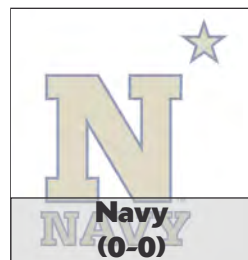


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2012 BASEBALL



2012 Schedule

February

17	at North Carolina A&T	3 p.m.
18	at North Carolina A&T	1 p.m.
19	at North Carolina A&T	1 p.m.
22	Maryland-Eastern Shore	2 p.m.
24	vs. Air Force [1]	6 p.m.
25	vs. Air Force [1]	1 p.m.
26	vs. Air Force [1]	12 p.m.
29	Georgetown	2 p.m.

March

3	Central Connecticut State	2 p.m.
4	Central Connecticut State	10 a.m.
4	Towson	2 p.m.
7	Maryland	2 p.m.
9	at UMBC	5 p.m.
10	UMBC	1 p.m.
11	UMBC	12 p.m.
14	vs. Eastern Illinois [2]	10 a.m.
15	vs. Bradley [2]	6 p.m.
16	vs. Illinois State [2]	2 p.m.
17	vs. Northwestern [2]	9 a.m.
21	Mt. St. Mary's	3 p.m.
23	Princeton	3 p.m.
24	Princeton (DH)	12 p.m.
25	Princeton	12 p.m.
28	at Georgetown	4 p.m.
31	Army * (DH)	12 p.m.

April

1	Army * (DH)	12 p.m.
4	Coppin State	3 p.m.
7	at Bucknell * (DH)	12 p.m.
8	at Bucknell * (DH)	12 p.m.
11	George Mason	3 p.m.
12	at Coppin State	3 p.m.
14	Holy Cross * (DH)	12 p.m.
15	Holy Cross * (DH)	12 p.m.
17	at Maryland-Eastern Shore	3 p.m.
18	Delaware State	4 p.m.
21	at Lafayette * (DH)	12 p.m.
22	at Lafayette * (DH)	12 p.m.
25	at George Washington	3 p.m.
28	Lehigh * (DH)	12 p.m.
29	Lehigh * (DH)	12 p.m.

May

2	at Delaware State	3 p.m.
12-13	Patriot League Semifinal Series	TBA
19-20	Patriot League Champ. Series	TBA

June

1-4	NCAA Regionals [3]	TBA
8-11	NCAA Super Regionals [4]	TBA
15-25	NCAA College World Series [5]	TBA

* denotes Patriot League game

[1] at Kinston, N.C.

[2] RussMatt Central Florida Invitational

[3] at regional sites

[4] at super regional sites

[5] TD Ameritrade Park, Omaha, Neb.

All times Eastern, subject to change

Navy Baseball - Entering the Series

• Navy returns 19 letterwinners from last year's team that won both the Patriot League regular season and tournament titles

• With a record of 33-25-1 in 2011, it marked the fifth time in Paul Kostacopoulos' six seasons that Navy reached the 30-win plateau

• The Mids became the first No. 1 seed to win the Patriot League Tournament since 2007... Navy's six Patriot League titles are the most by any team in the conference

• Kostacopoulos enters the season with a career record of 686-470-6 - just 14 wins shy of 700...With 182 victories at Navy, he is the third-winningest head coach in the program's 116-year history

• Navy and Bucknell were both voted to the top spot in the Patriot League preseason poll...Both the Mids and Bison received 39 points, while Navy received the most first-place votes (five)

• The Navy pitching staff set a school record with 423 strikeouts last year; the Mids' ranked 50th in the nation in strikeouts per nine innings (7.6)

• Senior Alex Azor enters the season with a career total of 160 hits - one hit from entering the program's top-15 career-hit list...Azor's 77 hits last season ranked as the third-highest single-season total in program history

• Navy returns three All-Patriot League performers from last season in designated hitter Dave Milanec (first team), third baseman Greg Dupell (second team) and starting pitcher Johnny Schoberl (second team)

• In playing a Naval Academy record 59 games, Navy recorded the second-most hits (530) and runs (358) in program history

• Ben Nelson's 80 strikeouts in 2011 led the conference and also ranked as the ninth-highest single-season total in program history

• Junior reliever Joel Rinehart was named to the NCBWA Stopper of the Year watch list...Rinehart led Navy last season with a 1.81 ERA in 23 appearances

• Alex Azor ranked as the nation's 19th-toughest hitter to strikeout last season, averaging just one K per 18.0 at-bats

Games 1-3 • Road Games 1-3 War Memorial Stadium • Greensboro, N.C.

