

# 2007-08 Roster



Top Row: Stephanie Wilber, Kayli Murphy, Lauren Lacey, Kirsten Thompson, Becca Tobin, Sybil Dosty, Jill Noe, Nicole Anders. Bottom Row: Gabby Fage, Briann January, Reagan Pariseau, Dymond Simon, Danielle Orsillo, Lavinia Fanaika, Kate Engelbrecht.

## Alphabetical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.
3	Nicole Anders	G	5-10
33	Sybil Dosty	C	6-3
11	Kate Engelbrecht	G	5-10
30	Gabby Fage	G	5-11
10	Nia Fanaika	G	5-8
20	Briann January	G	5-8
34	Lauren Lacey	F/C	6-3
21	Kayli Murphy	F/C	6-2
22	Jill Noe	G	5-10
13	Danielle Orsillo	G	5-9
2	Reagan Pariseau	G	5-5
1	Dymond Simon	G	5-5
23	Kirsten Thompson	C	6-6
32	Becca Tobin	F	6-5
24	Stephanie Wilber	G/F	6-1

## Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Year/Exp	Hometown/Previous School
1	Dymond Simon	G	5-5	So./1V	Phoenix, Ariz./St. Mary's HS
2	Reagan Pariseau	G	5-5	Sr./3V	Spokane, Wash./Central Valley HS
3	*Nicole Anders	G	5-10	Jr./TR	Phoenix, Ariz./Yavapai College
10	Nia Fanaika	G	5-8	Jr./2V	Millbrae, Calif./Mills HS
11	Kate Engelbrecht	G	5-10	Jr./2V	Tucson, Ariz./Catalina Foothills HS
13	Danielle Orsillo	G	5-9	Jr./2V	Oroville, Calif./Las Plumas HS
20	Briann January	G	5-8	Jr./2V	Spokane, Wash./Lewis & Clark HS
21	Kayli Murphy	F/C	6-2	So./1V	Phoenix, Ariz./St. Mary's HS
22	Jill Noe	G	5-10	Grad./3V	Tualatin, Ore./Wilsonville HS
23	Kirsten Thompson	C	6-6	Jr./2V	Monroe, Wash./Monroe HS
24	Stephanie Wilber	G/F	6-1	Fr./HS	Auburn, Wash./Riverside
30	Gabby Fage	G	5-11	So./1V	Belgrave, Victoria, Australia/Upwey
32	Becca Tobin	F	6-5	Fr./HS	Glendale, Ariz./Cactus
33	Sybil Dosty	C	6-3	Jr./TR	Tucson, Ariz./Tennessee
34	Lauren Lacey	F/C	6-3	Jr./TR	Olympia Fields, Ill./Minnesota

\* - Will redshirt in 2007-08

STARTERS RET./LOST: ..... 3/2  
LETTERWINNERS RETURNING:.....10  
LETTERWINNERS LOST: .....3  
NEWCOMERS: .....4

**Head Coach:** Charli Turner Thorne (12th season)

**Associate Head Coaches:** Joseph Anders (7th season) and Meg Sanders (5th season)

**Assistant Coach:** Laura Hughes (11th season)

## Pronunciation Guide

Sybil Dosty .....Dough-STEE  
Gabby Fage..... Fay-ELGE (as in beige)  
Lavinia Fanaika .....Fun-EYE-Kuh

Kate Engelbrecht.....INGLE-brecht  
Briann January ..... Bree-ON  
Kayli Murphy..... Kay - LEE  
Jill Noe .....NO

Danielle Orsillo ..... Or-sil-LOW  
Reagan Pariseau ..... Pear-eh-SO  
Dymond Simon.....Diamond  
Kirsten Thompson ..... KUR-sten



# 2007-08 Outlook

**The 2007-08 Sun Devils will be looking to advance to the postseason for the ninth consecutive year.**

Coming off a season in which she led Arizona State to its best season in school history – school records for most overall (31) and Pac-10 (16) wins and the program's first ever appearance in an NCAA Regional Final – ASU head coach Charli Turner Thorne knows that the ticket that was good for admission to the Elite Eight of last season's "Big Dance" does not come with a free reentry policy.

Combining creativity with a foundation of knowledge that extends well beyond the Xs and Os of the hardwood, Turner Thorne and her staff regularly remind the team about the importance of habitually doing the things – work hard every day to get better, possess a relentless empty-out-every-possession mentality – that got them there. It was this very point that Turner Thorne found a new way to underscore during the team's pre-season preparations.

