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SCAC announces 2009 All-Conference Football Team

SUWANEE, Ga. – DePauw University and Millsaps College each went 5-1 in league play to share the 2009 Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) football crown. For that success on the gridiron, both were awarded with two major awards each with today's announcement of the 2009 All-SCAC Football team.

In exclusive voting by the head coaches of the conference, Alex Koors of DePauw was selected as the league's Offensive Player-of-the-Year while Will Hawkins of Millsaps was voted the league's Defensive Player-of-the-Year.

Hawkins teammate, Michael Galatas, was selected as Special Teams Player-of-the-Year for the second consecutive year while DePauw's Robby Long was voted the league's Coach-of-the-Year.

In the same balloting, Kyle Trella of Trinity University was named the SCAC Newcomer-of-the-Year.

Alex Koors, a 6-2, 168-pound junior receiver from Indianapolis, Ind., set the DePauw single season receiving yards mark this season with 1,266 yards – the third highest total in SCAC history. His 73 receptions this year places him in a tie for the ninth-most in a SCAC single season and his 13 receiving touchdowns are tied for the fourth-most. Currently ranked third in the nation in receiving yards, Koors had two 200+ yard receiving games this season (212 yards vs. Millsaps and 209 yards vs. Anderson). He is the first conference receiver to post two 200+ yard receiving games in a single-season since David Crowley of Centre in 2004. For his career and with a year still remaining in Greencastle, Koors is already ranked in the league's all-time top 10 for career receptions (169 – 10th), receiving yards (2,595 – fifth) and receiving touchdowns (26 – fifth).

Koors received six votes in the Offensive POTY voting with Chris Baer of Trinity University and Shane Bowser of Millsaps College receiving one vote each.

Will Hawkins, a 6-2, 230-pound junior linebacker from Nettleton, Miss., tied for the SCAC lead with 102 tackles, becoming the first Millsaps player in six years with 100 tackles in a season. He had double digit tackles in five of the team's last six games, including a career-high 17 against Birmingham-Southern. Hawkins also finished tied for eighth in the conference with 7.5 tackles-for-loss and added three interceptions and two recovered fumbles. The league's reigning Offensive Player-of-the-Year in baseball, Hawkins is just

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the second SCAC student-athlete to earn Player-of-the-Year honors in two separate sports – excluding cross country and track and field – following Liz Bondi of DePauw who was SCAC POTY in both women's basketball (twice) and tennis (three times).

Hawkins received four votes in the Defensive POTY balloting to nose out Brian Sneed of Centre College, who received three votes. Thomas Wrona of DePauw received the remaining first-place vote.

Michael Galatas, a 5-10, 175-pound receiver/kick returner from Lacombe, La., is the first SCAC student-athlete to earn back-to-back Special Teams Player-of-the-Year honors since DePauw's Jamarcus Shephard in 2003 and 2004. Galatas finished second in the SCAC in all-purpose yards (142.1 yards per game), which included a Millsaps single-season record 687 kick return yards and two touchdowns. He also broke the school's career record with three kick return for touchdowns. Galatas averaged 25.4 yards per kick return, which was good for second in the SCAC (35th nationally). As a receiver, Galatas was selected First Team All-SCAC after catching 32 passes for 632 yards and nine touchdowns.

Galatas garnered six votes in the Special Teams Player-of-the-Year voting. Garrett Biel of Trinity received the remaining two votes. This is the fourth consecutive year that a Millsaps player has been selected the league's Special Teams POTY. Former Majors Chris Jackson (2006) and John Milazzo (2007) earned the award prior to Galatas' two selections.

Kyle Trella, a 6-0, 165-pound first-year punter from Chandler, Ariz., had three punts over 60 yards this season, as well as several more punts over 50 yards. He broke a 46-year-old school record with his 48.8 yards per punt average against Sewanee, and now holds four of the top 10 averages in Trinity single-game history (min. five punts). Trella was a huge weapon for the Tigers as he dropped over 33% of his punts inside the 20-yard line (16). As of the end of the regular season, Trella led all of Division III in punting average at 44.0 yards per punt.

