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2022-23 SCHEDULE

JANUARY

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|------|----|---------------------------|---------------|
| Mon | 30 | Southwestern Invitational | 2nd - 275/-13 |
| Tues | 31 | Southwestern Invitational | 4th - 304/+16 |

FEBRUARY

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| Wed | 1 | Southwestern Invitational | 3rd - 289/+4 |
| Wed | 8 | The Amer Ari | CANCELED DUE TO WIND |
| Thurs | 9 | The Amer Ari | CANCELED DUE TO WIND |
| Fri | 10 | The Amer Ari | CANCELED DUE TO WIND |

MARCH

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| Sun | 5 | Cabo Collegiate | 3rd - 288/+4 |
| Mon | 6 | Cabo Collegiate | 4th - 280/-4 |
| Tues | 7 | Cabo Collegiate | 3rd - 283/-1 |
| Fri | 17 | National Invitational | 3rd - 562/-14 |
| Sat | 18 | National Invitational | 3rd - 842/-22 |
| Mon | 27 | Valspar Invitational | 4th - 559/-9 |
| Mon | 28 | Valspar Invitational | T6th - 843/-9 |

APRIL

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| Sun | 2 | The Calusa Cup | 4th - 292/+4 |
| Mon | 3 | The Calusa Cup | 4th - 587/+11 |
| Tues | 4 | The Calusa Cup | 3rd - 871/+7 |
| FRI 14 | | THUNDERBIRD COLLEGIATE | 1st - 545/-23 |
| SAT 15 | | THUNDERBIRD COLLEGIATE | 1st - 824/-28 |
| Fri | 28 | Pac-12 Championship | 1st - 676/-24 |
| Sat | 29 | Pac-12 Championship | 3rd - 1035/-15 |
| Sun | 30 | Pac-12 Championship | 2nd - 1394/-6 |

MAY

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|----------------|----|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Mon | 15 | Las Vegas Regional | RESULT |
| Tues | 16 | Las Vegas Regional | RESULT |
| Wed | 17 | Las Vegas Regional | RESULT |
| FRI 26 | | NCAA CHAMP. 1ST RD | RESULT |
| SAT 27 | | NCAA CHAMP. 2ND RD | RESULT |
| SUN 28 | | NCAA CHAMP. 3RD RD | RESULT |
| MON 29 | | NCAA CHAMP. STROKE | RESULT |
| TUES 30 | | NCAA CHAMP. QUARTER/SEMI | RESULT |
| WED 31 | | NCAA CHAMP. FINAL | RESULT |

***bold** indicates Arizona State is hosting

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Josele Ballester: Ho • SAY • lay • Bai • yes • TARE

Kiko Coelho: KEE • ko • KO • ay • low

Michael Mjaaseth: ME • aah • seth

Gabe Salvanera: SAHL • vuh • NAIR • uh

LAS VEGAS REGIONAL

Monday, May 15 - Wednesday, April 18 • Las Vegas, NV • Bear's Best Golf Club



ARIZONA STATE SUN DEVILS

2022-23 Coaching Staff

Head Coach Matt Thurmond

Assoc. HC Thomas Sutton

Volunteer Asst. Howard Twifty

Director of Ops. Ally Montiel

LAST TIME OUT

The Arizona State men's golf team finished second at the 2023 Pac-12 Championship, carding a 6-under 1394 (331-345-359-359=1394/-6). The Sun Devils were paced in the event by Preston Summerhays at 2-under 278 (64-65-74-75=278/-2), good for a 12th place finish.

THURMOND'S THOUGHTS

"Regionals is the ultimate tournament for those that live for competition. No matter what you've done all year it's just three days to determine if you go to the NCAA championship or not. I love it and the team loves it. We are so excited for Las Vegas and hoping we bring our best."

No. 4 Sun Devil Men's Golf begins its quest to Grayhawk Golf Club as the No. 1 Seed in the Las Vegas Regional. The Sun Devils tee off at 7:30 a.m. in the first pairing with Stanford and Virginia Monday morning. The event will be held Monday, May 15 - Wednesday, May 18. Arizona State has been to the NCAA Championship every year since 2015, including all six chances under Head Coach Matt Thurmond. ASU is in its third and final year of hosting the NCAA Championships at Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale, AZ. The hosts finished as the National runners-up in 2022.

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BY THE NUMBERS

1

Arizona State is the top seed at the Las Vegas Regional. It is the second straight NCAA regional and fourth time in the last four years as a top two seed for the Sun Devils. ASU won the Stockton Regional last season as the No. 1 seed.

4

ASU is ranked as the fourth-best team in the nation according to the three major outlets (Golfstat, Golfweek, Golfweek Coaches Poll).

5

The Sun Devils dominated the Pac-12 end of year awards, putting all five of its lineup regulars on the list. This included three First Team selections (Ballester, Mjaaseth, Summerhays).

12

The Sun Devils have a 12-2 record against the field in Vegas with their only two losses coming against Stanford.

