



# 2000 Sun Devil Baseball

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Final 2000 Record: 44-15  
 Home Record: 33-8  
 Road Record: 11-7  
 Pac-10: 17-7  
 All-Time Record: 1856-736  
 Head Coach: Pat Murphy

## Sun Devils Claim Pac-10 Championship with 44-15 Record

### 2000 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

| DATE    | OPPONENT          | RESULT      |
|---------|-------------------|-------------|
| Jan. 21 | Utah              | W, 13-2     |
| Jan. 22 | Utah              | W, 11-6     |
| Jan. 23 | Utah              | W, 9-1      |
| Jan. 27 | BYU               | W, 8-7      |
| Jan. 28 | Florida Atlantic  | W, 30-4     |
| Jan. 29 | BYU               | W, 14-2     |
| Jan. 30 | Florida Atlantic  | W, 3-2      |
| Feb. 4  | #5 Florida State  | L, 10-11    |
| Feb. 5  | #5 Florida State  | W, 15-9     |
| Feb. 6  | #5 Florida State  | L, 7-9 (10) |
| Feb. 11 | Duke University   | W, 12-0     |
| Feb. 12 | Duke University   | W, 7-1      |
| Feb. 13 | Duke University   | W, 10-1     |
| Feb. 18 | @ #4 LSU          | L, 4-8      |
| Feb. 19 | @ #4 LSU          | L, 5-6      |
| Feb. 20 | @ #4 LSU          | W, 6-2      |
| Feb. 25 | Southern Utah     | W, 25-3     |
| Feb. 26 | New Mexico        | W, 9-7      |
| Feb. 27 | Southern Utah     | W, 23-4     |
| Mar. 3  | #25 Arizona       | W, 9-7      |
| Mar. 4  | #25 Arizona       | W, 32-3     |
| Mar. 5  | #25 Arizona       | W, 14-8     |
| Mar. 10 | Oklahoma          | W, 11-5     |
| Mar. 11 | Oklahoma          | W, 6-5      |
| Mar. 12 | Oklahoma          | L, 4-5      |
| Mar. 14 | #11 CS Fullerton  | L, 4-5      |
| Mar. 16 | Maine             | W, 16-1     |
| Mar. 17 | Maine             | W, 19-8     |
| Mar. 18 | Maine             | W, 12-5     |
| Mar. 18 | Maine             | W, 24-0     |
| Mar. 24 | @ *California     | W, 6-4      |
| Mar. 25 | @ *California     | W, 4-2      |
| Mar. 26 | @ *California     | L, 2-7      |
| Mar. 31 | #2 *Stanford      | L, 1-5      |
| Apr. 1  | #2 *Stanford      | W, 10-6     |
| Apr. 2  | #2 *Stanford      | W, 11-6     |
| Apr. 7  | *Oregon State     | W, 1-0      |
| Apr. 8  | *Oregon State     | L, 3-11     |
| Apr. 9  | *Oregon State     | W, 8-7      |
| Apr. 14 | @ *Washington St. | W, 24-3     |
| Apr. 15 | @ *Washington St. | W, 3-1      |
| Apr. 16 | @ *Washington St. | W, 14-8     |
| Apr. 20 | #19 *UCLA         | W, 10-8     |
| Apr. 21 | #19 *UCLA         | L, 3-13     |
| Apr. 22 | #19 *UCLA         | W, 18-3     |
| Apr. 25 | @ #19 Oklahoma    | W, 20-6     |
| Apr. 28 | @ #21 *USC        | W, 3-1      |
| Apr. 29 | @ #21 *USC        | L, 2-12     |
| Apr. 30 | @ #21 *USC        | L, 3-4      |
| May 12  | *Washington       | W, 25-5     |
| May 13  | *Washington       | W, 17-5     |
| May 14  | *Washington       | W, 13-2     |
| May 19  | @ *Arizona        | L, 11-19    |
| May 20  | @ *Arizona        | W, 11-4     |
| May 21  | @ *Arizona        | W, 24-10    |
| May 26  | Miami (Ohio) #    | W, 15-7     |
| May 27  | #15 Texas #       | W, 3-1      |
| May 28  | #15 Texas #       | L, 4-6      |
| May 28  | #15 Texas #       | L, 7-9      |

**2000 SEASON IN REVIEW:** The 2000 edition of the Sun Devil baseball program finished 44-15 overall, 17-7 in Pac-10 play and claimed a share of the Pac-10 Championship. The Sun Devils lost in the championship game to Texas, 7-9, in NCAA Regional action ... Pat Murphy named Pac-10 Coach of the Year ... Casey Myers named GTE Baseball Academic All-American of the Year ... Mitch Jones named first-team All-American by USA Today/Baseball Weekly and Collegiate Baseball ... Casey Myers named second-team All-American by USA Today/Baseball Weekly and Collegiate Baseball ... Myers and Jeff Phelps named GTE/CoSIDA District VI Academic All-Americans ... Myers and Jones named first-team All-Americans by The Sporting News ... Jones named semifinalist for the Rotary Smith Award and Dick Howser Trophy (for top collegiate player) ... Myers a finalist for Johnny Bench National Collegiate Catcher of the Year ... Myers, Jones, and Brooks Conrad named first-team all-conference ... Jon Switzer, Eric Doble and Jeff Phelps were honorable mention all-conference selections ... Casey Myers named Pac-10 Player of the Year .... Mitch Jones breaks 22-year-old single season home run record held by Bob Horner (25 in 1978) ... Jones ties for eighth all-time in the Pac-10 with 27 homers in 2000 ... ASU hits three grand slams Feb. 25 vs. Southern Utah, tying the NCAA record ... ASU scored 32 runs Mar. 4 vs. Arizona, the third-most in school history and most since 1980 ... ASU breaks the school record with 54 total bases and ties the record for home runs with seven (vs. Arizona, 3/4) ... ASU has not been shutout in the last 313 games, dating back to the 1995 season ... the 313 games ranks fourth all-time in the NCAA record books ... the Devils led the nation in batting average (.346) ... head coach Pat Murphy won his 600<sup>th</sup> career game May 13 ... Myers 97 RBI ranks second all-time in the Pac-10 for a single season ... Jones' 92 RBI ties for third in the league for a single season ... Myers 97 RBI ranks fourth at ASU for a single season ... ASU broke school and conference record for most HBP in a season (115) ... the 115 HBP ranks third all-time in the NCAA record book ... Jonah Martin set the school record for most HBP by a player with 29 in 2000 ... the 29 HBP ties Martin for fourth all-time in the NCAA record books. Attendance – Home: 110,821 (41 dates), Total: 153,776 (59 dates).





