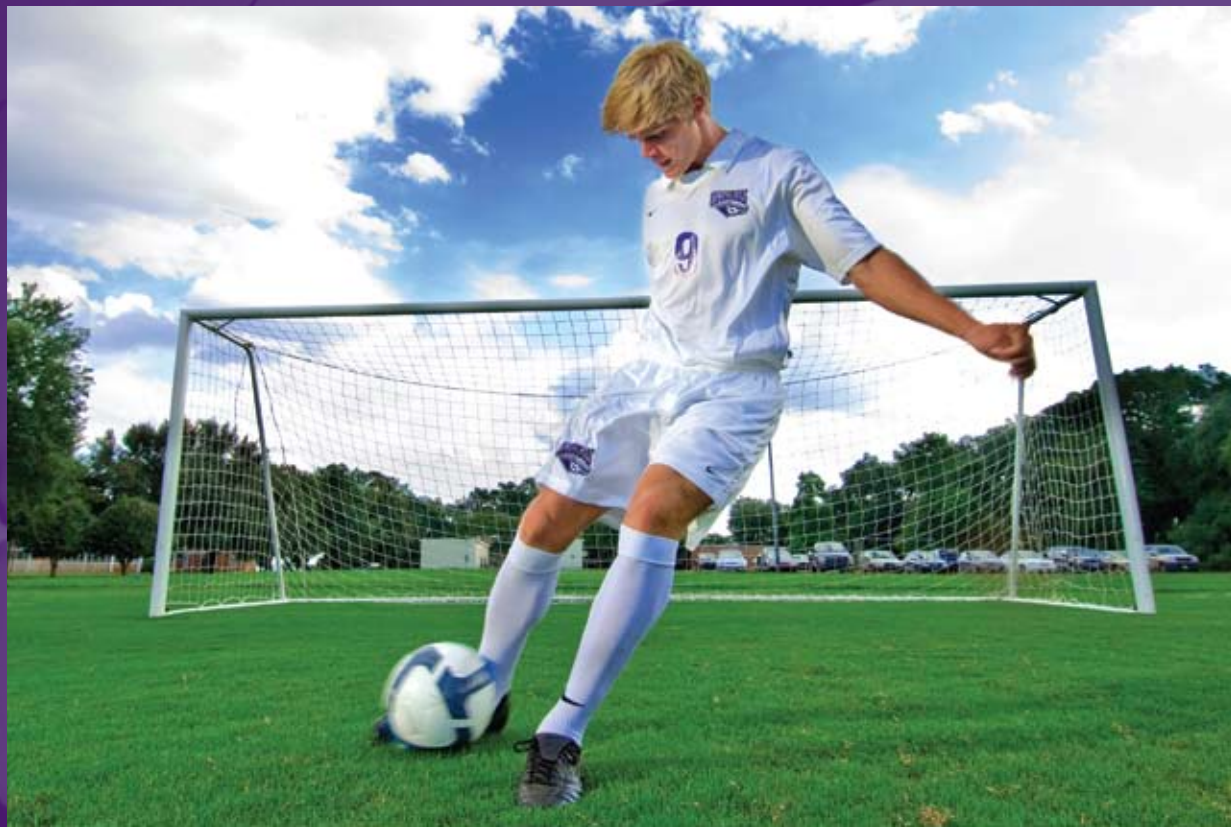


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Spring Hill College  
**MEN'S SOCCER**



## 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: Library Field

Capacity: 500

Affiliation: NAIA

Conference: Gulf Coast Athletic

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

Athletic Director: Jim Hall

Alma Mater: Grinnell College, 1995

Faculty Athletic Representative: David Dean, Ph.D.

Athletic Department Phone: 251-380-3485

Athletic Department Fax: 251-460-2196

Sports Information Director: Jim Stennett

Alma Mater: Mississippi State, 1990

SID Phone: 251-380-4468

SID Email: [jstennett@shc.edu](mailto:jstennett@shc.edu)

Athletic Web Site: [www.shcbadgers.com](http://www.shcbadgers.com)

Twitter: SHCSID

Facebook: SHCAthletics

## 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 14th among the best Southern colleges and universities offering master's degrees in U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges, and is also listed 8th among "Great Colleges at Great Prices." 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.

## COACHING STAFF:

Interim Head Coach: Daniel Whelan

Alma Mater: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical, 2007

Record at school (men): 0-0-0 (1st season)

Career record (men): 0-0-0 (1st season)

Office Phone: 251-380-4475

Best time/day to reach coach: 10 a.m.

