

# OUTLOOK



# 2009 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Elg.	Hometown (High School/Last School)
18d	Oliver Aaron*	LB	6-0	205	So. ^	Gainesville, Fla. (Gainesville)
68	Corey Adams	DT	6-3	292	Fr.	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Saguaro)
56	Thomas Altieri**	C	6-1	301	Sr. ^	Vista, Calif. (Vista)
30	Derrall Anderson	LB	6-2	231	So. ^	Tampa, Fla. (Armwood)
1o	Ryan Bass*	RB	5-9	205	So.	Corona, Calif. (Centennial)
82	Allante Battle	WR	5-9	202	RS-Fr. ^	Phoenix, Ariz. (Desert Vista)
46	Jeff Bereuter*	LB	6-3	223	Jr. ^	Irving, Texas (MacArthur)
65	David Bertrand	DL	6-1	265	Sr. ^	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Horizon/Arizona)
3	Omar Bolden**	CB	5-10	195	Jr.	Ontario, Calif. (Colony)
34	James Brooks*	DE	6-5	278	So. ^	Flagstaff, Ariz. (Flagstaff)
98	Zach Brown**	DL	6-2	224	Jr. ^	Dallas, Texas (Salisbury)
7o	Jarrid Bryant	WR	6-4	185	Fr.	Salisbury, Conn. (Salisbury Prep)
7d	Vontaze Burfict	LB	6-3	245	Fr.	Corona, Calif. (Centennial)
37	Mike Callaghan*	LB	6-2	211	Jr. ^	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Brophy)
1	Deveron Carr	CB	5-11	184	RS-Fr. ^	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chaparral)
5d	Terell Carr*	CB	5-9	177	Sr.	Tulsa, Okla. (Charles Page/Pasadena CC)
20d	Jonathan Clark	S	6-0	187	So. ^	Arlington, Texas (Seguin)
87	Christopher Coyle	TE	6-3	235	Fr.	Westlake Village, Calif. (Oaks Christian)
51o	Clay Davie	SN	6-0	218	So. ^	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Pinnacle)
58	Dexter Davis***	DE	6-2	255	Sr. ^	Phoenix, Ariz. (Thunderbird)
49	Dean DeLeone	DE	6-2	245	Jr.	Park City, Utah (Park City/Orange Coast College)
36	Shaun DeWitty***	RB	6-2	210	Sr. ^	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Doherty)
64	Nick Emanuele	OL	6-6	277	RS-Fr. ^	San Diego, Calif. (Mt. Carmel)
99	Jonathan English**	DT	6-0	282	Jr.	River Ridge, La. (John Curtis Christian)
77d	Saia Falahola*	DT	6-1	298	Jr. ^	Eules, Texas (Trinity)
88	Steven Figueroa	TE	6-4	251	RS-Fr. ^	Tempe, Ariz. (Desert Vista)
62	Evan Finkenberg	OL	6-6	265	Fr.	Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif. (Tesoro)
9d	Clint Floyd*	S	5-10	198	So.	Los Angeles, Calif. (Crenshaw)
45	Spencer Gasu	DL	6-1	289	Sr.	Santa Ana, Calif. (Valencia/Santa Ana JC)
52o	Garth Gerhart*	OL	6-1	302	So. ^	Norco, Calif. (Norco)
44	Travis Goethel***	LB	6-3	237	Sr.	Vista, Calif. (Vista)
79	Brent Good*	OL	6-2	342	Sr. ^	Chandler, Ariz. (Holy Cross)
50	Lawrence Guy*	DL	6-5	293	So.	Las Vegas, Nev. (Western)
38k	Trevor Hankins	P	6-3	229	Jr. ^	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chaparral/Glendale CC)
59	Jon Hargis**	LT	6-3	312	Jr. ^	Mesa, Ariz. (Red Mountain)
6d	Cameron Harkey	DB	5-10	181	Sr. ^	Spokane, Wash. (Sierra JC)
80	J.J. Holliday	WR	6-0	165	Fr.	Tucson, Ariz. (Santa Rita)
8d	Jarrell Holman*	S	6-0	200	Sr. ^	Las Vegas, Nev. (Cheyenne/Phoenix College)
66	Matt Hustad	OL	6-5	292	So. ^	Helena, Mont. (Helena)
19d	Osahon Irabor	CB	5-11	183	Fr.	Upland, Calif. (Upland)
76	Patrick Jamison	OL	6-3	280	RS-Fr. ^	Chandler, Ariz. (Hamilton)
92	Jamaar Jarrett*	DE	6-5	268	So.	San Marcos, Calif. (Mission Hills)
10d	Keelan Johnson	S	6-0	199	RS-Fr. ^	Mesa, Ariz. (Mesa)
78	Kyle Johnson	OL	6-7	292	RS-Fr. ^	Norco, Calif. (Norco)
41	Anthony Jones	LB	6-2	218	Fr.	Chandler, Ariz. (Hamilton)
51d	Otis Jones	DL	6-1	285	RS-Fr. ^	Lawndale, Calif. (Leuzinger)
23d	Josh Jordan*	CB	6-1	173	So.	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)
41o	Cameron Kastl	SN	6-4	231	RS-Fr. ^	Phoenix, Ariz. (Mountain Pointe)
89	Dan Knapp*	TE	6-5	258	So. ^	Reno, Nev. (Reno)
69	Kody Koebensky	OL	6-4	303	Fr.	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Saguaro)
45o	Trevor Kohl	TE	6-1	248	So.	Gilbert, Ariz. (Mesquite/Mesa CC)
19o	Kipeli Koniseti	ATH	6-3	235	Fr.	Sacramento, Calif. (Grant)
67	Shawn Lauvao***	OL	6-3	305	Sr. ^	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Farrington)
4d	LeQuan Lewis	CB	5-11	193	Jr.	Norwalk, Calif. (Artesia/Cerritos College)
13d	Shelly Lyons*	LB	6-2	225	So.	Corona, Calif. (Centennial)
48	Brandon Magee*	LB	5-11	226	So.	Corona, Calif. (Centennial)
83	Stanley Malamala*	TE	6-3	267	Sr.	Lahaina, Hawai'i (Lahainaluna/Golden West College)
70	Mike Marcisz	OL	6-5	298	So. ^	Livermore, Calif. (Granada)
68	Trent Marsh	OL	6-1	318	So. ^	St. Louis, Mo. (Lafayette)
26	Cameron Marshall	RB	5-11	210	Fr.	San Jose, Calif. (Valley Christian)
4o	Brian Matsumoto	WR	6-0	177	Sr.	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Punahou)
29	Shane McCullen	S	6-2	208	Fr.	Apache Junction, Ariz. (Apache Junction)
2d	Ryan McFoy***	S	6-1	209	Sr.	Chino, Calif. (Chino)
13o	Chris McGaha***	WR	6-1	199	Sr. ^	Phoenix, Ariz. (Moon Valley)
32	Jamal Miles	RB	5-10	180	Fr.	Peoria, Ariz. (Peoria)

## Numerical Roster

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1o	Ryan Bass	RB
1d	Deveron Carr	CB
2d	Ryan McFoy	S
2o	Brandon Smith	WR
3	Omar Bolden	CB
4d	LeQuan Lewis	CB
4o	Brian Matsumoto	WR
5d	Terell Carr	CB
5o	Kerry Taylor	WR
6d	Cameron Harkey	DB
6o	Kyle Williams	WR
7o	Jarrid Bryant	WR
7d	Vontaze Burfict	LB
8d	Jarrell Holman	S
8o	Gerell Robinson	WR
9d	Clint Floyd	S
9o	A.J. Pickens	WR
10d	Keelan Johnson	S
10o	Samson Szakacsy	QB
12	Matthew Tucker	S
13d	Shelly Lyons	LB
13o	Chris McGaha	WR
14	Steven Threet	QB
15o	Danny Sullivan	QB
16	Aaron Pflugrad	WR
17	Brock Osweiler	QB
18	Oliver Aaron	LB
19d	Osahon Irabor	CB
19o	Kipeli Koniseti	ATH
20d	Jonathan Clark	S
20o	Jarrell Woods	RB
21d	Colin Parker	LB
22	James Morrison	RB
23	Josh Jordan	CB
24	Max Tabach	S
25	Mike Nixon	LB
26	Cameron Marshall	RB
28	Thomas Weber	PK
29	Shane McCullen	S
30	Derrall Anderson	LB
31o	Dimitri Nance	RB
31d	Pierre Singfield	CB
32	Jamal Miles	RB
34	James Brooks	DE
36	Shaun DeWitty	RB
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55	Jamarr Robinson	DE
56	Thomas Altieri	C