2000 National Polls

Baseball America

- 1. Louisiana State
2. Stanford
3. Florida State
4. South Carolina
5. USC
6. Georgia Tech
7. Clemson
8. Nebraska
9. Louisiana-Lafayette
10. Texas
11. Houston
12. ARIZONA STATE
13. Miami, Fla.
14. Baylor
15. Mississippi State
16. Loyola Marymount
17. UCLA
18. San Jose State
19. Penn State
20. Florida
21. Wake Forest
22. Cal State Fullerton
23. Rutgers
24. Alabama
25. Auburn

Baseball Weekly/USA Today

- 1. Louisiana State
2. Stanford
3. Florida State
4. USC
5. Clemson
6. Louisiana-Lafayette
7. Texas
8. South Carolina
9. San Jose State
10. Georgia Tech
11. Nebraska
12. Houston
13. Miami, Fla.
14. Mississippi State
15. UCLA
16. ARIZONA STATE
17. Baylor
18. Penn State
19. North Carolina
20. Auburn
21. Florida
22. Alabama
23. Cal State Fullerton
24. Wake Forest
25. Loyola Marymount

Collegiate Baseball

- 1. Louisiana State
2. Stanford
3. Florida State
4. Louisiana-Lafayette
5. USC
6. Clemson
7. Texas
8. San Jose State
9. South Carolina
10. Georgia Tech
11. Nebraska
12. ARIZONA STATE
13. Houston
14. Miami, Fla.
15. Mississippi State
16. UCLA
17. Florida
18. Baylor
19. Penn State
20. Wake Forest
21. North Carolina
22. Cal State Fullerton
23. Stetson
24. Loyola Marymount
25. Auburn

ASU NOTES: Arizona State finished the year 44-15, 17-7 Pac-10 and ranked No. 12 Baseball America, No. 16 USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll and No. 12 Collegiate Baseball. The Sun Devils claimed their sixth Pac-10 title and first since 1993. All of ASU's league titles have been won since 1981. ASU surpasses the 40-win total for the fourth time since 1993. The Diamond Devils reached the NCAA regional tournament for the 18th time in school history. After being selected as a national #1 seed, ASU lost twice to eventual College World Series participant Texas twice to get knocked out of regional play. ASU now owns a career 54-16 record in regional appearances.

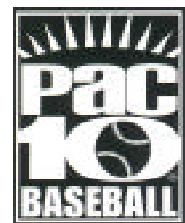
ARIZONA STATE IN POSTSEASON PLAY: ASU made it to the postseason for the 18th time in school history. Despite falling to Texas in the regional championship, ASU still ranks sixth all-time in NCAA tournament wins with 112. It is the first time since 1993 that ASU hosted a regional in Tempe at Packard Stadium. In all, ASU has six Pac-10 titles and has appeared in the College World Series a remarkable 18 times.

ARIZONA STATE EARNS SHARE OF PAC-10 TITLE: For the first time in league history, three teams finished in a tie for first place in the conference standings. ASU, Stanford and UCLA notched a 17-7 record in Pac-10 play. By virtue of tie breakers (ASU won both conference series against Stanford and UCLA), the Sun Devils received the Pac-10's automatic bid to postseason play. It is their first conference championship since 1993. Stanford and Pac-10 runner-up USC advanced through the NCAA Tournament and made appearances in Omaha. Stanford finished second at the CWS.

MURPHY GARNERS PAC-10 COACH OF THE YEAR HONORS: Head coach Pat Murphy was voted Pac-10 Coach of the Year by his peers for the 2000 season. It is the first honor for Murphy. The Sun Devils skipper led his squad to their sixth Pac-10 Conference title and first since 1993. ASU had been picked to finish sixth in the league in the preseason coaches poll. Murphy led the Devils to their third postseason appearance in the last four years. In 16 years as a head coach, Murphy has posted a 605-294-3 (.673) record and at ASU alone has a winning percentage of .655 (232-123). He is the winningest active baseball coach under the age of 44. The Sun Devil skipper was selected as Baseball America's National Coach of the Year in 1998.

SUN DEVILS TABBED AS NATIONAL NO. 1 SEED FOR TOURNAMENT: The Arizona State Sun Devils were tabbed as a No. 1 national seed by the NCAA selection committee. National #1 seeds may not meet each other until the College World Series and receive a preference to host a Super Regional (June 2-3). The eight national no. 1 seeds were as follows: (1) South Carolina, (2) LSU, (3) Georgia Tech, (4) Clemson, (5) Houston, (6) Florida State, (7) Arizona State and (8) Stanford.

EXTRA INNINGS: ASU won its sixth Pac-10 title (all since 1981) and first since 1993, after being picked sixth in the preseason poll . . . ASU hit the 40-win plateau for the fourth time since 1993 . . . The 17 league wins are a five-game improvement over last season and fifth time since 1990 with 17 or more . . . ASU was 2nd in the nation in batting, 5th in fielding percentage, and 1st in scoring . . . ASU led the Conference in batting average (.346), runs per game (11.0), slugging percentage (.561), on base percentage (.454), RBI (588), triples (37), walks (336), and stolen bases (92) . . . Sr. OF Mitch Jones broke Bob Horner's (1978) 22-year-old school record for home runs when he hit No. 26 vs. Arizona May 21. Jones finished with 27, becoming just the ninth player in Pac-10 history to hit at least 27 in a season, and seventh to do so since 1990 . . . ASU had an extra-base hit in all but two games this season . . . ASU batters were hit by pitch 115 times this season, breaking the Pac-10 record (101, UW, 1998). The mark ranks in the top-four all-time in the NCAA record books (125, Nevada in 1997) . . . Pac-10 Player of the Year Casey Myers finished '00 with 97 RBI, second-best in Pac-10 history, and 206 for his career, fifth-best. Myers led the Sun Devils with 98 hits, 19 doubles, 97 RBI, and a .502 on-base percentage. Myers led the Pac-10 in RBI and on-base percentage. He also ranks among the Conference leaders in hits (3rd), slugging percentage (.718, t3rd), total bases (171, 7th), runs scored (71, 9th), home runs (18, t8th), and doubles (19, t9th). Myers batted .412 for the season, second in the Pac-10 tied for 22nd-best average in single season Pac-10 history . . . Myers and Jones (92) rank first and second in the Conference in RBI; third and fifth in the nation . . . The Sun Devils scored 10 or more runs in 31 games this season, and 20 runs nine times . . . ASU owns the Pac-10 record, having scored in 313 consecutive games (last 0-9 vs. USC, 4/7/95), the second-longest active streak (Wichita State) and fourth-best all-time.