Friday, Feb. 17 • 3 p.m.

*Jr. RHP Ben Nelson (0-0) vs.
Sr. LHP Esterlin Paulino (0-0)*

Saturday, Feb. 18 • 1 p.m.

*So. RHP Preston Gainey (0-0) vs.
So. RHP Tyler Boone (0-0)*

Sunday, Feb. 19 • 1 p.m.

*Sr. RHP Zach Sipe (0-0) vs.
Jr. LHP Brent Moore (0-0)*

Coverage

Live Stats: Available for all three games at
NavySports.com

Twitter: Updates @NavyAthletics

2012 Navy Baseball Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Cl.	B/T	Ht./Wt.	Hometown/High School
1	Dylan Wheeler	IF	Jr.	R/R	5-9/145	Novato, Calif./Marin Catholic
2	Alex Azor	OF	Sr.	L/L	5-11/190	Miami, Fla./G. Holmes Braddock
3	Stephen Moore	RHP	Fr.	R/R	6-2/195	Roswell, Ga./The Walker School
5	Josh Moore	IF	Sr.	R/R	5-11/185	Mills River, N.C./West Henderson
6	Matt Jackson	LHP	So.	L/L	6-5/200	Arnold, Md./Archbishop Spalding
7	Andrew Hahn	OF	Sr.	L/L	6-0/180	Ellicott City, Md./Loyola Blakefield
8	David Wiedeman	IF	Fr.	R/R	5-11/150	Leawood, Kan./Rockhurst
9	Greg Dupell	IF	Jr.	L/R	6-0/190	Tampa, Fla./Tampa Jesuit
10	Johnny Schoberl	RHP	Jr.	R/R	6-0/175	Milford, N.J./Immaculata
11	Greg Bryant	IF	So.	R/R	5-10/170	Ellicott City, Md./Calvert Hall College
12	Brad Borosak	IF/RHP	Fr.	L/R	5-11/160	Jupiter, Fla./Dwyer
14	Preston Gainey	RHP	So.	R/R	6-3/200	Pompano Beach, Fla./Calvary Christian Academy
16	Grant LaTerza	OF	Fr.	R/R	5-10/170	Leawood, Kan./Blue Valley Southwest
17	Josh Elmore	RHP	So.	R/R	6-3/200	Hope Mills, N.C./Fayetteville Academy
18	Jordan Heller	RHP	So.*	R/R	6-3/190	Glen Arm, Md./Lock Raven
19	Dave Milanese	C/DH	Jr.	R/R	5-9/195	Iselin, N.J./St. Joseph
20	Anthony Parenti	LHP	Fr.	L/L	6-2/210	Elizabeth, N.J./St. Joseph's
21	Craig Veech	IF	Jr.	R/R	6-3/225	Longwood, Fla./Lake Brantley
22	Chris Cannon	C	Fr.	R/R	6-2/195	Flushing, N.Y./St. Francis Prep
23	Matt Kilby	RHP/OF	So.	R/R	6-4/210	Alexandria, Va./T.C. Williams
24	David Norman	C	So.	R/R	6-1/200	Fayetteville, Ga./Starr's Mill
26	Chance Jones	C	So.	R/R	6-3/210	St. George, Utah/Pine View
27	Charlie LaMar	LHP	Fr.	L/L	6-0/175	Clearwater, Fla./Clearwater Central Catholic
28	Nikolai Simonsen	OF	So.	R/R	5-11/190	Edenton, N.C./John A. Holmes
30	Jonathan Huggins	OF	Fr.	R/R	5-11/180	Boynton Beach, Fla./Atlantic Community
31	Brandon Beans	OF	So.	R/R	5-8/185	Hartsville, S.C./Hartsville
32	Ben Nelson	RHP	Jr.	R/R	6-0/170	Winter Springs, Fla./Winter Springs
33	Jack Keller	C	Fr.	R/R	6-3/200	Ballston Spa, N.Y./Saratoga Central Catholic
34	Zach Sipe	RHP	Sr.	R/R	6-1/185	Huffman, Texas/Huffman-Hargrave
35	Joel Rinehart	RHP	Jr.	R/R	5-11/165	Kingwood, Texas/Kingwood
36	Chris Campbell	IF	Jr.	R/R	6-1/205	Malvern, Pa./Great Valley
37	Kash Manzelli	IF	So.	L/R	6-3/210	Dunwoody, Ga./Marist
38	Stephen Geiss	RHP	Jr.	R/R	6-4/215	Baltimore, Md./Calvert Hall
40	Dallas Redden	RHP	Fr.	R/R	6-2/200	Austin, Texas/Llano

