

About Piedmont College

The oldest co-educational four-year, liberal arts college in northeast Georgia, Piedmont College (est. 1897) provides an excellent education in a small-town environment. Located on a 100-acre campus in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, PC is a small college with approximately 2,000 students and a student-to-faculty ratio of less than 14 to one. The college offers bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees in 26 major areas. Piedmont also offers numerous minors and has pre-professional programs in six fields of study from law to medicine. Despite being a small private institution, Piedmont College is growing by leaps and bounds. Just in the past five years, over \$25 million dollars of new buildings have been erected on the beautiful campus.



Intercollegiate Athletics

Piedmont College participates in 13 intercollegiate sports including seven for women and six for men. PC fields squads in men's and women's cross country, men's and women's soccer, and volleyball in the fall season. The winter season is made up of men's and women's basketball while the spring sports are baseball, softball, men's and women's golf, and men's and women's tennis. Since the fall of 2003 Piedmont has been an active member of NCAA Division-III with additional affiliations in the Great South Athletic Conference and the National Christian College Athletic Association.

On The Cover

Valentin Sigartau will highlight the 2006 roster for the PC men's tennis program. He will hold down the #1 spot after two straight conference titles at #2 singles.

NCAA Division-III

Colleges and universities in NCAA Division-III place the highest priority on the overall quality of the educational experience and on the successful completion of all students' academic programs. They seek to establish and maintain an environment in which a student-athlete's athletic activities are conducted as an integral part of the student-athlete's educational experience. They also seek to establish and maintain an environment that values cultural diversity and gender equity among their student-athletes and athletic staff. The purpose of the NCAA is to assist its members in developing the basis for consistent and equitable competition while minimizing infringement on the freedom of the individual institutions to determine their own special objectives and programs.



Great South Athletic Conference

The Great South Athletic Conference was founded in 1999 as a group of NCAA Division-III member institutions from the southeast with similar academic and athletic interests. Charter members include Fisk University, LaGrange College, Maryville College, and Piedmont College. In 2002, Huntingdon College and women's colleges Agnes Scott College and Wesleyan College were granted membership. In 2003, Spelman College was admitted to the GSAC on a provisional basis. The schools spread across Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee. All seven schools are either active or provisional members of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division-III.



Quick Facts

Location Demorest, Georgia
Mailing Address 165 Central Avenue
Nickname Lions
Colors Green & Gold
Enrollment 2,000
Founded 1897
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Men's Tennis Quick Facts

Head Coach Shane Wood, 6th Season
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Assistant Coach Nick Nash
Assistant Coach Sebastian Stanescu
2005 Overall Record 15-6
2005 Conference Record 4-0
2005 Conference Finish 1st out of 5
Starters Returning/Lost 6/2
Letterwinners Returning/Lost 6/2



For complete coverage of the 2006 Piedmont College men's tennis team including game stories, photos, and statistics, log onto the official website of PC Athletics @

www.piedmontlions.com

Johnny Mize Athletic Center



The home of the Piedmont College Department of Intercollegiate Athletics is the Johnny Mize Athletic Center. Opened in the spring of 2000, the 4.4 million dollar facility is one of the premier collegiate arenas for Division-III. The facility which is named after former Demorest resident and 1981 Baseball Hall of Fame inductee Johnny Mize, houses the Johnny Mize Baseball Museum. In addition to the baseball museum, the facility includes the 1,200 seat Cave Arena, a state-of-the-art two-story fitness center, four locker rooms, the athletic training and rehabilitation facility, two classrooms, an indoor track, a conference room, and offices for the PC Athletics staff.

Piedmont College Tennis Complex

The Piedmont College men and women's tennis programs call the tennis courts at Walker Complex their home. Located at the top of Walker Complex, the courts provide a breathtaking view of both the campus and the surrounding mountain ranges. After being recently repaved, the tennis courts provide a tremendous playing surface for all participants. These fully lighted courts provide one of the best tennis facilities in the entire South. With bleacher seating and a fenced in area the facility is very conducive for all spectators.



2005-2006 Piedmont College

Men's Tennis Roster

Name	Year
Jake LeMaster	Sophomore
Joseph Leonardo	Sophomore
Matt Nash	Junior
Mike Robertson	Junior
Taylor Smith	Junior
Valentin Sigartau	Senior

Head Coach: Shane Wood, 6th Season



Hometown/High School

Suwanee, GA/Valdosta State University

Suwanee, GA/Collins Hill

Lawrenceville, GA/Collins Hill

Lawrenceville, GA/Collins Hill

Lawrenceville, GA/Collins Hill

Bucharest, Romania/Mihai Viteazul



2006 Season Preview

The 2006 Piedmont College men's tennis team will look to build upon their 15-6 overall record of 2005. The Lions went undefeated at 4-0 in Great South Athletic Conference play and tallied their fifth straight conference title.

