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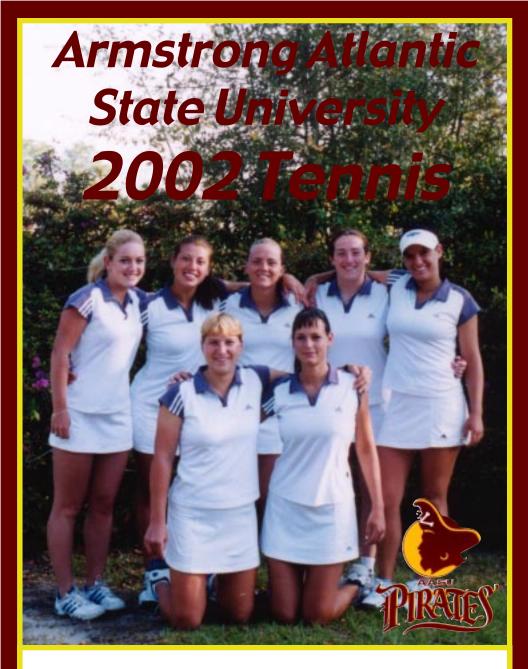
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AASU Women's Tennis NCAA Champions 1995, 1996 NCAA Finalists 1997–1999

### 2002 AASU Men's Tennis Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Feb. 2	USC Spartanburg	AASU	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	Flagler	AASU	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 17	Francis Marion	AASU	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 18	Augusta State	AASU	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 23	USC Aiken	Aiken, S.C.	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 24	West Florida	Macon, Ga.	10:00 a.m.
March 1	Tuskegee	AASU	9:00 a.m.
March 1	Lynn	AASU	2:00 p.m.
March 8	Columbus State	AASU	2:00 p.m.
March 9	Florida Southern	AASU	Noon
March 11	Drury	AASU	2:00 p.m.
March 18	Anderson	AASU	2:00 p.m.
March 20	Auburn-Montgomery	Jacksonville, Fla.	3:00 p.m.
March 21	Georgia College & State	Milledgeville, Ga.	2:00 p.m.
March 24	Rollins	AASU	1:00 p.m.
March 27	North Florida	AASU	2:00 p.m.
March 28	Kutztown	AASU	3:00 p.m.
March 30	Lander	Greenwood, S.C.	2:00 p.m.
April 5	BYU-Hawaii	Pensacola, Fla.	Noon
April 6	Delta State	Pensacola, Fla.	9:00 a.m.
March 3	Valdosta State	AASU	1:00 p.m.
April 18-20	Peach Belt Conference Chan	mpionships (Jacksonville	e, Fla.)
May 3-4	NCAA Division II South Re	egional	
May 9-12	NCAA Division II National	Championships (Kansas	City, Mo.)
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### 2002 AASU Women's Tennis Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
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Feb. 3	Kennesaw State	AASU	10:00 a.m.
Feb. 9	Rollins	AASU	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	Flagler	AASU	1:00 p.m
Feb. 17	Francis Marion	AASU	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 18	Augusta State	AASU	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 23	USC Aiken	Aiken, S.C.	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 24	West Florida	Macon, Ga.	10:00 a.m.
Feb. 26	Clayton College & State	AASU	2:00 p.m.
March 1	Lynn	AASU	2:00 p.m.
March 6	Brenau	Jacksonville, Fla.	1:30 p.m.
March 8	Columbus State	AASU	2:00 p.m.
March 9	UNC Pembroke	AASU	2:00 p.m.
March 10	Ferris State	AASU	2:00 p.m.
March 20	Auburn-Montgomery	Jacksonville, Fla.	3:00 p.m.
March 21	Georgia College & State	Milledgeville, Ga.	2:00 p.m.
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### On The Covers

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.

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





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 nontraditional 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.



ASU Hall of Famer Philipp Schertel was the NCAA Singles Champion in 1992

### **AASU Administration**

### 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.

### 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.

The Lady Pirates did not drop a point in winning the 1996 NCAA Championship









#### 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 studentathletes. He was inducted to the AASU Athletic Hall of Fame as a Citation Award winner in 1996.

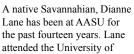
#### George Bedwell Director of Facilities



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.

#### Dianne Lane Athletic Secretary



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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### Lynn Roberts Senior Women's Administrator

Lynn Roberts begins her second year as the Senior Women's Administrator for the AASU athletic department.

