

ARIZONA STATE BASEBALL A-Z

.400-100 CLUB

Only 11 players during ASU's baseball history have hit over .400 and recorded over 100 hits in a season. Junior shortstop Dustin Pedroia is the latest to join the elite club, finishing the 2002 season with 120 hits (fourth most in school history) and hitting .404. Current Los Angeles Dodger Paul Lo Duca holds both school records with a .446 batting average and 129 hits in 1993.

.914

The NCAA record for winning percentage in a season that the 1972 Arizona State Baseball team still holds, with a 64-6 record. The '72 squad earned runner-up honors in the College World Series under first-year head coach Jim Brock and featured All-Americans Eddie Bane, Alan Bannister and Craig Swan.

#24

The jersey No. 24 is one that is significant to the history and tradition of Arizona State Baseball. Former ASU greats Reggie Jackson, Barry Bonds and Mike Kelly have all worn the number during their days in the Maroon and Gold. Jackson was the 1966 *Sporting News* Player of the Year and went on to have a Hall of Fame career in the major leagues. Bonds (1983-85) is a six-time winner of the National League MVP award and is currently fourth on the all-time home run list behind Hank Aaron, Babe Ruth and Willie Mays. Kelly won the 1991 Golden Spikes Award and was the No. 2 overall selection in the 1991 MLB Draft by the Atlanta Braves.

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The number of doubles current Sun Devil Dustin Pedroia hit in 2003 to establish a new ASU and Pac-10 single-season record. Pedroia also led the NCAA with 0.50 doubles per game. In his two seasons at ASU, Pedroia has 47 career doubles, needing four to crack the all-time Top 10 heading into the 2004 season.

70-70 CLUB:

Alvin Davis and current Sun Devil Jeff Larish are the only two players in Sun Devil history to have at least 70 RBI and 70 walks in the same season. Larish joined the elusive club last season when he recorded 95 RBI (fifth most in ASU history) and led the NCAA with 78 walks. Davis, who played for ASU from 1979-82, had 91 RBI and an ASU record 87 walks during his senior year in 1982. He went on to become the 1984 American League Rookie of the Year with the Seattle Mariners and played nine seasons in the major leagues.

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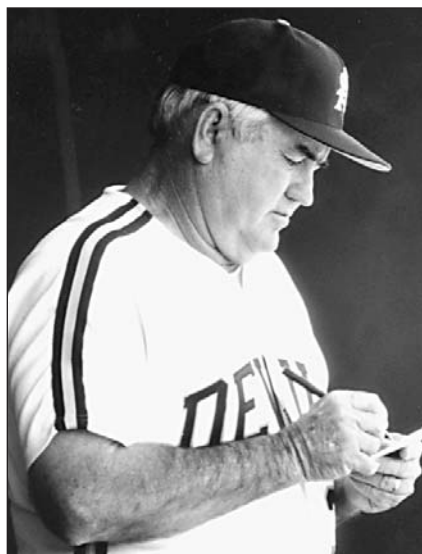
The number of consecutive national polls dating back to the start of the 2000 season that ASU has been ranked in. The Devils have been mainstays in the national rankings throughout the history of the program, including earning final Top 12 rankings in four of the last seven seasons.

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 on the second floor of the new clubhouse.

ALUMNI GAME

A favorite tradition of Sun Devil baseball fans is the annual alumni game. This year one game will be played, 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.



Jim Brock

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 lefthander 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 celebrated the 30th anniversary of this great accomplishment last year against Penn State as Bane joined the club to throw out the ceremonial first pitch. He was hired as the Director of Scouting for the Anaheim Angels during the offseason.

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 .297 hitter, Bonds has belted 658 career home runs to rank fourth in major league record books. He earned his record sixth National League MVP award in 2003, marking the third straight year he has won. 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 322 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 player taken overall in the draft by the Minnesota Twins. While the 1976 team holds the record with 13 players selected in the draft, the 2003 squad set the modern mark with 12 draft picks. The 12 selections were the most by any college and featured second-round pick Andre Ethier (Oakland Athletics) and third-rounder Beau Vaughan (Boston Red Sox).

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.

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. ASU ties Florida State and Cal State Fullerton for the school with the most Golden Spikes winners.

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 22).

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 1,221 career home runs. In ASU's 45 years of varsity baseball, the Sun Devils have connected on 2,809 home runs. The 80 home runs hit last year are the 12th most in school history.

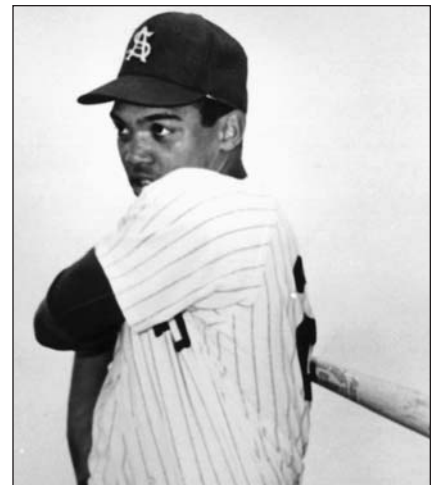
CAREER MLB HOME RUN LEADERS

1.Hank Aaron	755
2. ....Babe Ruth.....	714
3. ....Willie Mays.....	660
4. ....Barry Bonds*.....	658
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 13 seasons ago against UCLA. It was an 18-inning affair on Feb. 23, 1990. Arizona State won, 6-5, and the game lasted a record five hours and 36 minutes. Eleven different pitchers took the hill for both teams. The Devils have played 12 extra inning games dating back to the 2000 season, going nine of those games.



