

Arizona Football

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2001 Arizona Football Schedule/Results

| Date | Game | Score | Atten |
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| A 30 | at San Diego State (ESPN2) | 23-10 | 28,386 |
| S 8 | Idaho (Fox Sports Net Arizona) 7:07 p.m. MST | | |
| S 22 | Nevada-Las Vegas# | 7 p.m. MST | |
| S 28 | *Wash. State | 7 p.m. MST | |
| O 6 | *Oregon (Fox Sports Net) | 7:15 p.m. MST | |
| O 13 | *at Oregon State (Fox Sports Net) | 7:15 p.m. MST | |
| O 20 | *at Washington | 12:30 p.m. MST | |
| O 27 | *Southern California& | 7 p.m. MST | |
| N 3 | *at California | 12:30 PST | |
| N 10 | *Stanford% | 7 p.m. MST | |
| N 23 | *at Arizona State (Fox Sports Net) | 1 p.m. MST | |

#Hall of Fame Game; &Family Weekend, %Homecoming
Game Tickets

The McKale Center Ticket Office is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (520-621-2287). Season tickets remain on sale until Sept. 7. Single-game public tickets range from \$6 to \$22. Arizcats.com offers online purchases.

Arizona Football On TV

The UA-Idaho game will be produced by Fox Sports Net Arizona for taped delay broadcast at 1:30 p.m. Three other games have been selected for national cablecasts, with others likely to be chosen by ABC Sports or Fox Sports Net.

Arizona Football On Radio

KNST 790-AM Radio is the flagship station for live Arizona football broadcasts on the Wildcat Sports Network. Brian Jeffries and Les Josephson call the play. Affiliates: KCTK-Phoenix, KVNA-Flagstaff, KBLU-Yuma, KTAN-Sierra Vista, KRLV-Las Vegas; KDAP-Douglas, KWRQ-Safford, KZUA-Holbrook, KIKO-Globe, KINO-Winslow. **Internet broadcast:** **www.knst.com** KNST also administers UA's Spanish broadcasts carried by XENY-Nogales and KXEW-Tucson, with Joel Bojorquez and Francisco Romero. KNST's broadcast is available by phone using TEAMLINE for about 10 cents per minute, by calling 1-800-846-4700.

John Mackovic Coach's Shows

Head coach John Mackovic's weekly radio and television shows are produced 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 12 noon Tuesdays. The radio show airs at 6 p.m. Tuesdays on KNST-790 AM and the TV segment is broadcast over the air at 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays on KWBA-58.

Mackovic's Weekly Media Gatherings

Arizona's head coach meets weekly with the media in McKale Center 106 to preview games at 1 p.m. Mondays. Mackovic will review games on Sundays at 3 p.m. (Call the SID office for information: 520-621-4163.) Mackovic is available briefly after practices. Mackovic will appear on the weekly **Pac-10 Coaches Teleconference** at 10:50 a.m. (PDT) Tuesdays beginning Sept. 11. Media may call the SID office for the phone number and passcode.

Pac-10 TV Satellite Feed: The 2001 Pac-10 weekly football satellite feed will run every Wednesday through Nov. 21, 2001. The feed features interviews and highlights. Times and coordinates for the transmissions: 11:30 a.m. - 12 noon Pacific Time; Telstar 6, Transponder 9 (C-Band)

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Cats Meet Idaho in Defense of Home Turf

The Game -- Arizona (1-0, 0-0 in the Pacific-10 Conference), opens its home schedule Saturday, Sept. 8, against the Idaho Vandals (0-1, 0-0 in the Sun Belt Conference). Kickoff in 56,002-seat Arizona Stadium is scheduled for 7:07 p.m. The game will be shown tape delay on Fox Sports Net Arizona at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, with Dave Sitton and Doug Plank calling the play. A crowd of 45,000 is expected.

Some Game Themes -- The Cats and Vandals meet for the first time in 37 years... Idaho's second consecutive game against a Pac-10 opponent, with Washington on the slate Sept. 15... It's the home debut for Arizona's John Mackovic as the Wildcats head coach... With a game under its belt, Arizona appears to have embraced its new identity, and now introduces the same to its home partisans... The Cats hope to open 2-0 for only the second time in the last six seasons, while Idaho would like to even up at 1-1...

The Series -- Arizona leads the series 8-2, with all games played in Tucson... UA won the last meeting, 14-7, in November 1964... UI's last victory over UA was a 14-12 decision under first-year coach Dee Andros on Senior Day in 1962 in UA's first year in the WAC under Jim LaRue...

The Coaches -- **Arizona:** John Mackovic (Wake Forest '65), first year at UA (1-0) and 14th season as a collegiate head coach (86-64-3). He became the first UA coach to win his first game since Jim Young did so in 1973, when Mackovic was UA's offensive coordinator. He has not coached against Idaho. **Idaho:** Tom Cable (Idaho '86), second year (5-7) in Moscow and overall. Cable was offensive line coach for Rick Neuheisel's Colorado team that beat Boston College in Arizona Stadium in the 1998 Insight.com Bowl, among other assistantships in the 1990s.

Last Week -- A 23-10 road victory at San Diego State revealed some characteristics that could put the Wildcats in good stead if continued improvement follows. Strong resilience did not let some early trouble prove discouraging, and individual efforts showcased play-making skills at a variety of positions. Junior quarterback Jason Johnson showed a particular zest for his status as a Pac-10 starter and put coach John Mackovic's offensive strategies into focus with a solid inaugural effort, leading with his head and his arm. After some apparent jitters in his first start Johnson went on to complete 66 percent of his passes, and found more targets than any UA quarterback had in the past 24 games (eight different receivers). That helped to exhibit the "multiple" aspect of UA's attack, which also featured the running of halfback Clarence Farmer. For example, after Bobby Wade's 58-yard punt return gave UA field position inside SDSU territory, Farmer took a little counter and turned it into a pads-banging, spinning 27-yard jaunt through defenders to the 4 yard-line to set up the Cats' final score. He finished with 90 tough yards on 21 carries, plus scored UA's first 2001 touchdown with a 12-yard run. Meantime, Arizona's defense really allowed just one score -- SDSU's opening drive for a field goal. (An errant UA long snap in punt formation gave the Aztecs the ball at the 1 yard-line for their other scoring "drive.") UA created a score defensively when tackle Young Thompson ripped a ball loose and safety Brandon Nash scampered 57 yards for a score. Special teams created a score when Andrae Thurman blocked a slow-developing punt and it careened out of play for a safety. Wade finished with 151 all-purpose yards on 11 touches. Cornerback

Michael Jolivet broke up two passes, recorded a sack and notched eight tackles, while linebacker Lance Briggs had 7.5 tackles. Malosi Leonard led the receiving corps with six catches for 52 yards, while Wade grabbed five for 44 yards. Brandon Marshall caught Johnson's first career TD throw -- a goal-line read when SDSU lined up in the wrong coverage.

Idaho, Match-up Notes...

