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AASU Women’s Tennis
NCAA Champions 1995, 1996
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### 2002 AASU Men’s Tennis Schedule

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Women’s Tennis captured AASU’s first-ever NCAA Championship in 1995.

The Armstrong Atlantic State men’s and women’s tennis teams advanced to the NCAA Championships in 2001 for the seventh consecutive season. This year, the Pirates begin the year ranked No. 3 in the nation with the women and No. 19 in the nation with the men.

On The Covers

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Since its founding in 1935, Armstrong Atlantic State University has continued to develop to meet the Savannah community’s educational needs. From its first location in Armstrong House in downtown Savannah to its current home on a scenic 250-acre lot off of Abercorn, the university has become one of the finest educational institutions in the Southeastern United States.

Armstrong Junior College was established by the Mayor of Savannah and other public officials in 1935. Housed in the beautiful and historic Armstrong House, a gift to the city from the family of George F. Armstrong, Armstrong Junior College grew over the years to occupy eight additional buildings in the Forsyth Park and Monterey Square areas.

In 1959, as Armstrong College of Savannah, it became a two-year unit of the University System.

The Board of Regents conferred four-year status on Armstrong in 1964 and the college moved to its present 250-acre location, a gift from Donald Livingston and the Mills B. Lane Foundation, in December of 1965. Additional buildings joined the eight original structures as Armstrong added professional and graduate programs and tripled in size.

In July of 1996, the Board of Regents voted to rename the college to Armstrong Atlantic State University to reflect its mission and identity. The university’s reputation of excellence is still evident in its dedication to students, with a supportive environment.

Armstrong Atlantic State University was fully accredited as a senior institution by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in December, 1968, with accreditation retroactive to January 1, 1968, and was last reaccredited in December, 1992.

The university offers over seventy-five academic programs and majors in its School of Arts and Sciences, School of Health Professions and School of Education.

The academic community includes approximately 5,600 students and more than 250 faculty members. Enrollment has more than doubled in the last decade.

Across campus, evidence of the university’s growth can be found in its facilities. A Fine Arts Center, including a 1,000 seat theatre/auditorium, the Health Professions Building and an academic computing center are recent completed buildings, along with 84,400 square foot University Hall, built to make room for a student population of 8,000. A new 115,000 square foot, $28 million dollar science building has been under construction and is slated to open in January 2002.

Continuing a mission begun in 1935, Armstrong Atlantic State University today serves a rich gamut of traditional and non-traditional students. Sixty percent of AASU’s student body are from the Savannah-Chatham area, while others come from around the state, nation and world. All have come to Savannah to experience and thrive on the campus of one of the fastest developing higher learning institutions in the nation - all have come to be a part of Armstrong Atlantic State University.
Dr. Thomas Z. Jones  
**University President**

Thomas Z. Jones, the sixth president to serve at Armstrong Atlantic State University, begins his second year at AASU. Hired on August 1, 2000, Jones was selected by the Board of Regents and University System of Georgia Chancellor Stephen R. Portch after an exhaustive national search.

Dr. Jones served on the faculty and administration at Columbus State University, as its vice president for academic affairs from 1988-2000, prior to coming to Armstrong Atlantic State. A 30-year veteran of university teaching and administration, Dr. Jones has taught at Indiana State University, Emory and Henry College and the West Virginia Institute of Technology. While at West Virginia Tech, Dr. Jones served as the Westmoreland Professor of Mining, an endowed professorship, and vice president of academic affairs.

Dr. Jones received his Bachelor’s degree in physics from Fairmont State College, his Master’s of Arts degree in geology from West Virginia University and his Ph.D in Geology from Miami (Ohio) University.

From 1980-1988, he owned and served as president of Technical Evaluation Consultants, Inc., a privately owned business specializing in providing science, technical and engineering services for business, industry, government agencies and the legal community.

Dr. Jones and his wife, Joyce, have two sons, Matthew and Michael.

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Dr. Eddie Aenchbacher  
**Athletic Director**

Dr. Eddie Aenchbacher begins his sixth full year as the athletic director for Armstrong Atlantic State University.

Dr. Aenchbacher's responsibilities include overseeing the entire athletic department and promoting Armstrong Atlantic State athletics in the community of Savannah.

Dr. Aenchbacher received his Bachelor's degree in physical education from Armstrong Atlantic State in 1979, where he was a standout student-athlete for the baseball team as a pitcher. He received his Master's degree and Doctorate of Education from the University of Georgia.

Along with his student-athlete experience at AASU, Dr. Aenchbacher also coached the Pirate cross country teams for five years and started the first AASU men's soccer team, which he coached for seven years.

During Dr. Aenchbacher's tenure as athletic director, AASU's athletic programs have had tremendous success in the classroom and on the playing field. Student-athletes at AASU have excelled in academics with 52 percent earning a 3.0 grade point average or better. The overall grade point average of AASU student-athletes is 2.93, higher than the overall institutional GPA. AASU athletic teams are consistently ranked near the top of one of the nation's premier NCAA Division II conferences, the Peach Belt Conference, and in 1999-2000, achieved its best ever Sears Director's Cup final standing, 22nd.

Dr. Aenchbacher has been married for 10 years to Michele and together they are the proud parents of two children, Jesse and Lainey.
Dr. Donald Anderson  
**Asst. Athletic Director / Services**

Dr. Anderson’s association with AASU since 1966 includes stints as an Associate Professor, Acting Head of the Department of Education, Dean for Community Services and Registrar/Director of Admissions. Dr. Anderson joined the Athletic Department in 1992 and currently assists the AD with athletic eligibility and serves as academic advisor to AASU student-athletes. He was inducted to the AASU Athletic Hall of Fame as a Citation Award winner in 1996.

Dr. Will Lynch  
**Faculty Athletic Representative**

Dr. Will Lynch begins his fourth full year as AASU’s Faculty Athletic Representative. A native of northern Michigan, Dr. Lynch came to AASU in 1993 and serves as an assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry and Physics. A three-year men’s basketball starter and all-conference performer at Kalamazoo College, he earned undergraduate degrees in mathematics and chemistry in 1986, then received his Doctorate from Wayne State in 1991.

