9.

Honsbruch helped the Tigers to the team's first two wins of the season as she batted .636 (7-11) in the four-game set against University of Dallas. **Honsbruch**, who also walked twice to reach base nine times in 13 plate appearances, drove in five runs, scored four, and now leads the team with a .500 average and 16 hits. Her bases-loaded triple, on which she also scored, put Saturday's second game out of reach in the first inning.

Other outstanding individual performances in the SCAC:

First-year shortstop Allison Conn of Rhodes was 7 for 13 on the week (.538), with two doubles, two RBI and six runs scored, as the Lynx opened the season with a 3-1 start. In the Lynx 5-0 win over Millsaps on Sunday, Conn was 4 for 4 with two doubles, an RBI and two runs scored. For the day against Millsaps, she was 6 for 7 with four runs scored. Sophomore shortstop Bobbi Schulle of Austin College batted .833 at the plate in a two game series with LeTourneau as the 'Roos got their first win of the season and took the Lady Jackets to extra innings in game two. In the second game, Schulle was a perfect 4-for-4 at the plate, and for the week scored two runs, had a double, and drove in three runs. She had a 1.000 slugging percentage for the week. Junior infielder Lee Smith of Trinity hit .571 (4-7) last week, leading Trinity to a doubleheader sweep of the College of St. Scholastica. Smith finished with a double and a triple among her four hits, putting her slugging percentage at 1.000 for the week. She also drew a walk and held a .625 on-base percentage. Smith also led the team with four RBI for the Tigers. Sophomore infielder Jennifer McKinley of Millsaps went 2-for-4 (.500) from the plate with a double and an RBI-single to help Millsaps earn a weekend split at Rhodes. McKinley also drew four walks and en route to a .750 on-base percentage. Hendrix did not nominate anyone for the award and Centre, DePauw and Sewanee did not play.

SCAC PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Games of March 3 – March 9

CINDY BITTERS OF RHODES COLLEGE, a first-year right-hander from Millstadt, Ill., has been selected the SCAC Softball Pitcher-of-the-Week for games played from Monday, March 3 through Sunday, March 9.

Bitters gave up just one run on four hits, while striking out 14 in her college debut as the Lynx topped MacMurray by a score of 7-1. **Bitters** also went 2-for-3 at the plate with a run scored.

Other outstanding individual performances in the SCAC:

Junior right-hander Sirina Milsap of Colorado College had a dominant start on Saturday's second game, pitching a no-hitter through 5.2 innings, and finished with a one-hitter and eight strikeouts in seven innings. She came on in relief just two outs into the first frame of Game 2 on Sunday, and gave up one earned run the rest of the way (three total) while striking out seven in 6.1 innings of work. In her two appearances, Milsap struck out 15 in 13.1 innings and had a 0.53 ERA. Sophomore right-hander Karen Fisher of Trinity finished off a Friday doubleheader by leading the team to a 7-0 shutout victory over the College of St. Scholastica. Fisher tossed a complete-game three-hit shutout in the game, striking out five batters for the Tigers. It was the second shutout of her career, having blanked Hendrix in March of last year. First-year right-hander Brittany Gaertner of Austin College picked up the first win of her collegiate career along with the 'Roos first victory of the season, a 4-2 decision over LeTourneau. Gaertner threw a complete game, scattering six hits and allowing just one earned run and two runs overall. Sophomore right-hander Kasey Thibodeaux of Millsaps, in her lone appearance of the weekend, held batters to a .167 average and led the Majors to a 6-3 win behind a complete game performance. Thibodeaux scattered four hits and six strikeouts while allowing only two runs to post a 1-0 record with a 2.00 ERA. Hendrix did not nominate anyone for the award and Centre, DePauw and Sewanee did not play.

RESULTS

Games of March 3 – March 9

Wednesday, March 5

Rhodes 11, MacMurray 3
Rhodes 7, MacMurray 1
Austin College 4, LeTourneau 2
LeTourneau 7, Austin College 6 (8 inn.)

Thursday, March 6

Trinity 9, St.Scholastica 8 (8 inn.)
Trinity 7, St.Scholastica 0

Saturday, March 8

William Penn 12, Hendrix 3
La Roche 6, Hendrix 5 (8 inn.)
Univ. of Dallas 10, Colorado College 9
Colorado College 5, Univ. of Dallas 0

Sunday, March 9

Colorado College 6, Univ. of Dallas 5
Millsaps 6, Rhodes 3
Dickinson 9, Hendrix 1
Rhodes 5, Millsaps 0
Univ. of Dallas 9, Colorado College 1

SCAC GAMES BOLDED IN ALL CAPS
NFCA.org ranking noted when applicable

AROUND THE SCAC

Austin College got its first win of the 2008 season, a 4-2 decision against LeTourneau, before falling to the Lady Jackets 7-6 in extra innings to finish the week going 1-1. Brittany Gaertner picked up her first collegiate win in the first game, going the distance and allowing just one earned run and scattering six hits. Laci Hart paced the offense with two hits and two runs. In the second game, Bobbi Schulle went 4-for-4 with two RBI and the 'Roos scored three runs in the top of the seventh to force an extra frame before falling in the eighth. Schulle batted .833 with a double and three RBI for the series.

