

Quick Facts

General Information

Location Atlanta, Ga.
 Founded..... 1913
 Enrollment..... 28,000
 Nickname..... Panthers
 Colors..... Blue (PMS 286C) and White
 Affiliation..... NCAA Division I
 Conference..... Colonial Athletic Association (CAA)
 President..... Dr. Mark P. Becker/1st Year
 Interim Athletics Director Bill Curry

History

First Year of Competition..... 1965
 Continuously since 1992
 Overall Record..... 539-873-1 (.382)

Home Field

Home Field..... The Field at Panthersville
 Capacity 1,000
 Dimensions LF-334, CF-385, RF-338
 Surface Natural Grass

Baseball Staff

Head Coach..... Greg Frady (Troy State, 1987)
 Georgia State Record..... 59-55/3rd Year
 Career Record..... 246-167/8 Years
 Assistant Coach..... Blaine McFerrin
 Assistant Coach..... Brad Stromdahl
 Volunteer Assistant..... Peter Wermuth
 Video Coordinator/Student Assistant..... Alex Jinks
 Athletic Trainer T.J. Obergefell

Team Information

2008 Overall Record..... 33-23
 Home: 23-11, Away: 10-12, Neutral: 0-0
 2008 CAA Record/Finish..... 12-17/8th
 Home: 5-9, Away: 7-8, Neutral: 0-0
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost..... 17/9
 Position Starters Returning/Lost..... 7/2
 Overall Position Players Returning/Lost 10/5
 Starting Pitchers Returning/Lost..... 5/2
 Overall Pitchers Returning/Lost 7/4
 Newcomers 11

