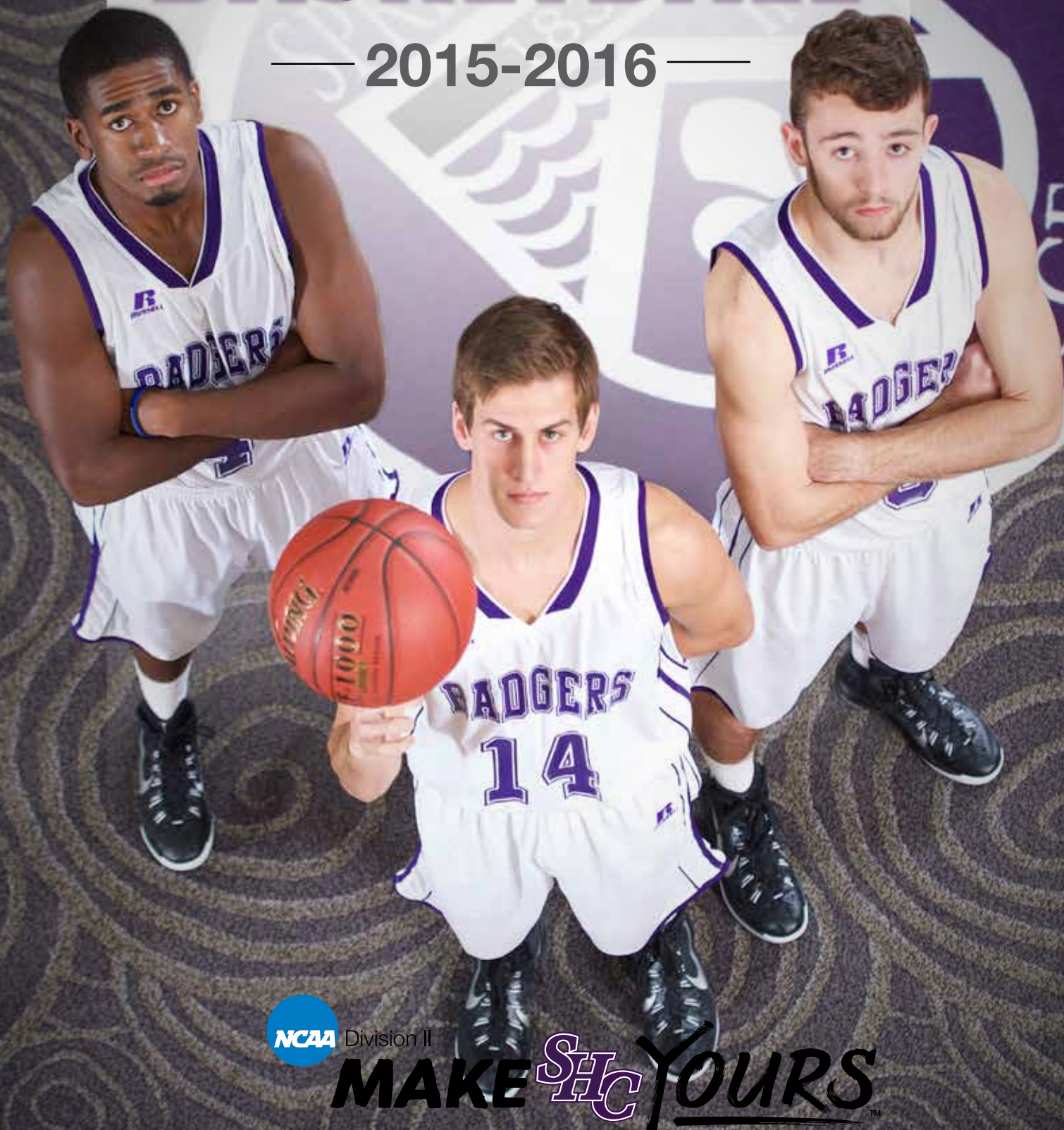


# MEN'S BASKETBALL

— 2015-2016 —



**NCAA** Division II

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# 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

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*Institution:* Spring Hill College

*City/State/Zip:* Mobile, AL 36608

*Founded:* 1830

*Enrollment:* 1,200

*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:* Dr. Christopher Puto

*Athletic Director:* Jim Hall

*Alma Mater:* Grinnell College (1995)

