

COACHES

#7 PAT MURPHY

ASU head coach Pat Murphy has a 306-164-1 record in eight years at the helm of the Sun Devils. He was the 2000 Pac-10 Coach of the Year and the 1998 *Baseball America* Coach of the Year.



#29 CHRIS SINACORI



#66 MIKE ROONEY



#62 JAY SFERRA



Head Coach

PAT MURPHY

Sun Devil baseball is one of the nation's greatest college baseball traditions. I am honored and proud to be a part of its history and tradition of past Sun Devil greats. —Pat Murphy



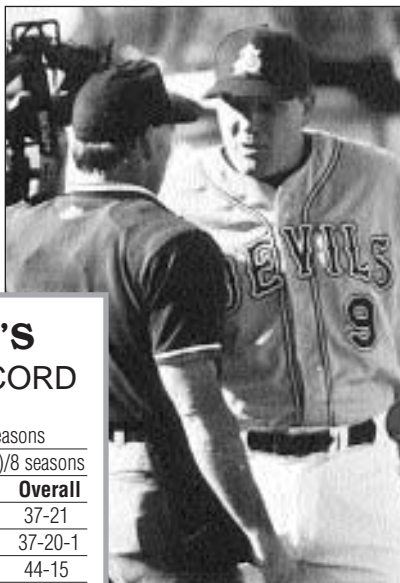
PAT MURPHY'S YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORD

Career Record: 679-335-4 (.669)/18 seasons

Arizona State Record: 306-164-1 (.651)/8 seasons

| Year | School | Overall |
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| 2002 | Arizona State | 37-21 |
| 2001 | Arizona State | 37-20-1 |
| 2000 | Arizona State | 44-15 |
| 1999 | Arizona State | 39-21 |
| 1998 | Arizona State | 41-23 |
| 1997 | Arizona State | 39-22 |
| 1996 | Arizona State | 35-21 |
| 1995 | Arizona State | 34-21 |
| 1994 | Notre Dame | 46-16 |
| 1993 | Notre Dame | 46-16 |
| 1992 | Notre Dame | 48-15 |
| 1991 | Notre Dame | 45-16 |
| 1990 | Notre Dame | 46-12 |
| 1989 | Notre Dame | 48-19-1 |
| 1988 | Notre Dame | 39-22 |
| 1987 | Claremont-Mudd Scripps | 21-18-1 |
| 1986 | Claremont-Mudd Scripps | 24-16 |
| 1983 | Maryville (Tenn.) | 10-21-1 |

Pat Murphy became only the third head coach in Arizona State's 43-year modern baseball history. Following in the footsteps of legendary head coaches Bobby Winkles and Jim Brock, Murphy's eight-year tenure at the helm of the ASU program has been marked with much success. Since inheriting the Sun Devil program in August of 1994, Murphy has carefully nurtured the tradition of excellence in Tempe, while at the same time establishing himself as one of the top collegiate head coaches in the nation. He has guided Arizona State to top-12 national rankings in



phy is the winningest active baseball coach under the age of 44 at any collegiate level. He also became the youngest collegiate coach to reach 500 career victories (with 75 percent of the wins at the Division I level) on March 22, 1998, with a 7-6 victory over California. He has since notched milestone victories No. 600 for his career and No. 300 at ASU, and coached in his 1,000th career game last year.

Before arriving at Arizona State, Murphy took a virtually unknown Notre Dame baseball program from a non-fully funded sport into the national spotlight. His Notre Dame teams averaged over 45 wins a season during his seven years in South Bend and included three straight final 16 appearances in the NCAA Tournament. When he left the historic campus, Murphy became the first coach in any sport at Notre Dame to leave a head coaching position for another job.

THE INTERNATIONAL STORY

Throughout his illustrious career, Murphy has earned accolades in the international ranks as well, as he led the Dutch Olympic baseball team in the Sydney 2000 Games. In the 2000 Olympics, Murphy helped lead the Dutch national team to its best showing in international competition with a 3-4 record in the Sydney games. The Netherlands placed fifth with wins over Australia, Cuba and its rival Italy. Cuba's 4-2 loss to the Dutch was the first loss in Olympic play at the time for the international power, a span that covered 21 games. The win by Murphy's squad was noted by nbcolympics.com as one of the top four upsets in Olympic team competition. In a pre-Olympic tournament, Murphy's team beat Team USA and its famous manager Tommy Lasorda. No stranger to international baseball, Murphy's ties to the Dutch team stretch back more than a decade. In the summer of 1987, Murphy led Holland to the European Championship, a victory that qualified the squad for the 1988 Seoul Olympics. He was asked to coach Holland in the Seoul Olympics, but declined so he could return to the University of Notre Dame, where he had recently been named head coach.

three of the past six years, including an appearance in the 1998 College World Series national championship game. The Sun Devils have advanced to the NCAA Tournament in five of the last six years, including hosting a regional in two of the last three years. Murphy is 306-164-1 in his eight seasons and posts an all-time 24-18 record in NCAA Tournament action. With a career 679-335-4 record in 18 seasons as a head coach, Mur-

DID YOU KNOW?

Pat Murphy's first managerial win in professional baseball (Tri-Cities Triplets) was won by him. Down, 10-1, in the ninth inning with two outs and no one on base, the Triplets came all the way back to tie the game and eventually win, 14-10, in 11 innings. Murphy pitched 4.1 innings out of the bullpen to defeat the Spokane Indians. Murphy was the player-coach for the Triplets (Northwest League) for two seasons.

MURPHY IN POSTSEASON PLAY

Posting a career 24-18 record (.571) in post-season play, Murphy's NCAA playoff repertoire also includes a knack for carrying out the upset victory. On four separate occasions, his teams have defeated the regional host team, while five of the last eight Murphy-coached squads to make the playoffs have reached the "Sweet 16" or better. These accomplishments have come despite the fact that his teams have been sent to play the No. 1-ranked team six times in regional play (1992 at Miami, 1993 at Florida State, 1994 at Clemson, 1997 at Miami, 1998 at Wichita State and 2001 at Cal State-Fullerton). The Devils also have a current string of hosting an NCAA regional in two of the past three years under Murphy's guidance.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Murphy's squads continue to demonstrate excellence in the classroom as well, as ASU boasted more Academic All-American selections (three) in 1999 than any other program in the nation. It was the most selections by an Arizona State baseball team in the history of the school. Former Devil Casey Myers (1998-2001) was a three-time selection to the Academic All-American team and twice the Academic All-American of the Year. In all, ASU has had five selections to the Academic All-American team since 1999, and 28 Devils have earned All-Pac-10 academic acclaim under Murphy's guidance since 1995. In addition, in his 18 years as a head coach, he has never had a player declared academically ineligible.

