



MEN'S BASKETBALL

2014-2015



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: NCAA Division II

Conference: Southern Intercollegiate Athletic

Division: West

President: Rev. Gregory Lucey, S.J.

Athletic Director: Jim Hall

Alma Mater: Grinnell College (1995)

Faculty Athletic Representative: David Dean, Ph.D.

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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: 7-22/2nd season

Career record/ years: 7-22/2nd season

Assistant Coach: Brian Murphy

Graduate Assistant: Matt Jones

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Athletic Trainer: Brian Gronewold, ATC

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TEAM INFORMATION

Overall Record Last Year: 7-22

Conference/Finish: 6-13/5th

Starters returning/lost: 4/1



Division II

Spring Hill College is a Division II Candidacy Member

HEAD COACH



AARON NIVEN

Niven joined SHC for his first season as the Badger head coach in 2013 after spending the previous 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



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.

GRADUATE ASSISTANT



MATT JONES

Matt Jones joins the Badger staff in 2014 as a Graduate Assistant Coach after earning his bachelor's degree in Social Science from Lourdes University in Sylvania, Ohio. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in Liberal Arts with a Leadership & Ethics concentration. Jones played two seasons of junior college basketball and has numerous coaching experiences including camps at the University of Kentucky, Purdue University, Indiana University and the Reebok Breakout Classic.

PREVIEW 2014

The Spring Hill College men's basketball team will enter a new world this season when it moves into NCAA Division II and the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC), but second-year head coach Aaron Niven is confident that his team is ready for the transition. "Our opponents this year will basically be blank slates for us," he says. "Outside of watching film we really won't know much about them until we play them, but then they won't know much about us either."

Niven is excited to launch the Badger 2014-2015 season after a long offseason. "This year we recruited to our system," he said. "We believe in the system that we use and we just have to guard better and stay true to what we are." Niven admits that his team will be young this season, but he stresses that his team is ready for the challenge. "No matter how you look at it, we are a young team," he says. "But we have some very talented young players. We will match up well with any small college program, so we just have to keep improving every day."

The Badger offense will begin at the point guard position where juniors Jarrett Calhoun of Linden, N.J., and Ben Redman of Spanish Fort, Ala., will trade time with freshman James Clarke of Winnetka, Ill. "I hate to get into the discussion over who will be our point guard," says Niven. "Because they are all playing well and we'll just have to see who emerges."

The other guards on the squad are a good mix of shooters and ball-handlers with senior Robert Drummond of Fairhope, Ala., bringing four years of knowledge to the table while juniors Wesley Pietri from Mobile's St. Paul's Episcopal School and Jackson Fos of Abita Springs, La., each carrying proven experience. Newcomers junior DeVaughn Hardrick from Selma, Ala., freshman Jack Morrissey of Evanston, Ill., and freshman Matevz Rojc from Slovenia are earning their stripes in practice and will be valuable commodities for the Badgers once the year gets underway.

Forwards are crucial pieces in the offense that Niven prefers to run and the Badger head coach is pleased with the early effort of his post players. "In our offense, we screen, move the ball, screen, move the ball and then screen some more," he says. "So our forwards have to be physically tough while at the same time smart in recognizing their spacing." Frederick Gattson of Riverdale, Ga., returned to Spring Hill as a graduate student for his final year of eligibility this year and will be an important leader on and off the court. Sophomore Christopher Hamilton of Pensacola, Fla., and freshman Reginald Harbin of Blount High School in Mobile will be asked to step into the fray early as will freshman Walter Massey, Jr of Eight Mile, Ala.

Sophomores Dejan Stefanovic of Serbia and Sam Hutcheson of Hoover, Ala., shared time at the center position last season and look to do the same this year, but with more experience and strength. "One of the things we believe will pay off as this season progresses is our new strength and conditioning program designed by Coach Justin Goonan," says Niven. "[Assistant] coach [Brian] Murphy has been implementing the program and the players like what we do with weigh training. Making them bigger and stronger is important with so many young men on the team and they are working hard at obtaining that goal."

Niven looks forward to seeing his players hit the floor this year. "Every coach is excited to see his first real recruiting class take to the court because that's when you find out what you really have," he says. "We have a team that is made up of older guys that have been through our system and six talented new guys that have to learn the system. When you add those two things together you end up with a team most people will enjoy watching play the game. We are not a tall team, but we are also not a short team. You can expect us to guard and rebound and in the end we will be a pretty good team. We just have to get better every day."

