

Arizona State Women's Golf



No. 1 Arizona State at Betsy Rawls Longhorn Classic
Friday, Mar. 20 - Sunday, Mar. 21 -- Austin, Texas

2009 Sun Devil Schedule/Results

9/7-8	Fall Preview	1st
9/26-28	Mason Rudolph	5th
10/24-26	The Derby	1st
2/9-11	Northrop Grumman	1st
2/22-24	Wildcat Invitational	2nd
3/8-10	UCF Challenge	2nd
3/20-22	Betsy Rawls	All Day
4/3-5	PING/ASU	All Day
4/23-25	Pac-10 Championships	All Day
5/7-9	NCAA West Regional	All Day
5/19-22	NCAA Championships	All Day

2009 Sun Devils . . .

Tournament Wins:	3
Top 10 Finishes:	6
Tournament Champions:	2

Head Coach Melissa Luellen --

Melissa Luellen has become a top-tier coach after getting the Sun Devils back to their winning tradition. In her eighth year, Luellen has twice been named Pac-10 Coach of the Year (2006, 2007) and West Regional Coach of the Year three times (2005, 2006, 2007). Under Luellen, the Sun Devils have placed in the top 10 at the NCAA Championships, including a fourth place finish in 2006 and a fifth in 2008.

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No. 1 Women's Golf Journeys to Lone Star State

Sun Devils to compete in Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational.



This Week --

The No. 1 Arizona State women's golf team heads to the Lone Star State to compete at the Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational in Austin, Texas. Held March 20-22, the tournament will take place at the par 72 6,324 yard University of Texas Golf Club. Teams competing include No. 9 Duke, No. 13 Vanderbilt, No. 14 Purdue, No. 20 Arizona, No. 22 Arkansas, No. 26 Notre Dame, No. 34 New Mexico, No. 35 Texas A&M, No. 42 UCF, No. 44 Furman, No. 46, South Carolina, No. 61 Chattanooga, No. 55 Texas, No. 56 Tulsa, No. 57 Florida State and No. 66 Oklahoma.

Top Devils --

The Sun Devils currently hold the top spot in both polls. The Sun Devils maintained their first place position in the Golfweek.com rankings and moved ahead of UCLA in the Golf World/NGCA poll.

Line-Up

1. Jaclyn Sweeney

2. Azahara Munoz

3. Carlota Ciganda

4. Juliana Murcia

5. Giulia Molinaro

Ind. Jennifer Osborn

Three Times On Top --

Despite playing without their No. 1 and No. 2 players of the fall, the Sun Devils took home their third tournament championship of the season in Palos Verdes, Calif., earlier this year. Topping No. 2 UCLA and No. 3 USC on one of their local courses, the team shot a 46-over 898 (305-294-299) to win the Northrop Grumman Regional Challenge.

Carlota Qualifies --

ASU freshman Carlota Ciganda recently earned an exemption into the J Golf Phoenix LPGA

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NCAA Team Championships

1990	Linda Vollstedt
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NCAA Individual Championships

2008	Azahara Munoz
1999	Grace Park
1995	Kristel Mourgue d'Algue
1994	Emilee Klein
1985	Danielle Ammaccapane
1970	Cathy Gaughan
1969	Jane Bastanchury-Booth
1962	Carol Sorenson
1960	Joanne Gunderson-Carner

2008-09 Tournament Wins

Tournament	Strokes Ahead of Second
NCAA Fall Preview	8
The Derby	18
Northrop Grumman	18

Medalists on Current Roster

Azahara Munoz -- (1)	
NCAA Championships	2008
Juliana Murcia -- (1)	
Northrop Grumman Regional Challenge	2009
Jennifer Osborn -- (1)	
Edean Ihlanfeldt	2005
Jaclyn Sweeney -- (1)	
Big 12 Championships	2008

Top 20 Performances This Season

Carlota Ciganda (3):	
Northrop Grumman	T2
The Wildcat	T3
UCF Challenge	T14
Giulia Molinaro (1):	
UCF Challenge	T19
Azahara Munoz (4):	
NCAA Fall Preview	T4
Mason Rudolph Invitational	16
The Derby	T2
UCF Challenge	T10
Juliana Murcia (2):	
Northrop Grumman	1
The Wildcat	T7
Jennifer Osborn (3):	
NCAA Fall Preview	T9
The Derby	T12
The Wildcat	T7
Jaclyn Sweeney (2):	
Northrop Grumman	T16
UCF Challenge	T6

International. The Spaniard carded a 3-under 69 at the Amateur Qualifier to claim her spot at the prestigious event. The tournament will take place at the Papago Golf Course, March 23-29.

Much Ado About Munoz---

Reigning NCAA Individual Champion Munoz comes back for more as she looks to cap her Sun Devil career in superior fashion. After resting for two tournament as she recovered from a minor wrist surgery, the senior shot a 2-under 214 (72-69-73) to tie for 10th at the UCF Challenge. Munoz, whose win at the NCAA Championships last season marked her first collegiate tournament victory, entered the season ranked No. 2 in the Golf World/NGCA poll. The native of Malaga, Spain tied for second at The Derby Invitational, carding 5-under (shot par at the NCAA Fall Preview to tie for fourth.