THE LUCK OF THE IRISH

During his seven-year head coaching stint at Notre Dame, Murphy led the Irish to a 318-116-1 record. Taking the non-fully funded program from a virtual unknown into a national power, he led the Fighting Irish to the NCAA Tournament in only his second year (1989), ending an 18-year stretch with Notre Dame not advancing to the NCAA Tournament. The Irish averaged just over 45 wins a season under Murphy and advanced to the NCAA regional finals three different times.



THE TRADITION IS ALIVE

Murphy has helped keep alive a streak of 40 straight years in which ASU has posted 30 or more victories. In the rivalry series against the University of Arizona, he has guided ASU to a 27-15 record (.643) in his seven seasons in Tempe, never losing a season series to the Wildcats. Following suit to his coaching days at Notre Dame, Murphy is also overseeing the renovation of the program's facility. Packard Stadium will undergo a multimillion-dollar renovation to improve player facilities, the stadium entrance, press facilities and the overall enjoyment for Sun Devil baseball fans over the next couple of years. A new field was installed for the 2003 season and a new clubhouse will be finished during the season.

AN OFFENSIVE POWERHOUSE

Under Murphy, the Devils offense has been consistently ranked among the best in the NCAA. The Devils led the nation in hitting in 1999 while tying a school record with a .356 team batting average. The Devils finished second in the nation in 2000 with a .346 mark and led the Pac-10 in 2001 by a wide margin with a .327 average. The Sun Devil offense has flourished since Murphy took over the reins in 1995, combining to hit .329 as a team with an average of 9.13 runs scored per game.

THE SUN DEVIL YEARS

Most recently at the college ranks, Murphy led the 2002 Sun Devils to a 37-21 record overall, placing third in the Pac-10 with a 15-9 record. ASU hosted the NCAA Mesa Regional at Hohokam Park, going 2-2 before losing to No. 1 seed Houston. Dustin Pedroia, Andre Ethier and Jeremy West all earned first-team All-Pac-10 honors, while Pedroia became ASU's seventh player to compete for Team USA. The pitching staff posted a 4.40 ERA—second in the Pac-10 and the lowest during the Murphy head coaching era.

The 2001 Sun Devils posted a 37-20-1 record en route to yet another NCAA Tournament bid. Led by All-Americans Casey Myers and Andy Torres and a crop of seven freshman All-Americans, the Devils placed third in the Pac-10 and finished ranked 22nd in the nation. Myers repeated as the Academic All-American of the Year, and becoming only the third player in Pac-10 history to win twice in a row. Since the Pac-10 joined the North and Six-Pac in 1999, ASU has won three of the four Pac-10 Player of the Year awards. The 2000 edition of Arizona State base-

ball finished with a 44-15 record and made its third postseason appearance in four years. Finishing with in the top 12 in the nation, the Sun Devils also captured their first Pac-10 championship since 1993 with a 17-7 conference record, earning the league's automatic bid by virtue of tie-breakers against both Stanford and UCLA. Murphy's 2000 Devils once again made a dent in the NCAA record books, leading the nation in scoring (10.97 runs/game), second in batting average (.346), fifth in fielding (.971), seventh in home runs (1.46 HR/game), second in slugging percentage (.561) and first in triples (0.63 per game). Senior outfielder Mitch Jones, whom Murphy lured to ASU just one year earlier as a junior college transfer, set the ASU record for home runs with 27.

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

During the 1999 season, Murphy assembled one of the most prolific offensive teams in ASU history. Concluding the year with a 39-21 overall record, the 1999 Sun Devils led the nation in batting average (.356) and scoring (11.32 runs per game). Their .356 team average tied the top single-season mark in ASU history, set by the 1981 national championship team. The Devils had the remarkable offensive season despite playing the first 17 games of the season with wood bats. In addition, the Sun Devils led the conference in virtually every offensive category. Arizona State had more players drafted in the 1999 Major League Amateur Draft (10) than any other school in the Pac-10 Conference. The 1999 season also produced a Sun Devil Pac-10 Player of the Year and current Seattle Mariner utility player Willie Bloomquist.

Murphy and his coaching staff led the 1998 Sun Devils to the pinnacle of collegiate baseball—the College World Series in Omaha, Neb. It was Murphy's first trip to the big show, and it would be a memorable one. Earning an at-large bid into the NCAA

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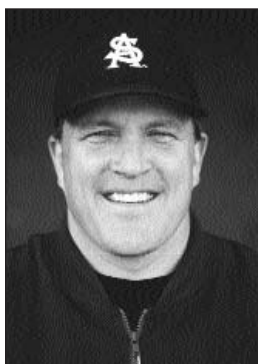
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Tournament, Murphy's squad would once again be tested by being sent to play the No. 1 team in the nation. Traveling to Wichita, Kan., the Devils started a journey that would eventually land them in college baseball's premier showcase, becoming ASU's 18th team to play in the annual College World Series, and only the second to play for the national championship without having hosted a regional tournament. The Devils finished regional play 4-1, notching wins over nationally ranked Georgia Tech, Oklahoma State and Wichita State along the way to advance to Omaha. Advancing through the CWS bracket without a loss, ASU faced Pac-10 foe USC in the championship game. In a record-breaking game, ASU came up short, falling to the Trojans, 21-14. ASU finished second in the nation with a 41-23 overall record and a third-place finish in conference play (18-11). After storming through the postseason and falling just one win short of a national championship, the Sun Devils concluded the season with a consensus No. 2 ranking, and a total of six players earned All-America status. In addition, 10 Sun Devils were taken in the 1998 MLB Amateur Draft, including Ryan Mills, the sixth pick overall by the Minnesota Twins. In just his fourth season at ASU, Murphy became the second-fastest Pac-10 coach to reach the CWS championship game, behind only former Sun Devil coach Jim Brock. For his efforts, he was named the *Baseball America* National Coach of the Year.

