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## TONIGHT'S GAME

### NAVY (0-0) PROBABLE STARTERS

# Pos.	Player	Yr	Ht	Wt	Hometown	PPG	RPG	APG
2	F Casey Reed	Fr.	6-5	197	Canby, Ore.		Canby High School	
21	F Carlton Baldwin	Jr.	6-8	230	Lusby, Md.	4.4	3.4	0.1
32	F Matt Fannin	Sr.	6-6	223	Lakewood, Ohio	10.9	6.7	1.3
3	G Greg Sprink	So.	6-4	201	Cardiff, Calif.	8.7	5.1	1.6
10	G Corey Johnson	So.	6-1	194	Anderson, Ind.	9.6	3.9	3.1

**NAVY COACH BILLY LANGE:** Entering his second season at the helm of the Naval Academy basketball program, Lange (Rowan '94) owns a three-year career record of 48-38 and a 9-19 mark at Navy.

### GEORGETOWN (0-0) PROBABLE STARTERS

# Pos.	Player	Yr	Ht	Wt	Hometown	PPG	RPG	APG
1	F Brandon Bowman	Sr.	6-9	219	Santa Monica, Calif.	15.1	6.1	2.2
20	F Darrel Owens	Gr.	6-6	210	Napoleonville, La.	7.3	3.0	1.6
0	G Ashanti Cook	Sr.	6-2	180	Inglewood, Calif.	10.8	2.8	2.5
2	G Jonathan Wallace	So.	6-1	178	Harvest, Ala.	6.5	2.1	2.2
32	G Jeff Green	So.	6-9	225	Hyattsville, Md.	13.1	6.6	2.9

\*PPG/RPG/APG reflect 2004-05 averages for both teams

**GEORGETOWN COACH JOHN THOMPSON III:** Thompson III is in his sixth season as a collegiate head coach and owns an 87-55 record ... he led the Hoyas to a 19-13 record last year in his first season as their head coach.

## NAVY SCHEDULE / RESULTS

0-0 / 0-0 PATRIOT LEAGUE

HOME: 0-0 ROAD: 0-0 NEUTRAL: 0-0

### November

18	Fri	Georgetown	CSTV	7:30 pm
22	Tues	at UALR		8:30 pm
27	Sun	Air Force	CSTV	9:00 pm

### December

2	Fri	at Penn		5:00 pm
5	Mon	vs. Howard%	CSN	4:00 pm
8	Thurs	at Morgan State		7:00 pm
18	Sun	Washington (Md.)		3:00 pm
20	Tues	at Yale		7:00 pm
22	Thurs	at Brown		6:00 pm
29	Thurs	Susquehanna		7:30 pm
31	Sat	The Citadel		3:00 pm

### January

3	Tues	UMBC		7:30 pm
7	Sat	Bucknell*		2:00 pm
11	Wed	at Lehigh*		7:00 pm
14	Sat	at Lafayette*		1:00 pm
17	Tues	Longwood		7:30 pm
22	Sun	Army*	CSTV	1:00 pm
25	Wed	American*		7:30 pm
28	Sat	at Bucknell*		7:00 pm

### February

1	Wed	Holy Cross*		7:30 pm
5	Sun	at Army* Star Game	CBS	1:00 pm
8	Wed	Lehigh*		7:30 pm
11	Sat	Lafayette*		3:00 pm
15	Wed	at Holy Cross*		7:00 pm
18	Sat	at Colgate*		1:30 pm
23	Thurs	at American*	CSTV	7:00 pm
25	Sat	Colgate*		3:00 pm

### March

M3	Fri	Patriot League Tournament^		
M5	Sun	Patriot League Tournament^		
M10	Fri	Patriot League Champ.		4:30 pm

\* — Patriot League game

% — BB&T Classic at MCI Center in Washington, D.C.

All times Eastern

## MIDS PLAY HOST TO GEORGETOWN IN 05-06 SEASON OPENER

### NAVY IN SEASON OPENERS

In its 99th year of basketball, Navy enters Friday's opener against Georgetown with a 74-24 (.755) record in season openers.

While Navy has won just two of its last eight and four of its last 10 season openers, the Mids are undefeated at home during that stretch. In the last 10 years, Navy has opened at home just four times, including twice in the last seven years. Navy owns a 4-0 record in openers played in Annapolis over the last 10 seasons. The last time the Mids opened the year at home was in 2002-03 when Navy outlasted UCF (Central Florida), 68-56.

### THE LAST-10 NAVY SEASON OPENERS

Home: 4-0; Road: 0-6

1995-96	Air Force	W	89-87
1996-97	Coast Guard	W	84-51
1997-98	@ Wake Forest	L	67-43
1998-99	Rice	W	78-61
1999-00	@ Rice	L	70-64 OT
2000-01	@ Texas	L	79-65
2001-02	@ Rice	L	75-72
2002-03	UCF	W	68-56
2003-04	@ South Carolina	L	73-40
2004-05	@ UMBC	L	67-61

### THE RETURNING CAST

Navy returns three starters and six lettermen from the 2004-05 squad. Navy's returning players topped the 1,200-point plateau and turned in better than 600 rebounds. Last season's leader in every statistical category returns for Navy this season, with the exception of blocks. More than 60 percent of the production in nearly every statistic returns for the Mids, including three-point shooting, where Navy returns 69.1 percent of its long-range scoring. George O'Garro and Laramie Mergerson, 2005 grads, were the top two shot blockers for the Mids a year ago, leaving **MATT FANNIN** as Navy's top returning shot blocker.

