



Villanova Athletic Facilities

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 the 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 two, a 100-person meeting room for all athletic department members to utilize, along with a first-class facility for all media members to use.

VILLANOVA SOCCER COMPLEX

Located behind St. Mary's Hall on the ever-growing West Campus is the Villanova Soccer Complex. It was established in the fall of 1992 as the new home for the Wildcat men's and women's soccer programs and was recently leveled and re-sodded for a top-notch facility. During the summer of 1999, new bleachers were added to the facility that seats 1,000 people. In the fall of 2001, a new locker room facility and a video conference room for the men's and women's soccer teams were in full use. This facility will also contain an athletic training room, as well as a laundry facility.

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

Under the direction of Strength & Conditioning Coach Jeff Watson, 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 Nancy White administers the daily operations of this full-service facility. In addition to an on-line computer which monitors the academic progress of all Wildcat student-athletes, the center includes work space for student-athletes and computer workstations with word-processing and laserjets for use by student-athletes. Also, various computer programs are offered, such as a resumé writing program. Also within this suite of offices are Senior Associate Athletic Director Dave White, Associate Athletic Director for Compliance/Program Development John Robinson and Senior Women's Administrator Lynn Tighe.

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 50-60 laptop computers.
- Increased space for freshmen-mentoring.
- Conference area for lectures and studyhall.



The Villanova Soccer Complex is located on the University's beautiful West Campus.



Around Campus

The City of Philadelphia is Just a Short Trip Away

Villanova University is located just 12 miles west of the city of Philadelphia, Pa., birthplace of American independence. Philadelphia is an absolutely indispensable resource easily accessible for Villanova's student community. Buses and trains stop regularly on our campus, and you can be in Center City in a matter of minutes.

There, the cultural attractions of one of the nation's most historic areas are yours to choose from. Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence was adopted and the U.S. Constitution was written, is just one of the exciting and historic sites that Philadelphia has to offer. Other attractions include the Academy of Music, home of the world-renowned Philadelphia Orchestra; the Liberty Bell; the Franklin Institute; the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the country's third-largest art museum; and countless theaters, galleries, nightclubs and historical sites.

Philadelphia is also home to some of the country's most exciting professional sports teams. You can watch the Philadelphia Phillies play baseball at Veterans Stadium, which is also home to the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles. Just across the street is the First Union Center, home to the NBA's Philadelphia 76ers and the NHL's Philadelphia Flyers. The Major Indoor Lacrosse League's Philadelphia Wings play at the First Union Spectrum. The First Unions Center, the First Union Spectrum and Veterans Stadium are home to numerous other events, concerts and festivals.

There is also Philadelphia's famous South Street for shopping and strolling. Philadelphia's excellent restaurants are world-famous; equally famous is the city's more casual cuisine, like cheesesteaks, hoagies and soft pretzels.

Philadelphia also contains one of the country's largest concentrations of colleges, with over 30 campuses located within a 15 mile radius of Villanova. This gives students an opportunity to take advantage of libraries, cultural offerings, and other facilities, as well as giving them thousands of students and peers with whom to share good times.

Philadelphia collegiate sport's rivalries are another luxury that the city has to offer. Whether observing or playing, the heated battles that take place on the fields of play go unmatched. The resurrection of the full Big Five men's basketball schedule has helped continue to make Philadelphia one of the greatest sports cities in the country.



Allen Iverson and his 76er teammates play their home game at the beautiful First Union Center.

The WUSA's Philadelphia Charge Calls Villanova Home

Philadelphia charged into its first Women's United Soccer Association (WUSA) season in 2001. At a league news conference in New York City on November 2, 2000, the Philadelphia entry in the new WUSA announced its name will be the Charge. The team also revealed that its home field would be the 11,800-seat Villanova Stadium on the campus of Villanova University.

The Philadelphia Charge train on the Villanova Soccer Complex and share the women's soccer lockerroom facilities. It is an outstanding relationship and provides a unique opportunity for Villanova student-athletes to observe and train beside some of the top players in the world.

The WUSA, the first women's professional soccer league in the United States, was formed in February 2000 and began play in April 2001 in eight team markets: Atlanta, Boston, Carolina, New York, Philadelphia, San Diego, the San Francisco Bay Area and Washington, D.C.

