

# 2011-12 SAMFORD BASKETBALL



John Peterson

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2011–12 Schedule

Matthew Friday





## SAMFORD UNIVERSITY

**Location:** Birmingham, Ala.  
**Year Founded:** 1841, Howard College  
**Enrollment:** 4,715  
**Nickname:** Bulldogs  
**School Colors:** Red and Blue  
**Arena (Capacity):** Pete Hanna Center (5,000)  
**Affiliation:** NCAA Division I  
**Conference:** Southern  
**President:** Dr. Andrew Westmoreland  
**Alma Mater:** Ouachita Baptist University '79  
**Director of Athletics:** Martin Newton  
**Alma Mater:** Samford '83

## 2011-12 SCHEDULE

Nov. 7	BERRY COLLEGE (exhibition)	7 p.m.
Nov. 12	YOUNGSTOWN STATE	7 p.m.
Nov. 18	at Jacksonville	6 p.m.
Nov. 22	GEORGIA STATE	7 p.m.
Nov. 26	at University of Texas Arlington	7 p.m.
Dec. 1	WESTERN CAROLINA*	7 p.m.
Dec. 5	University of Texas at San Antonio	7 p.m.
Dec. 7	MERCER	7 p.m.
Dec. 10	LINDSEY WILSON	4 p.m.
Dec. 17	SPRING HILL	4 p.m.
Dec. 20	at Kentucky (ESPN2)	6 p.m.
Dec. 28	at Sam Houston State	7 p.m.
Dec. 31	at Maryland (FSS)	1 p.m.
Jan. 5	APPALACHIAN STATE*	7 p.m.
Jan. 7	at The Citadel*	6:05 p.m.
Jan. 12	at Georgia Southern*	6 p.m.
Jan. 14	CHATTANOOGA* (SSN)	3 p.m.
Jan. 19	at Elon*	6 p.m.
Jan. 21	at UNC-Greensboro*	1 p.m.
Jan. 26	GEORGIA SOUTHERN* (ESPN3)	7 p.m.
Jan. 28	DAVIDSON*	4 p.m.
Jan. 30	COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON*	7 p.m.
Feb. 2	at Appalachian State*	6 p.m.
Feb. 4	at Wofford*	1 p.m.
Feb. 9	UNC-Greensboro*	7 p.m.
Feb. 11	ELON*	4 p.m.
Feb. 15	at Davidson*	6 p.m.
Feb. 18	FURMAN*	4 p.m.
Feb. 23	at Western Carolina*	6 p.m.
Feb. 25	at Chattanooga*	7 p.m.
March 2-5	Southern Conference Tournament	TBA

Home games are in CAPS.

All times Central; dates and times are subject to change.

\*Southern Conference game

## TEAM INFORMATION

**2010-11 Overall Record:** 12-19  
**2010-11 Conference Record/finish:** 4-14/6th in North  
**First Year of Basketball:** 1901-02  
**All-Time Record:** 1006-1209 .454 (93 years)  
**All-Time Division I Record:** 481-595 .447 (38 years)  
**Years in NCAA Tournament:** 2  
**NCAA Tournament Record:** 0-2  
**Last Time in NCAA Tournament:** 2000  
**Last NCAA opponent:** Syracuse, L 79-65  
 NCAA Midwest Regional, Cleveland, Ohio

## BASKETBALL STAFF

**Head Coach:** Jimmy Tillette (Our Lady of Holy Cross '75)  
**Record at Samford:** 218-200 (14 years)  
**Career Record:** 218-200 (14 years)  
**Associate Head Coach:** Paul Kelly (Tulane University '87)  
**Assistant Coaches:** Lee Burgess (Samford University '01),  
 Terrence Johnson (Southern University '01)  
**Director of Basketball Operations:** Jay Welborn (Samford University '01)

## STARTERS RETURNING (3)

		PPG	RPG	APG	SPG
1	Drew Windler, So., C	6.2	1.9	1.2	0.4
5	Jeffrey Merritt, Sr., G	10.3	6.3	2.0	1.2
24	Will Cook, So., G	2.3	1.3	0.2	0.2

## STARTERS LOST (2)

2	Gaby Bermudez, G	2.7	1.1	1.9	0.6
10	Josh Bedwell, G	8.3	2.5	1.7	0.8

## ADDITIONAL LETTERWINNERS RETURNING (6)

12	John Peterson, Sr., F	4.9	2.2	0.5	0.3
14	Kaylin Johnson, Sr., G	4.2	1.9	0.9	0.4
15	Hamilton Bailey, So., G	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
21	Gregg Wooten, Jr., G	7.6	1.7	1.5	0.7
23	Matthew Friday, Sr., C	1.1	0.8	0.5	0.2
33	Levi Barnes, So., C	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

## NONSTARTING LETTERWINNERS LOST (2)

4	Josh Davis, Sr., G	7.5	3.0	0.9	0.8
32	Andy King, Sr., C	6.6	2.3	2.1	0.5

## REDSHIRT FRESHMAN (1)

35 Tyler Hood (6-6, 200, F, RS Fr., Kingston, Tenn.)

## TRUE FRESHMEN (4)

2 Brandon Hayman (6-3, 185, G, Fr., Braselton, Ga.)  
 10 Connor Miller (6-3, 175, G, Fr., Stanley, Wis.)  
 11 Raijon Kelly (6-4, 170, G, Fr., Maplewood, Minn.)  
 25 Devin McNeil (6-0, 180, G, Fr., Birmingham, Ala.)

