



SPRING HILL COLLEGE
MEN'S BASKETBALL
2007-2008

HEAD COACH ROBERT THOMPSON



Entering his fifth season as the head coach for Spring Hill, Robert Thompson has guided the Badgers to an overall record of 63-63. 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 children, Joshua Cordell (10) and Justin Lydell (5).

ASSISTANT COACH GRIGGS COVINGTON



A native of Eureka Springs, Ark., Griggs Covington comes to Spring Hill from the University of Arkansas where he completed his B.Ed. in 2007. Covington played basketball at Spring Hill during the 2004-05 campaign after a successful two-year career at Grayson

County (Tex.) Junior College. During his prep career, Covington was a two-time All State performer at Eureka Springs High School and was a McDonald's All-American nominee in his senior year.

STUDENT MANAGER CHRISTINE IVEY



ON THE COVER: 2007-08 Seniors Hays Zieman (13), Cash Covington (32), and Noah Woolridge (22). Photos: Seth Laubinger

2007-08 PREVIEW

Spring Hill College men's basketball Head Coach Robert Thompson has been pushing his players harder than usual during his preseason workouts this fall. "We've been going at it pretty hard in practice," he says. "This year I feel we truly have the talent to make something special happen, but our players need to understand the consistency and the intensity level that is needed to accomplish the goals that we have set for this season."

Thompson has always taught a fast paced style of play and this year will be no different, but his focus has moved more toward the defensive aspects of the game. "We will still get up and down the court, but this season I want us to be more aggressive on defense," he says. "We need to dictate the game to our opponents and control the passing lanes. If we do that, it will create more easy baskets for us on the offensive end."

For the past two seasons, the Badgers have been putting the pieces together, and Thompson sees this year as the season that the puzzle finally comes together. Senior Noah Woolridge from Slidell, La., averaged almost 14 points per game in 2006-07 and Thompson has noticed his off-season commitment to the team. "Noah has worked really hard over the summer and he has become a true leader on and off the court," Thompson says. "He has always scored a lot of points for us and we will need him to do so again this year, but his leadership will be just as valuable to our overall success."

Junior guard Jeremy Price of Dallas, Texas, also must continue to produce this season as the offense will need his 14 points per game and four rebounds per night. "J.P. emerged as top performer last year and we need him to be that spark for the team again," says Thompson.

Last season, Thompson asked senior Cash Covington of Eureka Springs, Ark., to move from his natural position as an outside forward to the inside power forward position where he developed into a major threat for Badgers, but this year he will move back to the perimeter. "Cash became our 'go to' guy last year, but it was a move we made out of necessity and it wasn't his natural position. His three-point production was hurt by the change and this year we can move him back to the outside where his shooting skills will hopefully open things up for us on the inside."

Thompson will need each of his players to perform at their highest level each night in 2007-08 considering the level of competition they will face. Both Auburn-Montgomery and Faulkner University advanced to the 2007 NAIA Tournament's "Sweet-16" and Faulkner is rated as high as No.3 in the nation in some preseason polls. Add to that schedule exhibition games at NCAA Division 1 programs Jackson State, South Alabama and Southern Mississippi and the Badgers have quite a difficult task in front of them. "I feel confident that if we can perform well in our non-conference schedule, we will do well in conference play," Thompson says.

"This is a season our fans should be anticipating," asserts Thompson. "We have a great schedule of games with conference rivals Mobile, Loyola, LSU-Shreveport and the rest of the GCAC, plus we get the opportunity to match up against South Alabama again this year. It should be a fun year for the fans." Along with the excitement, Thompson's optimism grows each day, too. "I think we have the ingredients this time. We have the position players, we have the shooters and we have the depth on our bench that should create problems for our opponents," he says. "We just have to put it together and be consistent each and every time we take the court."

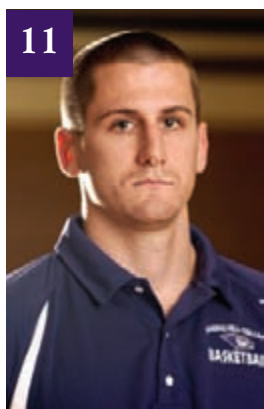


10

DAVID COLEMAN

Guard

Junior • 5'7" • 150
New Orleans, La.

