2016 Armstrong State University Baseball Guide

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2016 PIRATES

Calvain Culberson
Will Browning
Sid Royal
Spencer Harvey
Chandler Corley
JT Phillips
Ryan Patterson
Aaron Bentley
Corey Kafka
Cody Kremer
Brian English
Casey Carroll

2016 ARMSTRONG BASEBALL QUICK FACTS

Location ....................................................... Savannah, Ga.
Founded .......................................................... 1935
Enrollment ..................................................... 7,250
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 ....................................... 62-34 / 2 Years
Overall Record ............................................... 2015 Record
2015 Record .................................................. 34-14
2015 PBC Record ........................................... 17-9 / 2nd
2015 Postseason Finish ..................................... PBC Tournament Finalists

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**HEAD COACH**

**CALVAIN CULBERSON**

- Led the Pirates to a 34-14 record and the PBC Tournament Championship game in 2015
- Assistant coach at Armstrong State 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 State 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

**ASSISTANT COACH**

**TOMMY THOMSON**

- Has assisted the Pirates since the 1981 season
- 2011 Armstrong Hall of Fame Service Citation award winner
For the 2016 season, the Pirates are...

- Picked to finish second in the Peach Belt Conference
- Ranked No. 25 in the Collegiate Baseball Preseason Top 30 Coaches Poll
- Featuring Preseason All-PBC and NCBWA Preseason All-Southeast Region

Tyler Graham, who tied a school record with 12 saves in 2015
ARMSTRONG STATE BASEBALL . . .

• Has made 14 NCAA appearances in the last 28 seasons
• Captured the 2007 and 2012 PBC Tournament Titles
• Has compiled a 1283-513 record (.714) since 1983
• Has registered 33 consecutive winning seasons

Armstrong baseball has advanced to the NCAA Division II World Series three times - in 1988, 1989 and 1994
2016 Pirate returners

5  Jerad Curry
Senior
6'2" 200 C
Buford, GA
Georgia Perimeter

7  Chandler Corley
Sophomore
6'0" 170 INF
Martinez, GA
Lakeside Evans HS

8  Berry Aldridge
Senior
5'8" 185 C/INF
Swainsboro, GA
Toombs County HS

14 Justin Adkins
Senior
5'11" 185 RHP
Dublin, GA
Piedmont Coll

15 Kendrick Thompson
Senior
6'1" 190 OF
Statesboro, GA
Georgia Perimeter

17 JT Phillips
Senior
6'3" 215 P/DH
Columbus, GA
Georgia Perimeter

18 Ryan Patterson
Junior
5'11" 210 OF/P
Snellville, GA
South Gwinnett HS

20 Tyler Green
Senior
6'2" 240 RHP
Dublin, GA
West Laurens HS

22 Cody Sherlin
Senior
6'0" 185 INF
Ringgold, GA
Ringgold HS
2016 Pirate Returners

23
Will Austin
Senior
5'11" 195 OF Savannah, GA
Southern Union CC

24
Nathan Ward
Senior
6'4" 195 OF Richmond Hill, GA
Richmond Hill HS

26
Cody Kremer
Senior
6'0" 200 RHP Adairsville, GA
Central Alabama CC

27
Will Browning
Senior
6'3" 215 C Hazlehurst, GA
Jeff Davis HS

31
Corey Kafka
Senior
6'0" 205 RHP Tunnel Hill, GA
Middle Georgia Coll

34
Tyler Graham
Senior
6'1" 205 RHP Dallas, GA
Middle Georgia Coll

40
Corey Crunk
Senior
5'11" 160 OF/P Acworth, GA
Kennesaw MtN HS

42
Caleb Woods
Junior
6'1" 240 RHP Acworth, GA
Etowah HS
2016 Pirate Newcomers

2  Sid Royal
Sophomore 6'1" 185 RHP
Screven, GA
Georgia Southern

3  Stetson Smith
Freshman 5'7" 150 INF
Blackshear, GA
Pierce County HS

6  Avery Fagan
Junior 5'11" 195 RHP
Loganville, GA
Georgia Southern

19  Aaron Bentley
Junior 6'0" 200 RHP
Winder, GA
Georgia Perimeter

21  Spencer Harvey
Junior 6'0" 210 OF
Guyton, GA
Georgia Southern

30  Nick Andress
Junior 6'0" 200 RHP
Katy, TX
West Georgia Tech

32  Zack Goble
Freshman 6'2" 200 INF/P
Blackshear, GA
Pierce County HS

38  Blake Turner
Junior 6'2" 190 LHP
Lawrenceville, GA
West Georgia Tech

41  Jamie Thaggard
Senior 6'3" 190 RHP
Acmworth, GA
Brenton-Parker

44  Ryan Lawless
Junior 6'3" 225 INF/P
St. Simons Island, GA
ABAC
ARMSTRONG IN 2015 . . .

• Advanced to the PBC Tournament Championship game with a pair of ninth-inning walk-off wins in the quarterfinals and semifinals on May 9th

• Finished the year ranked No. 26 in the *Collegiate Baseball* DII Top 30 Coaches Poll

• Led the league in strikeouts per nine innings at 9.3, which ranked 7th in NCAA DII

• Won 17 of its first 20 games, including a three-game sweep of defending region champion Lander and a 14-9 win over No. 2 Mount Olive
• as Armstrong had two first-team All-Peach Belt Conference honorees in Pete Nagel and Tyler Graham

• Three Pirates earned All-PBC Tournament honors: R.J. Dennard, Tyler Avera and Berry Aldridge

• Ryan Patterson made the PBC “Play of the Year” with his game-saving catch in the 9th inning vs. Lander on 3/8

• Five Pirates earned PBC All-Academic Honors: Dennard, Patterson, Corey Crunk, Cody Sherlin & Matt Wisniewski
Joe Roberts...

- Coached 34 seasons of Armstrong State 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

Pirate Baseball...

- Has compiled an all-time record of 1568-909 (.633) in 49 seasons
- The Pirates have registered 14 40-win seasons in school history
- Armstrong State was 20-6 at Pirate Field in 2014

Click for Armstrong State’s all-time baseball head coaching records

Click for Armstrong State’s all-time team and individual records
Steve McNeill, Armstrong’s first baseball All-American

MEMORABLE SEASONS • ALL AMERICANS

ARMSTRONG IN 2016 WILL . . .

• Play 10 games against teams that advanced to the NCAA Championships in 2015
• Face 10 teams that had 30+ wins in 2015
• Open the season with a doubleheader against Paine College at Historic Grayson Stadium

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