## LETTERWINNERS BY EXPERIENCE

Three years (4)	Matthew Friday, Kaylin Johnson, Jeffrey Merritt, John Peterson
Two years (1)	Gregg Wooten
One year (4)	Hamilton Bailey, Levi Barnes, Will Cook, Drew Windler
Redshirt Freshman (1)	Tyler Hood
True Freshmen (4)	Brandon Hayman, Raijon Kelly, Devin McNeil, Connor Miller



**COVERING THE BULLDOGS**

Your host for Samford basketball is Sports Information Director Zac Schrieber. He can be reached at 205-726-2802 or by cell phone at 205-532-3476. Please contact him for any assistance in your coverage of Samford basketball.

**CREDENTIAL REQUESTS**

All members of media working a game must request credentials from the sports information office. Early requests are helpful, enabling media to receive parking passes before games. Please make requests at least one business day before a game. Pick up unmailed credentials at the Will Call booth at the main entrance of Pete Hanna Center.

Requests should be made to Zac Schrieber at 205-726-2545 or zdschrie@samford.edu.

**PRESS ROW**

Working media should enter through the bottom-level entrance on the west side of Pete Hanna Center. Press facilities are located on the north and south sides of the arena. Seating for print and broadcast media is located on the north side. The press row phone number is 205-726-2377.

**Radio:** Each team’s radio crew is provided seating on the south side of the court. One phone line is provided for the visitor’s radio broadcast on a reciprocal basis. If additional lines are needed, they must be secured by contacting Ann Kolter in Samford Telephone Services at 205-726-2996.

**Television:** For television coverage, broadcast seating will be made available to the originating network. Contact the sports information office for details. All telecasts must have the approval of the Samford director of athletics.

**Photography:** Samford follows official NCAA guidelines regarding media representatives on the endlines. Photographers shooting from the endlines must display their credentials at all times. Only photographers shooting for accredited news agencies, Samford University Photographic Services, freelance photographers shooting for the Samford sports information or basketball offices, or for the opponent’s sports information office will be issued credentials.

Media staffing the contest will not be allowed in the team areas for any reason. Anyone violating the accepted media guidelines will be removed by Samford representatives responsible for event management.

**PRESS ROW SERVICES**

Statistics, game notes and game-day programs with flip cards will be made available for the media in the press room before the game. Box scores will be provided at halftime, and complete stat booklets will be available shortly after the conclusion of the game. Every effort to provide quotes from Head Coach Jimmy Tillette and the opposing coach will be made.

A pregame meal and drinks will be available in the hospitality room before the game and at halftime.

**INTERVIEWS WITH JIMMY TILLETTE**

The best time to reach Head Coach Jimmy Tillette is 1–2 p.m., Monday–Friday, at 205-726-2920. If he is not available, please leave a message, and he will return the call.

It is preferred but not necessary to contact the sports information office to set up an interview with Tillette.

**PLAYER INTERVIEWS**

All player interviews must be set up through the sports information office at least one day in advance. Players are available daily after practice. Phone interviews are permitted if requested in advance through the sports information office.

**POSTGAME INTERVIEW POLICIES**

At the conclusion of each game, the Samford sports information staff will make requested players available on the court for interviews.

Head Coach Jimmy Tillette’s first postgame responsibility after meeting with his players is his live radio show. Following the radio show, Tillette will be available for interviews.

For interviews with the opposing coach or players, please make arrangements before the end of the game with the sports information director from that institution.

**PARKING**

Press parking is at a premium at Pete Hanna Center. Spaces are allotted on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact Zac Schrieber at 205-532-3476 to make arrangements.



Drew Windler



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 800 Lakeshore Drive  
 Birmingham, AL 35229

### TICKET INFORMATION

The Samford Athletics Ticket Office offers season packages, single game tickets and 2012 Southern Conference Tournament tickets.

The main box office opens 60 minutes before tip-off and is located on the third floor of the east side of Pete Hanna Center. For the most up-to-date Samford basketball ticket information, please call the ticket office at 205-726-DOGS, email [tickets@samford.edu](mailto:tickets@samford.edu), or go to [www.samfordsports.com](http://www.samfordsports.com).

### RADIO

Samford basketball games can be heard in Birmingham on WVSU-FM 91.1, the flagship station of the Samford Radio Network. WVSU-FM 91.1 is also home to *Samford Sports Weekly*, a weekly one-hour radio show that airs November to March. The show features Head Coach Jimmy Tillette, as well as coaches and players from Samford's other teams.

### INTERNET

All Samford basketball games can be heard online for free at [www.samford.edu/wvsu](http://www.samford.edu/wvsu). Information on Samford's radio and internet broadcast services can be found at [www.samfordsports.com](http://www.samfordsports.com) under "Broadcast Information."

Archives of game broadcasts and the *Samford Sports Weekly* radio show can be found online at [www.samfordondemand.com](http://www.samfordondemand.com), along with team video highlights.