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)

### Head Coach Simon Earnshaw

### 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.

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	19-7	No. 5 ITA	NCAA Quarterfinalists
GC&SU(M)	13-7	No. 16 ITA	NCAA Regionals
ASU (W)	24-3	No. 2 ITA	NCAA DII Finalists
ASU (M)	17-8	No. 4 ITA	NCAA DII Fourth Place
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ASU (W)	17-7	No. 5 ITA	11-0 PBC, NCAA Quarterfinalists
ASU (M)	20-6	No. 6 ITA	8-0 PBC, NCAA Quarterfinalists
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### Assistant Coach Natalia Alekhova

### Natalia Alekhova Assistant Tennis Coach

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.





#### Name

Caue Figueiredo Michael Jezt Peter Morsley Achim Roth John Stone Roger Thiele Dale White

#### Men

Class Sophomore Junior Junior Freshman Senior Sophomore Freshman

### Women

#### Name

Alejandra Aguilar Annamaria Forgacs Zsofi Golopencza Michaela Kratochvilova Laura Peaty Laura Puch Gemma Vaughan

#### Class Sophomore Freshman Sophomore Sophomore Sophomore Freshman

#### Hometown

Santos, Brazil Birkfeld, Austria Newcastle, Australia Schwarzenbek, Germany Rincon, Ga. Dormagen, Germany Boston, England

#### Hometown

Tulancingo, Mexico Budapest, Hungary Budapest, Hungary Trebic, Czech Republic Loughborough, England Auckland, New Zealand Fareham, England



ASU players have earned 35 ITA Men's Tennis All-America Honors since 1989

### 2002 Season Outlook



#### 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

newcomers.

The Pirates

return only two

players from last

went 15-10 and

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ranked No. 15 in

NCAA Division II

Sophomore

Roger Thiele and

senior John Stone

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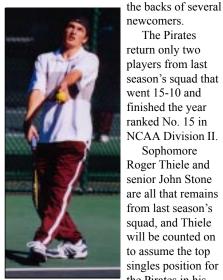
to assume the top

the Pirates in his

singles position for

are all that remains

season's squad that



Dale White

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 (Hawaii Hilo), junior Austrian transfer Michael Jezt (Northwood), junior Australian transfer Peter Morsley (Austin Peav 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 Ladv



Zsofi Golopencza

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 (Fareham, England.)



AASU's men's and women's teams have been to 7 straight NCAA Championships



## *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-Knechsteden. **PER-SONAL:** 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.



Roger Thiele's Career Statistics									
Year	Singles	Fall	Overall	Doubles	Fall	Overall	Total		
2001	7-3	0-0	7-3	3-2	0-0	3-2	10-5		
1 Year	7-3	0-0	7-3	3-2	0-0	3-2	10-5		



The AASU men play 17 matches against teams ranked in the top 40 in 2002





### 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. **HIGH** 

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.



	John Stone's Career Statistics										
Year	Singles	Fall	Overall	Doubles	Fall	Overall	Total				
1999	6-7	0-3	6-10	4-1	0-0	4-1	10-11				
2000	0-4	2-2	2-6	3-3	0-2	3-5	5-11				
2001	0-1	2-4	2-5	0-0	5-2	5-2	7-7				
3 Years	6-12	4-9	10-21	7-4	5-4	12-8	22-29				







### *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.





The Pirate men handed Lander its first conference loss ever in 2000





### 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, Germnay. **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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The 1991 men were the first AASU tennis team to advance to the NCAA Semifinals





## *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 ... 9 national ranking in singles and 2000 season with a No. 9 national ranking in singles and No. 2 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. PER-SONAL: 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.



Michaela Kratochvilova's Career Statistics											
Year	Singles	Fall	Overall	Doubles	Fall	Overall	Total				
2000	15-1	7-3	22-4	20-4	6-1	26-5	48-9				
2001	23-3	14-6	37-9	24-4	13-3	37-7	74-16				
2 Years	38-4	21-9	59-13	44-8	19-4	63-12	122-25				



Sandra van der Aa was a three-time PBC Player of the Year for AASU



## **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 Aleia



GPA in graduating class). PERSONAL: Born Alejandra Aguilar Martinez on



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.

	Alejandra Aguilar's Career Statistics								
Year	Singles	Fall	Overall	Doubles	Fall	Overall	Total		
2001	17-9	10-5	27-14	19-7	6-3	25-10	52-24		
1 Year	17-9	10-5	27-14	19-7	6-3	25-10	52-24		



The men's team twice won Big South Conference championships in NCAA DI play





### 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.



#### **7sofi Golonencza's Career Statistics**

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Year	Singles	Fall	Overall	Doubles	Fall	Overall	Total	
2001	25-2	10-1	35-3	24-4	9-2	33-6	68-9	
1 Year	25-2	10-1	35-3	24-4	9-2	33-6	68-9	



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





Pirates. **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							
Year	Singles	Fall	Overall	Doubles	Fall	Overall	Total	
2001	14-12	10-4	24-16	13-14	10-4	23-18	47-34	
1 Year	14-12	10-4	24-16	13-14	10-4	23-18	47-34	