2013 RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Location	Result
October	30 Dalton State College	Home	L; 66-69
November	2 at Southern University-New Orleans	New Orleans, La.	L; 74-86
	15 *at Southern Wesleyan University	Central, S.C.	L; 58-64
	16 *at Emmanuel College	Franklin Springs, Ga.	L; 64-78
	23 *College of Coastal Georgia	Home	L; 69-74
	26 at Dillard University	New Orleans, La.	L; 43-47
December	2 % at University of South Alabama	USA Mitchell Center	L; 41-91
	6 Stillman College	Home	L; 69-82
	14 at Stillman College	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	L; 71-90
	16 Southern University-New Orleans	Home	L; 62-67
	17 Xavier University (La.)	Home	L; 66-71
	19 Tennessee Temple University	Home	W ; 81-76
	30 % at Southeastern Louisiana University	Hammond, La.	L; 65-75
January	6 at Dalton State College	Dalton, Ga.	L; 69-74
	10 *at Auburn University Montgomery	Montgomery, Ala.	L; 76-58
	11 *Faulkner University	Home	W ; 63-62
	13 at Xavier University (La.)	New Orleans, La.	L; 59-65
	16 *University of Mobile	Home	L; 78-84
	18 *Belhaven University	Home	W ; 100-88
	23 *at William Carey University	Hattiesburg, Miss.	L; 59-101
	25 *at Bethel University (Tenn.)	McKenzie, Tenn.	L; 74-82
	30 *Loyola University (La.)	Home	W ; 86-71
February	1 *at Martin Methodist College	Pulaski, Tenn.	L; 67-71
	6 *Blue Mountain College	Home	W ; 68-56
	8 *at University of Mobile	Univ. of Mobile	L; 62-66
	13 *at Belhaven University	Jackson, Miss.	L; 53-73
	15 *Bethel University (Tenn.)	Home	L; 91-97
	20 *at Loyola University (La.)	New Orleans, La.	W ; 69-58
	22 *Martin Methodist College	Home	W ; 61-59
	27 *at Blue Mountain College	Blue Mountain, Miss.	L; 65-67
March	1 *William Carey University	Home	L; 75-84

% - Exhibition * - SSAC games

TEAM	SSAC	OVERALL
Emmanuel	16-2	27-2
Faulkner	10-8	17-13
So. Wesleyan	10-8	16-13
Southern Poly	7-11	13-17
Coastal Georgia	7-11	12-18
Brewton-Parker	6-11	9-17
AUM	6-12	9-18

2013 SSAC WEST FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	SSAC	OVERALL
Wm. Carey	18-0	24-2
Belhaven	14-6	16-13
Martin Methodist	12-7	17-10
Bethel (Tenn.)	10-9	19-11
Mobile	8-11	13-15
Spring Hill	6-13	7-22
Loyola (La.)	5-15	6-21
Blue Mountain	4-15	9-20



