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2007 Schedule

Sept. 1-2	Navy Labor Day Open	Annapolis, Md.
Sept. 8	at Princeton Invitational	Princeton, N.J.
Sept. 14	at Stanford	Palo Alto, Calif.
Sept. 15-16	at NorCal Tournament	Berkeley, Calif.
Sept. 29-30	at ECAC Tournament	Lewisburg, Pa.
Oct. 6	at Princeton*	Princeton, N.J.
Oct. 7	at Bucknell*	Lewisburg, Pa.
Oct. 7	vs. St. Francis (N.Y.)	Lewisburg, Pa.
Oct. 10	at Johns Hopkins*	Baltimore, Md.
Oct. 10	at George Washington*	Washington, D.C.
Oct. 19	Bucknell*	Annapolis, Md.
Oct. 20	George Washington*	Annapolis, Md.
Oct. 20	Princeton*	Annapolis, Md.
Oct. 20	Air Force*	Annapolis, Md.
Oct. 21	Johns Hopkins*	Annapolis, Md.
Nov. 3-4	CWPA Southern Champ.	Annapolis, Md.
Nov. 16-18	at CWPA Eastern Champ.	Cambridge, Mass.
Dec. 1-2	at NCAA Championship	Palo Alto, Calif.

• Home games in bold.
* - denotes CWPA Southern Division game.

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On The Cover

FRONT: The Navy water polo takes an annual trip to Hawai'i to compete in the Hawai'ian Invitational. The seniors pose for a group shot on the beach. **BACK:** Seniors George Naughton, Andrew Bingham and Eric Gardiner lead an experienced group in 2007.

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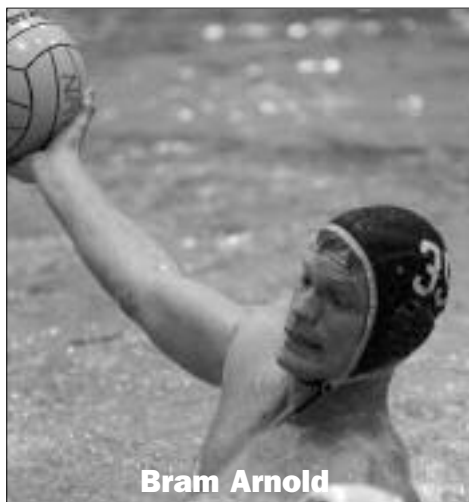
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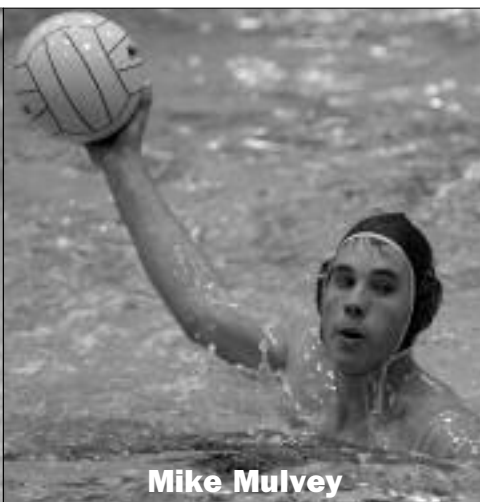
Location	Annapolis, Md.
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Director of Athletics	Chet Gladchuk
Superintendent	Vice Adm. Jeffrey Fowler, USN
Commandant	Capt. Margaret Klein, USN
Water Polo Officer Rep.	Cmdr. Tom Popp, USN
Water Polo Faculty Rep.	Judith Harrison
Home Pools	Lejeune Hall Scott Natatorium
Enrollment	4,200
Founded	1845
Nickname	Midshipmen, Mids
Colors	Navy Blue & Gold
National Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Collegiate Water Polo Association
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Head Coach	Mike Schofield
Alma Mater (Year)	Pittsburgh ('79)
Record at Navy (Years)	488-191-1 (22)
Overall Record (Years)	488-191-1 (22)
Coach's Phone	410-293-5558
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Strength Coach	Rett Warren
Athletic Trainer	Ray Chronister
Team Captain	George Naughton
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2006 Record	24-7
2006 CWPA Record / Finish	8-0 / 1st
2006 CWPA Tournament	1st
Letterwinners Returning / Lost	14 / 3
CWPA Eastern Championships (Last)	7 (2006)
NCAA Tournaments (Last)	12 (2006)
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Mids Looking For Big Things in 2007

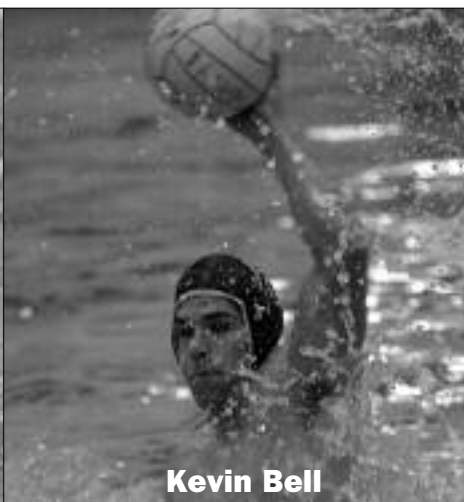
Fourteen returning letterwinners bolster Navy's attack in the pool.



