#### ARIZONA FOOTBALL

# 2002 Season Review

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# 2002 Arizona Football Results

Game	Score	Atten
NAU (FSNA)	37-3	48,446
Utah (FSNA)	23-17	44,243
at #22 Wisconsin (ESPN2)	10-31	78,582
North Texas	14-9	37,917
#8 Oregon (FSN national)	14-31	47,356
at #22 Washington (FSNA)	28-32	71,016
at Stanford (FSNA-KWBA)	6-16	33,800
#9 Wash. State (FSN)	13-21	46,462
at Ore. State (FSNA)	3-38	36,644
UCLA% (FSNA)	7-37	43,613
at California	52-41	28,808
Arizona State (FSN)	20-34	47,005
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#Family Weekend; %Homecoming Times subject to change; TV TBA

Overall Record: 4-8 Home Record: 3-4 Road Record: 1-4

Pac-10 record: 1-7 (0-4 home, 1-3 road)

Longest Win Streak: 2 games Longest Loss Streak: 6 games

# 2002 Pacific-10 Conference Standings

	Pac-10	All	Bowl Results
Washington State	7-1	10-3	L-Rose Bowl to Oklahoma
Southern California	7-1	11-2	W-Orange Bowl vs. Iowa
Arizona State	5-3	8-6	L-Holiday Bowl to Kansas State
UCLA	4-3	8-5	W-Las Vegas Bowl vs. UNM
Oregon State	4-4	8-5	L-Insight Bowl vs. Pittsburgh
California	4-4	7-5	
Washington	4-4	7-6	L-Sun Bowl vs. Purdue
Oregon	3-5	7-6	L-Seattle Bowl vs. W. Forest
Arizona	1-7	4-8	
Stanford	1-7	2-9	

# Arizona Football on Television

Four UA games were national or regional cablecasts in 2002, with six others shown in Arizona markets by UA partner Fox Sports Net Arizona or over-the-air affiliates KWBA-58 and KUSK-TV in the Phoenix area.

# Arizona Football on Radio

KNST-790 AM Radio (ClearChannel) has been the flagship station for live Arizona football broadcasts on the Wildcat Sports Network for 21 seasons. Brian Jeffries and Les Josephson call the play. 2002 affiliates: KKNT Phoenix, KDAP Douglas, KVNA Flagstaff, KIKO Globe, KZUA Holbrook, KLAV Las Vegas, KWRQ Safford, KTAN Sierra Vista, KNOT Prescott, KBLU Yuma. KTOX-Needles, KVSL Show Low. KNST administered UA's Spanish language broadcasts for the third year, carried by KXEW Tucson and XENY Nogales with Joel Bojorquez and Francisco Romero. KNST's broadcast was available on the Internet for \$6.95 monthly, through RealNetworks. It also was available by phone/Internet using TEAMLINE services.

#### John Mackovic Coach's Shows

Head coach John Mackovic's weekly radio and television shows were produced for the second year by KNST Radio, with host Brian Jeffries and the coach taping during "Tuesdays in the Huddle With John Mackovic," a public gathering at McMahon's Steakhouse at noon Tuesdays. The radio show aired at 6 p.m. Tuesdays on KNST-790 AM and the TV segment was broadcast at 9 p.m. Wednesdays on KWBA.

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# What Would Button Salmon Say? -- 'Tell Them to Bear Down'

**The Season** — Arizona finished 4-8 in the first of regularly sanctioned 12game seasons, recording its largest loss total in 45 years. The 1957 Wildcats under Ed Doherty were 1-8-1. The four victories matched the most previous low mark in 1991 (4-7 under Dick Tomey). UA's 1-7 Pac-10 record was its lowest in 25 seasons of league affiliation and the most recent low-water mark in league play since the Cats were 1-4 for three consecutive years (1965-67) in the Western Athletic Conference under Jim LaRue and Darrell Mudra ('67). Head coach John Mackovic's 2002 club won its season opener and first two games for the second consecutive year and were 3-1 after a late September home victory over North Texas State. A six-game conference losing streak followed before UA snapped the skein with a rousing victory at California. The Cats entered the fourth quarter of the season finale vs. Arizona State tied at 20, but lost 34-20. The year marked the fourth consecutive non-winning season on the heels of Tomey's 6-6 and 5-6 marks his final two years and the Cats 5-6 finish under Mackovic in 2001. UA's last winning year was a 12-1 mark and final No. 3 ranking in 1998. The team missed out on opportunities to win three games it lost by a combined 22 points (UW/SU/WSU) - that could have swung the season into a bowl year. Arizona had some outstanding individual performances in 2002 including first-team All-Pac-10 selections Bobby Wade, Lance Briggs and Ray Wells, among others. The Cats played a bunch of young players who showed both ability and mettle. Despite the rough season, the program's inside slant is quite positive. After all, the UA is the school where its biggest tradition ('Bear Down, Arizona') is otherwise an exhortation to buckle up and get on with it.

The Coaches – John Mackovic (Wake Forest '65) completed his second year at Arizona (4-8) with a cumulative 9-14 record, and his 15th season overall as a collegiate head coach (94-78-3). Mackovic had a big hand in the Pac-10 finishing 30-10 in non-conference games for the year, notching a 3-1 mark. He became the first new UA coach to open 3-0 (in 2001) since Jim Young did so when Mackovic was his offensive coordinator in 1973. After the 3-1 start his vear. UA suffered the most conference losses in a single UA season, 1-7. On the way in 2002, Arizona set records or placed team or individuals in the UA top 10 in nearly 50 different offensive single-season and career categories. Despite injuries that caused key players to miss a bunch of games (and full seasons), the Cats had some punch in 2002 – and took some punches. On the student- side of athlete, Mackovic's charges performed admirably, with a second consecutive selection to the American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team (Jason Johnson) and six players (including two first-team picks) earning citation on the Pac-10's All-Academic team. Mackovic continued to provide an open-access program and professional courtesy toward the media throughout 2002, despite some well-chronicled off-the-field adversity. UA's 2002 staff: Larry Mac Duff (DC/RLB), Rick Dykes (OC/QB), Steve Bernstein (CB/S), Jay Boulware (RB), Charlie Dickey (OL), Rob Ianello (WR/RC), Charlie Camp (DE), Marty Long (DT), Scott Pelluer (ILB/ST), Jeff Rodgers (G.A./WLB), Terry Samuel (G.A./TE).

Arizona's Last Game — UA's first two possessions ended in an interception and a blocked punt, harbingers of an eventual five turnover afternoon in a 34-20 Territorial Cup Game loss to Arizona State. The second gaffe set up the first score, an ASU field goal. UA took the lead, 7-3, after a 70play drive sparked by a 46-yard pass from Jason Johnson to Lance Relford, but two minutes later Ray Wells intercepted a pass and ran to the ASU 2 yardline, and UA fumbled the ball on the succeeding play. ASU marched 94 yards for a 10-7 lead., but the Cats answered with a 10-play 80-yard drive and the first of two Beau Carr rushing TDs to regain the lead with moments left in the half. An ASU field goal tied the contest early in the third guarter, but UA again answered with a 73-yard drive for its final lead at 20-13. After that, the Devils did all the scoring, largely behind the efforts of Big Game MVP winner, Mike Williams, who eventually toted the ball 40 times for 162 rushing yards and four touchdowns, all from inside the 10 yard-line. He scored three of those in the last 17 minutes of the game. ASU converted 10 of 17 third-down plays, totaled 461 yards, punted only once and were six of eight in red-zone opportunities. The running game helped ASU hold a 12-minute advantage in time of possession. UA's Johnson threw for 269 yards and Bobby Wade had six grabs for 109 yards, but was kept out of the end zone. Lance Briggs had 15 tackles.

# Arizona in Final 2002 Statistical Rankings

Category/Figure Rushing/43.8 Passing/289.8 Pass Eff./131.7 Total Offense/333.6 Scoring/18.9 Rush Def./161.8 Pass Eff. Def./129.3 Pass Def./224.3 Total Def./386.2 Scoring Def./25.8 Net Punting/31.0 Punt Ret./16.6 KOR/17.7 Turnover Margin/58	NCAA 117 14 29 96 103 67 75 68 72 58 103 4 108 84	10 5 4 9 10 10 7 3 7 5 9 1
KOR/17.7	108	9
Fumbles Lost/11 Fumbles Rec./11 Passes Had Int./14	41 65 67	5 6 86
Passes Intercepted/7	107	10
Turnovers Gained/18	101	10
Turnovers Lost/25 Recpt/Gm – Wade 7.8 Recpt/Gm – Thurman 5.1	50 5 41	5 1 7
Rec Yds/Gm- Wade 115.8	5	1
Rec Yds/Gm – Thurman 76.2	45	7
Receiving Yds – Wade 1389	7	3
Receiving Yds – Thurman 915	49	8
All-Purpose – Wade 162.4	7	1
Punt Ret – Wade 14.0	21	3
Tot Off – Johnson 246.2	26	5
PassComp/Gm- Johnson 19.9	21	3
Pass Eff. – Johnson 132.9	26	4
FG/Gm – Bobby Gill .58	100	10

# **Injury Report**

Arizona had players lose a potential of more than 60 starts in 2002. Notable were all-conference players in halfback Clarence Farmer (8) and cornerback Michael Jolivette (10), plus projected starters in DE Andre Torrey and OT Darren Safranek, who both missed the entire season. UA's entire secondary missed games. UA's starting rotation at running back – and then some youngsters who took over – missed games. Three-time All-Pac-10 Linebacker Lance Briggs missed a start. Four-year safety Jarvie Worcester missed three games. Tackle Brandon Phillips missed three games. True freshman lineman John Parada was pressed into early action – starting the opener – then missed most of the year after playing only two games. (He's a candidate for a medical redshirt year, as is CB Luis Nunez who also played only two games.

