



ARIZONA STATE SUN DEVIL HOCKEY MEDIA NOTES



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GAME 3: ARIZONA STATE VS. #3 MINNESOTA STATE

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SUN DEVIL REWIND

The Sun Devils started off their 2019-20 campaign with a split series against Mercyhurst last weekend. In the final 2:30 of Saturday's contest, Mercyhurst netted two goals to come from behind and win 3-2 with the game-winner coming with 18 seconds remaining. Even in the loss, the Sun Devils outshot the Lakers 21-5 in the third period.

However, ASU flipped the script on Sunday afternoon, scoring six goals against the Lakers. JAMES SANCHEZ scored his first goal as a Sun Devil, marking his first NCAA goal since he scored two against the Sun Devils as a member of the Michigan Wolverines in February of 2018. BRINSON PASICHNUK netted two of his own on Sunday, earning a five-point weekend. After being held scoreless Saturday night, JOHNNY WALKER netted two goals during the Sunday matinee.

MEETING WITH THE MAVS

Last season these two teams met when Arizona State hosted the Desert Hockey Classic in Glendale. The Sun Devils forced a tie thanks to JOHNNY WALKER's late goal on a rebound from a shot by BRETT GRUBER. After a clean slate in overtime, the Sun Devils won the exhibition shootout.

This will be the first time that the Sun Devils travel to Mankato to face the Mavericks at the Mankato Civic Center.

Last season, Minnesota State went 32-8-2 after winning the WCHA Championship against Bowling Green in an overtime stunner. However, they went on to lose to red-hot Providence 6-3 in the opening game of the NCAA East Regional.

Senior forward Marc Michaelis is Minnesota State's returning scorer with 19 goals last season. Following Michaelis is senior forward Parker Tuomie who put together 26 assists and 40 points in his junior year.

Sophomore goaltender Dryden McKay was one of the best goaltenders in the country, having being named 2018-19 CHN National Rookie of the Year after winning 24 games, a .927 save percentage and a 1.76 goals against average in his freshman campaign.



AT
Mankato Civic Center
Mankato, Minn.
7:07 p.m. (CST)



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2019-20 VS. CONFERENCE

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

OVERALL RECORD VS. CONFERENCE

ECAC	Atlantic	NCHC	Hockey East	Big Ten	WCHA
7-13-3-1	8-4-1-0	4-8-3-0	8-11-0-0	3-11-1-0	11-5-1-1

2019-20 SUN DEVIL LEADERS

Player	G	A	Pts.	Goalie	Rec.	SV%	GAA
Johnny Walker	2	3	5	Evan DeBrouwer	0-1-0	.870%	3.01
Brinson Pasichnuik	2	3	5	Max Prawdzik	1-0-0	.810%	4.01
James Sanchez	1	3	4				
Demetrios Koumontzis	1	2	3				

2018-19 MINNESOTA ST RETURNING LEADERS

Player	G	A	Pts.	Goalie	Rec.	SV%	GAA
Marc Michaelis	19	23	42	Dryden McKay	24-7-2	.927%	1.76
Parker Tuomie	14	26	40				
Charlie Gerard	12	18	30				
Jared Spooner	7	20	27				

BY THE NUMBERS

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JOHNNY WALKER and BRINSON PASICHNUK both recorded five-point weekends (2g, 3a) against Mercyhurst.

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Seven Sun Devils made their debut last weekend including graduate transfer MAX PRAWDZIK and juniors WILLIE KNIERIM and JAMES SANCHEZ.

76

The Sun Devils totaled 76 shots on goal in the two-game, home-opening series against Mercyhurst, outshooting the Lakers by 32 -- the biggest differential ever against an opponent in a two-game series.

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Six teams in the current top-20 poll are on ASU's schedule this season with this weekend being the first.

