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# Armstrong Atlantic State University 2009-2010 Athletics Year In Review

**Women's Tennis Captures Third Straight DII National Championship**  
**Women's Soccer Claims First PBC Tournament Title**  
**Men's Tennis Wins Sixth Straight PBC Tournament Title**  
**Six Teams Advance To NCAA Championships**  
**Nine Student-Athletes Earn All-American Honors**



*2010 PBC Men's Tennis Player of the Year*  
*ITA #1 DII Singles Player*  
*Mikk Irdoja*



*2009 PBC Women's Soccer Player of the Year*  
*2009 NSCAA First-Team All-American*  
*2009 ESPN/CoSIDA Academic All-American*  
*Kristin Burton*



*2010 PBC Women's Tennis Player of the Year*  
*ITA "Super Bowl" Singles Champion*  
*Sona Novakova*

## AASU's 2009-10 All-America Honors

### **CoSIDA Academic All-America Honors** *Women's Soccer*

Senior Kristin Burton (First Team)

### **NSCAA All-American**

Senior Kristin Burton (First Team)

### **Daktronics/CoSIDA Soccer All-American**

Senior Kristin Burton (First Team)

Freshman Morgan Mitchell (Honorable Mention)

### **ITA All-America Honors**

#### *Women*

Sophomore Sona Novakova (Singles, Doubles)

Senior Martina Beckmann (Doubles)

Senior Gabriella Kovacs (Doubles)

Junior Alida Muller-Wehlau (Singles, Doubles)

### **ITA All-America Honors**

#### *Men*

Junior Rafael Array (Singles, Doubles)

Sophomore Eudaldo Bonet (Singles)

Sophomore Mikk Irdoja (Singles, Doubles)

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## Academics

### PBC Presidential Honor Roll Honorees

Baseball	Basketball	Soccer	Tennis	Volleyball
Chris Base	Zach Corliss (2)	Alyssa Anderson (2)	Martina Beckmann (4)	Torrie Bevolo (2)
Carlos C-Oquendo (3)	Austin Edens	Kelli Bahr (3)	Kathleen Henry (2)	Amy Birkemeier (2)
Thomas Gray (2)	Portia Jones (3)	Kristin Burton (4)	Alisa Kagukina (4)	Brendyce Budd (3)
Josh Heath (3)	Briana McFarland	Emily Cattanach	Alida Muller-Wehlau (3)	Gwen Clarke (4)
Ben Jackson (2)	Arpine Amirkhanyan	Danielle Fey	Sona Novakova (2)	Natalie Edgeworth
Brandon McCreery (3)	Ashley Slade	Jessy Flores (2)	Eudaldo Bonet	Casey Howett (2)
Jesse Osborne	Dartayvia Thomas (2)	Daviana Garcia (2)	Mikk Irdoja (2)	Marina Marinova (2)
Michael Price	<b>Softball</b>	Samantha Held (3)	Daniel Regan	Leia Pittman
Chris Rabe	Ashley Buckett	Elizabeth Kerkhoff (3)	<b>Golf</b>	Michele Remlinger
Bryan Roby (2)	Shelby Duff	Brooke Lamberth	Dustin Allen	Kathrin Standhardinger
Cameron Scott	Heather Echols	Tracey Mitchell (3)	Tyler Erickson	Nicole Yates (4)
Ryan Smith (2)	Alisa Malte	Morgan Mitchell	Matt Motes (2)	<b>Cross Country</b>
Auston Thomas	Meagan Qualls	Erin O'Rourke (2)	David Patterson (3)	Grant Domsic
Drew Walker	Heather Walker	Kristina Pascutti	Mark Rocker	David Prussia
		Amber Raney	Jacob Tilton	Marc Savioli
		Madison Reed	Victoria Bennett	
		Kyndal Schaaf	Kim Knox (2)	
		Björg Magnea Ólafsson (2)	Kelly Pearce	
		Carey Patterson (2)		

AASU student-athletes continued to excel in the classroom in the 2009-10 academic year. Fifty-three percent of the 171 student-athletes carried grade-point averages of 3.0 or better. Seventy-seven of AASU student-athletes were named to the PBC Presidential Honor Roll and four student-athletes - women's soccer player Kristin Burton, volleyball player Nicole Yates and women's tennis players Martina Beckmann and Alisa Kagukina - earned PBC Presidential Honor Roll honors all four years at AASU. Thirty-one student-athletes were named to the Dean's List during the 2009-10 academic year.

Two student-athletes carried perfect 4.0 GPAs for 2009-10 - junior women's soccer player Kelli Bahr and senior volleyball player Gwen Clarke.

Senior Kristin Burton earned *ESPN: The Magazine*/CoSIDA Academic All-America honors for the third straight year, becoming AASU's first-ever three-time CoSIDA Academic All-American. Junior Josh Heath was an All-District III Baseball first team honoree for the second straight year as well.

Carlos Cardoza-Oquendo and Burton were the 2010 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 third in the 2009-10 Peach Belt Conference Commissioner's Cup standings, which is the conference's all-sports trophy. AASU received 76 points out of a possible 116, for a .655 percentage. AASU was boosted in the standings by Peach Belt titles in men's and women's tennis, as well as second-place finishes for volleyball, women's golf and women's soccer. GCSU won the cup for a second straight season, while Columbus State finished second and Clayton State finished fourth.

### 2009-10 Commissioner's Cup Final Standings

School	MXC (8)	WXC (11)	MSO (9)	WSO (11)	VB (8)	MBB (13)	WBB (13)	BB (12)	SB (11)	MT (10)	WTM (13)	MGF (11)	WGF (6)	Max Possible*	Total Earned	Rating
GCSU	4	10	--	8	--	12	11	12	2	8	7	11	--	113	85	.752
CSU	8	11	--	11	--	5	9	11	2	9	12	8	2	119	88	.739
AASU	1	--	--	10	7	6	4	4	7	10	13	9	5	116	76	.655
Clayton St.	7	8	7	3	--	7	10	--	--	--	11	4	--	89	57	.640
FMU	2	2	5	--	2	8	12	10	9	6	10	--	--	108	66	.611
ASU	--	7	--	--	6	13	1	2	10	4	8	--	--	91	51	.560
Flagler	3	3	9	5.5	8	4	2	7	7	6	9	3	6	136	72.5	.533
Lander	--	--	8	8	3.5	2.5	13	3	4	6	6	5	--	111	59	.532
USCA	--	4	3	2	3.5	10	8	8.5	5	3	5	10	--	122	62	.508
Montevallo	--	9	6	4	5	11	5.5	1	--	--	2	6	4	107	53.5	.500
North Ga.	5	6	2	8	--	9	3	8.5	11	2	4	1	1	128	60.5	.473
UNCP	6	5	4	5.5	1	2.5	7	6	7	--	3	7	3	126	57	.452
GSW	--	1	1	1	--	1	5.5	5	2	1	1	2	--	114	20.5	.180

\*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 where place is determined by conference tournament finish).

### NACDA Director's Cup

Armstrong Atlantic State finished 54th in the 2009-10 Learfield Sports/NACDA Division II Director's Cup, one place higher than last season. In all, six of the Pirates' 11 sports advanced to NCAA Championships competition.

AASU received 303 points to finish 54th out of the 233 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 for the women's tennis NCAA DII National Championships; 73 points for men's tennis' quarterfinals appearance; 50 points for volleyball and women's soccer's NCAA regionals victories; 25 points for softball's NCAA regionals appearance and five points for men's golf advancing to the NCAA regionals.

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## AASU Women's Tennis Completes A "Three-Peat" !



## No. 1 AASU 5, No. 3 BYU-Hawai'i 1

**ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, Fla.** (May 15) - Senior Gabriella Kovacs has this repeat thing down.

A year ago here in Sanlando Park, her three-set thriller clinched Armstrong Atlantic State's 2009 NCAA DII National Championship. On Saturday, Kovacs finished off BYU-Hawai'i's Shawni Porter in straight sets to give top-ranked and undefeated AASU its third consecutive NCAA Division II Women's Tennis National Championship, 5-1, over the Seasideers.

The Lady Pirates (33-0) joined an exclusive group of schools to ever win three consecutive DII national women's tennis titles - Chattanooga (1983-85), SIU Edwardsville (1986-89) and Saturday's opponent, BYU-Hawaii (2002-04). The title is also the sixth in the history of AASU women's tennis, second-most in NCAA DII history.

Kovacs and her fellow seniors - Martina Beckmann and Alisa Kagukina - form a core group who, along with junior Alida Muller-Wehlau, have won three straight NCAA DII National Championships for the Lady Pirates.

"We've had all these great players, but sometimes the national championships have straddled generations," head coach Simon Earnshaw said. "Sometimes you're lucky to get only one, but this group has managed to put three in a row together. If you think about the first year when they were here and compare that to what they've been able to accomplish, it's a great testament to what hard work and a belief in what team effort will do."

Beckmann and Muller-Wehlau got the match off to a successful start for AASU by winning a pivotal doubles point as play began. Kovacs and Novakova, ranked No. 7 in the nation in doubles, began with an 8-4 win at No. 2 doubles over No. 24-ranked Ayako Ikeda and Shawni Porter. BYU-Hawai'i answered with an 8-2 win by Jenny Chin and Salina Aranda over No. 23-ranked Kathleen Henry and Tina Ronel.