Reggie Jackson

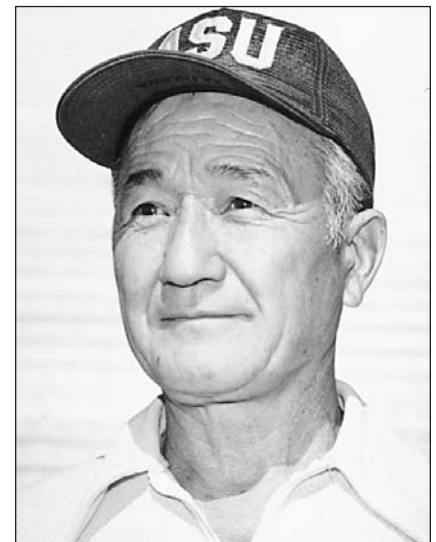
JACKSON, REGGIE

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 during 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

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Bill Kajikawa

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outfield prospect in the New York Yankees farm system and hit 23 home runs with 91 RBI for Double-A Trenton in 2003.

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 92nd birthday.

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 and the second longest in ASU history. Lo Duca recently finished his third full year with the Los Angeles Dodgers and was selected to the 2003 All-Star game played in Chicago.

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 six times: twice with Pittsburgh in 1990 and 1992, and in 1993, 2001, 2002 and 2003 with San Francisco.



Casey Myers

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 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.

NCAA

The Sun Devils are always a mainstay in the end-of-year NCAA statistical rankings. In fact, ASU was the only team in the NCAA in 2003 (among 283 teams) to rank in the Top 10 in the four major statistical categories (scoring, batting, pitching and fielding). ASU ranked second in batting (.347), second in scoring (10.03 runs per game), eighth in pitching (3.32 ERA) and ninth in fielding (.973 FLD%). ASU also set the single-season NCAA record with 14 grand slams and continued its record by scoring in 501 consecutive games.

NO HITTERS

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.

ODDIBE

The first name of one of ASU's best players in the storied history of the program. 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 414-303 record in Pac-10 play, the Sun

Devils have brought home six Pac-10 championships, most recently in 2000. ASU has had 90 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 four of the five Pac-10 Player of the Year awards and combined for a 74-46 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.

RIVALRY

Year in and year out, the Arizona State-Arizona rivalry has proven to be one of the best in all of college baseball. While the series extends all the way back to the start of baseball at ASU in 1907, ASU has dominated the series since officially adopting varsity baseball in 1959. Since 1959 when Bobby Winkles took over ASU, the Sun Devils lead the series 161-102. Current ASU head coach Pat Murphy has dominated the series against the Wildcats, going 30-15 (.667) and has never lost a season series to Arizona. In the regular season-ending series in 2003, the Devils easily handled the 15th-ranked Wildcats by sweeping the series by a combined score of 36-4.



**Roger Schmuck****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.

SCHMUCK'S STREAK

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 Bert 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

STREAK

Arizona State holds the current NCAA record having scored in 501 consecutive games dating back to April 7, 1995. The Devils are 333-167-1 during the streak and have been held to one run in just 16 games during that stretch.

TEAM USA

Arizona State ranks eighth for producing player for the USA Baseball National Team. ASU has had at least one player on the team in eight different years dating back to 1984. A total of nine Sun Devils have worn the Red, White and Blue of Team USA for 10 total selections to the team. Junior shortstop Dustin Pedroia has played in each of the last two years and paired with teammate Jeff Larish to help with the silver medal in the 2003 Pan Am Games.

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.

VICTORIES

Arizona State has 2,317 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 1,984-791-1. ASU's 2,317 all-time wins are the seventh most of all NCAA Division I baseball programs. ASU went 54-14 in 2003, marking the 16th time in program history to surpass the 50-win mark in a season.

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 by pursuing football.

WINKLES, BOBBY

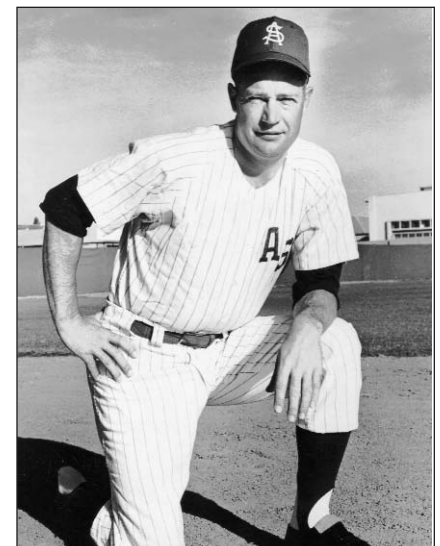
The first varsity baseball coach at ASU, Winkles guided the Sun Devils to a 524-173 mark from 1959 to '71. He captured three national championships—in 1965, '67 and '69—and was named to the American Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame for his accomplishments as a college and professional baseball coach. Winkles 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. Freshman pitcher and designated hitter Zechry Zinicola will become the third player to letter with a last name starting with Z.