ARIZONA STATE MEN'S GOLF ROSTER

| Name. | Yr. | Ht. | Hometown |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----------------------|
| Josele Ballester | So. | 6'0 | Castellon, Spain |
| Kiko Coelho | So. | 5'7 | Lisbon, Portugal |
| Ryggs Johnston | Sr. | 6'3 | Libby, Montana |
| Michael Mjaaseth | Fr. | 6'0 | Oslo, Norway |
| Luke Potter | Fr. | 6'0 | Encinitas, California |
| Gabe Salvanera | Sr. | 6'1 | Queen Creek, Arizona |
| Preston Summerhays | So. | 6'2 | Scottsdale, Arizona |

ARIZONA STATE MEN'S GOLF LINEUP



Ryggs Johnston
22-23 Low Rd: 64 (-6)
2022 Best Finish: 4



Preston Summerhays
22-23 Low Rd: 63 (-7)
2022 Best Finish: 1



Josele Ballester
22-23 Low Rd: 64 (-6)
2022 Best Finish: T4



Luke Potter
22-23 Low Rd: 65 (-7)
2022 Best Finish: T2



Michael Mjaaseth
22-23 Low Rd: 66 (-4)
2022 Best Finish: T1

ARIZONA STATE MEN'S GOLF NOTEBOOK

QUICK FACTS

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| School | Arizona State University |
| Location | Tempe, Ariz |
| Founded | 1885 |
| Enrollment | 140,759 (2022) |
| Nickname | Sun Devils |
| School Colors | Maroon and Gold |
| Official Mascot | Sparky |
| Facility | The Thunderbird Golf Complex |
| Affiliation | NCAA Division I |
| Conference | Pac-12 |
| President | Michael M. Crow |
| Athletics Director | Ray Anderson |
| Men's Golf Compliance Admin | Natesh Rao |
| Athletics Website | www.thesundevils.com |

HISTORY

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|------------------------------------|------|
| Season of Golf | 89 |
| First Season | 1933 |
| All Time Medals | 169 |
| Team Tournament Wins (Since 91-92) | 75 |
| All-Americans | 152 |
| Pac-12 Golfer of the Year | 13 |
| Pac-12 All Academic Selections | 53 |
| PGA Tour Titles Won by Alums | 150 |

TEAM INFORMATION

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|------------------------------|-----------|
| 2021-22 NCAA Championship | Runner-Up |
| Letterwinners Returning/Lost | 5/4 |
| Newcomers | 2 |

COACHING STAFF

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|----------------------------|---------------|
| Head Coach | Matt Thurmond |
| Season with ASU | Sixth |
| Season Total as Head Coach | 21 |
| Alma Mater | BYU '99 |
| Associate Head Coach | Thomas Sutton |
| Season with ASU | First |
| Season Total | 8 |
| Alma Mater | UAB '14 |

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THE COURSE

- Bears Best Golf Club will host the Las Vegas Regional
- The course is a par-72, 7217 yard course.
- Sun Devil Men's Golf has never competed at Bears Best.

THE FORMAT

- NCAA Regional format is 18-holes in each of its three rounds.
- ASU will send a five-man lineup, with the top four scorers on each day counting.
- Substitutions are allowed in between rounds.
- ASU will tee off in the first pairs with Stanford and Virginia at 7:30 a.m. AZT Monday morning.

THE FIELD

- ASU is joined by – in order of seed – Stanford, Virginia, Oklahoma State, Northwestern, ETSU, Cincinnati, San Francisco, UNCG, Long Beach State, Oregon State, Davidson, Lehigh

THE LINEUP

- The Sun Devils will roll out its All-Pac-12 lineup of Josele Ballester, Michael Mjaaseth, Ryggs Johnston, Luke Potter and Preston Summerhays.

READY AND ABLE

- Coach Thurmond has now reached the NCAA Championship in all five chances at ASU.
- Since becoming a head coach in 2002, his squads have made the NCAA Championship in 17 of his 20 seasons, missing only in 2016, 2011 and 2007.

DANGER ZONE

- Arizona State is one of eight schools to have both its men's and women's teams reach Grayhawk in each of the first two years of hosting, along with Florida State, Georgia, Oklahoma State, Oregon, Texas, Vanderbilt and Wake Forest.
- Getting to Grayhawk isn't easy, as eight teams ranked in the Golfstat top 30 after regional action had their season's end in 2022.

END OF SEASON AWARDS

- Sun Devil Men's Golf has five golfers on the Pac-12 All-Conference teams, headlined by Freshman of the Year Michael Mjaaseth.
- 2023 Thunderbird Collegiate winner Preston Summerhays and Josele Ballester joined Mjaaseth on the Pac-12 First Team. Freshman Luke Potter and senior Ryggs Johnston each received Pac-12 Second Team honors.
- It's the first time since the Pac-10/12 began awarding end-of-season honors in 1985 that ASU has five players earn All-Conference recognitions in consecutive years. It's just the second time the Sun Devils have earned five Pac-12 All-Conference honors since 1994.

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

- Mjaaseth is the sixth Sun Devil to win the award since its inception in 1999 and the fourth consecutive ASU men's golfer to achieve the honor (Summerhays, David Puig, Cameron Sisk).
- No school in the conference has ever had consecutive winners of the Pac-12 Freshman/Newcomer of the Year honor before the Sun Devils' current run of four straight from 2019-23.

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

- The fourth and fifth placed scorers for Sun Devil Men's Golf have been exceptional this season.
- ASU has had the highest or second highest placed fourth and fifth scorers in eight of its 11 tournaments this season, including the Pac-12 Championships.

LAST YEAR HERE

- Arizona State won the 2022 Stockton Regional in dominating fashion.
- All four players who competed each day finish in the top 10.

REGIONAL HISTORY

- ASU now won or tied for a NCAA regional title eight times.
- The Sun Devils tied with Arizona in 1991 and tied with New Mexico in 1998. It won the title outright in 1995, 1999, 2001, 2009, 2016 and now 2022.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

- Arizona State has a 12-2 record against the field in Las Vegas this season. It's only two defeats have come against Stanford.
- One of the two losses against the Cardinal was on Stanford's home course at the Pac-12 Championship.
- Per the Golfweek rankings, ASU has the most wins of any team in the nation against both Top 25 and Top 50 foes.
- It's also not close. ASU has an 11-win edge against anyone else over top 25 teams, while the Sun Devils have 78 wins over top 50 teams and no one else has more than 60.

GOT THE LONG GAME GOING

- ASU was best on par-5 holes of any team at the Pac-12 Championships at 40-under in the four rounds. Only two teams in field had better than a 35-under.

