



## ATHLETICS FACILITIES

### **VILLANOVA SOCCER COMPLEX**

Among the newer athletic facilities on campus is the West Campus Soccer Complex, located behind St. Mary's Hall. Completed in 1992, the complex is home to the men's and women's soccer programs. The soccer field was recently re-sodded to make it a top-notch facility in the region. New bleachers were added to the complex in 1999 to increase the stadium capacity to 1,500, while brand new locker rooms adjacent to the field were completed in the fall of 2001. Additionally, the West Campus complex includes a state-of-the-art weight room for use by the men's and women's soccer programs.

### **THE JOHN "JAKE" NEVIN FIELD HOUSE**

Officially opened on April 1, 1932 as the Villanova Field House, the Field House was renamed to honor long-time Wildcat athletic trainer John "Jake" Nevin on November 22, 1985. Once the home of both the Wildcat men's and women's basketball teams, the building is currently home to the women's volleyball squad, as well as administrative offices and training facilities. Originally built at a cost of \$350,000, the field house has hosted Villanova's commencement exercises, numerous high school commencements, as well as concerts, lectures, funerals, masses, dances and plays.

### **THE PAVILION**

Officially opened in February 1986, The Pavilion is the current home of the Wildcat men's and women's basketball teams. With a seating capacity of 6,500, the Pavilion also has hosted commencements, receptions, banquets, dances and concerts since its opening. Also included in The Pavilion is a 200-meter indoor track, tennis courts and batting cages for the baseball and softball teams.

### **VILLANOVA STADIUM, GOODREAU FIELD & THE JUMBO ELLIOTT TRACK**

Dedicated on October 8, 1927, and built at a cost of \$500,000, numerous improvements and additions have been made to the original home of the Wildcats since then. The structure is officially known as Villanova Stadium and seats 12,000 spectators. It has hosted football, field hockey, men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's soccer, and international track meets, as well as commencements and other functions. The playing field was dedicated to the memory of Leo J. Goodreau, a football player who died due to injuries in practice, on May 7, 1930. On September 27, 1980, the running track was dedicated to Villanova's legendary track & field coach, James "Jumbo" Elliott. In the summer of 1992, new surfaces were placed on the playing field (Astroturf-8) and track (Rekortan S). During the summer of 1997, state-of-the-art lights were installed, improving the quality of all Wildcat night contests. In the summer of 1999, a Stadium Renovation project took place with the addition of a press facility that includes a 100-person meeting room for all athletic department members to utilize, along with a first-class facility for all media members to use. The stadium playing field currently features a synthetic grass surface known as AstroPlay. The new surface was used for game competition by both the men's and women's lacrosse teams and for practice by the Wildcat football squad beginning in the spring of 2002.

### **ATHLETIC TRAINING ROOM**

Villanova's Jake Nevin Field House features a full-service athletic training room. The facility contains state-of-the-art equipment specifically for the treatment and rehabilitation of athletic injuries. This facility now contains 2,200 square feet of training space. All advanced treatment and rehabilitation is performed under the supervision of four full-time National Athletic Training Association Certified personnel. In the cases requiring physical therapy needs, or subspecialized medical evaluation, outside consultants are utilized.

### **WEIGHT TRAINING & CONDITIONING FACILITIES**

Villanova University offers one main weight training & conditioning facility underneath Villanova Stadium for all Wildcat student-athletes. Recently, the weight room was renovated to a 5,900 square foot training center with weight training and cardiovascular machines. There are also other weight training and conditioning facilities for the general Villanova University community on the South Campus and the West Campus. The South Campus facility was also renovated in the summer of 1998 to fit the needs of the general student body.

### **ACADEMIC SUPPORT CENTER**

Located within the Jake Nevin Field House is the Villanova Athletic Support Center. Working in conjunction with Dr. Dan Regan, Villanova's Academic Advisor for Athletics, Associate Director of Academic Support Amy Miller administers the daily operations of this full-service facility. In addition to monitoring the academic progress of all Wildcat student-athletes, the center includes work space for student-athletes and computer workstations with word-processing and laserjet printers for use by student-athletes. Also, various computer programs are offered, such as a resumé writing program.

### **ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER**

The Villanova Department of Athletics expanded Academic Support's domain into the newly renovated stadium. With the addition of a new infrastructure during the summer of 1999, the department's new Academic Resource Center was formed. The benefits of the ARC include:

- Improved efficiency of academic support services to student-athletes.
- Expansion and consolidation of several academic resources, such as freshmen-mentoring and tutoring programs.
- Ability to offer a more personally tailored academic support system to those student-athletes in need.

