

# Athletics

Just as the Naval Academy promotes the professional and intellectual development of midshipmen, so also must it fulfill its responsibility for each midshipman's physical development. This is met through an intercollegiate sports program that is one of the broadest in the nation—19 men, 10 women and two co-ed—and an equally ambitious intramural and club sports program. All midshipmen are required to participate in these programs, either at the varsity, intramural or club level.

Athletics play a major role in how we accomplish our mission. We challenge midshipmen physically so that when they graduate they will be prepared to successfully lead in combat. We want our future officers to be team builders and learn how to motivate others to excel. We want them to compete on the athletic field and win. In order to win our midshipmen must set high goals for themselves and their team and find a way to meet them. Our hope is that by the time they join the Fleet and Corps as junior officers, they have learned not only what teamwork, determination and leadership mean—but how they transcend to succeeding in combat. Developing midshipmen physically is also about hard work, stamina and physical and mental toughness. Aggressiveness, perseverance and toughness in the face of adversity are qualities we want them to demonstrate as second nature.

The roll call of varsity “N” winners at the Naval Academy reads like a veritable Who's Who in America—Rear Admiral Alan B. Shepard, the first American in space and a member of the heavyweight crew; Admiral Stansfield Turner, ex-football lineman who became director of the Central Intelligence Agency; Admiral Arleigh Burke, a wrestler who later was Chief of Naval Operations; Rear Admiral Richard Byrd, the polar explorer who captained the Navy gymnastics team; Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz, also a former Navy oarsman; Fleet Admiral Bull Halsey of World War II fame, a football player at the Academy, Heisman Trophy winners Joe Bellino and Roger Staubach, and the basketball star David Robinson.

Over the years, Navy teams have been successful in both national and international arenas. Midshipmen football teams have participated in the Rose, Sugar, Cotton, Orange, Holiday, Liberty, Aloha, Houston, Emerald, Poinsettia and Meineke Car Care Bowls. Navy's football rivalry with Army is one of the greatest college football rivalries.

In 2006-07, Navy sports teams compiled a record of 297-156-3 (.655). The Naval Academy produced 19 All-Americans, 12 Conference Athletes of the Year and seven different teams won conference championships. The football team posted a 9-4 record, won a school-record fourth-consecutive Commander-in-Chief's Trophy and participated in a school-record fourth consecutive bowl game. Navy has dominated the other two service Academies, winning nine straight games against Air Force and Army.



*At the Naval Academy, all midshipmen actively participate in competitive sports, either at the intercollegiate, club or intramural level.*



### Intercollegiate Athletics

The Naval Academy's intercollegiate athletics program is administered by the Naval Academy Athletic Association, a private non-profit corporation. The Association is chartered so that the Academy can offer intercollegiate athletics at no expense to the federal government. The athletic association arranges varsity schedules and provides coaching staff and equipment, and funding for the varsity athletic program.

The Naval Academy is a Division I college and a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Its primary conference affiliation is with the Patriot League, a group of highly selective colleges whose motto is, "today's scholar-athletes, tomorrow's leaders." Full members of the League are American, Army, Bucknell, Colgate, Holy Cross, Lafayette, Lehigh and Navy. Several sports, including swimming, sailing, rowing and gymnastics have affiliations in addition to, or outside the Patriot League. For example, football is a Division 1A independent team that regularly plays Army, Air Force and Notre Dame, in addition to an intersectional schedule that frequently includes teams from the Atlantic Conference and Big East Conferences.



#### Men's Varsity Sports

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Crew, heavyweight
- Crew, lightweight
- Cross country
- Football
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Lacrosse
- Rifle
- Soccer
- Sprint Football
- Squash
- Swimming & Diving
- Tennis
- Indoor Track
- Outdoor Track
- Water polo
- Wrestling

#### Women's Varsity Sports

- Basketball
- Crew
- Cross Country
- Lacrosse
- Intercollegiate Sailing
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Indoor Track
- Outdoor Track
- Volleyball

#### Co-Ed Sports

- Intercollegiate Sailing
- Offshore Sailing

## **DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS**

*Chet Gladchuk became the 28th Director of Athletics at the Naval Academy in September 2001. Gladchuk held posts as athletic director at the University of Houston, Boston College University and Tulane University. A graduate of Boston College, Gladchuk was a letter winner in football. He earned a master's in sports administration from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.*