University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho: Enrollment 11,430... Colors - silver and gold... Conference - Sun Belt... 2000 Record - 5-6. Coach Tom Cable is no stranger to the Pac-10, with six years' experience as offensive line coach at California from 1992-97... The Vandals posted 146 yards in total offense against Washington State in the Cougars' 36-7 victory Thursday night in Pullman -- an Idaho home game in Martin Stadium... Idaho was penalized 11 times to WSU's 15 markers... Senior quarterback John Welsh was the second-team All-Big West pick a year ago when he finished seventh nationally with 290 yards per game and eighth with 22 completions per game. He's thrown for more than 5,000 career yards and 38 touchdowns. WSU kept him off the field or throwing short when there (12-for-26, 72 yards)... The Vandals spilled 29 turnovers on the field in 2000 but did a great job of focusing on improvement in that regard and did not have a TO against the Cougs last week... Idaho punter Ryan Downes kicked 12 times to tie a school single-game record... Idaho joined three other Big West teams (Arkansas State, North Texas and New Mexico State) and three independents (Louisiana-Lafayette, Louisiana-Monroe and Middle Tennessee State) to form the Sun Belt Conference this year... While UA faces its first SBC opponent, the Cats have played Middle Tennessee State (1999), La.-Monroe (as Northeast Louisiana in 1998) and New Mexico State (1994) in the recent past...

Arizona Head Coach John Mackovic

UA's 26th head coach, John Mackovic (Wake Forest '65) assumed leadership in December 2000 and quickly demonstrated a professional and organized approach in assembling a staff, recruiting his first class and establishing the coaching processes for the 2001 Wildcat program. He won his first game as head coach, becoming the first Arizona coach to do so since Jim Young in 1973, when Mackovic was an assistant in Tucson. He draws on 17 years' experience as a collegiate head coach, athletics director or professional head coach, and from 15 seasons in coordinator or assistant positions in the trade. Further, he has three recent years' experience in the media as a college football analyst for ESPN. All things considered, the transition year has progressed extremely well and given Arizona a mentor with extensive offensive acumen and a strong network of colleagues in the allied professions. Mackovic took over for 14-year Arizona coach Dick Tomey and switched gears in placing a primary focus on the passing game and its contemporary derivations. That being said, Mackovic determined that UA's strong tradition of defense is a useful tool, and his vision of Wildcat football involves putting the same aggressive forces to work while UA attacks *with* the ball. It's a swell development for Arizona partisans.

Mackovic, 57, carries a 13-year collegiate record of 86-64-3. He took three of his last four teams (University of Texas) to bowl games and has led nine teams to winning records with eight bowl trips overall as a head coach. In 32 years of coaching he has held three college head coaching positions and one top National Football League spot (Kansas City, 1983-86; 30-34-0 record), served as offensive coordinator at three different Division I-A schools and worked as an assistant under former Dallas Cowboys' legend Tom Landry. He has Arizona bloodlines as Young's four-year offensive coordinator from 1973-76, heydays for prolific Western Athletic Conference offensive displays.

He has worked with and helped to develop such noted offensive players as Arizona's Bruce Hill and T. Bell, Purdue's Mark Hermann, the Cowboys' Danny White, Illinois' Jeff George and Ricky Williams of Texas. Moreover, his emphasis on the total student-athlete can be underscored by seven national academic/citizenship honor winners and nine overall first-team Big 12 All-Academic honors his charges earned during his most recent coaching tenure at Texas. Quite soon several UA players should join that list.

Mackovic is no stranger to honors. At Wake Forest as a quarterback he won the Atlantic Coast Conference Gold Medal Award and earned Academic All-America honors his senior year. Later at WFU as head coach in 1979 he earned Walter Camp Foundation National Coach of the Year, *The Sporting News* College Coach of the Year, AFCA District Coach of the Year and Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the Year. At Illinois where he also served as athletics director, he earned Big Ten Coach of the Year honors in 1988 and 1989. At Texas in 1995 he was Southwest Conference Coach of the Year and a national award finalist. In 1996 he was Big XII Coach of the Year by the *Austin American Statesman* after taking the Longhorns to victory in the inaugural Big XII title game over Nebraska.

Mackovic has endowed an athletics scholarship in the name of his daughter, Aimee, at the University of Arizona, just as a similar endowment continues in his name at the University of Texas.

Mackovic's Turnaround Tradition

John Mackovic has stepped forward at each stop along the way in his 17-year head coaching career, improving the program. For that matter, in his first stint at Arizona as offensive coordinator (1973-76), he was part of a staff which improved UA from a 4-7 club to successive 8-3, 9-2 and 9-2 seasons. At Texas, the Longhorns were 5-6 the year before his arrival. His six-year mark: 41-28-2 with three bowl appearances. At Illinois, the Illini finished 4-7 before he arrived. His four-year mark: 30-16-1 with four bowls. At Wake Forest, the Demon Deacons were 1-10 the year before he took over. His three-year mark: 14-20 and WFU's first bowl appearance in 30 years. At Kansas City of the NFL, he took over following a 3-6 mark in a strike year and led the Chiefs to a 30-34 record and their first playoff appearance in 15 seasons.

Cats Break Inauspicious Streak

John Mackovic helped UA end an uncomfortable streak last week. Arizona snapped a five-game losing streak with the 23-10 victory at San Diego State. The losing skein was an unexpected development 10 months ago for a 5-1 team in late October. Pac-10 football offers few warranties, and UA's collapse last year punctuated the notion. The Cats lost a school-record three consecutive Pac-10 home games, and the five league losses to close the season also were the most consecutive league games without a victory.

Arizona Game Captains

San Diego State: Brandon Nash, Malosi Leonard, Zaharius Johnson, Steven Grace, Eli Wnek. **Idaho:** TBA.

Arizona Players of the Game

Strong safety Brandon Nash earned the first "impact player of the game" award to be given this year by Wildcat coaches. He broke up two passes, was in on three tackles and provided a game-turning play with his 57-yard fumble return for a touchdown to give Arizona the lead and eventual game-winning points at San Diego State. Nash was the Cats' Pac-10 defensive player of the week nominee, while halfback Clarence Farmer and kick returner Bobby Wade were offensive and special teams nominees, respectively, for the SDSU game.

Cats Looking For a Pac-10 Bowl Berth

Arizona's program, two years removed from its last bowl appearance, plans to contend for a bowl in 2001. The goal is reasonable, with 46 lettermen, 14 returning starters, several outstanding players on offense, defense and kicking teams, and new leadership. Why not? The Pac-10's recurring parity often surprises the prognosticators, and Arizona has a record of success in the 1990s it hopes to rekindle. Here's the highest-ranked Pac-10 team in the final AP poll for the last 10 years:

| Year | Team | AP Rank |
|------|---------------------|---------|
| 1991 | Washington | No. 2 |
| 1992 | Stanford | No. 9 |
| 1993 | Arizona | No. 10 |
| 1994 | Oregon | No. 11 |
| 1995 | Southern California | No. 12 |
| 1996 | Arizona State | No. 4 |
| 1997 | UCLA | No. 5 |
| 1998 | Arizona | No. 4 |
| 1999 | Oregon | No. 19 |
| 2000 | Washington | No. 3 |

The Pacific-10 Conference champion traditionally goes to the **Rose Bowl**, but with the National Championship game in Pasadena Jan. 3, 2002, the league titlist will play in the Rose Bowl only if ranked No. 1 or 2 at the conclusion of the regular season. Otherwise the league champion will play in the **Tostitos Fiesta Bowl**. Should two league teams be rated highly enough for Bowl Championship Series play, the second team could receive an at-large berth in any given year. After the Pac-10 champion is selected to the Fiesta or BCS Championship game, the **Culligan Holiday Bowl** (Dec. 28) receives the highest remaining team in the standings, with a tie giving the bowl selection rights among the tied teams. The **Wells Fargo Sun Bowl** (Dec. 31) will receive the highest remaining team in the standings for a third selection. After the berths in the Rose, Holiday and Sun bowl are filled, the **Jeep Seattle Bowl** (Dec. 27) receives the next highest remaining team in the Pac-10 standings. The conference will send a fifth bowl-eligible team to the Las Vegas Bowl (Dec. 25).

