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**ARMSTRONG STATE UNIVERSITY  
2015 BASEBALL**



Calvin Culberson    Doug Harger    JT Phillips    Tyler Graham    Pete Nagel    Josh Larson    Matt Taylor    Nathan Ward    R.J. Dennard    Tyler Cauley    Tyler Green    Brian English  
 Matt Wisniewski    Jerad Curry    Caleb Woods    Zack Lance    Ryan Patterson    Kendrick Thompson    Ryan Good    Corey Kafka    Corey Crunk    Brett Madden  
 Will Austin    Joey Lupus    Berry Aldridge    Cody Kremer    Cody Sherlin    Tyler Avera    Chandler Corley    Will Browning    Caleb Weaver    Justin Adkins

## 2015 ARMSTRONG BASEBALL QUICK FACTS

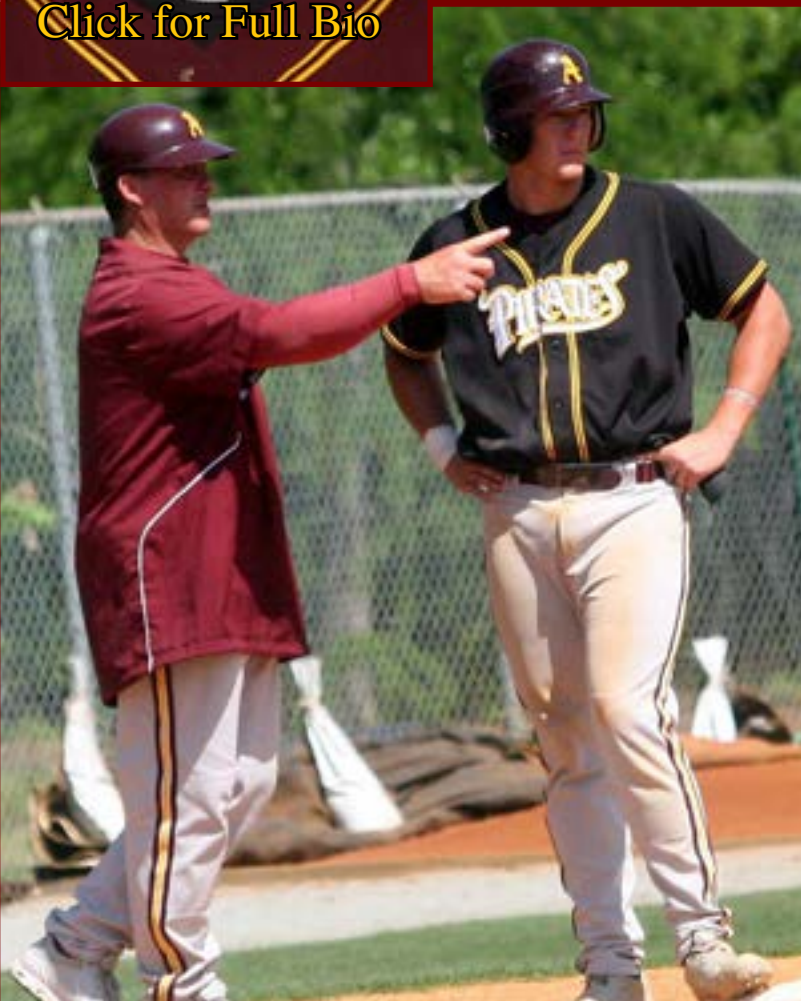
Location .....	Savannah, Ga.	Athletic Director .....	Lisa Sweany
Founded .....	1935	Head Coach.....	Calvin Culberson
Enrollment .....	7,500	Record at Armstrong.....	28-20 / 1 Year
Nickname.....	Pirates	Overall Record.....	28-20 / 1 Year
Colors .....	Maroon & Gold	2014 Record .....	28-20
Affiliation .....	NCAA Division II	2014 PBC Record.....	15-15 / 6th
Conference .....	Peach Belt	2014 Postseason Finish .....	PBC Tournament Semifinals
President .....	Dr. Linda Bleicken		