George Bedwell  
**Director of Facilities**

George Bedwell begins his third year as AASU’s Director of Facilities, overseeing the Armstrong Sports Center, the ARC (Aquatics & Recreation Center), the baseball, softball and intramural fields and the AASU Tennis Complex. A former AASU professor and athletic coach from 1966-1980, Bedwell was the recipient of the first Dean Probst award for outstanding faculty in 1971.

Chad Jackson  
**Director of Sports Communications**

Chad Jackson begins his third year at AASU as Director of Sports Communications. A Jacksonville, Fla., native, Jackson joined the Pirates from UNC Wilmington, where he served as assistant SID for the 1998-99 year. He graduated from the University of North Florida in 1995 with a Bachelor’s Degree in history and served as the primary matrix board operator for the NFL’s Jacksonville Jaguars in the team’s first three seasons.

Dianne Lane  
**Athletic Secretary**

A native Savannahian, Dianne Lane has been at AASU for the past fourteen years. Lane attended the University of Georgia and has been married to Ken Lane for 35 years. She has three children and five grandchildren, including two sets of twins - Tyler and Evan, and Parker and Dylan.

Lynn Roberts  
**Senior Women's Administrator**

Lynn Roberts begins her second year as the Senior Women’s Administrator for the AASU athletic department. The wife of current AASU head baseball coach Joe Roberts, she currently serves as the Director of Intramurals & Recreation and is an assistant professor in the Department of Health and Physical Education.

Pradeep Raman became AASU's first individual NCAA Champion in 1991 (Singles)
Simon Earnshaw
Head Tennis Coach

Simon Earnshaw is in his third year as head coach of the highly successful Armstrong Atlantic State University tennis programs. In his second season at the helm of the Pirates, Earnshaw led the men’s and women’s tennis teams to the NCAA Championships for the seventh straight season.

Earnshaw served as the Pirates' assistant coach in 1998-99 and was previously an assistant coach at Georgia College & State University for two seasons.

At Georgia C&SU, Earnshaw helped coach the women's team to consecutive NCAA Division II National Championship appearances. Both the men's and women's teams were ranked in the Top 15 during his two seasons in Milledgeville and seven players earned All-America status.

Earnshaw competed for Georgia C&SU from 1992-1996 and helped the Bobcats to four seasons in the Top 10 of the ITA Division II National Rankings. He received his Bachelor's of Science degree in chemistry in 1996 and completed his Master's of Education in health and physical education in 1998.

In his native England, Simon is a Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) qualified coach at the national level. He has also worked extensively for the Nick Bolletieri Sport Academy during the summer months.

Simon and his wife, Nichole, have one daughter, Abigail (2), and they reside in Savannah.

The Earnshaw File

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Simon Earnshaw was the PBC Women’s Coach of the Year in 2000
Natalia Alekhova joins the Armstrong Atlantic State tennis team as Simon Earnshaw’s assistant coach for 2001-2002.

A former four-year standout for the University of New Mexico, Alekhova compiled a career 111-47 singles record for the Lobos in four season and was a two-time Mountain West Conference and two-time Western Athletic Conference honoree while at New Mexico.

The Novosibirsk, Russia, native graduated from New Mexico in 2001 with degrees in psychology and Russian and is currently pursuing her master's degree in special education.

### 2002 Roster

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**Pirates Have New Look For 2002**

**AASU Looks For Another NCAA Berth**

Led by a trio of seniors, the 2001 Armstrong Atlantic State men’s tennis team finished the season achingly close to the NCAA Finals, losing 5-4 to No. 4-seed Ouachita Baptist in the South Region Final. This year, for the Pirates to return to the NCAA Championships, they’ll have to do it on the backs of several newcomers.

The Pirates return only two players from last season’s squad that went 15-10 and finished the year ranked No. 15 in NCAA Division II. Sophomore Roger Thiele and senior John Stone are all that remains from last season’s squad, and Thiele will be counted on to assume the top singles position for the Pirates in his second season with AASU. Thiele joined the Pirates in January and finished 7-3 in dual match play last season.

Joining Thiele and Stone on this year’s squad are sophomore Brazilian transfer Caue Figueiredo (Hawai‘i Hilo), junior Austrian transfer Michael Jezt (Northwood), junior Australian transfer Peter Morsley (Austin Peay State) and two freshman, Achim Roth (Schwarzenbek, Germany) and Dale White (Boston, England).

The Pirates will again have a grueling schedule in 2002 as they face 17 schools ranked in the preseason OmniBank/ITA Division II rankings.

**Lady Pirates Want Return To NCAA Finals In 2002**

The AASU women’s tennis again made a trip to the NCAA Quarterfinals in 2001 - the seventh straight trip to the quarters for the Lady Pirates - but came up short against Barry, 5-3.

This season, the Lady Pirates are loaded and will settle for nothing less than a trip to the finals - where they had gone five previous years from 1995-99, including capturing two NCAA DII National Championships.

The strength of the Lady Pirates begins at the top with sophomore Zsofi Golopencza and senior Michaela Kratochvilova, ITA All-Americans a year ago in both singles and doubles. Golopencza got off to a good start in the fall by capturing the Rolex DII Singles Championship and enters the dual match season ranked No. 1 in singles.

Kratochvilova won 70 matches between singles and doubles last season and will team with Golopencza for No. 1 doubles. Also returning from last season’s squad are sophomores Alejandra Aguilar, Laura Puch and Laura Peaty, who had to sit out last season.

Two talented newcomers join the Lady Pirates with the goal of pushing AASU to the top - freshman Annamaria Forgacs (Budapest, Hungary) and freshman Gemma Vaughan (Farheam, England.)
Roger Thiele
Sophomore
Dormagen, Germany

Sophomore who is the Pirates’ top returning singles player in 2002 ... Joined AASU in January, 2001, and went 7-3 in singles play ... Will play one of the top two singles spots in the spring. 2001: Compiled a 7-3 singles and 3-2 doubles mark in his first season for the Pirates ... Defeated Chris Lewis of then No. 3-ranked West Florida, 6-7 (7-4), 6-1, 6-1, for his first collegiate tennis victory on 2/24 ... Won a 2-6, 6-4, 6-1 singles match over Stefan Pampulov of No. 4-ranked Hawaii Pacific on 3/14 ... Missed the last month of the season due to injury.  