#### Arizona Players in All-Star Games

A number of Wildcats have been asked to play in post-season all-star games. Wildcats in the East-West Shrine Game include offensive guard Makoa Freitas and quarterback Jason Johnson. Briggs and Wade also have been invited to the Senior Bowl, while Freitas will appear in the Gridiron Classic along with defensive tackle Young Thompson. The Paradise Bowl has invited quarterback Jason Johnson, cornerback David Hinton, linebacker Ray Wells and tight end James Hugo. Briggs and Wade declined invitations to the East-West Shrine Game.

East-West Shrine Game, San Francisco, Jan. 11: Freitas, Johnson Senior Bowl, Mobile, Ala., Jan. 18: Briggs, Wade

Paradise Bowl, St. George, Utah, Jan. 25: J. Johnson, Hugo, Wells, Hinton

Rotary Gridiron Classic, Orlando, Fla., Jan. 25: Freitas, Thompson

# **Arizona 2002 Team Captains**

Five seniors were elected captains by their teammates prior to the Arizona State Territorial Cup Game:

Linebacker Lance Briggs, Sacramento, Calif., 4-year letterman Quarterback Jason Johnson, Puyallup, Wash., 4-year letterman. Offensive Guard Makoa Freitas, Manoa, Hawaii, 4-year letterman. Receiver Bobby Wade, Phoenix, Ariz., 4-year letterman.

**Free Safety Jarvie Worcester**, La Jolla, Calif., 4-year letterman. All but Briggs, who played fullback as a true freshman, were fifth-year seniors in 2002.

#### **Arizona Team Award Winners**

Arizona"s annual Football Awards Banquet Dec. 8 featured presentations of the following team awards:

Damon Terrell Most Valuable Player – Senior receiver Bobby Wade Most Valuable Offensive Player – Senior quarterback Jason Johnson Most Valuable Defensive Player – Senior linebacker Lance Briggs Most Valuable Special Teams Player – Senior LB Ray Wells Captains Awards (elected by team) – Senior OL Makoa Freitas, senior QB Jason Johnson, senior LB Lance Briggs, senior receiver Bobby Wade, senior safety Jarvie Worcester.

Golden "A" Ward - Senior FS Jarvie Worcester

**Jim Ewing Memorial Award** (all-around student-athlete leadership) – Senior tight end James Hugo

Undergraduate Academics Award – Sophomore DB Justin Jochum Defensive Newcomer of the Year – Freshman LB Spencer Larsen Offensive Newcomer of the Year – Freshman OL Kili Lefotu Martin Gentry Outstanding Lineman (Offense) – Makoa Freitas Martin Gentry Outstanding Lineman (Defense) – Junior DE Joe Siofele

Coach's Recognition Awards (Seniors) – DT Young Thompson, OG Aaron Higginbotham, CB David Hinton and LB Scott McKee Champion Awards (Scout Teams) – Freshman LB John McKinney, sophomore Zachary Sparksman (special teams) and freshman OL Keith Jackson.

#### Wildcats on the All-Pacific-10 Conference Team

Junior inside linebacker Lance Briggs became a three-time first-team all-league selection in 2002. He was joined on the first team by senior wide receiver Bobby Wade and senior linebacker Ray Wells, who was selected as the league's top special teams' performer. UA had two second-team selections — Wade as a punt returner and senior offensive lineman Makoa Freitas. Five other Cats received honorable mention honors — senior quarterback Jason Johnson, senior tight end James Hugo, senior defensive tackle Young Thompson, senior free safety Jarvie Worcester and redshirt freshman cornerback Darrell Brooks. Briggs was among leading tacklers in the league for the third consecutive year, Wade led the league in receptions and receiving yards per game and Wells was UA's top tackler on kicking units, plus led the squad with three interceptions. Wade earned second-team All-America honors from *The Sporting News*.

Pac-10 Players of the Week: CB Michael Jolivette (ST), vs. NAU; QB Jason Johnson (Off)., vs. California.

#### **Arizona Scholastic Honors**

Three Wildcats earned Pac-10 All-Academic Football Team honors, and three others were honorable mention picks. Senior QB Jason Johnson and sophomore linebacker/snapper Ben DalMolin were both first-team honorees. Redshirt freshman CB Darrell Brooks earned second-team status. Redshirt freshman QB Nic Costa, senior WR Gens Goodman and senior PK Sean Keel received honorable mention. Johnson was voted to the Verizon District VII All-Academic first-team after earning second-team honors in 2001. Earlier in the year Johnson became UA's third-consecutive recipient of AFCA Good Works Team honors, following punter Chris Palic in 2001 and DE Eli Wnek last year.

#### **Game Captains**

Head coach John Mackovic selected game captains each week. Northern Arizona: QB Jason Johnson, LB Lance Briggs, FS Jarvie Worcester and TE James Hugo. Utah – LB Ray Wells, OT Makoa Freitas, WR Bobby Wade. Wisconsin – Hugo, Wells, Freitas, DT Young Thompson. North Texas – Thompson, J. Johnson, Wade, Worcester. Oregon: Freitas, Wade, Wells, CB David Hinton. Washington: Johnson, Reggie Sampay, Thompson, Worcester. Stanford: Briggs, Hugo, Wells, Freitas. Washington State: Hinton, J. Johnson, Briggs, OG Aaron Higginbotham. Oregon State: J.Johnson, Wade, Briggs, Freitas. UCLA: Wells, Wade, Worcester, Briggs. Cal: Wells, Johnson, Freitas, Hinton. ASU: Elected captains: Johnson, Briggs, Worcester, Freitas, Wade.

#### Arizona Head Coach John Mackovic

Arizona's 26<sup>th</sup> head coach completed his second year at Arizona and 18<sup>th</sup> season as a collegiate head coach, athletics director or professional head coach in 2002. Another dozen years in the game as a coordinator or assistant, and a few years outside the game as a football TV analyst, make Mackovic a mentor with more than three decades of established leadership in college football.

Such understanding of the game is a boon for the program. Despite successive records of 5-6 and 4-8 in his first two years at Arizona, Mackovic's dedication to performing at the top level and to *building* a program has never been more apparent than in the aftermath of 2002.

Off-the-field distractions played a role late in Arizona's 2002 season and one focal week in November received national publicity after some Arizona players met not-so-secretly with the University president to voice concerns. The coach publicly accepted responsibility for the team's internal difficulties the next day, then induced the team to step forward and get on with it -- and the club went out and played its best game of the year a few days later. The coach was lifted upon the shoulders of two young players at game's end.

It wasn't enough to make 2002 a critical success, but it revealed an Arizona team capable of successful Pac-10 football.

And months later, Arizona's recruiting efforts under Mackovic appeared well on the way to bringing in another quality class. Re-tooling the Cats is under way and spring ball and the 2003 season are welcome on the horizon.

As the District 9 representative on the Board of Trustees of the American Football Coaches Association, Mackovic, 59, has a voice heard nationally. His focus on the total student-athlete has been underscored by nine national academic/citizenship honor winners during his collegiate career including two members, Jason Johnson in 2002 and Eli Wnek in 2001, selected to the American Football Coaches Association "Good Works Team." Arizona recorded a program-high four first-team Academic All-Pac-10 selections in 2001 and two more in 2002.

Mackovic's reputation for the passing game was evident in 2002. UA set a slew of passing and offensive records, including a record 492-yard day at California, plus posted three other 400+ games. In his two short years, UA has put up half of its top 10 passing-game marks. The Cats scored the most points in a single (regulation) game than it had in 19 seasons, hitting for 52 at California in the game that snapped a six-game Pac-10 losing streak. The Cats have exceeded 400 yards in total offense 10 times in Mackovic's two years.

The recruiting success in his initial year in Tucson provided Arizona some young talent that the program had to count on during a 2002 year marred by injuries. Five of six junior college players signed for 2002 played and the sixth was a projected starter unable to compete due to injury. Among a scholarship freshman class of 21 that reported in August, 11 played, including starts by a punter, three offensive linemen, a couple of running backs, a linebacker and defensive back.

Mackovic's first year in Tucson in 2001 opened with the team snapping a program five-game losing streak, and opened the year 3-0 to complete only the third perfect non-conference campaign in the past 11 seasons.

Mackovic's first Arizona team unveiled a sophisticated offensive attack that produced a 2,000-yard passer, a 1,000-yard rusher and a near 1,000-yard receiver, and in 2002 the program moved forward in a similar direction predicated on the passing game. Jason Johnson reached the 3,000-yard passing level while wide receiver Bobby Wade crossed the 1,000-yard mark and receiver Andrae Thurman was close with 915 yards. Wade and Thurman combined for a school duo-record 154 receptions.

Mackovic is the first UA coach to win his first two season openers since Jim Young in 1973 and 1974, when Mackovic was the offensive coordinator in Tucson. He is six victories shy of the 100-victory career level.