**HEAD COACH**  
**CALVAIN CULBERSON**

- Led the Pirates to a 28-20 record and a PBC Tournament semifinal berth in 2014
- Assistant coach at Armstrong for 18 seasons, former four-year standout for the Pirates from 1985-88 who earned All-American honors and is a member of the Armstrong Athletics Hall of Fame

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**ASSISTANT COACH**  
**BRIAN ENGLISH**

**ASSISTANT COACH**  
**TOMMY THOMSON**



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- Joined Armstrong in 2013 after coaching at Middle Georgia
- Former standout at South Georgia and Valdosta State



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- Has assisted the Pirates since the 1981 season
- 2011 Armstrong Hall of Fame Service Citation award winner



**R.J. Dennard**

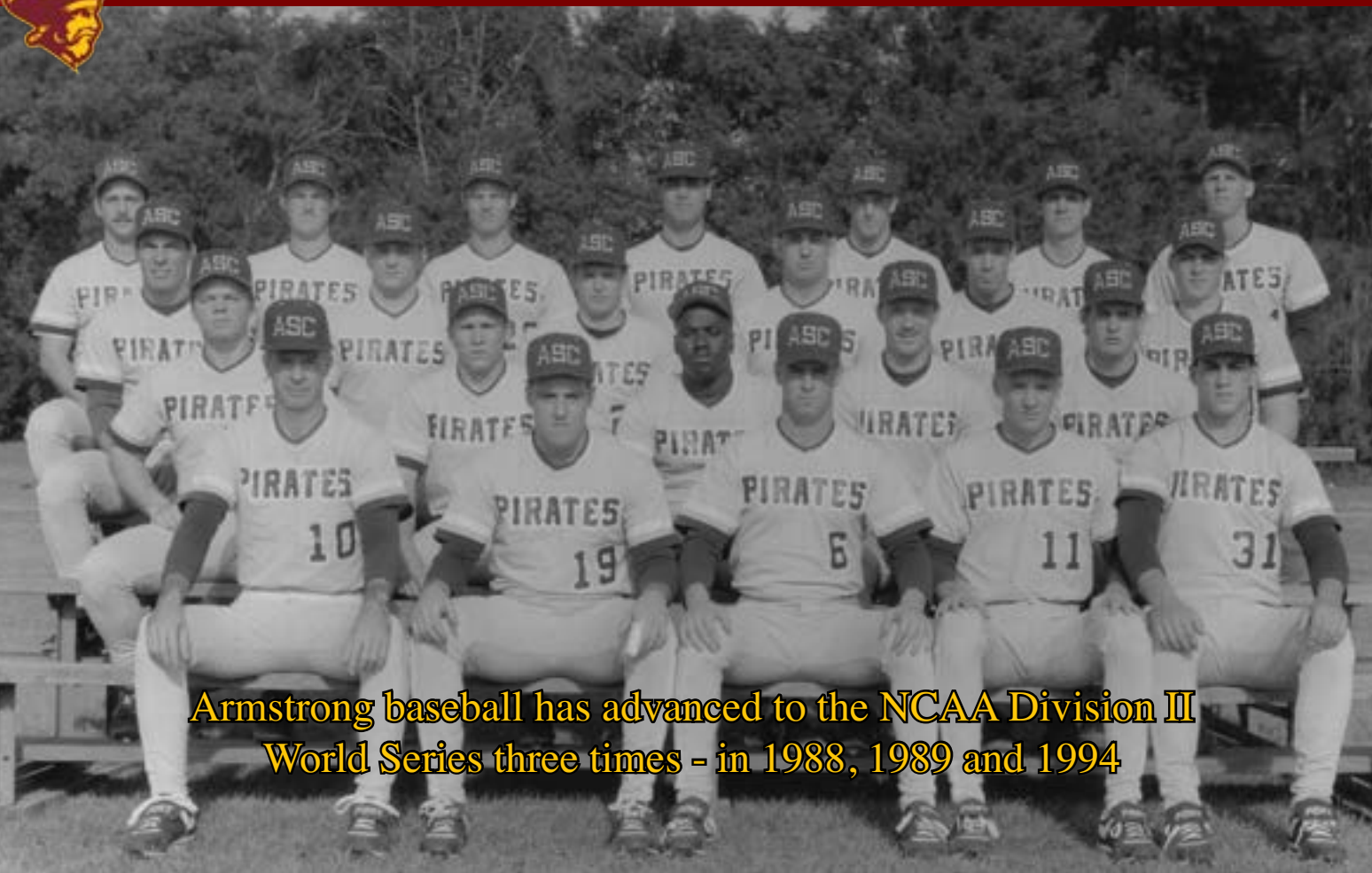


**Matt Wisniewski**

**FOR THE 2015 SEASON, THE PIRATES ARE . . .**

- Picked to finish fifth in the Peach Belt Conference
- Returning seven starters and 17 players overall from last season's squad
- Featuring NCBWA Preseason All-Southeast Region selection R.J. Dennard, who already has 201 career hits as a Pirate in just three seasons