Trella received three votes in the NOTY balloting, followed closely by Shawn Morris of Birmingham-Southern College and Greg Harrell of Austin College, who received two votes each. Tevin Goggins of Millsaps received the remaining first-place vote.

After guiding DePauw to a share of its third SCAC football title and the program's first-ever NCAA playoff appearance, Robby Long was selected by his peers as SCAC Coach-of-the-Year. Long, who turned 30 on Sunday, took over as interim head football coach on August 7. He had spent the previous five seasons as an assistant coach at DePauw, including the last three as the Tigers' assistant head coach and defensive coordinator. Long led the Tigers to their first-ever appearance in the NCAA Division III playoffs. DePauw battled #10 Thomas More in Kentucky Saturday, but came up on the short end of a 49-39 score and ended the 2009 season with a 7-3 record. Long had the "interim" tag removed from his title on Tuesday and was officially named head coach.

Long captured five votes in the COTY balloting. Mike DuBose of Millsaps, Andy Frye of Centre and Steve Mohr of Trinity received one vote each.

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Linebackers (Four selected)

Will Hawkins	Millsaps	Jr.	ILB	6-2	230	Nettleton, Miss.
Brian Sneed	Centre	Sr.	OLB	6-0	195	Hendersonville, Tenn.
Dennis Grebe	Trinity	Sr.	LB	5-11	220	Bay City, Texas
*Kendral Ellison	Rhodes	Sr.	LB	5-9	221	Decatur, Ala.
*Andrew Meir	Rhodes	Jr.	LB	6-1	192	Chesterfield, Mo.
*Ryan Preuss	DePauw	Jr.	OLB	6-1	215	Zionsville, Ind.
*Kyle Sherer	DePauw	Jr.	OLB	6-1	223	Fort Wayne, Ind.

*Four players tied for the final linebacker position.

Defensive Backs (Five selected)

Zack Sloan	Centre	Sr.	CB	5-11	196	Lebanon, Ind.
Chalankis Brown	Sewanee	Jr.	CB	5-10	180	Millbrook, Ala.
Evan Peters	Millsaps	Jr.	FS	6-3	205	Metairie, La.
Evan Coachman	Austin	Jr.	S	6-2	205	Frisco, Texas
*Jonathan Osei-Kuffour	Trinity	So.	CB	6-0	192	Houston, Texas
*Sean Swallen	Centre	Sr.	S	6-0	200	Cincinnati, Ohio

*Two players tied for the final defensive back position.

Punter (One selected)

Kyle Trella	Trinity	Fy.	P	6-0	165	Chandler, Ariz.
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2009 All-SCAC Second Team Offense

Linemen

Oliver Galicki	Millsaps	So.	G	6-3	310	Jackson, Miss.
Dane Spoelker	Centre	Jr.	C	6-0	270	Louisville, Ky.
Joey Hollenbeck	Rhodes	Jr.	T	6-3	265	Canton, Miss.
Ryan Creel	Birmingham	Jr.	G	6-3	265	Dora, Ala.

Wide Receivers

Nick Edwards	Centre	Sr.	WR	6-0	185	Flemingsburg, Ky.
Caleb Urban	Trinity	Sr.	WR	6-1	205	Victoria, Texas
Mark Branigan	DePauw	Jr.	TE	6-3	235	Indianapolis, Ind.
Brayden Dahlstrom	DePauw	Jr.	WR	6-1	191	Coatesville, Ind.
Jake Jackson	Rhodes	So.	WR	5-7	165	Bauxit, Ark.
John Milazzo	Millsaps	Sr.	WR	5-10	190	Hammond, La.
Jason O'Rear	Millsaps	Fy.	WR	6-3	200	Mandeville, La.

