



# 2001 Sun Devil Baseball

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2001 Record: 20-7-1, 3-3  
2001 Home Record: 16-4-1  
2001 Road Record: 4-3  
Final 2000 Record: 44-15  
All-Time Record: 1,877-743-1  
Head Coach: Pat Murphy (252-130-1)

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## 2001 Schedule and Results

(20-7-1, 3-3 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)	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 31	Stanford*	1:00 p.m.
Apr. 1	Stanford* (R)	1:00 p.m.
Apr. 6	at USC* (R)	6:00 p.m.
Apr. 7	at USC* (R)	1:00 p.m.
Apr. 8	at USC* (R)	1:00 p.m.
Apr. 9	at Cal State Fullerton	3:00 p.m.
Apr. 12	Washington State* (TV)	7:00 p.m.
Apr. 13	Washington State* (R)	7:00 p.m.
Apr. 14	Washington State* (R)	12:00 p.m.
Apr. 17	at New Mexico State	6:00 p.m.
Apr. 18	at Oklahoma	7:00 p.m.
April 19	at Oral Roberts	tba
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.

## No. 6 Sun Devil Baseball Looking To Turn It Around After 3-3 Start In Pac-10 Play with No. 1 Stanford Coming to Town.

### What's On Tap:

The No. 4/6 Sun Devil baseball team return home after a six-game stretch that saw ASU start the Pac-10 season with a 3-3 record. After going 2-1 at Cal in Berkeley two weekends ago, ASU stumbled home with two losses in Corvallis, Ore., to the Oregon State Beavers.

Not to worry though, because the last time ASU opened a Pac-10 season 3-3 was in 1998 when they were the eventual national champion runner-ups at the College World Series. With an overall 20-7-1 record in 2001, the Sun Devils are set to host No. 1 Stanford (22-5) to a three game series at Packard Stadium. The Cardinal are ranked No. 1 in two polls and checked in at No. 2 in one other poll. They have won 20 of their last 22 games and a season-high eight in a row after disposing of St. Mary's 8-3 Tuesday night. With three games against Stanford this weekend, the tough ASU schedule only gets tougher with rival USC on tap the following week. ASU will travel to Los Angeles to take on the Trojans for three games at Dedeaux Field. The Sun Devils are led by senior catcher Casey Myers, who is third in the Pac-10 with a .412 batting average. The Devil bats have been cold as of later though, combining to hit only .258 over the last five games and .260 in the three games at Oregon State. The Devils are also in the midst of a "power outage," connecting on their last home run some 216 at-bats ago. Sophomore short-stop Dennis Wyrick has returned to the lineup to add leadership and has fared well at the plate with seven hits in his last 15 at-bats (.467). The Stanford-Arizona State series matches the top hitting team in the Pac-10 (ASU) vs. the top pitching team in the league in Stanford.



### Stanford Cardinal (22-5)

Packard Stadium • Tempe, Ariz.

Friday, March 30, 7 p.m. (Radio/Live Stats)

Jon Switzer (4-0, 3.76) vs. Guthrie (6-0, 1.12)

Saturday, March 31, 1 p.m. (Internet/Live Stats)

Mike Esposito (1-1, 4.57) vs. Bruksch (5-0, 2.75)

Sunday, April 1, 1 p.m. (Radio/Live Stats)

Andy Torres (7-3, 4.66) vs. Cunningham (4-0, 2.60)

\*Probable Pitchers/times are MST

### The All-Time Series:

The Sun Devils hold a small edge in the all-time series, 74-72. ASU is 10-20 overall and 5-10 at Packard Stadium vs. the Cardinal during the Pat Murphy era dating back to 1995. The Sun Devils took two of three last year in Tempe and since the Pac-10 joined the North and South in 1999, ASU is 2-4. After dropping the series opener last year, ASU rallied to take two in a row en route to a share of the Pac-10 Championship. ASU outscored the Cardinal 22-17 in the series.

### This Weekend It Is Pitching Vs. Hitting At Its Finest:

The three-game series with the Stanford Cardinal matches the Pac-10's top pitching staff vs. the Sun Devils who are not only the leading hitting team in the Pac-10 this year, but one of the nation's most dominating offensive powers in recent years. The Cardinal comes into this weekend's games with a combined team ERA of 2.77. The Sun Devils lead the Pac-10 with a .351 batting average. The power vs. power match-up is sure to be one of the premier series' of the weekend in college baseball. The Cardinal top three on the mound Jeremy Guthrie (6-0, 1.12), Tim Cunningham (4-0, 2.60) and Jeff Bruksch (5-0, 2.75) is one of the best starting rotations in the nation. While the ASU offense counters with every starter hitting over .300 and four batters hitting above .400. Casey Myers, who was the 2000 Pac-10 Player of the Year, is leading ASU with a .412 batting average.

### Sun Devils Scoring Streak Longest Active In NCAA At 345 Games:

The Arizona State baseball program has scored in a Pac-10 record 345 straight games, not having been shutout since a 9-0 setback to USC on April 7, 1995. The streak is currently the longest in NCAA Division I and the second longest in NCAA history. 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 holds the record at 349 games set from 1983-1989. If ASU were to break the record of 349 games without being shutout, they would have to score at least one run in the next four games, with the record-breaker possibly coming against nationally ranked USC on April 7 in Los Angeles. That's right, the record breaker (Game 350) could come exactly five years after the last time ASU was shutout. During the streak ASU has scored one run in only five games, ironically last coming in a 1-0 win last year vs. Oregon State.



ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

March 30-April 1, 2001 • Stanford Series

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## 2001 National Polls

### Baseball America

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

### Baseball Weekly/ESPN

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

### Collegiate Baseball

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

*Bold = 2001 ASU Opponent*

## Around The Horn With ASU Baseball:

With the 1-2 record in Corvallis, ASU has now lost consecutive games for only the second time this season... The Sun Devils stand at 3-3 in Pac-10 play, the same mark ASU started at when the Sun Devils last advanced to the College World Series in 1998... the series win for the Beavers was the first over ASU by an OSU team since the late 1960's... in the series vs. Oregon State the Sun Devils hit only .260 with just two extra base hits and no home runs... the team has not hit a home run in 216 official at-bats, dating back to the Sunday game of the South Florida series when Casey Myers hit his fourth home run of the year in the fourth inning... even with the recent "power outage" the Sun Devils lead the Pac-10 by a wide margin with a .351 team batting average... OSU's .323 team batting average is the closest mark in second place... ASU also leads the Pac-10 in runs scored (272), doubles (68), walks (155), hit by pitches (47), on base percentage (.453) and RBI (243)... they are last with only 13 home runs... four Sun Devils (Myers, Allen, Wyrick, West) are among the top 10 in batting in the conference... Myers leads the league with 43 RBI and with 249 in his career is only one away from second place in the ASU record books... he is also within 34 of tying the school and Pac-10 record of 283 set by former Sun Devil Andrew Beinbrink... Myers recently broke out of an 0-for-12 slump with three hits in his last seven at-bats... he is now hitting .412 on the year and .385 for his career... it was the first time since the start of the 1999 season that Myers had gone three consecutive games without a hit... freshman LF/DH Rod Allen recently had his 17-game hitting streak come to a halt when he went 0-for-4 vs. OSU (3/24)... Allen hit .450 with 27 hits during his streak... junior Chris Duffy is currently the hottest Sun Devil at the plate, riding an 18-game hitting streak in which he is hitting .380 (27x71) with 16 RBI and three doubles... he has only one hit in each of the last three games during the Beavers to help extend that streak, two of which were perfectly executed drag bunts down the first base line... Duffy and junior outfielder Mel Stocker are both switch hitters, but have been batting left-handed almost full-time... junior infielder Brooks Conrad has been steady all year for ASU, tabbing at least one hit in 24 of his 27 games played... he is hitting .333 on the year with eight multi-hit games... Myers leads the team with 19 multi-hit games and 14 multi-RBI games.

## The National Rankings:

For the 24th consecutive week the Arizona State baseball program saw its name among the top 12 college baseball programs in the nation. Checking in with a ranking as high as No. 4, ASU will be taking on No. 1 this weekend when Stanford comes to town. When the weekly college baseball polls came out Monday, the Sun Devil had yet to play the final game of the Oregon State series in which they dropped 12-2. The Sun Devils still enter this weekend's action with Stanford ranked fourth in the Baseball Weekly/ESPN Coaches Poll and Collegiate Baseball News paper Top 30. ASU is listed sixth by Baseball America. The Stanford Cardinal is one of the hottest team's in the nation with a 22-5 record and has won eight in a row and 20 of its last 22. The Cardinal are ranked No. 1 by Baseball America and Collegiate Baseball, while they are tabbed second by the Coaches poll. Rice maintained the top spot ahead of Stanford in the Baseball Weekly Poll. The Sun Devils have arguably one of the top schedules in the nation, playing games against LSU, Tennessee, USC, Stanford and Cal State Fullerton who are all currently ranked. A tough and balanced Pac-10 has every team, save Washington State, ranked or at least receiving votes in the last two weeks. The Cougars are hot as well, though, taking two of three from Cal last weekend to open the Tim Mooney era in Pac-10 play.

## Switzer vs. Guthrie; Two of Nation's Best Duel in the Desert Friday:

Friday's starting pitchers, Jon Switzer and Jeremy Guthrie, is a match-up of two of the nation's best pitchers. Guthrie enters the weekend with a perfect 6-0 record and a stellar 1.12 ERA. He has been named the Pac-10 pitcher of the week twice this year and has one complete game to his credit. After four straight no-decisions, Sun Devil ace Jon Switzer returned to his dominating form vs. Oregon State. The junior LHP is now 4-0 after his complete-game victory and has racked up 73 strikeouts in 52.2 innings.

