

Wildcat Quick Facts

Location Tucson, Ariz.
 Founded 1885
 Enrollment 35,400
 President Dr. Peter Likins
 Athletic Director Jim Livengood
 Head Coach Lute Olson
 Alma Mater Augsburg '58
 Record/Years 663-235 (.738)/30
 Record at UA 471-143 (.767)/20
 Assistant Coaches Jim Rosborough
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2002-03 Schedule/Results

Nov. 12 EA Sports All-Stars (ex) 8 p.m.
 Nov. 20 Team Nike (ex) 7:30 p.m.
 Nov. 23 WESTERN KENTUCKY (KWBA) 2 p.m.
 Nov. 27 NORTHERN ARIZONA (FSNA) 6:30 p.m.
 Dec. 3 SAINT LOUIS (FSNA) 7 p.m.
 Dec. 7 at San Diego State (ESPN) 6 p.m.
 Dec. 15 TEXAS (FSN) 2:30 p.m.
 Dec. 21 at Louisiana State (ESPN2) 7 p.m.
 Dec. 28 IDAVIDSON (FSNA) 4 p.m.
 Dec. 30 !FLORIDA ST./BOSTON U. (FSNA) TBA
 Jan. 2 *at Oregon (TBA) TBA
 Jan. 4 *at Oregon State (FSNA) 8 p.m.
 Jan. 9 *WASHINGTON STATE (FSN) 8:30 p.m.
 Jan. 11 *WASHINGTON (FSNA) 5 p.m.
 Jan. 16 *at USC (FSN) 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 18 *at UCLA (ABC) 3 p.m.
 Jan. 22 *ARIZONA STATE (FSNA) 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 25 at Kansas (CBS) Noon
 Jan. 30 *STANFORD (FSNA) 6:30 p.m.
 Feb. 1 *CALIFORNIA (FSN) 5 p.m.
 Feb. 6 *at Washington (FSN) 7:30 p.m.
 Feb. 8 *at Washington State (FSNA) 7 p.m.
 Feb. 13 *UCLA (FSN) 8:30 p.m.
 Feb. 15 *USC (CBS) 11 a.m.
 Feb. 22 *at Arizona State (FSNA) 7 p.m.
 Feb. 27 *at California (FSN) 7:30 p.m.
 March 1 *at Stanford (ABC) 4 p.m.
 March 6 *OREGON STATE (FSNA) 6:30 p.m.
 March 8 *OREGON (CBS) 2 p.m.
 March 13-15 %at Pac-10 Conference Tournament

All times are local to site

Home games in **BOLD CAPS**

* Pacific-10 Conference game

(ex) exhibition game

! Fiesta Bowl Classic honoring Bobbi Olson, Tucson, Ariz.

% at Pac-10 Tournament, Los Angeles, Calif.

Staying Current

The University of Arizona also maintains a comprehensive athletic web site, featuring the latest information on all 19 Wildcat varsity sports. Point your internet browser to www.arizonaathletics.com.

All UA basketball games are broadcast live on the **Wildcat Basketball Network**, which consists of the flagship KNST-AM 790 in Tucson and 15 affiliates in Arizona, California, Nevada and Mexico. All home games and selected road contests are also carried in Spanish on Tucson's KXEW-AM 1600 and Radio XENY-AM 760 in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico.

TEAMLINE (800-846-4700) also carries KNST's broadcasts via phone, while broadcast.com netcasts KNST's signal via the internet with links from arizonaathletics.com.

Beginning in December, **Coach Olson's** weekly radio show airs Tuesday nights on KNST at 7 p.m. MST. His television show airs Wednesday nights at 9 p.m. MST on KWBA-TV 58.



Arizona Basketball 2002-03

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Pepsi Red-Blue Game Opens 2002-03 Exhibition Slate

Date: Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2002

Time: 7 p.m. MST

Location: Olson Court at McKale Center (14,545), San Jose, Calif.

Radio: None

TV: None

Arizona Probable Starters (2001-02 Statistics)

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown	PPG	RPG	APG
F 4	Luke Walton	6-8	245	Sr.	San Diego, Calif.	15.7	7.3	6.3
F 33	Rick Anderson	6-9	225	Sr.	Long Beach, Calif.	12.4	7.2	1.5
C 45	Channing Frye	6-10	225	So.	Phoenix, Ariz.	9.5	6.3	0.7
G 20	Salim Stoudamire	6-1	176	So.	Portland, Ore.	12.8	2.1	1.1
G 22	Jason Gardner	5-10	191	Sr.	Indianapolis, Ind.	20.4	2.9	4.6

