

SUNDEVIL BASEBALL

postseason play

POSTSEASON SUMMARY

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| Regional Appearances | 18 |
| Regional Titles | 12 |
| Record in Regionals | 54-16 |
| District 7 Appearances | 6 |
| District 7 Titles | 6 |
| Record in District 7 | 12-1 |
| CWS Appearances | 18 |
| CWS Titles | 5 |
| CWS Runners-up | 5 |
| CWS Third-Place Finishes | 4 |
| Record at CWS | 55-30 (.648) |
| NCAA Appearances | 23 |
| NCAA Record | 121-47 |

2000

Regional, at Tempe, Ariz.
ASU 15, Miami (Ohio) 7
ASU 3, Texas 1
Texas 6, ASU 4
Texas 9, ASU 7

1998

Regional, at Wichita, Kansas
ASU 8, Arkansas 4
Oklahoma St. 13, ASU 8
ASU 6, Wichita St. 4
ASU 13, Oklahoma St. 5
ASU 3, Georgia Tech 1

College World Series

May 29 - ASU 11, Florida St. 10
May 31 - ASU 9, Miami 2
June 3 - ASU 14, Long Beach St. 4
June 6 - USC 21, ASU 14
2nd place

1997

Regional, at Coral Gables, Fla.
ASU 10, Florida International 2
ASU 3, Florida 2
ASU 10, Miami 3
Miami 7, ASU 6
Miami 6, ASU 5

1994

Regional, at Knoxville, Tenn.
ASU 8, Western Carolina 6
ASU 7, Wright State 4
ASU 10, Tennessee 5
ASU 5, Tennessee 4 (10)
College World Series
June 4th - ASU 4, Miami 0
June 6th - Oklahoma 6, ASU 3 (11)
June 7th - ASU 9, Miami 5
June 9th - Oklahoma 6, ASU 1
3rd place (tie)

1993

Regional, at Tempe

ASU 13, George Mason 4

ASU 6, Minnesota 5
ASU 9, CS Northridge 0
ASU 12, St. John's 2

College World Series

June 5th - Wichita St. 4, ASU 3 (11)
June 7th - Oklahoma St. 6, ASU 5

1992

Regional, at Wichita, Kan.
CS Northridge 5, ASU 1
Wichita State 3, ASU 1

1990

Regional, at Tempe
ASU 12, Pennsylvania 1
ASU 11, Loyola Marymount 9
Oklahoma State 17, ASU 9
ASU 8, Washington St. 6 (10)
Oklahoma State 10, ASU 5

1989

Regional, at Waterbury, Conn.
ASU 5, George Washington 0
ASU 15, Pennsylvania 4
LeMoyne 4, ASU 2
Arkansas 1, ASU 0

1988

Regional, at Tempe
Evansville 1, ASU 0
ASU 13, Oklahoma 6
ASU 27, UNLV 8
ASU 11, Pepperdine 4
ASU 10, Pepperdine 5

College World Series

June 3rd - ASU 4, California 2
June 5th - Wichita St. 7, ASU 4
June 7th - ASU 10, Florida 1
June 8th - ASU 4, Wichita St. 3 (10)
June 10th - ASU 19, Wichita St. 1
June 11th - Stanford 9, ASU 4
2nd place

1987

Regional, at Tempe
ASU 9, SW Missouri 5
ASU 9, UCLA 3
ASU 4, Pepperdine 2
ASU 14, UCLA 4

College World Series

May 29th - Oklahoma St. 8, ASU 3
May 31st - Fla. St. 3, ASU 0

1984

Regional, at Tempe
ASU 8, Washington St. 4
ASU 15, Hawaii 11
ASU 5, Stanford 4

College World Series

June 2nd - ASU 9, Miami 6

June 5th - ASU 23, Oklahoma St. 12
June 7th - Texas 8, ASU 4
June 8th - Cal St.-Fullerton 6, ASU 1

1983

Regional, at Tempe
ASU 19, Brigham Young 11
ASU 8, Cal St.-Fullerton 0
ASU 7, Fresno St. 2

