

Arizona State Results		
DATE	OPPONENT (rank)	RESULT
Jan. 30	Stephen F. Austin	W, 5-2
Jan. 31	Stephen F. Austin	W, 3-1
Feb. 1	Stephen F. Austin	W, 8-0 (5)
Feb. 6	Kansas	W, 2-0
Feb. 6	Northwestern	L, 5-6
Feb. 7	Northwestern	L, 2-9
Feb. 7	Kansas	W, 1-0
Feb. 8	Kansas	L, 1-5
Feb. 12	Western Michigan	W, 1-0 (8)
Feb. 13	New Mexico#	L, 6-8
Feb. 13	Texas Tech#	W, 3-0
Feb. 14	Syracuse#	W, 9-2
Feb. 14	Nevada#	W, 6-1
Feb. 15	Dayton#	W, 9-4
Feb. 15	Ohio State#	L, 3-6
Feb. 20	Utah State%	W, 7-6
Feb. 20	Wisconsin%	W, 4-0
Feb. 21	Iowa% (17/18)	L, 0-9 (5)
Feb. 21	Illinois State%	W, 9-3
Feb. 22	Iowa% (17/18)	W, 3-0
Feb. 22	Utah State%	W, 24-0 (5)
Feb. 27	vs. Fresno State^ (16/15)	L, 0-2
Feb. 27	vs. Princeton^	L, 1-3
Feb. 28	vs. South Carolina^ (20/20)	L, 3-5
Feb. 28	vs. CS Fullerton^ (23/24)	W, 3-0
Feb. 28	vs. Virginia Tech^	W, 5-2
Feb. 29	vs. Florida Atlantic^	W, 2-0
March 5	Buffalo	W, 8-0 (5)
March 5	New Mexico State	W, 1-0
March 6	New Mexico State	W, 9-1 (5)
March 6	Buffalo	W, 6-0
March 7	Buffalo	W, 10-0 (5)
March 10	Missouri	L, 0-8 (5)
March 10	Missouri	W, 10-1 (5)
March 12	vs. Minnesota!	W, 2-0
March 12	vs. Sacramento State!	W, 2-1 (9)
March 13	vs. Purdue!	W, 4-0
March 13	vs. Washington! (8/11)	L, 0-5
March 14	vs. Iowa!	L, 0-3
March 18	vs. Florida State+ (4/3)	L, 0-1
March 18	vs. UNLV+	W, 6-0
March 19	vs. Nebraska+ (20/20)	W, 6-3
March 19	vs. Illinois+	L, 2-4
March 20	vs. Texas A&M+	W, 5-3
April 2	UCLA* (2/2)	7:00 p.m.
April 3	Washington* (7/8)	7:00 p.m.
April 4	Washington* (7/8)	1:00 p.m.
April 9	Arizona*	7:00 p.m.
April 10	Arizona* (AZ-TV)	7:00 p.m.
April 16	@ California*	2:00 p.m.
April 17	@ Stanford*	2:00 p.m.
April 18	@ Stanford*	1:00 p.m.
April 23	@ Oregon*	2:00 p.m.
April 24	@ Oregon State*	2:00 p.m.
April 25	@ Oregon State*	1:00 p.m.
April 28	@ Arizona*	7:00 p.m.
April 30	Stanford*	7:00 p.m.
May 1	California*	7:00 p.m.
May 2	California*	1:00 p.m.
May 7	Oregon State*	7:00 p.m.
May 8	Oregon*	7:00 p.m.
May 9	Oregon*	1:00 p.m.
May 14	@ Washington*	2:00 p.m.
May 15	@ UCLA*	1:00 p.m.
May 15	@ UCLA*	3:00 p.m.
May 20-23	NCAA Regionals	TBA

Ranking are by USAToday/NFCA & ESPN/USA Softball.

\* 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 Klassic Tournament, Fullerton, Calif.

# ASU ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

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## SUN DEVIL SOFTBALL

### No. 24 ARIZONA STATE OPENS PAC-10 ACTION

### HOSTING No. 2 UCLA & No. 7 WASHINGTON

**ON TAP:** After 44 non-conference games, the No. 24 Arizona State softball team (30-14; 0-0 Pac-10) will play 21 more games against Pac-10 competition as they open the conference season hosting No. 2 UCLA (27-1; 0-0 Pac-10) on Friday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m. The Sun Devils will then host No. 7 Washington (24-7; 0-0 Pac-10) on Saturday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. and again on Sunday, April 4 at 1:00 p.m.