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91	Leo Montt	TE	6-1	260	Sr. ^	Rio Rico, Ariz. (Nogales)
61	Bo Moos	DL	6-0	288	So. ^	Eugene, Ore. (Sheldon)
22	James Morrison	RB	5-11	219	RS-Fr. ^	Phoenix, Ariz. (St. Mary's)
47	Gerald Munns**	LB	6-4	242	Sr.	Queen Creek, Ariz. (Hamilton)
31o	Dimitri Nance***	RB	5-10	218	Sr.	Eules, Texas (Trinity)
25	Mike Nixon***	LB	6-3	224	Sr.	Phoenix, Ariz. (Sunnyslope)
74	Tom Njunge*	OL	6-5	272	Sr.	Pasadena, Calif. (Muir/Pasadena CC)
57	Thomas Ohmart*	SN	6-1	243	So.	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Horizon)
17	Brock Osweiler	QB	6-8	237	Fr.	Kalispell, Mont. (Flathead)
21	Colin Parker*	LB	6-1	228	So. ^	Chandler, Ariz. (Hamilton)
16	Aaron Pflugrad	WR	5-10	172	Jr.	Eugene, Ore. (Sheldon/University of Oregon)
9o	A.J. Pickens	WR	5-10	172	RS-Fr. ^	Chino, Calif. (Don Lugo)
8o	Gerell Robinson*	WR	6-4	230	So.	Phoenix, Ariz. (Hamilton)
55	Jamarr Robinson**	DE	6-2	247	Jr. ^	Fairfield, Calif. (Fairfield)
72	Andrew Sampson	OL	6-3	299	RS-Fr. ^	Aurora, Colo. (Overland)
75	Zach Schlink*	OL	6-4	331	So.	Peoria, Ariz. (Centennial)
6o	Chris Scott	OL	6-1	282	So. ^	Somerdale, N.J. (Triton)
86	T.J. Simpson*	WR	6-1	189	So. ^	Peoria, Ariz. (Peoria)
31d	Pierre Singfield*	CB	5-11	196	Sr.	Green Valley, Ariz. (Pima CC)
81	Ryan Skorupka	TE	6-0	225	Jr. ^	Sparta, N.J. (Sparta/Monmouth University)
2o	Brandon Smith*	WR	6-2	195	Sr. ^	Bakersfield, Calif. (West)
95	Gregory Smith	DE	6-3	240	Fr.	Perris, Calif. (Citrus Hill)
85	Max Smith	TE	6-2	258	Fr.	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Saguaro)
15o	Danny Sullivan***	QB	6-4	242	Sr.	Los Gatos, Calif. (Los Gatos)
9o	William Sutton	DT	6-2	275	Fr.	Corona, Calif. (Centennial)
10o	Samson Szakacsy	QB	6-4	205	So. ^	Camarillo, Calif. (Camarillo)
24d	Max Tabach*	S	6-2	205	Jr.	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Saguaro/Glendale CC)
5o	Kerry Taylor**	WR	6-0	197	Jr.	Chandler, Ariz. (Hamilton)
77o	Adam Tello*	OL	6-3	290	So. ^	Norco, Calif. (Norco)
14	Steven Threet	QB	6-6	230	So.	Adrian, Mich./Adrian/University of Michigan)
93	Zeb Togiai	DL	6-2	293	RS-Fr. ^	Phoenix, Ariz. (Desert Vista)
12	Matthew Tucker	S	6-1	197	Fr.	Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)
96	Toa Tuitea	DE	6-3	246	RS-Fr. ^	Westminster, Calif. (Westminster)
28	Thomas Weber**	PK	6-1	207	Jr. ^	Downey, Calif. (Loyola)
84	Jovon Williams**	TE	6-4	225	Sr. ^	Covina, Calif. (Charter Oak)
6	Kyle Williams***	WR	5-10	186	Sr.	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chaparral)
20o	Jarrell Woods	RB	5-10	215	Sr. ^	Northville, Mich. (West Los Angeles College)

**Head Coach:** Dennis Erickson, 3rd Season

Assistant Coaches: Rich Olson (Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks), Craig Bray (Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers), Grady Stretz (Defensive Line), Greg Burns (Defensive Backs), Gregg Smith (Offensive Line), Jamie Christian (Tight Ends/Special Teams), Eric Yarber (Wide Receivers), Matt Lubick (Asst. Head Coach/Safeties/Recruiting Coordinator), Bryce Erickson (Running Backs). Graduate Assistants: Chris Peterson (Offense), Alex Hamill (Defense).

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57	Thomas Ohmart.....	SN
58	Dexter Davis.....	DE
59	Jon Hargis.....	LT
60	Chris Scott.....	OL
61	Bo Moos.....	DL
62	Evan Finkenberg.....	OL
64	Nick Emanuele.....	OL
65	David Bertrand.....	DL
66	Matt Hustad.....	OL
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95	Gregory Smith.....	DE
96	Toa Tuitea.....	DL
98	Zach Brown.....	DL
99	Jonathan English.....	DT

## Pronunciation Guide

Thomas Altieri – Al-TEER-ee  
 Jeff Bereuter – Burr-OOH-ter  
 Jarrid Bryant – JARE-id Bryant  
 Vontaze Burfict – Von-TEZZ Burr-FICT  
 Deveron Carr – DEV-er-on  
 Dean DeLeone – Dean Dee-LEE-own  
 Saia Falahola – SIGH Fah-lah-HOLE-uh  
 Steven Figueroa – Fig-urh-OH-a  
 Spencer Gasu – GAS-ooH  
 Travis Goethel – GAY-thul

Jarrell Holman – Juh-RELL  
 Matt Hustad – HEWS-sted  
 Osahon Irabor – OH-suh-hohn EAR-rah-bore  
 Cameron Kastl – Cameron Castle  
 Kody Koebensky – Kody Koh-BEN-skee  
 Trevor Kohl – Trevor Cole  
 LeQuan Lewis – La-QWAN Lewis  
 Mike Marcisz – Mar-CEASE  
 Chris McGaha – McGAY-hay  
 Bo Moos – MOOSE

Tom Njunge – NUN-gee  
 Thomas Ohmart – OH-mart  
 Brock Osweiler – Brock OSS-why-luhr  
 Ryan Skorupka – Score-UP-kuh  
 Samson Szakacsy – Suh-KAY-chee  
 Max Tabach – TAY-back  
 Zeb Togiai – TOE-gee-eye  
 Toa Tuitea – TOE-uh Too-a-TAY-uh  
 Jarrell Woods – Juh-RELL





# OUTLOOK

**A**s Arizona State University enters year three under head coach Dennis Erickson, one of college football's most prominent leaders, Sun Devil fans eagerly anticipate seeing the 2009 squad which combines accomplished veteran talent and a bounty of exciting young student-athletes. Erickson, the 2007 Pacific-10 Conference Coach of the Year, has built a nucleus of standout physical talent with the collective capability to help catapult ASU to Pac-10 prominence.

With 14 offensive and defensive starters and all specialists returning from 2008, ASU looks to maintain continuity on both sides of the football while implementing an open attack on offense and an aggressive, fast and physical style on defense.

## Offense

With an exciting crop of wide receivers, a talented stable of running backs and a hard working offensive line, the outlook for the Sun Devil offense shines bright as a new quarterback will be introduced under center for ASU. Schematically, the Sun Devils intend to continue to employ several multiple-receiver sets to take advantage of a tremendous amount of skill position talent. Operating primarily out of single-back formations and utilizing multiple tight end sets, the Sun Devils boast a variety of offensive options to utilize in 2009.

Wide receivers Chris McGaha, Kyle Williams and Kerry Taylor guide the receiving end of the passing game, while powerhouse offensive tackle Shawn Lauvao spearheads the offensive line. A group of talented running backs and tight ends rounds out the offensive talent, while spring and fall competitions will help provide ASU with a new starting quarterback in place of the previous four-year starter, Rudy Carpenter.

## Quarterback

Undoubtedly the most challenging replacement for the Sun Devil offense to make in 2009 will be supplanting graduated quarterback Rudy Carpenter, a starter in 43 consecutive games from 2005-08 and a gritty, competitive leader for the Sun Devils during his collegiate career.

A group of hungry passers began spring practice with the intention to be under center for the Sun Devils with the first-team offense, sparking exciting competition among the competitors.

Helping develop ASU's quarterbacks is offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Rich Olson, in his third year at the offensive helm at ASU, whose resume includes successful tenures in the National Football League and with other prominent college programs.

