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# ARMSTRONG STATE UNIVERSITY 2014-2015 ATHLETICS YEAR IN REVIEW

Pirates Capture Fourth Straight PBC Commissioner's Cup Women's Tennis Claims 9th National Championship Men's Tennis Advances To NCAA Semifinals Six Teams Earn NCAA Championships Berths Twelve Student-Athletes Earn All-America Honors









#### ARMSTRONG'S 2014-15 ALL-AMERICA HONORS

#### **AVCA Volleyball All-American**

Senior Stephanie Sfara (3rd Team) Senior Kamryn Sherman (Honorable Mention)

**Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-American** Junior Peyton Roth (2nd Team - Softball)

#### NFCA Softball All-American

Senior Alexis Mercer (2nd Team Shortstop) Junior Peyton Roth (2nd Team Second Base)

GCAA Scholar All-American

Cory Griffin

#### ITA Tennis All-America Honors

Women

Freshman Alejandra Cisneros (Singles)
Freshman Nicole Fossa Huergo (Doubles)
Freshman Lena Lutzeier (Singles, Doubles)
Senior Clara Perez (Singles, Doubles)
Junior Carolina Prats-Millan (Singles, Doubles)

Men Junior Pablo Go

Junior Pablo Gor (Singles) Senior Fernando Bogajo (Singles)

# 2014-2015 Armstrong State Athletics Year In Review **ACADEMICS**

#### PBC Presidential Honor Roll Honorees

Baseball
Will Browning
Chandler Corley
Corey Crunk (3)
R.J. Dennard (4)
Ryan Good
Tyler Green (3)
Corey Kafka
Cody Kremer
Joey Lupus (4)
Pete Nagel
Ryan Patterson (2)
Cody Sherlin (3)
Matt Taylor
Kendrick Thompson
Matt Wisniewski (2)
Caleb Weaver
Caleb Woods
Moreovic Core

### Women's Golf

Nathalia Baigorria Men's Cross Country Sophie Bargeron Henning Schein Molly Molyneaux (2) Donald Shelton Pamela Mosley (2)

BASKETBALL Brigitta Barta (2) George Brown (2) Nichole Findura (2) Deanne Hayward (2) Amber Howell Amber Johnson Tori Klewicki-McNutt (3) Shannon McCrosson Kailey Goins (2) Machala Raymonville Amanda Green Lexi Schoonover Nicholas Scott

#### MEN'S GOLF Cory Griffin (3)

Howard Hickey (2) Joseph Jarrard Jacob Tinsley Travis Williamson (5)

### SOCCER

Jenny Allen Michelle Allen Erin Berube (2) Maggie Carson (4) Candace Cosby (3) Mary Margaret Davis (3) Olivia DeJong Ashley Green Kennedi Herrmann (2) Jane Trzaska (2) Kelsey Higgason Erica Laurens (2) Allison Litchfield (2) Morgan Luckie (2) Brianne Matarazzo (3) Taylor Russell (3)

#### SOFTBALL

Tori Bates (2) Michelle Breen McKenzie Anderson Savanna Gladue (2) Kim Brody Ollivia McLemore (2) Carley Eiken Alexis Mercer (2) Hannah Reppert Peyton Roth (3) Ashley Sterritt Lindsay Stewart

### **Men's Tennis**

Luca Cerin (2) Ignacio Hernandez (2) Otakar Lucak Damian Okrutny Marek Pesicka

#### VOLLEYBALL

Kayla Berns (3) Katie Broderick (2) Isabel Fabacher Paige Gocke (2) Rachel Reynolds (3) Brittany Hereth (2) Morgan Hill (3) Anna McGee Taylor Permenter (3 Iva Scepanovic Madison Sox Stephanie Sfara (4) Krista Vaughn

#### Women's Tennis

Dora Andrejszki (2) Nicole Fossa Huergo Lena Lutzeier Clara Perez (4) Carolina Prats-Millan (2) Diana Stomlega

Armstrong student-athletes continued to excel in the classroom in the 2014-15 academic year. Sixty-two percent of the 157 student-athletes carried grade-point averages of 3.0 or better. A stellar 97 of Armstrong student-athletes were named to the PBC Presidential Honor Roll. Six student-athletes - baseball player R.J. Dennard and Joey Lupus, soccer players Maggie Carson and Jordan Otto, volleyball player Stephanie Sfara and women's tennis player Clara Perez - were named to the Honor Roll for the fourth time in their careers while men's golfer Travis Williamson was named to the Honor Roll for a fifth year. Eighty student-athletes were named to the Dean's List during the 2014-15 academic year.

Two student-athletes carried perfect 4.0 GPAs for 2014-15 – Carson, softball player Peyton Roth and baseball player Pete Nagel. Overall, 26 student-athletes carried a 4.0 GPA during the year - 14 in the Fall and 12 in the Spring.

Roth earned Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-American honors, just the third Armstrong softball player to earn Academic All-American honors from the organiza-

Dennard and Carson were the 2014-15 President's Cup winners, given by the Savannah Exchange Club to the top female and male student-athlete of the year.

# **LOMMISSIONER'S**

Armstrong captured its fourth-straight Commissioner's Cup in program history in 2014-15, earning 97 points out of a possible 131 for a .740 percentage. The Pirates won three Peach Belt championships in 2014-15 with volleyball, men's tennis and women's tennis all capturing league titles. Baseball finished second while softball and women's soccer each finished third. Columbus State finished second while North Georgia finished third.

Randi Schroedel

Brooke Standard

Taylor Valley (3)

Jade Smith

#### 2014-15 COMMISSIONER'S CUP FINAL STANDINGS

	MXC	WXC	MSO	WSO	VB	MBB	WBB	BB	SB	MT	WT	MGF	WGF	MTK	WTK	Max	Total	
School	(10)	(12)	(10)	(12)	(10)	(14)	(14)	(13)	(13)	(11)	(14)	(12)	(8)	(5)	(5)	Pts*	Pts	Rating
Armstrong	6	-	-	10	10	2	9.5	12	11	10.5	14	7	5	-	-	131	97	0.7405
Columbus	10	7	-	12	5.5	11	14	8	5	8	13	4	1	2	1	153	101.5	0.6634
North Ga.	-	11	3	11	-	7.5	11	13	13	7	6	1	3	-	-	133	86.5	0.6504
GRUA	7	9	-	-	8.5	12.5	6	4	10	4	10	-	-	4	3	121	78	0.6446
Lander	-	-	2	7.5	5.5	10	13	3	2	10.5	8	6	7	-	-	131	74.5	0.5687
USC Aiken	ı -	1	9	5	8.5	5.5	12	9	7	4	4	11	-	-	-	135	76	0.5629
UNCP	9	8	4.5	9	2	12.5	6	11	4	-	2	2	4	5	5	152	84	0.5526
Flagler	8	10	6.5	4	4	3.5	3	10	3	2	11	12	6	-	-	153	83	0.5425
Ga. College	e 4	5	-	6	1	1	8	6	12	9	12	8	-	-	-	135	72	0.5333
Montevallo	5	12	4.5	2	7	14	1	5	7	-	3	3	8	3	4	152	78.5	0.5165
Clayton St.	3	4	6.5	7.5	-	5.5	9.5	-	-	-	6	9	-	1	2	108	54	0.5000
YHC	2	6	10	3	-	7.5	4	2	9	6	9	10	2	-	-	143	70.5	0.4930
Fr. Marion	1	3	8	-	3	3.5	2	7	7	4	6	-	-	-	-	121	44.5	0.3678
Ga. Swstrn	-	2	1	1	-	9	6	1	1	1	1	5	-	-	-	125	28	0.2240

\*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 finished 57th in the nation in the Learfield Sports Directors Cup, sponsored by NACDA, accumulating 489.50 points from its five sports that performed well enough in NCAA competition.

Armstrong earned 322 points total. Grand Valley topped all schools in DII with 965.50 points and in all, 252 schools earned at least one point in the competition.

The Pirates earned 100 points for winning its ninth national championship in women's tennis; 83 points for a national semifinal berth in men's tennis, 64 points for volleyball advancing to the region final; 50 points for softball making it to the sub-regional final and 25 points for women's soccer advancing to the regional.

Armstrong's 57th place finish was second among PBC schools and breaks a string of three straight years in the Top 25.

# 2014-2015 ARMSTRONG STATE ATHLETICS YEAR IN REVIEW ARMSTRONG WOMEN'S TENNIS NOTCHES NINTH NCAA DIVISION II NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



**SURPRISE, Ariz.** (May 16) - The top-ranked and unbeaten Armstrong State University women's tennis team captured the ninth NCAA Division II National Championship in school history with a 5-2 victory over No. 2 Barry University on Saturday at the Surprise Racquet & Tennis Complex in Surprise, Ariz.

The Pirates (33-0) extend their NCAA DII record for most national championships while also capping an unbeaten season, handing the Bucs (24-2) the loss in a rematch of the 2014 National Championship match won by Barry. Armstrong now has won three of the last four NCAA DII national championships and six of the last eight.

