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ARMSTRONG ATLANTIC STATE UNIVERSITY

2008-2009 ATHLETICS

YEAR IN REVIEW

MEN'S TENNIS SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDS ITS NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
WOMEN'S TENNIS WINS FIFTH NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
VOLLEYBALL ADVANCES TO NCAA DII ELITE EIGHT
FIVE TEAMS ADVANCE TO NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS
11 STUDENT-ATHLETES EARN ALL-AMERICA HONORS



2009 PBC Men's Tennis Player & Freshman of the Year
2009 ITA DII National Rookie of the Year
Eudaldo Bonet



2009 PBC Women's Tennis Player & Freshman of the Year
2009 ITA DII National Rookie of the Year
Sona Novakova



2008 PBC Volleyball Player of the Year
Rindy Vidovich



2008 PBC Women's Soccer Player of the Year
Kristin Burton

AASU'S 2008-09 ALL-AMERICA HONORS

CoSIDA All-America Honors

Women's Soccer

Junior Kristin Burton (First Team)

Softball

Senior Jessica Strong (Third Team)

AVCA All-America Honors

Sophomore Hannah Segebart (Honorable Mention)

ITA All-America Honors

Women

Sophomore Sona Novakova (Singles, Doubles)

Junior Martina Beckmann (Doubles)

Junior Gabriella Kovacs (Singles, Doubles)

Sophomore Alida Muller-Wehlau (Singles, Doubles)

Daktronics/CoSIDA Baseball All-American

Senior Cody Walden (Third Team)

ITA All-America Honors

Men

Freshman Eudaldo Bonet (Singles)

Senior Paul Bishop (Doubles)

Sophomore Mikk Irdoja (Doubles)

Daktronics/CoSIDA Soccer All-American

Junior Kristin Burton (Third Team)

2008-2009 AASU ATHLETICS YEAR IN REVIEW

ACADEMICS

PBC PRESIDENTIAL HONOR ROLL HONOREES

BASEBALL	BASKETBALL	SOCCER	TENNIS	VOLLEYBALL
Kenny Cail (3)	Zach Corliss	Alyssa Anderson	Paul Bishop (4)	Torrie Bevolo
Carlos C-Oquendo (2)	Parker Hayden (4)	Kelli Bahr (2)	Paul Fitzgerald	Amy Birkemeier
Jeff Chase (3)	Blake Jones	Jennifer Brian (4)	Mikk Irdoja	Brendyce Budd (2)
Sam Dotson	Portia Jones (2)	Kristin Burton (3)	Tim Johannsen (2)	Gwen Clarke (3)
Jonathan Fulghum	Dartayvia Thomas	Brittany Carr	Martina Beckmann (3)	Casey Howett
Thomas Gray	Kelly Versluis	Jamie Craine (4)	Kathleen Henry	Marina Marinova
Josh Heath (2)	Lacey Willis	Jessy Flores	Alisa Kagukina (3)	Hannah Segebart (2)
Ben Jackson		Daviana Garcia	Alida Muller-Wehlau (2)	Rindy Vidovich (3)
Brandon McCreery (2)	SOFTBALL	Samantha Held (2)	Sona Novakova	Nicole Yates (3)
Bryan Roby	Ashley Bain (2)	Erin Holt	Tina Ronel	
Ryan Smith	Lauren Bourdon	Elizabeth Kerkhoff (2)		GOLF
Cody Walden (2)	Emily Headrick	Emily Latner (2)		David Patterson (2)
Alex Wyche	Morgan Herbort	Tracey Mitchell (2)		Matt Motes
	Stephanie Mattes	Erin O'Rourke		Kristen Jelinek (2)
	Jessica Strong (3)	Björg Magnea Ólafsson		Sarah Johns
		Carey Patterson		Kim Knox
		Þórdís Pétursdóttir		Madison Mongin
		Lyndsi Stricklen (2)		

AASU student-athletes continued to excel in the classroom in the 2008-2009 academic year. 52 percent of the 138 student-athletes carried grade-point averages of 3.0 or better. Sixty-nine of AASU student-athletes were named to the PBC Presidential Honor Roll and four student-athletes - men's basketball player Parker Hayden, women's soccer players Jennifer Brian and Jamie Craine and men's tennis player Paul Bishop - earned PBC Presidential Honor Roll honors all four years at AASU. 32 student-athletes were named to the Dean's List during the 2008-09 academic year.

Two student-athletes carried perfect 4.0 GPAs for 2008-09 - sophomore baseball player Josh Heath and senior softball player Jessica Strong.

Junior Kristin Burton earned ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-America honors for the second straight year, becoming AASU's first-ever two-time CoSIDA Academic All-American. Strong, meanwhile, became AASU's first-ever softball CoSIDA Academic All-American, earning third team honors. Three others earned Academic All-District honors - Kenny Cail and Josh Heath (baseball), and Jennifer Brian (soccer).

Hayden and Strong were the 2009 President's Cup winners, given by the Savannah Exchange Club to the top male and female student-athlete of the year.

COMMISSIONER'S CUP

AASU finished second for the fourth straight year in the 2008-09 Peach Belt Conference Commissioner's Cup standings, which is the conference's all-sports trophy. AASU received 62.5 points out of a possible 85, for a .735 percentage. AASU was boosted in the standings by Peach Belt titles in volleyball and women's tennis, as well as a second-place finish for men's tennis. GCSU won the cup, while Columbus State finished third and Francis Marion finished fourth.

2008-2009 COMMISSIONER'S CUP FINAL STANDINGS

School	MXC		WXC		MSO		WSO		VB		MBB		WBB		BB		SB		MT		WT		GF		Maximum*	Total	Rating
	(6)	(10)	(7)	(9)	(6)	(11)	(11)	(10)	(10)	(9)	(11)	(8)	Possible*	Earned													
GCSU	4	7	--	7	--	8.5	7.5	8	9	9	6	6	95	72	.758												
AASU	--	--	--	5	6	8.5	7.5	6.5	7	8	11	3	85	62.5	.735												
Columbus State	6	10	--	9	--	2.5	5	4	5	7	10	7	95	65.5	.689												
Francis Marion	2	2	7	--	5	6.5	11	9	3.5	5	9	--	91	59.5	.647												
Clayton State	5	3	5	2	--	4.5	10	--	--	--	8	8	73	46	.630												
USC Aiken	--	6	2	3	3	10	7.5	10	7	6	4	5	102	62	.608												
Augusta State	--	9	--	--	2	11	1.5	3	7	3	7	--	78	44	.564												
North Georgia	3	8	4	6	--	6.5	3	6.5	10	2	2	--	94	51	.543												
Lander	--	4	6	4	4	4.5	7.5	2	1	4	5	4	102	46.5	.456												
UNC Pembroke	--	5	3	8	1	1	4	5	3.5	--	3	1	99	35.5	.359												
Ga. Southwestern	--	1	1	1	--	2.5	1.5	1	2	1	1	2	96	14.5	.151												

*Numbers in parentheses indicate maximum number of points that can be awarded for each sport. Ratings are determined by taking the maximum number of points available to each school, depending on how many sports each has, and dividing by the number of points won, based on conference finish through the regular season (except golf and cross country).

NACDA DIRECTOR'S CUP

Armstrong Atlantic State finished 55th in the 2008-09 Learfield Sports/NACDA Division II Director's Cup. The Pirates are the top Peach Belt school to appear in the yearly standings.

AASU received 303 points to finish 55th out of the 232 schools that received points in the standings - points which are earned by placing in seven men's and seven women's sports qualifying for the NCAA Championships. The Pirates earned 100 points each for the men's and women's tennis NCAA DII National Championships; 73 points for volleyball's Elite Eight appearance; 25 points for men's basketball's NCAA regionals appearance and five points for men's golf advancing to the NCAA regionals.

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AASU - BACK TO BACK TENNIS NATIONAL CHAMPIONS !



NCAA MEN'S TENNIS: NO. 1 AASU 5, NO. 2 BARRY 4



NCAA WOMEN'S TENNIS: NO. 3 AASU 5, NO. 2 LYNN 2

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, Fla. (May 16) - In a titanic championship match lasting exactly five hours, the No. 1-ranked and defending DII national champion Armstrong Atlantic State men's tennis team erased a 2-1 deficit in doubles to win, 5-4, over No. 2-ranked Barry and capture its second consecutive NCAA Division II Men's Tennis Championship on Saturday in Altamonte Springs.

The match came down to No. 5 singles, where AASU (30-1) sophomore Rafael Array and Barry's Roman Werschel played a three-set match to determine the match. Array won the first set, 6-4, but Werschel rallied to win the second set, 7-5, and set up one set for the title. Array broke Werschel's serve at 5-3, winning the pivotal point at 15-40 and giving the Pirates their second NCAA Division II Men's Tennis title. Barry finishes runner-up for the fourth time in school history and ends its season at 27-3.

It was the first time since 2003 and the eighth time overall that the NCAA DII Men's Tennis championship has been decided by a 5-4 score. The Pirates are the first back-to-back champions since West Florida in 2004-05.

Barry started off well, taking a 2-1 lead after doubles. The Pirates got on the board first with an 8-3 win at No. 3 doubles by Eudaldo Bonet and Akos Torok, over Jakub Fefjar and Sergio Velez. Barry picked up a late break at No. 1 doubles and the duo of Emmanuel Fraitzl and Max Wimmer edged Paul Bishop and Mikko Irdoja, 8-6. At the pivotal No. 2 doubles match, Rafael Array and Tim Johannsen found themselves down, 6-3, but battled back to take a 7-6 lead, only to watch the team of Ales Svigelj and Andrew Sharnov come away with a 9-7 victory.