HIGH SCHOOL: Attended Dormagen-Knechstedten.  
PERSONAL: Born Roger Thiele on April 13, 1980, in Dusseldorf, Germany ... Hometown is Dormagen ... Son of Johanna Thiele-Schevers ... Majoring in economics and information technology ... Enjoys playing soccer ... Patrick Rafter and Yevgeny Kafelnikov are favorite sports personalities.
Elissa Bennett earned the 1999 ITA/Arthur Ashe Sportsmanship Award for AASU.

John Stone
Senior
Rincon, Ga.

Senior player who could see action in singles and doubles for the Pirates this season. **2001:** Saw action in 14 matches, compiling a 7-7 record, including a 3-0 doubles record with Blaise Tribolet in the fall, capturing the “C” doubles flight at the 2000 Augusta Invitational. **2000:** Saw action in 16 matches, compiling a 5-11 record. **1999:** Turned in solid freshman campaign, compiling a 10-11 overall record, including a 4-1 mark in doubles.

**SCHOOL:** Played four seasons at South Effingham HS in Rincon, Ga. ... Named team MVP for four years ... Member of National Honor Society. **PERSONAL:** Born John William Stone on March 4, 1980, in Savannah, Ga. ... Hometown is Rincon ... Son of William Stone ... Majoring in chemistry and has been accepted into the PhD chemistry program at the University of South Carolina ... Would like to be an FBI agent someday ... Pete Sampras is a favorite sports personality.

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Caue Figueiredo
Sophomore
Santos, Brazil

Sophomore who transfers to AASU after playing one season at Hawaii-Hilo in 2000. **2000:** Finished the season ranked No. 22 in the West Region singles rankings for the Vulcans, earning team MVP honors. **HIGH SCHOOL:** Played tennis at Santos HS in Santos, Brazil, for two seasons. **PERSONAL:** Born Caue Figueiredo on June 17, 1981, in Santos, Brazil, his hometown ... Son of Rene and Marcia Figueiredo ... Majoring in information technology ... Enjoys playing and watching soccer ... Pele and Gustavo Kuerten are favorite sports personalities.

Michael Jezt
Junior
Birkfeld, Austria

Junior Austrian lefthander who joins the Pirates from Northwood University. **2001:** Played singles and doubles for the No. 14-ranked Timberwolves, compiling a 14-6 singles and 10-8 doubles record during the dual match season. **PERSONAL:** Born Michael Jezt on April 22, 1979, in Birkfeld, Austria, his hometown ... Son of Reinhard and Elisabeth Jezt ... Majoring in information technology ... Enjoys all sports, music and movies ... Pete Sampras and Boris Becker are favorite sports personalities.
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Peter Morsley
Junior
Newcastle, Australia

Junior DI transfer from Austin Peay State University who will contribute to the Pirates’ singles and doubles lineup in 2002. **2001:** Saw action for the Governors at No. 1 doubles ... Also earned 2000-01 Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner’s Honor Roll honors. **HIGH SCHOOL:** Played for four seasons at Kotara HS in Newcastle, New South Wales. **PERSONAL:** Born Peter Morsley on April 4, 1981, in Tamworth, New South Wales, Australia. ... Hometown is Newcastle ... Son of Kay Morsley ... Majoring in health science ...Would like to become a physiotherapist ... Enjoys surfing ... Peter Doohan is a favorite sports personality.

Achim Roth
Freshman
Schwarzenbek, Germany

German freshman who will be one of the Pirates’ top singles and doubles players in 2001. **HIGH SCHOOL:** Attended Hansa Gymnasium in Schwarzenbek, Germany. **PERSONAL:** Born Achim Roth on December 4, 1979, in Hamburg, Germany ... Hometown is Schwarzenbek ... Son of Werner and Brigitte Roth ... Majoring in economics ... Would like to become a day trader ... Enjoys basketball, swimming, reading and soccer ... Gustavo Kuerten is a favorite sports personality.
Dale White

Freshman
Boston, England

Talented freshman who will make an immediate impact in singles and doubles for the Pirates in 2002. **PERSONAL:** Born Dale White on September 18, 1982, in Boston, England, his hometown ... Son of Sanora White ... Majoring in psychology ... Enjoys playing soccer and golf ... Liverpool FC is his favorite soccer team.

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Michaela Kratochvilova
Senior
Trebic, Czech Republic

One of the top DII singles and doubles players in the nation ... Two-time ITA All-America honoree who begins the 2002 spring season with a singles ranking of No. 10 and a doubles ranking of No. 4 in the Omni Hotels/ITA DII rankings. 2001: Compiled a 37-9 overall singles and 37-7 overall doubles record, earning ITA All-America honors in singles and doubles ... Also earned All-Peach Belt Conference honors in singles and doubles ... Finished the 2001 season with a No. 9 national singles ranking and No. 2 national ranking in doubles. 2000: Earned ITA All-America honors in singles and doubles, compiling an overall 22-4 singles and 26-5 overall doubles mark ... Also earned All-Peach Belt Conference honors in singles and doubles ... Finished the 2000 season with a No. 9 national ranking in singles and No. 2 national ranking in doubles. PREVIOUS SCHOOL: Competed for Oklahoma Christian as a freshman in 1999 ... Ranked No. 1 in the nation all season long in doubles and advanced to the NAIA Doubles Championship final ... Finished the season ranked No. 2 in doubles and No. 12 in singles in the ITA/NAIA rankings. HIGH SCHOOL: Attended Jihlava in the Czech Republic. PERSONAL: Born Michaela Kratochvilova on August 9, 1978, in Trebic, Czech Republic, her hometown ... Daughter of Marie Kratochvilova ... Majoring in physical education ... Would like to become a coach after her college career ... Enjoys sports, music and movies ... Lists Princess Di as an influential personality.
Alejandra Aguilar
Sophomore
Tulancingo, Mexico