Offensive Backs

Walter Arrington	Birmingham	Jr.	RB	5-7	185	Hueytown, Ala.
Ross Hasten	Austin	Sr.	RB	5-10	205	Lewisville, Texas

Quarterbacks

Andy Braly	Austin	Sr.	QB	5-11	205	Richland Hills, Texas
Chris Graves	Millsaps	Sr.	QB	6-2	210	Covington, La.
Joe Thigpen	Birmingham	Jr.	QB	6-2	215	Crestview, Fla.

Place-Kickers

Jordan Haverkamp	DePauw	Sr.	PK	6-0	175	Indianapolis, Ind.
Taylor Russolino	Millsaps	Jr.	PK	6-0	165	Metairie, La.
John Reisig	Austin	Sr.	PK	5-10	180	Houston, Texas

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Linemen

Jeff Carapetyan	Trinity	Sr.	DT	6-0	235	Dallas, Texas
Jeremy Character	Sewanee	Sr.	DL	6-2	320	Marietta, Ga.
Tyler Doane	DePauw	Jr.	DT	6-0	236	Valparaiso, Ind.
Graham Herron	Centre	Sr.	DT	6-1	245	Hendersonville, Ky.
Bryan Jackson	Birmingham	So.	DE	6-4	240	Houston, Texas
Karl Rogers	Sewanee	Sr.	DE	6-3	265	Tullahoma, Tenn.

Linebackers

Miles Sager	Millsaps	Sr.	OLB	6-0	205	Monroe, La.
Kyle Coats	Trinity	Sr.	LB	5-8	185	Georgetown, Texas
Colby Langston	Millsaps	Sr.	ILB	5-11	220	Booneville, Miss.

Defensive Backs

Evan Reville	Trinity	Sr.	S	5-10	175	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Andy Boucher	Rhodes	Sr.	DB	5-9	190	Germantown, Tenn.
Thomas Wrona	DePauw	Jr.	SS	5-8	180	Easton, Pa.
Jon Lambert	DePauw	Jr.	FS	6-2	198	Batesville, Ind.
Alfonzo Knight	Sewanee	So.	S	6-0	205	Nashville, Tenn.
Andrew Shannon	Birmingham	So.	S	6-1	210	Trussville, Ala.

Punters

William Lawrimore	Millsaps	Sr.	P	5-9	175	Tampa, Fla.
Jeff Collett	Centre	Sr.	P	6-2	244	Paintsville, Ky.
Geoffery Marolda	Sewanee	Jr.	P	6-1	175	Houston, Texas

2009 All-SCAC Honorable Mention

Austin: Matt Finke (Jr., CB), Phillip Gonzales (Fy., WR), Tanner Martin (So., LB), Tony Martinez (Sr., C), Greg Millerick (So., CB); **Centre:** Dan Fox (Sr., OL), Kevin Harman (Jr., DL), Matt Mazzanti (Sr., DB), Cooper McGuire (So., DE), Kyle Saylor (Sr., WR); **DePauw:** Paul DePoy (Jr., T), Jon Ellis (So., RB), Derrick Karazsia (Jr., RB), Anthony Meek (So., FB), Ryan Woodard (Jr., DE); **Millsaps:** Sam Herman (Sr., LB), Tye Menist (Sr., WR), Kenny Metzger (Sr., RB), Chris Skinner (Jr., RB), Adam Williams (Jr., OL); **Rhodes:** Chris Bell (So., DL), Matt Gilbert (Jr., WR/RB/P), Derek King (Sr., WR), Josh McMurray (Sr., RB), Joe Svejkosky (Jr., OL); **Sewanee:** Rascoe Dean (Sr., TE), Henry Gass (Sr., DE), Stuart Rast (Sr., DB), Trey Reliford (Sr., LB); **Trinity:** Tyler Barrett (So., DB), Jarrod Burns (Sr., LB), Justin Campbell (So., OL), Ben Robinson (So., LB), Garrett Van Dyke (Jr., DL)