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ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

Location	Tempe, Ariz.
Enrollment	45,693
Founded	1885
Nickname	Sun Devils
Colors	Maroon and Gold
Conference	Pacific-10
Home Field.....	Packard Stadium (5,000)
President	Michael Crow
Director of Athletics	Gene Smith
Sr. Assoc. Athletic Director (SWA)	Sandy Hatfield Clubb

BASEBALL STAFF

Head Coach	Pat Murphy (8th year)
Alma Mater	Florida Atlantic
Record at ASU (Years)	306-164-1 (8)
Career Division I (Years)	624-280-2 (15 seasons)
Overall Career Record	679-335-4 (18 seasons)
Baseball Office Phone	(480) 965-3677
Assistant Coaches	Jay Sierra (8th year) Mike Rooney (5th year)
.....	Chris Sinacori (2nd year)
Dir. of Baseball Affairs	Bob Welch (1st year)
Dir. Baseball Administration	Graham Rossini (4th year)
Graduate Manager - Equipment	Steve Kirkman (4th year)
Graduate Manager - Operations	Chris Holick (3rd year)
Graduate Manager - Academics	Justin Ross (1st year)
Athletic Trainer	Kenny McCarthy (6th year)

Conditioning Coach	Jim Mancuso
Strength Coach	Rich Wenner
Equipment Manager.....	John Bieber
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A LOOK AT 2003

Lettermen Returning/Lost	21/7
Top Position Players Returning/Lost	10/3
Top Pitchers Returning/Lost.....	6/1
Honors Candidates	Rodney Allen, Travis Buck, Andre Ethier
.....	Dustin Pedroia, Jeremy West, Ryan Schroyer
Total Newcomers	13

2002 IN REVIEW

2002 Record.....	37-21 (.638)
Home Record	28-9
Away Record	9-12
2002 Pac-10 Record (Finish).....	15-9 (3rd)
Home Record	8-5
Away Record	7-5
Final Rankings	22 (BA), 26 (CB), 19 (BW)

ASU POSTSEASON HISTORY

NCAA Tournament Appearances	26
NCAA Tournament Record.....	124-51 (.709)
CWS Appearances	18

National Championships	5 (1981, '77, '69, '67, '65)
CWS Runner-Up Finishes.....	5
Last CWS Appearance	1998 (2nd)
College World Series Record	55-30 (.647)
Regional Titles	12
Last Time to Host Regional	2002

BASEBALL HISTORY

First Year of Baseball	1907 (7-2); 1959 (28-18)
Overall All-Time Record	2,263-1,115-6 (1907-P)
Early Record	333-338-5 (1907-58)
Modern Record	1,930-777-1 (1959-P)
Packard Stadium Record	788-228-1 (1972-P)
All-Time Pac-10 Record.....	398-295 (1979-2002)

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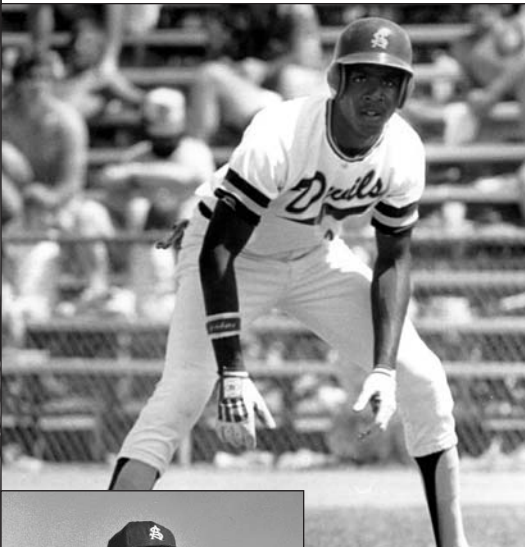
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The Tradition Continues

ASU BASEBALL 2003





There comes a time in a little boy's life when baseball is introduced to him. Thus begins the long journey for those meant to play the game at a higher level, for those who love the game so much they strive to be a part of its history.

Sun Devil Baseball!

NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS: 1965, 1967, 1969, 1977, 1981



ASU BASEBALL A TO Z

ADDRESS

Any mail directed to the sports information office should be sent to: Arizona State University, Carson Student-Athlete Center, Tempe, AZ 85287-2505. The Carson Student-Athlete Center is the home of all Sun Devil sports. Pat Murphy's office is located on the third floor. Once existing work is completed on Packard Stadium, Murphy will also have a spacious office in the stadium.

ALUMNI GAME

A favorite tradition of Sun Devil baseball fans is the annual alumni game. This year one game will be played. This year's alumni game will be held on Saturday, Jan. 11, at Packard Stadium at 1 p.m. The current Sun Devils will play a team of former Arizona State players. Autographs, photos and on-field shenanigans are the norm. By the way, the current Sun Devils usually win. In past years current and former professional players Willie Bloomquist, Mitch Jones, Mike Collins, Ken Phelps, Doug Henry, Mike Kelly, Casey Myers and Andrew Beinbrink all competed in the game.

AYER, FRED

The first official head coach at Arizona State, leading the Tempe Normal Bulldogs to a 7-2 record in 1907. Ayer coached from 1907-11, posting an all-time 37-22-1 record.

BANE, EDDIE

The author of the only perfect game in Arizona State history. The little left-hander did it on March 2, 1973, against Cal State Northridge. The Sun Devils won, 9-0, as Bane struck out 19. It stands as one of eight no-hitters by ASU pitchers. In recognition of his outstanding accomplishments, ASU had Eddie Bane's number (21) retired. The Devils will help celebrate the 30th anniversary of this great accomplishment on March 2 this year, when they play a game against Penn State.

BONDS, BARRY

Former Sun Devil Barry Bonds (1983-85), who had an outstanding collegiate career from 1983-85, made major league history in 2001 by hitting 73 home runs. A career .295 hitter, Bonds has belted 613 career home runs to rank fourth in major league history. He earned his fifth MVP award in 2002, hitting an MLB-best .370 batting average and 110 RBI. Interestingly, Bonds was originally drafted by the San Francisco Giants in the second round of the '82 draft, but elected to come to Arizona State.

BROCK, JIM

The winningest baseball coach in ASU varsity history. Brock, who passed away in June 1994, accumulated 1,100 victories in his 23 seasons as head coach, against just 440 losses (.714). Brock was named National Coach of the Year four times, and his teams won two College World Series titles during his tenure from 1972 to '94. He also coached 15 first-round draft picks.

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

Just in case you were wondering, Arizona State ranks third all time in College World

Series wins with 55, and fourth in CWS appearances with 18. ASU is second in NCAA baseball titles with five, and has finished as the runner-up on five different occasions. ASU has a 55-30 (.647) record at the CWS (fourth best all time). The Devils are third in CWS games played with 85. Sun Devil Stan Holmes (1979-81) holds the CWS record for RBI with 17 in six games in 1981, and Barry Bonds had seven consecutive hits in the CWS back in 1983-84.

THE COMEBACK

ESPN's Jim Kaat called it "probably the greatest comeback in College World Series history." Few would argue. It happened June 8, 1988. In an elimination game, ASU trailed Wichita State, 3-1, with two outs in the top of the ninth. But consecutive hits by Ricky Candelari, Mike Burrola and Pat Listach tied the game. Ironically, those three ranked first, second and third on the team in strikeouts. What's more, Candelari and Listach hit two-strike pitches. Listach had already fanned three times that night. Thanks to brilliant relief pitching by Brian Dodd and Gordy Farmer, along with breathtaking defense by John Finn, ASU escaped with a 4-3 win in 10 innings. Martin Peralta drove home the winning run.

DRAFT

A total of 306 Arizona State players have been selected in the annual major league draft, which began in 1965. No other school comes close to that number. A Sun Devil, Rick Monday, was the first player ever to be drafted. ASU has more overall selections, more first-round choices (21) and more No. 1 picks (3) than any other school. ASU's latest first-round draft pick came in 1998, when left-handed pitcher Ryan Mills became the sixth overall player taken in the draft by the Minnesota Twins. Eight players from the 2001 baseball team were taken in last year's annual MLB draft, with left-handed pitcher Jon Switzer being taken in the second round by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.



