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Spring Hill College **MEN'S SOCCER**



GENERAL FACTS:

Name of School: 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. Gregory F. Lucey, S.J.

Athletic Director: Scott Westbrook

Faculty Athletic Representative: David Dean, Ph.D.

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Athletic Web Site: www.shcbadgers.com

COACHING STAFF:

Head Coach: Adam Pearce

Alma Mater: Concordia University (Ore.), 2000

Record at school (men): 9-22-3 (2 years)

Career record (men): 9-22-3 (2 years)

Office Phone: 251-380-4475

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

Athletic Trainer: Joe Baya, ATC

Trainer's Phone: 251-380-3493

TEAM INFORMATION:

Overall Record Last Year: 3-13-2

Conference/Finish: 0-3 (4th)

Starters returning/lost: 7/5

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. 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.



HEAD COACH



Adam Pearce begins his third season as head coach of the Spring Hill College Men's and Women's Soccer programs.

In his previous two seasons, Pearce has coached 10 All-GCAC players and six Daktronics-NAIA Scholar Athletes. In both

2006 and 2007, his Lady Badgers squads were honored as NAIA Scholar Teams for having a team-GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Prior to coming to Spring Hill, Pearce was an assistant coach for Concordia University in Portland, Ore., for two years. Preceding Concordia, Pearce spent a season at NCAA Division II University of Central Arkansas.

Pearce received a B.A. in physical education from Concordia in 2000, where he graduated magna cum laude. He received a M. S. in education-sport sciences and coaching in 2004 from the University of Akron, where he was also the graduate assistant/goalkeeper coach for the women's soccer team.

Pearce played goalkeeper for Concordia from 1997-'99. A two-time NAIA Scholar Athlete, Pearce captained the 1999 Cavaliers who competed in the NAIA National Tournament. After graduation he pursued a professional soccer career that brought him to England, Ireland and back to the USA where he was part of the inaugural Portland Timbers A-league team.

Pearce and his wife Anna-Lisa (Concordia, 2001) along with their dogs, Harley and Jane, reside in Semmes, Ala.

ON THE COVER:

2008 seniors Derek Burr (7) and Sean Simpson (10)

PHOTOS BY:

Seth Laubinger and Scott Westbrook

PREVIEW 2008

The 2007 Badgers soccer team faced a series of obstacles on their way to a 3-13-2 record, not the least of which was a lineup composed mainly of freshman and no seniors. The 2008 team is a bit older and boasts two seniors, but the Badgers still have 21 freshmen and sophomores on a 24-man roster. Seniors Sean Simpson of Ballwin, Mo., and Derek Burr from Town & Country, Mo., will be asked to provide leadership and direction to a young, but largely talented squad.

The offensive front of the Badgers will be placed in the capable feet of the crafty Simpson. A 2007 All-Gulf Coast Athletic Conference selection, Simpson led the Badgers with six goals and 15 points in his junior season. The cast around Simpson's scoring ability will be the backbone of the Badger team this year. Junior Zechariah Townsend of Middleburg, Fla., (15 starts in '07) along with sophomores Patrick Hall (18 starts, one goal and three assists) and Cody Walker (18 games played, two goals and an assist) will compliment the footwork of Simpson with teamwork and intelligent play. Freshmen John Tanner of Gulf Shores and Jay T. Loper from Irvington, Ala., will be asked to provide help off the bench.

At the midfield, Head Coach Adam Pearce will insert a skilled, but extremely young group of players. Sophomores Ryan Tomko of Pensacola, Fla., Ryan Burns of Stratford, Conn., and Senyo Amedo from Birmingham, Ala., are the most experienced players, but only Tomko saw more than six starts last season and only Amedo scored a goal. As a result, the freshman midfielders will be pushed forward almost immediately. Zach Schmidt and Gable Fortune of St. Louis along with Josh Ledet, Bryce Privett and David Allen from Fairhope, Ala., Chris Stephens of Mobile, and Tyler King of Biloxi, Miss., will certainly see playing time early and often this year.

Defensively, Burr will head up the charge followed by sophomores Collin Gasparovic from St. Louis and Deven Arnold of Mobile. These three defenders started 17 of Spring Hill's 18 matches together last season so the youth of Gasparovic and Arnold could be misleading to the casual observer. Fairhope native freshman Sam Nokovich will join together with his classmates Phoenix Iverson of Decatur, Ala., and Keith Tardibuono of Mobile to form a solid reserve that could threaten the veterans for starting time.