In singles, every match but the final one ended in straight sets, setting up the drama. No. 26-ranked Mikko Irdoja gave the Pirates a singles point with a 6-2, 6-1 win over No. 46-ranked Andrew Sharnov at No. 3 singles. Max Wimmer knocked off 50th-ranked Paul Fitzgerald, 6-2, 6-3, at No. 4 singles, handing Fitzgerald his first dual match singles loss of the season.

Tim Johannsen defeated Jakub Fefjar, 6-4, 6-0, at No. 6 singles to even the match up at 3-3. Barry was one point away from the title after No. 18-ranked Emmanuel Fraitzl defeated No. 20-ranked Paul Bishop, 6-3, 6-4, at No. 2 singles, but No. 2-ranked Eudaldo Bonet won a pivotal first-set tiebreak and went on to a 7-6, 6-0, win over No. 5 Ales Svigelj at No. 1 singles to make it 4-4.

In the regular season, the two teams met with AASU also winning that time out, 5-4, giving the Sanlando Park crowd an indication of how this year's championship match might shake out.

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, Fla. (May 16) - At the 2008 NCAA Division II Sports Festival in Houston, the Armstrong Atlantic State women's tennis team won the national title over Lynn. That morning, both Alida Muller-Wehlau and Gabriella Kovacs had match point, with Muller-Wehlau scoring the deciding point in the 5-2 win.

This year, it was Kovacs' turn.

The junior from Szazhalombatta, Hungary, closed out a 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 win over Jessica Yanoff at No. 4 singles to clinch the No. 3-ranked Lady Pirates' fifth NCAA Division II Women's Tennis National Championship, 5-2 again, over No. 2-ranked Lynn (28-1) on Saturday afternoon at Sanlando Park in Altamonte Springs, Fla.

The Pirates (28-1) entered singles play needing just three wins, but Lynn won the first set in four of the six singles matches.

AASU picked up points at No. 1 singles when top-ranked Sona Novakova defeated No. 11-ranked Katerina Jiskrova, 6-3, 6-3, and No. 16-ranked Alida Muller-Wehlau knocked off No. 15-ranked Magdalena Ekert, 6-4, 6-0.

Tessie Salame notched a 6-1, 6-0 win over Alisa Kagukina at No. 6 singles, but the Lady Pirates were able to push the other three singles matches into third sets.

The Lady Pirates took a 2-1 lead after doubles play. No. 2-ranked Martina Beckmann and Alida Muller-Wehlau picked up an impressive 8-2 victory at No. 1 doubles over fifth-ranked Katerina Jiskrova and Eleonora Ianonozzi in a matchup of top-five ranked duos. No. 7-ranked Gabriella Kovacs and Sona Novakova followed with an 8-5 win over No. 24-ranked Magdalena Ekert and Alisson Siaci at No. 2 doubles.

No. 12-ranked Tina Ronel and Kathleen Henry fell behind at No. 3 doubles, 6-3, but battled back to force a tiebreaker. Lynn's Jessica Yanoff and Tessie Salame picked up the win, 9-8 (7-1).

AASU now joins BYU-Hawaii (2002, 2003) as the only teams to win Division II Back-to-Back National Championships with both the men's and the women's teams. The Lady Pirates have also won back-to-back titles twice in school history, the first coming in 1995 and 1996. AASU evened its mark in NCAA DII National Championship contests at 5-5 - this was the Lady Pirates 10th appearance in the final. Lynn was making its seventh appearance in the finals and is 3-4 in those contests. The win also avenged a 5-4 loss at Lynn back in March, the only loss this season for the Lady Pirates.

RAIN DOESN'T DAMPEN ENTHUSIASM AS PIRATES RETURN TO SAVANNAH !

About 75 friends, family and fans of Armstrong Atlantic State tennis braved the rainy weather and welcomed home the 2009 NCAA Division II Men's & Women's Tennis National Champions on May 17 at Compass Pointe on AASU's campus !

The Pirates and Lady Pirates brought the two national championship trophies to Compass Point, signed autographs and posed for pictures. WTOC-TV, WJCL-TV and WSAV-TV were on hand to cover the welcome back ceremony, as well as AASU's own Compass Interactive TV.



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AD EDDIE AENCHBACHER RETIRES - ANDY CARTER HIRED



AENCHBACHER ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT APRIL 1 EARNS UNDER ARMOUR AD OF THE YEAR HONORS

Former Armstrong Atlantic State athletic director Dr. Eddie Aenchbacher was named an *Under Armour* AD of the Year by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of America, announced on June 16. The winners were recognized during the 44th Annual NACDA Convention at the James J. Corbett Luncheon on Saturday, June 20 at the World Center Marriott Resort in Orlando, Florida.

There are four geographic regions - northeast, southeast, central and west; while the membership is separated into seven categories - Football Bowl Subdivision (formerly Division I-A); Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA); Division I (formerly Division I-AAA); Division II; Division III; NAIA; and Junior/Community Colleges, along with one International winner. One winner was selected in each of the seven categories, for a total of 29 honorees - Aenchbacher was the Division II Southeast Region honoree.

"I'm quite humbled to be recognized by NACDA as one of the Under Armour ADs of the Year," Aenchbacher said. "To be honored by your peers is perhaps the most special, and most gratifying, achievement you can have in any profession. But this honor could not have been achieved without a tremendous amount of support by the administration, coaches and staff at Armstrong Atlantic State University. This award is as much theirs, as it is mine."

In the time covered by the award, Aenchbacher oversaw a Pirate program that captured two NCAA Division II National Championships in men's and women's tennis; three student-athletes earned ESPN: The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-America honors and presided over a department that boasted a 2.97 cumulative GPA, with 56% of student-athletes earning a GPA over 3.00 for the semester.

On April 1, 2009, Dr. Aenchbacher retired from AASU after nearly 30 years of service to the campus as a coach, professor and administrator.

Aenchbacher served as the Armstrong Atlantic State athletic director since the spring of 1996. During that time, the Pirates have experienced four NCAA Division II National Championships, several national finalists, the implementation of women's fastpitch softball, soccer and golf as varsity programs as well as the reinstatement of the men's golf program. In his time as athletic director at AASU, the Pirates captured 17 Peach Belt Conference titles, made 58 NCAA Championships appearances and 101 student-athletes have earned All-America honors. The Pirates also won the Peach Belt President's Academic Award two out of the three years it has been awarded.

"Not to sound cliché but my time at Armstrong has gone by a lot faster than I thought possible," Aenchbacher said. "From start to finish it has been extremely fulfilling and rewarding. The people at Armstrong that I have had the privilege of working with will always be one of my strongest memories."

"As a professor, coach, and administrator my goal was always to help mold young men and women into productive and prepared citizens while reflecting the best on our institution. The athletic program's changes and improvements over the past 15 years are a testament to the fine coaches and support staff that believed the same."



FORMER NEWBERRY AD ANDY CARTER NAMED AASU'S ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, BEGINS JUNE 1

The Armstrong Atlantic State University athletic department announced on April 8 that Andrew Carter had accepted the position of Athletic Director, succeeding departing AD Dr. Eddie Aenchbacher, who retired on April 1. Formerly the Vice President of Intercollegiate Athletics at Newberry College in Newberry, S.C., Carter was selected by University President Dr. Thomas Z. Jones from an applicant pool numbering more than 170.

Carter was introduced to the AASU community at a press conference on Friday, April 10, at Noon at the AASU Sports Center. The press conference was attended by more than 250 people and was webcast live on the website for Pirate athletics, aasupirates.com.

"They really made me feel like this is the place I could see me and my family thriving," Carter, 45, said during an interview with the *Savannah Morning News* after the press conference.

"Being a former college professor himself, he understands the role of Division II athletics and the term student-athlete," AASU president Thomas Z. Jones said. "It's student first, athlete second."

Carter echoed the sentiment, noting that winning is important but not the only measure of success.

"We've got the privilege to use sport to educate young people," Carter said. "Success in this business is an equation. It's not any one thing. There are variables. If all we did was chase a 'W,' it'd be pretty shallow."

Carter served as the Athletic Director at Newberry since 2002. In that time, he increased the visibility and success of the Newberry athletic department both on and off the competitive playing field. Newberry has won four of the past five South Atlantic Conference academic titles, while also leading 14 teams to NCAA Championships appearances after the school had collected just one in the previous 11 seasons.

He developed the "Newberry College Athletic Initiative" upon arriving at the Newberry, S.C., campus, a long-term plan to improve Newberry's athletic program while maintaining the school's excellent academic record. Other highlights include the beginning of an intercollegiate wrestling program that finished second in NCAA Division II in 2009; SAC Championships for football in 2006 and 2008, as well as SAC titles in women's basketball and men's golf.

Prior to Newberry, Carter served as the Director of Athletics at Missouri Baptist University in St. Louis, Mo., from 1997 through 2002. He served as the baseball coach from 1991 through 1999, leading the team to seven straight conference titles.

Carter received his bachelor's of science degree in business administration from Missouri Baptist in 1987, then earned his MBA from Lindenwood University in 1990. He and his wife, Rena, have six children - Aaron (21), Becca (19), Beth (16), Jake (14), Rachel (13) and Micah (8).

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VOLLEYBALL

FINAL PBC STANDINGS

School	PBC	All
AASU	8-2	28-7
Francis Marion	7-3	23-9
Lander	7-3	22-12
USC Aiken	3-7	16-15
Augusta State	3-7	14-21
UNC Pembroke	2-8	13-19

PBC Championships (Pembroke, N.C.)

AASU def. USC Aiken (25-20, 25-13, 25-13)

AASU def. FMU (25-16, 25-20, 25-18)

NCAA Southeast Regional (Wingate, N.C.)