SHORT GAME GOES WILD

- Coming off of pacing the field on par-3 and par-4 holes at the Thunderbird Collegiate, the Sun Devils were not as strong in those categories at the Pac-12 Championship.
- ASU was outside the top three on both par-3 and par-4 holes at Stanford Golf Club.

TOP FINISHES

- Despite only picking up one win on the season, Sun

BEST ASU NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS

61/-9, Jon Rahm (May 28, 2013 at Atlanta, GA)
 63/-7, Ryggs Johnston (May 29, 2021 at Scottsdale, AZ)
 63/-9, Phil Mickelson (June 3, 1992 at Albuquerque, NM)
 65/-7, Phil Mickelson (June 4, 1992 at Albuquerque, NM)
 66/-4, Phil Mickelson (June 7, 1989 at Edmond, OK)

TEAM BEST VS. PAR THREE RD. TOURNAMENT

(1993-94 TO PRESENT)

-50/814, 2018 National Invitational
 -43/821, 2004 ASU Thunderbird Invitational
 -41/811, 2017 ASU Thunderbird Invitational
 -40/800, 2022 Maui Jim Intercollegiate
 -40/824, 2015 Warrior Princeville Makai Invitational
 -40/824, 2007 NCAA West Regional
 -40/824, 2003 ASU Thunderbird Invitational
 -38/802, 2019 Maui Jim Intercollegiate
 -37/827, 2021 Amer Ari Intercollegiate
 -35/817, 2014 ASU Thunderbird Invitational

LOWEST FINISHED CAREER SCORING AVERAGE

(1993-94 TO PRESENT)

Jon Rahm, 70.21 (165 rounds/2012-16)
 Chun An Yu, 70.46 (151/2016-21)
 David Puig, 70.82 (78/2019-22)
 Jame Leow, 71.00 (51/2018-22)
 Jared du Toit, 71.01 (83/2015-17)
 Cameron Sisk, 71.21 (135/2018-22)

LOWEST ROUNDS (UNDER 63)

60/-10, Paul Casey, 1999 Pac-10 Championship (fourth round)
 61/-9, Jon Rahm, 2013 NCAA Championship (first round)
 62/-10, Jeff Quinney, 1999 ASU Thunderbird Invitational (third round)
 62/-9, Jon Rahm, 2014 ASU Thunderbird Invitational (first round)

BEST TEAM RDS. BY SCORE

2022 Maui Jim Intercollegiate -- 257 R2
 2019 Maui Jim Intercollegiate -- R1
 2019 National Invitational Tournament -- 263 R2
 2023 Thunderbird Invitational -- 264 in R1
 2018 Maui Jim Intercollegiate -- 265 R1
 2017 ASU Thunderbird Invitational -- 265 R2

BEST TEAM RDS. VS. PAR

(1993-94 TO PRESENT)

-25/2019 National Invitational Tournament -- 263 R2
 -23/2022 Maui Jim Intercollegiate -- 257 R2
 -21/2018 National Invitational Tournament -- 267 R2
 -19/2017 ASU Thunderbird Invitational -- 265 R2

Devil Men's Golf has been remarkably consistent its results.

- In it's 11 tournaments, Arizona State has been outside the top four just once.
- The Sun Devils had a run of finishing exactly third in four straight tournaments.

ACADEMIC WEAPON

- Ryggs Johnston became the second Sun Devil Men's Golfer in program history to earn Pac-12 Scholar-Athlete of the Year.
- Johnston's recognition is also the third straight season a Sun Devil male or female golfer has been honored, with Olivia Mehaffey (2020-21) and Alexandra Forsterling (2022) gaining recognition.
- A senior, Johnston has a perfect 4.00 grade-point average in business management. He will graduate in May with his management degree and a certificate in sports business and will be returning for his extra-year of eligibility granted by COVID-19.

TEAM RANKINGS

- Arizona State is the consensus No. 4 team in the country according to Golfweek (USA Today), the D1 Coaches Poll and Golfstat.

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

- Summerhays is the top ranked individual by Golfweek, coming in at No. 10.
- Luke Potter (37) Josele Ballester (39) and Michael Mjaaseth (40) join Summerhays in the top 40.
- Summerhays is also the top ranked Sun Devil according to Golfstat, coming in at 11.
- The remaining four Sun Devil regulars are in the top 75, paced by Mjaaseth in 45th.

PALMER CUP

- Preston Summerhays was the lone Sun Devil invited to the prestigious Palmer Cup.
- He is the 13th man in program history picked for the Palmer Cup, joining current teammate Josele Ballester and former teammate James Leow in 2022.
- He is the sixth individual Sun Devil under Thurmond in the Ryder Cup and seventh overall during his time at ASU, as David Puig earned selections in 2020 and 2021.
- Laurel Valley Golf Club, located outside Ligonier, Pa., will host the 27th Arnold Palmer Cup matches in 2023. The Ryder Cup-style competition features men's and women's collegiate golfers from the United States versus their International counterparts will be played June 8-10.

MAROON AND GOLD --> GREEN JACKET

- Jon Rahm won the Masters on April 9, carding a 65-69-73-69=276/-12 in the four rounds.
- The win is his second major championship and he has returned to World No. 1 with the victory.
- Rahm became the second Sun Devil to win The

Masters, joining three-time champion Phil Mickelson.

- Mickelson also finished second, firing a final round 65. It was his best final round in his illustrious Masters career.
- ASU is now one of four schools to have multiple Masters Winners, joining Texas, Houston and Stanford.

HERE FOR THE LONG HAUL

- Sun Devil Athletics was thrilled to extend four of its head coaches over the Christmas holiday, including Men's Golf Head Coach Matt Thurmond.
- Currently in his sixth year with ASU, Thurmond has been extended through the 2027-28 athletic calendar.
- Thurmond joined Arizona State on July 25, 2016 after 15 seasons at the helm of the Washington Huskies program.

