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## DOBLE AND LOPEZ SIGN FREE AGENT PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL CONTRACTS

*Seniors Mike Lopez and Eric Doble sign free agent contracts. Lopez to play in Montana, Doble to debut in Spokane, Wash.*

**TEMPE, Ariz.** -- Arizona State Sun Devil baseball players **Mike Lopez** and **Eric Doble** will continue their baseball careers as both have signed professional baseball free agent contracts. Doble, who was a starter and relief pitcher during his three-year ASU career signed with the Kansas City Royals and will play for the Single-A Spokane Indians in the Northwest League this summer. Lopez, ASU's starting third baseman in 2000 and 2001, signed with the hometown Arizona Diamondbacks and will debut at the professional level with the Missoula (Mont.) Osprey in the Pioneer League.

Doble, who was drafted in the 10th round by the Boston Red Sox in 2000, but opted to return for his senior season, endured an injury to his right index finger that hampered most of his season. Regardless, the hard-throwing Doble, who was a 2000 All-Pac-10 pick, switched roles from closer to starter and flourished. He was ASU's third starter down the stretch, helping lead ASU to a fourth NCAA berth in the last five years. Doble (Casa Grande, Ariz.) was 3-2 with a 5.59 ERA in 2001 and finished his career with a 6-5 record and 10 saves in 60 career appearances.

Lopez (Phoenix) was a mainstay at the hot corner for Arizona State during his two years in the Maroon and Gold. In two seasons, Lopez was one of the Devils most steady hitters, batting .335 over his ASU career. After having his 2000 season cut short because of a broken wrist, Lopez battled back during his senior year to hit .310 with 19 doubles, three home runs and 49 RBI. He started 54 of ASU's 58 games.

Lopez and Doble are the most recent additions to a list of seven other Sun Devils who are scheduled to debut in professional baseball this summer. Junior center fielder **Chris Duffy** (8th round, Pittsburgh), junior outfielder **Mel Stocker** (16th round, Kansas City), senior first baseman **Jeff Phelps** (36th round, Philadelphia) and senior catcher **Casey Myers** (9th round, Oakland) have already signed professional contracts; while senior left-handed relief pitcher **Drew Friedberg** (6th round, Pittsburgh), junior starting pitcher **Jon Switzer** (2nd round, Tampa Bay), and junior second baseman **Brooks Conrad** (8th round, Houston) have yet to sign professional contracts. Sophomore left-handed pitcher **Bryce Kartler** was drafted in the 20th round by the St. Louis Cardinals but is expected to return for his junior season at Arizona State.

### Career statistics for Eric Doble:

Year	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1999....	8.69	0-2	16	3	0	0/1	0	29.0	43	35	28	23	30
2000....	3.35	3-1	27	0	0	0/2	9	51.0	50	20	19	14	58
2001....	5.59	3-2	17	5	0	0/1	1	37.0	47	23	23	14	40
TOTALS..	5.38	6-5	60	8	0	0/4	10	117.0	140	78	70	51	128

### Career statistics for Mike Lopez:

Year	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB-ATT
2000....	.370	45-40	138	44	51	12	2	6	49	18	21	3-4
2001....	.310	56-54	184	49	57	19	0	3	49	31	27	6-8
TOTALS..	.335	101-94	322	93	108	31	2	9	98	49	48	9-12

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