



ARIZONA STATE SUN DEVIL HOCKEY MEDIA NOTES



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GAME 5-6: ARIZONA STATE AT AIR FORCE

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SUN DEVIL REWIND

The Sun Devils are coming off one of their worst weekends since the 2017-18 season, dropping both penalty-littered contests at then-No. 3 Minnesota State. ASU managed just a goal on the weekend, while playing shorthanded for 12.5 minutes on Saturday night. The weekend featured a total of 19 penalties against the Sun Devils and 32 penalties in total between the two teams.

JOHNNY WALKER was the lone goal scorer for the Sun Devils, netting his third in two games on Friday night in Mankato.

All-in-all, six of Minnesota State's nine goals were on special teams -- five on the power play and one shorthanded.

Head coach GREG POWERS will get an asset back in the lineup this week with the debut of freshman forward JAX MURRAY, who tallied 20 goals and 23 assists in 53 NAHL games with Fairbanks.

BEHIND ENEMY LINES

Air Force is one of the Sun Devils most common opponents since ASU's arrival into the Division I ranks, as the two programs have met four times in the last three seasons. The Falcons hold the upper hand with a 3-1-0 record -- the only loss being the Sun Devils' first-ever victory over a ranked opponent in 2016-17 at Gila River Arena. Two seasons ago, ASU visited Cadet Ice Arena for the first time and dropped back-to-back one-goal games.

Last weekend, Air Force traveled to then-No. 8 Notre Dame for the first series of its regular-season schedule. Air Force lost 3-4 on Friday and 1-6 on Sunday to start their season with a 0-2-0 overall record.

The Falcons are replacing their top four scorers from the 2018-19 season to graduation, and their three senior forwards -- Matt Pulver (2G), Brady Tomlak (1G, 1A), and Trevor Stone (2A) -- have taken over that responsibility so far this season. Pulver, the leading goal scorer, boasts two of the team's four goals on the season.

Junior netminder Zack LaRocque notched a 4.56 goals against average and made 45 saves on 53 Notre Dame shots their opening weekend.

TALE OF THE TAPE (2019-20)

Sun Devils (NCAA Rank)		Air Force (NCAA Rank)
2.25 (38th)	Goals Per Game	2.00 (39th)
4.00 (T42nd)	Goals Against Average	5.00 (T47th)
29.00 (T27th)	Shots Per Game	29.50 (T24th)
14.3% (T24th)	Power Play	0.00% (T45th)
63.6% (50th)	Penalty Kill	71.4% (43rd)
46.6% (39th)	Faceoff %	36.4% (50th)

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



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AT
CADET ICE ARENA

Colo. Springs, Co.
7:05 p.m. (MT)



1-3-0

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	0-2-0-0

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	11-7-1-1

2019-20 SUN DEVIL LEADERS

Player	G	A	Pts.	Goalie	Rec.	SV%	GAA
Johnny Walker	3	3	6	Evan DeBrouwer	0-3-0	.874	4.02
Brinson Pasichnuk	2	3	5	Max Prawdzik	1-0-0	.810	4.01
James Sanchez	1	4	5	Justin Robbins	0-0-0	.923	4.00
Josh Maniscalco	1	3	4				

2019-20 AIR FORCE LEADERS

Player	G	A	Pts.	Goalie	Rec.	SV%	GAA
Matt Pulver	2	0	2	Zack LaRocque	0-2-0	.849	4.56
Brady Tomlak	1	1	2	Alex Schilling	0-0-0	.857	4.60
Trevor Stone	0	2	2				
Max Harper	1	0	1				

BY THE NUMBERS

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Despite scoring just one goal (and one point) this past weekend, JOHNNY WALKER has six points on the season -- tied for 2nd in the NCAA through two weeks.

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Both games against No. 3 Minnesota State were one-goal games entering the third period. All-in-all, the Sun Devils were outscored 6-0 in the third period on the weekend.

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Junior forward DOMINIC GARCIA has three family members -- his father, mother and older brother -- who are Air Force veterans.

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

SERIES TWEETABLES

1. Last time these two teams met, Air Force swept the Sun Devils at Cadet Ice Arena in two, one-goal victories.
2. In the last meeting in 2017-18, @jwalks96 recorded his first collegiate assist on @jwilson097's first collegiate goal.
3. At this time last year, @TheSunDevils followed getting swept by a top-three ranked opponent by winning the next four games.
4. In 2018-19, the Sun Devils went 9-9 on the road and were 3-1 in series on the road following being swept on the road.
5. Junior @Dominic_Garcia1 has three family members - his father, mother & older brother - who formerly served in the U.S. Air Force.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

- “We’re going to need to play a disciplined and full, 69 minute game Friday to have success. Frank’s [Serratore] squads are always well coached and extremely hard, and we’re in for a dog fight this weekend as we’re both coming off tough road trips against top-10 opponents.” -COACH POWERS

FAMILIAR FOES

- Sun Devil junior JOHNNY WALKER and Falcon forward Marshall Bowery crossed paths during their NAHL careers in Topeka with the Roadrunners in 2015-16. That same year, fellow Air Force teammate Max Harper was also a part of that Roadrunner squad.
- ASU junior JACOB WILSON and Air Force sophomore d-man Keegan Mantaro likely shared time on the back end often while members of the USHL Champion Sioux City Musketeers in 2016-17. He also played with new Sun Devil forward WILLIE KNIERIM in Dubuque (USHL) the year prior in 2015-16.
- In 2016-17, freshman LOGAN JENUWINE and Air Force’s Shawn Knowlton were teammates with the Aberdeen Wings (NAHL)
- Sophomore Sun Devil defenseman CONNOR STUART and junior Air Force defenseman Jacob Levin shared ice time with the Odessa Jackalopes (NAHL) for two seasons in 2015-16 and 2016-17. Falcon Pierce Pluemer also joined the two with the Jackalopes in 2015-16, while also splitting the season with JACOB WILSON of ASU with Sioux City that same year.
- Current Air Force junior Alex Mehnert and former Sun Devil defenseman were teammates as Fairbanks Ice Dogs back in 2015-16 for a season.
- Just 10 Sun Devils and 12 Falcons were in or a part of the last time these two programs met two years ago.

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 213-107-24 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/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	7:05 pm
Oct. 19	at Air Force	7:05 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.....	213-107-24
Powers' NCAA Record.....	44-75-11