#### **ASU 2017-2018 SCHEDULE**

Date Opp. (TV/Radio)	FINAL/TIP
11/10 Idaho State (P12 AZ)	W, 94-74
11/14 San Diego State (P12).	W, 90-68

#### **CONTINENTAL TIRE INV.-TEMPE**

11/17 North. Arizona	(P12 AZ) W, 97-62
11/19 UC Irvine (P12)	W, 99-78

## CONTINENTAL TIRE INVITATIONAL LAS VEGAS/ORLEANS ARENA

11/23 Kansas St. (FS1) ......W, 92-90

11/24	#15 Xavier (FOX)W, 102-86				
12/2	San Francisco (P12)W, 75-57				
12/8	St. John's (P12/StaplesW, 82-70				
12/10	@ #2 Kansas (ESPN)W, 95-85				
12/17	Vanderbilt (P12)W, 76-64				
12/19 Longwood (P12)W, 95-6					
12/22 Pacific (P12)W, 104-65					
12/30	) @#17 Arizona (P12)L, 78-84				
1/4	@Colorado (P12)L, 81-90 (OT)				
1/7	@Utah (ESPNU)W, 80-77				
1/11	Oregon (FS1)L, 72-76				
1/13	Oregon St. (P12)W, 77-75				
1/17	@Stanford (P12)L, 77-86				
1/20	@California (P12)W, 81-73				
1/25	Utah (P12)L, 77-80 (OT)				
1/27	Colorado (ESPNU)6				
2/1	@Washington (P12)8 PT				
2/4	@Washington St. (ESPNU)1 PT				
2/8	USC (ESPN2)9				
2/10	UCLA (P12)5				
2/15	Arizona (ESPN2)7				
2/22	@Oregon (FS1)8:30				
2/24	@Oregon St. (ESPNU)5				
3/1	California (ESPNU)7				
3/3	Stanford (TBD)TBD				
3/7	Pac-12 Tournament Las Vegas				

## **FINAL FOUR TRIVIA**

Coach Hurley (1992) and Danny Manning (1988) are the only current college coaches who earned NCAA Final Four MOP honors.

#### **TURNED IT AROUND FAST**

Buffalo was 285-369 (.436) in 22 seasons after going Division I (1991-2013). The Bulls were 42-20 (.678) in Coach Hurley's two seasons. He is 87-60 (.592) in five years as a head coach.



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NEXT UP FOR #21 @SUNDEVILHOOPS (15-5; 3-5): HOSTING COLORADO

Sat., Jan. 27 - vs. Colorado

6 p.m./ESPNU

ASU 4-1 vs. CU in Tempe in Pac-12 play

The No. 21 Arizona State Sun Devils (15-5; 3-5) -- who returned just three players from last year's squad -- hosts Colorado (Jan. 27) in a 6 p.m. ESPNU contest. Tim Healey and Kyle Dodd have the call on the Sun Devil Radio Network while Steve Quis and Adrian Branch have the ESPNU tip. Under third-year head coach Bobby Hurley (two-time NCAA champion, 1992 Final Four MOP and NCAA career assist leader) the Sun Devils are led by seniors Tra Holder, Shannon Evans II and Kodi Justice, who have made .781 of their free throws (959-of-1228). ASU is 10th in the nation in scoring (86.2 ppg.), its best mark since the 1974-75 team averaged 86.9. It has scored at least 72 points in every game and has posted at least 80 in 12 games.

**DID YOU KNOW?:** The Pac-12 Sixth Man of the Year officially returns for the first time in 30+ seasons in 2017-18. To be eligible, players must not exceed more than 1/3 starts in league games (so no more than six starts in the 18-game loop). The previous Pac-10 Sixth Man of the Year was awarded from 1984-87. Why is this important and in this release? Because Remy Martin – with zero starts -- is averaging 10.2 points, has 55 assists (just 28 turnovers), and is 74-of-149 (.497) from the field, 39-of-52 (.750) from the free throw line and 16-of-37 (.432) from the three-point stripe in 24.7 minutes per game (and again, with zero starts). In seven Pac-12 games he is averaging 10.1 points. He has 14 double-figure scoring games including nine of the past 10 tilts. He had a season-best 21 at No. 2 Kansas on Dec. 10. Against Utah on Jan. 25, he had a personal second-half 10-0 run in 2:18 that gave ASU a three-point lead after being down seven.

**ANOTHER BENCH GUY:** Mickey Mitchell, after starting in the first six Pac-12 games, came off the bench at Cal on Jan. 20 and led ASU in rebounding for the fifth time in his first 11 games. <u>He missed the first eight games as a mid-year transfer, but is averaging 6.8 boards in just over 25 minutes per game.</u>

**UTAH 80, #21 ASU 77 (JAN. 25, 2018):** Utah led 40-33 at the half, ASU went up six, but a three-pointer with just over a second left by Utah sent the game into overtime and Utah made all four shots in the extra stanza to get the win. Tra Holder led ASU with 23 points, including perfect in seven free throws, and career-high 10 rebounds. Remy Martin and De'Quon Lake added 10 each off the bench. ASU held Utah to 27-of-62 (.435) from the floor, but shot just 28-of-70 (.400). Utah was 14-of-32 (.438) from the three-point stripe. Shannon Evans II added 14.