*Faculty Athletic Representative:* Dr. Steve Almquist

*Athletic Department Phone:* 251-380-3485

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*Alma Mater:* Mississippi State (1990)

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*Athletic Web Site:* www.shcbadgers.com

*Facebook:* SHCBADGERS

*Twitter:* SHCBADGERS

*Instagram:* SHCBADGERS

## COACHING STAFF

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*Head Coach:* Aaron Niven

*Alma Mater:* Arkansas, 1998

*Record at school/ years:* 17-40/3rd season

*Career record/ years:* 17-40/3rd season

*Assistant Coaches :* Brian Murphy, Matt Jones

*Office Phone:* (251) 380-4460

*Athletic Trainer:* Brian Gronewold, ATC

*Office Phone:* 251-380-3493

## TEAM INFORMATION

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*Overall Record Last Year:* 10-18

*Conference/Finish:* 9-10/5th of 7 (SIAC West)

*Starters returning/lost:* 4/1

# HEAD COACH



## AARON NIVEN

Niven joined SHC 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 2015

Spring Hill College (SHC) head men's basketball coach Aaron Niven says that his team learned a lot in their first season of play in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) and NCAA Division II. "It's not that we learned that much new about the competition," he says. "The SIAC was just as athletic as we thought it would be last year, but they had much bigger players than we faced in our old conference. That being said, we found out that we can compete in the SIAC and compete at a good level. We also learned that the SIAC loves its basketball. It's a great atmosphere in all the gyms. The gyms are packed with loud, fun crowds every night."

Niven has high expectations for senior guard Jarrett Calhoun from Linden, N.J. "Jarrett is playing like a senior should play," he says. "He's taken a leadership role and he came back in great shape. Last year, he got better as the season went along and he continued to improve over the summer." The Badger skipper also points to his other two senior guards in Wesley Pietri from St. Paul's Episcopal School in Mobile and Jackson Fos of Abita Springs, La. "What more can I say about Wesley?" Niven asks. "He gives you what he gives you every night. He's a great passer and plays defense hard every play. And Jackson just finds ways to score. They both are players that any coach loves to work with."

Sophomore point guard James Clarke of Winnetka, Ill., returns after a freshman campaign that impressed his coach. "Clarke probably had the best spring of any of our returning players," says Niven. "We expect good things from him." Sophomore Jack Morrissey of Evanston, Ill., was a top sixth-man for the Badgers as a freshman with quality playing time in all 28 games while fellow freshman Matevz Rojc of Ljubljana-Smartno, Slovenia, and redshirt freshman Sawyer Glick of Columbus, Ind., will both see crucial minutes. "Morrissey is better this year," says Niven. "And Rojc went home during the summer and worked on all the things we asked him to work on. Glick can be just downright good at times, so I really like what we have coming back."

On the inside, Niven points to junior center Dejan Stefanovic of Paracin, Serbia, and junior forward Sam Hutcheson of Hoover, Ala., as foundations of team. "Dejan is poised to have a really good year because he can score around the basket," Niven says. "And Sam is our glue guy, the leader of our team. Sam is a tough kid who can really defend and rebound in the post and does anything that is asked of him." Rejoining the Badger after sitting out last spring is sophomore forward Walter Massey of Eight Mile, Ala. "Having Walter back is big for us. Walter is just talented and he's done a lot of growing up this year. He's very good and we missed him last year." Junior Chris Hamilton of Pensacola, Fla., is a versatile player who will see time in various roles throughout the year.

The freshman class is a strong mix of players that Niven says will make an immediate impact. Forward Chase Shellman of Louisville, Ky., and guard Jared Holland from Baker High School in Mobile have impressed him in the early workouts. "Chase is a long kid who can do multiple things on the court," Niven says. "He can play many different positions, he's a good passer and he has a very high basketball I.Q. We recruited Jared because he has a burst of speed that we needed, but we've learned he is also a tough kid physically and mentally. That will be important for him in this conference."

Quinn Sutton of Arlington, Texas, and Desmond Frazier of Ocala, Fla., make the Badgers that much more dangerous. "Quinn is a 'bouncy-athletic' player who is still learning the game, but he's also a 'pleaser,' meaning he wants to do what you ask him to do and do it right. Desmond is a shooter and he puts it in the hole."

