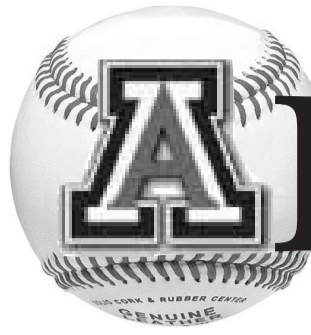


MEET

The Team



Baseball

Lineup

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C Nick Hundley, Fr.

Prized freshman recruit, picked in the fifth round of the MLB Amateur Draft. Has great speed for a catcher.



1B Pat Reilly So.

A redshirt freshman last season, was second on team in batting at .317. Had 265 putouts — including an NCAA single-game record with 29 against Stanford.



2B Trevor Crowe, Fr.

Another MLB draftee, the switch-hitting Crowe received multiple state player-of-the-year awards as a senior at Westview High in Portland, Ore.



3B Moises Duran, Jr.

Started at second last season, showing surprising power for his position with 9 homers and a .515 slugging percentage while being a threat on the basepaths.



SS John Hardy, So.

Team leader in hitting last year at a .328 clip. With the departure of Brad Hassey, Hardy returns to his natural position of shortstop after playing most of last year at third.



SP Sean Rierson, Jr.

Led Arizona in wins (7) and innings pitched (117) while posting the third-best ERA (4.69) on the team as a sophomore last season.



SP Joe Little, Jr.

Southpaw returns as No. 2 starter after pitching the second-most innings (97) and winning 6 games last season. Little may be the best pitcher in the rotation, according to Lopez.



SP Richie Gardner, Jr.

Transferred in from Santa Rosa (Calif.) Junior College, posted a team-best 1.13 ERA in fall ball with the Wildcats.



CP Mark Worrell, So.

Joins Arizona after one season at Indian River (Fla.) Community College, where he was named Baseball America's top junior college pitcher in the nation.



OP Brian Anderson, Jr.

Considered the top returning position player, but still recovering from arm problems. Freshmen Brad Boyer and Chris Frey, along with junior Dallas Haight, are expected to be the opening day starters.

Coaching Staff



Head Coach Andy Lopez

Has led three teams to the College World Series during his 20-year career. The two-time national coach of the year led Pepperdine to the 1992 National Championship.



Assistant Coach Mark Wasikowski

A former player under Lopez at Pepperdine, begins his sixth season on Lopez's staff, following the head coach from Pepperdine to Florida and on to Arizona last season.



Pitching Coach Jeff Morris

A member of Arizona's 1980 National Championship team, begins his second season heading up the pitching staff under Lopez.

Lopez looking for improvement

By David Stevenson
STAFF WRITER

For the second straight season the Arizona baseball team has retooled its roster. But instead of a new coach, this year, Arizona overhauled its players.

Last year, head coach Andy Lopez, who inherited the entire Wildcat roster filled by his predecessor Jerry Stitt, led UA to 31-24 overall record and posting a 9-15 finish in the Pacific-10 Conference. In his second go-round, Lopez will have 24 new players on the roster. The new players have caused Lopez to juggle the starting positions leaving a few unanswered questions.

Historically, Lopez's second year with a program has seen improvement. Dominguez Hills, Lopez won 10 more games than in his first year. At Florida in

1996, also his second year, the Gators won 18 more games.

"I've had a lot of second years, and I've gone down this road before," said Lopez, who is in his 27th year of coaching. "There's some real exciting things I think that will happen this year and there will be some times where we will look very young."

UA returns five starters that peg freshmen Trevor Crowe and Brad Boyer as the leading candidates to play second and center field respectively. Of the 24 newcomers six are sophomores and 15 are freshmen.

"With the exception of (the returnees), everyone else is brand new," Lopez said. "We're talking not red shirt freshmen but flat out if they're shaving."

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Junior Sean Rierson went 7-5 last season with an ERA of 4.69. Rierson started 17 games last season as the Wildcats finished 31-24.

Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent
Thu	01/30/2003	BYU
Fri	01/31/2003	BYU
Sat	02/01/2003	BYU
Fri	02/07/2003	Baylor
Sat	02/08/2003	Baylor
Sun	02/09/2003	Baylor
Fri	02/14/2003	@UC Irvine
Sat	02/15/2003	@UC Irvine
Sun	02/16/2003	@UC Irvine
Fri	02/21/2003	Minnesota
Sat	02/22/2003	Minnesota
Sun	02/23/2003	Minnesota
Mon	02/24/2003	Oklahoma St.
Fri	02/28/2003	Texas A&M
Sat	03/01/2003	Texas A&M
Sun	03/02/2003	Texas A&M
Fri	03/07/2003	@Texas
Sat	03/08/2003	@Texas
Sun	03/09/2003	@Texas
Tue	03/11/2003	Portland
Wed	03/12/2003	Portland
Thu	03/13/2003	Wagner
Fri	03/14/2003	Wagner
Sat	03/15/2003	Wagner
Tue	03/18/2003	@NewMexico
Wed	03/19/2003	New Mexico
Fri	03/21/2003	USC
Sat	03/22/2003	USC
Sun	03/23/2003	USC
Fri	03/28/2003	@UCLA
Sat	03/29/2003	@UCLA
Sun	03/30/2003	@UCLA
Fri	04/04/2003	Miami Ohio
Sat	04/05/2003	Miami Ohio
Sun	04/06/2003	Miami Ohio
Fri	04/11/2003	Washington
Sat	04/12/2003	Washington
Sun	04/13/2003	Washington
Mon	04/14/2003	Sacramento St.
Thu	04/17/2003	@Washington St.
Fri	04/18/2003	@Washington St.
Sat	04/19/2003	@Washington St.
Tue	04/22/2003	@Grand Canyon
Fri	04/25/2003	@Stanford
Sat	04/26/2003	@Stanford
Sun	04/27/2003	@Stanford
Mon	04/28/2003	@Sacramento St.
Fri	05/02/2003	California
Sat	05/03/2003	California
Sun	05/04/2003	California
Sat	05/17/2003	Oregon St.
Sun	05/18/2003	Oregon St.
Mon	05/19/2003	Oregon St.
Fri	05/23/2003	@Arizona St.
Sat	05/24/2003	@Arizona St.
Sun	05/25/2003	@Arizona St.