The Badgers suffered a serious blow in goal during 2007 when starting keeper Cory Bronenkamp suffered a season-ending injury halfway through the campaign. Freshman Dan Criscione of Maplewood, Mo., stepped into the breach for the remainder of the season. This year, another true freshman looks to step into the final line of defense for the Badgers as freshman William Gafford appears to have emerged as the starter during the early season workouts. An All-Metro keeper from Mobile's Murphy High School, Gafford is quick and has already shown signs of being an intelligent decision-maker and team leader.

The Badgers are anxiously prepared to put the tumultuous 2007 season behind them and to use the experience and lessons learned from that year into practice on the field in 2008. Youth remains an obvious feature of the Spring Hill squad, but the increasingly battle-hardened veterans are ready to pass their knowledge along to a talented and enthusiastic cadre of freshmen. Together, this year's Badgers team is ready to face the GCAC and the rest of their opponents with a spirit of camaraderie and confidence.

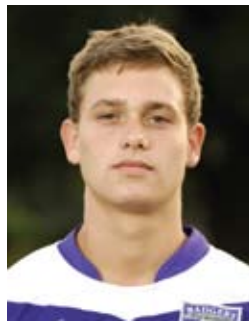




2
Zach Schmidt
Midfielder
Freshman • 5'7"



3
Collin Gasparovic
Defense
Sophomore • 5'7"



4
Gable Fortune
Midfielder
Freshman • 5'10"



5
Senyo Amedo
Midfielder
Sophomore • 5'11"



6
Chris Stephens
Midfielder
Freshman • 5'7"



7
Derek Burr
Defense
Senior • 5'7"



8
Tyler King
Midfielder
Freshman • 5'9"



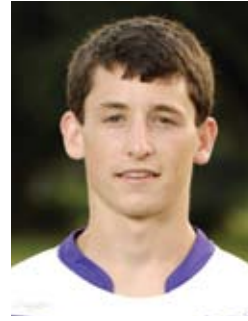
9
Zachariah Townsend
Forward
Junior • 6'0"



10
Sean Simpson
Midfielder
Senior • 5'11"



11
Josh Ledet
Midfielder
Freshman • 5'8"



12
David Allen
Midfielder
Freshman • 5'9"



13
Deven Arnold
Defense
Sophomore • 6'2"



14
John Tanner
Forward
Freshman • 5'10"



15
Ryan Burns
Midfielder
Sophomore • 5'7"



16
Sam Nokovich
Defense
Freshman • 6'0"



17
Phoenix Iverson
Defense
Freshman • 6'0"



18
Noah Tomko
Midfielder
Sophomore • 5'8"



19
Bryce Privett
Midfielder
Freshman • 5'9"



20
Patrick Hall
Forward
Sophomore • 5'8"



21
Cody Walker
Forward
Sophomore • 6'4"



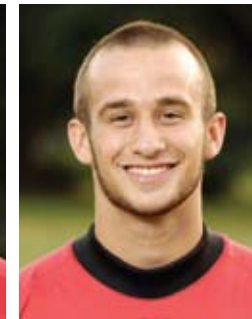
22
Keith Tardibuono
Defense
Freshman • 5'11"



