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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 Gor (Singles)
Senior Fernando Bogajo (Singles)
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Academics

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 Lupis, 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 organization.

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.

PBC Presidential Honor Roll Honorees

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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.

2014-15 Commissioner’s Cup Final Standings

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*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).

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

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.
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.
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.
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.

**Individual Leaders**

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

Assists
- Amanda Green, 7 (6th PBC, 60th NCAA)
- Taylor Valley, 7 (6th 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)

Game-Winning Goals
- Morgan Luckie, 1 (0.23 (5th PBC, 97th NCAA)

**Team Statistics**

Goals
- 53 (3rd PBC, 10th NCAA)
- 2.94 (2nd PBC, 4th NCAA)
- 0.983 (3rd PBC, 86th NCAA)

Assists
- 40 (2nd PBC, 12th NCAA)
- 2.22 (2nd PBC, 8th NCAA)

Points
- 146 (3rd PBC, 11th NCAA)

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

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 volleyball, 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.
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Women’s Basketball

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.

**PBC All-Conference Honors**
- 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**
- **Scoring Offense**: 72.1 (3rd PBC, 57th NCAA)
- **Scoring Defense**: 69.9 (13th PBC)
- **Scoring Margin**: +2.3 (6th PBC)
- **FG Percentage**: .425 (1st PBC, 54th NCAA)
- **FG Percentage Defense**: .400 (10th PBC)
- **Rebounding Margin**: +3.4 (2nd PBC, 84th NCAA)
- **Assists Per Game**: 14.1 (5th PBC, 87th NCAA)
- **Blocked Shots**: 2.1 (7th PBC)
- **Assist/Turnover Ratio**: 0.78 (5th PBC, 79th NCAA)

**Individual Leaders**
- **Scoring**:
  - Brigitta Barta, 17.7 (4th PBC, 51st NCAA)
  - Shermika Harris, 15.2 (7th PBC)
- **Rebounding**:
  - Brigitta Barta, 9.6 (2nd PBC)
  - Alexia Somerset, 7.7 (10th PBC)
- **Field Goal Percentage**:
  - Brigitta Barta, 486 (5th PBC, 71st NCAA)
- **3-Point FG Made**:
  - Dee Hayward, 1.85 (8th PBC)
- **Assist/TO Ratio**:
  - Amber Johnson, 1.26 (5th PBC)
- **Blocked Shots**:
  - Brigitta Barta, 1.00 (4th PBC)
- **Assists Per Game**:
  - Amber Johnson, 4.2 (1st PBC, 59th NCAA)
- **Free Throw Percentage**:
  - Shermika Harris, .826 (3rd PBC, 85th NCAA)
  - Dee Hayward, .805 (5th PBC)
  - Brigitta Barta, .774 (9th PBC)
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.
2014-2015 Armstrong State Athletics Year In Review

Softball

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 Olivia 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 honors during the season.

Armstrong returns 12 players for the 2016 season.

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**PBC Championships (Milledgeville, Ga.)**

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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.)

**PBC All-Conference Honors**

Ollivia Mclemore - Second Team
Alexis Mercer - First Team
Sierra Newman - First Team
Peyton Roth - First Team
Autumn Parrish - First Team

**PBC All-Tournament Honors**

Rachel Reynolds - Second Team
Jane Trzaska - First Team

**PBC Player of the Week**

Alexis Mercer (Feb. 17)

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
 Savannah 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
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**Daktronics/CoSIDA All-SE Region**

Ollivia Mclemore - Second Team
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**Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-American Team**

Peyton Roth - Second Team

**Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-District III**

Peyton Roth

**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)

**RBIs Per Game**

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

**Toughest To Strike Out**

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

**Hit By Pitch Per Game**

Alexis Mercer, 0.19 (6th PBC, 87th NCAA)

**Walks Per Game**

Peyton Roth, 42.0 (2nd PBC, 12th NCAA)

**Stolen Bases Per Game**

Alexis Mercer, 0.49 (5th PBC, 70th NCAA)

**Triples**

Sierra Newman, 4 (2nd PBC, 52nd NCAA)

**Sacrifice Flies**

Alexis Mercer, 0.87 (7th PBC)

**Runs Per Game**

Alexis Mercer, 1.40 (2nd PBC, 34th NCAA)
Autumn Parrish, 1.11 (5th PBC, 89th NCAA)

**Hit By Pitch**

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**Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-District III**

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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.

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- 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

**PBC All-Conference Honors**
- 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

**ITA SE Region "Rookie of the Year"**
- Alejandra Cisneros

**ITA SE Region Singles Champion**
- Clara Perez

**Final ITA DII National Rank**
- No. 1

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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.

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

**Men’s Golf**

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.

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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.

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### Individual Statistics

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**TEAM**

|                  | 20     | 6293    | 314.65    | 4th Flagler Fall Slam        |

### Team Results

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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.