AASU def. Lander (23-25, 23-25, 25-17, 28-26, 17-15)

AASU def. LMU (28-26, 25-18, 24-26, 24-26, 15-6)

AASU def. Catawba (25-23, 29-27, 25-23)

NCAA DII Elite Eight (Minneapolis, Minn.)

Grand Valley State def. AASU (25-19, 25-23, 25-17)

PBC ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

Rindy Vidovich (Player of the Year)

Hannah Segebart

ALL-PBC TOURNAMENT TEAM

Torrie Bevolo (MVP)

Gwen Clarke

Rindy Vidovich

AVCA ALL-SOUTHEAST REGION HONORS

Torrie Bevolo

Casey Howett

Hannah Segebart

AVCA DII ALL-AMERICAN HONORS

Hannah Segebart (Honorable Mention)

DAKTRONICS ALL-SOUTHEAST REGION HONORS

Torrie Bevolo (First Team)

Hannah Segebart (First Team)

Rindy Vidovich (Second Team)

AVCA DII NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Hannah Segebart (Nov. 25)

NCAA ALL-REGION TOURNAMENT TEAM

Hannah Segebart

Rindy Vidovich

PBC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Rindy Vidovich (Oct. 13, Nov. 10)

Michele Remlinger (Sept. 22)

PBC SPECIALIST OF THE WEEK

Casey Howett (Oct. 13)

Hannah Segebart (Sept. 2, Sept. 29, Oct. 20)

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Hitting Percentage

Michele Remlinger, .352 (1st PBC, 22nd NCAA DII)

Rindy Vidovich, .283 (5th PBC)

Gwen Clarke, .236 (11th PBC)

Casie Richards, .231 (12th PBC)

Torrie Bevolo, .220 (13th PBC)

Assists Per Game

Hannah Segebart, 11.80 (1st PBC, 7th NCAA DII)

Kills Per Game

Rindy Vidovich, 3.29 (2nd PBC, 86th NCAA DII)

Torrie Bevolo, 3.12 (4th PBC)

Michele Remlinger, 2.57 (9th PBC)

Service Aces Per Game

Hannah Segebart, 0.38 (2nd PBC)

Casey Howett, 0.34 (5th PBC)

Torrie Bevolo, 0.33 (6th PBC)

Rindy Vidovich, 0.28 (10th PBC)

Blocks Per Game

Rindy Vidovich, 0.90 (5th PBC)

Digs Per Game

Casey Howett, 3.87 (5th PBC)

Torrie Bevolo, 3.33 (8th PBC)

Marina Marinova, 2.52 (15th PBC)

The Armstrong Atlantic State volleyball squad ascended to new heights under first-year head coach Will Condon in 2009, becoming the first Peach Belt Conference team to advance to the DII Elite Eight.

The Pirates went 28-7, capturing Peach Belt Conference regular season and tournament titles to earn a berth in the NCAA Championships for the first time since 2004. While there, AASU fought off six match points in a first-round match against Lander, erasing a 14-9 deficit to win in five against the Bearcats. That match propelled the Pirates to a first-ever NCAA region championship, with a 3-0 win over Catawba sending AASU to Minnesota and the DII Elite Eight.

Senior Rindy Vidovich, the PBC's Player of the Year and the only senior for AASU during the 2008 season, enjoyed a fantastic year, hitting .283 with 293 kills, 202 digs and ranking among the PBC's leaders in hitting percentage, blocks and service aces. She recorded her 1,000th career kill in the NCAA Regional match against Lincoln Memorial.

Sophomore setter Hannah Segebart became AASU's first-ever AVCA All-American honoree, earning Honorable Mention honors for leading the Peach Belt and ranking seventh in NCAA Division II in assists with 11.80 per game.

Freshman outside hitter Torrie Bevolo earned AVCA All-Region honors and was the PBC Tournament MVP, while freshman libero Casey Howett also earned AVCA All-Region honors. Junior middle hitter Michele Remlinger led the PBC in hitting with a .352 percentage, ranking 22nd in NCAA Division II, while junior rightside hitter Gwen Clarke earned All-PBC Tournament honors. AASU returns 10 players from the 2008 squad for the upcoming 2009 season.



TEAM STATISTICS

Hitting Percentage

.236 (1st PBC,

38th NCAA DII)

Opponents Hitting Percentage

.155 (2nd PBC)

Assists Per Game

12.46 (1st PBC, 23rd NCAA DII)

Kills Per Game

13.49 (1st PBC, 27th NCAA DII)

Service Aces

1.84 (1st PBC, 51st NCAA DII)

Blocks Per Game

1.81 (4th PBC)

Digs Per Game

16.15 (2nd PBC, 58th NCAA DII)

Winning Percentage

.800 (24th NCAA DII)

PBC Player of the Year Rindy Vidovich (left), PBC Tournament MVP Torrie Bevolo (center), AVCA All-American Hannah Segebart (top right) and junior Gwen Clarke (above) led AASU to its first-ever NCAA Elite Eight berth in 2009.

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SOCCKER

FINAL PBC STANDINGS

School	PBC Pts	All
Columbus St.	22	21-4-1
UNC Pembroke	19	19-3-1
GCSU	17	13-3-4
North Georgia	15	7-7-2
AASU	14	11-6-3
Lander	7	6-9-1
USC Aiken	4	3-15-2
Clayton State	4	1-14-2
Ga. Southwestern	1	5-13-1

PBC Tournament First Round (Dahlonega, Ga.)

AASU def. North Georgia, 2-0

PBC Tournament Semifinals (Columbus, Ga.)

CSU def. AASU, 1-0 ot

PBC ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

Kristin Burton (Player of the Year)
Jamie Craine

PBC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Kelli Bahr
Jamie Craine

PBC ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Kelli Bahr
Brittany Carr
Jennifer Brian
Kristin Burton

PBC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Kristin Burton (9/23, 10/7, 10/14, 10/20)

DAKTRONICS/CoSIDA

ALL-SOUTHEAST REGION

Kristin Burton (First Team)

DAKTRONICS/CoSIDA ALL-AMERICAN

Kristin Burton (Third Team)

ESPN/CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT III

Kristin Burton (First Team)
Jennifer Brian (First Team)

ESPN/CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN

Kristin Burton (Third Team)

NSCAA/ADIDAS SCHOLAR ALL-AMERICA

Kristin Burton (Third Team)

NSCAA ALL-SOUTHEAST REGION

Kristin Burton (Second Team)

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Points Per Game

Kristin Burton, 2.50 (1st PBC, 7th NCAA)

Goals Per Game

Kristin Burton, 1.10 (1st PBC, 6th NCAA)

Goals

Kristin Burton, 22 (1st PBC)

Assists

Kristin Burton, 6 (t8th PBC)

Assists Per Game

Brittany Carr, 0.31 (8th PBC)

Kristin Burton, 0.30 (t9th PBC)

Shots Per Game

Kristin Burton, 4.40 (2nd PBC)

The Armstrong Atlantic State women's soccer team advanced to the PBC Tournament semifinals for a fourth straight season and finished head coach Eric Faulconer's fourth campaign with an 11-6-3 overall record, while picking up several impressive results during the season.

The Pirates narrowly missed a third straight NCAA Championships appearance, but were in contention until the end. During the year, the Pirates were 2-3-1 against nationally-ranked DII squads, including a thrilling 3-2 double overtime win at No. 18 Tampa on October 18 - just the third home loss for the former DII national champions in a span of 47 matches. AASU also shut out No. 19 Belmont Abbey, 1-0, on October 12 and played No. 6 UNC Pembroke to a scoreless tie on September 24, the first scoreless tie in program history.

AASU advanced to the PBC Semifinals after a 2-0 road win at North Georgia, but saw its season come to an end with a 1-0 loss in overtime to Columbus State - the third straight match in which the Pirates and the Cougars have battled into overtime.

Junior Kristin Burton continued to excel as she led the PBC in goals scored for a second time in her career, earning the PBC's "Golden Ball" award. She ranked seventh in the NCAA in points and sixth in goals scored, earning Daktronics/CoSIDA All-American honors as well as ESPN: The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-American honors for a second straight year.

The 2008 season marked the final season for four inaugural Pirates who were a part of the team's first-ever team in 2005 - Seniors Jennifer Brian, Jamie Craine, Lyndsi Stricklen and Emily Latner. Craine earned All-PBC honors for the first time in her career, while Stricklen saw her season cut short by injury just five games into the season. Brian earned ESPN: The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-District III honors. Two other seniors, Brittany Carr, Amanda Reynolds, also wrapped up their Pirate careers in 2008.

The Pirates return 17 players from the 2008 team for the 2009 campaign.



Junior Kristin Burton (above) led the PBC in goals scored in 2008, earning the league's inaugural "golden ball" award for the most goals in a season. Jamie Craine (top right) enjoyed a solid senior season, earning All-PBC honors for the first time and All-PBC Tournament honors for a third time.



Senior Jennifer Brian (left) finished her career second all-time in AASU history in games played (80) and minutes played (.695) at AASU, while Brittany Carr (below) finished her two seasons as a Pirate with 25 points, including eight goals scored.

Game Winning Goals

Kristin Burton, 5 (t1st PBC)

Goals Against Average

Tracey Mitchell, 1.21 (4th PBC)

Shutouts

Tracey Mitchell, 4 (t5th PBC)

TEAM STATISTICS

Goals

49, (3rd PBC)

Goals Allowed

24, (5th PBC)

Goals Per Game

2.45, (3rd PBC)

Goals Allowed Per Game

1.14, (48th NCAA)

Assists

38, (4th PBC)

Assists Per Game

1.90, (4th PBC)

Points

136, (3rd PBC)

Points Per Game

6.80, (3rd PBC)

Shots

384, (3rd PBC)

Shutouts

8 (4th PBC)



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MEN'S BASKETBALL

FINAL PBC STANDINGS

School	PBC	All
Augusta State	17-3	30-5
USC Aiken	16-4	25-8
AASU	15-5	23-7
GCSU	15-5	22-7
Francis Marion	9-11	16-12
North Georgia	9-11	15-12
Clayton State	7-13	15-14
Lander	7-13	12-16
Ga. Southwestern	6-14	10-18
Columbus State	6-14	8-19
UNC Pembroke	3-17	6-21

PBC Championships (Aiken, S.C.)