Armstrong took a pivotal 2-1 lead after doubles play as the top-ranked doubles duo of Lena Lutzeier and Clara Perez defeated No. 3-ranked Sonja Larsen and Ana Pain, 8-6, at No. 1 doubles, while No. 20-ranked Nicole Fossa Huergo and Carolina Prats-Millan downed No. 4-ranked Linda Fritschken and Emma Onila, 8-4, at No. 2 doubles. Barry's doubles point came at No. 3 doubles as Elisabeth Abanda and Kimmy Twelker downed Alejandra Cisneros and Diana Stomlega, 8-6, at No. 3 doubles.

The two teams each won three first sets in singles, and the Pirates took a 3-1 lead on Stomlega's 6-3, 6-2 win over Twelker at No. 6 singles. Barry cut the lead to 3-2 on No. 3-ranked Onila's 6-3, 6-2 win over No. 12-ranked Perez, but the Pirates quickly got the lead back on No. 10-ranked Cisneros' 6-2, 6-3 win over No. 22-ranked Abanda, 6-2, 6-3.

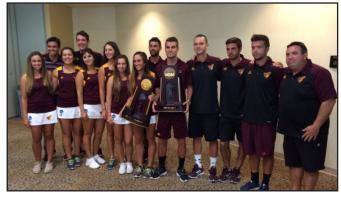
The clinching point came when freshman No. 5-ranked Lena Lutzeier broke the serve of No. 4-ranked Sonja Larsen in the second set for a 6-3, 6-4 win and the championship.

"This was so exciting, especially because I think it was crucial to take the 2-1 lead after doubles," Armstrong head coach Sean McCaffrey said. "Then going into singles, I knew we had a couple of spots where I thought we were stronger, and we were lucky because they panned out the way we hoped."

McCaffrey is the fourth different Armstrong head coach to win a national title with the women's team, and does so in his first season at the helm of the Pirates, joining Andreas Koth (1995), Mark Beyers (1996) and Simon Earnshaw (2005, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013). The Pirates are also now 2-0 at the Surprise complex, also winning the title at the venue in 2013.

"Winning in straight sets at the three spots that we won was important," McCaffrey said. "Carol, Clara and Nicole dropped their first sets but they tried to stay out there as long as they possibly could for the team. Coming through in the clutch were the young ones, with Diana, Lena and Alejandra, Lena clinching of course, and I'm very proud of them."

The Armstrong men's tennis team advanced to the NCAA semifinals, knocking off defending champion West Florida in the quarterfinals to make its ninth appearance in the semis. Both teams were welcomed back to campus on Monday, May 18, for a celebration.





# 2014-2015 Armstrong State Athletics Year In Review Volleyball

FINAL	PBC	STANDINGS
School	PBC	<u>All</u>
Armstrong State	<i>17-1</i>	<i>30-3</i>
USC Aiken	13-5	21-9
GRU Augusta	13-5	27-9
Montevallo	11-7	21-12
Columbus State	14-15	9-9
Lander	22-10	9-9
Flagler	8-10	16-16
Francis Marion	5-13	9-20
UNC Pembroke	3-15	16-22
Georgia College	2-16	7-20

#### PBC Quarterfinals (Savannah)

Armstrong def. FMU 3-0 (25-15, 25-20, 25-19)

#### **PBC Final Four (Savannah)**

Armstrong def. Montevallo 3-0 (25-18, 25-9, 25-15) Armstrong def. Flagler 3-1 (25-20, 19-25, 25-23, 25-23)

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

Armstrong def. LRU 3-1 (25-20, 22-25, 25-9, 25-22) Armstrong def. Carson-Newman 3-0 (25-21, 25-22, 25-14) Wingate def. Armstrong 3-2 (25-14, 21-25, 25-20, 19-25, 15-11)

#### **PBC ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS**

Morgan Hill - PBC Co-Defensive Player of the Year Kamryn Sherman - First Team, PBC Setter of the Year Stephanie Sfara - First Team Rachel Thompson - Second Team Emily Wylie - First Team

#### **ALL-PBC TOURNAMENT TEAM**

Kamryn Sherman Emily Wylie (MVP)

#### **AVCA ALL-AMERICAN HONORS**

Stephanie Sfara - Third Team

Kamryn Sherman - Honorable Mention

#### **AVCA ALL-SOUTHEAST REGION HONORS**

Morgan Hill Stephanie Sfara Kamryn Sherman Emily Wylie Rachel Thompson

#### **DAKTRONICS ALL-SOUTHEAST REGION HONORS**

Morgan Hill - First Team Stephanie Sfara - First Team Kamryn Sherman - First Team Rachel Thompson - Second Team Emily Wylie - Second Team

#### **PBC ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM**

Paige Gocke Taylor Permenter Morgan Hill Stephanie Sfara

Anna McGee

#### **CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT III**

Stephanie Sfara

#### **PBC Specialist of the Week**

Morgan Hill (Oct. 28)

Kamryn Sherman (Sept. 30, Oct. 14)

#### PBC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Stephanie Sfara (Sept. 8, Oct. 28)

#### NCAA Southeast Region All-Tournament Team

Morgan Hill Kamryn Sherman Stephanie Sfara Rachel Thompson

FINAL AVCA RANK

No. 24

The Armstrong State University volleyball squad captured the Peach Belt Conference's regular season and tournament titles for a third straight season, while advancing to the NCAA Southeast Region championship match for a second straight year.

Armstrong finished the year with a 30-3 overall record while going 17-1 in PBC play, earning the program's seventh PBC regular season title. The Pirates led the Peach Belt and ranked among the Top 5 nationally in team hitting percentage and team Won-Lost percentage. The Pirates also hosted the PBC Tournament's final four and knocked off Flagler, 3-1, to earn their fifth league tournament title in front of the home crowd.

Senior outside hitter Stephanie Sfara became just the fifth Armstrong player to finish her career with 1,000+ kills and digs, earning All-Conference honors in 2014. She also earned third-team AVCA All-American honors.

Senior Kamryn Sherman led the PBC in assists per set and was named the PBC's Setter of the Year. She also led the Pirates and ranked in the Top 20 nationally in assists and service aces per set, earning honorable mention All-America honors. Senior Morgan Hill was named the PBC's co-Defensive Player of the Year, averaging a career-best 4.23 digs per set, while seniors Taylor Permenter and Katie Broderick also wrapped up their Pirate careers.

Sophomore Rachel Thompson led the PBC and ranked seventh nationally in hitting percentage while sophomore Emily Wylie was the 2014 PBC Tournament MVP - both players earned All-PBC and All-Region honors.

Armstrong returns 13 players for the 2015 season.



#### Individual Leaders

Hitting Percentage

Rachel Thompson, .394 (1st PBC, 7th NCAA) Emily Wylie, .311 (3rd PBC, 95th NCAA) Taylor Permenter, .306 (4th PBC)

Stephanie Sfara, .280 (5th PBC)

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Assists Per Set

Kamryn Sherman, 11.25 (1st PBC, 21st NCAA) Kills Per Set

Stephanie Sfara, 3.48 (5th PBC, 84th NCAA)

Emily Wylie, 3.15 (8th PBC)

Service Aces Per Set

Kamryn Sherman, 0.51 (2nd PBC, 20th NCAA)

Stephanie Sfara, 0.37 (6th PBC)

Kim Brody, 0.36 (8th PBC)

Digs Per Set

Morgan Hill, 4.23 (7th PBC)

Points Per Set

Stephanie Sfara, 3.94 (5th PBC, 98th NCAA)

#### TEAM STATISTICS

Winning Percentage

.909 (4th NCAA)

Hitting Percentage
.291 (1st PBC, 3rd NCAA)
Assists Per Set
13.04 (1st PBC, 23rd NCAA)
Kills Per Set
13.91 (1st PBC, 22nd NCAA)
Service Aces Per Set
1.79 (3rd PBC, 35th NCAA)
Opponent's Hitting Percentage
.153 (1st PBC, 57th NCAA)

Kamryn Sherman (top left) was the PBC's Setter of the Year in 2014, helping the Pirates rank atop the league and in the Top 5 nationally in team hitting percentage. Stephanie Sfara (top right) was a third-team AVCA All-American and finished her career with 1,000+ kills and digs. Emily Wylie (above) was the 2014 PBC Tournament MVP, helping the Pirates capture their fifth league tournament crown.



