



2009-10

*Southern Collegiate
Athletic Conference*
Men's Basketball Prospectus





Past SCAC Champions

Year	School	Conference	Overall
1991-92	Centre College	11-1	19-8
1992-93	Centre College	11-3	16-9
	Rhodes College	11-3	21-6
1993-94	Oglethorpe University	12-2	20-6
1994-95	Millsaps College	12-2	25-3
1995-96	Millsaps College	11-3	22-5
1996-97	Sewanee-University of the South	11-3	19-7
1997-98	Trinity University	12-2	21-6
1998-99	Rose-Hulman Inst. of Technology	15-3	20-6
1999-00	Trinity University	16-2	23-3
2000-01	Millsaps College	14-4	20-6
	Rose-Hulman Inst. of Technology	14-4	17-8
2001-02	DePauw University	16-2	24-4
2002-03	Trinity University	11-3	21-8
2003-04	Trinity University	12-2	24-5
2004-05	Trinity University	11-3	25-7
2005-06	DePauw University	8-6	15-13
2006-07	Trinity University	12-2	24-5
2007-08	Millsaps College	13-2	28-4
2008-09	Centre College	12-2	23-5

NOTES: In 2002-03, the SCAC conducted a post-season basketball tournament for the first time to determine its champion and automatic berth to the NCAA tournament.



Centre, Trinity favored to win respective SCAC Divisions in 2009-10

SUWANEE, Ga. – In exclusive balloting by SCAC men's head basketball coaches, defending league champion Centre College and Trinity University were tabbed as preseason favorites to capture the SCAC Eastern Division and Western Division championships respectively.

Centre headlined the annual poll of head coaches and is favored to win the SCAC title. Head coach Greg Mason and his Colonels tallied eight of 12 first place votes to go along with 114 points to easily outdistance themselves from Oglethorpe University (103 points, 2 first place votes) and DePauw University (101 points, 1 first place vote). Rounding out the Eastern Division was Birmingham-Southern (57 points), Rhodes College (26 points) and Sewanee: The University of the South (19 points).

The Colonels look for the program's fifth SCAC championship in 2009-10. Centre won league titles in 1991-92, 1992-93, 2006-07 and 2008-09. Oglethorpe and DePauw figure to be Centre's toughest test in the Eastern Division. The Stormy Petrels and Tigers were separated by a mere two points in the preseason poll.

In the SCAC Western Division, Austin College (81 points, 1 first place vote) follows right behind Trinity. Kangaroos head coach Rodney Wecker and his team look to improve on a 6-9 conference finish from a year ago and make the SCAC Tournament for a third straight season. Southwestern University, the 2009 SCAC runner-up, also should be provide plenty of competition as the Pirates tallied 74 points to finish slightly behind Austin College. Rounding out the rest of the Western Division is Hendrix College (64 points), 2010 SCAC tournament host Millsaps College (51 points) and Colorado College (19 points).

Centre will be led this year by senior Danny Noll. Noll was a D3hoops.com preseason All-American selection in 2008-2009 as well as an All-SCAC First Team member and led the conference in three-point field goal percentage (43.7%). He also averaged 15.9 points per game and had a field goal percentage of 51.4%, which were both good enough for fifth place in the conference.

Leading Oglethorpe is All-SCAC First Team selection junior Todd Ward. Ward was a monster for Oglethorpe in 2008-2009, leading the conference in rebounding and double-doubles while scoring a conference third-best 17 points per game. Joining Ward on the floor will be backcourt mates senior David Allison and junior Joe Kennedy.

DePauw returns experience to the front court but may lack depth. Senior forward Tom Callen is back after earning third team all-SCAC honors last year. Callen is the Tigers' top returning scorer after averaging 13.7 points, while leading the team with 6.5 rebounds per game.

Trinity will be led by junior forward Luke Calderera. The 6-foot-5 Calderera was selected for the NABC All-South District Second Team, and the All-SCAC First Team. Calderera led the Tigers in scoring, with 13.1 points per game and was second in rebounds, with a 7.3 average.

Austin College will rely on All-Conference performers Kola Alade and Chris Sturtevant. At 6'3" Alade can play either guard position and averaged 15.9 points per game to lead the 'Roos while also handing out a team-best 80 assists on the season. Sturtevant can score in the post or hit from deep. He averaged 10.0 points and 5.6 rebounds per game a year ago.

Centre and Trinity headline preseason poll - continued

Southwestern returns senior guard A.C. Cox. Cox will man the point position for Southwestern and has ample experience doing so, starting all 28 games last season and averaging a team high 30.5 minutes per game. Cox led SU in assists (108), steals (32), and free throw percentage (85.3%) and, averaged 10 points per game.

Senior guard Cal Rose is Hendrix's top returning scorer with 12.3 ppg (19th in SCAC), one of the team's top defenders with 46 steals (7th in SCAC) and the team's top threat from behind the arc with 61 three-pointers (7th in SCAC). Senior guard Janson Hightower led the conference with a 2.2 assists to turnover ratio and paced Hendrix with 114 assists.

With no seniors on the roster for the last two years, Birmingham-Southern enter the 2009-10 season with 12 returners along with seven freshmen and one transfer. Five seniors return this season as Aaron Parr, Roger Williams, Nathan West, Tyler Marsh and Dominic Whicher each hope to finish their careers on the Hilltop in style.

Millsaps senior guards Blake Martinez and Cameron Varnado and junior forward Chris Ingle are all that are left from the Majors' national championship run and will have to do a bulk of the scoring to keep the Majors in the top of the pack. The trio combined for almost half of the Majors' 67.3 ppg last year (8th in the SCAC), with all three averaging career numbers in the scoring column.

Rhodes returns senior Andyshea Saberioon, who played in a career high 22 games in 2008-09 and averaged seven points/game. Senior Reid Hamilton is looking to return to his sophomore form when he started 26 games for the Lynx. He appeared in 13 games for Rhodes last season after missing the first semester recovering from a knee injury.

Colorado College senior point guard Jarrell Sweet, junior center Brady Ohlsen and junior guard Nick Rose all are two-year starters, while sophomores Jeff Smith and Jeremiah Waters each started at least 10 games last season. Austin Perkins and Michael Goforth also saw a significant amount of playing time during their freshman campaigns.

Sewanee returns lone senior Jeremy Simpson in 2009-10. Coming off a junior season in which he set career highs in almost every statistical category, including points, rebounds, and assists, Simpson will look to step up and help lead Sewanee into a new era. Known for his energy and passion, he is the type of role player that all good teams need to be successful.

2009-10 SCAC Predicted Order of Finish

Eastern Division	No. of votes	2008-09 Conf	2008-09 Overall
1. Centre College Colonels	114 (8)	12-2	23-5
2. Oglethorpe University Stormy Petrels	103 (2)	7-7	16-10
3. DePauw University Tigers	101 (1)	11-3	19-7
4. Birmingham-Southern College Panthers	57	N/A	11-14
5. Rhodes College Lynx	26	1-13	8-16
6. Sewanee: University of the South Tigers	19	4-10	7-19
Western Division			
1. Trinity University Tigers	83	13-2	24-5
2. Austin College Kangaroos	81 (1)	6-9	13-13
3. Southwestern University Pirates	74	7-8	18-10
4. Hendrix College Warriors	64	9-6	17-10
5. Millsaps College Majors	51	6-9	9-16
6. Colorado College Tigers	19	4-11	5-20

*Birmingham-Southern, a Division III provisional member, was not considered in the pre-season conference rankings.

Note: First-place votes (in parentheses) are worth 10 points, second place worth nine points, on down to 10th-place votes being worth one point. Coaches voted for order of finish 1-10, but did not rank their own team. Results are displayed by division breakdown.

+Games against Birmingham-Southern did not count in the conference standings last year. This year, games against BSC will count in the standings, but BSC is still not eligible to compete in the SCAC postseason basketball tournament or the NCAA postseason tournament.