*It's a few minutes before a late October practice is about to begin in Wells Fargo Arena. As the Sun Devils start to make their way onto the court they immediately notice their familiar confines look anything but on this day. A sudden burst of laughter comes over the team moments later when it spots its coaching staff, which on this afternoon has decided to temporarily alter itself into that of the judging panel from the television show American Idol.*

*Within minutes a short skit ensues as "Simon, Paula and Randy," observe and critique a musical act which performs before them. All of this is part of a pre-Halloween activity which ends up being equal parts levity and lesson. The lesson? That just like the contestants on American Idol, the only way for a team to 'advance' is to consistently get better with each 'performance' and the only way to do that is by not losing sight of what it takes to get there.*

"One thing we have talked about is making sure that we stay true to what got us to the Elite Eight," explains Turner Thorne, who is entering her 12th season at ASU. "We are going to approach everything the way we did last year and hopefully have even better results.

"We have coined the John Maxwell phrase 'Talent is never enough,' and it is going to be all about us making great choices because we know we have all the pieces to take that next step and be in Tampa Bay."

Those pieces include the entire starting backcourt from last season – seniors Reagan Pariseau and Jill Noe and junior Briann January – an All-Pac-10 freshman performer in soph-

omore guard Dymond Simon; a pair of transfers in juniors Sybil Dosty and Lauren Lacey, who are looking to make an immediate impact on the inside for the Sun Devils and four other significant returners and a pair of talented newcomers. Now the challenge that lies before Turner Thorne and her staff is making all the pieces fit.

"We have a lot of talented players and the thing that was so great about last year is that in each game different players had great games, explained Turner Thorne. "That being said it is going to be important that we continue to play with that unselfish mentality, which is something that exists on all great teams on all levels."

## Backcourt

Without question one of the principal factors that contributed to ASU's success last season was the play of its backcourt. Characterized by their steady play, sound decision making and propensity for making plays when it mattered most, the Sun Devil guards provided ASU with the contributions and consistency that were necessary for making a run deep into

the month of March. With that entire cast returning and the addition of freshman Stphanie Wilber, Turner Thorne knows that the backcourt will be able to handle and excel in any situation that is put in front of them this season.

"Last season our guards did a great job in close games," said Turner Thorne. "Our consistency was tremendous and so it is exciting to have that going into a season when we are going to be consistently challenged by the teams on our schedule. We are very confident that any one who is out there – whether it's Reagan Pariseau or Briann January, or even Dymond Simon with only a half a season under her belt – will be very adept at calling audibles down the stretch and making the right decisions."

A starter in 67 games the last two seasons, Pariseau will look to continue the solid brand of play that has become her signature during her time as a Sun Devil. Last season, she finished second on the team in both assists and steals, while concluding the regular season ranked No. 2 in the Pac-10 in assist-to-turnover ratio. For all she did in helping the Sun Devils get to the 2007 NCAA Tournament, it is what she did while they were there that many ASU fans will remember for years to come.

On the eve of ASU's Sweet Sixteen contest against Bowling Green, Pariseau learned there was a strong likelihood that her backcourt mate Briann January would not



Senior Jill Noe





be able to play because of lingering effects from a concussion suffered less than a week earlier in ASU's come-from-behind win over Louisville. With Simon already sidelined for the season, Pariseau would be the only true healthy point guard on the roster. With a berth in the Elite Eight hanging in the balance, Pariseau would respond with the game of her career, playing a career-high 34 minutes and contributing five points, four rebounds and a season-best seven assists.

"I thought her performance in the Bowling Green game was the most complete game as a point guard that she ever had at ASU," said Turner Thorne. "She had to play almost every second of the game and she managed the game as well as any point guard I have ever coached."

After fighting back from a pair of knee injuries that forced her to miss two of her first three seasons in Tempe, Jill Noe has been one of the top contributors for the Sun Devils the last two seasons and now as a sixth-year "senior" is a player who is determined to make her final season her best.

"What a success story Jill Noe is in terms of the way she has come back," said Turner Thorne. "Each year she continues to be more consistent and develop more aspects of her game. She was a super athlete and a slasher when we got to her and now I think she can be one of the best shooters in the conference."

Last season, Noe, who already earned her undergraduate degree and is on track to earn her graduate degree in May, scored in double figures 13 times while leading the team in three-point field goals (39) and three-point FG pct. (.375, sixth in the Pac-10). She finished third on the team in both assists (2.9 apg) and rebounds (4.9 rpg). In addition, she led or tied for the team lead in scoring four times and led or tied for the team lead in rebounding 10 times.

