



Sports Information



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NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY'S 1974 FOOTBALL INFO

NAME: Northern Arizona University

LOCATION: Flagstaff, Arizona (86001)

ESTIMATED FALL ENROLLMENT: 9,350

SCHOOL COLORS: Blue and Gold

NICKNAME: Lumberjacks, Loggers, Axers

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: Dr. J. Lawrence Walkup (Since 1957)

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CONFERENCE: Big Sky

1973 Record: 4-6 (2-3 Conference) 1972 record: 3-8 (0-4 conf.)

STADIUM: Lumberjack (8,350)

HEAD COACH: Ed Peasley, Washington, 1961. (3 years at NAU, 13-19)

ASSISTANT COACHES: Scott Schuhmann (offensive line), Al Worley (defensive backs), Norman Dow (linebackers), Mike Churchill (offensive backs-receivers)

LETTERMEN RETURNING 23 OFFENSIVE 9 DEFENSIVE 14 LETTERMEN LOST 17

SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE FOR: 1973 results, 1974 schedule, 1974

Outlook and roster at the close of spring practice.

1974 NAU FOOTBALL OUTLOOK

GENERAL OUTLOOK: "We should be improved, but we still lack depth at many spots," commented Ed Peasley who is in his fourth year as head football coach at NAU. "Our opponents will also be improved and we once again play a rugged schedule as six of our foes were nationally ranked last year."

"I am extremely pleased with the cohesive unit our assistant coaches have formed and their ability to teach and expand our offense and defensive styles of play --- they've zeroed in on specifics extremely well."

OFFENSIVE OUTLOOK: "We return four of the six starters on the offensive line in tight end Kenny Allen, tackle Gil Ramos, center Terry Hoerner and guard Bill Rudolph and the caliber of people they've played against gives us a strong nucleus here," said line coach Scott Schuhmann.

Alan Warzecha, a reserve a year ago, gives NAU a solid swing man at the guard and tackle spots plus newcomers Charles Brunk and Gilbert Huerta will help with the depth at the guard spots. Perhaps the strongest spot on the team is tight end with Allen returning along with newcomers Bob Tagye and Paul Berlin.

"The offensive backfield will have good depth at fullback in letterman Jerry Wallace and newcomer Gary Charlon while the tailback spot will have good outside speed with Brad Royse and Eric Days," said offensive back coach Mike Churchill. "Dave Mendez" return at quarterback plus the impressive spring Randy Berry had gives us a lot of hope. Berry made great improvement and only

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needs experience and playing time to develop even further. His great winning tradition and attitude are plusses."

Churchill was pleased with the progress the passing game made in the spring and Rocky Loyce and Rich Carlberg, the two returning wide receivers, did a good job of catching the ball and they made giant strides in improving their blocking. Dennis Dixon, a newcomer with 4.5 speed in the 40-yard dash, could replace either of the two if they let up. Another newcomer, Kevin Riley, appears to have sewed up the split end spot.

ANALYSIS: NAU made a lot of progress toward coming up with a balanced attack and if as much improvement is made in fall practice, NAU's foes will find it hard to key on either the run or pass.

NAU's long-range building program is starting to show up as the entire offensive unit has just 2-3 key seniors and actually, a lineup of all sophomores and juniors could be put on the field at any one time.

DEFENSIVE OUTLOOK: "With the change to an odd man front on defense, our players had to learn new techniques and coverage assignments," said defensive back coach Al Worley. "The players ended spring drills with a better understanding of what is expected of them as far as our new system goes."

NAU returns three veteran linebackers in Willie Pringle, Mark Snyder and Billy Wagner. Also coming back are Charlie Gover and redshirt Paul Edge, so NAU's linebacker play should be solid.

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Of the nine defensive down linemen, Bruce Ivor, George Kagele, Bob James and Jerry Grigsby are all well experienced. Newcomers Zephery McKenzie and Bill Palmer will add some solid football savvy and Todd John, Rich Terry and Chris Minor all switched from offense to defensive ends and Minor earned a starting job at one end spot. Ivor, Kagele, James and Grigsby are all Arizona high school products, as are Terry and John.

The defensive backs appear to be the weakest spot on the team with just two vets coming back in Randy Spilsbury and Chuck Apt.

Junior college transfer Doug Schriener should help as should Paul Arslanian, who saw limited action last year due to injury and Jim Deering, who switched from wide receiver to defensive back in the spring.

ANALYSIS: NAU got solid play from the defensive front and its linebackers during spring drills; however, more depth and talent will be needed at the defensive back spots.

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1974 NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>RECORD</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Sept. 7	California State Univ-Fullerton	(0-0-0)	1:30 p.m. MST
Sept. 14	North Dakota State University	(0-3-0)	1:30 p.m. MST
Sept. 21	University of Nevada-Las Vegas	(1-1-0)	1:30 p.m. MST
*Sept. 28	Idaho State University (Homecoming)	(5-5-1)	2:30 p.m. MST
*Oct. 5	At Montana State University	(2-6-0)	1:30 p.m. MDT
*Oct. 12	At University of Montana	(3-4-0)	1:30 p.m. MDT
*Oct. 19	Weber State	(2-7-0)	1:30 p.m. MST
*Oct. 26	Boise State University (Mom and Dad's Day)	(0-3-0)	1:30 p.m. MST
Nov. 9	At Drake University	(0-3-0)	1:30 p.m. CDT

