



MEN'S BASKETBALL

2013-2014



SPRING HILL COLLEGE

Mobile, Alabama

Spring Hill College is ranked once again in the top 20 Southern universities and colleges, according to the 2012 edition of U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges."

Spring Hill is ranked 17th among the Southern colleges and universities offering a full range of undergraduate majors and master's programs. The U.S. News rankings are based on several quality measures including academic reputation, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, peer assessment and graduation rate performance. Colleges and universities are listed in various categories depending on their size, location and other factors.

The college is ranked 10th among only 15 schools listed in the South's "Great Schools, Great Prices" category, colleges that offer quality academic programs, affordable tuition and significant financial aid.

Spring Hill College is also listed in the region's "A-Plus Schools for B Students" category, campuses where B students thrive in an engaged student body.

Forbes Magazine also ranks Spring Hill among its

"America's Best Colleges" with SHC ranked No. 32 in the nation among similar institutions.

Forbes also ranks Spring Hill among the "Best Colleges in the South" and among the top 25 percent of the "Best Private Colleges" nationwide according to Forbes.



GENERAL FACTS

Institution: 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: 1,600

Affiliation: NAIA Division 1

Conference: Southern States Athletic

President: Rev. Richard P. Salmi, S.J.

Athletic Director: Jim Hall

Alma Mater: Grinnell College (1995)

Faculty Athletic Representative: David Dean, Ph.D.

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Sports Information Director: Jim Stennett

Alma Mater: Mississippi State (1990)

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Facebook: SHCAthletics

Twitter: SHCBADGERS

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Aaron Niven

Alma Mater: Arkansas, 1998

Record at school/ years: 0-0/1st season

Career record/ years: 0-0/1st season

Assistant Coaches: John Teasley, Brian Murphy

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Athletic Trainer: Brian Gronewold, ATC

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TEAM INFORMATION

Overall Record Last Year: 4-25

Conference/Finish: 3-15/7th

Starters returning/lost: 5/1



HEAD COACH



AARON NIVEN

Niven joins SHC for his first season as the Badger head coach after spending the last six seasons as the assistant basketball coach at John Brown University (JBU) in Siloam Springs, Ark., where he helped build the JBU men's program into one of the top programs in the Sooner Athletic Conference (SAC). During his time at JBU, Niven was instrumental in signing six SAC All-Conference selections, two SAC Freshman of the Year winners, a 2nd team NAIA All-America

selection, three NAIA honorable mention All-America winners and a Capital One Academic All-America Award recipient.

During the 2012-2013 season, Niven helped John Brown achieve its highest ranking (No. 3) in program history and notched a program-record 28 victories as the Golden Eagles captured their first-ever SAC regular season championship. The 2013 JBU senior class compiled a 100-35 (.741) career record – the highest four-year win total in program history. Under Golden Eagles head coach Clark Sheehy, Niven built a 133-66 (.668) cumulative record.

Prior to his time at John Brown, Niven served the men's assistant basketball coach at Southern Arkansas University (SAU) in Magnolia, Ark., from 2000-2007 where he signed All-Gulf South Conference (GSC) performers Kenny Langhorne and Brandon Williams.

Before SAU, Niven spent two years (1998-2000) working as men's assistant coach at the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith (UAFS) under former head men's basketball coach of the University of Nebraska Doc Sadler. While at the UAFS, Niven helped recruit seven players that went on to receive NCAA Division I scholarships. He also helped lead the Lions to a Bi-State Conference championship in 1999-2000.

Niven, a native of Rogers, Ark., played two seasons at Arkansas Tech where he was part of an NAIA Final Four team during the 1994-1995 season. He then transferred to the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Ark., where he earned his undergraduate degree in 1998 before completing his Masters of Education in 2000. He is a third generation head coach, following in the footsteps of his father Bill Niven, head coach of girls' basketball at Decatur High School (Ark.).

Niven and his wife, Shannon, have a daughter, Madalyn, and two sons, Will and Boston.

ASSISTANT COACH



JOHN TEASLEY

A native of Mobile, Teasley returns to the Port City from Tuscaloosa with his wife Amanda Beams Teasley to whom he has been married since 2007. Teasley begins his second season at SHC with 18 years of experience in basketball in various coaching positions throughout the state of Alabama. Most recently the Athletic Director and Head Coach of North River Christian Academy boys basketball in Tuscaloosa, Teasley has seven years of experience

as a head coach at the high school level. Teasley graduated with a B.S. in Sports and Health Sciences with a concentration in Coaching from American Public University.

