

# Arizona State Baseball Notebook

March 31, 2002



**Record Entering Week:** 18-9 overall, 2-1 Pac-10

**Record Last Week:** 2-1 (2-1 Pac-10)

**Current 2002 Record:** 20-10 (4-2 Pac-10)

**Last Week's National Rankings:** 15/19/20 (BW/CB/BA)

**Streak:** Won 1 (winners of four of last six games)

## Last Week's Results (2-1):

Thursday (March 28) - 14-11 loss vs. Washington

Friday (March 29) - 8-3 win vs. Washington

Saturday (March 30) - 13-6 win vs. Washington

## This Week's Games:

Monday, April 1 - at UNLV, 6:30 p.m. PST (Earl E. Wilson Stadium, Las Vegas, Nev.)

Friday, April 5 - at Washington State, 3 p.m. PST (Bailey-Brayton Field, Pullman, Wash.)

Saturday, April 6 - at Washington State, 3 p.m. PST (Bailey-Brayton Field, Pullman, Wash.)

Sunday, April 7 - at Washington State, 1 p.m. PST (Bailey-Brayton Field, Pullman, Wash.)

## Pitcher of the Week Nominee:

***Mike Esposito, So., RHP, Las Vegas, Nev.***

Arizona State sophomore right-handed pitcher Mike Esposito had one of the best pitching performances in Sun Devil baseball history when he struck out 17 batters in a complete-game victory over the University of Washington Friday night at Hohokam Stadium. He allowed only three runs (two earned) and eight hits in his second complete-game of the year. Esposito, a redshirt sophomore from Las Vegas, Nev. (Cimarron High School) registered the sixth most K's in a single game in ASU history and the most since 1997. He improved to 6-3 on the year leading the Devils to a 8-3 win over the Huskies and leads the team with a 2.53 ERA. Over his last five games is a remarkable 4-1 with a nearly impeccable 1.32 ERA. Over that same stretch has registered 47 strikeouts in 34.0 innings pitched. The preseason All-American and 2001 Team USA member is now 12-5 in his two-years at ASU.

## Offensive Player of the Week Nominee:

***Dustin Pedroia, Fr., SS, Woodland, Calif.***

Freshman Dustin Pedroia has been ASU's hottest hitters as of late and is coming off a weekend series against Washington in which he was 7-for-13 (.538) with three runs, two doubles and six RBI at the plate. In six Pac-10 games this year the freshman leads the Devils in hitting with a .500 average, going 13-for-26. His weekend included a pair of three-hit games (Thursday and Saturday) and was 1-for-4 with a two-run double in Friday's 8-3 win over UW. He started all three games against the Huskies at shortstop (his third position started at this year) and for the 27th straight game played flawless defense. For the year Pedroia is sixth on the team while hitting at a .339 clip (39x115) and has managed at least one hit in 22 of his 30 games played. On defense he leads the team with a .990 fielding percentage, making only one error in 105 total chances.

## Notes on ASU Baseball:

ASU's 18 homers this season equals the total from the entire 2001 season... sophomore **Jeremy West** leads the team with eight home runs after belting two last weekend against UW... West now has 14 career home runs... sophomore RHP **Ryan Schroyer** has 21 K's in 11.0 bullpen innings and an 0.82 ERA as a reliever... overall he is now 1-1 on the year with three saves and a 2.93 ERA... he currently has a string of 10 consecutive shutout innings... junior third baseman **Dennis Wyrick** is hitting .343 (23x67) this year after going 5-for-13 vs. UW... he is now hitting .400 for his career in Pac-10 play (56-for-140) and is a .385 hitter (8x18) in league action this year... after the ASU team batting average dropped below .300 last week for first time since April 7, 1998, ASU is back above .300 in hitting as a team at the .306 mark... the four complete games this year are the most as a team since ASU had eight in 1999... ASU pitchers had only one last year (Jon Switzer)... **Dustin Pedroia** has only one error in 105 total chances (3 positions) for an overall .990 fielding percentage... **Andre Ethier** and **Jon Sheaffer** tied for team lead at .384 on the year... Sheaffer hit .583 (7x12) in the UW series and has recorded at least one hit in 18 of his last 21 games... Ethier is hitting .476 (10x21) with 10 runs scored and eight RBI in Pac-10 play and leads the team with eight multi-RBI games... seven of his 12 multi-hit games this year have been of the three or four-hit variety... freshmen **Nick Cadena** and **Joel Bocchi** entered Friday's game with only two RBI between both of them, but each came up big with a pair of two-run singles to help erase an early 3-0 UW lead... the Devils have now scored in 405 consecutive games dating back to April 7, 1995... freshman **Jeff Larish**, who was going to redshirt this season, is 9-for-24 (.375) to start his ASU career... Pedroia and Ethier only Devils to play all 30 games this year... preseason All-American **Rod Allen** did not play for the first time this season in Saturday's win and is batting .263 on the year with five home runs and 25 RBI... sophomore **Steve Garrabrants** is still hampered by an injured shoulder which he mildly aggravated in Friday's game... the 20 hits in Saturday's win was a season high for the Devils... ASU has now won six straight Pac-10 series dating back to the WSU series in Tempe (Apr. 12-14) of last year.