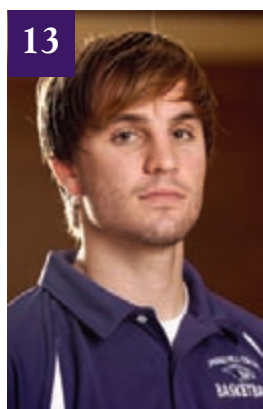


11

ROB MURRY

Guard

Junior • 6'5" • 200
Bay St. Louis, Miss.



13

HAYS ZIEMAN

Guard

Senior • 5'10" • 165
Mobile, Ala.



22

NOAH WOOLRIDGE

Guard/Forward (C)

Senior • 6'6" • 220
Slidell, La.



23

MARCUS COLEMAN

Guard

Sophomore • 6'0" • 180
Mobile, Ala.

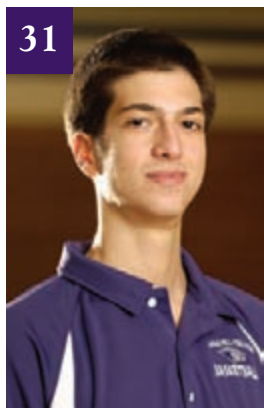


30

JEREMY PRICE

Guard

Junior • 6'0" • 205
Dallas, Tex.



31

STEFANO BAJOS

Guard

Sophomore • 6'1" • 170
Miami, Fla.



32

CASH COVINGTON

Forward

Senior • 6'6" • 225
Eureka Springs, Ark.



33

OWEN McNALLY

Forward/Center

Sophomore • 6'7" • 208
Long Beach, Miss.



34

NICK BROWN

Center

Freshman • 6'8" • 270
Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.



40

RICO DREAD

Guard

Freshman • 6'3" • 185
Jackson, Ala.

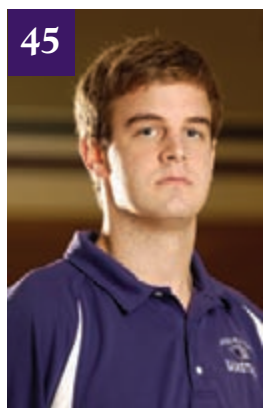


44

GREG GARDNER

Forward

Freshman • 6'7" • 200
Long Beach, Miss.



45

P.J. CRAWFORD

Forward (C)

Junior • 6'7" • 225
Atlanta, Ga.



50

RUBEN FRANKLIN

Guard

Freshman • 5'10" • 171
Birmingham, Ala.



55

SYLVESTER TWIGGS

Center

Freshman • 6'5" • 272
Dothan, Ala.

2007-08 ROSTER



No.	Player	Pos.	Class	Ht.	WT.	Hometown
10	David Coleman	G	JR	5'7"	150	New Orleans, La.
11	Rob Murray	G	JR	6'5"	200	Bay St. Louis, Miss.
13	Hays Ziemann	G	SR	5'10"	165	Mobile, Ala.
22	Noah Woolridge	G/F	SR	6'6"	220	Slidell, La.
23	Marcus Coleman	G	SO	6'0"	180	Mobile, Ala.
30	Jeremy Price	G	JR	6'0"	205	Dallas, Tex.
31	Stefano Bajos	G	SO	6'1"	170	Miami, Fla.
32	Cash Covington	F	SR	6'6"	225	Eureka Springs, Ark.
33	Owen McNally	F/C	SO	6'7"	208	Long Beach, Miss.
34	Nick Brown	C	FR	6'8"	270	Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.
40	Rico Dread	G	FR	6'3"	185	Jackson, Ala.
44	Greg Gardner	F	FR	6'7"	200	Long Beach, Miss.
45	P.J. Crawford	F	JR	6'7"	225	Atlanta, Ga.
50	Ruben Franklin	G	FR	5'10"	171	Birmingham, Ala.
55	Sylvester Twiggs	C	FR	6'5"	272	Dothan, Ala.

