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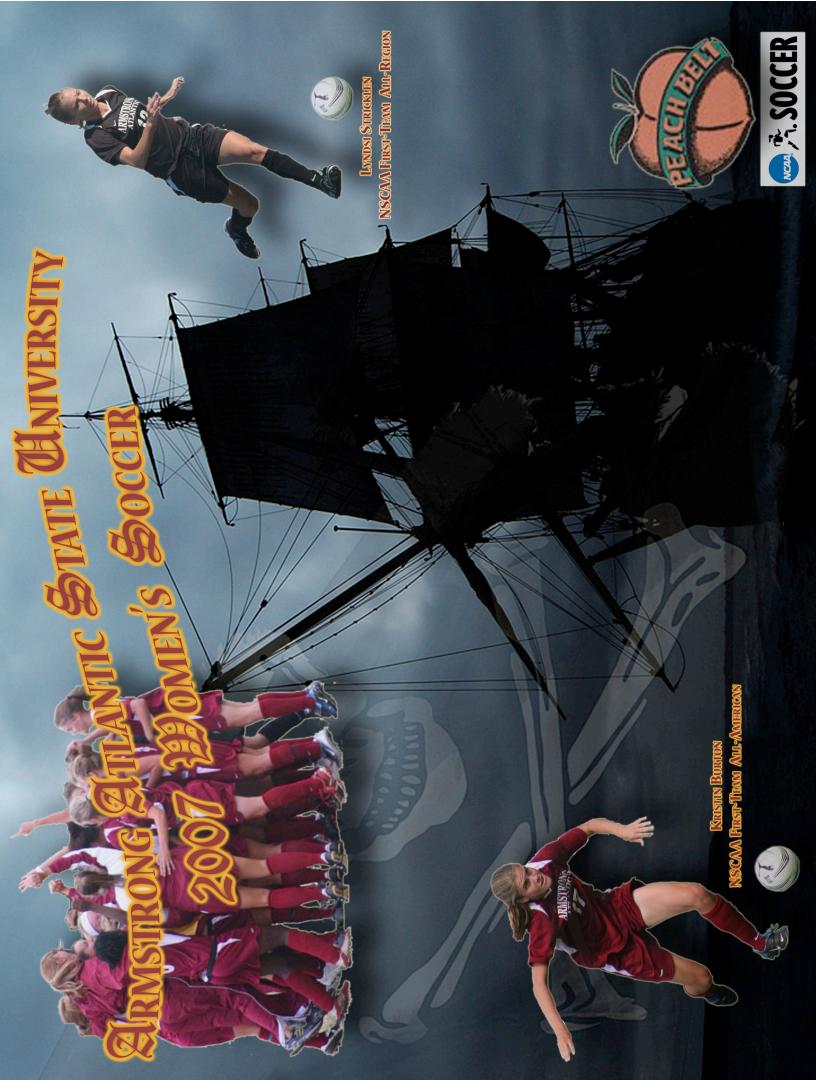
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D/M

#### Kvndal Schaaf Columbus, Ga.

An All-Bi-City selection by the Columbus Ledger-Enquirer Columbus Redstars ... Played basketball, softball and soccer for Shaw HS.



## Lianne Stricklen

Named one of the Top Five Players to Watch by the Florleading scorer at Ridgeview HS with 133 career goals ... Earned All-State, All-County and All-First Coast Honors.



## Shana Neves

Has played in 40 games as a ... PBC Presidential Honor



D/M

Sr.

**Emily Latner** Pensacola, Fla.

Has played in 39 games for goals for six points for her dential Honor Roll Honoree ... Latner will redshirt the 2007



Ginny Child Newnan, Ga.

man ... Tallied two goals with Named to the 2006 PBC All-Tournament team.



M/F

Soph.

Jr.

Kristin Savoy Woodsville, N.H.

Played in 21 games as a sophomore ... Recorded one goal and two assists for four points Honor Roll Honoree.



Kayley Ralton Edinburgh, Scotland

Played in and started 19 games before a season ending knee sists for three points in her debut season.



Jennifer Brian St. Simons Island, Ga.

Has played in 42 games and scored two goals on 18 shots for four points as Pirate ... PBC Presidential Honor Roll



D/M

Alyssa Anderson Niceville, Fla.