Reserves

G 3	Will Bynum	5-11	193	So.	Chicago, Ill.	6.4	1.5	1.4
G 11	Jason Ranne	6-4	195	Jr.	Tulsa, Okla.	0.8	0.3	0.3
G 12	Fil Torres	6-2	195	Sr.	Lisle, Ill.	0.0	0.0	0.0
F 34	Dennis Latimore	6-8	238	So.	Halstead, Kan.	1.9	2.5	0.2
C 52	Isaiah Fox	6-9	269	So.	Santa Monica, Calif.	4.4	4.0	0.2
G 13	Chris Rodgers	6-3	203	Fr.	Portland, Ore.	--	--	--
G 21	Hassan Adams	6-4	201	Fr.	Los Angeles, Calif.	--	--	--
F 24	Andre Iguodala	6-6	200	Fr.	Springfield, Ill	--	--	--
F 44	Chris Dunn	6-6	170	Fr.	Hobbs, N.M.	--	--	--

GAME DATA: A year after exceeding nearly everyone's expectations by winning 24 games, capturing the Pac-10 Tournament title, and advancing to the NCAA Tournament's "Sweet 16", top-ranked Arizona will not sneak up on anyone ... The squad's 10 returning lettermen and four freshmen will be split as evenly as possible for tonight's Pepsi Red-Blue Scrimmage ... The Cats have two exhibition games schedule (Nov. 12 & 20) before it opens the regular season against No. 23 Western Kentucky on Nov. 23.

THE RANKINGS: UA opens the 2002-03 campaign as the nation's top-ranked team in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches poll. The Associated Press Top 25 will be released Nov. 11. Arizona has opened the season as the nation's No. 1 team in two of the past three years and been ranked in 253 consecutive AP polls released during the regular season only.

ARIZONA HEAD COACH LUTE OLSON ... begins his 20th season at Arizona and his 30th overall as a college head coach with a career record of 663-235 (.738) and 471-143 (.767) at Arizona ... He was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame on Sept. 27, 2002 ... Olson recorded his 600th career win and his 400th victory at Arizona during the 2000 campaign and has the fourth most Pac-10 wins (262) in history, trailing UCLA's John Wooden (304, 1949-75), Oregon State's Slats Gill (276, 1929-64) and Washington's Hec Edmundson (266, 1921-47) ... He has the second-best conference winning percentage in Pac-10 history (minimum three years), trailing only Wooden (.810/304-74) ... During his 19-year tenure at Arizona, the Wildcats have won one national championship (1997), played in the national championship game (2001), participated in four Final Fours (1988, 1994, 1997, 2001), won nine Pac-10 Conference titles, four Pac-10 Tournament crowns (1988, '89, '90, 2002) and been to the NCAA Tournament for the past 18 years in a row, which is the longest active and second-longest streak in NCAA history (North Carolina, 27)... He also led Iowa to the 1980 Final Four ... Olson has been named the Pac-10 Coach of the Year six times (1986, '88, '89, '93, '94, '98), the Big Ten Coach of the Year twice (1979 & '81) and directed the UA program to the nation's best winning percentage over the past 15 years (401-977.805) ... In his collegiate career, Olson has produced 45 NBA Draft picks, including 26 at Arizona – 20 alone since 1990 ... He's led UA to 15 consecutive 20-win seasons and has 24 overall in his career, making him one of only five head coaches in NCAA history to record 24 or more 20-win seasons... Under Olson, the Cats are 280-29 (.906) in McKale Center and have won 208 of its last 222 home games ... He is assisted by Jim Rosborough, Rodney Tention and Josh Pastner.

The Rankings

Associated Press Top 25 Poll (Final, March 11, 2002)

Rnk.	Team	Points	Last
1.	Duke (58)	1,759	3
2.	Kansas (10)	1,667	1
3.	Oklahoma (2)	1,630	4
4.	Maryland (1)	1,572	2
5.	Cincinnati	1,529	5
6.	Gonzaga	1,356	6
7.	ARIZONA	1,196	15
8.	Alabama	1,192	8
9.	Pittsburgh	1,191	7
10.	Connecticut	1,048	19
11.	Oregon	1,033	9
12.	Marquette	887	13
13.	Illinois	848	10
14.	Ohio State	830	21
15.	Florida	735	11
16.	Kentucky	629	12
17.	Mississippi State	587	NR
18.	USC	531	22
19.	Western Kentucky	510	18
20.	Oklahoma State	423	14
21.	Miami, Fla.	349	20
22.	Xavier	308	24
23.	Georgia	296	17
24.	Stanford	268	16
25.	Hawaii	130	NR

ESPN/USA Today Coaches' Top 25 Poll (Preseason, Nov. 1, 2002)

