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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	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

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

Mon	15	Las Vegas Regional	1st - 262/-26
Tues	16	Las Vegas Regional	2nd - 538/-38
Wed	17	Las Vegas Regional	1st - 805/-59
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

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

Friday, May 26 - Wednesday, April 31 • Scottsdale, AZ • Grayhawk 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

No. 4/5 Sun Devil Men's Golf has made it back its home national championship and will look to make it one better than the 2022 National Runner-Up team. ASU enters with two wins in its last three events, sandwiched around a second place finish at the Pac-12 Championship. Sun Devil returners from last season's runner-up lineup are Josele Ballester and Preston Summerhays. Ryggs Johnston has finished third in the nation at Grayhawk, in 2021, but was not in the lineup in last season's finale.

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LAST TIME OUT

Sun Devil Men's Golf won the Las Vegas Regional by two strokes over Stanford.

THURMOND'S THOUGHTS

"The last few days we've just been recovering from an emotional and exhausting regional. When we compete we give everything and it takes a couple days to regroup. Each guy has a few things to work on to tune up for Grayhawk. Most of the practice we are doing now is situation and directly connecting to what we will see. We are simulating the tee shots, working on the par-3 distances, hitting some fairway bunker shots, chipping out of thick rough, etc. We've worked really hard and our skills are overall quite sharp. Now it's all about the final details, and most importantly, getting our minds quiet and focused and ready to be our best."

BY THE NUMBERS

1 Arizona State is the only school in the country to have made at least 20 NCAA Men's and Women's Championships since 2000 (Women's 21, Men's 20).

3 Preston Summerhays was third individually in the Las Vegas Regional, marking his fifth top-5 showing in the last seven tournaments. This included his 16th round in the 60s this year in the final round of the regional.

8 The Sun Devils have now made the NCAA Finals in the past eight seasons, the fourth-best mark in the nation. Texas (16), Oklahoma (12) and Vanderbilt (9) are the only schools with longer streaks.

-59 ASU's 59-under at the regional was the lowest-ever 54 hole score by a Sun Devil Men's Golf's squad and the lowest regional score in NCAA history.

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 (5)
22-23 Low Rd: 64 (-6)
2022 Best Finish: 4



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



Josele Ballester (2)
22-23 Low Rd: 64 (-6)
2022 Best Finish: T4



Luke Potter (4)
22-23 Low Rd: 65 (-7)
2022 Best Finish: T2



Michael Mjaaseth (3)
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	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

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

- Grayhawk Golf Club has hosted the last three NCAA National Championships and is located in Scottsdale, less than 25 miles from ASU's home.
- The course measures 7,289 yards and is a par 70.

THE FORMAT

- Squads will play four rounds - 18 holes per day from Friday - Monday - before the top eight teams advance to match play.
- Should the Sun Devils advance, the schedule calls for the national quarterfinals and semifinals on Tuesday, before the national match Wednesday.
- Teams will be seeded 1-8 with the following matchups: 1 vs. 8, 2 vs. 7, 3 vs. 6, 4, vs. 5.

THE LINEUP

- The Sun Devils will roll out their All-Pac-12 lineup of Preston Summerhays (1), Josele Ballester (2), Michael Mjaaseth (3), Luke Potter (4), Ryggs Johnston (5).

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.

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 nine of its 12 tournaments this season, including the Pac-12 Championships and Las Vegas Regional.
- This will prove crucial in Match Play. Having the back-end of your rotation strong can provide clutch victories.

MATCH PLAY

- As a squad, ASU is 1-1 in match play this season.
- The Sun Devils played in match play at the East Lake Cup back in the fall, picking up a 3-2 victory over Pepperdine before falling the finals, 2-3, to Vanderbilt.
- Preston Summerhays and Luke Potter each went 2-0.
- The Sun Devils usually compete at the Copper Cup for match play experience each spring, but were unable to this season due to schedule conflicts.

DANGER ZONE

- Getting to Grayhawk isn't easy, as nine teams ranked in the Golfstat top 30 after regional action had their season's end in 2023. That's up from eight-such team's not escaping regionals in 2022.
- The Sun Devils have now made the NCAA Finals in the past eight seasons, the fourth-best mark in the nation. Texas (16), Oklahoma (12) and Vanderbilt (9) are the only schools with longer streaks.