2008-09 Final Standings / Results

	EASTERN DIV.			OVERALL				WESTERN DIV.			OVERALL		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
#*Centre College	12	2	0.857	23	5	0.821	#Trinity University	13	2	0.867	24	5	0.828
DePauw University	11	3	0.786	19	7	0.731	Hendrix College	9	6	0.600	17	10	0.630
Oglethorpe University	7	7	0.500	16	10	0.615	Southwestern University	7	8	0.467	18	10	0.643
University of the South	4	10	0.286	7	19	0.269	Austin College	6	9	0.400	13	13	0.500
Rhodes College	1	13	0.071	8	16	0.333	Millsaps College	6	9	0.400	9	16	0.360
Birmingham-Southern	0	0	0.000	11	14	0.440	Colorado College	4	11	0.267	5	20	0.200

#Division champion

*SCAC champion

2008-09 Players of the Week

Week 1

AARON PARR - Birmingham-Southern College

Week 8

MIKE MOORE - DePauw University

Week 2

CHARLES HOUSTON - Trinity University

Week 9

TODD WARD - Oglethorpe University

Week 3

TODD WARD - Oglethorpe University

Week 10

CORY SMITH - Rhodes College

Week 4

LUKE CALDARERA - Trinity University

Week 11

DANNY NOLL - Centre College

Week 5

NATHAN OLLIE - Rhodes College

Week 12

MIKE MOORE - DePauw University

Week 6

WADE WELDON - Oglethorpe University
B.J. MOON - Trinity University

Week 13

CHRIS SANDERS - Millsaps College

Week 7

MIKE MOORE - DePauw University

Week 14

MIKE MOORE - DePauw University



2008-09 Team Statistics

SCORING OFFENSE

## Team	G	W-L	Pts	Avg/G
1.Oglethorpe.....	26	16-10	1987	76.4
2.Hendrix.....	27	17-10	2012	74.5
3.DePauw.....	26	19-7	1924	74.0
4.Rhodes.....	24	8-16	1750	72.9
5.Trinity (Tex.).....	29	24-5	2038	70.3
6.Centre.....	28	23-5	1964	70.1
7.Southwestern.....	28	18-10	1898	67.8
8.Millsaps.....	25	9-16	1682	67.3
9.Birmingham-Southern.....	25	11-14	1619	64.8
10.Austin.....	26	13-13	1673	64.3
11.Colorado College.....	25	5-20	1590	63.6
12.Sewanee.....	26	7-19	1579	60.7

SCORING DEFENSE

## Team	G	Pts	Avg/G
1.Centre.....	28	1667	59.5
2.DePauw.....	26	1628	62.6
3.Trinity (Tex.).....	29	1839	63.4
4.Southwestern.....	28	1805	64.5
5.Birmingham-Southern.....	25	1649	66.0
6.Austin.....	26	1746	67.2
7.Sewanee.....	26	1753	67.4
8.Millsaps.....	25	1717	68.7
9.Hendrix.....	27	1880	69.6
10.Oglethorpe.....	26	1920	73.8
11.Rhodes.....	24	1795	74.8
12.Colorado College.....	25	1895	75.8

SCORING MARGIN

## Team	G	OFF	DEF	Margin
1.DePauw.....	26	74.0	62.6	+11.4
2.Centre.....	28	70.1	59.5	+10.6
3.Trinity (Tex.).....	29	70.3	63.4	+6.9
4.Hendrix.....	27	74.5	69.6	+4.9
5.Southwestern.....	28	67.8	64.5	+3.3
6.Oglethorpe.....	26	76.4	73.8	+2.6
7.Birmingham-Southern.....	25	64.8	66.0	-1.2
8.Millsaps.....	25	67.3	68.7	-1.4
9.Rhodes.....	24	72.9	74.8	-1.9
10.Austin.....	26	64.3	67.2	-2.8
11.Sewanee.....	26	60.7	67.4	-6.7
12.Colorado College.....	25	63.6	75.8	-12.2

FREE THROW PCT

## Team	G	FTM	FTA	Pct
1.Millsaps.....	25	322	446	.722
2.Hendrix.....	27	487	680	.716
3.DePauw.....	26	398	559	.712
4.Centre.....	28	320	456	.702
5.Rhodes.....	24	337	481	.701
6.Southwestern.....	28	441	630	.700
7.Birmingham-Southern.....	25	363	528	.688
8.Trinity (Tex.).....	29	414	604	.685
9.Colorado College.....	25	345	505	.683
10.Sewanee.....	26	330	488	.676
11.Oglethorpe.....	26	303	455	.666
12.Austin.....	26	332	512	.648

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGES

## Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1.DePauw.....	26	663	1409	.471
2.Centre.....	28	693	1515	.457
3.Oglethorpe.....	26	732	1609	.455
4.Birmingham-Southern.....	25	568	1295	.439
5.Hendrix.....	27	678	1557	.435
6.Millsaps.....	25	572	1352	.423
7.Southwestern.....	28	638	1509	.423
8.Rhodes.....	24	615	1463	.420
9.Sewanee.....	26	535	1293	.414
10.Austin.....	26	597	1472	.406
11.Trinity (Tex.).....	29	711	1768	.402
12.Colorado College.....	25	541	1352	.400

FIELD GOAL PCT DEFENSE

## Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1.Southwestern.....	28	609	1594	.382
2.Centre.....	28	605	1546	.391
3.Austin.....	26	557	1381	.403
4.DePauw.....	26	568	1390	.409
5.Rhodes.....	24	614	1501	.409
6.Trinity (Tex.).....	29	638	1557	.410
7.Sewanee.....	26	623	1462	.426
8.Hendrix.....	27	682	1589	.429
9.Birmingham-Southern.....	25	587	1341	.438
10.Oglethorpe.....	26	706	1603	.440
11.Millsaps.....	25	589	1293	.456
12.Colorado College.....	25	651	1415	.460



2008-09 Team Statistics Continued

3-POINT FG PCT

## Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1.Centre.....	28	258	680	.379
2.DePauw.....	26	200	542	.369
3.Hendrix.....	27	169	467	.362
4.Southwestern.....	28	181	516	.351
5.Oglethorpe.....	26	220	628	.350
6.Millsaps.....	25	216	617	.350
7.Sewanee.....	26	179	525	.341
8.Rhodes.....	24	183	542	.338
9.Trinity (Tex.).....	29	202	602	.336
10.Austin.....	26	147	455	.323
11.Birmingham-Southern.....	25	120	402	.299
12.Colorado College.....	25	163	565	.288

3-POINT FG PCT DEFENSE

## Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1.DePauw.....	26	130	445	.292
2.Centre.....	28	136	454	.300
3.Southwestern.....	28	209	680	.307
4.Hendrix.....	27	143	463	.309
5.Sewanee.....	26	169	523	.323
6.Oglethorpe.....	26	223	679	.328
7.Rhodes.....	24	176	535	.329
8.Trinity (Tex.).....	29	190	576	.330
9.Austin.....	26	141	422	.334
10.Millsaps.....	25	188	529	.355
11.Birmingham-Southern.....	25	165	464	.356
12.Colorado College.....	25	186	484	.384

REBOUNDING OFFENSE

## Team	G	Reb	Avg/G
1.Trinity (Tex.).....	29	1177	40.6
2.Rhodes.....	24	877	36.5
3.Southwestern.....	28	1019	36.4
4.Austin.....	26	938	36.1
5.Oglethorpe.....	26	914	35.2
6.Centre.....	28	983	35.1
7.Hendrix.....	27	930	34.4
8.DePauw.....	26	872	33.5
9.Sewanee.....	26	856	32.9
10.Birmingham-Southern.....	25	808	32.3
11.Millsaps.....	25	765	30.6
12.Colorado College.....	25	749	30.0

REBOUNDING DEFENSE

## Team	G	Reb	Avg/G
1.Centre.....	28	845	30.2
2.DePauw.....	26	815	31.3
3.Birmingham-Southern.....	25	800	32.0
4.Trinity (Tex.).....	29	933	32.2
5.Millsaps.....	25	830	33.2
6.Sewanee.....	26	884	34.0
7.Hendrix.....	27	921	34.1
8.Southwestern.....	28	994	35.5
9.Austin.....	26	933	35.9
10.Oglethorpe.....	26	960	36.9
11.Rhodes.....	24	889	37.0
12.Colorado College.....	25	952	38.1

REBOUNDING MARGIN

## Team	G	TEAM	Avg	OPP	Avg Margin	
1.Trinity (Tex.).....	29	1177	40.6	933	32.2	+8.4
2.Centre.....	28	983	35.1	845	30.2	+4.9
3.DePauw.....	26	872	33.5	815	31.3	+2.2
4.Southwestern.....	28	1019	36.4	994	35.5	+0.9
5.Hendrix.....	27	930	34.4	921	34.1	+0.3
6.Birmingham-Southern.....	25	808	32.3	800	32.0	+0.3
7.Austin.....	26	938	36.1	933	35.9	+0.2
8.Rhodes.....	24	877	36.5	889	37.0	-0.5
9.Sewanee.....	26	856	32.9	884	34.0	-1.1
10.Oglethorpe.....	26	914	35.2	960	36.9	-1.8
11.Millsaps.....	25	765	30.6	830	33.2	-2.6
12.Colorado College.....	25	749	30.0	952	38.1	-8.1