Position Notes

Arizona enters its second week with starting lineups reasonably set although some roles are in contention. An injury to defensive end Eli Wnek shortly before camp began opened a spot where seniors Johnny Jackson and Austin Uku appear close. Uku strained his left knee Aug. 21 and is questionable for play vs. Idaho. The starting inside linebacker spot beside All-Pac-10 performer Lance Briggs was won by redshirt junior Ray Wells, holding off senior Shelton Ross, who was slowed in camp with a quad pull. Junior DT Young Thompson started at San Diego State with 2000 starter Anthony Thomas working to reclaim a spot. Thomas contributed at SDSU State and will help create a three-man rotation. Senior cornerback Jermaine Chatman started opposite sophomore phenom Michael Jolivet, while David Hinton also saw duty. Senior two-year letterman Anthony Banks, a contender at cornerback, missed much of fall camp and the opener while awaiting summer school clearance and though reinstated on the team will serve a two-game suspension and be available for the elague opener. Redshirt freshman tight end Justin Levasseur, the fastest at that position, had an outstanding fall camp and is contending for the No. 1 tag with junior James Hugo, who started at SDSU. Junior Bobby Wade, senior Malosi Leonard and sophomore Andrae Thurman are clear leaders in the wide receiving corps, but Gary Love, Brandon Marshall, Lance Relford, Ricky Williams and Nick Fleury play. Sophomore Clarence Farmer and junior Leo Mills are the top two at halfback with No. 3 somewhat in question among a couple of young players like Anthony Fulcher, Tremaine Cox, and Mike Bell. Fulcher and Cox played at SDSU, largely at fullback. Senior Mike Detwiler is the Cats' 'bulldozer' fullback, according to coach Mackovic, but the aforementioned young guys work at that spot, too. Redshirt freshmen Ryan Slack (kickoff specialist) and Ben DaMolin (long snapper) both saw action at San Diego State and should compete with Bobby Gill and Joe Siofele, respectively, for those critical roles. Gill is pushing Sean Keel for PK duties.

Offensive Line Shapes Up

Arizona's starting offensive line at San Diego State was as expected in preseason with starters Makoa Freitas, Reggie Sampay, center Steven Grace, Kevin Barry and Darren Safranek from left to right. The group did not play together last year. Much of that was because Grace (shoulder) missed 10 games and Freitas (foot) missed eight. Two departed seniors, center Bruce Wiggins and three-role guy Marques McFadden were bringing along youngsters like Sampay and Safranek. Sampay played center a year ago but has switched to guard because Mackovic feels Grace is a natural, and the best center he's ever coached. Key reserves are John Vorsheck and Brandon Phillips, who each played at San Diego State. Continuity in the front line will be a big key to UA's offensive success.

Injury Report for Idaho Game

Defensive end Eli Wnek (foot fracture) is out. Defensive end Fata Avegalio (dislocated elbow at SDSU) is out. Wnek is expected to miss at least three more weeks while Avegalio could be out six weeks. Defensive end Austin Uku (knee) is questionable. Tight end Steve Fleming (ankle) is questionable. Special teams player Danny Perry (knee) is out. **Lost Potential Starts due to Injury: 1** (Wnek).

Rushing-Defense Tradition Returns

Arizona held San Diego State to 41 net yards rushing on 29 attempts, an average of 1.4 yards per carry. UA's front line contributed tackles on 26 percent of the plays run by the Aztecs in the opener, a decent quota for the Cats' system. Defensive coordinator Larry Mac Duff is back on the job after a stint with the New York Giants. One of his long-standing priorities has been stopping the run. A year ago line coach Marty Long helped the Cats lead the Pac-10 and finish eighth nationally in rushing defense. Only three teams rushed for more than 100 yards against Arizona. UA rates eighth in rushing defense and 15th nationally in Division I-A total defense.

Turnover Margin In Cats Favor

UA recovered three San Diego State fumbles to balance a tipped-ball interception and take a +2 turnover margin into Game 2. Plus, the Cats blocked a punt for a safety. Brandon Nash returned a fumble 57 yards for a score. The interceptor at San Diego State fumbled on the return and UA recovered, in effect negating the turnover. UA suffered an over-the-head snap on a punt that was illegally kicked through the endzone by punter Ramey Peru to give SDSU a scoring possession at the UA 1 yard-line. Oops. Arizona was among the nation's leaders in turnover margin in 2000 and will look to keep the trend going. The Cats were 13th with a .91 per game margin, were second nationally with 33 turnovers gained, third in the country with 17 fumble recoveries and 14th nationally with 16 interceptions. Figures after Week 1 put the Cats high in national turnover margin (11th), TOs gained (14th) and fumbles recovered (4th) ratings.

2001 Turnovers Arizona 1, Opponents 3

2001 Miscue Points Arizona 16, Opponents 7 (Includes turnover-, blocked/botched kick-possession)

Scoring Zone Report

At SDSU 3 trips, 2 TD + 1 Missed FG - 67% scoring, 67% TD *Opponent* - 2 trips, 1 TD + 1 FG - 100% scoring, 50% TD
Idaho

Overall 1st and Goal Opportunities - Arizona (1, 1 TD), Opponent (2, 1 TD)

Notes... UA forced San Diego State to kick a field goal after it had 1st-and-goal at the UA 4 yard-line. SDSU was given 1st-and-goal at the 1 yard-line after a bad UA punt snap to set up its lone touchdown...

Offensive/Defensive Game-by-Game Totals

| <u>Game</u> | <u>Rushing</u> | <u>Passing</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Opp Rush</u> | <u>Opp Pass</u> | <u>Opp Total</u> | <u>TOs/Opp</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| | Att-Yds-TD | C-Att-Yd-Int-TD | Pl-Yd-TD-FG | Att-Yds-TD | C-Att-Yd-Int-TD | Pl-Td-TD-FG | |
| at SDSU | 37-55-1 | 21-32-176-1-1 | 69-231-3*-0 | 29-41-1 | 18-38-160-0-0 | 67-201-1-1 | 1/3 |
| (*includes TD by return) | | | | | | | |

Kicking Game Notes...

Place kicker Sean Keel missed his first 2001 field goal attempt at SDSU, striking the upright from 30 yards. He's 18 for 26 in his career... Punter Ramey Peru in his first extended action had six kicks for a 35.5 average, but UA will need to solidify his consistency and its coverage, with net punting factoring at 31.7 yards due to 23 return yards... UA used a long punt return by Bobby Wade (58 yards) to set up a score against the Aztecs... Peru stuck one punt inside the 20 yard-line and kicked another out of bounds at the 23... Andrae Thurman blocked a punt at the goal line to give UA a safety at SDSU... The blocked kick hopefully renewed UA's effectiveness in that area. The team blocked two punts and three PAT kicks in 2000 and has blocked 43 kicks in the last 12 seasons including 2001...

Conversions

Arizona has a 33% conversion rate (5-15), boosted to 35% including fourth-down tries (1-2). Opponents have a 39% rate on third down (7-18), up to 40% including fourth-down tries (1-2). Arizona coaches would clearly prefer a reversal in those rates. **Notes...** In one of the team's better drives at San Diego State, the Cats converted four first downs after starting at their own 6 yard-line in the fourth quarter, eventually moving the ball into Aztec territory followed by a Ramey Peru punt which required a fair catch at the SDSU 19 yard-line. The 10-play possession used 4:30 on the clock. While a ball-control effort, it used five pass completions by Jason Johnson for 46 yards, illustrating that UA's offense has evolved from its recent traditions of "hold-em, and slug it out."