**BETTER BENCH PLAY:** After getting just eight bench points in the Jan. 11 Oregon loss, ASU got 27 in the Jan. 13 win vs. Oregon State, 13 at Stanford and then 41 at California on Jan. 20, the second-most in the Bobby Hurley era at ASU. ASU's four-man 41-point bench at California was 16-of-28 (.571) from the field and had four three-pointers, 21 rebounds and four blocks in 73 minutes.

## MOST BENCH POINTS UNDER BOBBY HURLEY

42 vs. Kennesaw State (11/18/15) 41 at Cal (1/20/18) 41 vs. Longwood (12/19/17) 38 at Stanford (12/30/16)

**FG DEFENSE NOTE:** Stanford shot (.508) from the field against ASU on Jan. 17, the first ASU opponent to shoot 50 percent in 12 games and just the third opponent on the year, as only Kansas State (.576) and Xavier (.556) did the same. Fifteen teams shot 50 percent against ASU last year. The last time ASU held at least 11 straight opponents under 50 percent field goal shooting was the final 13 games of the 2012-13 season. ASU is holding opponents to .429 from the field this year after allowing .479 last year.

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Pos	#	Name	Yr.	Ht./Wt.	2017-2018 SUN DEVIL ROSTER NOTES
G	0	Tra ( <u>Tray</u> ) Holder	Sr.	6-1/172	Pac-12 All-Freshman team 2015; Why he wears "0" says will have zero excuses
G	1	Remy Martin	Fr.	6-1/180	Top-100 2017 signee; point guard; explosive, fast and never stopswill pressure the ball
F	3	Mickey Mitchell	So.	6-7/210	Played lot of minutes as freshman at Ohio State in 2015-16; first game was vs. Kansas
F	10	Vitaliy Shibel	RFr.	6-9/210	Freshman who had ACL injury and redshirted last year/from the Urkaine
G	11	Shannon Evans II	Gr.	6-1/160	13.0 ppg in first three seasons; played on Buffalo 2015 NCAA Tournament team
G	14	Kimani Lawrence	Fr.	6-7/200	Long freshman who can guard 5 positions and play 4 of them/missed 13 games (injury)
G	22	Austin Witherill	Sr.	6-0/170	Local walk-on from Gilbert's Highland High School
F	23	Romello White	Fr.	6-8/220	Sat last year as academic redshirt; top-100 2016 recruit across the board
G	24	Jordan Salzman	Fr.	5-10/175	Walkon from New York
G	25	Grant Fogerty	So.	6-0/175	Local walkon addition from Desert Mountain High School in Scottsdale
G	34	Trevor Thompson	Fr.	6-2/175	Local walkon addition from Moon Valley High School in Phoenix
F	35	De'Quon Lake	Jr.	6-10/225	JC transfer originally from Virgin Islands/24 points, 8 boards, 3 blocks in opener
G	44	Kodi Justice	Gr.	6-5/190	Averaged 15.6 points in final five games of 2016-17/local product

#### **TRANSFERS TO PLAY IN 2018-19**

G 2 Rob Edwards Jr. 6-4/200 Transfer from Cleveland State F 31 Zylan Cheatham Jr. 6-8/201 Transfer from San Diego State

Head Coach: Bobby Hurley/42-20 at Buffalo (2013-15); 1992 Final Four MOP

Coaching Staff: Rashon Burno, Levi Watkins, Anthony Coleman

Special Assistant to HC: Ben Wood Video: Justin MacLean Operations: Derrick Wrobel



**SHANNON:** In the past six games -- which included a 22-point second-half effort in the Oregon State Jan. 13 win -- Shannon Evans is shooting 20-of-34 (.588) from three and 22-of-27 (.815) from the free throw line.

**TRA:** <u>Tra Holder in six true road games is averaging 19.5 ppg including 29 at #10 Kansas and 31 at #17 Arizona.</u> In the nine games away from home, he is averaging 19.6 ppg and is 55-of-65 (.846) from the foul line.

**MORE TRA:** How good of a week did Tra Holder have in earning his first Pac-12 Player of the Week on Nov. 20? He averaged 23.7 points, 6.3 rebounds and 5.7 assists in three ASU wins and shot .548 (23-of-42) from the field, .571 (12-of-21) from three and .813 (13-of-16) from the free throw line. He is the 36th member of the Sun Devil 1,000-point club and also gets to the free throw line as he is 486-of-638 (.762) from the charity stripe in his 117 games, as both free throw marks are second in ASU history (Ike Diogu, 671-of-854).

# **SUN DEVIL CAREER POINTS**

- 1. Eddie House, 1996-2000/2,044
  - 4. Ron Riley, 1992-96/1,834
- 5. Stevin Smith, 1990-94/1,673
- 6. Tra Holder, 2014-18/1,599

TRA'S YEAR-BY-YEAR IMPROVEMENTS SEASON: FG% / FT% / PPG / RPG / 3P MADE

> 2014-15: .317 / .708 / 7.0 / 2.2 / 12 2015-16: .387 / .727 / 14.2 / 3.5 / 49 2016-17: .433 / .772 / 16.2 / 3.7 / 46 2017-18: .417 / .841 / 19.2 / 5.0 / 46

**KODI:** In the final five games of 2016-17 Kodi Justice averaged 15.6 points including 22 in the Feb. 26 win over USC and was 17-of-35 (.486) from the three-point stripe. In his past 24 games, he is averaging 13.7 points, in the first 78 games of his career he averaged 7.2.