SERIES TWEETABLES

1. Last time these two teams met, it was the Desert Hockey Classic consolation game and @SunDevilHockey forced overtime with 29 seconds remaining.
2. @jwalks96 and @jordysandhu both scored goals in that matchup against the Mavericks in the DHC.
3. This is the first time that @SunDevilHockey will trek to Mankato to play @MavHockey.
4. In 2018-19, the Sun Devils went 9-9 on the road with highlight wins against ranked teams like Penn State and Harvard.
5. @jwalks96 recorded a four-point game this past Sunday (2g, 2a).

TALE OF THE TAPE (2018-19)

Sun Devils (NCAA Rank)	Minnesota State (NCAA Rank)
3.11 (14th)	Goals Per Game 3.50 (4th)
2.46 (18th)	Goals Against Average 1.81 (1st)
29.60 (28th)	Shots Per Game 30.19 (24th)
15.1% (48th)	Power Play 22.7% (11th)
86.6% (7th)	Penalty Kill 85.3% (12th)
48.1% (46th)	Faceoff % 52.1% (16th)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

BALINSON: BAL-in-sin
BUNCIS: bun-sis
GRUBER: GROO-burr
GVIDO: guh-VEE-doh
JANSONS: YAWN-sons
JENUWINE: jen-U-wine
KNIERIM: NEER-rum

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

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

- “They are a really good team, one of the top teams in the country and they always are. This year might be one of the strongest teams they have ever had and they are that good, they returned 97% of their scoring, they returned their starting goalie who was tremendous for them last year as a freshman. They have a great coach and a great program and we’re excited to go up and get some really good experience up there.” -COACH POWERS on Minnesota State
- “It’s going to be a hostile environment and there’s going to be good crowds, it’s a great venue and like I said they have a great program so our guys are going to have to be dialed, we’re literally going to have to play our very best to have a chance to win on Friday.” -COACH POWERS on the environment...
- “It’s the nice thing about having veterans, is that our sophomore through senior class has seen everything, they have literally seen everything that you can possibly see in college hockey and that’s huge. We don’t play a ton of freshmen, we generally have three real freshmen who are getting big minutes so it shouldn’t be an issue. The freshmen here will have to keep things simple back there (defense) and we are going to play them so it should be a really good experience for them.” -COACH POWERS on the freshmen playing Minnesota State...
- “We only worry about ourselves, we have enough to clean up and we found some things that we want to show up and we had a really good practice today (Tuesday) and address some things we want to be better at going into Friday and just worry about us, that’s all you can do this early in the season. You can’t worry about who it is you’re playing, we know how good they are, we know how tough it’s going to be going up there and getting a win on Friday, but our guys believe we can do it if we play the right way.” -COACH POWERS on what the team is focusing on...
- “We just want to dial in on our forecheck more, we proud ourselves in being a forecheck predicated team and we worked on that today (Tuesday). Essentially how we prepare ourselves for our opponent, when we executed and how we knew we needed to do execute, we were really good this weekend and I thought that we really controlled the play five out of the six periods all weekend. They were very opportunistic, to their credit they were incredibly opportunistic and I don’t think they had a scoring chance after their 4 on 3 in the second period in the game they beat us until they scored with just over two minutes left, so it was one of those things where I thought we played absolutely well enough to win, we weren’t opportunistic and we let them hang around, we didn’t bury some chances and we paid the price for it.” -COACH POWERS on what happened this weekend...