#### Mackovic at a Glance:

➤ 15<sup>th</sup> year as a collegiate head coach

Overall collegiate record: 94-77-3 (.546)

Career bowl teams: Eight
Arizona record: 9-13
Pac-10 Record: 3-12
Arizona Road Record: 4-6
Arizona Home Record: 5-7

- Walter Camp Foundation National Coach of the Year, 1979
- Conference Coach of the Year: ACC ('79), Big Ten ('88, '89), SWC ('95)
- Pac-10 First-team All-Academic Selections: Five
- AFCA 'Good Works Team' selections: Five

# **Assistant Rob lanello Joins AFCA Board**

Wide receivers coach and recruiting coordinator Rob lanello was elected to the Board of Trustees of the American Football Coaches Association at the AFCA annual convention Jan. 7 in New Orleans. Ianello and Michigan head coach Lloyd Carr were the new members picked by the association. Ianello is the assistant coach representative on the Board, joining UA head coach John Mackovic, who was elected last year. The Board guides the association, which was formed in 1922 and works to maintain high standards in football and the coaching profession through discussion and study of all pertinent matters. More than 9,000 members come from all levels of the profession.

#### **Home Sweet Home?**

Since October 2000, Arizona has lost 11 consecutive Pac-10 home games, vs. a 3-8 road mark in the same span. Overall, Arizona will have to win its 2003 season opener to avoid tying the school home-game losing streak of five games set by the 1957 and 1966 Arizona teams.

#### 'Bowl-Filled' Schedule

Arizona played eight games against teams in 2002-03 bowl games – Washington State, Washington, Arizona State, Wisconsin, North Texas, UCLA, Oregon and Oregon State. North Texas (8-5) was eventual Sun Belt champion. WSU (10-3) shared the Pac-10 crown with Southern California (11-2), UA's 2002 Pac-10 "miss." Arizona opponents played to an 83-62 (.572) regular-season record in 2002. Aside from WSU and USC (both 7-1), and Arizona and Stanford (both 1-7), the rest of the league finished within two games of each other in the standings, including a four-way tie for fourth place. Looking ahead, Arizona's 2003 schedule includes 10 games against 2002 bowl teams.

# **Arizona's Departing Senior Class**

Arizona's senior class for 2002: CB Johnny Bailey, LB Lance Briggs, OT Makoa Freitas, WR Gens Goodman, OL Aaron Higginbotham, CB David Hinton, TE James Hugo, QB Jason Johnson, PK Sean Keel, LB Scott McKee, DT Bobby Ramsey, OT Darren Safranek, DT Young Thompson, OT John Vorsheck, WR Bobby Wade, LB Ray Wells, FB Joey Willrodt and FS Jarvie Worcester. Fourteen started games in their careers – though two of those (Safranek and Vorsheck) missed the entire 2002 season with injuries. Briggs, Wade, Freitas and Worcester were four-year regulars in the lineup. Hugo, Hinton, Johnson, Keel, Thompson and Wells were multiple-year regulars. Bailey, McKee and Goodman had scout team duty in recent years but also have seen game action, with Goodman and McKee frequent starters on kicking units. A couple of guys leave as all-time UA record-holders – Johnson and Wade. Freitas, Higginbotham, Hugo, Johnson, McKee, Safranek and Worcester were fifth-year seniors, while Briggs, Keel, Thompson and Wade each played as true freshmen. Bailey, Goodman, Vorsheck, Wells and Willrodt were transfers. Ten of the group served as game captains various weeks during the season – Briggs, Freitas, Higginbotham, Hinton, Hugo, Johnson, Thompson, Wade, Wells and Worcester.

#### **Arizona 2002 Game-by-Game Starters**

	WR	LT	LG	С	RG	RT	QB	TE/WR	HB/WR	FB/WR/TE	WR	PK
NAU	Wade	C.Johnsn	Higgin.	Sampay	Parada	Phillips	J.Johnson		Farmer	Willrodt	Thurman	Keel
Utah	Wade	C.Johnsn	Freitas	Fraser	Sampay	Phillips	J.Johnson	U	Farmer	Willrodt	Thurman	Keel
@Wisc	Wade	C.Johnsn	Freitas	Fraser	Lefotu	Phillips	J.Johnson	Hugo	Farmer	Willrodt	Relford	Keel
N.Texas	Wade	C.Johnsn	Freitas	Fraser	Lefotu	Phillips	J.Johnson	Relford	Valentine	Williams	Thurman	Keel
Oregon	Wade	C.Johnsn	Freitas	Fraser	Lefotu	Phillips	J.Johnson		M. Bell	Jones	Thurman	Gill
Wash	Wade	Freitas	Higgin.	Fraser	Sampay	Phillips	J.Johnson	Hugo	M. Bell	Jones	Thurman	Gill
Stanford	Wade	C. Johnsn		Fraser	Sampay	Phillips	J.Johnson	•	Carr	Williams	Relford	Gill
WSU	Wade	Freitas	Lefotu	Fraser	Sampay	C.Johnsn	J.Johnson	Hugo	M. Bell	Fleming	Thurman	Gill
OSU	Wade	Freitas	Sampay	Fraser	Lefotu	C.Johnsn	J.Johnson	Williams	Carr	G. Harris	Thurman	Gill
UCLA	Wade	Freitas	Sampay	Fraser	Lefotu	T. Bell	J.Johnson	Hugo	Scott	Williams	Thurman	Gill
Cal	Wade	Freitas	Sampay	Fraser	T. Bell	Phillips	J.Johnson	Relford	M. Bell	Harris	Thurman	Gill
ASU	Wade	Freitas	Sampay	Fraser	Lefotu	Phillips	J.Johnson	Hugo	M. Bell	Harris	Thurman	Keel
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NAU	Avegalio	Williams	Thompson	Siofele	Molina	Briggs	Wells	Brooks	Hardt	Jolivette	Worcester	Peru
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Utah @Wisc	Avegalio Avegalio Avegalio	Williams Feula Brittain Brittain Williams	Thompson Thompson Thompson	Siofele Siofele Siofele Siofele Siofele	Molina Molina Molina	Briggs Briggs Briggs Briggs Howard	Wells Love Wells	Brooks Brooks Brooks	Hardt Hardt Wingate Hardt Hardt	Jolivette Jolivette Hinton	Worcester Worcester Worcester	Peru Peru Peru
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# **Newcomers Participate**

Arizona played a number of new and redshirted players in 2002. Ten started games on offense, six started games on defense and two kicked. True freshman offensive linemen Kili Lefotu, John Parada and Tanner Bell had starts; true freshmen running backs Gilbert Harris and Beau Carr had starts; true freshman linebacker Spencer Larsen and safety Lamon Means had starts; and true freshman Danny Baugher punted. Redshirt freshmen running backs Mike Bell, Gainus Scott and Sean Jones had starts. Junior college transfers Juan Valentine (WR) and punter James Molina, plus senior spring newcomer Joey Willrodt (FB) had starts. Redshirt freshmen DE Copeland Bryan, DT Brad Brittain and CB Darrell Brooks started games. Other true freshman to see action but not start included WR Biren Ealy, CB Jason Martin and DE Marcus Smith. Other newcomers who saw action included jucos in DT Carl Tuitavuki, DE Javier Martinez and CB Luis Nunez. Other redshirt freshman who saw action included FB Antoine Singfield and LB Nick McCalmont. Walk-on former basketball player Mike Schwertley also worked his way into special teams play after joining the club in fall camp. Larsen, a key in the linebacking corps, has since decided to take a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