**SUN DEVILS BY POSITION**

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| <b>C</b>  | Casey Myers, Jr.<br>.412, 98 H, 97 RBI, 18 HR   |
| <b>1B</b> | Jeff Phelps, Jr.<br>.362, 81 H, 54 R, 60 RBI  |
| <b>2B</b> | Brooks Conrad, So.<br>.336, 76 H, 72 R, 67 RBI  |
| <b>3B</b> | Mel Stocker, So.<br>.344, 42 H, 38 R, 26 RBI<br>or<br>Mike Lopez, Jr.<br>.370, 51 H, 44 R, 49 RBI                 |
| <b>SS</b> | Dennis Wyrick, Fr.<br>.317, 51 H, 42 R, 29 RBI  |
| <b>LF</b> | Mitch Jones, Sr.<br>.357, 79 R, 92 RBI, 27 HR   |
| <b>CF</b> | Jeff Duncan, Jr.<br>.347, 78 H, 72 R, 23 SB   |
| <b>RF</b> | Jonah Martin, Jr.<br>.325, 63 H, 63 R, 29 HBP   |
| <b>DH</b> | Phil Downing, Sr.<br>.355, 33 H, 34 R, 34 RBI   |
| <b>P</b>  | Jon Switzer (11-3, 3.89)<br>Chad Pennington (7-2, 6.06)<br>Will Waldrip (6-1, 5.24)<br>Drew Friedberg (1-0, 4.00) |

**ASU RECORD BREAKDOWN**

|                               |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Pac-10.....                   | 17-7  |
| Non-Conference .....          | 27-8  |
| Vs. Ranked Teams.....         | 12-11 |
| Vs. Unranked Teams .....      | 32-4  |
| Home Games .....              | 33-8  |
| Road Games .....              | 11-7  |
| Day Games .....               | 28-7  |
| Night Games.....              | 16-8  |
| Vs. Right-Hand Starters ..... | 28-12 |
| Vs. Left-Hand Starters.....   | 16-3  |
| One-Run Decisions.....        | 5-5   |
| Two-Run Decisions.....        | 8-3   |
| Extra Innings .....           | 0-1   |
| Shutouts .....                | 3-0   |
| ASU Scores First .....        | 28-8  |
| Opponent Scores First .....   | 16-7  |
| Led After Seven.....          | 40-1  |
| Trailed After Seven .....     | 2-14  |
| Tied After Seven .....        | 2-0   |
| Led After Eight.....          | 40-1  |
| Trailed After Eight .....     | 1-13  |
| Tied After Eight.....         | 1-1   |
| Out-hit Opponents .....       | 35-1  |
| Out-hit by Opponents .....    | 6-12  |
| January.....                  | 7-0   |
| February.....                 | 8-4   |
| March.....                    | 11-4  |
| April.....                    | 11-4  |
| May.....                      | 7-3   |
| Last 5 Games .....            | 3-2   |
| Last 10 Games .....           | 7-3   |
| Current Streak.....           | L2    |

**MURPHY NOTCHES CAREER WIN NO. 600:** Head coach Pat Murphy reached career win No. 600 on May 13 as the Devils beat Washington 17-5. Murphy owns a 605-294-3 in 16 seasons. He is 232-123 in six seasons at Arizona State.

**MYERS NAMED PAC-10 PLAYER OF THE YEAR:** Junior Casey Myers (Casa Grande) was named Pac-10 Player of the Year - the second straight season an ASU player has earned the honor (Willie Bloomquist, 1999). The catcher was among a handful of players vying for *Baseball America's* National Player of the Year award and was named a semifinalist for the Johnny Bench Collegiate Catcher of the Year. Myers certainly put up impressive numbers in 2000, leading the team in batting average (.412), hits (98), doubles (19) and on-base percentage (.502), as well as RBI (97). His 97 RBI rank fourth in the ASU single-season record book. Myers now has 206 career RBI and needs 77 during his senior year to break the Pac-10 career record. His current mark of 206 RBI places him fifth in the Pac-10 record book. He hit 18 home runs (second on the team) behind teammate Mitch Jones and now has 32 in his career. The school record is 56 set by Bob Horner. Myers has quietly done an excellent job behind the plate as well, calling the pitches himself. He has been named conference player of the week three times during his career at ASU. He reached base safely (hit, walk, HBP) in 54 of 59 games in '00. Myers led the squad in multiple-hit games (31) and multi-RBI games (29). His multi-hit games included three, four-hit affairs. He hit safely in 50 of 59 games. Myers was clutch with 26 two-out RBI and hit .417 with the bases loaded. He hit .466 (48x103) with runners in scoring position and .459 with runners on base. Myers finished his junior campaign ranked 30th in the nation in batting average (.412), third in RBI (97), and 35th in home runs (.31 per game).

**CONRAD NAMED FIRST TEAM ALL-PAC-10:** Sophomore second baseman Brooks Conrad was named to the 2000 Pac-10 All-Conference team yesterday. Conrad hit at a .336 clip and finished second on the team in runs (72). He hit .351 in league play this season with 15 of his 33 hits being for extra bases. He became only the 18th player to hit a homer over the green monster at Packard Stadium vs. Washington (5/14). Conrad hit .392 with runners in scoring position and .500 when he led off an inning. He notched 19 multi-hit games as well as 15 multi-RBI games this season. The switch hitter was named Pac-10 Player of the Week twice in 2000.

**JONES BREAKS ASU HOME RUN RECORD:** Senior outfielder Mitch Jones (Orem, Utah) hit a towering three-run blast vs. Arizona to break Bob Horner's (1978) 22-year-old single season home run record. The homer was Jones nation-leading 26th home run. For his efforts he was honored as Pac-10 Player of the Week (second time in '00). Jones tied the ASU single season home run record held by Bob Horner (1978) against Oklahoma (4/25) with a towering shot to left field. The slugger led the team and league in home runs (27) and slugging percentage (.787) and is second in RBI (92), runs (79) and total bases (196). Jones tallied 29 multiple-hit games as well as 23 multiple-RBI games. The outfielder finished '00 hitting at a .357 clip and is second in hits (89). Jones notched 20 two-out RBI and five multi-homer games.

