



ARIZONA STATE SUN DEVIL HOCKEY MEDIA NOTES



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GAME 33-34: #10 ARIZONA STATE VS ALASKA ANCHORAGE

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SUN DEVIL REWIND

Last weekend, the Sun Devils traveled back east with a two-game sweep of Holy Cross and Bentley. After a third-period rally to force overtime and defeat the Crusaders, sophomore netminder EVAN DEBROUWER picked up his third shutout of the season Saturday night at Bentley.

Junior forward WILLIE KNIERIM continued his scoring run against Holy Cross, with eight goals in his last eight games and five in his last four. Senior BRETT GRUBER is currently riding a five-game point streak with two goals and four assists, including a two-point game against Bentley most recently. Senior defenseman BRINSON PASICHNUK is one point shy of reaching 100 points as a Sun Devil after having seven points in his last five games.

Between the pipes, DEBROUWER is sporting a 1.97 goals against average and .939 save percentage in his last six starts.

The Sun Devil penalty kill has negated the last 32 opposing power play opportunities dating back to Jan. 5 vs. Michigan Tech.

The Sun Devils and Seawolves have quite the history, playing each other in ASU's first-ever NCAA Division I game. Anchorage ended up winning their first and only match-up, 3-2, in overtime.

SCOUTING THE SEAWOLVES

At the helm, head coach Matt Curley and the Seawolves are currently in the final playoff spot for the WCHA playoffs and all four of their wins come against WCHA opponents. Last weekend, Anchorage faced Bowling Green, dropping both games including one in overtime.

Their freshman class has stood out with 33 goals and 37 assists this season. Freshman forward Rylee St. Onge leads the team in goals (8) and points (15). Three Seawolves are tied with 14 points a piece including senior defenseman Tomi Hiekkavirta with 13 assists.

In net, the Seawolves have split time between junior Kris Carlson and sophomore Kristian Stead, each holding two wins for Anchorage. In 18 games, Carlson has a .917 save percentage and 2.76 goals against average.

TALE OF THE TAPE (2019-20)

Sun Devils (NCAA Rank)		Seawolves (NCAA Rank)
3.22 (15th)	Goals Per Game	2.07 (54th)
2.56 (22nd)	Goals Against Average	3.39 (52nd)
28.62 (38th)	Shots Per Game	25.36 (54th)
17.6% (T35th)	Power Play	15.3% (47th)
85.6% (10th)	Penalty Kill	77.3% (48th)
50.2% (30th)	Faceoff %	47.6% (51st)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

BUNCIS: bun-sis
GRUBER: GROO-burr
GVIDO: guh-VEE-doh
JANSONS: YAWN-sons
SANDHU: san-DOO
KNIERIM: NEER-rum

KOUMONTZIS: co-mun-ZEEZ
LEMIEUX: luh-MEW
MANISCALCO: man-niss-cal-COH
PASICHNUK: PASH-nuck
PRAWDZIK: prawd-ZIK
SEMIK: seh-MICK



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2019-20 VS. CONFERENCE

ECAC	Atlantic	NCHC	Hockey East	Big Ten	WCHA
5-1-1-1	9-1-0-0	2-1-1-0	1-0-1-0	1-0-0-1	2-4-0-0

OVERALL RECORD VS. CONFERENCE

ECAC	Atlantic	NCHC	Hockey East	Big Ten	WCHA
11-18-4-3	16-5-1-0	6-13-4-0	9-15-1-0	4-17-1-1	13-9-1-1

2019-20 SUN DEVIL LEADERS

Player	G	A	Pts.	Goalie	Rec.	SV%	GAA
James Sanchez	9	25	34	Evan DeBrouwer	17-9-3	.922	2.40
Johnny Walker	17	15	32	Max Prawdzik	3-0-0	.874	3.17
Brinson Pasichnuik	6	23	29	Justin Robbins	0-0-0	.923	4.00
Josh Maniscalco	10	18	28				

2019-20 ANCHORAGE LEADERS

Player	G	A	Pts.	Goalie	Rec.	SV%	GAA
Rylee St. Onge	8	7	15	Fraser Kirk	8-3-1	.908	2.21
Tanner Schachle	7	7	14	Aidan Pelino	5-8-2	.879	3.06
Luc Brown	6	8	14	Jason Grande	0-2-0	.884	2.78
Tomi Hiekkavirta	1	13	14				

BY THE NUMBERS

9

The Sun Devils have won nine of their last 10 games with the only loss being a one-goal, overtime loss at then-No. 8 Clarkson.

4.7

The Sun Devil offense is averaging 4.7 goals per game over their last four games at home.

