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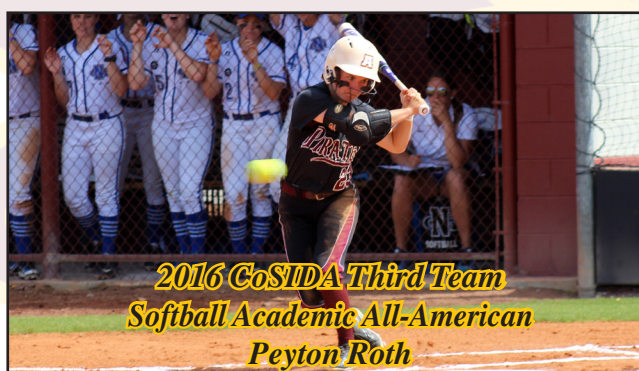
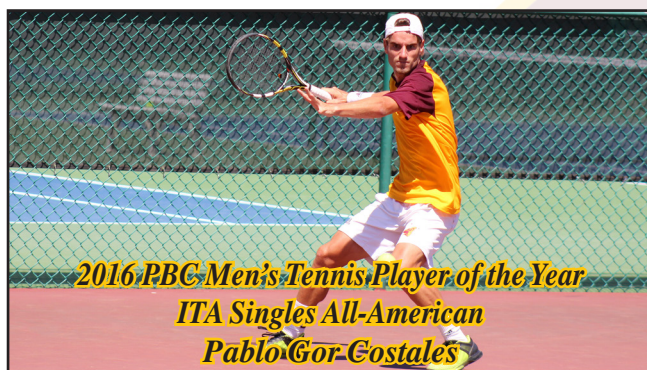
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ARMSTRONG STATE UNIVERSITY

2015-2016 ATHLETICS

YEAR IN REVIEW

WOMEN'S TENNIS CLAIMS 10TH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
MEN'S TENNIS ADVANCES TO NCAA SEMIFINALS
SOFTBALL FINISHES 3RD IN THE NATION
SIX TEAMS EARN NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS BERTHS
10 STUDENT-ATHLETES EARN ALL-AMERICA HONORS



ARMSTRONG'S 2015-16 ALL-AMERICA HONORS

CoSIDA Academic All-American

Senior Peyton Roth (3rd Team - Softball)

D2CCA Softball All-American

Junior Hannah Reppert (Honorable Mention First Base)

Junior Jane Trzaska (Honorable Mention Utility/Pitcher)

ITA Tennis All-America Honors

Women

Sophomore Alejandra Cisneros (Singles)

Sophomore Nicole Fossa Huergo (Singles)

Sophomore Lena Lutzeier (Singles, Doubles)

Junior Diana Stomlega (Doubles)

Men

Senior Pablo Gor Costales (Singles)

Sophomore Jan Porteset (Doubles)

Sophomore Alberto Caceres Casas (Doubles)

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ACADEMICS

PBC PRESIDENTIAL HONOR ROLL HONOREES

BASEBALL	BASKETBALL	SOCCER	SOFTBALL	VOLLEYBALL
Justin Adkins	Tiara Baker	Jenny Allen (2)	Tori Bates (3)	Kayla Berns (4)
Will Austin	Brigitta Barta (3)	Michelle Allen (2)	Michelle Breen (2)	Kim Brody (2)
Corey Crunk (4)	Brian Brown	McKenzie Anderson (2)	Macy Coleman	Annie Chandler
Zack Goble	George Brown (3)	Erin Berube (3)	Savanna Gladue (3)	Carley Eiken (2)
Tyler Green (4)	Deundria Clark	Candace Cosby (4)	Sierra Newman	Isabel Fabacher (2)
Spencer Harvey	Jessica Doyle	Olivia DeJong (2)	Sierra Peebles	Paige Gocke (3)
Ryan Lawless	Witalij Martynow	Shelby Drittler	Hannah Reppert (2)	Brittany Hereth (3)
Ryan Patterson (3)	Machala Raymonville (2)	Kailey Goins (3)	Peyton Roth (4)	Anna McGee (2)
Sid Royal	Shema Sabiiti (2)	Amanda Green (2)	Ashley Sterritt (2)	Iva Scepanovic (2)
Cody Sherlin (4)	Lexy Schoonover (2)	Ashley Green (2)	Lindsay Stewart (2)	Madison Sox (2)
Jamie Thaggard	Nick Scott (2)	Kennedi Herrmann (3)	Lexie Stohr	Krista Vaughn (2)
Kendrick Thompson (2)		Erica Laurens (3)	Jane Trzaska (3)	
	MEN'S GOLF	Allison Litchfield (3)		WOMEN'S TENNIS
	Gustav Beckvid	Morgan Luckie (3)		Alejandra Cisneros
	Nathalia Baigorria (2)	Sarah Olin		Nicole Fossa Huergo (2)
	Sophie Bargerion (2)	Taylor Russell (4)	MEN'S TENNIS	Lena Lutzeier (2)
	Bailey Buie	Parker Schroedel	Luca Cerin (3)	Lena Pacholski
	Jaycee Bunner	Randi Schroedel (2)	Otakar Lucak (2)	Carolina Prats-Millan (3)
	Molly Molyneaux (3)	Taylor Snell	Marek Pesicka (2)	Diana Stomlega (2)
	Pamela Mosley (3)	Brooke Standard (2)		
	Brendie Rockholt	Asa Thorsen		
	MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY	Martha Trimbach		
	Grant MacNeil	Taylor Valley (4)		
	Henning Schein (2)			

Armstrong student-athletes continued to excel in the classroom in the 2015-16 academic year. Fifty-eight percent of the 157 student-athletes carried grade-point averages of 3.0 or better. A stellar 93 of Armstrong student-athletes were named to the PBC Presidential Honor Roll. Eight student-athletes - softball player Peyton Roth; women's soccer players Candace Cosby, Taylor Valley and Taylor Russell; baseball players Corey Crunk, Cody Sherlin and Tyler Green as well as volleyball player Kayla Berns - earned the honor all four years as a Pirate. Forty-nine student-athletes were named to the Dean's List during the 2015-16 academic year.

Ten student-athletes carried perfect 4.0 GPAs for 2015-16 - cross country runner Henning Schein; softball players Roth, Tori Bates and Savanna Gladue; volleyball player Paige Gocke, women's golfer Brendie Rockholt and women's soccer players Olivia DeJong, Ashley Green, Alli Litchfield and Randi Schroedel.

Overall, 37 student-athletes carried a 4.0 GPA during the year - 16 in the Fall and 21 in the Spring.

Roth earned Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-American honors for a second year in a row, just the second Armstrong softball player to earn Academic All-American honors from the organization twice in one career.

Roth and Sherlin were the 2015-16 President's Cup winners, given by the Savannah Exchange Club to the top female and male student-athlete of the year.

COMMISSIONER'S CUP

Armstrong State finished third in the 2015-16 PBC Commissioner's Cup, earning 87 points out of a possible 128 for a .680 percentage. The Pirates won three Peach Belt championships in 2015-16 with women's golf, men's tennis and women's tennis all capturing league titles. Volleyball and softball had second-place finishes while women's soccer finished third. Columbus State captured the Commissioner's Cup with Lander finishing second.

2015-16 COMMISSIONER'S CUP FINAL STANDINGS

School	MXC (10)	WXC (12)	MSO (10)	WSO (12)	VB (10)	MBB (14)	WBB (14)	BB (13)	SB (13)	MT (11)	WT (13)	MGF (11)	WGF (7)	MTK (5)	WTK (5)	Max Pts*	Total Pts	Rating
Columbus	8	9	-	12	1	13.5	13.5	13	4.5	9	12	11	1	4	2	150	113.5	0.7567
Lander	-	-	8	6	6.5	11.5	13.5	12	8	10	4	7	!	-	-	121	86.5	0.7149
Armstrong	4	-	-	10	8.5	8	6	1	12	11	13	6	7	-	-	128	87	0.6797
Ga. College	7	5	-	9	3	9	6.5	10	9.5	7	10	-	-	-	-	133	79	0.5940
Flagler	6	6	9	6	8.5	1	8.5	7	4.5	4	11	10	6	-	-	150	87.5	0.5833
Augusta	9	7	-	-	4	10	11	8.5	2.5	4	6	-	-	3	1	120	66	0.5500
North Ga.	-	11	3	11	-	3	8.5	6	13	7	6	1	2	-	-	130	71.5	0.5500
UNCP	10	10	2	8	2	6	3	4.5	9.5	-	-	-	4	5	4	125	68	0.5440
YHC	5	8	10	3	-	11.5	4	2	11	2	6	5	3	-	-	133	70.5	0.5301
USC Aiken	-	2	6.5	4	10	2	1.5	11	6.5	4	8	9	-	-	-	133	64.5	0.4850
Fr. Marion	1	1	6.5	-	5	6	10	4.5	6.5	7	9	-	-	-	-	120	56.5	0.4701
Montevallo	2	12	4	2	6.5	13.5	1.5	8.5	1	-	2.5	2	5	2	5	149	67.5	0.4530
Clayton St.	3	4	5	6	-	6	12	-	-	-	2.5	4	-	1	3	106	46.5	0.4387
Ga. Swstrm	-	3	1	1	-	4	5	3	2.5	1	1	8	-	-	-	123	29.5	0.2398

*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).