ASSISTANT COACH



BRIAN MURPHY

Born in Mobile, Brian Murphy grew up in Pelham and graduated from John Carroll Catholic High School in Birmingham in 2005. He played at Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Tenn., as a freshman and transferred to Shelton State Community College in Tuscaloosa as sophomore. Brian graduated with B.B.A. in Management in 2010 from the University of West Alabama in Livingston.

PREVIEW 2013

The Spring Hill College men's basketball team will open a new era this fall as head coach Aaron Niven takes over the reins of the program. So far, he has been pleased with what he's seen from his squad. "Things have been going very well in our preseason workouts," Niven says. "Our players want to be good and they are trying to be good. They are trying to get better and working hard at every practice. When you have a team with a high 'buy-in factor' to what the coach is trying to do you put yourself in a good spot and that's what we have."

Niven is installing a new offense and defense for the 2013-14 season and says his team has adapted well to the new system. "I'm pleasantly surprised at how our men have accepted what we're doing and how quickly they are picking it up," he says. "Our players understand the game to a high degree and it has not been as much of a struggle as I feared it would be."

The first-year head coach is especially impressed with the work his centers and forwards have been putting in. "This new system is hard on the big guys and puts a lot of the burden on them," says Niven. Senior center Andre Gowins of Gautier, Miss., and senior forward Alex Looney of Murphy High School in Mobile have been shouldering much of the early burden in the new system, but junior forwards Frederick Gatson of Riverdale, Ga., and Charles Gordon of Birmingham, Ala., have also been quick not only to accept, but also thrive, under Niven's plan. With the addition of redshirt freshman center Dejan Stefanovic from Paraćin, Serbia, freshman Sam Hutcheson of Hoover, Ala., and freshman forward Brendan Mooney of Longwood, Fla., Niven is confident that the middle of his offense and defense can handle the responsibility and pressure.

"One of the most exciting things about this year is that the system we are installing is tailor made for the style of play in the SSAC (Southern States Athletic Conference) and that's why we run it," Niven says. Sophomore point guards Ben Redman of Spanish Fort, Ala., and Jackson Fos of Abita Springs, La., return to make sure that the new system works as it is designed while transfer sophomore Jarrett Calhoun of Linden, N.J., will challenge for immediate playing time. Freshman Justin Brooks of Pelham, Ala., will add depth to an already strong Number One guard slot in the Badger line up.

Senior guards Robert Gipson out of W.P. Davidson High School in Mobile and Ty McCants of Pensacola, Fla., are back at the outside of the Spring Hill offense along with junior Robert Drummond of Fairhope, Ala., sophomores Wesley Pietri of St. Paul's Episcopal School in Mobile and Joseph Ferro of Ocala, Fla. Drummond, Pietri and Ferro were all pressed into early service in the 2012-13 season due to a barrage of Badger injuries, but that experience should provide benefits in the new year. Freshman Kenny Waddell of Lake Charles, La., will also fight for playing time during the season. "Right now, we are still trying to find out what the right combinations are to have on the floor for our offense," says Niven. "We are just about there and we almost have the chemistry worked out. The competition on the court is awesome and that's a great situation to have."

On defense, Niven is happy with his team's work ethic and energy. "It's not a tough defense to learn," he says. "But it needs tough kids who play hard because it's very physical and so far I'm pleased with our work ethic."

Niven points to his team leadership as a major reason as to why things are coming together so quickly for the Badgers. "I believe that leadership is a natural process that just emerges on a team, but McCants, Looney and the other upperclassmen have really stepped up and shown the way for our younger players with great attitudes," he says. "Our seniors are very mature and that's made it easier on me."

"This year I just ask our fans to support these kids," Niven says. "They represent Spring Hill with class and do things the right way. They play their hearts out and if I don't get in their way, I truly believe that their efforts will translate into wins this year."