**Bobby Winkles**

SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Saturday	Jan. 17	Alumni Game (Exhibition)	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	1 p.m.
Friday	Feb. 6	Florida State	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Saturday	Feb. 7	Florida State	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	1 p.m.
Sunday	Feb. 8	Florida State	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	1 p.m.
Friday	Feb. 13	Cal State Northridge [^]	Surprise, Ariz. • Surprise Stadium	7 p.m.
Saturday	Feb. 14	Utah [^]	Surprise, Ariz. • Surprise Stadium	7 p.m.
Sunday	Feb. 15	Oklahoma [^]	Surprise, Ariz. • Surprise Stadium	3 p.m.
Monday	Feb. 16	Gonzaga	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Friday	Feb. 20	Lamar [#]	Houston, Texas • Reckling Park	2:30 p.m.
Saturday	Feb. 21	Memphis [#]	Houston, Texas • Reckling Park	6 p.m.
Sunday	Feb. 22	Rice [#]	Houston, Texas • Reckling Park	2:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Feb. 24	Arizona (AZ-TV)	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Friday	Feb. 27	UConn	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Saturday	Feb. 28	UConn	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	1 p.m.
Sunday	Feb. 29	UConn	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	1 p.m.
Friday	Mar. 5	East Carolina	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Saturday	Mar. 6	East Carolina	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	1 p.m.
Sunday	Mar. 7	East Carolina	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	1 p.m.
Friday	Mar. 12	Tulane	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Saturday	Mar. 13	Tulane	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	1 p.m.
Sunday	Mar. 14	Tulane	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	1 p.m.
Tuesday	Mar. 16	Oklahoma State	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Wednesday	Mar. 17	Oklahoma State	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Friday	Mar. 19	California* (AZ-TV)	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Saturday	Mar. 20	California*	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	1 p.m.
Sunday	Mar. 21	California*	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	1 p.m.
Friday	Mar. 26	Washington* (AZ-TV)	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Saturday	Mar. 27	Washington*	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	1 p.m.
Sunday	Mar. 28	Washington*	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	1 p.m.
Friday	Apr. 2	USC* (AZ-TV)	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Saturday	Apr. 3	USC*	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	1 p.m.
Sunday	Apr. 4	USC*	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	1 p.m.
Thursday	Apr. 8	Oral Roberts	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Friday	Apr. 9	Oral Roberts	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Saturday	Apr. 10	Oral Roberts	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	1 p.m.
Monday	Apr. 12	Arizona (AZ-TV)	TBA	7 p.m.
Friday	Apr. 16	at UCLA*	Los Angeles, Calif. • Jackie Robinson Stadium	6 p.m.
Saturday	Apr. 17	at UCLA*	Los Angeles, Calif. • Jackie Robinson Stadium	1 p.m.
Sunday	Apr. 18	at UCLA*	Los Angeles, Calif. • Jackie Robinson Stadium	1 p.m.
Friday	Apr. 23	at Washington State*	Pullman, Wash. • Bailey-Brayton Field	3 p.m.
Saturday	Apr. 24	at Washington State*	Pullman, Wash. • Bailey-Brayton Field	1 p.m.
Sunday	Apr. 25	at Washington State*	Pullman, Wash. • Bailey-Brayton Field	12 p.m.
Tuesday	Apr. 27	at Wichita State	Wichita, Kan. • Eck Stadium	7 p.m.
Wednesday	Apr. 28	at Wichita State	Wichita, Kan. • Eck Stadium	7 p.m.
Monday	May 3	New Mexico State	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Tuesday	May 4	New Mexico State	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Friday	May 14	Oregon State*	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Saturday	May 15	Oregon State* (AZ-TV)	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	7 p.m.
Sunday	May 16	Oregon State*	Tempe, Ariz. • Packard Stadium	1 p.m.
Tuesday	May 18	at New Mexico	Albuquerque, N.M. • Isotopes Park	7 p.m.
Wednesday	May 19	at New Mexico State	Las Cruces, N.M. • Presley Askew Field	6 p.m.
Friday	May 21	at Arizona*	Tucson, Ariz. • Sancet Field	7 p.m.
Saturday	May 22	at Arizona*	Tucson, Ariz. • Sancet Field	7 p.m.
Sunday	May 23	at Arizona*	Tucson, Ariz. • Sancet Field	1 p.m.
Friday	May 28	at Stanford*	Stanford, Calif. • Sunken Diamond	6 p.m.
Saturday	May 29	at Stanford*	Stanford, Calif. • Sunken Diamond	1 p.m.
Sunday	May 30	at Stanford*	Stanford, Calif. • Sunken Diamond	1 p.m.
Fri-Sun	June 4-6	NCAA Regionals	16 sites/4 teams each	
Fri-Sun	June 11-13	Super Regionals	8 sites/2 teams each	
Fri-Mon	June 18-28	College World Series	Omaha, Neb. (Rosenblatt Stadium)	

* Denotes Pac-10 Conference Game

[^] Coca-Cola Spring Training Classic - Surprise, Ariz. (ASU, Oklahoma, Gonzaga, Utah, CS Northridge, Oregon State)

[#] Coca-Cola Classic Tournament at Reckling Park - Houston, Texas (CS Northridge, Memphis, ASU, Lamar, Rice, Wake Forest)