"This season we are looking for Jill to bring it all and help this team take the next step," said Turner Thorne.

Arguably the best guard in the country at the end of the 2006-07 season, Briann January will look to help the Sun Devils with her high-energy style of play, which proved to be the difference maker in several games last season.

"Briann can take over a game with her offense and defense and she has the ability to run the show and create shots for other people," said Turner Thorne. "She can be a point guard or you can swing her over and say 'we need you to score' and it is



**Junior Briann January**

that kind of versatility that I think separates her from all the rest."

It was that versatility last season that enabled January to earn All-Pac-10 honorable mention honors for a season in which she finished No. 3 in the Pac-10 in steals (2.1 per game), No. 4 in assists (4.0 per game), No. 4 in assist-to-turnover ratio (1.67) and No. 6 in free throw percentage (81.7). During the second half of the season January led the team in scoring (11.8 ppg), assists (3.6 per game), steals (2.0 per game) and tied for the team lead in free throws attempted (75), free throws made (64) and three-point field goals (19).

In the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament, January averaged 18.5 points while shooting 60 percent (12-20) from the field in ASU's come-from-behind wins over UC Riverside and Louisville. A career-best four three-point field goals punctuated January's 22-point outing against the Cardinals, which also tied a career-high mark.

"In the second round game against Louisville, Briann did everything a player could do," said Turner Thorne.

Looking to bounce back from an all-too-sudden and unfortunate end to her freshman campaign will be Dymond Simon, who was named to the Pac-10's All-Freshman Team last season despite missing the second half of the Pac-10 season with a torn ACL.

"Dymond is a very special player who is critical in terms of our desires to take the next step as a program," said Turner Thorne. "I think one of the strongest testimonials to her ability as a player is the fact that the conference coaches still voted her onto the All-Freshman Team despite her missing the entire second half of the Pac-10 season."

Prior to getting injured, Simon showed flashes of the brilliance that she used to help lead her high school team to a pair of state championships. At the time of her injury, Simon was third on the team in scoring (9.7 points per game) and second on the team in steals (1.6 per game). Two weeks before getting injured, Simon was named the Pac-10 Player of the Week after averaging 20 points, 3.0 assists and 1.5 steals in ASU's wins vs. Washington State and Washington.



**Senior Reagan Pariseau**



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## 2007-08 RETURNING PRODUCTION

### SCORING

<b>Team (1,820)</b> .....	<b>69.8%</b>
Briann January (358).....	13.7
Danielle Orsillo (355).....	13.6
Jill Noe (310).....	11.9
Kirsten Thompson (264).....	10.1
Dymond Simon (187).....	7.2
Reagan Pariseau (143).....	5.4
Kayli Murphy (101).....	3.8
Kate Engelbrecht (93).....	3.6
Gabby Fage (7).....	.003
Lavinia Fanaika (2).....	.001

### REBOUNDING

<b>Team (763)</b> .....	<b>59.8%</b>
Jill Noe (172).....	13.5
Kirsten Thompson (124).....	9.7
Kayli Murphy (123).....	9.6
Danielle Orsillo (100).....	7.8
Briann January (78).....	6.1
Reagan Pariseau (61).....	4.8
Kate Engelbrecht (56).....	4.4
Dymond Simon (33).....	2.6
Gabby Fage (15).....	1.1
Lavinia Fanaika (1).....	.01

### ASSISTS

<b>Team (522)</b> .....	<b>80.1%</b>
Briann January (140).....	21.5
Reagan Pariseau (104).....	20.0
Jill Noe (100).....	19.2
Danielle Orsillo (58).....	11.1
Kate Engelbrecht (46).....	8.8
Dymond Simon (37).....	7.0
Kayli Murphy (20).....	3.8
Kirsten Thompson (10).....	1.9
Gabby Fage (7).....	1.3
Lavinia Fanaika (0).....	.00

### STEALS

<b>Team (273)</b> .....	<b>80.2%</b>
Briann January (74).....	21.8
Reagan Pariseau (45).....	13.2
Jill Noe (38).....	11.2
Dymond Simon (32).....	9.4
Danielle Orsillo (28).....	8.2
Kate Engelbrecht (27).....	7.9
Kayli Murphy (22).....	6.5
Kirsten Thompson (4).....	1.0
Gabby Fage (3).....	.008
Lavinia Fanaika (0).....	.00

According to Turner Thorne, Simon has found ways to improve her game even while recovering from the injury.