After spending the past three seasons as Carpenter's top reserve, senior Danny Sullivan boasts size, arm strength and the advantage of three years in the Sun Devil program and has worked to earn significant practice time as ASU's leading candidate to start at quarterback. A native of Los Gatos, Calif., Sullivan has appeared in 25 career games as ASU's second quarterback, passing for 409 yards and three touchdowns. Sullivan maintained an edge over his counterparts during spring drills, showing tremendous poise, efficiency and leadership skills at quarterback while displaying the ability to make all the necessary throws to finely facilitate the Sun Devil offense.

Adding a dynamic element of elusive scrambling ability to an improving passing arm, sophomore Samson Szakacsy spent the spring competing for time with Sullivan as he battled to lead the ASU offense. The fastest quarterback on the roster and an excellent overall athlete, the 6-4, 205-pounder was rated as the No. 18 quarterback prospect in the nation by



**QB Danny Sullivan**

SuperPrep after a stellar career at Camarillo (Calif.) High School, highlighted by setting a Ventura County record as a junior with a completion rating of 72.4-percent. Szakacsy had improved both physically and on the field since his arrival to Tempe and has the potential to be a future playmaker in and out of the pocket for ASU.

A rare true freshman midseason transfer, Brock Osweiler of Kalispell, Mont., came to ASU in January with tremendous intrigue, as the 6-8, 237-pound former basketball star provides a unique physical presence to the quarterback position. Intelligent beyond his years both on and off the field, with a powerful arm and excellent athletic talents, Osweiler enjoyed an excellent spring and will continue to compete for early snaps as his Sun Devil career officially begins on the field in the fall. The 2008 Gatorade State Player of the Year in Montana and unanimously rated the state's top football prospect last year, Osweiler was rated the No. 25 pro-style quarterback recruit in the nation by Rivals.com after passing for 2,703 yards and 29 touchdowns and rushing for 700 yards and 13 scores as a senior in 2008.

## Running Back

A group which consists of experienced letterwinners and intriguing youngsters, ASU's running backs unit includes several talented backs, all with the ability to significantly contribute to the Sun Devil rushing attack, which has created a heated competition to organize the position's depth chart, which will likely continue into fall camp.

Mentoring the Sun Devil running backs is Bryce Erickson, son of head coach Dennis Erickson, who begins his first season as an assistant coach on ASU's staff, his third overall season at ASU.

The most experienced of the group is senior Dimitri Nance, a steady contributor since his true freshman season in 2006. A nationally-acclaimed prep star out of Euless, Texas, Nance led ASU in carries, rushing yards and touchdowns in 2008 and has totaled 1,139 rushing yards on 294 carries with 13 touchdowns in 33 career games with seven total starts at running back. A large back with sound technical abilities, Nance has the ability to emerge as an impact player in the rushing game.

After redshirting in 2007, Shaun DeWitty returned to the field last season and worked his way to ample action as a junior, starting four of 10 games played while carrying 62 times for 270 yards. One of the most complete backs on the roster, with excellent receiving skills and talents in pass protection, the Colorado Springs, Colo., native did not compete in spring drills, but looks to enjoy another solid season as a senior in 2009.

Likely the most physically powerful back on the roster, senior Jarrell Woods enjoyed an excellent spring, taking advantage of an elevated depth chart position. Strong and stout, Woods, a one-time University of Utah Ute, joined ASU in 2007 after transferring from West Los Angeles (Calif.) College. After a noteworthy series of efforts during spring drills, Woods will compete for carries as a senior in 2009.

One of the most intriguing newcomers last fall was James Morrison, then a walk-on from Phoenix's St. Mary's High School. A bruising power back, Morrison quickly gained the attention of many observers, most notably Coach Erickson, who awarded him a scholarship in the spring. Lightly recruited out of high school, the 5-11, 219-pounder was one of the top ballcarriers during spring drills and intends to continue to achieve as he begins his career on the field in 2009.

An explosive offensive standout at the high school level, Ryan Bass accumulated 7,096 career rushing yards and 117 touchdowns during his career at Corona (Calif.) Centennial High School and was rated as the No. 2 running back recruit in the nation by Rivals.com before arriving on campus at ASU last fall. Measuring 5-9, 205-pounds, Bass immediately earned his way into the rotation as a true freshman, appearing in seven games while leading all Sun Devil tailbacks with a 4.6-yards per carry average. With one college season to his credit, Bass has been recognized for his offseason development and is expected to be a factor in the rushing productivity for ASU in the fall.

Having three senior running backs on the 2009 roster, ASU focused heavily on the position in this February's signing class, gaining the services of a trio of talented prep tailbacks.

Cameron Marshall of San Jose, Calif., was one of the most heralded backs in the state of California last season after rushing for 1,904 yards and 24 touchdowns as a senior at Valley Christian High School. A tremendously complete back, the 5-11, 210-pounder runs a 4.32-40 yard dash, bench presses 355 pounds and squats 525, while possessing the rushing skills to shed defenders between the tackles and outrun opponents from sideline to sideline.

Speedster Jamal Miles of Peoria (Ariz.) High School was rated as the top running back in the Grand Canyon State last season, after leading the state with an average of 197.1 rushing yards per game in 2008, totaling 2,168 rushing yards on 231 carries (9.4 avg.) with 29 scores. A product of the same high school that brought recently departed tailback Keegan Herring to ASU, Miles provides a similar element as Herring as a quick, shifty back with explosive abilities.

## Wide Receiver

Combining veteran starters and exciting youth along the depth chart, ASU's group of wide receivers comprises what is potentially the most talented offensive position group on the Sun Devil roster.

Assistant coach Eric Yarber guides the position group as ASU's wide receivers coach.

Sure-handed Chris McGaha, the active leading receiver in the Pac-10 Conference and the owner of more career starts than any receiver in the conference, returns to Tempe for his senior season after maintaining his status last season as one of the most reliable receiving targets in the nation, capable of making both momentum-swinging, acrobatic catches as well as possessing the focus and talent to consistently move the chains as a third-down pass catcher. Named the Arizona State Player of the Year as a high school senior at Phoenix Moon Valley, the perennial Sun Devil fan favorite has appeared in all 38 games of the 2006-08 seasons with 30 starts, including all 25 of the past two years, having totaled 112 receptions for 1,569 yards and five touchdowns.

With the departure of Michael Jones, a tall and athletic target who started 33 games over the past three seasons and totaled 131 receptions for 1,853 yards and 17 touchdowns, ASU will look to the efforts of a widely talented corps of receivers to fill Jones' void.

One of the nation's elite returns specialists, senior Kyle Williams has also proven to be a thrilling receiver with tremendous big play abilities. One of the speediest players on the roster, the 5-10, 186-pound Scottsdale, Ariz., native has appeared in 30 career contests with six starts, collecting 52 career catches for 811 yards with 10 touchdown receptions,



*RB Dimitri Nance*



and returns as ASU's leader in touchdown receptions from 2008. A former Arizona State Player of the Year at the high school level, Williams looks to capitalize on his final season as a Sun Devil in 2009 and continue to be a game-changing presence in ASU's offensive attack.

Junior Kerry Taylor has enjoyed an excellent start to his Sun Devil career, emerging as a tremendously well-rounded receiver over his first two collegiate seasons. After earning action as a true freshman in 2007, the Chandler, Ariz., product started six of 12 games played last season and enters 2009 as ASU's second leading returning receiver from 2008 behind McGaha after catching 27 passes for 405 yards (15.0 avg.) with three scores a year ago. Capable of making fantastic plays all over the field, Taylor is expected to continue to emerge as a reliable receiving target.

The state of Arizona's top high school prospect in the class of 2008, Gerell Robinson appeared in 10 games as a true freshman wide receiver in 2008 and has been praised this offseason as one of the squad's most improved athletes. At 6-4, 230 pounds, Robinson was formerly rated as the nation's No. 77 overall recruit by Rivals.com after an All-America career at local power Chandler Hamilton High School, and entering his sophomore season at ASU, Robinson combines unparalleled size and phenomenal athletic acumen and looks to fill Jones' physical void in the receivers rotation.

T.J. Simpson earned action in all 12 games last season and looks to continue to add dynamic depth at wide receiver. A 6-1, 189-pound Arizona native and product of Peoria High School, Simpson provides a combination of size and speed for ASU's passing game.

Senior Brandon Smith has enjoyed his best spring yet as he enters his final collegiate season in 2009. The 6-2, 195-pound product of Bakersfield, Calif., adds athletic and talented depth to the Sun Devil aerial attack.