*** All times are local to Site and Subject to Change***

ROSTER

PITCHERS							POS.		B/T	HT.	WT.	YR./EXP.	Hometown (High School/Last School)
21	Andes, Quentin	RHP	R/R	6-2	194	Fr./HS							Albuquerque, NM (Cibola)
26	Cassa, Pat	LHP/OF	L/L	5-10	160	Fr./HS							Cypress, Calif. (Kennedy)
34	Urquidez, Jason	RHP	R/R	6-1	165	Jr./TR							Simi Valley, Calif. (Central Arizona CC)
35	Mousser, Jeff	RHP	R/R	6-2	215	Sr./TR							Tempe, Ariz. (Marcos de Niza/BYU)
37	Zinicola, Zechry	RHP/DH	R/R	6-1	205	Fr./HS							San Bernadino, Calif. (Arlington)
38	Hall, Ladd	RHP	R/R	6-3	205	Jr./TR							Hereford, Ariz. (Eastern Arizona CC)
40	Bresnehan, Pat	RHP	R/R	6-1	205	Fr./HS							Sherborn, Mass. (Dover Sherborn)
41	Blake, Josh	LHP	L/L	6-4	195	Fr./HS							Overland Park, Kan. (Blue Valley West)
45	Averill, Erik	LHP	L/L	6-2	190	So./1V							Orange, Calif. (Villa Park)
47	Marotz, Ty	RHP	R/R	6-2	200	Jr./TR*							Crystal Lake, Ill. (Mesa CC)
49	Bordes, Brett	LHP	L/L	5-10	175	So./1V							Mesa, Ariz. (Dobson)
50	Webb, Travis	LHP/DH	L/L	6-4	200	Fr./HS							Spokane, Wash. (Lewist & Clark HS)
CATCHERS							POS.		B/T	HT.	WT.	YR./EXP.	Hometown (High School/Last School)
5	Walker, Brian	C	L/R	6-0	195	Fr./HS							Tulsa, Okla. (Union)
19	Bocchi, Joel	C	R/R	5-11	190	Jr./2V							Phoenix, Ariz. (Desert Vista)
39	Gosewisch, Tuffy	C	R/R	5-10	185	Jr./2V							Scottsdale, Ariz. (Horizon)
60	Schoenberger, Garrett	C	R/R	5-11	195	Jr./2V*							Juneau, Alaska (Juneau-Douglas)
INFIELDERS							POS.		B/T	HT.	WT.	YR./EXP.	Hometown (High School/Last School)
2	Pedroia, Dustin	SS	R/R	5-8	180	Jr./2V							Woodland, Calif. (Woodland)
3	Landry, Jeff	INF	R/R	5-9	170	Fr./HS							Walnut Creek, Calif. (Clayton Valley)
6	Dhaenens, Seth	INF	L/R	6-1	175	Fr./RS*							Chandler, Ariz. (Mountain Pointe)
10	Persichina, Joe	INF	L/R	6-0	180	Fr./HS							Rolling Hills Estates, Calif. (Peninsula)
14	Mesa, Frank	INF	L/R	6-0	195	Jr./1V							Yuma, Ariz. (Kofa/Arizona Western)
15	Asanovich, Josh	INF	R/R	6-0	190	Jr./TR							Gold Canyon, Ariz. (Central Arizona CC)
20	Walsh, Nick	2B	L/R	5-7	176	Sr./3V*							Alamo, Calif. (De la Salle)
23	Henne, Matt	1B	L/R	6-1	200	Fr./HS							Scottsdale, Ariz. (Paradise Valley)
27	Holiday, Taylor	UTL	R/R	5-11	170	Fr./HS							Laguna Niguel, Calif. (Mission Viejo)
32	Cook, Chris	1B	R/R	6-5	215	Jr./TR							Mesa, Ariz. (Mesa CC)
OUTFIELDERS							POS.		B/T	HT.	WT.	YR./EXP.	Hometown (High School/Last School)
4	Buck, Travis	OF	L/R	6-3	210	So./1V							Richland, Wash. (Richland)
9	Curtis, Colin	OF	L/L	6-0	190	Fr./HS							Issaquah, Wash. (Issaquah)
11	Larish, Jeff	OF/1B	L/R	6-2	195	Jr./2V							Tempe, Ariz. (McClintock)
12	Laguna, Rocky	OF	L/R	5-11	185	Fr./HS							Yuma, Ariz. (Kofa)
16	Cadena, Nick	OF/1B	R/R	6-1	200	So./1V*							Glendale, Ariz. (Apollo)
17	McKenna, Ryan	OF	L/R	5-10	175	Jr./2V*							Elgin, Ill. (Larkin)
25	Williams, Eric	OF	S/L	5-10	170	Fr./HS							Carmel, NY (Trinity-Pawling)
51	Cosentino, Joe	OF	R/R	5-11	185	Jr./TR							Henderson, Nev. (Phoenix College)