**SOLID Ws:** As of the Jan. 26 NCAA RPI, No. 39 ASU has wins over No. 3 Xavier (18-3) in Las Vegas, at No. 9 Kansas (16-3), at No. 50 Utah (13-7), vs. No. 54 Kansas State in Las Vegas (15-5), vs. No. 99 St. John's (10-11) in Los Angeles and vs. No. 118 San Diego State (12-7).

**FREE THROWS:** In ASU's top RPI wins, free throw shooting has been very good. ASU was 20-of-25 (.800) vs. SDSU, 29-of-44 (.659) vs. Kansas State, 23-of-25 (.920) vs. #15 Xavier, 23-of-27 (.852) vs. Saint John's, 15-of-20 (.750) at #2 Kansas and 20-of-23 (.870) at Utah. It is 130-of-164 (.792) in those wins.

**20-POINTS:** ASU has six players who have notched a 20-point game this year led by Tra Holder (nine), Shannon Evans II (eight) and Kodi Justice (three). Romello White has done it twice, while Remy Martin and De'Quon Lake have done it once. As of Jan. 22, the only other schools in the nation to have six players notch a 20-point game are Buffalo, Georgia Southern, Gonzaga, Penn and Seattle.

**DOWN AT HALF:** ASU has come back from down at the half against Oregon State, Utah, Kansas, Xavier, Kansas State and San Diego State. ASU is 14-30 (.318) when it trails at half under Coach Hurley, after going 12-64 (.158) the previous five seasons.

**PUMPED UP CROWDS:** As a ranked team ASU will face its share of fired up crowds, but a good thing for ASU is they have done well under Coach Hurley in places that were large and loud outside of the Pac-12. In addition to this year's win over No. 2 Kansas on Dec. 10 in front of 16,300, ASU in the Coach Hurley era has won at Creighton (16,282), UNLV (13,014) and San Diego State (12,414) and hung tough with Kentucky (23,665) in his first season as it was a 32-31 Kentucky lead at the half and a four-point game with 13 minutes to play. Prior to Bobby Hurley, ASU was 8-22 in its previous 30 non-conference road games. It is 4-1 under Coach Hurley with wins at San Diego State, UNLV, Creighton and Kansas.

#### ASU OOC ROAD GAMES UNDER COACH HURLEY/CROWDS

#16 ASU 95, #2 Kansas 85 (Dec. 10, 2017)/16,300 ASU 74, San Diego State 63 (Dec. 10, 2016)/12,414 ASU 66, UNLV 56 (Dec. 16, 2015)/13,014 #5 Kentucky 72, ASU 58 (Dec. 5, 2015)/23,665 ASU 79, Creighton 77 (Dec. 2, 2015)/16,282

**COLORADO 90, ASU 81 OT (JAN. 4, 2018):** ASU jumped out to an 11-0 lead and led 52-44 midway through the second half, but 17 Buffalo second-chance points after halftime were too much to overcome. Tra Holder led ASU with 24 points, but ASU shot 9-of-34 (.265) from three and 27-of-76 (.355) from the floor. ASU had five players in double digits but was outscored 38-12 in bench points.

**VS. COLORADO:** CU leads the series 6-5 since it joined the Pac-12 in 2011-12...CU got a sweep in 2011-12 and ASU got a sweep in 2012-13...ASU has won five of the past nine after CU swept the original Pac-12 series...ASU is 4-1 in Tempe vs. the Buffs.

#### ASU VS. CU IN TEMPE PAC-12 ERA (4-1)

ASU 78, CU 77/Jan. 5, 2017 ASU 78, CU 72/Jan. 17, 2015 ASU 72, CU 51/Jan. 25, 2014 ASU 65, CU 56/Jan. 6, 2013 CU 63, ASU 49/Feb. 11, 2012

**KU WIN:** The Dec. 10 win over No. 2 Kansas marked the highest OOC ranked opponent the Sun Devils have defeated. Only the win over top-ranked and undefeated Oregon State on March 7, 1981, was higher. Kansas also marked ASU's first road win over a ranked team since James Harden led ASU to a win at Pauley Pavilion on Jan. 17, 2009.

**SPURTABILITY:** ASU has come back from deficits of at least nine points in six wins. A look at games where ASU has flipped the score and changed deficits.

# DEFICIT (TIME/HALF)/FINAL SCORE

Nov. 14: -9 vs. San Diego State (19:22/2nd)/90-68, +31 final 19 minutes Nov. 23: -9 vs. Kansas State (18:16/2nd)/92-90, +11 final 18 minutes Nov. 24: -15 vs. #15 Xavier (3:16/first)/102-86, 73 points final 23 minutes Dec. 10: -13 at #2 Kansas (16:39/first)/95-85, +23 after 15-2 deficit Dec. 17: -13 vs. Vanderbilt (15:03/first)/76-64; +25 after 13-0 deficit Jan. 13: -13 vs. Oregon State (11:32/second)/57-44; 33-18 final 11:30

**12-GAME STREAK:** Much has been made about the best start in school history that not much was said about the win streak as it stood alone. <u>The Dec. 22 win over Pacific gave ASU the second-best winning streak in ASU history.</u> Only four ASU teams have posted 11-game winning streaks.

