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2022-23 SCHEDULE

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

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

Sun	5	Cabo Collegiate	RESULT
Mon	6	Cabo Collegiate	RESULT
Tues	7	Cabo Collegiate	RESULT
Fri	17	National Invitational	RESULT
Sat	18	National Invitational	RESULT
Mon	27	Valspar Invitational	RESULT
Mon	28	Valspar Invitational	RESULT

APRIL

Sun	2	The Calusa Cup	RESULT
Mon	3	The Calusa Cup	RESULT
Tues	4	The Calusa Cup	RESULT
FRI 14		THUNDERBIRD COLLEGIATE	RESULT
SAT 15		THUNDERBIRD COLLEGIATE	RESULT
Fri	28	Pac-12 Championship	RESULT
Sat	29	Pac-12 Championship	RESULT
Sun	30	Pac-12 Championship	RESULT

MAY

Mon	15	NCAA Regional	RESULT
Tues	16	NCAA Regional	RESULT
Wed	17	NCAA 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

CABO COLLEGIATE INVITATIONAL

Sunday, Mar. 5 - Tuesday, Mar. 7 • Cabo San Lucas, Mexico • Twin Dolphin Course



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

Luke Potter hung around the leaders for the entirety of the Southwestern Invitational and carded a 1-under 71 as the Arizona State men's golf team (275-304-289=868/+4) finished third overall and obtained their fourth straight top-3 finish, kicking off the spring season. The Sun Devils finished with 59 birdies in three days, second most in the tournament. ASU's trip to the Amer Ari was cut short, with the event being canceled due to high wind.

THURMOND'S THOUGHTS

"We are just so anxious to finally compete again. We've been practicing for a month for this and that is too long! We love this event and I'm excited to compete with these guys again."

No. 3/19 Arizona State Men's Golf continues the season at the Cabo Collegiate Invitational. Arizona State has been without competition for over a month due to the cancellation of The Ameri Ari. In 2022, Preston Summerhays led the way for ASU in Cabo with a 7-under 206 (72-68-66) and Arizona State improved throughout last year's tournament, moving up each of the last two days. ASU finished in a tie for ninth with a 12-under 840 (295-275-270).

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BY THE NUMBERS

1

Arizona State has maintained its nationally elite level despite turnover. Only Preston Summerhays returns from from last year's NCAA Championship lineup. Freshmen Luke Potter and Michael Mjaaseth saw time in the lineup in the fall.

2

The Sun Devils finished second in last season's NCAA Championship at Grayhawk Golf Club. ASU is also the second ranked team in the nation per Golfweek.

3

ASU finished third at the Southwestern Invitational, dealing with a windy day two to card a 275-304-289=868/+4. The Sun Devils were also third in Par-3 and Par-4 scoring averages.

4

Luke Potter finished fourth at the Southwestern Invitational, his second straight top-4 finish.

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"	Escondito, 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: T6



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

QUICK FACTS

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

Season of Golf	89
First Season	1933
All Time Medals	168
Team Tournament Wins (Since 91-92)	74
All-Americans	152
Pac-12 Golfer of the Year	13
Pac-12 All Academic Selections	53
PGA Tour Titles Won by Alums	149

TEAM INFORMATION

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

COACHING STAFF

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

- The Twin Dolphin Course measures 7,156 yards and is a par-72 course.
- Each of the three, 18-hole rounds will commence at 8:00 a.m. local time on a shotgun start.

THE FIELD

- 13 of the 15 teams in the field are ranked according to Golfstat, including No. 1 Vanderbilt, No. 2 Texas Tech, No. 3 ASU and No. 4 Stanford.

THE LINEUP

- The Sun Devils will send Ryggs Johnston, Preston Summerhays, Josele Ballester, Luke Potter and Michael Mjaaseth to the Cabo Collegiate.

RANKINGS

- The Sun Devils are ranked third in the country by Golfweek.
- Luke Potter sits ninth in the individual rankings. He is trailed by Michael Mjaaseth (29), Preston Summerhays (30) and Josele Ballester (33) in the top 40.
- ASU is also ranked 19th in the nation by Golfstat.
- Ryggs Johnston is the highest ranked Sun Devil at 23rd per Golfstat. He is trailed by Preston Summerhays (27), Luke Potter (40), Josele Ballester (45) and Michael Mjaaseth (48). All five in ASU's lineup are in the top 50 nationally.

