

SOUTHERN MISS LADY EAGLE BASKETBALL QUICK FACTS 2016-17



LADY EAGLES

GENERAL

Name of School: **University of Southern Mississippi**
City/Zip: **Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001**
Founded: **1910**
Enrollment: **16,000**
Nickname: **Golden Eagles**
School colors: **Black and Gold**
Arena/Gym Name: **Reed Green Coliseum**
Capacity: **8,095**
Affiliation: **NCAA Division I**
Conference: **Conference USA**
President: **Dr. Rodney D. Bennett**
Alma Mater, Yr.: **Middle Tennessee State, 1990**
Athletics Director: **Bill McGillis**
Alma Mater, Yr.: **Saint Thomas University, 1984**
Athletic Dept. Phone: **(601) 266-5017**

HISTORY

First yr. of women's basketball: **1975-76**
Overall all-time record: **684-510**
No. yrs. in NCAA Tournament/last: **8/1996**
No. yrs. in NWIT/last: **5/2015**
Last postseason opponent: **Michigan/2015**
Results: **L, 69-60 (quarterfinals WNIT)**

ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

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COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: **Joye Lee-McNelis (Southern Miss '84)**
Record at school (yrs.): **178-168 (12)**
Career record (yrs.): **407-324 (24)**
Basketball Office Phone: **(601) 266-6444**
Best time/day to reach coach: **Through SID**
Assistant Head Coach: **Kiley Hill (Arkansas Tech '95)**
Assistant Head Coach: **Pauline Love (Southern Miss '10)**
Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator: **Lauren Pittman (Southern Miss '10)**
Dir. Of Basketball Operations: **Andrew Granger (Delta State '15)**
Graduate Assistant: **Molly Speed (University of Mobile '16)**
Athletic Trainer: **Jayme Nauman (Oklahoma State '14)**

TEAM INFORMATION

Overall record last year: **14-16**
Conference record/finish: **7-11/T-6th**
Final ranking last year (poll): **None**
Starters returning/lost: **3/1**
Letterwinners returning/lost: **9/1**
Newcomers: **4**

MEDIA INFORMATION

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Radio Contact person: **John Cox**
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Play-by-Play Announcer: **Josh West**

Media Services: **Contact Athletic Communications**



TEAM INFORMATION

Starters Returning (R) and Lost (L)

(R/L)	Ht.	Cl.	Pos.	Gp/Gs	Ppg	Rpg	Other
(R) Brittany Dinkins	5-7	Sr.	G	29/27	10.8	2.9	3.4 ast
(R) Jayla King	5-9	RS JR.	G/F	28/28	7.5	4.9	.705 ft %
(R) Keri Jewett-Giles	5-6	So.	G	29/24	7.1	3.0	.391 3fg%
(L) Jerontay Clemons	5-8	Sr.	G	14/7	3.7	2.6	4.4 ast

Other Returnees

	Ht.	Cl.	Pos.	Gp/Gs	Ppg	Rpg	Other
Tajanay Veiga	5-10	So.	G	24/12	5.1	3.5	.841 ft %
Lashyra Cotton	5-11	Jr.	G	29/9	4.1	2.8	Appeared in all 29 games
Katie Dozier	5-7	Jr.	G	13/0	0.2	0.2	-
Megan Brown	5-10	Jr.	G	-	-	-	Missed all of 2015-16 due to injury
Brittney Norris	5-9	Sr.	G	26/17	6.5	2.1	Committed only 35 PFs
Shayla Wilson	6-1	Sr.	F	29-12	2.9	3.1	Appeared in all 29 games

Newcomers (4)

	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Last School
Molly Brown	G	5-9	Jr.	South Georgia Tech
Respect Leaphart	F	6-0	Fr.	Dunbar HS
Shonte Hailes	G	5-6	Fr.	Quitman HS
Amber Landing**	C	6-4	R So.	Little Rock

**2015-16 Reshirt

All-star candidates (names only):

Brittany Dinkins and Keri Jewett-Giles.

Notes

Southern Miss returns nine letterwinners from last year's team that finished 14-16 overall... The Lady Eagles went 12-3 at home... Southern Miss has gone 44 and 53 at home in the last three seasons... Southern Miss returns 71 percent of its scoring and 55 percent of its rebounds... The returning group accounts for 129 starts... Head Coach Joye Lee-McNelis returns for her 13th season at the helm of Southern Miss and her 26th season overall ... The Lady Eagles and McNelis welcome four newcomers including a pair of true freshman and two transfers... Southern Miss will participate in the 2016 Puerto Rico Classic.