## Last Week's Line Scores:

### Washington 14, Arizona State 11 (Mar 28, 2002 at Mesa, Ariz.)

Washington..... 010 210 811 - 14 14 3 (12-8-1, 1-0 PAC-10)  
 Arizona State..... 512 000 210 - 11 12 1 (18-10, 2-2 PAC-10)

Pitchers: Washington - White; Gibson(7); Sheppple(7).  
 Arizona State - McClellan; Sopko(7); Kartler(7); Jackson(7); Klusman(7); Arguello(8).  
 Win-White(2-2) Save-Sheppple(4) Loss-Kartler(2-3) T-3:42 A-2881  
 HR WASH - Garthwaite (8). HR ASU - West (7).

### Arizona State 8, Washington 3 (Mar 29, 2002 at Mesa, Ariz.)

Washington..... 001 200 000 - 3 8 3 (12-9-1, 1-1 PAC-10)  
 Arizona State..... 000 403 01X - 8 9 4 (19-10, 3-2 PAC-10)

Pitchers: Washington - Dowling; Fenton(6). Arizona State - Esposito.  
 Win-Esposito(6-3) Loss-Dowling(0-2) T-3:16 A-2352

### Arizona State 13, Washington 6 (Mar 30, 2002 at Mesa, Ariz.)

Washington..... 002 002 200 - 6 9 0 (12-10-1, 1-2 PAC-10)  
 Arizona State..... 212 020 42X - 13 20 2 (20-10, 4-2 PAC-10)

Pitchers: Washington - Kohn; Gibson(7); Sheppple(7); Colburn(8); Conover(8).  
 Arizona State - Arguello; Sopko(4); Jackson(7); Schroyer(8).  
 Win-Arguello(1-0) Loss-Kohn(6-1) T-3:14 A-2637  
 HR WASH - Garthwaite (9); Wagner (1). HR ASU - West (8).

## Statistics For Games vs. Washington (2-1)

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
28 Jon Sheaffer.....	.583	3-3	12	3	7	0	1	0	1	9	.750	1	1	2	1	.643	0	0	2-3	10	1	0	1.000
14 Andre Ethier.....	.556	3-3	9	5	5	1	0	0	3	6	.667	4	0	1	0	.643	1	0	0-1	4	0	0	1.000
2 Dustin Pedroia....	.538	3-3	13	3	7	2	1	0	6	11	.846	3	0	1	0	.625	0	0	0-0	2	10	0	1.000
16 Nick Cadena.....	.500	1-1	2	2	1	0	0	0	2	1	.500	1	0	1	0	.667	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
19 Joel Bocchi.....	.500	1-1	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	.500	0	0	0	0	.500	0	0	0-0	9	3	3	.800
8 Jeremy West.....	.385	3-3	13	4	5	2	0	2	5	13	1.000	1	2	1	0	.500	0	0	0-0	26	2	0	1.000
5 Dennis Wyrick....	.385	3-3	13	4	5	0	0	0	1	5	.385	1	0	3	1	.429	0	0	0-0	3	3	2	.750
11 Jeff Larish.....	.333	3-2	12	2	4	1	0	0	3	5	.417	1	0	3	0	.385	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
62 Cesar Castillo...	.333	3-1	6	1	2	0	0	0	1	2	.333	0	0	3	0	.333	0	0	0-0	13	1	0	1.000
9 Steve Garabrants	.250	2-2	8	1	2	0	1	0	2	4	.500	2	0	1	0	.400	0	0	2-2	2	4	1	.857
3 Sergio Garcia....	.250	3-1	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	.250	2	0	0	0	.500	0	0	2-2	0	3	0	1.000
10 Rod Allen.....	.111	2-2	9	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	.111	2	0	2	0	.273	0	0	1-1	5	0	0	1.000
39 Tuffy Gosewisch..	.000	1-1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	4	0	1	.800
4 Doug Schutt.....	.000	3-1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	4	0	1	0	.571	0	0	1-1	1	0	0	1.000
20 Nick Walsh.....	.000	2-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Totals.....	.373	3-3	110	32	41	6	3	2	28	59	.536	22	3	20	2	.485	1	1	8-10	81	34	7	.943
Opponents.....	.284	3-3	109	23	31	4	0	3	19	44	.404	11	7	29	2	.383	1	1	6-7	75	33	6	.947

LOB - Team (30), Opp (25). DPs turned - Team (3), Opp (3).

(All games vs Washington Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	HK	SFA	SHA
12 Ryan Schroyer....	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	2.0	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	7	.143	0	0	0	0	0
23 Mike Esposito....	2.00	1-0	1	1	1	0/0	0	9.0	8	3	2	1	17	0	0	0	33	.242	1	2	0	0	1
59 Aaron Klusman....	5.40	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.2	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	5	.200	1	2	0	1	0
48 Carlos Arguello..	5.79	1-0	2	1	0	0/0	0	4.2	7	3	3	1	2	2	0	0	22	.318	0	1	0	0	0
50 Robbie McClellan.	6.00	0-0	1	1	0	0/0	0	6.0	7	4	4	2	3	0	0	1	24	.292	1	1	1	0	0
41 Mark Sopko.....	16.88	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	2.2	4	5	5	2	1	1	0	1	12	.333	0	0	0	0	0
13 J.J. Jackson.....	45.00	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	1.0	2	5	5	3	0	0	0	1	5	.400	0	0	0	0	0
27 Bryce Kartler....	99.00	0-1	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.0	1	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	1.000	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>7.33</b>	<b>2-1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>.284</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Opponents.....	10.08	1-2	3	3	0	0/0	1	25.0	41	32	28	22	20	6	3	2	110	.373	5	3	0	1	1

PB - Team (1), Gosewisch 1, Opp (2). SBA/ATT - Bocchi (4-5), Esposito (4-5), Gosewisch (2-2), Sopko (1-1), Klusman (1-1).