



# TRANSITIONING THE LEGACY

## THANK YOU 1980-89 SUN DEVIL BASEBALL PLAYERS, COACHES & STAFF

### 1980-89 ACCOMPLISHMENTS & ACCOLADES

456 Wins | 90 MLB Draft Picks | 16 All-Americans | 14 All-College World Series | 10 MLB First Round Picks  
9 ASU Sports Hall of Famers | 7 NCAA Regional Appearances | 5 trips to Omaha | 4 Pac-10 Players of the Year  
4 Pac-12 Conference Titles | 1 National Championship

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**Barry Bonds (1983-85)** – ASU Sports Hall of Famer, Sun Devil Baseball Wall of Fame member, Major League Baseball Home Run King and seven-time National League MVP  
*.347 career batting average | 45 home runs | 175 RBI | 247 hits | 183 runs scored | 57 stolen bases*

**Kendall Carter (1981-84)** - 1981 National Championship starting pitcher, ASU Sports Hall of Famer and ASU record holder for career wins  
*47 wins | 102 appearances | 427 innings pitched | 187 strikeouts | 3.62 career ERA | 8 complete games*

**Alvin Davis (1979-82)** - 1981 National Championship team first baseman, ASU Sports Hall of Famer, Sun Devil Baseball Wall of Fame member, 1984 AL Rookie of the Year and nine-year MLB veteran  
*.362 career batting average | 200 RBI | 250 hits | 195 runs scored | 51 doubles*

**Mike Devereaux (1984-85)** – Outfielder, 1995 NLCS MVP, World Series champion and 12-year MLB veteran  
*holds ASU single-game record with four doubles on Jan. 31, 1985 | 112 hits | 106 runs scored*

**Bert Martinez (1980-83)** - 1981 National Championship team second baseman  
*.290 career batting average | 198 hits | 128 RBI | 136 runs scored | made the throw to first base for the final out against Oklahoma State to win the national title on June 8, 1981*

### BONDS, DAVIS & DEVEREAUX MLB ACCOMPLISHMENTS & ACCOLADES

37 Combined Major League Seasons  
15 MLB All-Star Games  
12 Silver Slugger Awards  
8 Gold Glove Awards  
7 MLB Most Valuable Player Awards  
3 Hank Aaron Awards  
2 World Series Appearances  
1 World Series Championship  
1984 Rookie of the Year  
1995 NLCS MVP  
1996 Home Run Derby Champion  
5,073 Hits  
3,159 RBI  
1,027 Home Runs



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## 1981 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

The 1981 Sun Devils launched the 1981 season with the slogan "Omaha and Fun in '81." They enjoyed themselves thoroughly, frolicking through the tough Pac-10 Southern Division with a 26-4 record, taking a No. 1-national ranking into the College World Series.

About the only blip was a three-game sweep at the hands of Stanford in a late-season road series, but the Devils rebounded to sweep rival Arizona in the final regular-season series to take some momentum into the post season. They beat Gonzaga once and Cal State Fullerton twice to sweep the NCAA West Regional in Tempe and earn a trip to Omaha.



A devastating offense led by Mike Sodders (.424, 22 HR, 100 RBI), Kevin Romine (.410, 81 R, 27 SB) and Stan Holmes (.366, 14 HR, 82 RBI) set school records for team batting average (.356), home runs (110) and runs (694). Other big contributors were Donnie Hill (.378, 81 R, 22 SB), Ricky Nelson (.345, 18 HR, 68 RBI) and Alvin Davis (.396, 72 R). The bullpen was the strength of the pitching staff. Kendall Carter led the nation in victories with a 19-1 record, mostly in relief. Kevin Dukes, who beat Oklahoma State in the national title game, was 8-2 with 12 saves.



### ASU VS. TEXAS—MAY 30

The Sun Devils' explosive offense scored early and often as ASU defeated Texas, 11-2, on the first day of competition. Left fielder Stan Holmes went a perfect 5-for-5 with six RBI and three runs scored as Arizona State scored in six of the nine innings played. First baseman Alvin Davis chipped in a 4-for-5 effort as well. A-State starter Kendall Carter pitched five and two-thirds innings of five-hit ball, allowing only two unearned runs in the fifth to pick up the win. Kevin Dukes came in and shut the Longhorns down over the next 3.1 innings, recording six strikeouts.

|               | R | H | E |
|---------------|---|---|---|
| Arizona State | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| Texas         | 0 | 0 | 0 |