# PIRATE BASEBALL TRADITION



Armstrong baseball has advanced to the NCAA Division II World Series three times - in 1988, 1989 and 1994



Mike Mitchener

## ARMSTRONG BASEBALL . . .

- Has made 14 NCAA appearances in the last 27 seasons
- Captured the 2007 and 2012 PBC Tournament Titles
- Won PBC Regular Season titles in 1992, 1993, 2003 and 2012
- Has compiled a 1249-499 record (.714) since 1983
- Has registered 32 consecutive winning seasons



Mark Ewing



# 2015 PIRATE RETURNERS



**2**

**JOEY  
LUPUS**

**SENIOR  
6'0" 168 OF  
SAVANNAH, GA  
CALVARY DAY SCHOOL**



**3**

**TYLER  
AVERA**

**SENIOR  
5'8" 160 INF  
BAXLEY, GA  
GEORGIA SOUTHERN**



**4**

**ZACH  
LANCE**

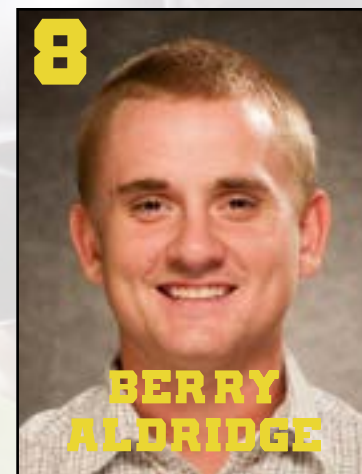
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6'1" 195 INF  
RINGGOLD, GA  
CHATTANOOGA STATE CC**



**6**

**RYAN  
GOOD**

**SENIOR  
6'0" 175 RHP  
BRUNSWICK, GA  
DARTON COLL**



**8**

**BERRY  
ALDRIDGE**

**JUNIOR  
5'8" 185 C/INF  
SWAINSBORO, GA  
TOOMBS COUNTY HS**



**12**

**BRETT  
MADDEN**

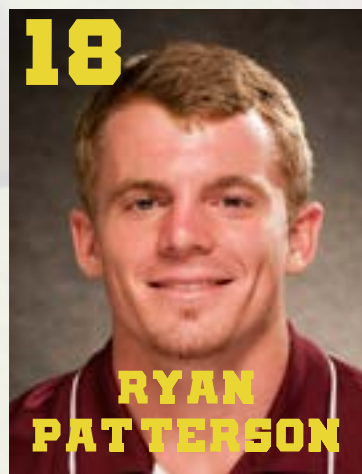
**SENIOR  
6'1" 225 IF/OF  
WOODSTOCK, GA  
EAST GEORGIA COLLEGE**