## ARIZONA STATE BASEBALL PROBABLE STARTING LINEUP

#4/6 Arizona State vs. #1 Stanford (March 30-April 1, 2001)

Batting Order	No.	Name (B/T)	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	2001 Stats
1	3	Chris Duffy (S/L)	CF	5-10	177	Jr.	.375/27 H/19 R/ 3 2B/1 3B/16 RBI
2	7	Jonah Martin (R/R)	LF/RF	5-9	176	Sr.	.320/24 H/28 R/4 2B/1 3B/17 RBI/.514 OB%
or	6	Mel Stocker (S/R)	RF	5-9	160	Jr.	.297/22 H/28 R/3 2B/1 3B/14 RBI/17-18 SB
3	20	Jeff Phelps (R/R)	1B	6-0	195	Sr.	.333/26 H/11 R/8 2B/10 RBI
4	22	Casey Myers (R/R)	C	6-0	215	Sr.	.412/47 H/30 R/8 2B/4 HR/43 RBI
5	8	Jeremy West (R/R)	1B/DH	5-11	189	Fr.	.400/32 H/24 R/6 2B/3 3B/5 HR/24 RBI
7	15	Brooks Conrad (S/R)	2B/SS	5-11	185	Jr.	.333/35 H/29 R/7 2B/3 3B/1 HR/22 RBI
7	10	Rod Allen (R/R)	DH/LF	6-1	200	Fr.	.409/27 H/17 R/7 2B/1 3B/2 HR/21 RBI
8	4	Mike Lopez (R/R)	3B	5-10	200	Sr.	.352/31 H/29 R/12 2B/1 HR/32 RBI
9	19	Steve Garrabrants (R/R)	LF/2B	5-10	160	Fr.	.323/30 H/24 R/4 2B/4 3B/17 RBI/11 SB
or	5	Dennis Wyrick (R/R)	SS	6-1	219	So.	.408/29 H/12 R/4 2B/10 RBI

## Probable Starting Rotation vs. Stanford:

Day	No.	Name (B/T)	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	2001 Stats
3/30	55	Jon Switzer (L/L)	LHP	6-2	195	Jr.	4-0, 3.76 ERA, 73 K's in 52.2 Innings
3/31	23	Mike Esposito (R/R)	RHP	6-0	190	RS-Fr.	1-1, 4.57 ERA, 4 GS, 22 K's, 21.2 IP
4/1	54	Andy Torres (R/R)	RHP	6-0	165	Jr.	7-3, 4.66 ERA, 34 K's, 46.1 IP

*\*Rotation/Starting Lineup Subject to Change*





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## More Sun Devil Tidbits:

The Sun Devils are hitting .351 on the year, but have struggled so far in Pac-10 play with a .271 batting average... ASU has not hit a home run in Pac-10 play this year... on the mound Drew Friedberg has been amazing out of the bullpen with a near perfect 0.74 ERA on the year... the senior LHP has struck out 30 in 24.1 innings and has yet to allow an earned run in Pac-10 play... without the home run as a threat, ASU has played the little ball very well... the team has stolen 73 bases, almost already equaling the 2000 total of 92... Stocker leads the team with 17 stolen bases, including his last being an outright steal of home vs. Oregon State (3/24)... Jon Switzer ended his streak of four consecutive no-decisions with his first complete game of the year last Saturday... Switzer is now 4-0 on the year with 73 strikeouts in 52.2 innings... the Sun Devils will be facing one of the nation's best pitching staffs this weekend when No. 1 Stanford comes to town... the Cardinal have an impressive team ERA of 2.77... the weekend match-up will feature the league's best hitting team (ASU) vs. the league's best pitching team (Stanford)... the No. 1 Cardinal will be the second time this season a top 5 opponent comes to Packard Stadium... LSU escaped with a 2-0-1 record in early March... Casey Myers is a .479 hitter when batting third in the ASU lineup, but only a .364 hitter when batting cleanup... five of ASU's seven losses have come when Myers bats cleanup (17 games)... the Sun Devils have been vulnerable when a LHP starts the game for the opponent... ASU is 3-6-1 against lefty starters... Stanford is scheduled to start to righties and one lefty... five of ASU's seven losses have come when the starter goes less than five innings... the Sun Devils are within four games of tying the all-time NCAA record of not having been shutout in 345 consecutive games... the national record is 349 held by Coastal Carolina.

## Chris Duffy Makes An Immediate Impact With 18-Game Hitting Streak:

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 fared well since racking up a team-high 18-game hitting streak. The speedster had recorded a hit in every game he has played in at ASU, save a 0-for-1 pinch-hitting appearance vs. New Mexico State. 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. During the streak, Duffy is hitting .380 (27x71) with 19 runs scored, 16 RBI, three 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 .375 on the year with nine multi-hit games.

## 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 3,642 runs, averaging 9.51 runs per game. 2001 has been no different for ASU, leading the Pac-10 by scoring 9.71 runs per game and hitting .351 as a team.

## Media Exposure:

All three of the ASU-Stanford games can be heard over the airwaves on XTRA 910 AM or on the Internet at [www.thesundevils.com](http://www.thesundevils.com). Friday and Sunday's games will air live on XTRA 910 from Packard Stadium, while Saturday's game will only be able to be heard over the internet due to Final Four coverage. The voice of Arizona State Sun Devil athletics, Tim Healey, will bring you the play-by-play with longtime Arizona sportswriter Bob Eger providing the color analysis. All three games can also be viewed over the internet with Live Stats at ASU's official athletic site, [www.thesundevils.com](http://www.thesundevils.com). Friday's game will be televised live in the Phoenix area on Cox Cable 9 with George Allen and Doug Gerlach doing the play-by-play.