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Arizona Football Records and Arizona Top 10 Marks Set in 2002
*Pass Receptions, Career: 230, Bobby Wade (3351 yards, 23 TD)
*Pass Receptions, Career, No. 9 – Andrae Thurman, 105 (1530 yards, 5 TD)
*Receiving Yards, Career: 3351, Bobby Wade (3351, 23 TD)
*Receiving Yards, Career, No. 11 - Andrae Thurman, 1530 (105 recpt, 5 TD)
*Pass Receptions, Season – 93, Bobby Wade (1389 yards, 8 TD)
*Pass Receptions, Season, No. 6 – Andrae Thurman, 61 (915 yards, 3 TD)
*Receiving Yards, Season, No. 2 - Bobby Wade, 1389 (93 recpt, 8 TD)
*Receiving Yards, Season, No. 8 – Andrae Thurman, 915 (61 recpt, 3 TD)
*Pass Receptions, Single Game, No. 2 – Bobby Wade, 12 (151 yards) vs Oregon
*Pass Receptions, Single Game, No. 4 - Bobby Wade, 11 (222 yards) at California
*Pass Receptions, Single Game, No. 9 – Bobby Wade, 10 (155 yards) at Washington
*Receiving Yards, Single Game, No. 3 – Bobby Wade, 222 (11 recpts)
*Most Pass Caught, Career Per Game - 5.1, Bobby Wade (230 in 45)
*Most Career TD Receptions, No. 3 – Bobby Wade (23)
*Most Consecutive Games Catching a Pass - tie, 42, Bobby Wade (Sept. 18, 1999 [Stanford]- Nov. 29, 2002 [ASU])
*Career 100-Yard Receiving Games, No. 2 – 12, Bobby Wade, 1999-2000
*Most Pass Attempts, Season – 410, Jason Johnson, 2002 (410-239-13-3327-16)
*Most Pass Completions, Game – 31, Jason Johnson, at Cal (45-31-1-492-4)
*Most Pass Completions, Season – 239, Jason Johnson, 2002 (410-239-13-3327-16)
*Highest Completion Percentage, Season, Minimum 200 att. - .583, Jason Johnson (239-410, 3327 yds)
*Most Passing Yards Gained, Game – 492, Jason Johnson at California
*Most Passing Yards Gained, Game, No. 2 – Jason Johnson (443 at Washington)
*Most Passing Yards Gained, Game, No. 4 – Jason Johnson (416 vs. Utah)
*Most Passing Yards Gained, Game, No. 7 – Jason Johnson (381 vs. NAU)
*Most Passing Yards Gained, Season – 3327, Jason Johnson (410-239-13-3327-16)
*Most Passing Yards, Season Per Game – 277.2, Jason Johnson
*Passing Yards, Career, No. 4 – 5749, Jason Johnson (719-413-26-5749-35)
*Passing Efficiency, Season, No. 10 – Jason Johnson, 132.99 (410 att)
*Touchdown Passes, Season, No. 6 - Jason Johnson, 16
*Pass Completion Percentage, Season, No. 4 – Jason Johnson, .583, (410-239)
*Longest Passes, No. 3 – 92 yards, Nic Costa to Andrae Thurman vs. UCLA
*Most Plays, Season – 470, Jason Johnson (60 rush, 410 pass)
*Most Yards Gained, Season – 2954, Jason Johnson (3327 pass, -373 rush)
*Career Highest Average Gain Per Play, Minimum 4000 yards – Jason Johnson, 6.4 (832 for 5285)
*Career Total Offense, No. 7 – Jason Johnson (832 plays)
*Total Offense Season – Jason Johnson, 2954 (470 plays)
*Total Offense Single Game, No. 3 – Jason Johnson, 444 at Cal (52 plays)
*Total Offense Single Game, No. 5 – Jason Johnson 411 at Washington (47 plays)
*Total Offense Single Game, No. 6 – Jason Johnson 384 vs. Utah (40 plays)
*Total Offense Single Game, No. 8 – Jason Johnson 373 vs. NAU (37 plays)
*Fewest Yards, Pac-10 Game – 93 at Oregon State (58 plays)
*All Purpose Yardage, Season, No. 3 – 1949 yards, Bobby Wade (127 plays)
*All Purpose Yardage, Career, No. 4 – 4785 yards, Bobby Wade (340 plays)
*All Purpose Yardage, Single Game, No. 13 – 263 yards, Bobby Wade (11 plays) at California
*Scoring Career, No. 8 – Sean Keel, 182 points (0-83-33)
*Punt Return Average, Season, No. 6 – Bobby Wade, 14.0 (16-224)
*Rushing, Most Yards Lost, Season – Jason Johnson, 409 (net: -373)
*Passes Broken Up, Career - 38 (tie), Michael Jolivette
*Total Tackles, Career, No. 15 - Lance Briggs, 308
*Solo Tackles, Career, No. 9 - Lance Briggs, 205
*Yards Gained Passing – 492 at California
*Yards Gained Passing, No. 2 – 443 at Washington
*Yards Gained Passing, No. 5 - 416 vs. Utah
*Yards Gained Passing, No. 6 – 407 vs. NAU
*Passes Yards Per Game - 289.8
*Rushing Yards Gained, Pac-10 Game: Fewest: -23 at Oregon State (25 att)
*Total Offense, Pac-10 Game: Fewest: 93, at Oregon State
*Rushes Per Game, Fewest: 30.0 (360 in 12)
*Rushing Yards Per Game, Lowest: 43.8 (526 in 12)
*Average Gain Per Rush, Lowest: 1.5 (360 for 526)
*Passes Completed, Game – 31 at California
*Consecutive extra-points by kicking allowed – 78, WSU 2000-Washington 2002
*Opponents Made Field Goals - 22
*Opponents Field Goal Attempts – 27
*Opponents Field Goal Percentage, Highest - .814 (22 of 27)
*Most Points Allowed by Kicking – 98 (22 FG, 32 PAT)
*Most First Downs By Passing Allowed – 132
*Fewest First Downs Rushing, Game - 0, vs. Oregon
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# The Passing Game

Arizona's offensive output was 87 percent via the pass in 2002 – 3477 yards of 4003 total. The Cats tried to run the ball, using rushing plays on 360 attempts and throwing the ball 430 times. But realistically if you discount opponents sacking UA quarterbacks 52 times (and subtract those from rushing attempts), the Wildcats ran the ball 37 percent of the time. Not that the passing game didn't click. UA enjoyed a school-record 289.8 passing yards per game, besting the previous high by more than 30 yards per contest. Quarterback Jason Johnson set season records in nearly every category, plus he and receiver Bobby Wade re-wrote some career marks. Still, 17 passing touchdowns and seven rushing touchdowns didn't get the job done. UA will work diligently to get its running game back in 2003 (and the return of all-league halfback Clarence Farmer certainly won't hurt). The Cats had a couple of contests in which eventual total offense was all by passing – vs. Washington State, at Oregon State and at California (-17, -23 and –5 net rushing yards, respectively). Oregon State saddled UA with its worst-ever total offense figure in Pac-10 play, 93 net yards. Twenty-two percent of Arizona's 58 plays ended in minus yardage (13 Beaver tackles for loss). All eight losses came when Arizona had fewer rushing yards than opponents.

# The Running Game

Entering 2002 Arizona returned the league's top rusher, Clarence Farmer, and a stable of backs. Nearly all of them missed games because of injury, including Farmer out for the final eight (knee). Initial starting fullback Joey Willrodt – who earned the nod and a scholarship with a fine camp – missed seven games. The next fullback, Sean Jones, missed five games.. Redshirt freshman halfback Mike Bell overcame turf toe to play all year, but was not at his best, and fellow redshirt frosh halfback Gainus Scott missed five games. Ultimately, true freshmen Beau Carr at halfback and Gilbert Harris at fullback learned the ropes. Bell managed to lead the club with 341 rushing yards, thanks to a 70-yard game on 12 carries (5.8 ypc) in the finale to edge out Farmer, who gained 309 in his four outings to open the year. Carr (126 net), Scott (68) and Harris (56) checked in next. Tackles for losses dumped 628 yards from UA's gross of 1,154 and the Cats ended up with 526 net yards rushing for the year.

# **Special Teams**

UA led the league in punt returns (16.6), was fifth in kickoff coverage (21.0), ninth in kickoff returns (17.7), ninth in net punting (30.1), 10<sup>th</sup> in field goal percentage (.591), blocked three punts and three field goals, and had five field goals and two punts blocked. Bobby Wade was No. 3 in the league in punt returns (14.0). The Cats used Sean Keel (6-11 FG) and Bobby Gill (7-11 FG) for place kicks, used Ryan Slack and James Molina for kickoffs, and used Ramey Peru (36.9), Danny Baugher (37.7) and Molina (36.7) for punting chores.

# The Scoring Zone

Arizona scored 24 times in 34 penetrations inside the opponents' 20 yard-line, an effectiveness of 75 percent. Fifteen of the scores were touchdowns for a TD rate of 44 percent. Opponents scored 39 times in 51 tries (77 percent) and had 24 touchdowns (47 percent). The Cats had the same number of passing TDs in the scoring zone (9), but considerably less rushing touchdowns (15 for opponents, 6 for UA). Arizona's rushing offense – last in Division I-A – made it hard to foster a punch-it-in mentality so useful in football. Opportunities are probably the key to viewing red-zone statistics. Had Arizona penetrated the scoring zone as many times as opponents (51) – and kept its scoring rate the same – it might have scored another seven touchdowns and four more field goals. Those 58 points might have come in handy; UA lost five Pac-10 games by a combined 57 points. UA's most effective games in scoring zone performance were the first two and last two games. UA was 4-for-5 against NAU and 3-for-4 against Utah inside the 20, and 5-for-5 at California and 3-for-4 against Arizona State. Perhaps it's not a big coincidence that UA was 3-1 in those contests. In one three-game stretch (WSU, OSU and UCLA), Arizona crossed midfield only 12 times and had one red-zone penetration – resulting in a blocked field goal (UCLA). Those three opponents scored 12 times in 16 penetrations, to skew the season totals in the other guys' favor.

Arizona: 32 Scoring Zone Possessions – 24 scores; 75% scoring, 44% TD (15) Opponents: 51 Scoring Zone Possessions – 39 scores; 77% scoring, 47% TD (24)

#### **Turnovers**

UA was 3-0 in games when it had fewer turnovers. In the rest – 1-8. A five turnover day in the season finale ruined an otherwise solid opportunity to win, for example. The miscues against Arizona State led to 14 points in a 14-point game, plus the last interception took the ball from Arizona with five minutes remaining and ASU ran out the clock. The flip side – takeaways – proved valuable. In UA's lone conference victory against California, the Cats had two interceptions and a fumble recovery that led to 14 points, plus blocked a punt and returned it for seven more – 21 of 51 points. Against WSU, a sack-fumble gave Washington State its first two points on a safety when the ball bounced through the end zone; and another sack caused another fumble by Jason Johnson half way through the fourth quarter to lead to a short touchdown drive. Those 10 points factored in a game Arizona lost by eight. The Cats held turnovers to a relative minimum, but also did not get their hands on the ball enough defensively. Arizona was in the top half (50<sup>th</sup>) of Division I-A with 25 turnovers, but was 101<sup>st</sup> with only 18 turnovers gained, rating the team No. 84 in margin at -.58 per game. Three Stanford interceptions and a lost fumble hurt vs. the Cardinal, while Arizona had one pick by Lance Briggs. Arizona did not turn the ball over in victories against NAU and North Texas.