#### **The ARC includes:**

- Private and semi-private tutoring areas.
- Computer equipped study hall housing 20 laptop computers.
- Increased space for freshmen-mentoring.
- Conference area for lectures and study hall.



*West Campus Soccer Complex*



*Weight Room on West Campus*



## VILLANOVA'S TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

### VILLANOVA HAS 16 NCAA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS TO ITS CREDIT

**Men's Cross Country:** 1966, 1967, 1968, 1970  
All four teams coached by James "Jumbo" Elliott.

**Women's Cross Country:** 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1998; 1989-93 coached by Marty Stern; 1994 coached by John Marshall; 1998 coached by Marcus O'Sullivan

**Men's Indoor Track and Field:** 1968, 1971, 1979  
All three teams coached by James "Jumbo" Elliott.

**Men's Outdoor Track and Field:** 1957  
Coached by James "Jumbo" Elliott.

**Men's Basketball:** 1985  
Coached by Rollie Massimino.



*The women's soccer team captured its first Big East title in 2003.*

### OTHER VILLANOVA TEAM TITLES

#### WILDCAT NIT CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

Men's Basketball: 1994 - Coached by Steve Lappas

#### WILDCAT BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

**Baseball (regular season titles):** 1988, 1993, 1996 (National Division title)  
**Baseball (Tournament titles):** 1989, 1991  
**Men's Basketball (regular season titles):** 1981-82, 1982-83 (tied), 1983-84 (tied), 1996-97, 2005-06 (tied)  
**Men's Basketball (Tournament titles):** 1995  
**Women's Basketball (regular season titles):** 1983-84, 1984-85, 1986-87  
**Women's Basketball (Tournament titles):** 1986, 1987, 2002-03  
**Men's Cross Country:** 1983, 1993, 2002  
**Women's Cross Country:** 1984, 1986, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1998  
**Field Hockey:** 1990  
**Golf:** 1985, 1990  
**Men's Swimming & Diving:** 1981, 1993  
**Women's Swimming & Diving:** 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996  
**Men's Indoor Track & Field:** 1983, 1985, 1986  
**Women's Indoor Track & Field:** 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1997, 2000  
**Men's Outdoor Track & Field:** 1981, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986  
**Women's Outdoor Track & Field:** 1983, 1984, 1985, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1997, 2000  
**Women's Soccer:** 2003

*Villanova University joined the Big East Conference in men's sports in the 1980-81 academic year. The Big East Conference added women's sports in the 1982-83 academic year.*



*In 2005-06 the men's basketball team had one of its most successful seasons ever, winning a program-record 28 games and advancing to the Elite 8 of the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1988. Among the milestone victories of the season was a victory over top-ranked Connecticut on February 13 at the Wachovia Center.*

#### WILDCAT ECAC/IC4A CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

*ECAC = Eastern College Athletic Conference*  
*IC4A = Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America*  
**Men's Cross Country (IC4A):** 1962, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1983, 1996  
**Men's Indoor Track (IC4A):** 1957, 1958, 1960, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1974, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1984, 1985, 1986  
**Men's Outdoor Track (IC4A):** 1957, 1958, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1967, 1968, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1978, 1979, 1984  
**Women's Cross Country (ECAC):** 1982, 1984, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1996  
**Women's Indoor Track (ECAC):** 1983, 1984, 1985, 1987, 1988, 1990  
**Women's Softball (ECAC):** 1996  
**Women's Soccer (ECAC):** 1987, 1999

#### WILDCAT YANKEE CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAMS

*Villanova joined the football-only Yankee Conference in 1988.*  
**Co-Champions:** 1989, 1991 - Both teams coached by Andy Talley.

#### WILDCAT ATLANTIC 10 CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAMS

**Champions:** 1997, 2001 - Coached by Andy Talley



## **BIG EAST CONFERENCE**

In 2006-07, the BIG EAST will be in its second year as the nation's largest Division I-A conference. The first year with 16 members was wrought with curiosity among those in the world of collegiate athletics and in the media, but the league thrived in its new alignment, enjoying significant success in the athletic arenas, on the playing fields and in the classroom.

The goals of the BIG EAST have remained constant throughout its history -- to compete at the highest level and to do so with integrity and sportsmanship.

In men's basketball last year, BIG EAST squads secured a league-record eight NCAA bids. Seven BIG EAST women's basketball teams earned NCAA berths. In football, West Virginia garnered the attention of the college football world with its victory over Georgia in the Nokia Sugar Bowl. The Mountaineers were the BIG EAST's representative in the Bowl Championship Series.