## Sun Devils Endure "Power Outage" at the Plate:

While much of the state of California has endured a serious shortage of power, it seems as if the Arizona State baseball team is also suffering through their own "power outage." The Sun Devil offense has collectively gone 216 combined at-bats, dating back to the fourth inning of the Sunday South Florida game (3/11) since an ASU player has last hit a home run. Casey Myers was the last Sun Devil to knock a ball out of the park when he connected on his fourth of the year. ASU is last in the Pac-10 with only 10 home runs on the year. Regardless, ASU still leads the Pac-10 in hitting at .351 and has the second best slugging percentage at .486. In the three-game series at Oregon State, the Sun Devils were hampered by cold and damp weather conditions, tabbing only two extra bases and scored only three runs over the last two games of the series. ASU hit only .260 in the series with the Beavers and were out-hit 31-25.

## Current Streaks

Current Streak: Lost 2  
Last 5 Games: 2-3  
Last 10 Games: 7-3  
Last 15 Games: 9-5-1  
Last 20 Games: 13-6-1

## This Is Sun Devil Baseball...

- Casey Myers has been a run-producing machine in 2001 with 43 on the year, and with 249 in his career needs just 34 RBI to match the ASU and Pac-10 career record of 283. He also needs just one RBI to reach second place in the ASU record books. Myers has hits in 21 of ASU's 28 games, including 19 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.

- 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 9.71 runs per game this year and is hitting .351 as a team. The Devils have scored 10 or more runs 15 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 73 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 63 combined K's in 43.2 innings.

- Junior center fielder Chris Duffy currently has a 18-game hitting streak in which he has gone 27x71.

## Comparing 2000 to 2001

2000	Stat	2001
28	Games	28
335	Runs	272
351	Hits	351
.353	Avg.	.351
63	2B	68
14	3B	14
48	HR	13
302	RBI	243
22-6	W-L	20-7-1
4.08	ERA	4.37
256	SO	274

\*Through 28 Games

## National Players of the Week

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



# Sun Devil Baseball 2001

## Scouting Stanford

Stanford at Arizona State  
Tempe, Ariz. (Mar. 30-Apr. 1, 2001)

## Stanford Cardinal

**Nickname:** Cardinal  
**National Ranking:** 1/12  
**Location:** Stanford, Calif.  
**Enrollment:** 13,075  
**Stadium:** Sunken Diamond  
**Head Coach:** Mark Marquess  
**Assistants:** Dean Stotz, Mark O'Brien  
**2001 Record:** 22-5  
**2000 Record:** 50-16  
**2000 Pac-10 Record:** 17-7 (t-1st)  
**Career vs. ASU:** 72-74  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 10/10  
**Baseball SID:** Kyle McRae  
**McRae's E-Mail:**  
kyle.mcrae@stanford.edu  
**Website:** www.GoStanford.com



### Cardinal Notes:

Stanford remained at the top of the Baseball America poll after completing its second straight series sweep with three straight victories over Washington (March 23-25) ... Stanford has won a season-high eight straight games and 20 of its last 22 games ... The Cardinal (14-1 at Sunken Diamond in 2001) ended a season-long 11-game homestand versus Saint Mary's (March 27) ... Stanford, which is attempting to extend its school record string of Pac-10 titles to five in a row (includes Southern Division), sits alone in first place in the Pac-10 after its first weekend of conference play as the Pac-10's only unbeaten team ... Stanford is 8-1 against ranked teams (according to Baseball America) this season ... Stanford has now won 14 consecutive regular season series and seven straight Pac-10 regular season series dating back to last year ... Arizona State was the last team to have taken a regular season series against the Cardinal, winning two-of-three in Tempe nearly a year ago (3/31/00 - 4/2/00).

## How ASU Ranks In the Pac-10

### Team Offensive Rankings:

Avg. ....	.351	1st
Runs .....	272	1st
Doubles .....	68	1st
Total Bases .....	486	3rd
Walks .....	155	1st
Hits .....	351	2nd
HBP .....	47	1st
OB % .....	.453	1st

### Team Pitching Rankings:

ERA .....	4.37	5th
SO .....	274	2nd
BB .....	108	7th
R .....	137	6th
Avg. ....	.258	5th
Saves .....	3	9th
IP .....	247.1	4th
Wins .....	20	2nd

### 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. the Stanford Cardinal in 2000:

For only the second time during the Pat Murphy era, the Sun Devils handed the Stanford Cardinal a series win last year in Tempe. Taking two of three from Stanford, ASU used solid relief pitching and timely hitting to get past the Cardinal. Franco Pezely and Eric Doble each gained wins in the series, while Dennis Wyrick (.429) and Jeff Phelps (.300) had good games at the plate. ASU pitchers held the Cardinal hitters to a .238 batting average in the series.