Goalkeepers Coach: Ian Levine

Athletic Trainer: Amy Pfitzinger, ATC

Trainer's Phone: 251-380-3493

## TEAM INFORMATION:

Overall Record Last Year: 4-11-3

Conference/Finish: 0-3 (4th)

Starters returning/lost: 5/6



# HEAD COACH



Daniel Whelan begins his first season as the Interim Head Coach of the Spring Hill College men's and women's soccer programs. Whelan was a two-time NAIA All-America player at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Fla., where he played in 2003-06.

At ERAU, he was also a three-time All Conference selection as well as the Florida Sun Conference and NAIA Region XIV Player of the Year in 2006. He served as team captain in both his junior and senior campaigns.

Whelan, who received his B.S. from ERAU in Aeronautical Business Administration in 2007, was named an ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District selection by CoSIDA and received an NAIA Champion of Character Scholarship.

A native of Manchester, England, Whelan began his coaching career as a volunteer coach at Embry-Riddle in 2007 before accepting the assistant's role at SHC in January 2009.

Before coming to the United States, he played at the highest level of youth soccer in England, the FA Youth Premier League, with the Blackburn Rovers Football Club in 2001-03.



## ASSISTANT COACH

Beginning his first season as the men's and women's goalkeepers coach at Spring Hill College, Ian Levine holds numerous goalkeeping records at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University including the school's second-most career shutouts with 15 and the second-most single season-season shutouts with seven in 2005.

Hailing from Atlantic Beach, Fla., Levine graduated from ERAU in 2008 with a degree in Aeronautical Science and a minor in Air Traffic Management.

## ON THE COVER:

2009 senior Zechariah Townsend

## PHOTOS BY:

Seth Laubinger

# PREVIEW 2009

In 2008 the Spring Hill College men's soccer team took the field with 13 freshmen, eight sophomores, one junior and just two seniors on its roster. As a result, the inexperienced Badgers stumbled to a disappointing 4-11-3 record. This season Interim Head Coach Daniel Whelan looks at another remarkably young lineup that features eight freshmen, seven sophomores, five juniors and only one senior. Whelan, however, refuses to see his team's youth as a detriment. Instead, he sees this team as one that is filled with youthful enthusiasm and talent that he can mold into his style of soccer team while also building a consistent winner in the long run.

"We're young, but we have good players," Whelan says. "Almost all of our sophomores saw lots of playing time last year and that's an advantage. We also have strong upperclassmen who will provide leadership for our younger players."

Leading the defensive charge for the Badgers this year will be junior Devon Arnold of Mobile, Ala., who was an honorable mention All Gulf Coast Athletic Conference (GCAC) selection last season and won the reputation as being one of the conference's toughest defensive players in the air. Junior Collin Gasparovic of St. Louis, Mo., will step into a starting role in 2009 after sitting out much of 2008 with an injury. "We're happy to have Collin back," says Whelan. "When you have an injured player return after almost an entire season it's like getting a new player, but with the advantage of experience."

Joining Gasparovic on defense will be sophomore Phoenix Iverson from Decatur, Ala., who drew 15 starts as a freshman, and freshman Andy Poveda of Niceville, Fla. "Andy will challenge for starting time right way," says Whelan. "He's a tough player with very good skills." Freshmen Zack McDuffie of Foley, Ala., and Rainer Mays from Nashville, Tenn., will add depth to the line-up this year and should be pressed into early service.

In goal, a battle for the keeper's spot has shaped up during the preseason workouts. Junior Dan Criscione of St. Louis has stepped into the role in both of the last two seasons following injuries to the starters, but freshman Tommy Campbell of St. Louis has also caught Whelan's attention in the preseason. "It's going to be a tough decision as to who starts this year, but I feel confident in the abilities of both our keepers."

The deepest position for the Badgers this season might well be the midfield where senior Zachariah Townsend of Middleburg, Fla., returns to provide leadership and experience. Joining Townsend are several reserve players from last season who will move into starting roles this year. Sophomore John Tanner of Gulf Shores, Ala., played in 16 contests with just five starts in 2008 but now looks ready to step into the starting line-up along with sophomores Tyler King of Biloxi, Miss., and Josh Ledet and David Allen, who both hail from Fairhope, Ala.

Junior Ryan Burns of Stratford, Conn., saw action in 15 matches last season and along with freshmen Justin Iserman of Pensacola, Fla., Frankie Pica of Ellisville, Mo., and Trey Smith of Foley should be a valuable asset in Whelan's midfield arsenal as the season progresses.