AASU def. Francis Marion, 68-66

USC Aiken def. AASU, 90-87 4 of

NCAA Southeast Regional (Augusta, Ga.)

Catawba def. AASU, 74-67

PBC ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

Brian Moultrie (Second Team)

Dwight Tolbert (First Team)

PBC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Brian Moultrie (Jan. 5)

Dwight Tolbert (March 2)

PBC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Calvin Wilson

PBC ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Parker Hayden

FINAL NABC/DII NATIONAL RANK

No. 25

AASU PRESIDENT'S CUP WINNER

Parker Hayden

ASHLEY DEARING AWARD WINNER

T.T. Hall

TEAM STATISTICS

Scoring Offense

77.8 (3rd PBC, 58th NCAA)

Scoring Defense

65.7 (2nd PBC, 46th NCAA)

Scoring Margin

+12.1 (1st PBC, 18th NCAA)

FG Percentage

.454 (3rd PBC)

Field Goal Pct Defense

.397 (1st PBC, 12th NCAA)

3-Point FG Pct

.343 (5th PBC)

3-Point FG Pct Defense

.292 (1st PBC, 9th NCAA)

Rebounding Offense

40.7 (1st PBC)

Assists

14.47 (5th PBC)

Steals

9.23 (1st PBC, 27th NCAA)

Assist/TO Ratio

+2.17 (4th PBC)

3-Point FG Made

6.87 (4th PBC)

Blocked Shots

4.43 (1st PBC, 22nd NCAA)

Win-Lost Percentage

.767 (2nd PBC, 28th NCAA)

The AASU men's basketball team enjoyed one of its most successful seasons in recent history in 2008-09, advancing to its fourth NCAA Championship in the last five season while achieving the highest national ranking by a Pirate squad in the Peach Belt Conference era. AASU went 23-7 overall and 15-5 in the Peach Belt, rising as high as No. 12 in the NABC/Division II national rankings.

In March, head coach Jeff Burkhamer resigned his position at AASU to take the head coaching position at conference rival Lander. Former Newberry head coach Jeremy Luther was named as his replacement on May 5.

The Pirates used high energy defense and an up-tempo offense to lead the PBC in scoring margin, rebounding and steals that helped key their success in 2008-09. In the PBC Tournament, senior Calvin Wilson's dunk with 3.9 seconds left led AASU to a 68-66 win over Francis Marion, leading to one of the most memorable games in league tournament history as No. 23 AASU and No. 17 USC Aiken battled for four overtimes before the host Pacers prevailed, 90-87.

Junior Dwight Tolbert paced an offense that featured four players who averaged 10 points or better on the season, earning All-PBC honors. Senior Brian Moultrie earned second-team All-PBC honors as well as setting an Alumni Arena record with 19 rebounds against West Virginia Wesleyan on Dec. 29 - which also included a PBC-record 14 offensive rebounds. Senior Calvin Wilson earned All-PBC Tournament honors and guard T.T. Hall claimed the Ashley Dearing Award in his senior season with the Pirates. Senior Parker Hayden finished his four-year career as well, earning the AASU President's Cup and collecting PBC All-Academic Honors.

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Scoring

Dwight Tolbert, 15.4 (7th PBC)

T.T. Hall, 13.0 (15th PBC)

Brian Moultrie, 12.4 (17th PBC)

Calvin Wilson, 11.2 (25th PBC)

Rebounding

Brian Moultrie, 6.7 (10th PBC)

Calvin Wilson, 6.6 (11th PBC)

FG Percentage

Brian Moultrie, .639 (2nd PBC)

Calvin Wilson, .486 (14th PBC)

Assists

Gabriel Robinson, 4.73 (1st PBC, 48th NCAA)

Steals

T.T. Hall, 1.83 (3rd PBC)

Calvin Wilson, 1.63 (5th PBC)

3-Point FG Percentage

Keron McKenzie, .413 (3rd PBC)

Dwight Tolbert, .413 (4th PBC, 26th NCAA)

3-Point FG Made

Dwight Tolbert, 2.69 (2nd PBC, 45th NCAA)

Blocked Shots

Calvin Wilson, 1.20 (7th PBC)

Brian Moultrie, 0.97 (11th PBC)

Uriah Hethington, 0.83 (13th PBC)

Dwight Tolbert, 0.83 (14th PBC)

Assist/Turnover Ratio

Gabriel Robinson, +2.03 (1st PBC, 41st NCAA)

Offensive Rebounds

Brian Moultrie, 3.20 (2nd PBC)

Defensive Rebounds

Calvin Wilson, 4.67 (7th PBC)

Dwight Tolbert, 3.66 (14th PBC)

Minutes Played

Gabriel Robinson, 32.73 (4th PBC)

Dwight Tolbert, 31.83 (5th PBC)

T.T. Hall, 31.47 (6th PBC)



Junior Dwight Tolbert (top) and senior Brian Moultrie (above) earned All-PBC honors in helping the Pirates to a No. 25 national ranking to end the 2008-09 season. Senior Calvin Wilson (top right) hit the game-winning dunk to lead the Pirates past Francis Marion in the PBC Tournament, while senior T.T. Hall (right) earned the Ashley Dearing Award for leading the Pirates in free throw percentage at 77.9 percent.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

FINAL PBC STANDINGS

School	PBC	All
Francis Marion	17-3	27-5
Clayton State	16-4	26-7
USC Aiken	12-8	22-12
Lander	12-8	20-11
AASU	12-8	17-11
GCSU	12-8	17-11
Columbus State	10-10	18-14
UNC Pembroke	8-12	12-16
North Georgia	5-15	9-20
Ga. Southwestern	3-17	8-19
Augusta State	3-17	5-23
Ga. Southwestern	0-20	1-26

PBC Championships (Aiken, S.C.)

Lander def. AASU, 83-63

PBC ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

Lacey Willis (First Team)

PBC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Lacey Willis (Nov. 24, Dec. 1, Dec. 8, March 2)

PBC ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Portia Jones

DAKTRONICS ALL-SOUTHEAST REGION

Lacey Willis (Second Team)

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Scoring

Lacey Willis, 17.0 (3rd PBC, 61st NCAA)

Dartayvia Thomas, 10.0 (28th PBC)

Rebounding

Lacey Willis, 8.3 (6th PBC)

Kelly Versluis, 6.4 (18th PBC)

Field Goal Percentage

Lacey Willis, .527 (5th PBC, 39th NCAA)

Assists

Ashley Duhart, 3.00 (11th PBC)

Free Throw Percentage

Dartayvia Thomas, .825 (1st PBC, 75th NCAA)

Assist/TO Ratio

Ashley Duhart, 0.78 (11th PBC)

3-Point FG Percentage

Lindsey Holmes, .347 (9th PBC, 90th NCAA)

3-Point FG Made

Lindsey Holmes, 2.18 (4th PBC, 85th NCAA)

Portia Jones, 1.39 (15th PBC)

Blocked Shots

Kelly Versluis, 2.11 (3rd PBC, 28th NCAA)

Offensive Rebounds

Dartayvia Thomas, 3.50 (4th PBC)

Lacey Willis, 2.89 (12th PBC)

Defensive Rebounds

Lacey Willis, 5.37 (5th PBC)

Kelly Versluis, 4.61 (11th PBC)

Minutes Played

Ashley Duhart, 33.11 (2nd PBC)

Dartayvia Thomas, 32.86 (3rd PBC)

Lacey Willis, 31.11 (5th PBC)

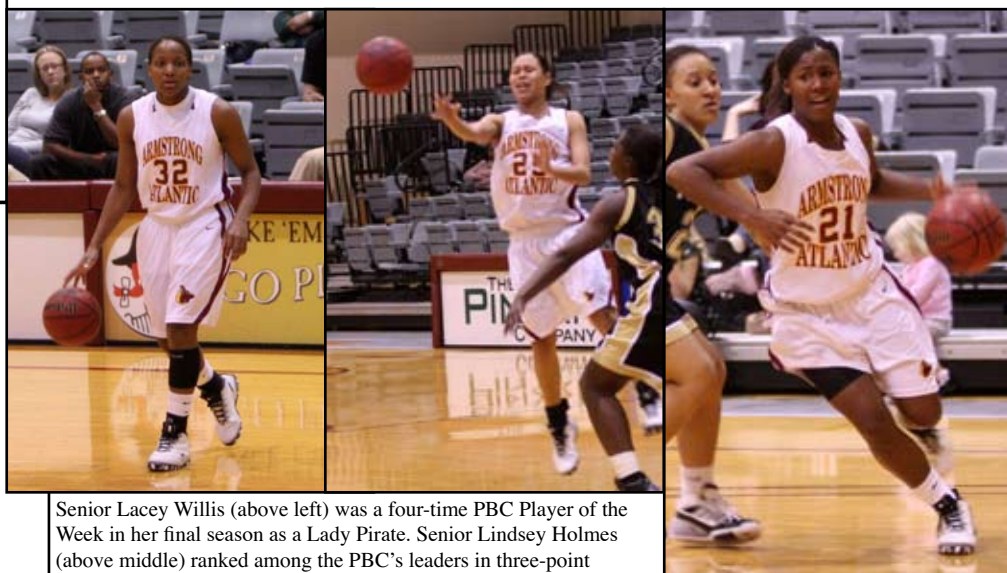
Head coach Matt Schmidt's first year at the helm of the Armstrong Atlantic State women's basketball team was a successful one, as the Pirates tied for third in the Peach Belt Conference regular season standings, going 17-11 overall and 12-8 in the league. Schmidt and the Pirates also kept a streak alive of knocking off at least one nationally-ranked opponent each season, stretching that streak to nine years with two wins over Top 10-ranked foes.