* Has Sr. eligibility

- 15 Paul Kostacopoulos - Head Coach (Seventh season, Providence '87)
- 25 Matt Reynolds - Assistant Coach (Fifth season, UMass '05)
- 39 Ryan Mau - Assistant Coach (Second season, College of Charleston, '01)
- 3 Rob McKinley - Volunteer Assistant Coach (Second season)

No.	Name	Pos.
2	Azor, Alex	OF
31	Beans, Brandon	OF
12	Borosak, Brad	IF/RHP
11	Bryant, Greg	IF
36	Campbell, Chris	IF
22	Cannon, Chris	C
9	Dupell, Greg	IF
17	Elmore, Josh	RHP
14	Gainey, Preston	RHP
38	Geiss, Stephen	RHP
7	Hahn, Andrew	OF
18	Heller, Jordan	RHP
30	Huggins, Jonathan	OF
6	Jackson, Matt	LHP
26	Jones, Chance	C
33	Keller, Jack	C
23	Kilby, Matt	RHP/OF
27	LaMar, Charlie	LHP
16	LaTerza, Grant	OF
37	Manzelli, Kash	IF
19	Milanese, Dave	C
5	Moore, Josh	IF
3	Moore, Stephen	RHP
32	Nelson, Ben	RHP
24	Norman, David	C
20	Parenti, Anthony	LHP
40	Redden, Dallas	RHP
35	Rinehart, Joel	RHP
10	Schoberl, John	RHP
28	Simonsen, Nikolai	OF
34	Sipe, Zach	RHP
21	Veech, Craig	IF
1	Wheeler, Dylan	IF
8	Wiedeman, David	IF

Pronunciations

Azor - Ay-Zor
 Borosak - BORR-uh-Zack
 Dupell - Doo-PELL
 Kostacopoulos - KOST-ah-COP-ah-LUSS
 Mau - MOW
 Milanese - Muh-lonn-es
 Schoberl - Show-berl
 Sipe - Cype

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Breakdown By Class		Sophomores (11)		Freshmen (10)				
Seniors (4)		6	Matt Jackson	LHP	3	Stephen Moore	RHP	
2	Alex Azor	OF	11	Greg Bryant	IF	8	David Wiedeman	IF
5	Josh Moore	IF	14	Preston Gainey	RHP	12	Brad Borosak	IF/RHP
7	Andrew Hahn	OF	18	Jordan Heller	RHP	16	Grant LaTerza	OF
34	Zach Sipe	RHP	23	Matt Kilby	RHP/OF	20	Anthony Parenti	LHP
Juniors (9)		24	David Norman	C	22	Chris Cannon	C	
1	Dylan Wheeler	IF	26	Chance Jones	C	27	Charlie LaMar	LHP
9	Greg Dupell	IF	28	Nikolai Simonsen	OF	30	Jonathan Huggins	OF
10	Johnny Schoberl	RHP	31	Brandon Beans	OF	33	Jack Keller	C
19	Dave Milanese	C	37	Kash Manzelli	IF	40	Dallas Redden	RHP
21	Craig Veech	IF	17	Josh Elmore	RHP			
32	Ben Nelson	RHP						
35	Joel Rinehart	RHP						
36	Chris Campbell	IF						
38	Stephen Geiss	RHP						

2011 NAVY ODDS & ENDS

Overall Record:	33-25-1
Patriot League:	12-8
Last 5:	3-2
Last 10:	5-5
In Feb.:	2-5
In March:	12-5-1
In April:	13-9
In May:	6-4
In June:	0-2
Home:	19-11
Away:	9-10-1
Neutral:	5-4
Day:	33-23-1
Night:	0-2
In Maryland:	20-13-1
In Florida:	3-1
In Pennsylvania:	3-1
In Massachusetts:	3-1
In North Carolina:	2-1
In New York:	2-2
In South Carolina:	0-3
In Virginia:	0-3
When Leading After 6 Inn:	27-1
When Leading After 7 Inn:	21-2
When Leading After 8 Inn:	23-1
When Tied After 6 Inn:	2-1
When Tied After 7 Inn:	2-1
When Tied After 8 Inn:	2-2
When Trailing After 6 Inn:	4-23-1
When Trailing After 7 Inn:	2-15-1
When Trailing After 8 Inn:	0-15-1
When Score First:	19-7
When Opponent Scores First:	14-18-1
When Score in 1st Inning:	16-3
When Opp. Scores in 1st Inning:	11-9-1
When Out-Hit Opponent:	24-3
When Opponent Out-Hits:	7-21-1
When Hits Tied:	2-1
Extra Innings:	2-2-1
First Game of DH:	9-8
Second Game of DH:	12-5
When Commit 1 or Less Errors:	20-15-1
When Commit 2 or More Errors:	13-9
One-Run Games:	9-7
Two-Run Games:	5-3
Shutouts:	1-3
Navy scores 0-3 runs:	2-13
Navy scores 4-7 runs:	16-8
Navy scores 8+ runs:	15-4-1
Opponent scores 0-3 runs:	23-4
Opponent scores 4-7 runs:	8-7
Opponent scores 8+ runs:	2-14-1