## **ASU TOP WINNING STREAKS**

18: 1961-62 **12: 2017-18** 11: 1980-81 and 1962-63

## **HOW DO YOU SAY IT?**

TRAY Holder Deh-Kwon Lake VIGH-tally SHY-bel

TRA HOLDER'S 28 20+ GAMES

40 vs. #15 Xavier @Las Vegas (11/24/17)

35 vs. UC Irvine (11/19/17)

31 at #17 Arizona (12/30/17) 29 at #2 Kansas (12/10/17)

27 vs. Washington State (1/29/17) 26 at UCLA (1/9/16)

25 vs. Vanderbilt (12/17/17)

25 at Stanford (12/30/16)

24 at Colorado (1/4/18)

24 vs. San Diego State (11/14/17)

24 vs. #9 Creighton (12/20/16)

24 vs. Cal Poly (11/13/16)

24 vs. #8 Arizona (1/3/16)

23 vs. Washintgton (1/25/17)

23 vs. Portland State (11/11/16)

22 at #3 UCLA (1/19/17)

22 vs. Central Arkansas (12/22/16)

22 vs. Citadel (11/23/16)

23 vs. CSU-Bakersfield (12/28/15)

22 vs. North Carolina State (11/23/15)

21 vs. Stanford/Pac-12 Tournament (3/8/17)

21 at Washington (2/16/17)

21 at USC (1/7/16)

20 vs. Longwood (12/19/17)

20 at #16 Arizona (1/12/17)

20 vs. UNLV (12/31/16)

20 vs. #23 USC (2/12/16)

20 vs. Washington State (1/16/16)

## **THREE-POINT NOTE**

Entering 2017-18 ASU had made a three-pointer in 555 straight games. The last time ASU did not make a three-pointer was in an 89-57 win over Washington in Tempe on Feb. 10, 2001.

TOP-10 OPPONENT: From 1995-96 through 2014-15, ASU played two top-10 teams outside of Pac-12 play in the regular season (No. 7 Duke on 11/25/09 and No. 2 Kansas on 11/26/97 both in Madison Square Garden). This years's Dec. 10 game at Kansas was the third straight season ASU played a top-10 nonconference team. ASU has played Kentucky the past two seasons, hosted No. 9 Creighton last year and started the home-and-home with Kansas this December.

COACH AS A PLAYER: Coach Hurley's Duke career has been talked about a lot. His 145 assists (in 20 games) is a NCAA Tournament record. Here is a numbers breakdown:

.583: In the 1992 Final Four, Coach made 7-of-12 three pointers en route to the Most Outstanding Player honors.

.667: In the April 4, 1992 Final Four game vs. Indiana, Coach went 6-of-9 from the three-point stripe.

2: In addition to 1992 Most Outstanding Player honors, Coach also earned 1991 All-Tournament Team honors.

**9:** In the 1991 title game vs. Kansas on April 1, he posted nine assists.

**16:** In the 1991 Final Four he posted 16 asissts.

**20:** Coach played in 20 NCAA Tournament games.

**119:** Coach Hurley went 119-26 (.821) in his four years at Duke.

**18-2:** Coach Hurley went 18-2 in his NCAA Tournament career.

#### **3-PTERS IN TOURNAMENT CAREER**

47, Lee Humphrey, Florida, 2004-07 (15) 43, Shelvin Mack, Butler, 2009-11 (13)

42, Bobby Hurley, Duke, 1990-93 (20)

## **NCAA TOURNAMENT GAMES**

23, Christian Laettner, Duke, 1989-92
22, Greg Koubek, Duke, 1988-91
22, Brian Davis, Duke, 1989-92
24, Wayne Tymer, Kentucky 1996-99

21, Wayne Turner, Kentucky, 1996-99 20, Thomas Hill, Duke, 1990-93

**20, Bobby Hurley, Duke, 1990-93** 20, Grant Hill, Duke, 1991-94 20, Antonio Lang, Duke, 1991-94

## **SUN DEVIL CAREER THREE-POINTERS**

1. 3232, Stevin Smith (1990-94) 7. 224, Jeremy Veal (1994-98)

8. 192, Kodi Justice (2014-18)

**GIVE CREDIT TO FOLKS AT STATS INC. FOR THIS ONE:** Since Stats Inc. started tracking this stuff in 1996-97, they unearthed that ASU was the first Pac-12 team to score 90 points in six straight games in more than two decades.

**DOUBLE NICKEL+:** Six of the top 11 scoring halves in the past 15 seasons have taken place this year. Prior to dropping 60 vs. Longwood in the second half on Dec. 19, ASU dropped 58 at No. 2 Kansas and 58 on No. 15 Xavier in Las Vegas. On Dec. 22 it had 57 in the second half vs. Pacific. It also had 56 against San Diego State in the second half and vs. UC Irvine in the first half.