RETOOLING THE ROSTER

- Following Arizona States' dazzling run in the NCAA Championship last spring, the Sun Devils have dealt with a roster overhaul.
- The graduation and professional debuts of several student-athletes have left ASU with just one lineup holdover, Preston Summerhays.

BACK FOR MORE

- Ryggs Johnston, who was named the Pac-12 Scholar-Athlete of the Year, announced at the Sun Devil Men's Golf end of season banquet that he will take his fifth year granted by COVID-19, and returning for the 2023-24 athletic season.

THE BIRD

- The Thunderbirds Golf Complex, designed by Douglas Fredrickson Architects and built by Rummel Construction Inc., is a 7,000-square foot facility featuring a grand entry lobby, national championship displays, a team gym and locker rooms for both men's and women's teams, a fueling station, study and team lounge, indoor hitting bays & more.
- Designed by Sun Devil alumnus and five-time PGA Major Championships winner Phil Mickelson, who is known for his short-game expertise, the four-acre practice area consists of five practice greens, four practice bunkers and a three-acre fairway and rough designed to practice every possible golf shot.
- On Nov. 1, 2018, Papago Golf Course became the new home for Sun Devil Men's & Women's Golf with the unveiling of their new state-of-the-art practice facility -- The Thunderbirds Golf Complex -- through the generous commitment by The Thunderbirds organization.

UP NEXT

- Arizona State will host the Men's and Women's NCAA Championships at Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale for the third straight year.

HOW TO FOLLOW

- Live updates are provided on Instagram and Twitter (@sundeilmgolf).
- Live statistics are available on golfstat.com

MEN'S GOLF SPRING SEASON PREVIEW

By: Josh Schwam

December 6, 2022

Following a runner-up finish at the 2022 NCAA Championships, the Arizona State men's golf team spent the summer retooling for a postseason run aimed at the top step.

The Sun Devils roster of seven features two seniors and five underclassmen. Four of the five scorers from last year's championship lineup have given way to a youth movement.

Despite the turnover, Arizona State had a fall calendar filled with elite competition, high finishes and low scoring cards. Depth has proven evident, as the Sun Devils used a different combination of its five scorers in three of the four fall tournaments.

Following a fall slate that saw ASU match up against the best in the nation, head coach Matt Thurmond feels that this squad is ready to compete with the best.

"Sometimes you think depth is numbers but depth is really the strength of the ones you have," coach Thurmond said. "To win a national championship, you have five points each match and they're all equal. Having five guys that are really strong any time we tee it up is massive.

In their four fall tournaments, the Sun Devils never finished lower than fourth. ASU's Maui Jim Intercollegiate performance resulted in a program record 40-under par for a tournament including 23-under 257 in the second round, eventually finishing second.

Michael Mjaaseth also tied for the win in the individual tournament at 14-under in his first collegiate appearance.

They followed that up with a fourth place finish at the Fighting Illini Invitational. Ryggs Johnston carded a six-under 64 in the second round. It was the second best round in the 16-year history of the tournament, only bested by one stroke from PGA Tour Professionals Rickie Fowler and Thomas Gentry.

"It was a good fall season for me," Johnston said. "It was nice to get started right off the bat. I played a good preseason and then started out with two really good tournaments. Probably the high point would be the Fighting Illini. It was pretty fun to be in the mix there and have a chance to win that at the end."

The opportunity to win proved a common mentality for Arizona State.

A third place finish at the Colonial Collegiate gave way to the East Lake Cup. The tournament hosted the top four teams from last year's NCAA Championship. Freshman Luke Potter finished second overall in stroke play and ASU won the team competition. They followed it up with a win against Pepperdine before falling to Vanderbilt in the championship.

"The East Lake Cup was my favorite tournament this fall," Potter said. "It was my best tournament and to be in front of the cameras with your team, playing well and having the match-play setting very much like the NCAA Championship is fun to go and cheer your boys on. Doing it at a stage like that was fun."

After his second place finish, Potter went on to win two consecutive matches against a former tournament champion and a Preseason All-American from Pepperdine and Vanderbilt, respectively.

"The more pressure Luke is under, the more he likes to succeed," associate head coach Thomas Sutton said. "It almost takes a little bit of pressure to get the best out of Luke. It's becoming apparent that with every time he has a big putt, it seems to fall."

For all of Potter's success, loud and boisterous putts will not be the formula for Sun Devil success in the spring. The squad that Coach Thurmond has assembled is calm, poised and confident in their abilities.

"The personality type of this group, except for maybe Luke, are guys that if they were in a boxing match, would not come out and throw haymakers in the first round," Thurmond said. "They're passive guys in any way you profile them from their personalities to behaviors. They let things come to them; they don't take the fight to the enemy and then they adjust and do what they need to do."

Coach Thurmond and his staff will carry that company into seven tournaments, including trips to Florida, Mexico and hosting the Thunderbird Collegiate, before the Pac-12 Championship at Stanford and the ensuing postseason.

The Sun Devil slate also includes trips to Hawaii and Cabo against elite competition, as well opening at the Southwestern Invitational where ASU hoisted the team trophy last season.

As a returner, Johnston has seen the natural evaluation of the men's golf program over the summer. Despite the difference, he believes this ASU team has what it takes to make a deep playoff run.

"It was a big change [from last year] but it's been really great," Johnston said. "We're a small team and we're all really close. As the fall has gone on, we have all gotten closer and closer and we do well together as a team. We've embraced the small team aspect of it."

Before they head to California, a break from competition is underway in the winter season. The Sun Devils tee off at the Southwestern Invitational to open their 2023 spring season on Jan. 30.