**14**

**JUSTIN  
ADKINS**

**SENIOR  
5'11" 185 RHP  
DUBLIN, GA  
PIEDMONT COLL**



**18**

**RYAN  
PATTERSON**

**SOPHOMORE  
5'11" 210 OF/P  
SNELLVILLE, GA  
SOUTH GWINNETT HS**



**19**

**JOSH  
LARSON**

**JUNIOR  
6'5" 175 RHP  
ORLANDO, FLA  
SANTA FE COLL**

# 2015 PIRATE RETURNERS



**20**



**TYLER  
GREEN**

**JUNIOR  
6'2" 240 RHP  
DUBLIN, GA  
WEST LAURENS HS**

**21**



**MATT  
WISNIEWSKI**

**SENIOR  
6'1" 200 OF  
DELTONA, FLA  
LAKE SUMTER STATE**

**22**



**CODY  
SHERLIN**

**JUNIOR  
6'0" 185 INF  
RINGGOLD, GA  
RINGGOLD HS**

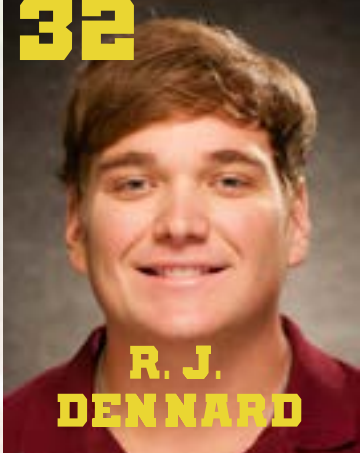
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**NATHAN  
WARD**

**JUNIOR  
6'4" 195 OF  
RICHMOND HILL, GA  
RICHMOND HILL HS**

**32**



**R. J.  
DENNARD**

**SENIOR  
6'3" 235 1B/C  
SOPERTON, GA  
TREUTLEN COUNTY HS**

**38**



**TYLER  
CAULEY**

**SOPHOMORE  
6'1" 205 LHP  
SOPERTON, GA  
TREUTLEN COUNTY HS**

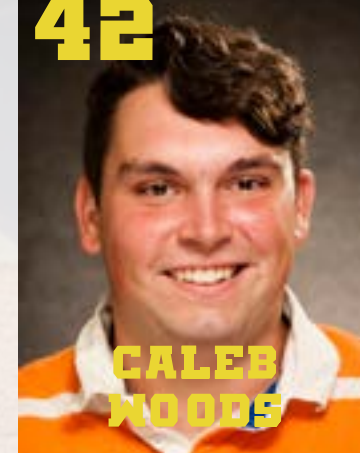
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**COREY  
CRUNK**

**JUNIOR  
5'11" 160 OF/P  
ACWORTH, GA  
KENNESAW MTN HS**

**42**



**CALEB  
WOODS**

**SOPHOMORE  
6'1" 240 RHP  
ACWORTH, GA  
ETOWAH HS**



# 2015 PIRATE NEWCOMERS



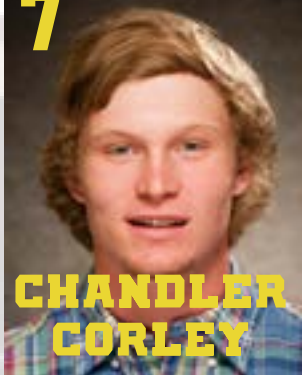
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**JERAD  
CURRY**

**JUNIOR  
6'2" 200 C  
BUFORD, GA  
GEORGIA PERIMETER**

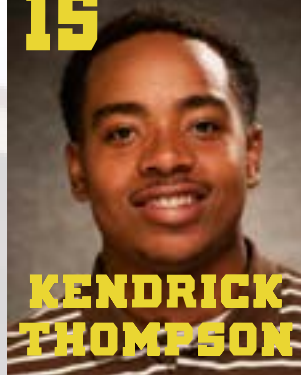
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**CHANDLER  
CORLEY**