#### **MOST POINTS IN HALF/2003-04 TO PRESENT**

72 vs. Citadel (Nov. 23, 2016)\*
60 vs. Longwood (Dec. 19, 2017)\*
58 at #2 Kansas (Dec. 10, 2017)\*
58 vs. #15 Xavier (Nov. 24, 2017)\*
58 vs. San Francisco (Nov. 20, 2009)
58 vs. Oregon (Feb. 11, 2006)\*
57 vs. Pacific (Dec. 22, 2017)\*
57 vs. Cal Poly (Nov. 13, 2016)\*
56 vs. UC Irvine (Nov. 19, 2017)
56 vs. San Diego State (Nov. 14, 2017)\*
56 vs. Kennesaw State (Nov. 18, 2015)
\*notes second-half points

**LAST TIME:** ASU's 2017 Continental Tire Invitational title was its first exempt tournament title since Bill Frieder's gang won the 1994 Maui Invitational, which started the run to the Sweet Sixteen and a 24-9 record. ASU jumped into the polls at No. 12 after beating Texas A&M, No. 13 Michigan and No. 7 Maryland at No. 12 that year, never fell lower than No. 18 and finished No. 16 as it beat Ball State and Manhattan in Memphis in the 1995 NCAA Tournament before falling to second-ranked Kentucky in Birmingham.

GONNA' PLAY SOME FOLKS: Bobby Hurley is going to make an attempt to play some folks. In his first year after looking at a schedule he inherited that included tilts against NC State in Brooklyn, at Creighton, at UNLV and against eventual No. 18 Texas A&M, he put the wheels in motion to make it even better by agreeing to play at Kentucky and filled a holiday break hole that could have been a yawner with Stephen F. Austin. In 2016-17, the squad played No. 1 Kentucky in the Bahamas, Purdue in New York City, at San Diego State, in Orlando for three games, and finished a series with No. 9 Creighton. Kansas will return the trip to Wells Fargo next year after ASU's win on Dec. 10, and ASU already played No. 15 Xavier and hosted 2017 NCAA Tournament product Vanderbilt Dec. 20. Coach Hurley has played four top-10 non-conference opponents in his three years, after ASU faced one in the previous 17 seasons.

# ASU REGULAR SEASON OOC GAMES VS. TOP-10 TEAMS (SINCE JOINING PAC-10)

ASU 95 @#2 Kansas 85 (Dec. 10, 2017)
#9 Creighton 96, ASU 85 (Dec. 20, 2016)
#1 Kentucky 115, ASU 69 (Nov. 28, 2016 at Bahamas)
@#5 Kentucky 72, ASU 58 (Dec. 12, 2015)
#7 Duke 64, ASU 53 (Nov. 25, 2009 at MSG)
#2 Kansas 90, ASU 88, OT (Nov. 26, 1997 at MSG)
ASU 97, #7 Maryland 90 (November 23, 1994 at Maui)
@#8 Oklahoma St. 87, ASU 69 (December 2, 1993)
@#9 Kentucky 94, ASU 68 (December 14, 1991)
@#2 Kansas 90, ASU 67 (December 22, 1989)
#10 North Carolina 85, ASU 66 (December 23, 1984 at Tokyo)
#6 Missouri 48, ASU 47 (December 27, 1982 at Honolulu)

**TRA NOTES:** Tra's 40 points on Nov. 24 vs. Nov. 15 Xavier was the fourth 40-point effort in the NCAA this season and was the first 40-point performance by a Pac-12 player against a non-conference opponent since Sun Devil Jahii Carson dropped 40 on UNLV on Nov. 19, 2013. <u>It is the most points scored by a Sun Devil against a ranked team.</u>

**SPLASH GAMES:** Shannon Evans II arrived at ASU after having spent two seasons under Coach Hurley at Buffalo. As a sophomore in 2014-15 he averaged 15.4 points, 3.2 rebounds and 4.6 assists and led the Bulls to the NCAA Tournament as he earned second-team All-MAC honors. He made his first 20 free throws to start last season. Also, he had 50 points in an exhibition win this year against Arizona Christian.

## SHANNON EVANS II 25-POINT SCORING GAMES (4 AT ASU)

33 vs. Cornell (1/3/15) 28 at #13 Oregon (2/2/17) 28 vs. UNLV (12/3/16) 25 vs. Idaho State (11/14/17) 25 vs. Washington (1/25/17) 25 at Ball State (2/4/15)

#### QUICK QUESTIONS WITH SHANNON EVANS

Most upset on the court: Losing the NCAA tournament
Happiest on the court: Winning the MAC championship
Past sporting event to go back and watch: Duke vs UNLV (March 30, 1991)
Past Sun Devil to go watch compete: Pat Tillman

**SHANNON:** The USBWA selected Shannon Evans II as its Dec. 10 Oscar Robertson National Player of the Week. As the Pac-12 Conference Player of the Week, Evans was chosen by a representative of the USBWA board of directors. He had 18 points, six rebounds and six assists in 82-70 win over St. John's in Los Angeles on Friday night. Less than 48 hours later, the Suffolk, Va. native hit five 3-pointers en route to 22 points along with five assists and no turnovers as ASU won at No. 2 Kansas. He averaged 20.0 points on 52 percent field goal shooting (13-25), including 53 percent behind the arc (8-15), and 5.5 assists with an 11-to-1 assist-to-turnover ratio.