That set up Beckmann and Muller-Wehlau, ranked No. 3 in the nation in doubles and facing the No. 1-ranked BYU-Hawai'i duo of Yuan Jia and Elwin Li. The German duo won three straight points at 5-all to claim an 8-5 win and give AASU a key 2-1 advantage heading into singles play.

"I was confident once we won No. 1 doubles," Earnshaw said. "I felt before the match that if we could get either No. 1 or No. 3 doubles, we would be in good shape. The 5-all game with Martina and Alida was key - and I think it was the biggest game of the match. And the extra work both put into their service game this year paid off."

As singles play began, the Lady Pirates got off to a fast start, winning four of the first six sets. First to finish was No. 49-ranked Henry, who claimed a 6-2, 6-4 win over Sophia Simmons at No. 6 singles. No. 21-ranked Ronel beat Ikeda, 6-1, 6-3, about five minutes later.

Kovacs was already in her match-finishing game when Ronel's match ended, and less than two minutes later, the senior from Szazhalombatta, Hungary, finished match point against Shawni Porter, 6-2, 6-2, to give AASU the clinching national championship point for a second straight season.

The 33 wins this season for the Lady Pirates sets a new school record, eclipsing the 32 wins by the 2008 team, and during the three-year National Championship run, head coach Simon Earnshaw's Lady Pirates are an impressive 93-2.

"It's amazing when you look back now, even from 2003, how we've been able to put this together," Earnshaw said. "Realistically, if we were going to be able to win national championships over DII, we were going to have to equalize what BYU-Hawai'i has been able to accomplish since they've moved into DII. If you look back to 2003 and compare, we have been able to do that. The three national titles are a culmination, really, of the last seven years where we have only had five losses - if you keep up that level of success, the championships will come."

"We've had a lot of great players come through our program since 2000, and I think the earlier players laid the groundwork for what we have been able to accomplish these last three years."

### Three-Time Champions Return To Savannah With The Championship Trophy !

About 75 friends, family and fans of Armstrong Atlantic State tennis welcomed home the 2010 NCAA Division II Women's Tennis National Champions on May 16 at the AASU Tennis Complex !

The Lady Pirates brought the national championship trophy to campus, 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.



# 2009-2010 AASU Athletics Year In Review

## Volleyball

### Final PBC Standings

School	PBC	All
Flagler	13-1	36-9
<b>AASU</b>	<b>11-3</b>	<b>27-10</b>
Augusta State	9-5	22-12
Montevallo	8-6	20-14
Lander	5-9	18-15
USC Aiken	5-9	15-18
Francis Marion	3-11	11-20
UNC Pembroke	2-12	11-21

### PBC Championships (Aiken, S.C.)

AASU def. FMU 3-0 (25-13, 25-21, 25-22)  
 AASU def. Lander 3-0 (25-17, 25-22, 25-18)  
 Flagler def. AASU 3-0 (25-22, 25-18, 25-23)  
**NCAA Southeast Regional (Wingate, N.C.)**  
 AASU def. LMU 3-0 (25-12, 25-17, 25-22)  
 Flagler def. AASU 3-1 (25-21, 20-25, 25-21, 25-16)

### PBC All-Conference Honors

Kristin Standhardinger - First Team (Setter of the Year)  
 Kathrin Standhardinger - Second Team (Freshman of the Year)  
 Michele Remlinger - Second Team  
 Casey Howett - Second Team

### All-PBC Tournament Team

Kathrin Standhardinger  
 Kristin Standhardinger

### AVCA All-Southeast Region Honors

Kristin Standhardinger (Freshman of the Year)  
 Kathrin Standhardinger  
 Michele Remlinger

### Daktronics All-Southeast Region Honors

Kristin Standhardinger - First Team

### NCAA All-Region Tournament Team

Casey Howett

Kristin Standhardinger

### PBC All-Academic Team

Torrie Bevolo - First Team  
 Amy Birkemeier - First Team  
 Casey Howett - Second Team

### PBC Player of the Week

Kathrin Standhardinger (Oct. 5)

Michele Remlinger (Nov. 2)

### PBC Specialist of the Week

Kristin Standhardinger (Aug. 31, Sept. 8, Oct. 19)

The Armstrong Atlantic State volleyball squad earned its seventh NCAA Championships bid in school history in 2009, going 27-10 and advancing to the NCAA Southeast Region semifinals.

The Pirates finished second in the Peach Belt Conference regular season and advanced to the 2009 PBC Tournament title match - AASU's tenth appearance in the league championship match.

AASU advanced to the NCAA Southeast Region and knocked off Lincoln Memorial, 3-0, for the Pirates' fourth NCAA win in the last two seasons.

Freshman sisters Kathrin and Kristin Standhardinger enjoyed tremendous debut seasons. Kathrin led the PBC in hitting and was named the PBC Freshman of the Year, while Kristin was the PBC Setter of the Year and the AVCA All-Southeast Region Freshman of the Year. The German duo each earned All-PBC, All-PBC Tournament and All-Region honors.

Senior Michele Remlinger also earned All-PBC and All-Region honors in her final year as a Pirate, ranking second in the PBC in hitting percentage and also hitting a school-record .354 for her two-year career.

Seniors Amy Birkemeier, Marina Marinova and Nicole Yates also wrapped up their AASU careers in 2010 - Birkemeier collected 375 kills (2.15 / gm) in her two-year career, while Marinova tallied 456 digs, 277 assists and 139 kills in two seasons. Yates finished with 1,059 career digs, which ranks 5th all-time in AASU volleyball history.



Michele Remlinger (left) earned All-PBC and All-Region honors as a senior in 2009, while freshmen Kristin and Kathrin Standhardinger (below) each earned AVCA All-Region honors. Casey Howett (bottom left) was an All-PBC libero as a sophomore and Leah Pittman (bottom middle) ranked among the league's leaders in hitting percentage and blocks.

### Individual Leaders

#### Hitting Percentage

Kathrin Standhardinger, .390 (1st PBC, 12th NCAA DII)

Michele Remlinger, .357 (2nd PBC, 28th NCAA DII)

Leia Pittman, .212 (15th PBC)

#### Assists Per Game

Kristin Standhardinger, 10.25

#### (42nd NCAA DII)

#### Kills Per Game

Kathrin Standhardinger, 2.71 (8th PBC)

Amy Birkemeier, 2.39 (12th PBC)

Michele Remlinger, 2.27 (14th PBC)

#### Service Aces Per Game

Natalie Edgeworth, 0.28 (11th PBC)

#### Blocks Per Game

Leia Pittman, 0.91 (5th PBC)

Michele Remlinger, 0.91 (6th PBC)

#### Digs Per Game

Casey Howett, 3.95 (6th PBC)

### Team Statistics

#### Hitting Percentage

.221 (1st PBC, 49th NCAA DII)

#### Opponents Hitting Percentage

.127 (1st PBC)

#### Assists Per Game

11.65 (2nd PBC, 61st NCAA DII)

#### Kills Per Game

12.83 (2nd PBC, 48th NCAA DII)

#### Service Aces

1.57 (5th PBC)

#### Blocks Per Game

1.92 (4th PBC)

#### Digs Per Game

15.94 (3rd PBC)

#### Winning Percentage

.730 (35th NCAA DII)



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## Soccer

### Final PBC Standings

School	PBC Pts	All
Columbus St.	25	16-3-3
<b>AASU</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>16-4-3</b>
GCSU	19	10-6-5
Lander	19	11-4-2
North Georgia	19	10-5-2
UNC Pembroke	13	10-8-1
Flagler	13	8-9-1
Montevallo	11	8-9-3
Clayton State	10	4-10-1
USC Aiken	6	6-11
Ga. Southwestern	0	3-13

### PBC Tournament 1st Round (Savannah)

AASU def. UNC Pembroke, 3-0

### PBC Tournament Final Four (Evans, Ga.)

AASU def. Lander, 2-1

AASU def. Montevallo, 5-2

### NCAA Southeast Regional (Columbus, Ga.)

AASU def. Belmont Abbey, 5-0

CSU def. AASU, 4-2

### PBC All-Conference Honors

Kristin Burton - First Team (Player of the Year)

Morgan Mitchell - First Team

Carey Patterson - First Team

### PBC All-Tournament Team

Kristin Burton (MVP)

Morgan Mitchell

Carey Patterson

Lianne Stricklen

### PBC All-Academic Team

Kristin Burton - First Team

Jessy Flores - Second Team

Tracey Mitchell - Second Team

Elizabeth Kerkhoff - Fourth Team

Björg Magnea Ólafsson - Fourth Team

Pórdís Pétursdóttir - Fourth Team

### PBC Player of the Week

Kristin Burton (9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/28)

### Daktronics/CoSIDA

#### All-Southeast Region

Kristin Burton - First Team

Morgan Mitchell - First Team

#### Daktronics/CoSIDA All-American

Kristin Burton - First Team

Morgan Mitchell - Honorable Mention

#### ESPN/CoSIDA Academic All-District III

Kristin Burton - First Team

#### ESPN/CoSIDA Academic All-American

Kristin Burton - First Team

#### NSCAA All-American

Kristin Burton - First Team

#### NSCAA/adidas Scholar All-America

Kristin Burton - First Team

#### NSCAA All-Southeast Region

Kristin Burton - First Team

Carey Patterson - First Team

Morgan Mitchell - Second Team

#### NSCAA Top 25 Coaches' Poll

No. 23

The Armstrong Atlantic State women's soccer team continued its ascent from an inaugural collegiate program five years ago to another year of firsts in 2009, capturing its first Peach Belt Conference tournament title, earning its first NCAA postseason victory and finishing the season ranked in the NSCAA's Top 25 coaches poll.