Jeffrey Merritt

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## Q&A Session With Head Basketball Coach Jimmy Tillette

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**BIRMINGHAM, Ala.** --- The 2011-12 Samford basketball season is less than a week away and the Bulldogs' Head Coach Jimmy Tillette sat down with Sports Information Director Zac Schrieber to talk about...

on the **SAMFORD Sports Network** **BULLDOG BIG SCREEN**

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Samford Sports Weekly for 11-02-11

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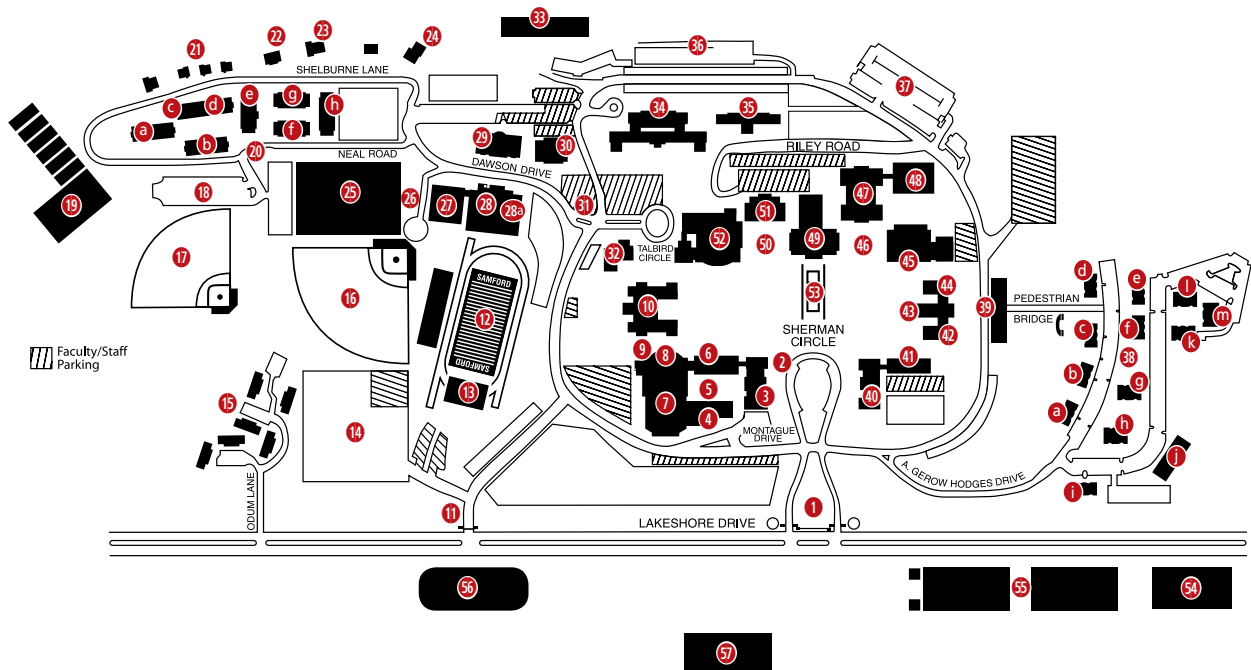
PRINT	ADDRESS	PHONE	FAX	CONTACT
Anniston Star	P. O. Box 189, Anniston, AL 36202	256-235-9242	205-235-3535	Bran Strickland
Associated Press	200 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36101	1-800-821-3737	334-265-7177	John Zenor
Associated Press	Suite 500, One CNN Center, Atlanta, GA 30303	1-800-222-1790	404-524-4639	Sports
Birmingham News	P. O. Box 2553, Birmingham, AL 35202	205-325-2431	205-325-2425	Sports
Cullman Times	300 Fourth Avenue Southeast, Cullman, AL 35055	256-734-2131	256-734-1020	Justin Graves
Decatur Daily	P. O. Box 2213, Decatur, AL 35609	256-340-2461	256-340-2392	Mark Edwards
Dothan Eagle	P. O. Box 1968, Dothan, AL 36203	334-792-3141	334-712-7979	Jon Johnson
Enterprise Ledger	P. O. Box 311130, Enterprise, AL 36331	334-347-9533	334-347-0825	Danny Lewis
Florence Times Daily	P. O. Box 797, Florence, AL 35631	256-766-3434	256-740-4717	Gregg Dewalt
Fort Payne Times-Journal	P. O. Box 349, Fort Payne, AL 35967-0281	256-845-2550	256-845-8835	Lou Gilliland
Gadsden Times	P. O. Box 188, Gadsden, AL 35999	256-549-2051	256-549-2105	Kim Craft
Huntsville Times	P. O. Box 1487, Huntsville, AL 35807	256-532-4430	256-532-4262	Sports
Mobile Press Register	P. O. Box 2488, Mobile, AL 36630	334-433-1551	334-434-8603	Randy Kennedy
Montgomery Advertiser	P. O. Box 1000, Montgomery, AL 36101-1000	334-261-1586	334-261-1548	Brad Zimanek
Opelika-Auburn News	P. O. Drawer 2208, Opelika, AL 36803-2208	334-749-6271	334-749-1228	Mike Szvetitz
Over the Mountain Journal	2016 Columbiana Road, Birmingham, AL 35216	205-823-9646	205-824-1246	Maury Wald
Samford Crimson	P. O. Box 292269, Birmingham, AL 35229-2269	205-726-2998	205-726-2586	Sports Editor
Scottsboro Daily Sentinel	701 Veteran's Drive, Scottsboro, AL 35768	256-259-1020	256-259-2709	Jason Bowen
Selma Times-Journal	P. O. Box 611, Selma, AL 36702	334-875-2110	334-872-4588	Sports Editor
Talladega Daily Home	P. O. Box 977, Talladega, AL 35160	256-362-1000	256-249-4315	Sports Editor
Troy Messenger	P. O. Box 727, Troy, AL 36081	334-566-4270	256-566-4281	Greg Rossino
Tuscaloosa News	P. O. Drawer 1, Tuscaloosa, AL 35402	1-800-866-6086	205-349-0802	Tommy Deas