**FRESHMAN  
6'0" 170 INF  
MARTINEZ, GA  
LAKESIDE EVANS HS**

**15**



**KENDRICK  
THOMPSON**

**JUNIOR  
6'1" 190 OF  
STATESBORO, GA  
GEORGIA PERIMETER**

**17**



**CALEB  
WEAVER**

**JUNIOR  
5'9" 155 LHP  
PERRY, GA  
MIDDLE GA COLL**

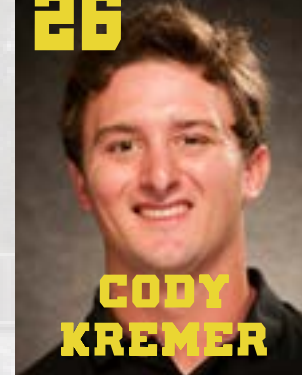
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**WILL  
AUSTIN**

**JUNIOR  
5'11" 195 OF  
SAVANNAH, GA  
SOUTHERN UNION CC**

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**CODY  
KREMER**

**JUNIOR  
6'0" 200 RHP  
ADAIRSVILLE, GA  
CENTRAL ALABAMA CC**

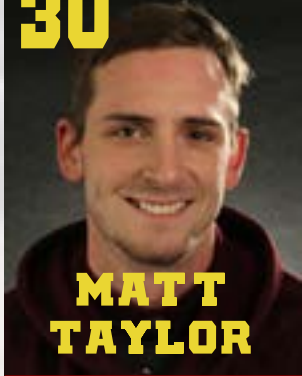
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**WILL  
BROWNING**

**FRESHMAN  
6'3" 215 C  
HAZELHURST, GA  
JEFF DAVIS HS**

**30**



**MATT  
TAYLOR**

**JUNIOR  
6'3" 180 INF  
FITZGERALD, GA  
GEORGIA PERIMETER**

**31**



**COREY  
KAFKA**

**JUNIOR  
6'0" 205 RHP  
TUNNEL HILL, GA  
MIDDLE GA COLL**

**34**



**TYLER  
GRAHAM**

**JUNIOR  
6'1" 205 RHP  
DALLAS, GA  
MIDDLE GA COL**

**41**



**JT  
PHILLIPS**

**JUNIOR  
6'3" 215 P/DH  
COLUMBUS, GA  
GEORGIA PERIMETER**

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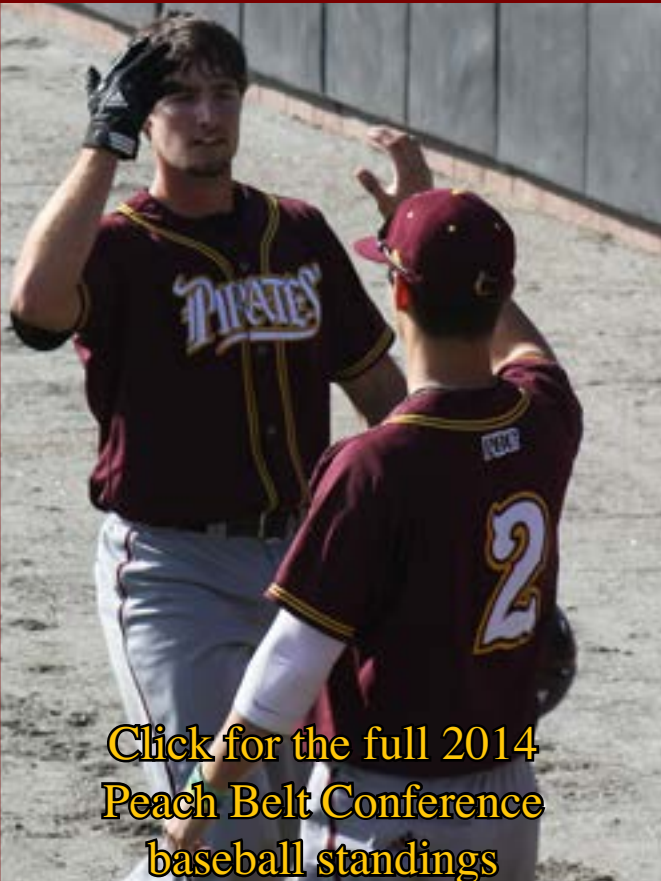