Only two years into his ASU coaching career, Murphy took the program back to where it belonged: into postseason play. Murphy guided the Devils to their 16th regional appearance, taking his team across the country to face No. 1 seed Miami in Coral Gables. The '97 Sun Devils came within one out of making an 18th trip to Omaha, bowing out in the championship game of the Atlantic regional to host Miami in dramatic fashion. After defeating the No. 1 Hurricanes, 10-3, ASU dropped a pair of one-run games to Miami to fall short of a trip to Omaha. ASU finished with a No. 11 ranking by *Baseball America* and a 39-22 overall record.

The Sun Devils again fell short of the NCAA Tournament in 1996, despite finishing the year ranked 25th by *Baseball America* and posting 35 Division I wins, with eight of those coming against top-25 teams. The 1996 squad posted the fourth-best team batting average (.338) in ASU history, and led the Pac-10 Southern Division in seven offensive categories including batting average, runs and hits. The Devils recorded a 35-21 record, despite being without pitching aces Phill Lowery, Kaipo Spenser and Ryan Mills for most of the year. Murphy graduated 11 players from the 1996 team to the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft.

Inheriting an average team in 1995, at a school where average is unacceptable, with only two returning starters and without the benefit of his own recruiting class, Murphy's



first ASU squad posted 34 wins in 1995. With Murphy always having a flair for the big game, it's no surprise that nine of those victories came over top-10 foes, such as College World Series participants USC, Stanford and Florida State. During one stretch of games in mid-March, Murphy led the Devils to six consecutive wins over eventual CWS participants Oklahoma, USC and Stanford. Despite being ranked in the top 25 all season and the numerous big wins, the Devils fell short of a trip to the NCAA Tournament, but the foundation was laid for the Devils to remain as one of the powers in college baseball.

ALWAYS A TOP RECRUITING CLASS

The 44-year-old Syracuse, N.Y., native and his coaching staff have assembled some of the finest recruiting classes in the nation during each of the past eight years. His 1995 class was ranked No. 1 in the nation with names such as Phill Lowery, Andrew Beinbrink and Ryan Mills. Seven straight Gatorade Players of the Year have committed to Arizona State. Year after year, Murphy lands the nation's top talent—last year's recruiting class was ranked No. 1 by *Baseball America* heading into the draft, and despite several players signing to play professional baseball, the Devils still ended up as the No. 6 class in the nation. The freshman class of 2004 will be no exception, as Murphy pulled seven of the top 100 players in the country to fulfill yet another No. 1-ranked class. Despite a current trend that sees many teams reload with just top prospects, Murphy also brings players in to mold into those who are scrappy and hustle. As *Baseball America* proclaimed in its annual recruiting class review in reference to Murphy's and ASU's unique and successful style of recruiting, "If you don't understand it, then you're not a Sun Devil."

COMMUNITY SERVICE—A SIGNATURE OF MURPHY'S TEAMS

Community outreach has been a signature of Murphy's players, who are taught to give back to their communities and be positive

DID YOU KNOW?

- During his Division I head coaching career, Murphy's teams have averaged 42 wins per season. During his seven years at Notre Dame, Murphy led the Irish to an average of 45 wins per season for seven years.
- Murphy's Sun Devil teams have been one of the most potent offensive teams in the NCAA each year. In fact, since 1995, Murphy's teams have combined to hit .329 with an average of 9.13 runs scored per game. ASU led the nation in runs scored and batting average in 1999-2000 and set a school record in 1999 with a team .356 batting average.
- During his 18 years as a head coach in collegiate baseball, Murphy has never had one of his players declared academically ineligible.
- Murphy was named the 2000 Pac-10 Coach of the Year by his peers, and was the 1998 *Baseball America* National Coach of the Year.
- Attendance at Packard Stadium during Murphy's tenure has constantly improved and has led the Pac-10 in each of his seven years as head coach. Last year, ASU finished 20th nationally and was the second-highest-ranked team on the West Coast.
- ASU has an average end-of-the-year national ranking of 17th in the nation over the last six years under Murphy. ASU ended the year in the top 12 in the nation in three of those six years. ASU has currently spent 58 straight weeks in the national polls, dating back to the start of the 2000 season.
- Murphy was the first head coach at Notre Dame to leave for another college head coaching job.
- Murphy coached four years of Division III college football.
- While in South Bend, Murphy helped found the Team One Showcase, which stands today as one of the premier amateur baseball showcases in the nation.
- Murphy's first recruiting class at Notre Dame included a pair of infielders from Milwaukee and Philadelphia. Those two players were, respectively, current Arizona Diamondback Craig Counsell and ASU assistant coach Mike Rooney.

role models. In 1995, Murphy founded the Guadalupe Project, which provides baseball instruction and life skills lessons to underprivileged youth from Guadalupe, Ariz., a small town within the metro Phoenix area. The program provides year-round mentoring for kids aged 7-12 by Arizona State assistant coach Jay Sferra and student-athletes. The primary goal is to build leadership skills and self-esteem, encourage academic success and explore career opportunities. With help from the Tempe Diablos, Murphy also instituted the annual Diablo Free Youth Clinics, held at ASU's Packard Stadium each November and December for kids aged 7-12. More than 250 kids took part in 1999. In January 2000, Murphy and ASU baseball sponsored the first 5K Fun Run to Beat Lou Gehrig's Disease along with the ALS Arizona chapter. Last year saw Murphy take part in a charity boxing match with Father Joe to raise funds for his Guadalupe Project. For his constant community service and giving back to the greater Phoenix area, Murphy was awarded the 2001 March of Dimes Leadership Award. His most recent endeavor included teaching a UNI 100 class on campus for freshman student-athletes.

