



ARIZONA STATE SUN DEVIL HOCKEY MEDIA NOTES



GAMES 23-24: #15/16 ARIZONA STATE AT BROWN

JANUARY 11-12, 2020

5PM/2PM (MST)

SUN DEVIL REWIND

In their first home series of the new decade, the Sun Devils fought to a split against Michigan Tech after winning the first game 4-3. They finished this last stretch of 10 games -- eight of which came against teams in the top-20 in the pairwise rankings -- with a 4-4-2 record.

The Sun Devils second line of PJ Marrocco, Filipis Buncis and Austin Lemieux has been on fire as of late, recording 12 points in their first three games as a trio. Marrocco is on a three-game point streak, while recording four goals and three assists in his last five games.

Junior forward James Sanchez remains atop the Sun Devil scoring rankings, as he is tied for sixth in the country with 25 points while junior linemate Johnny Walker is tied for ninth with 24 points.

On the third line, junior forward Willie Knierim has a goal in his last three games, setting a new collegiate personal record with seven goals this season.

THE BEAR NECESSITIES

Brown will be coming off their seventh-straight loss after a 3-2 overtime loss at Boston University Wednesday night. The Bears jumped out early to a 2-0 lead through the first 15 minutes before the Terriers scored three unanswered.

The power play went 1-for-4 in the game, and is 2-for-7 in the last two games. The Bears unit ranks 14th in the country with a 22.5% success rate.

Led by head coach Brendan Whittet, the Bears have won three games this season, all coming against conference opponents -- Yale, Colgate and St. Lawrence.

Sophomore forward Justin Jallen leads the squad with eight goals and senior defenseman Zach Giuttari has six assists for the Bears. Between the pipes, Gavin Nieto has played in 12 games with a .904 save percentage and 2.93 goals against average.

TALE OF THE TAPE (2019-20)

Sun Devils (NCAA Rank)		Bears (NCAA Rank)
3.05 (20th)	Goals Per Game	1.60 (60th)
2.82 (32nd)	Goals Against Average	3.00 (40th)
29.05 (31st)	Shots Per Game	23.53 (58th)
15.9% (46th)	Power Play	22.5% (14th)
81.8% (25th)	Penalty Kill	81.2% (29th)
49.7% (35th)	Faceoff %	50.9% (26th)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

BUNCIS: bun-sis
 GRUBER: GROO-burr
 GVIDO: guh-VEE-doh
 JANSONS: YAWN-sons
 SANDHU: san-DOO
 KNIERIM: NEER-rum

KOUMONTZIS: co-mun-ZEEZ
 LEMIEUX: luh-MEW
 MANISCALCO: man-niss-cal-COH
 PASICHNUK: PASH-nuck
 PRAWDZIK: prawd-ZIK
 SEMIK: seh-MICK



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**Meehan
 Auditorium**
 Providence, RI
 5 / 2 p.m. (MST)

2019-20 VS. CONFERENCE

ECAC	Atlantic	NCHC	Hockey East	Big Ten	WCHA
2-1-1-0	3-1-0-0	2-1-1-0	1-0-1-0	1-0-0-1	2-4-0-0

OVERALL RECORD VS. CONFERENCE

ECAC	Atlantic	NCHC	Hockey East	Big Ten	WCHA
8-18-4-2	10-5-1-0	6-13-4-0	9-15-1-0	4-17-1-1	13-9-1-1

2019-20 SUN DEVIL LEADERS

Player	G	A	Pts.	Goalie	Rec.	SV%	GAA
James Sanchez	6	19	25	Evan DeBrouwer	10-8-3	.915	2.58
Johnny Walker	12	12	24	Max Prawdzik	1-0-0	.818	4.51
Brinson Pasichnuk	3	15	18	Justin Robbins	0-0-0	.923	4.00
Josh Maniscalco	7	10	17				

2019-20 BROWN LEADERS

Player	G	A	Pts.	Goalie	Rec.	SV%	GAA
Justin Jallen	8	2	10	Gavin Nieto	2-9-0	.904	2.93
Zach Giuttari	2	6	8	Luke Kania	1-3-0	.905	3.11
Brent Beaudoin	2	4	6	Gabriel Vinal	0-0-0	.946	2.37
Tony Stillwell	0	6	6				

BY THE NUMBERS

16

The last time these two teams met, they combined for 16 goals in an 8-8 tie at ASU's Desert Hockey Classic tournament in Prescott, AZ.