**2000 ASU BASEBALL SUPERLATIVES**

— **TEAM** —

|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| Longest Win Streak.....                    | 9 games (2/20-3/11)  |
| Longest Losing Streak.....                 | 2 (fivetimes)        |
| Most Runs, Game:                           |                      |
| ASU.....                                   | 32 (Arizona, 3/4)    |
| Opp.....                                   | 19 (Arizona, 5/19)   |
| Most Runs, Inning:                         |                      |
| ASU.....                                   | 10 (FAU, 1/28)       |
| Opp.....                                   | 8 (Maine, 3/17)      |
| Most Hits, Game:                           |                      |
| ASU.....                                   | 27 (Arizona, 3/4)    |
| Opp.....                                   | 19 (Arizona, 5/19)   |
| Most Hits, Inning:                         |                      |
| ASU.....                                   | 7 (twice)            |
| Opp.....                                   | 6 (Maine, 3/17)      |
| Most Doubles, Game:                        |                      |
| ASU.....                                   | 8 (Washington, 5/12) |
| Opp.....                                   | 7 (WSU, 4/16)        |
| Most Triples, Game:                        |                      |
| ASU.....                                   | 4 (twice)            |
| Opp.....                                   | 1 (four teams)       |
| Most Home Runs, Game:                      |                      |
| ASU.....                                   | 7 (Arizona, 3/4)     |
| Opp.....                                   | 4 (Arizona, 3/5)     |
| Most Stolen Bases, Game:                   |                      |
| ASU.....                                   | 6 (Arizona, 3/5)     |
| Opp.....                                   | 6 (BYU, 1/27)        |
| Most Double Plays (turned), Game:          |                      |
| ASU.....                                   | 3 (two times)        |
| Opp.....                                   | 4 (OSU, 4/7)         |
| Most Errors, Game:                         |                      |
| ASU.....                                   | 3 (four times)       |
| Opp.....                                   | 6 (twice)            |
| Most Strikeouts (pitching), 9-Inning Game: |                      |
| ASU.....                                   | 15 (FAU, 1/28)       |
| Opp.....                                   | 12 (FSU, 2/4)        |
| Most Walks (pitching), 9-Inning Game:      |                      |
| ASU.....                                   | 9 (Stanford, 4/2)    |
| Opp.....                                   | 15 (Maine, 3/17)     |
| Largest Win. Margin .....                  | 29 (Arizona, 3/4)    |
| Largest Loss Margin.....                   | 10 (UCLA, 4/21)      |
| Largest Crowd, Home .....                  | 4,312 (FSU, 2/6)     |
| Smallest Crowd, Home .....                 | 1,012 (FAU, 1/28)    |
| Largest Crowd, Road.....                   | 7,853 (LSU, 2/20)    |
| Smallest Crowd, Road.....                  | 225 (Cal, 3/24)      |

— **INDIVIDUAL, BATTING** —

|                         |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Longest Hit Streak..... | 21(Conrad, 2/13-3/26)   |
| Most Hits, Game.....    | 5 (Jones,Duncan,Conrad) |
| Most Runs, Game.....    | 5 (Conrad & Myers)      |
| Most Doubles, Game..... | 3 (Conrad, 5/12)        |
| Most Triples, Game..... | 2 (Stocker and Downing) |
| Most HRs, Game.....     | 2 (six players)         |
| Most RBIs, Game .....   | 7 (Jones, 2/25)         |
| Most SBs, Game.....     | 2 (six players)         |

— **INDIVIDUAL, PITCHING** —

|                                     |                           |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Most Strikeouts, Game:              |                           |
| ASU Pitcher.....                    | 11 (Pennington, 3/17)     |
| Opp. Pitcher .....                  | 10 (Karp, UCLA)           |
| Fewest Hits Allowed (CG Effort)     |                           |
| ASU Pitcher.....                    | 4 (Switzer, twice)        |
| Opp. Pitcher .....                  | 2 (Wayne, 3/31)           |
| Most Walks, Game:                   |                           |
| ASU Pitcher.....                    | 7 (Pennington, LSU, 2/19) |
| Opp. Pitcher .....                  | 9 (Karp, 4/21)            |
| Most Consecutive Scoreless Innings: |                           |
| Starter.....                        | 18.1 (Switzer, 2/4-2/20)  |
| Reliever .....                      | 11.2 (Doble, 3/11-4/1)    |





**MARTIN TAKES ONE (OR TWO) FOR THE TEAM:** Junior transfer Jonah Martin (Wainae, Hawai'i) set the school record for most hit by pitches in a single season (29). The 29 HBP tied him for 4th in the NCAA record books for a single season. Nevada's Corky Miller also had 29 HBP in 1998. David Bacani from Cal State Fullerton (1998) is third with 30 HBP. Steve Dembowski from Fairleigh Dickinson is second with 32 HBP (1979). Andrew Slater (Richmond) holds the NCAA record with 33 HBP in a single season (1997). With 115 HBP for ASU, the Sun Devils set a Pac-10 and school record.

**THE ICEMAN COMETH:-** Junior Eric Doble was as cool as ice in '00 with a team-leading nine saves on the year. The right-hander took over the closer role on the Devils pitching staff and performed solidly. Doble had six saves in conference play as well as a 2-0 record with a 2.66 ERA. For the year, Doble finished the year 3-1 with nine saves and a 3.35 ERA. He ended up second in the conference in games finished (23), second in saves (9), tied for third in games in relief (27) and fifth in appearances (27). He held opponent batters to a .259 average at the plate and a .219 average with runners on base. For his efforts he was named an honorable mention on the 2000 Pac-10 All-Conference team.

**TEXAS LEFTY NAMED HONORABLE MENTION:** Sophomore lefty Jon Switzer (Houston, Texas) was named an honorable mention on the 2000 Pac-10 All-Conference team. Switzer picked up win No. 11 vs. Arizona May 21 in a relief appearance, making him the first ASU pitcher to reach 11 wins since 1993. Switzer finished the year 11-3 overall, 5-2 in conference play with a 4.47 ERA. He was honored as Pac-10 Pitcher of the Week three times in '00 (tying UCLA's Rob Henkel for the most honors). He led the team with 121 strikeouts and held opponent batters to a .228 average at the plate. He ranked seventh in the conference in ERA (3.89), third in opposing batting average (.228), sixth in strikeouts (121) and third in wins (11). Right handed only hit .226 vs. Switzer in 2000 while lefties checked in at .233. For his career, he is 18-7 with 199 strikeouts.

**SWITZER AND MYERS INVITED TO 2000 USA BASEBALL NATIONAL TEAM TRIALS:** Sophomore lefty Jon Switzer (Houston, Texas) was among 20 invitees to the 2000 USA Baseball Team Trials to be held in June and made the team. Switzer was joined by three other Pac-10 players: USC's Mark Prior, UCLA's Josh Karp and Stanford's Brian Sager at the trials, and junior catcher Casey Myers will also be selected to play for the team. Myers (Casa Grande, Ariz.) was a member of the junior national team in '96 and was a '98 national team invitee. Myers ended up hitting .310 with Team USA and Switzer was 1-0 with a 2.41 ERA



**MYERS ON 2000 COLLEGIATE CATCHER OF THE YEAR WATCH:** Junior Casey Myers was on a list of the nation's top 40 catchers up for the Johnny Bench National Collegiate Catcher of the Year award sponsored by the Greater Wichita Area Sports Commission. It was the first year for the award which was presented at a sports banquet to the nation's top collegiate catcher, as voted on by a panel of sportswriters, sportscasters, Division I coaches and scouts. The list was narrowed down to ten semifinalists on May 15, a list on which Myers was on.

