

2008  2009



Spring Hill College

MEN'S BASKETBALL



GENERAL FACTS:

Name of School: Spring Hill College

City/State/Zip: Mobile, AL 36608

Founded: 1830

Enrollment: 1,400

Nickname: Badgers

School Colors: Purple & White

Home Facility: Arthur R. Outlaw Recreation Center

Capacity: 2,000

Affiliation: NAIA

Conference: Gulf Coast Athletic

President: Rev. Gregory Lucey, S.J.

Athletic Director: Scott Westbrook

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COACHING STAFF:

Head Coach: Robert Thompson

Alma Mater (Year): Belhaven (1992)

Record at school/ years: 82-75/6th season

Career record/ years: 125-137/10th season

Assistant Coaches: Nathan Dancy, Derrick Tinsley

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Athletic Trainer: Joe Baya, ATC

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TEAM INFORMATION:

Overall Record Last Year: 19-12

Conference/Finish: 10-8/5th

Starters returning/lost: 2/3

Spring Hill College Mobile, Alabama

Spring Hill College is the first Catholic college in the Southeast, the third oldest Jesuit college and the fifth oldest Catholic college in the United States. The College is ranked among the top 15 Southern colleges and universities in U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges." The campus is home to approximately 1,400 students and rests on 400 acres in one of Mobile's most noted neighborhoods. It is naturally landscaped and features huge oaks, azalea-lined walkways and an 18-hole golf course. Several campus buildings are listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Spring Hill has a long-standing record of excellence and a deep tradition in intercollegiate athletics. It is a member of the NAIA Gulf Coast Athletic Conference, which has schools in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi. The GCAC holds conference championships in these sports: men's and women's basketball, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's cross-country, volleyball, baseball, softball, men's and women's tennis, and men's and women's golf.



HEAD COACH



Robert Thompson

Entering his sixth season as the head coach for Spring Hill, Robert Thompson has guided the Badgers to an overall record of 82-75. A native of Tupelo, Miss., Thompson came to Spring Hill after four years as head coach at Arkansas Tech University, in Russellville where he attained a 43-62 record. Prior to his career as a head coach, he served as an

assistant at Delta State University and Belhaven College. Thompson earned his B.S. in Physical Education from Belhaven College in 1993 where he was a four-year basketball letterman. He received his M.S. in Education from Jackson State University in 1997. He and his wife, Alfreda, have two sons, Joshua Cordell and Justin Lydell.

Assistant Coaches



Nathan Dancy

A native of Lambert, Miss., Dancy begins his first season at Spring Hill after spending the 2008 season as an assistant coach at Marion Military Academy. He graduated with a B.S. in Sport Management from Delta State University in 2007 and completed his internship in Game Management at the University of Mississippi.



Derrick Tinsley

Derrick Tinsley begins his first season as a volunteer coach with the Badgers. He earned his Bachelor of Sport Science degree from the United States Sports Academy in Daphne, Ala., in 2008 and is now working toward his Masters degree. Tinsley comes to SHC following a five-year coaching stint at Bishop State Community College. He assists Coach Thompson

with recruiting, academic development and strength & conditioning. On the court, he concentrates on developing the Badgers' defense.

PREVIEW 2008-09

In the three seasons that have passed since Spring Hill College's last appearance in the NAIA Men's Basketball National Tournament, Coach Robert Thompson's teams have come close to making a return trip to Kansas City. This year the Badgers will count on experience for their success, but they will also draw upon a wealth of new talent for another run in the highly competitive Gulf Coast Athletic Conference.

The Badgers added seven newcomers during the off-season to join nine veterans, including three full-time starters senior Jeremy Price, junior Marcus Coleman and sophomore Nick Brown.

Spring Hill must find a way to replace the more than 2,300 career points scored by All American Noah Woolridge and All GCAC Cash Covington. "There's lots of pressure on Marcus and Jeremy this year," says Thompson. "You can't replace players like Woolridge and Covington easily, but Marcus and Jeremy definitely have the talent to step up their roles and lead this team."

Perhaps the deepest position for the Badgers this year will be the guards where Price, a Dallas, Texas native, will return following an excellent junior season when he scored more than 12 points and pulled in almost three rebounds per game. Joining Price at the other starting guard is Mobile native Coleman who earned All Conference accolades following his sophomore year in which he set a new Spring Hill College record with 115 successful 3-point baskets. Coleman was deadly from the outside in 2007-08, making more than 48% of his 3-point shots.