BLOCKED SHOTS

## Team	G	Blocks	Avg/G
1.Austin.....	26	148	5.69
2.Rhodes.....	24	135	5.63
3.Centre.....	28	106	3.79
4.Trinity (Tex.).....	29	93	3.21
5.Birmingham-Southern.....	25	74	2.96
6.DePauw.....	26	76	2.92
7.Hendrix.....	27	74	2.74
8.Southwestern.....	28	72	2.57
9.Oglethorpe.....	26	54	2.08
10.Sewanee.....	26	49	1.88
11.Millsaps.....	25	46	1.84
12.Colorado College.....	25	41	1.64



2008-09 Individual Statistics

SCORING						REBOUNDING								
##	Player-Team	G	FG	3FG	FT	Pts	Avg/G	##	Player-Team	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	Avg/G
1.	Cory Smith-RC	24	150	34	161	495	20.6	1.	Todd Ward-OU	26	104	160	264	10.2
2.	Mike Moore-DU	26	166	86	108	526	20.2	2.	Andrew King-HC	21	52	139	191	9.1
3.	Todd Ward-OU	26	177	15	73	442	17.0	3.	Ben Pursell-UOS	24	55	156	211	8.8
4.	Danny Noll-CEN	28	169	69	42	449	16.0	4.	Charles Houston-TU	29	99	151	250	8.6
5.	Kola Alade-AC	26	146	34	88	414	15.9	5.	Kory Kilpatrick-RC	19	32	117	149	7.8
6.	Andrew King-HC	21	111	1	98	321	15.3	6.	Alex Lloyd-CEN	28	57	152	209	7.5
7.	Blake Martinez-MC	25	122	82	55	381	15.2	7.	Luke Caldarera-TU	29	81	130	211	7.3
8.	Bradley Pierson-UOS	26	125	59	80	389	15.0	8.	Brady Ohlsen-COLO	25	58	121	179	7.2
9.	David Allison-OU	26	144	54	41	383	14.7	9.	Chris Sanders-MC	25	53	121	174	7.0
10.	Brady Ohlsen-COLO	25	131	7	88	357	14.3	10.	Tom Callen-DU	26	43	127	170	6.5
11.	Nathan Ollie-RC	24	117	54	52	340	14.2	11.	Wade Weldon-OU	26	46	114	160	6.2
12.	Joe Kennedy-OU	24	116	47	59	338	14.1	12.	Spencer Burke-AC	25	55	93	148	5.9
13.	Tom Callen-DU	26	131	11	82	355	13.7	13.	Luke Foley-HC	27	48	111	159	5.9
14.	Ben Pursell-UOS	24	110	7	91	318	13.3	14.	Roger Williams-BSC	25	54	91	145	5.8
15.	Luke Caldarera-TU	29	145	14	77	381	13.1	15.	Cory Smith-RC	24	47	90	137	5.7

FIELD GOAL PCT (Min. 5.0 made per game)					
##	Player-Team	G	FG	FGA	Pct
1.	Tom Callen-DU	26	131	205	.639
2.	Todd Ward-OU	26	177	318	.557
3.	Brady Ohlsen-COLO	25	131	239	.548
4.	Andrew King-HC	21	111	203	.547
5.	Danny Noll-CEN	28	169	328	.515
6.	David Allison-OU	26	144	296	.486
7.	Luke Caldarera-TU	29	145	320	.453
8.	Kola Alade-AC	26	146	324	.451
9.	Cory Smith-RC	24	150	338	.444
10.	Mike Moore-DU	26	166	391	.425

ASSISTS				
##	Player-Team	G	Assists	Avg/G
1.	Ryan Crowdis-CEN	28	137	4.89
2.	Chad Songy-MC	24	114	4.75
3.	Janson Hightower-HC	27	114	4.22
4.	Jarrell Sweet-COLO	25	102	4.08
5.	Anthony Cox-SU	28	108	3.86
6.	Casey Berry-UOS	25	94	3.76
7.	Tony James-DU	23	77	3.35
8.	Mike Moore-DU	26	86	3.31
9.	Kola Alade-AC	26	80	3.08
10.	Joe Kennedy-OU	24	71	2.96
11.	B.J. Moon-TU	29	83	2.86
12.	Cory Smith-RC	24	67	2.79
13.	David Allison-OU	26	72	2.77
14.	Jeff Blumenthal-RC	23	61	2.65
15.	Andrew King-HC	21	55	2.62

FREE THROW PCT (Min. 2.5 made per game)					
##	Player-Team	G	FTM	FTA	Pct
1.	Anthony Cox-SU	28	99	116	.853
2.	Ryan Crowdis-CEN	28	100	118	.847
3.	Aaron Parr-BSC	24	83	99	.838
4.	Mike Moore-DU	26	108	130	.831
5.	David Foley-HC	27	68	82	.829
6.	Cal Rose-HC	27	72	87	.828
7.	Cameron Varnado-MC	25	63	77	.818
8.	Cory Smith-RC	24	161	211	.763
9.	Luke Caldarera-TU	29	77	102	.755
10.	Lance Jacobs-COLO	25	75	100	.750
11.	Kola Alade-AC	26	88	118	.746
12.	Bradley Pierson-UOS	26	80	108	.741
13.	Travis Barber-SU	28	71	96	.740
14.	Brady Ohlsen-COLO	25	88	127	.693
15.	Todd Ward-OU	26	73	108	.676

STEALS				
##	Player-Team	G	Steals	Avg/G
1.	Charles Houston-TU	29	76	2.62
2.	Jarrell Sweet-COLO	25	60	2.40
3.	Casey Berry-UOS	25	55	2.20
4.	Chris Sanders-MC	25	51	2.04
5.	Nick Polidoroff-TU	25	46	1.84
6.	Tony James-DU	23	41	1.78
7.	Cal Rose-HC	27	46	1.70
8.	Joe Kennedy-OU	24	40	1.67
9.	David Allison-OU	26	41	1.58
10.	Alex Richey-OU	26	39	1.50
11.	Ryan Crowdis-CEN	28	40	1.43
12.	Michael Rebarchak-BSC	25	35	1.40
13.	Luke Caldarera-TU	29	39	1.34
14.	Janson Hightower-HC	27	34	1.26
15.	Cory Smith-RC	24	29	1.21



2008-09 Individual Statistics Continued

3-POINT FG PCT (Min. 1.5 made per game)					3-POINT FG MADE					
##	Player-Team	G	3FG	FGA	Pct	##	Player-Team	G	3FG	Avg/G
1.	Danny Noll-CEN	28	69	158	.437	1.	Mike Moore-DU	26	86	3.31
2.	Steve Lemasters-DU	26	55	129	.426	2.	Blake Martinez-MC	25	82	3.28
3.	B.J. Moon-TU	29	57	137	.416	3.	Kris Bentley-CEN	28	79	2.82
4.	Kris Bentley-CEN	28	79	190	.416	4.	Danny Noll-CEN	28	69	2.46
5.	Joe Kennedy-OU	24	47	114	.412	5.	Alex Richey-OU	26	59	2.27
6.	Mike Moore-DU	26	86	213	.404		Bradley Pierson-UOS	26	59	2.27
7.	Chad Songy-MC	24	53	137	.387	7.	Cal Rose-HC	27	61	2.26
8.	Blake Martinez-MC	25	82	219	.374	8.	Nathan Ollie-RC	24	54	2.25
9.	Kenton Coleman-UOS	26	45	122	.369	9.	Chad Songy-MC	24	53	2.21
10.	David Allison-OU	26	54	147	.367	10.	Steve Lemasters-DU	26	55	2.12
11.	Cal Rose-HC	27	61	171	.357	11.	David Allison-OU	26	54	2.08
12.	Nick Caputo-SU	28	46	131	.351	12.	B.J. Moon-TU	29	57	1.97
13.	Alex Richey-OU	26	59	169	.349	13.	Zach Bergstrom-SU	28	55	1.96
14.	Zach Bergstrom-SU	28	55	158	.348	14.	Joe Kennedy-OU	24	47	1.96
15.	Bradley Pierson-UOS	26	59	171	.345	15.	Kenton Coleman-UOS	26	45	1.73