A scout team standout while redshirting in 2008, 5-10, 172-pound A.J. Pickens begins his Sun Devil career with the potential to impact both the passing game and special teams returns for ASU. Comparable to former Sun Devil all-purpose gem Rudy Burgess, Pickens provides exciting potential and has sparkled in practice, elevating expectations for his redshirt freshman season in 2009.

Sun Devil legacy Allante Battle enrolled at ASU as a track and field athlete and walked on to the football team last fall after a star-studded athletic career at Desert Vista High School in Phoenix. Measuring 5-9, 202 pounds, the son of former Sun Devil linebacker Greg Battle and former ASU track athlete Anna Van, Battle brings elite caliber speed to the gridiron.

Walk-on Brian Matsumoto rounds out the lineup at wide receiver for the Sun Devils.

Adding to ASU's already impressive offensive firepower, two athletic and accomplished receivers signed with ASU in February and will join the team in the fall.

Jarrid Bryant, a 6-4, 185-pound standout, starred for Salisbury (Conn.) Prep School after attending Corona (Calif.) Centennial High School, home to five Sun Devil signees over the past two seasons. A playmaker virtually any time he touches the ball, Bryant provides stellar size and athleticism to the receiving depth for ASU.

Speedy and dynamic Tucson, Ariz., native J.J. Holliday arrives in the fall after an incredible career at Santa Rita High School in which he totaled 109 receptions for 2,351 yards (21.6 avg.) and 30 touchdowns over his junior and senior seasons, earning him All-Arizona honors in 2008 by The Arizona Republic.



**WR Chris McGaha**

## **Tight End**

With the departure of Andrew Pettes and Wes Evans, athletes who blossomed into key contributors as seniors in 2008, the Sun Devils will look to a new crew of tight ends to impact the ASU offense. Boasting a collective combination of size, athleticism, receiving skills and blocking prowess, the Sun Devil tight ends will be relied upon to help guide ASU's offensive efficiency.

Guiding the tight ends in 2009 is assistant coach Jamie Christian, who previously mentored ASU's running backs under Coach Erickson during the past two seasons.

Senior Jovon Williams looks to follow his former teammates Andrew Pettes and Tyrice Thompson as Sun Devil tight ends to make a significant mark on the field in his final season at ASU. Excellently combining athleticism and size, the 6-4, 225-pounder has improved each year on campus and looks to capitalize on his senior status in 2009. The most experienced player at the position on the Sun Devil roster, the Covina, Calif., native has appeared in all 25 games of the past two seasons and earned his first career start in the season opener last year against Northern Arizona. With the strength to engage with oncoming defenders and the physical ability to outrun opponents, Williams has the athletic tools to excel as a senior in 2009.

Despite missing the spring due to injury, sophomore Dan Knapp is widely expected to become a contributing factor at tight end for the Sun Devils. Before missing the second half of the 2008 season, Knapp, a product of Reno, Nev., earned a pair of starts at tight end and showcased tremendous potential in all aspects of the game. The largest Sun Devil at the position, measuring 6-5, 258 pounds, once fully recovered from physical setbacks, Knapp will be counted on to provide a

reliable target at tight end.

Former junior college transfer Stanley Malamala joined the team as a late signee for the 2008 class after a two-year career at Golden West College in Huntington Beach, Calif., and ultimately appeared in all 12 contests with one start. A native of Lahaina, Hawaii, the 6-3, 267-pound senior enjoyed a solid spring and provides excellent bulk for the Sun Devil running game and has the talent to also be a reliable receiving target.

Redshirt freshman Steven Figueroa joined the team last fall after a standout career at nearby Phoenix Desert Vista High School, at which he was rated the No. 21 tight end prospect in the nation for 2008 by Rivals.com. A product of the same high school that produced former Sun Devil All-America tight end and current Oakland Raider Zach Miller, Figueroa is regarded as an excellent receiver with great size for the position. The 6-4, 251-pound rookie saw action as a reserve tight end in the spring before missing action due to injury. In the fall, after recovering from knee surgery, Figueroa is expected to compete for repetitions in the Sun Devil offense and looks to be a future fixture at tight end at ASU.

Walk-on Trevor Kohl, a 6-1, 248-pound transfer from Mesa (Ariz.) Community College adds depth at tight end for the Sun Devils.

In the fall, a pair of high school tight ends will join the Sun Devil program, enhancing the overall talent level both in terms of blocking and as receiving options.

One of the top tight end prospects in the country, Christopher Coyle of Westlake Village, Calif., comes to ASU via Oaks Christian High School, one of the nation's premier high school programs. A participant in the prestigious U.S. Army All-American Game, the 6-3, 235-pounder was rated as the No. 19 tight end recruit in the nation by Scout.com in 2008 after catching 25 passes for 461 yards (18.4 avg.) with six touchdown receptions as a senior.

Max Smith, a product of in-state powerhouse Scottsdale (Ariz.) Saguaro High School, boasts tremendous power and size, and is regarded as an excellent two-way tight end. At 6-2, 258 pounds, Smith bench presses 365 pounds, squats 525 and earned First-Team All-4A Team recognition by The Arizona Republic in 2008 after helping lead Saguaro to the school's third consecutive state championship.

## Offensive Line

With only one scholarship departure from last year's roster at offensive line, the Sun Devils look to build upon the experiences gained by seven returning lettermen to have earned starts across the offensive line in 2008. Veteran coach Gregg Smith enters his third season mentoring the Sun Devil offensive line.

Anchoring the Sun Devil line is weight room warrior and one of the team's best players, Shawn Lauvao, who shifted from guard to tackle late last season and is slated to start at left tackle as a senior in 2009. Perhaps the team's strongest athlete with a bench press mark over 500 pounds, and a recipient of Honorable Mention All-Pac-10 recognition a year ago, the 6-3, 305-pound native of Honolulu, Hawaii has started 21 of 30 career games played, including all 12 last season.

After spending the 2008 season at left tackle, junior Jon Hargis will be called upon to play either guard or tackle this season. A starter in every game last season after spending the 2007 as a defensive tackle, the Mesa, Ariz., product will be relied upon to deliver a protective punch for the Sun Devil

offense regardless his position along the line.

Competing for time at center are senior Thomas Alteri, of Vista, Calif., who started all 12 games at the position last year, and sophomore Garth Gerhart, of Norco, Calif., a starter at guard in the final three games of 2008, but one of the top-ranked national recruits at center as a high school senior in 2006. While Gerhart has held the edge through spring drills, both athletes are starting caliber players who will continue to compete to be front and center of the ASU line.

The top offensive line prospect in the state of Arizona for the 2008 class and the No. 14 offensive guard in the nation that year by Rivals.com, Zach Schlink emerged as a star in the making at offensive guard and entered the starting lineup as a true freshman before suffering a season-ending injury in the team's win over Washington on Nov. 8. Limited in spring drills while recovering from that injury, the Peoria, Ariz., native, at 6-4, 331 pounds, is the most massive lineman on the Sun Devil roster and looks to solidify his potential stance as the next great interior offensive lineman at ASU.

Senior Tom Njunge, who transferred to ASU from Pasadena City College last spring, started four of eight games played at right tackle last year and spent the majority of the spring as the team's top option at the position. One of the taller linemen at 6-5, 272 pounds, Njunge will compete to maintain his starting spot in his second of two seasons of eligibility at ASU.

Sophomore Adam Tello, a prep teammate of Gerhart at Norco (Calif.) High School, started the first four contests of 2008 at right tackle and will relocate to offensive guard for 2009, a position at which he extensively competed at the high school level. Although injured for spring drills, the 6-3, 290-pound Tello will compete to start in his second year at ASU.

Also competing for possible first-team action at guard



*TE Jovon Williams*



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is powerful redshirt freshman Andrew Sampson of Aurora, Colo., rated in 2008 as the No. 18 offensive guard prospect in the country by ESPN Scouts, Inc. as a high school senior. Measuring 6-3 and nearly 300 pounds, Sampson is a physical blocker with a bright collegiate future.

Coaches believe redshirt freshman Kyle Johnson possesses the skill set to be a future fixture at offensive tackle for the Sun Devils, as the lengthy 6-7, 292-pounder spent the spring as the top reserve to Lauvao at left tackle. A former prep teammate of both Gerhart and Tello at Norco (Calif.) High School, Johnson was one of the top offensive line prospects in the state as a high school senior after the 2007 season.