Head Coach: Robert Thompson / Assistant Coach: Griggs Covington

Student Manager: Christine Ivey

2006-2007 SEASON STATISTICS AND RESULTS

Player	TOT					3-PT					REB	AVG	A	TO	BLK	ST	PTS	AVG	
	GP	GS	FG	FGA	PCT	FG	FGA	PCT	FT	FTA									PCT
Jeremy Price	28	27	134	272	.493	39	84	.464	88	121	.727	108	3.9	84	70	5	25	395	14.1
Noah Woolridge	27	26	130	265	.491	62	140	.443	54	60	.900	120	4.4	49	39	10	23	376	13.9
Cash Covington	27	20	114	256	.445	16	59	.271	87	123	.707	169	6.3	46	55	1	14	331	12.3
Ugo Ezekwe	28	26	105	199	.528	20	71	.392	105	144	.729	137	4.9	49	63	1	31	335	12.0
Marcus Coleman	28	2	83	173	.480	54	127	.425	7	8	.875	50	1.8	54	28	0	16	227	8.1
Greg Gardner	4	0	9	13	.692	0	1	.000	6	6	1.000	7	1.8	2	2	0	0	24	6.0
Owen McNally	27	4	67	130	.515	0	3	.000	21	46	.457	106	3.9	11	34	19	10	155	5.7
Rob Murray	28	23	42	76	.553	3	7	.429	35	59	.593	69	2.5	127	54	3	14	122	4.4
P.J. Crawford	28	8	28	48	.583	0	3	.000	21	35	.600	36	1.3	7	21	8	6	77	2.8
Stefano Bajos	4	0	2	5	.400	2	2	1.000	2	2	1.000	4	1.0	1	1	0	4	8	2.0
Daniel Forshier	14	1	9	22	.409	7	19	.368	0	0	.000	5	0.4	8	3	0	4	25	1.8
Hays Ziemann	28	3	14	31	.452	5	13	.385	7	9	.778	51	1.8	81	49	0	15	40	1.4
Austin Fox	7	0	3	4	.750	0	0	.000	3	5	.600	4	0.6	0	1	0	1	9	1.3
TEAM												59			8				
Spring Hill College	28		740	1494	.495	208	509	.409	436	618	.706	925	33.0	519	428	47	159	2124	75.9
Opponents	28		634	1478	.429	181	525	.345	485	721	.673	855	30.5	336	378	39	196	1934	69.1
SCORE BY PERIODS			1st	2nd	OT1	TOTAL													
Opponents			964	1032	16	2012													
Spring Hill College			1014	1099	11	2124													

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	LEADING SCORER	LEADING REBOUNDER	LEADING ASSISTS
11/27	Wesley College	L; 86-91 (ot)	(24) Woolridge	(7) Ezekwe	(5) Woolridge
12/3	Oakwood College	W; 99-63	(26) Woolridge	(9) Covington	(9) Murray
12/8	Trinity Baptist College	W; 109-52	(23) Woolridge	(11) Ezekwe	(9) Murray
12/16	Berry College	W; 93-80	(24) Woolridge	(5) Covington	(6) Murray
12/21	vs. Univ. of Saint Francis	L; 81-96	(32) Covington	(8) Price	(4) Price
12/22	vs. Saint Gregory	L; 69-74	(20) Covington	(12) Covington	(5) Ziemann
12/23	vs. Siena Heights	W; 81-79	(30) Covington	(13) Covington	(5) Ziemann
1/4	at LSU-Shreveport*	W; 85-83	(15) 4 players	(10) Covington	(6) Covington
1/6	Tougaloo College*	W; 89-71	(25) Covington	(9) Covington	(7) Ziemann
1/11	Xavier University*	W; 70-66	(21) Covington	(13) Woolridge	(4) 3 players
1/13	Dillard University*	L; 79-81	(23) Woolridge	(11) Woolridge	(7) Price
1/15	Faulkner University	W; 89-61	(25) Price	(11) Covington	(6) Murray
1/18	at William Carey Univ.*	L; 64-75	(22) Ezekwe	(7) Ezekwe	(5) Coleman
1/22	SUNO*	L; 72-82	(20) Woolridge	(6) Price, Woolridge	(5) 3 players
1/25	at Belhaven College*	L; 71-73	(19) Woolridge	(6) Covington	(5) Murray
1/27	Loyola University*	W; 63-61	(18) Ezekwe	(8) Ezekwe	(9) Murray
1/29	at University of Mobile*	W; 63-50	(21) Price	(8) Woolridge	(7) Murray
2/1	at Xavier University*	L; 57-61	(18) Price	(10) McNally	(5) Price
2/3	Belhaven College*	W; 69-62	(23) Ezekwe	(10) Covington	(5) Murray
2/5	LSU-Shreveport*	W; 81-72	(25) Ezekwe	(10) Ezekwe	(6) Price
2/8	at SUNO*	L; 70-75	(22) Price	(5) Ezekwe, Price	(12) Murray
2/10	at Tougaloo College*	L; 78-89	(29) Price	(9) Price	(5) Murray
2/12	William Carey Univ.*	L; 60-71	(14) Ezekwe	(8) Covington	(5) Ezekwe
2/5	at Dillard University*	L; 68-69	(21) Price	(5) Ezekwe	(6) Murray
2/22	at Loyola University*	W; 81-55	(26) Woolridge	(7) Woolridge	(5) Ziemann
2/24	University of Mobile*	L; 56-77	(15) Ezekwe	(8) Ezekwe	(5) Murray
2/27	Loyola University	W; 77-76	(17) Ezekwe, Price	(7) McNally, Covington	(6) Price
2/28	at Xavier University	L; 64-67	(20) Coleman	(7) McNally	(7) Price
RECORD:	OVERALL	GCAC	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
	14-14	8-10	10-5	3-7	1-2

