

Arizona State Results		
DATE	OPPONENT (rank)	RESULT
Feb. 8	#Utah State	W, 13-4 (5)
Feb. 8	#Texas A&M	W, 2-1 (9)
Feb. 9	#Texas Tech	W, 6-1
Feb. 9	#Fresno State (16)	W, 2-0
Feb. 10	#Kansas	L, 2-3
Feb. 10	#New Mexico State	W, 8-0 (5)
Feb. 15	%Illinois State	L, 0-3
Feb. 15	%Iowa (6)	W, 9-1
Feb. 16	%Michigan State	W, 7-2
Feb. 16	%Oklahoma State	W, 1-0
Feb. 17	%Illinois State	W, 3-1
Feb. 22	^Mississippi State (24)	L, 1-2
Feb. 22	^Connecticut	W, 4-2
Feb. 23	^Michigan (10)	W, 6-4
Feb. 23	^Notre Dame (19)	W, 3-2
Feb. 24	^Michigan (10)	L, 1-5
Feb. 26	Eastern Michigan	W, 9-1 (5)
Feb. 26	Eastern Michigan	W, 11-2 (5)
Feb. 27	Hawaii	W, 3-1
Feb. 27	Hawaii	W, 5-2
March 1	Boston College	W, 9-0 (5)
March 2	Boston College	W, 9-0 (5)
March 3	Boston College	W, 8-1
March 8	&San Jose State	L, 0-1
March 8	&Buffalo	W, 2-0
March 8	&Northern Iowa	L, 1-2 (9)
March 9	&Georgia Tech	W, 5-4
March 9	&Long Beach State	W, 1-0 (8)
March 10	&Iowa (17)	W, 5-1
March 13	+Texas	W, 3-2 (8)
March 14	+New Mexico	W, 5-3
March 15	+DePaul (14)	W, 6-5
March 16	+Rutgers	W, 11-1 (5)
March 16	+Arizona (2)	W, 3-0
March 17	+Cal State Fullerton (9)	L, 5-7
March 22	New Mexico	W, 6-2
March 22	New Mexico	W, 4-3
March 29	Arizona* (2)	L, 0-2
March 30	Arizona* (2)	L, 1-10 (5)
April 5	UCLA* (1)	W, 3-2
April 6	Washington* (10)	W, 3-2
April 7	Washington* (10)	W, 6-1
April 12	@ Oregon*	W, 9-1 (6)
April 13	@ Oregon State* (14)	L, 0-1
April 14	@ Oregon State* (14)	W, 6-0
April 19	@ California* (8)	2:00 p.m.
April 20	@ Stanford* (3)	7:00 p.m.
April 21	@ Stanford* (3)	1:00 p.m.
April 26	Oregon State*	7:00 p.m.
April 27	Oregon* (Fox Sports Net)	1:00 p.m.
April 28	Oregon*	1:00 p.m.
April 30	@ Arizona*	7:00 p.m.
May 3	Stanford*	7:00 p.m.
May 4	California* (KAZ-TV)	7:00 p.m.
May 5	California*	1:00 p.m.
May 10	@ Washington*	2:00 p.m.
May 11	@ UCLA*	1:00 p.m.
May 11	@ UCLA*	3:00 p.m.
May 16-19	NCAA Regionals	TBA
May 23-26	NCAA College World Series	TBA

All home games are **bolded**.

\*Pacific-10 Conference game.

# Fiesta Bowl Tournament, Phoenix/Tempe, Ariz.

% Louisville Slugger Tournament, Tempe, Ariz.

^ NFCA Leadoff Classic Tournament, Columbus, Ga.

& National Invitational Tournament, San Jose, Calif.

+ KIA Classic Tournament, Fullerton, Calif.

# ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

## **SUN DEVIL SOFTBALL**

### **No. 6 Arizona State Travels To No. 8 California And No. 3 Stanford**

**ON TAP:** The sixth-ranked Arizona State Sun Devils (35-10, 5-3 Pac-10) will continue its Pac-10 tour as they head to the Bay Area to face eighth-ranked California (39-14, 5-4 Pac-10) on Friday, April 19 at 2:00 p.m. ASU will then head over to take on third-ranked Stanford (35-8, 4-5 Pac-10) on Saturday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 21 at 1:00 p.m. Last year, ASU swept the series in the Bay Area, defeating Cal twice and Stanford once. The Sun Devils are 29-46 all-time against Cal, while holding a 24-11 lead against Stanford. Last weekend ASU won two of three from the Oregon schools, beating Oregon 9-1 and splitting with 14th-ranked Oregon State, 0-1/6-0.

**LIFE'S A BEACH:** Senior All-American pitcher/designated player **Erica Beach** continues to have a career year as a Sun Devil. Beach currently holds Arizona State's all-time record for home runs (26) and RBIs (149), and is third all-time in wins (68) and strikeouts (438). This season, Beach continues to post career-highs for wins, currently at 22-7 (5 shutouts/3 combined), ERA (1.14) and strikeouts (138). In the Pac-10, Beach is batting a scorching .571 (12-for-21) with three home runs. At the beginning of the Pac-10 season, Beach was one of ASU's main contributors at the plate and in the circle as the Sun Devils defeated top-ranked UCLA once and 10th-ranked Washington twice, earning Louisville Slugger/NFCA National Player of the Week and Pac-10 Player of the Week honors. Offensively, Beach went 4-for-5 with three runs scored, two home runs (including the game-winner against UCLA), three RBIs and four walks. She was also tough in the circle going 2-0 in 12.2 innings, allowing just three runs with nine strikeouts. Beach tallied two wins, helping ASU win the title at the National Invitational Softball Tournament. During the run to the crown, Beach pitched 21 innings, with 18 strikeouts, allowing only one earned run for a 0.33 ERA. Beach recorded her first win, a 1-0 one-hit shutout in the championship bracket against Long Beach State. Beach went eight innings, allowing the one hit for her fifth shutout of the year. In what turned out to be the championship game against 17th-ranked Iowa, Beach came in relief with one out and two Hawkeye's on base and proceeded to get out of that jam. She then pitch four more innings, allowing only three hits with six strikeouts as ASU went on to win 5-1. Against Northern Iowa, Beach pitched eight and a third innings, striking out a career-high 10 batters. After posting a perfect 3-0 record at the Louisville Slugger Classic Tournament, Beach was named the Pac-10 Pitcher of the Week. She tossed her third shutout of the year against Oklahoma State and was a main factor in Arizona State winning the tournament title as she pitched 21 innings, striking out 13, while allowing only one earned run. The earned run was the first all year, snapping a streak of 39 and two-thirds innings. The honor is Beach's fifth Pac-10 award of her career. At the Fiesta Bowl Tournament, Beach posted back to back one-hit games against No. 16 Fresno State and New Mexico State, flirting each time with no-hitters deep into the games. As a junior, Beach claimed Louisville Slugger/NFCA National Player of the Week, Pac-10 Player of the Week honors and Pac-10 Pitcher of the Week.

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**NFCA/USA Today Top-25**

Team (first place)	Record	Pts.	LR
1. <i>Arizona</i> (26)	38-5	674	1
2. <i>UCLA</i> (1)	37-6	648	2
3. <i>Stanford</i>	33-8	599	3
4. Nebraska	36-8	589	4
5. Louisiana State	33-8	584	5
6. <b>Arizona State</b>	<b>35-10</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>6</b>
7. <i>Cal State Fullerton</i>	40-9	523	7
8. <i>California</i>	39-14	487	8
9. <i>Washington</i>	34-13	432	10
10. Florida Atlantic	50-7	426	11
11. Oklahoma	36-10	422	9
12. <i>Michigan</i>	32-8	362	12 (t)
13. <i>Fresno State</i>	36-13	359	12 (t)
14. <i>Oregon State</i>	32-13	311	14
15. Alabama	37-13	305	15
16. <i>Texas</i>	37-10	266	18
17. <i>DePaul</i>	27-7	246	16
18. Pacific	33-12	226	17
19. Louisiana-Lafayette	33-10	191	19
20. Florida State	38-13	143	21
21. <i>Iowa</i>	27-14	109	20
22. Ohio State	38-9	105	25
23. Baylor	41-13	68	22
24. <i>Texas A&amp;M</i>	33-11	57	24
25. Georgia	45-11	50	23