College World Series

June 4th - Alabama 6, ASU 5 (11)
June 5th - ASU 7, Maine 0
June 8th - ASU 6, Oklahoma St. 5
June 10th - Alabama 6, ASU 0
3rd place (tie)

1982

Regional, at Tempe
ASU 6, San Diego State 1
Cal St.-Fullerton 10, ASU 9
ASU 9, Houston 5
Cal St.-Fullerton 8, ASU 7

1981

Regional, at Tempe
ASU 9, Gonzaga 6
ASU 18, Cal St.-Fullerton 9
ASU 12, Cal St.-Fullerton 7

College World Series

May 30th - ASU 11, Texas 2
June 2nd - ASU 4, Mississippi St. 3
June 5th - Oklahoma St. 11, ASU 10
June 6th - ASU 10, S. Carolina 7
June 7th - ASU 12, Texas 3
June 8th - ASU 7, Okl. St. 4

Title #5

1978

Regional, at Tempe
UNLV 17, ASU 10
ASU 14, Washington St. 8
ASU 30, UNLV 5
ASU 17, Gonzaga 1
ASU 11, Gonzaga 4

College World Series

June 3rd - ASU 13, St. John's 2
June 4th - ASU 7, Oral Roberts 6
June 6th - USC 5, ASU 2
June 7th - ASU 13, Miami 3
June 8th - USC 10, ASU 3
2nd place

1977

Regional, at Tempe
ASU 6, Cal State-Fullerton 2
ASU 11, Washington St. 7
ASU 3, Washington St. 2
College World Series
June 10th - ASU 10, Clemson 7
June 13th - S. Illinois 3, ASU 2

June 14th - ASU 8, Minnesota 4
June 16th - ASU 6, S. Carolina 2
June 17th - ASU 10, S. Illinois 0
June 18th - ASU 2, S. Carolina 1
Title #4

1976

Regional, at Tempe
ASU 13, Gonzaga 2
ASU 11, Memphis St. 4
ASU 12, Minnesota 5

College World Series

June 12th - ASU 7, Arizona 6
June 13th - E. Michigan 2, ASU 1
June 15th - ASU 9, Wash. St. 3
June 16th - ASU 7, Maine 0
June 18th - Arizona 5, ASU 1
3rd place

1975

Regional, at Tempe
ASU 18, Washington St. 2
ASU 20, Puget Sound 3
Washington St. 8, ASU 7
ASU 5, Washington St. 1

College World Series

June 6th - ASU 5, CS-Fullerton 3
June 8th - ASU 5, Texas 2
June 11th - S. Carolina 6, ASU 3
June 12th - ASU 1, Oklahoma 0
June 13th - S. Carolina 4, ASU 1
3rd place

1973

District 7, at Mesa
ASU 14, Denver 1
ASU 14, Denver 0

College World Series

June 8th - ASU 3, Penn State 1
June 10th - ASU 3, Minnesota 0
June 11th - USC 3, ASU 1
June 12th - ASU 6, Texas 5
June 13th - USC 4, ASU 3
2nd place

1972

District 7, at Mesa
ASU 8, Weber St. 1
ASU 5, Weber St. 0

College World Series

June 10th - ASU 2, Iowa 1
June 11th - ASU 1, Oklahoma 0
June 12th - ASU 3, USC 0
June 14th - ASU 1, Temple 0
June 15th - USC 3, ASU 1
June 16th - USC 1, ASU 0
2nd place

1969

District 7, at Mesa

ASU 7, Idaho 1
ASU 3, Idaho 2

College World Series

June 13th - Texas 4, ASU 0
June 14th - ASU 2, UCLA 1
June 17th - ASU 4, Mass. 2
June 18th - ASU 11, Tulsa 3
June 19th - ASU 4, NYU 1
June 20th - ASU 10, Tulsa 1
Title #3