**DEVILS' NO. 8 ALL-TIME:** The National Fastpitch Coaches Association announced the USA Today/NFCA All-Time Top 50 poll. The poll was compiled using weekly rankings from the 1995 season to the final poll of 2003. To date, Arizona State, which accumulated 36,613 points for a No. 8 all-time ranking — just 12 points behind seventh-place California — has been ranked in 100 of the 119 polls all-time and 70 consecutive dating back to the second week of 1999. Additionally, ASU has been ranked in 96 of the last 97 polls (week one of 1999, ASU was not ranked). Arizona State climbed to a school-record No. 3 in the nine-year history of poll during the 2000 and 2002 seasons.

**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 played 31 games (more than half of their games) against top-25 teams, while 18 games came against top-10 competition. This year is no different as ASU will play several non-conference/Pac-10 regular-season games against nationally-ranked teams. Within the toughest conference in the nation, the Pac-10, ASU will face a nationally-ranked team every time out. All eight Pac-10 teams are ranked in the top-25, including the top-3 and five of the top-11. Through March 29 the Pac-10 is a combined 224-40 (.848) against non-conference teams. Additionally, The Pac-10 placed all eight of its squads in the NCAA Tournament last season, with four teams advancing to the WCWS. For the third consecutive year (10th time overall), two Pac-10 teams squared off in the National Championship game and Pac-10 teams finished 1-2-3 in the final 2003 USA Today/NFCA poll, for a total of seven teams ranked in the top-25.

### PAC-10 CONFERENCE STANDINGS (MARCH 30)

Team	Pac-10		Overall		
	W-L	GB	W-L	PCT	Streak
Oregon	1-0	—	25-8	.758	Won 1
Arizona	0-0	.5	36-1	.973	Won 2
UCLA	0-0	.5	27-1	.964	Won 2
California	0-0	.5	33-3	.917	Won 11
Stanford	0-0	.5	27-7	.794	Won 7
Washington	0-0	.5	24-7	.774	Lost 1
Arizona State	0-0	.5	30-14	.682	Won 1
Oregon State	0-1	1.0	30-9	.769	Won 2

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**USA Today/NFCA Top-25**

	Team (first place)	Record	Pts.	LR
1.	Arizona (25)	36-1	625	1
2.	UCLA	26-1	600	2
3.	California	33-3	575	3
4.	Florida State	37-4	547	4
5.	Georgia	32-6	523	5
6.	Louisiana State	31-7	495	8
7.	Washington	24-7	466	6
8.	Louisiana-Lafayette	30-4	445	10
9.	Michigan	25-6	408	11
10.	Alabama	28-9	376	7
11.	Stanford	27-7	375	13
12.	Tennessee	34-8	349	12
13.	Oklahoma	28-11-1	318	9
14.	Fresno State	25-10	272	14
15.	Oregon	25-9	236	17
16.	Oregon State	30-9	218	16
17.	Florida	31-6	212	19
18.	South Florida	39-7	189	20
19.	Baylor	31-6	156	21
20.	Pacific	21-9	145	18
21.	Nebraska	22-11	127	22
22.	Auburn	26-4	126	NR
23.	South Carolina	17-8	114	15
24.	Arizona State	30-14	54	23
25.	Georgia Tech	29-7	44	24

**Dropped Out:** Northwestern.

**Receiving Votes:** Long Beach State (33), Texas State (25), Florida Atlantic (25), Northwestern (14), Texas A&M (9), Illinois (6), Notre Dame (6).

**ESPN.com/USA Softball**

	Team (first place)	Record	Pts.	LR
1.	Arizona (19)	36-1	499	1
2.	UCLA (1)	26-1	481	2
3.	California	33-3	458	3
4.	Florida State	37-4	437	4
5.	Louisiana State	31-7	419	5
6.	Georgia	32-6	402	6
7.	Louisiana-Lafayette	30-4	366	9
8.	Washington	24-7	347	8
9.	Stanford	27-7	326	12
10.	Michigan	25-6	324	10
11.	Alabama	28-9	322	7
12.	Tennessee	34-8	271	13
13.	Florida	31-6	223	16
14.(t)	Oklahoma	26-11-1	214	11
14.(t)	Oregon State	30-9	214	15
16.	Fresno State	29-12	190	17
17.	Oregon	25-9	158	19
18.	South Carolina	17-8	139	15
19.	Pacific	21-9	137	18
20.	Nebraska	22-11	96	20
21.	South Florida	39-7	94	20
22.	Auburn	25-4	87	NR
23.	Georgia Tech	29-7	86	22
24.	Long Beach State	29-7	70	25
25.	Baylor	31-6	65	24

**Dropped Out:** Texas.

**Receiving Votes:** Arizona State (16), Texas State (15), Northwestern (8), Notre Dame (7), Cal State Northridge (7), Florida Atlantic (7), Texas (6), Illinois (5), Iowa (4).