Dutchman Paul Haarhuis was the Big South Conf. Player of the Year in '86 for AASU





### 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.



AASU 's women played in five straight NCAA Championship matches from '95–'99



### **Gemma Vaughan** Freshman Fareham, England

Freshman from England who will join the Pirates in January for the 2002 dual match season. **PER-SONAL:** 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

Years	WL	Pct.
1967	N/A	
1968	N/A	
1969	8-3	.727
1974	4-11	.267
76-80,88-91	160-73	.687
1981-86	44-17*	.721
1987	18-6	.750
1992-1999	110-62	.640
2000-	35-17	.673
Years	WL	Pct.
1989-91	35-32	.522
92-94,96-99	129-25	.838
1995	17-3	.850
2000-	39-13	.750
	1967 1968 1969 1974 76-80,88-91 1981-86 1987 1992-1999 2000- <b>Years</b> 1989-91 92-94,96-99 1995	1967         N/A           1968         N/A           1969         8-3           1974         4-11           76-80,88-91         160-73           1981-86         44-17*           1987         18-6           1992-1999         110-62           2000-         35-17           Years         WL           1989-91         35-32           92-94,96-99         129-25           1995         17-3



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Andreas Koth



Sundar Raman was the Peach Belt's Male Student–Athlete of the Year in 1995

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

#### 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
* Denotes NAIA Champion	



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.

Address: P.O. Box 204290 Augusta, GA 30917-4290 Founded: December 3, 1989 Phone Number: (706) 860-8499 Fax Number: (706) 650-8113 Website: www.peachbelt.com

Commissioner: Marvin Vanover Media Relations: Ken Gerlinger Admin. Asst.: Susan Curwen

#### Peach Belt Conference Quick Facts





The Lady Pirates have compiled an 18-4 record at DII Nationals since 1995



### Peach Belt Conference Opponents



Augusta State

Mon., Feb. 18 @ 2 p.m. (M&W)

Location: Augusta, GA Enrollment: 5,350 Nickname: Jaguars Colors: Royal Blue, White

**Coach:** Michael McGrath **Phone:** (706) 667-4349 **SID:** Eva McGillivray **Phone:** (706) 731-7925 **Fax:** (706) 737-7719 **Web:** www.aug.edu/athletics



Clayton C&SU

Tues., Feb. 26 @ 2 p.m. (Women)

Location: Morrow, GA Enrollment: 4,500 Nickname: Lakers Colors: Blue, Orange

**Coach:** Elizabeth Nieto **Phone:** (770) 960-4318 **SID:** Gid Rowell **Phone:** (770) 961-4319 **Fax:** (770) 960-4303 **Web:** athletics.clayton.edu



#### Columbus State

Fri., March 8 @ 2 p.m. (M&W)

Location: Columbus, GA Enrollment: 5,500 Nickname: Cougars Colors: Red, White & Blue

**Coach:** Evan Isaacs **Phone:** (706) 569-3042 **SID:** Mike Peacock **Phone:** (706) 569-3434 **Fax:** (706) 569-3435 **Web:** athletics.colstate.edu



Francis Marion

Sun., Feb. 17 @ 1 p.m. (M&W)

Location: Florence, SC Enrollment: 3,684 Nickname: Patriots Colors: Red, White & Blue

Coach: Garth Thomson Phone: (803) 661-1185 SID: Michael Hawkins Phone: (803) 661-1222 Fax: (803) 661-1219 Web: www.fmarion.edu



Georgia C&SU

Thurs., March 21 @ 2 p.m. (M&W)

Location: Milledgeville,GA Enrollment: 5,200 Nickname: Bobcats Colors: Green and Blue

**Coach:** Steve Barsby **Phone:** (478) 445-1778 **SID:** Brad Muller **Phone:** (478) 445-1779 **Fax:** (478) 445-1790 **Web:** www.gcsu.edu



#### Kennesaw State

Sun., Feb. 3 @ 10 a.m. (Women)

Location: Kennesaw, GA Enrollment: 12,861 Nickname: Owls Colors: Black and Gold

**Coach:** David Haliburton **Phone:** (770) 281-2620 **SID:** Mark Toma **Phone:** (770) 499-3217 **Fax:** (770) 499-3168 **Web:** www.ksuowls.com



