

The History of ASU Women's Golf



team titles.

Merten, Farr, Ammaccapane, Pamela Wright, Michelle Estill, Tina Tombs, Sinn, Fruhwirth and Burton are among Vollstedt's top pupils.

Ammaccapane was the top-ranked U.S. amateur golfer in 1985 after collecting victories at the NCAA and U.S. Public Links Championships before distinguishing herself on the LPGA Tour.

Wright joins Merten as the only Sun Devils to collect a pair of conference championships when they won the '86 Pac West and '88 Pac-10 titles, respectively. In all, the native of Scotland garnered four collegiate wins.

Sinn was one of the top American amateurs in the 1980s, after she became the initial golfer to win both the U.S. Amateur and U.S. Public Links in the same year (1988). The three-time all-America played a key role in the U.S. victory at the World Team Amateur Championship.

As a freshman at Arizona State, Burton recorded one of the nation's finest seasons ever. She won her first five collegiate tournaments she finished and posted a collegiate record-tying six tournaments in 1989-90, including the Pac-10 title. She went on to the U.S. Curtis team before making the next step up to the LPGA Tour.

Fruhwirth and Missy Farr were also instrumental in the Sun Devils' 1990 NCAA title drive. Fruhwirth earned all-America honors three times, while Farr won medalist honors in her collegiate debut in 1986.

Emilee Klein, the 1994 NCAA Champion, is making a name for herself on the LPGA tour. As of August, Klein was ranked 36th on the LPGA's money leaders list.

More recently, three-time all-American Wendy Ward, helped ASU to three national championships. The 1994 U.S. Amateur Champion, Ward was the conference medalist in 1993 and 1995. She was also a two-time recipient of the prestigious Honda Award for golf, presented to the outstanding female golfer of the year.

Ward, who is currently competing along with Klein on the LPGA tour, helped lead ASU to three consecutive national titles in the '90's and won her first LPGA event in 1997.

The completion of The Karsten Course at ASU provided Sun Devil golf with an additional boost as one of the finest collegiate programs in America.

As the decade continues, such golfers as Emilee Klein and Wendy Ward could follow in the immortal footsteps of Carner, Sinn, Ammaccapane and Burton in enhancing the outstanding tradition of Arizona State University women's golf.



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