*GCAC game

GENERAL FACTS:

Name of School: Spring Hill College

City/State/Zip: Mobile, AL 36608

Founded: 1830

Enrollment: 1,400

Nickname: Badgers (men), Lady Badgers (women)

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

Faculty Athletic Representative: Dr. David Dean

Athletic Department Phone: 251-380-3485

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Sports Information Director: Jim Stennett

SID Phone: 251-380-4468

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Athletic Web Site: www.shcbadgers.com

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Robert Thompson

Assistant Coach: Griggs Covington

Alma Mater (year): Belhaven (1992)

Record at school (years): 63-63 (5th season)

Career record (years): 106-125 (9th season)

Office Phone: 251-380-4460

Athletic Trainer: Encore Rehabilitation

Office Phone: 251-380-3493

TEAM INFORMATION - MEN'S

Overall Record Last Year: 14-14

Conference/Finish: 8-10/7th

Starters returning/lost: Jeremy Price, Noah Woolridge,
Cash Covington, Marcus Coleman/Ugo Ezekwe



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. The college is a member of the NAIA and 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 soccer, men's and women's cross-country, volleyball, men's and women's basketball, baseball, softball, men's and women's tennis, and men's and women's golf.




2007-2008 BADGERS BASKETBALL



DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	WEB CAST	TIME
Nov. 1	at Jackson State (EXH.)	Jackson, Miss.		7:00 p.m.
Nov. 5	at South Alabama (EXH.)	Mobile, Ala.		7:00 p.m.
Nov. 10	at Auburn-Montgomery	Montgomery, Ala.		7:00 p.m.
Nov. 13	at Blue Mountain College	Blue Mountain, Miss.		7:00 p.m.
Nov. 16	Concordia College-Selma	Home		7:00 p.m.
Nov. 23	Wesley College (Miss.)	Home		7:00 p.m.
Nov. 25	at Berry College	Rome, Ga.		4:00 p.m.
Nov. 29	Champion Baptist (Ark.)	Home		7:00 p.m.
Dec. 1	Blue Mountain College	Home		7:00 p.m.
Dec. 8	at Southern Mississippi (EXH.)	Hattiesburg, Miss.		7:15 p.m.
Dec. 11	at Faulkner University	Montgomery, Ala.		7:00 p.m.
Dec. 17	Auburn-Montgomery	Home		7:00 p.m.
Jan. 5	Xavier University*	Home		7:00 p.m.
Jan. 7	at Dillard University*	New Orleans, La.		7:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	at Tougaloo College*	Jackson, Miss.		7:30 p.m.
Jan. 12	Loyola University*	Home		7:00 p.m.
Jan. 17	LSU-Shreveport*	Home		7:30 p.m.
Jan. 19	at Belhaven College*	Jackson, Miss.		7:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	Wesley College (Miss.)	Home		7:00 p.m.
Jan. 24	William Carey University*	Home		7:30 p.m.
Jan. 26	at Southern-New Orleans*	New Orleans, La.		7:00 p.m.
Jan. 29	at University of Mobile*	Mobile, Ala.		7:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	Trinity College of Florida	Home		7:00 p.m.
Feb. 2	Belhaven College*	Home		7:00 p.m.
Feb. 7	Tougaloo College*	Home		7:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	Dillard University*	Home		7:00 p.m.
Feb. 14	at William Carey University*	Hattiesburg, Miss.		7:30 p.m.
Feb. 16	at Loyola University*	New Orleans, La.		5:00 p.m.
Feb. 21	at Xavier University*	New Orleans, La.		7:30 p.m.
Feb. 23	at LSU-Shreveport*	Shreveport, La.		4:00 p.m.
Feb. 28	University of Mobile*	Home		7:30 p.m.
Mar. 1	Southern-New Orleans*	Home		7:00 p.m.
Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Tournament				
Mar. 4-11	at GCAC Tournament	T.B.A.		T.B.A.

*Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Games

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