

2006-07 Rifle Quick Facts

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Academy Quick Facts

LocationAnnapolis, Md.
 FoundedOctober 10, 1845
 Enrollment4,000
 NicknameMidshipmen, Mids
 ColorsNavy Blue and Gold
 Academy Websitewww.usna.edu
 Athletics Websitewww.navysports.com

Rifle Quick Facts

Head Coach:Bill Kelley
 Alma Mater:Gardner-Webb '74
 Office Phone:410-293-4339
 Record at Navy (Years):75-6 (seven years)
 Career Record (Years):75-6 (seven years)
 Home SiteNavy Rifle Range
 2005-06 Record:9-2
 NCAA Finish:4th (overall); 4th (air rifle); 6th (smallbore)
 Letterwinners Returning / Lost9 / 1
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 Faculty Representative:Prof. Helen E. Purkitt
 Team Captain:MIDN 1/C Chris Schneider

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2006-07 Roster

<i>Name</i>	<i>Yr.</i>	<i>Hometown / High School</i>
Josh Albright	Jr.	Shelton, Conn. / Christian Heritage School
Monica Amagna	Jr.	Tulsa, Okla. / Jenks
Sarah Bergman	Sr.	Fort Mill, S.C. / Fort Mill
Joseph DeJunco	Fr.	Fairburn, Ga. / Woodward Academy
Carolyn Horiye	Fr.	Ewa Beach, Hawai'i / Sacred Hearts Academy
Alex Karacsonyi	So.	North Haven, Conn. / North Haven
Lisa Kunzelman	So.	Constantia, N.Y. / Paul V. Moore
Liz Leckie	Fr.	Washington, Pa. / Trinity
Luke Marion	Jr.	State College, Pa. / State College Area
Ryan Miller	Sr.	Alliance, Neb. / Covenant Christian Academy
Crystal Piraino	So.	Fresno, Calif. / Fresno
Christina Schade	Jr.	Eagle River, Alaska / Chugiak
Chris Schneider	Sr.	Fort Mill, S.C. / Fort Mill
Keaton Thomas	Fr.	Fort Wayne, Ind. / Concordia Lutheran

Head Coach: Bill Kelley, eighth season (Gardner-Webb '74)
Officer Representative: Lt. Suzanne Montgomery, USN
Faculty Representative: Prof. Helen E. Purkitt
Team Captain: MIDN 1/C Chris Schneider



Head Coach Bill Kelley

8th Year as Navy Head Coach - Gardner-Webb (1974)

Career Record: 75-6 Record at Navy: 75-6

Navy head coach Bill Kelley enters his eighth year at the helm of the Navy rifle program, posting a stellar 75-6 record. In his short time at Navy, Kelley has transformed the Mids into a national power, competing for the NCAA title all seven years that Kelley has been in charge.

Last year, the Mids placed fourth overall at the NCAA Championships, Navy's third consecutive top-five finish. In addition to the high placing at NCAAAs, Kelley guided Navy to a 9-2 record and another MAC title. Perhaps the most telling statistic of Navy's resurgence in rifle is its 6-1 record under Kelley against Army.

In 2005, the Mids placed fifth at the NCAA Championship, posted an 11-0 dual-meet record and defeated Alaska-Fairbanks and Army in highly-anticipated dual meets.

In 2004, Navy rifle posted another impressive season, finishing third at the NCAA Championship as five Mids took home All-America honors. Kelley's Mids posted a second-place finish in air rifle.

In his previous five years, Kelley led the Mids to a sixth-place finish at the NCAA Championships in 2002 and a sixth-place finish in the NCAA Air Rifle Championship in 2003.

In his first year on The Yard, Kelley coached Navy to an undefeated season.

Thirteen different athletes have earned All-America honors during Kelley's tenure, including current team members seniors Sarah Bergman and Chris Schneider, junior Josh Albright and sophomore Lisa Kunzelman.

In addition to the All-Americans, Kelley has coached several shooters to Junior Olympic and AAU victories. Last summer, he helped a relatively unre-cruited shooter, Lisa Kunzelman, earn a spot on U.S. Junior World Team and a top-30 finish at the World Championships in her first international competition.

Prior to joining the Naval Academy family, Kelley served as the rifle coach at Cresap Rifle Club in Frederick, Md. While there, he trained countless highly successful shooters at local, regional and national matches. He also coached the fifth-ranked finalist at the National Junior Olympic Shooting Championship.

From 1992-1995, Kelley coached the Maryland resident qualifier in the Junior Olympic Shooting Championship, and in 1995 he co-coached the National Intermediate Junior Champion Rifle Team.

In 1996, Kelley worked on the production staff for shooting events at the Olympic Games and World Cup in Atlanta. He received the Diploma of Honour Award from the Union Internationale de Tir (international Olympic governing body) for service to the shooting sports that same year.

Kelley is certified by the National Rifle Association (NRA) as a smallbore rifle coach. He was selected as one of approximately 30 coaches in the United States to train other coaches as a member of the National Coach

Development Staff.

He authored *Shooting is Fun...At Least it Used to Be*, which addresses the problem of burnout among collegiate shooters and suggests remedies. The NRA Shooting Sports USA and NRA Shooting Education Update accepted the article for publication.

Kelley resides in Frederick, Md., with his wife, Liz. Kelley's youngest son, Josh, is a 2000 graduate of the Naval Academy and was a two-time All-American in rifle. Coach Kelley is the founder and owner of the Gun Center, a full-time retail store in Frederick, Md.



Coach Kelley and two-time All-American Luke Shank.