Jim Brock

EGER, BOB

A longtime friend of the ASU baseball program, Eger serves as the color commentator for ASU baseball. He is also the historian for Arizona State athletics and recently wrote a book titled *The Maroon and Gold: A History of Arizona State Athletics*. Eger also worked as a journalist in the Phoenix area for more than 30 years and began covering ASU baseball for the *State Press* back in the late 1950s. For more information on how to order the book, please contact Eger at bscribe@mindspring.com.

EXHIBITION GAMES

Arizona State often plays exhibition games against major league teams whose Spring Training headquarters are in the Valley of the Sun. The Sun Devils haven't exactly fared well against the big-leaguers but, after all, it's the experience that counts. In 28 games against the Cubs, Angels, Athletics, Mariners and Brewers, ASU has an all-time record of 6-22.

FAR EAST

Two ASU teams have traveled to the Far East. In 1978, the Sun Devils left during midseason on an exhibition tour of Japan. Eleven years later, prior to the 1989 season, ASU ventured to Taichung City, Taiwan, for an international tournament. Arizona State won that event by posting a 5-2 record. More importantly, the Sun Devils survived over 50 hours of travel, hair-raising taxi rides, culinary delights such as frog-on-a-stick and, to no one's surprise, an earthquake.

GOLDEN SPIKES AWARD

An award given annually to the top amateur baseball player in America, it has been won by three Sun Devils. Bob Horner (1978), Oddibe McDowell (1984) and Mike Kelly (1991) all carried home the prestigious award while representing ASU.

GREEN MONSTER

The 30-foot batting eye in center field at Packard Stadium. It stands 400 feet away from home plate, and only 18 players have been able to launch one over the Monster in Packard Stadium history. Brooks Conrad is the last ASU player to accomplish the feat. He did it in 2000 against Florida Atlantic. For a listing of the home runs hit over the Monster, see the Packard Stadium section of the media guide (page 12).

GRIFFEN, HORACE

The first Arizona State player ever to sign a professional contract. He signed with the Chicago White Sox in 1914, when baseball was still a club sport at ASU—and would be for another 44 years. Interestingly, Griffen ran for governor of the state of Arizona in 1956 but was defeated.

HOME RUN LEADERS

Former Sun Devil baseball players Barry Bonds and Reggie Jackson rank fourth and eighth, respectively, in the MLB career home run record book. Bonds and Jackson, who are also distant cousins, have combined to hit 1,176 career home runs. In ASU's 44 years of varsity baseball, the Sun Devils have connected on 2,757 home runs.

1.....Hank Aaron	755
2.....Babe Ruth	714
3.....Willie Mays	660
4.....Barry Bonds*	613
5.....Frank Robinson.....	586
6.....Mark McGwire	583
7.....Harmon Killebrew	573
8.....Reggie Jackson*	563
9.....Mike Schmidt.....	548
10.....Mickey Mantle	536

* ASU alumni (1,176 career MLB home runs)

INNINGS

The longest game in ASU history in terms of innings came seven seasons ago against UCLA. It was an 18-inning affair on Feb. 23, 1990. Arizona State won, 6-5, and the game lasted five hours 36 minutes. Eleven different pitchers took the hill for both teams. ASU played five extra-inning games in 2001, winning four of them, and was 2-0 in extra-inning games last year.

JACKSON, REGGIE

Mr. October himself, and the most famous letterman in ASU baseball history. Jackson played just one season, in 1966, batting .327 with 15 homers and 65 RBI. The Sun Devils went 41-11 that year. Jackson, who played defensive back for the Sun Devil football team, played 20 years in the majors, hitting 548 home runs and winning five world championship rings. He was a 1993 inductee into the Baseball Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility.

JONES, MITCH

Mitch Jones spent only two years in a Sun Devil uniform but made history during that time. Jones belted 27 home runs dur-



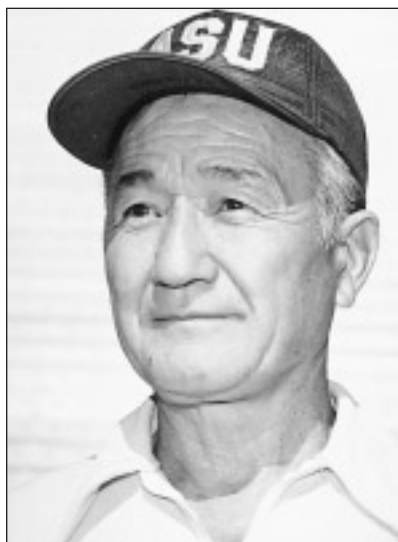
Reggie Jackson

ing the 2000 season to set an ASU single-season record, breaking the previous mark set by Bob Horner in 1978. Jones hit 38 home runs in his two years to rank seventh in the ASU career record books. He is currently an outfield prospect in the New York Yankees farm system.

KAJIKAWA, BILL

Mr. Sun Devil himself, Bill Kajikawa was an athlete and a player at Arizona State, and today is one of the biggest supporters of the athletics program. Kajikawa played baseball and football at ASU, and coached over the course of five decades at ASU. Former ASU head football coach Frank Kush says Kajikawa "epitomizes what Sun Devil athletics is all about." Kajikawa recently celebrated his 91st birthday.

continued



Bill Kajikawa



ASU Baseball A to Z continued

Lo DUCA, PAUL

In 1993, Paul Lo Duca set college baseball ablaze with his hitting heroics. *The Sporting News* Player of the Year broke the Sun Devil record for hits in a season (129) and hitting average (.446). The 5-10 catcher also owned a 37-game hitting streak, the longest in the nation in 1993. Lo Duca is currently playing in the Dodgers organization, where he had a breakout year in 2001, hitting .320 with 25 home runs and 28 doubles. He continued his solid play as the Dodgers' starting catcher, hitting .281 with 38 doubles and 10 home runs in 2002. He made a catch where he slid into the Dodgers dugout that was voted as one of the top defensive plays of the year by ESPN.

MVP

An honor bestowed upon two former Sun Devils at the major league level. Oakland's Reggie Jackson was American League MVP in 1973 and World Series MVP in 1977, while Barry Bonds has earned the accolade an unprecedented four times: twice with Pittsburgh in 1990 and 1992, and in 1993, 2001 and 2002 with San Francisco.

MYERS, CASEY

One of ASU's most decorated players in history, Casey Myers starred at ASU from 1998-2001. A three-time All-American on the field and in the classroom, he showed that they don't come much classier than Casey Myers. A career .384 hitter—ranking third with 313 hits, second with 275



Casey Myers

RBI, sixth with 39 home runs and fourth with 64 doubles—Myers has moved on to professional baseball, where he was a Northwest League All-Star for the Vancouver Canadians. He spent last summer playing for the Modesto A's in the Single-A California League.

NO-NOS

There have been eight no-hitters in ASU history, the last one in 1993 by Kevin Rawitzer. Of the seven pitchers who hurled them, only Eddie Bane reached the big leagues.

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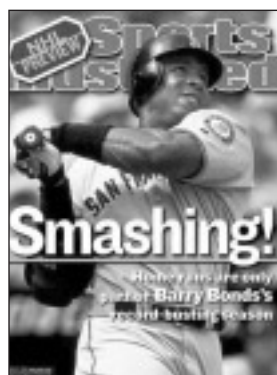
The first name of one of ASU's best players of all time. Oddibe McDowell played for the Sun Devils in 1983-84, hitting a combined .380 with 30 home runs and 31 doubles in his two years. His 1984 season, in which he hit .405 with 23 home runs and 117 hits, remains one of the best offensive performances in school history and earned him a spot on the Team USA Olympic team. He also received the Golden Spikes Award.

OMAHA ZOO

The site where Oddibe McDowell's legendary home run in the 1984 College World Series landed—or so the story goes. The zoo is located well beyond the right-field fence at Rosenblatt Stadium. Against Oklahoma State on June 5, McDowell took a John Duval pitch and launched a mammoth blast deep and far into the Omaha night. Of course, no mere mortal could actually reach the zoo. Then again, no one ever saw the ball land, either. ASU won, 23-12.