"We always challenge players when they are out to work on something more than maybe they otherwise would be able to. True to Dymond and her amazing commitment to be the best basketball player she can be, she worked tirelessly on her shot and that is what people are going to notice right away. Her shot is fluid and it looks great."

Turner Thorne anticipates that Simon will be at near full strength by the time the season commences.

Like many of her teammates, Danielle Orsillo found herself at the peak of her game toward the end of the 2006-07 season. In ASU's NCAA Regional Semifinal win against Bowling Green, Orsillo stepped up on the offensive side of the ball to compensate for the loss of January. By game's end, Orsillo had scored a game-high 16 points on 7-12 shooting to go along with three rebounds and two assists all while playing a career-high 34 minutes. She would end up being named to the Greensboro All-Tournament Team after averaging 12.5 points, 3.5 rebounds and 2.0 assists in ASU's two Regional contests.

"Danielle is another player who we just want her to pick up where she left off," said Turner Thorne. "Danielle

was tremendous during a stretch of games in the preseason where she was shooting 60-70 percent and then again in postseason she struggled early and then came out and exploded in the Sweet Sixteen round. I am excited for her to take her game to the next level because she has all the pieces to be a great basketball player."

One of the quieter players off the court, Kate Engelbrecht is constantly making noise when steps onto the hardwood. According to Turner Thorne, it was the play of Engelbrecht that was able to help the team sustain its drive after the loss of Simon with nine games left in the regular season.

"For us to get as far as we did was a credit to the whole team, but an amazing amount of that credit goes to Kate and how she stepped up," said Turner Thorne. "Kate was our difference maker."

A career 58-percent shooter, Engelbrecht is a player who Turner Thorne expects to blossom this season, which is due in large part to Engelbrecht's tireless work ethic.

"Kate has become so much more versatile on both sides of the floor and she is one of the hardest working players in one of the hardest working programs in the country," said Turner Thorne.

After appearing in 11 games her freshman season, Gabby Fage will look to take on a bigger workload this season after having a good offseason.

"Gabby wasn't able to take part in the offseason program prior to her freshman year, but since last season ended she has worked really hard to be ready for this season," said Turner Thorne. "Gabby is a bright player who is an excellent shooter and I think she is starting to get a great feel for our team. We are so proud of her commitment to our program and I am excited to see her contribute when the season starts."

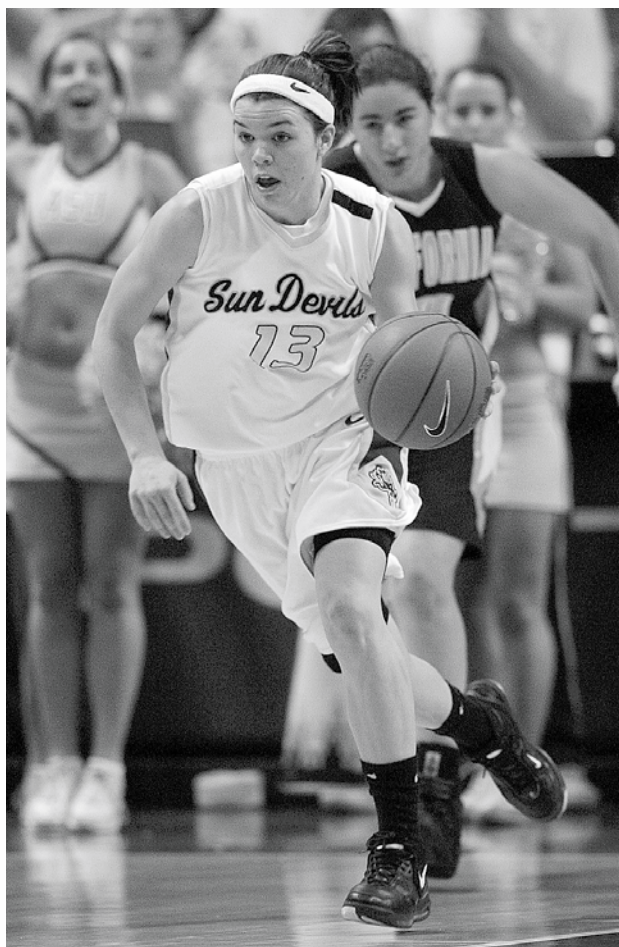
Already working hard to become a significant contributor is freshman Stephanie Wilber, who, like many great Sun Devil before her, came to ASU from the state of Washington.