Six PBC women's teams are ranked in the 2001 ITA Fall rankings

### Peach Belt Conference Opponents





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



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



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



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



#### 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

### 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



Six PBC men's teams are ranked in the 2001 ITA Fall rankings



Peach Be	lt Confe	erence	2001 Women's Standings				
Standings			Team	PBC	Overall		
2001 Men's Standings			Clayton College & Sta		17-3		
Team	PBC	Overall	Armstrong Atlantic St		22-6		
Lander	7-0	17-6	Kennesaw State GC&SU	8-2 18-7	12-5 7-3		
North Florida	6-2	16-9	North Florida	6-4	16-10		
Francis Marion	5-2	13-10	Augusta State	5-5	16-9		
Armstrong Atlantic Sta	te 5-3	15-10 24 (	Francis Marion	3-6	4-13		
USC Aiken USC Spartanburg	5-3 3-4	24-6 12-9	USC Spartanburg	3-6	10-12		
GC&SU	2-5	6-12	USC Aiken	2-8	16-13		
Augusta State	1-7	11-14	Columbus State	1-9	1-12-1		
Columbus State	0-8	0-11	UNC Pembroke	0-10	9-18		
2001 Men's Al	l-Confe	rence	2001 Women's	All-Con	ference		
Sing				gles			
Erik Friber			Zsofi Golope				
Tobias Huni			Michaela Krato	,			
Evgeni Mikh			Julia Hartner,				
Hans Birger Nor	dstrom, La	ander	Annamaria Atamaniuk, Francis Marion Lilia Biktyakova, GC&SU				
Blaise Tribo		I	Julia Roudkovskava, GC&SU				
Stefan Wir	tz, AASU		Loraine Rosmuller, KSU (At-Large)				
Dout	oles		Natalia Koulechova, C	layton Stat	e (At-Large)		
Mark Bube/Sollie No	rtje, Franc	is Marion	Doubles				
Erik Friberg/Tobia	s Huning,	Lander	Zsofi Golopencza/Michaela Kratochvilova, AASU				
Christopher Petersen/I	Blaise Trib	olet, AASU	Julia Hartner/Debbie	,			
Freshmana	of the Ye	ar	Lilia Biktyakova/Julia I				
Frederik de l	Beer, AAS	U	Player of				
Player of	the Yea	r	Zsofi Golopencza, AASU				
Blaise Tribo	olet, AASU	Ţ	Freshman of the Year				
Coach of	the Year	-	Zsofi Golopencza, AASU				
Garth Thomson,	Francis M	arion	Coach of the Year				
2001 PBC Tourn	nament l	Results	Elizabeth Nieto, Clayton State				
4/19	4/21		2001 PBC Tour				
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AASU had both the men's and women's PBC Players of the Year in 2001

### 2001 Season Review



#### 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

Michaela Kratochvilova

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.

#### 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 topranked teams. including one over NCAA DII Champion Rollins.



#### Stefan Wirtz

Other top-ranked teams to fall to the Pirates in 2001 included No. 3-ranked West Florida, No. 7-ranked Lees-McRae and No. 4ranked Hawaii-Pacific on March 14.

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.



Zsofi Golopencza was AASU's second consecutive PBC Player of the Year

#### 2001 Final Results Final 2001 Men's Tennis Results 2001 Overall: 15-10 • PBC: 5-3 ΙΤΔ Date Opponent Result | Date Opponent Result Feb. 9 USCS W 5-4 National Mar. 31 Lander L 6-3 Feb. 14 Columbus State W 9-0 Apr. 4 Francis Marion L 6-3 Rankinas Feb. 18 USC Aiken W 9-0 Florida Southern L 7-2 Apr. 7 Feb 19 Augusta State W 8-1 Rollins W 5-4 Apr. 8 Men Feb. 23 Valdosta State L 8-1 Apr. 13 Barrv L 5-2 1. Rollins Feb. 24 West Florida W 6-3 Apr. 14 W 5-2 Lynn 2. Hawaii Pacific W 8-1 Mar 6 GC&SU PBC Tournament (Savannah) 3. Drury W 5-4 Mar. 7 Ferris State Apr. 19 USC Aiken W 5-1 4 BYU Hawaii Mar. 8 Lees-McRae W 6-3 Apr. 20 Lander L 5-2 5. Valdosta State Mar 12 Hawaii Hilo W 9-0 Apr. 21 North Florida L 5-1 6. Ouachita Baptist Mar. 14 Hawaii Pacific W 6-3 NCAA South Regional (Pensacola) 7. Lander Mar. 15 BYU Hawaii L 6-3 May 5 Delta State W 5-1 8 Eckerd Ouachita Baptist L 5-4 Mar. 28 North Florida L 6-3 May 6 9. Francis Marion Mar. 30 Fla. Gulf Coast W 6-3 10. Barry 11. Fla. Southern 2001 Women's Tennis Results 12. West Florida Overall: 22-7 • PBC: 9-1 13. North Florida 14 Northwood Result | Date Date Result Opponent Opponent 15. AASU Feb. 9 UNC Pembroke W 9-0 W 9-0 Apr. 4 USCS 16. Lees-McRae W 9-0 Presbyterian W 7-2 Feb. 14 Columbus State Apr. 8 17. Ferris State Rollins L 6-3 Feb 17 Kennesaw State W 5-1 Apr. 12 18. UC Davis Clayton State L 5-4 Apr. 13 Barrv W 5-2 19. USC Aiken L 6-1 Feb. 18 USC Aiken W 8-1 Apr. 14 Lynn 20. Anderson PBC Tournament (Savannah) Feb. 19 Augusta State W 6-2 Women Feb. 23 Valdosta State W 7-2 Apr. 19 Francis Marion W 6-0 1. Lvnn Kennesaw State W 5-2 Feb. 24 West Florida L 5-4 Apr. 20 2. BYU Hawaii W 5-3 Mar 6 Apr. 21 North Florida GC&SU W 6-3 Barry Mar. 7 Ferris State W 7-2 NCAA South Regional (Savannah) 4. West Florida Mar. 8 Lees-McRae W 7-2 Mav 4 Clark Atlanta W 9-0 5. AASU Mar. 12 Hawaii Hilo May 5 Harding W 5-1 W 7-0 6. Rollins NCAA Championships (Pensacola) Mar. 14 Hawaii-Pacific W 7-2 7. UC Davis Mar. 15 BYU Hawaii L 9-0 May 10 Presbyterian W 5-0 8. Abilene Christian Mar. 28 North Florida W 6-3 May 11 Barry L 5-3 9. North Florida Apr. 4 Francis Marion W 9-0 10. Clayton State 11. UC San Diego Final 2001 Women's ITA Final 2001 Men's ITA 12. Northeastern St. National Rankings

