

# ASU 2015-2016 SCHEDULE

Date	Opp. (TV/Radio)	Score/Time
11/11	Portland St (P12)	W, 88-70
11/13	Cal Poly (P12)	7 p.m.

## TIRE PROS INVITATIONAL (ORLANDO)

11/17	Northern Iowa (ESPNU)	4:30 ET
11/18	Oklahoma/Tulane (ESPNU)	TBD
11/20	TBD	TBD

11/23	Citadel (P12)	2
11/28	#2 Kentucky @Bahamas (ESPN2)	7 ET
12/3	UNLV (P12)	6
12/6	#15 Purdue @Jimmy V Classic	7 ET
12/10	@San Diego St (CBSSN)	4 PT
12/17	New Mexico St (P12)	6
12/20	#22 Creighton (ESPN2)	7
12/20	Central Arkanas (P12)	1
12/30	@Stanford (P12)	6 PT
1/2	@California (P12)	7 PT
1/5	Colorado (P12)	7
1/7	Utah (P12)	3
1/12	#10 Arizona (ESPN2)	7
1/19	@UCLA (FS1)	8 PT
1/22	@USC (ESPNU)	5:30 PT
1/25	Washington (ESPNU)	9
1/29	Washington St. (P12)	Noon
2/2	@#5 Oregon (FS1)	8 PT
2/4	@Oregon St. (P12)	3 PT
2/8	California (ESPNU)	9
2/11	Stanford (P12)	6
2/16	@Washington (FS1)	8 PT
2/18	@Washington State (P12)	2 PT
2/23	UCLA (ESPN2)	7
2/26	USC (P12)	4:30
3/4	#10 Arizona (CBS)	2
3/8	@Pac-12 Tournament	TBD

## FINAL FOUR TRIVIA

Coach Hurley (1992) and Danny Manning are the only current college coaches who earned NCAA Final Four MOP honors.

## TURNED IT AROUND FAST

Buffalo was 285-369 (.436) in 22 seasons after going Division I (1991-2013). The Bulls were 42-20 (.678) in Coach Hurley's two seasons. He is 57-37 (.606) in three years as a head coach.

# SUN DEVIL

## M E N ' S B A S K E T B A L L

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**@SUNDEVILHOOPS MEETS CAL POLY SUNDAY NIGHT AND THEN TRAVELS TO ORLANDO**  
**SUN., NOV. 13 - CAL POLY 7 P.M. MT/PAC-12 NETWORK/92.3 FM TEMPE**  
**THUR., NOV 17 - NORTHERN IOWA 4:30 ET/ESPNU ORLANDO**  
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The 2016-17 Sun Devil men's basketball team (1-0) takes on Cal Poly on Sunday, Nov. 13, at 7 p.m. on the Pac-12 Network with Daron Sutton and Matt Muehlebach on the call. The Sun Devils return two starters (Tra Holder and Obi Oleka) and four total lettermen from last year's squad that went 15-17 and posted eight wins against top-100 RPI teams in Bobby Hurley's first season. Tim Healey and Kyle Dodd have the call for on 92.3 FM on Sun Devil Sports Radio Network, presented by MidFirst.

**LET'S ADD UP THE MILES:** The Sun Devils last year had a very tough out-of-conference schedule, playing three OOC road games for just the fifth time in 38 seasons. This year, it has one true "road" game but its travel schedule is even tougher. ASU between Nov. 16 (travel day) and Dec. 10 (game at San Diego State) will travel 12,900 miles and sleep in a hotel in 11 of 25 nights.

## ROAD TRIP(S)!!! ... ROUND TRIP MILES FROM PHOENIX

Orlando/Tire Pros Invitational (Nov. 17-20)=3,680

Bahamas vs. #2 Kentucky (Nov. 28)=4,320

Jimmy V Classic @NYC vs. #15 Purdue (Dec. 6)=4,300

San Diego @SDSU (Dec. 10)=600

**ASU 88, PORTLAND STATE 70 (11/11/16):** Tra Holder (9-of-11 free throws) and Torian Graham (9-of-11 FGs off the bench) led ASU with 23 points, while Shannon Evans added 19 in the 88-70 win over Portland State to open the season. ASU hit nine three pointers, and Obi Oleka added eight points and 13 rebounds. PSU led early for about the first six minutes, but ASU pulled away to lead 44-30 at the half. ASU beat the Vikings 47-32 on the boards and got 30 points from its bench. It marked the most points by a Sun Devil in a career debut since Jerren Shipp had 23 on Nov. 13, 2006.