Sophomore Mike Marcisz and redshirt freshman Patrick Jamison both have the versatility to play either tackle or guard. Marcisz, a native of Livermore, Calif., who enters his third year in the Sun Devil program, earned extensive action during the spring at guard while Jamison, who was rated as the No. 36 offensive tackle recruit in the nation by ESPN Scouts, Inc. and earned All-Arizona honors at Chandler Hamilton High School, has worked to be one of the top contingents at right tackle. He suffered an injury in the next-to-last spring scrimmage and missed the Spring Game.

Former Montana Gatorade State Player of the Year Matt Hustad carries as much physical potential and prowess among all Sun Devil linemen, but was unable to see the field due to injury last year and also missed spring drills. A 6-5, 292-pounder, Hustad can play virtually any spot on the line and when healthy will compete for a spot at the top of the depth chart at right tackle.

Senior walk-on Brent Good from Mesa (Ariz.) Dobson High School appeared in all 12 games last year on ASU's field goal unit and adds depth at guard, as does fellow walk-on Chris Scott.

Adding depth on the line for the Sun Devils are walk-ons Trent Marsh and Nick Emanuele.

Coach Erickson added three talented and versatile linemen in February to add to the future quality of the Sun Devil offensive front, each of whom will begin to practice with the team in the fall.

Primarily a tight end before physically blossoming into an offensive lineman, Evan Finkenberg of Rancho Margarita, Calif., brings impressive athleticism to the offensive tackle position for the Sun Devils. Ranked as the No. 48 offensive tackle prospect in the nation by Rivals.com, Finkenberg has an impressive physical frame with the room for added mass to become an imposing lineman.

Capable of playing offensive guard or tackle, Kody Koebensky of Scottsdale (Ariz.) Saguaro High School signed with ASU after earning All-Arizona recognition by the Arizona Republic in 2008, helping lead the Sabercats to the school's third consecutive state championship. Listed by ESPN Scouts, Inc. as the No. 11 offensive guard in the nation, Koebensky is a physical, bullish lineman and a prep teammate of fellow 2009 signees Corey Adams and Max Smith.

## Defense

With greatly improved talent at every defensive position since Coach Erickson's arrival to Tempe, the Sun Devils enter 2009 expecting the defense to be a formidable force from top to bottom, with star potential from the front seven throughout the secondary. Accomplished veterans and eager underclassmen comprise the defensive roster, highlighted by speed and intensity, creating an exciting and tenacious



**OL Shawn Lauvao**

defensive unit for the Sun Devils to utilize in 2009.

Senior defensive end Dexter Davis returns as one of the nation's most accomplished defenders, while linemate Lawrence Guy enjoyed a fantastic true freshman season last year.

Seniors Mike Nixon and Travis Goethel have led the charge at linebacker over the past three years, while cornerback Omar Bolden brings an aggressive and athletic nature to the secondary.

## Defensive Line

Led by one of college football's elite pass rushers, ASU's defensive line has the talent and potential depth to be a major strength in 2009. With the emergence of highly capable youngsters at every position, the spring competition for multiple line positions has elevated the overall talent pool at all four spots along the line.

Grady Stretz, a Tempe native and the longest tenured assistant at ASU, enters his fourth season coaching the Sun Devil defensive line.

Senior Dexter Davis returns for his final season at ASU, having established himself as one of college football's most accomplished and feared pass rushers over the past three seasons. The only active player in the nation to have compiled 10 or more quarterback sacks in each of the past two seasons, Davis stands as the Pac-10 Conference's active career leader in sacks and is one quarterback sack away from placing third on ASU's all-time sacks list behind former first-round NFL Draft picks Terrell Suggs and Shante Carver. With tremendous technique, tenacity and intensity, Davis has made a knack for terrorizing opposing quarterbacks and ballcarriers. A Phoenix native and graduate of Thunderbird High School,



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Davis earned Honorable Mention All-Pac-10 esteem last year, totaling 40 tackles (25 solo), 11 quarterback sacks, 15 tackles for loss and two forced fumbles, ranking him third in the conference last year in sacks and sixth in tackles-for-loss. One of only three players in the Pac-10 conference to have started every game of the 2006-08 seasons, Davis has totaled 113 tackles (72 solo), 27.5 sacks, 39 tackles-for-loss and eight forced fumbles in 38 games as a starting defensive end for the Sun Devils.

Lawrence Guy arrived at ASU from Western High School in Las Vegas last fall with lofty expectations as one of the nation's top defensive line recruits and largely lived up to all he was predicted to do as a true freshman, garnering Freshman All-America honors, Honorable Mention All-Pac-10 regard, as well as ASU's Bill Kajikawa Sun Devil Award as the season's top freshman football player at ASU. After beginning his collegiate career at defensive end, Guy was moved to tackle early last season and became a fixture at the position and quickly turned into a nightmare for offensive lines. Tall and strong with incredible quickness and pass rush abilities, Guy led all Sun Devil defensive linemen with 44 tackles, while ranking second on the squad behind Davis with 10.0 tackles-for-loss and adding two sacks. To build upon his sensational freshman season, Guy has added roughly 20 pounds of mass in the offseason as he continues his total development toward becoming a dominant lineman for the Sun Devils.

At defensive tackle, ASU loses the services of David Smith, who started 22 games at tackle over the past two seasons, and Paul 'Unga, who filled in for Smith and started a pair of games in 2008 as a senior. In place of the two departed linemen, the Sun Devils will look to a mixture of experience and talented youth to replenish the lineup.

A former offensive lineman, junior Saia Falahola appeared in all 12 games last year with starts in the first four contests at defensive tackle, totaling 18 tackles on the year. An aggressive and powerful competitor, the 6-1, 298-pound native of Euless, Texas spent the spring as a starting defensive tackle beside Lawrence Guy on the defensive line.

After an impressive redshirt season on ASU's scout team, Otis Jones enters 2009 as one of the most closely observed redshirt freshman on the Sun Devil roster. Athletic and powerful, measuring 6-1, 285-pounds with over a 400-pound bench press in only his second year on campus, Jones was rated as the No. 71 defensive tackle in the nation by Scout.com as a senior at Leuzinger High School in Lawndale, Calif. Capable of making a quick impact in impressive fashion, Jones spent the spring as one of the top reserves at defensive tackle and expectations are high for his debut season in live action for the Sun Devils.

After suffering a season-ending injury late last season, junior Jonathan English missed all of spring drills, but is expected to return for fall camp. A powerful presence at 6-0, 282-pounds, the product of River Ridge, La., has competed in 24 career contests at ASU and looks to return to the mix at defensive tackle and resume his role as a high-caliber defensive line reserve.

Competing for repetitions as reserve defensive tackles are veterans senior Dave Bertrand, senior Spencer Gasu, sophomore Bo Moos, as well as Zeb Toggai (injured during the spring), who redshirted as a true freshman last season after being rated as the top senior defensive lineman in the state of Arizona while at Phoenix Desert Vista High School in 2007.

With the departure of two-year starting defensive end Luis



**DE Dexter Davis**

Vasquez, the team's first-string left end in all 25 games over the past two seasons, ASU will look to a group of aggressive, athletic ends to fill his void.

A highly intriguing athlete, James Brooks appeared in 11 games in a reserve role as a redshirt freshman last season, chipping in 11 tackles and 3.5 tackles-for-loss. A former basketball star during his prep career at Flagstaff (Ariz.) High School, the 6-5, 278-pound Brooks maintains incredible physical upside and has the raw ability to replace the contributions made by Vasquez and pair with Davis at defensive end for the Sun Devils.

The main spring competitor to Brooks for first-team reps was midyear junior college transfer Dean Deleone, who enrolled at ASU in January after an excellent two-year career at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa, Calif. The 2008 Defensive Player of the Year for the Southern California Football Association (SCFA) National Division Southern Conference, Deleone led OCC with 78 tackles, 15.5 tackles-for-loss, 9.5 sacks and seven quarterback hurries. A jaw-dropping athlete, Deleone, at 6-2, 245-pounds, is capable of running a 4.44 40-yard dash, led OCC with a 37.7-yard average on kickoff returns last season, including a 97-yard return for a touchdown. In addition to remarkable athleticism, Deleone adds maturity on and off the field, beginning his junior season at the college level at the age of 25, having previously served four years in the United States Coast Guard.

Jamaar Jarrett earned extensive playing time as a true freshman last season at defensive end, appearing in 11 games as a reserve. Possessing phenomenal size for the position at 6-5, 268-pounds, Jarrett entered the college game with high praise as the No. 12 defensive end prospect in the nation for the 2008 class by ESPN Scouts, Inc. Jarrett has continued to improve since his arrival to Tempe and figures to play a role in the defensive line rotation as a key player at defensive end.