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General Info.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
2/20	FRI.	CLEVELAND STATE	PANTHERSVILLE	5:00 pm
2/21	SAT.	CLEVELAND STATE (DH)	PANTHERSVILLE	12:00 pm
2/22	SUN.	CLEVELAND STATE	PANTHERSVILLE	12:00 pm
2/25	Wed.	@ Mercer	Macon, Ga.	4:00 pm
2/27	FRI.	EASTERN MICHIGAN	PANTHERSVILLE	6:00 pm
2/28	SAT.	EASTERN MICHIGAN	PANTHERSVILLE	1:00 pm
3/1	SUN.	EASTERN MICHIGAN	PANTHERSVILLE	1:00 pm
3/3	Tues.	@ South Carolina (R)	Columbia, S.C.	7:00 pm
3/6-8		Bethune-Cookman Tournament		
3/6	Fri.	vs. Xavier	Daytona Beach, Fla.	11:00 am
3/6	Fri.	vs. Michigan State	Daytona Beach, Fla.	3:00 pm
3/7	Sat.	vs. Xavier	Daytona Beach, Fla.	3:00 pm
3/7	Sat.	vs. Xavier	Daytona Beach, Fla.	4:00 pm
3/8	Sun.	@ Bethune-Cookman	Daytona Beach, Fla.	4:00 pm
3/10	Tues.	@ Florida A&M	Tallahassee, Fla.	3:00 pm
3/13	FRI.	UT-MARTIN	PANTHERSVILLE	6:00 pm
3/14	SAT.	UT-MARTIN	PANTHERSVILLE	1:00 pm
3/15	SUN.	UT-MARTIN	PANTHERSVILLE	1:00 pm
3/17	TUES.	SAVANNAH STATE (R)	PANTHERSVILLE	6:00 pm
3/18	WED.	GEORGIA (R)	PANTHERSVILLE	6:00 pm
3/20	Fri.	@ William & Mary*	Williamsburg, Va.	7:00 pm
3/21	Sat.	@ William & Mary*	Williamsburg, Va.	2:00 pm
3/22	Sun.	@ William & Mary*	Williamsburg, Va.	1:00pm
3/24	Tues.	@ Georgia Tech (R)	Atlanta, Ga.	6:00 pm
3/27	FRI.	UNC-WILMINGTON* (R)	PANTHERSVILLE	6:00 pm
3/28	SAT.	UNC-WILMINGTON*	PANTHERSVILLE	1:00 pm
3/29	SUN.	UNC-WILMINGTON*	PANTHERSVILLE	1:00 pm
3/31	TUES.	MERCER (R)	PANTHERSVILLE	6:00 pm
4/3	Fri.	@ Delaware*	Newark, Del.	3:00 pm
4/4	Sat.	@ Delaware*	Newark, Del.	1:00 pm
4/5	Sun.	@ Delaware*	Newark, Del.	1:00 pm
4/7	Tues.	@ Auburn (R)	Auburn, Ala.	7:00 pm
4/8	WED.	ALABAMA STATE (DH)	PANTHERSVILLE	4:00 pm
4/10	FRI.	OLD DOMINION* (R)	PANTHERSVILLE	6:00 pm
4/11	SAT.	OLD DOMINION*	PANTHERSVILLE	1:00 pm
4/12	SUN.	OLD DOMINION*	PANTHERSVILLE	1:00 pm
4/14	Tues.	@ Samford	Birmingham, Ala.	5:00 pm
4/15	WED.	GEORGIA TECH (R)	PANTHERSVILLE	6:00 pm
4/18	Sat.	@ Northeastern (DH)*	Boston, Mass.	11:00 am
4/19	Sun.	@ Northeastern*	Boston, Mass.	1:00 pm
4/21	Tues.	@ Tennessee Tech	Cookeville, Tenn.	7:00 pm
4/22	Wed.	@ Tennessee Tech	Cookeville, Tenn.	4:00 pm
4/24	Fri.	@ James Madison*	Harrisonburg, Va.	3:00 pm
4/25	Sat.	@ James Madison*	Harrisonburg, Va.	1:00 pm
4/26	Sun.	@ James Madison*	Harrisonburg, Va.	1:00 pm
5/1	FRI.	VCU* (R)	PANTHERSVILLE	6:00 pm
5/2	SAT.	VCU* (R)	PANTHERSVILLE	6:00 pm
5/3	SUN.	VCU*	PANTHERSVILLE	1:00 pm
5/5	TUES.	SAMFORD (R)	PANTHERSVILLE	6:00 pm
5/8	FRI.	TOWSON* (R)	PANTHERSVILLE	6:00 pm
5/9	SAT.	TOWSON*	PANTHERSVILLE	1:00 pm
5/10	SUN.	TOWSON*	PANTHERSVILLE	1:00 pm
5/12	TUES.	FLORIDA A&M (R)	PANTHERSVILLE	2:00 pm
5/15	FRI.	ALABAMA STATE (DH)	PANTHERSVILLE	1:00 pm
Wed.-Sat.	5/20-23	CAA Championships – Wilmington, NC		

**Directions to
The Field
at Panthersville**

From the South
Take I-75 North to I-285 East (Green-ville), exit onto Candler/Flat Shoals Road (Exit 48) and turn right, turn right on Clifton Springs Road. Field is approximately 1/4 mile down on the left.

From the North
Take I-75/85 South and exit onto I-20 East (Augusta), go approximately six miles and exit onto Candler Road (Exit 65) and turn right, go approximately one mile and turn right onto Panthersville Road, go 1/2 mile and turn right onto Clifton Springs Road. Field is approximately 1/4 mile down on the left.

From the West
Take I-20 East to Candler Road (Exit 65) and turn right, go approximately one mile and turn right onto Panthersville Road, go 1/2 mile and turn right onto Clifton Springs Road. Field is approximately 1/4 mile down on the left.

From the East
Take I-20 West to Candler Road (Exit 65) and turn left. Go approximately one mile and turn right onto Panthersville Road. Go 1/2 mile and turn right onto Clifton Springs Road. Field is approximately 1/4 mile down on the left.

BOLD denotes Home Game * denotes CAA game
- All times shown are Eastern Standard Time (EST)
R = Game broadcast on WRAS-FM 88.5 and online at GeorgiaStateSports.com and WRAS.org.
Schedule is subject to change.

For the Media

The Communications Office

The 2009 Georgia State Baseball Media Guide was produced to aid the media in its coverage of the Panther baseball team. Additional information and photographs are available to accredited members of the media through the Georgia State Sports Communications office. If you need additional materials, please contact Assistant Sports Information Director Mike Holmes at (404) 413-4033 or via e-mail at rholmes@gsu.edu.