Sophomore Mexican who enjoyed a fine debut season for the Pirates in 2001 ... Will see action at No. 5 and 6 singles in 2002. **2001:** Compiled a 15-7 record at No. 5 singles in the dual match season and put together an overall 27-14 singles mark and a 25-10 doubles record as a freshman for the Pirates. **PREVIOUS SCHOOL:** Attended the Centro Educativo Cultural Bilingue Tollantzingo in Tulancingo and was Salutatorian (second highest GPA in graduating class). **PERSONAL:** Born Alejandra Aguilar Martinez on September 14, 1982, in Tulancingo, Mexico, her hometown ... Daughter of Adela Martinez Licona and Angel Aguilar Bautista ... Majoring in general studies ... Enjoys speaking other languages, playing the clarinet and travelling ... Would one day like to work in international trade ... Steffi Graf and Andre Agassi are favorite sports personalities.
AASU Women’s Tennis Profiles

Zsofi Golopencza
Sophomore
Budapest, Hungary

Sophomore standout from Hungary who will enter the 2002 dual match season as the top-ranked DII singles player in the country ... Captured the Rolex Small College DII Singles Championship in November, 2001 ... Teamed with Michaela Kratochvilova and advanced to the finals of the Rolex Small College DII Doubles Championships, as well as capturing the University of Georgia Invitational doubles championship. **2001:** Enjoyed a stellar debut campaign, compiling a 35-3 singles and 33-6 doubles record in her first season with the Pirates ... Named the ITA National Rookie of the Year, as well as the ITA South Region Rookie of the Year, the Peach Belt Conference Freshman of the Year and the Peach Belt Conference’s Player of the Year ... Also earned Peach Belt Conference Tournament MVP honors in helping the Pirates to their eighth PBC title ... Captured the University of South Carolina Invitational and Florida Collegiates singles titles during the fall season ... Finished the season ranked No. 2 nationally in singles and No. 2 nationally in doubles.

**PERSONAL:** Born Zsofia Golopencza on October 25, 1978, in Budapest, Hungary, her hometown ... Daughter of Pal Golopencza ... Majoring in information technology ... Enjoys surfing the internet, reading and playing basketball and swimming ... Steffi Graf and David Beckham are favorite sports personalities.

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The Lady Pirates have captured five of the last six PBC Player of the Year honors.
Laura Puch
Sophomore
Auckland, New Zealand

Sophomore New Zealander who put together a fine freshman campaign for the Lady Pirates in 2001 ... Will play No. 4 and No. 5 singles for AASU in 200 ... Won the “C” Flight Singles at the Augusta Invitational as well as teaming with Alejandra Aguilar to win the “C” Flight Doubles at the University of South Carolina Invitational. **2001:** Compiled an overall 24-16 singles and 23-18 doubles record in her freshman season for the

**PERSONAL:** Born Laura Frances Puch on May 10, 1983, in North Shore, New Zealand ... Hometown is Auckland ... Daughter of Lynne and David Venus ... Majoring in physical education ... Enjoys playing tennis, netball and rugby ... Lindsay Davenport and Ron Cribb are favorite sports personalities.

### Laura Puch’s Career Statistics

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Laura Peaty
Sophomore
Loughborough, England

Sophomore transfer from Sam Houston State who redshirted the 2001 season for the Pirates ... Will look to make an immediate impact in the singles and doubles lineup. PREVIOUS SCHOOL: Attended Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. PERSONAL: Born Laura Francis Adelaide Wye Peaty on January 25, 1982, in Leicestershire, England ... Hometown is Loughborough ... Daughter of Jennifer and John Peaty ... Undecided in major ... Enjoys playing soccer, basketball and badminton ... Gustavo Kuerten and Haile Gebrselassie are favorite sports personalities.

Annamaria Forgacs
Freshman
Budapest, Hungary

Stellar freshman who will immediately become one of the top singles players in the country ... After an excellent fall debut, will enter the 2001 dual match season ranked No. 17 in the nation in singles. PREVIOUS SCHOOL: Two-time Athlete of the Year at Csik Ferenc in Budapest. PERSONAL: Born Annamaria Forgacs on February 16, 1982, in Budapest, Hungary, her hometown ... Daughter of Katalin Gesztesi ... Majoring in communications ... Enjoys reading novels, especially ones by classic Russian author Fyodor Dostoevski ... Boris Becker is a favorite sports personality.
Gemma Vaughan
Freshman
Fareham, England

Freshman from England who will join the Pirates in January for the 2002 dual match season. PERSONAL: Born Gemma Vaughan on February 18, 1983, in Winchester, England ... Hometown is Fareham ... Daughter of Patricia and Michael Vaughan ... Undecided in major ... Enjoys listening to music and going shopping ... Marat Safin and Kim Clijsters are favorite sports personalities.

AASU Men’s and Women’s Tennis Coaching Records

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The Peach Belt Conference

The Peach Belt Conference recently concluded its first decade of competition as the 2000-2001 athletic year marked the 10th season of existence.

In its short history the league has established itself as one of the premiere Division II conferences in the country.

The 1999-2000 season was no exception with Lander University bringing home its eighth consecutive NCAA Division II men's tennis national championship and Kennesaw State University advancing to the NCAA Division II softball finals. Peach Belt schools have now won 19 national championships and finished second 13 times in the past five years.

The seven charter members were Armstrong State College, Columbus College, Francis Marion College, Georgia College, Lander College, The University of South Carolina at Aiken, and The University of South Carolina at Spartanburg. The name Peach Belt Athletic Conference was adopted in January, 1990, then modified in the summer of 2000 with the dropping of the word ‘Athletic’ to its current name, the Peach Belt Conference.

Augusta College applied and was accepted in November, 1990, with the effective date of membership on July 1, 1991. Another college joined the Peach Belt on July 1, 1992, when Pembroke (N.C.) State University officially became a member. Kennesaw State University located in Marietta, GA, became the tenth full member of the conference on July 1, 1994. The league accepted its 11th member when Clayton State College, located in Morrow, GA., was accepted in June 1995.

Armstrong Atlantic State has fared very well in the Peach Belt, capturing conference championships in baseball, men’s basketball, men’s and women’s tennis and softball. The AASU men’s basketball team captured its second-ever PBC championship in 2000-2001 and last year, four AASU student-athletes were named PBC Players of the Year in their respective sports - Sarah Haynes (volleyball), Robert Campbell (men’s basketball), Zsofi Golopencza (women’s tennis) and Blaise Tribolet (men’s tennis).

Former Augusta College basketball coach and athletic director Marvin Vanover was named the interim commissioner in April, 1990, and served in that capacity until his appointment as the conference's first full-time commissioner in July, 1991. The conference has established an office in Augusta, GA, which houses the commissioner and his staff.