Navy Opens 2012 Season at North Carolina A&T

The Navy baseball team will open its 2012 season this weekend when it travels to Greensboro, N.C., for a three-game set with North Carolina A&T. Friday's opener will begin at 3 p.m., while Saturday's and Sunday's games will be at 1 p.m. All three games will be played at the Aggies' War Memorial Stadium.

Mids Enter Season as Defending Champs

The Midshipmen captured their conference-best sixth Patriot League title in 2011, winning both the regular season and tournament crowns. Navy defeated both Bucknell (semifinals) and Army (championship), 2-1, in the best-of-three sets as it captured its first league title since 2002.

The Mids last won consecutive Patriot League titles in 1998 and '99.

Pitching Wins Championships

Navy returns a majority of its pitching staff that was tops in the Patriot League last season with a team ERA of 4.97. The staff established a school record with 423 strikeouts and held opponents to a league-low .279 batting average.

Below is a look at what Navy's pitching staff returns in 2012:

Starts: 36-of-59 (61%)
 Wins: 18-of-33 (54.5%)
 Saves: 12-of-14 (85.7%)
 Innings: 322-of-501.1 (64.3%)
 Strikeouts: 299-of-423 (70.7%)

Preseason Patriot League Poll

The Patriot League released the preseason baseball poll on Feb. 15 with both Navy and Bucknell tied at the top. Both teams were picked first with 39 points, while Navy received more first-place votes (five) than Bucknell (four). Army was picked just behind Navy and Bucknell with 38 points and received one first-place vote, while Holy Cross took the fourth spot with 29 points and two first-place votes. Lafayette and Lehigh, respectively, rounded out the preseason poll, which is voted on by the Patriot League's head coaches and sports information contacts.

All-Time Record in Season Openers

Navy has won five of its last seven season-opening games and is 66-48-2 all-time on Opening Day. The Mids are 9-22 in season openers on the road, but have won four of their last six.

Kostacopoulos Approaching Win No. 700

Paul Kostacopoulos enters the 2012 season just 14 wins shy of 700 with a career record of 686-470-6. In his 22nd season as a head coach and seventh at Navy, Kostacopoulos has more career wins than any other coach in the Patriot League. Entering 2012, he is 36th on the NCAA Division I Winningest Active Coaches list as ranked by victories.

The Matchup (2011 stats)

	Navy	NCA&T
Overall Record	33-25-1	21-34
Batting Avg.	.272	.304
On-Base Pct.	.367	.372
Runs/Game	6.1	6.5
Stolen Bases-Att.	58-75	85-114
Fielding Pct.	.964	.944
ERA	4.97	6.73
Opp. Batting Avg.	.279	.306

All-Time Series: First meeting
 Last Series: N/A
 Current Streak: N/A



Head Coach Paul Kostacopoulos

182-138-4 at Navy (Seventh Season)
686-470-6 Overall (22nd Season)

Paul Kostacopoulos returns for his seventh season as head coach, a year after leading the Midshipmen to their ninth NCAA Tournament appearance. Through six years at Navy, Kostacopoulos enters the 2012 season with 182 victories – making him the third-winningest head coach in the program's 116-year history.

In five of his six seasons, the Mids have won at least 30 games; marking the first time ever the program has accomplished the feat. For those within the college baseball ranks, this type of success should not come as a surprise as it has been synonymous with Kostacopoulos throughout his career.

Entering his 23rd season as a head coach, Kostacopoulos is just 14 wins shy of 700 as he owns a 686-470-6-career record, good for a .593 all-time winning percentage. He has won more than 30 games 14 times during his career and boasted a winning percentage of .500 or better 18 times in his career. The Middletown, Conn., native guided the Midshipmen to three-consecutive 30-win seasons from 2006-08 – a first in program history. In fact, prior to his arrival, Navy had posted three 30-win campaigns in the program's first 109 years.