**PETE  
NAGEL**

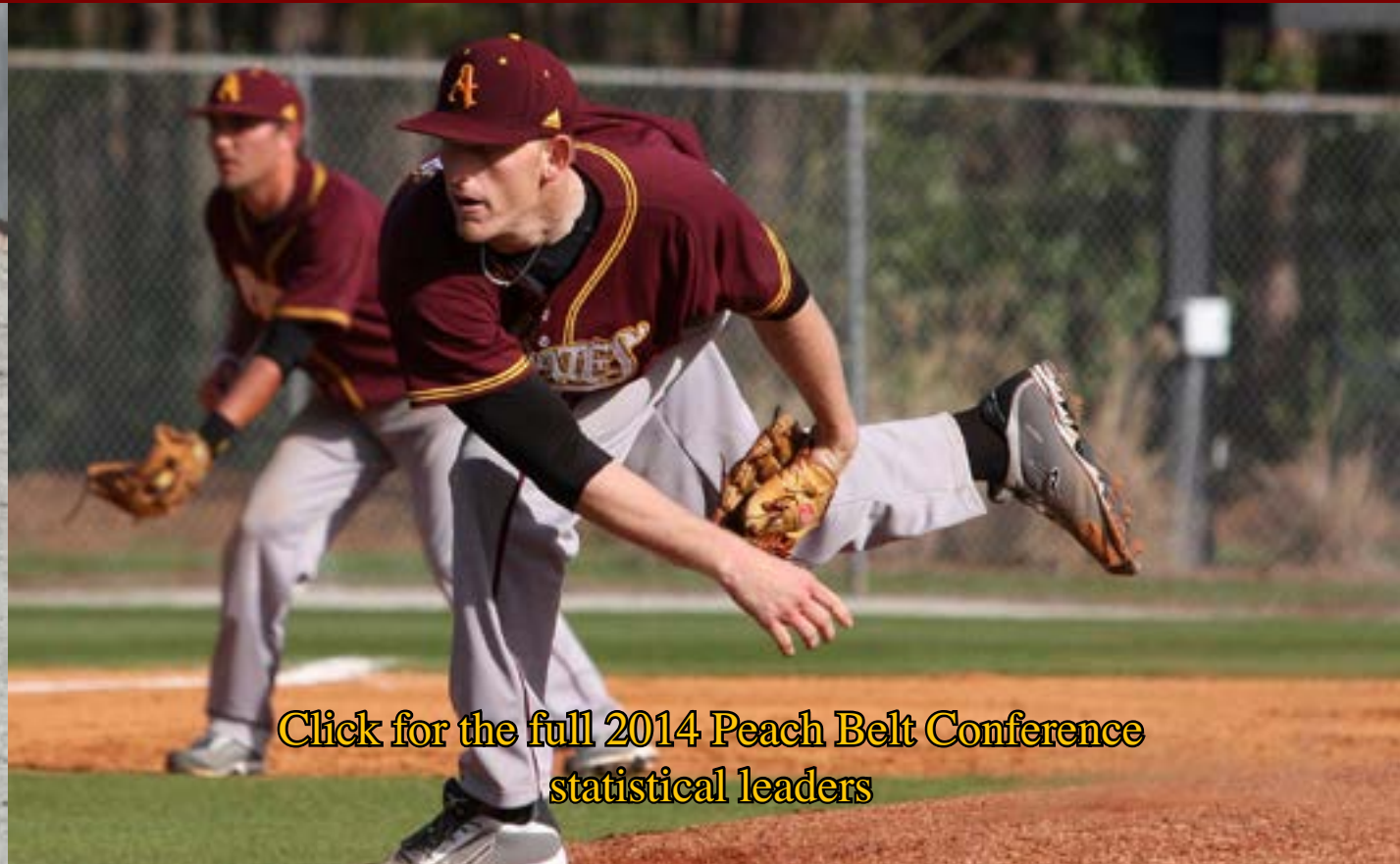
**JUNIOR  
6'4" 220 RHP  
METTER, GA  
UNIV OF GEORGIA**