# 2014-2015 Armstrong State Athletics Year In Review Soccer

FINAL PBC	STAND	INGS
School	PBC	All
Columbus State	11-0	21-1-1
North Georgia	8-2-1	17-4-2
Armstrong State	<i>8-2</i>	<i>13-5</i>
UNC Pembroke	6-3-2	11-5-3
Lander	5-2-3	8-3-4
Clayton State	6-5	12-8
Georgia College	5-6	7-10-1
USC Aiken	4-5-2	6-9-3
Flagler	3-7-1	4-12-1
Young Harris	3-8	6-10
Montevallo	1-9-1	1-12-1
Ga. Southwestern	0-11	0-18

PBC Tournament 1st Round (Savannah) Clayton State def. Armstrong, 2-1 NCAA Southeast Regional (Columbus) Wingate def. Armstrong, 1-0 The Armstrong State University women's soccer team returned to the NCAA Championships after compiling a 13-5 overall record and finishing third in the Peach Belt Conference standings.

The Pirates made their seventh NCAA appearance in the 10-year history of the program, advancing to the Southeast Regional in Columbus. Armstrong enjoyed a tremendous offensive season, ranking among the top 10 nationally in goals scored, points and assists per match.

Freshman Jenny Allen became just the second Armstrong player to earn Peach Belt Conference Freshman of the Year honors. Allen tallied a team-high 13 goals and scored the game-winner in double overtime of Armstrong's 2-1 victory at UNC Pembroke on Oct. 1. She also earned All-Region honors and her 13 goals were the second-most by an Armstrong freshman in school history.

Junior Taylor Russell earned All-Peach Belt honors for a third straight season, while also earning All-Region honors, helping the Pirate defense limit opponents to under one goal a match. Sophomore Sarah Olin earned her first career All-Peach Belt honor, while junior Taylor Valley earned All-Region and All-Peach Belt Conference tournament honors.

Five seniors wrapped up their Armstrong careers in 2014 - goalkeeper Maggie Carson, midfielders Mary Margaret Davis and Brianne Matarazzo, forwards Jordan Otto and Casey Dixon

The Pirates return 19 players for the 2015 season, and those returnees accounted for 51 of 53 goals scored during the 2014 campaign.

#### **PBC ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS**

Jenny Allen - First Team, Freshman of the Year Sarah Olin - Second Team Taylor Russell - First Team

#### PBC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Taylor Valley

#### **PBC ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM**

Maggie Carson Candace Cosby Mary Margaret Davis Kailey Goins Allison Litchfield Brianne Matarazzo Taylor Russell

#### PBC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Taylor Valley (Sept. 29)

### PBC DEFENDER OF THE WEEK

McKenzie Anderson (Oct. 20, Oct. 27)

# DAKTRONICS/CoSIDA ALL-SOUTHEAST REGION

Jenny Allen - First Team Taylor Russell - Second Team

#### NSCAA ALL-SOUTHEAST REGION

Jenny Allen - Second Team Taylor Russell - Second Team Taylor Valley - Third Team

#### **NSCAA SCHOLAR ALL-REGION**

Taylor Russell - Second Team

#### PBC "PLAY OF THE MONTH"

Jade Smith - October

Jenny Allen (top) was the 2014 PBC Freshman of the Year, leading the Pirates with 13 goals. She is the second Armstrong player to earn PBC Freshman of the Year honors, joining Kristin Burton (2006). Taylor Russell (middle) earned All-PBC and All-Region honors for the Pirates, anchoring a back line that allowed just 0.98 goals per game. Taylor Valley (right) notched a hat trick en route to 11 goals scored on the year, earning All-Region and All-PBC Tournament honors.



#### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Goals

Jenny Allen, 13 (4th PBC, 36th NCAA) Taylor Valley, 11 (7th PBC, 57th NCAA) Assists

Amanda Green, 7 (t6th PBC, 60th NCAA) Taylor Valley, 7 (t6th PBC, 60th NCAA) Goals Per Game

Jenny Allen, 0.72 (3rd PBC, 22nd NCAA) Taylor Valley, 0.61 (7th PBC, 52nd NCAA) Points

Jenny Allen, 31 (4th PBC, 36th NCAA) Taylor Valley, 29 (6th PBC, 52nd NCAA) Goals Against Average

Morgan Luckie, 1.023 (5th PBC, 97th NCAA)

Game-Winning Goals

Jenny Allen, 4 (4th PBC, 48th NCAA)

#### TEAM STATISTICS

<u>Goals</u>

53 (3rd PBC, 10th NCAA) Goals Per Game 2.94 (2nd PBC, 4th NCAA) Goals Allowed Per Game 0.983 (3rd PBC, 86th NCAA) Assists

40 (2nd PBC, 12th NCAA) <u>Assists Per Game</u> 2.22 (2nd PBC, 8th NCAA)

Points 146 (3rd PBC, 11th NCAA)

Points Per Game 8.11 (2nd PBC, 6th NCAA)



# 2014-2015 Armstrong State Athletics Year In Review Men's Cross Country

# PBC CHAMPIONSHIPS (Augusta, Ga.)

_SCHOOL	SCORE
1 Columbus State	55
2 UNC Pembroke	65
3 Flagler	100
4 GRU Augusta	104
5 Armstrong State	125
6 Montevallo	151
7 Georgia College	159
8 Clayton State	177
9 Young Harris	205
10 Francis Marion	273

#### PBC ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

Christian Davis

Michael Sergi (Coach of the Year) Henning Schein (Freshman of the Year)

#### PBC ALL-Sportsmanship Team

Henning Schein

#### **NCAA ALL-SOUTHEAST REGION**

Henning Schein

#### **USTFCCCA ACADEMIC ALL-REGION**

Henning Schein Donald Shelton

Freshman Henning Schein (right) became Armstrong's first PBC Freshman of the Year and All-Region honoree since 1999, finishing 10th at the PBC Championships and 21st at the NCAA Regionals. Freshmen Donald Shelton (middle right) earned All-Academic region honors while finishing 16th at the PBC Championships, missing All-Conference honors by just one spot.

The Armstrong men's cross country team made great strides in its sixth season since reinstatement of the sport in 2009-10, finishing fifth at the PBC Championships, and 11th at the NCAA Regionals, both bests for the Pirates since reinstatement.

Third-year head coach Michael Sergi was named the PBC Coach of the Year as Armstrong also captured its first meet title - winning the CIU Invitational on Sept. 20 - and also taking a dual meet from PBC foe Georgia College to open the year.

Freshman Henning Schein made a huge impact on the team in his first season, earning PBC Freshman of the Year honors as well as All-PBC and All-Region accolades. He is the first All-Region runner for Armstrong since 1999. Schein and freshman Donald Shelton also earned USTFCCCA Academic All-Region honors.

The Pirates return four runners for the 2015 campaign.

#### TEAM RESULTS

Sept. 5	at Georgia College (Dual Meet)	Milledgeville, Ga.	W 25-30
Sept. 20	at CIU Invitational	Columbia, S.C.	1st of 8
Oct. 11	at Florida State Invitational	Tallahassee, Fla.	5th of 19
Oct. 25	at Sand Shark Invitational	Beaufort, S.C.	10th of 36
Nov. 8	at 2014 Peach Belt Championships	Augusta, Ga.	5th of 10
Nov. 22	at 2014 NCAA DII Southeast Regional	Montevallo, Ala.	11th of 23



### 2014-2015 Armstrong Student-Athlete Awards Banquet

SAVANNAH, Ga. - The Armstrong State University athletic department held its annual Student-Athlete Awards Banquet on Monday evening at the Armstrong Center.

Individual team and academic awards were awarded as well as a highlight video shown of the 11 sports from the 2014-15 athletic year at Armstrong. For a seventh straight year, WJCL-TV Sports Director Frank Sulkowski served as emcee of the festivities.

The highlights of the evening included the awarding of the 2014-15 Male and Female Student-Athlete of the Year by the Armstrong Athletic Department. Junior baseball player Pete Nagel earned Male Student-Athlete of the Year honors, while senior softball player Alexis Mercer was named the Female Student-Athletes of the Year. The awards were presented by University President Dr. Linda Bleicken.

Three new awards were added to the docket this year, including the Video Play of the Year. Out of nine nominees, which you can view here, a panel of Armstrong faculty and staff picked sophomore outfielder Ryan Patterson's game-saving catch against Lander on March 8th as the Play of the Year.

Armstrong also honored senior men's tennis player Fernando Bogajo with the Individual Performance of the Year for capturing the ITA "Super Bowl" singles title in the Fall, the first Armstrong men's tennis player to do so. Male and Female Freshman of the Year awards went to men's cross country runner Henning Schein and women's tennis player Alejandra Cisneros.

The Dr. Donald Anderson Scholar-Athlete Awards were handed out for a third straight year, given to the top male and female academic student-athlete. Named for longtime Armstrong supporter and student services consultant Dr. Donald Anderson, this year's winners were senior baseball player R.J. Dennard and senior women's soccer player Maggie Carson.

In all, more than 80 student-athletes earned awards on the evening.