Regarded as one of the most physically talented athletes



on the defensive roster, Jamarr Robinson, at 6-2, 247-pounds, begins his junior season at ASU as a reserve at right end behind Dexter Davis.

Also adding to the quality depth at defensive end is redshirt freshman Toa Tuitea, a 6-3, 246-pounder from Westminster, Calif., and walk-on junior Zach Brown of Dallas, Texas, who has appeared in 25 career games as a member of ASU's special teams coverage units. Walk-on senior Leo Montt also adds depth at defensive line.

Three stellar defensive linemen will start their collegiate playing careers in the fall, including a pair of tackles and one defensive end.

One of the most prominent high school defensive tackles in America, Corey Adams of nearby Scottsdale (Ariz.) Saguaro High School was rated as a five-star prospect and the nation's No. 46 overall recruit by Scout.com after collecting 240 tackles and 34 sacks and three state championship rings during his three-year career at Saguaro. A tremendous pass-rusher from the tackle position, the powerful Adams will look to make a quick impact upon his fall arrival.

Versatile defender Gregory Smith of Perris (Calif.) Citrus Hill High School starred at tight end and on defense in high school and has the physical prowess to excel at end for the Sun Devils. Rated as the No. 85 inside linebacker prospect in the nation by Rivals.com, Smith will battle for action as a reserve end in the fall.

Following a line of Corona (Calif.) Centennial graduates to attend ASU, William Sutton was praised as one of the top defensive linemen in the state of California while playing for one of the state's top prep teams. Rated by ESPN Scouts,

Inc. as the top defensive tackle in the state of California and regarded by Scout.com as the No. 33 national tackle prospect, Sutton totaled 101 tackles and 11.5 sacks as a senior in 2008.

## Linebacker

With ASU's defense as a whole expected to make tremendous strides in 2009, the heart-and-soul of the unit figures to be the Sun Devils' deep, athletic, talented and experienced group of linebackers, headed by three seasoned veterans and a cast of athletic youngsters in reserve roles.

Coaching the linebackers in his third year at ASU is defensive coordinator Craig Bray.

Phoenix native Mike Nixon enjoyed a breakout season in 2008, earning a share of ASU's Defensive Most Valuable Player of the Year Award and Honorable Mention All-Pac-10 recognition, leading the team with 90 total tackles, ranking fourth among returning Pac-10 defenders, while tying for the conference lead with five interceptions, a remarkable feat for a player in the defensive front seven. A mature student-athlete, Nixon spent three years in the Los Angeles Dodgers minor league system before enrolling at ASU in 2006 and instantly became a factor at linebacker on the gridiron for the Sun Devils. Equally accomplished in the classroom as on the field, Nixon gained a share of ASU's Clyde B. Smith Award for academic achievement, First-Team Pac-10 All-Academic and First-Team ESPN The Magazine All-Academic District VIII team last year. Capable of playing either outside linebacker spot, Nixon enters his senior season as a Lott Trophy candidate and is slated to start at weak side linebacker. For his three year career, Nixon has totaled 180 tackles (117 solo), 19 tackles-for-loss, 12 pass breakups, five sacks, five interceptions and three forced fumbles, having started 19 of 38 games played.

A highly consistent defender at strong side linebacker, where he has started every game of the past two seasons, Travis Goethel spent the spring competing at middle linebacker and has the potential to excel at that spot as a senior in 2009. In three years as a steady contributor to the Sun Devil defense, the Vista, Calif., native has tallied 171 total tackles (103 solo), 12 tackles-for-loss, seven pass breakups, three forced fumbles, two sacks and two interceptions as a starter in 29 of 38 games played.

Shelly Lyons quickly impressed the coaching staff upon his arrival to ASU as a freshman last fall and earned immediate action in 2008, primarily at middle linebacker, totaling 36 tackles (23 solo), two pass breakups and 1.5 tackles-for-loss. With Goethel's move inside, Lyons switched to strong side linebacker, where he competed with the first-team during the spring and looks to fight for a starting spot as a sophomore in 2009.

After missing the majority of last season, Gerald Munns returned to the team during offseason workouts and entered the spring looking to regain a high depth chart position at middle linebacker. An impact player early last season, Munns collected 16 tackles, 2.5 tackles-for-loss and one interception in only three games, garnering Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Week honors for his effort in ASU's early season victory over Stanford. A contributor since his true freshman season, the product of Chandler (Ariz.) Hamilton High School intends to capitalize on his final year of college eligibility.

One of the surprise impact players of spring drills has been sophomore Oliver Aaron, a reserve weak side linebacker that saw action in all 12 games last year on special teams. Speedy



**LB Mike Nixon**





**LB Travis Goethel**

yet punishing, the Gainesville, Fla., native and recipient of ASU's Defensive Scout Team Player of the Year Award in 2007 made a slew of impressive plays during spring ball and will compete to be one of Mike Nixon's top reserves on the weak side in 2009.

A former prep teammate of Shelly Lyons at Corona (Calif.) Centennial High School, Brandon Magee also submitted a great true freshman season last year, collecting 11 tackles in eight games. Able to play either outside linebacker position, Magee is the prototype weak side linebacker with his speed, power and range, and will compete with Oliver Aaron for action at that position. Also a member of ASU's top-ranked baseball team, Magee enjoyed a stellar spring before missing action due to a rib injury.

An intriguing athlete, sophomore Derrall Anderson utilized the 2008 season as a member of the scout team to further adjust to college football and did so to high regard, earning the team's Defensive Scout Team Player of the Year Award. After arriving at ASU as an outside linebacker, the Florida native was moved to middle linebacker, where he competed with Travis Goethel and Gerald Munns for repetitions in the spring.

Returning letterwinners Jeff Bereuter and Colin Parker add quality depth at strong side linebacker. Parker, a Second-Team Pac-10 All-Academic selection in 2008, a product of Chandler (Ariz.) Hamilton High School and the son of former ASU star and NFL player Anthony Parker, appeared in nine games as a redshirt freshman last season, while Bereuter, of Irving, Texas, has seen action in 13 career games in two seasons on the field at ASU.

Walk-on Mike Callaghan appeared in all 12 games last

season on special teams and was moved from safety to outside linebacker for his junior season at ASU.

A trio of freshman linebackers will join the team in the fall, including ASU's most highly acclaimed signee in school history, all of which aim to add talent and athleticism to the Sun Devil defense.

Unanimously rated the top middle linebacker prospect in the nation, Vontaze Burfict signed with ASU and is considered one of the nation's most talented prospects in the 2009 class, rated as highly as ninth overall by Rivals.com and is the highest ranked recruit ever to sign to play football at Arizona State University. Combining speed, power, range, tenacity and intensity, Burfict was one of the standout performers in the 2009 U.S. Army All-American Game after leading Corona (Calif.) Centennial High School with 159 tackles in 2008. A former teammate of fellow ASU linebackers Shelly Lyons and Brandon Magee, Burfict will compete for action at middle linebacker upon his arrival at ASU.

A defensive leader for Chandler (Ariz.) Hamilton High School's 5A-I state champion squad in 2008, Anthony Jones comes to ASU with the ability to play either outside linebacker spot. An aggressive, striking defender, Jones was the top linebacker prospect in the state of Arizona last year and was named the No. 30 outside linebacker prospect in the country by Rivals.com.

A gritty dual threat quarterback at the high school level for one of California's top prep teams, Kipeli Koniseti comes to Tempe slated to begin his career on the defensive side of the ball. A tough athlete with great size, Koniseti was listed as the No. 93 quarterback prospect in the nation by Scout.com during his high school career at Sacramento (Calif.) Grant High School, but will practice at quarterback to start his ASU career.

## Cornerback

Adding to ASU's expected defensive prowess is its returning stability at cornerback, as the top four players at the position return from last season, helping improve the Sun Devils' defensive efficiency against the always potent aerial attacks of the Pac-10 Conference.

Entering his second season coaching ASU's cornerbacks is Greg Burns, who came to Tempe with coaching experience at other prominent college programs as well as in the NFL.

Omar Bolden enters 2009 as a third-year starter, and continually improves the technical aspects of the cornerback position to complement his elite athleticism and confidence. A starter in every game last season, Bolden is the leading returning tackler among Sun Devils defensive backs, having collected 49 tackles (37 solo) as well as seven pass breakups and two interceptions. Speedy and aggressive, Bolden enters his junior year as a leader in the secondary, and has totaled 82 tackles (61 solo), 13 pass breakups and three interceptions. Despite missing substantial spring action due to injury, the Ontario, Calif., native is primed to again be ASU's top cornerback.