Spreading the Field

Arizona completed passes to eight different receivers at San Diego State, its biggest corps since the 1998 season opener. It's a trend likely to continue because the Cats play about five other wideouts, backs and tight ends who are involved in the passing game. The group at San Diego State included wide receivers Malosi Leonard (6-52), Bobby Wade (5-44), Andrae Thurman (3-48), Brandon Marshall (2-1`7, TD) and Lance Relford (1-9); tight end James Hugo (1-8) and halfback Clarence Farmer (1 for -9).

Sacking The QB

Arizona has sacks by Alex Luna (2) and Michael Jolivette (1) in 2001. Opponents have two sacks. The latter is within parameters set by offensive coaches, who insist on pass-protection success of one sack per 17 passing attempts. UA averaged 3.5 sacks by its defense and 3.7 sacks allowed by its offense in the 2000 season.

Coaches' High View and Sideline Duties

In Pressbox: offensive coordinator Rick Dykes, DL coach Marty Long, TE coach Jay Boulware, DB coach Steve Bernstein and GAs Jeff Rodgers and Terry Samuel. On the field -- head coach John Mackovic, defensive coordinator Larry Mac Duff, OL coach Charlie Dickey, special teams/ILB coach Scott Pelluer, WR coach Rob Ianello, RB coach Bobby Kennedy and student assistant Adrian Koch.

Men at Work

The 2001 opener introduced some new coaches at work for Arizona, including head coach John Mackovic. He does have some UA background as a four-year offensive coordinator in the early 1970s. New to Wildcat football are offensive coordinator and QB coach Rick Dykes, running backs coach Bobby Kennedy, tight ends coach Jay Boulware, special teams coordinator and inside linebackers coach Scott Pelluer, defensive secondary coach Steve Bernstein and graduate assistants Jeff Rodgers and Terry Samuel. Charlie Dickey (OL), Rob Ianello (WRs, recruiting) and Marty Long (DL) return with a combined 21 years of UA experience. Defensive coordinator Larry Mac Duff is back (1987-96 coordinator under Dick Tomey) after serving as New York Giants special teams coordinator the past four years. Undergraduate student assistant Adrian Koch is finishing up school in his fifth year and was the starting flex linebacker a year ago.

New Guys On the Scene

A number of players saw their first action in an Arizona uniform at San Diego State, both scholarship recruits and walk-ons. Redshirt junior Ray Wells started at inside linebacker. Redshirt freshman fullback Tremaine Cox had four carries for 16 tough yards. Redshirt freshman DE Fata Avegalio saw action before an elbow injury. Soph tight end Justin Levasseur played as a backup. Junior redshirt guard John Vorsheck saw duty on offense. True freshman linebacker Kirk Johnson saw duty on special teams, as did redshirt freshman LB Pat Howard. Walk-on RS frosh Ben DalMolin handled long snaps after Joe Siofele hiked one over the punter's head. Walk-on freshman Ryan Slack kicked off for the Cats. Other players may see their first action in the coming weeks including tight end Steve Fleming (RS frosh), defensive tackle Vince Feula (frosh) in the cardinal and kicker Bobby Gill (RS frosh), to name a few. UA's backup quarterbacks, soph Cliff Watkins and redshirt freshman John Rattay, also will be called on and their work under center will be their first career action.

Arizona Game-by-Game Starters

| Offense | WR | LT | LG | C | RG | RT | TE | QB | HB | FB | WR | PK |
|---------|------|---------|----------|---------|---------|----------|--------|---------|--------|-----------|-----------|------|
| at SDSU | Wade | Freitas | Sampay | Grace | Barry | Safranek | Hugo | Johnson | Farmer | Detwiler | Leonard | Keel |
| Idaho | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Defense | DE | DT | DT | DE | WLB | ILB | ILB | CB | SS | FS | CB | Punt |
| at SDSU | Luna | Fraser | Thompson | Jackson | Siofele | Wells | Briggs | Chatman | Nash | Worcester | Jolivette | Peru |
| Idaho | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Nation's Longest Rivalry Trophy Recognized -- The Territorial Cup

Arizona first played San Diego State on Sept. 25, 1931, beginning a solid long-standing rivalry. Still, Arizona and Arizona State officials worked over the summer to earn NCAA Division I-A designation for the 1899 Territorial Cup as the oldest trophy game in America, eclipsing the battle for the Little Brown Jug, awarded annually since 1909 to the winner of the Michigan-Minnesota game. Officials of the two Arizona schools are working to complete details for the awarding of the Territorial Cup to the winning school, a replica to the winning school's president's office and awarding of two later trophies in the series -- the Saguaro Trophy for the winning coach (since 1997) and a modern sculpture piece by artist Ben Goo which is expected to be awarded to the game's Most Valuable Player. That piece formerly went to the winner of the Big Game from 1979 to 1998.

Practice Policies, Media Notes

Arizona football practices are closed to the public. Media may attend, though access by out-of-town outlets is subject to approval by head coach John Mackovic. Videotaping is allowed only in early individual drills. UA players are available for interviews by arrangement with the UA Media Relations office or after practice. Complete media policies are listed in the 2001 Arizona Football guide.

...Media wishing to **interview specific players** at the Monday John Mackovic news conferences should notify sports information personnel on Saturdays following the games. Otherwise players may not see notification because Sundays are off days.

...Arizona will have several key players in **duplicate numbers**. Starting defensive end Johnny Jackson and wide receiver/kick

returner Gary Love will wear No. 9. Punter Ramey Peru and quarterback John Rattay both wear No. 12. Halfback Leo Mills and backup punter James Molina both wear No. 20...

...Arizona will stay **in Tucson for the next five weeks**, playing four games and spending the first of two 2001 open dates (Sept. 15). After that the Cats play three of four games on the road...

Arizona Position by Position, In Brief

Quarterbacks

Junior Jason Johnson put his strengths in view quickly in 2001, overcoming some early jitters to finish his debut game with 21 completions at a 66 percent rate. The yardage (176) was modest but he started to look like a golfer who understands course management -- hit the right spots and execute the shot. After sideline charting for a couple of years, his relish for the game is exceptional. He's a keen student of Arizona's new offense and has a solid understanding of coordinator Rick Dykes' strategy and John Mackovic's play calling. After getting knocked around by SDSU's pressure people, he appeared no less confident in his ability to use his head. Sophomore Cliff Watkins and redshirt freshman John Rattay have shown themselves to be capable throwers and remain even in the battle for the No. 2 spot.

Running Backs

Arizona has some superb tools here. Soph Clarence Farmer added a 90-yard game to his growing list of accomplishments as what Mackovic calls UA's "raging bull." As the coach says, "He just goes," a big-play back who can beat people with moves, speed or force. Junior Leo Mills had a 282-yard all-purpose game a year ago and is rounding into form after missing spring ball attending to his personal commitment to higher education. Reshirt freshman Tremaine Cox saw his first action in the opener and appears capable of helping at both running back positions. At fullback, senior Mike Detwiler has what Mackovic's calls the 'bulldozer' effect, while soph Anthony Fulcher offers more versatility. All of them can catch the ball, and will certainly get the opportunity to do so.