SOUTHERN MISS
2015-16 Women's Basketball Rosters

Numerical

No.	Player	Position	Height	Class-Exp.	Hometown/HS/Last School
1	Tajanay Veiga	G	5-6	Sr.-TR	Boston, Mass./Midland College
2	Lashyra Cotton	F	5-11	Sr.-3L	Cleveland, Miss./East Side HS
3	Keri Jewitt-Giles	G	5-6	So.-1L	Fort Myers, Fla./Dunbar HS
5	Shonte Hailes	G	5-6	Fr.-HS	Quitman, Miss/Quitman HS
12	Brittanny Dinkins	G	5-7	Sr.-3L	Miami, Fla./Norland HS
14	Katie Dozier	G	5-6	Jr.-2L	Marietta, Ga./Walton HS
15	Amber Landing	C	6-4	R-So.-TR	Sharon, Miss./Little Rock
20	Molly Brown	G	5-9	Jr.-TR	Douglasville, Ga./South Georgia Tech
21	Jayla King	G/F	5-9	R-Jr.-TR	Pensacola, Fla./South Florida
22	Megan Brown	G	5-10	Jr.-1L	Slidell, La./Salmen HS
24	Brittney Norris	G	5-9	Sr.-TR	Dallas, Texas/Tyler JC
34	Respect Leaphart	F	6-0	Fr.-HS	Fort Myers, Fla/Dunbar HS
44	Shayla Wilson	F	6-1	Jr.-TR	Tampa, Fla./St. Petersburg College

Alphabetical

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Southern Miss Lady Eagle Basketball 2016-17 Schedule

November 8th	Mississippi College (Exhibition Game) 6:00 p.m.
November 13th	University of New Orleans 2:00 p.m.
November 14th	William Carey 11:00 a.m.
November 17th	Alabama State 6:00 p.m.
November 20th	@ Tulane
November 25-26	Southern Miss vs. Alcorn State Southeast Missouri vs. Louisiana Lafayette 1:30 p.m. Championship 4:00 p.m.
December 1st	Mississippi Valley State 4:00 p.m. (Post-Game Social)
December 4th	@ South Alabama
December 10th	Mississippi State 4:00 p.m.
December 17-21	2016 Puerto Rico Classic Cal (A) @ 4:30AST Xavier (H) @ 12:00 p.m. AST NKY (H) 12:00 p.m. AST
December 30th	@ Louisiana Tech
January 5th	@ UTSA
January 7th	@UTEP 4:00 p.m.
January 12th	Old Dominion 6:00 p.m.
January 14th	Charlotte 4:00 p.m.
January 19th	@ North Texas
January 21st	@ Rice
January 26th	Middle Tennessee 6:00 p.m.
January 28th	UAB 4:00 p.m.
February 2nd	@ Marshall
February 4th	@WKU
February 9th	UTSA 6:00 p.m.
February 11th	UTEP 4:00 p.m.
February 16th	@FIU
February 18th	@ Florida Atlantic
February 23rd	Rice 6:00 p.m.
February 25th	North Texas 4:00 p.m.
March 3rd	Louisiana Tech 6:00 p.m. (Senior Night)
March 8-11th	C-USA Tournament Birmingham, AL

THE STAT CREW SYSTEM
Southern Miss Combined Team Statistics (as of Mar 05, 2016)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	14-15	12-3	2-11	0-1
CONFERENCE	7-11	6-3	1-8	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	7-4	6-0	1-3	0-1