# 2014-2015 Armstrong State Athletics Year In Review Men's Basketball

FINAL PB	C STAN	DINGS
East Division		
School	PBC	All
UNC Pembroke	15-4	26-6
GRU Augusta	15-4	23-7
Lander	11-8	19-9
USC Aiken	8-11	13-16
Francis Marion	5-14	13-15
Flagler	5-14	10-16
Armstrong State	4-15	6-19
West Division		
School	PBC	All
Montevallo	17-2	26-9
Columbus State	14-5	22-8
Ga. Southwestern	10-9	15-12
North Georgia	9-10	15-11
Young Harris	9-10	13-14
Clayton State	8-11	15-12
Georgia College	3-16	9-19

The Armstrong State University men's basketball squad finished the 2014-15 season with a 6-19 overall record and a 4-15 record in the Peach Belt Conference, placing sixth in the East Division standings.

Head coach Evans Davis, in his first season as the full-time head coach of the Pirates, played a rigorous schedule that saw Armstrong face off against nine teams that advanced to the 2014-15 NCAA Championships. In the Fall, Armstrong played against NCAA teams Lynn, Metro State and eventual DII national champion Florida Southern.

In the Spring, Armstrong won three of four games in early January, including a thrilling 79-77 victory over Georgia College on senior Emmanuel Tiluscar's fadeaway with 0.2 seconds remaining. The Pirates also picked up wins over Clayton State, Francis Marion and USC Aiken.

Tiluscar led the Pirates in scoring, ranking 13th in the Peach Belt with a 15.2 ppg scoring average. He reached double digit scoring in 21 contests, including two games with 30+ points - 31 points at Tampa on Nov. 25 and 35 points at Flagler on Feb. 25. Junior Nicholas Scott provided the Pirates with a long-range threat, ranking in the Top 10 in the Peach Belt in three-point field goals made and three-point field goal percentage. Scott also took home the 59th annual Ashley Dearing Award as the top free throw shooter for Armstrong in 2014-15.

Armstrong also got a boost from NBA and collegiate basketball legend Cazzie Russell, who assisted the Pirates this season as an assistant coach.

The Pirates return five players for the 2015-16 season.

#### Ashley Dearing Award Winner

Nicholas Scott

.351 (7th PBC)

#### TEAM STATISTICS

Scoring Offense
72.2 (10th PBC)
Scoring Defense
79.5 (14th PBC)
Offensive Rebounds Per Game
14.28 (3rd PBC, 14th NCAA)
Rebound Margin
+2.6 (7th PBC, 93rd NCAA)
Three-Point FG Percentage



#### Individual Leaders

Scoring Per Game
Emmanuel Tiluscar, 15.2 (13th PBC)
Three-Point Field Goal Percentage
Nicholas Scott, .434 (2nd PBC, 27th NCAA)
Three-Point Field Goals Per Game
Nicholas Scott, 2.52 (6th PBC, 87th NCAA)

Senior Emmanuel Tiluscar (left) led the Pirates in scoring, averaging 15.2 points per game, and hit the game-winning shot with 0.2 seconds left to lift Armstrong State to a thrilling 79-77 win over Georgia College on January 17th. Tiluscar also had five games of 20+ points on the season, including 35 points at Flagler in his final game as a Pirate.

#### ARMSTRONG STATE CAPTURES FOURTH STRAIGHT PBC COMMISSIONER'S CUP

HILTON HEAD, S.C. - The Armstrong State University athletic department was presented with its fourth consecutive PBC Commissioner's Cup following the 2014-15 season at the league's annual meetings in Hilton Head, S.C. Armstrong becomes the first program since North Florida in 1999-2004 to win four straight cups. The award is presented annually to the best overall athletic department in the conference, as determined by regular-season league standings.

Armstrong captured PBC regular-season championships in volley-ball, men's and women's tennis and was tied atop the league standings in men's tennis. The Pirates also finished in the top three in women's soccer, softball and baseball. Armstrong accumulated 97 points out of a possible 131 due to them, a .7405 percentage.

"It was another outstanding year for our student-athletes and winning another Commissioner's Cup is a great reward for all of the hard work they put in throughout the season," Armstrong athletic director Lisa Sweany.



Armstrong also won the Most Improved honor of the LeeAnn Noble Make-A-Wish award, for tripling the amount of money raised for the charity through the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. The award is named for Noble, a women's golfer at the University of North Georgia and former wish recipient from Make-A-Wish. She appeared on the cover of NCAA Champion Magazine in the fall of 2013 and sadly passed away in March of 2014.

"Our SAAC made great strides this year in helping raise money and awareness to the NCAA Division II's charity of choice, Make-A-Wish," Sweany said. "I'm proud of the efforts of all of our student-athletes for stepping up to the plate and helping with this great cause."

Columbus State finished second in the Commissioner's Cup standings at .6634 after winning titles in men's cross country, women's soccer and women's basketball. North Georgia was third after winning both the baseball and softball regular-season championships while Georgia Regents came in fourth.

# 2014-2015 Armstrong State Athletics Year In Review Women's Basketball

FINAL P	BC ST	ANDINGS
East Division		
School	PBC	All
Lander	16-3	23-7
USC Aiken	13-6	18-12
Armstrong State	<i>11-8</i>	13-14
UNC Pembroke	8-11	10-16
GRU Augusta	8-11	9-18
Flagler	6-13	9-17
Francis Marion	5-14	8-20
West Division		
School	PBC	All
Columbus State	18-1	31-2
North Georgia	12-7	21-9
Clayton State	11-8	17-12
Georgia College	10-9	16-13
Ga. Southwestern	8-11	14-12
Young Harris	7-12	10-16
Montevallo	0-19	1-25

The Armstrong State University women's basketball squad finished the 2014-15 season third in the Peach Belt Conference's East Division with an 11-8 league mark, while finishing 13-14 overall on the season.

The Pirates enjoyed a memorable pre-season trip to Cameron Indoor to take on Top 10-ranked Duke University. Armstrong faced a pair of NCAA Tournament teams in the preseason, taking on Rollins and Nova Southeastern, before getting into Peach Belt play and winning seven of its first nine league games of the year.

Armstrong knocked off East division champion Lander en route to a 9-4 home record and advanced to the PBC Tournament for a third straight year.

Sophomore Brigitta Barta continued to shine for the Pirates a season after earning PBC Freshman of the Year honors. Barta averaged a team-best 17.7 ppg and earned All-Peach Belt and All-PBC Academic honors, while also earning CoSIDA Academic All-District III accolades. She ranked in the Top 10 in the PBC in scoring, field goal percentage, free throw percentage and rebounding.

Senior Dee Hayward enjoyed a career year, averaging 14.9 points and 3.3 assists per game en route to third-team All-Peach Belt Conference honors. Fellow senior Amber Johnson led the PBC in assists, averaging 4.2 per game, while senior Amber Howell and Tori Klewicki-McNutt also wrapped up their Armstrong careers.

Barta and junior Shermika Harris, who ranked seventh in the Peach Belt by averaging 15.2 points per game, lead a corps of six returnees for the Pirates in 2015-16.

# North Georgia def. Armstrong, 75-72 **PBC ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS**

PBC First Round (Dahlonega, Ga.)

Brigitta Barta - First Team Dee Hayward - Third Team

#### PBC ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Brigitta Barta

#### **CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT III**

Brigitta Barta

Sophomore Brigitta Barta (below right) earned first-team All-Peach Belt Conference honors, leading the Pirates in scoring at 17.7 ppg, which ranked fourth in the league. Senior Dee Hayward (below left) averaged a career-high 14.9 ppg in earning All-Peach Belt Conference honors for the first time in her career, while senior Amber Johnson (right) led the Peach Belt in assists per game at 4.2.



#### **TEAM STATISTICS** INDIVIDUAL LEADERS Scoring Offense Scoring 72.1 (3rd PBC, 57th NCAA) Brigitta Barta, 17.7 (4th PBC, 51st NCAA) Scoring Defense Shermika Harris, 15.2 (7th PBC) 69.9 (13th PBC) Dee Hayward, 14.9 (8th PBC) Scoring Margin Rebounding +2.3 (6th PBC) Brigitta Barta, 8.1 (9th PBC) Free Throw Percentage Alexia Somerset, 7.7 (10th PBC) .707 (2nd PBC) Field Goal Percentage Brigitta Barta, .486 (5th PBC, 71st NCAA) FG Percentage .42.5 (1st PBC, 54th NCAA) 3-Point FG Made FG Percentage Defense Dee Hayward, 1.85 (8th PBC) .400 (10th PBC) Assist/TO Ratio Rebounding Margin Amber Johnson, 1.26 (5th PBC) +3.4 (2nd PBC, 84th NCAA) Blocked Shots Brigitta Barta, 1.00 (4th PBC) Assists Per Game 14.1 (5th PBC, 87th NCAA) Assists Per Game **Blocked Shots** Amber Johnson, 4.2 (1st PBC, 59th NCAA) 2.1 (7th PBC) Free Throw Percentage Assist/Turnover Ratio Shermika Harris, .826 (3rd PBC, 85th NCAA) 0.78 (5th PBC, 79th NCAA) Dee Hayward, .805 (5th PBC)

Brigitta Barta, .774 (9th PBC)



# 2014-2015 Armstrong State Athletics Year In Review Baseball

FINAL PE	C STANI	DINGS
School	PBC	All
North Georgia	22-8	38-17
Armstrong State	<i>17-9</i>	<i>34-14</i>
UNC Pembroke	19-11	38-13
Flagler	18-11	32-15
USC Aiken	18-12	34-17
Columbus State	17-12	35-14
Francis Marion	16-12	28-19
Georgia College	15-12	33-19
Montevallo	12-17	21-26
GRU Augusta	11-18	18-28
Lander	10-20	22-26
Young Harris	9-20	15-30
Ga. Southwestern	4-26	13-34

#### PBC Tournament (Columbus, Ga.)

Armstrong def. Francis Marion, 12-11 Armstrong def. UNC Pembroke, 7-6 Georgia College def. Armstrong, 10-6

The Armstrong State baseball squad advanced to the championship game of the 2015 Peach Belt Conference tournament, while narrowly missing out on an NCAA regionals berth after finishing second in the PBC regular season standings with a 17-9 league record and a 34-14 overall mark.