* Has utilized redshirt year



NUMERICAL

2	.....Dustin Pedroia, SS
3	.....Jeff Landry, INF
4	.....Travis Buck, OF
5	.....Brian Walker, C
6	.....Seth Dhaenens, INF
7	.....Pat Murphy, Head Coach
9	.....Colin Curtis, OF
10	.....Joe Persichina, INF
11	.....Jeff Larish, OF/1B
12	.....Rocky Laguna, OF
14	.....Frank Mesa, INF
15	.....Josh Asanovich, INF
16	.....Nick Cadena, OF/1B
17	.....Ryan McKenna, OF
19	.....Joel Bocchi, C
20	.....Nick Walsh, 2B
21	.....Quentin Andes, RHP
23	.....Matt Henne, 1B
25	.....Eric Williams, OF
26	.....Pat Cassa, LHP/OF
27	.....Taylor Holiday, UTL
29	.....Chris Sinacori, Asst. Coach
32	.....Chris Cook, 1B
34	.....Jason Urquidez, RHP
35	.....Jeff Mousser, RHP
37	.....Zechry Zinicola, RHP/DH
38	.....Ladd Hall, RHP
39	.....Tuffy Gosewisch, C
40	.....Pat Bresnehan, RHP
41	.....Josh Blake, LHP
45	.....Erik Averill, LHP
47	.....Ty Marotz, RHP
49	.....Brett Bordes, LHP
50	.....Travis Webb, LHP/DH
51	.....Joe Cosentino, OF
60	.....Garrett Schoenberger, C
62	.....Jay Sierra, Asst. Coach
66	.....Mike Rooney, Asst. Coach

BY POSITION

Catchers	.....4
Pitchers	.....13
Infielders	.....11
Outfielders	.....9

*players with multi-positions included

COACHING/SUPPORT:

Head Coach: 7 Pat Murphy (10th year)

Assistant Coaches:

62 Jay J. Sierra (9th year)

66 Mike Rooney (6th year)

29 Chris Sinacori (3rd year)

Undergraduate Assistant: Carlos Arguello (1st year)

Director of Baseball Operations: Graham Rossini (5th year)

Operations and Recruiting Assistant: Steve Kirkman (6th year)

Manager: Graham Ferguson (1st year)

Office Assistant: Sammie Nakama (2nd year)

Sports Medicine: Kenny McCarty (7th year)

Media Relations: Jeff Evans (4th year)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE:

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AverillA-vur-L
CadenaCuh-deena
CassaCass-uh
Cosentinocause-n-tino
GosewischGoes-wisch
Henne	.....Hen-A
Marotz	.....Mare-itz
Mousser	.....Mouw-ser
Persichina	.....Purse-ih-keena
Sferra	.....Suh-Fer-uh
Urquidez	.....Ure-key-duz
Zechry	.....Zackry

IN-SEASON BIRTHDAYS:

Jan. 23:	Matt Henne (19)
Jan. 31:	Josh Asanovich (22)
Feb. 1:	Colin Curtis (19)
Feb. 9:	Erik Averill (20)
Feb. 13:	Joel Bocchi (21)
Mar. 2:	Zechry Zinicola (19)
Mar. 14:	Jeff Landry (20)
Apr. 7:	Ladd Hall (22)
Apr. 21:	Taylor Holiday (20)
Apr. 23:	Pat Bresnehan (19)
May 6:	Nick Walsh (24)
May 20:	Seth Dhaenens (20)
May 24:	Frank Mesa (21)

ROSTER



2 Dustin Pedroia, SS



3 Jeff Landry, INF



4 Travis Buck, OF



5 Brian Walker, C



6 Seth Dhaenens, INF



9 Colin Curtis, OF



10 Joe Persichina, INF



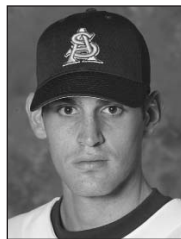
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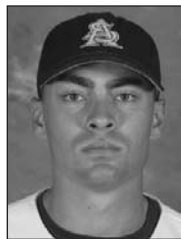
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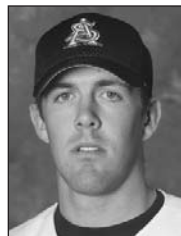
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51 Joe Cosentino, OF



60 Garrett Schoenberger, C

Coaches



**Pat Murphy,
Head Coach**



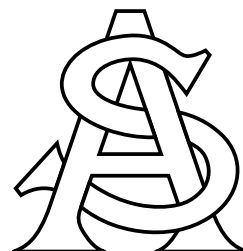
**Jay Sferra, Asst. Coach
Outfielders/Recruiting**



**Mike Rooney, Asst. Coach
Infielders**



**Chris Sinacori, Asst. Coach
Pitching Coach**



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 818-235-1, for a winning percentage of .777. Last season, ASU was 31-7 at Packard Stadium and 3-0 at Tempe Diablo Stadium. Overall, ASU was 37-7 in the state of Arizona in 2003.

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.

A new players clubhouse and area for coaches offices and sports medicine will be in construction throughout the 2004 season.

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



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 Steverson, 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

total of 124 press credentials were issued. Improvements were made to the press facility over the last three years, 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 conditioning area 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.

SEASON OUTLOOK



Jeff Larish

Only a few days after the record-breaking 2003 season, All-Americans Dustin Pedroia and Jeff Larish were back in the batting cage at Packard Stadium, anticipating the beginning of the 2004 season. Why? There is unfinished business to take care of.

After an emotional three-game super regional series with Cal State Fullerton that left Arizona State one game short of its 19th trip to Omaha, the Sun Devils begin the 93rd year of ASU Baseball with ambitions of a sixth national championship.

"The returning players definitely have a huge chip on their shoulders and are ready to prove themselves and not let last years ending happen again," said 10th-year head coach Pat Murphy. "They have some unfinished business to take care of and that is a great motivating factor."