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When entering the third period with the lead, the Sun Devils are 11-0-1 this season.

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The Sun Devils just finished the roughest stretch of the season with four of the last five opponents ranking in the top-20 of the Pairwise. ASU went 4-4-2 in those 10 games.

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The second line of PJ MARROCCO, FILIPIS BUNCIS and AUSTIN LEMIEUX have totaled 12 points in the last three games with four goals and eight assists.

SUN DEVIL TWEETABLES

- Just five @BrownMensHockey players and three of @SunDevilHockey are still on the roster from the last time these two met.
- In their last meeting, Gavin Nieto allowed six goals on 15 shots faced in the first two periods.
- Sophomore forward @peej_97 is on a three-game point streak and has four goals and three assists in his last five games.
- Junior @27WillieKnierim is on a three-game goal streak & helped set a new personal collegiate best for goals in a season.
- In their last 10 games, @SunDevilHockey is averaging three goals per game.

LAST TIME THEY MET...

- Dec. 30, 2016: At the second Desert Hockey Classic, which was hosted in Prescott Valley, AZ for the first and only time, ASU and Brown clashed in the most high-scoring game in the Sun Devils' young history. The game saw each team break out to two-goal leads with ASU scoring four-straight goals at one point in the 2nd period. The Sun Devils and Bears finished in an 8-8 tie, while Brown won the shootout to advance to the tournament championship.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

- "I don't think we're playing bad defensive hockey. We're just giving up inopportune goals at inopportune times. We are 11-0-1 when we lead after two periods this year. We're 0-4-1 when we're tied going into the third period. We're grossly outshooting our opponents in the third period, but we're just making key mistakes in front of Evan that we can't make in those third periods and teams are capitalizing. To be 0-4-1 when you're tied going into the third period is frustrating and something that needs to be fixed, and our guys need to dig deep and find a way to win those games." -COACH POWERS on his team finishing games
- "The good news right now is that we control our own destiny. We have 14 games in front of us, and a majority of which if we play to our capacity and potential, we should win. That's just the blunt truth. We control our destiny, and if we don't take care of business starting Saturday at Brown, then we don't deserve to even talk about going to the tournament. We're ranked 16 right now and went through a really difficult 10-game stretch that I'd be hard pressed to know if anyone in college hockey had a tougher last 10 games than us, and we got through it 4-4-2. The frustrating part of it is we were this close to getting through it with eight wins instead of four, and be in a drastically different situation right now. Our guys are in a good spot mentally and their still excited to be here every day, and we have a huge weekend ahead of us on the road." -COACH POWERS on the upcoming weekend & final stretch of the season

FAMILIAR FOES

- ASU forward WILLIE KNIERIM, Brown goaltender Gavin Nieto and forward Trey Dodd played together in the 2014-15 season for the Dubuque Fighting Saints (USHL). KNIERIM and Dodd continued to play for the Saints in 2015-16 as well.
- Gavin Nieto also played with ASU Hockey alum JAKOB STRIDSBERG in 2015-16 for the Fairbanks Ice Dogs (NAHL).
- Bears defenseman Luke Albert and Sun Devil forward PJ MARROCCO played together in the 2017-18 season with the Chilliwack Chiefs (BCHL) and the Bonnyville Pontiacs (AJHL).
- Brown defenseman Tony Stillwell and ASU defenseman JACOB WILSON played together for two seasons (2015-17) with the Sioux City Musketeers (USHL). In the 2015-16 season, Brown forward Trey Dodd also played for the Musketeers.
- Brown Christopher Berger forward, ASU forward JAMES SANCHEZ and defenseman JOSH MANISCALCO all played together on the USNTDP Juniors team in 2015-16. Berger and SANCHEZ went on to play for the U.S. National U18 Team that same year.
- ASU forward JOHNNY WALKER and Brown forward Jack Gessert spent the 2015-16 season together playing for the Chicago Steel (USHL) before Gessert attended Brown the following year.
- Sun Devil d-man JARROD GOURLEY and Brown forward Nathan Plessis played together in the AJHL for the Brooks Bandits in 2016-17.
- Bears forward Cole Quisenberry and Sun Devil goaltender JUSTIN ROBBINS spent a year together for the Chicago Steel last season.
- ASU forward CONNOR STUART and Brown forward Jon Russell put up minutes for the Lone Star Brahmas (NAHL) in the 2017-18 season before they went to their respective programs.