**Dropped Out:** None.

**Receiving Votes:** South Carolina (32), Massachusetts (10), *Oklahoma State* (10), Stetson (4), Wisconsin (3).

**\*\*Teams in italics indicates 2002 opponents.**

**Arizona State Records**

Pacific-10.....	5-3
Non-Conference .....	30-7
Against Ranked Teams .....	11-6
Against Unranked Teams .....	24-4
Home Games.....	21-4
Road Games .....	2-2
Neutral Sites.....	12-4
Day Games .....	20-7
Night Games.....	15-3
Vs. Right Handed Starters .....	32-8
Vs. Left Handed Starters.....	3-2
Extra Innings.....	3-1
One Run Game.....	10-5
Two Run Game.....	7-2
Five Run (+) Game.....	14-1
Shutouts .....	9-4
ASU Scores First .....	30-2
Opponent Scores First .....	5-8
Out-Hit Opponents .....	30-2
Out-Hit by Opponents .....	3-7
February .....	16-4
March .....	14-5
April.....	5-1
May.....	0-0
Last 5 Games .....	4-1
Last 10 Games .....	7-3
Current Winning Streak.....	1
Longest Winning Streak .....	8

**OFFENSIVE PRODUCTION:** Sophomore **Phelan Wright** is picking up where she left off after an outstanding freshman year. Wright is leading the team in batting average (.443), doubles (13), is tied for home runs (6) and is second in RBIs (31). She also leads the team in multi-hit games (19), is second in multi-RBI games (9) and posted the team's longest hitting streak at 10 games. In six games at the KIA Classic Tournament she batted .700 (14-20) with six doubles, nine RBIs and four runs scored as ASU was the sole Pac-10 team (UA, UW) to advance to the semifinals of the KIA. In all six games she posted multi-hit games with 20 total bases and a 1.000 slugging percentage, earning Louisville Slugger/NFCA National Player of the Week and Pac-10 Player of the Week honors. In the opening pool game against Texas, Wright went 2-for-4 with a double, knocking in two of the three runs, including the game winner in the top of the eighth. Against No. 14 DePaul, Wright went a perfect 4-for-4 with another double and three RBIs as ASU won its pool over DePaul 6-5. Against Rutgers, she again went perfect, going 2-for-2 (both doubles) with two runs scored and one RBI as ASU run ruled Rutgers, 11-1. In the quarterfinal game against No. 2 Arizona, Wright again provided the firepower, going 2-for-3 with a run scored as ASU shutout Arizona, 3-0. In the semifinals against No. 9 Cal State Fullerton, she went 2-for-3 with one double and three RBIs. At the NFCA Leadoff Classic, she batted .563 (9-16) with four doubles, one home run, six runs scored and four RBIs. As a freshman, Wright was named the team's Offensive Player of the Year after leading ASU in batting average (.399/average was the highest posted by a freshman in the Pac-10 since 1999), hits (67) triples (2) and slugging percentage (.530). She also earned second-team All-Pac-10 honors, Louisville Slugger/NFCA National Player of the Week honors and Pac-10 Player of the Week honors. In 21 Pac-10 games she batted an amazing .418 in the pitching rich conference and posted the team's longest hitting streak at 13 games (fifth longest in the Pac-10). Wright produced a team-high 18 RBIs with two outs and finished tied for second on the team with 17 multi-hit games and third in multi-RBI games (6). Additionally, she batted .530 at the National Invitational Softball Tournament, earning all-tournament honors and led the team in postseason batting average at a .455 clip, earning Region III All-Tournament team honors.