## MOST POINTS IN ASU DEBUT (1987-88 TO PRESENT)

28-Isaac Burton, Jr./ASU 106, BYU 95 (Nov. 27, 1993)

26-Steve Moore, Jr./ASU 80, Arkanas-Little Rock 72 (Nov. 22, 2003)

**23-Torian Graham, Sr./ASU 88, Portland State 70 (Nov. 11, 2016)**

23-Jerren Shipp, Fr./NAU 75, ASU 71 (Nov. 13, 2006)

23-Gee Gervin, Fr. /ASU 111, Jacksonville 69 (Nov. 22, 1996)

## MOST ASU POINTS OFF BENCH PAST 20 SEASONS (1997-98 TO PRESENT)

31-Steve Moore, 2/10/05 at UCLA

29-Shawn Redhage, 2/8/03 at Washington

24-Savon Goodman, 12/20/14 vs Lehigh

24-Tommy Smith, 2/10/01 vs. Washington

24-Tanner Shell, 1/20/00 at USC

**23-Torian Graham, 11/11/16 vs Portland State**

**THREE-POINT NOTE:** Entering 2016-17 ASU had made a three-pointer in 522 straight games. The last time ASU did not make a three-pointer was in an 89-57 win over Washington in Tempe on Feb. 10, 2001.

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Pos	#	Name	Yr.	Ht./Wt.	2016-2017 SUN DEVIL ROSTER NOTES
G	0	Tra (Tray) Holder	Jr.	6-1/180	Pac-12 All-Freshman team 2015; Why he wears "0" -- says will have zero excuses
G	3	Sam Cunliffe	Fr.	6-6/200	Finished #45 in final Scout recruiting rankings; Rivals had him #36; ESPN #41
F	5	Obinna Oleka	Sr.	6-8/225	Say it OH-bee-nah OH-Leh-Ka; strong but can step out and hit the three
G	11	Shannon Evans II	Jr.	6-1/160	Buffalo transfer had to sit in 2015-16; played on Buffalo 2015 NCAA Tournament team
G	44	Kodi Justice	Jr.	6-5/190	Posted 10 double-digit scoring games last year (had 3 in 18 games in 2014-15).
G	1	Maurice O'Field	Jr.	6-5/205	JC transfer saw limited action last year, has two years to play
G	4	Torian Graham	Sr.	6-5/195	Sat last year as a transfer, but added solid 25 pounds; #91 by ESPN in Class of 2012
F-C	12	Andre Adams	RFr.	6-9/225	Sat last year with ACL injury, coming along slowly
F	13	Vitaliy Shibel	Fr.	6-9/210	Freshman who has ACL injury and will sit this year/from the Ukraine
G	22	Austin Witherill	Jr.	6-0/170	Local walk-on from Gilbert's Highland High School
F	23	Romello White	Fr.	6-8/220	Will sit this year as academic redshirt; top-100 2016 recruit across the board
F	33	Ramon Vila	Fr.	6-8/230	Great hands; solid size and good skills around the hoop;
F	42	Jethro Tshisumpa	Fr.	6-10/260	7-5 1/2 wingspan; 6% body fat/say it Teh-SHUMP-a

**Head Coach:** Bobby Hurley/42-20 at Buffalo (2013-15); 1992 Final Four MOP

**Assistants Coaches:** Levi Watkins, Rashon Burno, Anthony Coleman

**Special Assistant to Head Coach:** Ben Wood

**Video Operations:** Justin MacLean

**Operations:** Derrick Wrobel

**Strength:** Rich Wenner

**Trainer:** John Anderson



**OBI ONE TO KEEP AN EYE ON:** It was the Jan. 14 WSU game where forward Obinna Oleka (Oh-BEE-nah Oh-LEH-ka) began to emerge last season. Obi was in double figures in 13 of the final 16 games and averaged 11.4 points, 7.8 rebounds and was 41-of-49 (.837) from the free throw line in that time. He also had three of his four double-doubles in that span. Oleka had no points and one rebound in the first two games, but because he only played five games for State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota the previous two seasons and didn't play in 2014-15, a slow start was expected. Consider this: Before he took the court in the opener Nov. 13, his previous official game was Dec. 7, 2013...a 705-day break between games.