The Devils will begin 2004 like almost every year—ranked high in the polls and as one of the marked programs among the college baseball

elite. While looking to build off an impressive 54-14 season in 2003, one that featured several record-breaking performances, the Devils have little resemblance to that team. The annual major league draft saw a record 12 Sun Devils selected (most among all college programs) and only one of ASU's top seven pitchers returns.

"We are approaching this season with the expectations of winning and playing every game to win," said Murphy. "There is no question that we have a lot of talent to replace, but if you are a good program, that is a problem you face every year. We go into every season with the goal of winning a national championship and this group of players has the right attitude and desire to make

that a reality."

While the Devils lost 16 lettermen and 12 consistent starters from the 2003 squad, Murphy and his talented staff landed one of the top recruiting classes in the nation. In addition, a solid corps of starters and team leaders from last year's squad will return and be a key to ASU's Road to Omaha.

Murphy begins his 10th year at the helm of the program, having guided the Devils to the NCAA Tournament in six of the last seven years and has seen his Devils become a mainstay in the national rankings, with 78 consecutive weeks in the polls dating to 2000.

"If you look at our roster, you see a lot of freshmen and juniors," commented Murphy. "This is a young team that will have to learn on the field and has to live up to some pretty high expectations. We have one of the toughest schedules in the nation and they will be tested right out of the gate. The difference between this team and some from past years is that the younger guys expect to win and are ready to play right away. There will be some growing pains, but they have a unique

mentality that just wants to play for a national championship and will accept nothing less."

The 2004 Sun Devils feature a predominantly young team, with 21 of the 35-member team (63 percent) being first-year players. Murphy returns nine players that have seen starting time in the program over the last two years, but has only two pitchers with experience on the mound. Preseason All-Americans and player of the year candidates Dustin Pedroia and Jeff Larish highlight the returning players, while catcher Tuffy Gosewisch, infielder Frank Mesa and outfielder Travis Buck are coming off successful seasons. Sophomores Erik Averill and Brett Bordes are the lone returnees on the mound, but will be joined by a talented staff of newcomers that feature a few of the top freshmen pitchers in the nation. Highlighted as the No. 3 recruiting class in the country (*Baseball America*), the group of 22 newcomers includes 14 high school players, seven junior college transfers and one Division I transfer.

The 2004 squad is sure to be another team reflective of Murphy's teams from the past that will be offensive-minded and play solid defense, while approaching every game with a playoff-type mentality.

"Our focus is to be the very best program in the nation and when we take the field that will be our motivation," said Murphy, the 1998 *Baseball America* Coach of the Year and 2000 Pac-10 Coach of the Year.

A LOOK BACK

Coming off a 54-14 record last year and a No. 8 national ranking, the 2003 squad recorded one of the best seasons in recent ASU Baseball history. The Devils opened the season with a 28-1 record, the best start in school history, and finished second in the Pac-10 with a 16-8 record. ASU was the only team to rank in the Top 10 in the four major NCAA statistical categories (ERA, batting, scoring, and defense).

The Devils enter 2004 without two of their Top Three hitters and six of their Top Seven pitchers from a year ago. ASU will have to replace the offensive production of outfielder Andre Ethier (.377-10 HR-68 RBI) and designated hitter Jeremy West (.381-17-71). Ethier was ASU's highest draft pick of the 12 that were selected last June, going in the second round to the Oakland A's. The 2003 Sun Devils finished second in the nation with a .347 team batting average (second

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SEASON OUTLOOK continued

best in school history) and also finished second in scoring, averaging 10 runs per game.

The pitching staff had a record breaking year in 2003, posting a 3.32 ERA to lead the Pac-10 and rank eighth nationally. Starters Beau Vaughan (10-6, 4.68 ERA, 105 SO), Ben Thurmond (8-0, 2.73) and Jered Liebeck (8-0, 2.88) formed a solid starting rotation that will have to be replaced entirely in 2004. ASU also lost relievers Robbie McClellan (7-0, 3.70), Mark Sopko (3-2, 2.30 ERA) and senior lefty relievers Bryce Kartler and Carlos Arguello.

"With the nature of college baseball and the draft, you always have to be prepared to make adjustments and to rebuild your team," said Murphy, who has seen over 70 players get drafted since taking over the program in 1995. "This year is no exception. It is a rebuilding phase in which we still expect to compete for the national championship."

THE SCHEDULE

The Devils will once again take on one of the toughest schedules in the nation. ASU is scheduled to play 30 games against NCAA Tournament teams from last year, including a season-opening three-game series against Florida State in Tempe (Feb. 6-8).

"We play a tough schedule all season and it all starts with that first weekend," commented Murphy. "It is a great challenge to play a tough schedule, because win or lose you really build confidence knowing that you can play with those teams."

Other schedule highlights include traveling to Houston, Texas for a tournament hosted by defending national champion Rice and non-conference meetings with Tulane, East Carolina, Oklahoma State and Wichita State. In addition to the rigorous 24-game Pac-10 slate, ASU will also meet rival Arizona for a pair of non-conference games in Tempe.

"From top to bottom, it is a really packed schedule," added Murphy. "We feel like our team isn't going to back down and a tough schedule is going to bring out the best in our players."

