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A central graphic with a dark red background. At the top, the text 'PIRATES BEGIN ITA ORACLE CUP COMPETITION THURSDAY' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Below this, on the left, are two portraits of women. On the right, two portraits of men. In the center, there are two logos: the Armstrong State Pirates logo (a yellow pirate head with 'ARMSTRONG STATE PIRATES' text) and the ITA Oracle Cup logo (a blue shield with 'ITA ORACLE CUP' text).

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SURPRISE, Ariz. - Four members of the Armstrong State University men's and women's tennis teams will begin action in the ITA Oracle Cup on Thursday, participating in the only individual tennis championship available to NCAA Division II players.

Formerly the ITA Small College Championships, the ITA Oracle Cup will take place Thursday through Sunday at the Surprise Tennis & Racquet Complex in Arizona, the site of the 2013 and 2015 NCAA Division II National Championships.

Each division (NCAA Division II, NCAA Division III, NAIA and NJCAA) represented will feature eight singles players and eight doubles teams, competing in their respective draws. The singles and doubles champions from the four divisions advance to the weekend's ITA Oracle Cup semifinals and finals draws.

The four ITA Oracle Cup winners (men's singles, men's doubles, women's singles, women's doubles) receive wild cards into the 2016 USTA/ITA National Indoor Intercollegiate Championships, held November 3-6 at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadow, New York.

For defending NCAA Division II national champion Armstrong State women's tennis team, senior Diana Stomlega and junior Lena Lutzeier are the top seed in the doubles draw. They will face Hannah Petersen and Tyra Timm of St. Mary's (Texas) in first-round action on Thursday at 1 p.m. The DII doubles semifinal will be at 5:30 p.m. with the final taking place at 3 p.m. on

Friday.

In singles action, Lutzeier is the top seed and she will face Hanna Volikova of Indianapolis at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday. The DII singles semifinal will be on Friday and the final will be on Saturday.

Armstrong State men's tennis will send junior Jan Porteset and sophomore Alberto Caceres Casas as the top-seeded duo in the DII doubles bracket. The pair will take on Oliver Frank and Pascal Engel of Azusa Pacific in first-round action on Thursday at 3:00 p.m. The DII doubles semifinal and final will take place on Friday.

In singles action, Caceres will face No. 3-seeded Maxi Hepp of Drury on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. The DII singles semifinal will be on Friday and the final will be on Saturday.

Armstrong State has had tremendous success at the ITA Oracle Cup, capturing eight women's DII singles titles, five women's DII doubles titles, five ITA Oracle Cup (formerly "Super Bowl") singles championships and three doubles championships.

On the men's side, the Pirates have won four DII singles titles, three DII doubles titles, two ITA Oracle Cup doubles championships and one singles championship.

Follow along with all the action from the 2016 ITA Oracle Cup, including live match updates and video, [at the ITA's official website](#).



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