Guest player for Northwest Forida Force to help win the 2006 Orange Classic U18 White bracket with fellow teammate Carey Patterson ... All-State selection at Niceville



Milton, Fla.

Neves has scored 21 goals, marked 12 assists for 54 points Roll Honoree.



Kelli Bahr Middleton, Wisc.

Helped Middleton Yahara Soccer Coalition Wisconsin State Premier Division titles in 2004 and 2005 ... Led Middleton HS to a State Championship in All-State selection.



Lyndsi Stricklen Middleburg, Fla.

Has played in 42 games as 17 goals and 19 assists for 53 points ... All-Region, two-time PBC All-Conference and PBC

All-Tournament honoree.



GK Soph. 5-10

Samantha Held

Notched 37 saves in the net allowing just 10 goals in 2006 Roll Honoree.



Amanda Reynolds Columbus, Ga.

... NSCAA All-Region first team honors and second-team All-American honors as a



Maggie Kennedy

Jr.

Has played in 38 games, recorded two goals and three assists for seven points in her dential Honor Roll Honoree.



#### Carey Patterson Panama City Beach, Fla.

Helped club team Northwest Florida Force to the 2006 Orange Classic U18 White bracket title and helped the to the Florida State Cup Final Four.



Soph.

Kristin Burton

Ocala, Fla.

PBC Player and Freshman of the Year ... First-Team All-American Honoree ... All-Conference and All-Region selection ... Lead the PBC with 19 goals, seven assists and 45 points ... PBC Presidential Honor Roll Honoree.



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## **Jamie Craine**

Has played in 42 games, for 32 points in her career as a Honor Roll honoree.



#### Elizabeth Kerkhoff Oxford, Ind.

marked 13 goals and six assists ton Central High School where she was a three-time All-Conference selection, a two-time All-Area selection and Rookie of the Year.



Valdosta, Ga.

# **Ashley Elam**

Played in 21 games and tallied three assists for three points ... Marked 11 shots with five on goal ... PBC Presidential Honor Roll honoree.



#### Holly Grulich Tallahassee, Fla.

Has played in 37 games, tal-

lied one goal and two assists for four points in her career as demic All-District III selection ... PBC Presidential Honor Roll honoree.



Lindsey Willar

Savannah College of Art and Design in 2006 ... Scored one goal in the 5-1 win over ... Tallied one assist against Brewton Parker on Aug. 23.



**Brittany Carr** Alpharetta, Ga.

Played in 13 games and scored three goals for the University of West Georgia in 2006 assist in 18 games in 2005 ... Second leading scorer in 2005 for the Wolves.



GK

Tracey Mitchell Albany, Ga.

Multi-sport athlete who earned GISA All-Region honors in three-time GISA honrorable mention All-State selection.



#### Tarra Kohler

Panama City, Fla.

Has played in 21 games for Armstrong Atlantic ... During her impressive 13-4-1 record with five shutouts in two seasons.

#### 2007 Season Preview

In 2006, Head Coach Eric Faulconer and the Pirates continued to exceed expectations during their second season of play, posting an 18-4-1 overall record. Armstrong Atlantic advanced to the program's first ever Peach Belt Championship match and earned a bid to the NCAA Southeast Regional.

Coach Faulconer returns 14 players from last season's squad that led the PBC in scoring with 64 goals. With the addition of several talented newcomers for 2007, the Pirates will look to contend for the Peach Belt title in just its third season of competition.

The Pirates had no problem finding the back of the net last season, scoring 2.78 goals per game. AASU is led by returning top scorer, Kristin Burton (5-8, Soph., Ocala, Fla.), who chalked up an impressive Peach Belt leading 19 goals and seven assists for 45 points, earning her a spot on the NSCAA All-American team and the title of PBC Freshman and Player of the Year. Accompanying Burton up front will be All-Region and All-Conference forward/ midfielder Lyndsi Stricklen (5-3, Jr., Middleburg, Fla.), who led the PBC with 12 assists and marked five goals of her own for 22 points. Shana Neves (5-7, Jr., Milton, Fla.), who tallied eight goals and four assists for 20 points in 2006 and was an All-Conference selection in 2005, returns to contribute to the Pirate offensive front and midfield in 2007. Rounding out the returnees up front is Kristin Savoy (5-4, Soph., Woodsville, N.H.), who saw time in both the midfield and on the front line and notched one goal and two assists for four points in 2006.