Head coach Calvain Culberson's squad began the season with 17 wins out of its first 20 contests, including a three-game sweep of defending region champion Lander and a 14-9 win over No. 2-ranked Mount Olive. The Pirates also collected Peach Belt series sweeps over USC Aiken, Georgia Southwestern and GRU Augusta en route to a second seed in the PBC Tournament.

The Pirates' Tyler Avera collected a walk-off RBI single in the bottom of the ninth to help Armstrong beat Francis Marion, 12-11, in the opening game of the tournament, then Berry Aldridge's solo home run in the bottom of the ninth sent the Pirates into the championship game with a 7-6 win over UNC Pembroke. Georgia College knocked off Armstrong, 10-6, in the final.

Senior R.J. Dennard wrapped up his stellar Armstrong career in 2015 by hitting .370 with 16 doubles, four home runs and 34 RBI. Dennard earned PBC All-Academic honors as a senior and was named to the 2015 PBC All-Tournament Team. He ranked in the Top 10 in seven different career offensive categories at Armstrong.

Six other seniors finished their Armstrong careers in 2015 as well - outfielders Joey Lupus, Brett Madden and Matt Wisniewski, shortstop Tyler Avera, third baseman Zach Lance and pitcher Ryan Good.

Junior Tyler Graham tied the Armstrong single-season saves record with 12, earning All-PBC and All-Region honors, while junior Pete Nagel went 4-0 with a 2.39 ERA and 88 strikeouts in 67 2/3 innings to lead the pitching staff.

Armstrong returns 21 players for the 2016 season.

#### **PBC ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS**

Tyler Graham - First Team Pete Nagel - First Team

#### PBC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Berry Aldridge Tyler Avera R.J. Dennard

#### PBC "PLAY OF THE YEAR"

Ryan Patterson

#### PBC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Cody Sherlin (March 3)

#### PBC PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Pete Nagel (Feb. 3)

Tyler Graham (March 23)

#### PBC Freshman of the Week

Chandler Corley (Feb. 24)

#### PBC ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Corey Crunk R.J. Dennard Ryan Patterson Cody Sherlin Matt Wisniewski

#### **DAKTRONICS ALL-SOUTHEAST REGION HONORS**

Tyler Graham - First Team Pete Nagel - Second Team

#### **ABCA ALL-SOUTHEAST REGION**

Pete Nagel - Second Team

#### NCBWA ALL-Southeast Region Honors

Tyler Graham - Second Team Pete Nagel - Second Team

#### **Team Statistics**

**Batting Average** Runs Per Game 7.4 (7th PBC, 35th NCAA) Earned Run Average 4.19 (4th PBC, 66th NCAA) Fielding Percentage .959 (7th PBC) Sacrifice Hits 48 (2nd PBC, 21st NCAA) Sacrifice Flies 25 (4th PBC, 36th NCAA)

**Hits** .318 (5th PBC, 35th NCAA) 535 (6th PBC, 41st NCAA) Strikeouts Per 9 Innings 9.3 (1st PBC, 7th NCAA) Hits Allowed Per 9 Innings 9.11 (2nd PBC, 49th NCAA) Strikeout to Walk Ratio 2.40 (2nd PBC, 39th NCAA) WHIP 1.44 (3rd PBC, 70th NCAA) Won-Lost Percentage .708 (27th NCAA)

#### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Strikeouts Pete Nagel, 88 (6th PBC, 38th NCAA) Corey Kafka, 80 (7th PBC, 60th NCAA)

Strikeouts Per 9 Innings Pete Nagel, 11.70 (1st PBC, 17th NCAA)

Corey Kafka, 8.82 (10th PBC)

Hits Allowed Per 9 Innings
Pete Nagel, 6.52 (3rd PBC, 43rd NCAA)

Earned Run Average Pete Nagel, 2.39 (2nd PBC, 69th NCAA)

Corey Kafka, 2.98 (5th PBC) Saves

Tyler Graham, 12 (1st PBC, 5th NCAA) Appearances
Tyler Graham, 27 (2nd PBC, 15th NCAA)

Stolen Bases

Will Austin, 20 (6th PBC, 58th NCAA) Stolen Bases Per Game

Will Austin, 0.42 (5th PBC, 78th NCAA) On-Base Percentage

R.J. Dennard, .480 (7th PBC, 60th NCAA) Hit By Pitches

R.J. Dennard, 13 (4th PBC, 42nd NCAA) **Triples** 

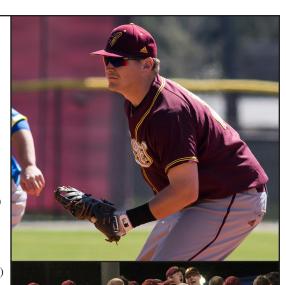
Kendrick Thompson, 3 (6th PBC) Sacrifice Hits

Will Austin, 13 (1st PBC, 13th NCAA) Sacrifice Hits Per Game

Will Austin, 0.27 (1st PBC, 17th NCAA) Sacrifice Flies

Tyler Avera, 7 (1st PBC, 7th NCAA)

Senior R.J. Dennard (top) hit .370 with 16 doubles in 2015, finished his four-year career ranked in the Top 10 in seven different offensive categories for the Pirates and was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals in the 39th round of the MLB First-Year Player Draft. The Pirates celebrated two walk-off wins in the PBC Tournament semifinals (middle) while junior Tyler Graham tied the Armstrong single-season record for saves with 12, en route to earning first-team All-PBC and All-Southeast Region honors.





# 2014-2015 Armstrong State Athletics Year In Review Softrall

FINAL PB	C STAN	IDINGS
SCHOOL	PBC	ALL
North Georgia	22-2	54-8
Georgia College	19-5	47-11
Armstrong State	<i>18-6</i>	32-16
GRU Augusta	17-7	32-14
Young Harris	14-10	31-18
USC Aiken	11-13	22-17
Francis Marion	11-13	25-22
Montevallo	11-13	21-31
Columbus State	9-15	24-26
UNC Pembroke	8-16	26-21
Flagler	6-16	15-34

PBC Championships (Milledgeville, Ga.) Armstrong def. Montevallo, 9-1 (6 inn.) Georgia College def. Armstrong, 5-3 NCAA Southeast Regional (Milledgeville, Ga.) Georgia College def. Armstrong, 4-3 Armstrong def. GRU Augusta, 6-5 Armstrong def. Carson-Newman, 12-6 Georgia College def. Armstrong, 12-4 (6 inn.)

6-18

2-20

12-28

16-34

#### **PBC ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS**

Ollivia McLemore - Second Team Alexis Mercer - First Team Sierra Newman - First Team Rachel Reynolds - First Team Peyton Roth - First Team Autumn Parrish - First Team

#### PBC ALL-TOURNAMENT HONORS

Rachel Reynolds Jane Trzaska

#### PBC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Alexis Mercer (Feb. 17)

Lander

Ga. Southwestern

Autumn Parrish (March 10, April 13)

#### PBC PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Tori Bates (April 20) Ollivia McLemore (March 30) Jane Trzaska (March 23)

#### PBC ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Tori Bates Savanna Gladue Peyton Roth

#### **NFCA ALL-AMERICAN TEAM**

Alexis Mercer - Second Team Peyton Roth - Second Team

#### NFCA ALL-Southeast Region

Alexis Mercer - First Team Autumn Parrish - Second Team Rachel Reynolds - First Team Peyton Roth - First Team

#### DAKTRONICS/CoSIDA ALL-SE REGION

Ollivia McLemore - Second Team Alexis Mercer - Second Team Sierra Newman - Second Team Rachel Reynolds - First Team Peyton Roth - Second Team Autumn Parrish - Second Team

# Autumn Parrish - Second Team CAPITAL ONE/COSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

Peyton Roth - Second Team

CAPITAL ONE/COSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT III

Peyton Roth

The Armstrong State University softball team returned to the NCAA postseason, earning the program's 13th bid in the last 15 seasons. The Pirates went 32-16 overall and finished 18-6 in the Peach Belt Conference, good for third.