**CROWDING THE PLATE?** As a team, Arizona State was hit by a pitch 115 times in 2000 - an ASU school record. They broke the Pac-10 single-season record held by Washington (1998) while the national record is held by Nevada (125 in 1997). ASU's 115 HBP in '00 ranks fourth all-time in the NCAA record book. Long Beach State (1999) is third with 114 and second with 124 (1998).

**AIN'T LOVE GRAND:** Right-handed pitcher Luke Field (Littleton, Co.) proposed to his girlfriend in a very unique way over the holidays. On New Year's Eve, Field and his girlfriend, Casse Watkins (Ellinwood, Kan.), went to Packard Stadium. None of the stadium lights were on as they made their way to the press box. Field had made arrangement with a manager to be there. When the couple got to the press box, the manager turned on the field lights. Spelled out in bats and baseballs were the words "Will you marry me?". Field's girlfriend said yes. No date has been set yet.

**JONES NAMED SEMIFINALIST FOR ROTARY SMITH AWARD:** Arizona State's Mitch Jones was named one of 12 semifinalists for the Rotary Smith Award (given to the nation's top collegiate player). Jones led the nation in home runs and broke the ASU single season home run record (27) held by Bob Horner (1978).

**PAT MURPHY**

Six seasons at Arizona State: 232-123  
Div. I Record (13 years): 550-239-1  
Career Record (16 years): 605-294-3

•The Murphy team? Always plays hard; likes to play the tough schedule; disciplined; plays well in the postseason; plays the little game well - stolen bases, walks; no excuses.

•All but one player under Coach Murphy has been drafted higher in the MLB Draft.

• Named Baseball America's Coach of the Year in 1998 and Pac-10 Coach of the year in 2000.

• Murphy is averaging 42.3 wins per year as a coach at the Div. I level (.697 winning percentage).

• 11 out of the last 13 years, his teams have finished in the top 30.


• Five of his last six squads to make playoff appearances have made it to the Sweet 16 or better.


• The last five regionals a Pat Murphy team has played in away from Tempe, the squad has beaten the No. 1-ranked team on its home field.


• Murphy has had a total of 85 Div. I players sign professional contracts after playing under him.

• Murphy in the community: started the Guadalupe Project; hosts free baseball clinics with the Tempe Diablos; speaks to UNI 100 classes on the ASU campus, to name a few....

**NOTES & QUOTES**

 Murphy is the first coach in the era of aluminum bats to have his players practice exclusively with wood bats in practice.

 Murphy has never had a player declared ineligible for a season.

 "From those modest beginnings, Murphy has carved a unique college career, first as a player but most of all as a coach. ... And he's risen to the top of his profession."

—John Manuel  
Baseball America, 7/6-1998





**DRAFTED DEVILS:** A total of seventeen players on the 2000 Arizona State squad have been taken in the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft.

| Player         | Year | Team                 | Round | Drafted |
|----------------|------|----------------------|-------|---------|
| Paul French    | 1998 | Anaheim Angels       | 3rd   | round   |
| Mike Esposito  | 1999 | Cincinnati Reds      | 5th   | round   |
| Robby Milner   | 1997 | Texas Rangers        | 13th  | round   |
| Dennis Sarfate | 1999 | Texas Rangers        | 15th  | round   |
| Jason Fingers  | 1997 | Boston Red Sox       | 23rd  | round   |
| Drew Friedberg | 1997 | Arizona Diamondbacks | 25th  | round   |
| Mitch Jones    | 1999 | Baltimore Orioles    | 25th  | round   |
| Jon Switzer    | 1998 | Pittsburgh Pirates   | 26th  | round   |
| Mitch Jones    | 1997 | Texas Rangers        | 33rd  | round   |
| Dennis Wyrick  | 1999 | Detroit Tigers       | 35th  | round   |
| Jeff Phelps    | 1997 | Pittsburgh Pirates   | 36th  | round   |
| Trent Pratt    | 1998 | Texas Rangers        | 38th  | round   |
| Jeff Duncan    | 1997 | Chicago Cubs         | 41st  | round   |
| Jason Fingers  | 1998 | Boston Red Sox       | 41st  | round   |
| Ryan Coffin    | 1999 | Boston Red Sox       | 43rd  | round   |
| John Gusich    | 1998 | Chicago White Sox    | 45th  | round   |
| Jered Liebeck  | 1999 | Arizona Diamondbacks | 45th  | round   |
| Luke Field     | 1999 | Minnesota Twins      | 47th  | round   |
| Mitch Jones    | 1998 | Baltimore Orioles    | 49th  | round   |
| Mike Lopez     | 1996 | Toronto Blue Jays    | 52nd  | round   |

**KGME TAKES OVER ASU BASEBALL ON THE AIRWAVES:** Last spring, ASU Athletics agreed to a five year partnership with a new multimedia rights holder, the Sun Devil Sports Network. This group, owned by Outdoor Systems Sports Marketing, will manage, produce and market ASU's radio and television network. The Sun Devil Sports Network signed a three year radio flagship deal with KGME (550 AM). The most powerful AM signal in Arizona. Tim Healey, Voice of the Sun Devils, and Bob Eger will provide play-by-play and color commentary respectively. KGME will broadcast all Pac-10 games as well as selected non-conference games. The games can also be heard via the internet at [www.TheSunDevils.com](http://www.TheSunDevils.com)

**INJURY REPORT:** Junior Mike Lopez broke his right wrist over vs. Arizona and was not able to compete in the NCAA Regional. Senior LHP Will Waldrip had bone spurs in his pitching elbow. He will be able to DH and be used in spot pitching situations for the rest of the season. Freshman RHP Mike Esposito had successful Tommy John surgery on March 30 and was out for the rest of the season.

