

Brock Osweiler (6'8") orig committed to play basketball at Gongaza and was IFS for '09. When the starters struggled, the crowd began to chant "we want Brock. Osweiler finally came off the bench in Wk 8 vs USC to guide a 3Q td drive. His first start was in Autzen Stadium but he was banged up in the 2Q and Samson Szakacsy (PS#31) guided two 2H drives. Szakacsy started the final 2 but was pulled in the finale. Their starter, Danny Sullivan threw for 1,939 (54%, 10-9) while Szakacsy (5 gm) threw for 362 (64%, 4-1) and Osweiler 249 (44%, 2-2). LY they had to replace Sullivan and were one of only 2 Pac-10 teams that did not have a clear-cut starter going into the fall (3 man battle). Erickson went with the experience of transfer Steven Threet (PS#26) who started 8 at Michigan in '08 (1105, 51%, 9-7). ASÙ had its best ypg passing since '05 throwing for 286 ypg. Threet put up some big numbers but was also tied for 3rd most int in the NCAA with 16. He threw for 2,534 (61.9%, 18-16). Szakacsy played in just 1 (8-17-52). Osweiler entered the UCLA game mid-1Q when Threet was inj'd and the team trailing 10-0 and guided the comeback victory (380, 4 td, P10 OPOW). He then started vs AZ guiding another win in 2OT. Osweiler threw for 797 (56.9%, 5-0) and was the #3 rusher (124, 3.3). This year Osweiler opted not to join the basketball team to concentrate on football while Threet retired (conc) and Szakacsy left the program. Erickson was also high on rFr Taylor Kelly (PS#185) and they add in 2 true frosh (1 IFS). Osweiler could top LY's QB production if he stays healthy.

HIS - In '09 ASU had a 6-headed RB battle and Dimitri Nance led with 795 (4.2). True frosh Cameron Marshall (PS#93) was #2 with 280 (4.4). LY they had to replace 4 of the top 5 and the battle was between workout beast Marshall (whose father is professional trainer) and true frosh Deantre Lewis. Lewis rarely had to worry about pass protection in high school but worked on it hard when he arrived here. As the third down back in the opener, he had 100 rec yds (2 td). Marshall led with 787 (5.2) while Lewis added 539 (5.9!) and was the #5 rec with 370 (16.1). True frosh 5'8" Kyle Middlebrooks (PS#166) who was the #3 RB (82, 4.8) also lined up in the slot (13 rec) and is expected to be a hybrid RB/WR in '11. This year the unit returns intact and not listed below are Marcus Washington (5'11" 212 rFr, PS#136), DJ Bush (5'11" 202 rFr), RJ Robinson (5'8" 184 Jr) and Brock Goroubec (6'2"

210 So). This is a much more experienced group and could deliver Erickson his first 1,000 yard rusher here (had 2 P10 rushing champs while at Oregon St).

LY ASU had to replace its top 2 rec's who combined for 1,488 (13.2) and the leading returnees were Kerry Taylor (PS#34, 276, 12.0) and Gerell Robinson (PS#11, 261, 10.0). Taylor led with 699 (12.9) and surprisingly Robinson was just #4 with 387 (13.3). Mike Willie (PS#64JC) brought some physicality to the group as ASU WR's in the Mazzone offense need to be solid blockers. He had 442 (12.3). TJ Simpson (PS#102) was #2 with 481 (16.6) and Oregon trans Aaron Pflugrad was #6 (329, 11.3). This year they lose their top guy Taylor, as well as Brandon Smith (1 st), TE Steven Figueroa (5 gm) and possibly Simpson, who tore his ACL in late March. Not listed below are Randy Knust (6'2" 194 rFr, PS#229), Brent Scott (6'0" 177 Fr), Kevin Ozier (6'0" 201 So), Angelo Magee (6'2" 195 Sr) and Chike Mbanefo (5'9" 175 rFr). Despite the loss of their top guy (potentially top 2), this unit has more overall exp.

each of his first 3 years and after allowing 55 sks in '07, they did trim that to 34 and 27. They still only opened holes for 119 ypg (3.7) in '09. LY they lost a 2nd Tm P10 LT (#3DC) and 2 other starters then lost LT Jon Hargis (2Y starter) to a torn ACL in spg. The inexp'd line (7 '09 sts ret) actually improved. In '09 they used 6 different combinations on the OL but LY the same unit started consecutive gms six times. This year they lose Hargis (4 gm, 0 st) but basically return the entire 2 deep (8 w/ st exp). This unit has been a weakness in each of Erickson's first 4 yrs, but this season turns it into a strength.