The Pirates advanced to the championship game of the Southeast Sub-Regional in Milledgeville, knocking off GRU Augusta and Carson-Newman in back-to-back elimination contests. Armstrong also defeated a pair of DII Championships opponents during the season, knocking off national champion North Georgia in Dahlonega on April. 18 and Shorter on Feb. 10.

Senior Alexis Mercer finished off her outstanding four-year career by earning second-team NFCA All-American honors and blasting 60 home runs, good for ninth on the NCAA's all-time DII home run chart. She hit .418 with 14 home runs, 23 stolen bases and 41 walks drawn and leaves Armstrong as the all-time leader in home runs, runs scored, RBI, total bases, walks and RBI.

Junior Peyton Roth also added second-team NFCA All-America accolades as the second baseman led the PBC in batting average (.446) and also ranked nationally in runs scored.

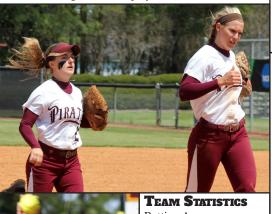
Senior Ollivia McLemore went 16-4 with a 2.99 ERA, earning All-PBC and All-Region honors in her final season with the Pirates. Senior Rachel Reynolds was a first-team All-PBC and All-Region designated player for the first time in her career, hitting .366.

Freshman Autumn Parrish earned All-PBC and All-Region honors in her first season with the Pirates, hitting .318 with 11 home runs and 43 RBI. The Pirates had six All-Conference and All-Region players overall as junior outfielder Sierra Newman (.392) also earned both honors.

Sophomore Jane Trzaska hurled Armstrong's first no-hitter since 2009, a 9-0 win over Lander

on March 21, while sophomore Tori Bates blanked Flagler and beat No. 7 North Georgia to give the Pirates three separate PBC Pitcher of the Week honorees during the season.

Armstrong returns 12 players for the 2016 season.



#### **Batting Average** .345 (1st PBC, 6th NCAA) Slugging Percentage .516 (1st PBC, 12th NCAA) On Base Percentage .427 (1st PBC, 5th NCAA) Scoring 6.33 (1st PBC, 24th NCAA) Doubles Per Game 1.23 (7th PBC) Triples Per Game 0.21 (4th PBC, 86th PBC) Home Runs Per Game 1.04 (1st PBC, 18th NCAA) Stolen Bases Per Game 1.00 (9th PBC) Earned Run Average 3.34 (5th PBC) Fielding Percentage .961 (6th PBC, 88th NCAA) Double Plays Per Game 0.40 (1st PBC, 35th NCAA)

Winning Percentage

.667 (4th PBC, 45th NCAA)

Peyton Roth and Alexis Mercer (left top) each earned second-team NFCA All-American honors for the Pirates in 2015. Ollivia McLemore (left middle) earned All-PBC and All-Region honors, going 16-4 in the circle in her senior season. Autumn Parrish (left bottom) hit .318 with 11 home runs and 43 RBI as a true freshman, earning All-PBC and All-Region honors.

#### Individual Leaders

Batting Average

Peyton Roth, .446 (1st PBC, 24th NCAA) Alexis Mercer, .418 (5th PBC, 70th NCAA) Slugging Percentage

Alexis Mercer, .806 (2nd PBC, 26th NCAA) On-Base Percentage

Alexis Mercer, .570 (2nd PBC, 9th NCAA) Peyton Roth, .505 (3rd PBC, 50th NCAA) Runs Scored Per Game

Alexis Mercer, 1.28 (1st PBC, 7th NCAA) Peyton Roth, 1.10 (2nd PBC, 14th NCAA) RBIs

Jane Trzaska, 54 (3rd PBC, 32nd NCAA) RBIs Per Game

Jane Trzaska, 1.16 (2nd PBC, 16th NCAA) Autumn Parrish, 0.91 (6th PBC)

Alexis Mercer, 0.87 (7th PBC)

Home Runs

Alexis Mercer, 14 (2nd PBC, 34th NCAA) Autumn Parrish, 11 (5th PBC, 89th NCAA) Home Runs Per Game

Alexis Mercer, 0.30 (1st PBC, 26th NCAA) Autumn Parrish, 0.23 (6th PBC, 91st NCAA) Stolen Bases Per Game

Alexis Mercer, 0.49 (5th PBC, 70th NCAA)
<u>Triples</u>

Sierra Newman, 4 (2nd PBC, 52nd NCAA) Triples Per Game

Sierra Newman, 0.06 (1st PBC, 64th NCAA)

Toughest To Strike Out
Peyton Roth, 42.0 (2nd PBC, 12th NCAA)

Walks Per Game Alexis Mercer, 0.87 (2nd PBC, 5th NCAA)

Hit By Pitch Per Game Alexis Mercer, 0.19 (6th PBC, 87th NCAA)

Sacrifice Flies
Autumn Parrish, 3 (7th PBC, 82nd NCAA)

# 2014-2015 Armstrong State Athletics Year In Review Men's Tennis

FINAL P	BC St	ANDINGS
SCHOOL	PBC	ALL
Armstrong State	9-0	24-5
Lander	9-0	19-4
Georgia College	8-2	14-9
Columbus State	7-3	18-6
North Georgia	6-4	14-6
Young Harris	4-6	13-9
GRU Augusta	3-7	13-9
USC Aiken	3-7	9-9
Francis Marion	3-7	9-10
Flagler	2-8	5-14
Ga. Southwestern	0-10	4-16
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#### PBC Championships (Florence, S.C.)

Armstrong def. Francis Marion, 5-0 Armstrong def. Columbus State, 5-1 Armstrong def. Lander, 5-2

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

Armstrong def. GRU Augusta, 5-0 Armstrong def. Columbus State, 5-2

#### NCAA II Championships (Surprise, Ariz.)

Armstrong def. Indianapolis, 5-0 Armstrong def. West Florida, 5-0 Hawai'i Pacific def. Armstrong, 5-3 The Armstrong State University men's tennis team advanced to the NCAA DII Men's Tennis semifinals, finishing the 2015 season with a 24-5 overall record. It was the Pirates' eighth trip to the semifinals in program history.

The Pirates also earned a share of its 11th Peach Belt Conference regular season title, tying atop the league standings with Lander, while also capturing the 2015 PBC Tournament Championship for the 10th time.

Armstrong defeated GRU Augusta and Columbus State at the NCAA Southeast Regional, then headed to the NCAA DII Tennis Championships in Surprise, Ariz., in May. The Pirates knocked off Indianapolis in the first round, then downed No. 3-ranked and defending NCAA DII National Champion West Florida to advance to the semifinals. The Pirates faced top-ranked Hawai'i Pacific and battled the Warriors to a tight 5-3 decision - the semifinal performance was the sixth in the last eight seasons for the Pirates.

Senior Fernando Bogajo, the lone senior on the squad, became the first Armstrong men's tennis player to capture the ITA "Super Bowl" singles title in the Fall, then remained ranked in the Top 10 all year long en route to earning PBC Co-Player of the Year honors, as well as ITA All-American honors in singles.

Junior Pablo Gor finished the season ranked a career-best No. 7 in singles and teamed with Ignacio Hernandez to go an unbeaten 25-0 in the Spring in doubles, finishing the year ranked No. 11 in the nation. Gor earned ITA All-American honors in singles while Gor and Hernandez each earned All-Peach Belt Conference honors.

Junior Otakar Lucak earned All-Peach Belt honors in singles and doubles while also earning Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-America accolades. The Pirates finished the 2015 season ranked No. 3 in the nation.

Armstrong returns six players for the 2015-16 season.

#### **PBC ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS**

Fernando Bogajo (Singles/Doubles) (Co-Player of the Year)

Pablo Gor (Singles/Doubles)

Ignacio Hernandez (Doubles) Otakar Lucak (Singles/Doubles)

#### PBC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Fernando Bogajo (Feb. 16) Pablo Gor (April 7)

Otakar Lucak (March 25)

#### **PBC TOURNAMENT MVP**

Pablo Gor (Singles)

**Singles** 

#### ITA ALL-AMERICA HONORS

Fernando Bogajo (Singles) Pablo Gor (Singles)

## ITA "SUPER BOWL" SINGLES CHAMPION Fernando Bogajo

#### FINAL ITA DII NATIONAL RANK

No. 3

#### PBC ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Luca Cerin Pablo Gor Otakar Lucak

#### **CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT III**

Otakar Lucak

Junior Pablo Gor (below) finished the season with a career-best No. 7 ITA singles ranking, earning ITA All-America honors while also earning PBC Tournament MVP accolades. Senior Fernando Bogajo (bottom) became the first Armstrong men's tennis player to capture the ITA "Super Bowl" singles title en route to a final No. 8 singles ranking and All-American honors.