Incoming talent for coach Faulconer will only strengthen the scoring punch with such players as **Brittany Carr (5-6, Jr., Alpharetta, Ga.)**, a transfer from West Georgia who tallied 13 goals and one assist for the Wolves in two seasons and was the team's second leading scorer in 2005. **Lindsey Willar (5-6, Soph., Shoreline, Wash.)**, a transfer from the Savannah College of Art and Design, played in 15 games for the NAIA Region XIV Tournament Runner-up Bees as a freshman. Freshman **Lianne Stricklen (5-7, Fr., Middleburg, Fla.)**, the younger sister of fellow



Junior Shana Neves, an All-Conference selection in 2005, looks to continue scoring up front for the Pirates in 2007.

Pirate Lyndsi Stricklen, will look to see some action up front and in the midfield as she was one of the "Top Five Players to Watch" by the *Florida Times-Union* as well as the all-time leading scorer at Ridgeview High School with 133 career goals.

Junior Jamie Craine (5-7, Jr., Port Orange, Fla.), a two time All-PBC Tournament selection in 2005 and 2006, returns as an anchor to the midfield for AASU. All-PBC Tournament selection Ginny Child (5-8, Soph., Newnan, Ga.), who marked two goals and one assist

for five points during her debut season also returns in the midfield. Senior Ashley Elam (5-5, Sr., Valdosta, Ga.) played in 21 games last year, notching three assists, looks to be a vital go-to midfielder. Junior Maggie Kennedy (5-5, Jr., Abita Springs, La.) returns to the squad off a two goal and three assist sophomore season. Holly Grulich (5-6, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla.) was a CoSIDA Academic All-District honoree in 2006 and will find some action in the midfield and on the defensive back line in 2007.

Freshman midfielder Elizabeth Kerkhoff (5-5, Fr., Oxford, Ind.), a three time All-Conference selection and two-time All-Area selection at Benton Central High School, joins the Pirates lineup in 2007. Carey Patterson (5-9, Fr., Panama City Beach, Fla.), who helped Northwest Florida Force



Junior Jamie Craine, a two-time PBC All-Tournament selection tallied six goals and five assists for 17 points in 2006

club team to the U18 White bracket title will see some time in the midfield and on the back line.

The Pirates return two defenders from the 2006 squad that lowered its GAA by more than a goal a game from its inaugural season. **Jennifer Brian (5-7, Jr., St. Simons Island, Ga.)**, who tallied four goals in her sophomore season returns to the defensive backline. **Kayley Ralton (5-7, Soph., Edinburgh, Scotland)**, who started 19 games and recorded three assists as a freshman until suffering a season ending injury.

Faulconer looks to strengthen the defensive presence by adding several talented players to the roster, including **Kelli Bahr (5-10, Fr., Middleton, Wisc.)**, who helped the Middleton Yahara Soccer Coalition to two division titles in 2004 and 2005. Junior **Amanda Reynolds (5-7, Jr., Columbus, Ga.)** was NSCAA All-Region First-Team honoree as well as a Second-Team All-American selection at Darton College. **Alyssa Anderson (5-9, Fr., Niceville, Fla.)** was a club team member of the Northwest Florida Force U18 White bracket champions with fellow teammate Carey Patterson while Columbus, Ga. native **Kyndal Schaaf (5-8, Fr., Columbus, Ga.)** rounds out the Pirate defensive newcomers as an All-BiCity Selection by the *Columbus Ledger-Enquirer*.

AASU returns two players in goal who split time last season. **Tarra Kohler (5-6, Sr., Panama City, Fla.)** returns for her final year of competition coming off a season where she averaged 0.94 goals against per game and made 49 saves in 13 starts. **Samantha Held (5-10, Soph., Green Cove Springs, Fla.)** returns off a debut season where she allowed 10 goals for a 1.11 goals against average while making 37 saves in 10 starts.

The Pirates will get some help in goal from freshman keeper **Tracey Mitchell (5-11, Fr., Albany, Ga.)**, who was a GISA three-time Honoroable Mention All-State selection for Deerfield-Windsor HS.