*-Big Sky Conference games

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ASSISTANT COACH:	Al Worley	(602)	523-2441
ASSISTANT COACH:	Mike Churchill	(602)	523-2441

1973 NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL RESULTS (4-6-0)

	<u>Attendance</u>
NAU 7, at North Dakota State 36	(8,600)
*NAU 13, at Weber State 25	(11,146)
*NAU 14, University of Montana 10	(8,500)
NAU 7, at Louisiana Tech 37	(15,600)
NAU 28, Texas Lutheran 14	(4,400)
*NAU 6, at Boise State 21	(10,112)
NAU 77, Cal State-Northridge 17	(7,800)
*NAU 0, Montana State Univ. 45	(3,100)
NAU 14, at Nevada-Las Vegas 42	(12,124)
*NAU 36, at Idaho State Univ. 7	(6,300)

1974 LUMBERJACK FOOTBALL ROSTER
(At the close of spring drills)

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>YR</u>	<u>MAJOR</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>
ALLEN, Ken	TE	6-3	225	SR	Radio-TV	Philadelphia, Pa.
APT, Chuck	DB	6-2	190	JR	History	Iola, Kansas
ARSLANIAN, Paul	DB	5-11	170	SR	Physical Ed.	Ft. Collins, Colo.
BAKER, Jim	FB	5-11	215	JR	Education	Globe, Ariz.
BERLIN, Paul	TE	6-3	215	JR	Education	Oakland, Calif.
BERRY, Randy	QB	6-1	190	SO	Liberal Arts	Arvada, Colo.
BRUNK, Charles	OG	6-2	230	SO	Education	Phoenix, Ariz.
CARLBERG, Rich	WR	6-1	190	SR	Medical Therapy	Benson, Ariz.
CHARLON, Gary	FB	5-10	210	JR	Education	Bakersfield, Calif.
DAYS, Eric	TB	6-1	185	JR	Business	San Francisco, Calif.
DEARING, Jim	DB	6-0	175	SO	Design	Phoenix, Ariz.
DIXON, Dennis	FL	6-0	170	JR	Recreation	San Diego, Calif.
EDGE, Paul	LB	6-2	220	SR	Education	San Diego, Calif.
FERRELL, Randy	DB	5-11	180	JR	Education	Knox, Indiana
GOVER, Charlie	LB	6-2	220	SR	Education	Chinle, Ariz.
GRIGSBY, Jerry	DT	6-4	250	SR	Education	Kearny, Ariz.
HACKETT, Doug	DB	5-9	165	SO	Physical Ed	Cottonwood, Ariz.
HOERNER, Terry	C	6-4	240	SR	Biology	Scottsdale, Ariz.
HOWARD, Rick	TB	6-0	190	SR	Art	Yuma, Ariz.
HUERTA, Gilbert	OG	6-2	235	JR	Education	Tucson, Ariz.
IVOR, Bruce	DT	6-3	235	SR	Police Science	Phoenix, Ariz.
JAMES, Bob	DT	6-4	240	JR	Police Science	Eloy, Ariz.
JARAMILLO, Tony	PK	5-7	155	SO	Education	Yuma, Arizona
JOHN, Todd	DE	6-4	235	JR	Education	Benson, Ariz.
KAGELE, George	DT	6-2	237	SR	Police Science	Prescott, Ariz.
LARSON, Mike	DT	6-5	242	SO	Education	Phoenix, Ariz.

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<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>YR</u>	<u>MAJOR</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>
LOFTIN, George	DT	6-9	265	SR	Sociology	Los Angeles, Calif.
LOYCE, Rocky	FL	6-3	190	SR	Business Mgt.	San Diego, Calif.
MCKENZIE, Zephery	DE	6-3	235	JR	Sociology	Ft. Worth, Texas
MENDEZ, Dave	QB	5-10	190	SR	Spanish	Mesa, Ariz.
MINOR, Chris	DE	6-3	230	SO	Recreation	San Jose, Calif.
PALMER, Bill	DT	6-2	230	JR	Recreation	Phoenix, Ariz.
PRINGLE, Willie	LE	6-2	215	SR	Sociology	Victorville, Calif.
RAMOS, Gilbert	OT	6-3	235	SR	Education	Tucson, Ariz.
RILEY, Kevin	SE	6-0	170	JR	English	San Diego, Calif.
ROYSE, Brad	TB	5-8	180	SO	Education	Tempe, Ariz.
RUDDOLPH, Bill	OG	6-1	220	JR	History	Sausalito, Calif.
SCHRINER, Doug	DB	6-0	185	JR	Business	Mesa, Ariz.
SEABROOK, Bill	DT	6-2	225	SR	Recreation	Charleston, S.C.
SNYDER, Mark	LB	6-2	215	SR	Ecology	Palo Alto, Calif.
SPILSBURY, Randy	DB	6-2	185	JR	Physical Ed	Casa Grande, Ariz.
TAGYE, Bob	TE	6-5	220	JR	Recreation	San Diego, Calif.
TERRY, Richard	DE	6-2	215	JR	Physical Ed	Gilbert, Ariz.
WAGNER, Billy	LB	5-11	215	SR	Education	Tucson, Ariz.
WALLACE, Jerry	FB	5-11	210	SO	Physical Ed	Robstown, Texas
WARZECHA, Alan	OT	6-2	220	JR	Physical Ed	Middletown, Conn.
WOODARD, Randy	DB	5-11	165	SO	Education	Phoenix, Ariz.