23
Jay T. Loper
Forward
Freshman • 6'1"



30
Dan Criscione
Goalkeeper
Sophomore • 6'0"



32
William Gafford
Goalkeeper
Freshman • 5'8"

2008 ROSTER

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	CLASS	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
2	Zach Schmidt	MF	FR	5'7"	150	St. Louis, Mo.
3	Collin Gasparovic	DEF	SO	5'7"	145	St. Louis, Mo.
4	Gable Fortune	MF	FR	5'10"	155	St. Louis, Mo.
5	Senyo Amedo	MF	SO	5'11"	155	Birmingham, Ala.
6	Chris Stephens	MF	FR	5'7"	135	Mobile, Ala.
7	Derek Burr	DEF	SR	5'7"	145	Town & Country, Mo.
8	Tyler King	MF	FR	5'9"	145	Biloxi, Miss.
9	Zechariah Townsend	FWD	JR	6'0"	186	Middleburg, Fla.
10	Sean Simpson	MF	SR	5'11"	179	Ballwin, Mo.
11	Josh Ledet	MF	FR	5'8"	155	Fairhope, Ala.
12	David Allen	MF	FR	5'9"	140	Fairhope, Ala.
13	Deven Arnold	DEF	SO	6'2"	185	Mobile, Ala.
14	John Tanner	FWD	FR	5'10"	165	Gulf Shores, Ala.
15	Ryan Burns	MF	SO	5'7"	155	Stratford, Conn.
16	Sam Nokovich	DEF	FR	6'0"	160	Fairhope, Ala.
17	Phoenix Iverson	DEF	FR	6'0"	175	Decatur, Ala.
18	Noah Tomko	MF	SO	5'8"	156	Pensacola, Fla.
19	Bryce Privett	MF	FR	5'9"	182	Fairhope, Ala.
20	Patrick Hall	FWD	SO	5'8"	150	Mobile, Ala.
21	Cody Walker	FWD	SO	6'4"	198	Tampa, Fla.
22	Keith Tardibuono	DEF	FR	5'11"	160	Mobile, Ala.
23	Jay T. Loper	FWD	FR	6'1"	190	Irvington, Ala.
30	Dan Criscione	GK	SO	6'0"	190	Maplewood, Mo.
32	William Gafford	GK	FR	5'8"	150	Mobile, Ala.

2007 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Sept. 1	Auburn-Montgomery	Home	L; 0-4
Sept. 7	Faulkner University ^	Home	T; 3-3 (2OT)
Sept. 9	Harris-Stowe State ^	Home	W; 3-2 (2OT)
Sept. 15	vs. Reinhardt College #	Thomasville, Ga.	L; 0-3
Sept. 16	at Thomas University #	Thomasville, Ga.	W; 3-2
Sept. 22	University of Montevallo	Home	L; 1-6
Sept. 23	at Alabama-Huntsville	Huntsville, Ala.	L; 0-4
Sept. 25	Brewton-Parker College	Home	T; 0-0 (2OT)
Sept. 29	at Belhaven College*	Jackson, Miss.	L; 0-1
Sept. 30	vs. Crichton College	Jackson, Miss.	W; 2-0
Oct. 3	University of Mobile*	Home	L; 1-5
Oct. 5	Georgetown College	Home	L; 0-1
Oct. 8	at Texas College	Tyler, Texas	L; 2-3 (OT)
Oct. 9	at UT-Tyler	Tyler, Texas	L; 0-2
Oct. 14	at So. Polytechnic State	Marietta, Ga.	L; 0-2
Oct. 16	at William Carey*	Hattiesburg, Miss.	L; 1-4
Oct. 19	at West Florida	Pensacola, Fla.	L; 0-6
Oct. 26	vs. University of Mobile\$	Hattiesburg, Miss.	L; 1-2

*-GCAC Matches

^-1st Annual Spring Hill College Invitational

#-Thomas University Invitational

\$-GCAC Tournament

2007 GCAC MEN'S SOCCER FINAL STANDINGS

Schools	GCAC		Overall	
Mobile	3-0	1.000	14-5-1	.725
Belhaven	2-1	.667	10-8-1	.553
William Carey*	1-2	.333	10-10-0	.500
Spring Hill	0-3	.000	3-13-2	.222

*Tournament Champion

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

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DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME/RESULT
Aug. 21	Texas College	Library Field	7:00 p.m.
Aug. 29	at Crichton College	Memphis, Tenn.	5:00 p.m.
Aug. 31	vs. Lyon College	Memphis, Tenn.	2:00 p.m.
Sept. 5	Faulkner University ^	Library Field	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 7	Central Baptist College ^	Library Field	3:00 p.m.
Sept. 12	vs. Oglethorpe University	Birmingham, Ala.	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 14	at Birmingham-Southern College	Birmingham, Ala.	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	vs. Florida College #	Thomasville, Ga.	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 21	at Thomas University #	Thomasville, Ga.	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 27	University of Mobile*	Library Field	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 1	at Mississippi College	Jackson, Miss.	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 5	Shorter College	Library Field	3:00 p.m.
Oct. 11	Trevecca Nazarene University	Library Field	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	Concordia-Selma	Library Field	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 25	Belhaven College*	Library Field	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 28	William Carey University*	Library Field	4:00 p.m.
Nov. 2	University of West Florida	Library Field	3:30 p.m.
Nov. 3-8	at GCAC Tournament	TBA	TBA

^2nd Annual Spring Hill College Invitational

#-Thomas University Invitational

*-GCAC match