### NAVY ON THE RISE

Navy produced a 9-19 record a year ago, claiming wins in five of its final 10 games. It's the most wins by Navy since the 2001-02 team produced a 10-20 record. The Mids' five conference wins (5-9) marked the most by a Navy team since the 2001-02 squad posted a 5-9 record.

### NATIONAL NOISE

Navy finished 2004-05 ranked among the country's top 100 in rebound margin and steals. The Mids' +5.1 rebound margin was the 32nd best among 326 Div. I schools, while Navy finished 34th in steals per game, grabbing 8.9 per contest.

### TOP O' THE LEAGUE

The Mids finished the 2004-05 campaign ranked No. 1 in the Patriot League in four statistical categories (overall games), including scoring offense. Navy averaged 69.7 points per game, 2.5 points more than second-place Lafayette (67.2 ppg). The Mids displayed a +13.5 scoring gain over the previous season, while averaging just under six boards a game more than the 2003-04 campaign.

Navy also led the league in rebounding offense (41.1), offensive rebounds (16.11) and rebounding margin (+5.1).

### TOP O' THE LEAGUE PART 2

In Patriot League competition, Navy paced the conference in rebounding offense (42.4) and offensive rebounds (17.14).

### ON THE GLASS

Navy concluded last year's league season as the top rebounding offense, grabbing 42.4 boards per game. That mark was just 0.4 off the school record set during the 1997-98 season, and matched the following year. It marks the first time since 1999-00 (41.2 rpg) that Navy has averaged 40-plus rebounds in conference play.

**BY THE NUMBERS**

Team Statistics	Navy	GU
Overall Record	9-19	19-13
Scoring Offense	69.7	64.4
Scoring Defense	74.4	61.1
Scoring Margin	-4.7	+3.3
Rebounding Offense	41.1	31.2
Rebounding Defense	36.0	31.8
Rebound Margin	+5.1	-0.6
Field Goal %	39.5	45.2
Defensive Field Goal %	44.2	41.5
3Pt. Field Goals Per Game	6.3	7.9
3Pt. Field Goal %	31.8	36.5
Free Throw %	65.1	70.4
Assists Per Game	12.0	14.4
Turnovers Per Game	19.5	13.8
Blocks Per Game	2.4	4.6
Steals Per Game	8.9	6.8

Ind. Leaders	Navy	Georgetown
Scoring	Fannin - 10.9	Bowman - 15.1
Rebounding	Fannin - 6.7	Green - 6.6
Assists	Johnson - 3.1	Green - 2.9
Steals	Johnson - 2.0	Bowman - 1.3
Blocks	Mergerson- 0.9	Green - 1.6

**GEORGETOWN ROSTER**

No.	Player	Pos.	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (High School)
0	Ashanti Cook	G	Sr.	6-2	185	Inglewood, Calif. (Westchester)
1	Brandon Bowman	F	Sr.	6-9	223	Santa Monica, Calif. (Westchester)
2	Jonathan Wallace	G	So.	6-1	188	Harvest, Ala. (Sparkman)
4	Kenny Izzo	F	Jr.	6-9	230	Chicago, Ill. (Fenwick)
20	Darrel Owens	F/G	Sr.	6-7	215	Napoleonville, La. (Assumption)
21	Jessie Sapp	G	Fr.	6-3	205	New York, N.Y. (National Christian)
22	Tyler Crawford	G/F	So.	6-3	206	Staunton, Va. (Robert E. Lee)
23	Josh Thornton	G	Fr.	6-2	174	Rochester, N.Y. (Caesar Rodney)
24	Tay Spann	F	Fr.	6-7	215	College Park, Ga. (Banneker)
32	Jeff Green	F	So.	6-9	235	Hyattsville, Md. (Northwestern)
34	Marc Egerson	F	Fr.	6-6	225	Wilmington, Del. (Glasgow)
40	Ryan Beal	G	Sr.	6-5	210	Coral Gables, Fla. (Ransom Everglades)
44	Amadou Kilkeny-Diaw	F/C	Sr.	6-9	240	Washington, D.C. (St. Alban's)
52	Sead Dizdarevic	F	Jr.	6-9	240	Serbia & Montenegro (North Highland)
55	Roy Hibbert	C	So.	7-2	283	Adelphi, Md. (Georgetown Prep)