Receivers/Tight Ends

The Wildcats go eight deep in the receiving corps and use three tight ends. Look for numbers from a varying combination of guys in many patterns. Five receivers and one tight end had catches in the opener, led by senior Malosi Leonard with a career-high six. Junior WR Bobby Wade was an all-league performer as a return specialist, showed that at SDSU and caught five balls, too. Soph Andrea Thurman sparkled on special teams and also caught three passes. Brandon Marshall caught two and the lone touchdown pass in the game. UA has the formations to send a bunch of people on routes. TE Justin Levasseur was one of the surprises of fall camp, putting his speed into play at the position. Big-body James Hugo is a hard guy to knock down and has soft hands. Peter Hansen, at 6-foot-8, jumps like a basketball player (he was) and catches the ball like one, too.

Offensive Line

The top five from left to right gives Arizona a chance to have one of its best fronts in years. Senior center Steven Grace is as good a player Mackovic has coached at his position, says the coach. The return of junior tackles Makoa Freitas and Darren Safranek (2000 injuries, out in spring) made a big difference in fall camp. Senior guard Kevin Barry is an accomplished UA letterman. Soph guard Reggie Sampay was thrown into the fire as a true freshman center a year ago and is miles ahead of many his age simply because of a rugged Pac-10 indoctrination. Reserves in junior redshirt John Vorsheck (OG or OT), senior Dusty Alexander (OG) and soph Brandon Phillips (OT) should help. Good health among this corps could help Arizona bring back its record-setting production of the late 1990s.

Defensive Line

The top priority for positions up front in UA's scheme is power. Returning starter Keoni Fraser and junior Young Thompson enter the year atop the chart, with returning starter Anthony Thomas closely behind. The latter suffered dehydration the day before reporting date and was briefly hospitalized but back in the thick of things. Those three rotated the entire game in the opener, and contributed seven tackles. Redshirt freshman Vince Feula appears to be the fourth option.

Linebackers

First-team All-Pac-10 returnee Lance Briggs is "one of those rare guys who can run from sideline to sideline," says Mackovic, a player who can enter the hole or cover. He did so in the opener, notching six solo and three assisted tackles, plus some good knocks on the quarterback at release. Junior redshirt Ray Wells earned his first start, with senior Shelton Ross helping at the other inside spot. Redshirt freshman Pat Howard and true freshman Kirk Johnson also have the physical style to play UA's defense and on special teams. At whip linebacker, sophomore Joe Siofele "is probably the next outstanding defensive player here," Mackovic says, a strong quote for a program with Arizona's defensive tradition. Soph Matt Molina backs up there and has dramatically improved.

Secondary

Four returning starters and eight total lettermen in the secondary give UA a fine group of players. The group broke up seven passes in the opener. Soph Michael Jolivet is a "terrific cover corner who runs fast, enjoys competition and has (the requisite) bad memory," Mackovic says. He was a Freshman All-American a year ago with five interceptions. Jermaine Chatman had his sixth career start in the opener, while David Hinton also played. Junior CB David Laudermilk also has game experience. Senior SS Brandon Nash is a team leader on and off the field, while Zaharius Johnson is a proven vet behind him. Nash returned a fumbled punt for a score in San Diego. At free safety, junior returning starter Jarvie Worcester and soph Clay Hardt each see time, with Hardt a frequent nickel back as well. Senior CB Anthony Banks rejoined the team this week but will sit out two games as a team suspension.

Kickers/Special Teams

Arizona's special teams will be manned by quick players, predominantly receivers, defensive backs and linebackers. The

complexion of Arizona's place kicking performance in 2000 was colored by the percentage efficiency of Sean Keel (13 for 17, with two misses beyond 50 yards) and his continued improvement is expected. It's hoped that the Lou Groza Award candidate will not see an increase in opportunities, since scoring zone improvement (more touchdowns) is heavily emphasized by John Mackovic. UA needs sophomore Ramey Peru to be consistent as the punter, and brought in another juco rookie, James Molina, to push.

2001 Arizona Football Depth Chart -- vs. Idaho, Sept. 8, 2001

Offense

| | | |
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| WR | 25 | Malosi Leonard, 6-1, 210, *Sr., 3L, Palmdale, Calif. (Palmdale) |
| | 6 | Brandon Marshall, 5-11, 200, *Sr., 1L, Oceanside, Calif. (Oceanside/Palomar) |
| | 18 | Lance Relford, 6-0, 200, *So., 1L, Houston, Texas (Booker T. Washington) |
| LT | 77 | Makoa Freitas, 6-4, 296, *Jr., 2L, Manoa, Hawaii (Kamehameha) |
| | 65 | John Vorsheck, 6-4, 299, *Jr., SQ, Laguna Hills, Calif. (Laguna Hills/Saddleback CC) |
| LG | 75 | Reggie Sampay, 6-3, 273, So., 1L, Houston, Texas (North Shore) |
| | 69 | Dusty Alexander, 6-1, 313, *Sr, SQ, Marana, Ariz. (Marana/Arizona Western) |
| C | 66 | Steven Grace, 6-3, 293, *Sr., 3L, Honolulu, Hawaii (Kamehameha) |
| | 67 | Keoki Fraser, 6-2, 293, *Fr., RS, Kailua, Hawaii (Kailua) |
| RG | 72 | Kevin Barry, 6-5, 315, *Sr., 1L, Racine, Wis. (Washington Park/Hutchinson) |
| | 59 | Chris Johnson, 6-3, 301, *Fr., RS, Houston, Texas (North Shore) |
| RT | 78 | Darren Safranek, 6-7, 292, *Jr., 2L, Tucson, Ariz. (Catalina Foothills) |
| | 68 | Brandon Phillips, 6-7, 278, *So., SQ, Chandler, Ariz. (Corona del Sol) |
| TE | 89 | James Hugo, 6-6, 255, *Jr., 2L, The Woodlands, Texas (Oak Ridge) |
| or | 88 | Justin Levasseur, 6-5, 230, *So, SQ, Antioch, Calif. (Antioch) |
| | 14 | Peter Hansen, 6-8, 241, *Sr., 3L, Palo Alto, Calif. (Palo Alto) |
| WR | 1 | Bobby Wade, 5-11, 194, Jr., 2L, Phoenix, Ariz. (Desert Vista) |
| | 3 | Andrae Thurman, 5-11, 185, *So., Avondale, Ariz. (Westview) |
| | 9 | Gary Love, 5-10, 176, *So., 1L, 5-10, 176, Los Angeles, Calif. (Jefferson) |
| QB | 10 | Jason Johnson, 6-2, 210, *Jr., Puyallup, Wash. (Puyallup) |
| | 15 | Cliff Watkins, 6-4, 220, *So., SQ, Breckenridge, Texas (Breckenridge) |
| or | 13 | John Rattay, 6-3, 200, *Fr., RS, Phoenix, Ariz. (Desert Vista/Tennessee) |
| HB | 32 | Clarence Farmer, 6-1, 214, So., 1L, Houston, Texas (Booker T. Washington) |
| | 20 | Leo Mills, 5-11, 214, *Jr, 2L, Humble, Texas (Humble) |
| | 26 | Mike Bell, 6-0, 204, Fr., HS, Phoenix, Ariz. (Tolleson) |
| FB | 40 | Mike Detwiler, 6-2, 227, *Sr., 1L, Truckee, Calif. (THS/Pasadena CC) |
| | 21 | Tremaine Cox, 5-11, 195, *Fr., RS, Tucson, Ariz. (Tucson) |
| | 36 | Anthony Fulcher, 5-11, 197, So., 1L, Scottsdale, Ariz., (Horizon) |

