

2005 ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL PRESEASON PROSPECTUS

• ALL-AMERICA CANDIDATES •

#86 • ZACH MILLER • TE/HB

6-4 • 250 • Sophomore
Phoenix, Ariz.
(Desert Vista HS)



ASU: Dynamic young player who returns to the field after a sensational freshman year...earned second-team All-America honors last season, just one of four freshmen in the nation to earn first- or second-team accolades...smart, versatile and physical player who continues to get better and better...shattered ASU's freshman receiving records last year and should break all of ASU's tight end receiving marks by the time his career is done...missed spring ball after having offseason shoulder surgery but should be back in top form in the fall...was nicknamed "The Truth" by his teammates for living up to the hype that tabbed him the No. 1 tight end prospect in the nation coming out of high school.

2004: Started all 12 games at tight end as a true freshman...was named the Pac-10 Freshman of the Year, the second Sun Devil to earn that distinction (Terrell Suggs was the other)...earned second-team All-America honors from both the *Sporting News* and *rivals.com*...was one of four freshmen in the country to earn first- or second-team All-America honors...was also a first-team Freshman All-America selection by both publications as well as the Football Writers Association of America...*rivals.com* also named him to its All-Pac-10 squad...turned in 56 catches and 552 yards, shattering ASU's freshman receiving records previously held by College Football Hall of Famer John Jefferson and senior Derek Hagan...broke ASU's single-season mark for receptions by a tight end, besting the 55 catches that current Baltimore Raven All-Pro Todd Heap had in 1999...the best tight end in school history, Heap turned in 12 catches for 209 yards and four TDs in his freshman year...his 56 catches tied with Oregon State's Joe Newton for the most in the nation by a tight end and ranked ninth in the ASU recordbook for receptions in a single season...already ranks seventh on the ASU career chart for tight end receptions...tied for second on the team with six receiving touchdowns...tied the school record for receiving TDs by a tight end with his six scores (Joe Petty had six in 1971)...finished seventh in the Pac-10 with 4.7 catches per game...caught a career-high 10 balls for 85 yards and the first two TD receptions of his career in ASU's win over Iowa on Sept. 18...hauled in eight balls for a career-best 102 yards Oct. 16 vs. national champion USC...added eight catches for 76 yards Nov. 26 at Arizona.

HIGH SCHOOL: A 2004 graduate of Desert Vista High School in Phoenix...was a unanimous selection as the No. 1 tight end prospect in the nation...*USA Today* first-team All-American tight end...Rydell All-America tight end...listed as the No. 1 tight end, the No. 50 overall prospect in the nation, the No. 7 prospect in the West and a member of the Top 100 "Dream Team" by *PrepStar*...a member of *SuperPrep's* preseason top 50 players in the nation...earned 93 points (seventh-best player) to make first team on the *Long Beach Press-Telegram's* "Best In The West" list...member of the *Tacoma News Tribune's* "Western 100"...listed as the No. 1 player in the state of Arizona by *SuperPrep*...listed as the No. 1 tight end and No. 5 player in the nation as well the No. 1 player in Arizona by *Rivals.com*...played in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl high school all-star game...named the "Big School" Player of the Year by the *Arizona Republic*...won the Tempe All-City Scholar-Athlete Award of Excellence in May 2004...a first-team 5A All-State pick by the *East Valley Tribune* as a tight end and linebacker...was the recipient of the Vic Householder Award, given annually by *Phoenix Metro Football Magazine* to the Arizona Player of the Year...Arizona Gatorade Player of the Year in 2003...named the *Phoenix Metro Magazine* Player of the Year...Southeast Valley and Central Region Offensive Player of the Year...Tempe all-city tight end as a senior...ESPN top-ranked tight end and No. 10 player overall in the country...the *Sporting News* All-American first-team tight end...*Student Sports*

Magazine first-team All-American...had 47 catches for 790 yards and six touchdowns as a senior...also added 134 tackles on defense, 11 quarterback sacks and one interception...also won the Larry Gordon Award, presented annually to the state's best linebacker, and the Henry Stanton Award as the state's top receiver...both awards presented by *Phoenix Metro Football Magazine*...Gordon was a former ASU linebacking star...first-team offense and defense selection by that publication...amassed 27 receptions for 520 yards and six touchdowns as a junior...on defense, he accumulated 102 tackles, 16 tackles for loss and 11 quarterback sacks...as a sophomore, made *Student Sports Magazine* Sophomore All-America tight end...was third-team all-state by the *Arizona Republic* as a sophomore...second-team All-East Valley tight end by the *East Valley Tribune* as a sophomore...made All-Central Region first-team at tight end as a sophomore...selected Desert Vista's Best Defensive Player Award as a sophomore and was first-team all-city honoree at tight end...made All-Central Region second-team at tight end as a freshman...a tremendous student with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average...earned four letters in football and three in track...captained his football team as a senior...set the school discus record and was the shotput regional champion in 2004...also earned all-city honors in discus in 2004...finished third in the state in discus in 2003...coached by Dan Hinds.