BLOCKED SHOTS				
##	Player-Team	G	Blocks	Avg/G
1.	Rob Bledsoe-RC	24	102	4.25
2.	Spencer Burke-AC	25	65	2.60
3.	Alex Lloyd-CEN	28	51	1.82
4.	David Gray-DU	26	38	1.46
5.	Todd Ward-OU	26	37	1.42
6.	Andrew McDonald-SU	28	39	1.39
7.	Ben Pursell-UOS	24	29	1.21
8.	Michael Rebarchak-BSC	25	30	1.20
9.	Chris Sturtevant-AC	26	27	1.04
10.	Jonathan Lewis-TU	29	26	0.90
11.	Dominic Whicher-BSC	25	22	0.88
12.	Andrew King-HC	21	18	0.86
13.	Josh Saunders-AC	25	21	0.84
14.	David Foley-HC	27	22	0.81
15.	Brady Ohlsen-COLO	25	17	0.68

ASSIST/TURNOVER RATIO (Min. 3.0 assists/game)							
##	Player-Team	G	Asst	Avg Turn	Avg Ratio		
1.	Janson Hightower-HC	27	114	4.2	53	2.0	2.15
2.	Ryan Crowdis-CEN	28	137	4.9	65	2.3	2.11
3.	Chad Songy-MC	24	114	4.8	59	2.5	1.93
4.	Casey Berry-UOS	25	94	3.8	62	2.5	1.52
5.	Tony James-DU	23	77	3.3	54	2.3	1.43
6.	Anthony Cox-SU	28	108	3.9	80	2.9	1.35
7.	Kola Alade-AC	26	80	3.1	68	2.6	1.18
8.	Mike Moore-DU	26	86	3.3	75	2.9	1.15
9.	Jarrell Sweet-COLO	25	102	4.1	109	4.4	0.94

OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS				
##	Player-Team	G	No.	Avg/G
1.	Todd Ward-OU	26	104	4.00
2.	Charles Houston-TU	29	99	3.41
3.	Luke Caldarera-TU	29	81	2.79
4.	Andrew King-HC	21	52	2.48
5.	Nick Polidoroff-TU	28	65	2.32
6.	Brady Ohlsen-COLO	25	58	2.32
7.	Ben Pursell-UOS	24	55	2.29
8.	Spencer Burke-AC	25	55	2.20
9.	Roger Williams-BSC	25	54	2.16
10.	Chris Sanders-MC	25	53	2.12
11.	T.C. Thomason-CEN	27	55	2.04
12.	Alex Lloyd-CEN	28	57	2.04
13.	Cory Smith-RC	24	47	1.96
14.	Kola Alade-AC	26	49	1.88
15.	David Foley-HC	27	48	1.78

DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS				
##	Player-Team	G	No.	Avg/G
1.	Andrew King-HC	21	139	6.62
2.	Ben Pursell-UOS	24	156	6.50
3.	Kory Kilpatrick-RC	19	117	6.16
4.	Todd Ward-OU	26	160	6.15
5.	Alex Lloyd-CEN	28	152	5.43
6.	Charles Houston-TU	29	151	5.21
7.	Tom Callen-DU	26	127	4.88
8.	Brady Ohlsen-COLO	25	121	4.84
	Chris Sanders-MC	25	121	4.84
10.	Luke Caldarera-TU	29	130	4.48
11.	Chris Sturtevant-AC	26	116	4.46
12.	Danny Noll-CEN	28	123	4.39
13.	Wade Weldon-OU	26	114	4.38
14.	Ryan Crowdis-CEN	28	120	4.29
15.	Travis Barber-SU	28	117	4.18



2008-09 SCAC Post-Season Honors

2008-09 ALL-SCAC FIRST TEAM

Player	School	PPG	RPG
Mike Moore	DePauw	20.2	3.9
Danny Noll	Centre	16.0	5.7
Todd Ward	Oglethorpe	17.0	10.2
Luke Calderera	Trinity	13.1	7.3
Andrew King	Hendrix	15.3	9.1

2008-09 SCAC PLAYER-OF-THE-YEAR

Mike Moore, DePauw University

2008-09 ALL-SCAC SECOND TEAM

Player	School	PPG	RPG
Kola Alade	Austin	15.9	5.5
Charles Houston	Trinity	11.1	8.6
Cory Smith	Rhodes	20.6	5.7
B.J. Moon	Trinity	12.4	2.1
T.C. Thomason	Centre	11.9	4.3

2008-09 SCAC NEWCOMER-OF-THE-YEAR

Jeff Mullaney, Centre College

2008-09 ALL-SCAC THIRD TEAM

Player	School	PPG	RPG
Tom Callen	DePauw	13.7	6.5
Ben Pursell	Sewanee	13.3	8.8
Ryan Crowdis	Centre	9.8	5.2
Blake Martinez	Millsaps	15.2	3.2
Joe Kennedy	Oglethorpe	14.1	3.5
Chad Songy	Millsaps	11.0	2.4

2008-09 SCAC DEFENSIVEPLAYER-OF-THE-YEAR

Charles Houston, Trinity University

2008-09 SCAC COACH-OF-THE-YEAR

Pat Cunningham, Trinity University

2009-10 PREVIEW AUSTIN COLLEGE KANGAROOS



After finishing last season with its best record in nearly a decade, the Austin College men's basketball team will be looking to make its third straight Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Tournament appearance in the 2009-2010 season as the college celebrates the 100th season of Kangaroo basketball.

Coach Rodney Wecker will have eight seniors at his disposal this season, all returners from a team that posted a 13-13 overall record a year ago. Leading the way are All-Conference performers Kola Alade and Chris Sturtevant.

At 6'3" Alade can play either guard position, averaged 15.9 points per game to lead the 'Roos while also handing out a team-best 80 assists on the season. With his quickness and ability to light it up from outside, Alade should again be among the leading scorers in the SCAC this season.

Alongside Alade is the 6'7" Sturtevant, who can score in the post or hit from deep. Sturtevant averaged 10.0 points and 5.6 rebounds per game, and in conference play the senior knocked down 42.9% of his threes. The 6'8" Spencer Burke returns to man the middle after swatting away 66 shots last season and pulling down 6.1 rebounds per game.

Adding more depth on the front line will be fellow senior Taylor Beatty, who at 6'7" adds another big body to help on the post and in the rebounding department. Aiding Alade in the backcourt will be seniors Kyle Lintelman, Arron Mewbourn, Nick Wade and Mike Todd.

Lintelman started 24 games last season and was the team's third leading scorer with 6.8 points per game, and Wade will once again be looked to as one of the team's three point specialists. With his strong ability to handle the ball, Mewbourn will help take some of the pressure off of returning starters Alade and Lintelman.

Along with the returning seniors, Wecker will be looking to a trio of sophomores to add a spark in the scoring and rebounding departments. The 6'6" Josh Saunders and 6'5" Scott Straley showed great versatility last season, while the 6'6" Justin Martin will bring added depth to the frontcourt.

The 'Roos brought in even more size up front this year with Walt Phillips and Brandon Laubauch, who are both 6'6", and Alen Michael, a 6'8" shot blocker with great athleticism. Wecker will also be looking for help in the backcourt from freshman guards Zak Mitzner and Justin Battlely.

Boasting a team loaded with both size and experience, the 'Roos will be looking to build on last year's success and challenge for the SCAC title in the 2009-2010 season.

2009-10 PREVIEW BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN COLLEGE PANTHERS



The Birmingham Southern Men's Basketball program has plenty of reasons to look to the 2009-2010 basketball season with excitement. For the first time since the move to NCAA Division III, the Panthers will start the year with a nucleus of players who have been through two years of SCAC competition. With a handful of upperclassmen and a talented group of newcomers, BSC head coach Mitch Cole is optimistic about this year's team.

"When we started two years ago, we had a team of freshman who had no idea what they were getting into. Everything was brand new, from school, to social life, to basketball. There were no upperclassmen to show the young players how to do things. Now we have a few guys who have been through the program and understand what it takes to be successful at the college level."

With no seniors for the last two years, the Panthers enter the 2009-10 season with 12 returners along with seven freshmen and one transfer. Five seniors return this season as Aaron Parr, Roger Williams, Nathan West, Tyler Marsh and Dominic Whicher each hope to finish their careers on the Hilltop in style.

Cole says the strength of this year's Panther squad will be quality depth at every position. Competition for playing time at each spot will be at an all time high as practice begins in mid October. Cole views this as a positive and necessary step to building a winning program.

"We all know that competition breeds excellence. We don't have any one superstar who has to carry the team. Our hope is to wear teams down with our depth and play a multitude of players each night. This makes for lively practices and keeps everyone focused during the games. Knowing that a time may come when each player will need to contribute to the team's success should be a motivating factor for our players."