Overall, Niven is excited to get the season underway, but also admits to being a little nervous. "You just don't know how it will all play out, but we are passing the ball better and we are shooting the ball better. We'll have a chance to win games this year and we'll have a chance to be pretty good."

# 2014 RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Location	Result
November	14 at Shorter University	Rome, Ga.	L; 67-83
	15 vs. Union University (Tenn.)	Rome, Ga.	L; 60-75
	17 Carroll College	Home	L; 62-69 (ot)
	20 at Mississippi College	Clinton, Miss.	L; 57-77
	22 University of West Florida	Home	L; 66-78
December	25 at University of West Florida	Pensacola, Fla.	L; 63-84
	2 % at University of South Alabama	USA Mitchell Center	L; 54-71
	6 William Carey University	Home	<b>W</b> ; 60-55
	13 % at University of Southern Mississippi	Hattiesburg, Miss.	L; 56-66
	15 at Tougaloo College	Tougaloo, Miss.	L; 50-69
January	17 Loyola University (La.)	Home	L; 64-76
	30 % at Nicholls State University	Thibodaux, La.	L; 64-71
	3 *at Paine College	Augusta, Ga.	L; 58-76
	5 *at Morehouse University	Atlanta, Ga.	L; 38-59
	7 *Fort Valley State University	Home	<b>W</b> ; 70-67
	10 *Benedict College	Home	L; 39-51
	12 *Albany State University	Home	<b>W</b> ; 82-65
	15 *at Claflin University	Orangeburg, S.C.	L; 57-67
	17 *at Clark Atlanta University	Atlanta, Ga.	<b>W</b> ; 81-63
	19 *Miles College	Home	<b>W</b> ; 63-51
February	22 *at Kentucky State University	Frankfort, Ky.	<b>W</b> ; 61-59 (ot)
	24 *at Lane College	Jackson, Tenn.	L; 56-62
	26 *at LeMoyne-Owen College	Memphis, Tenn.	L; 57-74
	2 *at Miles College	Fairfield, Ala.	<b>W</b> ; 51-45
	5 *Tuskegee University	Home	L; 62-72 (ot)
	7 *Stillman College	Home	L; 46-56
	12 *at Tuskegee University	Tuskegee, Ala.	<b>W</b> ; 51-46
	16 *at Stillman College	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	L; 67-75
	19 *Kentucky State University	Home	<b>W</b> ; 73-52
	21 *LeMoyne-Owen College	Home	<b>W</b> ; 59-54
23 *Lane College	Home	L; 60-64	

% - Exhibition \* - SSAC games

## 2014 SSAC EAST FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	SSAC	OVERALL
Paine	17-2	23-6
Morehouse	17-2	15-11
Benedict	12-7	15-11
Claflin	12-7	16-13
Albany State	5-14	9-17
Clark Atlanta	5-14	6-20
Fort Valley State	4-15	4-23

## 2014 SSAC WEST FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	SSAC	OVERALL
Stillman	13-6	17-10
Lane	13-6	14-11
Tuskegee	11-8	14-12
LeMoyne-Owen	10-9	14-14
<b>Spring Hill ^</b>	<b>9-10</b>	<b>10-18</b>
Kentucky State	7-12	9-17
Miles	2-17	3-24