**DYNAMIC DUO:** Seniors **Missy Hixon** and **Nichole Thompson**, who play second base and center field/first base respectively, each contribute to the success of the team in similar ways. Hixon, a three-time All-Pac-10 selection, is a four-year starter and has played in 225 career games ... she has produced 213 hits (fifth all-time), seven home runs, scored 120 runs (career-high 35 this year) and recorded 70 RBIs ... Hixon has also tallied 34 career doubles (fourth all-time) and stole 17 bases ... in 730 career at bats, Hixon has struck out only 38 times (1:19 at bats). Thompson, also a four-year starter, is a two-time All-Pac-10 selection and an All-Pacific Region choice as a sophomore ... Thompson holds a career .340 batting average (seventh all-time) in 227 games ... she has produced 236 hits (third all-time), scored 143 runs and recorded 72 RBIs ... Thompson has also tallied 25 doubles, five triples, stole 36 bases (fifth all-time) and has sacrificed 61 times ... in 696 career at bats, she has struck out only 35 times (1:20 at bats) ... both players were members of the USA National Softball (Blue) team and were again invited back to compete at the camp this May, 2002.

**HEAD COACH LINDA WELLS:** Coaching her 13th season at ASU and 28th of her career, Sun Devil Coach Linda Wells is one of the most prominent and successful coaches in NCAA history. Wells, who is currently the seventh-most successful active coach in NCAA Division I history with 808 victories, has led the Sun Devils to nine (five consecutive 1997-01) NCAA Regional appearances in 12 seasons, including her first trip to the College World Series in 1999. While at Arizona State, Wells has compiled a record of 457-323 and has had five players earn a total of eight All-American awards. Wells' achieved a coaching milestone that few will ever obtain, winning 800 career games against Rutgers (3/16/02). 2001 featured another one of Wells' teams finishing in the top-10 (No. 9), as well as playing one of the toughest — if not the strongest schedules — in the country (35 teams in the top-25). Wells also produced six Pac-10 Pitcher/Player of the Week honors, two NFCA National Player of the Week honors, two Academic All-Pacific Region choices, seven All-Pac-10 honorees and five Academic All-Pac-10 selections. Additionally, Wells was one of 12 coaches selected to form the USA Softball Women's National Team Coaches pool for the 2004 Olympic Games. She also had five current players earn invitations to participate in the USA Softball Women's National Team Camp. With the addition of seven All-Pac-10 selections in 2001 (the most since the 1990 season), Wells has now coached 59 all conference players during her tenure at Arizona State, averaging five All-Pac-10 selections every season. Wells has coached 28 .300 hitters at ASU in her 12 seasons, averaging a combined .330 — not an easy accomplishment in the pitching-rich Pac-10 where games are traditionally low scoring.