PAC-10

The Conference of Champions has been home to ASU baseball since the 1979 season. Posting a combined 398-295 record in Pac-10 play, the Sun Devils have brought home six Pac-10 championships, most recently in 2000. ASU has had 85 players named to the All-Pac-10 team and six Pac-10 Coach of the Year selections. The Pac-10 used to be split up into the North and South Divisions, but combined in 1999 as Washington, Washington State and Oregon State



joined with the Six Pac. Since the two divisions combined, ASU has won three of the four Pac-10 Player of the Year awards and combined for a 58-38 record in league play.

PALM WALK

Arizona State's campus landmark. It's a path running through the heart of campus that's lined with majestic palm trees on both sides. There were 92 trees along the walk at last count, but construction serves to change that number frequently.

RETIRED JERSEYS

Despite a plethora of stars who have played at Arizona State, only 13 numbers have been retired: Bobby Winkles, No. 1; Reggie Jackson, No. 44 (the number he made famous as a pro; he wore 24 at ASU); Oddibe McDowell, No. 0; Barry Bonds, No. 24; Sal Bando, No. 6; Bob Horner, No. 5; Dr. Jim Brock, No. 33; Floyd Bannister, No. 19; Rick Monday, No. 27; Larry Gura, No. 14; Alan Bannister, No. 7; Eddie Bane, No. 21; and Hubie Brooks, No. 14. With 54 All-Americans and 74 major-leaguers, Arizona State must be conservative—make that *very* conservative—with its jersey retirement policy. All 13 have their numbers on Packard Stadium's right- or left-field walls.

SCHMUCK, ROGER

Former head coach at Mesa Community College and Sun Devil star of the early 1970s. Schmuck's claim to fame is his 45-game hitting streak in 1971. It stood for 10 years as an NCAA record, and currently ranks as the third-longest streak in history. Schmuck hit safely in every game from March 8 to May 14. During the streak, the senior first baseman hit .477 with 10 homers and 66 RBI. His slugging percentage was an astronomical .829. Amazingly, when Schmuck arrived at the park on March 8, he was hitting a woeful .167. Little did he know what the next two months held in store. The streak ended when Schmuck went 0-4 against UTEP pitcher Marc Bombard. The big left-hander hit .434 for the year, which stands second in the ASU record book.



Roger Schmuck

SCHMUCK'S STREAK

A Closer Look

Dates: March 8 to May 8, 1971
Games: 45 **Average:** .477
At-Bats: 170 **HR:** 10
Hits: 81 **RBI:** 66
Slugging Pct: .829
Streak Extended in Last At-Bat: 6 times
Then: Longest streak in NCAA history
Now: Third longest in NCAA history

SLAUGHTER, STERLING

An All-America pitcher in 1963 who arrived in the major leagues with the Chicago Cubs in 1964. What's so noteworthy about that, you ask? Slaughter pulled a memorable double-first: He was the first of Arizona State's numerous All-Americans and also the first of the school's eventual 77 major-leaguers.

SPARKY

The official mascot of Arizona State athletics. It was designed in 1946 by Berth Anthony, who was a cartoonist for Walt Disney, which means that Sparky, Mickey Mouse and Goofy are first cousins. ASU was formerly known as the Bulldogs until the mascot switch in 1946.

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED

Arizona State baseball alumni have appeared on *SI* covers a total of 14 times. OK, so Reggie is on 10 of them. The other cover boys? Texas Rangers rookie Bump Wills in 1977 and Barry Bonds in 1993, 2001 and 2002

SUPER FAN

A staple in the stands at all Arizona State athletic events, yelling, cheering and rooting the Sun Devils on to victory, ASU

student Phil Root is a Super Fan. Root, who missed only three home games last year, due to traveling to Las Vegas to watch the inaugural XFL game, is known for his hilarious signs and imposing "He Hate Me" shirt. While dedicated to Sun Devil athletics as the No. 1 fan, Root is also a superb student in the classroom, maintaining a perfect 4.0 GPA. A senior, Root is majoring in secondary education with an emphasis in chemistry.

TEMPE

The home of Arizona State University, founded in 1872 by Charles Trumbell Hayden, when he established the Hayden Milling and Farming Ditch Company. (The Hayden Flour Mill, by the way, still stands on Mill Avenue near the south bank of the Salt River.) Tempe, which was incorporated in 1894, has a population of 150,225 and averages 325 days of sunshine per year. The town presently encompasses 39.5 square miles. The average daily high temperature is 85 degrees.

TICKETS

Call the Arizona State ticket office at 480-965-2381 for season and individual game ticket prices, as well as information on special discount rates for juniors, seniors, faculty, staff and students.

TIME

The longest game in ASU history in terms of time came five years ago vs. USC. It lasted five hours 45 minutes. The game took place on March 17, 1995. The 15-inning showdown was won by ASU, 7-6, as it ended just shy of 1:00 in the morning.

TRADE

With as many major-leaguers as Arizona State has produced, trades involving former Sun Devils are not unique. But they are when they involve two traded for one another. The rare feat occurred in December 1994, when the Milwaukee Brewers traded Doug Henry to the Mets for a player to be named later. That player turned out to be Fernando Viña. Viña is currently with the St. Louis Cardinals, while Henry played for Kansas City in 2001.

VICTORIES

Arizona State has 2,226 of them, dating back to the first year of baseball at Tempe Normal School in 1907. During ASU's modern history since 1959, the Sun Devils are 1,893-756-1. ASU's 2,226 all-time wins rank seventh most of all NCAA Division I baseball programs.

WHITE, DANNY

Better known as the former quarterback of the Dallas Cowboys, Danny White also earned two letters on the diamond at ASU. He wasn't bad, either. In 40 games during the 1972 season, he hit .325 with five homers and 16 RBI. An infielder, he slumped to .200 in limited action in 1973, and probably made the right career choice in football.

WINKLES, BOBBY

The first varsity baseball coach at ASU, Winkles guided the Sun Devils to a 524-173 mark from 1959 to '71. He captured three national championships—in 1965, '67 and '69—and was named to the American Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame for his accomplishments as a college and professional baseball coach. Winkles was honored for his numerous coaching milestones at ASU when the field at Packard Stadium was dedicated as Bobby Winkles Field in 2001.

WWW.TheSunDevils.com

ASU's official website, complete with information on all of ASU's 22 varsity sports. All of ASU's games can be viewed on www.TheSunDevils.com via Live Stats, along with selected games heard via an audio webcast. Statistics, game stories and press releases are also updated daily.

ZBIKOWSKI, FRAN

One of only two players to ever letter in baseball at ASU whose last name begins with "Z." Zbikowski lettered in 1970-71, while Stuart Zink lettered from 1955-56.



