

2006-07 NAVY SQUASH

Navy Facts

Location	Annapolis, Md.
Founded	October 10, 1845
Enrollment	4,000
Nickname	Midshipmen, Mids
Colors	Navy Blue and Gold
Navy Web Site	www.navysports.com
Athletics Director	Chet Gladchuk
Superintendent	Vice Adm. Rodney Rempt, USN

Coaching Staff

Head Coach	Craig Dawson
Alma Mater	U.S. Naval Academy '73
Navy/Career Record	112-50, .691 (Six Years)
Dawson's Office Phone	(410) 293-2240
Assistant Coach	Ted Berger, Fifth Year
Assistant Coach Emeritus	Capt. Phil Ryan, USN (Ret.)
Home Venue	Navy Squash Courts at Bancroft Hall and Halsey Field House

Team Information

2005-06 Record	19-8
2005-06 NISRA Finish	15th (1-2) — lost to Brown, 6-3; lost to Bowdoin, 5-4; defeated Tufts, 7-2

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No. 8	Michael John Beautyman Jr.	So.	Plymouth Mtg, Pa.	12-9	12-9
No. 9	Brian Hamilton	Jr.	Lake Forest, Ill.	21-5	21-5
—	Will Pappas	So.	Philadelphia, Pa.	8-5	8-5

Letterwinners Lost: 3

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No. 3	Scott Hackman	Sr.	McLean, Va.	19-7	68-32
No. 5	Dhruv Parashar	Sr.	Singapore	19-6	54-32
No. 7	Patrick Kruse	Sr.	Annapolis, Md.	15-5	51-24

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Asst. Sports Information Director	Jonathan Maggart

2006-07 Schedule

Preseason

Date	Opponent	Time
10/14	Alumni Match	8:30 am
10/16-20	Barb Tournament	3:30 pm
10/21	at Maryland Club	9:00 am

Regular Season

Date	Opponent	Time
11/3	vs. Cal Berkeley^	4:00 pm
11/4	vs. Stanford^	9:00 am
11/10-12	Navy Invitational	
10	Denison	6:00 pm
11	Fordham	9:00 am
11	Northwestern	2:00 pm
11	Haverford	4:00 pm
12	Hobart	9:00 am
12	Columbia	11:00 am
11/17	at Dartmouth	5:00 pm
11/18	vs. Bowdoin (at Dartmouth)	3:00 pm
11/19	at Trinity	10:00 am
12/1	at Amherst	6:00 pm
1/6	at The Lawrenceville School (EXH)	2:00 pm
1/7	at Cynwyd Club (EXH)	9:00 am
1/10	at Penn	5:00 pm
1/14	Williams	12:00 pm
1/17	at George Washington	5:00 pm
1/26	vs. MIT (at Yale)	5:00 pm
1/27	at Yale	10:00 am
1/27	vs. Bates (at Yale)	2:00 pm
1/28	vs. Connecticut College (at Yale)	9:00 am
2/3-4	Navy Invitational	
3	Rochester	10:00 am
3	Colgate	2:00 pm
4	Lafayette	10:00 am
4	Lehigh	12:00 pm
2/10	at Cornell	9:00 am
2/10	vs. Tufts (at Cornell)	2:00 pm
2/11	at Hamilton College	10:00 am
2/17	Franklin & Marshall	10:00 am
2/17	Air Force	2:00 pm
2/17	Virginia	5:00 pm
2/23-25	at CSA Team Championship (at Yale)	
3/2-4	at CSA Individual Championship (at Penn)	

*Home matches played at the Bancroft Hall and Halsey Field House Squash Courts

^ match played in San Francisco, Calif.

Head Coach Craig Dawson



Craig Dawson was able to fulfill a lifelong dream in March of 2000 when the 1973 graduate of the Naval Academy was handed over the reigns to direct the Navy squash program.

"Having gone to school here with second-to-none facilities, it is a true honor to come back and be the coach," said Dawson.

Since taking on the head coaching duties, the Navy squash program has flourished. In his inaugural season as head coach, Dawson led the Midshipmen to a 17-7 record and a 12th-place finish at the NISRA Team Championship. Meanwhile, he helped tutor former team captain Andy McCann to a top-50

individual ranking by season's end.

In season two, he paved the way for the Mids to finish a step higher at the NISRA Team Championship with an 11th-place finish. A week later, Dawson brought three Midshipmen to the NISRA Individual Championship where Andy McCann, David Haile and Edson Greenwood all played exceptionally well.

Navy not only tacked on two more wins to its victory total (19-7) during the 2001-02 campaign, it was the recipient of the 2001-02 Team Sportsmanship Coaches Award at the NISRA Championship Banquet. The Midshipmen were recognized by the member schools of NISRA who voted to award Navy this prestigious honor. It's the second time in the last four years in which Navy has received the honor, as it was awarded the same recognition in 1998.

In 2003-04, the Mids produced a 15-9 record and finished the year ranked No. 16. Seniors Edson Greenwood and David Haile were among the country's top 60, as Greenwood ranked No. 47 and Haile was 58th.

