

## **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.

### **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.

### **NCAA Sportsmanship**

In the honor of true sportsmanship, Piedmont College, the Great South Athletic Conference, and the NCAA encourage and promote good sportsmanship by student-athletes, coaches, and spectators. We request your cooperation by supporting the participants in a positive manner. Profanity, racial, ethnic, or sexist comments or any other intimidating actions directed at officials, student-athletes, coaches, or team representatives will not be tolerated and are grounds for removal from the site of competition.

### **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  
Athletic Director ..... John Dzik  
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Athletics Website ..... [www.piedmontlions.com](http://www.piedmontlions.com)

## Volleyball Quick Facts

Head Coach ..... Katie O'Brien, 7th Season  
Alma Mater ..... University of Iowa  
Career Record ..... 131-88  
Phone ..... (706) 778-3000x1055  
Email ..... [kobrien@piedmont.edu](mailto:kobrien@piedmont.edu)  
Assistant Coach ..... Kyle Zak  
Alma Mater ..... Piedmont College  
Phone ..... (706) 778-3000x1055  
Email ..... [kzak0209@lions.piedmont.edu](mailto:kzak0209@lions.piedmont.edu)  
2005 Overall Record ..... 20-17  
2005 Conference Record ..... 11-3  
2005 Conference Finish ..... 2nd out of 7  
Starters Returning/Lost ..... 8/2  
Letterwinners Returning/Lost ..... 8/2



Piedmont College Volleyball fans can get the latest scores and results sent directly to their cell phones by subscribing to the E-News Service at the online home of Piedmont College Athletics at

***[www.PiedmontLions.com](http://www.PiedmontLions.com)***

## Johnny Mize Athletic Center



The home of the Piedmont College volleyball program 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 Department of Athletics. The volleyball team's home locker room sits in the Johnny Mize Athletic Center. Located beside the training room and women's basketball locker room, the volleyball team has easy access to the gym and the fitness center. Encircled by personalized lockers and stools and fully equipped with shower facilities the carpeted locker room serves as home to the Lady Lions.



## 2006 Piedmont College Volleyball Numerical Roster

#	Name	Year	Position
1	Maja Ostojic	Senior	OH/OP
2	Jill Sparger	Junior	DS/OP
3	Tyler Baldonado	Freshman	S/DS
4	Katie Tucker	Freshman	MH
5	B.J. Ostrzycki	Junior	S
11	Nikki Cole	Freshman	OH/MH
12	Mandi Harmon	Senior	DS
17	Jacque DeMarrais	Senior	MH
18	Ashley Chima	Sophomore	OP/S
22	Meghann Clark	Sophomore	OH
33	Sarah Lane	Junior	MH

**Head Coach:** Katie O'Brien

**Assistant Coach:** Kyle Zak



**Height**

5'8

5'4

5'5

5'10

5'4

6'0

5'4

5'9

5'8

5'7

5'9

**Hometown/High School**

Kakanj, Bosnia/Rabun Gap Nacoochee

Harrisburg, NC/Central Carrabus

Atlanta, GA/Lakeside

Ellijay, GA/Gilmer County

Hazel Green, AL/Westminster Christian

Roswell, GA/Centennial

Loganville, GA/South Gwinnett

Lawrenceville, GA/Brookwood

Woodstock, GA/Etowah

Lawrenceville, GA/Peachtree Ridge

Gainesville, GA/Johnson



## **2006 Season Preview**

The Piedmont College volleyball team enters the 2006 season under the direction of head coach Katie O'Brien will look to improve upon their 2005 season which featured a runner-up finish in the regular season and tournament of the Great South Athletic Conference. After finishing 20-17 overall and 11-3 in the GSAC the Lady Lions were able to place four players on the All-Conference team, one player on the All-Freshman team and five players on the All-Academic team. Head Coach O'Brien was also named the Great South Athletic Conference Coach of the Year.

The Lady Lions will be anchored by three seniors: Jacque DeMarrais at middle hitter, Mandi Harmon the libero, and Maja Ostojic at outside hitter. Assisting in leading the squad will be juniors Jill Sparger at defensive specialist, B.J. Ostrzycki at setter and Sarah Lane at outside hitter. Meghann Clark returns for her sophomore campaign after being named to the GSAC All-Freshman team.