TELEVISION	ADDRESS	PHONE	FAX	CONTACT
WBRC-TV	P. O. Box 6, Birmingham, AL 35202	205-583-4345	205-583-4356	Rick Karle
WVTM-TV	P. O. Box 10502, Birmingham, AL 35202	205-558-7345	205-323-3314	Don Haas
Alabama's ABC 33/40	800 Concourse Parkway, Suite 200/201, Birmingham, AL 35244	205-982-3988	205-982-3942	Mike Raita
WIAT-TV	P. O. Box 6146, Birmingham, AL 35209	205-322-4200	205-326-2722	B. J. Millican

RADIO	ADDRESS	PHONE	FAX	CONTACT
WJOX/WSPZ Radio	244 Goodwin Crest Drive, Suite 300, Birmingham, AL 35209	205-945-4646	205-942-3999	Ryan Haney
WERC Radio	530 Beacon Parkway West, Suite 600, Birmingham, AL 35209	205-942-9600	205-439-8390	Sports
WVSU Radio	800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229	205-726-2877	205-726-4032	Andy Parrish

MISCELLANEOUS	ADDRESS	PHONE	FAX	CONTACT
BP Sports Online	901 Commerce Street, Nashville, TN 37203	615-782-8615	615-782-8736	Editor
Sports Ticker	600 Plaza Two, Jersey City, NJ 07311-3992	1-800-367-8935	1-800-336-0383	Sports
Sports Network	www.sportsnetwork.com			Craig Haley
Don Hansen's Football Gazette	www.donhansen.com			Don Hanesen

**SAMFORD UNIVERSITY CAMPUS MAP**





**BIRMINGHAM TO: MILES DRIVING TIME (HOURS)**

Jacksonville, Fla.	460	7.00
Arlington, Texas	665	9.50
Lexington, Ky.	410	6.00
Huntsville, Texas	650	9.25
College Park, Md.	760	11.00
Charleston, S.C.	470	6.50
Statesboro, Ga.	400	5.75
Elon, N.C.	500	7.00
Greensboro, N.C.	485	6.75
Boone, N.C.	420	6.25
Spartanburg, S.C.	325	4.50
Davidson, N.C.	410	6.00
Cullowhee, N.C.	305	4.25
Chattanooga, Tenn.	150	2.25

**DIRECTIONS TO PETE HANNA CENTER**

**From I-20/59 North:** Exit onto I-65 South toward Montgomery. Continue approximately five miles and take Exit 255 to Lakeshore Drive. Turn left onto Lakeshore Drive and continue approximately two miles. Turn left at the fourth traffic light into the main gate. Turn left onto Montague Drive. Turn left onto Dawson Drive. Hanna Center is on the left.

**From I-65 North:** Take Exit 255 to Lakeshore Drive. Turn right onto Lakeshore Drive and continue approximately two miles. Turn left at the fourth traffic light into the main gate. Turn left onto Montague Drive. Turn left onto Dawson Drive. Hanna Center is on the left.

**From I-20 West:** Exit onto I-459 South toward Montgomery/Tuscaloosa. Continue approximately 10 miles and take exit for Highway 280 North toward Mountain Brook. Take Lakeshore Drive exit and turn left onto Lakeshore Drive. Continue approximately three miles. Turn right into the main gate. Turn left onto Montague Drive. Turn left onto Dawson Drive. Hanna Center is on the left.

**From I-65 South:** Take Exit 255 to Lakeshore Drive. Turn left onto Lakeshore Drive and continue approximately two miles. Turn left at the fourth traffic light into the main gate. Turn left onto Montague Drive. Turn left onto Dawson Drive. Hanna Center is on the left.

**From I-59 South:** Exit onto I-65 South toward Montgomery. Continue approximately five miles and take Exit 255 to Lakeshore Drive. Turn left onto Lakeshore Drive and continue approximately two miles. Turn left at the fourth traffic light into the main gate. Turn left onto Montague Drive. Turn left onto Dawson Drive. Hanna Center is on the left.

**HOTELS**

Birmingham Marriott	3590 Grandview Parkway	205-968-3775
Drury Hotels	160 State Farm Parkway	205-940-9500
Hampton Inn—Lakeshore Drive	30 State Farm Parkway	205-313-2060
Hilton Garden Inn	520 Wildwood North Circle	205-314-0274
Holiday Inn Express	492 Wildwood Circle North	205-942-6070
Sheraton Birmingham	2101 Richard Arrington Boulevard	205-324-5000
Spring Hill Suites	3950 Colonnade Parkway	205-969-8099
The Wynfrey Hotel	1000 Riverchase Galleria	205-987-1600

**RESTAURANTS**

Brio Tuscan Grille	591 Brookwood Village	205-879-9177
Domino's	430 Green Springs Highway	205-916-0070
Firehouse Subs	429 Green Springs Highway	205-945-2637
Jason's Deli	583 Brookwood Village	205-877-8477
Mafiaoza's Pizzeria	2 Dexter Avenue	205-414-7878
Moe's	716 Montgomery Highway	205-842-7603
Papa John's	736 Montgomery Highway	205-978-7272

