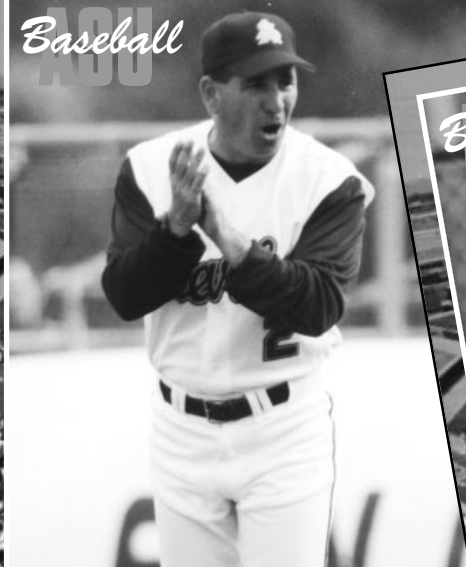


# SUN DEVIL BASEBALL

## Coaches



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*Sun Devil Baseball is the nation's greatest college tradition. I am honored and proud to be a part of it.*

And so Pat Murphy became only the third head coach in Arizona State's 42-year baseball history. His seven-year tenure at the helm of the ASU program has been marked with much success.

Since inheriting the Sun Devil program in August of 1994, Murphy has carefully nurtured the tradition of excellence in Tempe, at the same time establishing himself as one of the top collegiate head coaches in the nation. He has guided Arizona State to top-12 national rankings in three of the last four years, including an appearance in the 1998 College World Series national championship game. Murphy is 268-141-1 in his seven seasons in Tempe and posts an all-time 21-14 record in NCAA Tournament action. With a 641-312-4 career record in 16 seasons, he is the winningest active baseball coach under the age of 43 at any collegiate level. He also became the youngest collegiate coach to reach 500 career victories (with 75 percent of the wins at the Division I level) on March 22, 1998, with a 7-6 victory over California.

Throughout his illustrious career, Murphy has earned accolades in the international ranks as well, as led the Dutch Olympic Baseball Team in the Sydney 2000 Games this past September. No stranger to international baseball, his ties to the Dutch team stretch back more than a decade. In the summer of 1987, Murphy led Holland to the European Championship, a victory that qualified the squad for the 1988 Seoul Olympics. He was asked to coach Holland in the Seoul Olympics, but declined so he could return to the University of Notre Dame, where he had recently been named head coach.

In the 2000 Olympics, Murphy led the Dutch National team to their best showing in international competition with a 3-4 record in the Sydney games. The Netherlands placed fifth with wins over Australia, Cuba and their rival Italy. The Dutch's 4-2 victory over Cuba was the first loss in Olympic play at the time for the international power, a span that covered 21 games. The win by Murphy's squad was noted by nbcolympics.com as one of the top four upsets in Olympic team competition. The Dutch went on to finish fifth in the Olympic tournament. In a pre-

Olympic tournament, Murphy beat Team USA and their famous manager Tommy Lasorda.

Most recently at the college ranks, Murphy led the 2000 edition of Arizona State baseball to a 44-15 record, its third postseason appearance in four years and a final top-15 national ranking. The Sun Devils also captured their first Pac-10 Championship since 1993 with a 17-7 conference record, earning the league's automatic bid by virtue of tie breakers against both Stanford and UCLA. Adding to his credentials as the 1998 Baseball America National Coach of the Year, Murphy was voted the 2000 Pac-10 Coach of the Year by his peers.

Despite bowing out to Texas in the 2000 regional championship game, the Sun Devils led the nation in scoring and finished near the top in batting average for the second straight season, averaging just under 11 runs per game and hitting .346. ASU, playing "old school" college baseball, avoided being swept by an opponent in 2000. The Sun Devils also led the Pac-10 in attendance, averaging more than 2,600 fans at each home game. Mitch Jones, Casey Myers

and Jon Switzer earned All-America honors. Myers was selected Pac-10 Player of the Year, the second consecutive Sun Devil to receive the honor, and he garnered the highest possible academic honor, being named the GTE CoSIDA Baseball Academic-All-American of the Year.

Posting a 21-14 overall record (.611) in postseason play, Murphy's NCAA playoff repertoire also includes a niche for carrying out the upset victory. On three separate occasions, his teams have defeated the regional host team, while five of the last six Murphy-coached squads to make the playoffs have reached the "Sweet 16" or better. These accomplishments have come despite the fact that his teams have been sent to play the No. 1-ranked team five times in regional play (1992 at Miami, 1993 at Florida State, 1994 at Clemson, 1997 at Miami and 1998 at Wichita State). His ASU teams have finished in the top 12 in the nation in three out of the past four years.