Since the Great South was originated in 2000, the men have only lost one regular season match, and have won every tournament title.

Piedmont is led by senior Valentin Sigartau who finished 45th nationally in singles according to the final ITA Tennis year-end rankings. Teamed with former player Sebastian Stanescu, the doubles team finished 15th nationally.

Also on the squad for the 2006 season are Matt Nash, Mike Robertson, and Taylor Smith who return for their junior season. Jake LeMaster and Joe Leonardo return for their sophomore season and round out the squad.

Last year the Lions placed all six singles players and three doubles teams on the Great South Athletic Conference All-Tournament team, and placed four on the All-Academic team.

For his efforts Stanescu, who will return on Head Coach Shane Wood's staff, was named the conference's Player of the Year. Joe Leonardo was named Freshman of the Year, and coach Wood was named league's Coach of the Year.

This year's schedule will feature eight home matches and a pair of Atlantic-South Region trips to Salisbury, MD and Sewanee, TN. The season will be capped off by the GSAC tournament held in Maryville, TN.



2006 Schedule

February

17 ... Oglethorpe University 3:00
21 ... North Georgia College 4:00
25 ... North Greenville College 11:00

March

3 @ Washington College 2:00
4 @ Goucher College 1:00
5 @ Salisbury University 10:00
16 ... @ LaGrange College * 4:00
18 ... Methodist College 3:00
21 ... @ North Georgia College 4:00
23 ... Fisk University * 3:00
31 ... @ University of the South 2:00 CST

April

1 vs. Mississippi College 10:00 CST
3 Wesleyan College * 4:00
6 Maryville College * 4:00
7 Averett University 4:00
8 @ Emory University 4:00
10 ... Huntingdon College * 3:30
11 ... @ Oglethorpe University 3:00
22 ... @ GSAC Tournament ^ TBA
23 ... @ GSAC Tournament ^ TBA
24 ... @ GSAC Tournament ^ TBA

Bold denotes home match
* denotes GSAC match
^ denotes GSAC Championship at Maryville, TN

Piedmont College Men's Tennis 2005 Inside The Numbers

15-6 overall record
4-0 in Great South competition
5 straight GSAC championships
1 regular season conference loss in 5 years
#8 final ranking in the Atlantic South Region
6 singles players named All-Conference
3 doubles teams named All-Conference
1 Player of the Year
1 Freshman of the year
1 Coach of the Year
4 All-Academic selections

Coaching Staff



Shane Wood, Head Coach

Shane Wood is entering his sixth year as the head coach of both the Piedmont College men's and women's tennis programs.

After a successful playing career at Piedmont in 1993 and 1994, Wood was named head tennis coach for their dormant men's and women's teams in 1999. He has immediately produced positive results, recording a 113-91 overall record for both teams in his six years as head coach.

During his tenure, Wood was named GSAC Men's Coach of the Year in 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004 and 2004-2005. He was named GSAC Women's Coach of the Year in 2003-2004.

Wood's most prominent highlight as coach came during the 2003-2004 season when his men's team was ranked as high as 23rd nationally in NCAA Division-III and earned the school's first-ever berth in the Division-III National Tournament.

Wood also coached participants in the Division-III men's singles championship in

2004 and 2005 and men's doubles championship in 2005. In addition, Wood's players earned Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) All-America honors in singles in 2003-2004 and 2004-2005. The National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) also awarded Piedmont players with first-team All-America accolades in singles and doubles in 2001-2002 and 2002-2003.

During his tenure, the men's team won the GSAC championship five times, while the women's teams completed two championship runs. Wood was also a member of the Atlantic-South Regional Advisory Committee for NCAA Division-III men's tennis.

Wood earned his bachelor's degree in History from the University of Georgia in 1998 and went to complete his master's degree in Public Administration from Piedmont in 2004. He has been a member of the United States Professional Tennis Association since 2001 and achieved P-2 certification in 2005.

Wood and his wife Jennifer have two children, Payton and Abby.

Nick Nash & Sebastian Stanescu Assistant Coaches

Sebastian Stanescu and Nick Nash will be entering their first seasons on Coach Shane Wood's staff.

Both 2005 graduates played an instrumental part in the 2005 Piedmont College men's tennis team who finished the season ranked eighth in the Atlantic-South Region. The doubles team of Stanescu and current senior Valentin Sigartau finished the 2005 season ranked 15th nationally. Stanescu was also awarded the first-ever NCAA Post-Graduate scholarship in Piedmont College history.

Stanescu and Nash are currently pursuing advanced degrees at Piedmont College.