Bobby Winkles



2003 SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Saturday	Jan 11	Alumni Day (Exhibition)	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	1 p.m.
Thursday	Jan 16	at Hawai'i-Hilo	Hilo, Hawai'i	6 p.m.
Friday	Jan 17	at Hawai'i-Hilo (DH)	Hilo, Hawai'i	3 p.m.
Saturday	Jan 18	at Hawai'i-Hilo	Kona, Hawai'i	1 p.m.
Sunday	Jan 19	at Hawai'i-Hilo (DH)	Kona, Hawai'i	10 a.m.
Friday	Jan 24	San Diego State	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Saturday	Jan 25	San Diego State	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	1 p.m.
Sunday	Jan 26	San Diego State	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	1 p.m.
Friday	Jan 31	at Long Beach State	Long Beach, Calif. • Blair Field	6:30 p.m.
Saturday	Feb 1	at Long Beach State	Long Beach, Calif. • Blair Field	1 p.m.
Sunday	Feb 2	at Long Beach State	Long Beach, Calif. • Blair Field	1 p.m.
Thursday	Feb 6	BYU	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Friday	Feb 7	BYU	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Saturday	Feb 8	BYU	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	1 p.m.
Friday	Feb 14	Gonzaga ^A	Surprise, Ariz. • Surprise Stadium	7 p.m.
Saturday	Feb 15	Oklahoma State ^A	Surprise, Ariz. • Surprise Stadium	4 p.m.
Sunday	Feb 16	Oregon State ^A	Surprise, Ariz. • Surprise Stadium	3 p.m.
Monday	Feb 17	Gonzaga	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Friday	Feb 21	Dayton	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Saturday	Feb 22	Notre Dame	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	3 p.m.
Sunday	Feb 23	Notre Dame	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	1 p.m.
Friday	Feb 28	Penn State	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Saturday	Mar 1	Penn State	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	1 p.m.
Sunday	Mar 2	Penn State	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	12 p.m.
Thursday	Mar 6	Cal State-Northridge [#]	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	6 p.m.
Friday	Mar 7	Southern Utah [#]	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Saturday	Mar 8	Utah [#]	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Sunday	Mar 9	Cal State-Northridge [#]	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	2 p.m.
Friday	Mar 14	Oklahoma	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Saturday	Mar 15	Oklahoma	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Sunday	Mar 16	Oklahoma	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Tuesday	Mar 18	Wichita State	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Wednesday	Mar 19	Wichita State	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Saturday	Mar 22	Stanford [*]	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Sunday	Mar 23	Stanford [*]	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	1 p.m.
Monday	Mar 24	Stanford [*]	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	4:30 p.m.
Friday	Mar 28	at USC [*]	Los Angeles, Calif. • Dedeaux Field	6 p.m.
Saturday	Mar 29	at USC [*]	Los Angeles, Calif. • Dedeaux Field	1 p.m.
Sunday	Mar 30	at USC [*]	Los Angeles, Calif. • Dedeaux Field	1 p.m.
Wednesday	Apr 2	New Mexico	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Monday	Apr 7	Grand Canyon	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Friday	Apr 11	at California [*]	Berkeley, Calif. • Evans Diamond	2 p.m.
Saturday	Apr 12	at California [*]	Berkeley, Calif. • Evans Diamond	1 p.m.
Sunday	Apr 13	at California [*]	Berkeley, Calif. • Evans Diamond	1 p.m.
Thursday	Apr 17	UCLA [*]	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Friday	Apr 18	UCLA [*]	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Saturday	Apr 19	UCLA [*]	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	1 p.m.
Friday	Apr 25	Washington State [*]	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Saturday	Apr 26	Washington State [*]	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Sunday	Apr 27	Washington State [*]	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	12 p.m.
Wednesday	Apr 30	at Oklahoma	Oklahoma City, Okla. • Bricktown Ballpark	7 p.m.
Tuesday	May 6	UC-Irvine	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Monday	May 12	at Oregon State [*]	Corvallis, Ore. • Coleman Field	5 p.m.
Tuesday	May 13	at Oregon State [*]	Corvallis, Ore. • Coleman Field	4 p.m.
Wednesday	May 14	at Oregon State [*]	Corvallis, Ore. • Coleman Field	4 p.m.
Saturday	May 17	at Washington [*]	Seattle, Wash. • Husky Ballpark	1 p.m.
Sunday	May 18	at Washington [*]	Seattle, Wash. • Husky Ballpark	1 p.m.
Monday	May 19	at Washington [*]	Seattle, Wash. • Husky Ballpark	6:30 p.m.
Friday	May 23	Arizona [*]	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Saturday	May 24	Arizona [*]	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Sunday	May 25	Arizona [*]	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	1 p.m.
Fri-Sun	May 30-Jun 1	NCAA Regionals	16 sites/4 teams each	
Fri-Sun	Jun 6-8	Super Regionals	8 sites/2 teams each	
Fri-Mon	Jun 13-23	College World Series	Omaha, Neb. (Rosenblatt Stadium)	

* Pac-10 Conference game

Bob Schaefer Memorial Tournament

^A Coca-Cola Spring Training Baseball Classic

2003 ROSTER



Position Roster

PITCHERS	POS.	B/T	HT.	WT.	YR./EXP.	Hometown (High School/Last School)
3 Lopez, Javy	RHP	R/R	6-1	190	Jr./TR	El Paso, Texas (Socorro/El Paso CC)
12 Schroyer, Ryan	RHP	R/R	6-1	205	Jr./2V	Casa Grande, Ariz. (Canyon del Oro)
15 McClellan, Robbie	RHP	R/R	6-1	175	Sr./1V	Liberal, Kan. (Liberal/Seward County CC)
18 Van Slyke, Eric	RHP	R/R	6-1	175	Fr./HS	Gilbert, Ariz. (Gilbert)
22 Leaf, Matt	RHP	R/R	6-4	190	Fr./RS*	Peoria, Ariz. (Sunrise Mountain)
26 Vaughan, Beau	RHP	B/R	6-4	228	Sr./TR	Glendale, Ariz. (Mountain Ridge/New Orleans)
27 Kartler, Bryce	P/DH	L/L	6-2	215	Sr./3V	Phoenix, Ariz. (Shadow Mountain)
38 Perrault, Josh^	RHP	R/R	6-3	205	Jr./1V	Mesa, Ariz. (Red Mountain/S. Mountain)
40 Thurmond, Ben	RHP	R/R	6-0	190	Sr./TR	Hopkins, S.C. (Lower Richland/Winthrop)
41 Sopko, Mark	RHP	R/R	5-11	190	So./1V*	Joliet, Ill. (Joliet Catholic)
45 Averill, Erik	LHP	L/L	6-2	180	Fr./HS	Orange, Calif. (Villa Park)
47 Liebeck, Jered	RHP	R/R	6-1	200	Sr./3V	Glendale, Ariz. (Mountain Ridge)
49 Arguello, Carlos	LHP	L/L	5-9	150	Sr./1V	Albuquerque, N.M. (St. Pius X/Cochise College)
48 Bordes, Brett	LHP	L/L	5-10	160	Fr./HS	Mesa, Ariz. (Dobson)
51 Ehlers, Justin^	P/OF	L/L	5-11	170	Fr./HS	Aloha, Ore. (Century)
55 Beatty, Chris	LHP	R/L	6-2	170	Fr./HS	Kokomo, Ind. (Kokomo)
59 Klusman, Aaron	RHP	R/R	6-4	225	Jr./2V*	Phoenix, Ariz. (Brophy Prep)

CATCHERS	POS.	B/T	HT.	WT.	YR./EXP.	Hometown (High School/Last School)
8 West, Jeremy	C	R/R	6-1	200	Jr./2V	Las Vegas, Nev. (Silverado)
19 Bocchi, Joel	C	R/R	5-11	190	So./1V	Phoenix, Ariz. (Desert Vista)
28 Franco, Anthony^	C/DH	R/R	5-9	225	Fr./HS	Glendale, Ariz. (Cactus)
39 Gosewisch, Tuffy	C	R/R	5-10	185	So./1V	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Horizon)
60 Schoenberger, Garrett	C	R/R	5-11	195	So./1V*	Juneau, Alaska (Juneau-Douglas)

INFIELDERS	POS.	B/T	HT.	WT.	YR./EXP.	Hometown (High School/Last School)
2 Pedroia, Dustin	INF	R/R	5-9	175	So./1V	Woodland, Calif. (Woodland)
5 Wyrick, Dennis	3B	R/R	6-1	215	Sr./3V	Azusa, Calif. (Bishop Amat)
6 Dhaenens, Seth^	INF	L/R	6-1	175	Fr./HS	Chandler, Ariz. (Mountain Pointe)
9 Garabrants, Steve	INF	R/R	5-10	173	Jr./2V	Phoenix, Ariz. (Moon Valley)
11 Larish, Jeff	INF	L/R	6-2	180	So./1V	Tempe, Ariz. (McClintock)
30 Guerrero, Mike	1B	R/R	6-2	200	Jr./RS*	Mesa, Ariz. (Westwood/South Mountain CC)
32 Mesa, Frank	UTL	L/R	6-0	180	So./TR	Yuma, Ariz. (Kofa/Arizona Western)