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Media Credentials

If media (or professional scouts) are interested in covering a home game, please contact Mike Holmes at least 48 hours in advance. All credentials for home games are available for pick up at the ticket office. Credentials may be picked up two hours before first pitch.

Media Services

Up-to-date game notes and statistics, along with roster cards and media guides will be available prior to each home game. Box scores will be available in the press box after the contest. Statistics will be kept live on the Internet at GeorgiaStateSports.com.

Interviews

All interview requests for Georgia State coaches and student-athletes should be made through Mike Holmes.

Press Box

Limited media seating is available at home games. The press box telephone number is (404) 244-5801. Phone lines are available for visiting broadcasters and other media members.

On the Radio



For the tenth consecutive season, a slate of Georgia State baseball games will air on the Georgia State Radio Network. Games can be heard in the Atlanta area and all of North Georgia on WRAS-FM 88.5, the flagship station for Georgia State Athletics. Games can also be heard on the Internet at GeorgiaStateSports.com and WRAS.org.

Dave Cohen returns to the microphone for selected airings of Georgia State baseball in 2009. Now in his 26th season as play-by-play announcer for Georgia State men's basketball and tenth with Panther baseball, Cohen also enters his 12th season as broadcast coordinator. He will be joined for home games by former players Jeremy Compton and Rusty Bennett. Asst. Sports Information Director Mike Holmes will join him for road games as well as Panther Sports Talk 30 minutes prior to first pitch.

Cohen is a veteran sports reporter in Atlanta, having worked for WGST-AM 640, WCNN-AM 680, WSB-AM 750, and WGUN-AM 1010. He also works with the Furman University Football Radio Network in Greenville, S.C.

Cohen is a native of Lowell, Mass., and a graduate of Georgia State. He and his wife Carol reside in Alpharetta.

The couple has a eight-year old son Samuel, and a four-year old son, Jackson.

Media Info.

Logan Named to Wallace Watch List

Schedule	Results	Promotions
02/20 5:00 pm BSB vs Cleveland State		Panthers vs
02/21 12:00 pm BSB vs Cleveland State (DU)		Panthers vs

Season Preview

Coming off a record breaking season in 2008, it is no wonder why there are so many smiles and bright faces when discussing the 2009 season with coaches, players and fans. Although the squad lost one of its most decorated student-athletes of all-time in Jean-Michel Rochon-Salvas, there are over a handful of players who are ready to step up and claim that same honor.

The Panthers bring back four All-CAA performers from 2008, as well as add 11 highly-touted newcomers to the year's squad. The 2008 Panthers tied or broke 14 school records, including the most wins in a season with 33, after opening the season 8-0. This year's squad will look to continue to re-write the record book, while returning to the CAA Tournament in Wilmington, N.C. in May.

"I thought we had a very good season last year, but with the core of the team back that has matured very nicely, we feel as though there were some things left on the table that we wanted to accomplish," commented Head Coach Greg Frady. "That created a hunger for this team to work on in the off-season. The work ethic and leadership amongst the older players has been fantastic and I think the team really wants to go out and do something on the field that will surpass what we did last season."

Pitchers

One of the things that Frady and his squad is most excited about is the depth and experience on the mound. Senior Robinson Polanco returns to lead the staff after going 8-4 in 2008 and garnering All-CAA Third Team honors. Polanco was the Panthers series opening starter and led the team with 89.0 innings pitched, 71 strikeouts and 13 starts, while holding the opposition to just a .239 batting average.

"Robinson was very good for us last year and I think he was a very big contributing factor to us winning the amount of games that we did," commented Frady. He is our Friday night guy. If we are going to win the way we hope to, Friday night must be done. For any team that wants to be accounted for like we want to, there is a lot of focus on our Friday night guy."

Not to be outdone, Will Palmer returns for his senior season, giving the Panthers back-to-back left-handed pitchers to start weekend play once conference play gets underway in March. During his sophomore season, Palmer led the Panthers with a 3.57 ERA and held the opposition to just a .244 batting average. Palmer finished the year with a 4-3 record and 50 strikeouts in 80.2 innings pitched.

