



2001 Sun Devil Baseball

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2001 Record: 24-13-1, 7-8
2001 Home Record: 19-7-1
2001 Road Record: 5-6
Final 2000 Record: 44-15
All-Time Record: 1,881-749-1
Head Coach: Pat Murphy (256-136-1)

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2001 Schedule and Results

(24-13-1, 7-8 Pac-10)

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT/TIME
Jan. 26	Texas-Arlington	L, 5-3
Jan. 27	Texas-Arlington	Rained Out
Jan. 28	Texas-Arlington	Rained Out
Feb. 1	Southern Utah	W, 18-8
Feb. 2	Southern Utah	W, 10-2
Feb. 3	Southern Utah	W, 11-2
Feb. 4	Southern Utah	W, 6-5
Feb. 9	Duke (R) (TV)	W, 8-1
Feb. 10	Duke (DH) (TV)	W, 12-5/9-0
Feb. 11	Duke (R)	W, 11-3
Feb. 13	New Mexico State	W, 16-2
Feb. 16	Creighton (R)	W, 23-1
Feb. 17	Creighton	W, 15-2
Feb. 17	St. Mary's	L, 6-4
Feb. 18	Creighton (R)	W, 14-4
Feb. 23	at Cal State Fullerton (R)	W, 5-3
Feb. 24	at Cal State Fullerton (R)	Rained Out
Feb. 25	at Cal State Fullerton (R)	Rained Out
Mar. 2	LSU (R) (TV)	L, 12-11
Mar. 3	LSU (TV)	L, 15-7
Mar. 4	LSU (R) (TV)	T, 5-5
Mar. 6	Oral Roberts (R)	W, 17-3
Mar. 7	Oral Roberts	Rained Out
Mar. 9	South Florida	W, 16-5
Mar. 10	South Florida	W, 10-3
Mar. 11	South Florida (R)	W, 12-4
Mar. 16	at California* (R)	W, 7-4
Mar. 17	at California* (R)	W, 4-2
Mar. 18	at California* (R)	L, 5-17
Mar. 24	at Oregon State* (R)	W, 10-2
Mar. 25	at Oregon State* (R)	L, 1-4
Mar. 26	at Oregon State* (R)	L, 2-12
Mar. 30	Stanford* (R) (TV)	L, 2-6
Mar. 31	Stanford*	L, 2-5
Apr. 1	Stanford* (R)	W, 6-5
Apr. 6	at USC* (R)	L, 2-11
Apr. 7	at USC* (R)	L, 1-5
Apr. 8	at USC* (R)	W, 11-1
Apr. 9	at Cal State Fullerton	L, 6-13
Apr. 12	Washington State* (TV)	L, 1-2
Apr. 13	Washington State* (R)	W, 4-3
Apr. 14	Washington State* (R)	W, 14-4
Apr. 17	at New Mexico State	6:00 p.m.
Apr. 18	at Oklahoma	7:00 p.m.
April 19	at Oral Roberts	7:00 p.m.
Apr. 23	Gonzaga	7:00 p.m.
Apr. 24	Gonzaga	7:00 p.m.
Apr. 27	Arizona* (R)	7:00 p.m.
Apr. 28	Arizona* (R) (Fox)	1:00 p.m.
Apr. 29	Arizona* (R) (TV)	1:00 p.m.
May 1	at Tennessee	7:00 p.m.
May 2	at Tennessee	7:00 p.m.
May 12	at Washington* (R)	6:30 p.m.
May 13	at Washington* (R)	1:00 p.m.
May 14	at Washington* (R)	1:00 p.m.
May 16	at Nevada	3:00 p.m.
May 18	UCLA* (R)	7:00 p.m.
May 19	UCLA* (R) (TV)	7:00 p.m.
May 20	UCLA* (R) (TV)	1:00 p.m.
May 24-27	NCAA Regionals	TBA
June 1-3	NCAA Super Regionals	TBA
June 8-16	College World Series	Omaha, Neb.

* Pacific-10 Conference game
(R) denotes Radio broadcast on XTRA 910 AM
(TV) denotes TV game on Cox Communications
All times are local to site and subject to change.

Three Cities, Three Teams, Three Games In Three Days. No. 15 Sun Devils Take To the Road For Southwest Tour.

What's On Tap:

The No. 15 Sun Devil baseball team appears to be back on track after winning a Pac-10 series over the Washington State Cougars, 2-1 last weekend. After falling in the series opener 2-1 to the Cougars, ASU rebounded for a 4-3 win Friday and a 14-4 rout Saturday to take their first series win since the Pac-10 opening series vs. Cal. The Sun Devils stand at 24-13-1 on the year and a half game out of third place in the conference at 7-8. ASU will take the week off from its busy Pac-10 slate to play five non-conference games before hosting rival Arizona to a weekend Pac-10 series at Packard Stadium Feb. 27-29. The Sun Devils will make a three-city tour of the Southwest this week, playing at New Mexico State (Apr. 17), at Oklahoma in Oklahoma City (Apr. 18) and at Oral Roberts (Apr. 19). The Sun Devils have defeated both New Mexico State and Oral Roberts at home this year, and will have won four of their last five vs. Oklahoma. The rotation for the three games has not been set, but ASU will likely throw the usual starters of Jon Switzer, Mike Esposito and Ryan Schroyer/Andy Torres during the week. ASU will log 2,432.4 miles during the road trip through the Southwest United States.



New Mexico State Aggies (25-17)

Presley Askew Field • Las Cruces, New Mexico
Tuesday, April 17, 6 p.m. (Live Stats)



Oklahoma Sooners (15-25)

Bricktown Ballpark • Oklahoma City, Okla.
Wednesday, April 18, 7 p.m. (Live Stats)



Oral Roberts Golden Eagles (28-6)

J.L. Johnson Stadium • Tulsa, Okla.
Thursday, April 19, 7 p.m. (Live Stats)

The Record Is In The Books. ASU Has Scored In 355 Straight Games:

The Arizona State baseball program made history on April 7 when they scored at least one run in its 350th consecutive game. The Devils broke the 12-year-old record in a 5-1 loss to USC exactly six years to the day when they were last shut out. ASU was shut out 9-0 on April 7, 1995 at Dedeaux Field. The one run scored Friday in the 2-1 loss to Washington State marked only the eighth time during the streak that ASU has scored only one run. The record is still in tact at 355 straight games. ASU was neck-in-neck with Wichita State who was not shutout in 332 games, but when the Shockers fell 1-0 vs. Louisiana-Lafayette ASU took over the national lead. Coastal Carolina held the record at 349 games set from 1983-1989. ASU also had a stretch of 278 games without being shut out from 1990 to 1994, meaning the program has only been limited to no runs three times dating back to 1990.

Media Exposure:

None of this week's games will be available over the radio or the internet, but all three games can also be viewed over the internet with Live Stats at ASU's official athletic site, www.thesundevils.com. All three games can be heard over the internet by visiting each opponent website. For the New Mexico State game, please point your browser to <http://nmstatesports.fansonly.com>, while the Oklahoma game can be heard at <http://soonersports.fansonly.com>. The Oral Roberts game can be heard over the internet at either www.oruathletics.edu or at www.kcfo.com.

The National Rankings:

The Sun Devils are ranked 14th in the recent *Baseball Weekly/ESPN* college baseball poll, 15th by *Baseball America* and 17th by *Collegiate Baseball*. This week's rankings end a string of 25 consecutive weeks in which ASU was listed in the top 12 in at least one of those three polls. ASU has now been ranked in the top 20 dating back to the preseason poll for the 2000 season. Oral Roberts (28-6) comes into the weekend with a No. 25 ranking by Collegiate Baseball and received seven votes in the Baseball Weekly Coaches Poll. They have won 13 straight games and dating back to last year are 37-1 in Mid-Continent Conference play. Oklahoma (15-25) was a preseason Top 25 team, but are currently unranked by all three polls. The Sooners have dropped three of their past four games. New Mexico State is also unranked, but carry a 25-17 record into Tuesday's game. The Aggies are among the NCAA leaders in scoring with an average of 10.76 runs per game in 2001.



ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

April 17-April 19, 2001 • NMSU/OKLA/ORU Series

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2001 National Polls

Baseball America

1. Stanford
2. LSU
3. Nebraska
4. Rice
5. Notre Dame
6. Miami, Fla.
7. Florida State
8. Southern California
9. Georgia Tech
10. Cal State Fullerton
11. Tulane
12. Clemson
13. Pepperdine
14. Tennessee
15. Arizona State
16. South Carolina
17. Central Florida
18. Mississippi
19. East Carolina
20. Baylor
21. South Alabama
22. Stetson
23. Wake Forest
24. Texas
25. Mississippi State

Baseball Weekly/ESPN

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17. East Carolina
18. Clemson
19. South Alabama
20. Pepperdine
21. Central Florida
22. Mississippi
23. Florida International
24. Wake Forest
25. Ohio State

Collegiate Baseball

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2. Notre Dame
3. LSU
4. Florida State
5. Nebraska
6. Cal State Fullerton
7. Southern California
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11. Georgia Tech
12. Tennessee
13. Clemson
14. East Carolina
15. Mississippi
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17. Arizona State
18. Mississippi State
19. South Carolina
20. Texas
21. Baylor
22. South Alabama
23. Tulane
24. Central Florida
25. Oral Roberts

Bold = 2001 ASU Opponent

Casey Myers Having Banner Senior Season:

One of the hottest and best hitters in college baseball, Casey Myers was 6-for-11 (.545) in the weekend series with WSU and with two multi-hit games over the weekend leads ASU with 24 on the year and now has 90 in his career. His 50 RBI is second in the Pac-10 and with 256 in his career is within 27 of tying the Pac-10 and ASU career record of 283. Myers has recorded a hit in 29 of ASU's 38 games this year and is hitting .378 with runners in scoring position. Myers is also climbing the career record charts at ASU. Besides the RBI record, Myers has 37 home runs (7th), 60 doubles (4th), 289 hits (3rd), 181 runs, 460 total bases (6th) and 745 at-bats (7th). His career .388 batting average (289x745) is currently tied for the sixth best in school history. Over his last 10 games he is hitting .436 (17x39) and over his last five games is connecting at a .500 clip (10x20). For more on Casey Myers and his illustrious career, please see related notes in this release.

Rod Allen Is Hotter Than Hot:

Freshman Rod Allen and senior Casey Myers continue carry a hot bat at the plate, tying for the team lead with a remarkable .418 batting average. Allen's aggressive style at the plate has him tied for second with Myers in the Pac-10 batting race at .418. After hitting .444 (4x9) last week vs. the Cougars, he is arguably the hottest Devil hitter with a team-leading .429 average in Pac-10 play, a .471 mark over his last five games and a .438 average over his last 10 games. For more on Allen see related notes in this release.