2012 RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Location	Result
November	2 Fisk University	Home	L; 70-74 (OT)
	3 Southern University-New Orleans	Home	L; 46-83
	5 % at University of South Alabama	USA Mitchell Center	L; 40-73
	9 vs. Tuskegee University	New Orleans, La.	L; 60-62 (OT)
	10 vs. Jarvis Christian College	New Orleans, La.	L; 87-94
	12 Life University	Home	L; 69-99
	16 *Truett-McConnell College	Home	W ; 80-69
	17 *Emmanuel College	Home	L; 59-73 (OT)
	20 St. Thomas University	Home	L; 65-67
	30 *at Southern Polytechnic State University	Marietta, Ga.	L; 43-51
December	1 *at Lee University	Cleveland, Tenn.	L; 52-90
	8 at Southern University-New Orleans	New Orleans, La.	L; 57-69
	14 Voorhees College	Home	L; 56-59
	15 Martin Methodist College	Home	L; 62-71
	17 Dillard University	Home	W ; 93-62
	19 Tennessee Temple University	Home	L; 65-71
	28 % at Southern University	Baton Rouge, La.	L; 46-67
	29 % at Southeastern Louisiana University	Hammond, La.	L; 61-71
	January	4 *Southern Wesleyan University	Home
5 *College of Coastal Georgia	Home	L; 71-72	
10 *at Belhaven University	Jackson, Miss.	L; 69-90	
12 *William Carey University	Home	L; 87-90 (OT)	
17 *Auburn University Montgomery	Home	W ; 57-55	
19 *at Loyola University (La.)	New Orleans, La.	L; 53-58	
26 *Faulkner University	Home	L; 72-75	
31 *at University of Mobile	Univ. of Mobile	L; 54-70	
February	2 *Belhaven University	Home	W ; 80-68
	7 *at William Carey University	Hattiesburg, Miss.	L; 73-82
	9 *Loyola University (La.)	Home	L; 48-58
	14 *at Auburn University Montgomery	Montgomery, Ala.	L; 63-72
	21 *at Faulkner University	Montgomery, Ala.	L; 60-74
23 *University of Mobile	Home	L; 57-60	

% - Exhibition * - SSAC games

2012 SSAC EAST FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	SSAC	OVERALL
Lee	16-2	30-4
Emmanuel	16-2	28-5
So. Wesleyan	8-10	17-15
Truett-McConnell	5-13	8-24
Coastal Georgia	5-13	7-23
Southern Poly	4-14	14-16
Brewton-Parker	3-15	7-23

2012 SSAC WEST FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	SSAC	OVERALL
Wm. Carey	16-2	25-6
Faulkner	15-3	29-6
AUM	10-8	13-14
Loyola	9-9	16-14
Mobile	8-10	16-14
Belhaven	8-10	12-18
Spring Hill	3-15	4-25