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|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1. Main Gate                                           | 19a. Darwin E. Hardison Tennis Courts                                 | 33. Facilities Management                                                  | 51. Dwight M. Beeson Hall (Business)      |
| 2. Sherman Oak                                         | 19b. Pat Murphy Courington Tennis Pavilion                            | 34. Lena Vail Davis Residence Hall                                         | 52. Ralph W. Beeson University Center     |
| 3. Frank Park Samford Hall (Admission, Administration) | 20. West Campus Residence Halls                                       | 35. Mamie Mell Smith Residence Hall                                        | 52a. Dining Hall                          |
| 4. Jane Hollock Brock Hall                             | 20a. Sigma Chi                                                        | 36. North Parking Deck                                                     | 52b. Bookstore                            |
| 4a. Jane Hollock Brock Recital Hall                    | 20b. Mountain View                                                    | 37. Northeast Parking Deck                                                 | 52c. The Hub (Information Center)         |
| 5. Hazel P. Boren Courtyard and Garden                 | 20c. Sigma Nu                                                         | 38. Beeson Woods Residence Halls                                           | 53. Centennial Walk/University Quadrangle |
| 6. John H. Buchanan Hall (Arts)                        | 20d. Alpha Omicron Pi                                                 | a. James Hall                                                              | 54. Children's Learning Center            |
| 7. Leslie S. Wright Fine Arts Center                   | 20e. Phi Mu                                                           | h. Lucille Hall                                                            | 55. Intramural/Recreation Complex         |
| 8. Bonnie Bolding Swearingen Hall                      | 20f. Chi Omega                                                        | b. Luther Hall                                                             | 55a. Alpine Tower                         |
| 8a. Benjamin F. Harrison Theatre                       | 20g. Alpha Delta Pi                                                   | c. Malcolm Hall                                                            | 56. Track and Soccer Stadium              |
| 8b. Bolding Studio                                     | 20h. Zeta Tau Alpha                                                   | d. Wesley Hall                                                             |                                           |
| 8c. Samford Art Gallery                                | 21. Facilities Management Houses                                      | e. Ralph Hall                                                              |                                           |
| 9. Gertha Itasca Earwood Bolding Memorial Garden       | 22. Pi Kappa Phi House                                                | f. Orlean Hall                                                             |                                           |
| 10. Divinity Hall (Divinity)                           | 23. Air Force ROTC Detachment                                         | g. Dwight Hall                                                             |                                           |
| 10a. Andrew Gerow Hodges Chapel                        | 24. Lambda Chi Alpha House                                            | 39. William Self Propst Hall                                               |                                           |
| 11. West Gate Entrance                                 | 25. Pete Hanna Center (Athletics)                                     | 39a. Conservatory                                                          |                                           |
| 12. F. Page Seibert Stadium                            | 25a. Thomas E. and Maria H. Courts Arena                              | 39b. Boyd E. Christenberry Planetarium                                     |                                           |
| 12a. Leo E. Bashinsky Press Tower                      | 25b. Fitness/Wellness Center                                          | 40. Robert I. Ingalls, Sr. Hall (Pharmacy)                                 |                                           |
| 13. Cooney Family Field House                          | 26. Bulldog Spirit Plaza                                              | 41. Thomas D. Russell Hall                                                 |                                           |
| 14. South Stadium Parking Lot                          | 27. Leo E. Bashinsky Field House                                      | 42. James Horton Chapman Hall                                              |                                           |
| 15. Student Apartments                                 | 28. F. Page Seibert Hall                                              | 43. A. Hamilton Reid Chapel                                                |                                           |
| 16. Joe Lee Griffin Baseball Field                     | 28a. University Health Services                                       | 44. Percy Pratt Burns Hall                                                 |                                           |
| 16a. Carl E. Miller, Jr. Press Box                     | 29. Dwight M. and Lucille S. Beeson Center for Healing Arts (Nursing) | 45. Elinor Messer Brooks and Marion Thomas Brooks Hall (Arts and Sciences) |                                           |
| 17. Bulldog Softball Field                             | 30. Orlean Bullard Beeson Hall (Education and Professional Studies)   | 46. Martha F. and Albert P. Brewer Plaza                                   |                                           |
| 18. West Parking Deck                                  | 31. Victory Flag                                                      | 47. Memory Leake Robinson Hall (Law)                                       |                                           |
| 19. Samford Tennis Center                              | 32. John D. Pittman Hall                                              | 48. Lucille Stewart Beeson Law Library                                     |                                           |
|                                                        |                                                                       | 49. Harwell G. Davis University Library                                    |                                           |
|                                                        |                                                                       | 50. Ben Brown Plaza                                                        |                                           |



### JACKSONVILLE

**Nov. 18, 2011, Jacksonville, Fla.**

**Depart:** Thrasher Brothers bus to Birmingham Airport, Nov. 17

**Hotel:** Courtyard by Marriott Kendall Town  
9815 Lantern Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32225  
904-247-6782