Following Price and Coleman, Thompson's biggest decision might be which weapon to choose next at guard. Freshman Tyler Schwab comes to SHC from Chipola College in Florida where he impressed Thompson with his decision-making abilities. "Tyler is a real floor general and has the experience to make an immediate impact," says Thompson. Chris Dees, a freshman from Picayune, Miss., is the Badgers most versatile player and could see action at both guard and forward. Still another freshman, Antonio Burch of Pontiac, Mich., will be called on for his defensive skills. "Antonio is a strong defender who also takes care of the ball on offense," Thompson says.

Sophomore guard Rico Dread of Jackson, Ala., saw limited playing time last season, but his minutes will surely increase this season along with the minutes of Stefano Bajos, a junior from Miami, Fla., and sophomore Ruben Franklin of Mobile. Junior Patrick Grant of Mt. Vernon, Ala., transferred to SHC after a successful two-year stint at Faulkner State Community College and Thompson believes he will make an immediate impact in the GCAC. Freshmen Hilton Grant from Mobile and Travis Aubin of Slidell, La., will provide the Badgers with depth for the long college season.

At forward, junior Owen McNally of Long Beach, Miss., will move back to his natural post position after splitting time at center in 2007-08. Sophomore Greg Gardner, also from Long Beach, will be asked to step into a bigger role this season while freshman Jacolby Griffin from Whigham, Ga., will also see playing time in the post.

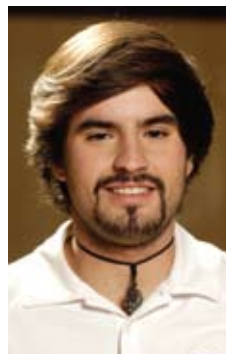
The center position is solid with the return of sophomore center Nick Brown of Rota, Spain. Brown started 24 games for the Badgers under the basket as a freshman, but split much of his time with McNally. Brown, who battled foul troubles last season has learned from the experience and should increase his 5.3 scoring and 4.1 rebounding averages this year. Sophomore Sylvester Twiggs from Dothan, Ala., was limited in his action last season, but should be more of a factor if his rapid development in the early practices is any indication.

Thompson looks forward to the new season with his revamped team. "We won't be the same type of team as last year, but we actually have a chance to be a better team as the season progresses," he says. "Last year we were better shooters, but we relied on our shooting too much at times. This year we have players who better understand how to play their roles. They know how to score and how to defend. We're a young team and a lot is going to depend on how fast we can accelerate their growth."



Hays Zieman

Student Assistant



Carlos Serrano

Statistics



Christine Ivey

Manager



Seirra Collins-Hampton

Manager



10
Tyler Schwab
Guard
Freshman • 5'9"



11
Patrick Grant
Guard
Junior • 5'10"



13
Antonio Burch
Guard
Freshman • 5'11"



22
Chris Dees
Forward/Guard
Freshman • 6'5"



23
Marcus Coleman
Guard
Junior • 6'0"



30
Jeremy Price
Guard
Senior • 6'1"



31
Stefano Bajos
Guard
Junior • 6'1"



32
Jacolby Griffin
Guard/Forward
Freshman • 6'3"



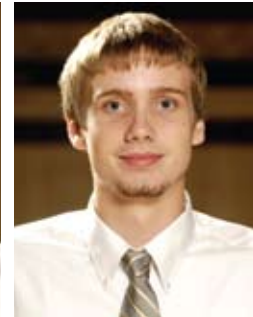
33
Owen McNally
Forward/Center
Junior • 6'8"