A midyear transfer last year, Terrell Carr benefitted from his ability to participate in spring drills and worked his way into the starting lineup for the majority of the 2008 season, earning first-team duties in eight of 12 games on the year. A former standout at Pasadena (Calif.) City College with the ability to run a sub-4.4 40-yard dash, Carr has consistently improved since coming to ASU and enters his senior year as a favorite to start opposite Bolden in the secondary. As a junior in 2008,



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Carr totaled 46 tackles (34 solo), three pass breakups and one interception.

A walk-on last spring from Pima Community College in Tucson, Ariz., Pierre Singfield burst upon the scene for the Sun Devils and quickly was placed on scholarship by Coach Erickson. A physical defender with a tremendous athletic skill set, Singfield played in all 12 games, starting three of the first four contests, collecting 22 tackles (16 solo) and two pass breakups.

A very capable and well-rounded defensive back, Josh Jordan swiftly worked into the cornerbacks rotation as a true freshman last year and has advanced his talents significantly since arriving. A participant in 11 games last year, the product of national prep power Bishop Gorman High School in Las Vegas combines great technique and physicality and is pushing for a top reserve slot at cornerback as a sophomore this season.

Declared to be the fastest player on the team before having officially practiced at ASU, junior college transfer LeQuan Lewis provides sensational athletic potential to the Sun Devil secondary. A standout at Cerritos (Calif.) College, Lewis runs a 4.29 40-yard dash and led Cerritos with 53 tackles and three interceptions while also excelling in the returns game as well. A high school graduate of Artesia High School, the same school that provided ASU with basketball stars Derek Glasser and James Harden, Lewis enrolled at ASU in January and quickly emerged as a top reserve at cornerback.

Deveron Carr exhibited excellent physical abilities and speed while redshirting last year, and the former two-way standout at Scottsdale (Ariz.) Chaparral High School figures to enter the mix for playing time at cornerback as a redshirt freshman in 2009.

Walk-on Cameron Harkey adds depth in the secondary for the Sun Devils.

Adding to the high potential of ASU's cornerbacks unit will be the fall arrival of freshman Osahon Irabor, a two-way star at wide receiver and cornerback at Upland (Calif.) High School. Quick and technically sound, Irabor was rated as the No. 21 cornerback in the nation by ESPN Scouts, Inc. and earned multiple postseason awards in California for his excellent play.

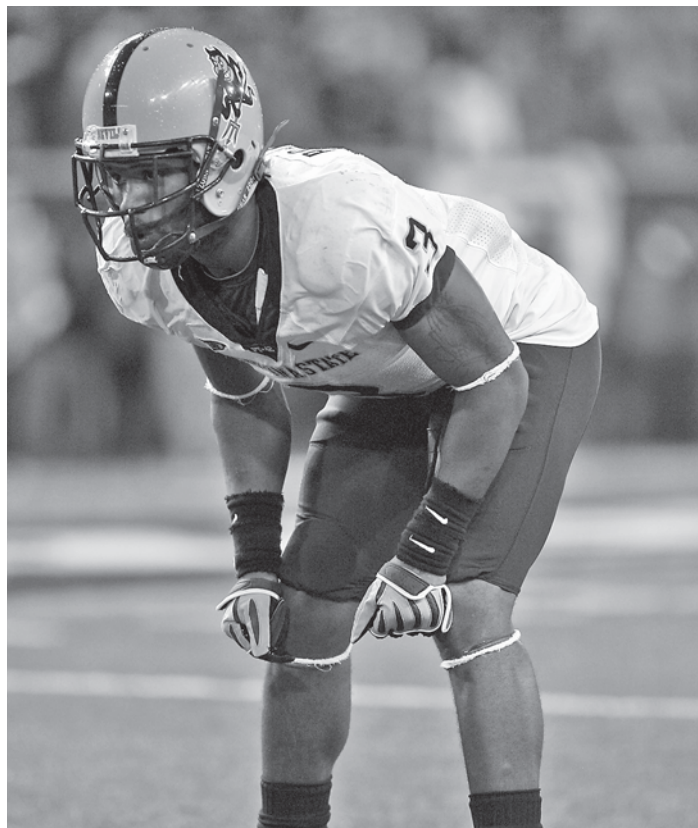
## Safety

One of the tallest tasks for ASU to address prior to 2009 lies at the safety position, where two-time All-Pac-10 member Troy Nolan departs after a sensational two-year career, as does Rodney Cox, who emerged as a reliable starter as a senior last year. Despite the loss of veteran talent, ASU has the ability to replenish the departures with athletic and eager youngsters in 2009.

Assistant head coach and recruiting coordinator Matt Lubick tutors ASU's safeties, as he has the two previous years he spent on the Sun Devil staff.

Clint Floyd swiftly eliminated much of the college football learning curve upon his arrival to Tempe last fall, immediately earning significant time at safety, competing in eight games with one start before missing action due to injury, totaling seven tackles on the year. Physical and abundantly athletic, Floyd is slated as the top candidate to replace Nolan as ASU's starting free safety in 2009.

After a standout true freshman season at safety in 2006, Ryan McFoy was relocated to linebacker during the past two seasons but returned to the secondary late last season to



**CB Omar Bolden**

best utilize his talents. The response to the move has been highly favorable, as McFoy was one of the most consistent performers in spring drills and emerged as a top candidate to start at strong safety. The Chino, Calif., product appeared in all 12 games last year with two starts at linebacker, posting 18 tackles and 1.5 tackles for loss, and for his three-year career he has collected 67 tackles (41 solo), 3.5 tackles-for-loss and two interceptions in 35 games with 10 career starts.

Keelan Johnson of Mesa (Ariz.) High School was one of the state's top all-purpose athletes during his prep career, and after initially practicing at ASU as a multi-dimensional offensive player, he found a home at safety and is a candidate for ample time at strong safety this year as a redshirt freshman.

Originally a cornerback when he arrived on campus two years ago, former junior college transfer Jarrell Holman moved to safety while redshirting in 2007 and saw time in 11 games last year as a reserve safety. Entering his senior season, the native of North Las Vegas, Nev., is positioned to compete behind Floyd for snaps at free safety.

True freshman Matthew Tucker graduated from Aurora (Colo.) Grandview High School a semester early to gain a jumpstart on his college football career, and instantly entered the fray for action at free safety. A nationally-acclaimed all-purpose athlete as a standout quarterback and defensive back at the high school level, rated by Rivals.com as a four-star athlete and the No. 23 all-purpose player in the country, Tucker has an excellent frame for the position and will look to gain early time at free safety during his first season at ASU.

Versatile defender Jonathan Clark, a sophomore capable of playing virtually any position in the secondary, adds depth at free safety and had his best spring as a Sun Devil.



In the fall, freshman Shane McCullen will begin his Sun Devil career after starring for Apache Junction (Ariz.) High School both at running back and on defense. Showing tremendous promise for the safety position, McCullen is regarded as an intelligent student-athlete with a great work ethic. The No. 84 all-purpose athlete in the nation by Rivals.com, McCullen was one of the top all-around football players in Arizona during his prep career and comes to Tempe with high expectations.

## Kicker/Punter/Snapper/Holder

As a redshirt freshman in 2007, kicker Thomas Weber became one of the nation's surprise gems, becoming the nation's first freshman to win the Lou Groza Award as the nation's top kicker, as well as several All-America honors and First-Team All-Pac-10 accolades. Weber followed that illustrious season with an excellent sophomore campaign and netted Honorable Mention All-Pac-10 recognition in 2008 and enters his junior year as one of the nation's premier placekickers. Also a standout in the classroom, Weber earned Second-Team Pac-10 All-Academic honors last year and for his two year career he has connected on 43-of-50 field goals (86.0 pct.) with a long of 53 yards.

Late in his freshman season, Weber added punting duties to his repertoire and maintained those throughout the 2008 season and remains ASU's top punting option for 2009. In total, Weber averages 40.5 yards on 106 career punts,

Walk-on junior Trevor Hankins is Weber's main competitor at punter and earned playing time in two contests last year, averaging 37.1 yards on seven punts, and the former Glendale (Ariz.) Community College transfer spent the spring competing for increase playing time.

Sophomore Thomas Ohmart, who recently was placed on scholarship, returns for his second season as ASU's long snapper, backed by walk-ons Clay Davie and Cameron Kastl, while senior quarterback Danny Sullivan and Hankins are the main candidates to hold for Weber's kicks. Ohmart missed spring practice with an injury.

