Coaching Staff

Head Coach
Andy Lopez

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 Waleski

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

PITCHING COACH
Jill Morea

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

Lineup

Compiled by Justin St. Germain

C Nick Hundley, Jr.

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

SP Sean Rieerson, Jr.

Led Arizona in wins (7) and innings pitched (117) while posting the third-best ERA (4.49) on the team as a sophomore last season.

SP Joe Little, Jr.

Southpaw returns as No. 2 starter after pitching the second-most innings (67) 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.

Junior Sean Rieerson went 7-5 last season with an ERA of 4.49. Rieerson started 17 games last season as the Wildcats finished 31-24.

CP 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 Haught, are expected to be the opening day starters.

OP Brian Anderson, Jr.

Junior John Hardy, Sr.

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

OP Brian Anderson, Jr.

SP John Rieerson, Jr.

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

SP Maxx Davis, Jr.

Started at second last season, showing surprising power for his position with 9 homers and a .315 batting percentage while being a threat on the bases.

Lopez looking for improvement

By David Stevenson

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 come down this road before,” said Lopez, who is in his 27th year of coaching. “There’s some real exciting things I think will happen this year and there will be some times where we will look very young.”

UA returns five starters that peg freshman 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.

“When 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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Sun 03/09/2003 @Texas

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Sat 03/14/2003 Wagner

Sat 03/15/2003 Wagner

Fri 03/19/2003 New Mexico

Fri 03/20/2003 USC

Sat 03/22/2003 USC

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