



Dear Corey,

28 Wins Conference Champions snubbed from the NT. Not even deserving of a play-in spot. That's what happened to my Sun Devils this past season. In my first three seasons coaching here, I've led my team to the best three-season stretch since the 2020s and the first three conference championships in school history. But it's not enough; this team yearns for more, and you're the missing piece.

We're only returning a single center on the roster and ranking 33rd for Returning Talent with only eight players. And you solve a conference champion team's deficiencies: defense and size. Knowing all of this, you'll be in the starting lineup playing 25+ minutes a game.

Our defense was not up to par, mainly because we did not have a player to build it around. My teams used to be built around defense, and I want to return to that. It all starts with a stalwart like you who can hold everything down.

In my 1-3-1 press, you'll be the middleman, controlling the game with your long wingspan. You're the heart and soul of the entire system. Your knowledge of the game and your athleticism will allow you to know where to position yourself to disrupt the passing lanes, allowing easy scores.

We move into a triple-switch system when a team passes the half-court line. The system kills the common motion offense and quick on and off-ball screens. As the name suggests, we will use a simple switch on every screen, no matter if it is on or off the ball. After the switch, if there is a mismatch, a point switch is implemented. You'll be the heart and soul of this system. Using point switches to limit mismatches and three balls is the key to this system. The Triple Switch also helps you stay energized, instead of wasting energy on an off-ball screen, switching will save you and your teammates from tiring out. Point switches also keep you in the proper position to stop any drives which is a plus that the traditional switch doesn't provide. Playing around your teammates and using your defensive IQ to know when and when not to switch is vital and is what will make you the perfect fit.

But even with all of your defensive abilities, your offense might be even better, and Arizona State has the perfect weapons to match up with you. Playing with offensive-minded, pass-first guards such as Javier Cortaberría, Chris Kratch, Dedrick Roundtree, and Josh Rosen, who complement your game perfectly, will allow you to play to your fullest. There is no selfish player on this roster, which will enable



you to step up and take the role of a shottaker. You'll come in and be the team's offensive star, the keys being handed over to you.

Your ability to do anything on the offensive side will be needed. You can run a simple ISO game yourself, out-maneuvering bigs and bullying any wing or guard. Or you can run a two-man game with Josh Rosen. Two bigs that can control the rock is a deadly combo that cannot be stopped.

ASU supports a live party scene, which most know our school for. However, Arizona State is more than just a party school. It's a group of passionate students who will ride or die for you, and you will see them wearing Calabria on the back of their shirts even years after you leave. The atmosphere around this school is perfect for your first taste of the outside world. Go to concerts with friends and teammates, or enjoy the beautiful year-round weather. It's a place where players like you come to thrive.

Arizona State also bolsters an excellent education system that prepares our players for success. This education goes far beyond the classroom; it's a launchpad for your future. ASU is nationally recognized for innovation, letting you express yourself. However, the main calling card is your connection to our strong alumni network. The connections you make in your short year will build you up for your career after basketball and allow you to pursue whatever you want; that's the ASU way.