



ARIZONA STATE SUN DEVIL HOCKEY MEDIA NOTES



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GAME 15: #15/16 ARIZONA STATE VS #18 MICHIGAN STATE

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SUN DEVIL REWIND

Sophomore goaltender EVAN DEBROUWER held Denver to two goals (neither coming at full strength) in his career-high 44 save night Saturday. Much of the Sun Devil success is attributed to DEBROUWER as of late, riding a five-game unbeaten streak allowing just six goals (1.2/G) while posting a .960 save percentage (144 saves on 150 shots) in that stretch.

Junior forward JAMES SANCHEZ has grown comfortable quick in the maroon and gold. In his last 10 games, he's posted 13 points (4g,8a) and has a team-high and season total of 18 points. One point behind him is linemate JOHNNY WALKER (9g,8a), who netted his second career hat trick against the Pioneers in Friday's series opener.

Defensive pairing BRINSON PASICHNUK and JOSH MANISCALCO have become a dangerous duo for the Devils each totaling 14 points, respectively, ranking them in a tie for 7th in scoring among national defensemen.

In their series sweep over the Spartans last season, six different Sun Devils attributed with goals including now-sophomore forward JORDAN SANDHU who tallied a career-high three points in one game.

SPARKY VS. SPARTY

The Spartans are also coming off a successful weekend at home as they swept Big Ten foe Wisconsin, putting them in a tie for second place in the Big Ten standings with Ohio State. So far this season, MSU is 4-5-1 against ranked opponents.

Senior forward Patrick Khodorenko has paced the Spartans offensively, ranking 5th in the Big Ten with 16 points (8g,8a) in 10 games.

Junior forward Mitchell Lewandowski is another Spartan to watch, as the former Chicago Steel linemate of ASU's Johnny Walker has 11 points (5g,6a). The two combined for 63 points in 96 games played in the 2015-16 season, and Lewandowski held off Walker for the NCAA national freshman goal scoring title in 2016-17.

On the back end, senior goaltender John Lethemon is having a career season as he sports the highest save percentage (.941) and second-highest goals against average (2.01) in the conference. Like DeBrouwer, his past month has been in his favor, boasting a 1.41 goals against average, .957 save percentage, and allowing more than two goals in a game just once since their home game against Michigan on Nov. 16.

TALE OF THE TAPE (2019-20)

Sun Devils (NCAA Rank)		Spartans (NCAA Rank)
3.07 (19th)	Goals Per Game	2.56 (T34th)
2.29 (14th)	Goals Against Average	2.44 (21st)
28.50 (34th)	Shots Per Game	27.06 (44th)
17.7% (35th)	Power Play	21.7% (17th)
81.7% (T30th)	Penalty Kill	79.7% (37th)
47.8% (49th)	Faceoff %	54.2% (7th)

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



8-7-1



8-4-2

AT
Munn Ice Arena

Big Ten Plus
East Lansing, Mich.
5 p.m. (MST)

2019-20 VS. CONFERENCE

ECAC	Atlantic	NCHC	Hockey East	Big Ten	WCHA
2-0-0-0	3-1-0-0	1-0-1-0	1-0-1-0	0-0-0-0	1-3-0-0

OVERALL RECORD VS. CONFERENCE

ECAC	Atlantic	NCHC	Hockey East	Big Ten	WCHA
9-13-3-1	10-4-1-0	5-8-4-0	8-11-0-0	3-11-1-0	12-8-1-1

2019-20 SUN DEVIL LEADERS

Player	G	A	Pts.	Goalie	Rec.	SV%	GAA
James Sanchez	5	13	18	Evan DeBrouwer	7-4-2	.930	2.10
Johnny Walker	9	8	17	Max Prawdzik	1-0-0	.810	4.01
Josh Maniscalco	5	9	14	Justin Robbins	0-0-0	.923	4.00
Brinson Pasichnuik	2	12	14				

2019-20 MICHIGAN STATE LEADERS

Player	G	A	Pts.	Goalie	Rec.	SV%	GAA
Patrick Khodorenko	8	8	16	John Lethemon	8-4-21	.941	2.01
Mitchell Lewandowski	5	6	11	Drew DeRidder	0-3-0	.866	3.46
Logan Lambdin	4	5	9				
Dennis Cesana	3	6	9				

BY THE NUMBERS

13

JAMES SANCHEZ has tallied 13 points (4g,8a) in his last 10 games in the maroon and gold including five multi-point games.

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EVAN DEBROUWER is on a five-game unbeaten streak, allowing just six goals (1.2/GAA) while posting a .960 SV% (144 saves on 150 shots) in that time.

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Last season against Michigan State, six different Sun Devils attributed with goals in the series sweep.

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The No. 18 and Michigan State has not fared well this season when involving ASU, as Sun Devil Football upset the then- No. 18 Spartans in East Lansing back in September.