2013 ROSTER



Justin Brooks
Freshmen

Ty McCants
Senior

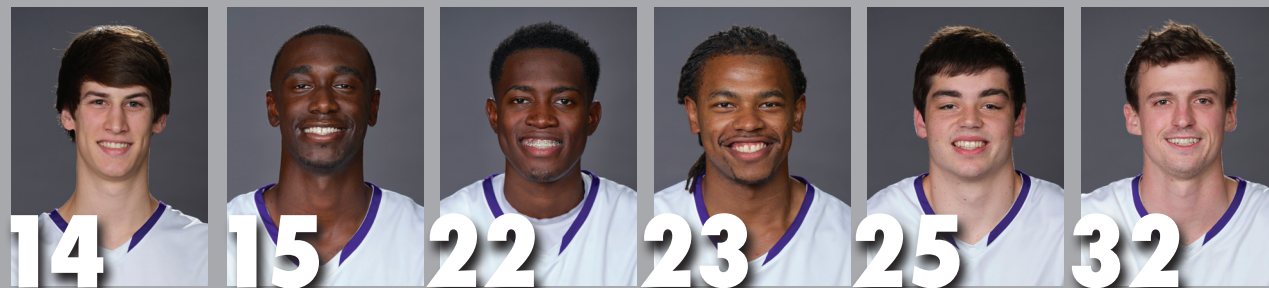
Kenny Waddell
Freshman

Jarrett Calhoun
Sophomore

Wesley Pietri
Sophomore

Robert Drummond
Junior

Ben Redman
Sophomore



Jackson Fos
Sophomore

Frederick Gatson
Junior

Charles Gordon
Junior

Robert Gipson
Senior

Brendan Mooney
Freshman

Alex Looney
Senior



Andre Gowins
Senior

Sam Hutcheson
Freshman

Joseph Ferro
Sophomore

Dejan Stefanovic
Freshman

Kevin Smith
Student Manager

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	CL.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL(S)
00	JUSTIN BROOKS	PG	FR.	6-1	185	PELHAM, ALA./PELHAM HIGH
1	TY MCCANTS	G	SR.	6-0	160	PENSACOLA, FLA./PINE FOREST HS/FAULKNER ST. CC
3	KENNY WADDELL	G	FR.	6-2	185	LAKE CHARLES, LA./SAM HOUSTON HIGH
4	JARRETT CALHOUN	PG	SO.	6-1	170	LINDEN, N.J./LINDEN HIGH/HILL COLLEGE/TROY UNIV.
5	WESLEY PIETRI	G	SO.	6-3	170	MOBILE, ALA./ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL
11	ROBERT DRUMMOND	G	JR.	6-4	195	FAIRHOPE, ALA./FAIRHOPE HIGH/RHODES COLLEGE
12	BEN REDMAN	PG	SO.	6-2	180	SPANISH FORT, ALA./SPANISH FORT HIGH
14	JACKSON FOS	PG	SO.	6-0	160	ABITA SPRINGS, LA./ST. PAUL'S
15	FREDERICK GATSON	G/F	JR.	6-6	200	RIVERDALE, GA./OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC HIGH
22	CHARLES GORDON	F	JR.	6-4	190	BIRMINGHAM, ALA./VESTAVIA HILLS HIGH
23	ROBERT GIPSON	G	SR.	6-1	215	MOBILE, ALA./W.P. DAVIDSON HIGH/FAULKNER ST. CC
25	BRENDAN MOONEY	F	FR.	6-7	230	LONGWOOD, FLA./LAKE BRANTLEY HIGH
32	ALEX LOONEY	F	SR.	6-7	200	MOBILE, ALA./MURPHY HIGH
33	ANDRE GOWINS	C/F	SR.	6-8	245	GAUTIER, MISS./GAUTIER HIGH/SOUTH ALABAMA
34	SAM HUTCHESON	C/F	FR.	6-6	210	HOOVER, ALA./HOOVER HIGH
41	JOSEPH FERRO	G	SO.	6-3	210	OCALA, FLA./TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH
55	DEJAN STEFANOVIC	F/C	FR.	6-10	240	PARACIN, SERBIA/BLAINE (WASH.) HIGH
	KEVIN SMITH					STUDENT MANAGER- 3RD SEASON

DATE		OPPONENT LOCATION	LOCATION	TIME	
October	Wed. 30	Dalton State College	Home	7 p.m.	
November	Sat. 2	at Southern University-New Orleans	New Orleans, La.	7:30 p.m.	
	Fri. 15	*at Southern Wesleyan University	Central, S.C.	7:30 p.m.	
	Sat. 16	*at Emmanuel College	Franklin Springs, Ga.	5 p.m.	
	Sat. 23	*College of Coastal Georgia	Home	5 p.m.	
	Tues. 26	at Dillard University	New Orleans, La.	7 p.m.	
December	Mon. 2	% at University of South Alabama	USA Mitchell Center	7:05 p.m.	
	Fri. 6	Stillman College	Home	7:30 p.m.	
	Sat. 14	at Stillman College	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	7:30 p.m.	
	Mon. 16	Southern University-New Orleans	Home	7:30 p.m.	
	Tues. 17	Xavier University (La.)	Home	7 p.m.	
	Thurs. 19	Tennessee Temple University	Home	7:30 p.m.	
	Mon. 30	% at Southeastern Louisiana University	Hammond, La.	7 p.m.	
	January	Mon. 6	at Dalton State College	Dalton, Ga.	7 p.m.
		Fri. 10	*at Auburn University Montgomery	Montgomery, Ala.	7:30 p.m.
		Sat. 11	*Faulkner University	Home	5 p.m.
		Mon. 13	at Xavier University (La.)	New Orleans, La.	7 p.m.
		Thurs. 16	*University of Mobile	Home	7:30 p.m.
		Sat. 18	*Belhaven University	Home	4 p.m.
Thurs. 23		*at William Carey University	Hattiesburg, Miss.	7:30 p.m.	
Sat. 25		*at Bethel University (Tenn.)	McKenzie, Tenn.	4 p.m.	
Thurs. 30		*Loyola University (La.)	Home	7:30 p.m.	
February		Sat. 1	*at Martin Methodist College	Pulaski, Tenn.	4 p.m.
		Thurs. 6	*Blue Mountain College	Home	7:30 p.m.
	Sat. 8	*at University of Mobile	Univ. of Mobile	4 p.m.	
	Thurs. 13	*at Belhaven University	Jackson, Miss.	7:30 p.m.	
	Sat. 15	*Bethel University (Tenn.)	Home	4 p.m.	
	Thurs. 20	*at Loyola University (La.)	New Orleans, La.	7:30 p.m.	
	Sat. 22	*Martin Methodist College	Home	4 p.m.	
	Thurs. 27	*at Blue Mountain College	Blue Mountain, Miss.	7:30 p.m.	
March	Sat. 1	*William Carey University	Home	4 p.m.	
	5-8	at SSAC Championship Tournament	Montgomery, Ala.	TBA	
	19-25	at NAIA National Championship	Kansas City, Mo.	TBA	

% - Exhibition *- SSAC games