The storyline heading into the season centered around senior forward Kristin Burton, who embarked on a season-long chase of the Peach Belt Conference's all-time goal scoring record. With her free kick goal against Tusculum on October 19, Burton passed Clayton State's Olaitan Yusuf with her 84th career goal. When all was said and done in 2009, Burton tallied a school-record 31 goals and wound up with 95 for her career, good for seventh all-time in NCAA Division II history.

Burton and the Pirates finished second in the PBC regular season standings, but made a run in the tournament to their first-ever league crown, knocking off Lander, 2-1, in the semifinals on Lianne Stricklen's last-second goal, then putting up a tournament-record five goals in a 5-2 win over Montevallo in the championship match. Burton was named the PBC Tournament MVP as well as the PBC's Player of the Year in 2009.

In the NCAA Championships, AASU matched up against Conference Carolinas champion Belmont Abbey in the Southeast Regional and blitzed the Crusaders, 5-0, for its first-ever NCAA win.

When all was said and done, the Pirates finished the year with a 16-4-3 overall record and a No. 23-ranking in the NSCAA Top 25 coaches' poll.

Freshman Morgan Mitchell emerged as a force in the midfield, earning honorable mention All-America honors in her first season as a Pirate. Junior Carey Patterson also earned All-PBC and All-Region honors as the Pirates' captain in 2009.

Burton and two other seniors - defender Kayley Ralton and goalkeeper Samantha Held - wrapped up their careers in 2009 and AASU returns 19 players for the 2010 campaign.

AASU captured its first PBC Tournament title with a 5-2 win over Montevallo. Kristin Burton (below left) earned first-team All-America honors and finished her career with 95 goals, seventh all-time in DII history. Freshman Morgan Mitchell (below right) earned honorable mention All-America honors in the midfield, scoring 12 goals.



### Individual Leaders

#### Points Per Game

Kristin Burton, 3.30 (1st PBC, 2nd NCAA)

Morgan Mitchell, 1.35 (5th PBC, 94th NCAA)

#### Points

Kristin Burton, 76 (1st PBC)

Morgan Mitchell, 31 (2nd PBC)

#### Goals Per Game

Kristin Burton, 1.35 (1st PBC, 3rd NCAA)

Morgan Mitchell, 0.52 (8th PBC)

#### Goals

Kristin Burton, 31 (1st PBC)

Morgan Mitchell, 12 (5th PBC)

Kristina Pascutti, 8 (10th PBC)

#### Assists

Kristin Burton, 14 (1st PBC)

Morgan Mitchell, 7 (6th PBC)

Erin Holt, 6 (17th PBC)

Pórdís Pétursdóttir, 5 (10th PBC)

#### Assists Per Game

Kristin Burton, 0.61 (2nd PBC, 11th NCAA)

Morgan Mitchell, 0.30 (10th PBC)

#### Shots

Kristin Burton, 119 (1st PBC)

#### Shots Per Game

Kristin Burton, 5.17 (2nd PBC)

#### Game Winning Goals

Kristin Burton, 7 (1st PBC)

Morgan Mitchell, 4 (3rd PBC)

#### Goals Against Average

Tracey Mitchell, 1.29 (5th PBC, 99th NCAA)

#### Shutouts

Tracey Mitchell, 2 (8th PBC)



### Team Statistics

Goals	Points
73, (3rd PBC)	206, (1st PBC)
Goals Allowed	Points Per Game
27, (16th PBC)	8.96, (1st PBC)
Goals Per Game	Shots
3.17, (1st PBC, 6th NCAA)	413, (1st PBC)
Goals Allowed Per Game	Shutouts
1.14, (4th PBC, 78th NCAA)	9, (2nd PBC)
Assists	W-L Percentage
60, (1st PBC)	.761, (26th NCAA)
Assists Per Game	
2.61, (1st PBC)	

# 2009-2010 AASU Athletics Year In Review

## Men's Cross Country

### PBC Championships (Pembroke, N.C.)

SCHOOL	SCORE
1 Columbus State	24
2 Clayton State	49
3 UNC Pembroke	72
4 North Georgia	137
5 GCSU	139
6 Flagler	148
7 Francis Marion	174
8 AASU	250

Reinstated in 2009, the Armstrong Atlantic State men's cross country team competed in its first varsity season since 1999, running in five meets around the southeast. Head coach Evans Davis' squad, comprised of mostly student-athletes already on campus at AASU, finished eighth at the 2009 PBC Championships in Pembroke, N.C., in October.

### Team Results

Sept. 19	USCB Sand Shark Invitational	Hardeeville, S.C.	4th of 4
Sept. 26	Mercer RunFit Sports Invitational	Macon, Ga.	8th of 8
Oct. 10	7th Annual Embry-Riddle XC	Daytona Beach, Fla.	4th of 4
Oct. 21	USC Beaufort Dual Meet	Hardeeville, S.C.	L 22-33
Oct. 24	PBC Championships	Pembroke, N.C.	8th of 8



## 2009-2010 AASU Student-Athlete Awards Banquet



SAVANNAH, Ga. - The Armstrong Atlantic State athletic department held its annual Student-Athlete Awards Banquet on Thursday, April 29, at the Armstrong Center.

Individual team and academic awards were awarded as well as a highlight video shown of the 11 sports from the 2009-10 athletic year at AASU. For a second straight year, WJCL-TV Sports Director Frank Sulkowski served as emcee of the festivities.

The highlights of the evening included the first-ever naming of a Male and Female Student-Athlete of the Year by the AASU Athletic Department. Senior women's soccer player Kristin Burton earned the Female Student-Athlete of the Year honors, while

junior men's tennis player Mikk Irdoja was named the Male Student-Athlete of the Year. Both were presented their awards by University President Dr. Linda Bleicken.

Commissioner David Brunk of the Peach Belt Conference also appeared to present special citations from the Peach Belt Conference to two AASU student-athletes - Burton for setting the Peach Belt Conference goal scoring record in the fall, and senior baseball player Josh Wilson for setting the PBC hits record against Flagler.



# 2009-2010 AASU Athletics Year In Review

## Men's Basketball

### Final PBC Standings

#### East Division

School	PBC	All
Augusta State	17-1	29-4
USC Aiken	11-7	20-11
Francis Marion	10-8	18-10
AASU	<b>7-11</b>	<b>12-16</b>
Flagler	6-12	11-16
Lander	5-13	11-16
UNC Pembroke	5-13	9-18

#### West Division

School	PBC	All
GCSU	15-2	22-6
Montevallo	11-6	25-8
North Georgia	10-7	15-13
Clayton State	8-9	16-13
Columbus State	6-11	12-14
Ga. Southwestern	3-14	7-20

### PBC Tournament First Round (Augusta, Ga.)

Augusta State def. AASU, 83-80

### PBC All-Conference Honors

Patrick Shokpeka - Third Team

### PBC Player of the Week

Keron McKenzie (March 1)

### Ashley Dearing Award Winner

Patrick Shokpeka

### Team Statistics

#### Scoring Offense

69.3 (10th PBC)

#### Scoring Defense

71.2 (9th PBC)

#### Scoring Margin

-1.9 (11th PBC)

#### FG Percentage

.414 (12th PBC)

#### Field Goal Pct Defense

.441 (9th PBC)

#### Free Throw Percentage

.663 (10th PBC)

#### 3-Point FG Pct

.330 (8th PBC)

#### 3-Point FG Pct Defense

.351 (10th PBC)

#### Rebounding Offense

34.6 (12th PBC)

#### Assists

12.04 (11th PBC)

#### Steals

7.18 (8th PBC)

#### Assist/TO Ratio

+0.98 (5th PBC, 100th NCAA)

#### 3-Point FG Made

5.86 (9th PBC)

#### Blocked Shots

2.14 (12th PBC)

#### Turnover Margin

+2.89 (2nd PBC, 38th NCAA)

#### Turnovers Per Game

12.3 (20th NCAA)

The first season of AASU men's basketball under head coach Jeremy Luther could honestly be described as two seasons as the Pirates - 0-9 in PBC play and 5-13 overall on January 27 - reeled off seven wins in their last nine Peach Belt regular season games and took eventual Elite Eight participant Augusta State down to the wire in a first-round PBC game, losing by only three at Augusta.