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**Peach Belt National Champions**

**Men’s Baseball**
- Kennesaw State 1994*
- Kennesaw State 1996

**Men’s Golf**
- Columbus College 1992
- Columbus College 1994
- Columbus State 1997

**Men’s Tennis**
- Lander University 1991*
- Lander University 1992*
- Lander University 1993
- Lander University 1994
- Lander University 1995
- Lander University 1996
- Lander University 1997
- Lander University 1998
- Lander University 1999
- Lander University 2000

**Women’s Tennis**
- Armstrong State 1995
- Armstrong State 1996

**Women’s Softball**
- Kennesaw State 1995
- Kennesaw State 1996

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<td>Michael McGrath</td>
<td>(706) 667-4349</td>
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<td>Elizabeth Nieto</td>
<td>(770) 960-4318</td>
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<td>Cougars</td>
<td>Red, White &amp; Blue</td>
<td>Evan Isaacs</td>
<td>(706) 569-3042</td>
<td>Mike Peacock</td>
<td>(706) 569-3434</td>
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<td>Garth Thomson</td>
<td>(803) 661-1185</td>
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<td>Steve Barsby</td>
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<td>David Haliburton</td>
<td>(770) 281-2620</td>
<td>Mark Toma</td>
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### Lander

**Sat., March 30 @ 2 p.m.**  
(Men)

- **Location:** Greenwood, SC  
- **Enrollment:** 2,900  
- **Nickname:** Senators  
- **Colors:** Royal Blue & Gold  

- **Coach:** Dr. Joe Cabri  
- **Phone:** (864) 388-8214  
- **SID:** Bob Stoner  
- **Phone:** (864) 388-8962  
- **Fax:** (864) 388-8889  
- **Web:** [www.lander.edu](http://www.lander.edu)

### North Florida

**Wed., March 27 @ 2 p.m.**  
(M&W)

- **Location:** Jacksonville, FL  
- **Enrollment:** 12,086  
- **Nickname:** Ospreys  
- **Colors:** Navy Blue & Gray  

- **Coach:** Thomas Schrader  
- **Phone:** (904) 620-2556  
- **SID:** B.J. Sohn  
- **Phone:** (904) 620-4025  
- **Fax:** (904) 620-2836  
- **Web:** [www.unf.edu](http://www.unf.edu)

### UNC Pembroke

**Sat., March 9 @ 2 p.m.**  
(Women)

- **Location:** Pembroke, NC  
- **Enrollment:** 3,100  
- **Nickname:** Braves  
- **Colors:** Black and Gold  

- **Coach:** Robin Langley  
- **Phone:** (910) 521-6313  
- **SID:** Pamela Mason  
- **Phone:** (910) 521-6371  
- **Fax:** (910) 521-6551  
- **Web:** [www.uncp.edu](http://www.uncp.edu)

### USC Aiken

**Sat., Feb. 23 @ 1 p.m.**  
(M&W)

- **Location:** Aiken, SC  
- **Enrollment:** 3,200  
- **Nickname:** Pacers  
- **Colors:** Cardinal & White  

- **Coach:** Steven Dahm  
- **Phone:** (803) 641-3410  
- **SID:** Brad Fields  
- **Phone:** (803) 641-3486  
- **Fax:** (803) 641-3759  
- **Web:** [www.usca.sc.edu](http://www.usca.sc.edu)

### USC Spartanburg

**Sat., Feb. 2 @ 1 p.m.**  
(M&W)

- **Location:** Spartanburg, SC  
- **Enrollment:** 3,700  
- **Nickname:** Rifles  
- **Colors:** Green, Black, White  

- **Coach:** Tami Matheny  
- **Phone:** (864) 503-5172  
- **SID:** Bill English  
- **Phone:** (864) 503-5129  
- **Fax:** (864) 503-5127  
- **Web:** [www.uscs.edu](http://www.uscs.edu)

### PBC Champions

#### Men

- 1992: Lander  
- 1993: Lander  
- 1994: Lander  
- 1995: Lander  
- 1996: Lander  
- 1997: Lander  
- 1998: Lander  
- 1999: Lander  
- 2000: Lander  
- 2001: Lander

#### Women

- 1992: Augusta College  
- 1993: Armstrong State  
- Georgia College  
- 1994: Armstrong State  
- 1995: Armstrong State  
- 1996: Armstrong State  
- 1997: Armstrong Atlantic  
- 1998: Armstrong Atlantic  
- 1999: Armstrong Atlantic  
- 2000: North Florida  
- 2001: Armstrong Atlantic

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**Six PBC men’s teams are ranked in the 2001 ITA Fall rankings**
**2001 Peach Belt Conference Results**

### Peach Belt Conference Standings

#### 2001 Men’s Standings

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### 2001 Men’s All-Conference

**Singles**
- Erik Friberg, Lander
- Tobias Huning, Lander
- Evgeni Mikheev, Lander
- Hans Birger Nordstrom, Lander
- **Blaise Tribolet, AASU**
- **Stefan Wirtz, AASU**

**Doubles**
- Mark Bube/Sollie Nortje, Francis Marion
- Erik Friberg/Tobias Huning, Lander
- Christopher Petersen/Blaise Tribolet, AASU

**Freshman of the Year**
- Frederik de Beer, AASU

**Player of the Year**
- Blaise Tribolet, AASU

**Coach of the Year**
- Garth Thomson, Francis Marion

### 2001 PBC Tournament Results

#### 2001 Men’s All-Conference

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#### 2001 Women’s All-Conference

**Singles**
- Zsofi Golopencza, AASU
- Michaela Kratochvilova, AASU
- Julia Hartner, North Florida
- Annamaria Atamaniuk, Francis Marion
- Lilia Biktyakova, GC&SU
- Julia Roudkovskaya, GC&SU
- Loraine Rosmuller, KSU (At-Large)
- Natalia Kouliehova, Clayton State (At-Large)

**Doubles**
- Zsofi Golopencza/Michaela Kratochvilova, AASU
- Julia Hartner/Debbie Steele, North Florida
- Lilia Biktyakova/Julia Roudkovskaya, GC&SU

**Player of the Year**
- Zsofi Golopencza, AASU

**Freshman of the Year**
- Zsofi Golopencza, AASU

**Coach of the Year**
- Elizabeth Nieto, Clayton State

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**Men:**
- Erik Friberg, Lander

**Women:**
- Zsofi Golopencza, AASU

**2001 PBC Tourney MVPs**
- Erik Friberg, Lander (Men)
- Zsofi Golopencza, AASU (Women)
AASU Men Advance To NCAAs
Wirtz, Tribolet and Petersen Earn All-PBC, Academic Honors

The AASU men’s tennis team enjoyed a fine season in 2001, compiling a 15-10 record, climbing as high as No. 3 in the ITA National rankings in March and advancing to the NCAA South Region final. Along the way, the Pirates recorded wins over several top-ranked teams, including one over NCAA DII Champion Rollins.