Offensive Powerhouse ASU Tops In Scoring in NCAA Last Two Years:

Arizona State has led the NCAA in scoring each of the last two years, averaging 11.32 runs per game in 1999 and 10.97 runs per game last year. ASU also led the nation in batting average with a team total of .356 in 1999. The Sun Devils .346 average in 2000 fell just percentage points shy of matching that feat a second year in a row, trailing Stony Brook by one point. ASU out-hit Stony Brook 738-500. During Pat Murphy's seven seasons in Tempe, the Sun Devils have been a scoring machine with 3,672 runs, averaging 9.39 runs per game. 2001 has been no different for ASU, averaging 8.45 runs per game and hitting .337 as a team.

Hitting Report:

The Sun Devils have struggled a bit at the plate, seeing their team batting average drop from .370 to its current mark of .337 in the last 15 games. ASU broke out of the hitting funk with a season high 22 hits in a 14-4 win over the Washington State Cougars on Saturday. Seven ASU players recorded multi-hit games with six tabbing three or more hits. ASU is still leading the Pac-10 in hitting at .337, but have fallen to second place in scoring with 321 runs. ASU hit .340 as a team during the WSU series and are collectively hitting .287 in Pac-10 play. Over the last five games ASU is hitting .339 and over the last 10 games the Devils are hitting .293.

Pitching Report:

The Sun Devil pitching staff picked it up over the weekend with three games of holding the opponent under four runs. Combining for a team ERA of 3.00 over the weekend, ASU hurlers allowed only nine runs in 27.0 innings. Aaron Klusman, Andy Torres and Jon Switzer were all phenomenal. Switzer struck out 13 while earning a no-decision in a 2-1 loss to WSU Thursday night. Torres threw five inning of shutout ball to pick up the win Friday and Klusman struck out 10 in a career high six innings Saturday to lock down the series win. The starting pitching corps is a combined 15-10 with a 4.33 ERA, while the bullpen is 9-3 with five saves and a 5.12 ERA. The entire pitching staff has combined for 355 K's.

ARIZONA STATE BASEBALL PROBABLE STARTING LINEUP

#15 Arizona State vs. New Mexico State/Oklahoma/Oral Roberts

Batting Order	No.	Name (B/T)	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	2001 Stats
1	39	Nick Walsh (L/R)	DH/RF	5-7	175	Fr.	.267/8 H/9 R/1 HR/9 RBI/3 GW Hits
or	6	Mel Stocker (S/R)	RF	5-9	160	Jr.	.261/24 H/29 R/3 2B/1 3B/15 RBI/18-19 SB
2	3	Chris Duffy (S/L)	CF	5-10	177	Jr.	.354/40 H/24 R/4 2B/1 3B/17 RBI
3	22	Casey Myers (R/R)	C	6-0	215	Sr.	.418/64H/36 R/13 2B/5 HR/50 RBI
4	10	Rod Allen (R/R)	DH/LF	6-1	200	Fr.	.418/41 H/23 R/9 2B/1 3B/2 HR/25 RBI
5	4	Mike Lopez (R/R)	3B	5-10	200	Sr.	.331/40 H/35 R/16 2B/2 HR/37 RBI
6	15	Brooks Conrad (S/R)	2B/SS	5-11	185	Jr.	.302/42 H/32 R/12 2B/3 3B/1 HR/29 RBI
or	7	Jonah Martin (R/R)	LF/RF	5-9	176	Sr.	.306/26 H/30 R/4 2B/1 3B/17 RBI/.496 OB%
7	20	Jeff Phelps (R/R)	1B/DH	6-0	195	Sr.	.313/36 H/15 R/13 2B/17 RBI
8	8	Jeremy West (R/R)	1B/DH	5-11	189	Fr.	.361/39 H/29 R/7 2B/3 3B/6 HR/30 RBI
9	5	Dennis Wyrick (R/R)	SS	6-1	219	So.	.351/34 H/16 R/6 2B/13 RBI
or	19	Steve Garrabrants (R/R)	LF/2B	5-10	160	Fr.	.330/36 H/27 R/5 2B/4 3B/19 RBI/13 SB

Very Probable Starting Rotation This Week:

Day	No.	Name (B/T)	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	2001 Stats
4/17	55	Jon Switzer (L/L)	LHP	6-2	195	Jr.	4-2, 3.60ERA, 12 GS, 75.0 IP, 95 K
4/18	23	Mike Esposito (R/R)	RHP	6-0	190	RS-Fr.	2-2, 4.82ERA, 37.1 IP, 7 GS, 20 R, 33 K
4/19	12	Ryan Schroyer (R/R)	RHP	6-1	216	Fr.	2-2, 7.40ERA, 24.1 IP, 24 H, 20 R, 20 ER, 29 K
Relief	54	Andy Torres (R/R)	RHP	6-0	165	Jr.	9-3-1, 4.01 ERA, 47 K's, 58.1 IP, 15 G, 9 GS

*Rotation/Starting Lineup Subject to Change



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Blame It On The Rain:

Rain in Arizona, yeah, that's right, and it has put a damper on the 2001 baseball season so far. Record amounts of rain in the Southwest have forced three cancellations at Packard Stadium, with two more being cancelled when ASU traveled to Fullerton to play the Titans. ASU has already made up one game with St. Mary's (6-4, L) and have a make-up game with Cal State Fullerton scheduled for April 9. The Sun Devils have also added a game with Nevada in Reno on May 16 at 3 p.m. ASU switched the game with New Mexico State from April 19 to April 17 so they can play Oral Roberts in Tulsa after the Oklahoma game. The Sun Devils will play three games in three different cities during that stretch of games with New Mexico State, Oklahoma and Oral Roberts. ASU was lucky to get all three games in at Oregon State. A 41-minute rain delay marred Saturday's game, and both the Sunday and Monday games were delayed at the start because of rainy conditions.

How ASU Faired Vs. New Mexico State Earlier This Year:

New Mexico State came in riding the best start in school history at 9-1, but that was quickly halted by a decisive 16-2 rout by the Sun Devils on Feb. 13. ASU played errorless ball en route to the demolishing, while NMSU committed seven errors and gave up 15 hits to give ASU its ninth win of the year. Freshman Steve Garrabrants tallied three hits for ASU and senior Casey Myers picked up four RBI to help pace the ASU offense. Andy Torres improved to 4-0 on the year with a strong, five inning shutout performance. The Sun Devils are still perfect vs. the Aggies in the all-time series, going 20-0.

How ASU Faired Vs. Oral Roberts Earlier This Year:

In a two-game series that was cut short by rain, ASU scored enough runs (17) to last both games if they were to be played. ASU hammered Oral Roberts 17-3 by way of a solid starting pitching performance from Andy Torres and a great game from All-American catcher Casey Myers. Torres picked up his sixth win of the year by allowing only five hits and two runs in six and a third innings, striking out four and walking four. Redshirt junior Angel Ramirez added a solid relief outing to put away the Golden Eagles. Knocking out a then season-high 21 hits, the potent ASU offense was led by Chris Duffy's 2-for-4 game with four RBI. Myers was 4-for-5 with two RBI, two runs scored and his third home run of the year. Freshman Jeremy West added a home run and two runs scored. In all, seven ASU hitters had multi-hit games. ASU now leads the all-time series 2-0 vs. Oral Roberts.

Road Warriors:

With a tough schedule to start the Pac-10 season with three of their first four league series on the road, the Sun Devils will travel to USC for a tough three-game series in which ASU dropped two of three. ASU played the top two Pac-10 teams in the standings in consecutive weeks. Last weekend's series with Washington State started a stretch of games in which ASU will play four teams and seven games in eight days. After the WSU series, ASU takes back to the road to play three mid-week games in three different cities. The Sun Devils will play Tuesday (Apr. 17) in Las Cruces, NM at New Mexico State, then Wednesday (Apr. 18) at Oklahoma in Oklahoma City and then finally at Oral Roberts on Thursday (Apr. 19) in Tulsa, Okla. ASU will also travel to Knoxville, Tenn., to play the Volunteers May 1-2. After the four games last weekend on the road, ASU is 5-6 on the road, with nine more games to be played away from Packard Stadium.

Nick Walsh Knows Game Winners:

Redshirt freshman Nick Walsh has a knack for the game-winning hit. Three times this year the Alamo, Calif., native has lifted the Sun Devils to wins with late-inning hits in clutch situations. The first came with a two-out, two-run single in the seventh inning in a 5-3 win over Cal State Fullerton (2/23). In front of several friends and family, Walsh gave ASU a 3-2 lead over Cal with a two-out, ninth inning single to right field to score two runs. ASU went on to beat the Bears 4-2 (3/17). The latest clutch hit for Walsh came Friday vs. Washington State when the left-handed swinger knocked his first career home run in the seventh inning to break a 3-3 tie. ASU went on to beat the Cougars 4-3. Walsh is hitting only .267 (8x30), but has scored nine runs, knocked home nine and is ASU's leading pinch-hitter at 6-for-16. The Sun Devils are 3-0-1 when Walsh starts.

Pitching Reigns Supreme In Washington State Series:

While the Sun Devil bats exploded for a season-high 22 hits in the series finale Saturday vs. the Cougars, it was the pitching over the weekend that deserves the most attention. The Sun Devil pitching staff allowed only nine runs in 27.0 IP for a combined ERA of 3.00. Jon Switzer took a hard-luck no-decision when he struck out 13 in eight innings in a 2-1 loss to WSU. After a solid Mike Esposito start Friday, Andy Torres came in and threw five shutout innings of relief while striking out seven to improve to 9-3 on the year. Saturday was a day Aaron Klusman will never forget. The hard-throwing redshirt freshman right-hander struck out 10 batters in a career-high six innings to pick up his first collegiate decision. Klusman is 1-0 on the year with a team-leading 2.45 ERA. He has struck out 32 and walked only 12 in 18.1 innings pitched. Opponents are hitting only .164 off Klusman this year.

Current Streaks

Current Streak: Won 2
Last 5 Games: 3-2
Last 10 Games: 4-6
Last 15 Games: 6-9
Last 20 Games: 11-9

This Is Sun Devil Baseball...