During the 1999 season, Murphy assembled one of the most prolific offensive teams in ASU history. Concluding the year with a 39-21 overall record, the 1999 Sun Devils led the nation in batting average (.356) and scoring (11.32 runs per game). Their .356 team average tied the top single-season mark in ASU history, set by the 1981 National Championship Team. In addition, the Sun Devils led the conference in virtually every offensive category. Arizona State had more players drafted in the 1999 Major League Amateur Draft (10) than any other school in the Pac-10 Conference. The 1999 season also produced a Sun Devil Pac-10 Player of the Year, shortstop Willie Bloomquist.

Murphy's squads continue to demonstrate excellence in the classroom as well, as ASU boasted more Academic All-American selections (three) in 1999 than any other program in the nation. It was the most selections by an Arizona State baseball team in the history of the school. In 2000, two Sun Devils received such distinction, tops in the Pac-10.

Murphy and his coaching staff led the 1998 Sun Devils to the pinnacle of collegiate baseball — the College World Series in Omaha, Neb. It was Murphy's first trip to the big show, and it would be a memorable one. ASU finished second in the nation with a 41-23 overall record and a third-place finish in conference play (18-11). The Sun Devils concluded the season with a consensus No. 2-ranking and a total of six players earned All-America status. In addition, 10 Sun Devils were taken in the 1998 MLB Amateur Draft, including Ryan Mills, the sixth pick overall by the Minnesota Twins. In just his fourth season at ASU, Murphy became the second-fastest Pac-10 coach to reach the CWS championship game, behind only former Sun Devil Coach Jim Brock. For his efforts, he was named the Baseball America National Coach of the Year.

The 1997 season saw a return to the postseason, as Murphy guided the Devils to their 16th regional appearance. Arizona State just missed an 18th trip to Omaha, bowing out in the championship game of the Atlantic Regional to host Miami. ASU finished with a No. 11 ranking by Baseball America and a 39-22 overall record.

The Sun Devils ended the 1996 season ranked 25th by Baseball America and posted 35 Division I wins, with eight of those coming against top 25 teams. The 1996 squad posted the fourth-best team batting average (.338) in ASU history, and led the Pac-10 Southern Division in seven offensive categories including batting average, runs and hits. Murphy lost 11 players from the 1996 team to the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft. His



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first ASU squad posted 34 wins in 1995, including nine victories over top-10 foes, such as College World Series participants USC, Stanford and Florida State.

The 41-year-old Syracuse, N.Y., native and his coaching staff have assembled some of the finest recruiting classes in the nation during each of the past six years. His 1995 class was ranked No. 1 in the nation with names such as Phill Lowery, Andrew Beinbrink and Ryan Mills. Five straight Gatorade Players of the Year have committed to Arizona State. Year after year, Murphy lands the nation's top talent as the incoming recruiting class for 2002 is listed by Baseball America as one of the best in the nation.

Grooming players for the major league amateur draft has become Murphy's forte. In fact, in 16 seasons only one player has been drafted lower after playing for Murphy than he was out of high school or junior college — and that circumstance was injury related. ASU had more players drafted in 1998 and 1999 than any other Pac-10 school. From 1995-2000, 59 of Murphy's players were drafted or signed free-agent contracts. To put that in perspective, the University of Arizona had 24 players taken in the same amount of time.

Murphy has helped keep alive a streak of 39 straight years in which ASU has posted 30 or more victories. In the rivalry series against the University of Arizona, he has guided ASU to a 25-14 record (.641) in his six seasons in Tempe, never losing a series to the Wildcats. Murphy's Sun Devils can also be proud of a NCAA record 371-game streak without being shut out by an opponent. It is the longest streak in NCAA history, passing the old record of 350 set by Coastal Carolina on April 7, 2001. The last time a Murphy led squad was shut out was on April 7, 1995 at USC. In 11 of the last 13 seasons, Murphy's teams have finished in the top 30, a mark of both excellence and consistency.

Renovations at ASU's Packard Stadium have been started under Murphy's tutelage, including a state-of-the-art batting cage complex, adding to one of the finest college baseball facilities in the country. Plans for a remodeled entrance, player facilities, clubhouse and press box are also in the works. He has also made ASU a hotbed for up-and-coming head coaches. Murphy has had three assistant coaches take Division I head coaching jobs in the last three years (Doug Schreiber - Purdue; Nino Giarratano - San Francisco and John Pawlowski - College of Charleston).