The 2006 schedule will feature five home matches including a pair of conference opponents in Maryville College and Senior Day against Agnes Scott College. The Lady Lions will go on the road and compete in the Oglethorpe University Invitational, the Greensboro College Alumni Invitational, the Thomas More College Invitational and the Centre College Halloween Bash. Perhaps the highlight of the schedule is when Piedmont will play host to the 2006 Great South Athletic Conference tournament November 3rd and 4th in the Johnny Mize Athletic Center.



**Jacque DeMarrais, a GSAC All-Conference selection last season, returns to lead the 2006 PC Lady Lion volleyball squad.**

## 2006 Schedule

### September

2	vs. Guilford College & .....	3:00
2	vs. North Central College & .....	5:00
3	vs. University of Dallas & .....	1:00
3	vs. Mississippi College & .....	3:00
<b>5</b>	<b>Toccoa Falls College .....</b>	<b>6:00</b>
8	vs. Meredith College # .....	2:00
8	@ Greensboro # .....	6:00
9	vs. Guilford # .....	10:00
9	vs. Lynchburg # .....	2:00
15	@ Maryville College * .....	6:00
16	@ University of the South .....	1:00 CST
20	@ Agnes Scott College * .....	6:30
<b>27</b>	<b>Oglethorpe University .....</b>	<b>7:00</b>
30	@ LaGrange College * .....	2:00
30	vs. Huntingdon College * .....	4:00

### October

1	vs. Spelman College * .....	12:00
<b>7</b>	<b>Maryville College * .....</b>	<b>1:00</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Reinhardt College .....</b>	<b>5:00</b>
14	vs. Thomas More College \$ .....	3:00
14	vs. Christopher Newport University \$ .....	5:00
15	vs. Westminster College \$ .....	11:00
17	@ Brenau University .....	4:00
17	vs. Oglethorpe University .....	6:00
21	vs. Spelman College * .....	2:00
21	vs. Huntingdon College * .....	4:00
22	vs. LaGrange College * .....	12:00
<b>25</b>	<b>Agnes Scott College * .....</b>	<b>6:30</b>
28	@ Centre College % .....	11:00
28	vs. College of Mount St. Joseph % .....	3:00
29	vs. Wilmington College % .....	11:00
29	TBA % .....	TBA

### November

<b>3</b>	<b>GSAC Championship .....</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>GSAC Championship .....</b>	<b>TBA</b>

Bold denotes home match

\* denotes GSAC match

& denotes Oglethorpe University Invitational

# denotes Greensboro College Alumni Invitational

\$ denotes Thomas More College Invitational

% Centre College Halloween Bash

## Coaching Staff



### **Katie O'Brien, Head Coach**

Head coach Katie O'Brien is entering her seventh season at the helm of the Piedmont College volleyball program. O'Brien, who also serves as PC's Senior Women's Administrator, owns a 131-88 career record for a career winning percentage of .598.

In 2001, O'Brien led her Lady Lions to the school's first-ever Great South Athletic Conference Championship and this past season, the team earned a GSAC runner-up finish. In both of those seasons O'Brien was voted as the league's Coach of the Year.

In her tenure, O'Brien has mentored 27 Academic All-Conference honorees, 16 All-Conference selections, a pair of GSAC Freshman of the Year, one league Player of the Year, and one Tournament MVP.

Prior to her coaching career, she was a standout player at the University of Iowa. She is currently ranked 14th on the Iowa career blocks list and is 13th in career attack percentage. Additionally, O'Brien posted back-to-back top-10 finishes in the Big-10 Conference in blocks per game (97 & 98).

In August of 2001, O'Brien completed her master's degree in Public Administration from Piedmont College.

In June of 2005, O'Brien married Freddie Chapman and the two reside in Clarkesville, GA.

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### **Kyle Zak, Assistant Coach**

Entering his first year as the assistant coach for Katie O'Brien will be Piedmont College alumnus Kyle Zak. The 1998 graduate holds a Business Administration degree and is currently pursuing his MBA while working at WSA Atlanta, Inc. as a Director of Corporate Operations.

His playing experience includes playing club volleyball at Ohio State University. Zak also continues to play at the USA volleyball level on a men's team in Atlanta. In addition to playing, he has been coaching at the juniors' level the past three years in Atlanta most recently serving as head coach with Atlanta Juniors-15 orange. Zak's team completed a successful season with two second-place finishes and participating in the National Qualifier in Dallas, TX.

Zak has also worked several clinics and has done individual coaching sessions for juniors players.