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WOMEN'S GOLF

NCAA National Champions 1996, 2000 NCAA Regional Champions 1996, 1998, 2000, 2001 Pac-10 Champions 1992, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002

Arizona Quick Facts

Location.....Tucson, Ariz.
 Founded.....1885
 Enrollment.....35,000
 Nickname.....Wildcats
 Colors.....Cardinal and Navy
 Affiliation.....NCAA Division I
 Conference.....Pacific-10
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 2003 Pac-10 Finish.....Second
 2003 NCAA West Regional Finish.....Fifth
 2003 NCAA Championship Finish.....Seventh
 Home Course.....Arizona National Golf Club
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....8/3
 Newcomers.....1

2003-04 SCHEDULE

Sept. 12-14	at NCAA Fall Preview	3rd/18
Sept. 26-28	at Mason Rudolph Invitational	
Oct. 6-8	at Edean Ihlantfeldt	
Oct. 17-19	at Pepsi-Stanford Invitational	
Nov. 2-4	at Hooters Collegiate Matchplay	
Feb. 9-11	at Regional Challenge	
Feb. 23-25	WILDCAT INVITATIONAL	
Mar. 21-23	at Betsy Rawls	
March 27-28	at Mountain View	
Apr. 2-4	at Ping/ASU Invitational	
Apr. 19-21	at PAC-10 Championships	
May 6-8	NCAA Regional	
May 18-21	NCAA National Championship	

MEDIA INFORMATION: The latest information of the University of Arizona women's golf program can be obtained from the Arizona Media Relations Office (Room 106, McKale Center), or on the internet at:

<http://www.arizonaathletics.com>

The most up-to-date information on each of Arizona's 19 intercollegiate sports can be found on the Athletic Department's official Web site.

Wildcats in Search of First Tournament Championship of 2003

Teeing Off: After one week off the Arizona women golfers take the course to compete this weekend in the Mason Rudolph Invitational in Nashville, Tenn. The tournament takes place on Sept. 26-28 at Vanderbilt's Legends Club. In their last competition the Wildcats placed third out of 18 teams at the NCAA Fall Preview at the Grand National Lake Course in Auburn, Ala.

The Course: The 2003 Mason Rudolph Championship will be held at the Vanderbilt Legends Club. The course is located 20 miles south of downtown Nashville in Franklin, Tenn. The course features two 18-hole championship courses. The competition will be contested on the par 72 layout with the length of 6,276 yards.

The Field: Tournament host Vanderbilt, Arizona, UCLA, Oregon State, Southern California, Tulane, Missouri, Auburn, Florida, South Carolina, UNC-Wilmington, North Carolina, Wake Forest, Kentucky, Georgia and Furman.

Tournament Schedule: The tournament will run for three days, with 18 holes being contested in each round. Beginning on Friday, Sept. 26, Arizona will tee off at 8:15 a.m. EST and then the same time on Saturday. The tournament concludes on Sunday, Sept. 28 with a shot-gun start at 8:00 a.m. EST. On Thursday, Sept. 25, teams will participate in a practice round.

Last Year at the Manson Rudolph Invitational: Arizona took second place last year at the Mason Rudolph Invitational. The team posed a 23-over-par 887 at the Legends of Tennessee Club. Vanderbilt took home the championship by shooting 14-over-par 878. UA golfer Erica Blasberg led the team with a second-place finish. Blasberg, last year's Pac-10 Freshman and Golfer of the year ended the tournament at even-par 216. Blasberg's teammate, Miriam Kraschinski, tied for fifth place, collecting a 6-over-par 222.

Wildcat Lineup and 2003-04 stats:

Golfer	Year	Avg.	Top 10/20	Low Rnd.	Events
Erica Blasberg	So.	71.66	1/0	70	1
Cassandra Kirkland	So.	71.66	1/0	68	1
Whitney Welch	So.	75.00	0/0	74	1
Mar Garcia	Jr.	75.33	0/0	73	1
Lani Elston	So.	75.66	0/0	74	1
Miriam Krachinski	Jr.				

COMPETING AS AN INDIVIDUAL

The Rankings

Golfweek/Sagarin Performance Index (Sept. 21, 2003)

Rnk.	School	Rating
1.	Michigan State	72.51
2.	Aburun	72.54
3.	Duke	72.54
4.	Notre Dame	73.14
5.	ARIZONA	73.21
6.	Furman	73.64
7.	Miami	73.80
8.	Purdue	73.82
9.	Costal Carolina	73.95
10.	Oklahoma	74.04
11.	Arkansas	74.30
12.	California	74.54
13.	Oklahoma State	74.62
14.	North Carolina State	74.71
15.	UCLA	74.71
16.	Wisconsin	74.77
17.	Mississippi	74.87
18.	Princeton	74.92
19.	Vanderbilt	74.96
20.	UNLV	74.98
21.	Northwestern	75.01
22.	Virginia	75.08
23.	Nebraska	75.12
24.	Southern California	75.21
25.	New Mexico	75.46