To make season ticket reservations or for more information on the Philadelphia Charge, call 215-952-5499. Check out the team's official web site at www.wusaphiladelphia.com for current WUSA news and announcements, information on season tickets, and bios on team players.

-Philadelphia Charge



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON VILLANOVA:

For information on admissions and campus tours, contact the Villanova University Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 1-800-338-7927, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

For information on Villanova University's Athletic Schedules, contact the Athletic Department at 610-519-4090.



A look at the beautiful St. Thomas of Villanova Church located at the front of Villanova University's scenic campus.



Nova Notables

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.

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.

Other Villanova Team Titles

WILDCAT NIT CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

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

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

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.

WILDCAT ATLANTIC 10 CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAMS

Champions: 1997, 2001 - Coached by Andy Talley



Former Wildcat goalkeeper Janel Schillig, a 2002 Villanova graduate, helped guide the women's soccer program to the 1999 ECAC title.



About the Big East Conference

As The BIG EAST Conference celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2003-04, it takes pride in its long list of accomplishments. Providing opportunities to excel amongst the nation's best, both athletically and academically, has always been its mission.

Since opening its doors in 1979, the league has won 22 national championships in six different sports and 118 student-athletes have won individual national titles. The BIG EAST has always been able to boast that some of its best students are also some of its best athletes. More than 300 student-athletes have earned Academic All-America honors, including Connecticut basketball standout Emeka Okafor who earned first team recognition last year. A BIG EAST student-athlete has won the Honda-Broderick Cup as Collegiate Woman of the Year four times, the last by Notre Dame soccer player Cindy Daws in 1997-98.

BIG EAST student-athletes have continued their success after leaving the classrooms and playing fields. Former Connecticut women's basketball standout Dr. Leigh Curl was inducted into the Verizon Academic All-America Hall of Fame in 1999. Former Georgetown men's basketball star Dikembe Mutombo was named a winner of the President's Service Award, the highest honor in the U.S. for volunteer service.

The BIG EAST continued to thrive amongst the nation's elite in 2002-03. It became the first conference to win the men's and women's NCAA titles and the men's NIT Championship in the same year. The Syracuse men won their first national championship, the Connecticut women took home their fourth national title and St. John's won the NIT for the sixth time. The BIG EAST has won each of the last four women's basketball titles.

In the classroom, 21 student-athletes earned 2002-03 Academic All-America honors, including 10 who garnered first team accolades. UConn's Diana Taurasi was the consensus national player of the year in women's basketball. Additionally, she was the women's basketball Honda Award winner.

Whether it's the student-athletes or the league as a whole, moving forward successfully has been the norm for the conference that was formed in 1979.

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

When the 1990s began, The BIG EAST Conference had just completed its eighth season with nine members. The league was arguably as healthy as a conference could be. The BIG EAST was a headline-grabber immediately, especially in men's basketball, its signature sport. The BIG EAST Football Conference did not exist.

The '90s was a decade of enormous change in college athletics with conferences adding new members and new leagues beginning. The BIG EAST was no different than most groups. The BIG EAST Football Conference, with eight members, became a major player in college football immediately after its inception in 1991.

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.

After one season, Villanova was added and began play in 1980-81. Two seasons later, Pittsburgh joined the group and started competition in '82-83.

Miami was admitted in 1990 and began BIG EAST competition in '91-92. Rutgers, West Virginia and Notre Dame joined in '94 and started to compete in '95-96.

While the membership has increased, the focus of the BIG EAST remains unchanged. It is a group that 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 reflect a balance between intercollegiate athletics and academics.

Any successful consortium enjoys outstanding leadership. Michael Tranghese, the league's first full-time employee, and for 11 years the associate of Dave Gavitt, took over the Commissioner's reins in June, 1990. In his first year at the helm, he administered the formation of The BIG EAST Football Conference.

BIG EAST sports attract the interest of followers in the nation's largest media markets including New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, Washington, D.C., Miami, Pittsburgh and Hartford. 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. Exclusive long-range television contracts with CBS, ESPN, Inc. and ABC provide BIG EAST basketball and football with more television exposure.

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

More than 500 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, with several athletes earning gold medals in the summer Olympiads in Sydney in 2000, Atlanta in '96, Barcelona in '92, Seoul in '88 and Los Angeles in '84.

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

Big East Conference Staff Directory



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