**Head Coach** — John Thompson III (Princeton '88); Second Year

**Assistant Coaches** — Robert Burke, Kevin Broadus, Sydney Johnson

**Director of Basketball Operations** — Matt Henry

**2005-06 NONCONFERENCE SKED**

Date	Opponent	05-06 WL	04-05 WL	vs. Navy
11/18	Georgetown	0-0	19-13	----
11/22	@ UALR	0-0	18-10	----
11/27	Air Force	2-1	18-12	----
12/2	@ Penn	0-0	20-9	----
12/5	vs. Howard	0-0	5-23	----
12/8	@ Morgan St.	0-3	14-16	----
12/18	Washington (Md.)	0-0	10-15	----
12/20	@ Yale	0-0	11-16	----
12/22	@ Brown	0-0	12-16	----
12/29	Susquehanna	0-0	3-21	----
12/31	The Citadel	0-0	12-16	----
1/3	UMBC	0-0	11-18	----
1/17	Longwood	0-0	1-30	----

**ODDS AND ENDS**

Record of Nonleague Foes	2-4	33.3
Record of Teams Navy Has Played	0-0	00.0
Record of Teams Navy Has Beaten	0-0	00.0
Record of Teams Navy Has Lost To	0-0	00.0

**NAVY-GEORGETOWN SERIES**

The Mids and Hoyas meet for the 54th time in series history and first since 1978 when the two battle Friday night in Annapolis. Navy owns a 36-17 series advantage, including a 21-6 record in Annapolis. While at least 27 Navy-Georgetown contests have been contested in Annapolis, this will be the first game between the two teams played at Alumni Hall. The Hoyas edged the Mids, 56-53, in the last game, played Jan. 11, 1978, in Washington, D.C.

**Navy Leads, 36-17**

Home — 21-6; Road — 4-9; Unknown — 11-2

Date	Result	Site
2/19/08	W 33-32	Site Unknown
1/2/09	L 26-24	Site Unknown
1/23/09	L 26-23	Site Unknown
1909-10	W 37-25	Site Unknown
2/11/11	W 65-18	Site Unknown
1911-12	W 40-19	Site Unknown
2/22/13	W 67-18	Site Unknown
1913-14	W 40-12	Site Unknown
1914-15	W 47-6	Site Unknown
1/22/16	W 29-15	Site Unknown
1/24/17	W 33-21	Site Unknown
1/23/18	W 49-17	Site Unknown
1/22/19	W 22-13	Site Unknown
1/27/23	W 37-33	Annapolis
1/26/24	W 44-12	Annapolis
2/21/25	W 33-18	Annapolis
1/30/26	W 42-29	Annapolis
1/29/27	W 31-17	Annapolis
2/15/28	L 49-40	Annapolis
2/20/29	L 29-21	Annapolis
2/19/30	W 37-29	Annapolis
2/4/31	W 45-32	Annapolis
1/17/34	W 33-18	Annapolis
1/16/35	W 36-25	Annapolis
1/22/41	L 38-18	Annapolis
2/25/42	W 51-36	Annapolis
1/24/51	L 58-55	Annapolis
1/12/52	W 82-62	Annapolis
2/14/53	L 81-65	Washington, D.C.
2/10/54	W 110-75	Annapolis
2/19/55	W 77-54	Annapolis
1/26/57	W 77-66	Washington, D.C.
2/12/58	W 98-73	Annapolis

2/18/59	W 72-47	Annapolis
2/17/60	W 79-68	Washington, D.C.
2/15/61	W 66-57	Annapolis
1/17/62	W 64-56	Annapolis
1/16/63	L 83-71	Washington, D.C.
1/14/64	W 67-64	Washington, D.C.
1/5/65	L 76-73	Annapolis
1/5/66	L 88-75	Annapolis
1/11/67	L 97-68	Washington, D.C.
2/7/68	W 89-85	Annapolis
12/17/68	L 70-55	Washington, D.C.
12/13/69	L 90-81	Washington, D.C.
12/16/70	W 76-69	Annapolis
2/14/72	W 70-66	Annapolis
2/14/73	L 55-52	Washington, D.C.
1/9/74	W 56-55	Annapolis
1/14/76	L 73-65	Washington, D.C.
1/12/77	W 56-55	Washington, D.C.
11/27/77	L 71-56	Wash-Cap Centre
1/11/78	L 56-53	Washington, D.C.

**NAVY VS. THE BIG EAST**

Remarkably, Navy has played all 16 schools that make up the Big East and owns a 95-58 (.621) record against the conference members. The Mids have played the most contests against Friday's foe, Georgetown, with a 36-17 series advantage. The last time Navy faced a Big East foe was Pitt in 1997. The Panthers pulled out a two-point win over the Mids, 65-63, in Pittsburgh.