**JUSTICE SERVED:** Kodi Justice has made 192 three pointers in 103 career games. He suffered a fractured navicular bone in his left foot on Jan. 25, 2015 (freshman year) and missed the remainder of that season, but bounced back with a solid sophomore season. His injury happened the game following a season-high 16 points at California, so he was just starting to get in the groove, and then adapted to a new coaching staff in the summer of 2015 while getting healthy.

## FOUR QUESTIONS WITH KODI JUSTICE

You can pick the brain of any coach, who is it? John Wooden
You can go watch a past sporting event live...which one? Rumble in the Jungle
Past Sun Devil (any sport) you wish you could have watched compete: Pat Tillman

Biggest challenge in my life: Being dyslexic KODI'S YEAR-BY-YEAR IMPROVEMENTS SEASON: FG% / 3PM / PPG

> 2014-15: .424 / 17 / 4.6 2015-16: .394 / 60 / 7.9 2016-17: .421 / 63 / 9.2 2017-18: .455 / 52 / 13.3

**#DUNK-KWON:** Junior college transfer De'Quon Lake is 61-of-90 (.678) from the field. He has 45 offensive rebounds and posted five dunks against both Idaho State and San Diego State. He also had seven blocks vs. Pacific. <u>ASU is 7-1 when he scores in double digits and 8-0 when he gets at least seven boards.</u>

## CAREER FT% NUMBERS FOR 3 SRS

Shannon Evans II: 366-448/.817 Tra Holder: 486-638/.762 Kodi Justice: 107-142/.754 TOTALS: 959-1228/.781

## **KODI JUSTICE TOP SCORING GAMES**

28 vs. Kansas State (11/23/17) 22 vs. USC (2/26/17) 21 vs. Oregon (1/11/18) 20 at Utah (1/7/18) 20 vs. Citadel (11/23/16) 20 vs. Houston Baptist (12/19/15)

## **ROMELLO WHITE DOUBLE-DOUBLES**

10/11 at Colorado (1/4/18) 16/13 vs. San Francisco (12/2/17) 14/11 vs. UC Irvine (11/19/17) 16/15 vs. San Diego State (11/14/17)

# MOST ASU 30+ POINTS UNDER BOBBY HURLEY

40-Tra Holder vs. #15 Xavier (11/24/17) 35-Tra Holder vs. UC Irvine (11/19/17)

32-T. Graham vs. #5 Oregon (3/9/17) 31-Tra Holder at #17 Arizoan (12/30/17) 30-T. Graham at Stanford (12/30/16)

ABOUT THE FRESHMEN: From one coast to the other one, Bobby Hurley's staff signed a pair of top-100 players in the fall of 2016, as 6-7 swingman Kimani Lawrence (New Hampton School in New Hampton, N.H.) and 6-1 guard Remy Martin of Chatsworth (Calif.) Sierra Canyon joined the program this summer. A four-star signee according to Scout, Martin averaged 14.5 points as a junior. Lawrence, a four-star small forward from The New Hampton School in New Hampton, N.H., is the nation's 54th overall prospect according to ESPN.

# SCOUT.COM SUN DEVIL TOP-100 RECRUITS ON ROSTER

54. Kimani Lawrence, 201781. Romello White, 201698. Remy Martin, 2017100. Tra Holder, 2014

**LENGTH:** ASU has solid wing spans this year. De'Quon Lake has a 7-2 wingspan, while Vitaliy Shibel and Romello White are at 7-0. Kimani Lawrence stretched to 6-11 on his 6-7 frame.

SIX: ASU has six newcomers filling roles in 2017-18, led by three who were in the program last year. Romello White is a 6-8 forward from Suwanee, Ga. who practiced last season as an academic redshirt and was a top-100 player (No. 77 by ESPN, No. 81 by Scout) in the 2016 signing class. Texan Mickey Mitchell is a skilled 6-7 sophomore who started seven games and played in 23 for Ohio State in 2015-16, came to ASU in December of 2016 and became eligible on Dec. 10, while 6-9 redshirt freshman Vitaliy Shibel has a great southpaw shooting stroke but missed last year with an ACL injury. Junior college transfer De'Quon Lake has a 6-10 frame and a 7-2 wing span. ESPN 2017 top-100 players Kimani Lawrence (New Hampton School/Providence, RI), is a 6-7 swingman with 6-11 wingspan ranked No. 54, while Remy Martin (Sierra Canyon/Chatsworth, Calif.) is a 6-0 lead guard and was No. 82 in the rankings.

**HALF:** ASU is 14-30 (.318) when trailing at the half under Bobby Hurley, after going 12-64 (.157) the previous five seasons.