Playing with only seven players in many games throughout the season, coach Luther's late-season push creates optimism for the future of Pirate basketball heading into 2010-11, where several players who sat out the 2009-10 season but practiced daily with the team will now be available to play.

Senior Patrick Shokpeka enjoyed a breakout year in his final year as a Pirate, ranking fourth in the PBC in scoring, averaging a career-high 15.8 points per game, while also ranking sixth in rebounding (7.2 rpg) and seventh in steals (1.7 spg). Shokpeka also captured the 2009-10 Ashley Dearing Cup as the team's leading free throw shooter.

Senior Keron McKenzie ranked 15th in the league in scoring (13.4 ppg) and hit the game-winning three-point shot with 4.4 seconds left to give AASU a 78-76 win over Francis Marion on Senior Night. He then hit 10-of-15 three-pointers en route to a career-high 34 points in AASU's near-upset of the top-ranked Augusta State Jaguars in the PBC Quarterfinals.

Senior point guard Gabriel Robinson averaged a career-high 5.71 assists per game, third in the PBC and 17th in NCAA Division II, and finished his career with 302 assists, 10th all-time at AASU. Senior Marquise Duvall also finished up his AASU career while sophomore Chris Vanlandingham (12.3 ppg) leads a stout group of returnees for 2010-11.



### Individual Leaders

#### Scoring

Patrick Shokpeka, 15.8 (4th PBC)  
Keron McKenzie, 13.4 (15th PBC)  
Chris Vanlandingham, 12.3 (24th PBC)

#### Rebounding

Patrick Shokpeka, 7.2 (16th PBC)

#### Assists

Gabriel Robinson, 5.71 (3rd PBC, 17th NCAA)

#### Steals

Gabriel Robinson, 1.79 (5th PBC)  
Patrick Shokpeka, 1.68 (7th PBC)

#### 3-Point FG Percentage

David Pruett, .422 (4th PBC)

#### 3-Point FG Made

Keron McKenzie, 2.74 (4th PBC, 41st NCAA)

#### Assist/Turnover Ratio

Gabriel Robinson, +2.19 (3rd PBC, 37th NCAA)

#### Offensive Rebounds

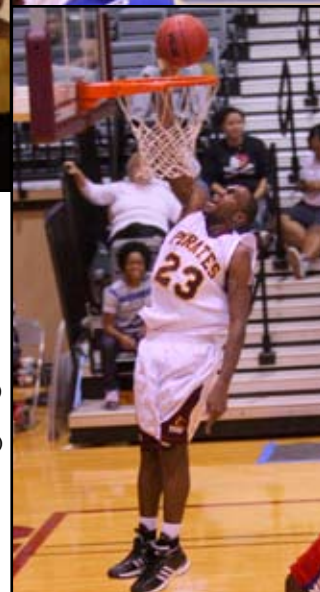
Patrick Shokpeka, 2.39 (12th PBC)

#### Defensive Rebounds

Patrick Shokpeka, 4.82 (14th PBC)

#### Minutes Played

Chris Vanlandingham, 37.71 (1st PBC)  
Gabriel Robinson, 37.39 (2nd PBC)  
Patrick Shokpeka, 32.43 (9th PBC)



Head coach Jeremy Luther (top left) led the Pirates to a 7-2 mark in the PBC after January 27. Senior Keron McKenzie (top middle) poured in a PBC Tournament-record 10 threes in AASU's quarterfinal game at No. 1 ASU. Senior Patrick Shokpeka (top right) was a third-team All-PBC honoree and senior Gabriel Robinson (right) ranked third in the PBC and 17th in NCAA II in assists. Sophomore Chris Vanlandingham (above) averaged a career-high 12.3 ppg in 2009-10.



# 2009-2010 AASU Athletics Year In Review

## Women's Basketball

### Final PBC Standings

#### East Division

School	PBC	All
Lander	17-1	27-4
Francis Marion	16-2	27-5
USC Aiken	10-8	15-13
UNC Pembroke	8-10	14-14
<b>AASU</b>	<b>6-12</b>	<b>9-17</b>
Flagler	3-15	8-19
Augusta State	0-18	1-26

#### West Division

School	PBC	All
GCSU	13-4	21-8
Clayton State	12-5	24-7
Columbus State	11-6	17-11
Montevallo	7-10	14-13
Ga. Southwestern	7-10	12-16
North Georgia	4-13	9-17

### PBC Player of the Week

Lauren Hall (Nov. 30)

### PBC All-Academic Team

Portia Jones

### Individual Leaders

#### Scoring

Lauren Hall, 13.3 (9th PBC)  
 Portia Jones, 12.3 (12th PBC)  
 Arpine Amirkhanyan, 10.0 (25th PBC)

#### Rebounding

Arpine Amirkhanyan, 7.9 (7th PBC)  
 Dartayvia Thomas, 6.2 (16th PBC)

#### Assists

Jazmin Walker, 3.31 (12th PBC)

#### Free Throw Percentage

Arpine Amirkhanyan, .771 (6th PBC)

#### Steals

Jazmin Walker, 1.88 (11th PBC)

#### Assist/TO Ratio

Ashley Duhart, 0.78 (11th PBC)

#### 3-Point FG Percentage

Lauren Hall, .360 (8th PBC, 74th NCAA)

#### 3-Point FG Made

Lauren Hall, 2.46 (3rd PBC, 51st NCAA)  
 Portia Jones, 1.92 (7th PBC)

#### Offensive Rebounds

Dartayvia Thomas, 3.15 (8th PBC)  
 Arpine Amirkhanyan, 3.00 (9th PBC)

#### Defensive Rebounds

Arpine Amirkhanyan, 4.88 (6th PBC)  
 Portia Jones, 4.19 (13th PBC)

#### Minutes Played

Dartayvia Thomas, 36.19 (1st PBC)  
 Jazmin Walker, 32.35 (5th PBC)  
 Portia Jones, 31.73 (6th PBC)  
 Lauren Hall, 31.38 (9th PBC)

The Armstrong Atlantic State women's basketball squad finished the 2009-10 season with a 9-17 overall record and a 6-12 record in Peach Belt Conference play, remaining in contention for a league tournament spot until the final weekend of play.

The Lady Pirates suffered through several season-ending injuries but still secured a few highlight wins. AASU overcame an 18-point first-half deficit to rally past UNC Pembroke, 83-80, in overtime on February 24th. The Lady Pirates placed five players in double figures in a 76-63 win at Augusta State on Dec. 5, and shot 53 percent from the floor in a 72-53 win at Flagler on January 2.

Senior Dartayvia Thomas capped her four-year career for the Lady Pirates by averaging 8.6 points and 6.2 rebounds per game, while also shooting 77.8 percent from the free throw line and leading the Peach Belt in minutes played per game. In her four years at AASU, Thomas hit 77.4 percent of her free throws, second-best all-time, while also scoring 693 points and grabbing 508 rebounds, eighth-most rebounds in AASU history. She also played in 112 games, good for sixth-best at AASU.

Senior Portia Jones was a PBC All-Academic team member for a second-straight year as the Savannah native averaged a career-best 12.3 points per game, ranking 12th in the PBC. Jones hit 98 three-pointers in her three-year career as a Lady Pirate, seventh-most in school history.

Senior Lauren Hall led the Lady Pirates in scoring, ranking ninth in the PBC at 13.3 points per game, and also earned PBC Player of the Week honors on November 30. Hall's 59 three-pointers made ranked her third in the PBC and were the sixth-most in a single season in AASU history.

Among the underclassmen, junior Arpine Amirkhanyan enjoyed a fine debut with the Lady Pirates, averaging 10.0 points and a team-leading 7.9 rebounds per game. Jazmin Walker started at point guard as a true freshman and played the fifth-most minutes per game in the league, averaging 8.2 points and 3.3 assists per game as well.



Senior Lauren Hall (top left) led the Lady Pirates in scoring in 2009-10, ranking 9th in the PBC at 13.3 points per game. Senior Portia Jones (top middle) finished her career with 98 three-pointers, seventh-most in AASU history. Jazmin Walker (top right) averaged 32.35 minutes per game as a true freshman point guard for the Lady Pirates, while senior Dartayvia Thomas (bottom right) finished her four-year career ranking second all-time in free throw percentage, sixth in games played and eighth in rebounding.

