

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

Junior Meredith Ray returns to anchor the 2006 PC softball roster after being voted the Great South Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Year last season.

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
President Dr. Ray Cleere
Affiliation NCAA Division-III
Conference ... Great South Athletic Conference
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Softball Quick Facts

Head Coach Terry Martin, 8th Season
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2005 Overall Record 26-16
2005 Conference Record 12-3
2005 Conference Finish 1st out of 7
Starters Returning/Lost 7/3
Letterwinners Returning/Lost 11/4



For complete coverage of the 2006 Piedmont College softball 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.

Walker Field

The Piedmont College softball team calls Walker Field its home. Nestled between the soccer field and Loudermilk Stadium the softball field features bleacher seating and a fully lighted complex that is conducive to both players and spectators. With one of the best softball playing surfaces in the south Walker Field lives up to its aesthetic appearance. In centerfield lies the Charlie Loudermilk Indoor Facility equipped with two seventy-foot adjustable cages and covered with AstroTurf. This facility provides all the needs of both the softball and baseball teams. The Lady Lions locker room is located at the top of the hill at the base of the Johnny Mize Athletic Center. This facility features both locker space and fully equipped shower facilities.

2006 Piedmont College Softball Roster

#	Name	Year	Position
00	Lindsay Drevlow	FR	Pitcher
2	Melissa Elrod	FR	OF
3	Heather Denne	SR	IF
4	Ashley Gragg	JR	OF
5	Emily Maxey	SO	OF
9	Ashley Dunson	JR	P
14	Leah Della Torre	FR	C
15	Brooke Smith	SO	OF
17	Meredith Ray	JR	Pitcher
22	May Alves	SR	IF
23	Mandy Fuston	JR	C
24	Amanda Powell	JR	IF
29	Marissa Harding	SO	IF
32	Megan Day	JR	OF
33	Lindsey Paulson	FR	IF

Head Coach: Terry Martin, 8th Season

Assistant Coach: Jason Miner



Hometown/High School

Rincon, GA/South Effingham

Hull, GA/Madison County

Ft. Walton Beach, FL/St. Pete CC

Clarkesville, GA/Habersham Central

Bishop, GA/Oconee County

Toccoa, GA/Stephens County

Watkinsville, GA/Oconee County

Murrayville, GA/North Hall

Conyers, GA/Heritage

St. Petersburg, FL/St. Pete CC

Buford, GA/Collins Hill

Toccoa, GA/Stephens County

Augusta, GA/Cross Creek

Durham, NC/South Granville

Oakwood, GA/West Hall



2006 Season Preview

The Piedmont College softball team enters the 2006 season looking to defend their 2005 Great South Athletic Conference Tournament championship, the first-ever in school's history.

The Lady Lions earned a share for first place of the GSAC regular season with a conference record of 9-3. Piedmont was able to place five players of last year's Great South All-Conference team including returners May Alves, Mandy Fuston and Meredith Ray. Ray was also recognized as the Pitcher of the Year and GSAC Tournament MVP.

The Lady Lions accolades were not only for their efforts on the field, but in the classroom as well. The women tallied a conference best six members on the All-Academic Team.

PC enters the 2006 campaign after losing three starters and two letter winners from last year's squad. Head Coach Terry Martin, named Great South Athletic Conference Coach of the Year for 2005, will look to fill those spots with five newcomers.

This year's schedule features trips to South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee.



2006 Game Schedule

February

25 ...	Emory University	1:00
25 ...	Emory University	3:00
27 ...	@ Emmanuel College	2:00
27 ...	@ Emmanuel College	4:00

March

1	@ Southern Wesleyan University	3:00
1	@ Southern Wesleyan University	5:00
3	@ Millsaps College	1:00 CST
3	@ Millsaps College	3:00 CST
5	@ Huntingdon College *	1:00 CST
5	@ Huntingdon College *	3:00 CST
13 ...	Spelman College *	2:00
13 ...	Spelman College *	4:00
14 ...	Emory & Henry College	1:00
14 ...	Emory & Henry College	3:00
18 ...	@ Fisk University *	12:00 CST
18 ...	@ Fisk University *	2:00 CST
21 ...	Agnes Scott College *	4:00
21 ...	Agnes Scott College *	6:00
23 ...	Wesleyan College *	5:00
23 ...	Wesleyan College *	7:00
25 ...	Maryville College *	1:00
25 ...	Maryville College *	3:00
30 ...	LaGrange College *	4:00
30 ...	LaGrange College *	6:00

April

2	@ Emory University	1:00
2	@ Emory University	3:00
5	@ Wesleyan College	5:00
5	@ Wesleyan College	7:00
7	@ NCCAA South Regional	TBA
8	@ NCCAA South Regional	TBA
14 ...	Emmanuel College	3:00
14 ...	Emmanuel College	5:00
19 ...	@ North Greenville College	3:00
19 ...	@ North Greenville College	5:00
22 ...	@ GSAC Tournament	TBA

Bold denotes home game
* denotes GSAC game

Coaching Staff



Terry Martin, Head Coach

Terry Martin is entering his eighth season as the head coach of the Piedmont College softball program. Last season, his team won the school's first-ever Great South Athletic Conference Championship and posted their second consecutive National Christian College Athletic Association National Championship appearance.

In 2004, he led his squad to a 24-16 overall record and its first-ever NCCAA National Championship tournament after a runner-up finish at the South Regional. Additionally, his 2004 team earned a NCAA Division-III Atlantic Region ranking for the majority of the season including a #7 final ranking.

In 2002, Martin led his Lady Lions to the Great South Athletic Conference regular-season championship after posting a 20-18 overall record.

A native of Toccoa, GA, Martin attended Nyack (NY) College where he was an All-Conference and All-American catcher in baseball. He earned his bachelor's degree from Nyack before moving on to earn his master's degree at the United States Sports Academy.

Jason Miner, Assistant Coach

Jason Miner begins his first season as assistant softball coach at Piedmont College. Miner comes to Piedmont after serving as the assistant sports information director at Presbyterian College for the past year and a half.

The Pine Bluff, AR native graduated from the University of Arkansas at Monticello in 2004 with a Bachelor's of Art in History.

While at UAM, Miner was a member of the Boll Weevil baseball team and the golf team. During his senior season, he worked with the Cotton Blossoms softball team and helped them to a Gulf South Conference West Division championship.

Great South Athletic Conference 2005 CHAMPIONS



Piedmont College Softball 2005 Inside The Numbers

- 1 GSAC Conference Championship
- 1 GSAC Coach of the Year
- 1 GSAC Pitcher of the Year
- 2 GSAC All-Freshman honorees
- 2 consecutive trips to NCCAA World Series
- 5 GSAC All-Conference honorees
- 6 GSAC All-Academic selections