Senior Adam Knight also returns after a 4-3 season in 2008. After fall practice concluded, Frady was extremely happy with Knight's progress.

"He really stepped up his game on the mound in the off-season," stated Frady. "I think he advanced the furthest of any pitchers from last season."

Knight appeared in 17 games for State with seven starts and struck out just under a batter an inning.

The bullpen will be stocked with upperclassmen leadership to oversee the transition of several freshman to the team. Seniors Joel Reeves and John Locklear return after combining to go 4-2 in 2008. Locklear led the team with 20 appearances,



Bradley Logan and Chase Childers both earned All-CAA Honors in 2008 and are primed to be all-star candidates in 2009.

garnering 33.1 innings of work.

Redshirt Junior David Ferrer and newcomer, transfer Ryan Moore will also add depth on the mound. Ferrer made 19 appearances for the Panthers in 2008, finishing with a 2-3 record. Moore joins the Panthers after a very successful stint at Young Harris Junior College. The junior finished the year with a 6-0 record and three saves, to go along with a 3.00 ERA in 19 appearances. He threw 34 strikeouts in 48 innings pitched.

Sophomores Will Campbell and Zach Chastain both saw success during their freshman campaigns. Campbell finished the season making eight appearances and sporting a 2.53 ERA, while Chastain earned a win in 15 appearances on the mound. Chastain held opponents to a .222 batting average, while Campbell held the opposition to a .244 batting average.

The Panthers also add a duo of freshman right-handers to the mound for the upcoming season. Ben Marshall comes to the Panthers from Loganville High School after leading the Red Devils to the 4A State Championship in 2008. Nick Squeglia enters his first season after pitching for Collins Hill High School in 2008.

"We will need to let it play out as the non-conference season gets underway, but Will Palmer has been a very consistent pitcher for us," commented Frady on the rotation. "He pitched us deep in a lot of games last season and left with a lot of no decisions. I definitely feel like he is a weekend guy for us. I then feel as though we have four options for our third weekend starter as we enter the season. Adam Knight is one of the guys who has that potential. However, Adam also came to me during the off-season and said he wanted to be the closer for this team. He wants to be the deciding factor for us in every game. From a coaches perspective, you can't ask for any more than that. Ryan Moore is definitely an option, it is hard to say that he is a 'third starter' as he is pretty good. John Locklear did a great job as a starter over the summer. He was the Pitcher-of-the-Year in the Florida Collegiate League last summer and wants to be in that role. Finally, we have a freshman, Ben Marshall, who has been throwing really well and we will have to consider him as well."

Catchers

After a break-out year with the Panthers, senior Marc Mimeault returns behind the plate for State. During his junior year, Mimeault was named to the prestigious Johnny Bench Award Watch List, as one of the 47 players named to the national watch list, earning the distinction of one of the country's best catchers. Mimeault finished the year with a .330 batting average and 50 starts. He finished second on the team with 51 RBIs and 194 at bats, while earning a .448 slugging percentage.

"We love Mark. He is one of our team captains and team leaders. He is going to carry the bulk of the load behind the plate, but strategically, I have got to do a good job as a coach of getting him out of there as much as possible to keep him fresh all season. I need to get him in where we need him and get him out when we don't. We also have two great young catchers as well in Drew Parker and Chris Hallum that I know can do a good job."

In case Mimeault needs a break during the season, State will have plenty of back-up on the bench in Hallum and Parker. Hallum comes to the Panthers from Peachtree Ridge High School as a Georgia Top 100 prospect, while Parker played just up the road at McEachern High School in Powder Springs. Parker is a true winner on the diamond, having won seven national championships as a member of the East Cobb Astros and Braves.

"I think there is a theory out there about not playing freshman, but that is not the case with us. We want to bring in freshman who can play and make an impact immediately when called upon. If they can grasp the team concept and are good at taking direction of the coaching staff, they can definitely help the team. We have freshman this year who we are counting on and I think that they are prepared for the challenge."