! - Lander sponsored women's golf in Fall 2015 but dropped the sport in Spring 2016

NACDA DIRECTOR'S CUP

Armstrong State finished 35th in the nation in the Learfield Sports Directors Cup, sponsored by NACDA, with 370 points collected, and its 11 sports placed the Pirates sixth among all DII schools in points per sport sponsored.

Grand Valley topped all schools in DII with 1070 points and in all, 265 schools earned at least one point in the competition.

The Pirates earned 100 points for winning its tenth national championship in women's tennis; 83 points for a national semifinal berth in men's tennis and softball; 50 points for women's soccer advancing to the second round; 29 points for women's golf and 25 points for volleyball each advancing to NCAA regional play.

Armstrong State was the top school in the PBC in the standings and ranked fourth among Southeast Region schools.

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HANG TEN! WOMEN'S TENNIS NOTCHES 10TH NCAA DIVISION II NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



DENVER, Colo. (May 21) - The No. 3-ranked Armstrong State University women's tennis team captured the 10th NCAA Division II National Championship in program history with a 5-3 win over top-ranked BYU-Hawaii on Saturday at the Regency Athletic Complex in Denver, Colo., as a part of the DII Spring Sports Festival.

The Pirates (32-1) extend their own NCAA DII record for most championships with the win - with five of those coming at the expense of the Seaside (25-1), who hold the second-most DII titles. Armstrong State is now 5-3 in title meetings with BYUH.

Armstrong State trailed after doubles play as BYU Hawaii won at No. 1 and No. 2 doubles to take a 2-1 lead heading into singles. The Pirates got their doubles point at No. 3 as Nicole Fossa Huergo and Lena Pacholski defeated Jade Griffin and Kanela Adamson, 8-3. The top-ranked doubles duo of Dallas Zhang and Summer Wen defeated No. 3-ranked Lena Lutzeier and Diana Stomlega, 8-5, at No. 1 doubles, then No. 10-ranked Karen Liu and Shu-Yiing Hsieh defeated Carolina Prats-Millan and Alejandra Cisneros, 8-3, at No. 2 doubles.

"We knew they were really tough in doubles," Armstrong State head coach Sean McCaffrey said. "Particularly at number one and two. I was hoping we could come out with a 2-1 lead, that was my goal. But I knew we could get some things accomplished in singles."

Which they did. Pacholski picked up a very quick 6-1, 6-2 win over Griffin to tie the match up at 2-2. No. 44-ranked Prats-Millan then defeated No. 46-ranked Hsieh, 6-4, 6-3, at No. 4 singles to put the Pirates up 3-2. No. 9-ranked Cisneros gave the Pirates the lead with a 6-3, 6-4 win over No. 20-ranked Wen at No. 3 singles.

The other three singles players for the Pirates dropped their first sets, but both Stomlega at No. 5 singles and Lutzeier at No. 1 singles rallied to split sets. BYU Hawaii picked up a point at No. 2 singles as No. 7-ranked Liu defeated No. 6-ranked Fossa Huergo, 6-4, 7-5, to put all eyes on the two courts in the third sets.

Stomlega shook off a 6-0 loss in the first set to win the second set, 6-1, then clinched the match for the Pirates with a 6-3 win over BYU Hawaii's Jeong-Min Jeon in the final set and give Armstrong State its historic 10th title.

"In the singles, I started so bad," Stomlega said. "I couldn't put a ball in. But in the second set I tried to run and just put the balls in the court. I was trying to just play my game. I'm so proud of my teammates."

"I told our women that if we could just stay out here as long as we possibly could, I know they [BYU-Hawaii] obviously very well-coached," McCaffrey said. "The amount of time and effort that our women put in, playing strong matches, though - we played every top 10 team we possibly could and playing those matches really helped us out today."

In addition to women's tennis, both men's tennis and softball finished as national semifinalists at the DII Spring Sports Festival and all three teams were welcomed back to Savannah on May 22nd for their outstanding efforts in Denver.



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VOLLEYBALL

FINAL PBC STANDINGS

School	PBC	All
USC Aiken	14-4	27-6
Flagler	13-5	23-8
Armstrong State	13-5	18-11
Lander	11-7	25-13
Montevallo	11-7	20-13
Francis Marion	9-9	16-14
Augusta	8-10	19-14
Georgia College	6-12	12-16
UNC Pembroke	3-15	8-24
Columbus State	2-16	5-25

PBC Quarterfinals (Savannah)

ASU def. FMU 3-1 (24-26, 25-15, 25-15, 25-17)

PBC Final Four (Aiken, S.C.)

Flagler def. ASU 3-1 (25-19, 26-24, 18-25, 25-19)

NCAA Southeast Regional (Aiken, S.C.)

Carson-Newman def. ASU 3-2 (25-19, 25-21, 17-25, 20-25, 15-10)

PBC ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

Anna McGee - First Team
Emily Wylie - First Team

ALL-PBC TOURNAMENT TEAM

Anna McGee

AVCA ALL-SOUTHEAST REGION HONORS

Anna McGee
Emily Wylie
Raquel Kulak (Honorable Mention)
Will Condon (Coach of the Year)

D2CCA ALL-SOUTHEAST REGION HONORS

Anna McGee - Second Team

PBC ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Paige Gocke
Anna McGee
Iva Scepanovic

PBC SPECIALIST OF THE WEEK

Selene Ushela (Oct. 13)

PBC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Anna McGee (Nov. 10)

The Armstrong State University volleyball squad put together another solid season, advancing to the NCAA Championships for an eighth straight season. The Pirates went 18-11 overall and 13-5 in the Peach Belt Conference, finishing just one game behind the league champions.

Without a senior on the squad in 2015, Armstrong State was led by junior first-team All-Conference performers Anna McGee and Emily Wylie. McGee hit .275 with a team-best 395 kills, ranking among the Top 10 in the league in kills, kills per set and points per set. She earned AVCA and D2CCA All-Region honors and was also named to the All-PBC Tournament Team.

Wylie, meanwhile, earned AVCA All-Southeast Region honors as well for hitting .275 with 320 kills, ranking in the Top 10 in the league in hitting percentage and kills per set.

Freshman Raquel Kulak led the Pirates in hitting percentage and blocks, earning honorable mention AVCA All-Southeast Region honors. Head coach Will Condon was named the AVCA's Southeast Region Coach of the Year for the third time in his career for helping direct the Pirates to the NCAA Championships with such a young squad.

Twice, Armstrong State players set a new single-game record for digs during the season - Selene Ushela with 41 digs against Flagler on Oct. 7 and Iva Scepanovic with 41 digs against Carson-Newman in the NCAA Tournament first round on December 4th.

Armstrong State did have two players graduate as juniors - McGee and Kayla Berns - and the Pirates will return 12 players for 2016.



INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Hitting Percentage
Raquel Kulak, .277 (6th PBC)
Emily Wylie, .2753 (7th PBC)
Anna McGee, .2750 (8th PBC)

Kills Per Set
Anna McGee, 3.50 (3rd PBC, 91st NCAA)
Emily Wylie, 2.83 (7th PBC)

Points Per Set
Anna McGee, 4.04 (3rd PBC, 76th NCAA)

Blocks Per Set
Raquel Kulak, 0.83 (7th PBC)

Service Aces Per Set
Brittany Hereth, 0.37 (7th PBC)
Raegan Grooms, 0.37 (8th PBC)

Assists Per Set
Carley Eiken, 5.52 (8th PBC)
Kristi Vaughn, 5.31 (9th PBC)

TEAM STATISTICS

Hitting Percentage
.229 (2nd PBC, 36th NCAA)

Assists Per Set
11.91 (4th PBC, 85th NCAA)

Kills Per Set
12.63 (5th PBC, 97th NCAA)

Service Aces Per Set
1.75 (4th PBC, 40th NCAA)

Blocks Per Set
1.91 (4th PBC, 100th NCAA)

Opponent's Hitting Percentage
.171 (4th PBC)



Raquel Kulak (far left) led the Pirates in hitting and blocking as a freshman, earning honorable mention AVCA All-Region honors. Emily Wylie (top right) and Anna McGee (above) each hit .275 to earn first-team All-Peach Belt Conference honors for the Pirates, while head coach Will Condon (top left) earned his third AVCA Southeast Region Coach of the Year honor for helping Armstrong State advance to the NCAA Southeast Regional for an eighth straight year.