Blaise Tribolet enjoyed a fine season for the Pirates, compiling a team-best 27-14 singles record and earning PBC Player of the Year honors. A former President’s Cup winner, Tribolet also earned ITA Scholar-Athlete and Verizon Academic All-District III honors for the second straight year.

Stefan Wirtz finished his Pirate career as AASU’s first four-time All-Peach Belt Conference honoree. Christopher Petersen was named the 2001 President’s Cup winner, given to the top student-athlete at AASU and also earned ITA Academic All-America and Verizon Academic All-District III honors.

AASU Women Finish 5th Again
Golopencza Earns Trifecta as PBC Player, Freshman of the Year & ITA Rookie of the Year

The AASU women’s tennis team again made its yearly trip to the NCAA Championships, advancing to the Quarterfinals and finishing the season ranked No. 5 in the nation with a 22-6 record.

The Lady Pirates finished second in the PBC regular season standings at 9-1, but cruised through the conference tournament to capture the 2001 Peach Belt Conference Championship, 5-3 over North Florida in the final. AASU then breezed through the South Regional, defeating Harding, 5-1, in the final to earn its seventh consecutive trip to the round of 16. There, AASU knocked off Presbyterian in the first round, but fell to Barry, 5-3, in the quarterfinals.

Freshman Zsofi Golopencza, the Peach Belt Conference’s Player and Freshman of the Year, was named the ITA National Rookie of the Year and earned ITA All-America honors in both singles and doubles. Golopencza was also the MVP of the Peach Belt Conference tournament, the initial award of a MVP for the women’s tennis tournament. Junior Michaela Kratochvilova again earned All-PBC and ITA All-America honors in singles and doubles.

Stefan Wirtz

Freshman Zsofi Golopencza was AASU’s second consecutive PBC Player of the Year
# 2001 Final Results

## 2001 Men’s Tennis Results

**Overall: 15–10 • PBC: 5–3**

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## 2001 Men’s ITA National Rankings

**National – Singles**

- Stefan Wirtz - No. 25
- Blaise Tribolet - No. 39

**National – Doubles**

- Christopher Petersen - No. 19
- Blaise Tribolet - No. 19

## 2001 Women’s ITA National Rankings

**National – Singles**

- Zsofi Golopencza - No. 2
- Michaela Kratochvilova - No. 9

**National – Doubles**

- Zsofi Golopencza - No. 3
- Michaela Kratochvilova - No. 3

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All-America junior Michaela Kratochvilova won 74 matches in 2001
AASU was the only team in the semis of the 1999 men’s and women’s NCAAs

**AASU Men’s Tennis**
**NCAA II Semifinalists**
**1991, 1999**

**NCAA Participants:**

**Overall NCAA Championship Record:** 13–10

1991: (Quarterfinals) AASU 5, CS Bakersfield 2
(Semifinals) Cal Poly 5, AASU 0
(Third Place) UC Davis 5, AASU 4
_AASU Nationals 4th Place_
1992: (Quarterfinals) Cal Poly 5, AASU 2
_AASU National Quarterfinalists_
1995: (1st Round) AASU 4, Elon 2
(Quarterfinals) Lander 4, AASU 0
_AASU National Quarterfinalists_
1996: (1st Round) Abilene Christian 4, AASU 2
_AASU National Participants_
1997: (3rd Round) AASU 5, West Texas A&M 1
(Quarterfinals) Lander 5, AASU 0
_AASU National Quarterfinalists_
1998: (3rd Round) AASU 5, Presbyterian 1
(Quarterfinals) Northwood 5, AASU 3
_AASU National Quarterfinalists_
1999: (3rd Round) AASU 5, Presbyterian 1
(Quarterfinals) AASU 5, Ouachita Baptist 3
(Semifinals) Barry 5, AASU 2
(Third Place) West Florida 5, AASU 0
_AASU Nationals 4th Place_
2000: (3rd Round) AASU 6, St. Edward’s 1
(Quarterfinals) Lander 5, AASU 2
_AASU National Quarterfinalists_
2001: (1st Round) AASU 5, Delta State 1
(2nd Round) Ouachita Baptist 5, AASU 4
_AASU National Participants_

**AASU Women’s Tennis**
**NCAA II National Champions**
**1995, 1996**

**NCAA Runners-Up:**

**Overall NCAA Championship Record:** 19–5

1995: (1st Round) AASU def. Cal State LA, 4-0
(Quarterfinals) AASU def. CS Bakersfield, 4-0
(Semifinals) AASU def. North Florida, 4-2
(Finals) AASU def. Grand Canyon, 4-0
_AASU National Champions_
1996: (1st Round) AASU def. Cal Poly Pomona, 4-0
(Quarterfinals) AASU def. Presbyterian, 4-0
(Semifinals) AASU def. Grand Canyon, 4-0
(Finals) AASU def. Abilene Christian, 4-0
_AASU National Champions_
1997: (3rd Round) AASU def. Bloomsburg, 5-0
(Quarterfinals) AASU def. NW Missouri State, 5-0
(Semifinals) AASU def. Barry, 5-0
(Finals) Lynn def. AASU, 5-4
_AASU National Runners-Up_
1998: (3rd Round) AASU def. CS Bakersfield, 5-0
(Quarterfinals) AASU def. Abilene Christian, 5-0
(Semifinals) AASU def. North Florida, 5-2
(Finals) Lynn def. AASU, 5-2
_AASU National Runners-Up_
1999: (3rd Round) AASU def. Bloomsburg, 5-0
(Quarterfinals) AASU def. Barry, 5-1
(Semifinals) AASU def. Lynn, 5-4
(Finals) BYU-Hawaii def. AASU, 5-1
_AASU National Runners-Up_
2000: (3rd Round) AASU def. Hawaii Pacific 5-2
(Quarterfinals) BYU-Hawaii def. AASU, 5-0
_AASU National Quarterfinalists_
2001: (3rd Round) AASU def. Presbyterian, 5-0
(Quarterfinals) Barry def. AASU, 5-3
_AASU National Quarterfinalists_
Men’s Tennis Honors