- Casey Myers has been a run-producing machine in 2001 with 50 on the year, and with 256 in his career needs just 27 RBI to match the ASU and Pac-10 career record of 283. Myers has hits in 29 of ASU's 38 games, including 24 multi-hit affairs.
- The Sun Devil baseball program has finished ranked in the top 12 in the nation in three of the past four seasons; a feat matched by only six other college programs during that time. They had been ranked in the top 12 25 consecutive weeks in at least one national poll before this week.
- ASU has had four Academic All-Americans in the last two years, more than any other college baseball program in the nation.
- ASU is averaging 8.45 runs per game this year and is leading the league by hitting .337 as a team. The Devils have scored 10 or more runs 17 times.
- ASU's 10 stolen bases vs. Southern Utah (2/1) set a school record breaking the old record of nine set in 1982. Mel Stocker had four that game to tie a school record. On the year ASU has 76 stolen bases.
- Switzer's eight (8) consecutive strikeouts vs. Southern Utah was the second most in school history, as was ASU's 21 combined K's that same game. Switzer now has 82 combined K's in 67.0 innings.
- Freshman Rod Allen is hitting .418 after going 4-for-9 in the WSU series. He leads ASU at .429 in Pac-10 play.

Comparing 2000 to 2001

2000	Stat	2001
38	Games	38
409	Runs	321
451	Hits	447
.339	Avg.	.337
82	2B	94
18	3B	15
57	HR	17
368	RBI	288
29-9	W-L	24-13-1
4.06	ERA	4.68
332	SO	355

*Through 38 Games

National Players of the Week

Jon Switzer 2/05/01 (CB)
Jon Switzer 2/06/01 (NCBWA)



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Around the Pac-10

2001 Pac-10 Records:

Team	Overall	Pac-10
Stanford	31-7	10-2
USC	26-13	8-4
UCLA	24-12	6-6
Arizona	26-17	6-6
Arizona State	24-13-1	7-8
California	22-18	7-8
Oregon State	21-16	5-7
Washington St.	13-24	5-7
Washington	19-13	3-9

*Through 4/4

2001 Preseason Coaches Poll:

Team	Points
USC	52
Arizona State	49
Stanford	37
Arizona	31
California	30
UCLA	29
Oregon State	27
Washington	15
WSU	8

ASU Pac-10 Preseason Awards:

All-Pac-10:

Casey Myers, C
Chris Duffy, OF
Eric Doble, Relief Pitcher
Jon Switzer, Pitcher
Jeff Phelps, DH

Player of the Year:

Casey Myers, C

2001 Top Prospects:

4. Jon Switzer, LHP
7. Chris Duffy, OF
9. Eric Doble, RHP
10. Casey Myers, C

Best Tools:

Best Pure Hitter: Casey Myers
Fastest Baserunner: Chris Duffy
Best Defensive OF: Chris Duffy

*As voted by Baseball America



Chris Duffy Makes An Immediate Impact:

Junior Chris Duffy started the season with some bad news by spraining his right MCL before the Alumni game. After a month of intense rehab, the highly touted JC transfer from South Mountain CC saw his first action of his ASU career in the Creighton series and has fared well since his return by racking up a team-high 19-game hitting streak. The speedster had his 19-game streak snapped in the Saturday game vs. Stanford, but after a mini 0-for-7 slump, Duffy racked up three multi-hit games vs. USC. Duffy extended his hitting streak with one hit in each of the three games vs. Oregon State, two of which were perfectly executed drag bunts, and ran the streak to 19 games with a double vs. Stanford on Friday. It ended with an 0-for-4 game vs. the Cardinal. During the streak, Duffy hit .378 (28x74) with 19 runs scored, 16 RBI, four doubles and a triple. Duffy, who was the nation's top base stealer at the JC level last year with 59, is described as a five-tool player and will play center field for ASU. Duffy is rated as one of the top 100 prospects in the nation by *Baseball America* (62) and earned the distinction of having the best outfield arm and best speed in the Pac-10's preseason outlook by *Baseball America*. Duffy hit .409 at South Mountain last year and was a 43rd round draft choice of the Boston Red Sox. Duffy also has three outfield assists, cutting down runners at home plate each time, and has recorded at least one hit in each of his 18 starts. The junior, who is listed as a switch hitter, is also experimenting to become a full-time left-handed hitter. In his first game batting all lefty vs. Cal (3/18), Duffy was 2-for-5. Duffy is hitting .354 on the year with 14 multi-hit games and four doubles. Over his last five games Duffy is hitting .364 with three multi-hit games to his credit.

Memorable Moments in 2001:

- Down 3-2 in the top of the seventh, pinch-hitter Nick Walsh delivers a two-out, two-run single through the left side of the infield to help lift the Sun Devils to a 5-3 win over then No. 18 Cal State Fullerton (2/23)
- Jon Switzer strikes out 13 of the 16 batters he faces vs. Southern Utah en route to a 10-2 win over the Thunderbirds. He struck out eight consecutive in that game to rank second in the ASU record books and as a team ASU fanned 22 SUU batters to also rank second in the record books. (2/2)
- Mel Stocker steals home and makes great diving catch in right field vs. Oregon State (3/24)
- Mike Lopez goes 4-for-5 with three doubles and seven RBI in a 14-4 win over Creighton (2/18)
- Down 2-1 in the top of the ninth, Walsh comes through again with another two-out, two-run single to help lead ASU to a 4-2 come-from-behind win at Cal. Walsh grew up near Oakland (3/17).
- In possibly the weirdest and best play of 2001, second baseman Brooks Conrad slipped on his way to catch a pop fly, but on his way to the turf cleverly kicked the ball up into the air while on his back where right fielder Jonah Martin then snagged the ball to record the third out of the inning. With ASU leading 2-0 at the time, the hit would have tied the game scoring two runs for OSU (3/26).
- ASU snaps a four-game losing streak by defeating No. 1 Stanford 6-5 in a total team effort. (4/1)
- ASU breaks an NCAA record with a run on April 7, 2001. The 5-1 loss vs. USC broke the NCAA record having not been shutout in 350 consecutive games. The streak is currently at 355 games. (4/7)
- Nick Walsh records third game-winning hit of 2001 with first career home run in seventh inning to help defeat Washington State 4-3 (4/13).
- Aaron Klusman comes out of bullpen to strike out 10 in career high six innings. ASU goes on to defeat Cougars 14-4 in recording season-high 22 hits. It was Klusman's first career win. (4/14)

The Espo Report:

Possibly the best news of the season for the Sun Devils is the fact the RHP Mike Esposito (Las Vegas) is back in the starting rotation. A reliever on strict pitch counts through much of the early season, Esposito made his return as a starter vs. LSU. Leaving the game with a lead against the Tigers, Esposito made good in his second start of the year, picking up the win against South Florida with 3.1 solid innings. Only 11 months from successful Tommy John surgery, Esposito turned in possibly ASU's most impressive pitching performance of the season. Despite picking up the no-decision vs. Cal, the hard-throwing right-hander allowed only four hits and two runs in seven innings against California. He struck out six and did not walk a batter in his start. Esposito is 2-2 on the year after winning the Sunday game vs. USC and has maintained a 4.82 EAR. He has struck out six batters in three of his last five starts and has 33 on the year. His start vs. Stanford (3/30) came exactly one year to the day after his Tommy John surgery. Esposito was a fifth-round draft pick by the Cincinnati Reds in 1999 and was ASU's opening day starter in 2000 before going down with the injury.

42 Years of Sun Devil Baseball:

While the history of baseball at Arizona State University goes back all the way to the early 1900's, the school officially began sponsoring varsity baseball in 1959. In 42-plus years of varsity baseball at Arizona State, the program has built a legacy matched by few in the college baseball world. With a 1,881-749-1 all-time record, Arizona State has recorded winning seasons in all but one year, advanced to the College World Series 18 times, won five national championships, won six Pac-10 titles, produced 13 Players of the Year and three Golden Spikes Award winners, and has gone to the NCAA Tournament 24 times. Under current head coach Pat Murphy, the Sun Devils have finished in the top 12 in three of the last four years and finished second in the nation in 1998. They have been ranked in the top 20 since the start of the 2000 season.



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The Wild, Wild West: Jeremy West:

Freshman first baseman Jeremy West has wasted little time making himself one of the most feared hitters in the ASU lineup. The product of Silverado High School in Las Vegas, Nev., West has recorded a hit in 22 of 36 games this year and leads the team with six home runs. He is hitting .361 (39x108) with seven doubles, three triples and six home runs. He was 4-for-12 (.333) in the WSU series with all four of his hits coming in the series final Saturday vs. the Cougs (4x5, 4 RBI). West had a career night at the plate March 9 vs. South Florida, going 4-for-5 with two RBI that night, falling just a double short of the elusive cycle. West has started 28 games during his freshman campaign, with 19 coming at first base and seven at designated hitter. Despite hitting just .256 in Pac-10 play, West is hitting .316 over his last five games. West has 11 multi-hit games and leads ASU with two, four-hit affairs. He also has seven multi-RBI games to his credit.

Danger...Rod Allen On Deck:

One of the biggest surprises of the 2001 season has been the stellar production of freshman designated hitter Rod Allen. A likely redshirt candidate to begin the season, Allen caught fire at the plate in non-conference action and has since been a regular producer in the Sun Devil lineup. Allen currently is tied for the team lead with a .418 batting average with senior catcher Casey Myers. Much of his success came when Allen built up a 17-game hitting streak that was snapped March 24 vs. Oregon State. Allen was 27-for-60 during that stretch of games and had his batting average up to as high as a team-leading mark of .452. After having his streak ended at 17 games, Allen went into a 0-for-10 slump, before ending it with a 3-for-4 game against Stanford last Sunday. He continued his hot hitting vs. USC, going 6-for-10 vs. the Trojans in front of several family and friends. He grew up in Culver City, Calif., and his mom still resides in southern Calif. While hitting .418, he has with 41 hits (98 AB), nine doubles, two home runs and 25 RBI. After going 4-for-9 in the WSU series, Allen is ASU's leading hitter in Pac-10 play at .429 (18x42) and is hitting .471 over his last five games. His two-run blast vs. Creighton (2/17) cleared both fences in left field and landed on Rio Salado Drive for his first collegiate home run. He added a two-run homer vs. South Florida. The son of former major leaguer Rod Allen, Sr., who is also a broadcaster for the Arizona Diamondbacks, Allen hit .419 his senior year at Desert Vista while leading them to a state championship. With seven multi-hit games, Allen has started 19 games with 13 coming at designated hitter and six in left field. He has hits in 22 of 27 games and ranks fifth on the Sun Devils with 12 extra base hits. He is hitting .424 in Pac-10 play (14x33) with two doubles.