Under his watch, two Midshipmen were selected in the 2007 and '08 MLB First-Year Player Drafts. Pitchers Mitch Harris (13th round, St. Louis) and Oliver Drake (43rd round, Baltimore) were picked in 2008 after Harris (24th round, Atlanta) and catcher Jonathan Johnston (42nd round, Oakland) became the first Navy duo selected in school history. Kostacopoulos has guided several players that went on to play in the professional ranks, including Toronto Blue Jays shortstop John McDonald and former major league infielder Lou Merloni.

Last season, Kostacopoulos led Navy to the both the Patriot League regular season and tournament championships as the Mids earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament by defeating Bucknell and Army in a pair of best-of-three sets. Kostacopoulos was named Patriot League Coach of the Year and a total of six Mids were named to the all-league teams.

The NCAA Tournament appearance was the fifth of Kostacopoulos' career as he previously guided Providence (1992, '95) and Maine (2002, '05) to the postseason.

The Mids' 33 wins marked the third-highest total in program history, while their runs (358) and hits (530) were both good for second on Navy's all-time list. The pitching staff set a new program record with a total of 423 strikeouts.

Prior to his arrival in Annapolis, Kostacopoulos coached Maine to a 284-195 (.593) mark over nine years in Orono. He led the team to a 35-19 record in 2005, as the Black Bears won the America East Championship and earned a berth in the NCAA Tournament for the second time in his tenure. At the NCAA Regional in Oxford, Miss., Maine defeated Southern Miss, 12-2, giving the school its first NCAA Tournament baseball win since 1991.

While at Providence College, he led his squads to a record of 220-137-2 (.616). In 1995, his Friars were 44-15 and won a school-record 16 Big East games and received an at-large berth to the NCAA Tournament.

Kostacopoulos, 47, earned his bachelor's degree from Providence College in 1987, capping a four-year career as a member of the Friar baseball team. He played 139 games and batted .260. As a senior, he was both captain and defensive player of the year. He comes from a family steeped in New England baseball; his father, Peter Kostacopoulos, recorded over 400 wins in 27 seasons as head baseball coach at Wesleyan University, and his brother, Pete, head coach at the Worcester Academy, has held coaching positions at Colby College, Dartmouth College, and Wesleyan.

Returning All-League Honorees

Navy returns three of its six All-Patriot League honorees from last season, including designated hitter Dave Milanese (first team), starting pitcher Johnny Schoberl (second team) and infielder Greg Dupell (second team).

Now both juniors, Milanese and Dupell were two of the conference's top hitters a season ago. Dupell was second in the league with 69 hits, ranked ninth with a .327 batting average and tied teammate Alex Azor for the most runs scored with 49.

Milanese ranked third in the Patriot League with 48 RBIs in 2011, which tied for the seventh-highest single season total in program history and was the most by a Midshipman since Thomas Hamilton's 49 in 2008.

Preseason Pundits

After winning the Patriot League title, the Midshipmen received a notable amount of respect from various publications this preseason. Baseball America picked Navy to finish atop the conference again, while it selected Alex Azor as its player of the year and freshman Chris Cannon as one of its top newcomers.

CollegeBaseballInsider.com surveyed all six Patriot League head coaches in its season preview and Navy was chosen as "the team to beat." The coaches also selected Ben Nelson as one of the "top three starting pitchers," Alex Azor as both "the best defensive outfielder" and "toughest hitter to strike out," while Greg Dupell was included as one of the "three best pure hitters," and "biggest power threats." Paul Kostacopoulos was selected as "the best game coach."

**COUNTDOWN
TO 700 WINS:**

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Year-by-Year Record

Year	School	W	L	T	Pct.
1990	Providence	27	21	0	.563
1991	Providence	35	16	1	.683
1992	Providence	29	23	0	.558
1993	Providence	21	24	0	.467
1994	Providence	32	21	0	.604
1995	Providence	44	15	0	.746
1996	Providence	32	17	1	.650
Total at Providence (7 Years)		220	137	2	.616
1997	Maine	24	27	0	.471
1998	Maine	24	26	0	.480
1999	Maine	28	28	0	.500
2000	Maine	25	24	0	.510
2001	Maine	36	15	0	.706
2002	Maine	40	17	0	.702
2003	Maine	38	18	0	.679
2004	Maine	34	21	0	.618
2005	Maine	35	19	0	.648
Total at Maine (9 Years)		284	195	0	.593
2006	Navy	32	21	1	.602
2007	Navy	35	20	0	.636
2008	Navy	32	25	1	.560
2009	Navy	20	26	1	.436
2010	Navy	30	21	0	.588
2011	Navy	33	25	1	.585
at Navy (6Years)		182	138	4	.568
Career (22 Years)		686	470	6	.593