### Individual Statistics

Player	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	Dual	<b>PBC</b>	Fall	Overall
Fernando Bogajo #8	16-6						16-6	7-2	13-1	29-7
Pablo Gor #7	3-1	11-0	10-0				24-1	9-0	7-2	31-3
Otakar Lucak #29	0-1	10-4	4-0				14-5	5-0		14-5
Luca Cerin			5-2	4-1	7-1	2-0	18-4	6-1	0-4	18-8
Ignacio Hernandez		0-1	1-0	5-2	8-2	1-0	15-5	6-1	4-2	19-7
Jan Porteset				5-2	1-1	3-4	9-7	1-2		9-7
Marek Pesicka				4-1	2-1	7-0	13-2	7-1	5-2	17-5
Damian Okrutny				0-1	1-0	2-3	3-3	1-1	5-2	8-5
Totals	19-8	21-5	20-2	18-6	19-5	15-7	112-33	42-8	33-14	145-47
Doubles										
Player	#1	#2	#3	Dual	<b>PBC</b>	Fall	Record			
Bogajo/Lucak	15-4			15-4	7-1		15-4			
Gor/Hernandez #11	1-0	24-0		25-0	9-0		25-0			

Totals	23-7	28-2	25-5	76-14	28-2	15-5	91-19
Other Pairings	3-2	1-1	7-3	11-6	1-0	8-3	19-11
Cerin/Pesicka			1-0	1-0	0 - 0	4-0	5-0
Hernandez/Okrutny			2-0	2-0	0 - 0	3-2	5-2
Okrutny/Pesicka			6-1	6-1	5-1		6-1
Bogajo/Porteset	4-1	1-0		5-1	2-0		5-1
Pesicka/Porteset		2-1	9-1	11-2	4-0		11-2
Gor/Hernandez #11	1-0	24-0		25-0	9-0		25-0
Bogajo/Lucak	15-4			15-4	7-1		15-4

# 2014-2015 Armstrong State Athletics Year In Review Women's Tennis

#### FINAL PBC STANDINGS

SCHOOL	PBC	ALL				
Armstrong State	<i>13-0</i>	33-0				
Columbus State	12-1	23-4				
Georgia College	11-2	18-7				
Flagler	9-4	14-11				
GRU Augusta	8-5	15-7				
Young Harris	7-6	13-9				
Lander	6-6	9-8				
Francis Marion	6-7	11-8				
North Georgia	6-7	12-10				
Clayton State	6-7	11-10				
USC Aiken	4-9	9-12				
Montevallo	2-11	7-12				
UNC Pembroke	1-12	6-15				
Ga. Southwestern	0-13	5-18				
PRC Championships (Florence S.C.)						

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

Armstrong def. North Georgia, 5-0 Armstrong def. Flagler, 5-0

Armstrong def. Columbus State, 5-0

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

Armstrong def. Pfeiffer, 5-0 Armstrong def. Flagler, 5-0

#### NCAA II Championships (Surprise, Ariz.)

Armstrong def. Hawai'i Pacific, 5-1

Armstrong def. Lynn, 5-0

Armstrong def. Southwest Baptist, 5-1

Armstrong def. Barry, 5-2

CoSIDA Academic All-District III

# Diana Stomlega PBC ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Clara Perez Carolina Prats-Millan Diana Stomlega

#### ITA Division II All-America Honors

Alejandra Cisneros (Singles) Nicole Fossa Huergo (Doubles) Lena Lutzeier (Singles/Doubles) Clara Perez (Singles/Doubles) Carolina Prats-Millan (Singles/Doubles)

### ITA SE REGION SINGLES CHAMPION Clara Perez

FINAL ITA DII NATIONAL RANK

# The Armstrong State University women's tennis team captured its ninth NCAA DII National Championship with a 5-2 win over Barry, avenging a loss to the Bucs in the 2014 title match while capping a perfect 33-0 season.

The Pirates raced through the regular season, dropping only one point to Peach Belt opponents in capturing their 12th straight regular season league title. Armstrong swept through the regionals and faced a pair of highly-ranked opponents in the first two rounds of the NCAA Championships in Surprise, Ariz., beating No. 11 Hawai'i Pacific, 5-1, and No. 7 Lynn, 5-0, to reach the semifinals. A 5-1 win over No. 18 Southwest Baptist put the Pirates in their 15th NCAA title match, where they faced off against No. 2 Barry.

Armstrong took a pivotal 2-1 lead after doubles play as the top-ranked doubles duo of Lena Lutzeier and Clara Perez defeated No. 3-ranked Sonja Larsen and Ana Pain. Nicole Fossa Huergo and Carolina Prats-Millan collected a win over No. 4-ranked Linda Fritschken and Emma Onila.

The Pirates then got three straight-set singles wins to wrap up the title as Alejandra Cisneros, Diana Stomlega and Lutzeier each came through with victories. Lutzeier clinched match point against Sonja Larsen in the second set to set off the celebration.

Perez, the lone senior on the Armstrong squad in 2015, earned All-PBC and ITA All-American honors in singles and doubles, while also capturing the ITA Region singles title in the fall. In all, six Pirates earned All-American honors and All-Peach Belt accolades with four of the Pirates' six singles starters finishing the year ranked in the Top 15.

Cisneros was named the Peach Belt Conference's Freshman and Player of the Year as she went unbeaten on the season in singles play with a sparkling 33-0 mark, finishing the year ranked No. 2 in singles. Lutzeier, also a freshman, finished the year ranked No. 3 in singles.

The 33-0 unbeaten record is the fourth time Armstrong women's tennis has finished the year without a loss and the Pirates also extended their home unbeaten streak to 155 matches, the longest current collegiate home winning streak in tennis, regardless of level.

Armstrong returns six players for the 2015-16 season.

### PBC ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS Aleiandra Cioneros (Singles/Doubles) (FOTY)

Alejandra Cisneros (Singles/Doubles) (FOTY & POTY) Nicole Fossa Huergo (Doubles) Lena Lutzeier (Singles/Doubles) Clara Perez (Singles/Doubles) Carolina Prats-Millan (Singles/Doubles) Diana Stomlega (Doubles)

#### **PBC TOURNAMENT MVPs**

Lena Lutzeier (Singles/Doubles) Clara Perez (Doubles)

#### PBC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Alejandra Cisneros (March 9, March 25, March 31, Apr. 14) Lena Lutzeier (Feb. 23, April 7) Clara Perez (Feb. 9)

#### ITA SE REGION "SENIOR OF THE YEAR"

Clara Perez

**Totals** 

#### ITA SE REGION "ROOKIE OF THE YEAR"

Alejandra Cisneros

# PION

Overall

26-0 30-2

29-5

29-2

21-0

16-2

15-0

171-12

4-1

PBC Fall

8-1

3-1

20-4

11-0

11-0

11-0

12-0

10-0 5-1

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68-1

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

39-0

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Singles							
Player	#1	#2	#3	<b>#4</b>	#5	#6	Dual
Alejandra Cisneros #2	12-0	5-0	2-0	3-0	3-0	1-0	26-0
Lena Lutzeier #3	7-1	12-0	7-0				26-1
Clara Perez #12	8-2	8-1	5-1				21-4
Carolina Prats-Millan #15		1-0	7-1	16-0			24-1
Diana Stomlega				2-0	11-0	8-0	21-0
Nicole Fossa Huergo			2-0	6-0	7-2	1-0	16-2
Lena Pacholski					2-0	13-0	15-0
Dora Andrejszki						1-0	1-0
Totals	27-3	26-1	23-2	27-0	23-1	25-1	151-8
Doubles							
Player	#1	#2	#3	Dual	<b>PBC</b>	Fall	Record
Lutzeier/Perez #1	31-1			31-1	12-0		31-1
Fossa Huergo/Prats-Millan #7	2-0	21-2	1-0	24-2	9-0		24-2
Cisneros/Stomlega		10-0	19-1	29-1	10-0		29-1
Pacholski/Prats-Millan			5-0	5-0	3-0		5-0
Andrejszki/Lutzeier						7-1	7-1
Perez/Prats-Millan						3-1	3-1
Other Duos			7-0	7-0	4-0		7-0

33-1

Senior Clara Perez and freshman Lena Lutzeier (top) finished the season as the top-ranked doubles duo in NCAA Division II, helping the Pirates capture their ninth NCAA National Championship in Arizona. Both players earned ITA All-American honors in singes and doubles. Freshman Alejandra Cisneros (above) became the fourth player in Armstrong history to earn PBC Freshman and Player of the Year honors in the same season, going an unbeaten 26-0 en route to a final No. 2 national ranking in singles and All-America honors.