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SOCCER

FINAL PBC STANDINGS

School	PBC	All
Columbus State	10-0-1	22-3-1
North Georgia	8-2-1	16-4-1
Armstrong State	7-1-3	13-5-3
Georgia College	7-4	10-8-2
UNC Pembroke	6-4-1	8-9-1
Clayton State	5-5-1	9-8-1
Flagler	5-5-1	8-6-2
Lander	5-5-1	7-8-1
USC Aiken	4-7	4-12-1
Young Harris	3-7-1	5-9-1
Montevallo	1-10	2-13-2
Ga. Southwestern	0-11	2-14

PBC Tournament 1st Round (Savannah)

Armstrong State def. Clayton State, 2-1 ot

PBC Tournament Semifinal (Evans, Ga.)

North Georgia def. Armstrong State, 2-1 2ot

NCAA Southeast Regional (Jefferson City, Tenn.)

Armstrong State def. Wingate, 5-0

Carson-Newman def. Armstrong State, 3-0

PBC ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

Jenny Allen - First Team

Olivia DeJong - Second Team

Michelle Allen - Second Team

PBC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

McKenzie Anderson

Randi Schroedel

PBC ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

McKenzie Anderson

Erin Berube

Candace Cosby

Olivia DeJong

Kailey Goins

Amanda Green

Allison Litchfield

Morgan Luckie

Taylor Russell

Randi Schroedel

Brooke Standard

PBC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Amanda Green (Oct. 26)

Jenny Allen (Nov. 2)

PBC DEFENDER OF THE WEEK

Casey Couch (Sept. 28)

Olivia DeJong (Oct. 5)

Michelle Allen (Oct. 19)

PBC GOALKEEPER OF THE WEEK

Erica Laurens (Oct. 19)

D2CCA ALL-SOUTHEAST REGION

Jenny Allen - First Team

Michelle Allen - Second Team

NSCAA ALL-SOUTHEAST REGION

Jenny Allen - Second Team

Olivia DeJong - Second Team

Armstrong State University women's soccer advanced to the semifinals of both the Peach Belt Conference tournament and NCAA Southeast Regional in 2016, putting together a 13-5-3 overall record and a 7-1-3 mark in the PBC in 2015.

The Pirates made their eighth NCAA appearance in the 11-year history of the program and had several key results during the season, including a 2-1 win over Clayton State in the PBC Tournament quarterfinals on Randi Schroedel's overtime goal. Armstrong State also defeated Wingate, 5-0, in the first round of the NCAA Southeast Regional; drew 2-2 with national championship finalist Columbus State in September and also drew 0-0 at No. 2 North Georgia in October.

Sophomore Jenny Allen led the Pirates in scoring for a second straight season, earning All-PBC and NSCAA & D2CCA All-Region honors by collecting 12 goals and 29 points. Sophomores Michelle Allen and Olivia DeJong also earned All-PBC and All-Region honors.

The Pirates said goodbye to four seniors in 2015, including Taylor Russell, the Pirates' first All-American defender. Goalkeeper Morgan Luckie finished her four-year career as the leader in goalie wins (45) while forward Taylor Valley finished her career with 25 goals, tied for fifth all-time. Candace Cosby was a two-time PBC All-Academic Team honoree as well as a CoSIDA Academic All-District III honoree.

The Pirates return 19 players for the 2016 season, and those returnees accounted for 40 of 46 goals scored during the 2015 campaign.



INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Goals

Jenny Allen, 12 (4th PBC, 45th NCAA)

Assists

Amanda Green, 6 (6th PBC, 93rd NCAA)

Sarah Olin, 6 (6th PBC, 93rd NCAA)

Goals Per Game

Jenny Allen, 0.57 (6th PBC, 74th NCAA)

Points

Jenny Allen, 29 (4th PBC, 48th NCAA)

Sarah Olin, 20 (9th PBC)

Points Per Game

Jenny Allen, 1.38 (5th PBC, 75th NCAA)

Goals Against Average

Morgan Luckie, 1.055 (3rd PBC, 74th NCAA)

Game-Winning Goals

Jenny Allen, 4 (3rd PBC, 50th NCAA)

TEAM STATISTICS

Goals

46 (3rd PBC, 30th NCAA)

Goals Per Game

2.19 (3rd PBC, 35th NCAA)

Goals Allowed Per Game

0.915 (3rd PBC, 64th NCAA)

Assists

35 (2nd PBC, 26th NCAA)

Assists Per Game

1.67 (2nd PBC, 33rd NCAA)

Points

127 (3rd PBC, 28th NCAA)

Points Per Game

6.05 (3rd PBC, 32nd NCAA)

Shutout Percentage

.429 (3rd PBC, 55th NCAA)

Won-Lost Percentage

.690 (3rd PBC, 45th NCAA)

Randi Schroedel's overtime goal (top) sent Armstrong State into the PBC Tournament semifinals with a 2-1 win over Clayton State on Nov. 5. Sophomore Jenny Allen (middle) earned first-team All-PBC honors for a second straight season, leading the Pirates in goals (12) and points (29) on the year. Sophomore Olivia DeJong (left) earned All-PBC and All-Southeast Region honors in 2015 with her versatility, playing in the midfield and defense throughout the season, even earning PBC Defender of the Week honors for her first two career starts on the back line in October.

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MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

PBC CHAMPIONSHIPS (AUGUSTA, GA.)

SCHOOL	SCORE
1 UNC Pembroke	49
2 Augusta	64
3 Columbus State	77
4 Georgia College	130
5 Flagler	146
6 Young Harris	154
7 Armstrong State	166
8 Clayton State	211
9 Montevallo	225
10 Francis Marion	232

PBC ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

Henning Schein
Donald Shelton

PBC ALL-SPORTSMANSHIP TEAM

Corey Crunk

PBC ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Henning Schein

NCAA ALL-SOUTHEAST REGION

Henning Schein

USTFCCCA ACADEMIC ALL-REGION

Henning Schein

Sophomore Henning Schein (right) earned All-PBC and All-Southeast Region honors, becoming the first two-time All-Region runner in Armstrong State men's cross country history. Junior Corey Crunk (far right) - a four-year member of the ASU baseball team - earned a spot on the PBC All-Sportsmanship Team in his first season running varsity cross country.

The Armstrong men's cross country team duplicated its 11th place finish at the 2015 NCAA Southeast Regionals while also finishing seventh at the 2015 Peach Belt Conference Championships.

The Pirates had two runners earn All-Peach Belt Conference honors - sophomores Donald Shelton (10th place) and Henning Schein (12th place) finished among the Top 15 runners in the league meet to earn the honor. It's the first time in program history that the Pirates have had a pair of All-Conference runners in back-to-back seasons.

Schein also earned All-Southeast Region honors, running 16th in Wingate, N.C., to become Armstrong State's first two-time All-Region runner. He added All-Academic and USTFCCA Academic All-Region honors to his resume as well.

An announcement was made by the Armstrong State athletic department in December that the Pirates would reinstate women's cross country for the upcoming 2016 season.

TEAM RESULTS

Sept. 4	at Georgia College Bobcat Classic	Milledgeville, Ga.	2nd of 3
Sept. 12	at College of Charleston Invitational	Charleston, S.C.	1st of 2 (DII)
Oct. 2	at USC Aiken Invitational	Aiken, S.C.	2nd of 3
Oct. 10	at DII Georgia Collegiate Championship	Milledgeville, Ga.	6th of 11
Oct. 24	at 2015 Peach Belt Championships	Oakwood, Ga.	7th of 10
Nov. 7	at 2015 NCAA DII Southeast Regional	Wingate, N.C.	11th of 22



2015-2016 ARMSTRONG STATE STUDENT-ATHLETE AWARDS BANQUET

SAVANNAH, Ga. - The Armstrong State University athletic department held its annual Student-Athlete Awards Banquet on April 26th.

Individual team and academic awards were awarded as well as a highlight video shown of the 11 sports from the 2015-16 athletic year at Armstrong. For an eighth straight year, WJCL-TV Sports Director Frank Sulkowski served as emcee of the festivities.

The highlights of the evening included the awarding of the 2015-16 Male and Female Student-Athlete of the Year by the Armstrong State Athletic Department. Senior men's tennis player Pablo Gor Costales earned Male Student-Athlete of the Year honors, while senior softball player Peyton Roth was named the Female Student-Athletes of the Year. The awards were presented by University President Dr. Linda Bleicken.

Three special awards, added last year based on suggestions by the Armstrong State SAAC were also handed out. The first was the Video Play of the Year. Out of eight nominees, a panel of Armstrong faculty and staff picked the Armstrong State softball team's first triple play in program history on April 6th vs. USC Aiken as the Play of the Year.

Armstrong also honored senior men's basketball player Nick Scott with the Individual Performance of the Year for scoring 23 points after halftime, including 7 three-pointers, and hitting the game-winning free throws with 1.5 seconds left in overtime to lead the Pirates past Clayton State, 91-89, on January 6th. Male and Female Freshman of the Year awards went to baseball player Stetson Smith and softball player Logan Harrell.

The Dr. Donald Anderson Scholar-Athlete Awards were handed out for a fourth 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 men's tennis player Otakar Lucak and senior women's soccer player Candace Cosby.