"This was a young team with just a lot of new faces," coach Thurmond said. "We lost a lot of star power and we needed to prove to ourselves that we could do it. We know we're good players but we needed to prove to ourselves that we could do it in the fall. Each week that passed, I felt like we got a little more confidence that we're for real and we're still pretty good."

LUKE POTTER LOOKS TO MAKE IMPACT AT ASU

By: Zach Wargo

December 4, 2022

Luke Potter is one of two freshmen on Arizona State's men's golf team and joined a decorated program that was one match away from being national champions.

The Sun Devils have one of the smallest rosters in the country which boasts only seven golfers, after losing veteran talent, Potter has stepped up already in the biggest of ways during the fall season alongside fellow freshman Michael Mjaaseth.

Coming from California, the freshman accumulated many honors when he competed in high school, including being the California State Individual Champion and becoming a three-time Rolex All-American. One of his biggest achievements in his young career was being named California Freshman Athlete of the Year, in which the last California freshman to accomplish that was a young Tiger Woods.

Being part of one of the country's most highly decorated golf teams comes with high expectations, but Potter answered the call early in his collegiate career.

"Everyone had really high expectations for Luke," head coach Matt Thurmond said. "We've been hearing about Luke Potter forever, so we expected him to come in and make an impact."

Confidence is one thing that Potter has always had. He searches for any competitive battle at practice and during competition to gain the extra edge. "Luke came in, he's this young freshman, he's got a swagger to him," Senior Ryggs Johnson said. He relishes his time on the practice range and strives to get better every day as a golfer.

"Golf is a game where it's impossible to master and I get here, show up to The Thunderbird every day trying to get better," Potter said. "It's something that I enjoy, just practicing, working hard and being outside."

The Maui Jim Intercollegiate was Potter's first taste of collegiate golf right in Scottsdale. The freshman started his career by shooting a 68 and leading the team in birdies with seven on day one. He would later finish five-under par 65 (68-67-70=205/-5) and notch a top-25 finish in his first career start at ASU.

"When you step on the first tee with the ASU colors on, it means something different," Potter said. "So there's definitely a lot of nerves on the first tee but it was more of like, excitement and ready to get going, I was happy to have a decent tournament."

After Maui Jim, he would compete in two more tournaments for the Sun Devils in the fall; he finished tied for 26th at the Fighting Illini Invite but broke out at the East Lake Cup where ASU competed against Texas, Vanderbilt, and Pepperdine; the top-four teams from last Spring's NCAA Championships at Grayhawk and would compete in one day of stroke play, and two days of match play.

Potter would shoot a three-under 69 which tied for second in Atlanta, but he continued his confident play over the next two days by taking down two upperclassmen in the match play event of the East Lake Cup which featured knocking down a winning putt on the 18th hole in the championship match against Vanderbilt.

"The more pressure Luke is under the more he likes to succeed. It almost takes a little bit of pressure to get the best out of Luke," Sutton said. "It's becoming apparent that with every time he has a big putt, it seems to fall."

It proved to be a good test for both freshmen since they will be pivotal if ASU wants to compete for another national title.

It was a satisfying way to close out the fall season for Potter and the Sun Devils, with the East Lake Cup being the only match-play event on the schedule it proved they're capable of competing with any team in the country.

"Luke had not played to the level that he wanted to for a few weeks and missed a really tight qualifier for The Ben Hogan Collegiate. For him to come out of that, play really well in stroke play finishing second and then go 2-0 in matches on TV was big for his confidence and big for the team," Sutton said.

The freshman enjoyed the environment that surrounded the East Lake Cup and was at his best in high-pressure situations. The match-play experience will only help him grow as a competitor when the postseason creeps closer.

"East Lake was awesome, my goal was to try to play well, play my best, play up to my standards and in the stroke play round I did," Potter said. "Going into the Match Play, I normally like match play better than stroke play. More of that head-to-head competition. So I was able to play a couple of really good matches and I was happy to win both of them."

With the Spring season ahead and more opportunities for both freshmen to grow as golfers and individuals, the sky is the limit for the Sun Devils.

"Each day we kind of set it out to do the same thing and accomplish the same things. It's fun to push each other and our friendship has grown closer together as time has gone on. I'm looking forward to spending the next few years with him," Potter said.

Having a small roster can prove to be the strength of the team. Having two freshmen and the youth on the roster will have the Sun Devils peaking at the right time when the postseason rolls around.

"Sometimes you think depth is numbers but depth is really the strength of the ones you have," Thurmond said. "Both of them have played outstanding, ranked inside the top 60 in college golf. That's incredible, to have two freshmen come in and already be in the top 60. We knew it was possible, but for them to come in and do it is huge for everyone around them and their confidence."

NORWAY'S MICHAEL MJAASETH SETTLING IN AS A SUN DEVIL

By: Josh Schwam

November 30, 2022

Michael Mjaaseth arrived in Phoenix with a singular goal: to win golf tournaments.

One of two freshmen on the Sun Devil men's golf team, Mjaaseth entered a program that was nearly on top of the world last spring.

After finishing second at the 2022 NCAA Championships, the Sun Devils retooled over the summer with intentions of taking the next step. Although significant veteran presence has departed, Mjaaseth is built for the biggest stage.

He is one of seven on ASU's roster, a smaller bunch than most national contenders and one of two freshmen, alongside highly touted Californian Luke Potter.

The Norwegian boasted significant junior accolades including being the European Young Masters Champion, the Norwegian U15 National Champion and he represented Europe in the Asia-Pacific Junior Championship. He's also been a winner at the Norwegian national level.

For a guy who had spent his entire career winning, arriving at ASU meant a new platform to impress.

"He's earned the respect of his teammates," head coach Matt Thurmond said. "Michael is pretty reserved, he doesn't say much and he was pretty quiet the first few weeks. He earned their respect with how he is and who he is."