THE NOTRE DAME YEARS

Prior to arriving at Arizona State, Murphy spent the previous seven seasons as head coach at the University of Notre Dame, where he guided the Irish to a consistent level of success unmatched in the history of the program. Building the program from the ground up with the support of only four full scholarships, Murphy guided the Irish to a 318-116-1 (.732)

record in South Bend, including consecutive trips to NCAA regional finals in 1992, 1993 and 1994—a streak matched only by Texas. He built Irish baseball into a top-25 program, laying a strong foundation that still exists today. Under Murphy's guidance, the Irish averaged more than 46 wins per season and rejuvenated pride in the program to the point where a new 3,000-seat stadium was built on the campus in the fall of 1993. Murphy's 1994 Notre Dame squad finished 46-16 and came within one win of a trip to the College World Series. The Midwestern Collegiate Conference champions advanced to the finals of the NCAA East regional in Clemson, S.C., knocking off the host and No. 1-ranked Tigers along the way. Notre Dame finished the season ranked 18th by *Collegiate Baseball* and 20th by *Baseball America*. Current Arizona Diamondback Craig Counsell and Texas Rangers pitcher Chris Michalak are just two of Murphy's products from ND who have excelled at the major league level.

Murphy began his Notre Dame tenure in 1988, taking over a team that posted a combined 65-80 record in its three previous seasons. With a nucleus of players who finished 15-29 in 1987 and had never enjoyed a winning season at Notre Dame, Murphy began revamping the program and promptly led the Irish to a 39-22 mark. The following six campaigns saw the Irish garner national rankings, conference titles, NCAA Tournament appearances and 45-win seasons.

Murphy's efforts were rewarded in just two years, as in 1989, the Irish posted a school-record 48 wins and logged their first NCAA Tournament appearance in 19 years. Murphy guided the program to its first national ranking as the Irish were rated that year as high as 16th in *The Sporting News*, 23rd in *Baseball America* and 24th in the *Collegiate Baseball* polls. Later, the Irish would earn their first MCC title by winning the final four games of the conference tournament in a span of 23 hours, and Murphy snared his first MCC Coach of the Year honor. That season was followed by two more 45-win seasons. The 1990 Irish squad put together a 46-12 record, which ranked fourth in the nation. Over the last 29 games of the season, Notre Dame achieved a 25-4 mark to bring Murphy another MCC Coach of the Year award.

In 1991, Notre Dame overcame a schedule that saw the Irish play their first 27 games on the road to post a 45-16 record. Included were wins away from home over national powers Texas and Miami—as well as eventual national champion LSU—and a midseason 18-game win streak. In 1990, Murphy began a baseball tournament hosted by Notre Dame that was held in Seattle's Kingdome. The 1992, 1993 and 1994 seasons added emphasis to Murphy's status as one of the nation's top coaches, as his Irish teams grabbed MCC titles and each year beat regional hosts to come within one game of a trip to Omaha for

the College World Series. It's no wonder that the Irish were labeled in 1992 by *Baseball America* as "the nation's fastest rising program." In fact, Murphy shunned the University of Miami's attempts to lure him away from Notre Dame and accept the Hurricanes' head job in 1992. When he left Notre Dame for ASU in 1995, he became the first Irish head coach of any sport to leave South Bend for another job.

WHERE IT ALL STARTED

In addition to his head coaching and international coaching experience, Murphy has spent numerous years in the collegiate ranks as both a player and assistant coach. He gained his collegiate experience as a pitcher at Florida Atlantic University, where he received his bachelor's and master's degrees. Murphy played catcher, infielder and pitcher for FAU, and was recently honored on FAU's 20th Anniversary All-Star team as a pitcher and utility player. After college, Murphy signed a professional baseball contract with the San Francisco Giants in 1982. His four-year professional career included stints in the Giants and San Diego Padres organizations, along with two independent clubs.

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

During the summer of 1984, Murphy embarked on his first international experience, helping develop baseball in Australia as a state manager in New South Wales. He was in charge of running baseball clinics and promoting the sport to the public. Following his stint in Australia, Murphy was named player-coach of the Tri-Cities (Wash.) Triplets of the Single-A Northwest League, making him the youngest manager in professional baseball.

A return to the college ranks came in 1986, as Murphy

signed on as head coach at California's Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges. In his first year as head coach, Murphy piloted Claremont to a 24-16 record, earning the program its first Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship in 11 years. Murphy was named the West region's Division III Coach of the Year as the Stags finished the year ranked 10th in the nation.

A COACHING HOTBED

Murphy has made ASU a hotbed for up-and-coming head coaches. He has had four former assistant coaches take Division I head coaching jobs in recent years (Brian Cleary, Cincinnati; Doug Schreiber, Purdue; Nino Giarratano, San Francisco; and John Pawlowski, College of Charleston). Current assistant coaches Mike Rooney and Jay Sferra are widely considered two of the top recruiters and assistant coaches in the nation.

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING:

"What makes Pat Murphy so successful is his philosophy: playoff baseball every day. He says to watch the major leagues, they don't play like that every day...hit-and-run, stealing, bunting, moving runners over. When they get to the playoffs, all of a sudden they start doing the little things. That's what Murphy and his teams do all the time."

—Willie Bloomquist, former Sun Devil All-American and current Seattle Mariner prospect

MURPH'S FAVORITES

- Bruce Springsteen
- Muhammad Ali
- Ara Parseghian



Coach Murphy's daughter, Keli (17).



Kai Joseph (2), Pat and Argee Murphy.



WHAT THEY ARE SAYING

About ASU Baseball

Coach Pat Murphy

Craig Counsell
Former Murphy player at Notre Dame
and current Arizona Diamondback

"Excluding my parents, no one has had a greater impact on my career as a baseball player and as developing as a person than Coach Murphy."

Willie Bloomquist
Former Sun Devil and current Seattle Mariner

"Coach Murphy is a very intense baseball coach, and that is what makes him so special, because he gets the most out of his players. He is great at teaching his players not only on the field, but off the field as well. He is a great all-around individual."

Joe Garagiola Jr.
Arizona Diamondbacks general manager

"Any player who plays for Coach Murphy can count on two things: He will make them a better player and a better person."