In all, more than 90 student-athletes earned awards on the evening.



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MEN'S BASKETBALL

FINAL PBC STANDINGS

East Division

School	PBC	All
Lander	13-6	22-10
Augusta	12-7	18-11
Armstrong State	10-9	12-15
Francis Marion	9-10	17-12
UNC Pembroke	9-10	15-13
USC Aiken	4-15	6-20
Flagler	3-16	8-20

West Division

School	PBC	All
Columbus State	14-5	21-8
Montevallo	14-5	19-10
Young Harris	13-6	15-14
Georgia College	11-8	18-11
Clayton State	9-10	14-12
Ga. Southwestern	7-12	11-15
North Georgia	5-14	7-21

PBC Quarterfinals (Montevallo)

Montevallo def. Armstrong State, 76-71

PBC ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

Shaquieil Mitchell - Third Team

ASHLEY DEARING AWARD WINNER

Jamison Jeffers

TEAM STATISTICS

Scoring Offense

79.8 (6th PBC)

Scoring Defense

79.1 (10th PBC)

Assists Per Game

16.2 (1st PBC, 37th NCAA)

Assist/Turnover Ratio

+1.32 (1st PBC, 42nd NCAA)

Three-Point FG Percentage

.399 (2nd PBC, 20th NCAA)

Three-Point FG Per Game

9.6 (2nd PBC, 34th NCAA)

Free Throw Percentage

.730 (5th PBC, 92nd NCAA)

Field Goal Percentage

.451 (9th PBC)

The Armstrong State University men's basketball squad started off slowly in 2015-16, going 1-6 in its first seven games, but the Pirates had an excellent Peach Belt slate, going 10-9 in the league to finish third in the PBC East Division standings, its best performance in the league since 2012-13. Armstrong State finished with a 12-15 overall record.

Head coach Evans Davis' squad led the Peach Belt Conference in assists per game (16.2), assist-turnover ratio (+1.32) and ranked second in the league in three-point field goal shooting. A cast of eight seniors helped Armstrong State advance to the PBC Tournament and played well in narrowly missing an upset of NCAA tournament participant Montevallo in the first round at Montevallo.

Senior Shaquieil Mitchell ranked among the league's leaders in rebounding and scoring, earning third-team All-Peach Belt Conference honors for the Pirates. Seniors Herbert Graham and Nick Scott formed a 1-2 perimeter shooting punch, ranking second and third in the league in three-point shooting while both sharpshooters ranked in the top 11 in NCAA Division II as well.

Senior Shema Sabiiti finished his four-year career with a solid senior season, averaging 5.9 points and 5.1 rebounds per game, while senior Ethan Mackey (8.7 ppg) shot an outstanding 62.1 percent from the floor in his only season with the Pirates. Seniors Marcus Hopper (4.4 ppg) and Kyle Callanan (268 career assists) also wrapped up their Armstrong State careers in 2015-16.

Junior point guard Jamison Jeffers, the 2015-16 Ashley Dearing Award recipient for shooting 85.9 percent from the free throw line, also led the Peach Belt Conference in assist-turnover ratio (2.72) while ranking second in the league in assists per game (5.4 apg).

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

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Three-Point Field Goal Percentage

Herbert Graham, .505 (2nd PBC, 3rd NCAA)

Nick Scott, .464 (3rd PBC, 11th NCAA)

Three-Point Field Goals Per Game

Nick Scott, 3.07 (5th PBC, 32nd NCAA)

Herbert Graham, 2.62 (8th PBC, 96th NCAA)

Assist/Turnover Ratio

Jamison Jeffers, 2.72 (1st PBC, 16th NCAA)

Assists Per Game

Jamison Jeffers, 5.4 (2nd PBC, 23rd NCAA)

Three-Point FG Made

Nick Scott, 83 (5th PBC, 59th NCAA)

Assists

Jamison Jeffers, 147 (2nd PBC, 34th NCAA)

Field Goal Percentage

Herbert Graham, .493 (8th PBC)



Senior Shaquieil Mitchell (above) earned third-team All-Peach Belt Conference honors, averaging 13.4 ppg and 7.2 rpg per game. Senior Herbert Graham (right) ranked third in the nation in three-point field goal percentage (.505), the second best single-season 3-point shooting performance in school history.



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

FINAL PBC STANDINGS

East Division

School	PBC	All
Lander	16-3	25-7
Augusta	14-5	24-9
Francis Marion	12-7	24-9
Flagler	9-10	13-14
Armstrong State	8-11	16-12
UNC Pembroke	5-14	10-16
USC Aiken	4-15	9-19

West Division

School	PBC	All
Columbus State	16-3	25-6
Clayton State	15-4	22-7
North Georgia	9-10	17-12
Georgia College	8-11	16-13
Ga. Southwestern	7-12	13-13
Young Harris	6-13	11-15
Montevallo	4-15	7-19

The Armstrong State University women's basketball squad tied a school record for the best start in program history, going 8-0 en route to a 16-12 overall record in 2015-16.

The Pirates got off to an outstanding start with several close wins leading to a start that tied the 1984-85 squad for the best start to a year. Included in the streak were a pair of wins at the Oahu Thanksgiving Classic over Hawaii Hilo and BYU-Hawaii that represented the first time Armstrong State women's basketball had ever played in Hawaii. Armstrong State also played three exhibition contests against Division I opponents in the Fall, facing off against Savannah State in the "Battle By The Marsh," Stetson and East Tennessee State.

Armstrong State started off the Peach Belt slate with a 1-6 mark, won four of its last five games in January and three of its last five but finished just one game out of the PBC Tournament.

Junior Brigitta Barta became just the second Armstrong State junior to pass the 1,000 point plateau when her bucket in the fourth quarter at North Georgia on Dec. 19th made her the 11th women's basketball player to reach the milestone. Barta will head into her senior season with 1,223 career points, needing just 179 points to become the school's all-time scoring leader.

Senior Shermika Harris (13.6 ppg) led the Pirates in scoring in her senior year, while seniors Alexia Somerset (6.3 ppg, 4.1 rpg) and Tiara Baker (2.1 ppg, 2.0 apg) also wrapped up their Armstrong State careers.

The Pirates will return seven players from last season's squad for 2016-17.

PBC ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Brigitta Barta

PBC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

B'Kiya Webb (Nov. 30)

Junior Brigitta Barta (right) became just the second player in Armstrong State women's basketball history to pass the 1,000 point plateau as a junior, scoring the bucket at North Georgia on Dec. 19th. Seniors Alexia Somerset (below left) and Shermika Harris (below right) wrapped up their Pirate careers in 2015-16, with Somerset averaging 6.3 ppg and 4.1 rpg while Harris averaged a team-leading 13.6 ppg, ranking ninth in the Peach Belt Conference. Harris reached double figures 23 times during the season, including her last nine games, and had a career high of 26 points at Flagler on Feb. 3.



TEAM STATISTICS

Scoring Offense

66.4 (7th PBC)

Scoring Defense

64.4 (9th PBC)

Field Goal Percentage

.40.0 (8th PBC)

FG Percentage Defense

.35.9 (1st PBC, 25th NCAA)

Blocked Shots Per Game

5.8 (1st PBC, 4th NCAA)

Rebounds Per Game

42.61 (2nd PBC, 30th NCAA)

Defensive Rebounds Per Game

29.0 (1st PBC, 21st NCAA)

Assists Per Game

12.8 (8th PBC)

Rebounding Margin

+2.1 (7th PBC)

Blocked Shots

161 (1st PBC, 6th NCAA)

Rebounds

1,193 (5th PBC, 74th NCAA)

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Scoring

Shermika Harris, 13.6 (9th PBC)

Rebounding

B'Kiya Webb, 8.3 (9th PBC)

Field Goal Percentage

Brigitta Barta, .474
(7th PBC, 87th NCAA)

Blocked Shots Per Game

Tatiana Manuel, 3.00
(1st PBC, 5th NCAA)

Brigitta Barta, 1.19 (6th PBC)

Blocked Shots

Tatiana Manuel, 84
(1st PBC, 7th NCAA)

Brigitta Barta, 31 (6th PBC)

Rebounds

B'Kiya Webb, 232 (8th PBC)

Defensive Rebounds Per Game

B'Kiya Webb, 5.2 (8th PBC)

Offensive Rebounds Per Game

B'Kiya Webb, 3.1 (5th PBC)



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BASEBALL

FINAL PBC STANDINGS

School	PBC	All
Columbus State	23-7	42-14
Lander	22-8	44-16
USC Aiken	20-10	40-18
Georgia College	19-11	33-17
Augusta	17-13	29-22
Montevallo	17-13	28-25
Flagler	16-14	30-20
North Georgia	14-16	32-20
UNC Pembroke	13-17	27-22
Francis Marion	13-17	26-23
Ga. Southwestern	8-21	25-24
Young Harris	6-23	12-37
<i>Armstrong State</i>	<i>6-24</i>	<i>19-31</i>

PBC ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

JT Phillips - Second Team

PBC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Cody Sherlin (Feb. 29)