OUTFIELDERS	POS.	B/T	HT.	WT.	YR./EXP.	Hometown (High School/Last School)
4 Buck, Travis	OF	L/R	6-2	190	Fr./HS	Richland, Wash. (Richland)
10 Allen, Rodney	OF	R/R	6-2	205	Jr./2V	Culver City, Calif. (Desert Vista)
14 Ethier, Andre	OF	L/L	6-3	190	Jr./1V	Phoenix, Ariz. (St. Mary's/ASU/Chandler-Gilbert CC)
16 Cadena, Nick	OF/C	R/R	6-1	200	So./1V	Glendale, Ariz. (Apollo)
17 McKenna, Ryan^	OF	L/R	5-10	175	Jr./2V	Elgin, Ill. (Larkin)
20 Walsh, Nick	OF/2B	L/R	5-7	176	Jr./2V*	Alamo, Calif. (De La Salle)
31 Bosch, Ryan	OF/P	R/R	6-0	185	Fr./HS	Livermore, Calif. (Granada)

* Has utilized redshirt year

^ Will redshirt in 2003

Head Coach: 7 Pat Murphy (9th year)

Assistant Coaches: 62 Jay Sfera (8th year),

66 Mike Rooney (5th year), 29 Chris Sinacori (2nd year)

Director of Baseball Operations and Affairs: Bob Welch (1st year)

Director of Baseball Administration: Graham Rossini (4th year)

Graduate Manager - Equipment/Vidio: Steve Kirkman (5th year)

Graduate Manager - Baseball Operations: Chris Holick (3rd year)

Graduate Manager - Academics: Justin Ross (1st year)

Sports Medicine: Kenny McCarty (5th year)

Media Relations: Jeff Evans (3rd year)

NUMERICAL

2	.....Dustin Pedroia, INF
3	.....Javy Lopez, RHP
4	.....Travis Buck, OF
5	.....Dennis Wyrick, 3B
6	.....Seth Dhaenens, INF
7	.....Pat Murphy, Head Coach
8	.....Jeremy West, C
9	.....Steve Garabrants, INF
10	.....Rodney Allen, OF
11	.....Jeff Larish, INF
12	.....Ryan Schroyer, RHP
14	.....Andre Ethier, OF
15	.....Robbie McClellan, RHP
16	.....Nick Cadena, OF/C
17	.....Ryan McKenna, OF
18	.....Eric Van Slyke, RHP
19	.....Joel Bocchi, C
20	.....Nick Walsh, OF/2B
22	.....Matt Leaf, RHP
26	.....Beau Vaughan, RHP
27	.....Bryce Kartler, LHP/OF
28	.....Anthony Franco, C/DH
29	.....Chris Sinacori, Coach
30	.....Mike Guerrero, 1B
31	.....Ryan Bosch, OF/RHP
32	.....Frank Mesa, UTL
38	.....Josh Perrault, RHP
39	.....Tuffy Gosewisch, C
40	.....Ben Thurmond, RHP
41	.....Mark Sopko, RHP
45	.....Erik Averill, LHP
47	.....Jered Liebeck, RHP
48	.....Carlos Arguello, LHP
49	.....Brett Bordes, LHP
51	.....Justin Ehlers, LHP/OF
55	.....Chris Beatty, LHP
59	.....Aaron Klusman, RHP
60	.....Garrett Schoenberger, C
62	.....Jay Sfera, Coach
66	.....Mike Rooney, Coach

BY POSITION

Catchers	.....5
Pitchers	.....17
Infielders	.....7
Outfielders	.....7

CLASS BREAKDOWN

FRESHMEN (10): Erik Averill, Chris Beatty, Brett Bordes, Ryan Bosch, Travis Buck, Seth Dhaenens, Justin Ehlers, Anthony Franco, Matt Leaf, Eric Van Slyke

SOPHOMORES (8): Joel Bocchi, Nick Cadena, Tuffy Gosewisch, Jeff Larish, Frank Mesa, Dustin Pedroia, Garrett Schoenberger, Mark Sopko

JUNIORS (11): Rod Allen, Andre Ethier, Steve Garabrants, Mike Guerrero Aaron Klusman, Javy Lopez, Ryan McKenna, Josh Perrault, Ryan Schroyer, Nick Walsh, Jeremy West

SENIORS (7): Carlos Arguello, Bryce Kartler, Jered Liebeck, Robbie McClellan, Ben Thurmond, Beau Vaughan, Dennis Wyrick

A CLOSER LOOK

BY STATES:

Alaska (1): Schoenberger (Juneau)

Arizona (19): Schroyer (Casa Grande), Van Slyke (Gilbert), Leaf (Peoria), Vaughan (Glendale), Kartler (Phoenix), Perrault (Mesa), Liebeck (Glendale), Bordes (Mesa), Klusman (Phoenix), Bocchi (Phoenix), Gosewisch (Scottsdale), Franco (Glendale), Dhaenens (Chandler), Garra-brants (Phoenix), Larish (Tempe), Guerrero (Mesa), Mesa (Yuma), Ethier (Phoenix), Cadena (Glendale)

California (6): Averill (Orange), Pedroia (Woodland), Wyrick (Azusa), Walsh (Alamo), Allen (Culver City), Bosch (Livermore)

Illinois (2): McKenna (Elgin), Sopko (Joliet)

Indiana (1): Beatty (Kokomo)

Kansas (1): McClellan (Liberal)

Nevada (1): West (Las Vegas)

New Mexico (1): Arguello (Albuquerque)

Oregon (1): Ehlers (Aloha)

S. Carolina (1):

Thurmond (Hopkins)

Texas (1): Lopez (El Paso)

Washington (1): Buck (Richland)

BY CLASS:

Freshmen: 10

Sophomores: 8

Juniors: 11

Seniors: 7

BY POSITION:

Pitchers (17): Lopez, Schroyer, McClellan, Van Slyke, Leaf, Vaughan, Kartler, Perrault, Thurmond, Sopko, Averill, Liebeck, Arguello, Bordes, Ehlers, Beatty, Klusman

Catchers (5): West, Bocchi, Franco, Gosewisch, Schoenberger

Infielders (7): Pedroia, Wyrick, Dhaenens, Garrabrants, Larish, Guerrero, Mesa

Outfielders (7): Allen, Buck, Ethier, Cadena, McKenna, Walsh, Bosch

IN-SEASON BIRTHDAYS:

January 27: Jered Liebeck (22);

January 30: Chris Beatty (19);

January 31: Robbie McClellan (22); **February 9:** Erik Averill (19), Dennis Wyrick (22);

March 13: Matt Leaf (20);

April 10: Andre Ethier (21);

May 6: Nick Walsh (23);

May 11: Eric Van Slyke (19);

May 20: Seth Dhaenens (19);

May 24: Frank Mesa (20);

June 4: Beau Vaughan (22);

June 9: Bryce Kartler (23);

June 11: Josh Perrault (21)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE:

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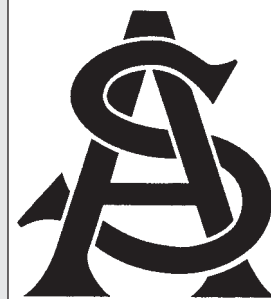
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PerraultPer-OH

Wyrick.....WHY-rick



TV/Radio ROSTER



2 Dustin Pedroia, INF



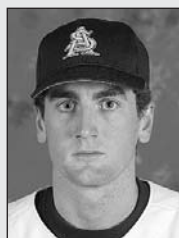
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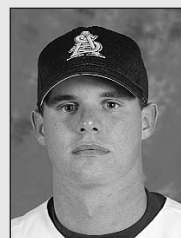
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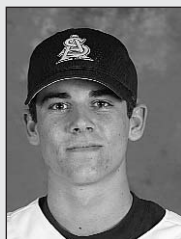
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10 Rodney Allen, OF



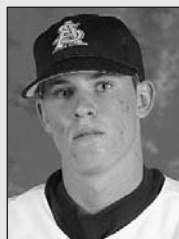
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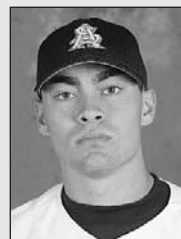
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15 Robbie McClellan, RHP