34
Nick Brown
Center
Sophomore • 6'8"



40
Rico Dread
Guard
Sophomore • 6'3"



44
Greg Gardner
Forward
Sophomore • 6'7"



45
Hilton Grant
Guard
Freshman • 6'2"



50
Franklin Ruben
Guard
Sophomore • 5'11"



54
Travis Aubin
Guard
Freshman • 5'10"



55
Sylvester Twiggs
Center
Sophomore • 6'5"



TOTAL Player	GP	GS	3-PT FG	FGA	PCT	FG	FGA	PCT	FT	FTA	PCT	REB	AVG	A	TO	BLK	ST	PTS	AVG
Rob Murray	31	6	33	78	.423	3	13	.231	32	59	.542	73	2.4	58	54	2	13	101	3.3
Hays Ziemann	31	11	13	37	.351	4	16	.250	24	33	.727	77	2.5	102	57	1	22	54	1.7
Noah Woolridge	31	31	182	386	.472	103	226	.456	90	99	.909	185	6.0	24	49	3	32	557	18.0
Marcus Coleman	31	29	165	348	.474	115	238	.483	25	33	.758	86	2.8	57	38	1	24	470	15.2
Jeremy Price	31	23	116	241	.481	34	78	.436	125	156	.801	80	2.6	76	69	6	27	391	12.6
Stefano Bajos	7	0	9	13	.692	1	1	1.00	6	8	.750	12	1.7	3	12	0	2	25	3.6
Cash Covington	31	27	91	189	.481	30	76	.395	58	84	.690	140	4.5	42	60	6	7	270	8.7
Owen McNally	29	1	61	142	.430	3	7	.429	28	47	.596	102	3.5	20	35	18	3	153	5.3
Nick Brown	30	24	67	128	.523	0	0	.000	26	45	.578	123	4.1	7	57	8	5	160	5.3
Rico Dread	9	0	3	15	.200	0	2	.000	3	4	.750	13	1.4	1	7	0	1	9	1.0
Greg Gardner	13	0	9	16	.563	0	0	.000	3	10	.300	13	1.0	0	5	0	1	21	1.6
P.J. Crawford	27	1	24	36	.667	0	0	.000	5	12	.417	34	1.3	7	13	2	2	53	2.0
Ruben Franklin	6	0	1	6	.167	0	3	.000	0	0	.000	1	0.2	0	3	0	1	2	0.3
Sylvester Twiggs	8	2	11	19	.579	0	0	.000	7	14	.500	21	2.6	3	10	2	1	29	3.6
TEAM												118			21				
Spring Hill College	31		785	1654	.475	293	660	.444	432	604	.715	1078	34.8	400	490	49	141	2295	74.0
Opponents	31		751	1818	.413	226	715	.316	420	629	.668	1047	33.8	326	421	66	209	2148	69.3

2008-09 ROSTER

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
10	Tyler Schwab	G	Fr.	5'9"	150	Panama City Beach, Fla.
11	Patrick Grant	G	Jr.	5'10"	160	Mt. Vernon, Ala.
13	Antonio Burch	G	Fr.	5'11"	183	Pontiac, Mich.
22	Chris Dees, Jr.	F/G	Fr.	6'5"	205	Picayune, Miss.
23	Marcus Coleman	G	Jr.	6'0"	180	Mobile, Ala.
30	Jeremy Price	G	Sr.	6'1"	190	Dallas, Tex.
31	Stefano Bajos	G	Jr.	6'1"	170	Miami, Fla.
32	Jacolby Griffin	G/F	Fr.	6'3"	188	Whigham, Ga.
33	Owen McNally	F/C	Jr.	6'8"	215	Long Beach, Miss.
34	Nick Brown	C	So.	6'8"	260	Rota, Spain
40	Rico Dread	G	So.	6'3"	185	Jackson, Ala.
44	Greg Gardner	F	So.	6'7"	200	Long Beach, Miss.
45	Hilton Grant	G	Fr.	6'2"	195	Mobile, Ala.
50	Ruben Franklin	G	So.	5'11"	170	Mobile, Ala.
54	Travis Aubin	G	Fr.	5'10"	145	Slidell, La.
55	Sylvester Twiggs	C	So.	6'5"	280	Dothan, Ala.