WHO RETURNS IN 2004

The Sun Devils will feature a relatively young team in 2004, but also return some of the premier players in the Pac-10. Shortstop Dustin Pedroia, the 2003 Pac-10 Co-Player of the Year, and All-American Jeff Larish headline the list of returning players in 2004. Pedroia is coming off a record-breaking season last year in which he set the ASU and Pac-10 single-season record with 34 doubles and became only the 11th Sun Devil to hit over .400 and record over 100 hits in the same season. Larish is looking to make the move from first base to the outfield after also having a solid sophomore season. He hit .372 while leading the team with 18 home runs and 95 RBI. The dynamic duo were teammates last summer on the USA Baseball National Team, helping the Red, White and Blue to

a silver medal in the Pan Am Games.

"There are not many players in the nation that are more special than Dustin and Jeff," said Murphy. "They bring a lot more to this team than just their baseball skills. They are the leaders of this team and great role models."

In addition to Larish and Pedroia, ASU returns 10 letterwinners from 2003, including nine starters. Junior infielder Frank Mesa will find a starting spot in the infield at either third, second or first base. The Yuma native hit .364 last year and proved to be one of ASU's best clutch hitters. Junior catcher Tuffy Gosewisch has locked down the catcher position after a fine sophomore campaign, hitting .340 with two home runs and 41 RBI. He has emerged as a candidate for the Johnny Bench Catcher of the Year Award and will be a key to the progression of ASU's relatively young pitching staff.

With Larish moving to the outfield, he will pair with sophomore Travis Buck to form a deadly combination. Buck is coming off a freshman All-American season last year in which he hit .326 with four home runs, 46 RBI and 12 stolen bases.

ASU's player with the most experience is senior utility player Nick Walsh. The fifth-year senior out of Alamo, Calif., has proven he can play the infield and outfield and has been a clutch hitter throughout his career. He hit .353 last year with seven doubles and 23 RBI.

"Nick Walsh is just one of those guys that finds a way to get it done," said Murphy. "He knows his role on this team and really does a great job making sure he is the best he can possibly be in that role."

Catcher Joel Bocchi also returns after having an excellent fall practice and will compete for the starting spot at designated hitter. Back in the mix after redshirting last year are outfielders Nick Cadena and Ryan McKenna. Cadena will add power to the lineup after hitting six homers as a freshman in 2002 and can also play in the infield. McKenna adds a solid glove in the outfield and has two years of experience playing in the Pac-10.

While the Devils will have to replace most of their pitching staff from last year, the large task at hand for pitching coach Chris Sinacori is made a bit easier with the return of two solid sophomores. Left-handers Erik Averill and Brett Bordes are both locks for the starting rotation heading into the season.



Dustin Pedroia

Averill earned freshman All-America honors last year while going 8-2 with a 3.66 ERA in 86.0 innings. Bordes was used exclusively as a reliever, posting a 1-1 record with a 3.21 ERA in 27 appearances.

"Averill and Bordes are the lone veteran pitchers and will have to really step up this year," added Murphy. "Averill has gotten a lot stronger and has the poise to be our Friday night starter. Bordes is really coming into his own and is still learning how to pitch. He is extremely aggressive and really attacks the strike zone."

THE NEWCOMERS

The 2004 Sun Devils will feature a lot of new faces... 22, to be exact. While the obstacle of fielding a relatively young team that is expected to compete for the national championship proves to be tough, Murphy and the coaching staff couldn't be more excited about the talent that has arrived in Tempe.

"We are extremely excited about the players that joined our program this year," said Murphy. "They are great young players and great young men. They are true Sun Devils and that is what is going to push this program towards excellence."

The class of rookies is one that is going to have a relatively small learning curve. Several players will be expected to make immediate impacts while also gaining their first experience in major college baseball.

"I think the younger players have already grasped what it takes to be a Sun Devil," added Murphy. "They all had a meeting and sat down and expressed what it means to be a part of this program. They express that being a Sun Devil means that you play hard every time you step on that field and you take your game to a new level of excellence."

Freshman outfielder Colin Curtis and infielder Joe Persichina are expected to earn starting spots in the field, while junior college transfers Josh Asanovich and Chris Cook are contenders to open the season as the starting second baseman and first baseman, respectively. Freshman utility player Taylor Holiday and outfielder Eric Williams will also provide a spark for the Sun Devils off the bench.

The pitching staff will rely heavily on the rookie



Erik Averill

class. Senior transfer Jeff Mouser returns to his hometown after playing three years at BYU. The Marcos de Niza product is a workhorse on the mound and is expected to compete for a spot in the starting rotation. Freshman Zechry Zinicola, Pat Bresnehan and Pat Cassa all contribute innings as well. Junior college transfers Jason Urquidez, Ty Marotz and Ladd Hall also bring experience to the pitching corps from the highly competitive Arizona junior college system. Urquidez, who went 9-4 with three saves and a 1.89 ERA at Central Arizona College last year, is slated to be ASU's go-to guy in the late innings.

THE STARTING ROTATION

Different from years past, pitching coach Chris Sinacori heads into the 2004 season with three names scribbled on a blackboard in his office: Erik Averill, Jeff Mouser and Brett Bordes.

"Those are my guys right now and I really like our odds with those guys on the front end of things," said Sinacori, who last year tutored the ASU pitchers to its best team ERA (3.32) since 1976. "Behind them we have a lot of talent with our newcomers, but also a lot of inexperience."

With a number of midweek games also on the schedule, starting spots could also go to freshmen Pat Bresnehan or Zechry Zinicola, or any of the junior college transfers.