Defense

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| DE | 54 | Alex Luna, 6-1, 240, *Sr., 3L, San Fernando, Calif. (San Fernando) |
| | 92 | Carlos Williams, 6-4, 273, *Fr., Denver, Colo. (Montbello) |
| NT | 56 | Keoni Fraser, 6-1, 258, Sr., 3L, Kailua, Hawaii (Kailua) |
| | 99 | Vince Feula, 6-0, 289, Fr., HS, La Mirada, Calif. (La Mirada) |
| DT | 93 | Young Thompson, 6-2, 293, Jr., 2L, Aloa, American Samoa (Samoana) |
| or | 58 | Anthony Thomas, 6-2, 290, *Sr., 3L, Pasadena, Calif. (Pasadena) |
| DE | 9 | Johnny Jackson, 6-2, 246, *Sr., 1L, San Diego, Calif. (St. Augustine/Sacramento CC) |
| | 51 | Austin Uku, 6-1, 245, *Sr., RS-1L, Lomita, Calif. (Narbonne/Long Beach CC) |
| ILB | 7 | Ray Wells, 6-1, 224, *Jr., RS, San Diego, Calif. (Mt. Miguel/Mesa JC) |
| | 38 | Shelton Ross, 6-0, 221, *Sr., 2L, Kansas City, Mo. (Hickman Mills/Hutchinson CC) |
| ILB | 27 | Lance Briggs, 6-2, 232, Jr., 2L, Sacramento, Calif. (Elk Grove) |
| | 44 | Pat Howard, 6-0, 218, *Fr., RS, La Marque, Texas (La Marque) |
| | 43 | Kirk Johnson, 6-0, 203, Fr., HS, Oakland, Calif. (Skyline) |
| OLB | 42 | Joe Siofele, 6-2, 252, *So., 1L, Waipahu, Hawaii (St. Louis) |
| | 49 | Matt Molina, 6-2, 225, *So., SQ, Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chaparral) |
| SS | 19 | Brandon Nash, 6-1, 217, *Sr., 3L, Los Angeles, Calif. (Beverly Hills) |
| | 24 | Zaharius Johnson, 6-0, 197, Sr., 2L, Bradenton, Fla. (New Mexico Military) |
| LC | 8 | Michael Jolivet, 5-11, 179, *So., 1L, Houston, Texas (North Shore) |
| | 11 | David Laudermilk, 6-1, 172, *Jr., 2L, Moreno Valley, Calif. (Valley View) |
| FS | 47 | Jarvie Worcester, 6-0, 205, *Jr., 2L, La Jolla, Calif. (La Jolla) |
| | 33 | Clay Hardt, 6-1, 197, *So., 1L, Marana, Ariz. (Marana) |
| RC | 23 | Jermaine Chatman, 5-11, 184, Sr., 1L, Compton, Calif. (Hawthorne/Pasadena CC) |
| | 2 | David Hinton, 5-11, 172, *So., 1L, San Diego, Calif. (Lincoln Prep) |

Special Teams

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| PK: | 3 - Sean Keel, 6-0, 201, Jr., 2L, Littleton, Colo. (Mullen); | 28 - Bobby Gill, 5-10, 181, *So., SQ, Phoenix, Ariz. (Brophy) |
| P | 12 - Ramey Peru, 6-1, 190, *So, 1L, Chandler, Ariz. (Dobson); | 20 - James Molina, 5-11, 180, So., JC, Tucson (Pueblo) |

KO 34 - Ryan Slack, 6-1, 193, Fr., HS, Tucson, Ariz. (Salpointe); 24 - Bobby Gill, 5-10, 190, *So., SQ, Phoenix, Ariz. (Brophy)
 Hold 10 - Jason Johnson; 15 - Cliff Watkins
 Snap 65 - John Vorsheck; 67 - Keoki Fraser
 LSnap 42 - Joe Siofele; 50 - Ben DalMolin, 5-11, 209, *Fr., RS, Globe, Ariz. (Globe)
 PR 1 - Bobby Wade, 25 - Malosi Leonard
 KOR 1 - Bobby Wade, 4 - Andrae Thurman, 9 - Gary Love, 20 - Leo Mills

Arizona In the Statistical Rankings

| | | | Notes |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Fumble Recoveries (3.0) | 4 th NCAA | 1 st Pac-10 | B. Nash takes one 57 yards for a TD |
| Fumbles Lost (0.0) | 1 st -tie NCAA | 1 st -tie Pac-10 | Cats drop three, but recover all |
| Rushing Defense (41.0) | 8 th NCAA | 1 st Pac-10 | SDSU's Larry Ned - 21 carries, 43 yards |
| Turnover Margin (2.0) | 11 th NCAA | 1 st -tie Pac-10 | ...Continuing 2000 trend |
| Turnovers Gained (3.0) | 14 th -tie NCAA | 1 st Pac-10 | Cats want some interceptions next |
| Total Defense (201.0) | 15 th NCAA | 2 nd Pac-10 | SDSU never threatened after 1 st half |
| Punt Returns (15.4) | 16 th NCAA | 1 st Pac-10 | B. Wade takes one 58 yards to set up TD |
| Scoring Defense (10.0) | 16 th NCAA | 2 nd Pac-10 | Bad punt snap helped give SDSU its TD |
| Pass Effic Def (82.77) | 17 th NCAA | 2 nd Pac-10 | Opponents under 50 percent completion rate |
| Malosi Leonard (6.0 rec/pg) | 25 th -tie NCAA | 4 th Pac-10 | He's open and Johnson delivers |
| Bobby Wade (24.0 KOR) | 18 th NCAA | 1 st Pac-10 | One of several capable guys here |
| Bobby Wade (14.6 P-Ret) | 13 th NCAA | 1 st Pac-10 | Repeat of 2000 success |

The Last Time Arizona...

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| Returned a punt for a TD: | Bobby Wade (60 yards) at Washington, 2000 |
| Returned a blocked punt for a TD: | Andrae Thurman vs. SDSU, 2000 (34 yards, B. Nash block) |
| Returned a kickoff for TD: | Chris McAlister (100 yards) at Hawaii 1998 |
| Returned an interception for a TD | Keoni Fraser-DT (36 yds) vs. UCLA, 2000 |
| Returned a fumble for a TD: | SS Brandon Nash (57 yards) at San Diego State, 2001 |
| Blocked a punt for a safety: | Andrae Thurman at San Diego State, 2001 |
| Scored a safety: | Blocked punt (Andrae Thurman), at San Diego State, 2001 |
| Did not score: | at Washington, 1991 (UW 54-0) |
| Did not score a touchdown: | vs. Oregon State, 2000 (OSU 33-9) |
| A back ran for 200 yards: | Trung Canidate (33-221) at OSU, 1999 |
| A back ran for 100 yards: | Leo Mills (29-185) at Washington, 2000 ; C |
| A quarterback ran for 100 yards | Ortege Jenkins (11-104) vs. UCLA, 2000 |
| Two players rushed for 100 yards: | C. Farmer (33-107) and O. Jenkins (11-104) vs. UCLA, 2000 |
| Blocked a punt : | Andrae Thurman at San Diego State, 2001 |
| Blocked a field goal: | Peter Hansen at Utah, 2000 |
| 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 at Washington, 2000 (blocked) |
| Beat a ranked team: | 31-15 at USC (No. 18), 2000 |
| Lost to a ranked team: | 9-33 vs. Oregon State (No. 10), 2000 |
| Beat an unranked team: | 23-10 at San Diego State, 2001 |
| Lost to an unranked team: | 17-30 vs. Arizona State, 2000 |
| Won as a ranked team: | 53-47 vs. Washington State (Arizona No. 22), 2000 |
| Won as an unranked team: | 23-10 at San Diego State, 2001 |
| Lost as a ranked team: | 24-27 vs. UCLA, 2000 (Arizona No. 23) |
| Lost as an unranked team: | 17-30 vs. Arizona State, 2000 |
| Played in tie-breaker game: | 53-47 vs. Washington State, 2000 (3 OT) |

The last time an Opponent...

