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Spring Hill College **VOLLEYBALL**



GENERAL FACTS:

Institution: Spring Hill College
City/State/Zip: Mobile, AL 36608
Founded: 1830
Enrollment: 1,400
Nickname: Lady Badgers
School Colors: Purple, white
Home Facility: Arthur R. Outlaw Recreation Center
Capacity: 1,600
Affiliation: NAIA
Conference: Gulf Coast Athletic
President: Rev. Richard P. Salmi, S.J.
Athletic Director: Jim Hall
Alma Mater: Grinnell College (1995)
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Alma Mater: Mississippi State (1990)
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Athletic Web Site: www.shcbadgers.com
Facebook: SHCAthletics
Twitter: SHCSID

COACHING STAFF:

Head Coach: Dr. Peggy Martin
Alma Mater: Indiana University (1972)
Record at Spring Hill: 0-0 (1st season)
Career record: 1,064-281-8 (34th season)
Office Phone: (251) 380-3485
Athletic Trainer: Amy Pfitzinger, ATC
Athletic Trainer's Phone: 251-380-3493

TEAM INFORMATION:

Overall Record Last Year: 15-23
Conference/Finish: 3-5 (3rd)
Starters returning: 4 + Libero
Starters Lost: 2
First season: 2001
Overall Program Record: 141-121-3

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.



HEAD COACH



Mobile Sports Hall of Fame member Dr. Peggy Martin is in her first season as the head volleyball coach at Spring Hill, but she is far from being a novice. Martin is the winningest coach in the history of NCAA Division II after 33 consecutive winning seasons at the University of Central

Missouri where she compiled a 1,064-281-8 record.

Martin retired as the Jennies' coach and returned to her hometown of Mobile at the end of the 2008 season, but the opportunity to coach at SHC was too tempting to pass up.

Over 33 seasons at UCMO, Martin never suffered a losing season, won 25 matches in 31 consecutive seasons and won or shared 19 Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association titles. Her teams made a record 25 consecutive NCAA Div. II Tournament appearances, reached the "Elite Eight" six times and finished as the National Runner-up in 1987. She has won 22 Coach of the Year Awards including the 1987 NCAA Division II National Coach of Year Award.

Martin first served as softball and volleyball coach at UCMO when she started her Division II career in 1975 and even stepped into an assistant women's basketball coaching role for the 1976-77 season. Her first collegiate coaching experience came at Florida Southern College as a volleyball and basketball coach at the then club level program.

In college, she played at Indiana University and led the women's basketball team to three consecutive national tournament berths while winning four letters in softball and three letters in field hockey. She completed her bachelor's degree at IU in 1972 and earned a master's degree from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro in 1974. In 1980, she completed her doctorate in physical education at Indiana University.

ON THE COVER:

Seniors Melissa Williams (10) and Maura O'Callaghan (8)

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PREVIEW 2009

When Spring Hill College's Head Volleyball Coach Peggy Martin accepted the reins of the Lady Badgers program, she inherited a program that has suffered through a rollercoaster of highs and lows over the past several seasons. Since 2006, the team has managed just one non-losing season and posted a 37-54-1 record – a disappointing turn for a young program that reached the 2003 NAIA National Championship Tournament in only its third season and was undefeated in conference play in 2004.

Martin, who currently holds the most wins in NCAA Division II history after a 33-year tenure at the University of Central Missouri, came out of retirement this summer to rebuild the SHC program, but she does not see the task being as difficult as it might appear. She finds herself with a remarkably balanced team in terms of experience with the 2009 Badgers comprised of four freshmen, five sophomores, three juniors and two seniors.

The Badger offense will be under the direction of two sophomore setters, Sally Reese of Murfreesboro, Tenn., who led the team with 440 assists last season and transfer Shane Gilreath of Daphne, Ala. "Reese has the most experience," says Martin. "But Gilreath has been a pleasant surprise for us and a real sparkplug on the floor." Freshmen Kathryn Land of Newnan, Ga., has also shown herself ready to contribute early in her career. "A position that looked short on depth last spring has turned out to be a strength," says Martin.

As far as scoring is concerned, the Badgers appear to be in good shape. Junior Cassandra Marchand of Grand Bay, Ala., and sophomore Sarah Stacey from New Berlin, Wisc., step back into their roles at the outside hitters. Marchand is the team's top returning scorer with 200 kills last season while Stacey knocked down 88 kills with 14 blocks. Junior Emily Williams from Mobile's Murphy High will see significant time in the line up and walk-on freshman Claire Kainer from Dallas, Texas will be a steady back up.

Martin, however, prefers not to focus just on offense. "You must play both offense and defense and cannot rely on one to carry the other," she says. "I hope we will have balance on both sides of the ball."