### Team Statistics

#### Scoring Offense

66.1 (8th PBC)

#### Scoring Defense

69.4 (9th PBC)

#### Scoring Margin

-3.3 (11th PBC)

#### Free Throw Percentage

.703 (2nd PBC)

#### FG Percentage

.385 (9th PBC)

#### FG Percentage Defense

.406 (10th PBC)

#### 3-Point FG

6.15 (4th PBC, 87th NCAA)

#### 3-Point FG Percentage

.337 (3rd PBC, 80th NCAA)

#### 3-Point FG Percentage Defense

.305 (7th PBC, 96th NCAA)

#### Rebounding Offense

40.5 (7th PBC)

#### Rebounding Defense

40.5 (10th PBC)

#### Rebounding Margin

0.0 (9th PBC)

#### Assists

13.35 (8th PBC)

#### Steals

7.19 (10th PBC)

#### Blocked Shots

1.73 (12th PBC)

#### Assist/Turnover Ratio

0.65 (9th PBC)



# 2009-2010 AASU Athletics Year In Review

## Baseball

### Final PBC Standings

#### East Division

School	Div.	PBC	All
Francis Marion	10-5	16-8	40-14
UNC Pembroke	10-5	13-11	34-14
USC Aiken	9-6	15-9	32-19
Flagler	9-6	14-10	29-23
Lander	4-11	6-18	24-23
AASU	3-12	7-17	27-23

#### West Division

School	Div.	PBC	All
GCSU	13-2	19-5	42-17
North Georgia	10-5	15-9	34-17
Columbus State	9-5	16-7	44-12
Ga. Southwestern	7-8	12-12	29-19
Augusta State	3-11	5-18	16-31
Montevallo	2-13	5-19	13-36

#### PBC All-Conference Honors

John Roberts - Second Team

#### PBC Player of the Week

Michael Price (Feb. 9)

John Roberts (March 29)

#### PBC Pitcher of the Week

Thomas Gray (March 2, April 19)

#### PBC Freshman of the Week

Cameron Scott (March 2, March 29, April 19)

Jake Sutton (March 10)

Justin Wilson (March 16)

#### PBC All-Academic Team

Josh Heath - First Team

Carlos Cardoza-Oquendo - Second Team

Thomas Gray - Second Team

Brandon McCreery - Third Team

Bryan Roby - Third Team

#### NCBWA All-Southeast Region

John Roberts - Honorable Mention

#### ABCA All-Southeast Region

Michael Price (OF - Gold Glove)

#### ESPN/CoSIDA Academic All-District III

Josh Heath - First Team

#### Daktronics/CoSIDA All-Southeast Region

Cameron Scott - Second Team

The Armstrong Atlantic State baseball squad notched its 31st-straight winning season in 2010, going 27-23 overall and claiming wins over nationally-ranked clubs, including a win over the 2010 NCAA DII National Champions from Southern Indiana in February.

The Pirates featured a young squad that, at times, started an all-freshman infield. Three different Pirates earned PBC Freshman of the Week honors during the year - Cameron Scott, Jake Sutton and Justin Wilson.

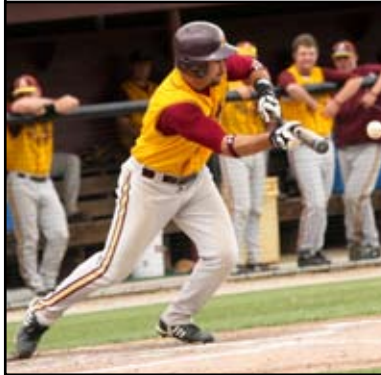
During the season, AASU claimed several wins over top 10-ranked foes - a 2-1 win over No. 9 Francis Marion on March 14; a 15-12 road win at No. 4 Mount Olive on March 24; an 11-inning 10-6 win at No. 6 Columbus State on April 9; and a 9-8 win over No. 8 GCSU, a game in which the Pirates rallied from a 7-0 deficit.

Senior outfielder Josh Wilson's season-long chase for the PBC all-time hit record bore fruit at Flagler on April 24 with an infield single in the second inning, breaking Jason Morales of UNCP's former mark of 304 hits. Wilson finished his four-year AASU career with 313 hits, a total that ranks ninth all-time in NCAA Division II history.

Senior outfielder Alex Wyche became the first AASU player to lead the nation in stolen bases, racking up 48 steals to rank atop all Division II players in both total steals and stolen bases per game. His 48 thefts were the second-most in a single season in AASU history.

Sophomore catcher John Roberts earned All-PBC and All-Region honors after a solid season in which he hit .387 with team-highs of 11 home runs and 49 RBIs.

Other seniors who wrapped up their AASU careers include relievers Brandon McCreery and Ryan Smith, who each appear on the top 10 list all-time in saves; starting pitcher Thomas Gray, who was the PBC's Pitcher of the Week twice in 2010; pitcher/infielder Bryan Roby and infielder Carlos Cardoza-Oquendo.



Senior outfielder Josh Wilson (above) set the PBC's all-time hits record in 2010 with 313, while senior outfielder Alex Wyche (above right) led NCAA Division II in stolen bases with 48. Senior pitcher Thomas Gray (right) was a two-time PBC Pitcher of the Week in 2010, while sophomore catcher John Roberts (below) led the Pirates in hitting, home runs and RBIs.



#### Team Statistics

<u>Batting Average</u>	.308 (7th PBC)
<u>Slugging Percentage</u>	.420 (10th PBC)
<u>On Base Percentage</u>	.407 (4th PBC)
<u>Runs Scored</u>	350 (10th PBC, 96th NCAA)
<u>Hits</u>	534 (9th PBC, 78th NCAA)
<u>Runs Batted In</u>	319 (8th PBC)
<u>Doubles</u>	93 (7th PBC)
<u>Triples</u>	10 (t8th PBC)
<u>Home Runs</u>	27 (12th PBC)
<u>Sacrifice Hits</u>	47 (2nd PBC, 16th NCAA)
<u>Sacrifice Flies</u>	30 (t2nd PBC, 27th NCAA)
<u>Walks</u>	254 (3th PBC, 18th NCAA)
<u>Earned Run Average</u>	5.24 (8th PBC, 80th NCAA)
<u>Batters Struck Out</u>	350 (7th PBC, 79th NCAA)
<u>Opponents' Batting Avg.</u>	.303 (10th PBC)
<u>Saves</u>	7 (t8th PBC)
<u>Fielding Percentage</u>	.969 (6th PBC, 68th NCAA)
<u>Double Plays</u>	50 (5th PBC, 19th NCAA)
<u>Winning Percentage</u>	.540 (98th NCAA)

#### Individual Leaders

##### Batting Average

Cameron Scott, .387 (5th PBC)

John Roberts, .387 (6th PBC)

##### Slugging Percentage

John Roberts, .618 (12th PBC)

##### On-Base Percentage

Cameron Scott, .485 (5th PBC)

Alex Wyche, .451 (15th PBC)

##### Hits

John Roberts, 77 (t10th PBC)

##### Doubles

Cameron Scott, 18 (t4th PBC)

##### Triples

Alex Wyche, 5 (t3rd PBC, 32nd NCAA)

##### Home Runs

John Roberts, 11 (t10th PBC)

##### Total Bases

John Roberts, 123 (11th PBC)

##### Walks

Michael Price, 35 (7th PBC, 48th NCAA)

Alex Wyche, 33 (10th PBC, 73rd NCAA)

##### Stolen Bases Per Game

Alex Wyche, 1.00 (1st PBC, 1st NCAA)

Michael Price, 0.54 (2nd PBC, 35th NCAA)

##### Stolen Bases

Alex Wyche, 48 (1st PBC, 1st NCAA)

Michael Price, 26 (t2nd PBC, 41st NCAA)

##### Sacrifice Hits

Jake Sutton, 11 (t3rd PBC, 17th NCAA)

##### Earned Run Average

Chris Base, 4.24 (15th PBC)

##### Opponents' Batting Average

Chris Base, .255 (7th PBC)

##### Innings Pitched

Thomas Gray, 90.0 (6th PBC)

Bryan Roby, 77.1 (12th PBC)

##### Strikeouts

Bryan Roby, 69 (t8th PBC, 99th NCAA)

##### Saves

Brandon McCreery, 4 (t7th PBC, 72nd NCAA)

# 2009-2010 AASU Athletics Year In Review

## Softball

### Final PBC Standings

SCHOOL	PBC	ALL
North Georgia	20-0	51-2
Augusta State	15-5	40-17
Francis Marion	13-7	36-16
<b>AASU</b>	<b>10-10</b>	<b>33-20</b>
UNC Pembroke	10-10	29-19
Flagler	10-10	28-24
USC Aiken	9-11	23-23
Lander	8-12	23-24
Columbus State	5-15	21-28-1
Ga. Southwestern	5-15	20-31
GCSU	5-15	13-32

### PBC Championships (Florence, S.C.)

AASU def. Flagler, 4-3 (9 inn.)

North Ga. def. AASU, 8-0 (5 inn.)

AASU def. Augusta State, 4-1

USC Aiken def. AASU, 9-1

### NCAA Southeast Regional (Hickory, N.C.)

Augusta State def. AASU, 7-2

Mars Hill def. AASU, 7-4

The Armstrong Atlantic State softball squad advanced to the NCAA Championships for the eighth time in the last decade, finishing the season with an overall 33-20 record and a 10-10 mark in the Peach Belt Conference.

The Pirates rode the arm of freshman Megan Barnwell and the bat of sophomore Baillie Temples to key early-season wins over nationally-ranked clubs, including a 2-0 win over No. 10 Wingate on March 5; a 2-1 win over No. 22 Lenoir-Rhyne on March 13 and an impressive 3-0 road win at No. 10 Augusta State on March 24.

In her first season with the Pirates, Barnwell was a two-time PBC Pitcher of the Week and earned All-PBC honors, leading the AASU staff with 15 wins, a 1.78 ERA and 189 strikeouts. Temples, meanwhile, put together a fantastic sophomore season in which she hit .383 with 15 home runs and 51 RBIs, leading the PBC in total bases and earning both All-PBC and All-Region honors. She also set a new Peach Belt record by driving in 10 runs in AASU's 16-12 win over East Stroudsburg on Feb. 27.