Dan Evans
Longtime Los Angeles Dodgers general manager

"I've known Pat for over 15 years. He has a passion for baseball and teaching the game that very few people match in intensity. He is a winner!"

Bob Welch
Former Cy Young Award winner

"Coach Murphy is someone that stays your friend for life. If my son had the opportunity to play at ASU, I would feel very comfortable with what Coach Murphy does and how he runs his program. He is like a brother to me and has always been a great help for me. He is the guy that can pick you up when you are down. I am thankful to have a friend like Coach Murphy."

Ron Coomer
New York Yankee

"Pat Murphy has been a truly great friend for a very long time, and is what competitive baseball is all about: a will to win and having the plan to make it happen."

Barry Alvarez
University of Wisconsin head football coach

"I had the pleasure of working with Coach Murphy for three years at Notre Dame. He is intense, knowledgeable—a player's coach. He coaches baseball with a football mentality."

Ron Schuler
Former MLB general manager

"I've known Pat for a number of years, and he is an outstanding coach and person. He is dedicated and I believe he will bring a together a championship team. He has put a together a great staff, and I know the program will have a lot of success under Pat."

Phil Lowry
Former Arizona State pitcher and current
California highway patrol officer

"He is one of the most dynamic people I have ever met. It goes without saying that he is an outstanding coach. He taught me a lot about baseball and life. He goes above and beyond the call of duty with everything he does for his players."

Harvey Dorfman
Sports psychologist

"What I admire is his intensity, which is often misunderstood by people who don't know him. My admiration is based on the fact that when he addresses whatever task is in front of him, he does it with such strong focus that many who are incapable of doing it, either misunderstand it or are envious. His intensity includes competition and doing the best for his players as athletes, students and young people."

Mike Gallagher
College Football Coaching Legend

"Pat is one of the best coaches I've ever observed regardless of the sport. He is en."

Lou Holtz
College Football Coaching Legend

"Pat is one of the best coaches I've ever observed regardless of the sport. He is enthusiastic, intelligent and an excellent communicator and motivator. I learned a great deal by observing him coach his Notre Dame teams."

Brian Cleary
Former Murphy assistant and current head coach
at the University of Cincinnati

"Not many would have left Notre Dame, especially to follow a legend [ASU coach Jim Brock] who had recently passed away. He had his dream job with Notre Dame baseball, and he developed it from nothing to a big-time program. It was his program. He did it without scholarships or funding. He just loves challenges, and that is a statement of who he is."

John Pawlowski
Former Murphy assistant and current head coach
at College of Charleston

"With all of the parity and changes in college baseball, all big-time programs have had to make significant changes. These changes affect Arizona State as much as anyone else, and Murphy has done a tremendous job of quietly leading them to the World Series in '98 and having them in the hunt for the national title every year. It's tougher at ASU than ever before, and the draft especially impacts ASU more than other programs, but Murphy manages to do well regardless."

Coach Jay Sferra

Joe Garagiola Sr.
Former major-leaguer and current VP
for the Arizona Diamondbacks

"For me, he is a perfect coach. He works hard at helping the athlete develop as both a player and a man. Coach Murphy and Coach Sferra are a great combination."

R.J. Harrison
National crosschecker for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays

"He is a hard-working, very honest man of integrity. He gives his best effort trying to find the best players. He does a good job working for Murphy, and I see him everywhere always working his tail off."

Mike Esposito
Former ASU All-American pitcher
"Coach Sferra's hard work and dedication exemplify what Arizona State baseball is about."

Coach Chris Sinacori

Don Cooper
White Sox pitching coach

"Chris Sinacori was a big part of our minor league instruction and an instrumental part of helping our younger pitchers develop. He is one heck of a pitching coach. He's got all the attributes of a real good coach—he has knowledge of the game and of pitching mechanics and he has the personality to make it all understandable. When my 5-year-old grows up, I would want Chris Sinacori to be his coach because I know how much he cares about his players."

Coach Mike Rooney

John Flannigan
Teammate at Notre Dame and owner
of CF Swingtown in Chicago

"Mike Rooney is definitely a guy you want on your side. Rooney combines a blue-collar work ethic with wit and style. His sincerity makes him a natural leader. He is an absolute winner."

Ty Johnson
Former ASU player

"Coach Rooney is an incredible representative of the Arizona State baseball program. His intensity and passion to win rubs off and pervades the entire team."

Casey Myers
Former ASU All-American catcher

"Coach Rooney has pure knowledge of the game and ability to relate and teach players. Great eye for finding talented kids. In my opinion, one of the top assistants in college baseball."



ASSISTANT COACHES

JAY J. SFERRA ASSISTANT COACH, EIGHTH YEAR

Jay J. Sferra begins his eighth year at Arizona State University. In addition to his duties as the recruiting coordinator, Sferra will return to his original duties of coaching the outfielders and first base.

"Jay has been an integral part of Sun Devil baseball, and no one works harder," said head coach Pat Murphy. "He has the pulse of high school baseball and continues to be instrumental in our recruiting efforts. As recruiter, his focus is not only on bringing talent into the program, but also kids with great character."

As the recruiting coordinator, Sferra has established himself as one of the nation's top recruiters. This year's recruiting class, which makes up newcomers for 2003, was ranked as one of the top recruiting classes in the nation by *Baseball America* and *Collegiate Baseball*. Year in and year out ASU's recruiting classes, built by Sferra and the Sun Devil coaching staff, are among the nation's elite. The 2002 MLB Draft saw eight Sun Devil signees drafted in the first five rounds, including three of the first seven draft picks in the first round.

The last two years under Sferra's watchful eye, the ASU pitching corps has risen to the top of the PAC-10. The 2002 squad ranked second in the PAC-10 behind Stanford with a

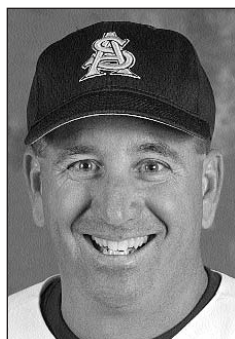
4.40 team ERA, marking the lowest staff ERA during Pat Murphy's eight years at ASU. The pitching staff also led the PAC-10 in strikeouts (417), and was second in opponent batting average (.263) and games won (37).