## ARMSTRONG IN 2014 . . .

- Advanced to the PBC Tournament Semifinals with an 11-7 win over USC Aiken
- Won 10 straight games in April to clinch a berth into the PBC Tournament
- Featured PBC Pitcher of the Year Ethan Bader, who led the Peach Belt Conference in strikeouts and ranked second in wins. The senior set Armstrong's all-time win (31) and strikeout (293) records during the season



[Click for the full 2014 Peach Belt Conference baseball standings](#)



[Click for the full 2014 Peach Belt Conference statistical leaders](#)



Ryan Patterson



R.J. Dennard

## PIRATES HONORED IN 2014 . . .

- as Armstrong had two All-Peach Belt Conference honorees in Ethan Bader and R.J. Dennard
- Bader was named the PBC Pitcher of the Year, the first for Armstrong since Jeremy Wedel in 1998
- Bader also named to third-team ABCA All-American Team while both Bader and Dennard named ABCA All-Region
- Ryan Patterson was a three-time PBC Freshman of the Week honoree during the season



[Click for a listing of Armstrong's all-time baseball honors](#)

# PIRATE RECORDS

## PIRATE BASEBALL . . .

- Has compiled an all-time record of 1534-895 (.632) in 48 seasons
- The Pirates have registered 14 40-win seasons in school history
- Armstrong was 20-9 at Pirate Field in 2014



[Click for Armstrong's all-time baseball coaching records](#)

## JOE ROBERTS . . .

- Coached 34 seasons of Armstrong baseball from 1980-2013, compiling a career 1322-640 record
- NCAA Division II's all-time coaching wins leader
- Member of the ABCA and Georgia Dugout Club Halls of Fame