Sophomore second baseman April Jowers led the league in hits and set a single-season AASU record with 26 stolen bases, earning All-PBC and All-Region honors. Freshman Shelby Duff also earned All-Region and All-PBC honors, winning 10 games in the circle and hitting .310 with three home runs and 24 RBI.

Senior Nicole Huddleston - the lone senior on the squad in 2010 - wrapped up her four-year career by earning All-PBC honors, hitting .301 with nine home runs and 37 RBIs. Her 26 career home runs are tied for the fifth-most in AASU history and her 39 career doubles rank sixth all-time. Head coach Ted Evans has the core of his 2010 team returning in 2011 with 15 players coming back to the Pirates for next season.

### PBC All-Conference Honors

Nicole Huddleston - First Team

April Jowers - First Team

Amber Janus - First Team

Megan Barnwell - Second Team

Ashley Buckett- Second Team

Shelby Duff - Second Team

Baillie Temples - Second Team

### PBC All-Tournament Honors

Megan Barnwell

### PBC Player of the Week

April Jowers (April 12)

### PBC Pitcher of the Week

Megan Barnwell (March 10, March 16)

### PBC Freshman of the Week

Megan Barnwell (March 2)

### NFCA All-Southeast Region

Shelby Duff - First Team

April Jowers - Second Team

Baillie Temples - Second Team

### Daktronics/CoSIDA All-Southeast Region

Baillie Temples - Second Team



### Team Statistics

#### Batting Average

.313 (2nd PBC, 49th NCAA)

#### Slugging Percentage

.480 (2nd PBC, 32nd NCAA)

#### On Base Percentage

.375 (4th PBC)

#### Runs Scored

248 (2nd PBC, 70th NCAA)

#### Hits

448 (1st PBC)

#### Runs Batted In

233 (2nd PBC)

#### Doubles

78 (1st PBC, 61st NCAA)

#### Home Runs

51 (2nd PBC, 24th NCAA)

#### Earned Run Average

2.57 (4th PBC, 64th NCAA)

#### Strikeouts

350 (2nd PBC)

#### Stolen Bases

84 (2nd PBC, 36th NCAA)

#### Fielding Percentage

.972 (1st PBC, 8th NCAA)

#### Double Plays

21 (1st PBC, 29th NCAA)

### Individual Leaders

#### Batting Average

April Jowers, .421 (3rd PBC, 55th NCAA)

Baillie Temples, .383 (6th PBC)

#### Slugging Percentage

Baillie Temples, .735 (2nd PBC, 50th NCAA)

Nicole Huddleston, .558 (15th PBC)

#### On-Base Percentage

Baillie Temples, .543 (8th PBC)

April Jowers, .435 (12th PBC)

#### Runs Scored

Baillie Temples, 48 (3rd PBC, 87th NCAA)

April Jowers, 41 (9th PBC)

Erin Billingsley, 38 (t10th PBC)

#### Hits

April Jowers, 75 (1st PBC)

Baillie Temples, 62 (6th PBC)

#### Doubles

Nicole Huddleston, 13 (3rd PBC)

#### Runs Batted In

Baillie Temples, 51 (2nd PBC, 74th NCAA)

Nicole Huddleston, 37 (10th PBC)

#### Home Runs

Baillie Temples, 15 (2nd PBC, 26th NCAA)

Nicole Huddleston, 9 (t8th PBC)

#### Total Bases

Baillie Temples, 119 (1st PBC)

#### Walks

Meagan Qualls, 25 (7th PBC)

Nicole Huddleston, 23 (8th PBC)

#### Sacrifice Hits

Erin Billingsley, 19 (1st PBC, 15th NCAA)

Meagan Qualls, 9 (t11th PBC)

#### Stolen Bases

April Jowers, 26 (1st PBC, 39th NCAA)

Nicole Huddleston (top left) finished her four-year career ranking fifth in home runs and sixth in doubles at AASU; Baillie Temples (top right) led the PBC in total bases and earned both All-PBC and All-Region honors as a sophomore, while Megan Barnwell (above left) was a two-time PBC Pitcher of the Week as a freshman. April Jowers (above right) led the PBC in hits and stole an AASU-record 26 bases.

Erin Billingsley, 13 (t13th PBC)

#### Earned Run Average

Megan Barnwell, 1.89 (6th PBC, 58th NCAA)

#### Opposing Batting Average

Megan Barnwell, .210 (5th PBC)

#### Batters Stuck Out

Megan Barnwell, 189 (4th PBC, 43rd NCAA)

#### Strikeouts per 7 Innings

Megan Barnwell, 7.80 (34th NCAA)

#### Wins

Megan Barnwell, 15 (6th PBC, 99th NCAA)

# 2009-2010 AASU Athletics Year In Review

## Men's Tennis

### Final PBC Standings

SCHOOL	PBC	ALL
AASU	9-0	30-2
Columbus State	8-1	20-5
GCSU	6-3	16-7
Lander	5-4	16-7
Flagler	5-4	14-9
Francis Marion	5-4	12-8
Augusta State	4-5	12-7
USC Aiken	2-7	11-12
North Georgia	1-8	2-19
Ga. Southwestern	0-9	3-14

### PBC Championships (Jonesboro, Ga.)

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

### NCAA II Southeast Regional (Savannah, Ga.)

AASU def. Lees-McRae, 5-0  
 AASU def. Francis Marion, 5-0

### NCAA II National Championships (Altamonte Springs, Fla.)

AASU def. Kutztown, 5-0  
 Barry def. AASU, 5-2

The Armstrong Atlantic State men's tennis team advanced to the NCAA Quarterfinals in 2010, while capturing its sixth-straight Peach Belt Conference tournament title as well as sixth overall regular season crown. The Pirates finished the 2010 season with a 30-2 overall record and a No. 3 national ranking - their only two losses came to the two NCAA DII finalists, Barry and Valdosta State.

Included among those 30 wins was an 8-1 win over national champion Barry back in March - the only loss suffered by the Bucs during the season. AASU also defeated No. 5 Lynn, No. 6 Rollins, No. 7 Florida Southern, No. 8 West Florida, No. 9 Columbus and No. 10 Concordia (NY) during the year and the Pirates carried an overall 23-2 record vs. the top 35-ranked teams in the nation.

Junior Mikk Irdoja enjoyed a breakout season in his second year with the Pirates as he was named not only the Peach Belt Conference's Player of the Year, but also finished the 2010 season as the No. 1-ranked singles player in NCAA Division II, AASU's first top-ranked singles player at the end of the year since 1999. Irdoja earned ITA All-American honors in singles and doubles with junior Rafael Array, who teamed to finish ranked No. 2 in doubles.

Array had an outstanding season as well, earning All-America honors in singles and doubles while capturing the ITA Southeast Region singles title in the fall. Sophomore Eudaldo Bonet earned All-America singles honors for a second-straight year.

A pair of freshman also excelled in their first years as Pirates - Matus Mydla was named the Peach Belt Conference's Freshman of the Year and earned All-PBC singles and doubles honors, while fellow freshman and doubles partner Daniel Regan teamed with Mydla to earn All-PBC doubles honors. Senior Paul Fitzgerald, AASU's lone senior on the squad, wrapped up his career by going 27-1 in singles play during the dual match season.

Head coach Simon Earnshaw was named the ITA Southeast Region Men's Coach of the Year for 2010 and also captured his 500th career head coaching victory (including men and women) with the Pirates' 9-0 win over Drury on March 23.

### PBC All-Conference Honors

Mikk Irdoja (Singles, Doubles) (Player of the Year)  
 Rafael Array (Singles, Doubles)  
 Eudaldo Bonet (Singles)  
 Matus Mydla (Singles, Doubles) (Freshman of the Year)  
 Daniel Regan (Doubles)  
 Simon Earnshaw (Coach of the Year)

### PBC Player of the Week

Eudaldo Bonet (March 23, April 6)  
 Mikk Irdoja (March 2, March 18, April 14)  
 Daniel Regan (Feb. 23)

### PBC Tournament MVP

Rafael Array (Singles)

### ITA Southeast Region Singles Champion

Rafael Array

Mikk Irdoja (right) was the 2010 PBC Player of the Year and the No. 1-ranked singles player in the nation. Rafael Array (right middle) captured the ITA Southeast Region singles championship and earned All-American honors in singles and doubles for a second straight year. Eudaldo Bonet (bottom left) was a singles All-American while Matus Mydla (bottom right) was the 2010 PBC Freshman of the Year.