Career Honors & Highlights

- NCAA Tournament appearances: 1992, 1995, 2002, 2005, 2011
- Patriot League Champions: 2011
- Patriot League Coach of the Year: 2011
- America East Champions: 2002, 2005
- America East Coach of the Year: 1997, 2001
- Big East Champions: 1992
- Big East Coach of the Year: 1995
- New England Coach of the Year: 1995, 2001
- ABCA Northeast Coach of the Year: 1992, 1995

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Saves - Career

1.	J.D. Melton (2007-09)	16
...		
2.	Ryan Hefner (2003-06)	11
3.	Joel Rinehart (2010-SA)	9
...		
T-12.	Preston Gainey (2011-SA)	4

Doubles - Career

1.	Mark Zematis (1997-00)	52

9.	Toph Lake (1995-98)	37
	Brian Bernth (1993-96)	37
11.	Andy Payne (1992-94)	32
T-12.	Alex Azor (2009-SA)	31

Hits - Career

1.	Michael Speciale (2007-10)	241

13.	Steve Mauro (1992-95)	164
14.	Marcus Lee (1991-94)	162
15.	Craig Candeto (2001-04)	161
	Matt Smith (1994-97)	
17.	Alex Azor (2009-SA)	160

Rinehart on Stopper of the Year Watch List

Junior reliever Joel Rinehart was named to the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) Stopper of the Year watch list, which is awarded annually to the top relief pitcher in NCAA Division I baseball.

Rinehart led Navy last season with a 1.81 ERA in 23 appearances, which ranked second in the Patriot League. With six saves last season, he notched the fourth-highest single-season total in program history and enters 2012 third on Navy's all-time saves list with nine.

The junior from Kingwood, Texas was critical to Navy's Patriot League championship run last season as in his final nine appearances of the season he allowed just one run, while he struck out 20 and walked just six batters.

The initial list will be updated with a mid-season release the week of April 16, including the national saves leaders. At the conclusion of the regular season, the Division I national saves leader and four other relief pitching standouts will be selected as finalists and released June 6, prior to start of NCAA Super Regional tournament competition.

Navy and the Tar Heel State

Navy has enjoyed success in North Carolina as of late, posting a record 5-1 in the Tar Heel State since 2010. The Mids will play six of their first seven games this season in the state of North Carolina.

Navy boasts three players on its roster from the state of North Carolina, including Josh Moore (Mills River), Josh Elmore (Hope Mills) and Nikolai Simonsen (Edenton).

Azor One of the Nation's Toughest Outs

With just 13 strikeouts in 234 at-bats last season, Alex Azor ranked as the nation's 19th-toughest hitter to strikeout, with an average of one K per 18.0 at-bats. Azor was the only Patriot League player to be ranked in the top 50 in the nation in the category. His 234 at-bats were the sixth-highest total of any player ranked in the top 20 on the list.

Returning Offense

The Mids return a majority of their offense from last season that led the Patriot League with 530 hits. Navy returns 67.7% (359-of-530) of its hits, 67.1% of its RBIs (202-of-301) and 68.2% of its runs.

Navy returns four players that ranked in the top six on the team in runs and hits last season, as well as its top-three RBI producers in Dave Milanese (48), Greg Dupell (35) and Alex Azor (33).

Sipe and Schoberl Look to Bounce Back

After both missed parts of 2011 due to injury, starting pitchers Zach Sipe and Johnny Schoberl have returned to the Navy staff. Both players had surgery following last season and used the summer and fall to rehab and begin throwing again. Sipe, a senior, was limited to a career-low 14.2 innings last season and will look to return as a starter this season. The native of Huffman, Texas, started a combined 22 games in his first two seasons.

Schoberl posted a 5-1 record before a hand injury forced him to miss the final five weeks of the season. The junior went 3-0 in conference play and was voted to the All-Patriot League second team.

Senior Service Selections

Navy's four seniors received their service assignments on Nov. 30. Both Alex Azor and Josh Moore will be commissioned as Marine Corps Officers (Marine Corps Ground), while Andrew Hahn (Surface Warfare) and Zach Sipe (Naval Flight Officer) will be commissioned as Navy Officers.

