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GAMES 19-20: #14/16 ARIZONA STATE VS HARVARD

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SUN DEVIL REWIND

It's been a tale of splits for the Sun Devils over the last month. After finishing November with a win and a tie against Vermont, followed by the same fate over then-No. 4 Denver, the Devils captured game one of their road series' at Michigan State and Omaha before losing game two.

After starting the season 0-2 on Saturday's, ASU has gone 5-0-2 since, which includes the past two series beginning on Saturday.

Junior forward JOHNNY WALKER has enjoyed the month of December thus far, scoring six of his 12 goals on the season and recording another three assists for nine points in six games. His 12 goals is just one shy of the national lead.

Tied with WALKER for the team lead in points is JAMES SANCHEZ, who is coming off a three-assist weekend at Omaha. SANCHEZ and WALKER are tied for 7th nationally in scoring with 22 points.

Along with WALKER and SANCHEZ, there were four other Sun Devils recording multi-point games, including PJ MARROCCO, JACOB WILSON, JORDAN SANDHU and DOMINIC GARCIA. MARROCCO had his first multi-goal game of his collegiate career

CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'

For the first time since 1999, NCAA Division I hockey returns to Orange County as the Sun Devils and Harvard meet in the So Cal Clash.

The two programs have met four times in the past, with the Crimson owning the overall record 3-1-0. The Sun Devils won the most recent meeting in Boston with a 3-2 overtime victory.

Both teams lost their starting netminders from a year ago, while Harvard also lost their top d-man in Adam Fox. The Crimson are one of the top scoring teams in the country, averaging four goals per game. They also rank among the top-10 on special teams, ranking 10th on the power play and 8th on the penalty kill.

Harvard got off to a hot start to their season, winning six straight before dropping their last four. Harvard is loaded with talent, featuring eight NHL draft picks. However, they'll be missing one of their key contributors this weekend as forward Jack Drury is currently with Team USA's WJC U-20 team.

TALE OF THE TAPE (2019-20)

Sun Devils (NCAA Rank)		Crimson (NCAA Rank)
3.11 (16th)	Goals Per Game	4.10 (2nd)
2.67 (29th)	Goals Against Average	2.60 (25th)
28.67 (34th)	Shots Per Game	28.40 (36th)
16.0% (41st)	Power Play	24.3% (10th)
82.1% (28th)	Penalty Kill	87.9% (8th)
48.5% (46th)	Faceoff %	53.3% (10th)

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



AT
FivePoint Arena
Irvine, CA
5:00 p.m. (MST)



6-4-0

10-6-2

2019-20 VS. CONFERENCE

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

OVERALL RECORD VS. CONFERENCE

ECAC	Atlantic	NCHC	Hockey East	Big Ten	WCHA
9-13-3-1	10-4-1-0	6-9-4-0	8-11-0-0	4-12-1-0	12-8-1-1

2019-20 SUN DEVIL LEADERS

Player	G	A	Pts.	Goalie	Rec.	SV%	GAA
Johnny Walker	12	10	22	Evan DeBrouwer	9-6-2	.920	2.49
James Sanchez	6	16	22	Max Prawdzik	1-0-0	.818	3.77
Brinson Pasichnuks	2	13	15	Justin Robbins	0-0-0	.923	4.00
Josh Maniscalco	5	9	14				

2019-20 HARVARD LEADERS

Player	G	A	Pts.	Goalie	Rec.	SV%	GAA
Casey Dornbach	5	8	13	Mitchell Gibson	3-2-0	.930	2.23
Reilly Walsh	4	8	12	Cameron Gornet	3-2-0	.924	2.81
Nick Abruzzese	4	8	12				
Jack Drury	4	6	10				

BY THE NUMBERS

6

JOHNNY WALKER has six goals in his last six games, which includes 1g, 1a performances in the last two games. He leads the country in December goals scored.

22

WALKER and JAMES SANCHEZ co-lead the team in points with 22. At this point last year, with two more games played, WALKER led the team with 23 points and 17 goals.

3

The Sun Devils have scored 2 or more goals in all but three games this season with the most recent being two weekends ago at Michigan State.

30

This past Sunday was the first time in five games that sophomore goaltender EVAN DEBROUWER (#30) made fewer than 30 saves in a game.

SUN DEVIL TWEETABLES

1. This weekend is the first time since 1999's Frozen Four that Division I hockey will be played in Orange County.
2. After his performance the last month, @jwalks96 is now one goal out of the national lead with 12.
3. Since December 1, @jwalks96 leads the country in total points (9) and goals (6).
4. This coast-to-coast trip for Harvard is the first time they've had to go west of Troy, New York this season.
5. At this point a season ago, the Sun Devils were 14-6-0 and ranked 15/13 in the national polls.

LAST TIME THEY MET...

- Oct. 28, 2016: The two team's first-ever meeting did not favor the Sun Devils, as they ran into the buzzsaw that was Harvard's Frozen Four contending team in 2016-17. A team that won 16-straight games until their loss in the Frozen Four semifinal and lost just five games during the regular season. The Crimson steamrolled the Devils, 7-0, in their first game of that season.
- Oct. 29, 2016: Game two wasn't much better, but the Sun Devils did manage to score two goals in a 6-2 loss.
- Nov. 16, 2018: ASU's first trip to Cambridge didn't start well, as the Crimson got off to a 2-0 lead and held the Sun Devils to just two shots on goal in the first period. The Sun Devils found their legs, but were stymied by Harvard goaltender Michael Lackey. ASU finished the game outshooting Harvard, 31-30, but fell 4-1.
- Nov. 17, 2018: The Sun Devils finally ended the drought in the most recent match-up with JOHNNY WALKER scoring the game-winning goal in overtime. ASU tied the game in the final half of the 3rd period with a shorthanded goal, and JOEY DACCORD made 40 saves for a 3-2 victory.

FAMILIAR FOES

- While brief, Sun Devil JOHNNY WALKER played together with Crimson defenseman Reilly Walsh and forwards Jack Badini and Baker Shore with the Chicago Steel (USHL) in 2016-17.
- ASU defenseman CONNOR STUART and Harvard goaltender Mitchell Gibson played together for the Lone Star Brahmas in 2017-18.
- AUSTIN LEMIEUX and Harvard's Nathan Krusko also crossed paths for a brief stint with the Omaha Lancers (USHL) in 2015-16.
- Three Edina High School alums will share the ice on opposing lineups, as DEMETRIOS KOUMONTZIS of ASU and Casey Dornbach and Henry Bowlby of Harvard were just two years a part.

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 223-110-25 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 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	W, 4-3
Dec 15	at Michigan State	OTL, 0-1
Dec 21	at Omaha	W, 5-4
Dec 22	at Omaha	L, 4-8
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.....	223-110-25
Powers' NCAA Record.....	54-78-12