THE LINE - Arizona St usually has a solid rush D and in '09 with 2 st'rs back they yielded 109 ypg (3.4). LY they ret'd 6 of their top 8 but did lose a 1st Tm P10 DE (#7DC) I thought it would be one of the P10's best D-lines and ASÚ delivered as they had the #1 def in the P10 vs the rush and overall allowed 120 ypc (3.2). True frosh Junior Onyeali (PS#55) was the P10 Frosh DPOY starting 5 (6.5 sk). This year they lose DT Lawrence Guy (12 st, 41 tkl, 6 tfl, #7DC GB), DT Saia Falahola (9 st, 13 tkl, 2.5 tfl), DE Jamarr Robinson (4 st, 15 tkl, 3 tfl) and DE Dean DeLeone (1 st, 3 tkl). Erickson says that DT Bo Moos is not flashy but he is a "tough son of a gun." I also expect a bigger year from DT Corey Adams (PS#13) who has been hampered by inj's his 2Y here (just 14 tkl). Overall the group is a little less exp'd compared to '10's solid unit.

Last year the Sun Devils had to replace 2nd Tm P10 Mike Nixon (#1 tkl'r '08 and '09) and their #3 tkl'r (#6DC). They did return Vontaze Burfict who lived up to his PS#3 billing and was a P10 Frosh DPOY as a true in '09 (69 tkl, 7 tfl). With just 1 starter back to this unit, the D allowed 25.0 ppg, their most in 4 yrs. They lost Shelly Lyons to a broken foot st). Burfict was called for a couple of key pers fouls, one vs USC and one vs Stanford which changed the momentum of both games. This year they lose MLB Gerald Munns (1 st, 24 tkl) and Mike Callaghan (11 tkl). They have 5 back who started 3+ gms including their #1, #2, #5 and #7 tkl'rs. This is one of the P10's best LB corps and Burfict is a contender for P12 DPOY.

- The Sun Devils finished #34 in my PDR in '06, #5 in '07, #20 in '08 and despite having an injury plagued group in '09, were #16. Last year they had to replace 4 DB (combined 38 sts) but thanks to '09's injuries, returned 4 with starting exp incl Omar Bolden (21 st '07-'08, 2 in '09). The less experienced secondary finished just #74. This year they lose S Max Tabach (6 st, 64 tkl, 2 int) and CB LeQuan Lewis (23 tkl). Bolden (12 st, 1st Tm P10) tore his ACL in April and will miss anywhere from 5 to 8 months. They have 5 back (not incl Bolden) with starting exp and will be improved.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2007 K Thomas Weber had a phenomenal season hitting 24-25 FG (two 50+) and winning the Lou Groza Award! ASU finished #44 in my ST rankings. In '08 Weber hit 19-25 (3-7 from 40+) and avg'd 41.4 (tm net 33.8) on punts with 8 TB on 60 KO. Surprisingly ASU dropped to #70 and in '09 Weber suffered a groin injury (missed 4 and was never really 100%). He hit 8-13 FG's (0-5 30+). They wanted to RS Bobby Wenzig but he hit 3-4 FG (L43). Trevor Hankins took over at P (44.2, 36.2 net) and ASU finished #57. LY Weber returned and hit 17-24 FG (2-2 from 50+) and had 12 TB on 75 KO. Hankins avg'd 44.6 (tm net dropped to 33.9). Kyle Middlebrooks, LeQuan Lewis and Omar Bolden spearhéaded an ASU KR unit that avg'd 27.5. This year they lose Weber, Hankins and KR Lewis. Erickson signed a JC P but it will be tough to improve upon their #11 ST finish.

