2015

2015 Armstrong State University Baseball Guide

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2015 Armstrong Baseball Quick Facts

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

ASSISTANT COACH
BRIAN ENGLISH

• Joined Armstrong in 2013 after coaching at Middle Georgia

• Former standout at South Georgia and Valdosta State

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ASSISTANT COACH
TOMMY THOMSON

• Has assisted the Pirates since the 1981 season

• 2011 Armstrong Hall of Fame Service Citation award winner

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

**ARMSTRONG BASEBALL . . .**

- Has made 14 NCAA appearances in the last 27 seasons
- Captured the 2007 and 2012 PBC Tournament Titles
- Has compiled a 1249-499 record (.714) since 1983
- Has registered 32 consecutive winning seasons
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
SENIOR
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, FL
Lake Sumter State

22
Cody Sherlin
Junior
6'0" 185 INF
Ringgold, GA
Ringgold HS

24
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

40
Corey Crunk
Junior
5'11" 150 OF/P
Acworth, GA
Kennesaw Mtn HS

42
Caleb Woods
Sophomore
6'1" 240 RHP
Acworth, GA
Etowah HS
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
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
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

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

Josh Wilson
Steve McNeill, Armstrong’s first baseball All-American

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

Click for a list of Armstrong’s memorable baseball seasons over the years
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