National – Sinales Zsofi Golopencza - No. 2

Michaela Kratochvilova - No. 9 National - Doubles

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

National – Sinales Stefan Wirtz - No. 25 Blaise Tribolet - No. 39

#### National – Doubles

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

20. Kennesaw State

13. GC&SU 14. Ouachita Baptist

15. Fla. Southern

17. Ferris State 18. Delta State

19. Harding

16. Hawaii Pacific



The AASU women have finished in the top 5 each of the past six seasons

### 2001 Final Statistics



#### Women's Individual 2001 Statistics

Singles								
Player	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	<b>#6</b>	Fall	Record
Zsofi Golopencza	25-2						10-1	35-3
Michaela Kratochvilova		23-3					14-6	37-9
Laura Puch			13-11		1-0		10-4	24-15
Danijela Mijic				15-4	1-1			16-5
Alejandra Aguilar			1-1	1-1	15-7		10-5	27-14
Carolyn Ward					1-0	12-8		13-8
Doubles								
Player	#1	#2	#3	Fall	Reco	ord		
Zsofi Golopencza	24-4			9-2	33-6			
Michaela Kratochvilova	24-4			13-3	37-7			
Laura Puch		12-14	1-0	6-3	19-17			
Danijela Mijic		1-0	18-7		19-7			
Alejandra Aguilar		2-0	17-7	6-3	25-10			
Carolyn Ward		11-14	2-0		13-14			
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Men's Individual 2001 Statistics

Singles								
Player	#1	#2	#3	<b>#4</b>	#5	<b>#6</b>	Fall	Record
Stefan Wirtz	7-13						7-4	14-17
Blaise Tribolet	1-1	11-8	1-1				14-4	27-14
Christopher Petersen		1-2	6-7	0-1			4-5	11-15
Frederik de Beer		1-0	6-2	5-7			6-3	18-12
Aref Jallali			1-0	3-1	6-4	0-1	5-5	15-11
Roger Thiele			0-1	2-1		5-1	7-3	7-3
Bob Rog					1-0	6-3	6-5	13-8
Neil McPhee				1-1	9-3	3-0	12-3	25-7
John Stone						0-1	2-4	2-5
Doubles								
	#1	#2	#3	Fall	Reco	ord		
Doubles Player Blaise Tribolet	<b>#1</b> 11-10	#2	<b>#3</b> 1-1	<b>Fall</b> 7-4	<b>Recc</b> 19-15			
<b>Player</b> Blaise Tribolet		#2						
Player	11-10	<b>#2</b> 12-8		7-4	19-15			
<b>Player</b> Blaise Tribolet Christopher Petersen	11-10 11-10			7-4 3-3	19-15 14-13			
<b>Player</b> Blaise Tribolet Christopher Petersen Stefan Wirtz	11-10 11-10 3-1	12-8		7-4 3-3 3-1	19-15 14-13 18-10			
<b>Player</b> Blaise Tribolet Christopher Petersen Stefan Wirtz Frederik de Beer	11-10 11-10 3-1	12-8 12-7	1-1	7-4 3-3 3-1 4-3	19-15 14-13 18-10 19-11			
<b>Player</b> Blaise Tribolet Christopher Petersen Stefan Wirtz Frederik de Beer Bob Rog	11-10 11-10 3-1	12-8 12-7 1-2	1-1 14-6	7-4 3-3 3-1 4-3 9-3	19-15 14-13 18-10 19-11 24-11			
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All-America junior Michaela Kratochvilova won 74 matches in 2001