Infielders

The depth across the infield this year may be greater than any other season in Georgia State history. Both Chase Childers and Bradley Logan return to the left side of the diamond after each earned



Senior Marc Mimeault was named to the Johnny Bench Award Watchlist in 2008 and will most certainly be a candidate in 2009.

All-CAA status in 2008. Logan smashed the single-season hits record at State, belting out 85 while earning All-CAA Second Team honors as the Panther starting third baseman. As a sophomore, Logan finished the season with a .376 batting average, second best on the team, while leading the team with 11 home runs and 63 RBIs. He also compiled a .624 slugging percentage and collected 141 total bases.

"I have so much confidence with our infield heading into the season," stated Frady. "Bradley Logan is our team leader. Chase Childers is our number three hitter and shortstop. Carl Moniz comes in as an all-conference player from junior college. Then you have Derek Simmons who has really improved and was an all-conference player last season. With all of that said, we have Theo Asher playing first base who is the best infielder that we have. We are so fortunate to think that we have a very good defensive team. Right behind those guys are three freshman that can play as well. Brandon Williams was the East Cobb Baseball MVP, Justin Malone probably played the best of any freshman this fall and will see time at reliever as well. Finally Daniel Blaustein made great progress throughout the fall season. Those guys have done a fantastic job of getting ready for the upcoming season."

Childers, who started 53 games at shortstop, earned All-CAA Third Team honors after batting .319 with 52 runs scored. During his junior year, Childers finished the year with a .429 on base percentage after walking a team-high 37 times.

The right-side of the infield has the potential to be as strong as well. Junior transfer Carl Moniz joins the Panthers after two years at NE Oklahoma CC. The native of Laval, Quebec, Moniz was an All-Region Second Team member both years, while batting .400 with four home runs, 45 RBIs and 15 stolen bases in 2008.

Several Panthers with experience as well as several newcomers will see duty at first base. Sophomore Theo Asher returns after starting 21 games in 2008. In 215 chances, Asher had just one error all season, while driving in 16 runs and scoring 15 times.

All-CAA First Team member Derek Simmons also returns for another season after a stellar junior season. Simmons was primarily used as a designated hitter in 2008, leading the team with a .379 batting average, hitting six home runs and scoring 43 runs. Simmons had an impressive .566 slugging percentage, while tying for second on the team with 69 hits.

Freshmen Justin Malone and Brandon Williams will add depth to the infield and should see some playing time early in the year. Malone, from Abingdon, Va., batted .515 during his senior year and holds the record for most hits in a season at Abingdon High School. He also earned all-state honors his last three years of high school. Williams, from right up the road in Marietta, attended Kell High School. Williams earned all-county first team honors his senior season, while leading the school in RBIs and belting out eight home runs.

Outfield

The Panther outfield will once again be loaded with depth. Matt Van Horn returns for his senior season after putting together an impressive junior campaign. Van Horn batted .350, while belting a .587 slugging percentage, second best on the

team. Also returning to the outfield will be Nick Hogan who started 51 games for the Panthers in 2008. Hogan batted .306 with 48 runs scored, while also leading the Panthers with 16 steals. Another senior, Mike McCree, returns for one more year after hitting .295 last season and starting 27 games for State. McCree was a key defensive replacement in the outfield for State when he didn't start.

Sophomore Jonathan Kolowich and redshirt freshman Joey Wood also return for their second seasons. Kolowich started 26 games as a freshman and batted .309 with 23 runs scored and 19 runners batted in. Wood suffered a season-ending injury early in the year, but had been batting .400 with six hits in just 15 at bats when the injury occurred.

"Depth and match-ups that we can create are definitely going to be the strong points of our outfield this season. When we were recruiting those outfielders, we were looking for guys with foot-speed and everyone of those guys can run. They are really great athletic players and are also very good defenders. Nick Hogan is the perfect example of that. He is a hardnosed guy that will dive into the wall if he needs to. He plays in a way that sets a tone for the team and it comes across for us as our lead-off hitter."

Schedule

The Panthers open the 2009 season with a four-game series against Cleveland State on Friday, February 20. The home slate consists of 32 games, highlighted by the NCAA National Runner-up Georgia Bulldogs coming to Panthersville on March 18th.