### ASU VS. MISSISSIPPI STATE—JUNE 2

Behind the superb pitching of reliever Kevin Dukes, ASU held on to beat Mississippi State, 4-3, before a crowd of 10,589. Although the Devils jumped on the board first with a run in the second, the Bulldogs countered with three runs in the third to chase starting pitcher Randy Newman from the mound. Newman ended the night allowing five hits in 2.2 innings with five strikeouts and no walks. ASU would score three runs in the fourth to seal the win. Designated hitter Ricky Nelson went 2-for-4 with a run scored, while second baseman Kert Martinez went 1-for-3 with two RBI. Reliever Kevin Dukes pitched 6.1 innings of shutout ball to pick up the win on the mound.

|                 | R | H | E |
|-----------------|---|---|---|
| Mississippi St. | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Arizona State   | 0 | 0 | 1 |

### ASU VS. OKLAHOMA STATE—JUNE 5

The Sun Devil bats were alive and well in ASU's third game of the CWS but fell just short in an 11-10 marathon loss to the Cowboys. It took the two teams 13 innings of play to decide a winner in this five-hour game. A record crowd of 15,333 was on hand to watch the thrilling game. With the score 10-7 in the top of the ninth, ASU scored three runs on Stan Holmes' home run to force the contest to extra innings. But the Cowboys would eventually score off of reliever Jim Boudreau in the bottom of the 13th as Eric Dorn singled home John Cardinali to score the winning run. Left fielder Stan Holmes went 3-for-5 with seven RBI in this losing effort for the Devils. OSU reliever Craig Tice would pick up the win, pitching 4.0 innings of hitless ball.

|               | R | H | E |
|---------------|---|---|---|
| Arizona State | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Oklahoma St.  | 6 | 0 | 0 |

### ASU VS. SOUTH CAROLINA—JUNE 6

Facing elimination, the Devils turned to ace Kendall Carter against the Gamecocks. ASU jumped out to an early 8-1 lead, but South Carolina would rally back to make it 8-5 after three. Arizona State, led by the bat of Alvin Davis, would score two huge runs in the eighth to make it 10-5. Davis went 3-4 with three RBI, while Lemmie Miller drove in two with his three hits. South Carolina would score two in the ninth, but Carter was able to finish off the Gamecocks and the complete game, winning his school-record tying 19th game and helping Arizona State live to play another day.

|                | R | H | E |
|----------------|---|---|---|
| Arizona State  | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| South Carolina | 0 | 1 | 4 |

### ASU VS. TEXAS—JUNE 7

With their backs to the wall, the Sun Devils would pull off another rout of Texas, 13-2, to advance to the title game. Arizona State would score most of its runs in chunks—four in the second and six in the eighth. Devil hitters chased Longhorn starter Dave Seiler after 1.2 innings. ASU's Jeff Ahern picked up the win, despite allowing nine walks through five innings. Texas would strand 13 runners in the game. Randy Newman notched his first save for the Devils, going 4.0 innings and allowing only one run. Shortstop Donnie Hill went 4-for-4 at the plate with two runs scored and two RBI. Third baseman Mike Sodders turned in a 3-for-4 performance with one run scored.

|               | R | H | E |
|---------------|---|---|---|
| Texas         | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Arizona State | 1 | 4 | 0 |

### ASU VS. OKLAHOMA STATE—JUNE 8

Arizona State would claim its fifth NCAA title with a 7-4 win over Oklahoma State, avenging the earlier extra-inning loss. ASU pounded the Cowboy pitching staff for 13 hits before a crowd of 13,239 and capitalized on four OSU errors. Reliever Kevin Dukes would pick up his second win of the series, pitching 8.2 strong innings and allowing only two hits and two runs while striking out six. For the Devils, left fielder Stan Holmes, who was named Outstanding Player of the CWS, went 2-for-4 with a run scored and an RBI. Designated hitter Mike McCain turned in a 1-for-2 performance with an RBI as well. ASU's Alvin Davis, Mike Sodders, Lemmie Miller and Kevin Dukes were named to the all-tournament team. The potent Sun Devil offense batted .325 for the tournament with nine home runs in six games.

|                | R | H | E |
|----------------|---|---|---|
| Oklahoma State | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Arizona State  | 2 | 0 | 2 |