### 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).

### Injury Bug Bites the Sun Devils:

Several Sun Devils are hampered by injuries. Preseason All-American closer Eric Doble has not pitched since the LSU series and looks to be out at least two more weeks with a torn tendon in his right middle finger. Senior relief pitcher/catcher Ty Johnson is also out with a hand injury. First baseman Jeff Phelps has been sidelined with a torn hamstring throughout the season, but has played as of late. He tweaked the injury at Oregon State, but is likely to play vs. the Cardinal. Junior Mel Stocker is nursing a badly bruised right elbow after being hit by a pitch Monday vs. the Beavers. He is should be able to play this weekend.

### 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, 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 better in his start. He backed that with another good outing at Oregon State, allowing only two hits in 4.1 innings, but recorded his first career loss. Esposito has thrown 21.2 innings for ASU, striking out 22 and posting an ERA of 4.57. 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. He is slated to start Saturday vs. Stanford.

### The Wild, Wild West; Jeremy West:

Jeremy West and the Stock Market have a lot in common. At one point it is up, the other it is going down. With a batting average as high as .452 batting average two weeks ago, West had a rough time at the plate in his Pac-10 debut going 1-for-11 in the Cal series. West was coming off a torrid weekend at the plate the week before in which he went 8-for-12 in the South Florida series. The product of Silverado High School in Las Vegas, Nev., West has recorded a hit in 20 of 27 games this year and is hitting an even .400 (32x80). West also leads the team with five home runs. The sweet-swinging West was hot prior to the Cal series, hitting .667 (10x15) in the four games prior to visiting Berkeley with two doubles, two triples and two home runs. In the South Florida series West was 8-for-12, including a career high four hits in the series opener. West was 4-for-5 with two RBI that night, falling just a double short of the elusive cycle.



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## Danger...Rod Allen On Deck:

One of the hottest hitters in the Sun Devil lineup as of late has been freshman designated hitter Rod Allen. The product of Desert Vista High School in Phoenix, Allen had a 17-game hitting steak snapped last Friday. Allen was 27-for-60 during that stretch of games and is now hitting .409 with seven doubles and two home runs. His two-run blast vs. Creighton (2/17) cleared both fences in left field and landed on Rio Salado Drive. 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 15 games with 12 coming at designated hitter and three in left field.

## 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 252-130-1 (.659) and posted an impressive 93-80 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 252 wins at ASU, Murphy has the third best winning percentage of Pac-10 coaches. Murphy is seven 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:

Sophomore shortstop Dennis 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. Lost in a numbers game with ASU trying to find playing time for freshman Steve Garrabrants, Wyrick has only made four starts since the LSU series. Wyrick has even started to make the transition to catcher, a possible starting position for him in 2002. Regardless, a team leader on the field, Wyrick moved back to shortstop last weekend and faired well. The sophomore led ASU with a .500 batting average (6x12) over the weekend with a double and a RBI. For the year the Azusa, Calif., native is hitting .408 with 29 hits and four doubles.

## As Cool As Friedberg:

Senior LHP Drew Friedberg has quietly gotten the job done out of the bullpen. Friedberg has been stellar out of the bullpen with a 0.74 ERA in 24.1 innings on the mound. Allowing only 14 hits and two earned runs this year, Friedberg has struck out 30 in his 10 relief outings. Friedberg turned in a stellar performance vs. South Florida, coming out of the bullpen in relief of starter Jon Switzer. He inherited a bases loaded, no-out situation and got out of the jam. He allowed only one hit and did not allow a run to score vs. the Bulls to pick up his second win of the season. He also has a solid outing vs. Cal State Fullerton (2/23), coming out of the bullpen to throw three shutout innings in picking up his first win in over a year. His latest impressive outing came vs. Cal (3/16) in which he threw 2.0 shutout innings to pick up the win and move to 3-0 on the season. Friedberg combined for four shutout innings in the Cal series to run his scoreless innings streak to 9.0 innings. The Middleton, Wisc., native has bounced between being a starter and reliever in his four-year ASU career, peaking when he threw a complete-game one hitter vs. Hawaii-Hilo to open his 1999 season. As a junior he was 1-0 with a respectable 4.00 ERA in 27.0 innings. He has been drafted twice in his career, most recently last year by the Milwaukee Brewers in the 29th round.

## 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 4-1-1 on the newly named Bobby Winkles Field.

## Casey At Bat:

One of the best hitters in college baseball, Casey Myers, has not disappointed in living up to that title this year. Despite a recent slump, Myers is hitting at a .412 clip (47x114) with eight doubles, four home runs and 43 RBI. The senior catcher has hits in 21 of ASU's 28 games this year, 19 of which have been multi-hit games. Myers already has 43 RBI on the year to lead the Pac-10 this year and is quickly approaching the school and Pac-10 career record. With 249 in his four-year career, he is just 35 short of breaking both records set by former Sun Devil Andrew Beinbrink. Dating back to the start of 2000, Myers is hitting .412 (145x352) with 140 RBI and 22 home runs in 87 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 52 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 .996 fielding percentage into this weekend's action.