### NCAA Championship Tradition



#### AASU Men's Tennis NCAA II Semifinalists 1991, 1999

#### NCAA Participants: 1991-92, 1995-2001 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 Ouarterfinalists 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 (Quartefinals) 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: 1997, 1998, 1999 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



ASU was the only team in the semis of the 1999 men's and women's NCAAs

### Men's Tennis Honors

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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 Nev (Singles) Anders Ohlsson (Doubles) Fredrik Petersson (Doubles) 1997 Patrick Ney (Doubles) Fredrik Petersson (Singles & Doubles) 1998 Stefan Wirtz (Singles & Doubles) Christian Witt (Singles & Doubles) 1999 Stefan Wirtz (Doubles) 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



1998 Christopher Petersen 1999 Blaise Tribolet 2001

Frederik de Beer

PBC Male Student-Athlete of the Year

Sundar Raman

Doubles Champions 1994 Thorsten Hackhe & Philipp Schertel Singles Champion 1998 Christian Witt

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





### Women's Tennis Honors



#### ITΔ All-America

1992 Catherine Mayer (Singles) 1994

Silke Krafft (Singles & Doubles) Ikla Mathiak (Singles & Doubles) Regina Wieser (Singles & Doubles) 1995

Jeanine Christian (Singles & Doubles) Sandra van der Aa (Singles & Doubles) Regina Wieser (Singles & Doubles) Monika Wisser (Doubles) 1996

Jeanine Christian (Singles & Doubles) Sandra van der Aa (Singles & Doubles) Hiskia van der Leij (Doubles) Monika Wisser (Doubles) 1997

Jeanine Christian (Singles) Laura Nhavene (Singles & Doubles) Sandra van der Aa (Singles & Doubles) 1998

Elissa Bennett (Doubles) Maren Mueller (Singles) Sandra van der Aa (Singles & Doubles) 1999

Elissa Bennett (Doubles) Adolfina Hadamovsky (Singles & Doubles) Maren Mueller (Singles & Doubles) Juliette van der Eerden (Singles & Doubles)

#### 2000

Stephanie Kovacic (Singles & Doubles) Michaela Kratochvilova (Singles & Doubles) 2001

Zsofi Golopencza (Singles & Doubles) Michaela Kratochvilova (Singles & Doubles)

ITA Senior of the Year 1998 Sandra van der Aa 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 Ostiguv ITA Arthur Ashe Award 1999

Elissa Bennett



#### All-Peach Belt Conference

1993

Gabi Hauck (Singles & Doubles) Julie Harwell (Singles & Doubles) Monika Schutz (Doubles) Sanggeetha Vijayakumar (Singles) Susanne Wellendorf (Doubles)

1994

Gabi Hauck (Singles & Doubles) Silke Krafft (Singles & Doubles) Ikla Mathiak (Singles) Cheri Ward (Singles) Regina Wieser (Singles & Doubles)

1995

Katrin Bauersachs (Singles & Doubles) Jeanine Christian (Singles & Doubles) Ikla Mathiak (Singles)

Sandra van der Aa (Singles & Doubles) Hiskia van der Leij (Doubles) Regina Wieser (Singles & Doubles)

Monika Wisser (Singles & Doubles) 1996

Katrin Bauersachs (Doubles) Jeanine Christian (Singles & Doubles) Britta Schmidt (Doubles) Sandra van der Aa (Singles & Doubles) Hiskia van der Leij (Singles & Doubles) Monika Wisser (Singles & Doubles) 1997

Jeanine Christian (Singles & Doubles) Laura Nhavene (Singles & Doubles) Britta Schmidt (Singles)

Sandra van der Aa (Singles & Doubles) Hiskia van der Leij (Singles)

Monika Wisser (Singles & Doubles) 1998

Nathalie Koudelka (Singles & Doubles) Maren Mueller (Singles At-Large) Sandra van der Aa (Singles) Hiskia van der Leij (Singles & Doubles) 1999

Elissa Bennett (Doubles) Adolfina Hadamovsky (Singles) Maren Mueller (Doubles) Marie-Claude Ostiguy (Singles) Petra Schemm (Singles) 2000