Opponent	Navy vs.	Last Mtg.
Cincinnati	1-0	12/14/74; W, 76-67
Connecticut	1-0	3/8/54; W, 85-80
DePaul	1-0	12/27/85; W, 67-64
Georgetown	36-17	1/11/78; L, 56-53
Louisville	0-1	12/18/72; L, 68-52
Marquette	0-1	12/28/62; L, 76-56
Notre Dame	1-7	2/4/80; L, 67-53
Pittsburgh	13-8	12/18/97; L, 65-63
Providence	1-0	12/29/81; W, 68-65
Rutgers	18-9	2/7/76; L, 86-71
Seton Hall	1-0	1/20/68; W, 68-58
St. John's	6-1	1/22/85; L, 66-58
South Florida	1-0	12/15/78; W, 66-58
Syracuse	3-6	3/16/86; W, 97-85
Villanova	5-2	2/9/49; L, 67-46
West Virginia	7-6	2/5/72; L, 84-81

2005-06 PATRIOT LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	Patriot League			All Games			
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct	Strk
Colgate	0	0	00.0	1	1	50.0	L1
Lehigh	0	0	00.0	1	2	33.3	L1
Army	0	0	00.0	0	1	00.0	L1
American	0	0	00.0	0	0	00.0	----
Bucknell	0	0	00.0	0	0	00.0	----
Holy Cross	0	0	00.0	0	0	00.0	----
Lafayette	0	0	00.0	0	0	00.0	----
<b>Navy</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>00.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>00.0</b>	----

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, NOV. 14

COLGATE vs. Utah Valley State . . . . .W, 55-42  
 (Guardians Classic, Iowa City, Iowa)  
 LEHIGH vs. Coppin State  
 (BCA Invitational, Laramie, Wyo.) . . . .W, 65-64

TUESDAY, NOV. 15

ARMY vs. Temple . . . . .L, 69-37  
 (Preseason NIT, Philadelphia, Pa.)  
 COLGATE vs. Iowa . . . . .L, 73-51  
 (Guardians Classic, Iowa City, Iowa)  
 LEHIGH vs. Butler . . . . .L, 66-41  
 (BCA Invitational, Laramie, Wyo.)

FRIDAY, NOV. 18

HOLY CROSS vs. High Point . . . . .6:00 pm  
 (William & Mary Tip-Off Classic, Williamsburg, Va.)  
 LAFAYETTE at Saint Joseph's . . . . .7:00 pm  
 Polytechnic at ARMY . . . . .7:30 pm  
 BUCKNELL at Rider . . . . .7:30 pm  
**Georgetown at NAVY . . . . .7:30 pm**  
 Florida Atlantic at COLGATE . . . . .8:00 pm

SATURDAY, NOV. 19

AMERICAN at Washington . . . . .10:30 pm  
 HOLY CROSS vs. Maine/W&M . . . . .TBA  
 (William & Mary Tip-Off Classic, Williamsburg, Va.)

SUNDAY, NOV. 20

LAFAYETTE at Notre Dame . . . . .2:00 pm  
 Princeton at LEHIGH . . . . .3:30 pm

2005-06 PATRIOT LEAGUE PRESEASON POLL

School	Pts.	2004-05	2004-05
		Record	PL Record
1. Bucknell (14)	98	25-7	13-1
2. Holy Cross (2)	86	23-20	10-4
3. Lehigh	65	14-15	7-7
4. Colgate	59	12-16	7-7
5. American	55	16-12	8-6
<b>6. Navy</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>9-19</b>	<b>5-9</b>
7. Lafayette	26	9-19	5-9
8. Army	17	3-24	1-13

(#) — first-place votes

2005-06 PRESEASON

ALL-PATRIOT LEAGUE TEAM

Chris McNaughton, Bucknell -Player of the Year  
 Kevin Hamilton, Holy Cross  
 Andre Ingram, American  
 Charles Lee, Bucknell  
 Keith Simmons, Holy Cross

NAVY ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (High School)
2	Casey Reed	F	Fr.	6-5	197	Canby, Ore. (Canby)
3	Greg Sprink	G	So.	6-4	201	Cardiff, Calif. (El Camino)
4	Clif Colbert	G	Fr.	6-1	200	Grand Prairie, Texas (Grand Prairie)
5	David Hooper	G	Sr.	6-5	222	Dale City, Va. (Gar-Field)
10	Corey Johnson	G	So.	6-1	194	Anderson, Ind. (Highland)
12	Kelvin Boatner	G	Sr.	6-0	197	Bloomington, Ind. (Bloomington North)
15	Leonard Green	F	Sr.	6-5	216	Overland Park, Kan. (Blue Valley NW)
20	Bryce Brigham	G	Fr.	6-3	179	Bellevue, Wash. (Interlake)
21	Carlton Baldwin	F	Jr.	6-8	230	Lusby, Md. (Patuxent)
22	David Rhoiney	G	Jr.	6-0	165	Long Beach, Calif. (St. Anthony)
23	Calvin White	F	Jr.	6-6	233	Thornton, Colo. (Bloomington South {Ind.})
24	Kaleo Kina	G	Fr.	6-2	191	El Mirage, Ariz. (Trevor Browne)
32	Matt Fannin	F	Sr.	6-6	223	Lakewood, Ohio (Lakewood)
33	Adam Teague	G/F	Fr.	6-6	218	Hickory, N.C. (Fred T. Foard)
42	John Bailey	F	Fr.	6-8	221	Blacksburg, Va. (Blacksburg)
54	Ben Biles	F	So.	6-9	244	Cramerton, N.C. (Gaston Day)

**Head Coach** — Billy Lange (Rowan '94); Second Year

**Assistant Coach** — Joe Burke (Ursinus '96); Second Year

**Assistant Coach** — John Krikorian (Pennsylvania '96); Second Year

**Assistant Coach** — Eugene Burroughs (Richmond '94); Second Year

**Assistant Coach** — Matt Sladky (Navy '98); First Year

**Assistant Coach** — Jason Crafton (Nyack '03); First Year

**Captain** — MIDN 1/C Matt Fannin

CLOSE CALLS

Eighteen (6-12, .333) of Navy's 28 games last season were decided by 10 points or less, including 10 of the last 16. Additionally, nine contests (3-9, .333) were decided by five or fewer points.