^ - Ineligible for SIAC Tournament during NCAA reclassification process



# 2015 ROSTER



James Clarke  
Sophomore



Jack Morrissey  
Sophomore



Jared Holland  
Freshmen



Jarrett Calhoun  
R-Senior



Wesley Pietri  
Senior



Christopher Hamilton  
Junior



Sawyer Glick  
R-Freshmen



Desmond Frazier  
Freshmen



Jackson Fos  
Senior



Chase Shellman  
Freshmen



Quinn Sutton  
Freshmen



Dejan Stefanovic  
R-Junior



Walter Massey  
Sophomore



Matevz Rojc  
Sophomore



Sam Hutcheson  
R-Junior



Austin Caruso  
Student Manager



Angie Kazek  
Student Manager

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	CL.	HT.	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL(S)
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1	JAMES CLARKE	PG	SO.	6-1	WINNETKA, ILL./LOYOLA ACADEMY
2	JACK MORRISSEY	G	SO.	6-1	EVANSTON, ILL./LOYOLA ACADEMY
3	JARED HOLLAND	PG	FR.	5-10	MOBILE, ALA./BAKER HS
4	JARRETT CALHOUN	PG	R-SR.	6-1	LINDEN, N.J./LINDEN HIGH/HILL COLLEGE/TROY UNIV.
5	WESLEY PIETRI	G	SR.	6-3	MOBILE, ALA./ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL
10	CHRISTOPHER HAMILTON	G/F	JR.	6-3	PENSACOLA, FLA./PENSACOLA HS
11	SAWYER GLICK	G	R-FR.	6-4	COLUMBUS, IND./COLUMBUS NORTH/QUAKERDALE PREP
12	DESMOND FRAZIER	G	FR.	6-1	OCALA, FLA./DUNNELON HS
14	JACKSON FOS	PG	SR.	6-0	ABITA SPRINGS, LA./ST. PAUL'S
15	CHASE SHELLMAN	FWD	FR.	6-6	LOUISVILLE, KY./DESALES HS
20	QUINN SUTTON	G/F	FR.	6-5	ARLINGTON, TEXAS/MANSFIELD TIMBERVIEW HS
21	DEJAN STEFANOVIC	F/C	R-JR.	6-10	PARACIN, SERBIA/BLAINE (WASH.) HS
22	WALTER MASSEY	G/F	SO.	6-5	EIGHT MILE, ALA./JOHN L. LEFLORE HS
23	MATEVZ ROJC	G/F	SO.	6-6	LJUBLJANA-SMARTNO, SLOVENIA/GIMNAZIJA BEZIGRAD HS
24	SAM HUTCHESON	C/F	R-JR.	6-7	HOOVER, ALA./HOOVER HS
	AUSTIN CARUSO	SM			
	STUART LUCKIE	SM			
	ANGIE KAZEK	SM			

**DATE****OPPONENT LOCATION****LOCATION****TIME**

		<b>SIAC-GSC Challenge</b>		
November	Fri. 13	Shorter University	Home	7 p.m.
	Sat. 14	Union University	Home	4 p.m.
	Tues. 17	Mississippi College	Home	7 p.m.
	Thurs. 19	at Loyola University	New Orleans, La.	7 p.m.
	Mon. 23	at University of West Florida	Pensacola, Fla.	7:30 p.m.
	Sat. 28	at William Carey University	Hattiesburg, Miss.	4 p.m.
	Mon. 30	% at University of South Alabama	USA Mitchell Center	7:05 p.m.
December	Thurs. 3	*Tuskegee University	Home	7:30 p.m.
	Mon. 14	*Miles College	Home	7:30 p.m.
	Wed. 16	Alice Lloyd College	Home	7:30 p.m.
	Wed. 30	% at University of Louisiana	Lafayette, La.	7:05 p.m.
	January	Mon. 4	*at Paine College	Augusta, Ga.
Thurs. 7		*Fort Valley State University	Home	7:30 p.m.
Sat. 9		*Albany State University	Home	4 p.m.
Thurs. 14		*Benedict College	Columbia, S.C.	7:30 p.m.
Sat. 16		*at Claflin University	Orangeburg, S.C.	4 p.m.
Mon. 18		*at Clark Atlanta University	Atlanta, Ga.	8 p.m.
Thurs. 21		*at Morehouse University	Atlanta, Ga.	7:30 p.m.
Sat. 23		*Stillman College	Home	4 p.m.
Mon. 25		University of Mobile	Home	7:30 p.m.
Thurs. 28		*Lane College	Home	4 p.m.
February	Mon. 1	*at LeMoyne-Owen College	Memphis, Tenn.	7:30 p.m.
	Thurs. 4	*at Central State University	Wilberforce, Ohio	7:30 p.m.
	Sat. 6	*at Kentucky State University	Frankfurt, Ky.	3 p.m.
	Mon. 8	*at Lane College	Jackson, Tenn.	7:30 p.m.
	Mon. 15	*LeMoyne-Owen College	Home	7:30 p.m.
	Thurs. 18	*Central State University	Home	7:30 p.m.
	Sat. 20	*Kentucky State University	Home	4 p.m.
	Mon. 22	at University of Mobile	Univ. of Mobile	7:30 p.m.
Wed. 24	University of West Florida	Home	7:30 p.m.	

% - Exhibition \*- SIAC games

