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Softball The Team

Schedule

Exhibitions

01/24 Phoenix College 01/25Alumni Game

Louisville Slugger Tournament Tampa, FL

*01/31	Sam Houston St.
*01/31	Florida Atlantic
*02/01	Auburn
*02/01	South Florida
*02/02	Northwestern

Fiesta Bowl Tournament Phoenix

*02/07	Fiesta Bowl Tournament
*02/08	Fiesta Bowl Tournament
*02/09	Fiesta Bowl Tournament

Pepsi Arizona Softball Classic

02/14	Minnesota
02/14	Northwestern
02/15	Florida International
02/15	Arkansas
02/16	Washington

Worth Wildcat Invitational

02/21	Drake	
02/21	Oklahoma St.	
02/22	Virginia	
02/22	Western Mich.	
02/23	New Mexico	

Hillenbrand Invitational

02/28	Northern Iowa
02/28	San Diego St.
03/01	New Mexico St.
03/01	Northern Iowa
03/02	San Diego St.

Kia Klassic Fullerton, Calif

*03/13	Florida St.
*03/13	Louisiana-Lafayette
*03/14	Long Beach St.

Exhibition *03/21 Canadian National

Regular season

03/22 Cal Fullerton (DH) 03/28 Oregon St.

Lineup



OF Candace Abrams, So.

A redshirt sophomore who started in right field. Abrams started 21 games last season, while accumulating a .293 batting average with two home runs

2B Lisha Ribella, Sr.

A senior known for her

stellar defensive play,

earning a .956 fielding

percentage last season

while leading UA with

five double plays. Batted

.224 last season.



OF Courtney Fossati, So.

Batted .342 last season, mostly in the No. 2 spot. The lefty started in 48 games and was flawless in the field.



OF Autumn Champion, Fr.

A speedy leadoff hitting freshman from Tustin, Calif. was a four-time Orange County All-District first-team member and two-time All-American.



provide speed to the

Arizona lineup.

OF Crystal Farley, So. 1B/P Wendy Allen, Jr. Started 60 games last sea-A transfer from Ohio son and batted .255 in State was the 2002 Big Pac-10 play. At 5 feet 9 Ten Player of the Year inches tall, Farley will and a second-team All-



3B Jackie Coburn, So.

Earned Women's College World Series All-Tournament Honors, following a freshman season that saw14 home runs and 49 RBIs.

Head Coach

Mike Candrea

Candrea has guided

Arizona to six national

titles and six Pac-10

championships since

1991. In 16 seasons,

Candrea has an impres-

sive 871-172 overall

record and a .835 winning

percentage.



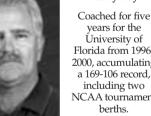
SS Lovieanne Jung, Sr.

One of two seniors to start all 67 games. Led the Wildcats in: batting average (.364), runs (64), hits (75), extra-base hits (31) and walks (44). All-Pac-10 and Pac-10 Newcomer of the Year.

> Nancy Evans Will start her second season as an assistant coach. a degree in psychology, Evans took home the 1998 Honda Softball National Player of the Year Award to go along with three national

Assistant Coach

Assistant Coach Larry Ray

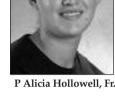


years for the University of Florida from 1996-2000, accumulating a 169-106 record, including two NCAA tournament berths.

Fresh faces on the mound

Exhibition games will be





The reigning 2002 Gatorade national high school softball Player of the Year and a two-time All-America honoree.



American before coming

to Arizona.

Vandergeest, Jr. She holds the UA record with 577 put-outs. Vandergeest earned All-Pac-10 honors while hitting 12 home runs and three grand slams.

Coaching Staff



A 1998 UA graduate with championships.



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03/29	Oregon
03/30	Oregon
*04/04	@Washington
*04/05	@UCLA
*04/06	@UCLA
04/11	Stanford
04/12	California
04/13	California
04/18	Arizona St.
04/19	Arizona St.
*04/23	@Arizona St.
*04/25	@Oregon
*04/26	@Oregon St.
*04/27	@Oregon St.
*05/02	@California
*05/03	@Stanford
*05/04	@Stanford
05/09	UCLA
05/10	Washington (DH)
*Away Game	

preseason test for freshmen

By Lindsey Manroel STAFF WRITER

The infielders are the same. And the outfielders haven't changed.

So what's different about the UA softball team in comparison to last season's runner-up in the 2002 College World Series Championship game?

It's their experience on the mound.

"Last year we were young, but not young on the mound. That's the biggest difference," UA head coach Mike Candrea said. "This team is going to have to do the little things and we're going to have to put runs on the board early on. We have to do it all."

Four freshmen will wear the Wildcat uniform for the first time.

Among the recruits are three pitchers: Alicia Hollowell from Fairfield, Calif. and Leslie Wolfe and Michelle Schultz --- who will also play first and third base ---



FILE PHOTO/Arizona Daily Wildcat

Junior catcher Mackenzie Vandergeest and the Arizona softball team return to Hillenbrand Stadium this season, looking to make a run at a third straight national title game appearance.

from Phoenix.

In the outfield, the Wildcats have freshman recruit Autumn Champion from Tustin, Calif.

Champion will lead off UA's offense, and carries the speed for the Wildcats.

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