PBC PITCHER OF THE WEEK

JT Phillips (Feb. 9)

PBC FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK

Stetson Smith (Feb. 29)

PBC ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Chandler Corley
Corey Crunk
Tyler Green
Ryan Patterson
Cody Sherlin

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Strikeouts

JT Phillips, 104 (3rd PBC, 23rd NCAA)

Strikeouts Per 9 Innings

JT Phillips, 13.00 (1st PBC, 6th NCAA)

Hits Allowed Per 9 Innings

JT Phillips, 7.25 (1st PBC, 57th NCAA)

WHIP

JT Phillips, 1.18 (4th NCAA, 92nd NCAA)

Strikeout-to-Walk Ratio

JT Phillips, 3.85 (6th PBC, 92nd NCAA)

Corey Kafka, 3.18 (9th PBC)

Walks Allowed Per 9 Innings

Corey Kafka, 2.35 (7th PBC)

Hit By Pitch

Jerad Curry, 14 (6th PBC, 51st NCAA)

Hit By Pitch Per Game

Jerad Curry, 0.29 (5th PBC, 60th NCAA)

Home Runs Per Game

Jerad Curry, 0.25 (10th PBC, 85th NCAA)

Stolen Bases

Will Austin, 19 (7th PBC, 89th NCAA)

Stolen Bases Per Game

Will Austin, 0.39 (7th PBC)

Toughest To Strike Out

Jerad Curry, 11.8 (3rd PBC)

Triples

Chandler Corley, 4 (2nd PBC, 93rd NCAA)

Cody Sherlin, 3 (7th PBC)

Sacrifice Flies

Berry Aldridge, 4 (9th PBC)

Cody Sherlin, 4 (9th PBC)

The Armstrong State baseball squad finished the 2016 season with a 19-31 overall record and a 6-24 mark in the Peach Belt Conference.

The Pirates opened the season at Historic Grayson Stadium with a doubleheader sweep of Paine, then took two of three games from NCAA participant Tusculum College the next week. Armstrong State also picked up wins over other NCAA Championships teams Belmont Abbey and Claflin during the year.

Armstrong State played the longest game in its Peach Belt Conference history on April 2nd at Montevallo, winning a 10-9 game over the Falcons on senior Jerad Curry's solo home run in the top of the 16th inning. Curry hit three home runs in the contest, the first time an Armstrong State player hit three home runs in a game since 2004, and the game was tied with two other games for the longest league game in Peach Belt history.

Senior JT Phillips earned second-team All-Peach Belt Conference honors for ranking among the Peach Belt Conference leaders in strikeouts (104) on the mound while also leading the Pirates in hitting with a .372 average. Curry led the Pirates in the power numbers with 12 home runs and 40 RBI, while senior Cody Sherlin wrapped up his four-year career by hitting .298 with 64 hits, bringing his career total to 229, ranking seventh all-time in Pirate history.

Armstrong State had 10 other seniors wrap up their careers - Berry Aldridge, Justin Adkins, Kendrick Thompson, Tyler Green, Will Austin, Cody Kremer, Corey Kafka, Tyler Graham, Corey Crunk and Jamie Thaggard.

The Pirates return 14 players from this season's squad for 2017.

TEAM STATISTICS

Batting Average

.282 (11th PBC)

Runs Per Game

6.5 (11th PBC)

Earned Run Average

5.92 (11th PBC)

Fielding Percentage

.960 (7th PBC)

Sacrifice Flies

24 (6th PBC, 57th NCAA)

Walks

217 (8th PBC, 52nd NCAA)

Triples

11 (5th PBC)

Triples Per Game

0.22 (4th PBC)

Stolen Bases

62 (6th PBC, 93rd NCAA)

Stolen Bases Per Game

1.24 (6th PBC, 90th NCAA)

Strikeouts Per 9 Innings

9.2 (1st PBC, 3rd NCAA)

Hits Allowed Per 9 Innings

10.26 (8th PBC)

Double Plays

34 (9th PBC)

Senior JT Phillips (top right) notched 104 strikeouts in 2016, ranking among the nation's leaders while also earning second-team All-Peach Belt Conference honors on the year.

Phillips also hit a team-best .372 on the season. Senior Jerad Curry (middle right) hit .335 with 12 home runs, including three in one game at Montevallo on April 2nd in the Pirates' 10-9 16-inning win over the Falcons. The game winning home run came in the top of the 16th inning. Senior Cody Sherlin (bottom right) finished his Armstrong State four-year career with 229 hits, ranking seventh all-time for the Pirates, and was the PBC's Player of the Week on Feb. 29th.



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SOFTBALL

FINAL PBC STANDINGS

SCHOOL	PBC	ALL
North Georgia	23-1	54-8
Armstrong State	19-5	43-15
Young Harris	17-7	32-20
Georgia College	14-10	41-18
UNC Pembroke	14-10	29-24-1
Lander	12-12	26-21
Francis Marion	11-13	34-21
USC Aiken	11-13	29-22
Columbus State	9-15	27-26
Flagler	9-15	24-25
Ga. Southwestern	7-17	24-32
Augusta	7-17	18-34
Montevallo	3-21	19-38

PBC Championships (Milledgeville, Ga.)

USC Aiken def. Armstrong State, 5-3 (8 inn.)

NCAA Southeast Regional (Savannah)

Armstrong State def. USC Aiken, 9-1 (5 inn.)

Armstrong State def. Pfeiffer, 2-0

Armstrong State def. Pfeiffer, 1-0

NCAA Southeast Super Regional (Dahlonega, Ga.)

North Georgia def. Armstrong State, 4-0

Armstrong State def. North Georgia, 4-2

Armstrong State def. North Georgia, 5-3 (8 inn.)

NCAA DII Championships (Denver, Colo.)

Humboldt State def. Armstrong State, 3-2

Armstrong State def. Grand Valley State, 7-4

Armstrong State def. Adelphi, 1-0

Armstrong State def. Humboldt State, 3-2

Humboldt State def. Armstrong State, 6-2

PBC ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

Tori Bates - First Team

Macy Coleman - First Team

Hannah Reppert - First Team

Jane Trzaska - First Team

Peyton Roth - Second Team

PBC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Macy Coleman (April 18)

Hannah Reppert (Feb. 9, March 21)

PBC PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Tori Bates (Feb. 2, April 4)

Jane Trzaska (April 11)

PBC FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK

Macy Coleman (March 28, April 11)

Logan Harrell (March 21, April 4)

PBC ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Tori Bates Jane Trzaska

Savanna Gladue Lindsay Stewart

Peyton Roth

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Logan Harrell

Hannah Reppert

Jane Trzaska

D2CCA/CoSIDA ALL-AMERICAN

Hannah Reppert - Honorable Mention

Jane Trzaska - Honorable Mention

NFCA ALL-SOUTHEAST REGION

Tori Bates - Second Team

Hannah Reppert - First Team

Jane Trzaska - First Team

NFCA FINAL NATIONAL RANKING

No. 3

The Armstrong State University softball team embarked on a magical run in the DII Championships, advancing to the NCAA Semifinals in Denver while surviving five elimination games in the process. The Pirates finished the 2016 season with a 43-15 overall record, a 19-5 mark in the Peach Belt Conference and ranked No. 3 in the NFCA's Division II Top 25 Coaches Poll.

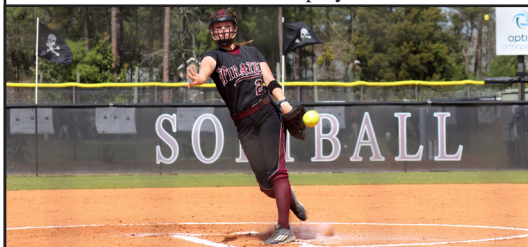
The Pirates finished second in the Peach Belt Conference regular season standings, but were upset in the first round of the PBC Tournament by USC Aiken in an extra-inning thriller. Armstrong State was awarded one of two NCAA Southeast Regionals as the second seed and went 3-0, beating USC Aiken and Pfeiffer twice to advance to the Super Regional.

Armstrong State traveled to defending national champion and No. 4-ranked North Georgia for the Super Regional on May 11-12 and after the Nighthawks took game one, 4-0, the Pirates won game two the next day, 4-2, setting up a winner-take-all game. The Pirates led, 3-1, in the bottom of the seventh when North Georgia hit a two-run home run to send the game to extras. Sophomore Autumn Parrish responded with a two-run shot in the eighth to give the Pirates the 5-3 win and send them to Denver.

An opening game loss to Humboldt State at the DII Championships set the stage for three dramatic wins, beginning with a 7-4 win over Grand Valley State highlighted by two home runs by junior Hannah Reppert - giving her 20 for the season. Junior Jane Trzaska spun a two-hit shutout as the Pirates beat Adelphi, 1-0, then a 3-2 win over Humboldt State forced another game against the Lumberjacks for a berth into the National Championship series. HSU won, 6-2, but the Pirates finished the week with its most successful championship run in program history.