AASU hosted No. 7-ranked USC Aiken on December 6 and picked off the Lady Pacers, winning 63-55, extending a streak of at least one nationally-ranked opponent beaten in each season since 2000-01. The Lady Pirates didn't stop there, however, picking up perhaps their best road win in the PBC era with a 92-91 overtime win at No. 7 Francis Marion on February 25.

Senior Lacey Willis capped off a stellar AASU career with an outstanding season, earning PBC Player of the Week honors four times, while also earning All-PBC honors and Daktronics All-Southeast Region accolades, despite playing most of the spring with a broken right (shooting) hand. She became the 10th player in AASU history to record 1,000 career points and finished her career ranked among the top 10 in games played, points, rebounds, field goals made and free throws made.

Senior Kelly Versluis set a single-season record for blocked shots with 59, ranking third in the PBC and 28th in NCAA DII. Senior Lindsey Holmes finished her career with 159 three-pointers, third-most all-time, while senior Ashley Duhart finished her career with 210 assists, eighth all-time.

Another high point for the Lady Pirates was free throw shooting, as not only did junior Dartayvia Thomas set a single-season AASU record in that category (82.5 percent), but the Lady Pirates as a team hit 72.9 percent, setting a team single-season record and ranking second in the PBC.



Senior Lacey Willis (above left) was a four-time PBC Player of the Week in her final season as a Lady Pirate. Senior Lindsey Holmes (above middle) ranked among the PBC's leaders in three-point shooting and hit 159 threes in her career, third-best at AASU. Junior Dartayvia Thomas (above right) set a single-season AASU record for free throw percentage, hitting 94-of-114 free throws (82.5 percent) while senior Kelly Versluis (bottom right) set a single-season AASU record with 59 blocked shots.

TEAM STATISTICS

Scoring Offense

63.3 (11th PBC)

Scoring Defense

64.9 (4th PBC)

Scoring Margin

-1.6 (8th PBC)

Free Throw Percentage

.729 (2nd PBC, 70th NCAA)

FG Percentage

.398 (5th PBC)

FG Percentage Defense

.385 (5th PBC)

3-Point FG

6.04 (4th PBC)

3-Point FG Percentage

.314 (6th PBC)

3-Point FG Percentage Defense

.292 (4th PBC, 49th NCAA)

Rebounding Offense

38.2 (9th PBC)

Rebounding Defense

39.2 (6th PBC)

Rebounding Margin

+1.0 (8th PBC)

Assists

12.11 (10th PBC)

Steals

6.82 (11th PBC)

Blocked Shots

3.50 (4th PBC, 67th NCAA)

Assist/Turnover Ratio

0.58 (9th PBC)

Fouls Per Game

14.8 (24th NCAA)



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BASEBALL

FINAL PBC STANDINGS

School	PBC	All
USC Aiken	18-9	42-19
Francis Marion	16-9	38-15-1
GCSU	16-11	37-19
AASU	15-12	38-18
North Georgia	15-12	34-24
UNC Pembroke	13-13	37-17
Columbus State	12-14	27-23
Augusta State	11-16	26-31
Lander	8-17	25-23
Ga. Southwestern	8-19	19-33

PBC Championships (Aiken, S.C.)

PBC ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

Cody Walden (First Team)
 Alex Wyche (First Team)
 Thomas Gray (Second Team)
 Kenny Cail (Second Team)

PBC PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Thomas Gray (Feb. 10)
 Jeff Chase (May 4)

PBC FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK

Drew Walker (March 17, March 31)
 John Roberts (May 4)

PBC ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Kenny Cail (First Team)
 Juan Dorado (First Team)
 Cody Walden (First Team)
 Carlos Cardoza-Oquendo (First Team)
 Josh Heath (First Team)
 Jeff Chase (Second Team)

NCBWA ALL-AMERICAN

Cody Walden (Honorable Mention)

NCBWA ALL-SOUTHEAST REGION

Cody Walden (First Team)
 Thomas Gray (Second Team)
 Alex Wyche (Second Team)

ABCA ALL-SOUTHEAST REGION

Cody Walden (First Team)
 Alex Wyche (Second Team)
 Carlos Cardoza-Oquendo (2B - Gold Glove)

ESPN/CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT III

Kenny Cail (First Team)
 Josh Heath (First Team)

DAKTRONICS/COSIDA ALL-SOUTHEAST REGION

Cody Walden (Pitcher of the Year, First Team)
 Alex Wyche (Second Team)

FINAL COLLEGIATE BASEBALL DII NATIONAL RANK

No. 25

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Batting Average
 Alex Wyche, .398 (4th PBC, 188th NCAA)
On-Base Percentage
 Juan Dorado, .481 (5th PBC)
 Alex Wyche, .471 (16th PBC)
 Michael Price, .471 (16th PBC)
Runs Scored
 Josh Wilson, 70 (3rd PBC, 20th NCAA)
Hits
 Alex Wyche, 91 (15th PBC, 24th NCAA)
Runs Batted In
 Alex Wyche, 58 (7th PBC)

Doubles
 Josh Wilson, 20 (2nd PBC, 45th NCAA)
 Kenny Cail, 18 (15th PBC, 79th NCAA)
Triples
 Alex Wyche, 7 (11st PBC, 7th NCAA)
 Juan Dorado, 6 (13rd PBC, 14th NCAA)
Sacrifice Hits
 Juan Dorado, 38 (1st PBC, 1st NCAA)
 Bryan Roby, 13 (3rd PBC, 7th NCAA)
Sacrifice Hits Per Game
 Juan Dorado, 0.68 (1st NCAA)
 Bryan Roby, 0.28 (4th NCAA)

Earned Run Average
 Ryan Smith, 2.70 (4th PBC, 51st NCAA)
 Thomas Gray, 2.80 (5th PBC, 58th NCAA)
Wins
 Cody Walden, 11 (1st PBC, 3rd NCAA)
 Thomas Gray, 8 (3rd PBC, 58th NCAA)
Innings Pitched
 Cody Walden, 114.1 (1st PBC)
 Thomas Gray, 99.2 (2nd PBC)
Strikeouts
 Cody Walden, 90 (2nd PBC, 23rd NCAA)
 Thomas Gray, 81 (4th PBC, 50th NCAA)
Saves
 Ryan Smith, 9 (4th PBC, 15th NCAA)

The Armstrong Atlantic State baseball squad notched its 30th straight winning season by going 38-18 overall, placing fourth in the PBC with a 15-12 mark and finishing the season ranked No. 25 in the final *Collegiate Baseball* NCAA Division II Coaches' Poll.

Again playing one of the toughest schedules in the nation, the Pirates started off the season by hosting defending DII national champion Mount Olive. AASU struggled early, taking a 6-8 mark into the 2009 Savannah Invitational, but there the Pirates began a streak of 18 straight wins, playing its way back into postseason contention. AASU finished the regular season winning 11 of its last 12 games - including a rare triple shutout in a three-game series sweep of Columbus State on April 18 and 19 - but a tough 12-11 loss to North Georgia in the first round of the PBC Tournament brought the Pirates' season to an end.

Aptitude in small ball was one of the major reasons for the Pirates' success in 2009 - AASU set an NCAA DII record for sacrifice hits during the season, collecting 101 sacrifices and shattering the old DII record of 78, set by Bryant and GCSU. The Pirates also led the PBC in earned run average and in fielding percentage. Individually, senior Juan Dorado smashed the single-season record of sacrifices with 38, breaking the old record of 23 (Dennis Nesbit, Indianapolis).

Senior lefthander Cody Walden led the PBC in wins (11) and was named the Southeast Region Pitcher of the Year by Daktronics and CoSIDA, also earning All-American honors. Senior Kenny Cail earned All-PBC honors in his final year as a Pirate, also ranking among the top 10 in his career in doubles, hits and games played. Senior Jeff Chase finished his career with 192 strikeouts, sixth all-time in AASU history.

Junior outfielder Alex Wyche flirted with .400 most of the year, finishing the season with a .398 average and earning All-PBC and All-Southeast Region honors. Junior Thomas Gray also earned All-PBC and All-Region honors after going 8-4 with a 2.80 ERA, while junior closer Ryan Smith ranked fourth in the PBC in ERA (2.70) while also leading the Pirates in saves with 9.



Cody Walden (top left) led the PBC in wins with 11, earning Daktronics/CoSIDA All-Southeast Region Pitcher of the Year honors, as well as NCBWA Honorable Mention All-America honors. Alex Wyche (left) led the Pirates in hitting with a .398 average while also ranking among the PBC's leaders in on-base percentage, hits, RBIs and triples. Senior Juan Dorado (top) set an NCAA Division II record with 38 sacrifice hits in 2009, smashing the previous record of 23, set in 2003.