Graduation for the class of 2012 will take place this spring on May 29. Naval Academy graduates serve a minimum of five years in the Navy or Marine Corps, while pilots serve eight years upon earning their wings.

Starting Pitcher Notes

32 • Ben Nelson • Jr. • RHP

Winter Springs, Fla. • Winter Springs

2012: First start

Career: 11-9, 3.87 ERA, 23 GS, 153.1 IP, 35 BB, 117 K

Career Highs

Season Highs

10.0, vs. Bucknell (5/14/11)	Innings Pitched	n/a
12, at Holy Cross (4/24/11)	Hits	n/a
11, vs. Bucknell (5/14/11)	Strikeouts	n/a
4, at Virginia (6/3/11)	Walks	n/a

Nelson Career

	ERA	W-L	App	GS	CG	SHO	CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AVG
2010	2.34	5-3	14	7	3	1	1	1	61.2	55	21	16	15	37	4	1	1	.242
2011	4.91	6-6	16	16	4	0	0	0	91.2	101	58	50	20	80	19	3	5	.283
Totals	3.87	11-9	30	23	7	1	1	1	153.1	156	79	66	35	117	23	4	6	.267

Ben Nelson's Career Appearances

2010 - Freshman Season (7 starts, 14 appearances)

Date	Opponent	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Feb. 19	vs. Delaware State	4.2	2	0	0	1	4
Feb. 26	vs. Air Force	1.0	1	1	1	2	0
Feb. 28	vs. Air Force	1.2	1	1	0	0	2
Mar. 6	Central Conn. St.	2.2	9	4	4	2	1
Mar. 15	Iona	2.0	0	0	0	0	1
Mar. 19	Princeton *	6.0	8	3	2	1	3
Mar. 27	UMBC	3.0	2	1	1	1	2
Mar. 31	at Maryland	1.2	0	0	0	0	0
April 4	Lehigh *	8.0	4	0	0	1	5
April 11	Army *	7.0	6	2	2	1	5
April 18	at Bucknell *	6.0	3	1	1	1	3
April 24	Holy Cross *	6.0	6	3	3	2	4
May 1	at Lafayette *	6.0	8	5	2	2	7
May 12	Delaware State *	6.0	5	0	0	1	3
Totals		61.2	55	21	16	15	37

2011 - Sophomore Season (16 starts, 16 appearances)

Date	Opponent	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Feb. 18	at Presbyterian*	3.1	8	8	8	2	1
Feb. 25	vs. Air Force*	6.0	7	5	3	1	5
Mar. 4	UMBC*	7.0	9	3	3	1	8
Mar. 8	Coppin State*	2.0	2	0	0	0	1
Mar. 15	vs. Chicago State*	5.0	7	6	5	3	4
Mar. 20	Yale*	6.0	5	4	2	2	6
Mar. 27	Princeton*	5.1	6	3	3	1	5
April 3	at Lehigh*	7.0	7	4	4	0	6
April 9	at Army*	6.0	6	3	3	1	7
April 17	Bucknell*	4.1	6	2	2	1	2
April 24	at Holy Cross*	6.0	12	8	8	1	2
April 30	Lafayette*	7.0	5	2	0	0	10
May 8	at UMES*	2.0	3	1	1	0	2
May 14	Bucknell*	10.0	5	0	0	1	11
May 23	Army*	8.1	4	3	2	2	7
June 3	Virginia*	6.1	9	6	6	4	3
Totals		91.2	101	58	50	20	80

* = start

Nelson in the Navy Record Book

Games Started - Season

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Strikeouts - Season

13. 70 (2011)

Starting Pitcher Notes

14 • Preston Gainey • So. • RHP
Pompano Beach, Fla. • Calvary Christian Academy
2012: First start
Career: 2-0, 3.00 ERA, 0 GS, 33.0 IP, 20 BB, 38 K

Preston Gainey's Career Appearances							
2011 - Freshman Season (0 starts, 14 appearances)							
Date	Opponent	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Mar. 13	vs. Central Michigan	1.0	0	0	0	1	3
Mar. 16	vs. Jacksonville State	2.2	2	1	1	1	1
Mar. 19	Yale	3.0	1	0	0	2	3
Mar. 26	Princeton	2.0	3	3	3	2	3
April 6	Georgetown	2.0	2	0	0	1	1
April 9	at Army	3.1	1	0	0	0	6
April 18	Bucknell	3.1	3	0	0	2	3
April 24	at Holy Cross	3.0	6	4	4	2	6
May 1	Lafayette	2.2	0	0	0	0	3
May 14	Bucknell	0.1	0	0	0	0	0
May 15	Bucknell	3.0	0	0	0	1	3
Totals		24.2	30	17	15	10	21