PERSONAL: Undecided on his major...parents are Tom (business owner) and Jaki (designer) Miller of Phoenix...has a brother, Brent (20), and a sister, Kara (16)...his brother, Brent, is a redshirt sophomore tight end/h-back at ASU...volunteered at the Special Olympics in 2001-03...won the U.S. Achievement Academy Mathematics award in 1999, 2000 and 2001...lists playing X-Box as one of his hobbies...born Dec. 11, 1985 in Tempe, Ariz....full name is Zachary J. Miller.

CAREER HIGHS: Receptions: 10, vs. Iowa (9/18/04). Receiving Yards: 102, at USC (10/16/04). Receiving Touchdowns: 2, vs. Iowa (9/18/04).



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Miller's Career Statistics

Year	G/GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	Avg./G
2004	12/12	56	552	9.9	6	44	46.0

Miller's Game-by-Game Statistics

2004 Opp.	Rec.	Yards	TD	Long
UTEP	0	0	0	0
at Northwestern	1	11	0	11
Iowa	10	85	2	30
Oregon State	1	17	1	17
at Oregon	2	38	0	27
at USC	8	102	0	26
UCLA	4	32	1	15
at California	6	46	0	9
Stanford	6	78	1	44
Washington State	5	39	1	24
at Arizona	8	76	0	25
vs. Purdue	5	28	0	12

MILLER IN THE ASU RECORD BOOK

Freshman Season Receiving Yards

- 552 Zach Miller, 2004**
- 423 John Jefferson, 1974
- 405 Derek Hagan, 2002

Freshman Season Receptions

- 56 Zach Miller, 2004**
- 32 Derek Hagan, 2002
- 30 John Jefferson, 1974

Season Receptions by a Tight End

- 56 Zach Miller (524), 2004**
- 55 Todd Heap (832 yds.), 1999
- 49 Don Kern (502), 1983
- 48 Todd Heap (644), 2000
- 42 Jerry Smith (618), 1964
- 39 Ken Dyer (654), 1967
- 36 Joe Petty (577), 1971

Season Tight End Receiving Yards

- 832 Todd Heap (55 rec.), 1999
- 654 Ken Dyer (39), 1967
- 644 Todd Heap (48), 2000
- 618 Jerry Smith (42), 1964
- 577 Joe Petty (36), 1971
- 552 Zach Miller (51), 2004**
- 536 Mike Pinkard (31), 2002
- 522 Joe Petty (31), 1972

Season Receiving TDs by a Tight End

- 6 Zach Miller, 2004**
- 6 Joe Petty, 1971
- 5 Mike Pinkard, 2002
- 5 Ryan McReynolds, 1988
- 5 Jerry Smith, 1964
- 4 Six players (most recently Todd Heap, 1998)

Season Receptions

- 87 S. McDonald (1405 yds.), 2002
- 83 Derek Hagan (956), 2004
- 66 Derek Hagan (1076), 2003

- 64 Ron Fair (1082), 1989
- 62 Skyler Fulton (901), 2003
- 62 Greg Hudson (974), 1973
- 61 J.D. Hill (1009), 1970
- 58 John Jefferson (968), 1977
- 56 Zach Miller (552), 2004**
- 55 Four players with 55

Career Receptions by a Tight End

- 115 Todd Heap (1685 yds), 1998-00
- 88 Ken Dyer (1365), 1965-67
- 91 Joe Petty (1352), 1970-72
- 67 Ron Wetzel (861), 1979-82
- 65 Ryan McReynolds (671), 1987-90
- 63 Kendrick Bates (732), 1996-99
- 56 Zach Miller (552), 2004-pres.**
- 54 Jeff Gallimore (519), 1983-86

Career Receiving Yards by a Tight End

- 1,685 Todd Heap, 1998-00
- 1,365 Ken Dyer, 1965-67
- 1,352 Joe Petty, 1970-72
- 861 Ron Wetzel, 1979-82
- 794 Mike Pinkard, 2000-02
- 753 Herman Harrison, 1961-63
- 552 Zach Miller, 2004-pres.**

Career Receiving TDs by a Tight End

- 11 Joe Petty, 1970-72
- 10 Todd Heap, 1998-00
- 8 Herman Harrison, 1961-63
- 8 Ron Wetzel, 1979-82
- 7 Ken Dyer, 1965-67
- 7 Ryan McReynolds, 1987-90
- 7 Jerry Smith, 1963-64
- 8 Zach Miller, 2004-pres.**
- 6 Mike Pinkard, 2000-02