2007-08 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	LEADING SCORER	LEADING REBOUNDER	LEADING ASSISTS
11/10	at Auburn-Montgomery	L; 74-87	(20) Woolridge	(8) Woolridge	(6) Ziemann
11/13	at Blue Mountain College	W; 94-78	(25) Coleman	(9) Woolridge	(3) Price
11/16	Concordia-Selma	W; 83-72	(27) Woolridge	(8) Ziemann	(7) Ziemann
11/23	Wesley College	W; 86-59	(17) Price	10) Woolridge	(10) Ziemann
11/25	at Berry College	L; 86-95	(26) Coleman	(6) Woolridge	(7) Ziemann
11/29	Champion Baptist	W; 81-46	(18) Coleman	(8) Ziemann	(6) Ziemann
12/1	Blue Mountain College	W; 103-66	(31) Woolridge	(8) Woolridge, Brown	(6) Coleman
12/11	at Faulkner University	L; 80-50	(17) Woolridge	(4) Twiggs	(4) Murray
12/17	Auburn-Montgomery	W; 81-65	(22) Woolridge	(8) Woolridge	(5) Murray, Price
1/5	Xavier University (La.)*	L; 64-71	(21) Woolridge	(5) Murray, Brown	(2) 3 players
1/7	at Dillard University*	W; 58-56	(25) Woolridge	(9) McNally	(3) 3 players
1/10	at Tougaloo College*	W; 91-89 (ot)	(21) Coleman	(7) Woolridge	(4) Ziemann
1/12	Loyola University (La.)*	L; 57-58	(21) Coleman	(5) 3 players	(3) Murray, Price
1/17	LSU-Shreveport*	L; 52-90	(11) McNally	(8) Team	(4) 4 players
1/19	at Belhaven College*	L; 73-83	(20) Woolridge, Price	10) Price	(3) Ziemann
1/21	Wesley College	W; 72-51	(14) Price	(7) Covington	(4) 3 players
1/24	William Carey College*	W; 54-49	(19) Coleman	(7) Team	(2) Covington, Coleman
1/26	at SUNO*	W; 90-62	(24) Woolridge	(11) Woolridge	(5) Price, Coleman
1/29	at University of Mobile*	L; 60-75	(26) Woolridge	(7) Woolridge	(6) Price
1/31	Trinity College of Florida	W; 56-23	(18) Coleman	(5) Crawford	(4) Covington
2/2	Belhaven College*	W; 70-65	(18) Covington	(8) Brown	(4) Price
2/7	Tougaloo College*	W; 69-55	(20) Price	(9) Brown	(6) Ziemann
2/9	Dillard University*	W; 81-73	(26) Coleman	(6) Woolridge	(4) Coleman
2/14	at William Carey University*	L; 67-72	(17) Woolridge	(12) McNally	(2) Woolridge, Covington
2/16	at Loyola University (La.)*	L; 73-83	(29) Woolridge	(8) Covington	(3) Murray, Covington
2/21	at Xavier University (La.)*	W; 78-68	(32) Woolridge	(10) Covington	(5) Coleman
2/23	at LSU-Shreveport*	W, 100-80	(34) Price	(10) Woolridge	(6) Ziemann
2/28	University of Mobile*	L; 67-7	(20) Price	(7) Woolridge	(3) Ziemann, Price
3/1	SUNO*	W; 81-74	(20) Coleman	(8) Covington	(7) Ziemann
3/5	at Tougaloo College \$	W; 76-61	(18) Woolridge, Price	(10) Covington	(5) Ziemann
3/7	at LSU-Shreveport \$	L; 68-91	(13) 3 players	(11) Covington	(3) Murray

*-GCAC games

\$ GCAC Tournament

RECORD:	OVERALL	GCAC	HOME	AWAY
	19-12	10-8	12-4	7-8

For individual and team statistics for the 2007 season and much more, visit www.shcbadgers.com <<http://www.shcbadgers.com>>

ON THE COVER:

2008-'09 senior Jeremy Price

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2008-2009 BADGER'S BASKETBALL



DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Nov. 6	Trinity Baptist College	Home	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 8	at Auburn-Montgomery	Montgomery, Ala.	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 10	at Faulkner University	Montgomery, Ala.	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 14	Southeastern Bible College	Home	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 17	at Samford University (Exh)	Birmingham, Ala.	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 24	Faulkner University	Home	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 1	Auburn-Montgomery	Home	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 15	Clearwater Christian College	Home	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 18	Wesley College	Home	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 22	vs. Southern Miss (Exh)	Biloxi, Miss.	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 23	vs. Texas-Pan American (Exh)	Biloxi, Miss.	5:00 p.m.
Dec. 28	at South Alabama (Exh)	Mitchell Center	2:00 p.m.
Jan. 5	at Wesley College	Florence, Miss.	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 8	Belhaven College*	Home	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	at LSU-Shreveport*	Shreveport, La.	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 15	at Loyola-New Orleans*	New Orleans, La.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 17	Dillard University*	Home	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 22	at SUNO*	New Orleans, La.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 24	William Carey University*	Home	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 26	at Tougaloo College*	Jackson, Miss.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 29	University of Mobile*	Home	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	Xavier University (La.)*	Home	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 5	at Belhaven College*	Jackson, Miss.	7:30 pm
Feb. 7	at William Carey University*	Hattiesburg, Miss.	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 9	Loyola-New Orleans*	Home	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	SUNO*	Home	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	at Dillard University*	New Orleans, La.	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 19	Tougaloo College*	Home	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	LSU-Shreveport*	Home	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 26	at Xavier University (La.)*	New Orleans, La.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 28	at University of Mobile*	Univ. of Mobile	7:00 p.m.

*-GCAC match