# 2014-2015 Armstrong State Athletics Year In Review Men's Golf

# PBC CHAMPIONSHIP (GREENWOOD, S.C.)

_SCHOOL	SCORE
1 Flagler	566 -10
2 USC Aiken	568 -8
3 Young Harris	573 -3
4 Clayton State	580 +4
5 Georgia College	581 +5
6 Armstrong State	585 <b>+</b> 9
7 Lander	586 +10
8 Georgia Southwestern	587 +11
9 Columbus State	588 +12
10 Montevallo	589 +13
11 UNC Pembroke	591 +15
12 North Georgia	600 +24

**PBC ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS**Cory Griffin - Second Team

#### **PBC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM**

Andrew Burgess

#### Individual Tournament Wins

Cory Griffin - Kiawah Island Invitational

### **GGAA Scholar All-American**Cory Griffin

The Armstrong State University men's golf team finished sixth at the 2015 Peach Belt Conference Championships and narrowly missed out on an NCAA Championships berth. It was the first time since 2001 that Armstrong men's golf had not participated in the NCAA regionals.

Armstrong notched three Top Five finishes as a team during the season, finishing fifth at the rain-shortened Kiawah Island Invitational in September as well as the GC Bobcat Invitational in March. The best finish of the year came at the primarily-Division I GrubMart Intercollegiate in Alabama, hosted by Jacksonville State University. The Pirates carded a three-day 877 total, 13 over par, to finish third in the tournament.

Senior Cory Griffin won the individual title at the Kiawah Island Invitational with a five-under-par 67 for his first collegiate tournament title. Griffin earned second-team All-Peach Belt Conference honors by carding a team-best 73.88 stroke average and also earned GCAA Scholar All-American honors.

Freshman Andrew Burgess played his best golf at the end of the year, tying for fifth at the 2015 Peach Belt Conference Championships to earn All-Tournament honors. Fellow freshman Reid Rathburn played in all but one event in his debut season, carding a 75 stroke average, while junior Howard Hickey shaved nearly a stroke off of his average from last season, finishing second on the squad with a 74.35 average.

Senior Travis Williamson, the only senior on the squad along with Griffin, was able to play in two tournaments in the fall before injury cut short his final season as a Pirate.

The Pirates return six golfers for the 2015-16 season.



Senior Cory Griffin (far left) won the Kiawah Island Invitational in September and finished the 2014-15 season with a team-best 73.88 stroke average, earning All-Peach Belt Conference for the second time in his career as well as GCAA Scholar All-America Honors. Freshman Reid Rathburn (below left) played in all but one tournament in his first season with the Pirates, carding a 75 stroke average. Junior Howard Hickey (left) finished the season with a 74.35 stroke average, nearly a full stroke off of his average as a sophomore.

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Golfer	Rounds	Strokes	Stk. Avg.	Best Finish
Cory Griffin	26	1921	73.88	1st Kiawah Island Invitational
Howard Hickey	23	1710	74.35	t13th GrubMart Intercollegiate
Reid Rathburn	23	1725	75.00	t20th GrubMart Intercollegiate
Andrew Burgess	23	1747	75.96	t5th Peach Belt Championships
Travis Williamson	6	457	76.17	t48th Kiawah Island Invitational
Jacob Tinsley	12	926	77.17	t20th Guy Harvey Invitational
Joseph Jarrard	17	1318	77.53	t35th GrubMart Intercollegiate
Tyler Key	15	1181	78.73	t42nd Kiawah Island Invitational
Steven Mencia	3	247	82.33	79th Armstrong Pirate Invitational
TEAM	26	7740	297.69	3rd GrubMart Intercollegiate

#### TEAM RESULTS

9/15	Kiawah Island Invitational	Kiawah Island, S.C.	5th of 18	288 (E)
9/22-23	Saint Leo Invitational	Saint Leo, Fla.	14th of 17	587 (+11)
10/6-7	Guy Harvey Invitational	Palm Beach Gardens, Fla	.13th of 17	914 (+50)
10/27-28	The McDonough Cup	Orlando, Fla.	16th of 18	905 (+41)
2/9-10	Matlock Collegiate Classic	Lakeland, Fla.	13th of 15	899 (+35)
2/23-24	Armstrong Pirate Invitational	Pooler, Ga.	11th of 15	915 (+51)
3/8-10	Southeastern Collegiate	Valdosta, Ga.	11th of 18	895 (+51)
3/16-17	Bobcat Invitational	Eatonton, Ga.	5th of 17	875 (+35)
3/23-24	Grub Mart Intercollegiate	Jacksonville, Ala.	3rd of 9	877 (+13)
4/17-18	Peach Belt Championships	Greenwood, S.C.	6th of 12	585 (+9)

# 2014-2015 Armstrong State Athletics Year In Review Women's Golf

# PBC CHAMPIONSHIP (GREENWOOD, S.C.)

SCHOOL	SCORE
1 Montevallo	602 +26
2 Lander	607 + 31
3 Flagler	615 +39
4 Armstrong State	623 +47
5 UNC Pembroke	627 +51
6 North Georgia	640 +64
7 Young Harris	657 +81
8 Columbus State	740 +164

#### PBC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Sophie Bargeron

#### PBC ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Molly Molyneaux

#### PBC GOLFER OF THE WEEK

Patricia Schmidt (Oct. 2, Oct. 30, Feb. 19)

The Armstrong State University women's golf team finished the season with a fourth-place finish at the 2015 Peach Belt Conference Championships, improving one spot from the 2014 season.

The Pirates notched four Top 5 finishes during the season, including the fourth-place finish at the PBC Championships. Armstrong started the season with a fifth-place finish at the Lander Bearcat Invitational in nearby Bluffton, S.C., then finished fourth at the Flagler Fall Slam in October. The Pirates also finished fifth in their first tournament of the spring, the Tusculum/Kiawah Island Invitational, in February.

Armstrong did not have a senior on the team this season and three freshman played pivotal roles in the success of the season. Freshman Patricia Schmidt was a three-time PBC Golfer of the Week honoree, while freshman Sophie Bargeron earned All-Peach Belt Conference Tournament honors with a solid fifth-place finish at the tournament with rounds of 74 and 76. Freshman Nathalia Baigorria played in all 20 tournaments, carding an 80.40 stroke average.

Junior Brendie Rockholt also played in all 20 tournaments, carding a 79.20 stroke average, with a best finish of 11th at the Armstrong Pirate Invitational. Junior Pamela Mosley shaved nearly a stroke off of her average in 2014, playing in 18 tournaments. Sophomore Molly Molyneaux played in a career-high 15 tournaments and finished 21st at the Peach Belt Championships.

The Pirates will return five golfers for the 2015-16 season.



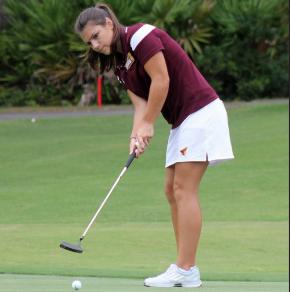
#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Golfer	Rounds	Strokes	Stk. Avg.	Best Finish
Patricia Schmidt	11	828	75.27	2nd Flagler Fall Slam
Sophie Bargeron	20	1583	79.15	t5th Peach Belt Championships
Brendie Rockholt	20	1584	79.20	t11th Armstrong Pirate Invitational
Nathalia Baigorria	20	1608	80.40	t16th Flagler Fall Slam & PBC Champ.
Pamela Mosley	18	1464	81.33	t16th Peach Belt Championships
Molly Molyneaux	15	1231	82.07	t21st Peach Belt Championships
TEAM	20	6293	314.65	4th Flagler Fall Slam

#### TEAM RESULTS

9/27-28	Lander Bearcat Invitational	Bluffton, S.C.	5th of 16	600 (+24)
10/6-7	Guy Harvey Invitational	Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.	11th of 18	630 (+54)
10/20-21	Saint Leo Invitational	Saint Leo, Fla.	10th of 17	634 (+58)
10/27-28	Flagler College Fall Slam	St. Augustine, Fla.	4th of 15	616 (+40)
2/7-8	Tusculum/Kiawah Island Inv.	Kiawah Island, S.C.	5th of 16	618 (+42)
2/16-17	FSC Lady Moc Classic	Lakeland, Fla.	13th of 19	958 (+94)
3/2-3	Armstrong Pirate Women's Invitational	Pooler, Ga.	10th of 16	627 (+51)
3/30-31	Argonaut Invitational	Pace, Fla.	9th of 13	987 (+123)
4/17-19	PBC Championships	Greenwood, S.C.	4th of 8	623 (+47)





Freshman Sophie Bargeron (left) earned All-Peach Belt Conference tournament honors for carding rounds of 74 and 76 to tie for fifth with a six-over-par 150 total on April 17-18. She finished the year with a 79.15 stroke average. Fellow freshman Nathalia Baigorria (far left) played in all nine events in her first season with the Pirates, carding an 80.40 stroke average, while junior Brendie Rockholt (top left) fired two rounds of even-par 72 during the year, at the Florida Southern Lady Moc Classic on Feb. 17 and at the Armstrong Pirate Women's Invitational on March 2. Rockholt finished the season with a career-best 79.20 stroke average.