16 Nick Cadena, OF



17 Ryan McKenna, OF



18 Eric Van Slyke, RHP



19 Joel Bocchi, C



20 Nick Walsh, OF



22 Matt Leaf, RHP



26 Beau Vaughan, RHP



27 Bryce Kartler, LHP



28 Anthony Franco, C



30 Mike Guerrero, 1B



31 Ryan Bosch, OF/P



32 Frank Mesa, UTL



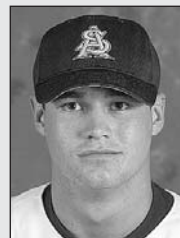
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39 Tuffy Gosewisch, C



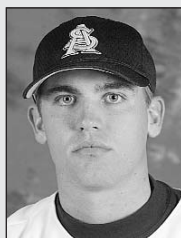
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41 Mark Sopko, RHP



45 Erik Averill, LHP



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51 Justin Ehlers, LHP



55 Chris Beatty, LHP

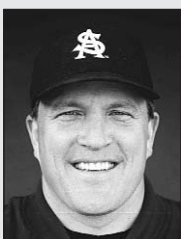


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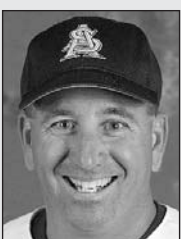
COACHES



7 Pat Murphy



29 Chris Sinacori



62 Jay Sferra



66 Mike Rooney

Bobby Winkles Field

PACKARD STADIUM

Bobby Winkles Field at Packard Stadium, the home of Arizona State baseball since 1974, is one of the nation's most beautiful ballparks—and it is about to get that much better. The 28-year-old stadium has undergone a \$1 million renovation as part of phase one of the Packard Stadium renovation project. The actual field at Packard Stadium did not carry a name until last year, when it was dedicated as Bobby Winkles Field. Winkles, ASU's first varsity baseball coach (from 1959-71), won ASU's first three national championships.

The outfield wall at Packard Stadium is lined with palm trees, and just beyond the right-field fence is the award-winning Karsten Golf Course. In left field, sparkling Tempe Town Lake is visible. In the distance, the Superstition Mountains offer a picturesque backdrop.

But for every bit of beauty that envelops Packard, there is an equal dose of tradition.

The stadium is the home of two national championship teams and 13 NCAA regional tournaments. Arizona State's all-time record at Packard is 788-228-1, for a winning percentage of .775. In the last 13 seasons, the Sun Devils are 373-106-1 (.778) at Packard. Last season, ASU was 3-0 at Packard Stadium while playing a majority of its home games at Hohokam Stadium in Mesa.

Dimensions of Packard are 340 feet down the lines, 370 feet in the power alleys and 395 to straightaway center. The fence is 10 feet

high. Located five feet beyond the center-field wall is the "Green Monster," a 30-foot-high batting eye. Only 18 players have ever hit a home run over the Monster.

With a capacity of around 5,000, Packard has more than 3,000 permanent seats in the main grandstand, which are backed for spectator comfort. Field-level box seats are also available behind home plate. The remaining seats, which run down the first-base line, also provide outstanding views of the game. A berm was added down the third-base line to provide fans with a different way to watch and enjoy the game.

Over the years Packard has received numerous upgrades, including a new scoreboard, valued at \$240,000, that was installed in left-center field. A product of Daktronics, Inc., in South Dakota, the scoreboard is fully equipped for graphics, animation and messages on its color matrix board.

Packard Stadium also includes a players lounge behind the Sun Devil dugout. A doorway was constructed in that area, allowing direct passage from the lounge to the dugout. A sports medicine facility is adjacent to the lounge area.

The ASU clubhouse is located underneath the center of the main grandstand. That area also includes dressing rooms for ASU coaches and game officials. Head coach Pat Murphy also has an office at Packard Stadium.

Packard is equipped with outstanding press facilities. The two-tiered press box, situated atop the grandstand directly behind home plate, includes booths for television and radio coverage, as well as ample space for print media. When Arizona State played host to Arizona in May 1989, a total of 124 press credentials were issued. Improvements



Two of ASU's three varsity head coaches, Bobby Winkles and Pat Murphy, share a moment on Bobby Winkles Day in 2001.

MONSTER HOME RUNS

The following players are the only 18 in the history of Packard Stadium to hit a home run over the "Green Monster" in center field.

Dennis Haines, Arizona, 1974
Kevin Romine, Arizona State, 1981
Barry Bonds, Arizona State, 1983
Luis Medina, Arizona State, 1984
Romy Cucjen, Arizona State, 1984
Tony Mattia, Arizona State, 1987
Steve Willis, Arizona State, 1988
Tim Griffin, Stanford, 1989
Anthony Manahan, Arizona State, 1990
Todd Stevenson, Arizona State, 1990
Mike Kelly, Arizona State, 1990
Doug Newstrom, Arizona State, 1993
Antone Williamson, Arizona State, 1993
Tim DeCinces, UCLA, 1996
Matt Meyer, Nebraska, 1996
Dion Ruecker, Texas Tech, 1996
Mitch Jones, Arizona State, 1999
Brooks Conrad, Arizona State, 2000

were made to the press facility this year, when statistic monitors were added to the radio booths and live stats were produced over the Internet from the press box.

Just about every year, improvements are made to this already magnificent baseball facility. A separate building containing batting tunnels and a weight room was built in the fall of 1997 and is located on the third-base side of Packard. The batting cage area doubles as the press room/interview room during NCAA Tournament play. The Sun Devils' bullpen area was also remodeled and upgraded

to include three pitching mounds.

In addition, a new public-address system was added, replacing the sound system that had been in place since Packard Stadium opened in 1974.

Packard has 160 metal halide lights, which is the same amount used in Triple-A lighting for night games. The playing surface consists of tiff green grass in the infield and Bermuda grass in the outfield. The dirt portion of the infield is crushed red brick, which can be found at many major league stadiums.

Packard's existence was made possible through a gift to Arizona State from Guthrie and Peter Packard. Both are alumni of ASU, and the stadium is a tribute to their late father, William Guthrie Packard, a prominent member of the publishing industry for many years. Mr. Packard served the Shepard Company for 51 years, rising from sales representative to president to chairman of the board. He was also active in various community and church affairs in Colorado and Arizona.

PACKARD STADIUM FIRSTS

Game: April 7, 1974 (USC 6, ASU 4)

Crowd: 4,637

ASU Pitcher: Dale Hrovat

Hit: Rich Dauer of USC in first inning

Home Run: ASU's Clay Westlake vs. LaVerne, April 9, 1974

PACKARD'S PLACARDS:

Packard Stadium's outfield wall is enhanced with placards that capture the rich tradition of Arizona State baseball. Thirteen (13) jersey numbers are on display. They belong to Bobby Winkles (#1), Dr. Jim Brock (#33), Oddibe McDowell (#0), Reggie Jackson (#44), Barry Bonds (#24), Sal Bando (#6), Bob Horner (#5), Floyd Bannister (#19), Rick Monday (#27), Larry Gura (#14), Hubie Brooks (#7), Eddie Bane (#21) and Alan Bannister (#7). Jackson wore #24 at ASU, but became synonymous with #44 during his years with the New York Yankees.

Arizona State Baseball

2003

OUTLOOK

There is plenty to be excited about for the upcoming Arizona State baseball season as the Sun Devils prepare for another campaign at Packard Stadium. Just like every beginning to a new college baseball season, expectations and demands of a 19th trip to Omaha and a sixth College World Series championship are placed on the ASU program.

Six months after losing to Houston in the regional final at Hohokam Park in Mesa, a team loaded with veteran players and exciting young talent will take the field in 2003 with Omaha on their minds. Head coach Pat Murphy enters his ninth year at the helm of the Sun Devils, having guided ASU to the NCAA Tournament in five of the last six years, and will once again look for his team to be a contender for the national championship in June.