Turnovers: Arizona 25, Opponents 18 Turnover Points: Arizona 45, Opponents 85

Miscue Points: Arizona 62, Opponents 90 (includes turnover, safety, blocked/botched kick possessions

#### 3-1 vs. 1-7

A couple of statistical marks reveal a marked contrast in Arizona's 3-1 non-conference record and its 1-7 league mark.

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Game Score Average	21-15	18-31	Swing of 16 pts defensively
Rushing Yards Per Game	105.2	13.1	-92 yards per game
Average Per Rush	2.8	0.5	-2.3 yards per attempt
Avg. Time of Possession	31:21	27:15	-4 minutes
Total Offense	392.8	304.0	-88 yards per game
Total Defense	315.5	421.5	+106 yards per game
Third Down Conversions	44%	34%	-10%
Sacks Allowed	9-79	43-367	3 more sacks per game
Sacks By	8-41	18-113	no improvement
Touchdowns	9	18	no improvement
Touchdowns allowed	6	29	2 more TDs per game

#### Record Receiver Bobby Wade, First-Team All-Pac-10

Arizona wide receiver Bobby Wade, a second-team All-American pick by *The Sporting News*, led the Pacific-10 Conference in receptions per game (7.8), receiving yards per game (115.8), and all-purpose yardage (162.4). He was No. 3 in punt returns (14.0) to help UA take the team title in that category (16.6). He was third in the league with 1389 receiving yards on 93 catches, playing a game or two less than the two players ahead of him (Reggie Williams-UW, Shaun McDonald-ASU). He was fifth nationally in catches per game, fifth nationally in receiving yards per game, seventh in all-purpose yardage and seventh in total receiving yards. He was selected first-team All-Pac-10 as a wide receiver and earned second-team honors as the punt returner. He became the all-time UA receptions leader with 230 catches and the career leader with 3351 receiving yards. His 230 receptions are No. 2 in Pacific-10 history, as are his receiving yards. He had 222 yards at California on 11 receptions, the No. 3 yardage total in UA history. He had seven 100-yard games in 2002 for a career total of 12 games over the century mark. He caught a pass in a school-record 43 consecutive games. He's third in the UA record book with 23 career scoring receptions. He finished his career with 340 plays (receptions, returns, rushes) for 4785 all-purpose yards, No. 4 on UA's chart. On his career touches he managed 14.0 yards per pop. Wade was elected a captain by his teammates in 2002 and the team's Most Valuable Player.

# Top Individual Single-Season Receiving

Player	Rec	Yds	TD	YPC	Year	Yardage Rank	UA Career Receiving
Bobby Wade	93	1389	8	14.9	2002	2	1. Bobby Wade ('99-02) - 230-3351, 23TD
Dennis Northcutt	88	1422	8	16.1	1999	1	2. Dennis Northcutt ('96-99) - 223-3252, 24 TD
Jim Greth	76	1003	8	13.1	1966	4	3. Theo Bell ('72-75) - 153-2509, 30 TD
Dennis Northcutt	63	922	6	14.6	1998	6	4. Jon Horton ('83-86) - 136-2415, 16 TD
Bobby Wade	62	882	8	14.2	2001	8	5. Richard Dice ('93-96) - 119-1957, 17 TD

# Linebacker Lance Briggs, Three-time First-Team All-Pac-10

Briggs earned first-team all-league honors for the third consecutive year, and might have had a chance at a fourth had he not played fullback his true freshman season in 1999. He finished his year in typical Briggs' fashion, recording 15 tackles against Arizona State. The effort gave him 98 for the season and 308 career tackles. He missed one game (Oregon, ankle injury) or easily would have eclipsed the 100-tackle barrier for a second time (113 as soph, 93 as junior, 4 on special teams as a frosh). His career totals include 35.5 tackles for loss, 10.5 sacks, four interceptions, 10 passes broken up, five forced fumbles and four fumble recoveries. The 308 career hits is No. 15 on UA's historical chart. He had 15 tackles against Wisconsin and 14 tackles against Washington State in 2002. His career high came in his initial game as a linebacker when he had 16tackles to open his true sophomore year at Utah in 2000. Briggs was elected a team captain by his teammates in 2002, and the club's Most Outstanding Defensive Player.

# Linebacker Ray Wells, First-Team All-Pac-10

UA linebacker Ray Wells capped a fine two-year career as a Wildcat linebacker with a career-high 12 tackles and his team-high third interception of the year in the season finale. A stalwart on UA kicking teams, Wells was picked by league coaches as the first-team All-Pac-10 special teams player. He finished the year with 77 tackles, forced two fumbles, and returned one of his three passes 42 yards for a score (at Cal). He had another double-digit day with 10 tackles against North Texas. Wells won the team's Most Valuable Special Teams Player award in 2002.

# Quarterback Jason Johnson, Team Offensive MVP, First-Team Academic All-Pac-10

Senior quarterback Jason Johnson helped UA's offense go places in 2002 and posted a record season. He finished No. 17 nationally in passing yards (3327), No. 21 in pass completions per game (19.9), No. 26 in total offense (246.2) and No. 26 ion passing efficiency (132.9). He set Arizona single-season records with the yardage figure, his attempts (410), completions (239) and yards per game ((277.2), plus set single-game records with 31 completions and 492 yards at California. His percentage of .583 was the top figure in UA history for quarterbacks with more than 200 attempts and the No. 4 figure overall. His 3327 passing yards are an all-time top 15 effort in Pac-10 history. He had eight career 300-yard games including a 443-yard effort against Washington and a 416-yard game against Utah in 2002. A 381-yard game against Northern Arizona gave him four of the top 10 single-game totals in UA history. Johnson moved the ball around, helping UA hit 16 different receivers in 2002 including 10 against North Texas. A graduate student in religious studies, Johnson's a two-time first-team Academic All-Pac-10 quarterback, a member of the 2002 AFCA "Good Works Team" which cited scholastic and civic responsibility, and was UA's nominee for the National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete award and Academic All-America. He earned District VIII All-Academic Football honors. He was elected a team captain by his teammates for 2002.

#### Arizona's Top Individual Single-Season Passing Leaders

Player	Yards	Per Game	Att	Comp	Pct	Int	TD	Year
Jason Johnson	3327	277.2	410	239	.583	13	16	2002
Tom Tunnicliffe	2520	229.0	328	176	.537	14	18	1982
Tom Tunnicliffe	2474	224.9	351	185	.527	16	11	1983
Marc Reed	2368	236.8	365	193	.529	16	20	1966
Jason Johnson	2347	213.3	298	169	.567	13	19	2001
Overall completion	% record:	.685, Keith Sm	ith, 199	8 (113-for	-165; les	ss thai	n 200 a	ttempts).

# Offensive Tackle Makoa Freitas, Second-Team All-Pac-10

Senior offensive lineman Makoa Freitas played both guard and tackle his senior year and earned second-team all-league honors, plus was invited to participate in the East-West Shrine Game and the Rotary Gridiron Classic. His versatility and leadership during his career were a mainstay of UA up-front efforts. He was elected a team captain by his teammates in 2002 and won the team's Martin Gentry Outstanding Lineman award for offense. Likely a guard at the next level and opening at that role in the early season, he moved back to tackle during the second half of 2002 due to various injuries along the front.

#### Siofele Fills In for a Full Year

Junior Joe Siofele was the returning starter at whip linebacker, but filled another role in 2002, playing defensive end in the absence of projected starter Andre Torrey. Siofele made the most of the full season. He had 66 tackles, third on the club (behind linebackers Lance Briggs and Ray Wells), and the most by a UA defensive lineman since Joe Tafoya notched 54 in 2000. Siofele's total passed the most recent high numbers for a defensive lineman, the 56 tackles in 1995 by Tedy Bruschi. Siofele had a career-high 11 tackles against Oregon and added eight at Washington. He had seven against the Cougars, six at Oregon State and six against the Bruins. UA's 1989 club had a trio of tackling linemen with the same or more tackles than Siofele -- Ken Hakes (72), Anthony Smith (71) and Reggie Johnson (66), and a year earlier DT Brad Henke had 90 total tackles in 1988. Siofele likely will move back to outside linebacker in 2003, with ends Torrey, Marcus Smith and Copeland Bryan returning. Siofele was elected the team's Martin Gentry Award winner as the outstanding defensive lineman. Whether he returns to the linebacker corps in 2003 will be determined later, but wherever he plays he'll be a key to Arizona's defensive fortunes, and proved it in 2002.