TEAM STATISTICS

Batting Average
 .330 (3rd PBC, 49th NCAA)
Slugging Percentage
 .464 (6th PBC, 90th NCAA)
On Base Percentage
 .414 (3rd PBC)
Runs Scored
 409 (16th PBC, 50th NCAA)
Hits
 629 (2nd PBC, 27th NCAA)
Runs Batted In
 367 (7th PBC)
Doubles
 101 (15th PBC, 73rd NCAA)
Triples
 24 (2nd PBC, 11th NCAA)
Home Runs
 36 (8th PBC, 97th NCAA)
Sacrifice Hits
 101 (1st PBC, 1st NCAA)
Walks
 240 (5th PBC, 26th NCAA)
Earned Run Average
 4.20 (1st PBC, 31st NCAA)
Batters Struck Out
 400 (3rd PBC, 57th NCAA)
Opponents' Batting Avg.
 .266 (2nd PBC)
Saves
 12 (5th PBC)
Fielding Percentage
 .972 (1st PBC, 4th NCAA)
Double Plays
 49 (2nd PBC, 22nd NCAA)
Winning Percentage
 .679 (37th NCAA)

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SOFTBALL

FINAL PBC STANDINGS

SCHOOL	PBC	ALL
North Georgia	17-1	50-5
GCSU	12-6	32-24
USC Aiken	11-7	34-16
AASU	11-7	27-23
Augusta State	11-7	34-21
Columbus State	9-9	30-31
Francis Marion	7-11	32-19
UNC Pembroke	7-11	18-30
Ga. Southwestern	3-15	13-37
Lander	2-16	14-31

PBC Championships (Florence, S.C.)

ASU def. AASU, 2-1 (9 inn.)
 AASU def. UNC Pembroke, 12-4
 AASU def. Georgia Southwestern, 9-5
 Francis Marion def. AASU, 6-2

PBC ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

Nicole Huddleston (First Team)
 Sam Floyd (First Team)
 Emily Headrick (First Team)
 Jessica Strong (Second Team)

PBC ALL-TOURNAMENT HONORS

Jessica Strong

PBC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Ashley Bain (Feb. 24)

PBC PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Sam Floyd (Feb. 10)

PBC FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK

Emily Headrick (March 3, March 17, Apr. 7)
 Baillie Temples (Apr. 13)

NFCA ALL-SOUTHEAST REGION

Nicole Huddleston (Second Team)

ESPN/CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN

Jessica Strong (Third Team)

ESPN/CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT III

Jessica Strong (First Team)

AASU PRESIDENT'S CUP WINNER

Jessica Strong

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

<u>Batting Average</u>	Stephanie Mattes, 20 (8th PBC)
Sam Floyd, .385 (4th PBC)	<u>Hit By Pitch</u>
Jessica Strong, .375 (6th PBC)	Baillie Temples, 10 (1st PBC, 20th NCAA)
<u>Slugging Percentage</u>	<u>Stolen Bases</u>
Nicole Huddleston, .623 (4th PBC)	Stephanie Mattes, 20 (4th PBC, 57th NCAA)
Ashley Bain, .618 (5th PBC)	<u>Opposing Batting Average</u>
<u>On-Base Percentage</u>	Emily Headrick, .219 (6th PBC)
Nicole Huddleston, .458 (2nd PBC)	<u>Batters Stuck Out</u>
Jessica Strong, .441 (5th PBC)	Emily Headrick, 90 (10th PBC)
Sam Floyd, .427 (8th PBC)	<u>Wins</u>
<u>Runs Scored</u>	Emily Headrick, 10 (8th PBC)
Sam Floyd, 36 (10th PBC)	
<u>Runs Batted In</u>	
Jessica Strong, 36 (7th PBC)	
Nicole Huddleston, 35 (8th PBC)	
<u>Doubles</u>	
Nicole Huddleston, 15 (1st PBC, 65th NCAA)	
<u>Home Runs</u>	
Ashley Bain, 11 (4th PBC, 73rd NCAA)	
<u>Walks</u>	
Nicole Huddleston, 27 (3rd PBC, 58th NCAA)	

The Armstrong Atlantic State softball squad finished third in the Peach Belt Conference standings for 2009, fashioning a 27-23 overall record and an 11-7 record in the league. AASU narrowly missed an NCAA Regionals berth, remaining regionally ranked all the way until the final week of the season.

The Pirates picked up some key wins during the year, including a 4-2 win over No. 19 Wingate on senior Stephanie Mattes' walk-off two-run home run - her only home run of her Pirate career - on March 4. AASU also got the first no-hitter from a Pirate pitcher since 2003 when freshman Emily Headrick blanked PBC foe Lander, 11-0, in five innings on Feb. 25. The Pirates also picked up a road doubleheader sweep of Francis Marion on April 7, winning 4-2 and 6-3.

The 2009 season also saw the finish of senior Ashley Bain's outstanding career as a Pirate. Honored on Senior Day with a spot on the outfield Wall of Honor, Bain hit .305 with 11 home runs and 28 RBI as a senior and leaves AASU as the all-time leader in at-bats, as well as ranking among the top 10 in runs scored, total bases, hits, home runs, doubles, RBIs, walks, slugging percentage and batting average. On Feb. 20, she became the first AASU player to hit three home runs in a game, blasting a trio against Eckerd.

Senior Jessica Strong also wrapped up her AASU career, earning All-PBC and All-PBC Tournament honors, as well as CoSIDA Academic All-America honors - a first for an AASU softball player - and earning the AASU President's Cup award. Senior Sam Floyd finished her career with a second straight All-PBC honor, while Mattes provided the Senior Day drama with a walk-off game-winning single in the bottom of the seventh to knock off Albany State on April 11.

Freshman Emily Headrick earned All-PBC honors after an outstanding debut in the circle, going 10-8 with a 2.63 ERA. Junior Nicole Huddleston rebounded from her injury-plagued sophomore season to earn All-PBC and NFCA All-Region honors.



Jessica Strong (above) earned All-PBC and All-PBC Tournament honors in as a senior, as well as CoSIDA Academic All-American honors.

Emily Headrick (left) was a three-time PBC Freshman of the Week honoree who hurled AASU's first no-hitter since 2003 with an 11-0 blanking of Lander on Feb. 25. Senior Ashley Bain (above) hit an AASU-record three home runs in a game against Eckerd and finished her four-year career with 33 home runs, good for third all-time. Senior Stephanie Mattes (top middle) stole 32 bases in two seasons, also good for third all-time in AASU history.

TEAM STATISTICS

<u>Batting Average</u>	<u>Hits</u>	<u>Walks</u>
.278 (5th PBC)	352 (8th PBC)	142 (2nd PBC)
<u>Slugging Percentage</u>	<u>Runs Batted In</u>	<u>Sacrifice Flies</u>
.429 (2nd PBC, 75th NCAA)	219 (2nd PBC)	14 (1st PBC)
<u>On Base Percentage</u>	<u>Doubles</u>	<u>Stolen Bases</u>
.359 (2nd PBC)	69 (3rd PBC, 67th NCAA)	58 (3rd PBC, 65th NCAA)
<u>Runs Scored</u>	<u>Home Runs</u>	<u>Fielding Percentage</u>
248 (2nd PBC, 70th NCAA)	39 (2nd PBC, 44th NCAA)	.965 (3rd PBC, 43rd NCAA)

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MEN'S TENNIS

FINAL PBC STANDINGS

SCHOOL	PBC	ALL
GCSU	7-0	18-4
AASU	7-1	30-1
Columbus State	6-2	17-6
USC Aiken	5-3	19-5
Francis Marion	4-4	16-6
Lander	3-4	9-9
Augusta State	1-6	10-11
North Georgia	1-7	6-14
Ga. Southwestern	0-7	5-13

PBC Championships (Jonesboro, Ga.)

AASU def. Augusta State, 5-0
 AASU def. Columbus State, 5-0
 AASU def. USC Aiken, 5-1

NCAA II Southeast Regional (Savannah, Ga.)

AASU def. Lander, 6-0
 AASU def. USC Aiken, 5-0

NCAA II National Championships (Altamonte Springs, Fla.)

AASU def. Queens (N.Y.) 5-0
 AASU def. Lynn, 5-2
 AASU def. Hawaii Pacific, 5-1
 AASU def. Barry, 5-4

The Armstrong Atlantic State men's tennis team successfully defended its NCAA Division II men's tennis national championship by knocking off Barry, 5-4, in Altamonte Springs. A nip-and-tuck match came down to the final singles match where sophomore Rafael Array defeated Roman Werschel, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3, at No. 5 singles to clinch the title.

The road to the national title was not easy as the Pirates suffered an early-season loss to PBC rival GCSU and also endured some close matches, including a 5-4 win in the regular season over Barry. An impressive showing at the Blue-Gray Small College Classic, where the Pirates defeated No. 1 (NAIA) Auburn-Montgomery, 5-2, to capture the Classic title, showed that AASU had another impressive post-season run in the offing. AASU breezed through the PBC Championships, capturing its fifth straight league tournament title, and blanked conference foes Lander and USC Aiken in the NCAA Southeast Regional to earn a berth in the Round of 16.

After a first-round win over Queens (N.Y.), the Pirates faced No. 3 Lynn and collected a 5-2 victory over the Knights. AASU then beat No. 6 Hawaii Pacific, 5-1, in the semifinals to set up the showdown with Barry in the finals - a repeat of the 2008 final in Houston.

Freshman Eudaldo Bonet burst onto the scene by capturing the ITA DII National singles title in the fall. The Barcelona native picked up ITA DII National Rookie of the Year honors, as well as PBC Player and Freshman of the Year honors while finishing the year ranked No. 2 in singles.

Experience followed Bonet in the singles lineup with senior Paul Bishop, the team's captain who added ITA All-American honors in singles and doubles in his final year as a Pirate. The sophomore doubles duo of Rafael Array and Tim Johannsen earned All-PBC doubles honors for a second straight year while newcomer Mikk Irdoja joined the team in January and earned ITA All-America honors in doubles, teaming with Bishop to finish the season ranked No. 5 in the nation. Junior Paul Fitzgerald won 22 straight singles matches in the spring, finishing the year ranked 50th and giving the Pirates four nationally-ranked singles players in the final rankings.