**Arizona State Starters & Key Reserves**

#	Name	Yr.	Pos.	B/T	Avg.	Notes
1	Erica Beach	Sr.	P	L/L	.322	Career-high 22 wins, 138 Ks, 6 HRs; batting .571 in the Pac-10
12	Kirsten Voak	Sr.	P/OF	R/R	.147	7-3 with career-high 5 saves; 93 Ks and 10 walks in 74 innings
17	Adriana Garcia	Jr.	C/OF	R/R	.237	23 hits, 3 doubles, 1 HR, 19 RBIs; NFCA JC Catcher of the Year
10	Bonnie Brannen	Sr.	C/OF	R/R	.167	18 starts with 1 home run and 6 RBIs, 3 assists
2	Missy Hixon	Sr.	2B	L/R	.313	Team-high 35 runs; 45 hits, 5 doubles, 1 HR and 12 RBIs
7	Kara Brun	Jr.	SS	R/R	.419	Team-high 44 RBIs and 57 hits; 10 doubles, 6 HRs and 26 runs
13	Phelan Wright	So.	3B	R/R	.443	Team-leader in avg. and doubles (13); 6 HRs, second in RBIs (31)
23	Nichole Thompson	Sr.	1B/OF	L/R	.393	53 hits, third in avg., 29 runs, 2 triples, 11 stolen bases, 17 sacs
4	Kristin Farber	So.	OF	L/R	.297	Team-high 13 stolen bases; 38 hits and 19 runs scored, 11 RBIs
8	Jennifer Forner	Jr.	OF	L/L	.300	24 hits with 15 runs scored and 4 stolen bases; .411 on-base %
9	Kristen Swetel	So.	P/OF	R/R	.250	6-0 with 1 save in 52 innings; 1 home run and 1 triple with 10 RBIs
37	Erin Wardein	Sr.	1B	R/R	.163	8 hits, 5 runs scored with 9 walks and 2 stolen bases
15	Amber Turner	So.	OF	S/R	1.000	Played in 25 games with 6 runs scored and 3 stolen base
16	Blair Holck	Fr.	3B/P	R/R	.000	Played in 22 games with 8 starts, scored 4 runs; pitched 1 inning
5	Kari Reidhead	So.	1B	L/L	.000	Played in 22 games with 5 runs scored
20	Pua Reis	Fr.	OF	R/R	.000	Played in 10 games with 1 sacrifice hit

**BRUN'S A HIT:** Junior shortstop **Kara Brun** has made an impact while wearing the Maroon and Gold, offensively and defensively. Brun, batting a team-second best .419 (.500 Pac-10), currently carries a career .355 batting average (fifth all-time). She leads the team in hits (57) and RBIs (44) and is tied for home runs (6). Brun is second all-time in Arizona State history in home runs (20), and RBIs (124) and third all-time in doubles (36). In five games at the 2002 NFCA Leadoff Classic Tournament, Brun batted .500 (8-16) with three home runs, one double, three runs scored and eight RBIs. She also had 18 total bases a 1.125 slugging percentage and a .529 on base percentage. Against 19th-ranked Notre Dame, Brun hit two home runs, including a walk-off two run shot with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning. At the time ASU was trailing 2-1. The win propelled ASU into the semifinals of the Silver Bracket. Earlier in the game, Brun hit her first home run to cut Note Dame's lead to 2-1. Brun then won the game in the bottom of the seventh. In the game, Brun went 2-4 with two home runs, two runs scored and three RBIs. Against 10th-ranked Michigan, Brun hit the first of her three home runs in the third inning, a three run blast to put ASU up 6-0. The home run was the difference in the out come of the game as Michigan cut into the six run lead with the final score of 6-4. For her performance, Brun was named the Pac-10 Player of the Week (Feb. 19-24). As a sophomore, Brun earned second-team All-Pac-10 honors, as well as the team's Defensive Player of the Year award while recording a 12 game hitting streak, second longest on the team and eighth longest in the Pac-10. She batted .311 with 59 hits, a team-high 34 runs and also posted team-highs in RBIs (42) and doubles (10). Brun finished second on the team in home runs (6), had a .458 slugging percentage and recorded a team second-best 15 RBIs with two outs. Defensively, she turned 14 double plays, good for fourth in the Pac-10 and led the team with 129 assists. As a freshman, Brun earned All-Pac-10 second team honors, selected to the Region V All-Tournament team and was named the team's Freshman and Defensive Player of the Year. At the plate, Brun led the team in batting average (.352), hits (68), doubles (16), runs (44), total bases (108), and was second in RBIs (38). Brun tied the single-season record in home runs (8) and posted 18 multi-hit games, eight multi-RBI games and held a team-high 16 game hitting streak.