Her defense should be equal to the task as senior libero Melissa Williams of Fairhope, Ala., returns for her senior season after recording one of her position's the best campaigns in the short history of Spring Hill volleyball. She recorded an impressive 773 digs on her way to selection as the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference's (GCAC) 2008 Libero of the Year. "We are very blessed to have a talented libero in Williams who is our best passer and defensive player," says Martin.

At the middle blocking position, the situation is a little less clear as Martin must decide between sophomore Holly Shultis of Pewaukee, Wisc., junior Madelaine Anderson of Huntsville, Ala., and senior Maura O'Callaghan of Breezy Point, N.Y. All three athletes saw starting time in 2008 and each proved to be a valuable blocker. Freshman Jenae Pouncy of Enterprise, Ala., also has shown tremendous athleticism and is pushing to see significant playing time.

The right side will remain in the capable hands of sophomore Elizabeth Burkenstock of River Ridge, La., who under went successful off-season shoulder surgery of an injury that limited her playing time as a freshman. Last season she recorded 36 blocks and 51 kills despite playing in just 80 sets. Freshman defensive specialist Katie Hughes of Ackerman, Miss., will also provide depth for the Badger defense while adjusting to the college game

Martin sees the new year as more than a rebuilding season. "I have been very pleased with (the team's) attitude and work ethic," she says. "I have certainly required a lot of different things from them and they have responded well. This team is committed to competing every night and if we do that, the wins will follow. Change takes time but if we commit to it, things may happen faster than expected."

2008 GCAC VOLLEYBALL FINAL STANDINGS *GCAC Tournament Champion

Schools	GCAC		Overall	
Mobile*	7-1	.875	34-5	.872
Loyola	7-1	.875	17-9	.654
Spring Hill	3-5	.375	15-23	.395
Dillard	2-6	.250	7-17	.292
Belhaven	1-7	.125	9-26	.257



1

Katie Hughes
Setter/Defense Specialist
Freshman • 5'6"



3

Kathryn Land
Setter/Defense Specialist
Freshman • 5'6"



7

Cassandra Marchand
Outside Hitter
Junior • 5'11"



8

Maura O'Callaghan
Middle Blocker
Senior • 5'11"



10

Melissa Williams
Left Side/Defense Specialist
Senior • 5'7"



11

Claire Kainer
Setter/Defense Specialist
Freshman • 5'8"



12

Elizabeth Burkenstock
RH
Sophomore • 5'11"



14

Emily Williams
Outside Hitter
Junior • 5'8"



15

Sarah Stacey
Outside Hitter
Sophomore • 5'9"



19

Jenae Pouncy
Outside Hitter/Middle Hitter
Freshman • 5'9"



20

Sally Reese
Setter/Defense Specialist
Sophomore • 5'7"



21

Holly Shultis
Middle Blocker
Sophomore • 6'0"



23

Shane Gilreath
Setter/Defense Specialist
Sophomore • 5'1"



32

Madelaine Anderson
Middle Blocker
Junior • 5'9"



2009 ROSTER

NO.	PLAYER	POS.	CLASS	HT.	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
1	Katie Hughes	S/DS	Fr.	5'6"	Ackerman, Miss./Ackerman High
3	Kathryn Land	S/DS	Fr.	5'6"	Newnan, Ga./Newnan High
7	Cassandra Marchand	OH	Jr.	5'11"	Grand Bay, Ala./Alma Bryant High
8	Maura O'Callaghan	MB	Sr.	5'11"	Breezy Point, N.Y./Bishop Kearney High
10	Melissa Williams	L/DS	Sr.	5'7"	Fairhope, Ala./Fairhope High
11	Claire Kainer	S/DS	Fr.	5'8"	Dallas, Texas/Bishop Lynch
12	Elizabeth Burkenstock	RH	So.	5'11"	River Ridge, La./St. Mary's Dominican
14	Emily Williams	OH	Jr.	5'8"	Mobile, Ala./Murphy High
15	Sarah Stacey	OH	So.	5'9"	New Berlin, Wis./New Berlin Eisenhower
19	Jenae Pouncy	OH/MH	Fr.	5'9"	Enterprise, Ala./Enterprise High
20	Sally Reese	S/DS	So.	5'7"	Murfreesboro, Tenn./Siegal High
21	Holly Shultis	MB	So.	6'0"	Pewaukee, Wis./Waukesha North
23	Shane Gilreath	S/DS	So.	5'1"	Daphne, Ala./Daphne High/Faulkner St. CC
32	Madelaine Anderson	MB	Jr.	5'9"	Huntsville, Ala./Catholic High