"You go into every season with the expectation of going to Omaha and ending at the top," said Murphy, who carries a 306-164-1 record as the Sun Devil skipper. "This season is no exception. We smelled that success in 1998 with a team that wasn't supposed to go that far, and ended up playing for the national championship. We have a team with a nice mix of young talent and veteran players, and don't want to just get [to Omaha], but want to win it all. It is a mentality that our players are starting to pick up on."

The 2003 Sun Devils will feature a nice mix of veterans and newcomers, with 21 returning letterwinners and a team equally divided by 18 upperclassmen (juniors and seniors) and 18 underclassmen (freshman and sophomores). The Devils return 10 of their top position players from 2002 and six top pitchers. Highlighted by a top-10 recruiting class and two key junior college transfers, ASU has 13 total newcomers who will be making their Sun Devil debuts this



Dustin Pedroia

spring. The 2003 Sun Devils are sure to be another squad reflective of Murphy's typical teams of the past, which will put runs on the board by playing playoff-type baseball, stealing bases, bunting and executing the hit-and-run to win games at any cost.

"This is another typical Sun Devil baseball team with both talent and heart," said the 1998 *Baseball America* Coach of the Year and 2000 Pac-10 Coach of the Year. "Our focus is to be the very best program in the country, and when we take the field that will be our motivation."

Coming off a 37-21 record last year and finishing third in the Pac-10 behind CWS participant Stanford and USC at 15-9, ASU will once again have to face a challenging conference slate to contend for the league title. While returning 21 players from the 2002 squad that hosted an NCAA regional for the second time in the last three years, ASU will still have to

replace several key players who played pivotal roles last year. Ace starting pitcher Mike Esposito (9-6, 3.72 ERA, 93 SO) opted to sign a professional contract prior to the beginning of school after being selected in the 12th round of the MLB Draft by the Colorado Rockies. Also lost to pro ball were starting catcher Cesar Castillo (.287, 1 HR), starting center fielder Jon Sheaffer (.364) and utility infielder Sergio Garcia (.336, 16 SB).

"With college baseball, the way it is with the draft and a limited number of scholarships, you are always forced to make adjustments," said Murphy. "This year is no exception. While it isn't a rebuilding phase, there is a big transition to make from year to year. You always have

an infusion of younger players that you are going to ask to play a lot."

THE SCHEDULE

The 2003 schedule will again be challenging, with a 62-game slate against some of the nation's premier college programs. The Sun Devils will play 25 games against nine teams that advanced to the 2002 NCAA Tournament. Making a return to Packard Stadium after playing in Mesa last year, ASU is scheduled to play 37 games at home and a total of 40 games in the state of Arizona. Opening the season with six games at Hawaii-Hilo starting Jan. 16, the Devils will be making their second earliest start in the program's 92-year history.

"To be as good as you can be you have to be challenged every weekend," said Murphy. "Every team in our conference will be improved

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2003 Outlook continued

this year, and there is no question the Pac-10 will once again be one of the nation's elite. We play the best schedule in order to be our best as a program. This team has guts, and wouldn't want it any other way."

In addition to the rigorous Pac-10 schedule, ASU's trek to Omaha will have to go through the heart of the perennial college baseball powerhouses. A tough nonconference slate includes games against Oklahoma, Notre Dame, San Diego State, Long Beach State, Cal State-Northridge and Wichita State.

WHO RETURNS IN 2003

The Sun Devils feature what could potentially be a prominent veteran starting lineup heading into the season. With an infield full of returning starters and two of the best outfielders in the Pac-10, the Sun Devils are giving fans in Tempe plenty to be excited about. All-Pac-10 First Team selections Andre Ethier (jr., OF), Jeremy West (jr., C/DH) and Dustin Pedroia (so., SS) are back for another year, while junior outfielder Rodney Allen is looking to duplicate his impressive freshman season after having a statistically down year in 2002. Key pitchers to watch for are junior preseason All-American Ryan Schroyer and senior transfer Ben Thurmond. Thurmond was an All-American and member of Team USA while at Winthrop University. Schroyer, who was the Pac-10's top closer in 2002 and led the league with a 2.37 ERA, is expected to move into the starting rotation.

"There is no doubt that we have some leadership on this team with players like Andre [Ethier], Dustin [Pedroia] and Rodney [Allen], but leadership develops throughout the season," said Murphy. "We have a lot of players that have played in some big-game situations, and that is what winning championships comes down to."

PITCHING

The backbone to any team's success lies in the strength and depth of its pitching staff. The Devils are hoping to build off a solid pitching performance in



Dennis Wyrick

2002 that turned in the best team ERA (4.40) since 1994. Although Esposito departed early for the professional ranks, six of ASU's seven top pitchers all return from a year ago. In addition, pitching coach Chris Sinacori returned to the program after spending four years as minor league pitching coordinator with the Chicago White Sox, and should give the Sun Devil hurlers an added advantage on the mound.

Hard-throwing junior right-hander Ryan Schroyer will anchor what is shaping up to be a very deep pitching staff. One of the nation's premier closers a year ago, Schroyer is penciled in to be ASU's Friday-night starting pitcher and will be looked upon as the Devils' team leader on the mound.

"Ryan has really come of age on the mound and has become one of our team leaders," said Murphy. "He was dominant in the closer role last year, and we really expect big things out of him this year. He is a guy that wants the ball in big games, and that is what you want out of your No. 1 starter."

Schroyer led the Pac-10 last year with a 2.37 ERA, 4-1 record and eight saves while dominating late in games. He posted a 1.54 ERA as

a relief pitcher and gave up only five earned runs in the eighth inning or later.

Behind Schroyer in the rotation will be senior transfer Ben Thurmond from Winthrop. One of the most high-profile transfers during the offseason, Thurmond brings a wealth of experience and All-American credentials to the Sun Devils. Although he was limited to only 64.0 innings pitched and was 4-3 in 2002 due to an arm injury, Thurmond has shown he can dominate at the college level, as was evident by him going 14-3 with a 2.88 ERA and recording 148 strikeouts in 150.0 innings for Winthrop in 2001.

"There is no doubt that Ben has shown that he can compete at this level, and if all goes well, he will be a nice addition to our program," said Murphy. "He is another hard-nosed kid that just loves to pitch in big games and asks to be put in those situations."

The third spot in the starting rotation is up for grabs with a trio of seniors and several freshmen in the mix. Senior right-hander Robbie McClellan started hot last year with a 7-2 record, but stumbled late in the season and ended at 7-6. With a year under his belt, McClellan, who ranked fourth in the Pac-10 last year with 91 strikeouts, should be a mainstay in the rotation, but can also be used out of the bullpen. Four-year letterwinner Jered Liebeck was ASU's best pitcher down the stretch last year and was named Pac-10 Honorable Mention, going 2-1 with one save and a 5.20 ERA. Also expect New Orleans senior transfer Beau Vaughan (RHP) to see action as a spot starter or in middle relief and junior college transfer Javy Lopez (RHP) from El Paso CC step in and pitch a lot of innings.

"We don't have nearly the overall talent on the mound when it comes to true prospects, but I am very confident in our staff in terms of guys that love the ball and want to be in the big game," said Murphy. "We have a great pitching coach with a lot of experience who relates well to the kids, and that is very important. We have a lot of guys that are going make a big contribution to the program."

With a nice mix of experience and raw talent, the bullpen corps will be led by senior lefty Carlos Arguello and sophomore right-hander Mark Sopko. Arguello was 5-1 with a 2.01 ERA last year, including a complete-game win in the NCAA regional over San Diego. The crafty lefty will be looked upon as a midweek starter and as a long reliever. Sopko is one of ASU's hardest throwers and is expected to nail down the closer role. He was 2-2 with one save and a 5.56 ERA during his rookie campaign last year. Senior Bryce



Jeff Larish

Kartler is ASU's most experienced pitcher, with 118.0 career innings, and he can be used as a reliever or starter. Nasty against left-handers, Kartler limited opposing batters to a .240 batting average in 2002, with lefties hitting only .171 against him.