**Return:** Thrasher Brothers bus, Nov. 19 (pick up at Birmingham Airport)

### TEXAS-ARLINGTON

**Nov. 26, 2011, Arlington, Texas**

**Depart:** Thrasher Brothers bus to Birmingham Airport, Nov. 25

**Hotel:** SpringHill Suites by Marriott-Arlington  
1975 East Lamar Boulevard  
Arlington TX 76006  
817-456-2667

**Return:** Thrasher Brothers bus to airport/fly to Birmingham, Nov. 27

### KENTUCKY

**Dec. 20, 2011, Lexington, Ky.**

**Depart:** Thrasher Brothers bus, Dec. 20

**Hotel:** Hyatt Regency Lexington  
401 West High Street  
Lexington, KY 40507  
859-519-4214

**Return:** Thrasher Brothers bus Dec. 21

### SAM HOUSTON STATE

**Dec. 28, 2011, Huntsville, Texas**

**Depart:** Thrasher Brothers bus to Birmingham Airport, Dec. 27

**Hotel:** Holiday Inn  
148 South I-45  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
936-295-4300

**Depart:** Bus to Houston following the game

**Hotel:** Holiday Inn  
Airport Boulevard  
Houston, TX 77061  
713-946-8900

**Depart:** Bus to airport/fly to Maryland Dec. 29

### MARYLAND

**Dec. 31, 2011, College Park, Md.**

**Depart:** Houston Hobby at 10:35 a.m., Dec. 29

**Hotel:** Greenbelt Marriot  
6400 Ivy Lane  
Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-441-3700

**Return:** Birmingham Airport, Dec. 31 (pick up at Birmingham Airport)

### THE CITADEL

**Jan. 7, 2012, Charleston, S.C.**

**Depart:** Thrasher Brothers bus, Jan. 6

**Hotel:** Renaissance Charleston  
68 Wentworth Street  
Charleston, SC 29401  
843-534-0300

**Return:** Thrasher Brothers bus, after the game

### GEORGIA SOUTHERN

**Jan. 12, 2012, Statesboro, Ga.**

**Arrive:** Thrasher Brothers bus, Jan. 11

**Hotel:** Springhill Suites Statesboro  
105 Springhill Drive  
Statesboro, GA 30458  
912-489-0000

**Return:** Thrasher Brothers bus, after the game

### ELON

**Jan. 15, 2011, Chattanooga, Tenn.**

**Depart:** Thrasher Brothers bus, Jan. 18

**Hotel:** Courtyard by Marriott  
3141 Wilson Drive  
Burlington, NC 27215  
336-585-1888

**Return:** Thrasher Brothers bus, after the game

### UNC-GREENSBORO (tentative)

**Jan. 22, 2012, Greensboro, N.C.**

**Depart:** Thrasher Brothers bus from Elon, Jan. 20

**Hotel:** Greensboro Marriott Downtown  
304 North Greene Street  
Greensboro, NC 27401  
336-379-8000

**Return:** Thrasher Brothers bus, after the game

### APPALACHIAN STATE

**Feb. 2, 2012, Boone, N.C.**

**Depart:** Thrasher Brothers bus, Feb. 1

**Hotel:** Country Inn  
818 East King Street  
Boone, NC 28607  
828-264-4234

**Depart:** Thrasher Brothers bus to Spartanburg, S.C., Feb. 3

### WOFFORD

**Feb. 4, 2012, Spartanburg, S.C.**

**Arrive:** Thrasher Brothers bus from Boone, N.C., Feb. 3

**Hotel:** Spartanburg Marriott at Renaissance Park  
299 North Church Street  
Spartanburg, SC 29306  
301-820-6101

**Return:** Thrasher Brothers bus, after the game



**DAVIDSON**

**Feb. 15, 2012, Davidson, N.C.**

**Depart:** Thrasher Brothers bus, Feb. 14  
**Hotel:** Courtyard Marriot Lake Norman  
 16700 Northcross Drive  
 Huntersville, NC 28078  
 704-949-4900

**Return:** Thrasher Brothers bus, after the game

**WESTERN CAROLINA**

**Feb. 23, 2012, Cullowhee, N.C.**

**Depart:** Thrasher Brothers bus, Feb. 22  
**Hotel:** Holiday Inn Express  
 26 Robinson Road  
 Dillsboro, NC 28725  
 828-550-9168

**Return:** Thrasher Bus, after the game

**CHATTANOOGA**

**Feb. 23, 2012, Chattanooga, Tenn.**

**Depart:** Thrasher Brothers bus, Feb. 23, after  
 shootaround

**Return:** Thrasher Brothers bus, after the game

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Kaylin Johnson



# YOUNG, TALENTED BULLDOGS HEAD INTO 2011-12

The Bulldogs head into the 2011-12 season with a first-class mix of talented upperclassmen and an abundance of energetic underclassmen. Samford's senior class consists of post player Matthew Friday, guard Kaylin Johnson, and wing players Jeffrey Merritt and John Peterson.

The four seniors have started a combined total of 109 games and have earned playing time in 304 contests over the last three years.

The Bulldogs return 59 percent of their scoring from a year ago, as well as 67 percent of their rebounding from 2010-11. Merritt, a third-year starter from Oklahoma City, Okla., has been the team's leading scorer and rebounder. He finished last season with an average of 10.3 points and 6.3 rebounds per contest.

"Jeffrey is our toughest guy and our best leader," Head Coach Jimmy Tillette said. "He's a vocal player."

Tillette says it will be odd to play without a Merritt on the roster next year. Since 2001, there has been at least one Merritt brother listed on Samford's roster.

"It's a great, great family," Tillette said. "I'll wax nostalgic when we get to that point in the year, but we'll definitely be counting on Jeffrey to do a lot of things for this team this season."

In 2001, J. Robert Merritt joined the Bulldogs as a freshman, and he became the school's seventh all-time leading scorer with 1,584 points. He was also the school's first All-American and is still the leader in 3-pointers made in a career (311).

In 2003, Joe Ross Merritt joined the program and played three seasons with J. Robert. Joe Ross finished his career as

Samford's all-time leader in games played with 121. He graduated following the 2007-08 campaign, and since then, Jeffrey has been wearing his No. 5 jersey.

Heading into his fourth year at Samford, Jeffrey Merritt is a staple in the starting lineup and should keep the Samford-Merritt tradition alive until he graduates in 2012.

The 2011-12 senior class looks to build upon its wealth of experience and cohesion this season to lead nine talented underclassmen in a schedule that features road matches at Kentucky and Maryland, as well as a challenging slate of Southern Conference contests.