The Pirates, who are among teams receiving votes in the preseason NSCAA Division II Top 25 Coaches' Poll, open up competition in Tampa against Nova Southeastern on Aug. 24, another team that has received votes. AASU then visits Florida Southern on August 26. AASU faces three nationally-ranked teams this season who will look to prohibit the Pirates from entering post season play. AASU will get a chance to seek revenge on a team that knocked them out of the NCAA Southeast Regional as No. 8-ranked Tusculum College comes to Savannah on Oct. 15. The Pirates will be on the road against fellow PBC opponent and No. 21-ranked Columbus State on Oct. 3, who bested AASU in penalty kicks in the 2006 Peach Belt Conference Tournament Championship match.

Rounding out the road trips for the Pirates will be road contests against Erskine on Aug. 31. A trip to Columbus, Ga on Sept.

7-9, to battle No.9-Ranked Carson-Newman, a fellow NCAA Southeast Regional participant in 2006, and Catawba, who fell to Armstrong Atlantic last year giving the young team its first ever win over a ranked squad. Other road trips include several PBC matches and a road contest against Queens University (N.C.) on Sept. 27.

Armstrong Atlantic will open its home schedule against Flagler on Sept. 2. The Pirates also host several PBC competitors including Clayton State, who is picked to finish second in the PBC by the league's coaches. Making the trip to Savannah on Oct. 6 will be Newberry, who fell to AASU, 4-3, in the 95th minute on Oct. 7, 2006.

## 2007 Coaching Staff



Eric Faulconer Head Coach

Eric Faulconer begins his third season at the helm of the Armstrong Atlantic State women's soccer program. In just two short seasons, Faulconer has compiled a 29-12-1 record for the Pirates and begins the 2007 season just three wins shy of 100 career collegiate victories. His overall record stands at 97-56-7 in eight seasons and is a two-time NSCAA Region Coach of the Year.

In just the second season of competition, Faulconer led the Armstrong Atlantic State women's soccer program to an 18-4-1 record, its first NCAA Championships appearance and a berth in the Peach Belt Conference tournament title match. For his efforts, Faulconer was named the NSCAA South Region Coach of the Year.

The Pirates experienced unprecedented success right out of the gate as a first-year program in 2005, going 11-8 and leading the Peach Belt in scoring. Faulconer was tabbed to start the Armstrong Atlantic State women's soccer program in 2005 after a successful stint at Thomas University, where he also built the Night Hawks program from scratch, beginning in 1999.

Born in New Jersey, Faulconer's family moved to Naples, Florida, in 1979. He graduated from Florida State University with a bachelor's degree in political science in 1992 and a master's degree in public administration in 1996, with additional graduate course work in sports administration. Eric and his wife, Ginger, have one son, Zachary Colin Faulconer, age 6.



Alison Clarke Assitant Coach

Alison Clarke, a Drogheda, Ireland native, begins her third season as assistant coach to Eric Faulconer for the 2007 season. A 2005 graduate from Thomas University with her bachelor's degree in history, she played and started all 84 games during her four-year career under the guidance of Coach Faulconer. Alison is the all-time Thomas University record holder in games played and started.

She served as team captain and was a NAIA Academic All-American graduating with Magna Cum Laude honors. Clarke was selected as the team MVP in 2000 and won the Coaches Award in 2001 and 2004. Clarke captained and helped lead the 2003 NAIA Region 13 championship team. She served as a student assistant at Thomas in 2005, helping the team achieve a program best national ranking of tenth.

Clarke will receive her master's degree in Sports Medicine in December from Armstrong Atlantic State University.



Leeanna Woodworth Volunteer Assistant Coach



Hilary George Volunteer Goalkeeper Coach



Donna Cheyne Student Assistant



Jessica Chipple Student Assistant

## 2007 Schedule

Aug. 24	vs. Nova Southeastern (Tampa, Fla.)	5:00 p.m.
Aug. 26	at Florida Southern	3:00 p.m.
Aug. 31	at Erskine	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 2	Flagler	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 7	vs. Carson-Newman (Columbus, Ga.)	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 9	vs. Catawba (Columbus, Ga.)	11:00 a.m.
Sept. 15	Clayton State *	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	at UNC Pembroke *	5:00 p.m.
<b>Sept. 22</b>	Georgia Southwestern State *	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 27	at Queens (NC)	6:00 p.m.
<b>Sept. 29</b>	GCSU *	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	at Columbus State *	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 6	Newberry	3:00 p.m.
Oct. 12	at USC Aiken *	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 15	Tusculum	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 20	at North Georgia *	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 27	Lander *	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	PBC Championships - First Round	TBA
Nov. 2-4	PBC Final Four	TBA
Nov. 9-11	NCAA DII Southeast Regional	TBA