Five Pirates earned All-PBC honors - junior Tori Bates, freshman Macy Coleman, Reppert, Trzaska and senior Peyton Roth. Roth also earned CoSIDA Academic All-American honors for a second straight year and finished her four-year career with 236 career hits, third-most at Armstrong State. In addition to Roth, three other seniors wrapped up their careers - outfielders Ashley Sterritt and Sierra Newman and infielder Michelle Breen.

The Pirates will have 14 players return for the 2017 season.



Juniors Tori Bates (left) and Jane Trzaska (bottom) formed a potent 1-2 punch in the circle, helping Armstrong State rank second in the PBC in team ERA. Bates earned first-team All-PBC and All-Region honors, while Trzaska won five straight NCAA elimination games to help the Pirates to their semifinal finish. Hannah Reppert (below left) ranked among the nation's leaders in slugging percentage and on-base percentage while blasting a career-high 20 home runs in 2016, leading the Peach Belt Conference.



INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Slugging Percentage

Hannah Reppert, .834 (1st PBC, 12th NCAA)

On-Base Percentage

Hannah Reppert, .558 (2nd PBC, 5th NCAA)

RBIs

Hannah Reppert, 52 (2nd PBC, 42nd NCAA)

RBIs Per Game

Hannah Reppert, 0.90 (4th PBC, 81st NCAA)

Home Runs

Hannah Reppert, 20 (1st PBC, 6th NCAA)

Home Runs Per Game

Hannah Reppert, 0.34 (1st PBC, 11th NCAA)

Sacrifice Flies

Logan Harrell, 4 (3rd PBC, 34th NCAA)

Walks

Hannah Reppert, 0.86 (1st PBC, 4th NCAA)

Earned Run Average

Tori Bates, 1.52 (2nd PBC, 33rd NCAA)

Jane Trzaska, 1.99 (5th PBC, 92nd NCAA)

Hits Allowed Per 7 Innings

Jane Trzaska, 5.18 (3rd PBC, 42nd NCAA)

Tori Bates, 5.93 (5th PBC, 100th NCAA)



D2CCA/CoSIDA ALL-SE REGION

Tori Bates - First Team

Macy Coleman - Second Team

Hannah Reppert - First Team

Peyton Roth - Second Team

Jane Trzaska - First Team

CAPITAL ONE/CoSIDA ACADEMIC

ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

Peyton Roth - Third Team

CAPITAL ONE/CoSIDA ACADEMIC

ALL-DISTRICT III

Tori Bates

Peyton Roth

TEAM STATISTICS

Batting Average

.300 (3rd PBC, 80th NCAA)

Slugging Percentage

.461 (3rd PBC, 44th NCAA)

On Base Percentage

.375 (4th PBC, 69th NCAA)

Scoring

5.22 (3rd PBC, 72nd NCAA)

Home Runs Per Game

0.98 (1st PBC, 15th NCAA)

Stolen Bases Per Game

1.00 (9th PBC)

Earned Run Average

1.87 (2nd PBC, 18th NCAA)

Fielding Percentage

.972 (1st PBC, 13th NCAA)

Double Plays Per Game

0.48 (1st PBC, 12th NCAA)

Winning Percentage

.741 (2nd PBC, 24th NCAA)

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MEN'S TENNIS

FINAL PBC STANDINGS

SCHOOL	PBC	ALL
Armstrong State	10-0	26-3
Lander	9-1	19-6
Columbus State	8-2	18-6
North Georgia	5-5	18-8
Georgia College	5-5	15-9
Francis Marion	5-5	15-10
Augusta	4-6	14-6
USC Aiken	4-6	12-10
Flagler	4-6	10-14
Young Harris	1-9	11-11
Ga. Southwestern	0-10	4-16

PBC Championships (Florence, S.C.)

Armstrong def. USC Aiken, 5-0
 Armstrong def. Georgia College, 5-1
 Armstrong def. Columbus State, 5-2

NCAA II Southeast Regional (Savannah, Ga.)

Armstrong def. Queens (NC), 5-2
 Armstrong def. North Georgia, 5-2

NCAA II Championships (Denver, Colo.)

Armstrong def. Edinboro, 5-0
 Armstrong def. New York Tech, 6-1
 Saint Leo def. Armstrong, 5-2

The Armstrong State University men's tennis team advanced to the NCAA DII semifinals for a second straight season, going 26-3 overall and 10-0 in the Peach Belt Conference. It was the Pirates' ninth trip to the semifinals in program history.

The Pirates also captured its 12th Peach Belt Conference regular season title with its unbeaten league season, while also capturing the 2016 PBC Tournament Championship for the 11th time.

Armstrong State played an incredibly difficult schedule in 2016, playing eight matches against schools ranked in the Top 8 in the final ITA DII Men's Tennis national rankings. The Pirates defeated No. 1-ranked Hawai'i Pacific, 5-2, in Pensacola on April 10th - the first win for the Pirates over a team ranked No. 1 since 2008.

A rematch with Hawai'i Pacific loomed at the DII Championships in May, but the Pirates had to defeat Edinboro, 5-0, and New York Tech, 6-1, to advance to the semifinals and face the new No. 1-ranked team in Saint Leo - the only DII team that had beaten the Pirates during the regular season. Armstrong State fought hard against the Lions but Saint Leo won, 5-2, to advance to the DII Championship match.

Senior Pablo Gor Costales capped his senior season by earning Peach Belt Conference Player of the Year honors, as well as ITA All-America honors and ITA Southeast Region Player of the Year honors. He finished his career with 210 overall wins, tied for sixth-most in Armstrong State men's tennis history.

Freshman Alberto Caceres Casas and junior Jan Porteset joined Gor in earning All-American honors, finishing the year 10th in the nation in doubles.

In addition to Gor, seniors Otakar Lucak and Marek Pesicka wrapped up their Armstrong State careers in 2016. Lucak earned the ITA's Arthur Ashe Award for Sportsmanship and Leadership for the Southeast Region and also earned CoSIDA Academic All-District III honors.

Four players return for the Pirates for the 2017 season.

PBC ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

Pablo Gor Costales (Singles/Doubles) (Player of the Year)

Ignacio Hernandez (Doubles)

Otakar Lucak (Singles)

Sean McCaffrey (Co-Coach of the Year)

PBC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Alberto Caceres Casas (April 12)

Pablo Gor Costales (Feb. 15, March 1)

Jan Porteset (March 15)

PBC TOURNAMENT MVP

Alberto Caceres Casas (Doubles)

Jan Porteset (Doubles)

ITA ALL-AMERICA HONORS

Alberto Casas Caceres (Doubles)

Pablo Gor Costales (Singles)

Jan Porteset (Doubles)

ITA SE REGION SENIOR OF THE YEAR

Pablo Gor Costales

ITA SE REGION ARTHUR ASHE AWARD

Otakar Lucak

FINAL ITA DII NATIONAL RANK

No. 3

PBC ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Luca Cerin

Otakar Lucak

Marek Pesicka

CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT III

Otakar Lucak

Senior Pablo Gor Costales (below) was the PBC's Player of the Year, earning All-American honors in singles while finishing his four-year career with 210 overall singles & doubles wins. Senior Otakar Lucak (bottom) was the ITA's SE Region Arthur Ashe Award winner for sportsmanship while earning CoSIDA Academic All-District III honors for a second straight season.



INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Singles

Player	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	Dual	PBC	Fall	Overall
Pablo Gor Costales #5	22-5	--	--	--	--	--	22-5	9-1	4-2	26-7
Otakar Lucak #24	0-1	13-6	--	--	--	--	13-7	7-1	1-1	14-8
Luca Cerin	--	--	7-7	1-1	3-0	--	11-8	4-3	1-1	12-9
Ignacio Hernandez #33	--	--	6-1	12-1	--	--	18-2	7-0	--	18-2
Jan Porteset	--	--	0-1	5-2	15-0	--	20-3	7-1	2-1	22-4
Alberto Caceres Casas	--	--	--	--	5-0	13-1	18-1	7-0	1-1	19-2
Marek Pesicka	--	--	--	--	1-0	8-1	9-1	4-1	0-2	9-3
Totals	22-6	13-6	13-9	18-4	24-0	21-3	111-28	45-8	9-8	120-36

Doubles

Player	#1	#2	#3	Dual	PBC	Fall	Record
Casas/Porteset #10	14-7	1-0	--	15-7	7-1	--	15-7
Gor/Hernandez	3-2	19-2	--	22-4	6-1	2-1	24-5
Cerin/Lucak	--	3-1	5-4	8-5	3-1	--	8-5
Lucak/Pesicka	--	--	8-0	8-0	5-0	--	8-0
Cerin/Pesicka	--	--	5-1	5-1	1-0	--	5-1
Other Duos	2-1	3-0	4-2	9-3	2-2	2-3	11-6
Totals	19-10	26-3	22-7	67-20	25-5	4-4	71-24

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

FINAL PBC STANDINGS

SCHOOL	PBC	ALL
<i>Armstrong State</i>	12-0	32-1
Columbus State	11-1	21-7
Flagler	10-2	21-7
Georgia College	9-3	20-9
Francis Marion	8-4	20-7
USC Aiken	6-6	15-10
Young Harris	5-7	12-8
North Georgia	5-7	15-11
Augusta	5-7	13-11
Lander	3-9	9-9
Montevallo	2-10	13-10
Clayton State	2-10	5-14
Ga. Southwestern	0-12	4-17

PBC Championships (Florence, S.C.)

