



SUN DEVIL HISTORY

■ The ASU wrestling program is just 34 years old, but has established itself as one of the premier programs in the nation, consistently producing nationally contending teams and All-America caliber athletes. The Sun Devils, however, had an inauspicious debut in 1962-63 — a 40-0 forfeit to Cal State Long Beach, followed by a 40-0 walk over Cal State Los Angeles. ASU's first true match resulted in a 25-7 victory over Long Beach, en route to a 9-4-1 record under the direction of head coach **Ted Bredehoff**.

■ Arizona State's first banner campaign came in 1964-65 when it won the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) title and placed sixth at the NCAA Championships, buoyed by the first three All-Americans in school history. That trio consisted of **Glenn McMinn, Sr.** (runner-up/115), **Charlie Tribble** (3rd/177) and **Buzz Hayes** (4th/147). Tribble also won the Gorrarian Award for most pins in the least amount of time.

■ McMinn and Hayes won five WAC titles between them and are the pioneers in ASU grappling annals. McMinn notched 104 career wins while Hayes registered 102.

■ **Curley Culp** was the first Sun Devil wrestler to win a national championship, claiming the heavyweight title in 1967. A four-time WAC titlist and All-America nose guard on the Sun Devil football team, Culp employed a leg-trip move dubbed the "Curley Special" to pin Adams State's Dom Corollo in 51 seconds. He became ASU's second Gorrarian Award winner in three years. Culp finished his outstanding career (1964-68) with an 84-9-4 record, including a 45-0 mark during his final two seasons.

Sun Devil Olympians

1996	Rob Eiter	USA	Freestyle	Eighth (105.5)
	Marco Sanchez	Puerto Rico	Greco-Roman	
	Townsend Saunders	USA	Freestyle	Silver Medal (150)
1992	Dan Henderson	USA	Greco-Roman	
	Zeke Jones	USA	Freestyle	Silver Medal (114.5)
	Townsend Saunders	USA	Freestyle	Seventh (150)
1988	Dan Henderson	USA	Greco-Roman	Tenth (180.5)
	Gary Bohay	Canada	Freestyle	Eighth (136.5)
1976	Billy Rosado	USA	Freestyle	
1964	Charlie Tribble	USA	Freestyle	

■ Arizona State entered the Pacific-10 Conference in 1978-79 and wasted no time making its presence felt. After finishing second in the conference that first year, the Sun Devils won the Pac-10 title in 1980 and notched the school's highest-ever NCAA finish at that time, 5th place, topped since by only the 1988 national championship and 1993 and 95 fourth-place finishes.

■ The decade of the '80s saw Arizona State wrestling continue its climb to national prominence, and establish the Sun Devils as perennial national title contenders. The 1984-85 team achieved a school-record 20 wins and won the first of seven consecutive Pac-10 crowns. **Eddie Urbano** became the second ASU wrestler to capture an NCAA championship when he claimed the 150-pound weight class while accumulating a 43-3-1 record. He was also one of seven Sun Devils to win his weight division at the Pac-10 Championship.

■ Perhaps the proudest moment in the history of ASU wrestling came in 1988 when the Sun Devils captured the NCAA title under head coach **Bobby Douglas**, the all-time winningest coach in ASU history (226-76-6). Six Sun Devils won Pac-10 championships and all seven of ASU's NCAA qualifiers earned All-America status, led by 190-pound runner-up **Mike Davies**.

■ **Ray Miller** and **Shawn Charles** became ASU's first four-time All-Americans in 1993 when they capped their outstanding careers with a national title and runner-up finish, respectively. Miller registered an unblemished 28-0 record to improve his career mark to 115-25-1 (.819), while Charles was 28-2 to finish 103-31-6 (.757).

■ Junior **Markus Mollica** became the first ASU freshman to win a national championship when he claimed the 158-pound weight class in 1993. Mollica finished the season 31-3. He was named All-America again in 1994 with his fifth-place finish, in '95 with his second national title, and in '96 with a fourth-place finish making Mollica ASU's third four-time All-America.

Sun Devils in the World Championships

Year	Wrestler	Country	Finish	Weight
1997	Zeke Jones	USA	DNP	119.0
	Dan St. John	USA	DNP	167.0
1995	Zeke Jones	USA	Third	114.5
1994	Zeke Jones	USA	DNP	114.5
	Townsend Saunders	USA	DNP	149.5
1993	Zeke Jones	USA	Fourth	114.5
	Townsend Saunders	USA	Fourth	149.5
	Rob Eiter	USA	Ninth	105.5
1991	Zeke Jones	USA	Champion	114.5
1990	Zeke Jones	USA	Fourth	114.5
1989	Zeke Jones	USA	Seventh	114.5
	Gary Bohay	Canada	Second	136.5
1987	Gary Bohay	Canada	Sixth	136.5
1985	Dan Severn	USA	Sixth	220

ASU Hall of Fame

• The Arizona State University Sports Hall of Fame was established in 1975 to honor the school's most distinguished student-athletes in all sports. Athletes enshrined in the Hall of fame are chosen by the Hall of Fame selection committee, composed of administrators, staff, faculty, and lay people close to the University's athletic program. Selection is based on one or more of the following criteria: all-America recognition; NCAA Champion; world record setter; Olympic medal; NCAA statistical leader; and significant contribution to sports and graduation. The following is a list of the seven former Arizona State wrestlers who have been enshrined in the Hall of Fame.

	Years	Career Record	Accomplishments
Curley Culp	1964-68	84-11-1	Four-time conference champ, '67 national champion
Buzz Hayes	1962-65	102-11-1	Three-time conference champ, '65 All-America
Glenn McMinn, Sr.	1964-67	104-11-1	'64 conference champ, two-time All-American
Roye Oliver	1975-79	81-21-1	Two-time conference champ, three-time All-American
Billy Rosado	1976-78	37-8	'76 Olympian, '77 All-American
Dan Severn	1977-80	127-11-1	Three-time conference champ, two-time All-American
Charlie Tribble	1965	32-2-2	'65 conference champ and All-American