**THE WRIGHT STUFF:** Senior and two-time All-American **Phelan Wright** continues playing the 2004 season as one of the premier players in the country after being named for the third straight season as one of the top-40 finalists for National Player of the Year honors. After posting outstanding numbers her prior three years, Wright will finish her stellar career as one of the program's most prolific hitters. Making her presence known, Wright is currently the all-time home run leader at ASU with 39, held a team-high 15 game hitting streak, and is batting at a team-leading .413 clip, with 12 doubles, 12 home runs and 43 RBIs. At the NIST, Wright claimed her second all-tournament honor after earning all-tournament honors at the NFCA Leadoff Classic. At the Leadoff Classic, Wright batted .471 with three doubles, four RBIs, was intentionally walked twice and did not commit an error in 23 chances. In six games she helped carry Arizona State to the Louisville Slugger Classic Tournament title by recording a .545 batting average (12-for-22) with four doubles, two home runs, seven runs scored and 10 RBIs. Wright also did not strikeout in 22 at-bats and posted a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage on 20 chances. One of 40 finalists for National Player of the Year honors as a junior, Wright also earned first-team All-Pacific Region and first-team All-Pac-10 honors. She's ASU's career leader in batting average (.378), recorded a career-high 48 RBIs (second all-time in a single-season at ASU) and set the single-season record for home runs (15). Wright is currently second all-time with 42 doubles and 158 RBIs. Last year, she walked a team-high 19 times, had a team-high .656 slugging percentage and led the team with 19 two-out RBIs. Wright also hit seven home runs against Pac-10 Conference pitching. She also accomplished an ASU record (as far as the books indicate) by slugging three home runs in three straight at-bats against SW Texas State. As a sophomore, Wright led the team throughout the year in batting average (.405/4th Pac-10), hits (75/6th Pac-10) and doubles (17/3rd Pac-10). She finished second in home runs (8), RBIs (40) and batted .350 in the pitching rich Pac-10 Conference. Wright also led the team in multi-hit games (23), multi-RBI games (11) and posted the team's second longest hitting streak at 10 games. She was also one of 10 finalists for National Player of the Year honors and was named first-team All-Pacific Region and All-Pac-10. 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. 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). She also led the team in postseason batting average at a .455 clip, earning Region III All-Tournament team honors.

**HEAD COACH LINDA WELLS:** The Sun Devil softball program continues its success on the national scene under the tutelage of 15th-year head coach **Linda Wells**, 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 881 victories, has led the Sun Devils to 11 (seven consecutive 1997-03) NCAA Regional appearances in 14 seasons, including two trips in the past five years to the College World Series (1999/2002). While at Arizona State, Wells has compiled 530 wins (7 shy of the all-time record of 536 set by Mary Littlewood) and has had seven players earn a total of 11 All-American awards. Wells' vast coaching experience and tireless work ethic has not gone unnoticed by the country or by the world as she was named the head coach of the host Greek Olympic National Team that will compete in the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens. Wells, who has previous international experience, was selected among several highly qualified coaching professionals to lead the host team into the games. Wells' achieved a coaching milestone that few can or will ever obtain, winning 800 career games with an 11-1 win over Rutgers (3/16/02). The 2002 team, arguable her most talented and successful, also tied a school-record in the national polls, finishing at No. 3 and for posting the most wins in a single season with 46. The 2002 season also marked the second appearance for Wells in the WCWS where they finished third, the best in school history since the NCAA established the current format. Players again flourished under Wells as she produced two All-Americans, five All-Pac-10 players, two All-Pacific Region players and two Academic All-Americans. With the addition of a school record eight All-Pac-10 selections in 2003, Wells has now coached 72 all-conference players during her tenure at ASU. Wells has coached 35 career .300 hitters at ASU in her 14 seasons, averaging a combined .330 — not an easy accomplishment in the pitching-rich Pac-10 where games are traditionally low scoring.