Pat Murphy at ASU:

Arizona's State has had only three coaches in its illustrious history. The latest to join the legacy is Pat Murphy who has enjoyed great success since arriving in Tempe six years ago in 1995. Murphy has guided ASU to a 256-136-1 (.653) and posted an impressive 97-85 record in the tough Pac-10. ASU has advanced to postseason play in three of the six years under Murphy, including a 2nd place finish at the College World Series in 1998. With his 254 wins at ASU, Murphy has the third best winning percentage of Pac-10 coaches. Murphy is three wins shy of 100 career Pac-10 victories. Of all active Division I coaches, Murphy entered 2001 ranked 14th with a career .675 winning percentage.

The Ultimate Team Player: Dennis Wyrick:

Slumps come and go, and for Sophomore shortstop Dennis Wyrick the slump is here. After entering the weekend series in Southern California, Wyrick was hitting .425, but after going hitless in 14 at-bats vs. the Trojans and Cal State Fullerton and 0-for-3 vs. Washington State, Wyrick is now hitting .351. Wyrick has had his ups and downs in 2001 so far, riding a hot bat at the plate and suffering through some rough patches in the field. When the rest of the ASU lineup was slumping, Wyrick hit .500 (6x12) during the Oregon State series with a double and a RBI, Wyrick followed that with a stellar series against top-ranked Stanford. In the three games he hit .556, going 5-for-9 with two doubles, two runs scored and three RBI. Over the last five games before USC he was hitting .500 (8x16). For the year the Azusa, Calif., native is hitting .362 (34x94) with 16 runs scored, six doubles and 13 RBI. His six doubles are already four more than his 2000 season total of two in which he earned freshman All-America honors. Wyrick had a career-long seven-game hitting streak snapped vs. USC. He collectively went 12-for-24 (.500) with four runs scored and three doubles during the streak.

Bobby Winkles Field:

The Baseball Field at Packard Stadium was officially named Bobby Winkles Field last Saturday as part of a special weekend honoring ASU's first varsity baseball coach. Winkles Field was officially named during a special ceremony before Saturday's game with LSU. Around 90 of Winkles former players joined a sellout crowd at Packard Stadium to honor Winkles and his tremendous strides to put ASU baseball on the map. Winkles was ASU's first varsity coach, compiling an impeccable 524-173 record during his 13-year career at ASU. He guided the Sun Devils to three national championships (1965, 67,69) and tutored future major league greats Rick Monday, Reggie Jackson and Sal Bando. ASU is 7-4-1 on the newly named Bobby Winkles Field. ASU recently played its 1,000th career game at Packard Stadium, posting an all-time 779-226-1 record at the home of Sun Devil baseball dating back to April 7, 1972.



Games With At Least One Hit

Allen	24 of 30 games
Conrad	30 of 38 games
Duffy	24 of 29 games
Garrabrants	22 of 31 games
Lopez	22 of 37 games
Martin	19 of 32 games
McKenna	4 of 15 games
Myers	29 of 38 games
Phelps	21 of 30 games
Stocker	16 of 31 games
West	22 of 36 games
Wyrick	21 of 31 games

Games With An RBI

Allen	15 of 30 games
Conrad	16 of 38 games
Duffy	12 of 29 games
Garrabrants	12 of 31 games
Lopez	19 of 37 games
Martin	12 of 32 games
Myers	24 of 38 games
Phelps	9 of 30 games
Stocker	9 of 31 games
West	20 of 36 games
Wyrick	10 of 31 games

Extra Base Hits

Lopez	18
Myers	18
West	16
Conrad	16
Phelps	14
Allen	12
Garrabrants	9
Wyrick	6
Martin	5
Duffy	5
Stocker	4
Keefner	2

Home Run Breakdown

Total Home Runs	17
Solo Home Runs	7
2-Run Home Runs	9
3-Run Home Runs	1
Grand Slams	0
First Inning	2
Second Inning	1
Third Inning	2
Fourth Inning	2
Fifth Inning	2
Sixth Inning	0
Seventh Inning	2
Eighth Inning	6
Ninth Inning	0



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Inside the Numbers

3	Number of times in the last four years that ASU has finished in the top 12 in the nation.
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14	Number of Returning Letterwinners from the 2000 club.
18	Times the Sun Devils have participated in the College World Series.
18	Number of home runs hit over the Green Monster in center field, last by Brooks Conrad in 2000.
75	Number of former Sun Devils who have played in the Major Leagues.
28	Number of RBI Casey Myers needs to break the Pac-10 and ASU school career record.
256	Number of Wins Coach Murphy has in his Arizona State career.
1,881	Number of wins in Arizona State varsity baseball history since 1959.

Sun Devils in the Polls

	BA	BW	CB
PS	6	6	6
2/5	6	6	6
2/12	5	4	6
2/19	5	4	6
2/26	3	3	6
3/5	8	8	6
3/12	6	4	4
3/19	5	3	3
3/26	6	4	4
4/2	10	6	9
4/9	15	12	16
4/16	15	14	17
4/23	--	--	--
4/30	--	--	--

Casey Myers An All-American On The Field And In The Classroom:

One of the best hitters in college baseball, Casey Myers, has not disappointed in living up to that title this year. After going 6-for-11 vs. WSU and hitting .500 over his last five games, Myers is hitting at a .418 clip (64x153) with 13 doubles, five home runs and 50 RBI. He is tied for the team lead in batting and second in the Pac-10 with teammate Rod Allen. The senior catcher has hits in 29 of ASU's 38 games this year, 24 of which have been multi-hit games. Myers already has 50 RBI on the year to place second in the Pac-10 and is quickly approaching the school and Pac-10 career record. With 256 in his four-year career, he is just 28 short of breaking both records set by former Sun Devil Andrew Beinbrink. Dating back to the start of 2000, Myers is hitting .414 (162x391) with 147 RBI and 23 home runs in 97 combined games. Myers is quickly reminding players why he is one of the best players in all of college baseball. A legitimate candidate for Player of the Year honors, Myers, who hit .412 last year and was a finalist for the National Player of the Year award, is now within one of second place in the ASU record books for career RBI. Behind the plate Myers has been instrumental in the success of the ASU pitching staff, calling all the pitches. He is also just 14 short of second place in the Pac-10 books (John Gall, Stanford). Myers needs 47 more RBI to rank among the top seven run-producers in college baseball history; a list that includes Robin Ventura, Joe Carter and Pete Incaviglia. Defensively, the 2000 *Collegiate Baseball* Defensive Player of the Year has also been solid, carrying a .991 fielding percentage into this weekend's action. In addition to his 22 multi-hit games this year, he has 88 in his career, including 34, three-hit games. He hit 18 home runs (second on the team) behind teammate Mitch Jones and now has 36 in his career to tie for seventh in school history. The school record is 56 set by Bob Horner. Myers has quietly done an excellent job behind the plate as well, calling the pitches himself and making the pitching staff step up to the next level. He has been named conference player of the week three times during his career at ASU. He reached base safely (hit, walk, HBP) in 54 of 59 games in '00. Myers led the squad in multiple-hit games (31) and multi-RBI games (29). His multi-hit games included three, four-hit affairs. He hit safely in 50 of 59 games. Myers was clutch with 26 two-out RBI and hit .417 with the bases loaded. He hit .466 (48x103) with runners in scoring position and .459 with runners on base. Myers finished his junior campaign ranked 30th in the nation in batting average (.412), third in RBI (97), and 35th in home runs (.31 per game). So far in 2001, Myers has not disappointed with a .418 average, five home runs, 50 RBI, 13 doubles and has recorded 24 multi-hit games and 16 multi-RBI games.



More On Myers: As asset for the program throughout his career in Tempe, Myers has also been stellar in the classroom. The math whiz that scored a perfect 800 on the math portion of the SAT out of high school, Myers has maintained a near-perfect GPA as a math/accounting major at ASU. He was an Academic All-American in 1999 and 2000, and received college baseball's highest academic honor last year when he was named the GTE/CoSida Academic All-American of the Year. In addition to being named the Academic All-American of the Year, All-American and Pac-10 Player of the Year in 2000, Myers was also named the *Collegiate Baseball* National Defensive Player of the Year with a .996 fielding percentage. In November, Myers was named the top amateur athlete in the state of Arizona by the March of Dimes.

Casey Myers in the Record Books.....

Pac-10 Career RBI

1. Andrew Beinbrink, ASU (1996-99)	283
2. John Gall, Stanford (1997-2000)	263
3. Casey Myers, ASU (1998-P)	256
4. Paul Carey, Stanford (1987-90)	220
5. Eric Valent, UCLA (1996-98)	219

ASU Career RBI

1. Andrew Beinbrink (1996-99)	283
2. Casey Myers (1998-P)	256
3. Clay Westlake (1973-76)	250
4. Bob Horner (1976-78)	229

ASU Career Batting Average

1. Kevin Romine (1981-82)408
2. Hubie Brooks (1977-78)396
3. Willie Bloomquist (1997-99)394
6. Casey Myers (1998-P)388

Myers' Honors and Awards

1998

NCBWA 3rd Team All-American
Sporting News Freshman All-American
Collegiate Baseball Freshman All-American

1999

GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-American
First-Team Pac-10 All-Academic

2000

First-Team All-American
-Sporting News, NCBWA
Second-Team All-American
-Baseball America, Collegiate Baseball
Pac-10 Player of the Year
Pac-10 All-Academic
Academic All-American of the Year
Baseball America Player of the Year Candidate
Johnny Bench Catcher of the Year Finalist
Defensive Player of the Year

2001

Preseason All-American (CB, BA, NCBWA)
Street & Smith's All-Americans

Career statistics for: Casey Myers

Year	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB-ATT
1998....	.386	51-48	184	35	71	17	0	8	58	20	36	1-1
1999....	.329	51-46	170	39	56	11	0	6	51	25	24	1-4
2000....	.412	59-59	238	71	98	19	0	18	97	34	24	4-5
2001....	.418	38-38	153	36	64	13	0	5	50	21	13	1-2
TOTALS..	.388	199-191	745	181	289	60	0	37	256	100	97	7-12



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The Franchise: Jon Switzer:

Jon Switzer is on a strikeout binge. With five games this year of more than 10 strikeouts, Switzer has been a force on the mound. Averaging nearly 12 strikeouts per nine innings pitcher, Switzer is second in the Pac-10 with 95 strikeouts in 75.0 innings pitched. He has also been the culprit of low run production by the Sun Devil offense in his last few starts. While watching his ERA fall from 4.12 to its current mark of 3.60 over his last four starts, Switzer has but to two losses and one no-decision. In his last four starts ASU is only 3.5 runs per game. In his last three starts, in which he is 0-2, ASU has averaged just 1.67 runs per game. After going 11-3 last year and having a successful summer with Team USA Switzer (Houston, Texas) is looking to end his junior campaign in style. He matched his career high in strikeouts in his last outing with 13 against Washington State. The junior earned the distinction of the *Collegiate Baseball* National Player of the Week award (2/5) when he struck out 13 of the 16 batters he faced against Southern Utah (2/2). At one point he struck out eight in a row to rank second in the ASU record books. Switzer was named a preseason All-American by *Collegiate Baseball* (2nd Team) and *Baseball America* (3rd team). For his career, the hard-throwing lefty has struck out 294 in 278.0 innings and is 22-8 with a 3.88 ERA. He was named an honorable mention on the 2000 Pac-10 All-Conference team. Switzer picked up win No. 11 vs. Arizona May 21 in a relief appearance, making him the first ASU pitcher to reach 11 wins since 1993. Switzer finished with an impressive 5-2 record in conference play with a 4.47 ERA. He was honored as Pac-10 Pitcher of the Week three times in '00 (tying UCLA's Rob Henkel for the most honors). He led the team with 121 strikeouts and held opposing batters to a .228 average at the plate. He ranked seventh in the conference in ERA (3.89), third in opposing batting average (.228), sixth in strikeouts (121) and third in wins (11). Drafted in the 26th round out of high school by the Pittsburgh Pirates, Switzer is listed as one of the top lefties for the 2001 draft. He was 1-0 with a 2.41 ERA with Team USA this past summer before leaving the team early after having an emergency appendectomy surgery. Switzer is labeled by Baseball America as the 19th college prospect in the nation for the 2001 draft.