Stephanie Kovacic (Singles & Doubles) Michaela Kratochvilova (Singles & Doubles) Petra Schemm (Singles & Doubles) Marie-Claude Ostiguy (Singles AL & Doubles) 2001

Zsofi Golopencza (Singles & Doubles) GAIAWAll-Tournament Michaela Kratochvilova (Singles & Doubles

#### PBC Players of the Year



Three-Time PBC Plaver of the Year 1995, 1996, 1998

Sandra van der Aa

1994 Regina Wieser 1997 Jeanine Christian 2000 Stephanie Kovacic

2001 Zsofi Golopencza

#### Rolex Super Bowl Doubles Champions 1992

Steffanie Loew & Tanja Hoetting

Rolex DII National Singles Champions 1995

Sandra van der Aa 1997

Laura Nhavene 2001 Zsofi Golopencza

#### Rolex DII National Doubles Champions 1992

Steffanie Loew & Tanja Hoetting 1993

Sanggeetha Vijayakumar & Regina Wieser 1997

Laura Nhavene & Hiskia van der Leii

GAIAW All-Conference GAIAW All-Region 1981 Kathy Jones

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



Year	W-L	Accomplishments
1974	8-3	
1975	4-11	
1976	12-10	
1977	12-12	
1978	6-16	
1979	15-5	
1980	16-7	
1981		South Atlantic Champions
1982		
1983	14-14	
1984		
1985	30-3	Big South Champions
1986		-
1987	18-6	Big South Champions
1988	22-10	
1989	28-3	
1990	24-5	
1991	25-5	NCAA II Fourth Place
1992	14-5	NCAA II Quarterfinalists
1993	11-12	
1994	14-7	
1995	15-7	NCAA II Quarterfinalists
1996	13-8	NCAA II Tournament
1997	12-12	NCAA II Quarterfinalists
1998	14-3	NCAA II Quarterfinalists
1999	17-8	NCAA II Fourth Place
2000	20-7	NCAA II Quarterfinalists
2001	15-10	NCAA II Tournament
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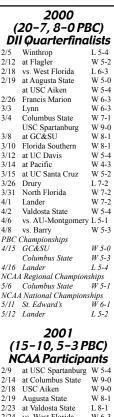
#### (13-8, 7-1 PBC) NCAA Participants

2/23	Flagler	W 5-2	2
2/27	vs. Coastal Carolina	W 5-2	2
3/2	vs. Columbus	W 6-1	3
3/3	at Augusta	W 4-3	3
3/4	Hampton	L 4-3	3
3/8	Columbus	W 4-0	3
3/9	Barry	L 4-2	3
3/10	Francis Marion	W 4-3	3
3/12	at North Florida	L 5-2	
3/15	Lynn	L 5-2	3
3/29	at USC Aiken	W 7-0	3
3/30	at Lander	L 7-0	4
3/31	at Georgia College	W 5-2	4
4/3	USC Spartanburg	W 5-2	4
4/9	Valdosta State	W 5-1	
4/12	at AU-Montgomery	L 6-0	4
4/13	vs. Rollins	L 4-3	4
	vs. Texas-Tyler	W 4-2	4
4/18	PBC Tournament	2nd	4
NCAA	4 Regional Champion.	ships	4
5/3	Columbus	W 4-2	4
5/4	Georgia College	W 4-2	Ν
NCAA	4 National Champions	ships	5
5/9	Abilene Christian	L 4-2	5
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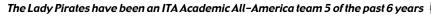
#### 99/ (12-12, 4-1 PBC) DII Quarterfinalists 2/19 at Winthrop L 6-1

2/26	Augusta State	W 6-3
3/2	at USC Spartanburg	W 5-0
3/3	Hampton	L 5-2
3/7	Columbus State	W 5-4
3/8	Florida Southern	L 5-3
3/9	Augusta State	L 5-3
3/15	at Barry	L 7-2
3/16	at Lynn	L 5-1
3/27	USC Aiken	W 7-2
3/29	AU-Montgomery	L 5-4
4/1	North Florida	W 5-4
4/4	at Valdosta State	L 5-4
4/6	Rollins	W 5-0
	Lander	L 7-0
4/8	Georgia Southern	W 9-0
4/10	vs. AU-Montgomery	L 4-0
4/11	vs. Texas-Tyler	W 4-2
4/12	vs. Ouachita Baptist	L 4-1
4/13	at Columbus State	W 7-2
4/17	PBC Tournament	2nd
NCAA	Regional Champions	ships
5/2	GC&SU	W 5-0
5/3	North Florida	W 5-4
NCAA	National Champions	hips
5/8	West Texas A&M	Ŵ 5-1
5/9	Lander	L 5-0