# The Receiving Line

Bobby Wade had some help from his mates in the receiving corps – notably junior Andrae Thurman and sophomore Lance Relford. Combined they snagged 174 receptions – a school-record 93 by Wade, 61 by Thurman and 20 by Relford. Thurman had four 100-yard receiving games including a career-best 165 yards on nine catches (also a best) against Utah. He tied that total with 9 receptions at Cal, for 151 yards and had 9 grabs for 142 yards at Washington. His five receptions gave him 118 yards vs. UCLA. Relford had three receptions apiece in the last two games of the year, plus was a fine contributor on special teams – he blocked a punt at California that was returned for a score by Lamon Means. Wade and Thurman had 100-yard games together against Utah, Washington and Cal. As a tandem, the 154 receptions for Wade and Thurman are the school-record 1-2 punch, easily eclipsing the mark of 121 catches in a single season by Dennis Northcutt (63) and Jeremy McDaniel (58) in 1998. Thurman hit the UA single-season receptions chart at No. 8 with his 61 grabs and with 105 career receptions is No. 9 in that category, displacing Vance (104 in 1981-84). With another year to go, Thurman could climb into the top three all-time in UA history behind Wade and Northcutt. Thurman was in the top eight in the league in three receiving categories – not bad for a so-called No. 2 receiver.

Arizona Receiving Tande	ems
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Bobby Wade	93	1389	8	154 receptions, 2304 yards, 11 TD
Andrae Thurman	61	915	3	
1998				
Dennis Northcutt	63	922	6	<b>121</b> receptions, 1838 yards, <b>15</b> TD
Jeremy McDaniel	58	916	9	
1999				
Dennis Northcutt	88	1422	8	118 receptions, <b>1867 yards</b> , 12 TD
Bobby Wade	30	454	4	•

# A Dozen Blocks - Both Ways

UA's season saw a baker's dozen blocked kicks — with six by the Wildcats and seven by opponents. Sometimes they led directly to points: at Cal, wide receiver Lance Relford came up with a block on a punt that frosh safety Lamon Means picked up and returned 27 yards for a score. The Bears' took a blocked Bobby Gill field-goal attempt 60 yards into the end zone. Michael Jolivette opened the year for the Cats by blocking two punts in the season opener against NAU, and defensive end Carlos Williams blocked a field goal against North Texas and a field goal against Washington State. Walk-on defensive end Mike Schwertley earned some special teams play and blocked a field goal attempt at Washington to give UA a chance at victory in the fourth quarter. Opponents' blocks in 2002: punt by ASU, field goal by Cal, field goal by UCLA, two field goals by North Texas, field goal by Utah and a punt by Wisconsin. Ouch.

#### **Defense**

Though beset by injuries that thwarted some plans from the onset, UA played good enough pass defense (No. 3 in the league) and scoring defense (No. 5 in the league) to give it chances to win more games. But UA was No. 10 in turnover margin, No. 10 in rushing defense, No. 7 in total defense, No. 9 in net punting and No. 9 in total offense to put more pressure on the defensive unit. It all goes hand in hand. The Cats used the double-eagle flex at times, then adopted some quirks to take advantage of personnel. Part of the evolution of Arizona's 2002 defense started when its best defensive end – Andre Torrey – was hurt in camp and unable to play. Then two other promising freshman prospects – Marcus Smith and Paul Philipp also had early injury problems. Smith subsequently returned to action and Philipp took a redshirt year. Beyond that, injuries to cornerbacks Michael Jolivette and Darrell Brooks, among others, further restricted some of the spring/fall plans for defensive packages. The good news is that young players like cornerback Jason Martin and safety Lamon Means earned some spurs in real-time, not just practice.

# Scoring

No matter what else factors in, points win games. Arizona was outscored by an average of 26-19, allowing 310 points and scoring 227. The opponents' scoring average represented a nice turnaround from the previous year when UA gave up a school-record 34.3 points per game. But UA's offensive output dipped from 29.6 in 2001 to 18.9 a year later. And in the bulk of the season, conference play, Arizona averaged 17.9 points and surrendered an average of 31.2 points per game. This has to change in 2003 if UA wants to win games and contend for post-season acclaim.

#### Conversions

Arizona did not meet its goal of a third-down conversion rate of 42 percent, but was not far off at 38 percent (67-for-176). Another seven conversions here or there would have reached that plateau, established for any given game. The Cats were best in the opener, converting 13 of 21 tries, and against California with a 9-17 day. Defensively, opponents hit the 42 percent mark on the nose, led by 11-17 efforts by Washington and 10-17 by ASU. One bad stretch late in the year hurt UA's chances as it converted 4-for-28 on third-down plays against Oregon State and UCLA including its worst of 2-for-15 vs. the Beavers.

#### Field Goals

UA's place kicking chores were shared in 2002. Initially senior Sean Keel handled the duties for the first four games, then sophomore Bobby Gill handled the role until Keel was given a senior-farewell start in the season finale. Keel (6-for-11) and Gill (7-for-11) both had some good days and tough moments. Two of Keel's misses were blocked and three of Gill's misses were blocked. Keel hit two of three in the first game, then his first three attempts against Utah before missing a 52-yarder, and making his one attempt at Wisconsin to stand at 6-for-8 (and a No. 5 national ranking). Then against North Texas he missed two and had one blocked, and UNT blocked a try by Gill later in the game. The next field goal attempt a few games later, by Gill at Stanford, missed to give UA a drought of five attempts. UA did not attempt a field goal against Oregon or Washington, instead proving more touchdown-effective in the red zone. Game. A final team figure of 13-for-22 (59 percent) shows UA can improve on both kicking and protection.

#### Sacks

Entering the season Arizona was No. 7 nationally among I-A teams with 74 quarterback sacks from 2000-2001. The stat took a downward trend in 2002. UA finished with 26 sacks, a dozen below that Top 10 average and ninth in the Pac-10. On the opposite side, the club was last in the league in sacks against, giving up 52, well above the single-game offensive goal of 1 sack per 20 passing attempts. The club's leader was defensive end Joe Siofele with 5.5, followed by walk-on redshirt freshman DE Copeland Bryan with 5.0. It was the first time since 1988 (Brad Henke, Reggie Johnson and Dana Wells, all with 5.5) that the UA leader did not have at least half a dozen sacks..

#### Wildcat Notes...

- ...Arizona's recent span of Pac-10 difficulty (end of the 2000, the 2001 and 2002 seasons) -- with a 3-18 record in its last 21 conference games -- is its worst such stretch since joining the league for the 1978 season. This year UA had fourth-quarter chances against Washington, Stanford, Washington State and Arizona State, but came up with only seven points in the stanza against league foes before the 21-point fourth-period outburst at California...
  ...Bobby Wade's 222 receiving yards in the Cal game was the third-best in UA history... His 263 all-purpose yards (2-34 punt return, 1-7 on an onsides kick attempt by Cal) hit the UA chart at No. 13 and is the sixth-best total by a receiver in UA history...
- ...Rushing by UA and opponents was unequal, particularly in league games where the Cats were on the short end of a 1253-105 margin. Arizona managed only 13.5 yards per game in eight Pac-10 contests. The season total of 526 (43.8 ypg) was an all-time low, wiping out the previous low 71.2 rushing yards per game (put up by a record passing team in 1966).....UA's minus rushing figures (-17 vs. WSU, -23 vs. OSU, -5 vs. Cal) were its first ever in its Pac-10 years. The school record is -49 vs. ASU (Border Conference) in 1958...
- ...Arizona did a pretty good job holding opponents to a total of 60 fourth-quarter points, but managed only 34... UA nearly doubled its fourth-quarter scoring with 21 points in the stanza against California. UA had scored a total of 13 points in the fourth quarter before that contest...
- ...UA had only 18 sacks in its Pac-10 games and came up with its most in the Cal game, four. The Cats had three against ASU. UA was sackless against UCLA, its first shutout in the category in 19 games (since at Oregon State in 2001). Meantime, Pac-10 opponents had 43 in the eight contests. Overall, in 12 games, Jason Johnson and backup QB Nic Costa lost 446 yards being sacked...
- ...Frosh linebacker Spencer Larsen recorded tackles on each of the first two plays of his career, some second-half action against Northern Arizona in the season opener. He subsequently became the Cats starter at the whip/stack position. In his first start, against Oregon, he posted eight tackles and his first sack among two TFL. He finished with 41 tackles, two sacks and three passes defensed. Larsen has opted to take a two-year Mormon Mission and will leave the program.
- ...Nic Costa's 92-yard pass for a touchdown to Andrae Thurman on a scramble play in the second quarter against UCLA tied for the third-longest pass play and fourth-longest play in UA history... Costa completed the year with modest totals of seven completions in 19 attempts (.368) for 150 yards, though it was obvious 2002 belonged to Jason Johnson...
- ...Cornerback Michael Jolivette intercepted five passes and set an Arizona single-season record in breaking up 20 passes in 2002, then broke up four passes in two games, plus added seven tackles and two blocked punts... He's a key for 2003... He has 10 career interceptions, five each in his first two years after redshirting his freshman season in 1999...
- ...Redshirt freshman cornerback Darrell Brooks had a career-high 10 tackles against UCLA, while junior safety Clay Hardt added a career-high eight hits in the same game... Brooks completed the year as the No. 5 tackler on the club with 50, plus broke up three passes and recovered a fumble...
- ...Sophomore linebacker Pat Howard Howard missed the first two games after preseason knee arthroscopy, but chipped in 30 tackles, including a career-best seven against Oregon. Sophomore linebacker Kirk Johnson missed a couple of games to injury, but checked in with 28 tackles and a fumble recovery. He had twin career highs of seven tackles at Washington and vs. Stanford. Those two should factor in competition for interior play in 2003...
- ... Redshirt freshman halfback Gainus Scott returned to action vs. UCLA after missing six games. He led the Cats with 32 net rushing yards on eight carries... True freshman Gilbert Harris had his busiest day, rushing eight times for 23 net plus catching a pass for 12 yards against the Bruins.
- ...True freshman free safety Lamon Means made his third start against Oregon State and had seven tackles and broke up a pass for the second consecutive game. In his first start at Stanford he had eight total tackles, plus helped on a tackle for loss...
- ...UA's defense and opposing units each provided nearly equal quick possessions by the other guys. The Wildcats forced opponents into "three-and-out" 47 times, while opponents forced the Cats into the minimum 45 times -- including nine quick possessions against Oregon State...
- ...UA's punted 20 times in the back-to-back Oregon State and UCLA games two contests in which the offense had trouble getting untracked...
- ...Senior free safety Jarvie Worcester's broken right arm at Washington meant every Wildcat starter in the secondary was lost for games in 2002. Junior cornerback Michael Jolivette's knee injury in practice before the Wisconsin game took one of the Cats' best defenders out of the lineup. Against Oregon and Washington the other starter, Darrell Brooks, also was out of the lineup with a sore back, as was backup Luis Nunez (groin). Strong safety Clay Hardt missed a start against Wisconsin with an ankle injury. UA had to play true freshman Jason Martin in his first action of the year to back up starters David Hinton and Gary Love against Oregon and since, and true freshman Lamon Means stepped in and started for Worcester. At Washington the Cats closed the game with Martin and first-timer Lee Patterson (non-scholarship sophomore) anchoring the secondary with a combined one game of experience between them
- ...Arizona is 0-8 in games played in October the past two years, all those the first half of the Wildcats' Pacific-10 Conference schedule each season. One difference this year was closer scores. The Cats allowed 73 fewer points this year in the October games...
- ...The loss of halfback Clarence Farmer for the season took one big-play aspect away from Arizona. On his 17 career touchdown runs, the junior All-Pac-10 back has averaged 25.7 yards. He added a 70-yard score to the mix this year at Wisconsin, UA's longest play of the year... Farmer did not redshirt his freshman year but cannot get a season of eligibility restored because he played in four games this season...