2006-07 Rifle Season Preview

Navy Has Eyes Set on the Ultimate Prize: The NCAA Title.



Chris Schneider

With four All-Americans returning from last year's fourth-place NCAA Championship finish, it's pretty easy to understand why head coach Bill Kelley could be giddy.

However, he has learned over the years to keep his expectations in check, because you may never know what will happen during the course of the season. Despite that, Kelley is looking for an outstanding 2006-07 season.

"I don't want to get too hopeful," said Kelley. "When you set your expectations too high, you don't want to be let down in the end. On paper, we return four All-Americans and have a very deep team. Over the summer, Lisa Kunzelman was a member of the U.S. Junior National Team and Alex Karacsonyi was invited to join the National Developmental Team. There is a lot of talent on this team.

"Every year, it seems that I say this is one of our best teams ever, but I actually may mean it this year," joked Kelley.

The reason for the optimism, besides the four returning All-Americans, is the depth that Navy will have this year. In years past, Kelley would know before the season started who the top four shooters would be. This year, he has no such luxury.

"Everyone is putting up very good numbers early, and I have no idea who we are going to use," said Kelley. "The entire team has a strong work ethic and everyone is capable of shooting good scores."

Leading the returnees will be a pair of seniors in Sarah Bergman and Chris Schneider. Both were first-team All-America in one of the two disciplines and will be counted on to contribute immensely again. Both of them will be attempting to become Navy's first four-time All-Americans since William Suggs accomplished the feat in 1987-90.

"They have been very impressive in preseason workouts, not only shooting, but as far as leadership," said Kelley. "They have taken the reigns and know that this is their last chance to make some noise collegiately."

Navy's lone All-American in both disciplines last year, junior Josh Albright, returns as well. He earned second-team All-America accolades in smallbore and honorable mention in air rifle. Albright has become even more consistent this year, after recording five of the top eight overall scores for the Mids a year ago.

"Josh has had a strong fall and looks to pick up right where he left off a year ago," added Kelley.

The last returning All-American, a second-team air rifle selection, Lisa Kunzelman is back for her sophomore year. Kunzelman had an outstanding summer that saw her earn a spot on the U.S. Junior National Team and finish 29th at the World Shooting Championships. Kunzelman recorded three of the top five air rifle scores on the squad a year ago.

"She had a fantastic freshman year and improved immensely over the course of the

year," said Kelley. "With a full year under her belt, she will be even better this year."

Other returnees that look to crack the lineup are Karacsonyi, Monica Amagna, Ryan Miller and Christina Schade.

"All of them are putting up good numbers and are capable of earning a spot in the lineup. I will feel comfortable with whoever we put out there," said Kelley.

If Navy is to improve on last year's 9-2 dual-meet record, it will have to do it against the toughest competition in America.

The Mids open the year on Oct. 7 against the University of the Sciences, then take a three-week hiatus before heading to the Great Frontier and a pair of duals against perennial powers Alaska-Fairbanks and Nebraska. The teams finished 1-2 in last year's NCAA Championships, and according to Kelley, could be even stronger this year.

After the trip to Alaska, Navy returns to compete in the President's Trophy with Army, Air Force and the Coast Guard in West Point. Army was the 2005 NCAA Champion and finished third last year.

The Mids finished third in the President's Trophy last year, after winning the title in every year it had competed since Kelley took over in 1999-2000 as head coach.

The Mids will then see Army again later in the year in the Star Meet at West Point on Feb. 17.

"The competition will be as good and strong as ever," said Kelley. "Alaska-Fairbanks, Nebraska, Army, Kentucky, Murray State, Ole Miss and Jacksonville State all have the potential to win the NCAA title," said Kelley. "I would like to think we could be in the mix as well."

Kelley is also thrilled for the chance to head to Alaska to compete.

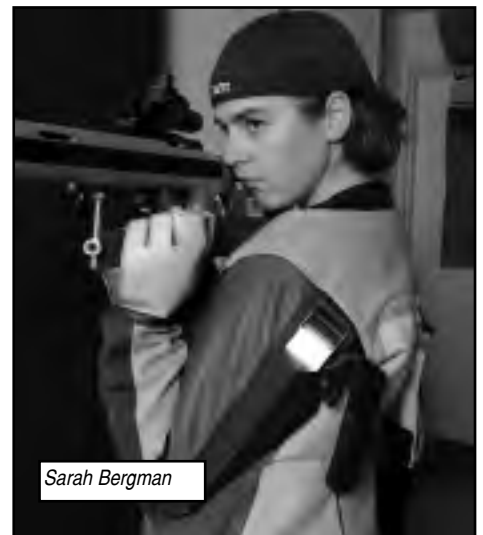
"The Nanooks are consistently one of the top teams in the country and it will be an absolute thrill for us to go out there and compete," said Kelley. "We are really looking forward to the trip and are very thankful for the support we have received to make that trip happen."

Another change in NCAA rifle is that the smallbore discipline has changed and will result in lower scores. It will separate the "really-good shooters" from the good shooters and could be frustrating for some shooters. Kelley hopes that his squad can get over the mental block of shooting lower scores.

"The shooters have been shooting in the 580s their whole lives, and now if they shoot 575, it will be an outstanding score," said Kelley. "It requires you to be much more

accurate and kind of simulates the targets in the Olympics. It sets the sky as the limit for smallbore. It can get frustrating, but everyone shoots at the same target, so all the scores will be lower.

"We know the schedule is tougher, but we feel it will prepare us for the NCAAs," said Kelley. "This team has the talent to perform very well. Now, it is just a matter of going out and doing that."



Sarah Bergman