Centre did not play this week. The Colonels will participate in the Millsaps College Classic in Ridgeland, Miss., this week with scheduled contests against SCAC Western Division foes Hendrix, Colorado College, Austin College, Rhodes and Trinity as well as LaGrange (Ga.) College.

Colorado College won its first games of the season this weekend, as they split a pair of home doubleheaders with the University of Dallas. Dallas won the first game on Saturday, 10-9, and the Tigers won the second, 5-0, behind a dominant pitching performance by Sirina Milsap. CC won Sunday's opener, 6-5, and came up short, 7-6, after an impressive comeback in the second game. The Tigers are now 2-10 on the season heading into next week's SCAC Invitational in Jackson, Miss. Milsap pitched a seven-inning one hitter in Saturday's 5-0 victory, and got eight strikeouts. No runners advanced past second base, and the no-hitter was not broken up until two outs into the fifth inning. The Tigers scored all five runs in the first inning, with the big damage coming from sophomore third baseman Paige Honsbruch. Her one-out triple cleared the loaded bases, and she scored on an error. Freshman Sandy Corliss hit two home runs in Saturday's first game, both solo. She finished 5-10 on the weekend, reached base on nine of her 14 plate appearances, and scored five times. Freshman Alexa Calderon hit 7-12 for the weekend and walked three times.

#8 DePauw did not play last week. The Tigers have a full schedule this week with a doubleheader at St. Mary-of-the-Woods before a trip to Ridgeland, Miss., for the Millsaps College Classic. The Tigers take on SCAC Western Division foes Hendrix, Trinity, Colorado College, Rhodes and Austin College in addition to a non-conference contest against University of Texas-Dallas.

Hendrix is competing in its 2008 Spring Break tournament in Tucson, Ariz. The Warriors lost their first game of the tournament to William Penn University, 12-3, and dropped their second to LaRoche College, 6-5. Hendrix also lost its third game of the tourney to Dickinson College, 9-1. Hendrix is now 1-4 overall.

NATIONAL, REGIONAL POLLS

NATIONAL FASTPITCH COACHES ASSOCIATION TOP 25

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Poll	Date	Team	Rank
Pre	F20	DePauw.....	8
1	M5	DePauw.....	7

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 Softball:

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

AROUND THE SCAC

Millsaps picked up a Sunday split with conference-foe Rhodes College in its only competition of the week due to inclement weather in the Memphis area, winning the first game 6-3 before falling in the second 5-0 on a three-hit shutout by Dana Bartolomei. In Game 1, freshman Katherine Nicholas launched her first career home run to help Millsaps tie the game at 1-1 before the Majors rallied for three runs in the fifth inning on a two-RBI double from Sam Hill and an RBI-single from Jen McKinley to eventually win 6-3. In Game 2, the Millsaps bats were quieted by Bartolomei who struck out 10 and allowed just three hits in a complete game shutout in the circle for the Lynx. Rhodes plated a single run in the first and four in the second to cruise to the 5-0 win in the nightcap. Millsaps will continue its stretch away from home this weekend, playing host to the Softball Classic March 14-16 in Ridgeland, Miss., where they will welcome 13 teams to Freedom Ridge Park.

Rhodes opened the 2008 season by going 3-1 on the week, in a week where four games were cancelled due to inclement weather and four others changed or cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. Rhodes topped MacMurray by scores of 11-3 and 7-1, with senior Dana Bartolomei picking up the win in game one, and freshman Cindy Bitters striking out 14 in her college debut in game two. Also in that game, sophomore Rebekah Moore smashed a solo home run over the left field fence for her 10th career home run, making her the Lynx all-time home run leader. On Sunday, Rhodes split a doubleheader with Millsaps in non-conference action. Rhodes dropped game one by a score of 6-3, despite a 14-strikeout performance by freshman Sara Bowen in her college debut. In game two, Bartolomei struck out 10 and tossed a three-hit shutout as the Lynx bounced back to knock off the Majors 5-0. Freshman Allison Conn went 6-for-7 on the day with four runs scored, a pair of doubles and an RBI. Rhodes will play Maranatha Baptist Bible College on Tuesday and Blackburn College on Thursday, before heading to Jackson, Miss., to play in the Millsaps Spring Classic.

Sewanee has not yet played. The Tigers' next scheduled contest is a doubleheader at Covenant (Ga.) College on March 20.

Trinity's softball team won consecutive games for the first time this season, handing the College of St. Scholastica two losses in a Friday evening doubleheader sweep. The Tigers outlasted the Saints 9-8 in an eight-inning game for the opener, then posted the team's first shutout of the year with a 7-0 win in the finale. Trinity is now 8-4 against St. Scholastica all-time, sweeping a doubleheader for the third time in the series. Lee Smith led Trinity with a .571 (4-7) batting average in the two games, hitting a double and a triple, and driving in four runs. Michelle Gossein also had a solid evening, going 4-8 with three runs scored. Kate Wright earned the win in the opening game, striking out the side in the eighth inning to set up Trinity's victory. Karen Fisher tossed a three-hit shutout in game two to earn her first win of the season. Trinity will travel to Mississippi next weekend to play in the Millsaps College Classic. The Tigers will face Piedmont College and Louisiana College on Friday, followed by games against SCAC schools DePauw and Centre on Saturday. On the final day, Trinity will take on tournament hosts Millsaps and LaGrange College.