## Games With At Least One Hit

Allen	17 of 20 games
Conrad	24 of 28 games
Duffy	18 of 19 games
Garrabrants	18 of 26 games
Lopez	16 of 27 games
Martin	18 of 27 games
McKenna	4 of 15 games
Myers	21 of 28 games
Phelps	14 of 20 games
Stocker	14 of 23 games
West	19 of 27 games
Wyrick	17 of 22 games

## Games With An RBI

Allen	12 of 20 games
Conrad	12 of 28 games
Duffy	11 of 19 games
Garrabrants	10 of 26 games
Lopez	16 of 27 games
Martin	12 of 27 games
Myers	20 of 28 games
Phelps	6 of 20 games
Stocker	8 of 23 games
West	17 of 27 games
Wyrick	8 of 24 games

## Extra Base Hits

West	14
Lopez	13
Myers	12
Conrad	11
Allen	10
Garrabrants	8
Phelps	8
Martin	5
Duffy	4
Stocker	4
Wyrick	4
Keefner	2

## Home Run Breakdown

Solo Home Runs	4
2-Run Home Runs	8
3-Run Home Runs	1
Grand Slams	0
First Inning	1
Second Inning	1
Third Inning	2
Fourth Inning	2
Fifth Inning	2
Sixth Inning	0
Seventh Inning	1
Eighth Inning	4
Ninth Inning	0





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## Inside the Numbers

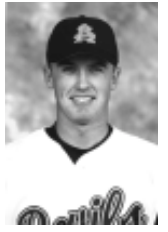
<b>3</b>	Number of times in the last four years that ASU has finished in the top 12 in the nation.
<b>5</b>	National Championships won by the Sun Devils.
<b>6</b>	Preseason Top 25 Teams ASU will face in 2001.
<b>9.51</b>	Number of runs the Sun Devils have averaged per game since 1995.
<b>14</b>	Number of Returning Letterwinners from the 2000 club.
<b>18</b>	Times the Sun Devils have participated in the College World Series.
<b>18</b>	Number of home runs hit over the Green Monster in center field, last by Brooks Conrad in 2000.
<b>75</b>	Number of former Sun Devils who have played in the Major Leagues.
<b>35</b>	Number of RBI Casey Myers needs to break the Pac-10 and ASU school career record.
<b>252</b>	Number of Wins Coach Murphy has in his Arizona State career.
<b>1,877</b>	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	--	--	--
4/9	--	--	--
4/16	--	--	--
4/23	--	--	--
4/30	--	--	--

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

Senior team captain Casey Myers (Casa Grande) is listed as a preseason All-American by nearly every publication in 2001, but that doesn't even scratch the surface as to what Myers brings to the ASU program. He was named Pac-10 Player of the Year in 2000; becoming the second straight season an ASU player has earned the honor (Willie Bloomquist, 1999). The catcher and team leader was among a handful of players vying for *Baseball America's* National Player of the Year award and was named a semi-finalist for the Johnny Bench Collegiate Catcher of the Year. Myers certainly put up impressive numbers in 2000, leading the team in batting average (.412), hits (98), doubles (19) and on-base percentage (.502), as well as RBI (97). His 97 RBI rank fourth in the ASU single-season record book. With 42 already this year, Myers now has 248 career RBI and needs 36 over the course of his senior year to break the Pac-10 and ASU career record. His current mark of 249 RBI places him third in the Pac-10 and ASU record books. 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 .412 average, four home runs, 43 RBI, eight doubles and has recorded 19 multi-hit games and 14 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.

## 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

## 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. <b>Casey Myers, ASU (1998-P) .....</b>	<b>249</b>
4. Paul Carey, Stanford (1987-90) .....	220
5. Eric Valent, UCLA (1996-98) .....	219

### ASU Career RBI

1. Andrew Beinbrink (1996-99) .....	283
2. Clay Westlake (1973-76) .....	250
3. <b>Casey Myers (1998-P) .....</b>	<b>249</b>
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
7. <b>Casey Myers (1998-P) .....</b>	<b>.385</b>

## 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....	.412	28-28	114	30	47	8	0	4	43	18	7	1-2
TOTALS..	.385	189-181	706	175	272	55	0	36	249	97	91	7-12



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## Sun Devils Offensive Powerhouse Under Murphy:

The Sun Devils have been an offensive powerhouse under head coach Pat Murphy. Leading the nation in scoring the last two year and in the top two in batting average, Murph's teams have flat out put the bat on the ball. Compiling an impressive 252-130-1 record since taking the program over, his teams have averaged 9.51 runs per game and collectively hit .333. The following is an offensive breakdown of what ASU has done since 1995:

Year	G	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI
1995	55	.307	1939	395	595	119	26	35	346
1996	56	.338	2075	552	702	128	23	73	484
1997	61	.326	2252	540	735	152	28	56	458
1998	64	.318	2277	557	723	132	27	57	483
1999	60	.356	2199	679	782	154	29	67	599
2000	59	.346	2134	647	738	128	37	86	588
2001	28	.351	999	272	351	68	14	13	243
Totals	383	.333	13,875	3,642	4,626	881	184	387	3,201



## Myers And Rest Of the Devils Gain National Attention From Street & Smith's:

Senior Casey Myers was recently named to the preseason Street & Smith's College Baseball All-Americas list. Myers, who was also a preseason All-American as selected by Baseball America and Collegiate Baseball, has been one of the hottest hitters in all of college baseball with a .418 batting average (124x297) dating back to the beginning of last year. The Arizona State baseball team was selected fourth in the Street & Smith's Preseason College Baseball Rankings. Myers was also tabbed as a player to watch for 2001 by the *Sporting News*.