## RESULTS (55-13)

|                              |                           |  |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| ASU 6, Long Beach State 4    | Fresno State 7, ASU 5     | ASU 13, USC 2                              |
| ASU 15, Long Beach State 9   | Santa Clara 2, ASU 0      | ASU 7, Northern Arizona 4                  |
| ASU 21, Long Beach State 10  | ASU 8, California 6       | ASU 6, UCLA 5                              |
| Cal State Fullerton 3, ASU 1 | ASU 10, California 6      | ASU 10, UCLA 9                             |
| Cal State Fullerton 7, ASU 5 | ASU 21, UTEP 0            | ASU 14, UCLA 9                             |
| ASU 10, UC Riverside 5       | ASU 7, USC 4              | Stanford 18, ASU 3                         |
| ASU 12, Wichita State 10     | ASU 20, USC 12            | Stanford 9, ASU 4                          |
| Wichita State 10, ASU 9      | ASU 10, USC 6             | Stanford 16, ASU 4                         |
| ASU 11, Wichita State 2      | Grand Canyon 5, ASU 3     | ASU 10, Arizona 6                          |
| ASU 17, Azusa Pacific 10     | ASU 9, Stanford 2         | ASU 13, Arizona 4                          |
| ASU 9, Azusa Pacific 0       | ASU 12, Stanford 7        | ASU 6, Arizona 5                           |
| ASU 16, New Mexico 13        | ASU 9, Stanford 6         | ASU 9, Gonzaga 6 <sup>^</sup>              |
| ASU 19, New Mexico 5         | ASU 17, Lewis & Clark 7   | ASU 18, Cal State Fullerton 9 <sup>^</sup> |
| ASU 10, New Mexico 2         | Arizona 9, ASU 4          | ASU 12, Cal State Fullerton 7 <sup>^</sup> |
| ASU 14, LaVerne 4            | ASU 10, Arizona 8         | ASU 11, Texas 2 <sup>*</sup>               |
| ASU 12, LaVerne 4            | ASU 23, Arizona 11        | ASU 4, Mississippi State 3 <sup>*</sup>    |
| ASU 4, UNLV 3                | ASU 14, Grand Canyon 9    | Oklahoma State 11, ASU 10 <sup>*</sup>     |
| ASU 8, UNLV 3                | ASU 8, California 7       | ASU 10, South Carolina 7 <sup>*</sup>      |
| ASU 7, UNLV 5                | ASU 19, California 5      | ASU 12, Texas 3 <sup>*</sup>               |
| ASU 17, BYU 2                | ASU 6, California 4       | ASU 7, Oklahoma State 4 <sup>*</sup>       |
| BYU 5, ASU 4                 | ASU 5, California 4       | <sup>^</sup> -NCAA Regional (Tempe, Ariz.) |
| ASU 13, UCLA 9               | Northern Arizona 8, ASU 4 | <sup>*</sup> -College World Series         |
| ASU 10, UCLA 1               | ASU 6, USC 0              |  |
| ASU 15, UCLA 5               | ASU 13, USC 3             |  |

## 1981 ROSTER

|    |               |     |         |                   |             |
|----|---------------|-----|---------|-------------------|-------------|
| 3  | Randy Newman  | LHP | 27      | Kendall Carter    | RHP         |
| 4  | Donnie Hill   | SS  | 28      | Ricky Nelson      | RF          |
| 5  | Stan Holmes   | OF  | 29      | Jim Boudreau      | LHP         |
| 6  | Bert Martinez | INF |         |                   |             |
| 7  | Mike McCain   | INF | 33      | Jim Brock         | Head Coach  |
| 8  | Ric Wilson    | C   | 34      | Benny Hines       | Asst. Coach |
| 9  | Alvin Davis   | 1B  | 21      | Tim Kelly         | Asst. Coach |
| 10 | Mark Brewer   | RHP | 11      | Jack Lind         | Asst. Coach |
| 12 | Kevin Romine  | OF  | 2       | Gary Tuck         | JV Coach    |
| 14 | Jeff Ahern    | LHP |         | Lenny Currier     | Trainer     |
| 15 | Greg Steen    | 2B  |         | Jeff Coy          | SID         |
| 16 | Mike Sodders  | 3B  |         | Bob Young         | Manager     |
| 17 | Jim Tognozzi  | C   |         | Jim Riel          |             |
| 18 | Barry Koch    | RHP |         |                   |             |
| 19 | Kevin Dukes   | LHP | ALL CWS |                   |             |
| 20 | Mike Pagel    | RHP |         |                   |             |
| 22 | Chris Johnson | 1B  |         | Alvin Davis       | 1B          |
| 23 | Lemmie Miller | CF  |         | Kevin Dukes       | LHP         |
| 24 | Gib Seibert   | OF  |         | Stan Holmes (MOP) | OF          |
| 25 | Jim Jefferson | RHP |         | Lemmie Miller     | OF          |
|    |               |     |         | Mike Sodders      | 3B          |