Armstrong def. Augusta, 5-0

Armstrong def. Georgia College, 5-0

Armstrong def. Columbus State, 5-0

NCAA II Southeast Regional (Savannah, Ga.)

Armstrong def. Erskine, 5-0

Armstrong def. Francis Marion, 5-0

NCAA II Championships (Denver, Colo.)

Armstrong def. Lynn, 5-1

Armstrong def. Drury, 5-1

Armstrong def. Hawai'i Pacific, 5-0

Armstrong def. BYU-Hawai'i, 5-3

The Armstrong State University women's tennis team collected its 10th NCAA Division II National Championship with a 5-3 win over BYU-Hawai'i at the DII Sports Festival in Denver, extending its own NCAA record for most women's tennis championships.

The Pirates finished the year with a 32-1 overall record and a 12-0 mark in the Peach Belt, earning PBC regular season and tournament titles for the 13th straight year. Armstrong State also went unbeaten at home in 2016, extending its home winning streak to 164 straight matches, the longest current consecutive home winning streak in collegiate tennis.

Armstrong State rebounded from an early-season loss to Saint Leo to reel off 26 straight wins en route to the title. At the DII Sports Festival, the Pirates had to face three Top 10 ranked opponents in the Round of 16, beating No. 5 Lynn, 5-1; No. 7 Hawai'i Pacific, 5-0 and matching up with top-ranked and unbeaten BYU-Hawai'i in the final.

The two teams had faced off seven times previously for the DII title with Armstrong State winning in 2005, 2010, 2012 and 2013. BYU-Hawai'i won titles over the Pirates in 1999, 2002 and 2006. The final started off in favor of the Seasideers as BYU-Hawai'i won two of three doubles matches to take a 2-1 lead heading into singles play.

Armstrong State won the title with singles wins at matches 3-6, with junior Diana Stomlega outlasting Jeong-Min Jeon, 0-6, 6-1, 6-3 at No. 4 singles to clinch the championship.

The Pirates had three of the Top 10-ranked singles players in the nation as sophomores Lena Lutzeier (No. 4), Nicole Fossa Huergo (No. 7) and Alejandra Cisneros (No. 9) all earned All-American honors. Lutzeier was named the PBC's Player of the Year and Sean McCaffrey took home PBC Coach of the Year honors.

Cisneros became the fifth ITA "Super Bowl" of Small College Tennis singles winner in the Fall, while senior Carolina Prats-Millan was named the ITA's Southeast Region Senior of the Year for closing out her Armstrong State career in fine fashion - she went an unbeaten 30-0 in singles play in 2016. The lone senior on the Pirates this season went 86-3 in singles and 98-12 in doubles in her three-year career at Armstrong State.

PBC ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

Alejandra Cisneros (Singles/Doubles)

Nicole Fossa Huergo (Singles)

Lena Lutzeier (Singles/Doubles) (Player of the Year)

Carolina Prats-Millan (Singles/Doubles)

Diana Stomlega (Singles/Doubles)

Sean McCaffrey (Coach of the Year)

PBC TOURNAMENT MVPs

Lena Lutzeier (Doubles)

Clara Perez (Doubles)

PBC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Alejandra Cisneros (April 12)

Nicole Fossa Huergo (Feb. 15)

Lena Lutzeier (March 15, March 29, April 5)

Carolina Prats-Millan (March 1)

Diana Stomlega (March 23)

ITA SE REGION "SENIOR OF THE YEAR"

Carolina Prats-Millan

CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT III

Diana Stomlega

PBC ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Alejandra Cisneros

Lena Lutzeier

Nicole Fossa Huergo

Diana Stomlega

Carolina Prats-Millan

ITA DIVISION II ALL-AMERICA HONORS

Alejandra Cisneros (Singles)

Nicole Fossa Huergo (Singles)

Lena Lutzeier (Singles/Doubles)

Diana Stomlega (Doubles)

ITA "SUPER BOWL" SINGLES CHAMPION

Alejandra Cisneros

FINAL ITA DII NATIONAL RANK

No. 1



INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Singles

Player	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	Dual	PBC	Fall	Overall
Lena Lutzeier #4	10-1	12-1	--	--	--	--	22-2	12-0	6-1	28-3
Nicole Fossa Huergo #7	11-1	8-2	--	--	--	--	19-3	8-1	7-0	26-3
Alejandra Cisneros #9	--	4-0	14-0	3-0	--	--	21-0	10-0	11-3	32-3
Carolina Prats-Millan #42	--	--	10-0	9-0	4-0	--	23-0	9-0	7-0	30-0
Diana Stomlega	--	--	2-2	13-0	6-0	--	21-2	10-0	6-1	27-3
Lena Pacholski	--	--	--	--	16-0	8-0	24-0	10-0	5-2	29-2
Alice Patch	--	--	--	--	--	14-3	14-3	8-2	--	14-3
Totals	21-2	24-3	26-2	25-0	26-0	23-3	145-10	67-3	42-7	187-17

Doubles

Player	#1	#2	#3	Dual	PBC	Fall	Record
Lutzeier/Stomlega #3	26-4	--	--	26-4	11-0	7-0	33-4
Cisneros/Prats-Millan	--	19-3	--	19-3	7-1	--	19-3
Fossa Huergo/Prats-Millan	--	4-0	--	4-0	0-0	7-2	11-2
Fossa Huergo/Pacholski	--	6-0	14-2	20-2	6-0	--	20-2
Pacholski/Parch	--	--	4-0	4-0	3-0	--	4-0
Cisneros/Pacholski	--	--	1-1	1-1	0-0	6-1	7-2
Fossa Huergo/Patch	--	--	3-0	3-0	3-0	--	3-0
Other Duos	2-0	1-0	8-1	11-1	5-0	--	11-1
Totals	28-4	30-3	30-3	88-10	35-1	20-3	108-13



Sophomore Lena Lutzeier (top) was the PBC's Player of the Year in 2016, earning ITA All-American honors in singles and doubles while also earning PBC Player of the Week honors three times for the Pirates. Senior Carolina Prats-Millan (above) - the lone senior on the squad this season - went an unbeaten 30-0 in singles play for the Pirates in her last year at Armstrong State and finished her three-year career with a stellar 86-3 overall singles record, as well as a 98-12 overall doubles record.

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MEN'S GOLF

PBC CHAMPIONSHIP (ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA.)

SCHOOL	SCORE
1 Columbus State	873 +9
2 Flagler	875 +11
3 USC Aiken	892 +28
4 Georgia Southwestern	898 +34
5 Lander	899 +35
6 Armstrong State	903 +39
7 Young Harris	911 +47
8 Clayton State	917 +53
9 Georgia College	926 +62
10 Montevallo	933 +69
11 North Georgia	940 +76

PBC GOLFER OF THE WEEK

Jake O'Bryan (Feb. 18)

PBC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Howard Hickey

The Armstrong State University men's golf team finished sixth at the 2016 Peach Belt Conference Championships for a second straight season.

The Pirates captured the Fleming Island Spring Kickoff tournament, hosted by Lincoln Memorial University, at Fleming Island Golf Club in Orange Park, Fla., on February 15-16. Armstrong State won by four strokes over Carson-Newman. Junior Jake O'Bryan finished second with an eight-under-par 205 total, earning PBC Golfer of the Week honors for his efforts.

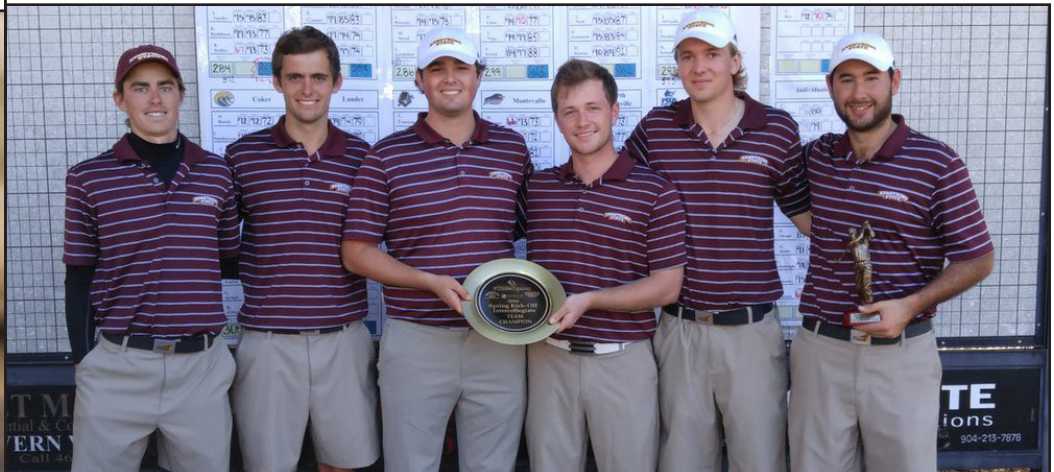
The tournament title was the first for the Pirates since Armstrong State captured the Rollins McDonough Cup on October 29th, 2013.