Bram Arnold



Mike Mulvey



Kevin Bell

Head coach Mike Schofield isn't one to mix words when previewing the upcoming season. He usually tells it like it is, good or bad.

That's why he speaks quite highly of his squad as it prepares for the 2007 season.

"All eight of our seniors are in a position to accomplish as much as any class in Navy water polo history," said Schofield, who enters year 23 on the Yard with 488 career wins. He needs just 12 wins to reach 500, which would make him the second coach all-time at Navy to win 500 games at the school (Baseball's Joe Duff -- 595 wins in 32 years from 1962-93). "They have a chance to leave a pretty big mark and we are counting on every single one of them to contribute to our success this year."

The reason for the optimism is that Schofield welcomes back 14 letterwinners, while losing just three, off last year's squad that went 24-7 and earned the school's 12th NCAA Tournament bid. The Mids went 24-3 against teams ranked outside the top four in the country (USC, California, Stanford and UCLA) and were 19-1 against teams from the East.

Leading the senior charge is a pair of returning NCAA All-Americans in Aaron Recko and George Naughton. Recko ended his year last year with third-team honors after scoring 89 points (70 g, 19 a). His 70 goals ranked ninth on the single-season list and were the second most for a Navy player since 1995.

Naughton, who will serve as the team captain, earned honorable mention All-American accolades after stopping 267 shots — the second-highest single-season total in school history.

Other key returnees from the senior class include Bram Arnold (57 g, 11 a), Andrew Bingham (4 g, 3 a), Eric Gardiner (14 g, 5 a), Tyler Hill (27 g, 13 a) and Reed MacKenzie (7 g, 5 a).

"Ever since they were sophomores, this class has been critical to everything we have done," said Schofield. "If we come in with the right attitude and understand what is there for us, we should be in good

shape. If we do that, everyone else will fall in line and want to follow their example.

"My job is to make sure that we stay hungry," added Schofield. "We had great chemistry last year, led by captain Todd Carlson, and it will be interesting to see if we can maintain that chemistry this year."

The junior class, led by Mike Mulvey, also appears headed for a big year as well.

"They are a very big part of anything we plan on doing this year," said Schofield. "This class boasts a lot of size, toughness and competitiveness. They have all put in a solid summer and shouldn't take a backseat to anybody."

Mulvey ranked second on the team last year with 82 points (44 g, 38 a), ranking seventh on the single-season assist list with 38. He was a member of the of the U.S. Junior National Team in the summer of 2006 and has played at a high level ever since his arrival at Navy two years ago.

Chuck Baker also had a strong year in the pool for Schofield a year ago, tallying 31 points (23 g, 8 a). Other key contributors will be John Connors (1 g, 6 a), Marek Malik (1 g, 2 a), Andrew Neuwirth (1 g, 4 a) and Dan Zoellick (6 g, 2 a).

Schofield is looking for a few members of the sophomore class to step up in 2007, after a relatively quiet freshman year. The group has ability, and Schofield feels now is the time to show it.

"We need a few of them to step up and contribute more this year," said Schofield. "We had some sophomores play for us last year, but I think they can produce more once they gain an understanding of the game and get some confidence. They just need to go out and produce now."

Of the sophomores, Kevin Bell saw the most action a year ago, appearing in 26 games and scoring 12 points (6 g, 6 a). Johnny Meiners was the only other freshman to play double-digit games, as he appeared in 19 games with nine points (7 g, 2 a). Zac Anderson and Joe Moffit also had outstanding summers and look to contribute as

well.

Schofield also expects some immediate help from the freshmen, but was hesitant to give any names.

"We have three or four guys that have a great shot at getting minutes," said Schofield. "There are a couple of guys that we feel that we can plug in right away and won't miss a beat with. This is a good class, but with such an experienced team, it may be tough for them to break in right away."

Navy will once again play one of the nation's most-difficult schedules. Appearing on the slate will be defending national champion California in the Navy Labor Day Open, a contest at Stanford, the NorCal Open and the Princeton Invitational. Last year's schedule consisted of 22-of-31 games against ranked foes, including seven games against the nation's top 12 teams. Schofield expects this year's schedule to go above and beyond that.

"This year's schedule is the most difficult we have had since I have been here," said Schofield. "We hold our own typically against teams ranked No. 5-20, but against the top four (USC, California, Stanford and UCLA), we haven't competed very well. We need to demonstrate the experience level that will put us in position to compete with those teams for the full four quarters. We are hoping with the experience on this year's team that we can raise our level of play and win some of those games."

Schofield also expects a tougher challenge from the East teams as well.

"It will be the usual suspects here in the East," said Schofield. "St. Francis, Princeton, Bucknell, Brown, Harvard and George Washington and Johns Hopkins all will be competitive this year. While I think we are the favorites, there are about eight teams that could beat us on any given day. We are going to have a bullseye on our back and we need to come out and play every game, and let the results take care of themselves."