

Arizona State Women's Gymnastics



No. 24 Sun Devils vs. Missouri
Friday January 16 - Tempe, AZ

2009 Sun Devil Schedule/Results

1/16	Missouri	7:30 p.m.
1/22	at Stanford	7:00 p.m.
1/30	UCLA	7:30 p.m.
2/6	at Oregon State	7:00 p.m.
2/13	California	7:00 p.m.
2/20	at Arizona	7:00 p.m.
2/27	Washington	7:30 p.m.
3/6	Utah	7:00 p.m.
3/13	UNO's Classic	7:00 p.m.
3/21	Pac-10 Championships	5:00 p.m.
4/4	NCAA Regional	TBA
4/16-18	NCAA Championships	TBA

* All times local to site

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2009 Overall Record: 0-0
vs. Pac-10 Opponents: 0-0
vs. Ranked Opponents: 0-0

Head Coach John Spini --

One of the winningest coaches in the history of Sun Devil athletics, John Spini is in his 29th year at ASU. His Sun Devil teams have won four conference titles, placed among the top-six at the NCAA Championships nine times and finished runner-up to a national crown on four occasions. In 1982 and 1983 he was named the WCAA Coach of the Year, and in 1996 and 2006 was the Pac-10's co-winner. Spini is assisted by Jean-Luc Cairen (1st year) and Jamie Dantzscher.

Reg. Season Record: 323-146-2
Reg. Season Home Rec.: 173-42-1

Media Information --

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Gym Devils Spring Into 2009 Season Hosting Missouri



This Week --

The Arizona State women's gymnastics team will begin their 2009 season hosting Missouri on January 16. This is the first time the Sun Devils will open their season at home since 2004. Head Coach John Spini is currently ASU's longest-tenured head coach, and is second on the all-time Sun Devil head coaching list. Former Sun Devil women's tennis coaching legend Anne Pittman holds the distinction as the longest-tenured ASU head coach at 31 seasons.

Promotions This Week --

Friday's meet marks Sparky's Kids to College Night as well as Staff Appreciation Night. Forms for Sparky's Kids to College and for Staff Appreciation are available on www.thesundevils.com. The team will also be available for post-meet autograph sessions.

ASU In The Rankings --

The Sun Devils enter the season ranked 24th in the Preseason Coaches Poll. They are not ranked in this week's poll due to the fact they have not competed yet this season.

Scouting the Competition --

The Sun Devils narrowly lost to the Tigers last season in Columbia, Mo. The Tigers enter this season ranked 19th. They return senior Big 12 all-around Champion Adrienne Perry to their squad this season.

Welcome Freshmen --

The 2009 roster boasts seven freshmen. ASU welcomes Nicole Ferrandino (East Norwich, N.Y.), Ellen Gebhardt (Carol Stream, Ill.), Amber Hammerschmidt (Rosemount, Minn.), Stephanie Hangartner (Chandler, Ariz.), Kahoku Palafox (Kailua, Hawaii), Callie Price (Mesa, Ariz.) and Kelly Reilly (Phoenix, Ariz.). These freshmen are expected to make an immediate impact.

Aye Aye Captain--

Tiana Jean will lead the Sun Devils as captain this season. The senior all-arounder was honored by the Pac-10 last season for her consistent performance in the all-around. Jean, who earned a career-best of 39.225 in the all-around last season, either raised or tied her career-high in every event last season. Jean tallied career-highs of 9.750 on vault, 9.875 on bars, 9.9 on beam and 9.875 on floor.

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