### Probable Arizona State Starters & Key Reserves

#	Name	Yr.	Pos.	B/T	Avg.	Notes
99	Desiree Serrano	So.	P	R/R	.000	15-4 with 1 save and 1.14 ERA/29 app. with 165 strikeouts
4	Kristin Farber	Sr.	OF	L/R	.349	Second in hits (53), runs (30)/leads team with 27 stolen bases
15	Kristin Crenshaw	Fr.	SS	R/R	.188	Tied team-high with 4 sacrifices
13	Phelan Wright	Sr.	3B	R/R	.413	Team-high in avg., RBIs (43), home runs (12) and runs scored (32)
23	Ashley Werschky	So.	P/1B	R/R	.284	6-5 in 60 innings/hit 3 run home run against Ohio State
9	Jen McCard	So.	2B	R/R	.200	15 starts with 6 hits and 4 RBIs
18	Heidi Knabe	Fr.	C	R/R	.286	Batted .444 with 2 home runs during Louisville Slugger Tourney
12	Valerie Sevilla	Jr.	OF	L/R	.397	Team-high 16 doubles/second in batting average and RBIs (34)
2	Trisha Tornberg	Sr.	OF	L/R	.270	Batted .421 with 3 runs scored at the NFCA Leadoff Classic
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21	Katie Cobos	Sr.	C	R/R	.194	Singled in game-winning runs against Utah State
22	Keri Pulcifer	Sr.	OF/DP	R/L	.310	Played in 40 games/26 hits and 16 RBIs/grand slam vs. Illinois St.
1	Billie Akauola	Jr.	SS	R/R	.200	Played in 30 games with 6 runs scored and a grand slam
6	Himmita Hixson	Fr.	2B/OF	R/R	.237	30 starts with 10 runs scored/hit first career home run vs. Utah St.
25	Sharee Zaleski	Fr.	1B	R/R	.151	4-for-9 with a three-run home run during Louisville Slugger Tourney
20	Kim Zadrozny	So.	UTL	R/R	.130	Tied for team-high with 4 sacrifice hits
5	Kari Reidhead	Sr.	1B	L/L	.056	Played in 25 games/recorded an RBI in two games against SFA
8	Michelle Smith	Fr.	OF	L/R	.000	Played in 24 games with 5 runs scored
17	Bre DeSanta	Jr.	P	R/R	.000	9-5 with two complete game shutouts/1 save/107 K's in 79 inn.
6	Andria Berrera	Jr.	C	R/R	.333	Played in 5 games with a double and a run scored

### ASU Career Leaders

#### Batting Average

1. Phelan Wright (2001-present)	.378
Lisa Dacquisto (1994-97)	.378
3. Leanne Easley (1972-75)	.377
4. Rachel Brown (1991-92)	.362
5. Jodi Rathbun (1985-87)	.361
6. Kara Brun (2000-03)	.350
7. Peggy McAbee (1978-79)	.349
8. Nichole Thompson (1999-2002)	.333
9. Raja Woods (1997-98)	.332
10. Erin Hull (1994-1998)	.325

#### Home Runs

1. Phelan Wright (2001-present)	39
2. Kara Brun (2000-03)	34
3. Erica Beach (1999-2002)	27
4. Suzie Gaw (1979-82)	16
5. Chris Gill (1997-99)	14

#### Runs Batted In

1. Kara Brun (2000-03)	165
2. Phelan Wright (2001-present)	158
3. Erica Beach (1999-2002)	153
4. Chris Gill (1997-99)	115
5. Alyssa Johnson (1993-96)	108
6. Kathy Escarcega (1984-87)	95

#### Hits

1. Lisa Dacquisto (1994-97)	296
2. Kara Brun (2000-03)	266
3. Nichole Thompson (1999-2002)	253
4. Phelan Wright (2001-present)	245
Ann Rowen (1988-91)	245
6. Missy Hixon (1999-2002)	228
7. Kristin Farber (2001-Present)	225

#### Doubles

1. Kara Brun (2000-03)	50
2. Phelan Wright (2001-present)	42
3. Kathy Escarcega (1984-87)	39
4. Missy Hixon (1999-2002)	37
Alyssa Johnson (1993-96)	37
6. Nichole Thompson (1999-2002)	29
Chris Gill (1997-99)	29