TWENTY SOMETHING

A Navy player scored 20 or more points in 12 of the Mids' 28 contests last year, including the last three games. In 2003-04, Navy players produced just five 20-plus point games.

JOHNSON, SPRINK NAMED TO PATRIOT LEAGUE ALL-ROOKIE TEAM

Starting guards **COREY JOHNSON** and **GREG SPRINK** were named to the 2004-05 Patriot League All-Rookie Team. The Johnson-Sprink duo is the fourth tandem to earn all-rookie recognition for the Midshipmen. Mark Majick and Derrick Wall both garnered all-rookie honors in 1991-92, Randy Torgrimson and Brian Walker were acknowledged in 1993-94 and Jason Jeanpierre and Scott Long were etched into the all-rookie annals in 1999-00. Current teammate, junior guard **DAVID HOOPER**, was among those honored in 2002-03.

JOHNSON, SPRINK MAKE THEIR MARK

Guards **COREY JOHNSON** and **GREG SPRINK** garnered Patriot League All-Rookie Team kudos last season after accomplishing a feat no other freshman tandem has done at Navy — become the first pair to each score 200 points. Johnson became just the 14th freshman in school history to post 200 points when he led the Mids with 17 against Holy Cross on Feb. 4. He finished the season with 269 points, the sixth-best freshman scoring output in Navy history. Sprink made his way onto the list with his 20-point effort against American in the Patriot League Tournament. He finished the season with 209 points and stands 15th on the Mids all-time freshman scoring list.

GET OUT THE TALCUM POWDER

Second-year head coach Billy Lange and his staff welcomed six newcomers to the Academy over the summer. It may be in its infancy at Navy, but Lange has high expectations of his first full recruiting class.

2	Casey Reed	F	6-5	197	Canby, Ore.
4	Clif Colbert	G	6-1	200	Grand Prairie, TX
20	Bryce Brigham	G	6-3	179	Bellevue, Wash.
24	Kaleo Kina	G	6-2	191	El Mirage, Ariz.
33	Adam Teague	G/F	6-6	218	Hickory, N.C.
42	John Bailey	F	6-8	221	Blacksburg, Va.

THE 70'S GAME

Over the last four years, Navy has scored 70-plus points just 36 times in 114 games (.316). In the last three seasons, the Mids have scored 70 points just 21 times in 84 games (.250). In 2003-04, Navy scored 70-plus points just four times, while last season, the Mids topped 70 points in 13 of the 28 contests.

YEAR	RECORD	REC. >70	REC. <70
1994-95	20-9	14-4	6-5
1995-96	15-12	7-0	8-12
1996-97	20-9	15-0	5-9
1997-98	19-11	16-0	3-11
1998-99	20-7	14-4	6-3
1999-00	23-6	19-2	4-4
2000-01	19-12	18-3	1-9
2001-02	10-20	8-7	2-13
2002-03	8-20	3-1	5-19
2003-04	5-23	2-2	3-21
2004-05	9-19	7-6	2-13
<b>Total</b>	<b>168-148</b>	<b>123-29</b>	<b>45-119</b>
	<b>.532</b>	<b>.809</b>	<b>.274</b>

**MILESTONE WATCH**

SCORING	PTS.	NEED	FOR
Matt Fannin	.534	66	600
Corey Johnson	.269	31	300
Carlton Baldwin	.243	57	300

REBOUNDING	REB.	NEED	FOR
Matt Fannin	.328	72	400
David Hooper	.244	56	300
Carlton Baldwin	.136	64	200
Leonard Green	.134	66	200

ASSISTS	AST.	NEED	FOR
Matt Fannin	.95	5	100
Corey Johnson	.86	14	100
David Hooper	.83	17	100

BLOCKS	BLK.	NEED	FOR
Carlton Baldwin	.23	2	25

STEALS	STL.	NEED	FOR
David Hooper	.62	8	70
Corey Johnson	.57	3	60
Matt Fannin	.43	7	50

**RECORD AT ALUMNI HALL**

Year	No. Games	W	L
1991-92	9 Gms.	2	7
1992-93	8 Gms.	3	5
1993-94	15 Gms.	10	5
(First full season played at Alumni Hall)			
1994-95	15 Gms.	12	3
1995-96	14 Gms.	10	4
1996-97	14 Gms.	13	1
1997-98	15 Gms.	13	2
1998-99	14 Gms.	12	2
1999-00	16 Gms.	14	2
2000-01	14 Gms.	11	3
2001-02	14 Gms.	8	6
2002-03	15 Gms.	7	8
2003-04	15 Gms.	3	12
2004-05	13 Gm	6	7
<b>14 Years</b>	<b>191 Games</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>67</b>
			<b>.649</b>