THE BULLPEN

With any good team you have a strong bullpen. The Sun Devils will look to a corps of rookie pitchers to man the late innings of games in 2004. Sinacori expects junior Jason Urquidez to lock down the closer role and pitch the eighth and ninth innings of a lot of games. Zinicola and Bresnehan each had outstanding fall practices and each have experience playing for the USA Baseball Junior National Team that will be key in making the transition to college baseball. Ty Marotz and Ladd Hall will also fill in the long relief role.

"Guys like Urquidez, Zinicola and Bresnehan have the potential to dominate," added Sinacori. "We also have some younger guys that can really help us as situational pitchers."

Left-handers Pat Cassa and Josh Blake will see time out of the bullpen as true freshman, while Sinacori also says that Travis Webb and Quentin Andes could see time on the mound.

CATCHER

The catching position will be one of the most experienced spots on the Sun Devil roster for 2004. Juniors Tuffy Gosewisch and Joel Bocchi have combined for 87 career starts behind the dish and each offer different strengths to the lineup.

"Tuffy has emerged as a team leader and has really grown within the program. He will be our starter on opening day," said Assistant Head Coach Mike Rooney. "Joel is a great offensive player and I don't know if there is a better backup catcher in the nation. He will be one of the guys that will always be in the lineup at designated hitter or some other position."



Travis Buck

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SEASON OUTLOOK continued



Tuffy Gosewisch

FIRST BASE

With Larish departed to the outfield, the Devils will have to replace one of the most productive positions from last year. Larish, Mike Guerrero and Jeremy West combined to hit .398 (104-for-261) with 20 home runs and 106 RBI in 2003. Junior college transfer Chris Cook really emerged from fall practices as a leading candidate for the starting spot, but has also been pushed by junior utility player Frank Mesa and redshirt sophomore Nick Cadena.

"We have a lot to work with at first base, and that is a good thing," said Rooney, who oversees the infielders. "Cadena and Cook offer tremendous power at the plate and are solid defenders. Mesa has shown he can play every infield position and will be in the lineup every day."

SECOND BASE

Junior Josh Asanovich appears to be the heir-apparent at second base after a solid junior college career at Central Arizona. He hit .346 with five home runs as a sophomore at CAC while earning all-region honors.

Backing up Asanovich could be freshman Joe Persichina, senior Nick Walsh and Mesa.

SHORTSTOP

The infield will be built around junior shortstop Dustin Pedroia. Generally regarded as one of the top players in college baseball, Pedroia enters his

junior year as a career .379 hitter with 202 hits and 47 doubles. The 2003 Pac-10 Co-Player of the Year is coming off a record-breaking season after hitting .404 with 34 doubles and 52 RBI. The sure-handed shortstop was named the *Collegiate Baseball* National Defensive Player of the Year and has made only 12 errors in 542 chances during his career (.978 FLD%).

"He is the complete ballplayer," added Rooney. "He is just one of those kids that is the best player on the field at all times. He has tremendous confidence and every player on the field likes their chances of winning when they are around him. He is one of those players that won't be denied."

THIRD BASE

The hot corner could be an evolving position for the Sun Devils as the year moves on. Freshman Joe Persichina had a solid fall and looks to contend for the starting spot when the season opens against Florida State. Mesa started 29 games at third base last year and if he is not playing first or second, will start at third. Zinicola also has shown promise to be a great two-way player, with third base and designated hitter his best options when not pitching.

"Third base will be the position that we will greatly benefit from having such versatile players," said Rooney. "We have a number of options that really give our team the best shot at winning games."

THE OUTFIELD

Preseason All-American Jeff Larish will make his debut in the outfield in 2004. A starter at third base in 2002 and at first base in 2003, he will be making his third position change in as many years. Regarded as one of the top prospects for the June Amateur Draft, Larish is coming off a breakthrough season in which he hit .372 with 95 RBI and 18 home runs. He led the NCAA with 78 walks and broke the ASU single-season record with four grand slams. He added 10 pounds of muscle with an intense strength and conditioning program during the fall.

"Jeff is just a true baseball player who is a student of the game," said ASU assistant coach Jay J. Sferra, who coaches the outfielders. "The transition has gone great so far and with Jeff in the outfield it really gives us a lot of offense at one of the corner outfield positions."

A pair of Washington natives will man the center and right field positions to give the Devils a very dynamic and speedy outfield.

Freshman sensation Colin Curtis is penciled in as the opening day center fielder with the departure of Ryan Bosch and Andre Ethier. Curtis is one of the

most decorated high school players to join the Sun Devil program in recent years and possesses a style of play most link to St. Louis Cardinal outfielder Jim Edmonds.

Sophomore Travis Buck will start in right field after splitting time between the corner outfield positions during his freshman season. Buck made the transition from a high school shortstop to one of the best defensive outfielders in the Pac-10 last year. A solid defensive season was backed up by a .326 batting average, ranking eighth in the ASU freshman record books.

"Curtis and Buck really give us a lot of speed and athleticism in the outfield and will really cut down balls in the gaps," commented Sferra. "They are also speed guys at the plate from the left side who can really lay down a bunt and beat out an infield hit."

Also vying for playing time in the outfield will be redshirt junior Ryan McKenna, freshman Eric Williams and utility player Taylor Holiday. McKenna sat out last year to add strength in the weight room and adds experience to the outfield with 69 career games under his belt.



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