Sweet Sweeney --

Jaclyn Sweeney earned her first top 10 finish of the season by tying for sixth place at the UCF Challenge. The sophomore transfer used two days of shooting under par to finish 3-under 213 (71-70-72). Sweeney earned first-team All-American honors from Golfweek.com last season while at Oklahoma.

Settling in Just Fine --

Carlota Ciganda has finished in the top three in her first two collegiate tournaments. The Spanish freshman tied for second in her ASU debut at the Northrop Grumman. Ciganda followed that performance up with a one-shot-out-of-first third place finish at the Wildcat.

Murcia Shows No Mercy --

After starting the Northrop Grumman as the team's No. 4 player, junior Juliana Murcia had the best tournament of her collegiate career and finished as the tournament medalist. Battling through rain, near freezing temperatures and 40 mph winds, the junior shot 1-over 214 (70-71-73) to help lead the Sun Devils to their third team title of the season. Her round one score of 70 was a career-low for Murcia. Murcia beat out teammate Carlota Ciganda for first by eight shots for her first collegiate tournament win. Aided by a career-low 5-under 67 in the first round, Murcia carded her second top 10 finish of the season with a seventh place finish at the Wildcat.

All About Osborn --

After a tough junior season, Jennifer Osborn has come on strong in her final year at ASU. The senior has finished in the top 20 three times this season including two top-10 performances. At the Wildcat, Osborn shot two rounds under par to jump up to seventh on the final day.

Making Her Way in the Lineup --

Freshman Giulia Molinaro secured her place in the lineup for the Betsy Rawls after placing in the top 20 at the UCF Invitational. Playing as an individual, Molinaro carded an even 216 (77-68-71). Her score of 68 in the second round marks a career-low for the Italian.

Invitation Accepted! --

Defending NCAA Champion Munoz recently accepted an invitation to compete in the Kraft Nabisco Invitational held at the Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, Calif. Munoz will miss ASU's home tournament to compete in the LPGA event. Jennifer Johnson, a 2009 NLI signee, was also given an exemption to the

ASU Pronunciation Guide --

Azahara Munoz -- ATHA - hara
Juliana Murcia --- WHO lee ahna
Giulia Molinaro -- Julia

Golf World/NGCA Rankings

1. Arizona State.....	659
2. UCLA	657
3. Southern California.....	620
4. Oklahoma State	522
Virginia	522
6. Alabama.....	508
7. Auburn.....	466
8. Duke.....	457
9. Wake Forest.....	436
10. Georgia.....	430
11. LSU	407
12. Purdue	404
13. Vanderbilt.....	342
14. Pepperdine	323
15. North Carolina.....	302
16. Denver	283
17. Michigan State	225
18. California.....	212
19. Louisville.....	180
20. Kent State	129
21. Arizona	128
22. Stanford	118
23. UC Irvine.....	115
24. Arkansas	105
25. San Jose State	59

Golfweek.com Poll

1. Arizona State.....	70.76
2. UCLA	71.24
3. Southern California.....	71.28
4. Virginia	71.95
5. Alabama.....	72.03
6. Oklahoma State	72.09
7. Wake Forest.....	72.17
8. Auburn.....	72.56
9. Duke	72.62
10. Georgia	72.72
11. LSU	72.89
12. Pepperdine	72.92
13. Purdue	72.97
14. Vanderbilt.....	72.98
15. North Carolina.....	72.99
16. Denver	73.25
17. Michigan State	73.43
18. California.....	73.62
19. Louisville.....	73.65
20. Arizona	73.81
21. Stanford	73.87
22. Arkansas	73.99
23. Kent State	74.02
24. UC Irvine	74.08
25. San Jose State	74.17

Sun Devils In Top 50

(Golf Stat Cup Rankings)

- 4. Carlota Ciganda
- 6. Azahara Munoz
- 19. Juliana Murcia

Kraft Nabisco Invitational.

Nationally Honored --

The Sun Devils' stellar spring start was recognized by two national golf publications. Murcia was named Player of the Week by both Golfweek.com and Golf World. The team was also honored as Team of the Week by Golfweek.com. The team had previously been tabbed Team of the Week for their win at the NCAA Fall Preview in September and Anna Nordqvist was named Player of the Week for her win at The Derby.

Fall Recap --

The Sun Devils will head into the spring after a successful season. Sporting only five players on their roster, the team took home first place trophies in two tournaments. The Sun Devils won the NCAA Fall Preview, which features most of the nation's top teams, for the first time since 1994. After a fifth place finish at the Mason Randolph, the team decided to end the fall the way they started it, with a win. They did just that, capturing first place at The Derby.

Next Up ---

The Sun Devils will host the annual PING/ASU Invitational at the Karsten Golf Course, their home course. The tournament, which always features the finest teams in college golf, will be held April 3-5.