FAMILIAR FOES

- ASU senior forward BRETT GRUBER is very familiar with several Mavericks, including junior defenseman Connor Mackey, junior forward Jared Spooner, and senior forward Marc Michaelis. All four played for the Green Bay Gamblers (USHL) in 2015-16. Sun Devil redshirt junior transfer CHRIS GRANDO was also a part of that team.
- Sun Devil junior JOHNNY WALKER and Minnesota State junior forwards Jake Jaremko, Walker Duehr, Reggie Lutz, and sophomore defenseman Wyatt Aamodt shared the ice in Chicago with the Steel of the USHL in 2015-16 and 2016-17 seasons.
- Freshman ASU forward JAX MURRAY (who did not make the trip) is an Elk River native, and played with fellow native and Maverick Reggie Lutz at Elk River High School in 2014-15.
- Back in 2015-16, Sun Devil d-man JACOB WILSON and MSU’s Ian Scheid played together with the Sioux City Musketeers.
- For a brief span in 2016-17, DOMINIC GARCIA, GVIDO JANSONS and PETER ZHONG played with Shane McMahan with the then-Aston Rebels (NAHL). McMahan was only there for 11 games.
- Freshman Sun Devil d-man JACOB SEMIK and Maverick junior forward Dallas Gerads played with the Dubuque Fighting Saints in 2016-17. WILLIE KNIERIM was also a teammate of Gerads in Dubuque in 2015-16.
- Minnesota State goaltender Jacob Berger has ties to the state of Arizona, as he played for the Phoenix Jr. Coyotes U18 in 2015-16.

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 213-105-24 career record at ASU.

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

2019-2020 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug 1-Aug 12	International Trip (China)	
Oct. 5	vs. Mercyhurst	L (2-3)
Oct. 6	vs. Mercyhurst	W (6-4)
Oct. 11	at Minnesota State	7:07 pm
Oct. 12	at Minnesota State	6:07 pm
Oct. 18	at Air Force	6:05 pm
Oct. 19	at Air Force	6:05 pm
Nov. 1	vs. Quinnipiac	7:05 pm
Nov. 2	vs. Quinnipiac	7:05 pm
Nov. 8	at Alaska Fairbanks	9:07 pm
Nov. 9	at Alaska Fairbanks	9:07 pm
Nov. 29	vs. Vermont	7:05 pm
Nov. 30	vs. Vermont	7:05 pm
Dec. 6	vs. Denver	7:05 pm
Dec. 7	vs. Denver	7:05 pm
Dec. 14	at Michigan State	5:00 pm
Dec. 15	at Michigan State	3:00 pm
Dec. 21	at Nebraska Omaha	6:07 pm
Dec. 22	at Nebraska Omaha	3:07 pm
Dec. 28	Harvard	TBD
Dec. 29	Harvard	TBD
Jan. 4	vs. Michigan Tech	7:05 pm
Jan. 5	vs. Michigan Tech	TBD
Jan. 11	at Brown	5:00 pm
Jan. 12	at Brown	2:00 pm
Jan. 17	vs. RIT	7:05 pm
Jan. 18	vs. RIT	7:05 pm
Jan. 24	at Clarkson	TBD
Jan. 25	at Clarkson	TBD
Jan. 31	vs. Robert Morris	7:05 pm
Feb. 1	vs. Robert Morris	7:05 pm
Feb. 7	at Holy Cross	TBD
Feb. 8	at Bentley	TBD
Feb. 14	vs. Alaska Anchorage	7:05 pm
Feb. 15	vs. Alaska Anchorage	7:05 pm
Feb. 21	at Wisconsin	TBD
Feb. 22	at Wisconsin	TBD

ARIZONA STATE QUICK FACTS

Location.....	Tempe, Ariz.
Enrollment.....	103,000
Nickname.....	Sun Devils
Colors.....	Maroon & Gold
Conference.....	Independent (Pac-12 in other sports)
President.....	Dr. Michael Crow
Athletic Director.....	Ray Anderson
Arena.....	Oceanside Ice Arena/Gila River Arena
Head Coach.....	Greg Powers (12th season)
Assistant Coach.....	Alex Hicks (6th season)
Assistant Coach.....	Mike Field (5th season)
Director of Operations.....	Andrew Matheson (1st season)
Strength & Conditioning Coach.....	Liane Blyn (2nd season)
Volunteer Assistant.....	Eddie Lack (1st season)
Equipment Manager.....	Jon Laughner (3rd season)
Athletic Trainer.....	C.J. Clarizio (3rd season)
Powers' Career Record.....	213-105-24
Powers' NCAA Record.....	44-73-11