AASU has had two women and one man capture Rolex DII National Singles titles

All-Peach Belt Conference

1992
Ben Armstrong (Doubles)
Philipp Schertel (Singles & Doubles)

1994
Thorsten Hackhe (Singles)
Philipp Schertel (At-Large)

1995
Anders Elfving (At-Large)
Anders Ohlsson (Singles)
Philipp Schertel (Singles)

1996
Patrick Ney (At-Large)
Fredrik Petersson (Singles)

1997
Fredrik Petersson (At-Large)

1998
Stefan Wirtz (Singles A-L, Doubles)
Christian Witt (Singles A-L, Doubles)

1999
Jens Garberding (Doubles)
Christopher Petersen (Doubles)

2000
Christopher Petersen (Singles)
Blaise Tribolet (Singles)
Stefan Wirtz (Singles)

2001
Christopher Petersen (Doubles)
Blaise Tribolet (Singles & Doubles)
Stefan Wirtz (Singles)

PBC Player of the Year

1992 and 1995
Philipp Schertel
2001
Blaise Tribolet

PBC Freshman of the Year

1998
Christopher Petersen
1999
Blaise Tribolet
2001
Frederik de Beer

PBC Male Student-Athlete of the Year

1995
Sundar Raman

Doubles Champions

1994
Thorsten Hackhe & Philipp Schertel

Singles Champion

1998
Christian Witt

NCAA Division II Singles Champion

1991
Pradeep Raman

1992
Philipp Schertel

All-Big South Conference

1985
Karl Grotheer (Doubles)
Paul Haarhuis (Doubles)
Remko Jansen (Singles)
Scott Kamibad (Singles & Doubles)

1986
Paul Haarhuis (Singles)
Remko Jansen (Singles)

1987
Bob Bergmans (Singles)
Remko Jansen (Singles & Doubles)
Scott Kamibad (Singles & Doubles)
Bart Schmitz (Singles)
Dane Wilderspin (Singles)

BSC Player of the Year

1986
Paul Haarhuis
1987
Remko Jansen

ITA All-America

1989
Pradeep Raman (Singles)

1990
Pradeep Raman (Singles)

1991
Mark Beyers (Singles & Doubles)
Thomas Karlsson (Singles)
Pradeep Raman (Singles & Doubles)

1992
Ben Armstrong (Doubles)
Philipp Schertel (Singles & Doubles)
Mike Schreiber (Singles)

1993
Philipp Schertel (Singles)

1994
Thorsten Hackhe (Singles & Doubles)
Philipp Schertel (Singles & Doubles)

1995
Anders Elfving (Doubles)
Philipp Schertel (Singles & Doubles)

1996
Patrick Ney (Singles)
Anders Ohlsson (Doubles)
Fredrik Petersson (Doubles)

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1998
Stefan Wirtz (Singles & Doubles)
Christian Witt (Singles & Doubles)

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Christian Witt (Singles & Doubles)

2000
Stefan Wirtz (Singles)
Christopher Petersen (Singles)

ITA Senior of the Year

1991
Pradeep Raman
1995
Philipp Schertel

ITA Rookie of the Year

1992
Philipp Schertel

ITA Scholar-Athletes

1994–1995
Sundar Raman
2000–2001
Christopher Petersen
Blaise Tribolet

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### Women’s Tennis Honors

#### ITA All-America
- 1992: Catherine Mayer (Singles)
- 1994: Silke Krafft (Singles & Doubles)
- 1995: Ikla Mathiak (Singles & Doubles)
- 1996: Regina Wieser (Singles & Doubles)
- 1997: Jeanine Christian (Singles & Doubles)
- 1998: Sandra van der Aa (Singles & Doubles)
- 1999: Elissa Bennett (Doubles)
- 2000: Maren Mueller (Singles)
- 2001: Zsofi Golopencza (Singles & Doubles)

#### ITA Senior of the Year
- 1998: Sandra van der Aa
- 1999: Elissa Bennett (Doubles)
- 2000: Adolfin Hadamovsky (Singles & Doubles)
- 2001: Michaela Kratochvilova (Singles & Doubles)

#### ITA Rookie of the Year
- 1995: Sandra van der Aa
- 2000: Stephanie Kovacic
- 2001: Zsofi Golopencza

#### ITA Scholar-Athletes
- 1997–1998: Sandra van der Aa
- 2000: Marie-Claude Ostiguy

#### ITA Arthur Ashe Award
- 1999: Elissa Bennett

#### All–Peach Belt Conference
- 1993: Gabi Hauck (Singles & Doubles)
- 1994: Julie Harwell (Singles & Doubles)
- 1995: Monika Schutz (Doubles)
- 1996: Sangeetha Vijayakumar (Singles)
- 1997: Susanne Wellendorf (Singles)
- 1998: Gabi Hauck (Singles & Doubles)
- 1999: Silke Krafft (Singles & Doubles)
- 2000: Ikla Mathiak (Singles)
- 2001: Cheri Ward (Singles)

#### Rolex Super Bowl Doubles Champions
- 1992: Steffanie Loew & Tanja Hoetting
- 1995: Sandra van der Aa
- 1996: Regina Wieser
- 1997: Jeanine Christian
- 2000: Stephanie Kovacic
- 2001: Zsofi Golopencza

#### Rolex DII National Singles Champions
- 1995: Sandra van der Aa
- 1997: Laura Nhavene
- 2001: Zsofi Golopencza

#### Three-Time PBC Player of the Year

#### GAIAW All-Conference
- 1981: Kathy Jones

#### GAIAW All-Region
- 1981: Kathy Jones (2nd Team)
- Yvonne McIver (2nd Team)

Zsofi Golopencza finished the 2001 season ranked No. 2 in the nation in singles.
### AASU Men’s Tennis Records