## **General Information**

School:Armstrong Atlantic State University				
City/Zip:Savannah, GA 31419				
Founded:1935				
Enrollment:7,000				
Nickname:Pirates				
Colors:Maroon and Gold				
Field Name:AASU Soccer Field				
Capacity:500				
Affiliation:NCAA Division II				
Conference:Peach Belt Conference				
<b>President:</b> Dr. Thomas Z. Jones				
A.DDr. Eddie Aenchbacher				
Alma Mater: Armstrong Atlantic State, '79				
<b>Athletic Phone:</b> (912) 927-5336				
Head Coach: Eric Faulconer (Florida St., '92)				
<b>Assistant Coach:</b> Alison Clarke (Thomas, '05)				
<b>Soccer Phone:</b> (912) 921-2081				
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Website: www.athletics.armstrong.edu

**Bold** - denotes Home match

\* - denotes Peach Belt match

2007 Armstrong Atlantic Women's Soccer Roster

No.	Player	Pos.	Cl.	Ht.	<b>Hometown / Previous School</b>		
2	Kyndal Schaaf	D/M	Fr.	5-8	Columbus, Ga. / Shaw HS		
3*	Emily Latner	D/M	Sr.	5-9	Pensacola, Fla. / Thomas University		
4	Kristin Savoy	M/F	Jr.	5-4	Woodsville, N.H. / Gardner Webb		
5	Jennifer Brian	D	Jr.	5-7	St. Simons Island, Ga. / Frederica Academy		
6	Lianne Stricklen	M/F	Fr.	5-7	Middleburg, Fla. / Ridgeview HS		
7	Ginny Child	M	Soph.	5-8	Newnan, Ga. / Newnan HS		
8	Kayley Ralton	D	Soph.	5-7	Edinburgh, Scotland / Royal HS		
9	Alyssa Anderson	D/M	Fr.	5-9	Niceville, Fla. / Stillwater HS (Minn.)		
10	Shana Neves	F/M	Jr.	5-7	Milton, Fla. / Pace HS		
11	Kelli Bahr	D	Fr.	5-10	Middleton, Wisc. / Middleton HS		
12	Lyndsi Stricklen	F/M	Jr.	5-3	Middleburg, Fla. / Ridgeview HS		
13	Samantha Held	GK	Soph.	5-10	Green Cove Springs, Fla. / Clay HS		
14	Amanda Reynolds	D	Jr.	5-7	Columbus, Ga. / Darton College		
15	Maggie Kennedy	M	Jr.	5-5	Abita Springs, La. / St. Scholastica		
16	Carey Patterson	M/D	Fr.	5-9	Panama City Beach, Fla. / Arnold HS		
17	Kristin Burton	F	Soph.	5-8	Ocala, Fla. / Forest HS		
18	Jamie Craine	M	Jr.	5-7	Port Orange, Fla. / Spruce Creek HS		
19	Elizabeth Kerkhoff	M	Fr.	5-5	Oxford, Ind. / Benton Central HS		
20	Ashley Elam	M	Sr.	5-5	Valdosta, Ga. / Darton College		
21	Holly Grulich	M/D	Jr.	5-6	Tallahassee, Fla. / Auburn University		
22	Lindsey Willar	F	Soph.	5-6	Shoreline, Wash. / SCAD		
23	Brittany Carr	F/M	Jr.	5-6	Alpharetta, Ga. / West Georgia		
24	Tracey Mitchell	GK	Fr.	5-11	Albany, Ga. / Deerfield-Windsor HS		
33	Tarra Kohler	GK	Sr.	5-6	Panama City, Fla. / Birmingham Southern		
*-W	*-Will redshirt the 2007 season.						

<sup>\*\*</sup>The AASU Sports Communications Office would like to thank Julien Ogor <www.julienogor.com> for use of a picture which formed the base image for the front page of this pamphlet.