College	e Football Bowl Wra	ap-up
12-17	New Orleans Bowl	North Texas 24, Cincinnati 19
12-18	GMAC Bowl	Marshall 38, Luisville 15
12-23	Tangerine Bowl	Texas Tech 55, Clemson 15
12-25	Las Vegas Bowl	UCLA 27, New Mexico 13
12-25	Hawaii Bowl	Tulane 36, Hawaii 28
12-26	Motor City Bowl	Boston College 51, Toledo 25
12-26	Insight Bowl	Pittsburgh 38, Oregon State 13
12-27	Houston Bowl	Oklahoma State 33, Southern Miss 23
12-27	Independence Bowl	Mississippi 27, Nebraska 23
12-27	Holiday Bowl	Kansas State 34, Arizona State 27
12-28	Alamo Bowl	Wisconsin 31, Colorado 28, OT
12-28	Continental Tire Bowl	Virginia 48, West Virginia 22
12-30	Music City Bowl	Minnesota 29, Arkansas 14
12-30	Seattle Bowl	Wake Forest 38, Oregon 17
12-31	Sun Bowl	Purdue 34, Washington 24
12-31	Liberty Bowl	TCU 17, Colorado State 3
12-31	Silicon Valley Classic	, ,
12-31	Peach Bowl	Maryland 38, Tennessee 30
12-31	San Francisco Bowl	Virginia Tech 20, Air Force 13
1-1	Outback Bowl	Michigan 38, Florida 30
1-1	Cotton Bowl	Texas 35, LSU 20
1-1	Gator Bowl	N.C. State 28, Notre Dame 6
1-1	Capitol One Bowl	Auburn 13, Penn State 9
1-1	Rose Bowl	Oklahoma 34, Washington State 14
1-1	Sugar Bowl	Georgia 26, Florida State 13
1-2	Orange Bowl	Southern California 38, Iowa 17
1-4	Fiesta Bowl	Ohio State 31, Miami 24, 2 OT

# Arizona's Record When It...

Had more first downs than opponent	3-1
Had fewer first downs	1-7
Had more time of possession	3-0
Had less time of possession	1-8
Had more total offense	3-1
Had less total offense	1-7
Had more rushing yards	1-0
Had fewer rushing yards	3-8
Had a 100-yard rusher	0-1
Had no 100-yard rusher	4-7
Had more passing yards	4-4
Had fewer passing yards	0-4
Had fewer turnovers	3-0
Had more turnovers	1-5
Had equal turnovers	0-2
Had fewer penalties	2-4
Had more penalties	0-3
Had the same number of penalties	2-1
Had fewer penalty yards	3-4
Had more penalty yards	1-4
Had higher net punting	2-3
Had lower net punting	2-5
Had more sacks	0-0
Had fewer sacks	3-6
Had the same number of sacks	1-2
Blocked a kick	3-3
Had a kick blocked	3-3
Led at the half	4-2
Trailed at the half	0-5
Led after 3 quarters	4-1
Trailed after 3 quarters	0-6
Tied after 3 quarters	0-1
Used two quarterbacks	1-3
Used one quarterback	3-5
Allowed a 100-yard rusher	1-6
Allowed a 200-yard passer	1-6
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2002 Arizona Football Depth Chart -- Season Finale vs. Arizona State, Nov. 29
(2003 Returnees In Italic)
WR
                   Andrae Thurman, 6-0, 185, *Jr., 2L, Avondale, Ariz. (Westview)
          18
                   Lance Relford, 6-0, 200, *Jr., 2L, Houston, Texas (Booker T. Washington)
         84
                   Ricky Williams, 6-3, 210, *So., SQ, Los Angeles, Calif. (Verbum Dei)
         81
                   Juan Valentine, 6-1, 200, Jr., JC, Houston, Texas (Clear Lake/Tyler JC)
LT
          77
                   Makoa Freitas, 6-4, 295, Sr., 3L, Manoa, Hawaii (Kamehameha)
          72
                   Tanner Bell, 6-8, 324, Fr., HS, Castroville, Calif. (North Monterrey County)
LG
          75
                   Reggie Sampay, 6-3, 285, Jr., 2L, Houston, Texas (North Shore)
          73
                   Aaron Higginbotham, 6-5, 295, *Sr., 2L, Calimesa, Calif. (Yucaipa)
C
                   Keoki Fraser, 6-3, 300, *So., 1L, Kailua, Hawaii (Kailua)
          67
          66
                   Kili Lefotu, 6-5, 298, Fr., HS, Riverside, Calif. (Arlington)
                   Tanner Bell, 6-8, 324, Fr., HS, Castroville, Calif. (North Monterrey County)
RG
          72
          66
                   Kili Lefotu, 6-5, 298, Fr., HS, Riverside, Calif. (Arlington)
RT
                   Brandon Phillips, 6-8, 330, *Jr., 1L, Chandler, Ariz. (Corona del Sol)
          68
         59
                   Chris Johnson, 6-3, 295, *So., SQ, Houston, Texas (North Shore)
TE
         89
                   James Hugo, 6-6, 266, *Sr., 3L, The Woodlands, Texas (Oak Ridge)
         88
                   Justin Levasseur, 6-4, 245, *Jr., 1L, Antioch, Calif. (Antioch)
  or
         87
                   Steve Fleming, 6-6, 250, *So., 1L, Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chaparral)
WR
         1
                   Bobby Wade, 5-11, 185, Sr., 3L, Phoenix, Ariz. (Desert Vista)
         18
                   Lance Relford, 6-0, 200, *Jr., 2L, Houston, Texas (Booker T. Washington)
                   Biren Ealy, 6-2, 175, Fr., HS, Houston, Texas (Cypress Falls)
         82
QB
          10
                   Jason Johnson, 6-2, 215, *Sr., 3L, Puyallup, Wash. (Rogers)
          7
                   Nic Costa, 5-11, 200, *Fr., RS, Aloha, Ore. (Aloha)
HB
          23
                   Gainus Scott, 5-10, 195, *Fr., RS, La Porte, Texas (La Porte)
         26
                   Mike Bell, 6-0, 210, *Fr., RS, Phoenix, Ariz. (Tolleson)
                   Beau Carr, 5-10, 206, Fr, HS, Spring, Texas (Westfield)
         21
FB
         36
                   Gilbert Harris, 6-1, 215, Fr., HS, San Antonio, Texas (Churchill)
         35
                   Sean Jones, 5-11, 230, Fr., HS, Houston, Texas (North Shore)
         36
                   Joey Willrodt, 6-1, 240, *Sr., SQ, Salinas, Calif. (Palma/Moorpark JC)
DE
         98
                   Fata Avegalio, 6-3, 255, *So., 1L, Pago Pago, American Samoa (Leone)
         83
                   Copeland Bryan, 6-4, 230, *Fr., RS, San Jose, Calif. (Bellarmine Prep)
         85
                   Javier Martinez, 6-4, 260, *Jr., JC, Pico Rivera, Calif. (St. Paul/Cerritos CC)
         92
                   Carlos Williams, 6-4, 291, So., 1L, Denver, Colo. (Montbello)
DT
          90
                   Carl Tuitavuki, 6-3, 350, Jr., JC, Oakland, Calif. (San Leandro/Ricks CC)
DT
         93
                   Young Thompson, 6-2, 305, Sr., 3L, Aloa, American Samoa (Samoana)
         99
                   Vince Feula, 6-0, 300, *So., SQ, La Mirada, Calif. ((La Mirada)
DE
          42
                   Joe Siofele, 6-2, 255, *Jr., 2L, Waipahu, Hawaii (St. Louis)
         55
                   Marcus Smith, 6-5, 220, Fr., HS, San Diego, Calif. (Mission Bay)
LB
          7
                   Ray Wells, 6-0, 220, *Sr., 1L, San Diego, Calif. (Mt. Miguel/Mesa JC)
          25
                   Kirk Johnson, 6-1, 215, So., 1L, Oakland, Calif. (Skyline)
         27
LB
                   Lance Briggs, 6-2, 245, Sr., 3L, Sacramento, Calif. (Elk Grove)
          44
                   Pat Howard, 5-11, 220, *So., 1L, La Marque, Texas (La Marque)
         51
                   Spencer Larsen, 6-1, 225, Fr., HS, Gilbert, Ariz. (Highland)
LB
          49
                   Matt Molina, 6-2, 240, *Jr., 1L, Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chaparral)
SS
         33
                   Clay Hardt, 6-2, 200, *Jr., 2L, Marana, Ariz. (Marana)
         30
                   Tony Wingate, 6-1, 200, *So., SQ, Tucson, Ariz. (Sahuaro)
CB
                   Darrell Brooks, 6-0, 191, *Fr., RS, Moreno Valley, Calif. (Moreno Valley)
         6
         9
                   Gary Love, 5-10, 180, Jr., 2L, Los Angeles, Calif. (Jefferson)
         47
                   Jarvie Worcester, 6-0, 204, *Sr., 3L, La Jolla, Calif. (La Jolla)
FS
         19
                   Lamon Means, 6-3, 190, Fr., HS, Galena Park, Texas, (Galena Park)
CB
         2
                   David Hinton, 6-1, 175, *Sr., 2L, San Diego, Calif. (Lincoln Prep)
         3
                   Jason Martin, 5-10, 175, Fr., HS, Pasadena, Calif. (Muir)
PK
          28
                   Bobby Gill, 5-11, 190, *So., SQ, Littleton, Colo. (Mullen)
         3
                   Sean Keel, 6-0, 187, Jr., 2L, Littleton, Colo. (Mullen)
         34
                   Ryan Slack, 6-1, 195, So., 1L, Tucson, Ariz. (Salpointe Catholic)
KO
                   James Molina, 5-11, 195, Jr., SQ, Tucson, Ariz. (Pueblo/East Los Angeles CC)
         20
P
         20
                   James Molina, 5-11, 195, Jr., SQ, Tucson, Ariz. (Pueblo/East Los Angeles CC)
                   Danny Baugher, 5-10, 185, Fr., HS, Phoenix, Ariz. (Mountain Pointe)
          43
   or
                   Jason Johnson, 6-2, 215, *Sr., 3L, Puyallup, Wash. (Rogers)
Hold
          10
Snaps LS 50
                   Ben DalMolin, , 6-0, 210, So., 1L, Globe, Ariz. (Globe)
      PK 42
                   Joe Siofele, 6-2, 255, *Jr., 2L, Waipahu, Hawaii (St. Louis) -- or 67 Keoki Franser
Returns
                   1 Bobby Wade (P/KO), 4 Andrae Thurman (KO/P), 9 Gary Love (KO), 3 Jason Martin (KO)
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The Last Time Arizona...