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds					a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg	
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fta	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf							dq
15	JENKINS, Caitlin	27-9	707	26.2	142-285	.498	0-1	.000	45-82	.549	100	180	280	10.4	77	2	14	41	58	24	329	12.2
10	x-CLEMONS, Jerontay	14-7	410	29.3	66-162	.407	0-6	.000	33-54	.611	15	35	50	3.6	39	2	31	50	0	24	165	11.8
12	DINKINS, Brittanny	29-27	883	30.4	126-310	.406	37-107	.346	24-36	.667	23	60	83	2.9	62	1	100	70	10	72	313	10.8
21	KING, Jayla	28-28	723	25.8	77-177	.435	13-37	.351	43-61	.705	66	70	136	4.9	71	1	22	66	5	29	210	7.5
03	JEWETT-GILES, Keri	29-24	783	27.0	72-159	.453	18-46	.391	43-60	.717	16	71	87	3.0	64	1	95	101	0	63	205	7.1
24	NORRIS, Brittny	26-17	681	26.2	59-201	.294	37-118	.314	15-22	.682	15	40	55	2.1	35	0	43	39	1	23	170	6.5
01	VEIGA, Tajanay	24-12	618	25.8	37-100	.370	11-35	.314	37-44	.841	26	59	85	3.5	52	3	54	43	0	22	122	5.1
02	COTTON, Lashyra	29-9	529	18.2	54-148	.365	0-7	.000	12-20	.600	28	54	82	2.8	55	0	23	39	12	18	120	4.1
44	WILSON, Shayla	29-12	429	14.8	36-112	.321	0-11	.000	13-26	.500	31	58	89	3.1	55	0	10	40	11	5	85	2.9
25	x-POWERS, Jessica	3-0	19	6.3	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	3	5	1.7	5	0	0	3	1	0	2	0.7
14	DOZIER, Katie	13-0	43	3.3	1-12	.083	1-10	.100	0-0	.000	1	1	2	0.2	8	0	3	5	0	1	3	0.2
Team											63	48	111				15					
Total.....		29	5825		671-1671	.402	117-378	.310	265-405	.654	386	679	1065	36.7	523	10	395	512	98	281	1724	59.4
Opponents.....		29	5825		617-1573	.392	151-482	.313	317-498	.637	377	682	1059	36.5	480	-	374	544	110	270	1702	58.7

x-Inactive player

TEAM STATISTICS	USM	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	1724	1702	^ 11/13/15	ALABAMA STATE	w 65-44	2498
Points per game	59.4	58.7	^ 11/16/15	at Baylor	L 42-97	5400
Scoring margin	+0.8	-	1 11/20/15	at Chattanooga	Lot 48-53	1111
FIELD GOALS-ATT	671-1671	617-1573	# 11/27/15	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY	w 71-55	1320
Field goal pct	.402	.392	# 11/28/15	SAMFORD	w 56-48	1262
3 POINT FG-ATT	117-378	151-482	12/01/15	at Tennessee Tech	w 69-57	576
3-point FG pct	.310	.313	12/6/15	SOUTH ALABAMA	w 71-51	1294
3-pt FG made per game	4.0	5.2	12/12/15	OLE MISS	w 57-38	1632
FREE THROWS-ATT	265-405	317-498	12/16/15	at Mississippi State	L 65-78	3505
Free throw pct	.654	.637	12/20/15	vs North Carolina	L 62-69	0
F-Throws made per game	9.1	10.9	12/28/15	WILLIAM CAREY	w 75-34	1392
REBOUNDS	1065	1059	* 1/02/16	LOUISIANA TECH	w 69-59	1525
Rebounds per game	36.7	36.5	* 1/07/16	at Charlotte	L 59-80	5437
Rebounding margin	+0.2	-	* 1/09/16	at Old Dominion	L 45-53	1975
ASSISTS	395	374	* 1/14/16	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	w 89-80	1546
Assists per game	13.6	12.9	* 1/16/16	FIU	w 82-55	1660
TURNOVERS	512	544	* 1/24/16	at Louisiana Tech	L 37-72	1724
Turnovers per game	17.7	18.8	* 1/28/16	at UTEP	L 64-72	4326
Turnover margin	+1.1	-	* 1/30/16	at UTSA	L 41-47	554
Assist/turnover ratio	0.8	0.7	* 2/04/16	NORTH TEXAS	w 57-38	1576
STEALS	281	270	* 2/06/16	RICE	w 68-62	1522
Steals per game	9.7	9.3	* 2/11/16	at UAB	L 49-53	312
BLOCKS	98	110	* 2/13/16	at Middle Tennessee	L 44-74	5229
Blocks per game	3.4	3.8	* 2/18/16	UTEP	L 54-57	1484
ATTENDANCE	23156	31191	* 2/20/16	UTSA	w 65-53	1549
Home games-Avg/Game	15-1544	13-2399	* 2/25/16	at Rice	w 59-49	404
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	1-0	* 2/27/16	at North Texas	L 55-57	638
			* 3/03/16	WKU	L 53-54	1382
			* 3/05/16	MARSHALL	L 53-63	1514
Score by Periods	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Totals
Southern Miss	420	420	471	409	4	1724
Opponents	414	399	399	481	9	1702

^ = Preseason WNIT #Lady Eagle Thanksgiving Classic
* = Conference game