Returning to coaching the outfielders in 2002, Sferra will once again be working where he helped coach some of ASU's best recent outfielders. Former Sun Devil outfielders Jay Sitzman, Dustin Delucchi, Mitch Jones, Jeff Duncan and even Willie Bloomquist all trained under the watchful eye of Sferra during at least part of their successful ASU careers.

Sferra has served as the director of instruction for Murphy's All Nine Baseball Academy, and presently is the executive director of Coach Murphy's Programs for Youth—the Guadalupe Project.

The program provides baseball instruction and life-skills lessons to the youth of Guadalupe and is a favorite among the Sun Devil players. "This program is all about personal development for our players and the kids in Guadalupe," said Sferra.

Sferra gained his collegiate experience at the University of Colorado as a four-year letterwinner in baseball and three-year letterwinner in basketball. An All-Big-Eight selection and



honorable mention All-American in 1976 and '77, he ranks at the top of several all-time Buff categories. He trails former major-leaguer John Stearns by one in lifetime hits and is third on the career list in runs scored. He holds the all-time record in Colorado history with 621 at-bats. He holds the NCAA record for most at-bats in a single game with 10, in a 22-inning game vs.

Nebraska. As a basketball player, Sferra was the starting point guard for CU and figures eighth all time in career assists at Colorado. While playing summer ball for the Boulder Collegians in 1977, he played with Arizona State notables Bob Horner and Hubie Brooks.

Sferra was named 1972-73 basketball and baseball Player of the Year in high school at Christian Brothers Academy in Syracuse, N.Y. He earned his bachelor's degree in community recreation from the University of Colorado in 1977.

He signed professionally with the Philadelphia Phillies organization in 1978 and played in the New York-Penn League.

Born and raised in Syracuse, N.Y., Sferra and his wife, Gerrie, have two children, Carrie (20) and J.J. (17). Carrie is a sophomore at Arizona State, while J.J. is a junior at Mountain Pointe.

MIKE ROONEY ASSISTANT COACH, FIFTH YEAR

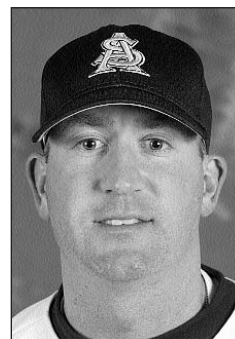
Mike Rooney begins his fifth season as an assistant coach for the Arizona State baseball team. He handles a variety of duties on and off the field, including coaching the infielders, third base and team defense, and being in charge of the academic side of the baseball program.

Rooney has been instrumental in taking ASU's relatively young and inexperienced infield and making it one of the best defensive infields in the league. The Sun Devils finished fifth in the NCAA with a .971 fielding percentage in 2001.

Rooney spent five years coaching at Malvern Prep in Malvern, Pa., prior to arriving at ASU. While at Malvern Prep, he coached two first-round MLB picks in four years as the head coach: Ben Davis (second pick overall by the

Padres in 1995) and Josh McKinley (11th pick overall by the Expos in 1998). He also coached future first-round pick Glenn Davis (27th pick overall by the Dodgers in 1997), who played at Vanderbilt after graduating from Malvern Prep. During Rooney's tenure, his teams averaged 22 wins per season and set a school record for victories in 1997 with 26. He was a successful fundraiser at Malvern Prep, adding indoor and outdoor batting cages for the program, and toured Florida and Puerto Rico on baseball trips.

A graduate of Notre Dame in 1992, Rooney earned his bachelor's degree in business administration and accounting. While at Notre Dame, he played for Coach Murphy from 1989 to 1992 on the Irish baseball team. Rooney played six different positions during that time



(every position except first, pitcher and catcher). He was a member of the '92 squad, which was one win away from a trip to the College World Series. While Rooney was with the Irish, the teams averaged 47 wins per year. A native of Philadelphia, Rooney competed throughout his ND career with current Arizona Diamondback and 2001 NLCS MVP Craig Counsell.

Rooney earned his master's in educational administration from the University of Phoenix in March 2000.

"Rooney was a winning player for me at Notre Dame and he has been tremendous here at ASU," said Murphy. "He is a true teacher of the game."



ASU Baseball SUPPORT STAFF

CHRIS SINACORI

ASSISTANT COACH, SECOND YEAR

Chris Sinacori begins the first year of his second stint in Tempe. Sinacori will serve as pitching coach for the 2003 Sun Devils.

"Chris Sinacori is a great addition to our coaching staff," said ninth-year ASU head baseball coach Pat Murphy. "He was great with our players in 1998, when we played in the College World Series, and after four years with the White Sox, he will have a lot to add to our pitching staff."

Sinacori has been a pitching coach and rehabilitation pitching coordinator in the Chicago White Sox minor league system for the past four years. His previous time on the ASU coaching staff was as ASU's pitching coach during the 1998 College World Series runner-up season. Under Sinacori's guidance, the '98 ASU pitching staff posted a 41-23 record and came within one game of recording ASU's sixth national championship. Future professional players from that pitching staff include Chuck Crumpton, Aaron Kramer, Chad Pennington, Ryan Mills, Robby Milner, Phill

Lowery, Richy Leon, Drew Friedberg, Dan Meier and Jay Gehrke.

In the past four years, Sinacori has mentored five current big-league pitchers (Danny Wright, Jon Rauch, Matt Ginter, Rocky Biddle, Lorenzo Barcelo) and six first-round draft picks (Jason Stumm, Ginter, Brian West, Rob Purvis, Kris Honel, Royce Ring) as a coach with the White Sox. His 2001 (3.35 ERA) and 2002 (3.62) pitching staffs both finished second in the Arizona League. Last year he coached two of the top-10 pitchers in the league, with Brandon McCarthy and Daniel Haigwood finishing one and two in strikeouts.

"Chris Sinacori was a big part of our minor league instruction and an instrumental part of helping our younger pitchers develop. He is one heck of a pitching coach," said Chicago White Sox pitching coach Don Cooper. "He's got all the attributes of a real good coach. He has knowledge of the game and of pitching mechanics, and he has the personality to make it all under-



standable. When my 5-year-old grows up I would want Chris Sinacori to be his coach, because I know how much he cares about his players."