Returned a punt for a TD: Bobby Wade (60 yards) at Washington, 2000

Returned a blocked punt for a TD: Lamon Means at California, 2002 (27 yards, Lance Relford block) Returned a blocked FG for a TD: Gary Love vs. North Texas, 2002 (60 yards, C. Williams block)

Returned a kickoff for TD: Chris McAlister (100 yards) at Hawaii 1998

Returned an interception for a TD LB Ray Wells (42 yards) at California, 2002; Brandon Nash (13 yards) at Arizona State, 2001

DE Austin Uku (2 yards) vs. WSU, 2001 Returned a fumble for a TD: Blocked a punt for a safety: Andrae Thurman at San Diego State, 2001

Blocked punt (Andrae Thurman), at San Diego State, 2001 Scored a safety:

Did not score: at Washington, 1991 (UW 54-0) Did not score a touchdown: at Oregon State, 2002 (OSU 38-3) Trung Canidate (33-221) at OSU, 1999 A back ran for 200 yards:

A back ran for 100 yards: Clarence Farmer (20-131 - 1 TD) at Wisconsin, 2002

Team rushed for 100 yards vs. North Texas (35-121), 2002 vs. Oregon (36-258, 1 TD), 2001 Rushed for 250 yards Rushed for 275 yards at UCLA (49-307, 3 TD), 1999

Rushed for negative yardage at California (32--5), 2002; at Oregon State (25--23), 2002

A quarterback ran for 100 yards Ortege Jenkins (11-104) vs. UCLA, 2000 A quarterback passed for 300 yards Jason Johnson (23-41-1-302-2) vs. Oregon, 2002

A quarterback passed for 400 yards Jason Johnson (45-31-1-492-4), at California, 2002 (also at Washington, vs. Utah)

Team 400 yards passing at California, 2002 (45-31-1-492-4), 2002 Had 400 yards in total offense at California, 2002 (77-487, 6.3) A receiver had 100 yards Bobby Wade (6-109) vs. Arizona State, 2002 Bobby Wade (11-222, 1 TD) at California, 2002 Bobby Wade (11-222, 1 TD), Andrae Thurman (9-157), at California, 2002 A receiver had 200 yards

Two receivers had 100 yards

Two players rushed for 100 yards: C. Farmer (33-107) and O. Jenkins (11-104) vs. UCLA, 2000

LB Ray Wells (42 yds-TD, 3 yds) at California, 2002 A player intercepted two passes

Blocked a punt: Lance Relford (returned for TD) at California, 2002; Michael Jolivette (2) vs. Northern Arizona, 2002 Carlos Williams vs. WSU, 2002; Mike Schwertley at Washington, 2002; Williams vs. North Texas, 2002 Blocked a field goal:

Blocked a PAT kick: Peter Hansen at USC, 2000; Antonio Pierce at USC, 2000

Scored a 2-pt. conversion: Jason Johnson to Andrae Thurman pass at San Diego State, 2001

Missed a PAT kick: Sean Keel vs. Arizona State, 2002 (wide) Bobby Gill (30 yards) at California, 2002 (1-for-2) Made a field goal: Missed a field goal: Bobby Gill (44 yards, blocked) at California, 2002 (1-for2)

Beat a ranked team: 31-15 at USC (No.18), 2000

13-21 vs. Washington State (No. 9), plus three others in 2002 Lost to a ranked team:

Beat an unranked team: 52-41 at California, 2002 Lost to an unranked team: 20-24 vs. Arizona State, 2002

Won as a ranked team: 53-47 vs. Washington State (Arizona No. 22), 2000

Won as an unranked team: 52-41 at California, 2002

Lost as a ranked team: 24-27 vs. UCLA, 2000 (Arizona No. 24)

Lost as an unranked team: 20-34 vs. Arizona State, 2002

Played in tie-breaker game: 53-47 vs. Washington State, 2000 (3 OT)

The last time an Opponent...

Returned a punt for a TD: Eric Guliford (68 yards), at Arizona State, 1991 Kenny Farley (24 yards), at Oregon State, 2001 Recovered a blocked punt for a TD: Returned a blocked FB for a TD: James Bethea (60 yards), at California, 2002 LaShaun Ward (94 yards) at California, 2002 Returned a kickoff for TD:

Returned an interception for a TD: Kris Richard (58 yards) vs. USC, 2001; Kevin Arbet (70) yards vs. USC, 2001

Coy Wire (89 yards), Stanford, 2001 Returned a fumble for a TD:

Washington State (sack forces fumbled ball thru endzone), 2002 Scored a safety:

Illinois, 1996 (UA 41-0) Did not score:

Did not score a touchdown: North Texas, 2002 (14-9); Northern Arizona, 2002 (37-3) Made a field goal: Mike Barth (32 yards), vs. ASU, 2002 (2-for-2) Michael Sgroi at Stanford, 2002 (40 yards; 3-for-4)

Missed a field goal: Missed a PAT kick: John Anderson at Washington, 2002

Rushed for 200 yards: UCLA (51-248), 2002 Rushed for 250 yards: at Wisconsin (47-260), 2002 Rushed for 275 yards: North Texas (60-282), 2002 Rushed for negative yardage at UCLA (30--31), 1999

A back ran for 100 yards: Mike Williams (40-162, 4 TD), Arizona State, 2002; plus six others in 2002 Two backs ran for 100 yards: Brian Allen (23-143) and Kenneth Tolon (12-100) vs. Stanford, 2001

Arizona State, 2002 (84-461, 5.5) Had 400 yards in total offense

A back ran for 200 yards: Reuben Droughns (45-202) vs. Oregon, 1999 A quarterback passed for 300 yards Cody Pickett (29-49-455-4-3) at Washington, 2001 A receiver had 100 yards James Newson (6-121, 1 TD) at Oregon State, 2002

Blocked a punt: Matt Miller, vs. Arizona State, 2002

Blocked a field goal: Lorenzo Alexander (Bobby Gill 44-yard attempt), at California, 2002

Blocked a PAT kick: Idaho, 2001 (Sean Keel attempt)

Scored a 2-pt. conversion: QB John Welsh to Kevin O=Connell vs. Idaho, 2001

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