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#### 1981
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- 14-5 NCAA II Quarterfinalists
- 11-12 NCAA II Tournament
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- 15-7 NCAA II Tournament
- 13-8 NCAA II Tournament
- 12-12 NCAA II Quarterfinalists
- 14-3 NCAA II Quarterfinalists
- 17-8 NCAA II Fourth Place
- 20-7 NCAA II Quarterfinalists
- 15-10 NCAA II Tournament

#### 1982
- 18-6 Big South Champions
- 22-10
- 28-3
- 24-5

#### 1983
- 30-3

#### 1984
- 14-14

#### 1985
- 30-3 Big South Champions

#### 1986
- 15-7

#### 1987
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| 2001 | 15-10 | NCAA II Tournament

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| 2000 | 20-7, 8-0 PBC | NCAA II Quarterfinalists

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### The Lady Pirates have been an ITA Academic All-America team 5 of the past 6 years
AASU Women’s Tennis Records

**AASU Women’s Tennis Year-By-Year**

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**1992 (10-9, 2-2 PBC)**
- 2/20 vs. Georgia Southern W 7-2
- 2/24 vs. AASU W 6-2
- 2/25 vs. Georgia Southern W 6-2
- 2/26 vs. South Carolina L 6-2
- 2/27 vs. Southern L 6-2
- 2/28 vs. Francis Marion L 6-2
- 3/11 vs. Augusta W 8-1
- 3/12 vs. Southern L 8-1
- 3/13 vs. UCF L 8-1
- 3/14 vs. Georgia Southern W 9-0
- 3/15 vs. UNF L 9-0
- 3/16 vs. Rollins W 9-0
- 3/17 vs. Florida Institute of Technology W 9-0
- 3/18 vs. Palm Beach Atlantic W 9-0
- 3/19 vs. Lynn W 9-0

**1993 (19-1, 6-0 PBC)**
- 2/13 vs. Lynn L 6-3
- 2/17 vs. South Carolina W 9-0
- 2/19 vs. Appalachian State W 9-1
- 2/20 vs. South Carolina W 6-3
- 2/21 vs. Augusta W 6-2
- 2/22 vs. USC Aiken W 9-0
- 2/23 vs. Embry-Riddle W 7-2
- 2/24 vs. Augusta State W 9-0
- 2/25 vs. South Florida W 9-0
- 2/26 vs. Florida Institute of Technology W 9-0
- 2/27 vs. Lynn W 9-0

**1994 (14-4, 5-1 PBC)**
- 2/20 vs. Coastal Carolina W 6-1
- 2/21 vs. Rollins W 6-0
- 2/22 vs. Lynn L 6-0
- 2/23 vs. Rollins L 6-0
- 2/24 vs. Florida Atlantic University W 9-0
- 2/25 vs. Coastal Carolina W 9-0
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- 3/1 vs. Florida Atlantic University W 9-0
- 3/2 vs. Lynn W 9-0

**1995 (17-3, 6-0 PBC)**
- 2/14 vs. Lynn L 6-3
- 2/15 vs. Rollins L 6-3
- 2/16 vs. Lynn L 6-3
- 2/17 vs. Rollins W 6-0
- 2/18 vs. Lynn L 6-3
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**1996 (21-2, 7-0 PBC)**
- 2/23 vs. Flagler W 7-0
- 2/24 vs. Coastal Carolina W 7-0
- 2/25 vs. Columbus W 7-0
- 2/26 vs. Columbus W 7-0
- 2/27 vs. Columbus W 7-0
- 2/28 vs. Columbus W 7-0
- 3/1 vs. Augusta State W 6-1
- 3/2 vs. Augusta State W 6-1
- 3/3 vs. Athens State L 4-2
- 3/4 vs. Athens State L 4-2
- 3/5 vs. Athens State L 4-2
- 3/6 vs. Athens State L 4-2
- 3/7 vs. Athens State L 4-2
- 3/8 vs. Athens State L 4-2

**1997 (22-2, 7-0 PBC)**
- 2/16 vs. Winthrop W 7-0
- 2/17 vs. Savannah State W 9-0
- 2/18 vs. Savannah State W 9-0
- 2/19 vs. Coastal Carolina W 7-0
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- 2/15 vs. USC Aiken W 9-0
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**1999 (24-3, 10-0 PBC)**
- 2/14 vs. USC Spartanburg W 9-0
- 2/15 vs. USC Spartanburg W 9-0
- 2/16 vs. USC Spartanburg W 9-0
- 2/17 vs. USC Spartanburg W 9-0
- 2/18 vs. USC Spartanburg W 9-0
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**2000 (17-7, 11-0 PBC)**
- 2/25 vs. Winthrop W 5-4
- 2/26 vs. Winthrop W 5-4
- 2/27 vs. Winthrop W 5-4
- 2/28 vs. Winthrop W 5-4
- 2/29 vs. Winthrop W 5-4
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AASU’s training room, part of the Armstrong Sports Center, sits adjacent to the fitness center and across the hall from the Pirate locker rooms. The room offers the most modern and advanced equipment to help players deal with injuries and rehabilitation.

**Training Center Administration**

**Dr. Spencer Wheeler**

*Team Physician*

Dr. Spencer Wheeler is the medical director and team physician for Armstrong Atlantic’s athletic teams. Dr. Wheeler completed his medical school training at the Medical College of Georgia in 1985, and his orthopaedic training at the University of Florida. Wheeler served two sports medicine fellowships; one at Johns Hopkins Institute and one in Sydney, Australia. Dr. Wheeler served as the head of athletic care in Atlanta for the 1996 Summer Olympics.

**Mylene Benito, ATC**

*Head Athletic Trainer*

Mylene Benito begins her first season as the head athletic trainer for AASU. A member of the National Athletic Trainers Association (N.A.T.A.), Benito's responsibilities include the rehabilitation and prevention of injuries to AASU athletes, and assigning athletic training coverage for all practices and games of the Pirates eight intercollegiate athletic teams.


**Training Room Staff**

- **J.C. Anderson, PT, ATC**
  *Curriculum Advisor*

- **Sam Chapman, ATC**
  *Graduate Assistant*

- **Kristin Gibson, ATC**
  *Graduate Assistant*
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