**THE BEGINNING AND END OF IT:** Here are the pitching lines on ASU starters and relievers.

|              | IP           | W-L          | ERA         | H          | R          | ER         | BB         | SO         |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Starters     | 263.2        | 25-10        | 5.12        | 276        | 176        | 150        | 114        | 246        |
| Relievers    | 256.1        | 19-5         | 4.11        | 262        | 136        | 117        | 119        | 256        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>520.0</b> | <b>44-15</b> | <b>4.62</b> | <b>538</b> | <b>312</b> | <b>267</b> | <b>233</b> | <b>502</b> |

**2000 Arizona State Homeruns (86)**

- Solo: (30)** Hines 4, Conrad 2, Jones 12, Myers 4, Phelps 3, Stocker 1, Pratt 1, Martin 1, Downing 1, John Gusich 1
- 2-run: (27)** Jones 7, Myers 10, Hines 2, Conrad 3, Martin 1, Lopez 1, Duncan 1, Phelps 1, Downing 1
- 3-run: (23)** Duncan 1, Jones 7, Myers 4, Lopez 5, Conrad 3, Downing 1, Phelps 2
- Grand Slam: (5)** Conrad 1, Phelps 2, Jones 1, Downing 1
- Two in One Game: (10)** Jones 5, Hines 1, Conrad 1, Myers 1, Downing 1, Phelps 1
- Inside the Park: (1)** Jeff Duncan 1
- Pinch hit: (1)** Phil Downing 1

**2000 Pac-10 Standings (Final Standings)**

| Team           | Conf. | Ovrrall |
|----------------|-------|---------|
| Arizona State  | 17-7  | 44-15   |
| Stanford       | 17-7  | 50-16   |
| UCLA           | 17-7  | 38-26   |
| USC            | 16-8  | 44-20   |
| California     | 11-13 | 25-28   |
| Oregon State   | 9-15  | 28-27   |
| Arizona        | 8-16  | 26-30   |
| Washington     | 7-17  | 26-30   |
| Washington St. | 6-18  | 20-36   |

**Did You Know?**

- In the FAU game (1/28) second baseman Brooks Conrad, who is a switch hiiter, hit homeruns from both sides of the plate.
- Jeff Duncan led the team in stolen bases with 22 on the season.
- Martin (29), Lopez (15) and Myers (16) were 1,2,3 in the league in hit by pitches.
- The Sun Devils scored 10 or more runs 31 times this year; they scored 20 or more runs nine times.
- ASU outscored the opposition, 647-312 in 2000.
- Arizona State was not swept in a three game series this year.
- The Sun Devils last conference championship before this year came in 1993.
- Mitch Jones' 27 homeruns in 2000 ties him for 9th on the Pac-10's single season list. He became the 42nd player in conference history to reach 20 homers in a single season.
- With 205 career RBI, Casey Myers is within striking distance of the Pac-10 record.





### IN THE RECORD BOOKS...

#### PAC-10 SINGLE SEASON HOMERUN LEADERS

- 1. Troy Glaus, UCLA (1997) 34
- 2. Mark McGwire, USC (1984) 32
- 3. Eric Valent, UCLA (1998) 30
- 4. Jim Auten, UCLA (1979) 29
- Paul Ells, UCLA (1990) 29
- 9. Mitch Jones, ASU (2000) 26
- Ryan McGuire, UCLA (1993) 26

#### ASU SINGLE SEASON HOMERUN LEADERS

- 1. Mitch Jones, 2000 27
- 2. Bob Horner, 1978 25
- 4. Barry Bonds, 1985 23
- Oddibe McDowell, 1984 23
- 6. Bob Horner, 1977 22
- Mike Sodders, 1981 22

#### ASU SINGLE SEASON SLUGGING PERCENTAGE

- 1. Bob Horner, 1978 .819
- 2. Mitch Jones, 2000 795
- 3. Mike Sodders, 1981 .762
- 4. Oddibe McDowell, 1984 .761
- 5. Rick Morris, 1986 .747

#### PAC-10 SINGLE SEASON TEAM HIT BY PITCH

- 1. Arizona State (2000) 115
- 2. Washington (1998) 101

#### NCAA HOME RUN LEADERS

- 1. Brad Cresse, LSU 30
- 2. Mitch Jones, ASU 27\*
- 3. Aaron Sisk, New Mexico 24
- 4. Forrest Johnson 23

\* Led nation with .458 HR per game

#### ASU Career Record Watch

ASU RBI Record..... 283  
*Casey Myers* .....206, 5th  
 ..... Ranks 5th in Pac-10 Career History

ASU Career Batting Average ..... .408  
*Casey Myers* .....380, t-9th

ASU Career Slugging %..... .731  
*Mitch Jones*..... .731, 1st  
*Casey Myers* .....622, t-10th

ASU Career HR Record ..... 56  
*Mitch Jones*.....38, 7th  
*Casey Myers* ..... 32

**ALL IN THE FAMILY:** Three father/son combinations have played at Arizona State including current Sun Devils Casey Myers and Brian Berger. Myers father Clint played at ASU from 1971-73 while Berger's father Bill played for the Devils from 1970-71-73. Father Eddie Bane (1971-73) and son Jaymie Bane (1997) round out the trio of father/son combos to don the Sun Devils uniform. Seven sets of brothers have graced the ASU rosters through the years: Chris (1975-78) and Sal (1964-65) Bando; Kevin (1978-81) and Pat (1980-82) Dukes; Byron (1979), Dale (1976-79) and Larry (1976-78) Eiler; Greg (1968) and Skip (1964) Hancock; Darrell (1974-77) and Dwayne (1979) Jackson; Jeff (1994) and Mike (1993) Rensmeyer; and John (1971-73) and Tom (1973-75) Sain. Of the seven sets, three sets played at least one year together at Arizona State.

**TWO-SPORT ATHLETE?** A little known fact around the ballpark is that center fielder Jeff Duncan is a big hockey fan. The native of Illinois played hockey as a kid growing up all the way through high school. What position you ask? Center, of course.

**PHELPS HAVING A GRAND TIME:** Infielder Jeff Phelps (Yuma) hit two grand slams in 2000 and now has three for his career. The ASU record for most grand slams in a season is three, held by Dave Hudgens (1977). Phelps recently completed the best year of his career at ASU, batting at a .362 clip with 81 hits and eight home runs. He had a .461 on-base percentage - third best on the squad. The junior batted well vs. both lefties (.351) and right-handers (.365) and hit .395 with runners on base. Phelps is one of only three players to start all 59 games for the Devils this year.

**THE FIREMAN:** Sophomore reliever Franco Pezely has been putting out "fires" all season long for the Devils. And in the process, posted a 8-2 record to go along with a 3.24 ERA. The lefty was a key reliever out of the bullpen making 25 appearances. He picked up a win in relief vs. Stanford, Oregon State, Washington State and Oklahoma in the month of April. The eight wins puts him in second on the pitching staff in wins. He is holding opponent batters to a .264 average at the plate.