PBC ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

Eudaldo Bonet (Singles) (Player of the Year, Freshman of the Year)

Paul Bishop (Singles, Doubles)

Mikk Irdoja (Singles, Doubles)

Rafael Array (Doubles)

Tim Johannsen (Doubles)

PBC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Eudaldo Bonet (Feb. 10)

Mikk Irdoja (March 10, April 13)

Paul Fitzgerald (March 17)

PBC TOURNAMENT MVPs

Eudaldo Bonet (Singles)

Paul Bishop (Doubles)

Mikk Irdoja (Doubles)

ITA DII NATIONAL ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Eudaldo Bonet

ITA DII NATIONAL SINGLES CHAMPION

Eudaldo Bonet

ITA ALL-AMERICA HONORS

Paul Bishop (Singles & Doubles)

Eudaldo Bonet (Singles)

Mikk Irdoja (Doubles)

ITA NATIONAL ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR

David Secker

FINAL CAMPBELL'S/ITA DII NATIONAL RANK

No. 1



Mikk Irdoja (left) finished the season ranked No. 27 in singles and No. 5 in doubles, earning ITA All-America doubles honors. Senior Paul Bishop (below) earned ITA All-American honors in doubles teaming with Bishop, while Eudaldo Bonet (bottom) was the ITA's DII National Rookie of the Year in 2009 as well as the PBC Player and Freshman of the Year.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Singles

Player	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	Dual	PBC	Fall	Overall
Eudaldo Bonet #2	24-3	--	--	--	--	--	24-3	7-1	13-1	37-4
Paul Bishop #20	--	14-9	--	--	--	--	14-9	4-3	6-5	20-14
Mikk Irdoja #27	--	2-0	18-2	3-0	--	--	23-2	7-1	--	23-2
Paul Fitzgerald #50	--	--	1-0	9-1	4-0	8-0	22-1	7-0	4-4	26-5
Rafael Array	--	--	4-0	8-3	9-0	--	21-3	7-1	10-3	31-6
Tim Johannsen	--	--	--	0-1	11-1	11-0	22-2	6-1	3-4	25-6
Akos Torok	--	--	--	--	--	3-1	3-1	1-1	--	3-1
Totals	24-3	16-9	23-2	20-5	24-1	22-2	129-22	39-9	36-17	165-39

Doubles

Player	#1	#2	#3	Dual	PBC	Fall	Record
Bishop/Irdoja #5	14-5	9-1	--	23-6	7-0	--	23-6
Array/Johannsen #11	6-2	7-3	--	22-4	6-2	2-2	24-6
Bonet/Torok	--	2-0	14-3	16-3	3-0	--	16-3
Array/Bonet	1-1	0-2	--	1-3	--	--	1-3
Bonet/Fitzgerald	--	--	7-1	7-1	4-1	--	7-1
Fitzgerald/Johannsen	--	1-0	4-0	5-0	--	--	5-0
Fitzgerald/Irdoja	--	--	2-0	2-0	1-0	--	2-0
Array/Fitzgerald	--	--	--	--	--	0-1	0-1
Bishop/Bonet	--	--	--	--	--	0-3	0-3
Totals	22-9	27-4	27-4	76-17	21-3	2-6	78-23



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WOMEN'S TENNIS

FINAL PBC STANDINGS

SCHOOL	PBC	ALL
AASU	10-0	28-1
Columbus State	9-1	21-4
Francis Marion	8-2	20-5
Clayton State	6-3	11-7
Augusta State	5-4	13-8
GCSU	5-5	9-11
Lander	4-6	12-7
USC Aiken	3-6	12-10
UNC Pembroke	2-8	12-11
North Georgia	1-9	6-18
Ga. Southwestern	0-9	4-17

PBC Championships (Jonesboro, Ga.)

AASU def. USC Aiken, 5-0
 AASU def. Clayton State, 5-1
 AASU def. Francis Marion, 5-3

NCAA II Southeast Regional (Savannah, Ga.)

AASU def. Carson-Newman, 5-0
 AASU def. Clayton State, 5-0

NCAA II National Championships (Altamonte Springs, Fla.)

AASU def. St. Edward's, 5-1
 AASU def. California (Pa.), 5-0
 AASU def. Valdosta State, 5-1
 AASU def. Lynn, 5-2

The Armstrong Atlantic State women's tennis team notched its fifth NCAA DII National Championship in 2009, knocking off Lynn University, 5-2, in the championship match. The title is AASU's third in the last five seasons, but all odds were not on the Lady Pirates repeating after a tough in-season loss to the same Lynn squad.

Ranked No. 1 in the nation, the Lady Pirates traveled to Boca Raton to face the Knights on March 24 and jumped out to a 4-0 lead, sweeping the doubles matches and getting an early point from Sona Novakova at No. 1 singles. Lynn rallied, however, to win the remaining five singles matches, knocking off the Lady Pirates, 5-4.

In Altamonte Springs, Fla., Lynn and AASU remained on a collision course to meet in the finals for a second straight season. The Lady Pirates raced past St. Edward's (Texas), California (Pa.) and Valdosta State, while Lynn knocked off perennial contender BYU-Hawaii to set up the rematch in the final.

Just like in March, AASU led after doubles, winning two of three matches. But Lynn took the first set in four of the six singles matches. With three singles matches still on the court in the third set and AASU leading, 4-2, Gabriella Kovacs finished off Jessica Yanoff, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, to clinch the DII National Championship.

A team with no seniors got contributions from up and down the lineup all season long. Novakova debuted on the scene with an undefeated spring season in singles, earning a No. 1 ranking, ITA DII Rookie of the Year honors as well as PBC Player and Freshman of the Year honors.

Sophomore Alida Muller-Wehlau teamed with junior Martina Beckmann to become the No. 1-ranked doubles duo, earning ITA All-America honors. Kovacs also earned All-America honors in both singles and doubles, while newcomers Tina Ronel and Kathleen Henry teamed to earn a No. 13 national ranking in doubles, with Ronel finishing the year ranked No. 46 in singles.

Simon Earnshaw earned PBC Coach of the Year honors, while assistant coach David Secker earned ITA National Assistant Coach of the Year honors for his work with both squads.

PBC ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

Sona Novakova (Singles/Doubles) (Player of the Year, Freshman of the Year)
 Martina Beckmann (Singles, Doubles)
 Gabriella Kovacs (Singles, Doubles)
 Alida Muller-Wehlau (Singles/Doubles)
 Simon Earnshaw (Coach of the Year)

PBC TOURNAMENT MVP

Sona Novakova (Singles)
 Martina Beckmann / Alida Muller-Wehlau (Doubles)

PBC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Gabriella Kovacs (Feb. 10)
 Alida Muller-Wehlau (Feb. 24, Apr. 6)
 Sona Novakova (March 10, March 31, Apr. 13)
 Tina Ronel (March 17)

ITA/DII ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Sona Novakova

ITA SOUTHEAST REGION "PLAYER TO WATCH"

Alida Muller-Wehlau

ITA DII NATIONAL SINGLES CHAMPION

Sona Novakova

ITA DIVISION II ALL-AMERICA HONORS

Martina Beckmann (Doubles)
 Sona Novakova (Singles/Doubles)
 Alida Muller-Wehlau (Singles/Doubles)
 Gabriella Kovacs (Singles/Doubles)

ITA NATIONAL ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR

David Secker

FINAL CAMPBELL'S/ITA DII NATIONAL RANK

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INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Singles

Player	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	Dual	PBC	Fall	Overall
Sona Novakova #1	23-0	--	--	--	--	--	23-0	9-0	16-2	39-2
Alida Muller-Wehlau #12	--	17-2	--	--	--	--	17-2	8-0	5-3	22-5
Gabriella Kovacs #14	1-0	2-0	9-3	10-0	--	--	22-3	9-1	6-1	28-4
Martina Beckmann #28	--	--	--	5-0	14-1	5-1	24-2	10-0	7-3	31-5
Tina Ronel #46	--	--	--	3-0	10-1	5-0	18-1	10-0	--	18-1
Alisa Kagukina	--	--	--	3-0	5-1	7-2	15-3	7-1	3-2	18-5
Kathleen Henry	--	--	--	--	4-0	10-0	14-0	7-0	5-2	19-2
Totals	24-0	19-2	18-4	22-2	19-2	22-2	124-12	58-2	42-13	166-25

Doubles

Player	#1	#2	#3	Dual	PBC	Fall	Record
Beckmann/Muller-Wehlau #1	28-1	--	--	28-1	8-1	6-2	34-3
Novakova/Kovacs #5	1-0	26-2	--	27-2	9-0	--	27-2
Henry/Ronel #13	--	2-0	20-7	22-7	10-0	--	22-7
Beckmann/Kagukina	--	--	1-0	1-0	1-0	--	1-0
Henry/Kagukina	--	--	1-0	1-0	--	0-1	1-1
Kagukina/Kovacs	--	--	1-0	1-0	1-0	--	1-0
Totals	29-1	28-2	23-7	80-10	29-1	6-3	86-13

Martina Beckmann and Alida Muller-Wehlau (top) finished the 2009 season as the top-ranked doubles duo in the nation, while freshman Sona Novakova (middle) went undefeated in singles, earned a No. 1 national ranking and captured the ITA DII Singles title in the fall. Gabriella Kovacs notched match point for the Pirates in the 2009 NCAA DII National Championship-winning 5-2 victory over Lynn.

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MEN'S GOLF

PBC CHAMPIONSHIP (CARTHAGE, N.C.)

SCHOOL	SCORE
1 Clayton State	866 +2
2 Columbus State	871 +7
3 GCSU	873 +9
4 USC Aiken	888 +24
5 Lander	892 +28
6 AASU	894 +30
7 Georgia Southwestern	904 +40
8 UNC Pembroke	906 +42

NCAA SOUTHEAST REGIONAL (MUSCLE SHOALS, ALA.)