El Torrito: Andy Torres:

He isn't fancy and he won't blow it past you, but for Andy Torres, it is all about beating you. At 9-3 on the year with one save, Torres has been a pleasant surprise to the roster. The junior joined ASU in January as a junior college transfer from East Los Angeles CC. He came to ASU with high credentials, leaving a stellar career on the mound behind at the JC level, capping his career with a 12-3 record, 2.11 ERA, one save and 113 strikeouts in 119.1 innings pitched. The 6-0, 165 Torres recorded a win in his ASU debut and has since tacked on eight more to enter this weekend with an 9-3 record. After starting the year 6-0 as a starter, Torres has since moved to the bullpen where has shined with two wins and a save in the last three weekends. With a fast and fluid motion, the quick-worker has managed a 4.01 ERA in his 15 outings, with nine coming as starts. He has struck out 57 and walked only 19 this year. Torres went 2-0 in one week vs. Oral Roberts and South Florida with a combined 3.38 ERA in 13.1 innings. The right-hander had one of his better outings of the year vs. the Cougars, throwing five shutout innings to lock down a 4-3 Sun Devil win. Torres matched his career high in strikeouts with seven that game.

Filling the Stands:

Through 24 home games of the 2001 season, ASU has drawn 65,402 fans to Packard Stadium to see the nationally ranked Sun Devils get off to a 21-9-1 start overall and 17-6-1 record at Packard Stadium. Averaging 2,843 fans per date at home, ASU is among the nations best so far this year in attendance for college baseball. ASU finished 11th in the nation and second on the west coast in 2000. The 18,465 fans that showed up for the LSU series was the largest draw for at three-game series since 1989 when 20,095 came out to see ASU and Arizona play. The attendance of 6,457 that came out for Bobby Winkles Day (3/3) on the Saturday game of the LSU series was the biggest single-game crowd since April 27, 1996 when 6,969 attended the USC-ASU game at Packard Stadium. ASU averaged 3,341 for the three games vs. Stanford last weekend.

Klusman Equals K:

Redshirt freshman Aaron Klusman has earned the nickname "Special K." Through ASU's first 38 games, he may be the biggest surprise of any Sun Devil. Beginning the year as a long-shot to be a big-time contributor, Klusman has relished as a short-reliever and has maintained a team-best 2.45 ERA. Klusman is averaging over 15 strikeouts per nine innings pitched and in 18.1 innings on the mound has fanned 32. Opponents are hitting only .164 off him and he has scattered only 11 hits in his 14 appearances. Klusman registered a career day on the mound Saturday vs. Washington State. He pitched his longest career outing by going six strong, and struck out a career-high 10 batters. Yes, he struck out 10 out of the bullpen, and in doing so picked up his first career collegiate win. In his last two outings he has struck out 15 batters in 8.1 innings. On the year he has inherited 12 runners on base, only two of which have scored. He has also retired nine of the 14 first batters he has faced. Klusman prepped in the Phoenix area at Brophy Prep High School.

Where They Rank In The Pac-10:

In addition to Myers and Allen being tied for second in the Pac-10 batting race, several Sun Devils are putting their names atop the Pac-10 statistical leader board. ASU leads the league in hitting at .337, while the pitchers are fifth with a 4.68 team ERA. The .965 team fielding percentage is third best behind Stanford and USC. Jeremy West is ninth in the Pac-10 with his .361 batting average. Senior Mike Lopez leads the league with 16 doubles and junior Mel Stocker has the most stolen bases with 18. Myers' 92 total bases is fifth best in the league and his 50 RBI is second behind Arizona's Shelley Duncan. Lopez is 10th with 37 runs batted in. ASU leads the Pac-10 with 66 hit-by-pitch. Stocker and Jonah Martin are second with 11. Brooks Conrad is fifth with 10. Martin has the third best on-base percentage at .492, while Myers' .482 average is fourth. Andy Torres is second in the league with nine wins and first with four pickoffs.

The Casey Myers Watch

In the Record Books...

ASU Career Hits:

1. Clay Westlake	322
2. Andrew Beinbrink	318
3. Casey Myers	289
4. Gary Atwell	286
5. Mikel Moreno	277
6. Antone Williamson	264
7. Bob Horner	262

ASU Career Home Run:

1. Bob Horner	56
2. Mike Kelly	46
3. Barry Bonds	45
4. Dan Rumsey	44
7. Casey Myers	37

ASU Total Bases:

1. Andrew Beinbrink	547
2. Clay Westlake	505
3. Bob Horner	492
4. Dan Rumsey	469
5. Casey Myers	460

Misc. Categories:

Career At-Bats:	745
Doubles:	60 (4th)
Runs:	181

Myers Multi Hit Games...

	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5+</u>	<u>Total</u>
1998	9	9	3	0	21
1999	6	7	1	0	14
2000	17	11	3	0	31
<u>2001</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>24</u>
Totals	46	36	8	0	90

Myers Multi RBI Games...

	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5+</u>	<u>Total</u>
1998	9	5	1	1	16
1999	7	3	2	1	13
2000	14	7	6	2	29
<u>2001</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16</u>
Totals	39	19	12	4	74

Casey At Bat

Senior Casey Myers has been writing a bi-weekly diary on the internet that can be read on www.thesundevils.com. The column also appears on ESPN.com. The senior writes about the season, the players, the upcoming opponent and other behind the scenes action.



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Drafted Devils:

A total of 17 players on the 2001 Arizona State squad have been taken in the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft. Since the inception of the draft in 1965, ASU has had more players chosen (289), more first-round draft picks (21) and more No. 1 picks (3) than any other school in the nation. Eight (8) players from the 2000 Pac-10 Championship team were drafted last June. ASU's three No. 1 picks were Rick Monday (1965), Floyd Bannister (1976) and Bob Horner (1978, Atlanta).

Player	Year	Team	Round	Drafted
Rod Allen	2000	Reds	34th	round
Eric Doble	2000	Red Sox	10th	round
Chris Duffy	2000	Red Sox	43rd	round
Mike Esposito	1999	Reds	5th	round
Drew Friedberg	1997	Diamondbacks	25th	round
	2000	Brewers	29th	round
Skyler Fulton	2000	Mets	25th	round
Steve Garraabrants	2000	Twins	42nd	round
Jon Gutierrez	2000	Red Sox	25th	round
Eric Keefner	2000	Astros	4th	round
Jered Liebeck	1999	Diamondbacks	45th	round
Mike Lopez	1996	Blue Jays	52nd	round
Casey Myers	2000	Brewers	30th	round
Jeff Phelps	1997	Pirates	36th	round
Ryan Schroyer	2000	Tigers	16th	round
Jon Sheaffer	1999	Reds	29th	round
Jon Switzer	1998	Pirates	26th	round
Dennis Wyrick	1999	Tigers	35th	round

Horner Ranks Second As Player of the Century:

Former Sun Devil greats Bob Horner and Eddie Bane were honored by *Baseball America* by being placed on the publications' "Team of the Century." Horner, an ASU great under Jim Brock from 1976-78, hit .383 for his career and belted a school record 56 home runs. Horner was listed second on the team behind Oklahoma State slugger Pete Incaviglia (1983-85). Bane, a top pitcher for the Sun Devils from 1971-72, posted a career 40-4 record and a 1.64 ERA. Bane was listed as the ninth best player of the 20th Century by *Baseball America*. The top 10 players of the century were voted on by fans, coaches and baseball writers and are listed below:

1. Pete Incaviglia (Oklahoma State)
2. **Bob Horner (Arizona State)**
3. Robin Ventura (Oklahoma State)
4. Burt Hooten (Texas)
5. Dave Winfield (Minnesota)
6. Phil Stephenson (Wichita State)
7. John G. Olerud (Washington State)
8. J.D. Drew (Florida State)
9. **Eddie Bane (Arizona State)**
10. Derek Tatsuno (Hawai'i)

Bloomquist Earns Minor League All-Star Award:

Willie Bloomquist (1997-1999) showed signs he would be a great professional ball player during his time at ASU. After his first full season of professional ball, the 1999 Pac-10 Player of the Year turned in a banner season split between Single-A Lancaster and Triple-A Tacoma in the Seattle Mariners organization. The second basemen hit a blistering .379 at Lancaster to earn Single-A all-star status and was overall a second-team Minor League All-Star as selected by the writers at *Baseball America*. After having a great spring training last year with the M's, Bloomquist played for the Mariners briefly in Spring Training and has reported to Double-A San Antonio to play second base and shortstop.