In addition to the seniors, other returning players who hope to contribute in 2009-10 are guards Isiah Doaty and Patrick Price, and forwards Wheeler Flemming, Mikey Kline, Mark Messenger, Caleb Lee and Phil Rodgers.

Cole and his staff spent much of last spring recruiting a strong incoming class that will help the Panthers at each position. Freshmen Blaise White, Kevin Kegarise and Carter Tanner each have the skills and ability to compete for playing time at the guard spots. Jasen Jonus, Hart Ahumada, and Jared Myers were outstanding high school players who will look to contribute on the wings, while Zac Richards and Alex Gilmore hope to give the Panthers skill and athleticism at the forward positions.

"Our staff has done a tremendous job of recruiting student-athletes that fit our program. Each of these young men had outstanding high school basketball careers while maintaining excellence in the academic arena. There is no doubt that our newcomers will help carry the strong tradition of achievement that defines Birmingham Southern basketball."

The 2009-2010 schedule will be as challenging as ever. The Panthers will once again play regional opponents in LaGrange, Rust, and two games with in-state rival Huntingdon in the non-league portion of the schedule. The schedule gets even tougher as the Panthers open up SCAC play at Bill Battle with league standouts Centre and DePauw before Christmas.

The SCAC schedule has BSC playing seven games in Bill Battle Coliseum and nine games on the road including a tough stretch of five straight SCAC road games in January. Opponents and rivals such as Oglethorpe, Sewanee and Rhodes round out the home-and-away competition in the SCAC-East. Two trips out west, to take on Trinity and Southwestern then Colorado College and Austin, make for a grueling road schedule that will test the Panther's resolve.

"Winning on the road at any level of college basketball is extremely difficult. Heavy travel, unfamiliar environments and fatigue can become factors if we are not mentally tough enough to overcome them. Protecting the home court and grabbing some key wins on the road are always the mark of a good team. We need to be peaking in January and February."

2009-10 PREVIEW CENTRE COLLEGE COLONELS



Following a successful 2008-2009 season, the 2009-2010 basketball team is hoping to follow in the footsteps of last year's squad. Centre ended last season with a 23-5 overall record, a 12-2 mark in conference play, and won the conference title for the 18th time. The Colonels returns a Division III News Freshman All-American and an All-SCAC First Team member.

Centre lost five players, including three starters, from last year's team to graduation. The departed seniors had a fantastic four-year stint as they compiled 92 wins over that time, which is more than any other class in Centre basketball history and SCAC history. The senior class posted three straight 20-plus win seasons, as well as winning three straight SCAC regular season titles, and winning the SCAC Tournament Championship two times in three years.

Centre will be led this year by senior Danny Noll (Ft. Mitchell, Ky.) and sophomore Jeff Mullaney (Louisville, Ky.). Noll was a D3hoops.com preseason All-American selection in 2008-2009 and an All-SCAC First Team member last year and led the conference in three-point field goal percentage (43.7%).

Noll also averaged 15.9 points per game and had a field goal percentage of 51.4%, which were both good enough for fifth place in the conference.

Mullaney was a Division III News Freshman All-American and the SCAC Newcomer-of-the-Year last season. He averaged 8.5 points, 2.3 rebounds, and 1.8 assists for Centre in 24.4 minutes of action per game. Mullaney also shot 44.2% from the field, including 43.5% from three-point range, good for third place in the SCAC.

Junior Alex Lloyd (Versailles, Ky.) will also be a key player for the Colonels this year because of his experience at the center position. Lloyd was fifth in rebounding last year in the conference with 7.5 boards per game and third overall in blocked shots with 1.8 per game.

The Colonels have added five freshmen to the mix this season. In recent years, Centre has had several newcomers contribute early in their careers. Over the last six years the Colonels have had the SCAC Newcomer-of-the-Year four times.

"We are looking forward to another exciting year," Centre head coach Greg Mason said.

"This will be a team whose best basketball will be played at the end of the season as 12 of our 17 players are either freshman or sophomores. Fortunately, we have senior Danny Noll, one of our most consistent players in recent memory to help us through the early part of the season. As we have guys adjust to different roles and responsibilities, I think we'll have a very competitive team come March," Mason added.

Centre will open its 2009-2010 season Wednesday, Nov. 18 against Maryville College. Tip-off is set for 7:30 p.m. in Alumni Gym in Danville, Ky.

2009-10 PREVIEW COLORADO COLLEGE TIGERS



If there's any truth to the notion of strength in numbers, the Colorado College men's basketball team could be on the verge of its most successful season in recent history.

With a roster now numbering 15 players, including four returning starters and eight lettermen, the Tigers are now in a position to compete on equal terms with the top programs in the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference.

"The difference this year is quality depth," said head coach Andy Partee, who begins his fourth season at CC. "We have a full roster for the first time in my tenure. We actually had to make cuts after a three-day tryout. It's not something you want to do, but it was exciting to see a gym full of guys and how competitive practices have been."

In addition to depth, the Tigers have considerable talent and experience in their returning players.

Senior point guard Jarrell Sweet, junior center Brady Ohlsen and junior guard Nick Rose all are two-year starters, while sophomores Jeff Smith and Jeremiah Waters each started at least 10 games last season. Austin Perkins and Michael Goforth also saw a significant amount of playing time during their freshman campaigns.

Eight athletic newcomers present an opportunity for the Tigers to continue to perfect their motion offense in a more competitive practice setting, something that never was possible in the past with a small roster.

Ohlsen, one of the team's tri-captains, averaged 14.4 points and 7.2 rebounds per game last season while playing nearly 33 minutes per outing.

Rose is coming off of an outstanding sophomore season when he finished second on the team averaging 12.0 points and 3.9 rebounds per game, second only to Ohlsen's totals.

The Tigers also will benefit from the return of Sweet, a fifth-year senior who came into his own at both ends of the court last year. Sweet posted career highs of 9.5 points and 4.08 assists per game, and led the team with 60 steals.

CC also is hoping to see increased productivity by moving some of the other veterans to their natural positions. Perkins, voted co-captain by his teammates, and Waters will move to the wings, while Colin Madden will see most of his time at the 2-guard.

Smith, who added size and strength during the off-season, and Goforth can play multiple positions because of the duo's versatility.

All five have the skills to thrive in CC's motion offense.

"Versatility is something we want," Partee said. "I'd like all five guys to be able to play anywhere on the court. When we cross half court, there aren't any positions. The motion offense gives everybody a chance to score from anywhere."

CC's increased depth should really pay off at the defensive end, where the Tigers are hoping to take advantage of a more aggressive style of play.

While the new additions need to learn the motion offense, athleticism will allow some to contribute in the defensive zone early in their careers.

The other newcomers are sophomores Kevin Osborne and Luke Northam, and freshmen Jesse Lehigh.

Colorado College tips off the season at Division II CU-Colorado Springs and has a total of four non-conference games before starting SCAC action at home against Millsaps College.

"I like playing some tough teams before we play conference opponents," Partee said. "Two years ago, we didn't start games well, but we closed well. Last year we started games a lot better, but didn't close well. This year, we have enough depth to sustain a consistent effort and the level of competition will help everyone get better as the season progresses."

2008-09 PREVIEW DEPAUW UNIVERSITY TIGERS



DePauw returns four starters and 11 lettermen from last year's 19-7 team which finished second in the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference's Eastern Division.

The Tigers return experience to the front court but may lack depth. Senior forward Tom Callen is back after earning third team all-SCAC honors last year. Callen is the Tigers' top returning scorer after averaging 13.7 points, while leading the team with 6.5 rebounds per game.

Senior David Gray played in all 26 games and started 25 last year while scoring 3.9 points and averaging 4.5 rebounds per outing. Junior Joe Bergfeld came off the bench last year and contributed 6.9 points and 3.8 boards.

Rounding out the Tigers' inside players are juniors Ryan Russell and Ryan Sever. Russell played in every game last year and averaged double-digit minutes, while Sever saw action in 24 contests.

The lone player lost to graduation was guard Mike Moore who averaged 20.2 points per game and earned second team all-America honors.

Senior Tony James returns to the point after starting 22 games last year. He averaged 7.6 points, 3.3 assists and a team-high 1.8 steals. Back up will come from junior Ross Simpson and freshman Kevin Sullivan.

Junior Steve Lemasters started 24 games a year ago and is the Tigers' top returning three-point shooter after knocking in 55 and hitting 42.6 percent from beyond the arc. Lemasters averaged 9.0 points and knocked in a school-record nine threes in a win over Drew.

