



ASU History



Anne Pittman

Anne Pittman was selected as one of the charter members into the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Women's Collegiate Tennis Hall of Fame in 1995. Pittman, the only coach selected, served as ASU's head coach for 30 years (1954-84) and in that time directed ASU to its three national championships ('71, '72, '74).

A member of ASU's Hall of Distinction, Pittman guided ASU to a 338-71 record during her stint as ASU coach. In her final season at ASU, Pittman was named ITCA national coach of the year, as voted by her peers.

Among Pittman's other accomplishments at ASU were leading ASU to the most wins in school history (31) in 1976, four conference titles (1974-76, 1978) and having the best all-time winning percentage (.826) of any ASU coach.

Margaret Peggy Michel Inducted into ITA Hall of Fame

Former ASU tennis standout Margaret Peggy Michel was inducted into the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Women's Tennis Hall of Fame November 14, 1998 at the College of William and Mary, where the Hall of Fame exhibit is housed.

As an athlete at ASU, Michel won back-to-back National Collegiate Doubles Championships. She was among the first class

of athletes to be inducted into the Arizona State University Sun Devils Hall of Fame.

After ASU, she went on to win the 1974 Wimbledon Doubles Championship, as well as played World Team Tennis.

Presently, Michel is the Director of Corporate Sponsorships for the Newsweek Championships and the State Farm Evert Cup Tennis Championships.

Michel also serves as a captain/coach for the United States Association Young Cup Competition.

Historical Facts About Arizona State Women's Tennis

- Margaret (Peggy) Michel inducted into ITA Hall of Fame.
- Arizona State has made 13 trips to NCAA postseason play
- Former Sun Devil Reka Cseresnyes is the only four-time All-American in ASU tennis history.
- ASU has advanced to the NCAA quarterfinals in four of the last seven seasons.
- Arizona State has advanced as a team to NCAA tournament play in each of the last 11 seasons, beginning in 1988. In addition, the Sun Devils have been represented in singles each of McInerney's 14 seasons, and in doubles 13 of 14 years.
- Current ASU head coach Sheila McInerney ranks second in ASU history with 226 victories during her 14 years. She has also guided the Sun Devils to 13 NCAA appearances. The former USC all-America has tutored 11 different all-Americans (who have earned the honor 20 times) during her career with the Sun Devils.
- Arizona State was one of only 11 eleven schools to be represented at the 1995 NCAA Tennis Championships by both its men's and women's teams. California, UCLA, Georgia, Louisiana State, Duke, Stanford, Texas, Pepperdine, Florida and USC were the others.
- Pam Richmond Champagne was a finalist at the 1969 USTA collegiate singles championship and later claimed the 1971 USTA collegiate singles and doubles crowns. She defeated teammate Margaret 'Peggy' Michel (6-1, 6-2) to win the singles title and teamed with Michel to capture the doubles championship. They successfully defended the doubles crown in 1972.
- Michel teamed with Australia's Evonne Goolagong to win the 1974 Wimbledon doubles title. Michel and Champagne are members of the ASU Sports Hall of Fame.
- Sheri Norris, a former assistant coach at Arizona State, earned All-America distinction three times during her Sun Devil career. She reached the semifinals of the 1986 NCAA singles championship, which marks the furthest an ASU player has advanced at the NCAA championship. Norris also holds the distinction of being the first Sun Devil to compile over 80 singles victories during her four seasons.
- The school record for most wins in a single season (31) came in 1976, and ASU has posted nine 20-plus win seasons. The Sun Devils have been ranked among the top 20 at the conclusion in 24 of the past 26 campaigns. In addition, ASU has claimed four conference titles — 1974, 1975, 1976 and 1978 — and registered five undefeated seasons, including a 22-0 mark in the 1974 championship year. During the last 40 seasons, Arizona State (514-186) has won just under 75 percent of its matches.
- ASU doubles tandems of Laura Glitz and Carol Coparanis (1987) and Jennifer Rojohn and Karen Bergan (1989 and 1991) each advanced to the quarterfinal round of the NCAAs and collected All-America recognition.
- In 1993, McInerney guided the Sun Devils to a 15-10 record and their second consecutive trip to the quarterfinals in the NCAA tournament. ASU also had its first All-America in singles since 1986 as Kori Davidson garnered the acclaim based on her brilliant play, including five wins over top 10 players. In addition, the Sun Devils were represented by two doubles tandems at NCAAs.
- Despite the fact that women's tennis was not deemed intercollegiate until the 1960s, tennis was introduced at Territorial Normal School, now ASU, in 1898 as a recreational activity. This is the only sport that has been played continuously during the history of Arizona State University.