Meanwhile, fellow senior Kinleong Ho was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship by his home country of Singapore.

Dawson led Navy to a 24-7 record in 2004-05, establishing a school record for wins in a season. Three players ended the season ranked among the top 75 in the country, including freshmen sensations Tucker George and Jeff Sawin, ranked 41st and 71st, respectively.

Navy was paced by youth in 2005-06, fielding three freshmen and three sophomores among its starting ladder. The Mids handled the pressure well, producing a 19-8 record and a 15th-place finish at the NISRA Championship. Once again, Dawson helped produce two top-100 players, including Tucker George who was ranked No. 47 and Jeff Sawin at 83rd.

While playing both tennis and squash for Navy, Dawson was an All-America squash player and an All-East singles and doubles player. Additionally, he was the captain of both teams during his senior season.

Dawson at Navy

Year	Record	Pct.	CSA/NISRA Finish
2000-01	17-7	70.8	12th
2001-02	19-7	73.1	11th
2002-03	15-9	62.5	16th
2003-04	18-12	60.0	15th
2004-05	24-7	77.4	14th
2005-06	19-8	70.4	15th
	112-50	69.1	

Navy's Coaching History

Year	Seasons	# Yrs.	Record	Pct.
A.H. Hendrix	1949-50	2	4-9	30.8
Art Potter	1951-77	27	267-62	81.2
Bob Bayliss	1978-81	4	42-16	72.4
Dave Brown	1982-98	17	267-117	69.5
Damion Walker	1999-00	2	22-18	55.0
<i>Craig Dawson</i>	<i>2001-present</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>112-50</i>	<i>69.1</i>
6 Coaches		58 Yrs.	714-272	72.4



Ted Berger
Assistant Coach
Fifth Year

After serving as a volunteer coach with the Navy varsity squash program for better than 20 years, Ted Berger joined the Navy squash staff in 2002-03 as a full-time assistant coach.

During his 20-year (1972-1992) tour in Annapolis, Berger worked alongside three standout coaches in Art Potter (1972-73 through 1976-77), Bobby Bayliss (1977-78 through 1980-81) and Dave Brown (1981-82 through 1997-98). Craig Dawson is now Berger's fourth coach in which he has worked with at Navy. Berger and Dawson have a unique relationship. When Berger came on board as a volunteer in 1972, Dawson was a senior and captain of the squash team.

Berger renewed his Navy squash relationship in 2000 when he volunteered to coach the junior varsity squash squad shortly after Dawson was named the head coach.

Berger earned his bachelor's degree from Buffalo.

Berger resides in Annapolis and is the father of four children and proud grandfather of nine grandkids.



Capt. Phil Ryan, USN (Ret.)
Assistant Coach Emeritus
U.S. Naval Academy '50
23rd Year

Capt. Phil Ryan, USN (Ret.) has been associated with the Navy squash program for more than 20 years, and is the assistant coach emeritus. Ryan was twice the Deputy Commandant for the Naval Academy and was commanding officer of the USS Saratoga. While a Midshipman at the Naval Academy, he was an All-America and team captain in lacrosse and football. In 1950, he was awarded the Thompson Trophy and played in the East-West Shrine Game.

Capt. Ryan is responsible for the development of the squash players and heads the junior varsity squash program at the Academy.

Capt. Ryan and his wife, Beth, reside in Annapolis. They have three children and three grandchildren.

2006-07 Navy Squash Roster



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Back row (l to r): Assistant Coach Ted Berger, Officer Representative Lt. Andrew Crawford, Nils Mattsson, Christopher Zipf, Michael John Beautyman Jr., Alastair Smith, Allen Hartley, Ben Mantica, Head Coach Craig Dawson, Faculty Representative Mark Harper. Front Row (l to r): Will Pappas, Jeff Sawin, Tucker George, Brian Hamilton, Dan Hellier, Manager John Hamilton.

Name	Yr.	Hometown / High School	2005-06 Record	Career Record
Michael John Beautyman Jr.	So.	Plymouth Meeting, Pa. / Chesnut Hill Academy	12-9	12-9
William Eucker	Jr.	Denver, Colo. / George Washington	6-1	15-1
Teddy George	Fr.	West Hartford, Conn. / The Taft School	NA	NA
Tucker George	Jr.	West Hartford, Conn. / The Taft School	15-5	31-13
Brian Hamilton	Jr.	Lake Forest, Ill. / Westminster School	21-5	21-5
Allen Hartley	So.	Charleston, W.Va. / Capital	NA	NA
Dan Hellier	Sr.	Modesto, Calif. / Modesto	8-2	8-2
Ben Mantica	Fr.	Binghamton, N.Y. / Binghamton	NA	NA
Nils Mattsson	Fr.	Spring House, Pa. / The Lawrenceville School	NA	NA
Will Pappas	So.	Philadelphia, Pa. / William Penn Charter School	8-5	8-5
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Matt Wiggins	Jr.	Sour Lake, Texas / Hardin-Jefferson	JV team	JV team
Christopher Zipf	So.	Gladwyne, Pa. / Episcopal Academy	12-11	12-11

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Captain — MIDN 2/C Tucker George

2006-07 Outlook

Under the direction of seventh-year Navy head squash coach Craig Dawson, the Midshipmen are well on their way to achieving a program first — stringing together four-straight seasons of 18-plus wins. In 2003-04, Dawson's Mids produced an 18-12 record, followed by a record-breaking season in which Navy turned in a school-record 24 wins in 2004-05. Last season, the Mids came up just shy of 20 wins as they posted a 19-8 record and a 15th-place finish at the College Squash Association Team Championship.