As a child in Norway, Mjaaseth was a competitive alpine skier. He discovered golf later than most of his competitors while at a summer camp when he was 10.

For a mellow and independent personality, golf was the perfect fit.

"I think my maturity is something that helps me in my golf because I feel like I can handle my bad shots," Mjaaseth said. "It's something that I have worked on over the past few years."

When he arrived in Phoenix over the summer, he was greeted at the airport by associate head coach Thomas Sutton. Sutton was prepared to take him to get any and all home necessities; bed sheets, pillows, etc.

Mjaaseth had everything he needed without any help.

After Sutton dropped him off at the dorm and helped him unpack, he told Mjaaseth to call him in the morning when he was ready to go to the grocery store.

"By the early afternoon, I hadn't heard anything so I gave him a call," Sutton said. "I was like 'hey Michael, you ready to go to the grocery store,'" and he said 'oh I did that already.'"

That is just how he is.

"He's like a 40-year-old in a 20-year-old body because he just

seems that mature," said senior Ryggs Johnston. "I think internally, he has a lot of fire about him that allows them to work well with the team."

That calmness was apparent in ASU's first tournament, the Maui Jim Intercollegiate. Mjaaseth was Norway's first alternate for the World Amateur Championship in Paris. During ASU's structured qualifying, he got a call and they asked him if he was able to compete.

He made the trek to France and after a whirlwind, finished ninth in the world.

"We were halfway through the qualifier, meaning he was going to have to play as an individual in the first event," Coach Sutton said. "For him to go top-10 at the World Amateur Championship and come back and earn his way back in the lineup. We didn't have to give him an exemption or give him any special favors for him. That was a big moment for his career and a big moment for the team accepting him as a guy that came to play."

Mjaaseth ended up tying for first in the Maui Jim Individual bracket at 14-under par, less than a week after hauling back from Paris. He was proud of the results, but as is his personality, wanted more.

"My summer was really good and I was hoping to really bring that game into the fall season," Mjaaseth said. "I played great at Worlds, so that was good. I tied for first at Maui Jim Individual, so that was good."

His fall season continued in positive fashion. Mjaaseth qualified for the East Lake Cup in Atlanta, a meeting of the top four teams from the NCAA Championships last spring. He faced two upperclassmen and despite falling in both matches, pushed them both to the brink. It was a positive experience, but Mjaaseth's killer instinct pushes him to want more.

"In the match play, I played just not really good enough," Mjaaseth said. "I felt like I hung in there in the matches but wasn't good enough. That's how match play is, you either win or lose."

Cutthroat? A little. That's what makes him so good.

"I think Michael coming in, playing so well, being such a steady personality and being so mature and responsible has been an X-factor for us this fall," Thurmond said. "It has allowed everyone to feel confident. A lot of times, freshmen come in, they're not really ready and it takes them a while to hit their stride. To have them both [Mjaaseth & Potter] be strong right away is a big deal."

Despite not feeling like he had the scoring output he is capable of, Mjaaseth still found plenty of ways to grow during the fall. For a quiet kid, coming to Arizona State from Norway, Mjaaseth is locked in and ready for a loud spring campaign.

"He's in on the jokes and he's making the comments behind the scenes," Thurmond said with a chuckle. "He's still naturally a quieter person but I'm really proud of him. One time, I heard him crack a joke in the back of the van and my head whipped around like 'was that Michael?' He's reserved, he's quiet and he's to himself so for him to become deeply a part of the social culture of the team is really good."