## The Franchise Returns, Jon Switzer:

After four straight no-decisions, junior Jon Switzer got back on track last weekend with his first complete game of the year. After going 11-3 last year and having a successful summer with Team USA Switzer (Houston, Texas) is off to a great start in what is expected to be a stellar junior campaign. The junior has not disappointed earning the *Collegiate Baseball* National Player of the Week award (2/5). He earned the honor by striking 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). Despite back-to-back rough outings vs. LSU and South Florida and a fourth consecutive no-decision vs. Cal, he improved to 4-0 with a strong, eight-hit, two-run outing at Oregon State. Switzer is averaging 12.50 strikeouts per nine innings of work and has 73 for the year in 52.2 innings. Switzer has recorded double-digits in strikeouts in four starts this year, most recently with 10 at Oregon State (3/24). For his career, the hard-throwing lefty has struck out 272 in 255.2 innings and is 22-7 with a 3.94 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 25th prospect in the nation for the 2001 draft and is the 14th college prospect in the nation for the June draft.

## Recruiting Class Draws Rave Reviews:

The recruiting class that makes up the freshman class on the diamond this spring was rated as the top class of recruits in the nation by *Baseball America*. Highlighted by seven players who were selected in the annual Major League Draft, the group includes several players who are expected to contribute immediately. The recruiting class was also ranked third in the nation by *Collegiate Baseball*.

## 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 1,877-743-1 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 12 in the nation for the past 24 consecutive weeks.

## The Casey Myers Watch

### In the Record Books...

#### ASU Career Hits:

1. Clay Westlake	322
2. Andrew Beinbrink	318
3. Gary Atwell	286
4. Mikel Moreno	277
5. Casey Myers	272
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	36

#### ASU Total Bases:

1. Andrew Beinbrink	547
2. Clay Westlake	505
3. Bob Horner	492
4. Dan Rumsey	469
5. Antone Williamson	443
6. Casey Myers	435

#### Misc. Categories:

Career At-Bats:	706
Doubles:	55 (6th)
Home Runs:	36 (7th)

### Myers Multi Hit Games...

	2	3	4	5+	Total
1998	9	9	3	0	21
1999	6	7	1	0	14
2000	17	11	3	0	31
2001	13	5	1	0	19
Totals	45	32	8	0	85

### Myers Multi RBI Games...

	2	3	4	5+	Total
1998	9	5	1	1	16
1999	7	3	2	1	13
2000	14	7	6	2	29
2001	8	3	3	0	14
Totals	38	18	12	4	72

## Casey At Bat

Senior Casey Myers has been writing a bi-weekly diary on the internet that can be read on [www.thesundevils.com](http://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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## Around the Pac-10

### 2001 Pac-10 Records:

Team	Overall	Pac-10
Stanford	22-5	3-0
USC	19-11	4-2
Oregon State	18-10	2-1
Washington St.	10-17	2-1
<b>Arizona State</b>	<b>20-7-1</b>	<b>3-3</b>
Arizona	19-15	2-4
Washington	13-7	2-4
California	15-14	2-4
UCLA	17-8	1-2

\*Through 3/27

### 2001 Preseason Coaches Poll:

Team	Points
USC	52
<b>Arizona State</b>	<b>49</b>
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:

- Jon Switzer, LHP
- Chris Duffy, OF
- Eric Doble, RHP
- Casey Myers, C

#### Best Tools:

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

\*As voted by Baseball America



### Myers Passes Horner On Career Record List:

His numbers rank up there with the best of the numerous Arizona State greats, but with 249 RBI and a .385 batting average in his career, senior Casey Myers recently passed one of the greatest former Sun Devils, Bob Horner. Horner, who hit .277 over the course of 10 MLB seasons and hit 218 career home runs, played at ASU from 1976-78. Myers passed Horner's third-place mark of 228 RBI's and now is within 37 of the school record of 283. Myers has also passed for career batting average and is currently seventh at .387. Horner hit .384 with a school record 56 home runs. Horner was the first overall pick in the 1978 draft by the Atlanta Braves and jumped right to the Major Leagues that year hitting 23 home runs to be named the National League Rookie of the Year.

### El Torrito; Andy Torres:

ASU's latest addition to the roster is junior college transfer RHP Andy Torres. Torres, who came to ASU from East Los Angeles CC, had a stellar career on the mound 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 six more to enter this weekend with a 7-3 record. After starting the year 6-0, Torres is 1-2 in his last three starts. He is coming off his roughest starts of the year at Cal and Oregon State. The junior gave up five runs in 1.2 innings at Cal and was saddled with a tough loss at Oregon State allowing three runs and seven hits in four innings. With a fast and fluid motion, the quick-worker has managed a 4.66 ERA in his 10 outings, with nine coming as starts. He has struck out 34 and walked only 13 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. Torres is still among the national leaders in wins, with New Mexico State's Dan Bivian and BYU's Nate Fernley. He is scheduled to start Sunday vs. Stanford.