1967

District 7, at Phoenix
ASU 11, Air Force 0
Air Force 5, ASU 2
ASU 6, Air Force 0

College World Series

June 12th - ASU 7, Oklahoma St. 2
June 13th - ASU 8, Bos. College 1
June 14th - ASU 5, Stanford 3
June 16th - Houston 3, ASU 0
June 17th - ASU 4, Stanford 3
June 18th - ASU 11, Houston 2
Title #2

1965

District 7, at Phoenix
ASU 7, Colorado St. 2
ASU 12, Colorado St. 3

College World Series

June 7th - ASU 14, Lafayette 1
June 8th - ASU 13, St. Louis 3
June 9th - ASU 9, Ohio St. 4
June 10th - ASU 6, St. Louis 2
June 11th - Ohio St. 7, ASU 3
June 12th - ASU 2, Ohio St. 1
Title #1

1964

District 7, at Colorado Springs
ASU 6, Air Force 1
ASU 7, Air Force 6

College World Series

June 9th - Missouri 7, ASU 0
June 12th - ASU 5, Mississippi 0
June 13th - Maine 4, ASU 2



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ASU VS. LAFAYETTE - JUNE 7

ASU entered the tourney ranked first in the final national poll prior to the CWS, and lived up to the billing. The Devils blasted three Lafayette pitchers for a 14-1 win. Top Sun Devil sluggers included starting pitcher John Pavlik (2-for-3, 1 RBI), Sal Bando (3-for-5 with a double, a homer and 3 RBI), Jim Armstrong (3-for-4, 2 RBI and 3 runs scored) and Glenn Smith with a 3-for-4 performance. Pavlik limited Lafayette to just three singles in getting the win, and was helped by Alan Schmelz in the ninth. Pavlik had a no-hitter for six innings before a run scored on three singles in the seventh.

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

ASU VS. ST. LOUIS - JUNE 8

Arizona State blasted open a close game in the fifth inning on a Duffy Dyer two-run homer to left, and eventually rode to a 13-3 demolition of the Billikens. Doug Nurnberg was the winner after relieving Ron Lea. Nurnberg came on in the fourth and struck out six in four and one-third innings before giving way to Al Schmelz in the ninth. Leading Devil hitters were Sal Bando with three hits in five trips, five RBI and three runs scored. Dyer was 3-for-6 with 2 RBI and Glenn Smith was 2-of-4 with 4 runs scored.

| | R | H | E |
|---------------|---|---|---|
| Arizona State | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| St. Louis | 0 | 2 | 0 |

ASU VS. OHIO STATE - JUNE 9

The Sun Devils scored six runs in the first inning en route to a 9-4 triumph over the Buckeyes. Jim Armstrong drove in two runs on a single, Rick Monday and Sal Bando posted run-scoring singles, and two OSU errors provided opportunities for another two A-State runs. Monday homered in the second, and Luis Lagunas doubled in two runs in the ninth to complete ASU's scoring. The Buckeyes never came close, despite scoring three times in the eighth off winning pitcher Jim Merrick.

| | R | H | E |
|---------------|---|---|---|
| Arizona State | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| Ohio State | 0 | 0 | 0 |

ASU VS. ST. LOUIS - JUNE 10

The Devils won a 6-2 decision over the Billikens, as John Pavlik went eight and one-third innings for the win. Relief help from Doug Nurnberg locked up the Devil victory. The Devils scored two in the first frame on a single by Luis Lagunas that drove in Jim Gretta, while Sal Bando scored on an error. Three runs in the third frame locked it up for ASU, as Lagunas' single drove in Rick Monday and Bando again scored on an error. Jan Kleinman followed with a single to drive in Lagunas. Kleinman was 3-for-4 with 1 RBI, Lagunas was 2-for-3 and drove in two runs and Gretta was 2-for-4 with an RBI and three stolen bases.

| | R | H | E |
|---------------|---|---|---|
| Arizona State | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| St. Louis | 1 | 0 | 0 |