"Stephanie comes out of a tremendous high school program that won the state championship. She know how to

win and she knows how to make plays," said Turner Thorne. "She might remind some of Emily Westerberg because of the versatile skill set she has. She is a guard who had to play post for her high school team and when that happens you not only learn a lot of different skills, but you learn to do them well. We are excited to work with her and think she can help us right away."

Nia Fanaika gives the Sun Devils even more depth at a position where they might be the deepest in the country not just in terms of depth, but quality depth.

Also joining the team this season is Nicole Anders, who is the daughter of Sun Devil Associate Head Coach Joseph Anders. A transfer from Yavapai College, Anders will red-shirt this season as she continues to recover from an injury she suffered during her last year at Yavapai.



Junior Danielle Orsillo





## Frontcourt

When the season commences, the most noticeable difference from last year's team will be noticed in the front court where All-Pac-10 standouts Aubree Johnson and Emily Westerberg will no longer be occupying the paint. However, as Turner Thorne likes to point out, ASU's program is now at the point where, pardon the cliché, it no longer rebuilds, but reloads.

"We lose two amazing young ladies in Emily and Aubree, but we insert two equally amazing young ladies in Sybil Dosty and Lauren Lacey, and then you look at who is returning with Kirsten Thompson and Kayli Murphy and you suddenly realize that you've got an abundance of talent inside," said Turner Thorne. "On top of all that you add Becca Tobin, who did it all in high school and Stephanie Wilber who has the ability to swing and play inside."

After two seasons of contributing while learning from the likes of Kristen Kovesdy, Johnson and Westerberg, "KT," as she is known to her team, now looks to make her mark in continuing ASU's tradition of outstanding posts.

"KT is playing better than she has ever played before," said Turner Thorne. "She is going to be a go-to player for us in the block and someone who we will be looking at to provide not only scoring and rebounding but also to be a veteran and give direction to the younger post players. I think KT is prepared and ready to take over games this year."

Taking over games is something that Thompson has proven she can do against some of the best competition there is. Against California in the semifinals of the Pac-10 Tournament, Thompson scored all 14 of her points in the second half, including eight consecutive at one point in helping ASU pull out a hard-fought 60-53 win. For Thompson, who shot 52 percent for the season, it was one of ten times she scored in double figures last season.

Biding their time since they last played a meaningful game in the spring of 2006, Dosty and Lacey are two players who are very eager to get on the floor and help the Sun Devils ascend to the top.

"I thought that Sybil and Lauren did a fabulous job during their redshirt year," said Turner Thorne. "They both had personal records in the weight room and in their conditioning tests. I really give them a lot of credit because they stayed hungry throughout the year."

Both players got to take a bit of a test drive with their teammates in real competition during ASU's trip to Italy last May in which the Sun Devils squared off against four different teams from around the country.

"The Italy trip was a great opportunity for them to start playing with their teammates and I think it was a real eye-opener for them in terms of where they were at," said Turner Thorne. "They found out what they felt comfortable with and learned about some things that they still needed to do."

Originally a native of Tucson, Dosty spent her first two collegiate seasons at the University of Tennessee where she was part of a Final Four team her freshman year. Lacey, who transferred from the University of Minnesota, was also part of two squads that went to the NCAA Tournament.



**Sophomore Dymond Simon**

"Obviously we are really excited about Lauren and Sybil and what they are capable of doing," said Turner Thorne. "They have worked hard and are very prepared to have great seasons for us."

Making the most of her time on the floor during her freshman year was Kayli Murphy. How productive was Murphy? Despite coming off the bench she still came within one offensive rebound of tying for the team lead in that statistic. As one of four Sun Devils to play in all 36 games last season, Murphy grabbed five or more rebounds eight times, including a career-best eight boards in back-to-back wins against the Washington schools.

"We are looking for Kayli to build on last year," explained Turner Thorne. "She was a solid defender, who hit big shots and made big plays for us. This season she has an opportunity to fill some big shoes and during the offseason she has done everything she can to make sure she will be prepared for that."

Local product Becca Tobin joins the Sun Devils from nearby Glendale Cactus, where she helped lead her team to three state championships. Holder of the single-season state record for shot blocks, Tobin is equally adept on the offensive side of the floor where her ability to play away from the basket often causes matchup problems for opposing teams. Tobin is also equally effective inside the paint.

"Becca is someone who we want to see play all over the floor," said Turner Thorne. "She is also a tenacious competitor who always finds a way to get the job done and she is going to help us right away."



**Junior Kirsten Thompson**





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