**WHERE ASU RANKED IN THE NATION:** ASU had a year that will go down in the NCAA record books. The Sun Devils finished second in hitting with a .346 team batting average, trailing only Stony Brook who posted a .347 average. The team went a collective 738-for-2134. The Sun Devils, however, were the most productive team in the nation in '00, leading the NCAA in scoring while averaging 10.97 runs per game. The Sun Devils also led the nation with 37 total triples and ASU's nearest threat was Delaware with 10.02 runs per game. Here is a list of where the team and individual players ranked in the NCAA:

| Team Rankings: |                     | Individual Rankings: |                       |
|----------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Batting:       | 2nd .346            | Batting:             | Myers 30th, .412 avg. |
| Fielding:      | 5th .971%           | RBI:                 | Myers 4th, 1.64 pg    |
| Home Runs      | 7th 1.46 per game   |                      | Jones 5th, 1.56 pg    |
| Slugging:      | 2nd .561%           | Home Runs            | Jones 1st, .458 pg    |
| Triples:       | 1st 0.63 (37 total) |                      | Myers 35th, .31 pg    |
| Won-Loss       | 8th .746 (44-15)    | Triples:             | Martin 17th, .12 pg   |
|                |                     | Runs:                | Jones 11th, 1.34 pg   |
|                |                     | Slugging:            | Jones 11th, .787 %    |

**ASU IN THE COLLEGE WORLD SERIES:** ASU has led unparalleled success in the College World Series since the program began in 1959. The Sun Devils have been to Omaha 18 times, posting a combined 55-30 record. The Diamond Devils have notched five championships, five seconds, three thirds, two fourths, and one fifth. ASU's last appearance in the CWS was in 1998 when the Devils finished second to Pac-10 rival USC.



**THIS IS ASU BASEBALL TRADITION:** The Arizona State baseball program is one filled with history of success, pride and achievements. Among the facts:

- Only one losing season in school history
- 13 National Players of the Year
- Three coaches in school history
- 58 All-Americans, 2 Coaches of the Year
- 6 Pac-10 Titles, 18 CWS Titles
- 75 Major League Players
- 1856-736 (.716) Career Record
- One perfect game, 7 no-hitters
- 18 NCAA Regional Appearances
- 21 first-round draft picks





**THE 2000 DRAFT:** The 2000 amateur baseball draft held in New York turned out to be a good and a bad day for the Arizona State Sun Devil baseball program. Overall 25 combined players and ASU signees were selected in the draft. Future Sun Devil Matt Harrington will not likely wear the Maroon and Gold, as he was picked in the first round with the seventh overall selection by the Colorado Rockies. The first ASU player to be selected was Jeff Duncan in the seventh round by the New York Mets. Mitch Jones was also a seventh round selection. Here is a list of the ASU players/signees who were taken in the draft.

**THESE GUYS ARE TRULY ALL-AMERICAN:** Among the several honors and awards the Sun Devils pulled in during the 2000 season, many were honored after the season ended in many of the baseball publications. Head Coach Pat Murphy was honored as the Pac-10 Coach of the Year and Mitch Jones was a semi-finalist for the Rotary Smith Player of the Year award. Casey Myers was selected as an All-American by several publications and was the 2000 Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Year. Here is a breakdown of ASU players and their 2000 All-American awards:

| Round | Player              | Team         | Overall Selection |
|-------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 1     | Matt Harrington*    | Colorado     | 7                 |
| 2     | Kenny Nelson*       | Atlanta      | 51                |
| 2     | J.D. Durbin         | Minnesota    | 54                |
| 2     | Jason Burgeois      | Texas        | 56                |
| 3     | Jeff Tibbs          | Los Angeles  | 87                |
| 4     | Eric Keefner*       | Houston      | 127               |
| 6     | Will Smith*         | Florida      | 161               |
| 7     | Jason Kaanoi*       | Kansas City  | 194               |
| 7     | Jeff Duncan         | New York (N) | 215               |
| 7     | Mitch Jones         | New York (A) | 218               |
| 10    | Jason Fingers       | Kansas City  | 284               |
| 10    | Eric Doble          | Boston       | 302               |
| 16    | Phil Downing        | Montreal     | 465               |
| 16    | Ryan Schroyer*      | Detroit      | 468               |
| 16    | Luke Field          | Cleveland    | 486               |
| 25    | Jonathan Guitterez* | Boston       | 752               |
| 25    | Skyler Fulton*      | New York (N) | 755               |
| 29    | Drew Friedberg      | Milwaukee    | 861               |
| 30    | Casey Myers         | Milwaukee    | 891               |

\* indicates ASU signee

| Player              | Awards  |
|---------------------|---|
| <b>Mitch Jones:</b> | Baseball America: 1st Team All-American, OF<br>Sporting News: 1st Team All-American, OF<br>Collegiate Baseball: 1st Team All-American, OF<br>Baseball Weekly: 1st Team All-American, OF<br>NCBWA: 1st Team All-American, OF<br>Pac-10: 1st Team All-Conference, OF  |
| <b>Casey Myers:</b> | Baseball America: 2nd Team All-American, C<br>Sporting News: 1st Team All-American, DH<br>Collegiate Baseball: 2nd Team All-American, C<br>Baseball Weekly: 2nd Team All-American, C<br>NCBWA: 1st Team All-American, Utility<br>Pac-10: 1st Team All-Conference, Player of the Year<br>Academic: Academic All-American of the Year |
| <b>Others:</b>      | Jon Switzer: Collegiate Baseball 3rd Team<br>Dennis Wyrick: Baseball America All-Freshman   |

## Arizona State Week-by-Week in the National Polls

|           | Baseball America | Collegiate Baseball | Baseball Weekly |
|-----------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Preseason | 22               | 28                  | 22              |
| Feb. 7    | 17               | 28                  | 22              |
| Feb. 14   | 17               | 19                  | 13              |
| Feb. 21   | 19               | 19                  | 16              |
| Feb. 28   | 17               | 18                  | 15              |
| Mar. 6    | 13               | 15                  | 12              |
| Mar. 13   | 9                | 11                  | 10              |
| Mar. 20   | 6                | 9                   | 9               |
| Mar. 27   | 7                | 8                   | 7               |
| Apr. 3    | 4                | 5                   | 4               |
| Apr. 10   | 4                | 4                   | 4               |
| Apr. 17   | 3                | 3                   | 3               |
| Apr. 24   | 3                | 3                   | 3               |
| May 1     | 5                | 5                   | 4               |
| May 8     | 4                | 5                   | 3               |
| May 15    | 3                | 3                   | 3               |
| May 22    | 4                | 4                   | 3               |
| May 30    | 11               | 12                  | 3               |
| June 5    | 14               | 12                  | 3               |
| Final     | 12               | 12                  | 16              |





## Sun Devils in the Majors (8)

### Player

Doug Henry  
Sean Lowe  
Gabe Molina

### MLB Team

Houston Astros/SF Giants  
Chicago White Sox  
Baltimore Orioles/Atlanta Braves

### Player, Pos.

Mike Benjjamin, 2B  
Barry Bonds, LF  
Jacob Cruz, CF  
Paul LoDuca, C  
Fernando Vina