ASU VS. OHIO STATE - JUNE 11

The Sun Devil Express to the school's first national championship suffered a temporary setback as Ohio State took a 7-3 decision. Ohio State moved to a 4-1 lead after four and scored a pair of runs in the fifth that all but put the game away. Devil starter Ron Lea was relieved in the fifth by Al Schmelz, while OSU starter John Durant went the distance and retired seven of the last eight men he faced. Ray Stadler was the top ASU man at the plate, with 3 RBI.

| | R | H | E |
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| Arizona State | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ohio State | 1 | 0 | 0 |

ASU VS. OHIO STATE - JUNE 12

Arizona State won its first national baseball crown in a 2-1 thriller over Ohio State. Sophomore reliever Doug Nurnberg was the man of the hour for the Devils, as he pitched his way out of a base-loaded, no out situation in the seventh then stranded two runners in the top of the ninth. Nurnberg relieved starter Jim Merrick for the final three innings of the game and came through with three innings of hitless ball while striking out four. ASU took the lead on a homer by Rick Monday in the first frame. What proved to be the winning run came for ASU after Sal Bando tripled in the sixth and then scored on Luis Lagunas' fly out to center. The championship victory was ASU's 54th win in the 62-game season, a national record at that time.

| | R | H | E |
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| Ohio State | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Arizona State | 1 | 0 | 0 |

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ASU VS. OKLAHOMA STATE - JUNE 12

Arizona State defeated Oklahoma State by a 7-2 margin, using a five-run seventh frame and the superb pitching of Gary Gentry to forge the win. The Devils fell behind 2-0 in the top half of the first, but rebounded with a solo homer by Scott Reid in the third and an RBI triple by Jack Lind that scored Dave Grangaard in the fourth to tie the score. In the seventh, the Devils' main artillery was a three-run homer by Scott Reid. Gentry struck out at least one man every inning. From the fifth inning on, he did not allow a base runner and struck out seven.

| | | | | | | | | | | R | H | E |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|---|
| Okla. State | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 1 |
| Arizona State | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | X | 7 | 11 | 2 |

ASU VS. BOSTON COLLEGE - JUNE 13

ASU turned in an 8-1 win over Boston College on the power of a four-hit performance by starting pitcher Tom Burgess. Burgess also provided some offense for the Devils, as he drove in three runs, including the winning run on his sacrifice fly in the second inning. Larry Linville went 3-for-4 to lead ASU at the plate, while Ron Davini was 2-for-3.

| | | | | | | | | | | R | H | E |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|---|
| Arizona State | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 10 | 1 |
| Boston College | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 2 |

ASU VS. STANFORD - JUNE 14

Unheralded sophomore hurler Larry Gura led ASU to a 5-3 win over number one ranked Stanford. Gura came on in relief of starter Jeff Pentland in the second, after Stanford scored three runs in the first and then had runners on first and second in the top of the second inning. Gura came in and surrendered a single to load the bases before he calmly retired the side. From that point on, only four Stanford hitters reached first and none went farther. ASU scored a single by Dave Grangaard and a double by Larry Linville followed by Ron Davini's two-run double in the second frame. The Devils tied the score in the fifth on Scott Reid's run-scoring double. Moments later Grangaard singled home Fred Nelson and Reid for the final margin of victory.

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|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stanford | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 3 |
| Arizona State | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | 5 | 9 | 0 |

ASU VS. HOUSTON - JUNE 16

The Sun Devils dropped a 3-0 decision to Houston, as ASU managed only four hits off Cougar starter Rick Brewer. Jeff Pentland went the distance for ASU, allowing just six hits while walking one and striking out 11. ASU had scoring opportunities in the third and seventh frames but was unable to capitalize. Tom Paciorek doubled to lead off the Houston second, and scored on Ken Herbert's single. Paciorek tripled home G.J. Cantu in the fourth and scored when Herbert singled.

| | | | | | | | | | | | R | H | E |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Houston | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 0 |
| Arizona State | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 |