### ITA All-America Honors

Rafael Array (Singles & Doubles)  
 Eudaldo Bonet (Singles)  
 Mikk Irdoja (Singles & Doubles)

### Final Campbell's/ITA DII National Rank

No. 3



## Individual Statistics

Singles Player	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	Dual	PBC	Fall	Overall
Mikk Irdoja #1	13-1	8-1	--	--	--	--	21-2	7-0	14-3	35-5
Eudaldo Bonet #9	9-2	11-1	--	--	--	--	20-3	8-0	--	20-3
Rafael Array #15	1-0	4-0	19-2	--	--	--	24-2	6-0	13-4	37-6
Matus Mydla #38	--	3-0	5-0	19-1	--	--	27-1	9-0	--	27-1
Daniel Regan	--	--	1-0	5-0	17-2	1-0	24-2	8-0	5-3	29-5
Paul Fitzgerald	--	--	2-0	3-0	5-0	17-1	27-1	9-0	8-5	35-6
Simon Verpoort	--	--	--	--	3-0	1-0	4-0	2-0	--	4-0
Victor Saez	--	--	--	--	--	8-1	8-1	4-0	--	8-1
Jose Carlos Tolentino	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2-2	2-2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>23-3</b>	<b>26-2</b>	<b>27-2</b>	<b>27-1</b>	<b>26-2</b>	<b>27-2</b>	<b>156-12</b>	<b>54-0</b>	<b>42-17</b>	<b>198-29</b>

### Doubles

Player	#1	#2	#3	Dual	PBC	Fall	Record
Array/Irdoja #2	27-4	--	--	27-4	8-0	9-3	36-7
Mydla/Regan	1-0	24-7	--	25-7	9-0	--	25-7
Bonet/Fitzgerald	--	1-0	22-5	23-5	7-1	--	23-5
Saez/Verpoort	--	--	2-0	2-0	1-0	--	2-0
Fitzgerald/Saez	--	--	1-0	1-0	--	--	1-0
Fitzgerald/Verpoort	--	--	1-0	1-0	1-0	--	1-0
Bonet/Verpoort	--	--	1-0	1-0	--	--	1-0
Fitzgerald/Regan	--	--	--	--	--	2-1	2-1
Regan/Tolentino	--	--	--	--	--	3-2	3-2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>28-4</b>	<b>25-7</b>	<b>27-5</b>	<b>80-16</b>	<b>26-1</b>	<b>14-6</b>	<b>94-22</b>



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## Women's Tennis

### Final PBC Standings

SCHOOL	PBC	ALL
AASU	12-0	33-0
Columbus State	11-1	19-6
Clayton State	10-2	18-8
Francis Marion	9-3	17-6
Flagler	8-4	14-8
Augusta State	7-5	13-9
GCSU	6-6	12-12
Lander	5-7	12-10
USC Aiken	4-8	9-11
North Georgia	3-9	8-15
UNC Pembroke	2-10	11-14
Montevallo	1-11	7-14
Ga. Southwestern	0-12	7-16

### PBC Championships (Jonesboro, Ga.)

AASU def. Lander, 5-0  
 AASU def. Francis Marion, 5-0  
 AASU def. Clayton State, 5-0

### NCAA II Southeast Regional (Savannah, Ga.)

AASU def. Queens (NC), 5-0  
 AASU def. Francis Marion, 5-1

### NCAA II National Championships (Altamonte Springs, Fla.)

AASU def. Northeastern State, 5-0  
 AASU def. Barry, 5-0  
 AASU def. Hawai'i Pacific, 5-0  
 AASU def. BYU-Hawai'i, 5-1

The Armstrong Atlantic State women's tennis team captured its third-straight and sixth overall NCAA Division II national championship, completing a record-setting unbeaten campaign in 2010 and knocking off BYU-Hawai'i, 5-0, in the title match.

The Lady Pirates set a school record for victories, finishing the year 33-0 and giving up just one point in their run through the 2010 NCAA DII Tennis Championships. AASU went wire-to-wire as the No. 1-ranked team in the nation and the Lady Pirates have now won the second-most NCAA DII women's tennis titles in history.

AASU blitzed through the Peach Belt Conference season, dropping just one point in going 13-0 in the regular season and did not drop a point in capturing its seventh-straight PBC Tournament title and 16th tournament title overall.

Individually, sophomore Sona Novakova captured the ITA "Super Bowl" of Small College Tennis title, the third AASU player to earn that title in school history. Novakova was named the PBC's Player of the Year for a second-straight year and also earned ITA All-American honors in singles and doubles.

Junior Alida Muller-Wehlau teamed with senior Martina Beckmann to form the No. 1-ranked doubles team in NCAA Division II, both earning All-America honors as well as All-PBC and PBC Tournament MVP accolades. Muller-Wehlau was also named the ITA's DII National "Player To Watch" in addition to earning singles All-America honors for a third-straight season.

Senior Gabriella Kovacs earned All-America honors in doubles for a third time in her career and also earned All-PBC singles and doubles honors. Senior Alisa Kagukina also wrapped up her Pirate career after compiling a 17-1 dual match singles record. Sophomore Kathleen Henry was named the PBC Tournament singles MVP for going 3-0 and junior Tina Ronel earned All-PBC honors in singles.

Head coach Simon Earnshaw was named the PBC's Coach of the Year for the sixth time in the last seven seasons. He also claimed his 500th victory combined coaching the AASU men's and women's tennis teams in March.

### PBC All-Conference Honors

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

### PBC Tournament MVP

Kathleen Henry (Singles)  
 Martina Beckmann / Alida Muller-Wehlau (Doubles)

### PBC Player of the Week

Alida Muller-Wehlau (March 10, April 13)  
 Sona Novakova (March 2, March 23)  
 Kathleen Henry (April 6)

### ITA DII National "Player to Watch"

Alida Muller-Wehlau

### PBC All-Academic Team

Kathleen Henry - Second Team  
 Alisa Kagukina - First Team  
 Alida Muller-Wehlau - Second Team

### 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 (Doubles)

### Final Campbell's/ITA DII National Rank

No. 1

Martina Beckmann and Alida Muller-Wehlau (right) finished the 2010 season as the top-ranked doubles duo in DII, while Gabriella Kovacs (below) earned ITA All-American honors for a third straight year. Sophomore Sona Novakova (bottom) was the ITA "Super Bowl" singles champion and was the PBC's Player of the Year for a second straight year, also earning ITA All-America honors.



### Individual Statistics

Singles Player	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	Dual	PBC	Fall	Overall
Sona Novakova #2	19-2	--	--	--	--	--	19-2	9-0	17-3	36-5
Alida Muller-Wehlau #3	5-0	19-1	--	--	--	--	24-1	10-0	13-4	37-5
Tina Ronel #25	--	5-0	15-4	--	--	--	20-4	11-0	11-4	31-8
Gabriella Kovacs #28	--	2-0	5-0	12-2	--	--	19-2	9-0	6-3	25-5
Martina Beckmann #33	--	--	1-0	9-1	13-0	--	23-1	11-0	9-5	32-6
Kathleen Henry #48	--	--	--	2-0	17-0	13-0	32-0	12-0	12-3	44-3
Alisa Kagukina	--	--	--	--	--	17-1	17-1	10-0	5-10	22-11
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24-2</b>	<b>26-1</b>	<b>21-4</b>	<b>23-3</b>	<b>30-0</b>	<b>30-1</b>	<b>154-11</b>	<b>72-0</b>	<b>73-32</b>	<b>227-43</b>
Doubles Player	#1	#2	#3	Dual	PBC	Fall	Record			
Beckmann/Muller-Wehlau #1	29-2	--	--	29-2	11-0	10-4	39-6			
Novakova/Kovacs #8	2-0	25-1	--	27-1	9-1	5-2	32-3			
Henry/Ronel	--	7-0	18-4	25-4	9-1	10-3	35-7			
Henry/Kagukina	--	--	4-0	4-0	2-0	--	4-0			
Kagukina/Kovacs	--	--	4-0	4-0	2-0	3-2	7-2			
Kagukina/Muller-Wehlau	--	--	2-0	2-0	1-0	--	2-0			
Kagukina/Novakova	--	--	1-0	1-0	--	--	1-0			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>31-2</b>	<b>32-1</b>	<b>29-4</b>	<b>92-7</b>	<b>34-2</b>	<b>28-11</b>	<b>120-18</b>			

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## Men's Golf

### PBC Championship (Callaway Gardens, Ga.)

SCHOOL	SCORE
1 GCSU	881 +17
2 USC Aiken	889 +25
<b>3 AASU</b>	<b>894 +30</b>
4 Columbus State	898 +34
5 UNC Pembroke	899 +35
6 Montevallo	910 +46
7 Lander	912 +48
8 Clayton State	913 +49
9 Flagler	916 +52
10 Ga. Southwestern	928 +64
11 North Georgia	952 +88

### NCAA Southeast Regional (Wilson, N.C.)

SCHOOL	SCORE
1 Barry	845 -7
2 Lynn	846 -6
3 Florida Southern	854 +2
4 Nova Southeastern	858 +6
5 Queens (NC)	859 +7
6 Lander	866 +14
7 Saint Leo	867 +15
8 Belmont Abbey	870 +18
West Florida	870 +18
10 Columbus State	873 +21
Rollins	873 +21
12 Barton	874 +22
GCSU	874 +22
14 Newberry	877 +25
15 North Alabama	878 +26
16 Flagler	881 +29
<b>17 AASU</b>	<b>888 +36</b>
18 Lincoln Memorial	890 +38
19 Valdosta State	894 +42
20 Arkansas Tech	916 +64

### PBC All-Conference Honors

Matt Motes - Second Team  
Jacob Tilton (Freshman of the Year)

### PBC All-Tournament Honors

Parker Gordon

### PBC All-Academic Team

Matt Motes - Second Team

### PBC Golfer of the Week

David Patterson (Feb. 23)



The Armstrong Atlantic State men's golf team endured a season of two distinctly different halves, struggling in the fall but raising its play in the spring to earn a ninth-straight NCAA DII Golf Championships bid - the Pirates have played in every DII regional since the 2001-02 season.