**ALUMNI HALL FIRSTS**

<b>First Game Played</b>	.....11/25/91 — 90-67 Navy win vs. Gettysburg
<b>First Navy Win</b>	.....11/25/91 — 90-67 Navy win vs. Gettysburg
<b>First Navy Loss</b>	.....12/8/91 — 79-75 Navy loss vs. Manhattan
<b>First Points Scored</b>	.....Nick Marusich of Navy on an assist by Derrick Wall

**ALUMNI HALL MILESTONE VICTORIES**

Win	Date	Score	Opponent
1	11/25/91	90-67	Gettysburg
25	2/11/95	93-51	Colgate
50	11/21/97	82-60	Coast Guard
75	11/27/99	93-78	Air Force
100	3/4/01	88-64	Bucknell (PL Semis)
124	2/23/05	76-57	Lafayette

**ALUMNI HALL: HOME OF THE MIDSHIPMEN**

The Mids have traditionally been known as a strong home court team. Navy was 15-2 at Alumni Hall during the 2000-01 campaign, winning 15 in a row while boasting a 6-0 league mark at home. But recently Navy has struggled to defend its home court. Last season marked the first time since the 2000-01 season (5-1), in which Navy has secured a winning home record in Patriot League action, posting a 4-3 record.

Since opening its doors for the 1991-92 season, Navy has produced a 124-67 (.649) record in Alumni Hall. Against Patriot League foes, the Mids are 55-33 (.625).

**HOOPER FOR THREE**

Senior guard **DAVID HOOPER** hit at least one three-pointer in 23 of the 28 games last winter, and has made a triple in 53 of the 75 games (.707) in which he has played during his career.

Entering his senior campaign, Hooper is ranked seventh on the Mids' all-time three-point field goals list with 113. He trails sixth-place Michael Burd by just eight triples, while he is 88 away from Michael Heary's school-record 201 threes. He stands as one of only seven players in Academy history to make 100-career three-pointers. He accomplished this feat when he connected on a triple against Army in last year's Star Game.

**ALL-TIME NAVY 3-PT. FIELD GOALS MADE LIST**

- 201 .....Michael Heary, 1995-98
- 123 .....Erik Harris, 1988-91
- 121 .....Michael Burd, 1990-93
- 113 .....DAVID HOOPER, 2003-PRESENT**

**MEET THE CAPTAIN**

Senior forward **MATT FANNIN** will serve as the Mids' team captain during the 2005-06 campaign. A two-year starter, Fannin is perhaps the most experienced player in the Navy lineup. His responsibilities as the Mids' team captain go beyond the pine.

"It's an honor to serve as captain of the basketball team," said Fannin, who is one of four seniors this season. "I'm a leader among leaders."

"The main thing I'm excited about heading into the season is the senior leadership in general," said Navy coach Billy Lange. "The class as a whole is unselfish, hard working and solid people. It all stems from the chief of the tribe, if you will, Matt Fannin."

"Matt puts the program ahead of himself in terms of image first, winning second and himself third. It sets a good example of future captains of the Navy basketball program."

If there was an award for the league's most improved player, Fannin would have ran away with it last season. A slimmer, more mobile player, Fannin led the Midshipmen in scoring (10.9 ppg) and rebounding (6.7 rpg) a year ago. His 7.4 boards in Patriot League action tied for the best mark in the conference, while he earned top billing for his 3.14 offensive boards per game.

**FRONTCOURT LOOKS TO FANNIN**

Navy's Frontcourt took the biggest blow with the loss of seniors George O'Garro and Laramie Mergerson. Less than 50 percent of Navy's scoring from the Frontcourt returns, while just 52.2 percent of the Mids' rebounding is back. O'Garro average 8.2 points and 4.9 rebounds, while Mergerson dumped in 10.2 points and 5.6 boards per game.

Team captain **MATT FANNIN**, however, is back to lead the way for the Mids' frontcourt. Fannin led Navy in both categories last season with 10.9

points per game and 6.7 boards per outing. There's little doubt that Fannin will get fouled in the paint after making 175 trips to the line a year ago. He needs to improve upon his free throw shooting, however, as he connected on just 61.7 percent last winter.

Though junior **CARLTON BALDWIN** played in just 10 games last season, he will be relied upon as a key piece of the puzzle in 2005-06. Baldwin averaged 4.4 points and 3.4 rebounds in the games in which he played. He proved his worth as a freshman when he led the team in scoring, averaging 8.0 points and also topped the team in rebounding with his 4.1 caroms per contest.

**BACKCOURT IS THE BACKBONE**

Navy's backcourt is expected to be the backbone this season. The Mids' lone loss in the backcourt is Taj Mathews, who certainly put up some all-league numbers. He averaged 8.9 points, 2.7 assists and 1.8 steals a year ago as Navy's point guard. The Mids, however, return All-Rookie Team members Corey Johnson and Greg Sprink in the guard court, along with three-year letterwinner and three-point gunner David Hooper. Meanwhile, Navy's recruiting class is packed with talent to bulk up its guard play.