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| Returned a punt for a TD: | Eric Guliford (68 yards), at Arizona State, 1991 |
| Recovered a blocked punt for a TD: | Frank Primus, Stanford, 1997 |
| Returned a kickoff for TD (last 2): | JaWarren Hooker (89), Washington, 1997 |
| Returned an interception for a TD: | Chris Martin (31 yards) vs. WSU, 2000 |
| Retured a fumble for a TD: | Terrell Suggs (0 yards), Arizona State, 2000 |
| Scored a safety: | vs. Oregon (Ortege Jenkins lateral into endzone), 1999 |
| Did not score: | Illinois, 1996 (UA 41-0) |
| Did not score a touchdown: | at Stanford, 2000 (27-3) |
| A back ran for 100 yards: | Willie Hurts (8-116) at Washington, 2000 |
| A back ran for 200 yards: | Reuben Droughns (45-202) vs. Oregon, 1999 |

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| Blocked a punt : | Donnie Neal, Arizona State, 2000 |
| Blocked a field goal: | Anthony Vontoure, at Washington, 2000 |
| Blocked a PAT kick: | Larry Tripplett at Washington, 2000 |
| Scored a 2-pt. conversion: | QB A.J. Feeley rush vs. Oregon, 1999 |

Arizona Travel Plans

The Wildcats are at home for five weeks (four games) and do not hit the road until Oct. 13. "The schedule gives us a chance to build on a good thing," UA coach John Mackovic said after the season opener. Arizona travels by air charter following practice in Tucson and typically does not hold walk-through or practices at road venues.

Arizona Headliners

Brandon Nash, Jarvie Worcester, Eli Wnek, Malosi Leonard, Jason Johnson - Academic Stalwarts

Arizona's top academic honors candidates include seniors Wnek, Nash and Leonard, and junior Worcester. In order they carry 3.76, 3.13, 3.01, 3.00 and 3.75 cumulative grade point averages while starting as college football players. Wnek's out with an injury but as active at every practice as a player on crutches can be. He and Nash earned 1st-team All-Pac-10 Academic honors, while Leonard and Worcester were honorable-mention picks. Wnek and Nash both earned degrees in May and are taking post-graduate studies.

WR, Bobby Wade, 5-11, 187, Jr., Phoenix, Ariz.

Arizona's most experienced receiver, having played in 23 career games (19 starts) ... Has at least one catch in 22 of 23 career appearances, including 20 consecutive ... Three career 100-yard receiving games to his credit ... Tallied five catches for 44 yards in the opener at San Diego State, and added 107 return yards (59 punt/48 kick) that included a 58-yard punt return ... Led the Cats with 45 receptions and 626 yards last season ... Should blossom under Coach Mackovic's offensive system ... Has big-play potential with 14-, 60- and 75-yards TD catches last year ... Has seven TD catches in his career ... Outstanding kick returner who led the 2000 squad with 981 yards.

Wade Game-By-Game

| 1999 | Opponent | No. | Yds. | TD | Lg |
|----------|------------------------|-----|------|----|----|
| Aug. 28 | at Penn State | 2 | 12 | 0 | 8 |
| Sept. 5 | at TCU | 2 | 29 | 1 | 21 |
| Sept. 11 | vs. Middle Tenn. State | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sept. 18 | vs. Stanford | 2 | 20 | 0 | 16 |
| Sept. 25 | at Washington State | 5 | 100 | 1 | 42 |
| Oct. 9 | vs. USC | 1 | 9 | 0 | 9 |
| Oct. 16 | vs. UTEP | 1 | 21 | 0 | 21 |
| Oct. 23 | vs. Oregon | 4 | 53 | 1 | 17 |
| Oct. 30 | at UCLA | 4 | 66 | 0 | 26 |
| Nov. 6 | vs. Washington | 3 | 27 | 0 | 14 |
| Nov. 13 | at Oregon State | 2 | 33 | 1 | 19 |
| Nov. 27 | at Arizona State | 4 | 84 | 0 | 31 |
| 2000 | Opponent | No. | Yds. | TD | Lg |
| Sept. 2 | at Utah | 2 | (-3) | 0 | 0 |
| Sept. 9 | vs. Ohio State | 4 | 93 | 1 | 60 |
| Sept. 16 | vs. San Diego State | DNP | | | |
| Sept. 30 | at Stanford | 5 | 74 | 0 | 46 |
| Oct. 7 | at USC | 4 | 102 | 1 | 75 |
| Oct. 14 | vs. Washington State | 6 | 112 | 1 | 40 |
| Oct. 21 | at Oregon | 3 | 27 | 0 | 18 |
| Oct. 28 | vs. UCLA | 3 | 40 | 0 | 19 |
| Nov. 4 | at Washington | 7 | 76 | 0 | 16 |
| Nov. 11 | vs. Oregon State | 3 | 38 | 0 | 25 |
| Nov. 24 | vs. Arizona State | 8 | 67 | 0 | 23 |
| 2001 | Opponent | No. | Yds. | TD | Lg |
| Aug. 30 | at San Diego State | 5 | 44 | 0 | 14 |

PK, Sean Keel, 6-0, 200, Jr., Littleton, Colo.

Enters the year on the Lou Groza Award Preseason watch list as one of the nation's top collegiate kickers ... A *Street & Smith's* Preseason honorable mention All-America ... Missed only FG attempt at San Diego State (40 yds.) ... Ranked third in the Pac-10 and 26th nationally with 1.18 FG/game last year ... Made 13-of-17 field goal attempts (.765) and 25-of-26 PATs (.962) in 2000 ... Made 9-of-10 field goals inside 40 yards and was 4-of-5 on attempts of 40-49 yards last year ... Has a career long of 44 yards at Utah in the 2000 season opener ... Connected on 18-of-26 FGAs in his career (.692).

Keel Game-By-Game

| 1999 | Opponent | FG-A | Pct. | PAT | Pts. |
|----------|----------------------|------|------|-----|------|
| Aug. 28 | at Penn State | DNP | | | |
| Sept. 5 | at TCU | DNP | | | |
| Sept. 11 | vs. Middle Tenn. St. | DNP | | | |
| Sept. 18 | vs. Stanford | DNP | | | |