### Speed Kills:

Speed on the base paths is a weapon that never goes in a slump. For ASU, the 2001 season provides plenty of speed on the bench and in the lineup. The Sun Devils have stolen 73 bases so far, led by Mel Stocker's 17, and are already more than half past their entire 2000 season total of 92. After coming off a knee sprain, speedster Chris Duffy has started to add to the Devils stolen base threat with seven (7) in 18 starts this year. Duffy led the nation at the junior college level last year with 59 stolen bases. Freshman Steve Garrabrants set an Arizona State record last spring with 51 stolen bases at Moon Valley High School and already has 11 this year. Junior Brooks Conrad also has 13 in 2001.

### Filling the Stands:

Through 21 home games of the 2001 season, ASU has drawn 55,378 fans to Packard Stadium to see the nationally ranked Sun Devils get off to a 20-7-1 start. Averaging 2,768 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.

### Nothing Special, Just Gets It Done; Brooks Conrad:

A smooth fielder and a pure switch-hitter, junior second baseman Brooks Conrad will turn some heads during the 2001 season. Nothing flashy and nothing overwhelming, Conrad just gets the job done. The junior is putting up solid numbers once again in 2001 with a .333 batting average, including seven doubles, three triples, a home run and 22 RBI. He has recorded a hit in 24 of 28 games in 2001. He had a 15-game hitting streak snapped against Cal State Fullerton, but has a hit in 10 of his last 13 games, including a 3-for-4 game vs. Cal (3/16). Conrad is among the team leaders with 29 runs scored. Conrad was named to the 2000 Pac-10 All-Conference team when he hit at a .336 clip and finished second on the team in runs (72). He hit .351 in league play with 15 of his 33 hits going for extra bases. He became only the 18th player to hit a homer over the green monster at Packard Stadium vs. Washington (5/14). Conrad hit .392 with runners in scoring position and .500 when he led off an inning. The Spring Valley, Calif., native notched 19 multi-hit games as well as 15 multi-RBI games during the '00 season. The switch hitter was named Pac-10 Player of the Week twice in 2000. For his career at ASU, Conrad is a .336 hitter with 143 hits and 27 doubles. He has started 18 games at second base in '01 and nine games at shortstop.

### Taking One For the Team; Jonah Martin:

Senior Jonah Martin (Waianae, Hawai'i) has been one of the sparkplugs for ASU this year, recording a hit in 18 of the 27 games he has played in. Whether by hit, hit by pitch, walk or error, Martin just finds a way to get on base as evident by his .514 on-base percentage. Overall the senior outfielder is hitting .320 (24x75) with four doubles, one triple and 17 RBI. The senior set a Pac-10 and ASU record with 29 hit by pitches in 2000. Martin, a transfer from Los Angeles City JC, ranks fourth all-time with his 29 HBP, tying Corky Miller of Nevada whom also got beamed 29 times in 1998. The NCAA leader for single-season HBP's is Andrew Slater of Richmond who got plunked 33 times in 56 games in 1997. As a team, Arizona State was hit by a pitch 115 times in 2000 - an ASU school record. They broke the Pac-10 single-season record held by Washington (1998) while the national record is held by Nevada (125 in 1997). ASU's 115 HBP in '00 ranks fourth all-time in the NCAA record book. Long Beach State (1999) is third with 114 and second with 124 (1998). So far in 2001, Martin has been hit by pitches 10 times, upping his career total to 39. ASU leads the Pac-10 once again with 47 HBP.





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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 Garrabrants	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 has reported to the Big League camp with the M's in Peoria, and has a shot at making the opening day roster.

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	2,210-1,081
Modern Era (1959-P)	1877-743-1 (.716)
Early Era (1906-1958)	333-338
Packard Stadium Record	776-223-1 (.777)
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	Casey Myers
	Jon Switzer
	Mitch Jones

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## ASU Coaching/Support Staff

Head Coach	Pat Murphy
Record at ASU	252-130-1 (7th Season)
Career Division I	570-246-2 (14th Season)
Assistants	Jay Sferra (6th)
	Mike Rooney (3rd)
	Billy Jones (1st)
Baseball Operations	Chris Holick
	Joe Brennan
	Graham Rossini
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

### Wed., March 28

OSU at Portland, 2 p.m.  
San Diego State at USC, 5 p.m.

### Fri., March 30

\*OSU at ARIZONA, 7 p.m.  
\*STANFORD at ASU, 7 p.m.  
\*Cal at UW, 6:30 p.m.  
\*UCLA at WSU, 3 p.m.

### Sat., March 31

\*OSU at ARIZONA, 1 p.m.  
\*STANFORD at ASU, 7 p.m.  
\*CALIFORNIA at UW, 1 p.m.  
\*UCLA at WSU, 1 p.m.

### Sun., April 1

\*OSU at ARIZONA, 1 p.m.  
\*STANFORD at ASU, 1 p.m.  
\*CALIFORNIA at UW, 1 p.m.  
\*UCLA at WSU, 1 p.m.

\*All times Local To Site

## 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

## 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
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# Sun Devil Baseball 2001

#	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/LHP	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/OF	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
- 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
- 56 Billy Jones, Coach
- 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),  
56 Billy Jones (1st year), Brian Berger (Undergraduate Assistant)