LONG TIME, NO SEE

- The Sun Devils are competing as a team for the first time since they opened the season at the 2023 Southwestern Invitational from Jan. 30 - Feb. 1.
- Gabe Salvanera and Kiko Coelho competed at the Loyola Intercollegiate, with Salvanera finishing T6 and Coelho finishing T36.

LAST YEAR HERE

- The Sun Devils finished shot 12-under 840 (295-275-270-840/-12).
- Preston Summerhays led the way for ASU in Cabo with a 7-under 206 (72-68-66=206/-7).

FRESHMEN AT SOUTHWESTERN

- Luke Potter carded a 7-under 65 on day one of the Southwestern Invite, a career-best round. He eventually recorded his second consecutive top four finish.
- Potter tied for the tournament lead in birdies (16) and score on par-4 holes (-4).
- Michael Mjaaseth was the second placed Sun Devil, carding a 67-79-71=217/+1.

SECOND ROUND SUCCESS

- In its three fall tournaments, ASU had its best team performance in the second round each time.
- Tournament-high winds on day two of the Southwestern Invitational caused 10 of the 12 teams to shoot worse than the first round, including ASU.

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.
- Aside from the two freshman - Luke Potter and Michael Mjaaseth - all current Sun Devils were on the roster last season but did not compete at NCAA's.

SPRING SLATE

- ASU will compete in six tournaments across three states and two countries prior to the 202 Pac-12 Championship, hosted by Stanford April 28-30.
- In state, the Sun Devils will compete at the NIT in Tucson March 17-18.
- Arizona State will also host the prestigious Thunderbird Collegiate in Scottsdale April 14-15.
- ASU host NCAA Championships for both the men and women at Grayhawk Country Club in Scottsdale. The women's event is May 19-24 and the men are May 26-31.

DON'T GET TOO COMFORTABLE

- Incredible opportunity has arisen from the roster turnover and qualifying rounds have turned into a true test.
- In its four tournaments during the fall, ASU used three different lineups.
- ASU's first tournament of the spring, the Southwestern Invitational, featured a new lineup.
- All seven Sun Devils contributed to the team score at some point during the fall.

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.

WELCOME COACH SUTTON

- Over the summer, Thomas Sutton joined the Sun Devils as an Associate Head Coach from Washington, where he spent five seasons.
- Sutton's squads earned 11 team wins in his five years and the 2022 Pac-12 title as well as a No. 10 national rank, the best mark for the program since the 2013-14 season.

FRESHMAN FIREPOWER

- Arizona State finished the fall slate with both of its freshman - Luke Potter and Michael Mjaaseth - ranked inside the top 70 for amateur golfers.
- Potter provided big energy for the Sun Devils at the East Lake Cup.

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
 2018 Maui Jim Intercollegiate -- 265 in 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

- Playing a Match Play tournament and on national television, both for the first time as a collegian, Potter earned second place in the stroke play by carding a three-under 69.
- In the match play, he won both of his matches against Vanderbilt and Pepperdine.
- Michael Mjaaseth tied for the win in the first event of his collegiate career, the Maui Jim Individual by carding a 14-under par 72.
- Mjaaseth was competing in the individual tournament not because he lost qualifying, but because he got called up as a reserve for Norway for the 2022 World Amateur Championships in Paris, France.
- He finished ninth in the World Championship.
- Mjaaseth proceeded to make the Sun Devil lineup in each of the remaining three fall tournaments and the first two spring events.

UNDERCLASSMAN GALORE

- It's not the two freshman that are making waves for ASU.
- Ryggs Johnston is the only senior on the roster.
- In fact, the team does not feature a junior. This means six of the seven Sun Devil Men's Golfers are either freshman or sophomores.

PALMER CUP

- The Arizona State men's golf team had four student-athletes ranked in the March rankings of the 2023 Palmer Cup, tied for the most of any institution in the nation.
- On the international side Josele Ballester was ranked 15th and Michael Mjaaseth sat in 17th. For the Americans, Ryggs Johnston was 16th and Preston Summerhays 17th.
- The 2023 edition of the Palmer Cup will be hosted by Laurel Valley Golf Club in Ligonier, Pennsylvania. June 8-10.

EAST LAKE CUP

- The event featured just four teams; the top four teams from last spring's NCAA Championship.
- On day one - the only stroke play round - ASU won the team title and earned the top seed for match play.
- Luke Potter also finished in second by carding a 3-under 69.
- The Sun Devils beat Pepperdine before falling to Vanderbilt in the championship to finish second in the event.