**COREY JOHNSON** was an impact player for the Midshipmen in his rookie campaign, leading the team in assists (3.1 apg) and steals (2.0 spg), while averaging 9.6 points per game. A solid defensive player, Johnson set the Navy record for steals (32) in Patriot League competition, grabbing a steal in every game except three. With a year under his belt in Lange's system, Johnson is expected to be a more complete player in 2005-06.

Sophomore **GREG SPRINK** saw spotty time over the first nine contests a year ago, but his 14-point, 10-rebound performance against Mount St. Mary's just before the holiday break set the tone for the rest of the year. He ended the league season ranked among the top 10 in four statistics, two each in rebounding and three-point shooting categories. He averaged 8.7 points and 5.1 rebounds in overall competition, bumping it up in Patriot League play with 10.1 points and 6.0 boards.

Senior **DAVID HOOPER** has long been one of the premier three-point shooters in the conference. If there was a flaw in Hooper's game, it would be consistency. Over the first 11 games, he averaged 13.3 points per game, but fell in a slump to open the calendar year. Hooper didn't find his way out of the slump until the final four contests of the season in which he averaged 14.8 points per game. His scoring average has progressively improved over his first three seasons and there's nothing standing in the way of him having a solid senior campaign.

**ROAD WOES**

Over the last six years, the Mids have posted a 23-55 (.295) record on the road, versus a 50-38 (.568) mark in games played at Alumni Hall. Over the last four seasons, Navy has won just eight of its 50 road games (.160).

Yr.	Home	Road	Neutral
1999-00	15-2	7-4	1-0
2000-01	11-3	8-9	0-0
2001-02	8-6	2-10	0-4
2002-03	7-8	1-11	0-1
2003-04	3-12	2-10	0-1
2004-05	6-7	3-11	0-1
<b>Total</b>	<b>50-38</b>	<b>23-55</b>	<b>1-7</b>

**MEDIA SERVICES**

**E-MAIL**

Press releases, game notes and advisories are e-mailed to media that cover Navy basketball on a regular basis. Media wishing to be added to the basketball e-mail list should contact Navy Associate SID Stacie Michaud at 410-293-8773 or via e-mail (michaud@usna.edu).

**ON THE INTERNET**

Updated games notes, statistics, box scores, bios and rosters are available by visiting Navy's athletic web site at www.navysports.com(.

**POSTGAME INTERVIEWS**

**ALUMNI HALL**

Navy head coach Billy Lange and players will be available for postgame interviews in the press room located in the corridor behind the press row side of Alumni Hall. It is directly across from the visiting team locker room. Navy Associate SID Stacie Michaud will poll the media for player requests prior to the conclusion of the contest.

**ON THE ROAD**

Navy head coach Billy Lange and Midshipmen players will be available for postgame interviews following a 10-minute cooling-off period. Please notify Associate SID Stacie Michaud with your player request(s) prior to the conclusion of the contest.

**WEEKDAY INTERVIEWS**

**HEAD COACH BILLY LANGE**

Weekday interview requests for head coach Billy Lange should be arranged through the Navy Sports Information Office. Contact Navy Associate SID Stacie Michaud at 410-293-8773 or via e-mail (michaud@usna.edu). Media should allow at least 24 hours advance notice for all interviews.

**NAVY PLAYERS**

All Navy player interview requests must be arranged through the Navy Sports Information Office at least one day in advance. Please contact Navy Associate SID Stacie Michaud at 410-293-8773 or via e-mail (michaud@usna.edu). Please DO NOT call the student-athletes directly.

**NAVY ON THE AIRWAVES**

All 27 of Navy's regular-season contests will be broadcast by local radio station WNAV-1430 AM, including complete postseason coverage of the Patriot League Tournament March 3-5.

In addition to WNAV carrying the Mids' basketball games, Sirius Radio is on tap to air several of Navy's contests. For channel and/or programming information, please log on to www.siriusradio.com(.) Be sure to check channel information via the Sirius Radio web site prior to each game due to the likelihood the channel will change from game to game.

Bob Socci, who is in his ninth season as the Voice of Navy Athletics, will call the action, with Navy head coach Billy Lange joining Socci for pregame comments. Meanwhile, the Navy assistant coach who scouted the opposition will recap the action upon game's end.

**NAVY ON TV**

The Mids are slated to appear on television six times this season, including the annual Army-Navy Star Game, tipping at 1 p.m. on CBS-TV on Feb. 4.

<b>11/18</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Georgetown</b>	<b>CSTV</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
<b>11/27</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Air Force</b>	<b>CSTV</b>	<b>9:00 pm</b>
12/5	Mon	vs. Howard%	CSN	4:00 pm
<b>1/22</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Army</b>	<b>CSTV</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
2/5	Sun	at Army - Star Game	CBS	1:00 pm
2/23	Thurs	at American	CSTV	7:00 pm

% played at MCI Center in Washington DC

The 2004-05 campaign was the beginning of a new era for Navy basketball with first-year head coach Billy Lange at the helm. One that preached a commitment and the restoration of a tradition that has bled Blue and Gold for years.