	1998		
(	14-3, 7-1 P	BC)	6
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2/14	at Flagler	L 6-1	2/5
2/21	USC Spartanburg	W 9-0	2/12
2/27 2/28	Francis Marion	W 7-2 W 6-3	2/18 2/19
2/28 3/6	at Augusta State Lincoln Memorial	W 5-0	2/19
3/10	Florida Southern	W 5-4	2/26
3/11	Winthrop	W 5-4	3/3
3/12 3/14	at GC&SU Columbus State	W 6-3 W 6-3	3/4
3/27	at Lander	L 8-1	3/8
3/29	Lynn	W 5-3	3/10
4/1	at North Florida	W 6-3	3/12
4/4 4/5	Valdosta State at Rollins	W 5-2 W 5-4	3/14 3/15
4/15	vs. USC Aiken	W 8-1	3/26
4/18	PBC Tournament	2nd	3/31
NCAA	1 National Champion		4/1
5/8 5/9	Presbyterian Northwood	W 5-1 L 5-3	4/2 4/6
5/9		L J-J	4/8
	1999		PBC
(	17-8, 4-2 P	BC)	4/15
NĊ	AA II Fourth	Place	4/16
2/14	at USC Spartanburg	W 9-0	NCA.
2/20	Flagler	W 5-4	5/6
2/21 2/24	at Francis Marion Augusta State	L 5-4 W 8-1	NCA.
2/27	at Columbus State	W 6-3	5/11 5/12
3/5	Queens	W 9-0	5/12
3/6	Presbyterian	W 8-1	
3/7 3/9	Eckerd Robert Morris	W 9-0 W 9-0	(1
3/10	vs. Winthrop	L 5-2	Ň
3/15	AU-Montgomery	L 6-3	2/9
3/24	USC Aiken	W 8-1	2/14
3/25 3/26	at Valdosta State at Florida Southern	W 5-1 W 5-1	2/18
3/28	at Lynn	W 5-1	2/19 2/23
3/31	GC&SU	L 5-4	2/23
4/8	vs. Oklahoma City	L 8-0	3/6
4/9 4/10	vs. Lynn vs. West Florida	W 5-4 L 5-0	3/7
4/10	PBC Tournament	4th	3/8 3/12
	A Regional Champion		3/12
4/7	Morehouse	W 5-0	3/15
4/8	Rollins	W 5-1	3/28
NCAA 4/13	4 National Champion. Presbyterian	snips W 5-1	3/30
4/14	Ouachita Baptist	W 5-3	3/31 4/4
4/15	Barry	L 5-2	4/7
4/16	West Florida	L 5-0	4/8
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2/10	USC AIKEII	W 9-0
2/19	Augusta State	W 8-1
2/23	at Valdosta State	L 8-1
2/24	vs. West Florida	W 6-3
3/6	GC&SU	W 8-1
3/7	Ferris State	W 5-4
3/8	Lees-McRae	W 6-3
3/12	at Hawaii-Hilo	W 9-0
3/14	at Hawaii-Pacific	W 6-3
3/15	at BYU Hawaii	L 6-3
3/28	at North Florida	L 6-3
3/30	Fla. Gulf Coast	W 6-3
3/31	Lander	L 6-3
4/4	at Francis Marion	L 6-3
4/7	at Florida Southern	L 7-2
4/8	at Rollins	W 5-4
4/13	at Barry	L 5-2
4/14	at Lynn	W 5-3
PBC	Championships	
4/19	USC Aiken	W 5-1
4/20	Lander	L 5-2
4/21	North Florida	L 5-1
NCAA	4 Regional Champion	ships
5/5	Delta State	W 5-1
5/6	Ouachita Baptist	L 5-4





AASU Women's Tennis Records





Christopher Petersen was the ITA South Region "Player to Watch" in 2000

### AASU Athletic Training

AASU athletic teams benefit from the fine athletic training staff, headed by medical director Dr. Spencer Wheeler and head athletic trainer Mylene Benito.

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.

A former AASU student-athlete, Benito played for the Pirate volleyball squad from 1992 to 1996 and earned her bachelor's of science degree in health and physical education in 1998. The Georgetown, Ontario, native worked as a student and graduate assistant trainer in AASU's training room from 1996-2000 and earned her master's degree in health science in 2000.

### **Training Room Staff**



J.C. Anderson, PT, ATC Curriculum Advisor



Sam Chapman, ATC Graduate Assistant



Kristin Gibson, ATC Graduate Assistant



The Lady Pirates have not finished out of the ITA Top 10 since 1994



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# Armstrong Atlantic State University



AASU Men's Tennis Seven Consecutive NCAA Championship Appearances