



ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

# 2002-03 Sun Devil Swimming & Diving

## 2002-2003 Schedule/Results

Date	M--W	Opponent (Score)
10.12	----W	New Mexico ( <i>women, diving only</i> ) (12-7)
10.25	----W	UNLV, NAU ( <i>women</i> )(189-108), (228-70)
	W----	UNLV ( <i>men</i> ) (216-82)
11.1-2	L--L	vs. Wisconsin (m75-51) (w202-128)
11.3	L----	#Auburn ( <i>men</i> ) (121-79)
11.22	L----	@ USC ( <i>men</i> ) (139-104)
	----L	@ UCLA ( <i>women</i> ) (151-87)
11.23	----L	@ USC ( <i>women</i> ) (174-125)
12.6-8		@ Texas Invite
1.2		Harvard ( <i>men</i> )
1.4		Missouri, Wyoming
1.9-12		@ U.S. Diving
1.17-18		@ Dallas Morning News Invitational
1.24		California
1.25		Stanford
1.31-2.1		@ Texas, w/ Arizona
2.15		@ Arizona
2.27-3.1		Pac-10 Swim Championships ( <i>women</i> )
		Pac-10 Diving Championships
3.2		Pac-10 Invitational ( <i>women</i> )
3.6-8		Pac-10 Swim Championships ( <i>men</i> )
3.9		Pac-10 Invitational ( <i>men</i> )
3.20-22		NCAA Championships ( <i>women</i> )
3.27-29		NCAA Championships ( <i>men</i> )

\* Events men and women unless noted (# - non-diving date)  
(W/L - regulation team win/loss) (w/l - exhibition win/loss)

Men's OVERALL/PAC-10 RECORD: 1-3/0-1

WOMEN'S OVERALL/PAC-10 RECORD: 2-3/0-2

## Coaching Staff

### Head Swimming Coach, Michael Chasson --

Chasson is in his fifth season heading the men's and women's swimming programs at ASU after seven with Harvard. There, he coached the Crimson to six Eastern Seaboard Championships and was named Ivy League Coach of the Year three times.

At ASU, Chasson has led the men to NCAA finishes of 14th the past two seasons and 10th and 16th prior to that. The women placed 10th last season with finishes of 21st twice and 23rd coming prior. 32 swimmers have accumulated 129 All-America honors during his tenure. He is assisted by John Pontz, Adam Schmitt and Aimee Schmitt.

ASU/Career Men's Record: 23-26/90-38

ASU/Career Women's Record: 24-22-1/24-22-1

### Head Diving Coach, Mark Bradshaw --

Currently in his sixth year, Bradshaw has tutored two divers to three All-America honors. Of ASU's 12 diving records, nine have been set under Bradshaw.

## Media Information

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## SUN DEVILS TRAVEL TO TEXAS INVITATIONAL

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### THIS WEEK

The Arizona State Swimming and Diving team will compete at the annual Texas Invitational this weekend, one of the strongest pre-NCAA meets of the season. The #11-ranked ASU men's team will go up against such top squads as #3 Texas, #5 Cal, #6 USC, #13 Wisconsin and #15 Arizona. The #20-ranked ASU women will see #5 USC, #7 Texas, #8 Arizona, and #12 Wisconsin among others. The men's field features 10 total teams while there will be 13 women's teams.

### THE POLLS

The CSCAA released its third poll of the season on November 27. The ASU men are back down to 11th after being ranked ninth in the last poll. The women fell to 20th. For the complete poll, visit [www.cscaa.org](http://www.cscaa.org).

### WOMEN'S SWIMMING SIGNS SEVEN STUDENT-ATHLETES

The swimming & diving program signed seven women to letters of intent in the fall signing period. Six are slated to arrive in Tempe next fall while Sandra Steffensen, a Swedish National Team member, will join the team next semester, making an immediate impact. Steffensen is a sprint and middle distance freestyler and one of the best short course meters swimmers in the world.

### MEN, LAST YEAR AT TEXAS INVITATIONAL

The Sun Devil men managed an impressive second-place finish behind only Texas, the then two-time defending NCAA Champion. The meet brought out several good performances from ASU swimmers including Nick Brunelli (1st-100 free-43.73; 2nd-50 free-19.81) and Christian Harcsas (4th-200 back-1:45.54; 5th-100 back-48.94).

### WOMEN, LAST YEAR AT TEXAS INVITATIONAL

The ASU women shattered seven school records at last year's meet on their way to a fourth-place finish behind Texas, Stanford and Arizona. Five of those school records have since fallen, but Brooke Townsend's 500 free effort (4:45.09) and the 200 medley relay record (1:40.87) still stand. Ágnes Kovács shone at last year's meet as a freshman, placing first in the 200 breast (2:07.98), third in the 100 breast (1:00.68), third in the 400 IM (4:11.68), and fifth in the 200 IM (2:01.27).

### DIVING OFF TO STRONG START

Freshman men's diver Joona Puhakka has won every event he's entered this year and leads a strong diving contingent for the Sun Devils. Both he and Thomas McCrummen have recorded NCAA qualifying standards in both the 1m and 3m diving events. On the women's side, Trisha Tumlinson has recorded NCAA standards in both the 1m and 3m events as well.

### ASU, LAST TIME IN THE POOL

The men lost the battle against #6 USC 139-104 on November 22, in Los Angeles. Freshman diver Joona Puhakka swept the 1m and 3m diving events for the Sun Devils while Thomas McCrummen was second in the 1m. Nick Brunelli took first in the 100 free (45.08) and second in the 200 free (1:38.49), while Bobby Zaabadich saw his first action of the year and won the 50 free (20.55). Christian Harcsas won the 200 back for ASU (1:47.69) with his season-best time. The women lost to then #7 USC 174-125 on November 23. Claire Hedenskog doubled up for wins in the 50 free (23.54) and 100 free (50.95), both NCAA "B" times. Ágnes Kovács won the 200 breast (2:12.69) and 100 breast (1:02.07). Both times are NCAA "A" automatic qualifying times and her 200 breast time is the fastest in the nation. She earned second in the 400 IM (4:17.31).

### UP NEXT FOR THE SUN DEVILS

The swimming and diving teams get a month off from competition, which will resume for the men on January 2, against Harvard at the Mona Plummer Aquatic Center (time TBA). Two days later, the men and women will host Missouri and Wyoming at Mona Plummer at 12 p.m.