**VOAK'S RESUME:** Two-time senior All-American pitcher **Kirsten Voak** will look to end her outstanding career as one of the most prolific pitchers in Arizona State history. In just her second game in 2002, Voak became Arizona State's career leader in strikeouts, currently with 884 (fifth all-time in the Pac-10), breaking a 20-year old record. She is second all-time in Arizona State history with 76 career wins, making 166 career appearances (third all-time in the Pac-10). Voak also currently has saved 14 career games, five in 2002. As a junior she was named the team's Pitcher of the Year and pitched her first career perfect game against Utah State, tossing her fourth career no hitter. Voak earned Pac-10 honorable mention status and was a two-time Pac-10 Pitcher of the Week, giving her eight in her career (fifth all-time in the Pac-10). She finished 14th in the country and second in the Pac-10 with four saves after posting a 15-9 record in 141 innings. Voak also recorded two shutouts (23 career) with 161 strikeouts, held opponents to a .185 batting average, while averaging eight strikeouts a game. She has tallied 18 career double-digit strikeout games. After two ASU record-setting seasons (24 wins, 314 strikeouts/Fr.), (30 wins, 316 strikeouts/So.), Voak garnered her second NFCA All-American honor, was a first-team All-Pac-10 and second-team All-Pacific Region choice and was named the team's MVP and Pitcher of the Year. Last year Voak earned three Pac-10 Pitcher of the Week honors, giving her eight career awards (fifth all-time in the Pac-10) and was named to the NFCA Leadoff Classic and NIST All-Tournament teams.

**Voak's Career Double-Digit Strikeout Games (18):**

15 — Oregon, 7 innings (4/2/00)	12 — Oregon State, 6 innings (4/24/99)
15 — Central Michigan, 8.1 innings (5/20/99)	12 — Nebraska, 7 innings (2/13/99)
14 — Utah, 7.1 innings (3/13/99)	12 — Washington, 8 innings (4/10/99)
13 — Santa Clara, 7 innings (3/10/00)	11 — Utah, 7 innings (3/10/00)
13 — Florida Atlantic, 7 innings (5/22/99)	11 — Illinois State, 7 innings (2/20/00)
12 — Washington, 7 innings (4/8/01)	10 — Oregon, 7 innings (4/27/01)
12 — UNLV, 7 innings (3/26/00)	10 — Oregon, 7 innings (4/25/99)
12 — Iowa, 7 innings (3/17/00)	10 — Utah, 7 innings (3/18/99)
12 — Portland State, 7 innings (2/26/00)	10 — Georgia Tech, 5 innings (3/9/02)

**FIVE SUN DEVILS TO OLYMPIC CAMP:** The Amateur Softball Association selected five current Arizona State players to participate in the USA Softball Women's National Team Camp this past summer at the ARCO Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, California. Senior **Kirsten Voak** (member of the 2001 ASA/USA National Softball (Red) team ... as a pitcher, she helped the team win the U.S. Cup); senior **Missy Hixon** (member of the 2001 ASA/USA National Softball (Blue) team ... won the Pan Am qualifier in Maracay, Venezuela ... played in seven games with five starts ... batted .286 with two runs and two sacrifice hits ... posted a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage, making six assists; senior **Nichole Thompson** (member of the 2001 ASA/USA National Softball (Blue) team ... won the Pan Am qualifier in Maracay, Venezuela ... started and played in all eight games ... led the team in sac bunts (3), fourth in hits (9) and sixth in batting average (.391); junior **Kara Brun** and sophomore **Kristin Farber**. Also, of the 20 schools listed with players competing, Arizona State had the third most representing one school. USA Softball then selected two 16-player teams to represent the U.S. in international competitions at the U.S. Cup in Honolulu, the Canada Cup in Vancouver and the Pan Am Qualifier in Maracay.

**NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS:** Junior shortstop **Kara Brun** and sophomore third baseman **Phelan Wright** are among 25 finalist for inaugural USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year Award. The Amateur Softball Association, the National Governing Body of Softball in the United States, designed the award to recognize outstanding athletic achievement by female collegiate softball players across the country. The list will be reduced to 10 players May 3rd, and three finalists will be announced May 31st. The winner of the 2002 USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year Award will be announced June 7th.