😽 - Dennis Erickson took over in '07. He was the HC at Idaho (twice), Wyoming, Wash St, Miami, Fl and Oregon St. He is 173-89-1 as a college HC and spent 7 yrs in the NFL (HC SEA and SF). He won National Titles with Miami in '89 and '91 and his 2000 OSU squad finished 11-1 and ranked #4. Erickson became the first ASU HC to have his team ranked in his first year and became the 2nd P10 coach to start 5-0 in the conf tying Cal's Steve Mariucci ('96). Erickson is 3-15 S/'01 vs ranked tms. He was the first coach to win P10 COY at 3 diff schools. OC Noel Mazzone (2nd yr) spent the previous 3 yrs with the NY Jets (WR cch). Mazzone was the OC under Tuberville at Ole Miss and Auburn from '94-'01. The DC is Craig Bray, who was the DC under Erickson at OSU from 2000-'02 and his DB coach at WSU from '87-'88.

In 2006, despite having just 12 st'rs back, ASU made it to their 3rd straight bowl (7-6) for the first time since 1985-'87. Dirk Koetter, who moved his record to 4-2 vs Arizona, was fired prior to the bowl. Dennis Erickson inherited 9 ret st'rs on offense including QB Rudy Carpenter. Despite ASU coming off a 4-5 year in P10 play, I looked at their schedule and said in my forecast that they had a great shot at opening the year 8-0! The Sun Devils did not disappoint. Five times ASU overcame double digit deficits to come away with victories and when they knocked off #18 Cal at home, they moved to 8-0 (#6) and finished 10-2 but were blown out by Texas in the Holiday Bowl (finished #16). In '08 the Sun Devils had Georgia on their non-conf slate and five Pac-10 road games. While they were Pac-10 co-champs in '07 at 7-2, they were only +10.1 ypg (5th best). They had 13 ret st'rs and lost 24 lett (38%). While I did not have the Sun Devils in my preseason Top 25, they were #15 AP. At the end of the year they were just 5-7. It looked like a rebuilding season in '09 with just 13 strs back but they still opened 4-2. At that point I forecasted on PhilSteele.com that ASU would drop their final 6 and that they did finishing the year 4-8. They had 3 net close losses and despite their 2-7 P10 record, actually outgained conf foes by 15.2 ypg. ASU also had my #3 rated D in the P10 but in '10 they played the toughest conf schedule (5 AG's, host P10 champ Óregon). Because ASU played two FCS foes, they were not eligible for a bowl but managed to improve to 6-6 and nearly pulled some big upsets. Against Wisc, they scored an apparent tying td but missed the xp. They had a 597-385 yd edge vs Oregon but were done in by 7 TO's and lost by 11. They lost to Oregon St by 3 and then missed a 41 yd FG with 1:34 left and lost to USC by 1. They led Stanford 13-10 in the 4Q but lost by 4. In the season finale they blocked an Ariz xp at the end of reg and then won in 2OT on another blk'd xp. ASU once again had 3 net close losses and this year have 15 ret st'rs, which ties for third most in the P12. They have 5 P12 HG's. One of their AG's is WSU and they avoid Stanford out of the North. ASU will have its first winning record since 2007 and will be the preseason favorite to win the new Pac-12 South.

