



MILES COLLEGE ATHLETICS

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CoSIDA Information Request Sheet 2021-22 Men's Basketball

GENERAL

Name of School: Miles College
City/Zip: Fairfield, Alabama 35064
Enrollment: 1,501
Founded: 1898
Nickname: Golden Bears
School Colors: Purple and Gold
Stadium (capacity): Knox-Windham Gym (1,000)
Affiliation: NCAA Division II
Conference: Southern Intercollegiate Athletic
President: Bobbie Knight
Alma Mater/Yr: Alabama/1978
Athletics Director: Reginald Ruffin
Alma Mater/Yr: North Alabama/1998
Athletics Dept. Phone: (205) 929-1615

SPORTS INFORMATION

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COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Fred Watson
Alma Mater (Year): Benedict (1999)
Record at School: 45-13 (fourth season)
Career Record: 365-143 (20 seasons) *
Men's Basketball Office Phone: (205) 929-1773
Best Time to Contact: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Assistant Coaches: Pete Asmond & Nathan Sheffield

TEAM INFORMATION

2020-21 Overall Record 10-1
2020-21 Conference Record N/A
SIAC West Division Finish N/A
Letter Winners/Starters Returning: 9/2
Letter Winners/Starters Lost: 5/3

TOP RETURNING PLAYERS

(statistics from the 2021 season)

Name	POS	HT	YR	PPG	RPG	APG	STL	BLK
Yasim Hooker	G	6-5	JR	10.4	7.2	0.5	0.8	1.3
Joel Logan	F	6-8	SR	8.3	4.6	0.6	0.8	0.9
Jacorian Dalton	C	6-8	JR	3.2	2.0	0.3	0.2	0.3

TOP PLAYERS LOST

Name	POS	HT	PPG	RPG	APG	STL	BLK
Avery Brown	G	6-3	16.1	4.4	5.0	2.0	0.3
Jelani Watson-Gayle	G	6-1	14.5	3.7	2.9	1.2	0.1
Richard Feagin	G	6-1	9.3	3.8	2.4	0.6	0.2
Ryan Calhoun	G	6-0	6.5	1.8	0.6	0.3	0.0
Anthony Latty	F	6-8	4.0	6.0	0.5	0.5	1.0

Preseason All-SIAC Selection

Yasim Hooker

Notes

*Pete Asmond served as Interim Head Coach for the 2020-21 season. The record for that season does not reflect on the head coaching record of Fred Watson



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GOLDEN BEARS NOTE SHEET vs. KENTUCKY 11.05.2021

Top Defense: Miles has led NCAA Division II in Scoring Defense the past three seasons. Miles led Division II in Defensive Field Goal Percentage in 2018-19 as well as last season, and finished second in that category during the 2019-20 season. The Golden Bears defend the 3-point line, finishing fifth, second, and 13th among Division II teams in defensive 3-point field goal percentage over the past three seasons.

A Winner: Head Coach Fred Watson went 11-14 during his first year as a head coach at Benedict. He has not had a losing season since, with 10 20-win campaigns over his 19 seasons. His overall record is 365-143 (.719). At Miles, he is 45-13, with his .776 winning percentage the best in school history. He is currently 6th all-time in wins at Miles. Arthur Wilkins has 244 wins to lead the pack.

Historic season: Watson went 24-4 in 2019-20, a school record for single-season wins and win percentage (.857). Miles won 13 consecutive games during that campaign, the most consecutive wins in a single-season in school history. Also, Miles was ranked as high as 19th in the national Division II polls, the first time that had happened in school annals.

Assistant coach Pete Asmond played for Watson for two seasons at Benedict. He averaged 10 points, 2.9 rebounds and 1.6 assists while shooting 35 percent on 3-point field goals from 2002-04, Watson's first two seasons at the helm. They won a Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title and advanced to the NCAA Division II tournament in 2004.

Last season, Asmond served as the Interim Head Coach for the Golden Bears, leading the team to a 10-1 record, with the one loss coming on the road at Tuskegee by one point.

Assistant coach Nathan Sheffield is a graduate of Miles, where he played three seasons for the Golden Bears. He averaged 6.7 points, 3.3 rebounds and 1.1 assists while shooting 38 percent on 3-point field goals from 2015-19. He sat out the 2016-17 season due to injury. He was a member of the Golden Bears SIAC championship team in 2018-19 and served as a student assistant coach the following year.

More Watson Winning: Under Watson, Miles had its first consecutive 20-win campaigns during his first two seasons. Miles has recorded just four other 20-win seasons since 1960: 21-6 in 1973-74, 23-8 in 1975-76, and 21-7 in 1994-95.

Division I exhibitions: Today marks the first time Miles has played a Division I exhibition since the 2018-19 season. The Golden Bears led by four with seven minutes remaining before wilting in a 66-57 loss at Samford on Nov. 14; Miles held a four-point lead early and trailed just 33-27 at the half before losing 67-47 at Little Rock on Dec. 11; Miles erased a 12-point second-half deficit and was tied with less than six minutes remaining but came up just short in a 62-57 loss at Jackson State on Dec. 29.

Postseason history: Miles has played in two NCAA tournaments. In 1975-76, the Golden Bears made it to the Division III National Tournament, where they lost in the National Quarterfinals to Wittenburg (which lost in the championship game). Miles also advanced to the Division II South Region tournament in 2018-19, where it lost to Nova Southeastern. The Golden Bears were also selected to the Division II South Region tournament in 2019-20 but the tournament was canceled due to COVID-19. Additionally, Miles advanced to the NAIA Championship Tournament in 1964.