## 14 HALFTIME DEFICIT WINS UNDER COACH HURLEY

- (-1) Oregon State 34, ASU 33/Jan. 13, 2018/ASU 77, OSU 75
  - (-1) @Utah 36, ASU 35/Jan. 7, 2018/ASU 80, @Utah 77
- (-3) @#2 Kansas 40, ASU 37/Dec. 10, 2017/ASU 95, @KU 85
- (-2) #15 Xavier 46, ASU 44/Nov. 24, 2017/ASU 102, #15 Xavier 86
  - (-2) Kansas State 44, ASU 42/Nov. 23, 2017/ASU 92, KSU 90
    - (-6) SDSU 40, ASU 34/Nov. 14, 2017/ASU 90, SDSU 68
    - (-1) USC 48, ASU 47/Feb. 26, 2017/ASU 83, USC 82
    - (-2) @UW 41, ASU 39/Feb. 16, 2017/ASU 83, @UW 81
  - (-1) Stanford 33, ASU 32/Feb. 11, 2017/ASU 75, Stanford 69
  - (-7) @SDSU 32, ASU 25/Dec. 10, 2016/ASU 74, @SDSU 63
  - (-3) #23 USC 30, ASU 27/Feb. 12, 2016/ASU 74, USC 67
  - (-12) @UNLV 37, ASU 25/Dec. 16, 2015/ASU 66, @UNLV 56
- (-8) @Creighton 41, ASU 33/Dec. 2, 2015/ASU 79, @Creighton 77
  - (-2) UCSB 29, ASU 27/Nov. 29, 2015/ASU 70, UCSB 68

## **#0 TRA HOLDER CAREER HIGHS**

 $\sqrt{}$  Wears 0 because he says zero excuses (and likes Gilbert Arenas)  $\sqrt{}$  Loves to cook and ate no meat and only fish for most of summer

**POINTS:** 40 vs #15 Xavier (11/24/17)

**FG MADE**: 14 vs #15 Xavier (11/24/17)

**FG ATT**: 22 vs #15 Xavier (11/24/17)

**3PTM**: 6 vs UC Irvine (11/19/17)

**3PTA**: 9 (2x) vs. C. Arkansas (12/22/16)

FT MADE: 15 at #17 Arizona (12/30/17)

**FT ATTTEMPTED:** 16 (3x) at #17 Arizona (12/30/17)

**STEALS**: 6 vs. Longwood (12/19/17)

SEASON HIGH ASSISTS: 8 vs. Idaho St. (11/10/17)

CAREER HIGH ASSISTS: 9 vs. C. Arkansas (12/22/16)

**REBOUNDS**: 10 vs. Utah (1/25/18)

SEASON HIGH MINUTES: 41 at Colorado (1/4/18) CAREER HIGH MINUTES: 42 (3x) at UW (2/3/16) -----

#### **#1 REMY MARTIN SUN DEVIL HIGHS**

POINTS: 21 at #2 Kansas (12/10/17)
REBOUNDS: 7 vs. Longwood (12/19/17)
ASSISTS: 9 vs. Longwood (12/19/17)
FG MADE: 8 at #2 Kansas (12/10/17))
FG ATT: 13 at #17 Arizona (12/30/17)
FT MADE: 5 (2x) vs Pacific (12/22/17)
FT ATT.: 6 vs Pacific (12/22/17)
MINUTES: 34 vs Idaho State (11/10/17)

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#### **#3 MICKEY MITCHELL SUN DEVIL HIGHS**

POINTS: 12 (2x) at California (1/20/18)
REBOUNDS: 13 vs. Vanderbilt (12/17/17)
ASSISTS: 5 vs. Oregon (1/11/18)
MINUTES: 33 at Stanford (1/17/18)

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#### **#10 VITALIY SHIBEL SUN DEVIL HIGHS**

POINTS: 11 vs. St. John's (12/8/17)
REBOUNDS: 8 vs Idaho State (11/10/17)
3PT MADE: 3 at Cal (1/20/18) and vs. St. John's (12/8/17)
ASSISTS: 4 vs. Idaho State (11/10/17)
MINUTES: 28 vs. St. John's (12/8/17)

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### #11 SHANNON EVANS II ASU SEASON/ASU CAREER HIGHS

 $\sqrt{\,\text{Played}}$  for Coach Hurley at Buffalo and was part of 2015 NCAA Tournament team and MAC title team.

√ USBWA Oscar Robertson Player of the Week (Dec. 11)

SEASON HIGH POINTS: 25 vs Idaho State (11/10/17)

ASU HIGH POINTS: 28 (2x) at #13 UO (2//2/17)

ASU BEST REBOUNDS: 8 vs San Francisco (12/2/17)

ASU BEST ASSISTS: 8 (3x) vs NAU (11/17/17)

ASU HIGH MINUTES: 41 at Colorado (1/4/18)

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## **#23 ROMELLO WHITE SEASON HIGHS**

√ AAU coach was Jerry Stackhouse

POINTS: 25 vs Northern Arizona (11/17/17)

REBOUNDS: 15 vs San Diego State (11/14/17)

FG MADE: 10 vs Northern Arizona (11/17/17)

FG ATTEMPTED: 12 vs Northern Arizona (11/17/17)

FREE THROWS MADE: 11 at Stanford (1/17/18)

FREE THROWS ATTEMPTED: 14 at Stanford (1/17/18)

BLOCKS: 3 vs Idaho State

MINUTES: 39 vs Kansas State (11/23/17)

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#### #35 DE'QUON LAKE SEASON HIGHS