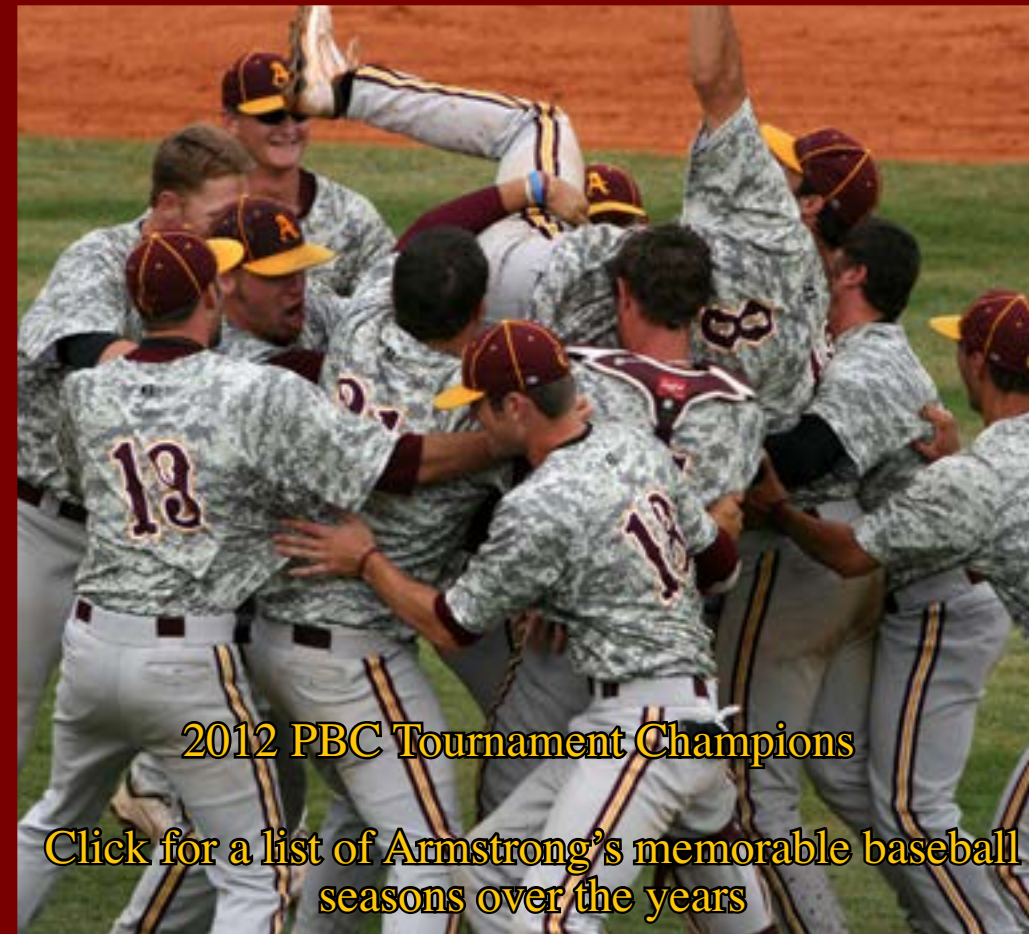


[Click for Armstrong's all-time team and individual records](#)

# MEMORABLE SEASONS • ALL AMERICANS

## ARMSTRONG IN 2015 WILL . . .

- Play 13 games against teams that advanced to the NCAA Championships in 2014
- Face eight teams that had 30+ wins in 2014
- Open the season with a day-night doubleheader on Feb. 1st vs. Salem Int'l at Pirate Field and Grayson Stadium



2012 PBC Tournament Champions

[Click for a list of Armstrong's memorable baseball seasons over the years](#)

Steve McNeill, Armstrong's first baseball All-American



# ARMSTRONG STATE PIRATES

## 2015 BASEBALL

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
Feb. 1	Sun.	Salem International (DH)	11:00 a.m.
Feb. 2	Mon.	Salem International	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 7	Sat.	Emmanuel (DH)	11:00 a.m.
Feb. 8	Sun.	Emmanuel	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 14	Sat.	USC Aiken (DH) *	11:00 a.m.
Feb. 15	Sun.	USC Aiken *	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 17	Tues.	Paine	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 21	Sat.	at Francis Marion *	3:00 p.m.
Feb. 22	Sun.	at Francis Marion (DH) *	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 24	Tues.	Cliffin	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 28	Sat.	at Ga. Southwestern *	5:00 p.m.
March 1	Sun.	at Ga. Southwestern (DH) *	1:00 p.m.
March 3	Tues.	at Cliffin	3:00 p.m.
March 7	Sat.	Lander (DH) *	11:00 a.m.
March 8	Sun.	Lander *	1:00 p.m.
March 10	Tues.	vs. Mount Olive (@ Sumter)	6:00 p.m.
March 14	Sat.	at Tusculum (DH)	1:00 p.m.
March 15	Sun.	at Tusculum	1:00 p.m.
March 20	Fri.	at GRU Augusta *	6:00 p.m.
March 21	Sat.	at GRU Augusta (DH) *	1:00 p.m.
March 24	Tues.	USC Beaufort	3:00 p.m.
March 27	Fri.	at North Georgia *	5:00 p.m.
March 28	Sat.	at North Georgia *	1:00 p.m.
March 29	Sun.	at North Georgia *	Noon
March 31	Tues.	at Belmont Abbey	2:30 p.m.
April 3	Fri.	Montevallo *	2:00 p.m.
April 4	Sat.	Montevallo (DH) *	Noon
April 7	Tues.	at Morehouse	2:00 p.m.
April 10	Fri.	Flagler *	3:00 p.m.
April 11	Sat.	Flagler *	1:00 p.m.
April 12	Sun.	Flagler *	1:00 p.m.
April 17	Fri.	at Georgia College *	6:00 p.m.
April 18	Sat.	at Georgia College (DH) *	Noon
April 21	Tues.	at Albany State	6:00 p.m.
April 25	Sat.	Columbus State (DH) *	Noon
April 26	Sun.	Columbus State	1:00 p.m.
May 2	Sat.	Belmont Abbey	3:00 p.m.
May 3	Sun.	Belmont Abbey (DH)	Noon

Home Games In Black

\* Peach Belt Conference Contests

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