#### Stolen Bases

1. Lisa Dacquisto (1994-97)	102
2. Kristin Farber (2001-present)	75
3. Erin Hull (1994-98)	52
4. Raja Woods (1997-98)	47

**RUNNING WITH THE DEVIL:** Senior **Kristin Farber** continues on a fast pace in 2004 and looks to climb up the all-time chart for stolen bases. Also hitting well at the plate, Farber is currently batting .349, is second on the team with 53 hits and 30 runs scored. She has already stolen as many bases as all of last year with 28 and has already broken her single-season mark of 21 set in 2002. Farber is currently 28-for-30, giving her 75 career steals, second all-time. Remarkably, in her three-plus year career, she has been cut down only nine times in 84 chances. As a junior, Farber swiped 10 bases, earning Honorable Mention All-Pac-10 honor. She hit over .300 for the third straight season, finishing third on the team with a .306 average. Farber also led the team in stolen bases for the third consecutive year, posted a team-high six sacrifice hits and was second on the team in hits (52). Defensively, Farber posted a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage with 67 putouts and three assists and has committed only four errors in her three seasons in the outfield. Named to the 2002 WCWS All-Tournament Team, Farber also posted the team's longest hitting streak (third longest in Pac-10) at 16 games and batted .330. In her initial season she was named the team's Freshman of the Year, earning 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.

**SIZZLING SEVILLA:** Junior **Valerie Sevilla** is having a career year. Currently Sevilla leads the team in doubles (16) — just two shy of the single-season mark) and hits (54). She nearly at the top of the other categories as well, coming in second in home runs (9), batting average (.397), RBIs (34) and runs scored (30). During the ASU Triangular in which she earned Pac-10 Player of the Week honors, Sevilla hit safely in all five games and tallied a .533 (8 for 15) batting avg., including two grand slams, three doubles, five runs scored and 11 RBIs. Sevilla also recorded 17 total bases and a 1.133 slugging percentage. In six games at the Louisville Slugger Classic Tournament, Sevilla went 13 for 21 (.619) with three doubles, two home runs, five RBIs and eight runs scored. She is also hitting at a .386 clip with runners in scoring position and leads the team in two-out RBI situations with 19. Before this year, Sevilla had never hit a home run.

**THE DEVILS' 24:** Arizona State set a modern day school record (tied the all-time school record set in 1973 against New Mexico State, 24-0) as they scored 24 runs, including 12 in the second inning to shutout Utah State 24-0. ASU pounded out 22 hits, including five home runs with a grand slam from Billie Akauola. Phelan Wright drilled a pair of home runs and Himmita Hixson hit her first career home run. Wright finished the day 5-for-5 with two home runs, two doubles, four runs scored and eight RBIs. ASU put four runs up in the first inning, three from Wright's first home run, while Kristin Crenshaw singled in the other run. In the 12 run second, Wright, Hixson and Keri Pulcifer each singled in one run. Then Kim Zadrozny pinch hit and promptly drilled a bases clearing three-run double off the centerfield fence to make it 10-0. Trisha Tornberg followed next with a two-run home run over the centerfield fence, and then Wright nailed her second home run of the game, a two-run shot also over the centerfield fence. Hixson ended the scoring with another two-run home run to left center. Arizona State tallied six more runs in the third inning, four coming from a grand slam off Akauola's bat. Valerie Sevilla added another RBI double in the fourth inning and Wright also doubled in another run. Sevilla continued with her hot bat as she ended the game going 3-for-3 with two doubles, four runs scored and two RBIs.



**Arizona State Records**

Pacific-10.....	0-0
Non-Conference .....	30-14
Against Ranked Teams .....	3-5
Against Unranked Teams .....	27-9
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Road Games .....	0-0
Neutral Sites.....	9-7
Day Games .....	21-12
Night Games.....	9-2
Vs. Right Handed Starters .....	27-14
Vs. Left Handed Starters.....	3-0
Extra Innings.....	2-0
One Run Game.....	5-2
Two Run Game.....	5-5
Five Run (+) Game.....	12-4
Shutouts .....	17-6
ASU Scores First .....	23-3
Opponent Scores First .....	7-11
Out-Hit Opponents .....	26-3
Out-Hit by Opponents .....	2-10
January.....	2-0
February .....	16-9
March .....	12-5
April.....	0-0
May.....	0-0
Last 5 Games .....	3-2
Last 10 Games .....	6-4
Current Winning Streak.....	1
Longest Winning Streak .....	8
Longest Losing Streak.....	3

**ATTENDANCE FIGURES:** Arizona State once again was among the top schools to carry a high attendance figure in 2003. The Sun Devils finished No. 6 in the country and second in the Pac-10 in total home attendance with 13,496. ASU finished sixth on the west coast and 17th nationally in average home attendance with 465.