With a team comprised of no seniors, the Pirates started off the 2009-10 season shakily, finishing no better than eighth in its four fall tournaments. In the spring season, however, AASU finished no lower than sixth heading into the NCAA Regional, including carding a trio of second-place finishes - at the AASU Pirate Invitational in January, in the primarily-Division I Don Benbow Invitational in Jacksonville in March, and then at the Lander Bearcat Classic in late March. AASU took that momentum into the PBC Championships, where the Pirates were the surprise day one leader after two rounds, but finished third.

AASU traveled to Wilson, N.C., for the 2010 NCAA South/Southeast Regional and finished 17th out of the 20 teams in the field - widely recognized as the strongest field in the championships by team ranking and seed.

Individually, sophomore Matt Motes earned second-team All-PBC honors after leading the Pirates in stroke average with a 73.97 mark. Freshman Jacob Tilton became AASU's first-ever PBC Freshman of the Year honoree in golf, playing in all 29 tournaments and carding a 74.66 stroke average, second-best on the squad. Fellow freshman Tyler Erickson carded a 74.79 stroke average, giving AASU the fifth-best freshman class in DII according to Golfstat's top freshman rankings.

Junior David Patterson rode a career-best second-place finish at the AASU Pirate Invitational to earn PBC Golfer of the Week honors on Feb. 23, and junior Parker Gordon was named to the PBC's Golf All-Academic Team.



Sophomore Matt Motes (far left) earned second-team All-PBC honors for the Pirates, leading AASU in stroke average (73.97) and finishing a season-best second at the Don Benbow Invitational in Jacksonville. Freshman Jacob Tilton (left) was AASU's first-ever PBC Freshman of the Year honoree, playing in all 29 rounds and carding a 74.66 stroke average, second-best on the squad. Junior Parker Gordon (bottom left) shaved another stroke off of his stroke average from his sophomore season, earned All-PBC Tournament honors with a fourth-place finish and also earned PBC Golf All-Academic honors.

### Individual Statistics

Golfer	Rounds	Strokes	Stk. Avg.	Best Finish
Matt Motes	29	2145	73.97	2nd Don Benbow Invitational
Jacob Tilton	29	2165	74.66	t7th Don Benbow Invitational
Tyler Erickson	24	1795	74.79	t3rd Lander Bearcat Classic
Ridge Purcell	22	1649	74.95	t10th Don Benbow Invitational
Parker Gordon	19	1425	75.00	t4th PBC Championships
Justin Wylie	7	528	75.43	t22nd GrubMart Intercollegiate
David Patterson	17	1298	76.35	2nd AASU Pirate Invitational
Dustin Allen	7	542	77.43	t20th AASU Pirate Invitational
Aaron Elrod	8	621	77.63	t25th AASU Pirate Invitational
Mark Rocker	2	158	79.00	42nd AASU Pirate Invitational
<b>TEAM</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>8582</b>	<b>295.93</b>	<b>2nd AASU Pirate Invitational</b> <b>2nd Don Benbow Invitational</b> <b>2nd Lander Bearcat Classic</b>

### Team Results

9/7-8	Kiawah Island Invitational	Kiawah Island, S.C.	8th of 15	598 (+22)
10/5-6	AFLAC/Cougar Invitational	Columbus, Ga.	17th of 21	588 (+20)
10/12-13	Queens (NC) Invitational	Ponte Vedra, Fla..	13th of 17	609 (+33)
10/19-20	Mizuno Savannah Invercollegiate	Pooler, Ga.	12th of 15	891 (+27)
2/1-2	Outback Intercollegiate	Panama City, Fla.	5th of 15	618 (+42)
2/22-23	AASU Pirate Invitational	Savannah, Ga.	2nd of 9	578 (+2)
3/8-9	Don Benbow Invitational	Jacksonville Beach, Fla.	2nd of 15	575 (+7)
3/14-16	Southeastern Collegiate	Valdosta, Ga.	6th of 18	891 (+27)
3/22-23	GrubMart Intercollegiate	Jacksonville, Ala.	3rd of 10	612 (+36)
3/29-30	Lander Bearcat Classic	Greenwood, S.C.	2nd of 15	840 (-24)
4/12-13	PBC Championships	Callaway Gardens, Ga.	3rd of 11	894 (+30)
5/3-5	NCAA Regional	Wilson, N.C.	17th of 20	888 (+36)

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## Women's Golf

### PBC Championship (Callaway Gardens, Ga.)

SCHOOL	SCORE
1 Flagler	660 +92
2 AASU	663 +95
3 Montevallo	666 +98
4 UNC Pembroke	667 +99
5 Columbus State	737 +169
6 North Georgia	822 +254

### PBC All-Conference Honors

Carrie George - Second Team

Kelly Pearce - Second Team

### PBC All-Tournament Honors

Kelly Pearce

### PBC All-Academic Team

Kim Knox

### PBC Golfer of the Week

Victoria Bennett (April 1)

The Armstrong Atlantic State women's golf team continued to make strides in 2009-10, culminating a successful season with a second-place finish in the first-ever Peach Belt Conference women's golf championship in April.

AASU took part in nine tournaments in 2009-10 and collected a 330.33 stroke average, more than eight strokes better than its stroke average in 2008-09. A second-place finish at the SCAD Spring Invitational preceded the second-place finish in the PBC Championships and AASU also carded a third place finish at the Newberry College Invitational.

The Pirates carded a program-best two-day score of 638 at the SCAD Spring Invitational, which included a school-record round of 312 in the second round of the tournament.

Freshman Kelly Pearce enjoyed a strong debut for the Lady Pirates, leading AASU in stroke average with an 82.33 score and also finishing runner-up at the PBC Championships. She was a second-team All-PBC honoree and a PBC All-Tournament honoree as well.

Junior Carrie George continued her steady improvement, shaving two strokes from her sophomore average and earning All-PBC second team honors with an 84.35 stroke average. Sophomore Victoria Bennett earned AASU's first-ever PBC Women's Golfer of the Week honors and finished second on the squad with an 83.75 stroke average.

Sophomore Kim Knox shaved a stroke from her freshman year and earned PBC All-Academic honors, while junior Sarah Johns carded an 85.81 stroke average in her second season with the Lady Pirates.

### Individual Statistics

Golfer	Rounds	Strokes	Stk. Avg.	Best Finish
Kelly Pearce	18	1482	82.33	T2nd PBC Championships
Victoria Bennett	16	1340	83.75	4th SCAD Spring Invitational
Carrie George	17	1434	84.35	T10th Newberry Invitational
Kim Knox	18	1537	85.39	T11th SCAD Spring Invitational
				T11th PBC Championships
Sarah Johns	16	1373	85.81	16th PBC Championships
Allison Smith	2	185	92.50	T59th LRC/Myrtle Beach Intercollegiate
Jessica Tomberlin	6	555	92.50	T45th SCAD Spring Invitational
<b>TEAM</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5946</b>	<b>330.33</b>	<b>2nd SCAD Spring Invitational</b>
				<b>2nd PBC Championships</b>

### Team Results

9/21-22	Queens (NC) Invitational	Ponte Vedra, Fla.	13th of 15	681 (+105)
10/5-6	LRC/Myrtle Beach Intercollegiate	Calabash, N.C.	8th of 13	665 (+89)
10/19-20	CSU Wendy's Fall Invitational	Charleston, S.C.	11th of 15	673 (+105)
10/26-27	Flagler College Slam	St. Augustine, Fla.	12th of 19	660 (+84)
2/6-7	Kiawah Island Intercollegiate	Kiawah Island, S.C.	8th of 17	664 (+88)
2/15-16	Newberry College Invitational	Hilton Head Isl., S.C.	3rd of 16	684 (+92)
3/8-9	Dana Rader Intercollegiate	Charlotte, N.C.	6th of 14	672 (+96)
3/29-30	SCAD Spring Invitational	Savannah, Ga.	2nd of 15	638 (+70)
4/12-13	PBC Championships	Callaway Gardens, Ga.	2nd of 6	663 (+95)



Freshman Kelly Pearce (above) earned second-team All-PBC honors and finished second in the PBC Tournament, capping an outstanding debut season. Junior Carrie George (right) also earned second-team All-PBC honors after shaving off two strokes from her sophomore stroke average, while sophomore Victoria Bennett (far right) was AASU's first-ever PBC Women's Golfer of the Week honoree with her fourth-place finish at the SCAD Spring Invitational. As a team, AASU shaved eight strokes from last season's stroke average for a program-best 330.33 mark.