Highlighting the rookies in the pitching staff who are expected to make a difference are true freshman left-handers Brett Bordes, Erik Averill and Chris Beatty. Hard-throwing right-hander Eric Van Slyke is also expected to make an impact in his first year with the Devils. Recovering from Tommy John surgery last fall, redshirt freshman Matt Leaf is ASU's wild card, who, according to Murphy, has the potential to be a weekend starter.

CATCHING

A year ago the Devils were forced to replace three-time All-American Casey Myers. The answer came in fourth-string catcher Cesar Castillo. While freshmen Joel Bocchi and Tuffy Gosewisch took their lumps at the plate, and the experimental transition for Dennis Wyrick didn't work out, the catching position became one of ASU's strong points near the end of the season. With Castillo departed to pro baseball after an excellent senior season, Murphy is confident in his sophomore duo of Bocchi and Gosewisch.

"We have two catchers that are really going to

compete hard for that starting spot, and both are the two best players from our fall workouts," said Murphy. "They are both tremendous workers and both can handle our pitching staff and will go to battle for us every day."

In addition to Bocchi and Gosewisch, Murphy has raved about the transition made by junior Jeremy West from first base. While he is most likely to see steady time as the starting designated hitter, West has

adapted to the position that he will be most suited for in professional baseball.

"Jeremy really looks good behind the plate, and he will see some time back there," commented Murphy. "He is a natural back there and will develop into a great catcher."

West returns as ASU's leading power hitter and is one of the Pac-10's deadliest weapons at the plate. A career .336 hitter with 19 home runs, West was a first-team All-Pac-10 selection last year after hitting .356 with 13 home runs and leading the league with 71 RBI.

Not to be overshadowed at the catching position is sophomore Garrett Schoenberger. Although appearing in only four games last year, Schoenberger is a team leader with his work ethic and positive attitude.

THE INFIELD

With every projected starter having at least one full year under his belt, the Sun Devil infield will be the cornerstone of the team in 2003. The Devils boast not only a solid front line of starters, but also a strong supporting cast with what Murphy describes as a five-player starting infield.

FIRST BASE

With two-year starting first baseman Jeremy West moving full time to catcher and designated hitter, sophomore Jeff Larish will get the chance to move from third base to first base. A .328 hitter as a freshman and selected as an honorable mention freshman All-American, Larish and his sweet left-handed swing will most likely fill up the No. 3 or No. 5 hole in the batting order. Expected redshirt last year, Larish jumped into the lineup in mid-March and never looked back. He finished the year with three home runs and 24 RBI and, after an intensive offseason workout program, has added power and strength to his 6-2 frame. Junior Mike Guerrero made the switch from outfield to first base after redshirting last year. A power hitter who played at South Mountain CC before transferring to ASU, Guerrero had a strong fall, and will also be used as a pinch-hitter and fill in at designated hitter.

SECOND BASE

Incumbent starter Steve Garrabrants returns for his third year and will be looked upon to once again be the spark plug in ASU's lineup. A solid fielder, Garrabrants provides his biggest impact at the plate and on the base paths, where he is a career .325 hitter with 32 stolen bases, with 16 each in his first two years.

"Garrabrants is a speed guy who has also learned to take a solid and focused approach at the plate," said Murphy. "He will bat leadoff for us, and we like the energy he brings our team to lead off the game. The sky is the limit for him with his talent and great instincts."

Also expected to see a lot of time at second



Mark Sopko

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Steve Garrabrants

base and at any of the other infield positions will be sophomore Frank Mesa. A transfer from Arizona Western and the latest in a long line of Sun Devils to hail from Yuma, Mesa is ASU's utility man who will be in the starting mix as much as anybody.

"Frank Mesa is a real talented player who will be just as much a starter as anyone else," said Murphy about the talented sophomore. "The thing with Frank, though, is that he can fill in at any position and has a great bat at the plate."

THIRD BASE

Three-year letterwinner Dennis Wyrick has had some ups and downs in his career, but appears to have found his home at third base. ASU's starter at shortstop as a freshman and sophomore, Wyrick moved to catcher last year in a move that didn't go as planned as he moved back to the infield. A natural team leader with the most experience on the roster, Wyrick looked comfortable at the hot corner in fall drills and will be the quarterback of the defense. Mesa and Larish can also fill in at third base.

"Dennis has had some ups and downs, but he is such a quality kid who means the world to this program," said Murphy.

SHORTSTOP

The one position with absolutely no question heading into the season will be at shortstop. Described by Murphy as the glue of the team, sophomore Dustin Pedroia will be ASU's starting shortstop and remain there throughout the season. After a record-breaking freshman season in which he was selected as a first-team All-Pac-10 and freshman All-American, Pedroia spent the summer playing for the USA Baseball National Team.

"Dustin is the backbone of this team and one of the hardest-working players in all of college baseball," said Murphy. "He will lead by example, and he plays the game with incredible intensity. He never leaves anything on the field."

Pedroia broke the ASU freshman record with 82 hits and finished fourth on the team in hitting at .347. He was the only player to start all 58 games last year and made only four errors in 223 total chances for a .982 fielding percentage.

OUTFIELD

While the infield will be the cornerstone of the team in 2003, the outfield will be the driving force in what could be one of the best offensive teams in the nation. Led by juniors Rodney Allen and Andre Ethier and a supporting cast of two talented freshmen, the outfielders are expected to carry the team at the plate.

Allen will make the move from left field to center field, where he excelled this past summer with the Orleans Cardinals in the Cape Cod League. A .389 hitter as a freshman, Allen's batting average dropped to .278 last year, but his production stayed nearly the same with six home runs and 50 RBI.

"Rodney is a guy that just keeps playing hard and never gave up last year," said Murphy. "He struggled at times and pressed too hard trying to live up to his freshman year, but when the lights went on in the big games, Rodney was there for the team. He is a big-time player who loves to play in big-time games."

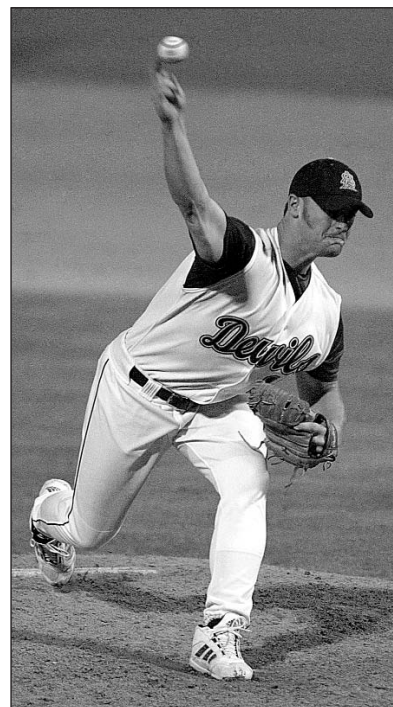
Ethier had a great rookie season with the Devils and will once again patrol right field. Described as one of the Pac-10's best defensive outfielders with a strong arm and great range, Ethier will also make his biggest impact at the plate. He finished second on the team with a .363 batting average and added 14 doubles and

50 RBI despite missing a month with a broken thumb last year. He was named a third-team preseason All-American by the NCBWA.

A pair of freshmen will battle for the starting job in left field. Left-handed-hitting Travis Buck was drafted in the 23rd round by the Seattle Mariners, but the Richland, Wash., native turned down several last-minute offers and will most likely open the season as the starting left fielder. Another freshman, Ryan Bosch, will also contend for time in the outfield with his raw ability and talent.

"Bosch and Buck are going to be two of the premier freshman players in the nation and will see a lot of playing time," said Murphy. "They are the Sun Devils of the future, but we will get to see right away how talented they are."

Sophomore slugger Nick Cadena is coming off a solid freshman season in which he had a pair of multi-home-run games and six total round-trippers. He will contend for time as a backup outfielder and also see action at designated hitter. Utility player Nick Walsh has been one of ASU's best on-base percentage guys in his previous two years and can also fill in around the outfield and at second base. Junior Ryan McKenna has been a solid role player over the last two years, but a late-season illness in 2002 will most likely have him redshirt this year.



Ryan Schroyer