**SERRANO TIME:** In her second season, pitcher **Desiree Serrano** has started the 2004 year strong with a team-leading 15-4 record, including seven shutouts and a 1.14 ERA. She has made a team-high 29 appearances in 148 innings with 165 strikeouts and is currently sixth all-time with 391 career strikeouts. Serrano was the main pitcher in helping lead ASU to the Louisville Slugger Classic championship. Serrano went 3-0, including a shutout and her first save of the year against No. 17 Iowa. In four appearances she tallied 19 innings with 27 strikeouts and posted a 1.11 ERA. Last year as a redshirt freshman, Serrano made a Pac-10 second-best 49 appearances on her way to an 18-15 overall record, including seven shutouts and nine saves (second all-time in the Pac-10 in a single season). Serrano, an honorable mention All-Pac-10 selection, also posted 226 strikeouts (fourth in the Pac-10 and fifth all-time in a single-season at ASU), while holding opponents to a .209 batting average. She averaged over seven strikeouts per game and recorded two double digit strikeout games. To end her initial season, Serrano was named to the NCAA Region III All-Tournament team after posting a 0.38 ERA in 18 innings. In four appearances, she tallied 20 strikeouts, allowing only one run off nine hits. During the season, Serrano was named the Pac-10 Pitcher of the Week twice, once for picking up a save against No. 6 California and pitching a complete game three-hitter against No. 16 Stanford. Overall, Serrano went 1-0 with a save, worked 10 innings (0.70 ERA), giving up seven hits, one run with seven strikeouts. To open Pac-10 play against the Oregon schools, she recorded a perfect 0.00 ERA, going 2-0 with one shutout, one combined shutout and a save to propel ASU to its best start in conference play since joining the Pac-10 in 1987. At the NIST Tournament, Serrano recorded a 4-0 record, including a shutout in 30 innings with 37 strikeouts. In addition, Serrano posted shutout wins against No. 8 DePaul and No. 21 Ohio State at the NFCA Leadoff Classic. Serrano recorded four of Arizona State's five wins, including her first career no-hitter as she led the Sun Devils to a perfect 5-0 record to take the Louisville Slugger Classic Tournament title and win her first Pac-10 Pitcher of the Week honor. On the weekend, Serrano went 4-0 with a 0.31 ERA in 22 innings of work. She allowed only nine hits and one earned run while striking out 26 batters. In her no-hitter against Iowa, Serrano faced one batter over the minimum, and was just an infield error short of a perfect game as she struckout five Hawkeye's to record ASU's first no-hitter since Kirsten Voak accomplished the feat (2/29/01). In her opening win against Illinois State, Serrano did not allow an earned run while striking out 10 Redbirds.

**CATCH ME IF YOU CAN:** The Sun Devils have already stolen 56 bases this year, more than doubling their season total from all of last year (21). Additionally, ASU has only been caught 11 times (56 for 67) with Kristin Farber leading the way with 28, while 12 different players have at least one stolen base.

**GOING DEEP ALL-TIME:** Last year, the Devils hit 45 home runs, shattering the all-time mark of 31 set in 2000. Eight different players hit home runs, while six different players slugged multi-home runs with Phelan Wright (15) Kara Brun (10) and Adriana Garcia (8) leading the team. ASU hit at least one home run in 27 games and tallied multi-home runs in 10 different games. Also, the Devils hit three grand slams (Wright, Keri Pulcifer, Cheryl Evans). The 45 home runs was fifth-best in the Pac-10 Conference. In 2004, the Sun Devils look to break that mark, having slugged 34 home runs with 10 different players going deep and six players with multi-home runs. Wright leads the team with 12 and Sevilla with nine, while Sevilla (2) Pulcifer and Billie Akaoula have all belted grand slams.

**DEVIL NOTES:** Arizona State was picked to finish sixth in the 2004 Pac-10 Preseason Coaches Poll ... the opening game against Stephen F. Austin on January 30 was the earliest opening game, dating back to at least the mid 1980's and is the earliest opening game in head coach Linda Wells 15 years ... ASU is slated to play 65 regular season games this year, making it the most in Wells' tenure ... ASU pitchers are allowing just over five hits a game and striking out nearly eight ... ASU has won 30 or more games in nine consecutive seasons.

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