ASU VS. STANFORD - JUNE 17

Following ASU's loss to Houston, three teams remained in the CWS, each with one defeat. Houston drew a bye into the finals and ASU and Stanford fought for the right to move to the final game against Houston. What resulted was a classic battle of two evenly matched squads, as ASU and Stanford struggled 14 innings before A-State won a 4-3 decision. ASU starter Gary Gentry and Stanford starter Rod Poteete locked horns in a pitcher's duel that lasted over three and one-half hours. Gentry allowed nine hits, walked six, struck out 15 and allowed no Stanford runners past first base after the sixth inning. Gentry was the man who eventually scored the winning run, after singling in the 14th frame. One out later, Scott Reid sent a fly ball deep to center that Stanford centerfielder Jeff Rohlfing misjudged and was unable to recover and field. Reid's hit dropped in and Stanford dropped out of the tournament.

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|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Stanford | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 0 |
| Arizona State | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 13 |

ASU VS. HOUSTON - JUNE 18

ASU won their second NCAA championship in three years, with an 11-2 drubbing of Houston in the CWS finale. ASU starter Tom Burgess allowed 12 hits and four walks, but struck out 15 men, including three wiffs of Cougar All-America Tom Paciorek for the Devil win. The Sun Devils went on top with three runs in the top of the first and never looked back, as Houston tried four hurlers to stem the Devil tide. Larry Linville, Scott Reid and Ralph Carpenter each collected a pair of RBI for the Devils, with Reid going 2-for-3 and scoring four runs. ASU catcher Ron Davini was named Outstanding Player of the CWS with a .409 series batting average.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | R | H | E |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|---|---|
| Houston | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 12 | 1 | |
| Arizona State | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 2 | X | 11 | 16 | 1 | | |

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ASU VS. TEXAS - JUNE 13

Longhorn freshman pitcher Burt Hooten limited ASU to only three hits in this 4-0 ASU loss. A third inning single by Terry Brenner, a fifth inning single by Roger Detter and a sixth inning single by Ralph Dick were the only Sun Devil offensive efforts. Sun Devil starter Larry Gura was still suffering the effects from a battle with the flu, and surrendered 10 hits before exiting in the seventh inning. Jim Crawford and Ken Hansen were the A-State relievers.

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

ASU VS. UCLA - JUNE 14

Clutch pitching by Lerrin LaGrow and a costly Bruin error brought ASU a 2-1 win in eleven innings. With one out in the 11th, John Dolinsek singled to center and Paul Ray Powell was hit by a pitch. Billy Cotton followed with a ground ball to the mound, but UCLA pitcher Jim York threw wild into center to score the winning Sun Devil run. LaGrow recorded four strikeouts, while issuing just two walks and six hits.

| | R | H | E |
|---------------|---|---|---|
| Arizona State | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| UCLA | 0 | 0 | 0 |

ASU VS. MASSACHUSETTS - JUNE 17

Freshman pitcher Craig Swan won this one for the Devils, as ASU took a 4-2 win. Massachusetts had only five hits off Swan in six and two-thirds innings. Arizona State won the game by virtue of a big fifth inning, with five hits during that frame that powered all four ASU runs. The big hits in that inning were Roger Detter's RBI triple to left center, and Ralph Dick's single that sent Detter on to score. John Dolinsek and Paul Ray Powell then each hammered triples to drive in the other Sun Devil runs. Larry Gura relieved Swan in the seventh with two outs and runners at first and second, but quelled that potential rally in short order.

| | R | H | E |
|---------------|---|---|---|
| Massachusetts | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Arizona State | 0 | 0 | 0 |

ASU VS. TULSA - JUNE 18

The Sun Devils' offensive punch revived for this game, as ASU waltzed to an 11-3 win over the tourney's only undefeated team. Ken Hansen started for the Devils and gave way to Larry Gura in the fifth inning - and Gura came from the bullpen for the second time in as many games to record the win. Home runs by Paul Ray Powell (6th, one on) and John Dolinsek (8th, none on), as well as a pair of RBI each for Billy Cotton and Jeff Osborn were the keys in the A-State hitting attack. Dolinsek totaled three RBI for the day.

