

SAMFORD

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Upcoming Events:

ACT Date
Oct. 24

Early Signing Date
November 11-18

Samford Coaching Clinic
October 24

AHSAA First Day of Practice
October 19

Coaches Spotlight



Jake Headrick

Associate Head Coach

Hamilton, Alabama

Headrick begins his 4th season on staff with the Bulldogs after serving on staff at Ole Miss, Chipola JC, and Montevallo. Headrick has helped all 3 previous schools reach postseason births.

THE SENIOR CLASS



Darius Jones-Gibson, a 6'2" Guard from Lexington, KY is returning after a stellar Junior season. As the leading scorer for the Bulldogs last season, Jones-Gibson looks to improve on his 12.2 PPG average. The All-Conference performer will be a vocal leader on the court and look to add to his already impressive resume.

Marcus Johnson, a 6'0" Guard from Washington DC is returning after a Junior season as one of the key reserves for the Bulldogs. The teams second leading shooter from 3, averaged 6.2 PPG, but finished the second half of the season strong averaging over 8 PPG in that stretch. Johnson, looks to continue where he left off last season.



Jamal Shabazz, a 6'5" Wing from Pflugerville, TX is returning after a Junior season where he battled through injuries. Even through the injuries and limited minutes, Jamal was the teams second leading rebounder. Jamal looks to rebound this season and become a key player for the Bulldogs.

Iman Johnson, a 6'5" Wing from Milwaukee, WI is a graduate transfer coming to the Bulldogs from Maryland-Eastern Shore. Iman played in all 31 games and started 14 helping UMES to its first postseason birth in 34 years. Johnsons winning experience and physical presence are just the things the Bulldogs need to take the next step in the SOCON.



PRACTICES UNDERWAY FOR THE 15-16 SEASON

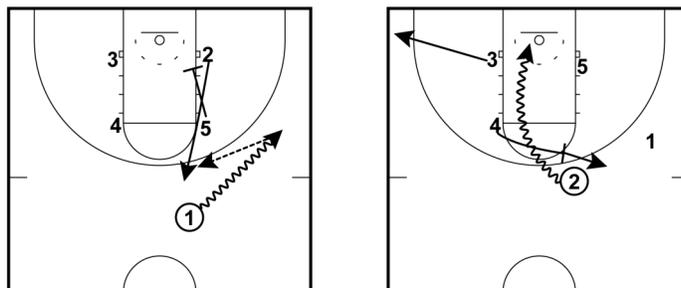


The Bulldogs have been practicing daily working to get ready for the upcoming season. The NCAA Rules changed in 2014 allowing teams to begin practicing 42 days prior to their first regular season game. However, during that time, teams may only use 30 of the days to practice.

Padgett and staff have seen a lot of progress early on this year with 8 returning players on the roster. "Having players who know and understand what we expect is a huge plus for us. Last year, the system was new to everyone. This year we look much better, because we can teach more details," Padgett said.

With 7 new players on the roster (2 transfers who will be sitting out), having the experience is proving to be key.

PLAY OF THE WEEK—"ZIPPER"



The "Zipper" action makes it very hard to guard the high ballscreen. Here we run it as a pick and pop action, because our 4 men are usually shooters. If you do not have that, you can run a roll and replace action also.