**NIST CHAMPIONS:** ASU was declared the National Invitational Softball Tournament champion after rain showers made field conditions unplayable at the Pleasanton (Calif.) Sports Complex. The Sun Devils, who posted a 4-2 mark in the tournament, was the only team in the 14-team field to make it all the way to the championship game undefeated, therefore earning the tournament title. The NIST title is the second in the past three years for Arizona State and the third title (1990) for the Sun Devils in the history of the tournament.

**RUNNING WITH THE DEVIL:** Sophomore **Kristin Farber** is looking to keep her pace up from last year when she led the team in stolen bases and was named the team's Freshman of the Year. In 2002, Farber again is pacing the Sun Devils, going 13-for-14 in stolen bases with a .297 average, including 38 hits and 19 runs scored. Farber earned second-team All-Pacific Region accolades and was named honorable mention All-Pac-10 after finishing fifth in the Pac-10 with 16 stolen bases. The 16 swipes were also a team-high and tied for ninth all-time in a single season at ASU. Farber played and started in all 58 games and batted .320, good for third on the team.

**TOUGH SCHEDULE/TOUGHER CONFERENCE:** As in any season, Arizona State will face many of the nation's top teams and traditionally holds a high RPI. Last year, ASU led the Pac-10 in most games played against top-25 teams (35). This year, ASU has played 17 games against top-25 teams, posting a 11-6 mark. Within the toughest conference in the nation, the Pacific-10, ASU will face a nationally-ranked team nearly every time out. Seven of the eight Pac-10 teams are ranked in the top-14, including six of the top nine.

**AIR TIME:** This year, the Sun Devils will be featured on two televised games. The first appearance, a nationally televised game on FOX Sports Net, will be on Saturday, April 27 against Oregon with a first pitch scheduled for 1:06 p.m. ASU will then kick off a new television station in the Phoenix metro area, KAZ-TV, formally KUSK. KAZ will televise the California match up on Saturday, May 4th will a first pitch scheduled for 7:06 p.m.

**BEHIND THE PLATE:** In addition to senior **Bonnie Brannen**, who is having her best year yet, the Sun Devils also have the services of **Adriana Garcia**. The junior has 23 hits, three doubles, one home run and 19 RBIs (15 with two outs). She has also thrown out five runners and picked off two others (second in the Pac-10), while posting a .995 fielding percentage. The pair have held teams attempting to steal to a Pac-10 low 14 times. Garcia was named the 2001 NFCA/NJCAA Division I Diamond Sports National Catcher of the Year and was a 2001 first-team All-American. The two-time all-region and all-conference selection, Garcia played the past two years at Arizona Western College in Yuma, Arizona where she batted .448 with six home runs and 68 RBIs. Garcia recorded a fielding percentage of .991, while throwing out 29 base runners attempting to steal.

**DEVIL NOTES & CAREER/ALL-TIME MILESTONES:** Brun needs four more doubles and Hixon six more for the all-time record (40) ... Brun needs five more RBIs to set a new single-season record (49) ... Voak needs six more wins for the school record (82) ... Wright needs three more home runs for the single season record (9) and six more doubles for the single season mark (19) ... Arizona State has produced a conference leading two NFCA National Player of the Week honors (Phelan Wright, Erica Beach) and a second-best four Pac-10 weekly honors this year (Wright, Beach (2), Kara Brun), combining for 36 all-time ... ASU is 44-54 (.815) in stolen bases ... nearly half (88) of the team's 193 RBIs have come with two outs ... ASU has outscored its opponents 70-18 in the first two innings ... ASU is one win shy of equalling last year's total (36) and nine wins shy of a new school record (44) ... ASU leads the Pac-10 with six saves and the least amount of walks allowed (59) ... left handers are hitting just .178 against ASU pitching, while right handers hit .213 ... ASU has 419 assists in the field to lead the Pac-10.

**MEDIA INFORMATION:** All publicity for the ASU softball team are coordinated by Assistant Media Relations Director **Will Phillips** at (480) 965-1237. Any interviews with ASU softball players or coaches should be arranged through Phillips with at least 48 hours notice.