Team	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
Lancaster (CAL)	.379	256	63	97	19	6	2	51	37	27	22
Lancaster/Tacoma	.313	447	80	140	24	7	3	74	44	55	27

Sun Devil Quick Facts

Name of School	Arizona State
City, State	Tempe, Ariz.
Founded	1885
Enrollment	42,255
Mascot	Sun Devils
School Colors	Maroon and Gold
Stadium	Packard Stadium (5,000)
Field	Bobby Winkles Field
Fences	LF/RF (339)
	Center (395)
Conference	Pac-10
President	Dr. Lattie F. Coor
Athletics Director	Gene Smith

Baseball History

First year of Baseball	1959 (28-18)
All-Time Record	2,214-1,086
Modern Era (1959-P)	1881-749-1 (.714)
Early Era (1906-1958)	333-338
Packard Stadium Record	779-226-1 (.776)
Years in College World Series	18
NCAA Championships	5
College World Series Record	56-30 (.652)
NCAA Appearances	24
NCAA Record	121-47
Last CWS Appearance	1998 (2nd)
Best All-Time Record	59-8 (1973)
Last All-Americans	Myers, Switzer
	Mitch Jones

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ASU Coaching/Support Staff

Head Coach	Pat Murphy
Record at ASU	255-134-1 (7th Season)
Career Division I	573-250-2 (14th Season)
Assistants	Jay Sferra (6th)
	Mike Rooney (3rd)
	Bill Mosiello (1st)
Baseball Operations	Chris Holick
	Joe Brennan
	Graham Rossini
	Billy Jones
Managers	Steve Kirkman
Trainer	Kenny McCarty, Mike Elliott

2000 Review

2000 Record	44-15
Home	33-8
Away	11-7
2000 Pac-10 Record	17-7 (1st)
Home	9-3
Away	8-4
Letterman Returning/Lost	14/13
Starters Returning/Lost	7/2
Starting Pitchers Returning/Lost	2/2



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2000 ASU Hitting Leaders

Batting Average:

1. Casey Myers	.412
2. Mike Lopez	.370
3. Jeff Phelps	.362
4. Mitch Jones	.357
5. Phil Downing	.355

Hits:

1. Casey Myers	98
2. Mitch Jones	89
3. Jeff Phelps	81
4. Jeff Duncan	78
5. Brooks Conrad	76

Runs Scored:

1. Mitch Jones	79
2. Jeff Duncan	72
3. Brooks Conrad	72
4. Casey Myers	71

RBI:

1. Casey Myers	97
2. Mitch Jones	92
3. Brooks Conrad	67
4. Jeff Phelps	60

Doubles:

1. Casey Myers	19
2. Mitch Jones	18

Triples:

1. Jonah Martin	7
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Home Runs:

1. Mitch Jones	27
2. Casey Myers	18
3. Brooks Conrad	10

2000 ASU Pitching Leaders

Earned Run Average:

1. Robby Milner	2.35
2. Franco Pezely	3.24
3. Eric Doble	3.35
4. Jason Fingers	3.63
5. Jon Switzer	3.89

Wins:

1. Jon Switzer	11
2. Franco Pezely	8
3. Chad Pennington	7

Batters Struck Out:

1. Jon Switzer	121
2. Chad Pennington	65
3. Eric Doble	58

Innings Pitched:

1. Jon Switzer	115.2
2. Chad Pennington	65.2
3. Eric Doble	51.0

2000 ASU Fielding Leaders

Errors:

1. Dennis Wyrick	13
2. Brooks Conrad	12
3. Mike Lopez	8

Fielding Percentage (Min 100 Chances):

1. Casey Myers	.996
2. Mitch Jones	.992
3. Jeff Phelps	.987
4. Jeff Duncan	.969

Assists:

1. Brooks Conrad	142
2. Dennis Wyrick	128
3. Mike Lopez	74

Putouts:

1. Casey Myers	460
2. Jeff Phelps	332
3. Jeff Duncan	121

Preseason Awards Plenty for Sun Devils:

Several Sun Devils received honors from various preseason college baseball publications. Casey Myers was a unanimous Preseason All-American as the Devils cracked the polls at No. 6 in the nation. Eric Doble was named a third-team preseason All-American by the NCBWA and Jon Switzer was also coveted as a preseason All-American. In Baseball America's annual Pac-10 review, five players received all-conference recognition. Myers, Doble, Switzer, in addition to Chris Duffy and Jeff Phelps were named to the team.

ASU And Team USA:

Junior lefty Jon Switzer (Houston, Texas) was among 20 invitees to the 2000 USA Baseball Team Trials and was one of two ASU players to represent the Red, White and Blue last summer. Switzer was joined by three other Pac-10 players: USC's Mark Prior, UCLA's Josh Karp and Stanford's Brian Sager at the trials, and junior catcher Casey Myers was also selected to play for the team. Myers (Casa Grande, Ariz.) was a member of the junior national team in '96 and was a '98 national team invitee. Myers ended up hitting .310 with Team USA and Switzer was 1-0 with a 2.41 ERA.

Arizona State Claims Pac-10 Championship in 2000:

For the first time in league history, three teams finished in a tie for first place in the conference standings in 2000. ASU, Stanford and UCLA all notched a 17-7 record in Pac-10 play. By virtue of a tie breaker (ASU won both conference series against Stanford and UCLA), the Sun Devils received the Pac-10's automatic bid to postseason play. It was their first conference championship since 1993 and sixth since joining the Pac-10 in 1978. Stanford and Pac-10 runner-up USC advanced through the NCAA Tournament and made appearances at the College World Series in Omaha. Stanford was the eventual runner-up.

Two Sport Stars:

If you think you heard the names of a couple of ASU baseball players' names being called over the Sun Devil Stadium loudspeaker during football season, that wasn't a joke. Three players, Skyler Fulton, Jon Sheaffer and Eric Keefner all double as players on the ASU football team. Sheaffer (WR) and Fulton (RB) saw action on special teams, while Keefner (LB) was named the Scout Team MVP. Kevin Tommasini (1996-97) and Jason Verdugo (1994-97) were the last Devils to double as a player on the diamond and on the gridiron.

Murphy Garners Pac-10 Coach of the Year Award in 2000:

Head coach Pat Murphy was voted the Pac-10 Coach of the Year by his peers for the 2000 season. The Sun Devils skipper led his squad to its sixth Pac-10 Conference title and first since 1993. ASU was picked to finish sixth in the league in the preseason coaches' poll. Murphy led the Devils to their third postseason appearance in the last four years.

Success in the Classroom As Well As On The Field:

ASU has long enjoyed much success on the diamond, and with 18 College World Series appearances, it is known as one of the gems of college baseball. But lately academics, as well as on-field talent, have shown its true colors in the storied program. Pat Murphy's Sun Devil squads have produced four Academic All-Americans over the past two years (Willie Bloomquist, Mark Ernster, Jeff Phelps, Casey Myers), including Myers being named the Academic All-American for college baseball in 2000. The four players honored as National Academic All-Americans is the most by any college baseball program in the nation over the last two years. The 2001 squad also features two players, Ty Johnson and Mike Lopez, who have already received their undergraduate degrees and are pursuing their master's. Myers, Phelps, Eric Doble and Jonah Martin are all scheduled to graduate in May.

The Assistant Coaches:

Coach Murphy has long been regarded for his winning programs and the development of college players into top pro talent. Perhaps the most forgotten skill Murphy should be praised for is his development of assistant coaches into head coaches. Four of his former assistants, Nino Giarratano (San Francisco), John Pawlowski (Charleston), Doug Schreiber (Purdue) and Brian Cleary (Cincinnati) have all moved onto the head coaching ranks. His current staff that he has assembled over the years is one of the best in all of college baseball. Jay Sferra is in his sixth year in association with the ASU baseball program and his third as an assistant coach. Sferra helps with the pitching staff and is the recruiting coordinator. Mike Rooney is regarded as one of the best assistants in the country and his on-field leadership and teaching skills make him a coveted coaching prospect for the future. Billy Jones is in his first year as a volunteer assistant coach and will head up the Sun Devil outfielders this spring. Jones was recently named the head coach for the Brewster Whitecaps in the prestigious Cape Cod League.



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Golden Spikes Common At Arizona State:

While Kip Bouknight of South Carolina was the recipient of the 2000 Golden Spikes award as the nation's top amateur baseball player, it should be noted that three Arizona State players have won the award. Bob Horner, who was a standout at ASU from 1976-78, won the inaugural award in 1978. Oddibe McDowell, who was a member of the first Team USA baseball team to compete in an Olympics, won the award in 1984. Mike Kelly, who ranks second in ASU history with 46 home runs from 1989-91, won the award in 1991. In all, 13 players that have worn the Maroon and Gold have been named a Player of the Year for college baseball.

ASU Leader of the Pac When It Comes to Player of the Week:

Arizona State has amassed 41 Pac-10 Pitchers of the Week and 62 Players of the Week since 1981. That total leads all Pac-10 member schools. The Sun Devils had four players honored as Pac-10 POW last year (Mitch Jones -2, Brooks Conrad -2) and Jon Switzer was a three-time recipient of the award in 2000. ASU is yet to have a Pac-10 Player of the Week this year.

Arizona State in Postseason Play:

The Sun Devil baseball program has created a dynasty in college baseball that has been matched by few. With 18 appearances in the College World Series, ASU ranks fourth for the most trips to Omaha. Arizona State has advanced to the NCAA Tournament in 24 of the program's 42 seasons, amassing an incredible 116-43 (.730) record. ASU's five National Championships rank as the second most of any NCAA school. In addition to ASU's five national championships, the Sun Devils have also turned in five second-place teams and three third-place finishes.

Postseason Summary:

NCAA Appearances	24	Record in District 7	12-1
All-Time NCAA Record	121-47	CWS Appearances	18
Regional Appearances	18	CWS Titles	5
Regional Titles	12	CWS Runners-up	5
Record in Regionals	54-16	CWS Third-Place Finishes	4
District 7 Appearances	6	Record at CWS	55-30 (.647)
District 7 Titles	6		

ASU Stellar In Pac-10 Play:

While Arizona and Arizona State both joined the Pacific-10 Conference in 1979 as the newest additions to the "Conference of Champions," ASU has quickly made quick gains to place its name among the top two in winning percentage of all Pac-10 schools. With a career 440-302 record combined when apart of the old Six-Pac or the combined Pac-10, ASU's .593 winning percentage falls behind just behind USC's .642 winning percentage in 77 years being affiliated with the Pac-10.

ASU Is Now 22-2 In Season Openers Since 1979:

If you think ASU's Jan. 26th game vs. Texas-Arlington was a late start for the season, well it is. In fact, it is the latest ASU has started a season since opening Feb. 2 in 1996. Despite the loss to UTA, the Sun Devil baseball program has maintained an impressive 22-2 record in season openers dating back to 1979, while head coach Pat Murphy is 6-1 in Tempe having recorded a season-opening win in six of his seven years at the helm of the Sun Devils. Murphy's teams have also greatly outscored their opponents since 1995 in season openers, 71-23. In his 13+ years as a head coach at the Division I level (Now 7 at ASU, 7 at Notre Dame), Murphy has lost only one game (UTA). One of his season openers actually came against ASU when the Irish defeated the Sun Devils 11-4 in 1993. The last time ASU lost a season opener before this year was a 9-4 setback to Hawai'i in 1993, and ASU advanced to the CWS that year.

