ASU All Access: Sun Devil Football takes on London

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The Sun Devils traveled more than 5,000 miles for a business trip — but that didn't mean they couldn't make time for fish and chips, sightseeing and a few surprises on the streets of London.

In this episode, Arizona State University football Associate Head Coach and Wide Receivers Coach Hines Ward and players Reed Harris, Omarion Miller and Kyson Brown shared their experiences traveling to London ahead of the Union Jack Classic against the University of Kansas. For many Sun Devils, the trip offered their first opportunity to travel internationally, explore a new culture and create memories with teammates outside of football.

Ward said one of the most rewarding parts of the experience was seeing his players embrace their time overseas.

"I'm more blessed and happy for the kids that we have. I mean, for a lot of them, it's their first time out of the country, first time being in London," Ward said.

While the coaching staff spent much of its time preparing for the game, Ward said he enjoyed hearing about his players' adventures, from sightseeing to trying traditional British food.

Ward also emphasized the family-oriented culture established by head coach Kenny Dillingham.

"The fact that we can bring our family members over here and let them experience all this … it's just a testament to who Kenny is and what type of culture he has here at ASU," Ward said.

In addition to preparing for the historic matchup, players had opportunities to explore central London, experience the city's transportation system and driving rules and enjoy cooler weather compared with Arizona's triple-digit temperatures.

"It's crazy that they drive on the wrong side of the road," ASU senior wide receiver Omarion Miller said.

Senior wide receiver Reed Harris compared his experience in London to a familiar American city.

“It’s been a really great experience so far; it kind of reminds me of being back in Boston,” Harris said.

In addition to sightseeing opportunities, the Sun Devils remained focused on preparing for their Big 12 Conference matchup.

The international experience also provided an opportunity for team bonding. Players described navigating a new country together and creating memories that extended beyond the football field.

“It’s definitely making us a lot closer,” senior running back Kyson Brown said. “We’re experiencing a new country together almost… we shared a lot of cool memories that we'll remember forever.”

The Union Jack Classic concluded with Arizona State defeating Kansas 24-17 at Wembley Stadium. The historic matchup, held Sept. 19, marked the first college football game played at London’s iconic Wembley Stadium.

(Video: {https://youtu.be/_6YLQ330Sgs?si=L-1e8JhO0VcHVqU4})

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Sparky poses in front of Wembley Stadium in London ahead of the Union Jack Classic. Photo by Sun Devil Athletics