6/14/95: Former Athletic Director Charles Harris announces that ASU will add women's soccer to the Sun Devil athletic program, giving the school 21 varsity sports, 11 for female student-athletes. The soccer program will commence play in the fall of '96 and will be funded with a full complement of 12 scholarships.

"The athletics department stepped up the project of researching potential sports to comply with gender equity mandates and soccer was selected for a number of reasons," Harris said, "including participation statistics gleaned from national records and surveys."

ASU became the 10th school in the Pac-10 Conference to initiate women's soccer as an intercollegiate varsity sport.

"Terri Patraw is one of the top young soccer coaches in the country and we are very excited to have her pioneer our women's soccer program," then-Interim Athletic Director Christine Wilkinson said.

Patraw, a 1991 graduate of the University of Wisconsin, comes to Tempe after two years as an assistant for the Cougars and one season as an assistant at the University of Kentucky.

"The people at Arizona State were wonderful," Patraw said. "The school is in a beautiful place, the campus is great and it's a big school. I'm a Big Ten person so I like big schools.

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2/20/96: The ASU women's soccer program announces its first signee, Marysville, Wash., product Kimberly Wagner. Wagner, a midfielder, is a member of the Washington Olympic Development Team and was one of two U.S. high school players to train with the Danish National Team.

4/16/96: ASU announces the signing of its first interstate recruit, Dobson High star Erin Reinke. Reinke led the Mesa high school to the state finals and was runner-up for Arizona Player of the Year.

4/22/96: ASU releases its first-ever women's soccer schedule. The 16-game slate features five home games, including bouts with Pac-10 rivals USC, Washington State and Arizona.

The Sun Devils will also face Grand Canyon and San Francisco in Tempe. ASU's road schedule takes it to California, New Mexico, Oregon and Montana, among other stops.

9/6/96: ASU competes in its first-ever collegiate soccer game and comes out victorious, beating Cal State-Northridge, 3-0 in Los Angeles. Sharon Gillis, Sarah Blaska and Julie Blagg each score for the Sun Devils.

9/14/96: The Sun Devils entertain San Francisco at its first game at Sun Devil Soccer Field. USF breaks a scoreless tie with eight minutes left for a 1-0 victory before 520 fans.

10/15/96: ASU jumps out to a four-goal lead and cruises to a 4-2 win in its first-ever meeting with arch-rival Arizona in Tucson.

11/5/96: Jill Rivard scores in overtime as darkness falls, lifting ASU to a 2-1 victory over the Gauchos in the final game of the season. The Sun Devils finish their maiden voyage 4-1-1 with a sweep of the Wildcats, who are in their third year as a varsity program.

9/5/97: ASU wins seven of its first nine matches as well as keeping its undefeated mark (3-0) against Arizona with a 2-1 victory in Tucson.

9/26/97: Forward Jaclyn Clark records ASU's first hat trick in a 5-0 shutout over Creighton. Clark tallied her three goals just 10 minutes apart (78:32, 82:05, 88:53).

9/28/97: FOX Sports Arizona carries ASU's first televised home match. However, the Sun Devils fall to New Mexico 3-1.

10/31/97: In their brief two year existence, ASU records its biggest victory by defeating 19th-ranked USC, 2-0 in Los Angeles. ASU's victory also marked USC's first-ever loss in the storied Los Angeles Coliseum. Erin McGinnis, Sarah Blaska and Jaclyn Clark each tallied a goal.

11/9/97: Head coach Terri Patraw and her team end their second season with a 17-7-1 overall record, nearly tripling its wins total from the previous year. Midfielder Antoine Marjanovic earns ASU's first Pac-10 selection, garnering second team accolades. Kerrie Kulak and Kim Wagner were Pac-10 first-team All-Academic selections.

9/5/98: Behind second half goals by Jennifer Peterson and Karine Inoue, Arizona State proceeds to upset 22nd-ranked Massachusetts, 4-2 in front of the largest crowd ever (2,065) to watch an ASU game.

9/8/98: In front of ASU's largest home crowd ever (556), the 20th-ranked UCLA Bruins pull out a 2-1 victory behind a controversial penalty kick in the 86th minute.

11/25/98: Freshman Stacey Tullock becomes the school's first All-American honoree, awarded by Soccer Buzz. Additionally, Tullock was named the Pac-10 Conference's Freshman of the Year and was only one of two freshmen to make the Pac-10 first team. In only her first year, Tullock also became ASU's all-time leader in goals, game-winning goals and points.

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ASU soccer coach won't take excuses

T he ideal situation for a first-year coach is to program is built on a championship foundation. Terri Patraw, Arizona State, must put a team together short-handed as a next fall.

"In all situations," Patraw played at Wingate, a three-year NCAA tournament participant, for a second straight season.

Washington State assistant coach Terri Patraw has been named Arizona State's first women's soccer head coach, athletic director Christine Wilkinson announced Monday.

"I'm excited to be here," Patraw said. "The opportunity to start a new program is something I've been looking for."

ASU names 1st coach of program

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ASU and Oregon will inaugurate their soccer programs in 1996, giving that are established, and others that are brand new," Patraw said. "We should be able to catch up with these middle-of-the-pack teams within two years."

Patraw, who has a journalism degree from Wisconsin, was also an assistant coach at Kentucky for one year. She participated in the 1989 and '93 Olympic Festivals and was a member of the Big Ten All-Academic team in 1981.

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