Rnk.	Team	Points	Last
1.	ARIZONA (27)	770	10
2.	Kansas (3)	740	2
3.	Oklahoma (1)	680	4
4.	Pittsburgh	613	9
5.	Texas	583	18
6.	Duke	574	5
7.	Florida	554	23
8.	Alabama	494	14
9.	Oregon	475	T6
10.	Michigan State	439	NR
11.	Xavier	386	24
12.	UCLA	322	20
13.	Mississippi State	321	21
14.	Connecticut	314	T6
15.	Maryland	775	1
16.	Georgia	269	NR
17.	Kentucky	262	13
18.	Missouri	221	15
19.	Marquette	215	18
20.	Cincinnati	168	8
21.	Indiana	167	3
22.	Gonzaga	163	16
23.	Western Kentucky	151	NR
24.	Minnesota	86	NR
25.	Illinois	83	11

Poll Progression

	Record	AP	USA	ESPN/ Today
Preseason	--	Due 11/11		1

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES: This time last year Arizona was an unranked "unknown" heading to New York to open the season against No. 2 Maryland. Now one year later, Arizona carries the burden of the No. 1 ranking with a trio of seniors, five highly-experienced sophomores and a total of 10 returning lettermen.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR: Expect an up-tempo 94-foot style of play with pressure at both ends of the court. With depth at every position, a switch to a full-court press was needed to get more players more minutes.

TWO-FOR-THREE: It's hard to believe that a team can go from preseason No. 1 (2001) to unranked (2002) to preseason No. 1 (2003) in three consecutive seasons, but that is exactly what has happened to the Arizona Wildcats. Incidentally, the Wildcats have now occupied the top spot in the coaches poll in 16 polling periods since the 1987-88 season.

WHAT'S RETURNING: As mentioned above, Arizona returns 10 letterwinners from last season's 24-10 squad. The Wildcats return 98.4 percent of the minutes played, 98.4 percent of the rebounds and 99.0 percent of the points scored. The last time the returning numbers were that good came in the 2000-01 campaign.

JUST WATCHING: Sophomore Salim Stoudamire will not take part in tonight's festivities to rest his left ankle. The guard from Portland, Ore., reinjured his ankle in last Friday's scrimmage and will miss tonight's game for precautionary reasons.

PRESEASON ACCOLADES: The senior combination of Luke Walton and Jason Gardner have wrapped up a few preseason accolades. In addition to both being included on the Naismith and Wooden preseason player-of-the-year award watch lists, they have each earned preseason player-of-the-year kudos. Gardner was selected the preseason player of the year by the Blue Ribbon College Basketball Yearbook, while Walton earned similar honors from collegeinsider.com. In position breakdowns by Lindy's Preseason Yearbook, Gardner was selected the best point guard in the nation, Walton the No. 2-ranked small forward and sophomore Channing Frye the No. 5-ranked center.

A TOP-10 GUY: Jason Gardner closed his junior season as the school's career leader in minutes per game (35.6), but the Indianapolis, Ind., native also ranks among the UA career leaders in nine other categories. He ranks 10th in points scored (1,512), second in three-point field goals (252) and three-point field goal attempts (676), fourth in games started (103) and minutes played (3707), fifth in free throws (402), sixth in assists (464), seventh in steals (164), and ninth in free throw attempts (516).

400 CLUB: The 2001-02 edition of the Arizona Wildcats accomplished a rare statistical feat: four players scored at least 400 points in a single season. Jason Gardner (692 points), Luke Walton (487), Salim Stoudamire (434) and Rick Anderson (420) enabled the 2001-02 club to join the 1999-2000 team as the only two UA squads to accomplish the feat since 1987-88.

FRESHMAN CONTRIBUTIONS: The UA freshmen certainly made an impact in 2001-02, as the group combined to score 42.2 percent of the team's offense, grab 44.0 percent of the rebounds and log 49.2 percent of the minutes played.

TALENT POOL: With the 2002-03 NBA season just underway, no fewer than 10 former Wildcats are on NBA active rosters. Only two schools in the country (North Carolina 14; Kentucky 11) have more of its alumni on active rosters. Here is the list of Arizona players currently playing in the NBA: Gilbert Arenas (G/Golden State/2nd year), Mike Bibby (G/Sacramento/5th year), Michael Dickerson (G/Memphis/5th year), Richard Jefferson (F/New Jersey/2nd year), Steve Kerr (G/San Antonio/15th year), Chris Mills (F/Golden State/10th year), Sean Rooks (C/Los Angeles Clippers/11th year), Damon Stoudamire (G/Portland/8th year), Jason Terry (G/Atlanta/4th year), and Loren Woods (C/Minnesota/2nd year).

IN THE BOOTH, TOO: Two former Wildcats also figure prominently in ESPN's coverage of the NBA, as Sean Elliott and Tom Tolbert boast analyst positions following long and successful playing careers.

UP NEXT: The Wildcats return to action on Tuesday, Nov. 12, as the squad hosts the EA Sports All-Stars in McKale Center at 8 p.m. MST.