This is ASU Baseball:

- Only one losing season in school history
- 18 College World Series Appearances
- 24 years in the NCAA Tournament
- Six Pac-10 Titles
- Five NCAA Championships
- 13 NCAA National Players of the Year
- Three Golden Spikes Award Winners
- 58 All-Americans
- 2 NCAA Coaches of the Year
- 75 Major League Players
- 21 First-Round Draft Picks
- Finished in top 12 three of past four years
- Only one losing season in school history
- Three 2001 Preseason All-Americans
- Four Academic All-Americans in last two years
- Finished in the top 12 in three of the past four years.

This Week In The Pac-10

Tue., Apr. 17

ARIZONA at Grand Canyon, 7 p.m.
CAL at Saint Mary's, 2:30 p.m.
Concordia at OREGON STATE, 3 p.m.
San Francisco at STANFORD, 6 p.m.
Long Beach State at UCLA, 6 p.m.
USC at UC Riverside, 6 p.m.
WASHINGTON at Portland, 2:30 p.m.
ASU at New Mexico State, 6 p.m.

Wed., Apr. 18

ARIZONA STATE at Oklahoma, 7 p.m.
WASHINGTON at Portland, 2:30 p.m.

Thu., Apr. 19

ASU at Oral Roberts, 7 p.m.

Fri., Apr. 20

*CALIFORNIA at ARIZONA, 7 p.m.
*WSU at OREGON STATE, 3 p.m.
*STANFORD at USC, 6 p.m.
UCLA at Kansas State, 1 p.m.

Sat., Apr. 21

*CALIFORNIA at ARIZONA, 1 p.m.
*WSU at OREGON STATE, 1 p.m.
*STANFORD at USC, 1 p.m.
UCLA at Kansas State, 2 p.m.

Sun., Apr. 22

*CALIFORNIA at ARIZONA, 1 p.m.
*WSU at OREGON STATE, 12 p.m.
*STANFORD at USC, 1 p.m.
UCLA at Kansas State, 12 p.m.

Rotary Smith Watch List

Five Arizona State baseball players are listed on the "watch list" for the 2001 Rotary Smith National Player of the Year Award. The annual award, which was won by ASU's Mike Kelly in 1990, is given to the top college player in the nation during the College World Series in June. Last year Mitch Jones was a finalist for the award before South Carolina's Kip Bouknight was named the winner. Casey Myers, Jeff Phelps, Eric Doble, Jon Switzer and Mike Lopez are all named as players to watch in 2001 for the award.

ASU's Rotary Smith Candidates:

Brooks Conrad (Spring Valley, Calif.)
Mike Lopez (Glendale, Ariz.)
Jeff Phelps (Yuma, Ariz.)
Casey Myers (Case Grande, Ariz.)
Jon Switzer (Houston, Texas)
Eric Doble (Case Grande, Ariz.)



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Media Guides:

Media guides will be available to working press only and can be purchased by fans at home games only from the souvenir stand. Press guides will not be distributed to fans from the press box or the media relations office.

Game Notes and Statistics:

Game notes and statistics will be distributed to all working media and scouts on game days at Packard Stadium. Copies will also be made available in the press box. The statistics are for working press, scouts and coaches only. A complete statistical book containing box scores, play-by-play and game notes will also be available in the press box for working media following each home game. All information will be made available to fans and ASU supporters through the school's official athletic website, www.TheSunDevils.com.

Live Stats:

While only certain games can be accessed by radio either through the internet or in the greater Phoenix area, every home game and selected road games can be tracked through live statistical updates on www.TheSunDevils.com.



Sun Devils Had a Successful Run in the 1990's:

While ASU started the new millennium with a bang winning the Pac-10 Championship with a 44-15 record, the decade of the 1990's was one that marked great success for the ASU program. The Sun Devils compiled a 398-213 (.651) record during the decade and made three trips to Omaha for the College World Series. The 398 wins were third-best of all conference schools.

Sun Devils in Major League Baseball in 2000:

Player	MLB Team	W-L	ERA	G	SV	IP	H	BB	SO
Doug Henry	Giants/Astros	4-4	3.79	72	1	78.1	57	49	62
Sean Lowe	White Sox	4-1	5.48	50	0	70.2	78	39	53
Gabe Molina	Braves/Orioles	0-0	9.00	11	0	15.0	28	10	9

Player, Pos.	MLB Team	Avg.	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Mike Benjamin, 2B	Pirates	.270	233	28	63	18	2	2	19
Barry Bonds, LF	Giants	.306	480	129	147	28	4	49	106
Jacob Cruz, CF	Indians	.241	29	3	7	3	0	0	5
Paul LoDuca, C	Dodgers	.246	65	6	16	2	0	2	8
Fernando Vina, 2B	Cardinals	.300	487	81	146	24	6	4	31

ASU Well-Represented In Arizona Fall League:

Player	Team	W-L	ERA	G	SV	IP	H	BB	SO
Ryan Bradley, RHP	Maryvale	2-1	6.00	13	0	21.0	18	12	21
Ryan Mills, LHP	Grand Canyon	1-4	5.35	8	0	33.2	41	7	23

Player, Pos.	Team	Avg.	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Willie Bloomquist, INF	Peoria	.289	90	14	26	7	1	0	8
Mark Ernster, INF	Maryvale	.295	95	13	28	4	5	2	11
Dan McKinley, OF	Maryvale	.313	16	1	5	0	1	0	4

LoDuca Off To Fast Start In 2001:

While it is still early in the 2001 professional baseball season, Los Angeles Dodger starting catcher Paul LoDuca is off to a torrid start. After eight years in the minor leagues and three short stops in the big leagues, LoDuca has finally reached stardom as the Dodger starting catcher. Through the first five games the former Sun Devil is hitting .368 with one double, two home runs and seven RBI. LoDuca spent only one year in Tempe (1993), but made the most of that year. The transfer from Glendale CC set a single-season record with a .446 batting average that year. He amassed a 37-game hitting streak during the year and recorded a school-record 129 hits. He was the Sporting News National Player of the Year.

2002 Recruiting Class Among Nation's Best:

The 2002 recruiting class that will debut on the diamond next spring (2002) has drawn rave reviews from Baseball America as one of the top three in the nation. Mike Jones and Kris Honel are listed as two of the top 10 pitching prospects out of this year's high school class. The 2001 class that debuts on the field this year was ranked as the No. 1 class in the nation by Baseball America and the No. 3 class by Collegiate Baseball. The list of players who signed NLI's with the Sun Devils is provided below:

Player	Position	Hometown	School	Notes
Joel Bocchi	C/3B	Phoenix, Ariz.	Desert Vista HS	Good all-around player
Ryan Bonesio	LHP/1B	Carrollton, Texas	Navarro CC	Solid gap hitter
Nickolas Cadena	SS/3B	Glendale, Ariz.	Apollo HS	Led Arizona in HR in 2000
Chris Collins	INF/C	Phoenix, Ariz.	S. Mountain CC	Brother of former ASU star
Tuffy Gosewisch	INF	Scottsdale, Ariz.	Horizon HS	Brother of Chip Gosewisch
Garrett Guzman	OF	Henderson, Nevada	Green Valley HS	One of nations best hitters
Travis Hinton	1B	Tempe, Ariz.	Santa Clara Univ.	Led SC with 9 HR in 2000
Kris Honel	RHP	Bourbonnais, Ill.	Providence HS.	No. 4 prospect by Team One
John Hoyos	LHP	Los Angeles, Calif.	East LA CC	Hard Throwing LHP
Mike Jones	RHP	Phoenix, Ariz.	Thunderbird HS	No. 1 prospect by BA
Matt Leaf	RHP	Peoria, Ariz.	Sunrise Mtn. HS	No. 61 prospect by Team One
Robert McClellan	RHP	Liberal, Kansas	Seward County CC	2nd in nation in Ks per IP
Dustin Pedroia	SS	Woodland, Calif.	Woodland HS	Great defensive skills
Ryan Richardson	C	Mesa, Ariz.	Central Arizona	Scrappy, hard nosed player
Miguel Sanchez	P	Los Angeles, Calif.	Bishop Amat HS	7-1 with 2.13 ERA Jr year



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Where ASU Ranked In The Nation in 2000:

ASU had a year that will go down in the NCAA record books. The Sun Devils finished second in hitting with a .346 team batting average, trailing only Stony Brook which posted a .347 average. The team went a collective 738-for-2134. The Sun Devils, however, were the most productive team in the nation in '00, leading the NCAA in scoring, while averaging 10.97 runs per game. The Sun Devils also led the nation with 37 total triples and ASU's nearest threat was Delaware with 10.02 runs per game. Here is a list of where the team and individual players ranked in the NCAA:

Team Rankings:

Scoring	1st	10.97
Batting:	2nd	.346
Fielding:	5th	.971%
Home Runs	7th	1.46 rpg
Slugging:	2nd	.561%
Triples:	1st	0.63
Won-Loss	8th	.746 (44-15)

Individual Rankings:

Batting:	Myers	30th, .412 avg.
RBI:	Myers	4th, 1.64 pg
	Jones	5th, 1.56 pg
Home Runs	Jones	1st, .458 pg
	Myers	35th, .31 pg
Triples:	Martin	17th, .12 pg
Runs:	Jones	11th, 1.34 pg
Slugging:	Jones	11th, .787 %

Varsity Squad Dominates Alumni In Annual Contest Held Jan. 20:

Led by a strong pitching performance from converted catcher Ty Johnson (Englewood, Colo.), the 2001 varsity squad defeated the Alumni 8-3 on Jan. 20 at Packard Stadium. The Alumni squad, which featured 15 players who are currently playing in the minor leagues and one former Major Leaguer (Ken Phelps) were easily handled by Johnson and lefty ace Jon Switzer (Houston, Texas). Johnson and Switzer combined to allow only three hits and one run in five innings. At the player the 2001 Devils pounded out 13 hits and were led by catcher Casey Myers who finished the day 2-for-4 with two RBI. Third baseman Mike Lopez and reserve infielder Lucas Weber (Tucson, Ariz.) also recorded two hits apiece in the winning effort. Both teams used wood bats in the game. For the Alumni, Montreal Expos product Dan McKinley was the only player to record more than one hit. Willie Bloomquist (1997-99), Mitch Jones (1999-2000) and Andrew Beinbrink (1996-99) were just a few of the past Sun Devil greats who played in the game.