In 2005-06, the BIG EAST welcomed five new members to increase its membership to 16: University of Cincinnati, DePaul University, University of Louisville, Marquette University and the University of South Florida. Some were ready to call the new BIG EAST alignment too unwieldy, but the league showed that there can be strength in numbers even when that number is a large one.

BIG EAST institutions reside in nine of the nation's top 34 largest media markets, including New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Tampa, Pittsburgh, Hartford, Milwaukee and Cincinnati. With its newest members, BIG EAST markets will contain almost one fourth of all television households in the U.S.

Since opening its doors in 1979, the league has won 25 national championships in six different sports and 124 student-athletes have won individual national titles.

In 2005-06, Providence College's Mary Cullen won the NCAA 5,000-meters crown. Also, the Villanova women's cross country team was named the NCAA's Silver Anniversary Cross Country Program. The Wildcats have won seven NCAA team titles since 1981. Former Wildcat standout Carole Zajac was named the top individual performer of the women's cross country era.

The BIG EAST has always been able to boast that some of its best students are also some of its best athletes. More than 350 student-athletes have earned Academic All-America honors. Last year, West Virginia's Joe Herber was named the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American of the Year in men's basketball.

The BIG EAST has continued its basketball success in the 21st century. In 2003-04, Connecticut became the first school in NCAA history to win the men's and women's NCAA titles in the same season. With the Syracuse men and the UConn women grabbing NCAA crowns the previous year, the BIG EAST became the first conference in NCAA history to win the men's and women's titles in consecutive seasons. In fact, the BIG EAST has won five of the last seven women's basketball crowns and three of the last eight men's titles.

Moving proactively has been a consistent strategy for the conference that was formed in 1979. The BIG EAST has continually turned challenges into opportunities to become stronger.

In the spring of 2001, the BIG EAST added women's lacrosse and rowing to its growing list of sports. The inaugural women's golf championship was held in the spring of 2003.

The BIG EAST became a reality on May 31, 1979, following a meeting of athletic directors from Providence College, St. John's, Georgetown and Syracuse Universities. Seton Hall, Connecticut and Boston College completed the original seven school alliance.

While the membership has both increased and changed, the focus of the BIG EAST has not wavered. The conference reflects a tradition of broad based programs, led by administrators and coaches who place a constant emphasis on academic integrity. The BIG EAST Conference has enjoyed a leadership role nationally. Its student athletes own significantly high graduation rates and their record of scholastic achievement notably show a balance between intercollegiate athletics and academics.

Any successful organization needs outstanding leadership. Michael Traghese, the league's first full-time employee, and for 11 years the associate to Dave Gavitt, moved into the Commissioner's chair in 1990. In his first year, he administered the formation of The BIG EAST Football Conference.

The league has long been considered a leader in innovative concepts in promotion and publicity, particularly regarding television. Those efforts have resulted in unparalleled visibility for BIG EAST student athletes. The conference has enjoyed long-standing relationships with CBS, ESPN, Inc. and ABC.

While BIG EAST basketball games are regular sellouts at campus and major public arenas, including the annual men's BIG EAST Championship in Madison Square Garden, attendance figures also are significant at BIG EAST soccer, women's basketball and baseball games.

More than 550 BIG EAST athletes have earned All America recognition and dozens have won individual NCAA national championships. The BIG EAST has been well represented in U.S. or foreign national and Olympic teams. Several athletes earned gold medals in each of the last five summer Olympiads.

The BIG EAST has its headquarters in Providence where the conference administers to more than 5,500 athletes in 23 sports.

### **VILLANOVA WOMEN'S SOCCER IN THE BIG EAST**

#### Outstanding Regular Season Record

Villanova's all-time regular season record in the BIG EAST Conference is a sparkling 45-33-11. Since the league began to play a regular season schedule in 1995, the Wildcats have had a winning record against league competition eight times in 11 years.

#### Postseason Tournament Success

The Wildcats have earned a berth in the BIG EAST Tournament 11 times in the 13-year history of the event. That includes seven trips to the semifinals and the program's first Big East title in 2003.

#### History Lesson

The BIG EAST held a postseason tournament for the first time in the 1993 season. A regular season conference schedule began in 1995. Villanova's first regular season Big East game was against Boston College on September 9, 1995.



*Laura Koch (left) was named the Most Outstanding Defensive Player of the Big East Tournament in 2003. That season, the team celebrates (right) the program's first-ever conference title.*