Senior Matt Bennett missed most of last year due to injury after transferring from Valparaiso, but averaged 3.7 points in his six games. Junior Drew Wills scored at a 3.9 point clip, while Sean Haseley averaged 3.0 points and Tommy Weakley added 1.5.

"We have a lot of guys who can shoot the ball," head coach Bill Fenlon said. "We're facing a lot of unknowns with several injuries in the preseason."

Fenlon enters his 18th season at DePauw with a 288-155 record and is 395-224 as he prepares for his 25th season overall.

The Tigers open the season on November 20 at the Albion College Tipoff Tournament with the first home game scheduled for Saturday, November 28, in the opening game of the Mike Rokicki Community Versus Cancer Challenge against Washington & Jefferson.

2009-10 PREVIEW HENDRIX COLLEGE WARRIORS



The Hendrix College men's basketball team returns to the gym to embark on what is guaranteed to be another exciting season on the hardwood. Head coach Dan Priest enters his sixth season at the helm and will look to his four seniors to help lead the squad its fourth-straight postseason tournament.

Priest graduated three key players from his first recruiting class last year in Andrew King, David Foley and Ryan Wible. Priest is confident that his 2009-10 class will continue to mold the team into its own personality and remain as one of the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference's top programs. This year's senior leaders include point guard Janson Hightower, guard Cal Rose, forward Jesse Ford, point guard Sean McQueen, and guard James Ewing.

"In year's past we were bigger in size and more inside oriented," said Priest. "We used to be more of a power basketball kind of team, but now we are a little smaller and have changed our approach to more of a perimeter team. Our quickness and speed will be featured in the front court with Hightower and Rose returning as four-year starters."

Rose is the Warriors' top returning scorer with 12.3 ppg (19th in SCAC), one of the team's top defenders with 46 steals (7th in SCAC) and the team's top threat from behind the arc with 61 three-pointers (7th in SCAC). Hightower led the conference with a 2.2 assists to turnover ratio and paced Hendrix with 114 assists (3rd in SCAC) and averaged 4.9 ppg in 2008-09.

Ewing, Ford, McQueen and junior guard Ryan Rizos have been waiting patiently and working hard in past years as players coming off the bench. Their hard work is sure to pay off this season as they should see key minutes throughout the stretch.

The Warriors' sophomore class includes some important contributors from last season. Guard Chris Goodman, guard Ammon Martin, forward Scott Sherrill, forward Josh Graham and forward Nick Heathscott will move from complimentary role players to the go-to guys and starting roles. Heathscott was regarded as the league's second-best newcomer last year and was awarded the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette Freshman-of-the-Year. Goodman and Martin combined for 38 long-balls and 57 assists last year.

Hendrix welcomes four newcomers to the squad this year with two guards and two forwards. Jaren Riley and Chase Pemberton come in as the guards, while Marshall Parker and Dayton Sheridan will hold down the post positions.

"Each one of our freshmen has a good future with the program," stated Priest. "They are adjusting well to the college level and will be asked to push our upper classmen in practice and contribute when called upon at game time."

Hendrix opens the regular season against University of the Ozarks on Nov. 15. Hendrix will then take a four-game road trip that will include its first conference affairs of the season. The Warriors' longest home stretch will be four games from Jan. 8 to Jan. 17. Hendrix will look to reach the postseason for the fourth-consecutive year. This year's SCAC Championships will be held at Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss.

2009-10 PREVIEW MILLSAPS COLLEGE MAJORS



Despite playing its best basketball of the season the final three weeks and winning four of their last six Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference games, Millsaps College finished the 2008-09 season 9-16 overall and narrowly missed out on the conference tournament because of a tie-breaker with Hendrix College.

Two years removed from a 28-4 record and Elite Eight appearance in the NCAA Division III Tournament, Millsaps will have to rally around the leadership of its three upperclassmen to get back to the conference tournament after missing out for the first time in the tournament's seven-year existence. Fortunately for the Majors, this year's tournament will be held on their home court for the first time ever.

Millsaps has done a nice job protecting the basketball the past two seasons, leading the conference in turnover margin in 2007-08 (+6.94) and ranking second last year with a +2.56 margin. Three-point shooting has also been the Majors' strength, shooting at just under 36 percent the last three years and owning the third longest streak in Division III with a make in 456 straight games. Those trends will have to continue in order for the Majors to get back over the .500 mark this year.

Millsaps' roster is very young, but talented, with SCAC experience. The Majors welcome back six lettermen, which includes three starters from a year ago, and add 16 freshmen and a junior college transfer.

Last season, eight of Millsaps' 16 losses were by four points or less, including three by two points on the final possession of the game. This year's schedule won't be any easier, but will see nine of the Majors' 16 league games in The Hangar Dome where they've gone 22-6 the last two seasons.

Tim Wise holds a career mark of 83-77 (.519) in six seasons as head coach. His past successes include five trips to the SCAC Tournament and a trip to the NCAA Tournament (Elite Eight) in 2007-08. Wise also made the NCAA Tournament as an assistant coach during the 2000-01 season.

The loss of two-year starter Chad Songy and three-year starter Chris Sanders to graduation delivered a huge blow to the Majors' backcourt, where they'll be without a true point guard returning for the first time this decade. Songy was a 41 percent 3-point shooter for his career and third all-time in assists, whereas Sanders averaged a career-best 12.6 ppg and 7.0 rpg his senior campaign and finished fifth all-time in steals. Add the loss of 6-foot-6 senior forward Russell Booth who appeared in 102 career games, and Millsaps has just three players left from its SCAC Championship team two years ago.

Senior guards Blake Martinez and Cameron Varnado and junior forward Chris Ingle are all that is left from the Majors' national championship run and will have to do a bulk of the scoring to keep the Majors in the top of the pack. The trio combined for almost half of the Majors' 67.3 ppg last year (8th in the SCAC), with all three averaging career numbers in both the scoring and rebounding column.

Martinez had a breakout junior campaign, earning the start in all 25 games and averaging a career-best 15.2 ppg (7th in the SCAC). With at least one 3-pointer in 44 of his last 48 games played, there's no secret where his game shines. Not only did Martinez tie a single season record with 82 made 3-pointers, but 137 of his 177 career field goals made have come from beyond the arc at 38.1 percent.

From an athleticism standpoint, Varnado is one of the most talented players on the Majors' roster. He came on as a scorer late in the year starting 16 games, and will use his intensity defensively in shutting down the opposing team's top perimeter player.

The addition of junior college transfer LeeVarn "LV" Sumler from Hinds CC will provide a good battle at the vacated point guard position, where sophomore Brian Merkel and other freshmen will be competing for a starting spot. Also returning from last year's team is sophomore guard Jeff Brown who played in 10 games off the bench.

Millsaps will be more of a high-low type of team this year with the addition of some great size in the post, not a perimeter team like they've been in the past. Although undersized in the post, Ingle has found a way to score by using his quickness, averaging a career-high 9.4 ppg and shooting a team-high 51 percent from the floor a year ago.

With the loss of the Majors' top rebounder in Sanders, Ingle will have to contribute more on the boards where Millsaps was 11th in the league in 2008-09. The Majors, however, did add a pair of 6-foot-7 forwards and a talented 6-foot-8 post in Brandon Center who will all undoubtedly help on the boards and hopefully provide strong defense.

Sophomore Ben Cooper who stands at 6-foot-5, 280 pounds and played in 23 games provides a solid threat from beyond the arc despite his size, connecting on 9 of 21 (42.9 percent) from downtown. He can also provide scoring in the post if needed. Millsaps will also host the 2010 SCAC Tournament, which will be held Feb. 26-28.

2009-10 PREVIEW OGLETHORPE UNIVERSITY STORMY PETRELS



OGLETHORPE

On the heels of consecutive 16 win seasons, the outlook for the 2009-2010 Oglethorpe University men's basketball team is bright. After all, the 32 total wins are the most for the program since the combination of the 1993-1994 and 1994-1995 seasons and this year's squad returns with the starting five intact and over 99% of the scoring and rebounding back on the roster.

With the Stormy Petrels scoring the most points, forcing the most turnovers and recording more steals than any team in the conference in the past six years, 2009-2010 could be the season that Oglethorpe claims the SCAC championship and returns to the NCAA Tournament.

One of only four SCAC teams to qualify for the conference tournament in each of the past six years, the 2009-2010 roster is loaded with battle-tested players ready to fight for the conference crown.