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| Ryggs Johnston | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | TOT | vs.Par | Finish | Birdies | Eagles | Par 3 | Par 4 | Par 5 |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Maui Jim Intercollegiate | 67 | 65 | 66 | | 198 | -12 | T5 | 15 | 0 | -2 | -7 | -3 |
| Fighting Illini Invite | 70 | 64 | 71 | | 205 | -4 | 4 | 11 | 1 | -1 | E | -4 |
| Ben Hogan Colonial | 70 | 74 | 67 | | 211 | +1 | 19 | 11 | 0 | E | +1 | E |
| East Lake Cup - Stroke | 77 | X | X | | 77 | +5 | 19 | 2 | 0 | +1 | +4 | E |
| East Lake Cup - Match | X | L1&2 | L7&6 | | 0-2 | | | | | | | |
| Southwestern Invitational | 72 | 79 | 73 | | 224 | +8 | 34 | 10 | 0 | +2 | +7 | -1 |
| Cabo Collegiate | 72 | 74 | 73 | | 219 | +6 | T35 | 9 | 0 | +5 | +4 | -3 |
| National Invitational | 71 | 71 | 73 | | 215 | -1 | T37 | 9 | 0 | +3 | -1 | -3 |
| Valspar Invitational | 72 | 72 | 75 | | 219 | +6 | T61 | 8 | 0 | +3 | +4 | -1 |
| The Calusa Cup | 71 | 75 | 74 | | 218 | +4 | T13 | 10 | 1 | +4 | +4 | -4 |
| Thunderbird Collegiate | 69 | 70 | 72 | | 211 | -2 | T20 | 14 | 0 | +4 | -4 | -2 |
| Pac-12 Championship | 68 | 73 | 68 | 70 | 279 | -1 | T15 | 12 | 1 | +1 | +7 | -9 |
| NCAA Regional | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NCAA Championship | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| Gabe Salvanera | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | TOT | vs.Par | Finish | Birdies | Eagles | Par 3 | Par 4 | Par 5 |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Maui Jim Intercollegiate | 77 | 63 | 66 | | 206 | -4 | T29 | 14 | 0 | -1 | -1 | -2 |
| Fighting Illini Invite | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ben Hogan Colonial | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| East Lake Cup - Stroke | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| East Lake Cup - Match | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Southwestern Invitational | 71 | 75 | 83 | | 229 | +13 | T47 | 10 | 0 | +8 | +10 | -5 |
| Loyola Intercollegiate (Indiv.) | 69 | 71 | 69 | | 209 | -7 | T6 | 14 | 1 | +3 | -1 | -9 |
| Cabo Collegiate | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| National Invitational (Indiv.) | 74 | 73 | 69 | | 216 | E | T44 | 7 | 1 | +2 | E | -2 |
| Wyoming Cowboy Classic (Indiv.) | 75 | 75 | 74 | | 224 | +8 | T60 | 8 | 0 | +4 | +4 | E |
| Valspar Invitational | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The Calusa Cup | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Thunderbird Collegiate | 74 | 76 | 78 | | 228 | +15 | 79 | 4 | 0 | +6 | +10 | -1 |
| Pac-12 Championship | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NCAA Regional | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NCAA Championship | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| Josele Ballester | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | TOT | vs.Par | Finish | Birdies | Eagles | Par 3 | Par 4 | Par 5 |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Maui Jim Intercollegiate | 69 | 64 | 70 | | 203 | -7 | T17 | 13 | 1 | E | -3 | -4 |
| Fighting Illini Invite | 75 | 71 | 70 | | 216 | +6 | T31 | 7 | 0 | +3 | +3 | E |
| Ben Hogan Colonial | 69 | 70 | 70 | | 209 | -1 | T15 | 11 | 0 | +3 | -4 | E |
| East Lake Cup - Stroke | 70 | X | X | | 70 | -2 | T4 | 3 | 0 | +1 | -2 | -1 |
| East Lake Cup - Match | X | W3&2 | L1Up | | 1-1 | | | | | | | |
| Southwestern Invitational | 71 | 75 | 73 | | 219 | +3 | 21* | 11 | 0 | +1 | +10 | -8 |
| Cabo Collegiate | 77 | 70 | 71 | | 218 | +5 | T29 | 9 | 0 | +6 | +2 | -3 |
| National Invitational | 68 | 77 | 70 | | 215 | -1 | T37 | 11 | 0 | +1 | -1 | -1 |
| Valspar Invitational | 73 | 69 | 74 | | 216 | +3 | T48 | 10 | 0 | +4 | +2 | -3 |
| The Calusa Cup | 73 | 72 | 70 | | 215 | -1 | T4 | 11 | 0 | +4 | -1 | -4 |
| Thunderbird Collegiate | 64 | 72 | 71 | | 207 | -6 | T7 | 12 | 0 | -1 | -4 | -1 |
| Pac-12 Championship | 64 | 71 | 72 | 72 | 279 | -1 | T15 | | | | | |
| NCAA Regional | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NCAA Championship | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Preston Summerhays | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | TOT | vs.Par | Finish | Birdies | Eagles | Par 3 | Par 4 | Par 5 |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Maui Jim Intercollegiate | 67 | 65 | 70 | | 202 | T13 | T13 | 18 | 0 | -2 | -2 | -4 |
| Fighting Illini Invite | 69 | 72 | 72 | | 213 | +3 | T17 | 10 | 0 | +3 | +3 | -3 |
| Ben Hogan Colonial | 75 | 63 | 69 | | 207 | -3 | T8 | T8 | 0 | +1 | -2 | -2 |
| East Lake Cup - Stroke | 71 | X | X | | 71 | -1 | T6 | 4 | 0 | E | +2 | -3 |
| East Lake Cup - Match | X | W1Up | L3&1 | | 1-1 | | | | | | | |
| Southwestern Invitational | 72 | 79 | 73 | | 221 | +5 | T23 | 8 | 1 | +5 | +4 | -4 |
| Cabo Collegiate | 74 | 67 | 68 | | 209 | -4 | T5 | 15 | 1 | +1 | -5 | E |
| National Invitational | 66 | 71 | 70 | | 207 | -9 | T4 | 13 | 0 | +1 | -3 | -7 |
| Valspar Invitational | 67 | 71 | 66 | | 204 | -9 | T4 | 15 | 0 | -2 | -1 | -6 |
| The Calusa Cup | 76 | 75 | 81 | | 232 | +16 | T40 | 10 | 0 | +10 | +11 | -5 |
| Thunderbird Collegiate | 66 | 68 | 66 | | 200 | -13 | 1 | 15 | 2 | -3 | -7 | -5 |
| Pac-12 Championship | 64 | 65 | 74 | 75 | 278 | -2 | T12 | 15 | 2 | +3 | +4 | -9 |
| NCAA Regional | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NCAA Championship | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| Luke Potter | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | TOT | vs.Par | Finish | Birdies | Eagles | Par 3 | Par 4 | Par 5 |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Maui Jim Intercollegiate | 68 | 67 | 70 | | 205 | -5 | T24 | 15 | 0 | -2 | +1 | -3 |
| Fighting Illini Invite | 72 | 70 | 73 | | 215 | +5 | T26 | 10 | 1 | +3 | +5 | -3 |
| Ben Hogan Colonial | 69 | X | X | | 69 | -3 | T2 | 3 | 1 | +1 | -1 | -3 |
| East Lake Cup - Stroke | 71 | X | X | | 71 | -1 | T6 | 4 | 0 | E | +2 | -3 |
| East Lake Cup - Match | X | W4&3 | W1Up | | 2-0 | | | | | | | |
| Southwestern Invitational | 65 | 75 | 71 | | 211 | -5 | 4 | 16 | 1 | +6 | -4 | -7 |
| Cabo Collegiate | 70 | 70 | 72 | | 212 | -1 | T10 | 11 | 0 | +2 | E | -3 |
| National Invitational | 72 | 71 | 70 | | 214 | -2 | T27 | 13 | 0 | +3 | -1 | -4 |
| Valspar Invitational | 68 | 75 | 73 | | 216 | +3 | T48 | 12 | 1 | -3 | +6 | E |
| The Calusa Cup | 76 | 73 | 69 | | 218 | +6 | 8 | 10 | 0 | +1 | +2 | -1 |
| Thunderbird Collegiate | 74 | 71 | 72 | | 217 | +4 | T47 | 4 | 0 | +2 | +3 | -1 |
| Pac-12 Championship | 67 | 67 | 77 | 70 | 281 | +1 | T26 | 18 | 0 | +1 | +9 | -9 |
| NCAA Regional | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NCAA Championship | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| Kiko Coelho | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | TOT | vs.Par | Finish | Birdies | Eagles | Par 3 | Par 4 | Par 5 |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Maui Jim Intercollegiate | 71 | 72 | 68 | | 211 | -5 | T12 | 14 | 1 | +4 | -5 | -4 |
| Fighting Illini Invite | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ben Hogan Colonial | 77 | 71 | 76 | | 224 | +14 | T74 | 5 | 0 | +6 | +8 | E |
| East Lake Cup - Stroke | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| East Lake Cup - Match | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Southwestern Invitational | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Loyola Intercollegiate (Indiv.) | 73 | 71 | 73 | | 217 | +1 | T36 | 10 | 1 | +6 | -1 | -4 |
| Cabo Collegiate | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| National Invitational (Indiv.) | 73 | 71 | 70 | | 214 | -2 | T27 | 9 | 0 | +2 | +1 | -5 |
| Valspar Invitational | 69 | 77 | 77 | | 223 | +7 | T52 | 7 | 0 | +1 | +7 | -1 |
| The Calusa Cup | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Thunderbird Collegiate | 72 | 71 | 69 | | 212 | -1 | T28 | 10 | 0 | +3 | -3 | -1 |
| Pac-12 Championship | 75 | 73 | 74 | 77 | 299 | +19 | 64 | 8 | 0 | +7 | +16 | -4 |
| NCAA Regional | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NCAA Championship | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Michael Mjaaseth | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | TOT | vs.Par | Finish | Birdies | Eagles | Par 3 | Par 4 | Par 5 |
|---------------------------|----|------|------|-----|-----|--------|--------|---------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| Maui Jim Intercollegiate | 66 | 69 | 67 | | 202 | -14 | T1 | 16 | 1 | -1 | -5 | -8 |
| Fighting Illini Invite | 74 | 68 | 74 | | 216 | +6 | T31 | 8 | 0 | +1 | +7 | -2 |
| Ben Hogan Colonial | 71 | 68 | 72 | | 211 | +1 | T22 | 12 | 0 | +1 | E | E |
| East Lake Cup - Stroke | 71 | X | X | | 71 | -1 | T6 | 4 | 0 | E | +2 | -3 |
| East Lake Cup - Match | X | L2&1 | L2&1 | 0-2 | | | | | | | | |
| Southwestern Invitational | 67 | 79 | 71 | | 217 | +1 | T15 | 15 | 1 | +2 | +5 | -6 |
| Cabo Collegiate | 72 | 73 | 72 | | 217 | +4 | T23 | 8 | 1 | +1 | +2 | +1 |
| National Invitational | 69 | 75 | 69 | | 213 | -3 | T20 | 10 | 2 | +2 | +1 | -6 |
| Valspar Invitational | 71 | 69 | 71 | | 211 | -2 | T26 | 15 | 0 | E | -2 | E |
| The Calusa Cup | 72 | 79 | 71 | | 222 | +6 | T17 | 10 | 0 | +7 | -2 | +1 |
| Thunderbird Collegiate | 65 | 74 | 70 | | 209 | -4 | T12 | 11 | 0 | E | -3 | -1 |
| Pac-12 Championship | 68 | 69 | 71 | 72 | 280 | E | T20 | 12 | 1 | +3 | +2 | -5 |
| NCAA Regional | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NCAA Championship | | | | | | | | | | | | |