With the new outlook came a new style of play, a new attitude — an aggressive, fast-paced, in-your-face, sense of panic which was welcomed not only by the team, but by Navy's faithful fans.

**2004-05 NAVY HIGHLIGHTS**

☆ Finished 9-19, winning four more games than in 2003-04 ... Navy's five conference wins were the most since the 2001-02 team owned a 5-9 league record.

☆ Won five of their last 10 games, including a 66-62 victory over Patriot League Tournament champion Bucknell, who defeated Kansas in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

☆ Finished 2004-05 ranked among the country's top 50 in rebound margin (32nd, +5.1) and steals (34th, 8.9 spg).

☆ Finished the 2004-05 campaign ranked No. 1 in the Patriot League in four statistical categories (overall games) — scoring offense, rebounding offense (41.1), offensive rebounds (16.11) and rebounding margin (+5.1).

☆ Displayed a +13.5 scoring gain over the previous season, while averaging just under six rebounds a game more than the 2003-04 campaign.

☆ In league games, paced the conference in rebounding offense (42.4) and offensive rebounds (17.14).

☆ Finished the season by setting three school records for Patriot League action — three-point field goals made (99), three-point field goals attempted (297) and rebounds (593).

☆ Helped mold **COREY JOHNSON** and **GREG SPRINK** into Patriot League All-Rookie Team members ... the duo made Academy history as Johnson and Sprink became the first tandem to score 200 points each in their plebe season.

**NAVY HEAD COACH BILLY LANGE**

**LANGE'S CAREER RECORD**

Year	School	Record	Postseason
1999-00	USMMA	17-11	----
2000-01	USMMA	22-8	D3 Sweet 16
2004-05	Navy	9-19	
<b>Three-year record</b>		<b>48-38</b>	<b>(.558)</b>

**AT NAVY**

Year	School	Record	Postseason
2004-05	Navy	9-19	----
<b>One-year record</b>		<b>9-19</b>	<b>(.321)</b>

**THE LANGE FILE**

**Hometown:** Haddon Heights, N.J.

**Education:**

Bachelor of Arts, Rowan University '94  
Journalism major

**Birthdate:** Feb. 11, 1972

**Family:** Wife, Alicia; Sons, Will and Matthew

**Coaching Experience:**

- ☆ 1995-96 Bishop Eustace Prep, Head Coach
- ☆ 1996-98 Philadelphia Univ., Assistant Coach
- ☆ 1998-99 La Salle Univ., Assistant Coach
- ☆ 1999-01 Merchant Marine Academy, Head Coach
- ☆ 2001-04 Villanova Univ., Assistant Coach/  
Coordinator of Basketball Operations
- ☆ 2005-present Navy, Head Coach

**ADDITIONAL COACHING HIGHLIGHTS**

- ☆ Part of a staff which led Villanova to three-straight appearances in the National Invitational Tournament, including the quarterfinals in 2004.
- ☆ Led the Merchant Marine Academy to two Skyline Conference crowns and a berth in the 2001 NCAA Division III Sweet 16.
- ☆ Named the New York Metropolitan Basketball Writers Division III Coach of the Year in 2001.
- ☆ In his first and only season as the head coach at Bishop Eustace, taking over for his father, Bill Sr., who was in a life-threatening accident just one week into the season, Lange led the team to a 20-6 record and an appearance in the state New Jersey State Championship game.

**LANGE'S MILESTONE VICTORIES**

Win	Date	Site	Result
1	11/21/99	Kings Point, N.Y.	72-58; USMMA def. Yeshiva
25	1/17/01	Kings Point, N.Y.	98-75; USMMA def. Old Westbury
48	2/23/05	Annapolis, Md.	76-57; Navy def. Lafayette

**COACHING IN THE PATRIOT LEAGUE**

Second-year Navy head coach **BILLY LANGE** is among the youngest coaches in the country and the newest member of the Patriot League which features some of the most respected coaches in the country.

Coach	Career (# yrs.)	School (# yrs.)	PL	PL Tourney
Jim Crews, Army	308-276 (21st)	14-67 (4th)	4-38	0-3
Pat Flannery, Bucknell	267-189 (17th)	172-146 (12th)	91-51	13-10
Ralph Willard, Holy Cross	258-192 (16th)	114-68 (7th)	55-25	10-3
Jeff Jones, American	221-175 (14th)	75-71 (5th)	37-19	7-4
Fran O'Hanlon, Lafayette	150-135 (10th)	150-135 (10th)	72-56	8-8
Emmett Davis, Colgate	98-100 (8th)	98-100 (8th)	47-45	3-7
Billy Taylor, Lehigh	50-38 (4th)	50-38 (4th)	25-17	4-2
<b>Billy Lange, Navy</b>	<b>48-38 (4th)</b>	<b>9-19 (2nd)</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>0-1</b>