After opening the schedule at home, the Panthers will travel down I-75 to face Mercer on February 25th in a single-game series. The Bears will make the trip north later in the season on March 31st. State will return home the following weekend to face Eastern Michigan for the first time ever, with the series beginning on February 27th.

From there, State will begin its second longest road-trip of the season, beginning with at single game at SEC power South Carolina on March 3rd. The Panthers will then head to Florida for spring break to participate in a tournament hosted by Bethune-Cookman. State will take on the host Wildcats, play a pair with Xavier and face Michigan State out of the Big Ten. State will also make a stop in Tallahassee to face Florida A&M. The Rattlers will return a home game to Panthersville later in the season on May 12th.

State will return home on March 13th for a three-game series with UT-Martin, to be followed by weekday games against Savannah State and Georgia.

The road to Wilmington and the CAA Championship will begin on March 20th as State makes its first CAA road trip of the season to William & Mary. In all, the Panthers will play eight conference series in 2009, for a total of 24 conference games.

State will then return to Atlanta to face cross-town rival Georgia Tech on March 24th at Tech, with the Yellow Jackets returning the home game on April 15th. State will then host its first CAA series of the season as UNC Wilmington makes the trek to Atlanta beginning on March 27th.

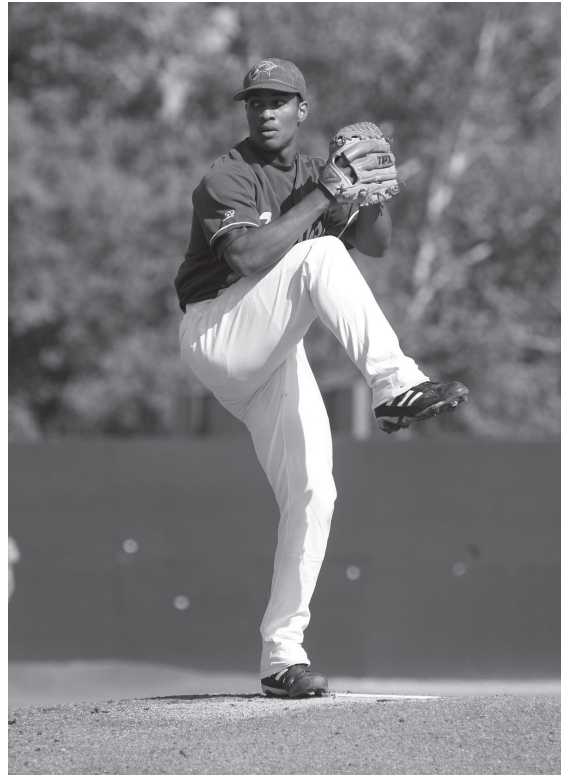
The Panthers will also play road series at Delaware (April 3-

5), Northeastern (April 18-19) and James Madison (April 24-26) as part of CAA play. State will have home series with Old Dominion (April 10-12), VCU (May 1-3) and Towson (May 8-10). The series with VCU and Towson will be part of a ten-game home stand at the end of the season.

Although conference play will be foremost in the minds of Coach Frady's squad, there will also be several intriguing week-day games intermingled during the season. State will travel to face SEC power Auburn on April 7th and return to Alabama a week later to face Samford on April 14th. The Bulldogs will return a home game later in the season and take on State on May 5th. State will also face Alabama State in a pair of double-headers on April 8th and May 15th. The Panthers will also travel for a two-game series at Tennessee Tech on April 21 and 22.

"The schedule will be trying since it is a there is a mix of some road games and some games that fans may consider "big games." To me, they are all big games. We have had to make some adjustments the schedule from when it first came out, but in the end, we will play a very good conference schedule and get to face some strong ACC and SEC opponents as well. We will play some mid-majors who are going to be in contention to win their conferences as well. I think the schedule will be trying, but if we are able to obtain one of our goals of 40-wins, then it will truly be a special year."

The 2009 CAA Championship will once again take place in Wilmington, North Carolina, as the Seahawks host for the sixth straight year. The winner of the tournament will once again receive the CAA's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.



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