JERSEY # IN MAROON

6-8 235 PS#53. 1 st, 249 (44%, 2-2) true. 1 st, 797 (57%, 5-0) LY. 2 Mike DE 97 JUNIOR ONYEALI SO. QB 17 Brock Osweiler Jr. Bercovici PS#60. IFS. 15 Taylor Kelly (6'1" 202 rFr) PS#185. 18 Joe Arreguin (6'2" 208 Sr) JC. No action here LY. RB 26 CAMERON MARSHALL JR. 5-11 223 PS#93. 1 st, 280 (4.4) true. 10 st, 787 (5.2), HM P10 LY. 25 Deantre Lewis (510" 193 So) PS#65. 2 st, 539 (5.9) true. OFS '11. 22 James Morrison (5'11" 214 Jr) 15 gm, 66 (3.7) '09-'10. FWR 4 AARON PFLUGRAD SR. 5-10 180 PS#214.4 st, 247 (10.7) 2Y at Oreg. 3 st, 329 (11.3) LY. 32 Jamal Miles (5'10" 181 Jr) PS#70. 1 st, 58 (9.7) true. 8 st, 203 (8.1) LY. 7 Kyle Middlebrooks (5'8" 175 So) PS#166. 1 st, 86 (6.6) true. ZWR 1 MIKE WILLIE SR. 6-4 215 **PS#64JC**.9 st, 442 (12.3) LY. 13 George Bell (6'3" 203 Sr) **PS#12JC**. 2 st, 84 (9.3) LY. **80** JJ Holliday (6'0" 170 So) PS#150. 6 gm as rFr. **84** Jarrid Bryant (6'5" 180 So) 1 gm as rFr. XWR 8 Gerell Robinson Sr. 6-4 222 PS#11.5 st, 287 (9.9) 2Y.6 st, 387 (13.3) LY. 19 Kevin Anderson (5'9" 175 188 Sr) PS#102. 9 st, 587 (16.3) 3Y. ACL spg, ? '11. AJ Pickens (5'10" 176 Jr) PS#85. rFr) PS#87. 86 TJ Simpson (6'1 TE 45 Trevor Kohl Sr. 6-1 245 JC. 35 (8.8) '09.5 st, 30 (15.0), his 2 rec's were only 2 by a TE LY 87 Christopher Coyle (6'3" 235 So) PS#17. 12 gm rFr. 85 Max Smith (6'2" 248 So) PS#56. 10 gm on ST's rFr. 52 GARTH GÉRHART SR. 6-1 300 PS#138. L/3 st LG, 3 gm (inj) rFr. 7 st (5 RG, 2 C), 8 gm (inj) '09. 12 st C 2nd Tm P10 LY. 67 Kody Koebensky (6'4" 300 So) PS#87. 2 gm rFr. LS 57 Thomas Ohmart (6'1" 231 Sr) 36 gm LS 3Y. RG 72 ANDREW SAMPSON JR. 6-3 300 PS#71. 1 st RG, 12 gm rFr. L/8 st RG, 12 gm LY. 71 Brice Schwab (6'7 302 Sr) **PS#9JC.** 4 st (3 RT, 1 RG) 9 gm LY. -40 lbs spg '11. **55** Chris DeArmas (6'4' 301 Sr) PS#112JC. 1 gm LY. **LG 70 MIKE MARCISZ SR.** 6-5 300 PS#413.No action rFr.2 gm '09.11 st (10 LG, 1 RT) LY.**77** Adam Telik (6'3" 292 Sr) PS#172. 4 st RT rFr. DNP '09. 1st 2 st LG, 5 gm (inj) LY. 58 Sil Ajawara (6'3" 297 rFr) PS#149. RT 73 ADÉRIOUS SIMMONS SR. 6-7 310 PS#96JC. 6 St RT, 8 gm LY. 69 Dan Knapp (6'5" 277 Sr) PS#170. 9 st TE '08-'09. 6 st (4 LT, 2 RT), 11 gm LY. **54** Tyler Sulka (6'4" 270 rFr) PS#240. **64** Nick Emanuele (6'6" 278 Sr). LT **62** EVAN FINKENBERG SO. 6-6 292 PS#463.11 st (8 LT, 3 RT) 12 gm rFr. **78** Kyle Johnson (6'7" 292 Jr) PS#102. 2 gm rFr. 12 gm LY. **74** Jamil Douglas (6'4" 284 rFr) PS#291. **68** Trent Marsh (6'1" 318 Sr). **79** Chip Sarafin (6'6" 350 rFr). K 36 Alex Garoutte rFr. 6-1 190 PS#38. Walked on for fall '10. Awarded scholarship for '11.94 Parker Flynn (5'11" 187 rFr) PS#36. Walked on in fall of 2010. 93 Andrew Vasquez (6'0" 185 Fr) walk-on for spring '11. 41.2 as a frosh. At ASU for spg '11. 98 Lee Williams (5'9" 194 So) walked on in fall of '09. No gm action LY.