Leading the way is All-SCAC First Team selection junior Todd Ward of Venice, Fla. Ward was a monster for Oglethorpe in 2008-2009, leading the conference in rebounding and double-doubles while scoring a conference third-best 17 points per game.

Joining Ward on the floor will be backcourt mates senior David Allison of Stuart, Fla. and junior Joe Kennedy of Gainesville, Ga. Kennedy, an All-SCAC Third Team selection last year, was 12th in the league in scoring and 10th overall in assists. Allison, as All-SCAC Honorable Mention selection, finished 9th in the conference in scoring with 14.7 points per game and dished out 72 assists to place him 13th in that category.

The Petrels also return starters Alex Richey and Wade Weldon to the 2009-2010 rotation of players. Richey, a junior from Alpharetta, Ga., nailed 59 three-pointers last season to place him 5th overall in the SCAC. Weldon, a junior from Dunwoody, Ga., is a physical wing player who finished 13th in the conference in defensive rebounding a year ago with 4.4 per game.

Oglethorpe also returns key bench performers from 2008-2009 in the form of Erik Strong and Eddie Buckley. Strong, a sophomore from Stone Mountain, Ga., brings defensive intensity to the floor and a rebounding presence while Buckley, a senior from Hernando, Fla., is a long wing player known for his slashing ability.

In addition to the seven core players from last season, coach Phil Ponder believes that three or four players among the returners and new recruits could make a serious impact with playing time. Returning candidates for minutes are juniors Colin Ray, Chris Schneider and Robertas Kleiva and sophomores Chandler Rierson, Sam Purdy, Andrew Steioff (transfer) and Tyler Cerone (transfer). New recruits vying for playing time as freshmen include Alec Pitts, Christian Molinet, Branden Jovaag, Scott Newton, Price Hamilton and Steven Davis.

Regarding the 2009-2010 recruiting class haul Ponder said, "This is one of the top two recruiting classes we have had. I think we'll be bigger, deeper, and have more shooters, and because of that, we'll have the flexibility to do a lot more on both ends of the court this year as compared to last year. Last year, we had to use some smoke and mirrors to get by, while this year's team has the potential to play the way I'd like us to play."

Considering the firepower the Stormy Petrels return to the court in 2009-2010, the cause for optimism is just. In summing up his team's chances, Ponder added, "We've been getting better every year, and I feel like this is the most talented team we've had since I've been coach. The schedule is much tougher, and we'll need to avoid injuries and come together as a team, but I feel like we have a chance to do some really good things this year."

2009-10 PREVIEW RHODES COLLEGE LYNX



Rhodes College looks to rebound from a sub par last season, and this year's senior class is determined to make that a reality. Rhodes returns five seniors and a total of eight letter winners. Of those eight letter winners only one started more than 10 games last year, and only two have started more than 15 games in their career. Even with those statistics, the Lynx feel this year can be special and are determined to prove it.

Returning for Rhodes at the point guard position is senior Andyshea Saberioon. Saberioon played in a career high 22 games last season and averaged seven points for the Lynx.

Senior Reid Hamilton is looking to return to his sophomore form when he started 26 games for the Lynx. Reid appeared in 13 games for Rhodes last season after missing the first semester recovering from a knee injury.

Larry Cunningham, Jr. will be looked upon to be a dominant force in the middle for the Lynx. Cunningham has played in 20 games or more each season since his arrival on campus, playing a career high 218 minutes last season. Chris Eberle and Andrew Sillyman will be relied on this season from the perimeter positions.

Eberle, a strong combo guard, is able to guard multiple positions and is able to knock down the three point shot. Sillyman is a long 6'7 athlete that is more than capable of stretching the defense with his long range shooting ability and his length makes him a quality defender.

The remaining returning letter winners for Rhodes are junior Josh Arant, sophomores Kory Kilpatrick and Jonas Williams.

Arant is a strong forward that can score from beyond the arc as well as drives to the basket. He will be looking for playing time this season after gathering experience the past two seasons. Kilpatrick started 19 games last season for the Lynx before a stress fracture ended his season prematurely. Kilpatrick recorded 3 double doubles last season and led the Lynx in rebounding with 7.8 per game. He scored in double figures in 5 games last year and recorded double digit rebounds in 6 games.

Williams is a 6'8 power center that played in 21 games last season. Williams is a big, strong post that will be looked upon to control the middle for the Lynx.

Trying to replace the graduating senior class is a strong first year class of six. Reid Cates, Andrew Galow, Theo Hartwell, Joey Miller, Brad Lockett and Jonathan Smith all look to compete for minutes this season.

When asked about his outlook on the 2009-2010 season, head coach Herb Hilgeman said, "We are excited to have five seniors to lead us and blend with our new players. Our team is a close, cohesive group that will play hard and play together."

Rhodes will officially open their season on the road against Principia College in Elsah, Ill. on November 16th. The Lynx will then host seven straight contests in Mallory Gymnasium. Conference play will get started the first weekend of December as the Lynx play host to DePauw University and Centre College. With the turn of the New Year, the Lynx will travel to Sewanee, Tenn. and Atlanta, Ga. as they open up the majority of conference play.

2009-10 PREVIEW SEWANEE: UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH TIGERS



On the surface, the term "rebuilding" may seem to be an appropriate descriptor for the Sewanee basketball team in 2009-10. However, a deeper look will quickly reveal that the players and staff hold high hopes for improvement in year two of the Bubba Smith era on the Mountain. After graduating five seniors from last year's team, the Tigers will certainly be young this season, only claiming three upperclassmen on the roster. However, they will also be motivated, talented, and hungry to improve on last season's seven win campaign.

Jeremy Simpson enters 2009-10 as the lone senior for the Tigers. Coming off a junior season in which he set career highs in almost every statistical category, including points, rebounds, and assists, Jeremy will look to step up and help lead Sewanee into a new era. Known for his energy and passion, Jeremy is the type of role player that all good teams need to be successful. The intensity that he brings to games and to practice each day serves as a catalyst for the rest of the team. His contributions and leadership as a senior will be vital to the team as the Tigers seek to return to the SCAC tournament.

The coaching staff expects big things this season from the junior class, Zack Mulligan and Garrett Hollingsworth. They will be counted on to make big strides on the court, and to help provide leadership to the team on several levels. Mulligan started four games in 2008-09 and was seventh on the team in scoring, averaging 4.0 points in 18 minutes per game. He led the team in 3-point percentage (39%), and is a career 38% shooter from behind the arc. Also a dedicated student, Mulligan was named to the 2008-09 SCAC Honor Roll for his work in the classroom.

Hollingsworth is a true center with good hands, a soft shooting touch, and the ability to finish consistently around the rim. He led the team in field goal percentage (62%) in 2008-09, finished fifth on the squad in scoring, third in rebounding, and second in blocked shots. Hollingsworth will be counted on to provide the Tigers with a strong post presence on both ends of the court.

The sophomore class is skilled and ready to increase their influence on the team's success. Trent Williams, a physical guard with a smooth outside shot, started 14 games in 2008-09 and is poised to take on a much larger role in the Tigers' backcourt. He showed flashes of brilliance as a freshman, including a 17-point, six-rebound outburst against Otterbein College in December before a mid-season ankle injury inhibited his progress. Boo Parson is a quick, left-handed combo guard who has worked tirelessly in the weight room, gaining almost 30 pounds in the off-season to handle the physical nature of the college game. Kav Spivey, a strong and aggressive guard who is almost always working in the gym or lifting weights, brings intensity and an attacking mentality to the team on a daily basis.

This year's crop of newcomers to the program is extremely versatile and talented. Headlining the group are two players who will bring more than just high school experience to the court. Junior Tony Marelle returns to the Tigers after taking a year off to concentrate on his studies. Marelle is a strong and quick point guard, who will bring confidence and experience back to his position as the team replaces both the starter and back-up at that spot on the floor from 2008-09. Andrew Little joins the Tigers as a transfer with three years of eligibility remaining. Little is a physical guard who can finish at the rim and knock down the outside jumper.

There are four true freshmen joining the Tigers in 2009-10, all of whom have the desire and potential to contribute to the team's success right away. Lewis Affronti is a strong and athletic wing who can rebound, shoot, and defend. Brett Bouldin is a quick and fast point guard with a deadly three-point shot. The final two newcomers both hail from Tennessee. Derrick Duncan is a slashing guard and lockdown defender who can easily get to the rim. Finally, Tyler Brown is a raw and athletic forward who attacks the glass with abandon and has a nice outside touch.

