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MILLSAPS' HAWKINS; TRINITY'S SOLOMON HEADLINE 2009 ALL-SCAC BASEBALL TEAM

SUWANEE, Ga. – Will Hawkins of Millsaps College was named the league's Offensive Player-of-the-Year and Noah Solomon of Trinity University was selected the league's Pitcher-of-the-Year in exclusive 2009 all-Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) voting by the conference's head coaches. In that same balloting, Taylor Barrett of Sewanee-The University of the South was selected as the conference's Freshman-of-the-Year and Hendrix College head coach R.J. Thomas was named the SCAC Coach-of-the-Year.

Hawkins, a sophomore infielder from Nettleton, Miss., hit .427 this season (second in the SCAC) and slugged .750 (also second in the league). He led the SCAC in hits (70), runs batted in (54), total bases (123), was third in doubles (16) and finished in second with 11 homeruns. A two time SCAC Offensive Player-of-the-Week in 2009, Hawkins is the ninth different player from Millsaps to win the league's Offensive Player-of-the-Year. It is the eleventh overall OPOTY award for a Millsaps player. Hawkins is the fifth straight Major to win the league's OPOTY award joining Garner Wetzel (2005, 2006) and Hunter Owen (2007, 2008).

Solomon, a sophomore right-hander from Austin, Texas, is the fifth Trinity player to win the league's Pitcher-of-the-Year award. Solomon finished the season with an ERA of 1.94 (first in the SCAC) in 65 innings of work and allowed opponents to hit a league best .196. He posted a 5-1 record while also posting a 1.09 WHIP (walks+hits/IP). In just one appearance at the 2009 Baseball Championships, Solomon did not allow an earned run in 5.2 innings pitched, striking out three and scattering six hits in his only post season outing. He is the first Trinity player named Pitcher-of-the-Year since 2005 when Brock Hewitt was awarded the league's top pitcher award.

Barrett, a first-year right fielder from Murfreesboro, Tenn., hit .407 in his inaugural season with the Tigers (fifth in the SCAC) and led Sewanee in hits (50), runs (38) and walks (16). He also tied for the team lead in home runs (2), doubles (8) and stolen bases (8). Barrett posted a .537 slugging percentage to go a long with a .493 on base percentage. The .493 on base percentage was the third highest in the league.

Hendrix head coach R.J. Thomas, in his 3rd season as the Warriors' skipper, was named the SCAC Coach-of-the-Year after leading his squad to the 2009 conference tournament title – the team's first-ever SCAC baseball championship and the school's first-ever men's SCAC championship in any sport. Thomas led the Warriors to its first ever season series win over Trinity in 2009 and the program's first .500 or better finish since 2002. He has improved the team's win total in each of his first three years going from 13 wins in 2007 to 14 in 2008 and 22 in 2009. Thomas led the baseball program to its first 20-plus win season since 2002 and his squad enters NCAA West Region play with a record of 22-21.

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2009 SCAC Player-of-the-Year

Will Hawkins Millsaps College Sophomore INF Nettleton, Miss.

2009 SCAC Pitcher-of-the-Year

Noah Solomon Trinity University Sophomore SP Austin, Texas

2009 SCAC Freshman-of-the-Year

Taylor Barrett Sewanee-University of the South FY OF Murfreesboro, Tenn.

2009 SCAC Coach-of-the-Year

R.J. Thomas Hendrix College 10-10 SCAC West / 22-21 Overall
SCAC Tournament Champions

2009 All-SCAC Baseball Team

Catchers

Sam Hill Birmingham-Southern College Sophomore Mobile, Ala.
Michael Murphy Southwestern University Senior Houston, Texas
Chris Conkell Rhodes College Sophomore Atlanta, Ga.
Patrick Ray Austin College Senior Austin, Texas

First Basemen

Will Hawkins Millsaps College Sophomore Nettleton, Miss.
Jeff Forgeron Hendrix College Sophomore Simi Valley, Calif.
Rob McPike DePauw University First-Year Avon, Ind.
Evan Jones Trinity University Junior Hillsborough, Calif.

Second Basemen

Brandon Ricco Birmingham-Southern College Sophomore Pelham, Ala.
Taylor Hoffman DePauw University Junior McCordsville, Ind.

Shortstops

Stosh Hoover Trinity University Senior Phoenix, Ariz.
J.R. Bizzell Rhodes College Senior Sikeston, Mo.

Third Basemen

Taylor Irwin Sewanee-University of the South Sophomore Brentwood, Tenn.
J.J. Rizzo Oglethorpe University Junior Coral Springs, Fla.
Bennett Herrick Austin College Junior Plano, Texas

Outfielders

Hunter Owen Millsaps College Senior Jackson, Miss.
Jordan Pennington Trinity University Senior Seabrook, Texas
Daniel Ward Hendrix College Senior Tacoma, Wash.
Mason Mosby Rhodes College Senior Hernando, Miss.
Darby Weppner Birmingham-Southern College Sophomore Deerfield Beach, Fla.
Drew Leachman Birmingham-Southern College Sophomore Mobile, Ala.
Jeffrey Williams Centre College Senior Knoxville, Tenn.
Justin Weiner DePauw University Senior Glenbrook, Ill.
Taylor Barrett Sewanee-University of the South Sophomore Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Andrew Llano Oglethorpe University Junior Duluth, Ga.
Brandon Rosen Centre College Senior Ashland, Ky.

Designated Hitters

Kyle Felix Trinity University Sophomore Woodside, Calif.
Mike Stout DePauw University Senior Indianapolis, Ind.

2009 All-SCAC Baseball Team

Pitchers

Andy Holt	Rhodes College	Senior	Cordova, Tenn.
Jake Jones	Centre College	Senior	Griffin, Ga.
Boomer Hudson	Millsaps College	Sophomore	Douglasville, Ga.
Brad Gerlach	DePauw University	Junior	Dyer, Ind.
Noah Solomon	Trinity University	Sophomore	Austin, Texas
Aaron Williams	Millsaps College	Sophomore	Covington, La.
Clay Malcolm	Birmingham-Southern College	Sophomore	Marietta, Ga.
Daniel Sarisky	Oglethorpe University	Sophomore	Duluth, Ga.
Wes Willis	Southwestern University	Senior	Austin, Texas
Drew Maddox	Millsaps College	Senior	Jackson, Miss.

Honorable Mention

Austin – Bennett Herrick (3B), Bobby Schleizer (1B); Birmingham-Southern – Clay Jones (P); Centre – Cameron Fishman (C), Steven Proctor (1B), Cory Crowdis (3B); DePauw – Ben Gardner (SS); Hendrix – Clark Sims (2B), Matt Gaglio (SS), Kyle Raskin (3B), Nathan Harr (OF); Millsaps – Russ Boyd (C), Billy Murphy (SS), Tait Hendrix (P); Oglethorpe – Andy Farrey (1B), Jake Spear (2B); Rhodes – Brent Lindsey (3B), Travis Perkins (OF); Southwestern – Kyle Belski (1B), Brent McMullen (DH), Brantley Freeman (P); Trinity – Evan Bronson (P)