SCHOOL	SCORE
1 North Alabama	868 +4
2 Lynn	869 +5
3 Barry	874 +10
4 Columbus State	875 +11
5 GCSU	876 +12
6 Valdosta State	880 +16
7 Florida Southern	886 +22
8 Barton	887 +23
9 Nova Southeastern	887 +23
10 Lander	890 +26
11 Coker	891 +27
West Florida	891 +27
13 Arkansas Tech	894 +30
14 Rollins	896 +32
USC Aiken	896 +32
16 Clayton State	904 +40
17 Belmont Abbey	911 +47
18 Newberry	912 +48
19 AASU	913 +49
Florida Tech	913 +49

PBC ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

Chris Wolfe

GCAA ALL-SOUTHEAST REGION

Chris Wolfe

GCAA ALL-AMERICAN

Chris Wolfe (Honorable Mention)



The Armstrong Atlantic State men's golf team advanced to the NCAA Southeast Regional for a sixth consecutive season in 2009. Head coach Michael Butler's squad competed in several Division I tournaments, enjoyed a fine showing at its own AASU Pirate Invitational and saw the close of perhaps the finest men's golf career in Pirate history with the graduation of Chris Wolfe.

The senior from Warner Robins, Ga., became AASU's first three-time All-American in 2008-09, earning GCAA honorable mention All-American honors as well as All-PBC honors for a fourth time in his career. Wolfe fashioned a 72.75 stroke average in 2008-09, collecting seven top 10 finishes and four top 5 finishes, finishing outside the top 20 only once in 11 tournaments. In his four-year career, Wolfe collected a 73.05 stroke average in 113 rounds of golf for the Pirates.

As a team, the Pirates finished third at the AASU Pirate Invitational, its season-best performance, while also performing well at the majority-Division I Mizuno Savannah Invitational (Georgia Southern), the Grub Mart Intercollegiate (Jacksonville State) and the CSU Spring Kickoff (Charleston Southern).

AASU traveled to Muscle Shoals, Ala., for the NCAA Southeast Regional. A change in the NCAA's region format pitted the Pirates and nine other schools from the SAC and Conference Carolinas against 10 schools from the Sunshine State Conference and the Gulf South Conference, competing for five spots. Despite the 19th place finish, the Pirates gained valuable experience, especially for the four underclassmen in the lineup.

Other individual bright spots in 2008-09 included the play of true freshman Matt Motes, who compiled the second-best stroke average on the team at 75.83, as well as the improved play of sophomore Parker Gordon, who shaved a stroke off his freshman average, finishing at 75.89 for 2008-09.



Senior Chris Wolfe (bottom left) earned GCAA All-American honors as a senior, becoming AASU's first three-time All-American in men's golf. He finished his four-year career with seven tournament wins and a 73.05 stroke average in 113 rounds of golf played. Sophomore Parker Gordon (far left) shaved a stroke off of his average as a freshman and played his best tournament at the AASU Pirate Invitational, finishing tied for 11th with a nine-over-par 225 total, including an even-par 72 in the second round. Freshman Matt Motes (left) enjoyed a fine debut season as a Pirate, ranking second in stroke average on the squad (75.83) and collecting a top 10 finish at Jacksonville State's GrubMart Intercollegiate, tying for seventh place with a two-round even-par 144 total, shooting scores of 73 and 71.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Golfer	Rounds	Strokes	Stk. Avg.	Best Finish
Chris Wolfe	28	2037	72.75	T3rd Mizuno Savannah Invitational T3rd AASU Pirate Invitational
Matt Motes	30	2275	75.83	T7th GrubMart Intercollegiate
Parker Gordon	28	2125	75.89	T11th AASU Pirate Invitational
Jon Wingate	28	2130	76.07	T8th Outback Steakhouse Intercollegiate
Justin Smith	5	385	77.00	T22nd AASU Pirate Invitational
David Patterson	28	2209	78.89	37th Peach Belt Conference Championships T37th Outback Steakhouse Intercollegiate
Dustin Allen	13	1032	79.39	T36th AASU Pirate Invitational
Mark Rocker	3	241	80.33	T48th AASU Pirate Invitational
Tanner Farr	3	251	83.66	75th Mizuno Savannah Invitational
TEAM	28	8408	300.29	3rd AASU Pirate Invitational

TEAM RESULTS

9/8-9	Kiawah Island Invitational	Kiawah Island, S.C.	11th of 15	604 (+28)
9/23-24	Coker College Invitational	Orlando, Fla.	8th of 12	586 (+10)
10/6-7	Mizuno Savannah Invitational	Savannah, Ga.	5th of 13	895 (+31)
10/13-14	Queens (NC) Invitational	Bluffton, S.C.	13th of 18	611 (+35)
2/2-3	Outback Intercollegiate	Panama City, Fla.	4th of 16	592 (+16)
2/23-24	AASU Pirate Invitational	Savannah, Ga.	3rd of 12	896 (+32)
3/9-10	North South Intercollegiate	Jacksonville Beach, Fla. (Played as Individuals)		
3/16-17	GrubMart Intercollegiate	Jacksonville, Ala.	6th of 15	594 (+18)
3/23-24	Bobcat Invitational	Eatonton, Ga.	11th of 18	897 (+57)
4/6-7	CSU Spring Kickoff	Charleston, S.C.	10th of 12	926 (+74)
4/20-21	PBC Championships	Carthage, N.C.	6th of 8	894 (+30)
5/4-6	NCAA Regional	Muscle Shoals, Ala.	t19th of 20	913 (+49)

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WOMEN'S GOLF

TEAM TOP 5 FINISHES

3rd, West Georgia Invitational
4th, Dana Rader Intercollegiate
t5th, Pfeiffer Lady Falcon Invitational

INDIVIDUAL TOP 10 FINISHES

Victoria Bennett (6th Dana Rader Intercollegiate; t7th West Georgia Invitational)
Sarah Johns (t10th Lady Falcon Invitational)
Carrie George (t10th Lady Falcon Invitational)



Freshman Victoria Bennett (above) led the Lady Pirates in stroke average at 84.29 and finishing in the top 10 twice during the 2008-09 season. Sophomore Sarah Johns (below) carded an 84.73 stroke average in her first season as a Lady Pirate and notched three straight top 15 finishes to end the season. Sophomores Kristen Jelinek (bottom middle) and Carrie George (bottom right) each knocked a stroke off of their stroke averages as freshmen for the Lady Pirates, in helping AASU as a team shave off more than 11 strokes from its 2007-08 average.



The Armstrong Atlantic State women's golf team continues to show steady improvement after its fourth season of competition. The Lady Pirates as a team recorded its lowest stroke average since the program began varsity competition in 2005-06, and with no seniors on the squad, have a solid core in place as AASU chases the inaugural Peach Belt Conference women's golf championship in 2009-10.

AASU took part in nine tournaments in 2008-09 and collected a 338.47 stroke average, more than 11 strokes better than its stroke average in 2007-08. A third-place finish at the West Georgia Invitational and a fourth-place finish at the Dana Rader Intercollegiate highlighted the best finishes of the season. The year started off well with a fifth-place finish at the Pfeiffer Lady Falcon Invitational as the Lady Pirates carded a 325, tying the program record for the lowest single-round score.

Freshman Victoria Bennett led the Lady Pirates individually with an 84.29 stroke average, collecting two top 10 finishes with a sixth-place finish at the Dana Rader Intercollegiate and a seventh-place finish at the West Georgia Invitational. Sophomore Sarah Johns, the NJCAA Region XVII Player of the Year at Young Harris College, joined the Lady Pirates and finished the season with an 84.73 stroke average and a 10th-place finish at the Lady Falcon Invitational, as well as three other top 20 finishes during the year.

Sophomore Carrie George shaved nearly a stroke off of her freshman stroke average, finishing the 2008-09 season with an 86.27 average and also finishing tied for 10th at the Lady Falcon Invitational. Sophomore Kristen Jelinek experienced similar success, improving a stroke to finish her second season as a Pirate with an 86.53 average.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Golfer	Rounds	Strokes	Stk. Avg.	Best Finish
Victoria Bennett	17	1433	84.29	6th Dana Rader Intercollegiate
Sarah Johns	15	1271	84.73	T10th Lady Falcon Invitational
Carrie George	15	1294	86.27	T10th Lady Falcon Invitational
Kristen Jelinek	15	1298	86.53	T16th West Georgia Invitational
Kim Knox	11	953	86.64	13th West Georgia Invitational
Madison Mongin	12	1044	87.00	T31st LRC/Myrtle Beach Intercollegiate
TEAM	17	5754	338.47	3rd West Georgia Invitational 4th Dana Rader Intercollegiate

TEAM RESULTS

9/15-16	Pfeiffer Lady Falcon Invitational	New London, N.C.	T5th of 12	325 (+37)
9/29-30	CSU Women's Fall Invitational	Charleston, S.C.	8th of 11	678 (+110)
10/6-7	LRC/Myrtle Beach Intercollegiate	Little River, S.C.	8th of 15	684 (+108)
10/27-28	Flagler College Slam	St. Augustine, Fla.	T14th of 20	677 (+101)
2/7-8	Kiawah Island Intercollegiate	Kiawah Island, S.C.	14th of 17	674 (+98)
2/16-17	Newberry College Invitational	Hilton Head Isl., S.C.	7th of 15	694 (+118)
3/2-3	SCAD Spring Invitational	Savannah, Ga.	7th of 14	684 (+116)
3/9-10	Dana Rader Intercollegiate	Charlotte, N.C.	4th of 8	678 (+102)
3/23-24	West Georgia Invitational	Carrollton, Ga.	3rd of 4	660 (+92)