#### **OBI OLEKA FIRST 10 CAREER GAMES/PAST 23**

MPG: 19.0/27.6

FG: 22-61 (.361)/85-212 (.400)

3PT: 3-16 (.188)/25-74 (.338)

FT: 17-27 (.630)/57-69 (.826)

RPG: 4.9/6.9

PPG: 6.4/10.9

#### **TOP SCORING GAMES FOR OBINNA OLEKA**

19 vs. Kennesaw State (11/18/15)

17 vs. #23 Oregon (1/31/16)

17 vs. Oregon State (1/28/16)

17 vs. #8 Arizona (1/3/16)

**OOO SCHEDULE:** Last year's Sun Devil OOO schedule was 13th-best in the nation, and this year expect the same. ASU will face AP preseason top-25 teams #2 Kentucky in Bahamas on Nov. 28, Purdue (#15) in the Jimmy V Classic on Dec. 6 and host #22 Creighton at 7 p.m. MT on ESPN2 on Dec. 20. ASU is one of four Pac-12 teams hosting a preseason AP Top-25 team.

#### **PAC-12 SCHOOLS HOSTING AP PRESEASON TOP-25 TEAMS**

#17 Saint Mary's at Stanford, Nov. 30

#7 Xavier at Colorado, Dec. 7

#22 Creighton at Arizona State, Dec. 20

#8 Virginia at Cal, Dec. 21

**THREE!** Sun Devil coach Bobby Hurley has said that with his three-guard lineup, we can expect a lot of threes being tossed up. Last year ASU made 254 three-pointers, fifth-most in Sun Devil history, and took 756, third-most and most since 2008-09.

#### **SUN DEVIL THREE-POINTERS MADE**

288/2009

271/2010

268/2014

263/1993

**254/2016**

#### **SUN DEVIL THREE-POINTERS ATTEMPTED**

778/2009

772/1993

**756/2016**

**BEST THING ABOUT FRESHMAN IS THEY BECOME SOPHOMORES:** Tra Holder averaged 14.2 points in 2015-16 after averaging 7.0 in his freshman season. The +7.2 increase is the best from first year to second year Sun Devil since Jeremy Veal went from 7.4 in 1994-95 to 18.9 in 1995-96 (+11.5).

**BIGGEST SUN DEVIL SCORING IMPROVEMENTS (FIRST SEASON TO SECOND)**

Jeremy Veal, +11.5 (7.4 in 1994-95 to 18.9 in 1995-96)  
 Dennis Hamilton, +11.1 (6.2 in 1963-64 to 17.3 in 1964-65)  
 Art Becker, +10.1 (9.0 in 1961-62 to 19.1 in 1962-63)  
 Arthur Thomas, +9.4 (4.3 in 1984-85 to 13.7 in 1985-86)  
**Tra Holder, +7.2 (7.0 in 2014-15 to 14.2 in 2015-16)**

**HE CAN PLAY:** Transfer Shannon Evans II arrived at ASU after having spent two seasons under Coach Hurley at Buffalo. As a sophomore in 2014-15 he averaged 15.4 points, 3.2 rebounds and 4.6 assists and led the Bulls to the NCAA Tournament as he earned second-team All-MAC honors. As a freshman, he averaged 8.5 points and 3.3 assists per game and was named to the All-MAC Freshman Team. He sat the 2015-16 season but will have two years to play starting in 2016-17.