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|-------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Sept. 25 | at Washington State | DNP | | | |
| Oct. 9 | vs. USC | DNP | | | |
| Oct. 16 | vs. UTEP | DNP | | | |
| Oct. 23 | vs. Oregon | 0-0 | .000 | 2-2 | 2 |
| Oct. 30 | at UCLA | 2-2 | 1.000 | 3-3 | 9 |
| Nov. 6 | vs. Washington | 1-3 | .333 | 2-2 | 5 |
| Nov. 13 | at Oregon State | 2-2 | 1.000 | 2-2 | 8 |
| Nov. 27 | at Arizona State | 0-1 | .000 | 3-4 | 3 |
| 2000 | Opponent | FG-A | Pct. | PAT | Pts. |
| Sept. 2 | at Utah | 1-1 | 1.000 | 2-2 | 5 |
| Sept. 9 | vs. Ohio State | 0-0 | .000 | 0-0 | 0 |
| Sept. 16 | vs. San Diego State | 1-2 | .500 | 2-2 | 5 |
| Sept. 30 | at Stanford | 2-2 | 1.000 | 3-3 | 9 |
| Oct. 7 | at USC | 1-1 | 1.000 | 4-4 | 7 |
| Oct. 14 | vs. Washington State | 0-1 | .000 | 3-3 | 3 |
| Oct. 21 | at Oregon | 1-1 | 1.000 | 1-1 | 4 |
| Oct. 28 | vs. UCLA | 1-1 | 1.000 | 3-3 | 6 |
| Nov. 4 | at Washington | 2-4 | .500 | 2-3 | 8 |
| Nov. 11 | vs. Oregon State | 3-3 | 1.000 | 0-0 | 9 |
| Nov. 24 | vs. Arizona State | 1-1 | 1.000 | 2-2 | 5 |
| 2001 | Opponent | FG-A | Pct. | PAT | Pts. |
| Aug. 30 | at San Diego State | 0-1 | .000 | 1-1 | 1 |

OL, Stephen Grace, 6-3, 293, Sr., Honolulu, Hawaii

Arguably Arizona's best offensive lineman and one of the finest in the Pac-10 Conference ... Anchored an offensive line that first-time QB starter to complete 21-of-32 passes for 176 yards ... Coach Mackovic has called Grace "the best center I have ever coached." ... Has recovered from shoulder surgery last year that limited him to just one game played ... Earned second-team all-Pac-10 honors in 1999 as a starter at left guard.

RB, Clarence Farmer, 6-0, 224, So., Houston, Texas

A *Street & Smith's* Preseason honorable mention All-America ... Posted a strong 2001 debut, compiling 90 yards on 21 carries and a TD ... Scored UA's first TD on a nice 12-yard run and set up a second with a 27-yard scamper at San Diego State ... A powerful, bruising back that rushed for 666 yards and five touchdowns last year ... One of only two true freshmen running backs at Arizona to post three 100-yard rushing games ... Had three runs of 35 yards in 2000, including two for scores ... Named a freshman All-American by *The Sporting News*.

Farmer Game-By-Game

| 2000 | Opponent | Att. | Net | Avg. | TD | Lg |
|-------------|----------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Sept. 2 | at Utah | 2 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sept. 9 | vs. Ohio State | DNP | | | | |
| Sept. 16 | vs. San Diego State | 13 | 95 | 7.3 | 0 | 23 |
| Sept. 30 | at Stanford | 18 | 116 | 6.4 | 1 | 50 |
| Oct. 7 | at USC | 22 | 134 | 6.1 | 1 | 80 |
| Oct. 14 | vs. Washington State | 0 | | | | |
| Oct. 21 | at Oregon | 9 | 20 | 2.2 | 0 | 20 |
| Oct. 28 | vs. UCLA | 33 | 107 | 3.2 | 2 | 19 |
| Nov. 4 | at Washington | 0 | | | | |
| Nov. 11 | vs. Oregon State | 9 | 61 | 6.8 | 0 | 35 |
| Nov. 24 | vs. Arizona State | 11 | 82 | 7.5 | 0 | 44 |
| 2001 | Opponent | Att. | Net | Avg. | TD | Lg |
| Aug. 30 | at San Diego State | 21 | 90 | 4.3 | 1 | 27 |

LB, Lance Briggs, 6-1, 230, Jr., Sacramento, Calif.

Anchored a defense that allowed SDSU just 41 net rushing yards in the season opener ... Tallied 7.5 stops vs. the Aztecs, including one TFL ... The Pac-10's leading returning tackler with 113 stops ... A second-team preseason All-America pick by *Football News* ... A *Street & Smith's* Preseason honorable mention All-America ... Posted seven games with 10 or more tackles, his first on the defensive side of the ball ... Briggs' earned first-team all-Pac-10 honors last season.

Briggs Game-By-Game

| 2000 | Opponent | UT | AT | TT | TFL | Sacks | Int | Other |
|-------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Sept. 2 | at Utah | 7 | 9 | 16 | 1-1 | 0 | 0 | |
| Sept. 9 | vs. Ohio State | 7 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Sept. 16 | vs. San Diego State | 6 | 2 | 8 | 3-14 | 1-6 | 1 | 1 PBU |
| Sept. 30 | at Stanford | 4 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Oct. 7 | at USC | 2 | 4 | 6 | 1-1 | 0 | 1 | |
| Oct. 14 | vs. Washington State | 11 | 0 | 11 | 1-8 | 0 | 1 | 1 PBU |
| Oct. 21 | at Oregon | 7 | 5 | 12 | 1-1 | 0 | 0 | |
| Oct. 28 | vs. UCLA | 10 | 3 | 13 | 2-4 | 0 | 0 | |
| Nov. 4 | at Washington | 9 | 2 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 PBU |
| Nov. 11 | vs. Oregon State | 6 | 4 | 10 | 2-5 | 0 | 0 | |
| Nov. 24 | vs. Arizona State | 8 | 4 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 PBU, 1 FF |
| 2001 | Opponent | UT | AT | TT | TFL | Sacks | Int | Other |

Aug. 30 at San Diego State 6 3 7.5 1-3 0 0

CB, Michael Jolivet, 5-9, 178, So., Houston, Texas

Arizona's leading tackler in the season opener vs. SDSU with eight stops, including a sack (-6) and two PBUs ... A *Street & Smith's* Preseason honorable mention All-America ... A solid cover guy ... Returns after a freshman campaign that saw him tally 42 tackles and five interceptions (19th nationally) ... A second-team all-Pac-10 pick and freshman All-America as a wide-side corner.

Jolivet Game-By-Game

| 2000 | Opponent | UT | AT | TT | TFL | Sacks | Int | Other |
|----------|----------------------|----|----|----|-----|-------|-----|-----------------------|
| Sept. 2 | at Utah | 7 | 1 | 8 | 1-3 | 0 | 0 | 1 PBU |
| Sept. 9 | vs. Ohio State | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 PBU |
| Sept. 16 | vs. San Diego State | 4 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 PBU |
| Sept. 30 | at Stanford | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 PBU |
| Oct. 7 | at USC | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 PBU |
| Oct. 14 | vs. Washington State | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 PBU |
| Oct. 21 | at Oregon | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | Left game with injury |
| Oct. 28 | vs. UCLA | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 PBU |
| Nov. 4 | at Washington | 4 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Nov. 11 | vs. Oregon State | 4 | 0 | 4 | 1-1 | 0 | 0 | |
| Nov. 24 | vs. Arizona State | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 PBU |

| 2001 | Opponent | UT | AT | TT | TFL | Sacks | Int | Other |
|---------|--------------------|----|----|----|-----|-------|-----|-------|
| Aug. 30 | at San Diego State | 6 | 4 | 8 | 1-6 | 1-6 | 0 | 2 PBU |

QB, Jason Johnson, 6-2, 200, Jr., Puyallup, Wash.

Completed 21-of-32 passes for 176 yards in his first collegiate start at San Diego State, and most importantly, led his team to victory ... Showed a strong grasp of the offensive by completing passes to eight different receivers ... Outstanding student with a 3.75 GPA as a business major ... Could be a strong contender for academic All-America honors.

| 2001 | Opponent | Att.-Cmp.-Int. | Yds | TD | Pct. | Lg |
|---------|--------------------|----------------|-----|----|------|----|
| Aug. 30 | at San Diego State | 32-21-1 | 176 | 1 | 65.6 | 41 |