Prior to his coaching work with the Sun Devils in 1998, Sinacori spent seven years as a professional player with Los Angeles (1991-95), Toronto (1995), Florida (1996) and Arizona (1997) minor league organizations. He was drafted in

the 15th round of the 1991 free agent draft by the Dodgers. Sinacori played two years for the University of Tennessee and one year for Florida International.

Sinacori was a two-time *USA Today* All-American at MacArthur High School in Levittown, N.Y., and earned the New York Diamond Award as the top prep player in the state of New York. He was also a member of the 1988 USA Baseball Junior Olympic team, which won the gold medal in Australia. Sinacori graduated with a degree in liberal arts and sciences (psychology) from the University of Tennessee.

Chris Holick

Graduate Manager - Operations



Chris Holick enters his third year in the Arizona State baseball office. Holick is the graduate manager working with baseball operations and also oversees all ASU baseball camps. A two-year letterman in baseball at both Indiana and Kent State, Holick brings solid baseball credentials to the ASU baseball program. Holick was an All-Big Ten Academic selection at Indiana and played on the

Big Ten championship team in 1996. He transferred to Kent State after his sophomore year and was a two-year starter for the Golden Flash. After graduating, he served as the volunteer assistant coach in 2000 for Kent State, helping coach the team to the conference championship. In the summers of 1999 and 2000, Holick worked for Blue Streak Sport Consulting in Cleveland, Ohio, and helped coordinate the Cleveland Indians' baseball camps. In the fall of 2000, he worked as the Grand Canyon Rafter's operations manager for Major League Baseball's Arizona Fall League. Holick is a native of Westlake, Ohio.

Graham Rossini

Director Baseball Administration



Graham Rossini enters his second season as director of baseball administration, and fourth season overall with ASU baseball.

Rossini manages the day-to-day operations of the baseball office, oversees the game operations at Packard Stadium and is responsible for official recruiting visits, team travel and all other business aspects of the baseball office. Rossini is the liaison among the baseball office, media relations office,

the Pac-10 Conference and the NCAA.

Along with Coach Murphy, Rossini taught a section of UNI 194 this past fall. The class is designed to assist incoming student-athletes with their adjustment to ASU and college life.

Prior to coming to ASU baseball, Rossini spent three years with the San Diego Padres' Class AA affiliate in Mobile, Ala. He holds a degree from ASU in business management and will begin work on his master's degree in the spring of 2003.

Rossini was born in Red Bank, N.J., and grew up in Mobile, Ala., where he was a baseball and academic standout at Baker High School.

Jim Mancuso

CONDITIONING COACH, EIGHTH YEAR



Jim Mancuso begins his eighth season with the Sun Devil baseball staff. He heads up the rigorous strength and conditioning program, which prepares the Sun Devils for the upcoming season. A former Sun Devil baseball pitcher, Mancuso was well known and well loved by coaches, teammates and fans alike. Mancuso was hampered by injuries throughout his Sun Devil career, but was an inspiration to his teammates through his hard work and dedication. He has carried on that work ethic to the strength, conditioning and stretching programs that ASU baseball players live by today. A '95 graduate of ASU, Mancuso passed the Arizona Bar exam last year and is practicing at a law firm in downtown Phoenix.

Jeff Evans

MEDIA RELATIONS, THIRD YEAR



Jeff Evans begins his third year as the sports information director for Arizona State baseball. Prior to his duties at ASU, Evans was the sports information contact for baseball at Washington State University for three years (1998-2000). Evans is a 2000 cum laude graduate from WSU, where he attended the Edward R. Murrow School of Communication and received a degree in public relations. He is an active member in CoSIDA and the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association of America. He has also served internships with the American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) and the Triple-A Tacoma Rainiers.

Kenny McCarty

SPORTS MEDICINE, SIXTH YEAR



Kenny McCarty begins his sixth year as the head trainer of the Arizona State baseball program. An invaluable part of the program with his extensive knowledge of baseball-related injuries, McCarty has successfully rehabbed two pitchers from Tommy John surgery, including former Sun Devil All-American pitcher Mike Esposito and current Devil Matt Leaf. "Kenny is an invaluable part of our program," said head coach Pat Murphy. "What he has done with Esposito and Leaf and some of our other players, getting them healthy and mentally tough is truly amazing."

McCarty came to ASU in 1996 after graduating from Purdue University with a degree in athletic training. A native of Freemont, Ind., McCarty is very active in the NATA (National Association of Athletic Training) and also teaches an athletic training class at Arizona State.



Steve Kirkman

GRADUATE MANAGER—EQUIPMENT



Justin Ross

GRADUATE MANAGER—ACADEMICS

Bob Welch

DIRECTOR OF BASEBALL AFFAIRS AND OPERATIONS, FIRST YEAR



Bob Welch enters his second year with the Arizona State baseball program and his first as the director of baseball affairs and operations. He previously served as the pitching coach for the Sun Devils in 1996, and as a good friend of Coach Murphy's, has been around the program throughout his professional coaching career. Welch's duties as director of baseball affairs include but are not limited to handling all alumni and booster relations, overseeing the daily baseball operations and coordinating baseball video and charts. He will be a valuable asset to the baseball staff with nearly 30 years in college and professional baseball.

Welch pitched for 17 seasons in the major leagues with the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Oakland Athletics. He posted a career 211-146 record with eight saves and 28 shutouts during his career. He won two world championships along the way as a player, with the Dodgers in 1981 and with Oakland in 1989. In addition, he played in six league championship series.

His best season came in 1991, when he was 27-6 for the Oakland Athletics and won the Cy Young Award. The 27 wins are still the most by a pitcher since 1972.

After serving as a volunteer assistant at Scottsdale Community College in 1995 and the pitching coach for ASU in 1996, Welch embarked on a professional coaching career that was capped by another world championship in 2001 by the Arizona Diamondbacks, where he was the pitching coach.

Welch played college baseball at Eastern Michigan University, where he helped lead the Eagles to a pair of College World Series appearances in 1975 and 1976. The Dodgers drafted him with the 20th overall selection in the first round of the 1977 draft. After only one year in the minors he made his MLB debut in 1978, going 7-4 for the Dodgers.