**SHANNON EVANS II TOP SCORING GAMES**

33 vs. Cornell (1/3/15)  
 25 at Ball State (2/4/15)  
 24 at UT-Arlington (11/18/14)  
 23 at Western Michigan (1/10/15)/at Grand Canyon (11/25/14)  
 21 at Kent State (2/28/15)/at St. Bonaventure (12/3/14)  
 20 vs. Niagara (12/19/14)/vs. Manhattan (12/21/13)  
**19 vs. Portland State (11/11/16)/19 at Bowling Green (2/21/15)/at CMU (2/8/14)**

**FALL SIGNINGS:** From one coast to the other one, Bobby Hurley's staff signed a pair of top-100 players for the second straight fall, as 6-6 swingman Kimani Lawrence (New Hampton School in New Hampton, N.H.) and 6-2 guard Remy Martin of Chatsworth (Calif.) Sierra Canyon, will join the Sun Devil program in 2017-18. A four-star signee according to Scout, Martin averaged 14.5 points as a junior. Lawrence, a four-star small forward from The New Hampton School in New Hampton, N.H., is the nation's 54th overall prospect according to ESPN, while Scout.com lists him as the nation's No. 11 small forward. ASU had signed five ESPN top-100 players in the previous nine years, but now has signed five in its 2016 and 2017 classes. Last year marked the first time in the Scout.com recruiting era (2002-present) ASU signed three four-star players, as next year Coach Hurley is expected to have at least five top-100 players on the roster. ASU had signed eight top-100 players in the previous 15 years, but signed two in the Scout top-100 in Sam Cunliffe (45) and Romello White (81), with Lawrence (54) and Martin (98) now in the fold.

**SCOUT.COM SUN DEVIL TOP-100 RECRUITS (2002-PRESENT)**

23. James Harden, 2007  
 34. Jahii Carson, 2011  
 45. Sam Cunliffe, 2016  
 54. Kimani Lawrence, 2017  
 55. Ike Diogu, 2002  
 79. Keala King, 2010  
 81. Romello White, 2016  
 84. Keith Wooden, 2003  
 96. Jamelle McMillan, 2007  
 98. Trent Lockett, 2009  
 98. Remy Martin, 2017  
 100. Tra Holder, 2014

**HOW DO YOU SAY IT?**

**Oh-BEE-nah OH-leh-ka**  
**Jethro Tsha-SUMP-ah**

**TRA HOLDER 8 20+ SCORING GAMES**

26 at UCLA (1/9/16)  
 24 vs. #8 Arizona (1/3/16)  
**23 vs. Portland State (11/11/16)**  
 23 vs. CSU-Bakersfield (12/28/15)  
 22 vs. North Carolina State (11/23/15)  
 21 at USC (1/7/16)  
 20 vs. #23 USC (2/12/16)  
 20 vs. Washington State (1/16/16)

**DOUBLE-DOUBLES FOR**

**OBINNA OLEKA (4)**

14/13 vs. UCLA (2/14/16)  
 13/11 vs. Washington (1/16/16)  
 11/10 vs. Washington State (1/14/16)  
 10/14 vs. Marquette (11/24/15)

**FAST FACT ABOUT A FAST SISTER:**

Sam Cunliffe has eight sisters -- and one of them is Hannah Cunliffe, who was the 2016 Pac-12 Track Championship Athlete of the Meet. She scored 22.5 points at the Championship, which came in the form of 10 points each in the 100 meter and 200 meter, winning both races, setting a record in the 200 meters. She also collected another 2.5 points when she helped the Ducks win the 4x100 relay in record-breaking fashion.

**FINAL FOUR IN 2017**

ASU and Glendale/Phoenix host the 2017 Final Four, the first Final Four held west of Texas since Seattle in 1995. It will be held at University of Phoenix Stadium, home of the Arizona Cardinals. The 2017 Final Four will also marks the 25th anniversary of Bobby Hurley earning 1992 MOP.

**MOST POINTS UNDER BOBBY HURLEY**

ASU 98, Houston Baptist 79 (12/19/15)  
 ASU 91, Kennesaw State 53 (11/18/15)  
**ASU 88, Portland State 70 (11/11/16)**  
 ASU 86, Oregon State 68 (1/28/15)