BEN HOGAN COLONIAL

- Ryggs Johnston carded a 3-under 67 in the third round as Arizona State finished the Ben Hogan Collegiate tied for third overall.
- Preston Summerhays was ASU's best overall finisher, carding a 75-63-69=207/-3 to finish tied for eighth overall.

FIGHTING ILLINI INVITE

- Ryggs Johnston finished fourth overall and fired second-best round in the 16-year history of the Fighting Illini Invitational at 6-under 64 in the second round.

- Only two men - Rickie Fowler and Thomas Dentry - shot better in a round at the event than Johnston. Both have since joined the PGA tour.
- Arizona State finished fourth on the notoriously tough course with a 4-over 844 team card (285-273-286).

MAUI JIM INTERCOLLEGIATE

- Arizona State carded its lowest three-round tournament score in program history with an 800 (271-257-272) in a second place finish at the 2022 Maui Jim Intercollegiate.
- It was just the seventh time that the Sun Devils were at least 40-under par in a three-round tournament.
- ASU was paced by a 12-under performance from Ryggs Johnston, who finished in fourth overall with a 67-65-66=198/-12 card.
- In the second round, the Sun Devils shot 23-under par (65-65-64-63) = 247/-23. It was the lowest team round in the golfstat era.
- ASU was paced in the second round by Gabe Salvanera's 7-under 63.
- Michael Mjaaseth tied for the win in the Individual Tournament by carding 14-under in two rounds.

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 lounge, team lounge, indoor hitting bays and 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.

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 Potters' 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."

2022-23 INDIVIDUAL ROUND BY ROUND

Ryggs Johnston	R1	R2	R3	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 Collegiate Invite	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		0-2					
Southwestern Invitational	72	79	73	224	+8	34	10	0	+2	+7	-1
Cabo Collegiate											
National Invitational											
Valspar Invitational											
The Calusa Cup											
Thunderbird Collegiate											
Pac-12 Championship											
NCAA Regional											
NCAA Championship											

Gabe Salvanera	R1	R2	R3	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 Collegiate Invite											
East Lake Cup - Match											
East Lake Cup - Stroke											
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											
Valspar Invitational											
The Calusa Cup											
Thunderbird Collegiate											
Pac-12 Championship											
NCAA Regional											
NCAA Championship											

Josele Ballester	R1	R2	R3	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		1-1					
Southwestern Invitational (i)	71	75	73	219	+3	21*	11	0	+1	+10	-8
Cabo Collegiate											
National Invitational											
Valspar Invitational											
The Calusa Cup											
Thunderbird Collegiate											
Pac-12 Championship											
NCAA Regional											
NCAA Championship											

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Preston Summerhays	R1	R2	R3	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											
National Invitational											
Valspar Invitational											
The Calusa Cup											
Thunderbird Collegiate											
Pac-12 Championship											
NCAA Regional											
NCAA Championship											

Luke Potter	R1	R2	R3	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											
East Lake Cup - Stroke	69	X	X	69	-3	T2	3	1	+1	-1	-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											
National Invitational											
Valspar Invitational											
The Calusa Cup											
Thunderbird Collegiate											
Pac-12 Championship											
NCAA Regional											
NCAA Championship											

Kiko Coelho	R1	R2	R3	TOT	vs. Par	Finish	Birdies	Eagles	Par 3	Par 4	Par 5
Maui Jim Individual (Outlaw)	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											
Valspar Invitational											
The Calusa Cup											
Thunderbird Collegiate											
Pac-12 Championship											
NCAA Regional											
NCAA Championship											

2022-23 INDIVIDUAL ROUND BY ROUND CONT.

Michael Mjaaseth	R1	R2	R3	TOT	vs. Par	Finish	Birdies	Eagles	Par 3	Par 4	Par 5
Maui Jim Individual (Outlaw)	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											
National Invitational											
Valspar Invitational											
The Calusa Cup											
Thunderbird Collegiate											
Pac-12 Championship											
NCAA Regional											
NCAA Championship											

2022-23 TEAM ROUND BY ROUND

Team	R1	R2	R3	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			1-1					
Southwestern Invitational	275	304	289	868	+4	3rd	59	3	+23	+22	-23
Cabo Collegiate											
National Invitational											
Valspar Invitational											
The Calusa Cup											
Thunderbird Collegiate											
Pac-12 Championship											
NCAA Regional											
NCAA Championship											