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

ASU VS. NYU - JUNE 19

The hitting and pitching of Lerrin LaGrow made the difference for the Devils, as ASU turned back NYU by a 4-1 score. Trailing 1-0 in the bottom of the sixth, LaGrow singled in Jeff Osborn and Lenny Randle to give ASU the lead. Roger Detter's sacrifice fly then scored Jack Collinge for an insurance run. LaGrow allowed five hits, walked four, struck out nine and went 3-for-4 with 2 RBI.

| | R | H | E |
|---------------|---|---|---|
| NYU | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Arizona State | 0 | 0 | 0 |

ASU VS. TULSA - JUNE 20

A 10-1 victory over Tulsa brought ASU its third NCAA national championship in five years, as the pitching of Larry Gura and the strong hitting of virtually the entire lineup powered the win. Gura allowed only six hits, struck out 10 and didn't issue a walk while the Devils kept Tulsa pitching busy by banging out 11 hits. Billy Cotton and John Dolinsek, voted the tourney's outstanding player, both slammed home runs - Cotton's blast was a three-run shot in the fifth, while Dolinsek's was good for a pair of runs in the following frame. Gura's victory was his second of the tournament and concluded the year with a 19-2 record. ASU's Paul Ray Powell had three hits in the championship game to boost his season total to 89 base hits - good for an NCAA record at that time.

| | R | H | E |
|---------------|---|---|---|
| Tulsa | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Arizona State | 0 | 1 | 3 |

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ASU VS. CLEMSON - JUNE 10

Sun Devil bats blistered Clemson early and ASU then hung on for a 10-7 win. The Devils knocked undefeated Clemson hurler Ron Musselman out of the game early with one run in the first and a three-run third inning. In the fifth, Jamie Allen led off with a homer and Steve Michael doubled in a run to give ASU a 6-0 lead, but ASU starter Jerry Vasquez faltered and allowed the Tigers five runs in the bottom of the inning. ASU rebounded with four runs in the sixth on Chris Nyman's leadoff homer, a two-run single by Bob Horner and Michael's run scoring infield single. Mitch Dean took the win in relief, but not without the help of Jamie Allen who came on to retire Clemson in the ninth.

| | R | H | E |
|---------------|----|----|---|
| Arizona State | 10 | 16 | 6 |
| Clemson | 7 | 11 | 1 |

ASU VS. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS - JUNE 13

ASU missed too many scoring opportunities and fell to SIU, 3-2. ASU outhit the Salukis 11-4, but the Devils left 11 men on base, seven who were in scoring position. A two-out single by Chris Bando in the first scored one Sun Devil run, and a fifth inning homer by Bob Horner were the only Devil scores of the game. SIU's Neil Fiala tripled in one run and Jerry Disimone's single scored the second SIU run of the third frame. The winning run scored in the fifth when Fiala singled home Steve Stieb.

| | R | H | E |
|-------------------|---|----|---|
| Southern Illinois | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| Arizona State | 2 | 11 | 2 |

ASU VS. MINNESOTA - JUNE 14

ASU starter Jerry Vasquez got off to a shaky start, but came back strong to lead the Devils to an 8-4 victory. Vasquez surrendered two runs in the first inning and an unearned run in the third, but during the final six innings, he allowed only two hits. The Devils took the lead in the second on an RBI single by Steve Michael before Mike Henderson delivered a two-run single. Solo homers by Brandt Humphrey and Bob Horner were the other major portions of the Sun Devils' offense.

| | R | H | E |
|---------------|---|----|---|
| Arizona State | 8 | 14 | 3 |
| Minnesota | 4 | 6 | 1 |