 $\sqrt{\mbox{Made 8-10 FGs}}$  in season opener vs. Idaho State  $\sqrt{\mbox{7-8 FGs}}$  on 11/17 vs. NAU

POINTS: 24 vs Idaho State (11/10/17)
REBOUNDS: 12 vs Northern Arizona (11/17/17)
FG MADE: 8 vs Idaho State (11/10/17)

FG ATTEMPTED: 9 vs. Utah (1/25/18)
FREE THROWS MADE: 8 (2x) Longwood (12/19/17)

FREE THROWS ATTEMPTED: 14 vs Idaho State (11/10/17)

BLOCKS: 7 vs. Pacific (12/22/17)

MINUTES: 29 vs Kansas State (11/23/17)

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#### #44 KODI JUSTICE SEASON/CAREER HIGHS

POINTS: 28 vs Kansas State (11/23/17)
FG MADE: 9 (2x) at Utah (1/7/18)
SEASON HIGH ASSISTS: 4 vs UC Irvine (11/19/17)
CAREER HIGH ASSISTS: 6 (2x) vs Oregon (1/31/16)
REBOUND: 9 at #2 Kansas (12/10/167
SEASON HIGH MINUTES: 38 (2x) at Colorado (1/4/18)
CAREER IGH MINUTES: 39 (3x) vs #5 UCLA

## **SUN DEVIL LEADERS (INCLUDES SHARED)**

SCORING: Evans (3), Holder (10), White (3), Justice (2), Martin REBOUNDING: Holder (3), White (7), Lake (4), Justice, Mitchell (5)

ASSISTS: Holder (7), Evans (9), Mitchell (3), Martin (4)

## SUN DEVIL WINS VS. RANKED TEAMS UNDER COACH HURLEY

ASU 95, @#2 Kansas 85/Dec. 10 2017 ASU vs. #15 Xavier/Nov. 24, 2017 ASU 74, #23 USC 67/Feb. 12, 2016 ASU 67, #18 Texas A&M 54/Dec. 5, 2015

**HOME:** ASU won its first eight home games for the first time since the 2013-14 and 2008-09 seasons, also the last two times it made the NCAA Tournament. It also won the final eight home games in 2013-14, as it went 16-1 at home that season.

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#### **MOST COMBINED POINTS BY DUO ENTERING 2017-18**

2,707/St. Bonaventure: Jaylen Adams (1,377)/Matt Mobley (1,330)
2,701/Rhode Island: E.C. Matthews (1,519)/Jared Terrell (1,182)
2,639/Xavier: Trevon Bluiett (1,585)/J.P. Macura (1,054)
2,463/Arizona State: Shannon Evans II (1,248)/Tra Holder (1,215)

12 in free throw percentage (100-of-120/.833), just .002 off the leader. Two Sun Devils have led the Pac-12, as Chris Beasley shot .875 (112-of-128) in 1983-84 and Alex Austin made 69-of-80 (.863) in 1988-89.

SHANNON FTS: Shannon Evans II finished tied for second in the Pac-

**FREE THROWS:** The Sun Devils made free throws at a rate that was third-best in school history (489-of-653/.749) last year. ASU shot .756 in 1977-78 and .754 in 1954-55 for its best season.

## **SUN DEVIL CAREER STARTS**

120, Jeff Pendergraph, 2005-09119, Ty Abbott, 2007-11114, Eddie House, 1996-2000109, Ron Riley, 1992-96108, Tra Holder, 2014-18

**PREDICTIONS:** ASU was picked sixth in the Pac-12 media poll announced on Oct. 12, its top preseason ranking since being picked fourth in the final year of the Pac-10 (2010-11). ASU has been picked 11th (2016-17 and 2012-13), eighth (2015-16), ninth (2014-15 and 2011-12), and seventh (2013-14) in six previous Pac-12 polls. UA was picked to finish first, followed by USC, UCLA, UO, Stanford, ASU, Utah, OSU, CU, UW, Cal and WSU.

**DIGITS FROM LAST YEAR:** ASU's 78.6 points per game last year was its best since the 1997-98 squad averaged 84.5...ASU ranked third in the Pac-12 in free throw shooting (.749) and averaged just 10.4 turnovers (first in the league and T-11th in the nation) and 9.9 three-pointers made (second in Pac-12)...Tra Holder led the league in free throws made and attempted (152-of-197/.772)...ASU likes to shoot the three as its 328 made last year was third-most in league history behind only UCLA (354 in 2016-17) and Oregon (350 in 2006-07).

**TOP SCORERS:** ASU has two of the top five scorers in the Pac-12 returning, as Tra Holder (16.2 ppg) and Shannon Evans II (15.0) averaged more than 31 points.

## PAC-12 TOP RETURNING SCORERS IN 2017-18

17.4-Reid Travis, Stanford 17.2-Allonzo Trier, Arizona 16.3-Stephen Thompson, Oregon State 16.2-Tra Holder, Arizona State 15.0-Shannon Evans II, Arizona State

**NO DEPTH:** Tra Holder led Pac-12 in mpg. in conference games last year at 37.9, but not far behind him were Sun Devils Shannon Evans II (36.7/second) and Torian Graham (36.6/third).