2017

2017 Armstrong State University Baseball Guide

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2017 Pirates

Location ...................................................... Savannah, Ga.  Athletic Director ................................................................. Lisa Sweany
Founded .......................................................... 1935  Head Coach ................................................................. Calvain Culberson
Enrollment ...................................................... 7,250  Record at Armstrong ......................................................... 81-65 / 3 Years
Nickname .......................................................... Pirates  Overall Record ................................................................. 81-65 / 3 Years
Colors .............................................................. Maroon & Gold  2016 Record ................................................................. 19-31
Affiliation .......................................................... NCAA Division II  2016 PBC Record ......................................................... 6-24 / 13th
Conference ....................................................... Peach Belt  2016 Postseason Finish ......................................................... None
President .......................................................... Dr. Linda Bleicken

2017 Armstrong State Baseball Quick Facts

Calvain Culberson  Sid Royal  Caleb Slaughter  Aaron Bentley
Blake Turner  Caleb Woods  Nathan Ward  Griff Faircloth
Will Browning  Zach Goble  Mark Felton

Ryan Patterson  Tray Roberts  Sam Gobergham  Brian English
Calvain Culberson  Zach Lance  Nick Andress  Tanner Hall
Chandler Corley

Matt Weeks  Will Hodges  Spencer Harvey  Tray Relewsik
Statton Smith  Tyler Epps  Mike Warren  Cal Young
Ben Haessler

Avery Fagan  Matt Meeks  Will Hodges  Spencer Harvey
Trey Polewski  Stetson Smith  Tyler Epps  Mike Warren
Cal Young  Ben Haessler
COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH

CALVAIN CULBERSON

- Has compiled an 81-65 overall head coaching record in three seasons for the Pirates

- 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 2017 season, the Pirates are...

• Picked to finish 11th in the Peach Belt Conference
• Returning 13 players and six starters from last season’s squad
• Featuring junior Chandler Corley, who is the top returning hitter from last season (.333), as well as senior Caleb Woods, the top returning pitcher (2-2, 3.78 ERA)
Armstrong baseball has advanced to the NCAA Division II World Series three times - in 1988, 1989 and 1994

**Armstrong State Baseball**

- Has made 14 NCAA appearances in the last 29 seasons
- Captured the 2007 and 2012 PBC Tournament Titles
- Has compiled a 1302-544 record (.705) since 1983
- Registered 33 consecutive winning seasons from 1980-2015
2017 Pirate Returners

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

5. Spencer Harvey
Senior
6'0" 210 OF
Guyton, GA
Georgia Southern

6. Avery Fagan
Senior
5'11" 190 RHP
Loganville, GA
Georgia Southern

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

12. Sid Royal
Junior
6'1" 185 RHP
Screven, GA
Georgia Southern

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

19. Aaron Bentley
Senior
6'0" 200 RHP
Winder, GA
Georgia Perimeter
2017 PIRATE NEWCOMERS

2  Matt Meeks  
Junior  
6'1" 185 RHP  
Kite, GA  
ABAC

8  Trey Polewski  
Freshman  
5'8" 170 INF  
Aiken, SC  
South Aiken HS

14  Sam Goberdhan  
Sophomore  
6'1" 175 LHP  
Adel, GA  
Darton College

15  Caleb Slaughter  
Junior  
6'3" 220 OF  
Cochran, GA  
ABAC

16  Mike Warren  
Junior  
5'10" 175 OF  
Macon, GA  
Andrew College

17  Tray Roberts  
Senior  
6'0" 185 OF  
Aiken, SC  
Liberty

20  Timothy Gray  
Freshman  
6'0" 195 INF  
Augusta, GA  
Westside HS
2017 Pirate Newcomers

21
TYLER EPPS
JUNIOR
6'0" 210 OF
STATESBORO, GA
MIDDLE GEORGIA

22
CAL YOUNG
JUNIOR
5'8" 170 INF
ROCHELLE, GA
EAST GEORGIA COLL

23
WILL HODGES
FRESHMAN
6'0" 185 OF
GUYTON, GA
EFFINGHAM COUNTY HS

26
MARK FELTON
FRESHMAN
6'3" 235 C
VALDOSTA, GA
LOWNDES HS

31
TANNER HALL
FRESHMAN
6'0" 189 LHP
WARNER ROBINS, GA
HOUSTON COUNTY HS

34
GRIFF FAIRCLOTH
FRESHMAN
6'1" 180 RHP
KATHLEEN, GA
VETERANS HS

35
BEN HAUESSLER
FRESHMAN
6'1" 190 RHP
SAVANNAH, GA
SAVANNAH CHRISTIAN
ARMSTRONG STATE IN 2016 . . .

• Played the longest PBC game in league history, defeating Montevallo 10-9 in 16 innings thanks to Jerad Curry’s solo home run - his third of the game

• Defeated three teams that advanced to the NCAA Championships - Tusculum, Belmont Abbey and Claflin

• Led the league in strikeouts per nine innings for a second straight season at 9.2, which ranked 3rd in NCAA DII
PIRATE HONOR ROLL

Stetson Smith

JT Phillips

PIRATES HONORED IN 2016 . . .

• as senior JT Phillips was named to the All-PBC second team, leading the league in strikeouts per nine innings

• Cody Sherlin was named the PBC Player of the Week on February 29th, while Stetson Smith was the PBC’s Freshman of the Week that same day

• Five Pirates earned PBC All-Academic Honors: Sherlin, Chandler Corley, Corey Crunk, Tyler Green and Ryan Patterson

Click for a listing of Armstrong State’s all-time baseball honors
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 1587-940 (.628) in 50 seasons
- The Pirates have registered 14 40-win seasons in school history
- Armstrong State was 15-12 at Pirate Field in 2016
Steve McNeill, Armstrong’s first baseball All-American

MEMORABLE SEASONS • ALL AMERICANS

ARMSTRONG STATE IN 2017 . . .

• Plays eight games against teams that advanced to the NCAA Championships in 2016

• Faces 10 teams that had 30+ wins in 2016

• Plays 29 home contests, beginning on Feb. 8 against Morehouse

2012 PBC Tournament Champions

Click for a list of Armstrong State’s memorable seasons over the years
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May 10-18 Wed.-Sat. at 2017 PBC Championships (Florence, SC)

Home Games In Black
* Peach Belt Conference Contests

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