POWERING UP

Coach Powers enters his fifth season as the head coach of the Division I program in 2019-20, and his 12th overall at the helm at ASU. The 2018-19 was one for the record books, as the Spencer Penrose National Coach of the Year finalist led the program to its first NCAA Tournament appearance. Under Powers, ASU became the fastest start-up collegiate hockey program to qualify for the postseason. At 21-13-1 and No. 10 in the Pairwise rankings, the Sun Devils made the largest jump in all of NCAA Division I year-to-year up from No. 53 at the end of 2017-18. During the 2013-14 season, Coach Powers helped guide the Sun Devils to their first-ever ACHA Division I National Championship. He holds a 224-112-26 career record at ASU.

Himself a Sun Devil, Powers graduated from the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism in 1999 and was inducted into the ASU Hockey Player Hall of Fame in in 2009. Collegiately, Greg was a three-time ACHA Division I All-American Goaltender while playing for the Sun Devils under the tutelage of Hall of Fame Head Coach Gene Hammett. The Sun Devils qualified for three national championships during Powers' four-season collegiate career, and he was named Team MVP for the 1996-1997 and 1997-1998 seasons.

2019-2020 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time (MST)/Result
Aug 1-Aug 12	International Trip (China)	
Oct. 5	vs. Mercyhurst	L, 2-3
Oct. 6	vs. Mercyhurst	W, 6-4
Oct. 11	at #3 Minnesota State	L, 1-4
Oct. 12	at #3 Minnesota State	L, 0-5
Oct. 18	at Air Force	W, 3-0
Oct. 19	at Air Force	W, 5-2
Nov. 1	vs. #9 Quinnipiac	W, 5-3
Nov. 2	vs. #9 Quinnipiac	W, 4-1
Nov. 8	at Alaska Fairbanks	L, 3-4
Nov. 9	at Alaska Fairbanks	W, 4-0
Nov. 29	vs. Vermont	W, 2-1
Nov. 30	vs. Vermont	T, 2-2
Dec. 6	vs. #4 Denver	W, 4-1
Dec. 7	vs. #4 Denver	T, 2-2
Dec. 14	at #18 Michigan State	W, 4-3
Dec. 15	at #18 Michigan State	OTL, 0-1
Dec. 21	at Omaha	W, 5-4
Dec. 22	at Omaha	L, 4-8
Dec. 28	#17 Harvard	L, 1-4
Dec. 29	#17 Harvard	T, 4-4
Jan. 4	vs. Michigan Tech	W, 4-3
Jan. 5	vs. Michigan Tech	L, 2-3
Jan. 11	at Brown	5:00 pm
Jan. 12	at Brown	2:00 pm
Jan. 17	vs. RIT	7:05 pm
Jan. 18	vs. RIT	7:05 pm
Jan. 24	at Clarkson	TBD
Jan. 25	at Clarkson	TBD
Jan. 31	vs. Robert Morris	7:05 pm
Feb. 1	vs. Robert Morris	7:05 pm
Feb. 7	at Holy Cross	TBD
Feb. 8	at Bentley	TBD
Feb. 14	vs. Alaska Anchorage	7:05 pm
Feb. 15	vs. Alaska Anchorage	7:05 pm
Feb. 21	at Wisconsin	TBD
Feb. 22	at Wisconsin	TBD

ARIZONA STATE QUICK FACTS

Location	Tempe, Ariz.
Enrollment	103,000
Nickname	Sun Devils
Colors	Maroon & Gold
Conference	Independent (Pac-12 in other sports)
President	Dr. Michael Crow
Athletic Director	Ray Anderson
Arena	Oceanside Ice Arena/Gila River Arena
Head Coach	Greg Powers (12th season)
Assistant Coach	Alex Hicks (6th season)
Assistant Coach	Mike Field (5th season)
Director of Operations	Andrew Matheson (1st season)
Strength & Conditioning Coach	Liane Blyn (2nd season)
Volunteer Assistant	Eddie Lack (1st season)
Equipment Manager	Jon Laughner (3rd season)
Athletic Trainer	C.J. Clarizio (3rd season)
Powers' Career Record	224-112-26
Powers' NCAA Record	55-80-13