## RETURNING STARTERS

In Samford's final game of the 2010-11 season, the starting lineup consisted of Drew Windler at the post position, Will Cook and Jeffrey Merritt on the wings, and seniors Gaby Bermudez and Josh Bedwell at the guard spots. Bermudez and Bedwell have graduated from Samford, leaving Windler, Cook and Merritt as the team's returning starters.

The aforementioned trio of players combined to start 62 games last season, with Cook and Windler both starting as freshmen.



Jeffrey Merritt

Cook earned playing time in 24 of 31 games and logged an average of 8.2 minutes per outing. The Dallas, Texas, native scored 2.3 points per contest and grabbed an average of 1.3 rebounds per game. He finished last season with a 39.2 shooting percentage from the field and a 25 percent mark from 3-point range.

"Will seems to get better every day," said Tillette. "He was a true freshman last season, and he had some brilliant moments where he battled on the floor. He just needs to continue to improve and get more consistent."

Windler, a 6-9 center from South Milwaukee, Wis., was Samford's 2011 Most Improved Player. He started in 28 of 31 games and shot 41.2 percent from the arc, good for eighth in the SoCon in 3-point shooting percentage. He also finished the year ranked No. 12 in the SoCon in blocked shots per game. As a redshirt freshman, Windler averaged 6.2 points and 1.9 rebounds per game, while earning playing time in all 31 contests and averaging 17.2 minutes per outing.

"Drew will have a huge role this season," Tillette said. "He's very competitive. As a redshirt freshman without any previous experience a year ago, he got better and better as the year went on."

Merritt, who has been a consistent starter the previous two seasons, started in 30 of 31 games a year ago and averaged a team-high 10.3 points per contest. He finished the season with an average of 6.3 rebounds per game, Samford's best annual average since former Bulldog Marc Salyers pulled down 7.2 boards per contest during the 1999-2000 campaign. Additionally, Merritt was named to the All-Tournament Team of the 2010 Global Sports Hoops Showcase, as he helped lead the Bulldogs to the championship title of the four-team, three-day competition hosted by Auburn University.

This season, Samford also boasts additional players who earned multiple starts a year ago. Johnson started in 12 games at guard in 2010-11, while John Peterson was listed in the starting lineup eight times at the wing position. Gregg Wooten finished the campaign with four starts at the point as a sophomore.

### RETURNING LETTERWINNERS

The Bulldogs have nine returning letterwinners this season. In addition to returning starters Cook, Merritt and Windler, Samford's 2011-12 squad also includes returners Hamilton Bailey, Levi Barnes, Matthew Friday, Kaylin Johnson, Peterson and Wooten.

Friday, a fifth-year senior and the teams' most experienced post player, earned time in 22 of 31 games and finished the season with a team-best 52.6 shooting percentage from the floor.

Peterson also logged significant

playing time in all 31 games, making eight appearances in the starting lineup. A senior wing player from Boca Raton, Fla., he averaged 4.9 points per contest last season and pulled down 2.2 rebounds per outing. He logged an average of 16.7 minutes per game and turned in a 45.5 shooting percentage from the field.

Johnson averaged 4.2 points per contest as a junior and also added 1.9 rebounds per outing. He earned playing time in all 31 games and made 12 starts as a guard. A native of Baton Rouge, La., he logged an average of 17.9 minutes per game and turned in a 35.6 shooting percentage from the field. The coaching staff has high hopes for both Johnson and Peterson this season.

Wooten, who will likely be medically redshirted in 2011-12, earned significant playing time in 30 of 31 games and started in four contests at the point guard position. A native of Memphis, Tenn., he averaged 7.6 points per game and 1.7 rebounds per outing. In 22.3 minutes per contest, he shot 41.2 percent from the field and handed out 45 assists.

Bailey and Barnes are expected to add depth to the roster this season. A 6-4 native of Atlanta, Ga., Bailey will bolster Samford's wing position, while Barnes will be in the mix at the post position.

"Levi has improved a great deal over the spring, and Matthew can really be a threat for us this year, because he does so many things well," said Tillette. "The post position will be one of our stronger positions this season."

### REDSHIRT FRESHMAN

Samford's lone redshirt freshman this year is talented wing Tyler Hood. A highly touted recruit from Kingston, Tenn., Hood sat out last season after completing a record-setting prep career. He is expected to see significant playing time throughout 2011-12.

Hood's high school jersey was retired Jan. 4, 2011, in a ceremony held at Lenoir City High School. He finished his prep career as the all-time leading scorer at LCHS, and the Samford coaching staff eagerly anticipates his contribution to the program.

"We are strong at the wing position with Jeffrey and John, as well as with Tyler Hood and Will Cook," Tillette said.

"We have four guys who are solid there, and that allowed us to sign some talented guards last year."

### FRESHMEN

All four of Samford's incoming freshmen are guards. With loads of talent at both the post and wing positions, the coaching staff was able to sign acclaimed athletes Brandon Hayman, Raijon Kelly, Devin McNeil and Connor Miller.

"This is one of the best freshman classes we've ever had in terms of being able to incorporate and assimilate the ideas that we have presented to them," said Tillette. "Each player will bring his own skill set to the table every time out."

A 6-3 native of Braselton, Ga., Hayman is a long and rangy guard whose versatility and athleticism will also allow him to play the small forward position for the Bulldogs. He can use either hand equally well around the basket and is already proving himself as an excellent perimeter defender.



