



ARIZONA STATE SUN DEVIL HOCKEY MEDIA NOTES



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GAME 11-12: ARIZONA STATE VS VERMONT

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SUN DEVIL REWIND

It's been a long 20-day stretch since the last time the Sun Devils played a live game, splitting their road series in Fairbanks against Alaska. Despite the layoff, the team managed to remain around the top-15 in Pairwise. The team now faces 13-straight weekends of games until the end of the season.

Prior to the break, redshirt junior forward JAMES SANCHEZ ranked tied for 3rd in points in the country with 15 and 2nd in assists with 13, while fellow linemate JOHN-NY WALKER sat tied for 10th in points (13) and goals (6). Among national defenseman, JOSH MANISCALCO sat 3rd in points with 11 and goals with 5.

SANCHEZ is currently riding a six-game point streak with a goal and nine assists, while MANISCALCO has two goals and two assists in his last two games.

Since Oct. 15, goaltender EVAN DEBROUWER ranks 7th in goals against average (1.68), 11th in save percentage (.938), and tied for 1st in shutouts (2).

CATAMOUNTS IN THE DESERT

In fitting fashion, the same week football enters #NoPityfortheKitty week against the rival down south, Sun Devil Hockey welcomes a cousin to the Wildcat in the Vermont Catamounts.

Vermont is in a rough stretch of their schedule, losing seven of their last eight with an overtime tie this past weekend to Boston University. Five of those last eight games have also come against ranked opponents. Their lone victory came in a 2-0 shutout of St. Lawrence on Oct. 19.

During this stretch, Vermont is averaging just over a goal per game while allowing just over 3.5 goals per game.

Between the pipes, the Catamounts feature one of the best goaltenders in the country in senior Stefanos Lekkas who boasts a .911 save percentage and 2.71 goals against average despite just one victory. Lekkas was a Mike Richter Award semifinalist in 2018-19, backing a .930 save percentage and 2.27 goals against average.

TALE OF THE TAPE (2019-20)

Sun Devils (NCAA Rank)		Vermont (NCAA Rank)
3.30 (18th)	Goals Per Game	1.30 (60th)
2.60 (28th)	Goals Against Average	3.00 (135th)
28.50 (133rd)	Shots Per Game	31.80 (11th)
16.7% (36th)	Power Play	8.1% (156th)
81.1% (134th)	Penalty Kill	78.9% (43rd)
45.7% (54th)	Faceoff %	48.8% (39th)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

BALINSON: BAL-in-sin
BUNCIS: bun-sis
GRUBER: GROO-burr
GVIDO: guh-VEE-doh
JANSONS: YAWN-sons
JENUWINE: jen-U-wine
KNIERIM: NEER-rum

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



1-8-1



6-4-0

AT
Oceanside
Ice Arena

Tempe, Arizona
7:05 p.m. (MST)

2019-20 VS. CONFERENCE

ECAC	Atlantic	NCHC	Hockey East	Big Ten	WCHA
2-0-0-0	3-1-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	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	4-8-3-0	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	2	13	15	Evan DeBrouwer	5-4-0	.916	2.41
Johnny Walker	6	7	13	Max Prawdzik	1-0-0	.810	4.01
Josh Maniscalco	5	6	11	Justin Robbins	0-0-0	.923	4.00
Brinson Pasichnuk	2	7	9				

2019-20 VERMONT LEADERS

Player	G	A	Pts.	Goalie	Rec.	SV%	GAA
Andrew Lucas	1	4	5	Stefanos Lekkas	1-8-1	.911	2.71
Christian Evers	3	1	4				
Alex Esposito	3	1	4				
Joey Cipollone	3	1	4				

BY THE NUMBERS

45

This is the first time the Sun Devils and Catamounts meet on the ice in program history -- the 45th program ASU has played since joining Division I ranks in 2015-16.

20

The Sun Devils rank T-20th in the country in goal differential so far this season at +7.

5

The Sun Devils have won 5 of their last 6 games, including a sweep of then-No. 9 Quinnipiac at home. They have also won 3 of 4 home games so far this season.

6

In his last six games, goaltender EVAN DEBROUWER is 5-1-0 with a 1.68 goals against average, a .938 save percentage, and two shutouts.

TURKEY TWEETABLES

1. Did you know: The first #Thanksgiving was actually a three-day celebration.
2. Ironically enough, it has not been confirmed that the first #Thanksgiving actually featured turkey. The meal did, however, feature lobster, seal, deer and swan.
3. The woman behind "Mary Had a Little Lamb" is also responsible for Thanksgiving's recognition as a national holiday -- writer and editor Sarah Josepha Hale convinced President Abraham Lincoln in 1863.
4. This year is the latest Thanksgiving has taken place since 2013, and this is due to President Roosevelt's bill in 1941 making Thanksgiving Day on the fourth Thursday of the month.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

- “We are excited to have Filips Buncis and Brett Gruber back, they have been big holes and we got through it. We won 5 of 6 without our best faceoff guy, Gruber and he’s really good defensively, he’s great on the kill, he’s valuable to us and an experienced guy so to have him back is huge for us and we have obviously missed Buncis for the last handful of games.” -COACH POWERS
- “It’s pretty clear that he has won that net, I can tell you that Max is ready and he’s chomping at the bit to go in and we believe in him. But, Evan has taken it and ran with it, I just felt like after everything he did last year by supporting Joey Daccord and his team the way that he did, how good he was in practice everyday and he went through the losses at Mankato even though he did really well. He deserved to get a chance to build up confidence in himself and his teammates’ confidence in him.” -COACH POWERS
- “There’s a lot of energy this week knowing we are through the bye weeks and we play Friday. We’ve been doing everything that we can during our practices, we keep our practices really short as long as the pace is good and the pace has been great so the guys are excited and we feel like we are going to play really well Friday.” -COACH POWERS
- “He’s really good, he’s maybe the best goalie in college hockey and he can win games so we are going to have to be creative in how we generate offense and score and this is a good team even though they have one win, on film they are good. They play everyone tight, they are heavy and we are not taking this team lightly.” -COACH POWERS
- “I think Liane pushed us hard last week which was really good and everyone is really healthy right now for the most part and 13 weekends in a row will be tough, but it should be fun.” -EVAN DEBROUWER
- “I think it’s just a comfort thing, I always kind of knew that I had what it took, I didn’t have any doubt in that so it just came down to execution and I work hard everyday while I’m getting more comfortable every game. So far it has been decent, it’s not bad, but it can definitely be better.” -EVAN DEBROUWER

FAMILIAR FOES

- ASU redshirt junior JAMES SANCHEZ and Vermont’s Christian Evers played together for a season with the U.S. National U-17 Team and the USNTDP Junior team in 2014-15.
- Sun Devil d-man JARROD GOURLEY and Catamount captain Derek Lodermeier were teammates with the Brooks Bandits (AJHL) in 2015-16, where Derek served as the captain as well. The following year, GOURLEY and Vermont’s Nic Hamre were Bandit teammates in 2016-17.

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 219-109-24 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.

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. Quinnipiac	W, 5-3
Nov. 2	vs. Quinnipiac	W, 4-1
Nov. 8	at Alaska Fairbanks	L, 3-4
Nov. 9	at Alaska Fairbanks	W, 4-0
Nov. 29	vs. Vermont	7:05 pm
Nov. 30	vs. Vermont	7:05 pm
Dec. 6	vs. Denver	7:05 pm
Dec. 7	vs. Denver	7:05 pm
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.....	219-109-24
Powers' NCAA Record.....	50-77-11