Reviewing the 2000 Pac-10 Championship Season:

ASU won its sixth Pac-10 title (all since 1981) and first since 1993, after being picked sixth in the preseason poll... ASU hit the 40-win plateau for the fourth time since 1993... The 17 league wins were a five-game improvement from 1999 and it was the fifth time since 1990 with 17 or more wins in Pac-10 play... ASU was 2nd in the nation in batting, 5th in fielding percentage, and 1st in scoring in 2000... ASU led the Conference in batting average (.346), runs per game (11.0), slugging percentage (.561), on base percentage (.454), RBI (588), triples (37), walks (336), and stolen bases (92)... Sr. OF Mitch Jones broke Bob Horner's (1978) 22-year-old school record for home runs when he hit No. 26 vs. Arizona May 21. Jones finished with 27, becoming just the ninth player in Pac-10 history to hit at least 27 in a season, and seventh to do so since 1990... ASU had an extra-base hit in all but two games in 2000... ASU batters were hit by a pitch 115 times in 2000, breaking the Pac-10 record (101, UW, 1998). The mark ranks in the top-four all-time in the NCAA record books (125, Nevada in 1997)... Pac-10 Player of the Year Casey Myers finished '00 with 97 RBI, second-best in Pac-10 history, and 206 for his career, fifth-best. Myers led the Sun Devils with 98 hits, 19 doubles, 97 RBI, and a .502 on-base percentage. Myers led the Pac-10 in RBI and on-base percentage. He also ranked among the Conference leaders in hits (3rd), slugging percentage (.718, t3rd), total bases (171, 7th), runs scored (71, 9th), home runs (18, t8th), and doubles (19, t9th). Myers batted .412 for the season, second in the Pac-10 tied for 22nd-best average in single season Pac-10 history... Myers and Jones (92) ranked first and second in the Conference in RBI; third and fifth in the nation... The Sun Devils scored 10 or more runs in 31 games last season, and 20 runs nine times.

Sun Devil Baseball on the Tube:

Heading into the season, the Sun Devils are tentatively scheduled to play 11 televised games in 2001 on Cox Communications Channel 9. ASU is also guaranteed at least one game to be televised by Fox Sports Net as part of the Pac-10's agreement. With longtime ASU broadcaster George Allen and former Arizona State Assistant Sports Information Director Doug Gerlach calling the play-by-play, schedule highlights for TV games include the entire series vs. LSU (March 2-4). ASU and Arizona will play the Pac-10 Game of the Week on Fox Sports Net April 28. The tentative Cox schedule for ASU baseball is as follows:

Date	Opponent	Date	Opponent
Feb. 9	Duke	Apr. 12	Washington State
Feb. 10	Duke	Apr. 28	Arizona (Fox Net)
Mar. 2	LSU	Apr. 29	Arizona
Mar. 3	LSU	May 19	UCLA
Mar. 4	LSU	May 20	UCLA
Mar. 30	Stanford		

Summer Ball:

The following is a list of where ASU players spent their summers in the many collegiate summer leagues around the nation and where some are going to play in the 2001 summer. Doble, Phelps and Conrad helped lead the Alaska Goldpanners all the way to the NBC World Series in Wichita, Kansas:

2000 Summer:

Conrad	Alaska Goldpanners
Phelps	Alaska Goldpanners
Doble	Alaska Goldpanners
Myers	Team USA National
Switzer	Team USA National
Edginton	Mankato Mashers
Friedberg	Wisconsin Woodchucks
Kartler	Seattle Studs (PIL)
Stocker	Athletes in Action
Klusman	Athletes in Action

2001 Summer:

Alaskan League:

Keefner	Alaska Goldpanners
Jackson	Alaska Goldpanners
Liebeck	Alaska Goldpanners

Northwoods League:

Fulton	Alexandria
Walsh	Alexandria
Kartler	Alexandria

Cape Cod League:

Schroyer	Falmouth
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Jayhawk League (Kansas):

West	Liberal
Garrabrants	Liberal
Esposito	Liberal

Central Illinois Collegiate League:

Sopko	Twin City
Allen	Twin City

Great Lakes League:

Weber	Summit City
Silvestri	Summit City



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#	Name	Pos.	B-T	Hgt.	Wgt.	Cl./Exp.	Hometown (High School/Last School)
10	Allen, Rod	3B	R/R	6-1	199	Fr./HS	Phoenix, Ariz. (Desert Vista)
62	Castillo, Cesar	C	R/R	5-9	184	Jr./SQ*	Yuma, Ariz. (Arizona Western)
15	Conrad, Brooks	2B	S/R	5-11	185	Jr./2V	Spring Valley, Calif. (Monte Vista)
34	Creel, Alex	RHP	R/R	6-1	193	Fr./HS	Roseville, Calif. (Oakmont)
25	Doble, Eric	RHP	R/R	6-1	180	Sr./2V	Casa Grande, Ariz. (Grand Canyon)
3	Duffy, Chris	OF	S/L	5-10	177	Jr./TR	Glendale, Ariz. (S. Mountain CC)
26	Edginton, Ryan	OF	R/R	6-2	201	Fr./SQ*	Chester Springs, Pa. (Malvern Prep)
23	Esposito, Mike	RHP	R/R	6-0	185	Fr./SQ*	Las Vegas, Nev. (Cimarron)
38	Friedberg, Drew	LHP	L/L	6-2	209	Sr./3V	Middleton, Wis. (Middleton)
18	Fulton, Skyler	OF	L/R	6-1	198	Fr./HS	Olympia, Wash. (Capital)
19	Garrabrants, Steve	INF/LF	R/R	5-10	152	Fr./HS	Phoenix, Ariz. (Moon Valley)
21	Gutierrez, Jonathan	LHP	L/L	5-9	198	Jr./TR	Denver, Colo. (Central Arizona)
13	Jackson, J.J.	RHP	R/R	6-1	189	Fr./HS	Chandler, Ariz. (Chandler)
11	Johnson, Ty	RHP/C	L/R	5-10	179	Sr./3V*	Englewood, Colo. (Cherry Creek)
27	Kartler, Bryce	LHP	L/L	6-2	205	So./1V	Phoenix, Ariz. (Shadow Mountain)
44	Keefner, Eric	INF/DH	R/R	6-2	235	Fr./HS	Chicago, Ill. (De la Salle)
59	Klusman, Aaron	RHP	R/R	6-4	210	Fr./SQ*	Phoenix, Ariz. (Brophy Prep)
47	Liebeck, Jered	RHP	R/R	6-2	196	So./1V	Glendale, Ariz. (Mountain Ridge)
4	Lopez, Mike	3B	R/R	5-10	200	Sr./1V*	Phoenix, Ariz. (Yavapai JC)
7	Martin, Jonah	OF	R/R	5-9	176	Sr./1V	Waianae, Hi. (L.A. City JC)
17	McKenna, Ryan	OF	L/R	5-10	164	Fr./HS	Elgin, Ill. (Larkin)
22	Myers, Casey	C	R/R	5-11	215	Sr./3V	Casa Grande, Ariz. (Casa Grande)
31	Pezely, Franco	LHP	L/L	5-11	194	Jr./1V	Taylorsville, Utah (Dixie JC)
20	Phelps, Jeff	INF/DH	R/R	6-0	195	Sr./3V	Yuma, Ariz. (Kofa)
36	Ramirez, Angel	RHP	R/R	6-0	186	Jr./SQ*	Gadsden, Ariz. (Arizona Western)
60	Schoenberger, Garrett	C	R/R	6-0	188	Fr./HS	Juneau, Alaska (Juneau-Douglas)
12	Schroyer, Ryan	RHP	R/R	6-1	216	Fr./HS	Oracle, Ariz. (Canyon del Oro)
28	Sheaffer, Jon	OF	R/R	6-1	221	Jr./TR	Mesa, Ariz. (South Mountain)
45	Silvestri, Billy	RHP	R/R	5-11	175	Fr./HS	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Desert Mountain)
41	Sopko, Mark	RHP	R/R	5-10	194	Fr./HS	Joliet, Ill. (Joliet Catholic)
6	Stocker, Mel	OF	S/R	5-9	158	Jr./1V	Tucson, Ariz. (Pima CC)
55	Switzer, Jon	LHP	L/L	6-2	195	Jr./2V	Houston, Texas (Clearlake)
54	Torres, Andy	RHP	R/R	6-0	165	Jr./TR	Bell Gardens, Calif. (East LA CC)
39	Walsh, Nick	3B/C	L/R	5-7	174	Fr./SQ*	Alamo, Calif. (De la Salle)
29	Weber, Lucas	INF	R/R	5-9	149	Fr./SQ*	Tucson, Ariz. (Palo Verde)
8	West, Jeremy	1B/DH	R/R	5-11	189	Fr./HS	Las Vegas, Nev. (Silverado)
5	Wyrick, Dennis	SS	R/R	6-1	219	So./1V	Azusa, Calif. (Bishop Amat)

* - has utilized redshirt year

Numerical Roster

- 2 Jay Sferra, Coach
- 3 Chris Duffy, OF
- 4 Mike Lopez, INF
- 5 Dennis Wyrick, SS
- 6 Mel Stocker, INF/OF
- 7 Jonah Martin, DH/OF
- 8 Jeremy West, 1B/DH
- 9 Pat Murphy, Head Coach
- 10 Rod Allen, 3B/1B
- 11 Ty Johnson, RHP/C
- 12 Ryan Schroyer, RHP
- 13 J.J. Jackson, RHP
- 14 Bill Mosiello, Coach
- 15 Brooks Conrad, 2B
- 17 Ryan McKenna, OF
- 18 Skyler Fulton, OF
- 19 Steve Garrabrants, IF/OF
- 20 Jeff Phelps, INF/DH
- 21 Jonathan Gutierrez, LHP
- 22 Casey Myers, C
- 23 Mike Esposito, RHP
- 25 Eric Doble, RHP
- 26 Ryan Edginton, OF
- 27 Bryce Kartler, LHP/OF
- 28 Jon Sheaffer, OF
- 29 Lucas Weber, INF
- 31 Franco Pezely, LHP
- 34 Alex Creel, RHP
- 36 Angel Ramirez, RHP
- 38 Drew Friedberg, LHP
- 39 Nick Walsh, Utility
- 41 Mark Sopko, RHP
- 44 Eric Keefner, 1B/DH
- 45 Billy Silvestri, RHP
- 47 Jered Liebeck, RHP
- 54 Andy Torres, RHP
- 55 Jon Switzer, LHP
- 59 Aaron Klusman, RHP
- 60 Garrett Schoenberger, C
- 62 Cesar Castillo, C
- 66 Mike Rooney, coach

Head Coach: 9 Pat Murphy (Florida Atlantic, '82; 605-294-3/16th Year Overall/7th at ASU)

Assistant Coaches: 2 Jay Sferra (6th year), 66 Mike Rooney (3rd year),
14 Bill Mosiello (1st year), Brian Berger (Undergraduate Assistant)