SUN DEVIL TWEETABLES

1. Last season @SunDevilHockey swept @MSU_Hockey in Tempe, scoring seven goals on the weekend.
2. From Nov. 9 - Dec. 9, Evan DeBrouwer is 2nd in SV% (.962) and 3rd in GAA (1.16) while going 3-0-2.
3. With last weekend's success against No. 4 Denver, @SunDevilHockey is now undefeated against top-10 programs so far this season.
4. In @SunDevilHockey's first win in program history over @MSU_Hockey, @jordysandhu had a career-high three-point night.
5. .@SunDevilHockey's trip to East Lansing will be the sixth city they have played in in the state of Michigan.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

- “They have been a handful for everybody that they have played, so they’re building a really good program there and head coach Danton Cole is in his third year there. We have our work cut out for us because they are big, they are fast, they are heavy and play hard.” -GREG POWERS
- “I think it’s good, sometimes you just have to be flexible to get the games in and it just happens that we have four weekends in a row where we play Saturday and Sunday.” -GREG POWERS on playing Saturday and Sunday games
- “We are excited for the next couple weeks because it’s been a while since we have been on the road with the layoff that we had after Alaska and two straight home weekend series, it’s been over a month. The guys are excited to get on the road, today is their last day of exams and they aren’t going home because of the games we have set up all through December. We are the only team in the country that has it that way and we look at as a great opportunity to do some great team building and be really ramped up going into January.” -GREG POWERS
- “I think we are being taken very seriously now and rightfully so we have earned that, but we have to continue to earn that. What is really nice about us going on the road is that we are able to go to a lot of places that supportive alumni groups do not get to see Sun Devil Athletics because very rarely we travel to Michigan or out to Boston. Our alumni comes out to support us really well and we are really appreciative of that.” -GREG POWERS
- “I think we went into every weekend, not only as the perceived underdog, but the legitimate underdog because we were brand new, but we are still an urban legend still in many people’s eyes. We have made a tournament now, we are beating blue blood programs consistently and competing with everyone every night. So the biggest change has been being looked at as the underdog and having that mentality to what we think, in most cases, when we lace up our skates, that we should win.” -GREG POWERS

FAMILIAR FOES

- ASU sophomore forward JOHNNY WALKER and MSU goaltender John Lethemon spent time as teammates on the Chicago Steel (USHL) in 2015-16 along with Spartan forward Mitch Lewandowski. In 2016-17, WALKER and Lewandowski combined for 63 points in 96 games played. ASU goaltender JUSTIN ROBBINS also spent a short stint on the squad.
- Sun Devil defenseman JARROD GOURLEY and Spartan defenseman Dennis Cesana played together for a brief stint in 2016-17 for Brooks Bandits (AJHL) before Gourley went to the Spruce Grove Saints.
- ASU defenseman JACOB SEMIK and MSU forward Christian Krygier played together on the USA U17 squad (16-17) before fellow ASU defenseman JOSH MANISCALCO joined the pair for the U.S. National U17 Team the same year.
- Over the course of three seasons (2014-17), Sun Devils JOSH MANISCALCO and JAMES SANCHEZ played together with Spartans Tommy Miller, Patrick Khodorenko and Jagger Joshua for the USNTDP Juniors (USHL), U.S. National U17 Team and U.S. National U18 Team.
- Back in 2016-17, Sun Devil teammates PETER ZHONG and GVIDO JANSONS played with Spartan forward Gianluca Esteves on the Ashton Rebels (NAHL).
- In 2014-15, MSU defenseman Jerad Rosburg and forward Sam Sabila and ASU defenseman JACOB WILSON and forward FILIPS BUNCIS played together with the Sioux City Musketeers (USHL).
- Way back in 2013-14, Arizona State alumni Jack Rowe played with Michigan State defenseman Butrus Ghafari were teammates on the Fargo Force (USHL).

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 221-109-25 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 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.

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 Michigan State	5:00 pm
Dec. 15	at Michigan State	3:00 pm
Dec. 21	at Nebraska Omaha	6:07 pm
Dec. 22	at Nebraska Omaha	3:07 pm
Dec. 28	Harvard	TBD
Dec. 29	Harvard	TBD
Jan. 4	vs. Michigan Tech	7:05 pm
Jan. 5	vs. Michigan Tech	TBD
Jan. 11	at Brown	5:00 pm
Jan. 12	at Brown	2:00 pm
Jan. 17	vs. RIT	7:05 pm
Jan. 18	vs. RIT	7:05 pm
Jan. 24	at Clarkson	TBD
Jan. 25	at Clarkson	TBD
Jan. 31	vs. Robert Morris	7:05 pm
Feb. 1	vs. Robert Morris	7:05 pm
Feb. 7	at Holy Cross	TBD
Feb. 8	at Bentley	TBD
Feb. 14	vs. Alaska Anchorage	7:05 pm
Feb. 15	vs. Alaska Anchorage	7:05 pm
Feb. 21	at Wisconsin	TBD
Feb. 22	at Wisconsin	TBD

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.....	221-109-25
Powers' NCAA Record.....	52-77-12