Community outreach has been a signature of Murphy's teams, who are taught to give back to their communities and be positive role models. In 1995 he founded the Guadalupe Project, which provides baseball instruction and life skills lessons to underprivileged youth from Guadalupe, Ariz., a small town within the metro Phoenix area. The program provides year-round mentoring for kids aged 7-12 by Arizona State coaches and student-athletes, the primary goal to build leadership skills, self-esteem, encourage academic success and explore career opportunities. With help from the Tempe Diablos, Murphy also instituted the annual Diablo Free Youth Clinics, held at ASU's Packard Stadium each November and December for kids aged 7-12. More than 250 kids took part in 1999. In January 2000, Murphy and ASU baseball sponsored the first 5K Fun Run to Beat Lou Gehrig's Disease along with the ALS Arizona Chapter. This year saw Murphy take part in a charity boxing match to raise fund for his Guadalupe Project.

Prior to arriving at Arizona State, Murphy spent the previous seven seasons as head coach at the University of Notre Dame, where he guided the Irish to a consistent level of success unmatched in the history of the program. He posted a 318-116-1 (.732) record in South Bend, including consecutive trips to NCAA regional finals in 1992, 1993 and 1994, a streak matched only by Texas. He rebuilt Irish Baseball into a top-20 program, laying a strong foundation that still exists today. Under Murphy's guidance, the Irish averaged more than 46 wins per season and rejuvenated the pride in the program to the point where a new 3,000-seat stadium was built on the campus in the fall of 1993.

Murphy's 1994 Notre Dame squad finished 46-16 and came within one win of a trip to the College World Series. The Midwestern Collegiate Conference Champions advanced to the finals of the NCAA East Regional in Clemson, S.C., knocking off the host and No 1-ranked Tigers along the way. Notre Dame finished the season ranked 18th by Collegiate Baseball and 20th by Baseball America.

Murphy began his Notre Dame tenure in 1988, taking over a team that posted a combined 65-80 record in the three previous seasons. With a nucleus of players who finished 15-29 in 1987, and had never enjoyed a winning season at Notre Dame, Murphy began revamping the program and promptly led the Irish to a 39-22 mark.

The following six campaigns saw the Irish garner national rankings, conference titles, NCAA tournament appearances, 45-win seasons and more. Murphy's efforts were rewarded in just two years, as in 1989 the Irish posted a school-record 48 wins and logged their first NCAA tournament appearance in 19 years. Murphy guided the program to its first national ranking as the Irish were rated that year as high as 16th in The Sporting News, 23rd in Baseball America, and 24th in the Collegiate Baseball polls. Later, the Irish would earn their first MCC title by winning the final four games of the conference tournament in a span of 23 hours as Murphy snared his first MCC Coach-of-the-Year honor.

That season was followed by two more 45-win seasons. The 1990 Irish squad put together a 46-12 record, which ranked fourth in the nation. Over the last 29 games of the season, Notre Dame achieved a 25-4 mark to bring Murphy another MCC Coach-of-the-Year award.

In 1991, Notre Dame overcame a schedule that saw the Irish play their first 27 games on the road to post a 45-16 record. Included were wins away from home over national powers Texas and Miami as well as eventual national champion LSU and a mid-season 18-game win streak. In 1990, Murphy began a baseball tournament hosted by Notre Dame that was held in Seattle's Kingdome.

The 1992, 1993, and 1994 seasons added emphasis to Murphy's status as one of the nation's top coaches, as his Irish teams grabbed MCC titles and in each year beat regional hosts to come within one game of a trip to Omaha for the College World Series. It's no wonder why the Irish were labeled in 1992 by Baseball America as "the nation's fastest rising program." In fact, Murphy shunned the University of Miami's attempts to lure him away from Notre Dame and accept the Hurricanes' head job in 1992. While in South Bend, Murphy also helped found the Team One Showcase with former Notre Dame sports information assistant Jeff Spellman.

Murphy began his head coaching career at Maryville (Tenn.) College, leading the Division III Fighting Scots to their best record in 10 years during his first and only season in 1983. He was also an assistant football coach while at Maryville. He then returned to Florida Atlantic to serve as an assistant coach and administrative assistant to the athletic director. During his two-year stay, FAU compiled an 84-30 record and was consistently ranked among the top-10 Division II teams in the nation.

Murphy is married to Argee Montano of Hermosillo, Mexico and they have a baby boy, Kai Joseph, who was born in September. He also has a daughter, Keli (15) who lives in Morristown, Tenn.