32

The Sun Devils penalty kill has negated the last 32 opponent power plays dating back to Jan. 5 vs. Michigan Tech.

100

Senior d-man BRINSON PASICHNUK is ONE point away from reaching 100 in his career, which would make him the first Sun Devil to reach the mark in program history.

SUN DEVIL TWEETABLES

- These two teams met in @SunDevilHockey's first-ever NCAA Division I game in 2015 with the Seawolves winning, 3-2, in overtime.
- Four of the five seniors being honored this weekend have played or been part of the program for all four seasons -- only three others have done so in program history.
- Over his last six games, goaltender Evan DeBrouwer has posted a 1.97 goals against average and .939 save percentage.
- D-man @brindogboy missed just one game in his four-year career.
- @TheSunDevils d-men rank No. 1 nationally in goals scored (27), points (92), goals per games played (0.84) & game-winning goals (9).

SENIOR SUN DEVILS

- **Riley Simpson:** After two years on the ice for the Sun Devils, senior Riley Simpson encountered a life-altering decision during the summer between his sophomore and junior seasons. To avoid future complications, Riley made the decision to hang up his skates and undergo surgery on his spine. But his ASU legacy wasn't over, as the Alberta native transitioned into a student coach for his final two seasons. Over the past two years, Riley has become an integral part of the coaching staff, facilitating practices, film review and game breakdown while providing an alternative perspective behind the scenes.
- **#10 Tyler Busch:** As one of the freshmen who stepped right into a starting role, forward Tyler Busch wasted no time making his mark as a Sun Devil. In his first collegiate game, Tyler netted his first NCAA goal against then-No. 9 Notre Dame on the road. He proceeded to score in his first four college games – all against ranked opponents -- including the game-winner in ASU's first-ever win over a ranked opponent versus No. 18 Air Force. The Alberta native proceeded to score the game-tying goal against No. 10 Ohio State in the waning seconds to force overtime and most recently scored the overtime game-winner against No. 8 Clarkson this season. Like others, he will depart with his name littered all over the record books, including third all-time in games played, tied for third in career points, third in career goals and third in career assists.
- **#27 Brett Gruber:** As one of seven Sun Devils to now have played all four years in the Maroon & Gold, forward Brett Gruber will leave ASU with his mark left on the program in a variety of top-10 single-season and career records. Playing in the second-most games all-time, Brett missed just five games in his career – all coming this season due to a minor injury. The Wisconsin native currently ranks tied for third in career points, second in career assists, third in assists in a single season, and eighth in points in a single season. He is currently on a five-game point streak with two goals and four assists in that span.
- **#28 Steenn Pasichnuk:** Known as the older, larger and more physical Pasichnuk brother, Steenn has crafted his role as a Sun Devil over the course of his four-year career. Missing just three games in his last two seasons, Steenn carved out a role on the fourth line as a momentum shifter and physical presence for head coach Greg Powers. Typically sent out to negate opposing team's top lines, the Alberta native has been a catalyst on ASU's penalty kill, which has ranked as one of the best in the country the last two seasons.
- **#39 Brinson Pasichnuk:** Departing as one of the most decorated Sun Devils in program history, defenseman Brinson Pasichnuk will leave with the most games played by a Sun Devil, most career points, second in career goals scored, first in career assists, first in game-winning goals, and all program career and single-season offensive records by a defenseman. Named the program's second captain in program history, Brinson is also the only Sun Devil to record an NCAA Tournament goal with his third-period tally last season. With a goal/assist tonight, the Alberta native will also become the only Sun Devil to eclipse 100 points in program history.
- **#45 Max Prawdzik:** After four years at Boston University, graduate transfer goaltender Max found a new home in the desert. Donning the Maroon & Gold for just one season, Max brought NCAA experience and energy to a young Sun Devil goaltending room. This season, the Massachusetts native started four games with a 3-0-0 record – including the team's first win of the 2019-20 season – and 3.17 goals against average.

FAMILIAR FOES

- In 2014-15, Sun Devil defenseman JACOB WILSON and forward FILIPS BUNCIS played together with Seawolf defenseman David Trinkberger with the Sioux City Musketeers (USHL). The following season, WILSON and Trinkberger played together again.
- Sun Devil forward JOHNNY WALKER and Anchorage forward Alexander Frye had a stint together in 2015-16 for the Chicago Steel (USHL).
- Arizona State forward JAX MURRAY and Anchorage forward Tanner Schachle combined for 91 points in 2017-18 for the Fairbanks Ice Dogs (NAHL).