ASU VS. SOUTH CAROLINA - JUNE 16

An electrifying relief pitching performance by Jamie Allen and some clutch hitting earned ASU a 6-2 win over South Carolina. A walk to Allen forced in one Devil run in the fifth, before Bob Horner followed with a two-run single. Allen came on in the seventh to relieve ASU starter Mitch Dean, and Allen's antics on the mound became one

of the Series' highlights. Allen captivated the crowd by jumping high into the air after each strike pitched, while a ball would produce a crouch or a lengthy glare at the opposing batter. Enthusiasm was the likeliest reason for Allen's exhibitions, but performance was the key to his superb relief pitching. After stranding three Gamecock runners in the seventh, Allen retired the sides in order in the final two frames, with a pair of strikeouts in the eighth and one in the ninth.

| | R | H | E |
|----------------|---|----|---|
| South Carolina | 2 | 8 | 2 |
| Arizona State | 6 | 10 | 0 |

ASU VS. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS - JUNE 17

ASU revenged the earlier CWS loss to Southern Illinois with a 10-0 lambasting of the Salukis. ASU totaled 19 hits during their barrage on SIU pitchers - including 13 hits off Saluki starter Dewey Robinson in the first four innings. ASU starter Darrell Jackson performed to the other extreme, allowing just three singles and only one Saluki runner to progress as far as third base. Main contributors to the Devil offense were Brandt Humphry with four hits (three RBI with one homer), Chris Nyman (two RBI) and Bob Horner and Jamie Allen who each had two RBI. The Devils came up just two hits short of the CWS record.

| | R | H | E |
|-----------------|----|----|---|
| Arizona State | 10 | 19 | 0 |
| South. Illinois | 0 | 3 | 0 |

ASU VS. SOUTH CAROLINA - JUNE 18

Arizona State earned its fourth NCAA baseball championship with a superbly played 2-1 victory over a feisty South Carolina squad. The Devils went ahead early when Rick Peters scored after Mike Henderson singled. South Carolina countered with a solo homer by Steve King in the seventh to knot the score and provide a dramatic background for the eventual Devil victory. In the Sun Devil half of the inning, catcher Chris Bando rocked a one-out homer to right to provide the Devils with the winning margin. ASU starter Jerry Vasquez capped one of the most memorable years ever for a Devil pitcher with this victory - Vasquez went the distance for his twelfth win of the year after joining the Devils earlier in the season as a walk-on player. ASU's Bob Horner was the MVP of the series, hitting .444 with two homers and nine RBI. Mike Henderson, Chris Nyman, Jamie Allen and Vasquez. The win boosted the Sun Devil final season record to 57-12.

| | R | H | E |
|----------------|---|---|---|
| South Carolina | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| Arizona State | 2 | 7 | 1 |

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ASU VS. TEXAS - MAY 30

The Sun Devils explosive offensive scored early and often as ASU defeated Texas 11-2 on the first day of competition. Leftfielder 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 | 11 | 18 | 2 |
| Texas | 5 | 1 | 1 |

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 fans. 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 of their own 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 |
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| Mississippi St. | 3 | 5 | 2 |
| Arizona State | 4 | 8 | 2 |

ASU VS. OKLAHOMA STATE - JUNE 5

The Sun Devils bats were alive and well in ASU's third game of the CWS, but fell just short in a 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 fans were on hand to watch the thrilling game. With the score 9-7 in the top of the ninth, ASU scored three runs on Stan Holmes homerun 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. Leftfielder 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 | 10 | 18 | 1 |
| Oklahoma State | 11 | 18 | 1 |

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 their runs in chunks - four in the second and six in the eighth. Devil hitters chase 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, allowing only one run. Shortstop Donnie Hill went 4-for-4 at the plate with two run scored and two RBI. Third baseman Mike Sodders turned in a 3-for-4 performance with one run scored.

| | R | H | E |
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| Texas | 3 | 8 | 1 |
| Arizona State | 12 | 15 | 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 innings loss. ASU pounded the Cowboys 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, allowing only 2 hits, two runs while striking out six. For the Devils, leftfielder 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 homeruns in six games.

| | R | H | E |
|----------------|---|----|---|
| Oklahoma State | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Arizona State | 7 | 13 | 1 |