### MLB Team

Pittsburgh Pirates  
San Francisco Giants  
Cleveland Indians  
Los Angeles Dodgers  
St. Louis Cardinals

## Sun Devils in the Minors (41)

### Player

Jason Bond  
Ryan Bradley  
Jeff Cermak  
Chuck Crumpton  
Luke Field  
Jason Fingers  
Jay Gehrke  
Greg Halvorson  
Ryan Mills  
Rob Mattson  
Blas Minor  
Kaipo Spenser  
Tim Vasquez  
Charlie Williamson

### Team (Class)

Duluth-Superior (Independent)  
Columbus (AAA, Yankees)  
Valley Vipers (Independent)  
Harrisburg (A, Expos)  
Mahoning Valley (A, Indians)  
Spokane (A, Royals)  
Charleston (A, Royals)  
Capital City (A, Mets)  
Quad City (A, Twins)  
Nashville (AAA, Pirates)  
Torreon (AAA, Mexican)  
Valley Vipers (Independent)  
Valley Vipers (Independent)  
High Desert (A, Padres)

### Player

Andrew Beinbrink  
Willie Bloomquist  
Brett Cadiente  
Mike Collins  
Phil Downing  
Dustin Delucchi  
Jeff Duncan  
Mark Ernst  
John Finn  
Matt Frick  
Javier Fuentes  
Steve Goodell  
Scott Goodman  
Chip Gosewisch  
Jeremy Jones  
Mitch Jones  
Robbie Kent  
Rich Leon  
Cody McKay  
Dan McKinley  
Dan Meier  
Mikel Moreno  
Doug Newstrom  
Scott Samuels  
Jim Sitzman  
Tim Spehr  
Kevin Tommasini  
Antone Williamson

### Team (Class)

St. Petersburg (A, Tampa Bay)  
Tacoma (AAA, Mariners)  
Savannah (A, Rangers)  
San Bernadino (A, Dodgers)  
Vermont (A, Expos)  
Evansville (Independent)  
Pittsfield (A, Mets)  
Huntsville (AA, Brewers)  
Valley Vipers (Independent)  
Kane County (A, Marlins)  
South Bend (A, Diamondbacks)  
Carolina (AA, Rockies)  
Kane County (A, Marlins)  
Cedar Rapids (A, Angels)  
Tulsa (AA, Rangers)  
Staten Island (A, Yankees)  
Mobile (AA, Padres)  
Valley Vipers (Independent)  
Midland (AA, Athletics)  
Harrisburg (AA, Expos)  
Lynchburg (A, Pirates)  
Valley Vipers (Independent)  
El Paso (AA, Diamondbacks)  
Allentown (Independent)  
Piedmont (A, Phillies)  
Pawtucket (AAA, Red Sox)  
Bakersfield (A, Giants)  
Greenville (Independent)

## Sun Devils in the Summer Leagues

### Player

Ryan Coffin  
Brooks Conrad  
Eric Doble  
Ryan Edginton  
Drew Friedberg  
John Gusich  
Bryce Kartler  
Jonah Martin  
Casey Myers  
Jeff Phelps  
Mel Stocker  
Jon Switzer  
Nick Walsh

### Team (Class)

Wisconsin (Northwoods League)  
Alaska Goldpanners  
Alaska Goldpanners  
Mankato (Northwoods League)  
Wisconsin (Northwoods League)  
Wisconsin (Northwoods League)\*  
Seattle Cruisers (Pacific International)  
Alaska Goldpanners  
Team USA National Team  
Alaska Goldpanners  
Athletes in Action  
Team USA National Team  
Mankato (Northwoods League)

\* Will Not Return for 2001 Season

## MURPHY LEADS DUTCH TEAM TO OLYMPIC STARDOM:

Arizona State head baseball coach Pat Murphy had the chance to coach the 1988 Dutch National baseball team in the Seoul Olympics, but declined the opportunity so he could return to the University of Notre Dame, where he had recently been named the head coach.

Nearly 12 years later, Murphy's ties to international baseball in Holland remained, and he was named coach of the Dutch Olympic Baseball Team for the Sydney 2000 Games, as announced in early June by Dutch Baseball Federation President Berry Eijgendaal.

"This is a great opportunity and I'm excited to be a part of the 2000 Olympics in Sydney," Murphy said. "I'm honored to be in this position and look forward to the challenges ahead."

The 2000 Pac-10 Coach of the Year, Murphy recently completed his sixth season at the helm of the ASU program, guiding the Sun Devils to a 44-15 record and their third postseason appearance in four years. With a 605-294-3 record in 16 seasons, he is the winningest active coach under the age of 43. Murphy has compiled a 232-123 record during his tenure at ASU, and has guided the Sun Devils to top 12 rankings in three of the last four years.

No stranger to international baseball, Murphy's ties to the Dutch team stretch back more than a decade. In the summer of 1987, he led Holland to the European Championship, a victory that qualified the squad for the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, South Korea. Murphy was asked to coach the team at the Seoul Olympics, but declined to return to coaching the Fighting Irish. In seven seasons at the helm of the Irish, Murphy led the program to three consecutive NCAA appearances and posted a career 318-116-1 record in Sound Bend.

Murphy led the Dutch squad to a 3-4 in the Olympics, including wins over host Australia, rival Italy and a shocking win over international power Cuba. The 4-2 win over the Cubans ended a 21-game winning streak in the Olympics for the country and was voted as one of the top four upsets in Olympic team history. Murphy and the Netherlands also beat Tommy Lasorda and Team USA in a Olympic preparation game.

**SUN DEVIL ODDS AND ENDS:** Eddie Bane, a star pitcher for the ASU program in the late '70's was ranked ninth as player of the century by *Baseball America*... Mitch Jones, who was a unanimous selection for All-American, also led the Pac-10 in extra base hits with 49 and also competed in the first College World Series home run hitting contest at Rosenblatt Stadium... Mitch Jones (Feb. 28) and Jeff Duncan (Mar. 20) were selected as National Players of the Week during 2000... Brooks Conrad, Jones and Jon Switzer all picked up Pac-10 Player of the Week honors during '00... Casey Myers, Mel Stocker, Jones and Duncan all made the all-tournament team at the NCAA Regional held at Packard Stadium... Dennis Wyrick was named a third-team freshman All-American by *Baseball America*... Switzer and Myers played for the Team USA National team, but Switzer had to leave the tour early with an appendix surgery... Billy Jones came aboard in the '00 offseason to take over the duties as baseball camps director and director of baseball operations.