POWERING UP

Coach Powers enters his fifth season as the head coach of the Division I program in 2019-20, and his 12th overall at the helm at ASU. The 2018-19 was one for the record books, as the Spencer Penrose National Coach of the Year finalist led the program to its first NCAA Tournament appearance. Under Powers, ASU became the fastest start-up collegiate hockey program to qualify for the postseason. At 21-13-1 and No. 10 in the Pairwise rankings, the Sun Devils made the largest jump in all of NCAA Division I year-to-year up from No. 53 at the end of 2017-18. During the 2013-14 season, Coach Powers helped guide the Sun Devils to their first-ever ACHA Division I National Championship. He holds a 231-113-26 career record at ASU.

Himself a Sun Devil, Powers graduated from the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism in 1999 and was inducted into the ASU Hockey Player Hall of Fame in 2009. Collegiately, Greg was a three-time ACHA Division I All-American Goaltender while playing for the Sun Devils under the tutelage of Hall of Fame Head Coach Gene Hammett. The Sun Devils qualified for three national championships during Powers' four-season collegiate career, and he was named Team MVP for the 1996-1997 and 1997-1998 seasons.

SUN DEVIL SCENARIOS

During the 2019-20 regular season, the Sun Devils are:

- 13-1-1-0 when scoring four or more goals
- 12-0-2-2 when allowing two or fewer goals
- 15-2-2-0 when scoring first
- 13-2-1-0 when leading after one period
- 15-0-1-0 when leading after two periods
- 2-2-1-1 when trailing after one period
- 2-4-1-0 when trailing after two periods
- 5-4-1-1 when tied after one period
- 3-4-1-2 when tied after two periods
- 9-3-0-2 in one-goal games

2019-2020 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time (MST)/Result
Aug 1-Aug 12	International Trip (China)	
Oct. 5	vs. Mercyhurst	L, 2-3
Oct. 6	vs. Mercyhurst	W, 6-4
Oct. 11	at #3 Minnesota State	L, 1-4
Oct. 12	at #3 Minnesota State	L, 0-5
Oct. 18	at Air Force	W, 3-0
Oct. 19	at Air Force	W, 5-2
Nov. 1	vs. #9 Quinnipiac	W, 5-3
Nov. 2	vs. #9 Quinnipiac	W, 4-1
Nov. 8	at Alaska Fairbanks	L, 3-4
Nov. 9	at Alaska Fairbanks	W, 4-0
Nov. 29	vs. Vermont	W, 2-1
Nov. 30	vs. Vermont	T, 2-2
Dec. 6	vs. #4 Denver	W, 4-1
Dec. 7	vs. #4 Denver	T, 2-2
Dec. 14	at #18 Michigan State	W, 4-3
Dec. 15	at #18 Michigan State	OTL, 0-1
Dec. 21	at Omaha	W, 5-4
Dec. 22	at Omaha	L, 4-8
Dec. 28	#17 Harvard	L, 1-4
Dec. 29	#17 Harvard	T, 4-4
Jan. 4	vs. Michigan Tech	W, 4-3
Jan. 5	vs. Michigan Tech	L, 2-3
Jan. 11	at Brown	W, 3-1
Jan. 12	at Brown	OTW, 4-3
Jan. 17	vs. RIT	W, 6-1
Jan. 18	vs. RIT	W, 5-3
Jan. 24	at Clarkson	OTL, 1-2
Jan. 25	at Clarkson	OTW, 3-2
Jan. 31	vs. Robert Morris	W, 3-2
Feb. 1	vs. Robert Morris	W, 5-4
Feb. 7	at Holy Cross	OTW, 3-2
Feb. 8	at Bentley	W, 3-0
Feb. 14	vs. Alaska Anchorage	7:05 pm
Feb. 15	vs. Alaska Anchorage	7:05 pm
Feb. 21	at Wisconsin	6 pm
Feb. 22	at Wisconsin	6 pm

ARIZONA STATE QUICK FACTS

Location.....	Tempe, Ariz.
Enrollment.....	103,000
Nickname.....	Sun Devils
Colors.....	Maroon & Gold
Conference.....	Independent (Pac-12 in other sports)
President.....	Dr. Michael Crow
Athletic Director.....	Ray Anderson
Arena.....	Oceanside Ice Arena/Gila River Arena
Head Coach.....	Greg Powers (12th season)
Assistant Coach.....	Alex Hicks (6th season)
Assistant Coach.....	Mike Field (5th season)
Director of Operations.....	Andrew Matheson (1st season)
Strength & Conditioning Coach.....	Liane Blyn (2nd season)
Volunteer Assistant.....	Eddie Lack (1st season)
Equipment Manager.....	Jon Laughner (3rd season)
Athletic Trainer.....	C.J. Clarizio (3rd season)
Powers' Career Record.....	231-113-26
Powers' NCAA Record.....	62-81-13