2008 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Spring Hill College Classic			
Aug. 29	Northwood University (Fla.)	Home	W; 3-2
	University of Mobile	Home	L; 0-3
Aug. 30	Alabama State University	Home	L; 1-3
	Texas College	Home	W; 3-0
Sept. 2	at University of South Alabama	South Alabama	L; 3-0
Millsaps College Tournament			
Sept. 5	vs. Belhaven College	Jackson, Miss.	W; 3-2
	vs. East Texas Baptist	Jackson, Miss.	L; 0-3
Sept. 6	vs. Reinhardt College	Jackson, Miss.	W; 3-1
	at Millsaps College	Jackson, Miss.	L; 1-3
Sept. 9	at University of West Alabama	Livingston, Ala.	L; 0-3
Berry College Invitational			
Sept. 12	vs. Campbellsville University	Mt. Berry, Ga.	L; 0-3
	at Berry College	Mt. Berry, Ga.	L; 0-3
Sept. 13	vs. Milligan College	Mt. Berry, Ga.	W; 3-0
	vs. Shorter College	Mt. Berry, Ga.	L; 2-3
Sept. 16	*Dillard University	Home	W; 3-0
Sept. 20	vs. Lyon College	Nashville, Tenn.	L; 0-3
	at Trevecca Nazarene University	Nashville, Tenn.	L; 0-3
Sept. 23	*at Loyola University-New Orleans	New Orleans, La.	L; 1-3
Sept. 30	*at University of Mobile	Univ. of Mobile	L; 0-3
Oct. 4	*Belhaven College	Home	W; 3-0
Oct. 7	*at Dillard University	New Orleans, La.	L; 2-3
	Faulkner University Tournament		
Oct. 10	vs. Shorter College	Montgomery, Ala.	L; 0-3
	vs. Brewton-Parker College	Montgomery, Ala.	W; 3-2
Oct. 11	vs. Martin Methodist College	Montgomery, Ala.	W; 3-1
	vs. Brewton-Parker College	Montgomery, Ala.	W; 3-2
	vs. Brenau University	Montgomery, Ala.	W; 3-1
Oct. 14	*at Belhaven College	Jackson, Miss.	W; 3-1
Oct. 21	*Loyola University-New Orleans	Home	L; 0-3
SCAD Tournament			
Oct. 24	vs. Warner Southern College	Savannah, Ga.	W; 3-1
	vs. Webber International University	Savannah, Ga.	L; 0-3
Oct. 25	vs. Saint Thomas University	Savannah, Ga.	L; 1-3
	vs. Columbia College (Mo.)	Savannah, Ga.	L; 0-3
Oct. 28	*University of Mobile	Home	L; 0-3
Oct. 30	University of West Florida	Home	L; 0-3
Nov. 1	Millsaps College	Home	W; 3-1
Nov. 4	at University of West Florida	Pensacola, Fla.	L; 0-3
Nov. 14 \$	vs. Dillard University	New Orleans, La.	W; 3-2
Nov. 15 \$	at Loyola University-New Orleans	New Orleans, La.	L; 0-3

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DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Spring Hill College Classic			
Sept. 4	*at Southern University-New Orleans	New Orleans, La.	7 p.m.
Sept. 9	*University of Mobile	Outlaw Rec Center	7 p.m.
Rhodes College Invitational			
Sept. 11	vs. Principia College	Memphis, Tenn.	2 p.m.
Sept. 12	vs. Union University	Memphis, Tenn.	6 p.m.
	at Rhodes College	Memphis, Tenn.	1 p.m.
Sept. 16	vs. Millsaps College	Memphis, Tenn.	5 p.m.
	*Loyola-New Orleans	Outlaw Rec Center	7 p.m.
Sept. 18	*at Dillard University	New Orleans, La.	7 p.m.
Sept. 21	*Southern University-New Orleans	Outlaw Rec Center	7 p.m.
Sept. 25	at Talladega College	Talladega, Ala.	6 p.m.
Sept. 30	*Dillard University	Outlaw Rec Center	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 5	Faulkner University	Outlaw Rec Center	6 p.m.
Faulkner University Invitational			
Oct. 9	vs. Shorter College	Montgomery, Ala.	1 p.m.
	vs. Brenau University	Montgomery, Ala.	5 p.m.
Oct. 10	vs. Brewton-Parker College	Montgomery, Ala.	12 p.m.
	vs. Union University	Montgomery, Ala.	4 p.m.
Oct. 13	*Belhaven College	Outlaw Rec Center	3 p.m.
Oct. 19	*at University of Mobile	Univ. of Mobile	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	*at Loyola-New Orleans	New Orleans, La.	7 p.m.
Oct. 29	Concordia College-Selma	Outlaw Rec Center	6 p.m.
Oct. 31	*at Belhaven College	Jackson, Miss.	3 p.m.
Nov. 2	Talladega College	Outlaw Rec Center	6 p.m.
Nov. 10	at University of West Alabama	Livingston, Ala.	7 p.m.
Nov. 13-14	GCAC Tournament	Univ. of Mobile	TBA

*-GCAC match