“At the Naval Academy, the athletic program is not just an extracurricular activity, it is part of the mission and as such receives a priority much different than at a civilian school. The athletic teams are an integral part of the overall education of a total person. Athletics provide leadership opportunities, and the experiences of team play, cooperative effort, sportsmanship, commitment and individual sacrifice for goals that some may or may not be able to achieve. Athletics and competition are a big part of every midshipman's life at the Naval Academy. The Naval Academy and the Naval Academy Athletic Association is committed to providing the best possible experience for our student-athletes.”

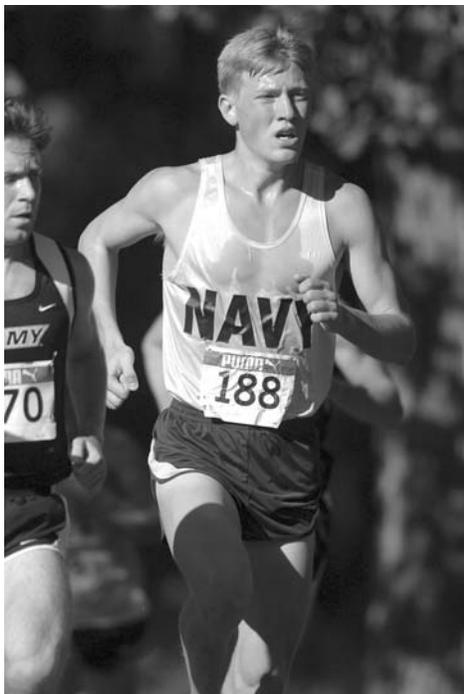
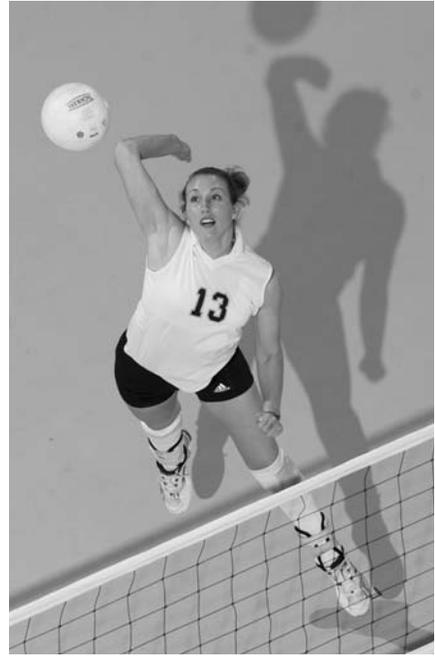
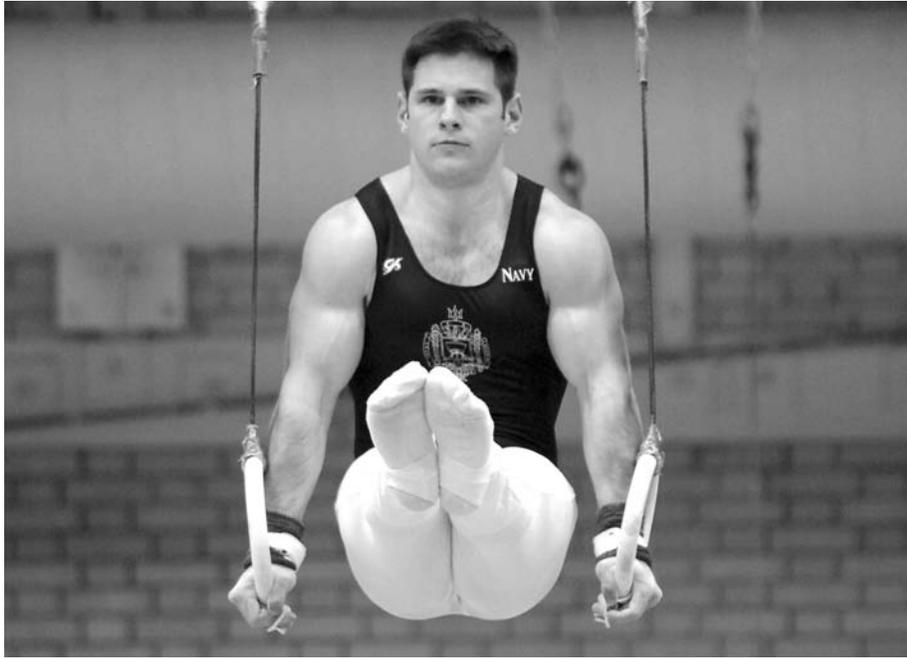