2014 ROSTER



James Clarke
Freshmen

Jack Morrissey
Freshmen

DeVaughn Hardrick
Senior

Jarrett Calhoun
RS-Junior

Wesley Pietri
Junior

Christopher Hamilton
Sophomore

Sawyer Glick
Freshmen



Ben Redman
RS-Junior

Jackson Fos
Junior

Najgee Gatson
Graduate

Robert Drummond
Senior

Reginald Harbin
Freshman

Walter Massey
Freshmen



Matevz Rojc
Freshmen

Sam Hutcheson
RS-Sophomore

Dejan Stefanovic
RS-Sophomore

Austin Caruso
Student Manager

Angie Kazek
Student Manager

Connor Wooley
Student Manager

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	CL.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL(S)
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1	JAMES CLARKE	PG	FR.	6-1	180	WINNETKA, ILL./LOYOLA ACADEMY
2	JACK MORRISSEY	G	FR.	6-1	180	EVANSTON, ILL./LOYOLA ACADEMY
3	DEVAUGHN HARDRICK	G	SR.	6-3	180	SELMA, ALA./SELMA HS
4	JARRETT CALHOUN	PG	RS-JR.	6-1	175	LINDEN, N.J./LINDEN HIGH/HILL COLLEGE/TROY UNIV.
5	WESLEY PIETRI	G	JR.	6-3	175	MOBILE, ALA./ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL
10	CHRISTOPHER HAMILTON	G/F	SO.	6-3	200	PENSACOLA, FLA./PENSACOLA HS
11	SAWYER GLICK	G	FR.	6-4	210	COLUMBUS, IND./COLUMBUS NORTH/QUAKERDALE PREP
12	BEN REDMAN	PG	RS-JR.	6-2	180	SPANISH FORT, ALA./SPANISH FORT HS
14	JACKSON FOS	PG	JR.	6-0	165	ABITA SPRINGS, LA./ST. PAUL'S
15	NAJGEE GATSON	F	GR.	6-6	210	RIVERDALE, GA./OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC HS
20	ROBERT DRUMMOND	G	SR.	6-4	195	FAIRHOPE, ALA./FAIRHOPE HS/RHODES COLLEGE
21	REGINALD HARBIN	F	FR.	6-6	220	MOBILE, ALA./MATTIE T. BLOUNT HS
22	WALTER MASSEY	G/F	FR.	6-5	210	EIGHT MILE, ALA./JOHN L. LEFLORE HS
23	MATEVZ ROJC	G/F	FR.	6-6	200	LJUBLJANA-SMARTNO, SLOVENIA/GIMNAZIJA BEZIGRAD HS
25	SAM HUTCHESON	C/F	RS-SO.	6-7	215	HOOVER, ALA./HOOVER HS
30	DEJAN STEFANOVIC	F/C	RS-SO.	6-10	245	PARACIN, SERBIA/BLAINE (WASH.) HS
	AUSTIN CARUSO	SM				
	ANGIE KAZEK	SM				
	CONNOR WOOLEY	SM				

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
November	Fri. 14	at Shorter University	Rome, Ga. 8 p.m.
	Sat. 15	vs. Union University (Tenn.)	Rome, Ga. 6 p.m.
	Mon. 17	Carroll College	Home 7 p.m.
	Thurs. 20	at Mississippi College	Clinton, Miss. 7 p.m.
	Sat. 22	University of West Florida	Home 4 p.m.
	Tues. 25	at University of West Florida	Pensacola, Fla. 7 p.m.
	Tues. 2	% at University of South Alabama	USA Mitchell Center 7:05 p.m.
December	Sat. 6	William Carey University	Home 4 p.m.
	Sat. 13	% at University of Southern Mississippi	Hattiesburg, Miss. 7 p.m.
	Mon. 15	at Tougaloo College	Tougaloo, Miss. 7 p.m.
	Wed. 17	Loyola University (La.)	Home 7:30 p.m.
	Tues. 30	% at Nicholls State University	Thibodaux , La. 6:30 p.m.
January	Sat. 3	*at Paine College	Augusta, Ga. 4 p.m.
	Mon. 5	*at Morehouse University	Atlanta, Ga. 7:30 p.m.
	Wed. 7	*Fort Valley State University	Home 8 p.m.
	Sat. 10	*Benedict College	Home 4 p.m.
	Mon. 12	*Albany State University	Home 8 p.m.
	Thurs. 15	*at Claflin University	Orangeburg, S.C. 7:30 p.m.
	Sat. 17	*at Clark Atlanta University	Atlanta, Ga. 4 p.m.
	Mon. 19	*Miles College	Home 8 p.m.
	Thurs. 22	*at Kentucky State University	Frankfort, Ky. 7:30 p.m.
	Sat. 24	*at Lane College	Jackson, Tenn. 4 p.m.
	Mon. 26	*at LeMoyne-Owen College	Memphis, Tenn. 7:30 p.m.
Fedurary	Mon. 2	*at Miles College	Decatur, Ga. 7:30 p.m.
	Thurs. 5	*Tuskegee University	Home 8 p.m.
	Sat. 7	*Stillman College	Home 4 p.m.
	Thurs. 12	*at Tuskegee University	Tuskegee, Ala. 7:30 p.m.
	Mon. 16	*at Stillman College	Tuscaloosa, Ala. 7:30 p.m.
	Thurs. 19	*Kentucky State University	Home 8 p.m.
	Sat. 21	*LeMoyne-Owen College	Home 4 p.m.
	Mon. 23	*Lane College	Home 8 p.m.

% - Exhibition *- SIAC games