On offense, sophomore Gable Fortune of St. Louis was the second leading goal-scorer for the 2008 edition of the Badgers and this year's top returning scorer. "Gable will be our man to look for when it comes to finishing off the plays," says Whelan. "But we'll have a few other options this year as well."

One of the other options available will be junior college transfer Willy Sanchez of Miami, Fla., who comes to the Badgers after two successful seasons at Western Texas College. "Willy will be someone we'll look for this year to chip in a few more goals for us," says Whelan. Sophomore Bryce Privett of Fairhope played in all 18 games for the Badgers last season with 16 starts and led the team in assists. "Bryce creates problems for others teams," Whelan says. "He makes opponents make decisions and then makes them pay if they make the wrong decision." Freshman Harrison Kennedy of Stuttgart, Ark., will also see playing time in the forward position.

Overall, Whelan is impressed with his team's attitude in the early going. "They have a great team spirit and enthusiasm. It's a difficult schedule ahead of us with some of the best teams in the South on the slate, but I think we'll be a surprise to most people," he says.



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Dan Criscione  
Goalkeeper  
Junior • 6'1"



2  
Frankie Pica  
Midfielder  
Freshman • 6'0"



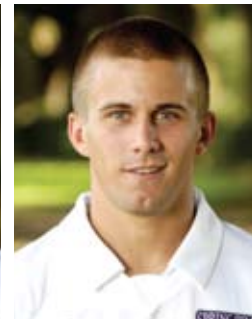
3  
Collin Gasparovic  
Defense  
Junior • 5'7"



4  
Trey Smith  
Midfielder  
Freshman • 5'7"



5  
Andy Poveda  
Defense  
Freshman • 5'8"



6  
Harrison Kennedy  
Forward  
Freshman • 5'5"



7  
Tyler King  
Midfielder  
Sophomore • 5'10"



8  
John Tanner  
Forward  
Sophomore • 6'0"



9  
Zechariah Townsend  
Midfielder  
Senior • 6'0"



10  
Gable Fortune  
Midfielder  
Sophomore • 6'0"



11  
Josh Ledet  
Midfielder  
Sophomore • 5'8"



12  
Zack McDuffie  
Defense  
Freshman • 5'7"



13  
Deven Arnold  
Defense  
Junior • 6'2"



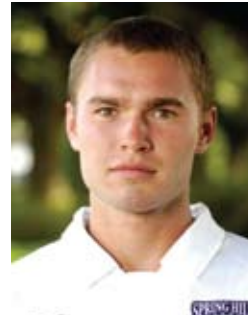
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Rainer Mays  
Defense  
Freshman • 6'0"



15  
Ryan Burns  
Midfielder  
Junior • 5'9"



16  
Willy Sanchez  
Midfielder  
Junior • 5'6"



17  
Phoenix Iverson  
Defense  
Sophomore • 6'0"



18  
Justin Iserman  
Midfielder  
Freshman • 5'8"



20  
Bryce Privett  
Midfielder  
Sophomore • 5'11"



22  
David Allen  
Midfielder  
Sophomore • 5'9"



27  
Tommy Campbell  
Goalkeeper  
Freshman • 6'0"



# 2009 ROSTER

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
1	Dan Criscione	GK	JR	6'1"	177	Maplewood, Mo./St. John Vianney
2	Frankie Pica	MF	FR	6'0"	175	Ellisville, Mo./Marquette High
3	Collin Gasparovic	DEF	JR	5'7"	145	St. Louis, Mo./CBC High
4	Trey Smith	MF	FR	5'7"	145	Foley, Ala./Foley High
5	Andy Poveda	DEF	FR	5'8"	145	Niceville, Fla./Niceville High
6	Harrison Kennedy	FWD	FR	5'5"	143	Stuttgart, Ark./Stuttgart High
7	Tyler King	MF	SO	5'10"	150	Biloxi, Miss./Biloxi High
8	John Tanner	FWD	SO	6'0"	170	Gulf Shores, Ala./Gulf Shores High
9	Zechariah Townsend	MF	SR	6'0"	180	Middleburg, Fla./Middleburg High
10	Gable Fortune	MF	SO	6'0"	160	St. Louis, Mo./Chaminade College Prep
11	Josh Ledet	MF	SO	5'8"	165	Fairhope, Ala./Fairhope High
12	Zack McDuffie	DEF	FR	5'7"	145	Foley, Ala./Foley High
13	Deven Arnold	DEF	JR	6'2"	171	Mobile, Ala./W.P. Davidson High
14	Rainer Mays	DEF	FR	6'0"	150	Nashville, Tenn./Pope John Paul II
15	Ryan Burns	MF	JR	5'9"	155	Stratford, Conn./Frank Scott Brunnell High
16	Willy Sanchez	MF	JR	5'6"	147	Miami, Fla./Western Texas College
17	Phoenix Iverson	DEF	SO	6'0"	175	Decatur, Ala./Decatur High
18	Justin Iserman	MF	FR	5'8"	140	Pensacola, Fla./Pensacola Catholic
20	Bryce Privett	MF	SO	5'11"	150	Fairhope, Ala./Bayside Academy
21	Caleb Townsend	DEF	JR	6'1"	162	Middleburg, Fla./Middleburg High
22	David Allen	MF	SO	5'9"	140	Fairhope, Ala./Fairhope High
27	Tommy Campbell	GK	FR	6'0"	160	St. Louis, Mo./JFK Catholic
28	Cory Bronenkamp	GK	JR	6'4"	206	St. Louis, Mo./DeSmet Jesuit High