Golfweek/Sagarin Performance Index (Sept. 21, 2003)

Rnk.	Golfer	Schoo	Rating
1.	Laura Terebey,	Radford	67.50
2.	Malinda Johnson,	Wisconsin	68.38
3.	Allison Fouch,	Mich. St.	68.38
4.	Tina Miller,	Miami	68.96
5.	Noriko Nakazaki,	Notre Dame	69.92
6.	Jenny Suh,	Furman	70.24
7.	Sarah Martin,	Mich. St.	70.28
8.	Carolina Llano,	Pepperdine	70.49
9.	Carol Green,	J. Madison	70.87
10.	Christine Boucher,	Kansas St.	71.13
11.	Briana Vega,	NC State	71.21
12.	O. Sattayabanphot		71.22
13.	Beth Hermes,	Purdue	71.22
14.	Courtney Burdick,	Fla. Int.	71.85
15.	Nicole Melton,	Texas A & M	71.36
21.	CASSANDRA KIRKLAND,	ARIZONA	71.83
24.	ERICA BLASBERG,	ARIZONA	71.83
150.	WHITNEY WELCH,	ARIZONA	75.16
169.	MAR GARCIA,	ARIZONA	75.49
199.	LANI ELSTON,	ARIZONA	75.83

NCAA Fall Preview: The Wildcats made an entrance into the 2003-04 season placing third at the NCAA Fall Preview in Alabama on Sept. 12-14. UA shot a 1-over-par 289, landing them behind champion Duke and second-place Auburn. Arizona golfers Cassandra Kirkland and Erica Blasberg tied for third place after carding a 1-under-par 215. Additionally, sophomore Whitney Welch tied for 29th place, 225 (+9), junior Mar Garcia tied for 32nd, 226 (+10), and sophomore Lani Elston tied for 36th, 227 (+11).

Cool Cassandra: Sophomore Cassandra Kirkland stayed in the top five throughout all three rounds at the NCAA Fall Preview. On her first day of competition Kirkland tied with Auburn's Nicole Hage, with both carding 4-under-par 68. On her second day, she stood atop the leaderboard at the Preview by shooting even-par 72. In her round Kirkland tied with fellow wildcat Erica Blasberg after shooting a 1-under-par.

Blast Off: Sophomore Eric Blasberg, a pre-season All-American is on a quest for her first individual title of the season at the Mason Rudolph Invitational. Blasberg, who tied for third at the NCAA Fall Preview, looks to improve her current stroke average of 71.66. In her first competition of her sophomore season, Blasberg carded a low round of 70, marking below par or equal to par twice in the three-day tournament. Last year at the Mason Rudolph Invitational, Blasberg placed second on the leaderboard by shooting an even-par 216.

Rankings: In the first Golfweek/Sagarin preference index of the 2003-04 season, the Wildcats stand at fifth place in the national rankings. UA received a 73.21 computer ranking. Michigan State leads the country with a rating of 72.51 after its first event. Auburn (72.54) and Duke (72.54) hold the No. 2 and No. 3 positions. In the individual rankings, Arizona golfer Cassandra Kirkland ranks 21st in the country with a rating of 71.88. Sophomore Erica Blasberg doesn't fall too far behind with a rating of 71.83, putting her in the No. 24 position. Sophomore Whitney Welch is No. 150 (75.16), junior Mar Garcia is No. 169 (75.49), and sophomore Lani Elston sits at No. 199 (75.83).



2003-04 Arizona Women's Golf Roster



Name	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (High School)
Erica Blasberg	5-6	So.	Corona, Calif. (Corona HS)
Katie Christy	5-6	RS So.	Tucson, Ariz. (Salpointe Catholic)
Lani Elston	5-8	RS So.	Spokane, Wash. (home schooled/Idaho)
Mar Garcia	5-5	Jr.	Castellon, Spain (Colegio Rey Don Jaime)
Rachel Gavin	5-5	RS Fr.	Tucson, Ariz. (Sabino HS)
Cassandra Kirkland	5-7	So.	Saint-Nom-La-Breteche, France (Lycee Louis de Broglie)
Miriam Kraschinski	5-7	Jr.	Whitianga, New Zeland (Saddlebrook Academy)
Alejandra Martin	5-7	So.	Guadalajara, Mexico (Alpes San Javier)
Whitney Welch	5-7	So.	Las Vegas, Nev. (Durango HS)

Head Coach: Greg Allen (fourth year, Murray State, 1993)

Assistant Coach: Jody Niemann-Dansie (second year, Arizona State, 1999)