The Pirates also hosted the 2016 Armstrong Pirate Men's Golf Invitational on February 22-23, finishing fourth at Savannah Quarters Country Club. Sophomore Tyler Key notched a career-best fifth-place finish in the tournament, shooting an even-par 216 total for three rounds.

Armstrong State shot rounds of 300, 297 and 306 to finish sixth at the PBC Championships in St. Augustine, Fla., on April 15-17. Senior Howard Hickey led the Pirates at the Championships by finishing tied for fifth with a one-over-par 217 three-day total, earning PBC All-Tournament Team honors.

Hickey, the lone senior on the squad for Armstrong State this season, wrapped up his three-year Pirate career by carrying a 74.77 stroke average in 77 rounds of action.

Armstrong State returns seven players from last season's squad for the 2016-17 season.



Junior Jake O'Bryan (top left) led the Pirates in stroke average in his first year with the Pirates and earned PBC Player of the Week honors on February 18th. Senior Howard Hickey (bottom left) finished fifth at the 2016 PBC Championships, earning All-Tournament honors. The Pirates captured the Fleming Island Spring Kickoff on Feb. 15-16 in Florida, the first tournament win for Armstrong State men's golf since winning the McDonough Cup in October 2013.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Golfer	Rounds	Strokes	Stk. Avg.	Best Finish
Jake O'Bryan	27	1996	73.93	2nd Fleming Island Spring Kickoff
Howard Hickey	26	1940	74.62	t5th Peach Belt Championships
Tyler Key	29	2182	75.24	5th Armstrong Pirate Invitational
Rickard Wallin	15	1131	75.40	t8th Fleming Island Spring Kickoff
Jacob Tinsley	20	1527	76.35	t10th GC Bobcat Invitational
Reid Rathburn	18	1384	76.89	t46th Armstrong Pirate Invitational
Gustav Beckvid	6	463	77.17	t34th Armstrong Pirate Invitational
Andrew Burgess	14	1092	78.00	t19th Armstrong Pirate Invitational
Joshua Glossop	8	628	78.50	50th Armstrong Pirate Invitational
Zachary Zwitter	6	478	79.67	t46th Armstrong Pirate Invitational
TEAM	29	8673	299.07	1st Fleming Island Spring Kickoff

TEAM RESULTS

9/14-15	Kiawah Island Invitational	Kiawah Island, S.C.	17th of 18	621 (+45)
9/21-22	Jay Jennison Cup	St. Augustine, Fla.	10th of 15	888 (+24)
10/12-13	Guy Harvey Invitational	Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.	15th of 18	909 (+45)
10/26-27	The McDonough Cup	Orlando, Fla.	19th of 22	886 (+22)
2/8-9	Matlock Collegiate Classic	Lakeland, Fla.	14th of 15	930 (+66)
2/15-16	Fleming Island Spring Kickoff	Orange Park, Fla.	1st of 17	865 (+13)
2/22-23	Armstrong Pirate Invitational	Pooler, Ga.	4th of 9	882 (+18)
3/13-15	Southeastern Collegiate	Valdosta, Ga.	9th of 18	886 (+22)
3/21-22	Bobcat Invitational	Eatonton, Ga.	11th of 17	903 (+63)
4/15-17	Peach Belt Championships	St. Augustine, Fla.	6th of 11	903 (+39)



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WOMEN'S GOLF

PBC CHAMPIONSHIP (ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA.)

SCHOOL	SCORE
1 <i>Armstrong State</i>	927 +63
2 Flagler	934 +70
3 Montevallo	935 +71
4 UNC Pembroke	945 +81
5 Young Harris	974 +110
6 North Georgia	980 +116
7 Columbus State	1012 +148

NCAA SOUTH REGIONAL (PENSACOLA, FLA.)

SCHOOL	SCORE
1 Nova Southeastern	894 +30
2 Rollins	898 +34
3 Saint Leo	902 +38
4 West Florida	911 +47
5 Montevallo	916 +52
6 Barry	924 +60
Florida Tech	924 +60
8 Flagler	925 +61
9 Lynn	933 +69
10 <i>Armstrong State</i>	934 +70
11 Lee	941 +77
12 Limestone	955 +91

PBC ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

Sophie Bargeron - First Team

Nikita Arjun - Second Team

PBC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Pamela Mosley

PBC ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Nathalia Baigorria

Sophie Bargeron

Molly Molyneaux

PBC GOLFER OF THE WEEK

Pamela Mosley (Feb. 11, March 10)

The Armstrong State University women's golf team captured its second Peach Belt Conference championship in 2016, also qualifying for the NCAA Championships for the third time in the last four seasons.

The Pirates notched three tournament wins during the season, starting with the Tusculum/Kiawah Island Invitational on February 6-7 as Armstrong State won by three strokes over Florida Southern at Cougar Point Golf Club.

Armstrong State followed that up with a win at its home tournament, capturing the 2016 Armstrong Pirate Women's Golf Invitational by 10 strokes over West Georgia on February 29th-March 1st at Savannah Quarters Country Club. All five players finished in the Top 15 in the tournament.

The Pirates then won the 2016 Peach Belt Conference title, winning wire-to-wire leading all three days of the tournament. Armstrong State won by seven strokes over host Flagler and again had an all-around team effort as all five golfers finished in the Top 12, led by senior Pamela Mosley, who claimed All-Tournament honors with a fourth-place finish.

Sophomores Sophie Bargeron and Nikita Arjun earned All-Conference honors for the Pirates in 2016, while Bargeron, Nathalia Baigorria and Molly Molyneaux all earned PBC All-Academic honors.

Mosley wrapped up her Armstrong State career with a standout senior season, setting career lows for stroke average while earning PBC Golfer of the Week honors twice. Fellow senior Brendie Rockholt also wrapped up her career with a 79.8 stroke average in 40 tournaments.

The Pirates will return five golfers for the 2016-17 season.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Golfer	Rounds	Strokes	Stk. Avg.	Best Finish
Sophie Bargeron	23	1783	77.52	t4th Armstrong Pirate Invitational
Nikita Arjun	27	2096	77.63	t4th Lander Bearcat Invitational
Pamela Mosley	27	2116	78.37	2nd Tusculum/Kiawah Island Invitational
Brendie Rockholt	27	2137	79.15	t4th Armstrong Pirate Invitational
Bailey Buie	18	1427	79.28	t7th Peach Belt Championships
Molly Molyneaux	9	722	80.22	t33rd Guy Harvey Invitational
Elena Pagni	8	654	81.75	t15th Pfeiffer Invitational
Jaycee Bunner	7	580	82.86	t34th Saint Leo Invitational
Nathalia Baigorria	5	419	83.80	t34th Armstrong Pirate Invitational
TEAM	27	8380	310.37	1st Tusculum/Kiawah Island Invitational 1st Armstrong Pirate Invitational 1st Peach Belt Championships

TEAM RESULTS

9/26-27	Lander Bearcat Invitational	Hilton Head Island, S.C.	8th of 14	603 (+27)
10/12-13	Guy Harvey Invitational	Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.	12th of 17	636 (+60)
10/19-20	Saint Leo Invitational	Saint Leo, Fla.	7th of 16	625 (+49)
10/26-27	Flagler College Fall Slam	St. Augustine, Fla.	9th of 17	607 (+31)
2/6-7	Tusculum/Kiawah Island Inv.	Kiawah Island, S.C.	1st of 16	629 (+53)
2/22-23	FSC Grasslands Collegiate	Lakeland, Fla.	9th of 18	923 (+59)
2/29-3/1	Armstrong Pirate Women's Invitational	Pooler, Ga.	1st of 13	921 (+57)
3/7-8	Pfeiffer Invitational	Hilton Head Island, S.C.	2nd of 16	600 (+24)
4/4-5	Lady Argonaut Invitational	Pace, Fla.	13th of 18	975 (+111)
4/15-17	PBC Championships	St. Augustine, Fla.	1st of 7	927 (+63)
5/2-4	NCAA South Regional	Pace, Fla.	10th of 12	934 (+70)



Sophomores Nikita Arjun (far left) and Sophie Bargeron (middle left) earned All-Peach Belt Conference honors for the Pirates, helping Armstrong State advance to the NCAA South Regional for the third time in the last four seasons. Senior Pamela Mosley (near left) was a two-time PBC Golfer of the Week as well as a PBC All-Tournament Team selection, finishing fourth in helping Armstrong State capture the 2016 PBC Championship, the second league championship since the conference began sponsoring the sport in 200.