"Welchie is a great addition to our program and has always been around as a friend, but will now really be able to help us with our alumni relations and facility operations," said head coach Pat Murphy. "He will also help us fund-raise and help get the new stadium up and running in the near future."

Welch has two sons, Dylan and Riley.



Q&A

With ASU Baseball



Q: What is the philosophy behind playing what will most likely be the toughest schedule in the nation in 2003?

A: We feel that the Pac-10 is the toughest conference in the nation, and that is evidenced by the fact that five of the last nine teams to play for the national title in college baseball have been Pac-10 teams. Therefore, our schedule has to match that difficulty for proper preparation for our conference and, hopefully, postseason schedule. We will play 25 games this year vs. teams that participated in the NCAA tourney in 2002. In order to be your best, you have to play the best.

Q: How have former Sun Devils made an impact in professional baseball?

A: The seasons that Barry Bonds had in 2001 and 2002 speak for themselves. Our entire program is tremendously proud of his accomplishments. Overall, we have nine former Sun Devils currently in the major leagues and another 43 in minor league baseball, and the great number of these players speaks volumes for the program and the level of player who is attracted to ASU.

Q: How is recruiting affected by professional baseball?

A: Almost all of our recruits will be drafted each spring, and that makes it very difficult to maintain a strong recruiting class. As the signing bonuses in baseball continue to escalate, this will not get easier. However, we will continue to recruit the very best student-athletes in the nation, and we always anticipate that about half of these players will choose signing a professional baseball contract over playing college baseball. Therefore, after the draft has hit, our typical recruiting class of 20 players will then be reduced to 10 players who will actually matriculate at ASU. While this can be disappointing, we are always happy for these players as they chase their dream of playing major league baseball. Players like Jimmy Rollins, Ben Petrick and Nick Bierbrodt are prime examples of guys who committed to ASU for baseball but then signed professionally and are already in the big leagues. We are not only excited for their successes but also proud that they once chose ASU over other college baseball programs.

Q: What are the keys to recruiting quality student-athletes to the Sun Devil baseball program?

A: One of these keys is that our great tradition enables us to recruit the entire country and, for example, we were able to land players from 10 different states. Also, we are very interested in our recruits having outstanding personal character in addition to exceptional

baseball talent. Thus, the kids in our program our first-class people, and they will always attract excellent student-athletes to our program. Our current players sell our program, and it is no surprise that our last three recruiting classes have been ranked amongst the highest in the nation.

Q: How does attendance at ASU baseball games compare to the rest of college baseball?

A: Out of the 270 schools playing baseball in 2001, attendance at Sun Devil baseball ranked No. 10 in the entire country. Last year we were 20th due to playing at a temporary home facility. We drew almost 100,000 fans in 2001, and that figure led both the Pac-10 and the entire West Coast. Our baseball atmosphere here at ASU is outstanding, and our entire team really appreciates it and enjoys it.

Q: What are the unique graduation challenges for the Sun Devil baseball player?

A: Our players are eligible for the baseball draft after their junior year, and over the last five years, 60 of our juniors have in fact been drafted. Since the year following a player's junior season is his best opportunity for bargaining leverage in the draft, this is the ideal time for these players to sign a professional contract. Thus, 85 percent of these juniors have signed professionally. Once a student-athlete enters minor league baseball, the logistics involved with taking classes and eventually graduating are quite challenging. We believe the key here is to stay on track to graduation in the student-athlete's first three years at ASU. Despite these inherent difficulties, we are extremely proud of the fact that 51 of our players have graduated in the last seven years. Also, ASU had led all of college baseball in our number of Academic All-Americans over the last three years.

Q: What have been the effects of the recent changes in college baseball?

A: The parity in college baseball is greater than it has ever been. Whereas 20 years ago, many of the top programs had 30 full scholarships to award, the current NCAA limit is 11.7 full scholarships for the entire program of 30-40 players. This has helped level the playing field in some ways, while at the same time increasing the importance of both financial aid that can be awarded at private institutions and individual state scholarship programs, as seen in such states as Louisiana and Georgia. Unfortunately, we at ASU are unable to take advantage of either of these opportunities, and this puts great stress on our limited scholarship dollars. In addition, the college baseball season has

been pushed back by two weeks over the last five years, and this is helping cold-weather programs to even the gap with the warmer-climate programs, which are the traditional powers.

Q: What are the effects of the recent changes in the NCAA regional format?

A: Since the tourney will actually now be regional, it will make it very difficult for West Coast teams. This is because the strength of college baseball is in the West, but there are far fewer teams there than in the East. So quality teams from the West will be matched up very early in the tournament. The key, then, to getting a quality draw in the tourney becomes hosting a regional. This has also been proved over time as the Sun Devils have only three trips to Omaha that occurred when not hosting a regional, compared to 15 trips to Omaha in years in which we did host a regional. Besides having a great season, the other key to being awarded a host regional site is having an outstanding facility. There is no doubt that the exciting renovations that are in progress for Packard Stadium will have an enormous impact on our program.

Q: What have been the keys to the Sun Devils' recent offensive successes?

A: We are very proud of the fact that we have led the nation in both batting average and runs scored in recent years. Those statistics, combined with our current NCAA-record streak of 433 games without being shut out, are great indicators that our hitters are on the right track. The key to this type of offensive production is the concept of team offense. Our hitters have been very unselfish, and put the team goals ahead of their own. We feel this is why our offense has been so successful, because of a tremendous team attitude. During the scoring streak we have faced 15 eventual big-league pitchers.

Q: What have been some of the accomplishments of some of ASU's players in the various summer leagues?

A: We feel that outstanding summer competition is critical to player development in our program. We typically send players to many different leagues across the nation, including the Cape Cod League and also the Alaskan Summer League. However, the highlight of our summer program has been the overwhelming number of our recent players who have been selected to play for the USA Baseball National Team. Dustin Pedroia, Mike Espósito, Jon Switzer, Casey Myers and Willie Bloomquist have all played for Team USA in the last five years.