The Tigers will open the 2009-10 season with November home games against regional foes Covenant College (Ga.) and LaGrange College (who Sewanee defeated 74-65 last season). The team will then travel to Memphis to face two tough non-conference opponents, Earham College and Principia College, in the Rhodes College Thanksgiving Classic. December begins with a home game against Tennessee Temple University, followed with a crucial early-season home contest against SCAC Eastern Division opponent Oglethorpe University. The Tigers finish up the non-conference portion of their season with return trips to Covenant College and Tennessee Temple University, along with games against Rust College (who defeated Sewanee 77-66 last year) and Huntingdon College (who beat the Tigers 85-69 last season) in the annual Lon Varnell Classic before embarking on another exciting and challenging run through the SCAC conference slate.

2009-10 PREVIEW SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY PIRATES



What do you do after one of the most successful seasons in years that culminated in Southwestern's first-ever trip to the SCAC Championship game? Work hard in the off-season and pick up where you left off, which is exactly what the Pirate men's basketball team has done.

With the start of practice on October 15th, the Pirates have hit the court with a vision of returning to the SCAC championship game, largely due to the leadership both on the sidelines and in the backcourt for Southwestern. Their 18-10 record was the third best record ever for head coach Bill Raleigh who begins his 11th season at Southwestern and he returns four seniors and four starters from last year's team.

"The end of the season success set the tone for the off-season," states Coach Raleigh. "Our players want to use it as a stepping stone and get back to the conference championship and then win it for the first time ever. These seniors want to make this season something special."

The returning senior starters consisting of A.C. Cox, Zach Bergstrom and Travis Barber have led the team to focus on team accomplishments, knowing that it can be a different player each night to make the big plays, which is what will make the Pirates tough to beat.

"They (the seniors) want to do stuff not because of individual acknowledgement, but as a team and that has been fun for me so far this season," said Raleigh. "Those seniors are the hardest workers on the team and are setting the tone for the rest of the group."

A.C. Cox will man the point position for Southwestern and has ample experience during so, starting all 28 games last season and averaging a team high 30.5 minutes per game. Cox not only led SU in assists (108), steals (32), and free throw percentage (85.3%) but was also the third leading scorer, averaging 10 points per game. He provides a dynamic threat on the court that can not only get his teammates going, but score also.

Barber, the Pirate's second leading scorer in 2008-09 at 10.2 points per game, is a consistent threat from the outside but can also take it hard to the hoop if guarded tightly on the perimeter. He averaged 29.1 minutes a game and shot 37.8% from the floor, 33.7% from beyond the arc.

Rounding out the backcourt for SU is Zach Bergstrom. Bergstrom was the leading scorer for the Pirates last season at 11.5 points per game. He shot 37.9% from the field and 34.8% from the three-point line in 2008-09. Bergstrom provides Southwestern with high energy intensity and the ability to go on a scoring streak that will provide headaches for opponents. Joining Cox, Bergstrom, and Barber for his final season at SU is Collyn Kelley. Kelley, a transfer from Schreiner University in his junior season, provides additional depth and perimeter threat to the Pirate's backcourt.

The last returning starter is junior Jonathan Brown, who averaged 21.9 minutes per game. He was the sixth leading scorer on last year's squad, but shot 55.1% from the field while ending third in rebounding at 4.9 per game. Brown's versatility as a post player with strong moves on the block and the ability to play in the high post will provide some match-up problems for opponents and give more flexibility to SU's offense.

Key returners off the bench are juniors Nick Caputo and Ry Rowan. Caputo saw action in all 28 games last season as a crucial bench player with the ability to maintain the Pirate's long distance threat. He averaged eight points per game, shooting 39.5% from the field and 34.8% from the three-point line. Rowan appeared in 19 games last season and will add a solid backup for Brown. He shot 42.9% from the field last season in just under 7 minutes per game.

One of the most pleasant surprises was the dynamic return of junior Robbie Hanley who has made big steps in the off-season and looks to be in the mix for the Pirates this year. The Pirates also return three sophomores, James Davenport, Rhett Rowan and Logan Hurley and add three new players to the roster. Sophomore transfer Demetrice Spearman comes to Southwestern after one season at Huston-Tillotson while Scott Ryan and Chris Brown join the team for their freshman seasons.

Southwestern will open their season on November 15th at the University of Dallas before heading to a tournament in Chicago, Ill. the following weekend. At the tournament the Pirates will face former SCAC opponent Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in the opening round.



2009-10 PREVIEW TRINITY UNIVERSITY TIGERS

The Trinity University Tigers men's basketball team tips off Sunday, Nov. 15, at the St. Edward's University Shootout, taking on NCAA Division II Midwestern State.

Trinity, led by 11th-year head coach Pat Cunningham, is coming off a successful 24-5 season. The Tigers lost six seniors, including five starters, to graduation.

Coach Cunningham is counting on a returning starter and talented reserves from last year, along with some promising newcomers, to keep the Tigers in the hunt.

"It will be a year of unknowns," said Cunningham, who stands at 203-73 after 10 seasons. "We lost six seniors and part of our inside game. But, hopefully we will play good team defense. Our senior-junior group should provide offensive scoring, as well as leadership for this team. The reserves from last year need to contribute for us to be successful."

Trinity opens its home schedule and Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference campaign Dec. 3 by hosting Southwestern in Sams Gym.

The Tigers received an NCAA Division III at-large bid, and won the rights to host the NCAA first and second-round games. Trinity would compete in its seventh NCAA postseason tournament, and the sixth under coach Cunningham. The Tigers had last qualified in 2006.

Trinity beat Maryville College (Tenn.) 68-64 in the 2009 opening round, and then lost 70-54 to the University of Texas-Dallas in the second round.

Prior to the NCAA tilt, Trinity opened the SCAC Championship Tournament at Conway, Ark., by edging the University of the South-Sewanee 53-52 in overtime. Southwestern upset the Tigers, seeded No. 1 in the West Division, 68-63 in the conference semifinals.

The Tigers completed the SCAC portion of the season with a 13-2 SCAC mark.

Trinity, which sported a 15-game winning streak, was ranked No. 21 at the end of the season by d3hoops.com (and as high as No. 8).

For his efforts, Cunningham was elected SCAC Men's Basketball Coach of the Year. It marked the fourth time, and second in four years, Cunningham earned the honor from his fellow coaches.

The senior-junior group to which Cunningham referred will be led by junior forward Luke Caldarera. The 6-foot-5 Caldarera received two honors. Caldarera was selected for the National Association of Basketball Coaches All-South District Second Team, and the All-SCAC First Team. Caldarera led the Tigers in scoring, with 13.1 points per game. He was second in rebounds, with a 7.3 average.

Three reserve players contributed to the Tigers' cause in all 29 games. Senior Peter Garatoni, a 6-5 forward grabbed 63 rebounds last season. Bart Taylor, a 5-foot-9 senior guard chalked up 27 assists. Michael Tobolowsky, a 6-foot-3 senior guard had 95 rebounds and scored 97 points. Also returning is senior Terrance Blakeley.

Returning from the junior class, are 6-foot-3 guard Austin Oxener and Sam Dworkin, a 6-foot-4 forward.

The sophomores offer Gil Melchior, a 6-foot-6 forward, Ryan Gill, a 6-foot-3 forward and Sam Harris, a 6-foot-1 guard. The first-year players definitely offer promise. A 6-foot-4 senior forward, playing his first year of Tiger ball, is Bryant Wilson, former quarterback on the Trinity football team.

Heath Hopson, a 6-foot-5 first-year forward earned Texas Association of Basketball Coaches All-Region honors, and was a district MVP. Jake Boxberger, a 6-foot-6 forward was All-Southwest Preparatory Conference and TABC Large Private School All-State Team. Joel Van Essen, a 6-foot-1 guard made the Honorable Mention All-State Team. Also coming on board are two guards from Dallas: Alex Victor (6-foot-1) and Chase Blakeley (6-foot).



2009-10 Preseason Top 25 Division III National Rankings

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1. Washington-St. Louis
2. John Carroll
3. Guilford
4. St. Thomas
5. Richard Stockton
6. Franklin & Marshall
7. DeSales
8. Massachusetts-Dartmouth
9. Wooser
10. Wisconsin-Stevens Point
11. Bridgewater State
12. Texas-Dallas
13. Wisconsin-Whitewater
14. Cal Lutheran
15. Wheaton (Ill.)
16. Whitworth
17. Wisconsin-Platteville
18. Puget Sound
19. Randolph-Macon
20. St. Mary's (Md.)
- 21. CENTRE**
22. Brandeis
23. Hope
24. Wisconsin-Oshkosh
25. Amherst

Also receiving votes:
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