REGIONAL MADNESS

- ASU's performance at the Las Vegas Regional shattered program and NCAA records.
- The 59-under 805 was ASU's lowest three-round tournament score in program history.
- It was also the lowest score vs. par an ASU team has ever had.
- Additionally, it shattered both of the same records for any team to ever compete in an NCAA Regional.

62 (SIXTY-TWO)

- Preston Summerhays fired a ridiculous 10-under in the opening round of the 2023 Las Vegas Regional.
- He fired two eagles on the front-nine and carded a bogey-free back-nine. He birdied the first three holes of the back-9 and the last two, going 5-under on both the front and back. He totaled seven birdies and just one bogey in the round.
- He became the just the fifth Sun Devils to fire a 62-or-better card.
- The 10-under card is just the third for Arizona State in the Golfstat era. Of the other two, only Paul Casey's 10-under 60 in the 1999 Pac-12 Championship came in postseason play.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

- Arizona State has 122-20-2 record on the season, per Golfweek.
- Per the Golfweek rankings, ASU has the most wins of any team in the nation against both Top 25 (56-19-2) and Top 50 (84-20-2) foes.
- It's also not close. ASU has a seven-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.

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 two lineup holdovers, Preston Summerhays and Josele Ballester.

GOT THE LONG GAME GOING

- ASU was second-best on par-5 holes of any team at the Pac-12 Championships at 43-under in the three rounds. Only three teams in field had better than a 40-under.
- Preston Summerhays was sixth-best individually at 11-under on the holes.

SHORT GAME GOES WILD

- Sun Devil Men's Golf led the field on par-3 holes, shooting even for the event. Second-best was ETSU at four-ver.
- Summerhays and Mjaaseth were both 1-under for the event, tied for third individually in the event.

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)

-59/805, 2023 Las Vegas Regional
-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

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
2023 Las Vegas Regional -- 262 R1
2019 National Invitational Tournament -- 263 R2
2023 Thunderbird Invitational -- 264 in R1

BEST TEAM RDS. VS. PAR

(1993-94 TO PRESENT)

-26/2023 Las Vegas Regional -- 262 R1
-25/2019 National Invitational Tournament -- 263 R2
-23/2022 Maui Jim Intercollegiate -- 257 R2
-21/2018 National Invitational Tournament -- 267 R2
-21/2023 Las Vegas Regional -- 267 R3
-19/2017 ASU Thunderbird Invitational -- 265 R2

TOP FINISHES

- Despite only picking up two wins on the season, Sun Devil Men's Golf has been remarkably consistent its results.
- In its 12 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.
- In its last three tournaments, ASU has finished first, second and first. That's a cross country score of four in three tournaments, two of them in the postseason.

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.

LAST YEAR HERE

- The Sun Devils were the national runner up, falling 3-2 to Texas.
- It was the best finish for Arizona State since 1996.

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 No. 4 team in the nation according to Golfstat. The Sun Devils are fifth on Golfweek.

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

Summerhays is the top ranked individual by Golfweek, coming in at No. 9. It's a one spot improvement from prior to the Las Vegas Regional.

- Josele Ballester (32), Michael Mjaaseth (33), Luke Potter (40) join Summerhays in the top 40.
- Summerhays is also the top ranked Sun Devil according to Golfstat, coming in at fifth.
- The remaining four Sun Devil regulars are in the top 90, paced by Mjaaseth in 39th.

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.

HASKINS WATCH

- Preston Summerhays was named Final Haskins Award Watch List on Monday, May 22.
- He is one of 10 men's college golfers on the list for the prize of the best in the country. Voting for the 2023 Haskins Award opened on the 22nd. It will remain open until the completion of the stroke play on May 29.
- Phil Mickelson won three straight Haskins Awards and Billy Mayfair picked up the first honor in team history in 1987 for ASU's first honor.

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.

BACK FOR MORE

- Ryggs Johnston, who was named the Pac-12 Scholar-Athlete of the Year and a mainstay in the ASU lineup, 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.

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."

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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	67	68	74		209	-7	T30	11	1	E	+1	-7
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	18	0	-3	+6	+6
NCAA Regional	64	70	67		201	-15	T5	19	0	+2	-9	-8
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	W3&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	62	70	67		201	-19	3	19	3	-1	-7	-11
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	69	71	67		207	-9	T22	12	1	E	-1	-8
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	67	68	68		203	-13	T9	15	1	-1	-3	-9
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	262	276	267		805	-59	1	76	6	E	-19	-43
NCAA Championship												