Career Highs	Season Highs
3.1, two times (MR: vs. Bucknell 4/18/11) ... Innings Pitched	.n/a
6, at Holy Cross (4/24/11) ... Hits	.n/a
6, two times (MR: at Holy Cross 4/24/11) ... Strikeouts	.n/a
5, vs. East Carolina (6/4/11) ... Walks	.n/a

Gainey Career																		
	ERA	W-L	App	GS	CG	SHO	CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR.	AVG
2011	3.00	2-0	14	0	0	0	1	4	33.0	22	11	11	20	38	5	0	2	.186
Totals	3.00	2-0	14	0	0	0	1	4	33.0	22	11	11	20	38	5	0	2	.186

Starting Pitcher Notes

34 • Zach Sipe • Sr. • RHP

Huffman, Texas • Huffman-Hargrave

2012: First start

Career: 9-9, 6.77 ERA, 26 GS, 133.0 IP, 66 BB, 102 K

Career Highs

Season Highs

7.0, vs. Lafayette (3/29/09)	Innings Pitchedn/a
13, vs. Princeton (3/21/09)	Hitsn/a
9, at George Mason (4/13/11)	Strikeoutsn/a
6, at Army (4/13/09)	Walksn/a

Sipe Career

	ERA	W-L	App	GS	CG	SHO	CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AVG
2009	7.22	3-4	11	11	0	0	0	0	57.1	74	51	46	27	53	7	2	6	.316
2010	5.46	5-2	11	11	0	0	0	0	61.0	63	38	37	26	34	8	2	7	.268
2011	10.43	1-3	8	4	0	0	0	0	14.2	22	18	17	13	15	3	0	2	.344
Totals	6.77	9-9	30	26	0	0	0	0	133.0	157	107	100	66	102	18	4	15	.298

Zach Sipe's Career Appearances

2009 - Freshman Season (11 starts, 11 appearances)

Date	Opponent	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Feb. 22	vs. Pittsburgh*	5.2	2	1	1	3	7
Feb. 28	Cornell*	5.0	7	4	4	2	7
Mar. 8	Central Conn. St.*	4.0	5	6	5	1	4
Mar. 15	Monmouth*	5.1	9	7	5	3	6
Mar. 21	Princeton*	6.2	13	4	4	1	5
Mar. 29	Lafayette*	7.0	6	3	3	2	5
April 5	at Lehigh*	5.0	5	3	3	2	2
April 13	at Army*	4.1	6	7	7	6	3
April 19	Bucknell*	4.1	5	4	2	2	5
April 25	at Holy Cross*	5.0	6	7	7	3	5
May 2	New York Tech*	5.0	10	5	5	2	4
Totals		57.1	74	51	46	27	53

2010 - Sophomore Season (11 starts, 11 appearances)

Date	Opponent	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Feb. 21	at N.C. Central*	6.0	4	1	0	0	4
Feb. 28	vs. Air Force*	6.0	5	3	3	3	4
Mar. 6	Central Conn. St.*	6.0	6	4	4	3	4
Mar. 15	Iona*	6.0	4	1	1	2	3
Mar. 20	Princeton*	3.0	5	4	4	3	0
Mar. 27	UMBC*	6.0	4	1	1	2	5
April 3	Lehigh*	6.2	5	3	3	4	5
April 10	Army*	5.2	11	7	7	2	3
April 17	at Bucknell*	5.0	8	6	6	1	1
April 25	Holy Cross*	6.0	5	4	4	3	3
May 2	at Lafayette*	4.2	6	4	4	3	2
Totals		61.0	63	38	37	26	34

2011 - Junior Season (4 starts, 8 appearances)

Date	Opponent	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Feb. 20	at Presbyterian	0.1	0	0	0	1	0
Feb. 23	at Maryland*	2.1	6	6	6	2	0
Mar. 2	Coppin State	0.1	1	0	0	2	0
April 6	Georgetown*	4.0	3	2	1	0	3
April 13	at George Mason*	4.0	7	5	5	2	9
April 18	Bucknell*	1.1	4	3	3	1	0
April 27	at Georgetown*	1.0	1	2	2	2	2
May 11	Delaware State	1.1	0	0	0	3	1
Totals		14.2	22	18	17	13	15

* = start