## Pat Murphy Year-by-Year

Career Record: 641-312-4 (.672)/17 seasons  
Arizona State Record: 268-141-1 (.655)/Seven seasons

Year	School	Overall
2001	Arizona State	36-18-1
2000	Arizona State	44-15
1999	Arizona State	39-21
1998	Arizona State	41-23
1997	Arizona State	39-22
1996	Arizona State	35-21
1995	Arizona State	34-21
1994	Notre Dame	46-16
1993	Notre Dame	46-16
1992	Notre Dame	48-15
1991	Notre Dame	45-16
1990	Notre Dame	46-12
1989	Notre Dame	48-19-1
1988	Notre Dame	39-22
1987	Claremont-Mudd Scripps	21-18-1
1986	Claremont-Mudd Scripps	24-16
1983	Maryville (Tenn.)	10-21-1





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## ASU Baseball Assistant Coaches

### Jay Sferra

#### Assistant Coach, Sixth Year



Jay J. Sferra begins his sixth year at Arizona State University. In addition to his duties as the recruiting coordinator, Sferra will handle a variety of responsibilities for Murphy including coaching the pitchers.

As the recruiting coordinator, Sferra has established himself as one of the nation's top recruiters. This year's recruiting class that makes up newcomers of 2001 was ranked as the top recruiting class by *Baseball America* and third by *Collegiate Baseball*. He has had 30 ASU signees listed among the top 200 high school players in the nation.

For the previous five years, he was the director of instruction for Murphy's Pitch-by-Pitch Baseball Academy and the director of Coach Murphy's, program for youth, Guadalupe Project.

Sferra, is a 1977 graduate of the University of Colorado with a degree in recreational administration and a minor in business marketing. He was a four-year letterwinner in baseball and three-year letterwinner in basketball. He holds the NCAA record for most at-bats in a single game with 10, in a 22-inning game versus Nebraska. He had three bunt hits in that game. As a basketball player, Sferra was the starting point guard for CU and figures eighth all-time in career assists at Colorado.

### Mike Rooney

#### Assistant Coach, Third Year



Mike Rooney is in his third season as an assistant coach for the Arizona State baseball team. He handles a variety of duties, including coaching the infielders and helping with junior college recruiting. Rooney has been instrumental in taking ASU's relatively young and inexperienced infield, and making them one of the best defensive infields in the league. Last season the Sun Devils finished fifth in the NCAA with a .971 fielding percentage.

Rooney spent five years coaching at Malvern Prep in Malvern, Pennsylvania prior to arriving at ASU. While at Malvern Prep, he coached two first-round MLB picks in four years as the head coach - Ben Davis (2nd pick overall by the Padres in 1995) and Josh McKinley (11th pick overall by the Expos in 1998). He also coached future first-round pick Glenn Davis (27th pick overall by the Dodgers in 1997) who played at Vanderbilt after graduating from Malvern Prep.

A graduate of Notre Dame in 1992, Rooney earned his bachelor's degree in business administration and Accounting. While at Notre Dame, he played for Coach Murphy from 1989 to 1992 on the Irish baseball team. Rooney played six different positions during that time (every position except first, pitcher and catcher). He was a member of the '92 squad which was one win away from a trip to the College World Series. While Rooney was with the Irish, the teams averaged 47 wins per year.

### Bill Mosiello

#### Volunteer Assistant Coach, First Year



With 14 years of collegiate coaching experience, Bill Mosiello is the latest addition to the Arizona State coaching staff. He joined the team in April with a wealth of baseball knowledge behind him. Mosiello spent the last five years and part of this year as the Associate Head Coach at the University of Oklahoma. As the volunteer assistant coach, Mosiello will help instruct the Sun Devil players in hitting and fielding.

Mosiello was recently tabbed by *Baseball America* as one of the top 10 assistant coaches in the nation for the numerous coaching accomplishments he has achieved. During his young coaching career, Mosiello has helped guide 17 players to All-American status, seen 10 players selected in the first round of the Major League draft and also coached more than 30 players that are currently playing in the Major Leagues.

At Oklahoma, the Sooners posted several top finishes in the final national and conference fielding rankings, including a streak of three-straight first place finishes in the Big 12. Offensively, none of the Sooner teams under his direction hit worse than .309.

Mosiello joined the Sooners prior to the 1996 season after a three-year tour of duty in the Southeastern Conference that included two years (1993-94) as an assistant at Tennessee under head coach Rod Delmonico and one year (1995) as the pitching coach on Don Kessinger's staff at Mississippi.

Mosiello also coached at Cal State Fullerton (1991-92) where he helped coach the Titans to a runner-up finish in the College World Series in 1992. That Titan team was led by Golden Spikes Award-winner Phil Nevin, the first pick in the Major League draft.

Mosiello got his coaching start at Cerritos College in the competitive California junior college ranks. During his four years (1987-90), Cerritos posted a 163-34 record, won four South Coast Conference titles and earned two California state junior college championships. While Mosiello's collegiate coaching career has been successful, so too has his career as a summer league manager. Named Alaska League Manager of the Year in 1990 and 1991, Mosiello has managed two teams to Cape Cod League Western Division championships.