# 2008 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Aug. 21	Texas College	Library Field	T; 1-1 (2ot)
Aug. 29	at Crichton College	Memphis, Tenn.	L; 1-2
Aug. 31	vs. Lyon College	Memphis, Tenn.	L; 1-2
Sept. 5 ^	Faulkner University	Library Field	W; 4-0
Sept. 7 ^	Central Baptist College	Library Field	W; 4-1
Sept. 12	vs. Oglethorpe University	Birmingham, Ala.	L; 1-5
Sept. 14	at Birmingham-Southern College	Birmingham, Ala.	W; 3-1
Sept. 19 #	vs. Florida College	Thomasville, Ga.	W; 5-0
Sept. 21 #	at Thomas University	Thomasville, Ga.	L; 0-6
Sept. 27	*University of Mobile	Library Field	L; 0-3
Oct. 1	at Mississippi College	Jackson, Miss.	L; 0-3
Oct. 5	Shorter College	Library Field	T; 2-2 (2ot)
Oct. 11	Trevecca Nazarene University	Library Field	T; 1-1 (2ot)
Oct. 17	Concordia-Selma	Library Field	L; 3-4 (2ot)
Oct. 25	*Belhaven College	Library Field	L; 1-2 (ot)
Oct. 28	*William Carey University	Library Field	L; 0-5
Nov. 2	University of West Florida	Library Field	L; 0-2
Nov. 4 \$	at William Carey University	Hattiesburg, Miss.	L; 1-5

^2nd Annual Spring Hill College Invitational  
 #-Thomas University Invitational

\*-GCAC match  
 \$-GCAC Tournament

## 2008 GCAC MEN'S SOCCER FINAL STANDINGS

Schools	GCAC		Overall	
Belhaven	2-1	.667	14-4-1	.763
William Carey	2-1	.667	12-5-1	.694
Mobile*	2-1	.667	13-7-2	.636
Spring Hill	0-3	.000	4-11-3	.306

\*Tournament Champion

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

# 2009 SPRING HILL COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER



DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Aug. 30	at Auburn-Montgomery	Montgomery, Ala.	4 p.m.
Sept. 4 ^	Truett-McConnell College	Library Field	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 6 ^	Northwood University (Fla.)	Library Field	4 p.m.
Sept. 8	at University of West Florida	Pensacola, Fla.	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	Mississippi College	Library Field	4 p.m.
Sept. 18 #	vs. Saint Thomas University (Fla.)	Thomasville, Ga.	8 p.m.
Sept. 20 #	vs. Shorter College	Thomasville, Ga.	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 26	Delta State University	Library Field	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	*at University of Mobile	Univ. of Mobile	8 p.m.
Oct. 4	University of St. Thomas (Texas)	Library Field	3 p.m.
Oct. 6	*LSU-Shreveport	Library Field	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	*at William Carey University	Hattiesburg, Miss.	7 p.m.
Oct. 15	Thomas University (Ga.)	Library Field	5 p.m.
Oct. 20	*at Belhaven College	Jackson, Miss.	7 p.m.
Oct. 24	Concordia College-Selma	Library Field	2 p.m.
Oct. 25	at Huntingdon College	Montgomery, Ala.	3 p.m.
Oct. 31	at Georgia Southwestern State	Americus, Ga.	3:30 p.m.

^3rd Annual Spring Hill College Invitational

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