John Peterson

Combo guard Kelly possesses a very high skill level. The 6-4 native of St. Paul, Minn., is a superb ball-handler and shooter with an excellent sense of the game. His high basketball IQ and court savvy will have him competing for both point guard and shooting guard minutes this season.

McNeil, a high school standout at Central Park Christian in Birmingham, is an explosive point guard with superior athletic ability. He has tremendous instincts as a classic penetrating and passing lead guard. McNeil also has the ability to elevate over defenders and complete drives to the basket. He excels in scoring off the dribble.

Miller, from Stanley, Wis., joins the Bulldogs as a deadly long-range shooter with tremendous confidence. He possesses the rare ability to shoot off the catch and off the dribble. Miller played at Regis-Eau Claire High School and is sneaky athletic with long arms and quick bounce. He also knows how to read screens and free himself for shots.

### SCHEDULE

Samford's upcoming season features a challenging slate of games, including a Dec. 20 contest at Kentucky and a New Year's Eve matchup against Maryland.

"This is a really challenging schedule," said Tillette. "If you look at last year's results, we lost at Youngstown State, we lost to Jacksonville and then we won at Georgia State in overtime. The UT–Arlington game came down to the wire, and then we won at San Antonio on a last-second shot. In adding Mercer this season, all of these games are going to be very challenging and should do a great job of preparing us for the conference schedule."

Samford's first competition of the 2011–12 campaign is a home exhibition matchup against Berry College Nov. 7. Five days later, the Bulldogs are slated to open the season in Pete Hanna Center against Youngstown State. Last year, Samford also opened competitive play versus Youngstown State, but dropped a hard-fought 64-61 decision on the road in Youngstown, Ohio.

Samford's first road trip of the 2011–12 campaign is a nonconference matchup at Jacksonville Nov. 18, followed by another key contest at home versus Georgia State Nov. 22.

The Bulldogs once again hit the road Nov. 26 for a game at UT–Arlington. Last season, the teams squared off in Hanna Center, and the Bulldogs earned a 68-60 home victory.

Starting in December, Samford will enjoy a five-game homestand that includes its Southern Conference opener versus Western Carolina Dec. 1, and matchups against Texas–San Antonio



*John Peterson (left) and Kaylin Johnson*

Dec. 5, Mercer Dec. 7, Lindsey Wilson Dec. 10 and Spring Hill Dec. 17.

"Early December is going to be an important stretch for us," Tillette said. "We've got to find a way to have success there and really be playing well at that point. It will help us build some momentum for the rest of the season."

In Samford's final game before Christmas, the Bulldogs travel to Lexington, Ky., for a high-profile contest

against Kentucky. The meeting is sure to be Samford's toughest matchup of the season and will be its first game against Kentucky in school history. The contest will be aired live on ESPN2.

On Dec. 28, the Bulldogs will continue their three-game road trip at Sam Houston State, followed by a game against Maryland in College Park, Md., Dec. 31.

Samford's final 17 games of the



### RETURNING STARTERS (3)

	POS	HT	WT	CL	PPG	RPG	APG
Jeffrey Merritt (Oklahoma City, Okla.)	G	6-6	205	Sr.	10.3	6.3	2.0
Drew Windler (South Milwaukee, Wis.)	F/C	6-9	200	So.	6.2	1.9	1.2
Will Cook (Dallas, Texas)	G	6-4	185	So.	2.3	1.3	0.2

### RETURNING LETTERWINNERS (6)

	POS	HT	WT	CL	PPG	RPG	APG
Gregg Wooten (Memphis, Tenn.)	G	6-2	190	Jr.	7.6	1.7	1.5
John Peterson (Boca Raton, Fla.)	F	6-7	195	Sr.	4.9	2.2	0.5
Kaylin Johnson (Baton Rouge, La.)	G	6-0	180	Sr.	4.2	1.9	0.9
Matthew Friday (Grapevine, Texas)	C	6-8	235	Sr.	1.1	0.8	0.5
Hamilton Bailey (Atlanta, Ga.)	G	6-4	185	So.	0.0	0.0	0.0
Levi Barnes (Douglasville, Ga.)	C	6-10	215	So.	0.0	0.0	0.0

### REDSHIRT FRESHMAN (1)

	POS	HT	WT
Tyler Hood (Kingston, Tenn.)	F	6-6	200

### TRUE FRESHMEN (4)

	POS	HT	WT
Brandon Hayman (Braselton, Ga.)	G	6-3	185
Raijon Kelly (Maplewood, Minn.)	G	6-4	170
Devin McNeil (Birmingham, Ala.)	G	6-0	180
Connor Miller (Stanley, Wis.)	G	6-3	175

Feb. 2, Wofford Feb. 4, Davidson Feb. 15, Western Carolina Feb. 23 and at Chattanooga Feb. 25.

The 2012 SoCon Tournament will be held at the Asheville Civic Center in downtown Asheville, N.C. The 12-team tournament will be played March 2-5, and the winner will receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

regular season will be against SoCon opponents. Beginning in 2012, Samford will host key conference matchups against Appalachian State Jan. 5, Chattanooga Jan. 14, Georgia Southern Jan. 26, Davidson Jan. 28, College of Charleston Jan. 30, UNC-Greensboro Feb. 9, Elon Feb. 11 and Furman Feb. 18.

The SoCon road slate will also be tough for the Bulldogs as they travel for games at The Citadel Jan. 7, Georgia Southern Jan. 12, Elon Jan. 19, UNC-Greensboro Jan. 22, Appalachian State



Gregg Wooten