2022-23 TEAM ROUND BY ROUND

| Team | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | TOT | vs.Par | Finish | Birdies | Eagles | Par 3 | Par 4 | Par 5 |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|--------|--------|---------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| Maui Jim Intercollegiate | 271 | 257 | 272 | | 800 | -40 | 2 | 75 | 1 | -7 | -12 | -17 |
| Fighting Illini Invite | 285 | 273 | 286 | | 844 | +4 | 4 | 46 | 2 | +9 | +18 | -12 |
| Ben Hogan Colonial | 285 | 272 | 278 | | 835 | -5 | T3 | 50 | 0 | +11 | +3 | -2 |
| East Lake Cup - Stroke | 281 | X | X | | 281 | -7 | 1 | 16 | 1 | +3 | +5 | -10 |
| East Lake Cup - Match | X | W | L | | | | | | | | | |
| Southwestern Invitational | 275 | 304 | 289 | | 868 | +4 | 3 | 59 | 3 | +23 | +22 | -23 |
| Cabo Collegiate | 288 | 280 | 283 | | 851 | -1 | 3 | 52 | 2 | +15 | +3 | -8 |
| National Invitational | 274 | 288 | 280 | | 842 | -22 | 3 | 56 | 3 | +10 | -5 | -21 |
| Valspar Invitational | 278 | 281 | 284 | | 843 | -9 | T6 | 60 | 1 | +2 | +9 | -10 |
| The Calusa Cup | 292 | 295 | 284 | | 871 | -4 | 3 | 51 | 1 | +26 | +14 | -13 |
| Thunderbird Collegiate | 264 | 281 | 279 | | 824 | -28 | 1 | 56 | 2 | +4 | -15 | -10 |
| Pac-12 Championship | 331 | 345 | 359 | 359 | 1394 | -6 | 2 | 83 | 4 | +12 | +44 | -40 |
| NCAA Regional | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NCAA Championship | | | | | | | | | | | | |