## **Intramural/Club Sports Programs**

The Physical Education Department organizes an extensive intramural sports program that pits midshipmen companies in athletic competition. These competitions award points to midshipmen companies that help in determining the selection of the Academy's "Color Company" at the end of the academic year. The games are particularly spirited and allow midshipmen to compete at a level appropriate to their individual athletic ability. Company teams compete in a variety of sports including:

- Brigade Boxing
- Cycling
- Golf
- International Pistol Club
- Judo
- Karate
- Lacrosse (Men's)
- Marathon
- Powerlifting
- Rugby (Men's)
- Rugby (Women's)
- Soccer (Men's)
- Softball (Women's)
- Tennis (Women's)
- Triathlon
- Volleyball (Men's)

In addition to the varsity and intramural athletic programs, the Academy offers a variety of opportunities to participate in a very competitive Club Sports program. Most players in this program are former high school athletes who desire to continue playing a sport, or learn a new one, and seek rigorous competition. Although these teams are not sanctioned by the NCAA, they do compete against area colleges. Club sports offered include: boxing, rugby, pistol, cycling, karate, men's ice hockey and volleyball, men's soccer and lacrosse, powerlifting, triathlon, women's softball, field hockey, tennis and rugby.



## Athletic Facilities

In looking around the Academy, the facilities for intercollegiate and intramural sports, physical education and personal fitness are unsurpassed and not reserved for just a few athletes. All midshipmen have access to these facilities:

- The newly-renovated 34,000-seat Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium
- Alumni Hall, completed in 1991 with seating of 5,710 for athletic contests lectures, assemblies, theatrical productions, concerts and official ceremonies
- Ricketts Hall, with a new and larger football locker room, a modern physical training facility, and an up-to-date 12,000 sq. ft. weight room
- Lejeune Hall, built in 1982, containing an Olympic-sized pool, diving platforms and tank, a wrestling arena and personal conditioning areas
- A 400-meter synthetic-surfaced outdoor track
- Macdonough Hall, with facilities for gymnastics, boxing, volleyball, swimming, water polo, racquetball, basketball and personal conditioning
- Halsey Field House, synthetic-surfaced throughout, includes a 220-yard track, basketball courts, new international squash courts, weight-training facilities, climbing wall and a portable wooden basketball floor
- Hubbard Hall, the home for Navy's crew squads, with the state-of-the-art Fisher Rowing Center
- Rip Miller Field, an all-weather synthetic-surfaced field for football, lacrosse and soccer
- Max Bishop Stadium, a newly renovated 3,000-seat baseball stadium
- A challenging 6,217-yard 18-hole golf course
- The Glenn Warner Soccer Facility is one of the finest college soccer facilities in the nation. The 16,300 square-foot facility houses the Naval Academy's men's and women's varsity soccer teams.
- Robert Crown Sailing Center, home of the Intercollegiate and Varsity Offshore Sailing Teams, as well as the Command, Seamanship and Navigation Training Squadron.
- The Wesley Brown Field House, a 140,000-square-foot, approximately \$45 million structure, will house facilities for physical education, varsity and intramural athletics, club sports and personal fitness. The field house will use the most advanced technology for personal condition and combat preparedness.
- The 155,000-square-foot Brigade Sports Complex will feature six hard-court surfaced indoor tennis courts and an indoor ice hockey rink.

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*It has been interesting to see how far I can really push myself both physically and mentally on days where there are a million and ten things going on and coach gives us a really hard practice. When the school day is over, it's another opportunity to keep pushing myself to see what I've got inside.*

—Midshipman Fiona Macfarland, Class of 2008