5-11 233 PS#55.5 st, 18 tkl, 11.5 tfl, 1stTm Fr AA true. 34 James Brooks (6'5" 279 Sr) PS#83. 9 st. 28 tkl. 10.5 tfl '08-'09. 7 st. 25 tkl. 7.5 tfl LY. Davon Coleman PS#443JC. Gannon Conway (6'4" 255 Jr). DT 61 Bo Moos Sr. 6-0 286 2 gm as a rFr. 4 tkl, 8 gm '09.3 st, 11 gm, 17 tkl, 1 tfl LY. Mo Latu (6'3' 306 Fr) PS#56. 405 bench, 495 squat in HS. 96 Toa Tuitea (6'3" 280 Jr) PS#235. 3 tkl, 5 gm rFr. 6 tkl, 9 gm LY. DT 90 William Sutton So. 6-2 285 PS#151.2 st, 12 gm, 17 tkl, 3 tfl true. RS (ineligible) LY. 68 Corey Adams (6'3" 285 Jr) PS#13. 4 tkl. 8 gm true. 10 tkl. 3 tfl. 9 gm LY. 99 Joita Te'i (6'4" 267 rFr) PS#261. David Moala PS#293. 6-5 260 PS#50, 25 tkl 4.5 tfl '08-'09 7 st 40 tkl 10.5 tfl HM P10 IY 17 Gregory DE 92 JAMAAR JARRETT SR. 49 Jordan McDonald (6'4" 225 rFr) PS#150. Derrall Anderson (6'2" 231 Sr) 7 tkl 3Y SLB 21 COLIN PARKER SR. 6-1 228 PS#60. 9 tkl '08-'09. 5 st, 57 tkl, 3 tfl LY. 6 Shelly Lyons (6'2" 230 Sr) PS#128. 53 tkl '08-'09. 4 st, 7 gm (inj), 22 tkl LY. Isreal Marshall PS#123. 53 Brandon Johnson (6'2" 222 So) 8 tkl rFr. MLB 7 VONTAZE BURFICT JR. 6-3 243 PS#3, 9 st. 69 tkl. 7 tfl as a true, 11 st. 90 tkl. 8.5 tfl LY, 2x 1st Tm P10. 48 Carl Bradford (6'0" 247 rFr) PS#121. Kipeli Koniseti (6'3" 240 So) PS#235JC. 57 Charles Beatty (5'11" 224 Jr). WLB 8 BRANDON MAGEE ŚR. 5-11 230 PS#37. 1 st, 45 tkl, 7 tfl '08-'09. 11 st, 73 tkl, 5 tfl, HM P10 LY. 18 Oliver Aaron (6'0" 208 Sr) PS#280. 12 tkl '08-'09. 3 st, 47 tkl, 7.5 tfl LY. 31 Anthony Jones (6'2" 217 So) PS#105. Inelig LY. CB 1 DEVERON CARR JR. 5-11 193 PS#161.3 st, 10 tkl rFr. 5 st (inj) 8 tkl LY. Rashad Wadood PS#137.32 Harrison Evens (5'10" 180 So). Preon Evans (6'0" 170 Fr) IFS. 35 Ronald Kennedy (5'10" 175 So). Jeremy Sawyer (5'10" 170 So). 5-11 180 PS#118.7 st, 40 tkl rFr. 25 Devan Spann (5'11" 175 rFr) PS#209.3 Omai CB 19 Osahon Irábor So. Bolden (5'10" 195 Sr) PS#80. , 82 tkl, 16 pd, 2Y. MedRS '09. 12 st, 52 tkl, 10 pd, 1st Tm P10 LY. ACL spg '11 SS 9 Člint Floyd Śr. 5-10 198 PS#76. 6 st, 22 tkl '08-'09. 8 st, 30 tkl, 3 pd LY. 4 Alden Darby (5'10" 185 So). 14 tkl true. 29 Shane McCullen (6'2" 200 So) PS#107. 1 tkl rFr. Jonathan Clark (6'0" 200 Sr) PS#237. 2 tkl 3Y.

1 st, 11 tkl rFr. 2 st, 22 tkl LY. 12 Matthew Tucker (6'1" 197 So) PS#69. 2 tkl rFr. Kevin Ayers (6'0" 200 Jr) PS#325JC.

5-10 186 PS#48JC.9 st, 64 tkl, 5.5 tfl, 5 pd LY. 10 Keelan Johnson (6'0" 201 Jr) PS#102

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