

2007 Spring Notes

All Aboard "The Train"

Senior running back Ryan Torain enjoyed one of the most incredible rushing seasons in school history, totaling 1,229 rushing yards on 223 carries last season. Torain became the first Sun Devil to surpass 1,000 rushing yards since Delvon Flowers in 2001 and produced the greatest single-season output since Sun Devil great Freddie Williams' total of 1,427 for head coach Frank Kush's legendary 1975 squad. The 6-1, 213-pounder earned second-team All-Pac-10 honors in 2006, while rushing for over 100 yards in four games and 80 or more yards in eight contests. Labeled by ESPN's Mel Kiper as the No. 2 senior running back in the nation, Torain enters 2007 as one of the top backs in the college football and is poised to be the focal point of the Sun Devil offense.

Top-10 All-Time ASU Single-Season Rushers

| | Player | Year | Car. | Yds. | Avg. |
|-----|-------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| 1. | Woody Green | 1972 | 234 | 1,565 | 5.6 |
| 2. | Wilford "Whizzer" White | 1950 | 199 | 1,502 | 7.6 |
| 3. | Art Malone | 1968 | 235 | 1,431 | 6.1 |
| 4. | Freddie Williams | 1975 | 266 | 1,427 | 5.4 |
| 5. | Woody Green | 1973 | 209 | 1,313 | 6.3 |
| 6. | Woody Green | 1971 | 232 | 1,310 | 5.6 |
| 7. | Freddie Williams | 1974 | 249 | 1,299 | 5.2 |
| 8. | Ryan Torain | 2006 | 223 | 1,229 | 5.5 |
| 9. | Max Anderson | 1967 | 191 | 1,188 | 6.2 |
| 10. | Ben Malone | 1973 | 191 | 1,186 | 6.2 |



Senior Ryan Torain became ASU's first 1,000-yard rusher since 2001.

First-Year Phenom

What makes Torain's remarkable 2006 season additionally impressive is that it was his debut season with the Sun Devils and first playing Division 1-A football, having transferred to ASU from Butler Community College in El Dorado, Kan. Torain created an instant impact wearing maroon and gold, scoring five total touchdowns in his first four games and rushing for a team season-high 191 yards on 24 carries in his fourth career contest, playing at No. 21 California. In all, the Shawnee Mission, Kan. native collaborated one of the most prolific debut seasons in the history of the Pac-10 Conference, ranking fourth all-time in rushing yards among first-year players.

Top Pac-10 Conference Rushing Seasons by a First-Year Player

| | Player | School | Year | Car. | Yds. | Avg. | TD |
|----|--------------------|----------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|------------|----------|
| 1. | Corey Dillon | Washington | 1996 | 301 | 1,695 | 5.6 | 24 |
| 2. | O.J. Simpson | USC | 1967 | 291 | 1,543 | 5.3 | 13 |
| 3. | Clarence Davis | USC | 1969 | 297 | 1,351 | 4.5 | 9 |
| 4. | Ryan Torain | Arizona State | 2006 | 223 | 1,229 | 5.5 | 7 |

Ranking Torain Nationally

Torain enters his senior season ranked 13th in the nation and second in the Pac-10 conference among returning rushers from 2006.

| | Player, School | Car. | Yds. | Avg. | TD |
|-----|-----------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|----------|
| 1. | Ray Rice, Rutgers | 335 | 1,794 | 5.4 | 20 |
| 2. | Steve Slaton, West Virginia | 248 | 1,744 | 7.0 | 16 |
| 3. | Ian Johnson, Boise State | 276 | 1,714 | 6.2 | 25 |
| 4. | Darren McFadden, Arkansas | 284 | 1,647 | 5.8 | 14 |
| 5. | P.J. Hill, Wisconsin | 311 | 1,569 | 5.0 | 15 |
| 6. | Mike Hart, Michigan | 318 | 1,562 | 4.9 | 14 |
| 7. | Tashard Choice, Georgia Tech | 297 | 1,473 | 5.0 | 12 |
| 8. | Damion Fletcher, Southern Miss. | 276 | 1,388 | 5.0 | 11 |
| 9. | Yvenson Bernard, Oregon State | 296 | 1,307 | 4.4 | 12 |
| 10. | Amir Pinnix, Minnesota | 252 | 1,272 | 5.0 | 10 |
| 11. | Rodney Ferguson, New Mexico | 252 | 1,234 | 4.9 | 7 |
| 12. | Kalvin McRae, Ohio | 258 | 1,252 | 4.9 | 15 |
| 13. | Ryan Torain, Arizona State | 223 | 1,229 | 5.5 | 7 |