That bar has been set and with three of its top five players on the ladder returning and a solid class of freshmen, Dawson's Mids will look to improve upon their NISRA finish a year ago.

"Our Class of '06 will be missed, but the combination of our new recruits and the returning letterwinners should make the 2006-07 season one of the better years that I can remember," said Dawson. "Preseason practice emphasized conditioning using the Naval Academy's physical readiness test as a model and every player earned an A on the test. In addition, yoga instruction helped with flexibility, breathing and mental focus. The team has also added nontime workouts three days a week to develop their court movement and conditioning.

"Sophomores Tucker George and Jeff Sawin will return as two of our top players, but they will be pushed by sophomore Alastair Smith and freshman Nils Mattsson. The rest of the ladder will be a mix of players with as many as four players battling for the 10th spot on the team."

Navy graduated three players from the ladder a year ago, but three of the top five players return, including team captain **Tucker George**. Just a junior, George has played the No. 1 spot on the ladder in each of his first two seasons and is coming off a tremendous experience having played at the World Collegiate Squash Championship in August and September. He finished last season with a 15-5 record and was ranked No. 47 in the country. Despite team losses to Bowdoin during the regular season and CSA Team Championship, George twice defeated Matthew Dresher. He also earned a gutsy 3-2 win over Brown's Breck Bailey in the CSA Team Championship, coming from two games behind. He closed out the 2005-06 campaign by competing in the Potter Division at the CSA Individual Championship which is made up of the top 32 players in the country vying for All-America recognition.

Junior **Jeff Sawin** record 19 wins at the No. 2 spot on the ladder a year ago and owns a 36-16 career record. Opened the year by winning his first seven matches and ended it in sim-

ilar fashion, claiming victories in six of his last eight matches, including a pair of wins over his Bowdoin and Tufts competitors at the CSA Team Championship. Sawin produced a 1-2 record at the CSA Individual Championship where he defeated Columbia's Nik Trikha in the consolation round, 3-0, and ended the season ranked 83rd.

Alastair Smith was sensational in his first season with the Midshipmen and has a bright future ahead of him. He posted a 19-4 record, playing the majoring of his matches at the No. 3 and 4 positions. He won eight of his nine matches that went four-plus



▲ Team Captain Tucker George

2006-07 Capsule Outlook

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Nils Mattsson	Fr.	Spring House, Pa. / The Lawrenceville School
Ben Mantica	Fr.	Binghamton, N.Y./Binghamton

games, including three five-gamers. Smith earned wins over his Bowdoin and Tufts foes at the CSA Team Championship and came back from two games down to defeat Tufts' Kris Leetavorn, 8-10, 4-9, 9-1, 9-6, 9-4.

Junior **Brian Hamilton** proved to be the Mids' most improved player, turning in a team-best 21 wins in his first full season playing with the varsity squad. He played six of the nine slots on the ladder, and finished the season as the Mids' No. 9 spot where he won his final nine matches of the year. He won his first eight matches of the season, including a tough 3-2 decision over John Bradley of Denison after Bradley built a 2-0 lead. He earned wins in all three of the Mids' College Squash Association Team Championship matches, including perhaps his biggest win in a 3-1 decision over Brown's Mark Goldberg in the opening round.

Entering their sophomore campaigns are **Michael John Beautyman Jr.** and **Christopher Zipf** who both made their way into the starting rotation on the ladder. Beautyman Jr. saw action in 21 matches as a freshman where he posted a 12-9 record. He played six of the seven spots on the ladder, playing primarily the No. 8 slot. He earned a hard-fought 3-2 win over Chris Devereaux of Tufts in the CSA Team Championship, helping lead the Mids to a 7-2 team win.

Zipf earned a varsity letter in his first season after posting a 12-11 record among the five different positions on the ladder. He opened the season by winning his first four matches, including a 3-1 decision over Northwestern's Nathan Caro in his collegiate debut and went on to gain confidence over the rest of the season.

Senior **Dan Hellier** and sophomore **Will Pappas** all gained experience a year ago and will challenge for playing time in 2006-07.

Two newcomers join the Midshipmen, including **Nils Mattsson**, a product of The Lawrenceville School who also turned out Navy junior Jeff Sawin. Mattsson was a member of the 2004, '05, and '06 squash teams that were crowned National Champions and served as team captain his senior season.

Juniors **William Eucker** and **Matt Wiggins**, along with newcomer **Teddy George** will all battle to find their way onto the varsity this winter.