

# SUN DEVIL HISTORY

## ASU OLYMPIANS

Eight former wrestlers that wore the maroon and gold of Arizona State University also have dawned the national colors of their native lands during Olympic competition. The Sun Devils have been a part of the Summer Games on six occasions with the most recent coming at the 1996 Atlanta Games. There, Team USA was represented by Rob Eiter, Townsend Saunders and Dan Henderson while Marco Sanchez represented Puerto Rico.

Overall, three Sun Devils have represented their home nation in the Olympics on multiple occasions, including Saunders (1996 and 1992), Henderson (1996 and 1992) and Billy Rosado (1980 and 1976).

Among the success of the former Sun Devils are the two silver medals won by Saunders in 1996 and Zeke Jones in 1992. Seven times, an ASU wrestler has placed in the highest level of competition, including Gary Bohay, who took eighth in 1988 for Canada.

At the 2004 Athens Games, both Jones and Saunders represented Team USA on the sidelines with the freestyle teams. Jones served on the men's staff while Saunders was on the inaugural women's freestyle staff.



1964 Tokyo • 1976 Montreal • 1980 Moscow (\*\*US boycotted) • 1988 Seoul • 1992 Barcelona • 1996 Atlanta

Year	Wrestler	Country	Weight	Discipline	Finish
1996	Rob Eiter	USA	105.5	Freestyle	Eighth
	Marco Sanchez	Puerto Rico	180.4	Greco-Roman	Did Not Place
	Townsend Saunders	USA	150.0	Freestyle	SILVER MEDAL
	Dan Henderson	USA	180.4	Greco-Roman	Twelfth
1992	Zeke Jones	USA	114.5	Freestyle	SILVER MEDAL
	Townsend Saunders	USA	150.0	Freestyle	Seventh
	Dan Henderson	USA	180.4	Greco-Roman	Tenth
1988	Gary Bohay	Canada	136.5	Freestyle	Eighth
1980	Billy Rosado	USA	105.5	Freestyle	Did Not Compete **
1976	Billy Rosado	USA	105.5	Freestyle	Did Not Place
1964	Charlie Tribble	USA	162.8	Freestyle	Did Not Place



### 1992 SILVER MEDALIST ZEKE JONES

Zeke Jones became the first Sun Devil wrestler to earn an Olympic medal as he finished second at the 1992 Barcelona Games. Jones, competing at 114.5 pounds (52kg), returned to the Games in 2004 as he served as a coach for the men's freestyle team at the Athens Olympiad.



### 1996 SILVER MEDALIST TOWNSEND SAUNDERS

Townsend Saunders, a two-time Olympian for the United States, placed among the Top 8 in both of his appearances, placing second in 1996 Atlanta Games following his seventh-place finish in 1992. Saunders, competing at 150.0 pounds (68kg), returned to the Game in 2004 as one of the US's women's freestyle coaches.



## WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Six Sun Devils have participated in the World Championships of Wrestling since 1985 for a total of 16 entries. In that span, 10 of those wrestlers placed in the Top 10, including Zeke Jones, the 1991 champion at 114.5 pounds. Jones competed seven times for the United States, failing to place just two times, while winning once and placing third one time. Townsend Saunders also was a frequent entry into the meet, placing once in his four meets when he captured fourth in the 1993 meet at 149.5 pounds. Overall, Dan St. John (1997), Rob Eiter (1993), Gary Bohay (1989 and 1987 for Canada) and Dan Severn (1985) also have competed on the world stage following their time with Sun Devil program.

Year	Wrestler	Country	Finish	Weight
1997	Zeke Jones	USA	DNP	119.0
	Dan St. John	USA	DNP	167.0
1995	Zeke Jones	USA	BRONZE	114.5
	Townsend Saunders	USA	DNP	149.5
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
	Townsend Saunders	USA	DNP	149.5
1990	Zeke Jones	USA	Fourth	114.5
1989	Zeke Jones	USA	Seventh	114.5
	Gary Bohay	Canada	SILVER	136.5
1987	Gary Bohay	Canada	Sixth	136.5
1985	Dan Severn	USA	Sixth	220.0

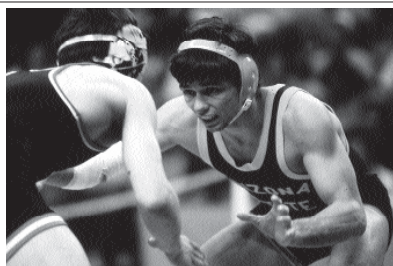


### GARY BOHAY - CANADA

Gary Bohay is the lone Sun Devil to compete in the World Championships for a nation other than the USA as he represented Team Canada in 1987 and 1989. Bohay also became the first Sun Devil to medal at the World meet as he finished second at the 1989 tournament, two years removed from a sixth-place finish. He was only the second Sun Devil at the time to have competed in the World meet, following Dan Severn (USA) who placed sixth at the 1985 meet.

### ZEKE JONES - USA

Zeke Jones represented Arizona State and Team USA in seven different World Championships, placing among the Top 8 in five times, including winning gold in 1991 and placing third in 1995. Jones also placed fourth twice.



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