## Kickoff/Punt Returns

Senior wide receiver Kyle Williams provides ASU with the advantage of one of the nation's top returns specialist, having earned First-Team All-Pac-10 recognition as a sophomore in 2007 and Honorable Mention accolades last season, leading the Pac-10 with an amazing 17.0-yard average on 14 punt returns. For his career, Williams averages 10.6 yards on 51 career punt returns. Also a star on kickoff returns, Williams placed seventh in the Pac-10 last year with a 23.3-yard average per return and also rated fourth in the league with 1,657 all-purpose yards a year ago.

Redshirt freshmen Keelan Johnson and A.J. Pickens emerged in the spring as the top candidates to see time as kickoff returns specialists, and both players provide the necessary athletic talents to impact ASU's special teams efforts.

## Schedule

ASU's 2009 season opens on Sept. 5 against FCS opponent Idaho State on City of Tempe Night, followed by the Sun Devils' first meeting with Sun Belt Conference adversary Louisiana-Monroe in Tempe on Sept. 19 on Faculty/Staff Appreciation Night.

On Sept. 26, ASU will travel to Athens, Ga., to face Georgia between the hedges at Sanford Stadium, the Sun Devils' most distant road trip since defeating Miami in Coral Gables, Fla.,

in 1997. ASU and Georgia battled last season in a nationally-televised matchup, with the Bulldogs emerging victorious.

The 2009 Pac-10 slate opens on Oct. 3 at Sun Devil Stadium during Champions Weekend, as Oregon State University travels to ASU, followed by the Sun Devils' road opener in Pac-10 play on Oct. 10 in Pullman, Wash., against Washington State. The Sun Devils have taken each of the past five contests against the Cougars, including the past two meetings in Pullman.

The Sun Devils will return to Tempe on Oct. 17 for Family Weekend and to honor the 2009 Hall of Fame inductees as ASU takes on Washington. The Sun Devils will then travel to Palo Alto, Calif., to take on Stanford. ASU has beaten Washington five consecutive times and has defeated Stanford in four of the past six meetings.

Homecoming festivities will culminate on Halloween as the Sun Devils play California in Sun Devil Stadium, followed by a clash in Tempe with USC on Nov. 7.

ASU's final road stretch of the 2009 season includes a meeting with Oregon in Autzen Stadium in Eugene, Ore., followed by a trip to the Rose Bowl to take on UCLA on Nov. 21. ASU has beaten UCLA in each of Coach Erickson's two seasons at ASU.

The 2009 regular season concludes on Nov. 28 as the Sun Devil senior class bids farewell to Arizona State University as ASU takes on in-state rival Arizona for ownership of the Territorial Cup, the oldest rivalry trophy in college football. ASU has dominated the series over the past decade, taking seven of the past 10 meetings from the Wildcats, including the last three at Sun Devil Stadium.



PK/P Thomas Weber

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## Sun Devil Offense

<b>X</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Kerry Taylor</b>	<b>6-0</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>Jr.</b>
	8	Gerell Robinson	6-4	230	So.
	2	Brandon Smith	6-2	195	Sr.
	82	Allante Battle	5-9	202	RS-Fr.
<b>LT</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>Shawn Lauvao</b>	<b>6-3</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>Sr.</b>
	78	Kyle Johnson	6-7	292	RS-Fr.
<b>LG</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>Jon Hargis</b>	<b>6-3</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>Jr.</b>
	72	Andrew Sampson	6-3	299	RS-Fr.
	79	Brent Good	6-2	342	Sr.
	60	Chris Scott	6-1	282	So.
	**77	Adam Tello-inj.**	6-3	290	So.
<b>C</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>Garth Gerhart</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>So.</b>
	56	Thomas Altieri	6-1	301	Sr.
	68	Trent Marsh	6-1	318	So.
<b>RG</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>Zach Schlink</b>	<b>6-4</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>So.</b>
	70	Mike Marcisz	6-5	298	So.
	**77	Adam Tello-inj.**	6-3	290	So.
<b>RT</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>Tom Njunge</b>	<b>6-5</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>Sr.</b>
	70	Mike Marcisz	6-5	298	So.
	76	Patrick Jamison	6-3	280	RS-Fr.
	**66	Matt Hustad-inj.**	6-5	292	So.
<b>Y (TE)</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>Jovon Williams</b>	<b>6-4</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>Sr.</b>
	83	Stanley Malamala	6-3	267	Sr.
	88	Steven Figueroa	6-4	251	RS-Fr.
	**89	Dan Knapp-inj.**	6-5	258	So.
<b>H (WR)</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Kyle Williams</b>	<b>5-10</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>Sr.</b>
	9	A.J. Pickens	5-10	172	RS-Fr.
<b>QB</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Danny Sullivan</b>	<b>6-4</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>Sr.</b>
	10	Samson Szakacsy	6-4	205	So.
<b>OR</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Brock Osweiler</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>Fr.</b>
<b>TB</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Dimitri Nance</b>	<b>5-10</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>Sr.</b>
	36	Shaun DeWitty	6-2	210	Sr.
	1	Ryan Bass	5-9	205	So.
	20	Jarrell Woods	5-10	215	Sr.
	22	James Morrison	5-11	219	RS-Fr.
<b>Z</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Chris McGaha</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>Sr.</b>
	86	T.J. Simpson	6-1	189	So.
	85	Brian Matsumoto	6-0	177	Sr.
	23	Tony Simmons	6-0	185	Jr.

## Sun Devil Defense

<b>LE</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>James Brooks</b>	<b>6-5</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>So.</b>
	92	Jamaar Jarrett	6-5	268	So.
	96	Toa Tuitea	6-3	246	RS-Fr.
<b>DT</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>Lawrence Guy</b>	<b>6-5</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>So.</b>
	61	Bo Moos	6-0	288	So.
	93	Zeb Togiai	6-2	293	RS-Fr.
	**99	Jonathan English-inj.**	6-0	282	Jr.
<b>DT</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>Saia Falahola</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>Jr.</b>
	65	David Bertrand	6-1	265	Sr.
	45	Spencer Gasu	6-1	289	Sr.
	51	Otis Jones-inj.	6-1	285	RS-Fr.
<b>RE</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>Dexter Davis</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>Sr.</b>
	49	Dean DeLeone	6-2	245	Jr.
	55	Jamarr Robinson	6-2	247	Jr.
	98	Zach Brown	6-2	224	Sr.
<b>SAM</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Shelly Lyons</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>So.</b>
	21	Colin Parker	6-1	228	So.
	37	Mike Callaghan	6-2	211	Jr.
	46	Jeff Bereuter	6-3	223	Jr.
<b>MIKE</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>Travis Goethel</b>	<b>6-3</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>Sr.</b>
	30	Derrall Anderson	6-2	231	So.
	47	Gerald Munns	6-4	242	Sr.
<b>WILL</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Mike Nixon</b>	<b>6-3</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>Sr.</b>
	18	Oliver Aaron	6-0	205	So.
	48	Brandon Magee	5-11	226	So.
<b>CB</b>	<b>**3</b>	<b>Omar Bolden-inj.**</b>	<b>5-10</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>Jr.</b>
	31	Pierre Singfield	5-11	196	Sr.
	4	LeQuan Lewis	5-11	193	Jr.
	1	Deveron Carr	5-11	184	RS-Fr.
<b>FS</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Clint Floyd</b>	<b>5-10</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>So.</b>
	8	Jarrell Holman	6-0	200	Sr.
	12	Matthew Tucker	6-1	197	Fr.
<b>SS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Ryan McFoy</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>Sr.</b>
	10	Keelan Johnson	6-0	199	RS-Fr.
	20	Jonathan Clark	6-0	187	So.
	**19	Max Tabach-inj.**	6-2	205	Jr.
<b>CB</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Terell Carr</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>Sr.</b>
	23	Josh Jordan	6-1	173	So.
	6	Cameron Harkey	5-10	181	Sr.

## Sun Devil Specialists

<b>P</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Thomas Weber</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>Jr.</b>
	38	Trevor Hankins	6-3	229	Jr.
<b>PK</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Thomas Weber</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>Jr.</b>
<b>KR</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>A.J. Pickens</b>	<b>5-10</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>RS-Fr.</b>
	10	Keelan Johnson	6-0	199	RS-Fr.
<b>PR</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Kyle Williams</b>	<b>5-10</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>Sr.</b>

<b>SN</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>Thomas Ohmart</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>So.</b>
	51	Clay Davie	6-0	218	So.
	41	Cameron Kastl	6-4	231	RS-Fr.
<b>H</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Danny Sullivan</b>	<b>6-4</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>Sr.</b>
	38	Trevor Hankins	6-3	229	Jr.