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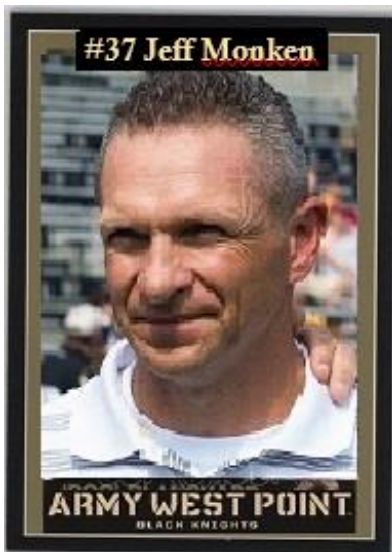
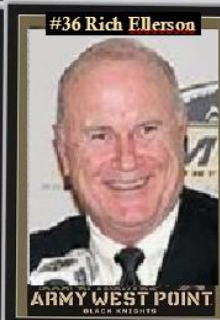
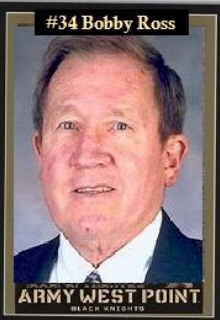
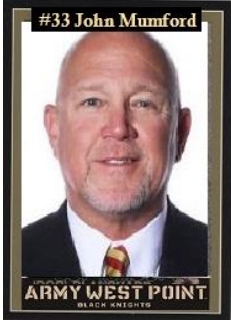
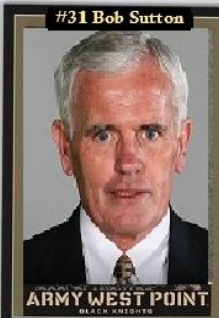
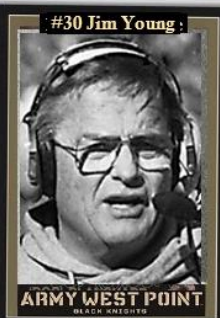
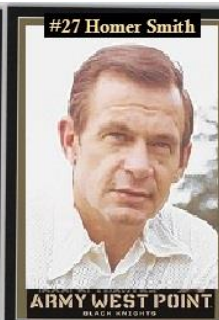
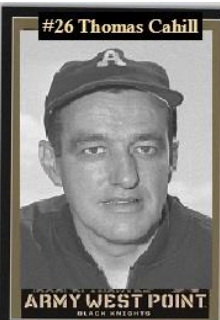


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From the beginning of Football through the championships all the way to the Jeff Monken Era

This book is written for those of us who love the West Point Academy and especially Army's Black Knights Football Team and of course all the great teams and the great championships over the years. Like me, you'll like all the stories from the Academy's founding in 1820 just under 200 years ago, to the beginning of American football to the beginning of the Army football program in 1890... and all through the great Army teams of the mid-20th century to today with a revitalized Army Football Team under coach Jeff Monken—today's wonder coach!

You will learn in this book that like no other football team, the US Army Cadets have many championships to their credit at all levels including the big prize-national championships. They are fierce and passionate competitors. From the stadium to the classroom to the research lab, the US Army Black Knights always play to win. And win, they do! You may know that Army has won five national Championships from NCAA-designated major selectors. How many other teams achieved that?

You will learn that Army's first official football game was in 1890 even before American football had been completely defined. They lost against Navy, 0-24 and never forgot it. Army made up for that game many times over the years.

You'll also learn why the immortal Dennis Michie can easily be captioned as the father of Army Football and it is not just because he did such a great job positioning the team for future greatness. He not only coached the first team in 1890, he was the team captain. Today the Stadium's name is in his honor. Amen!

From here, this book of championships and champions moves you one Army coach at time through the immortals—Charles Daly, Biff Jones, Ralph Sasse, and Earl "Red" Blaik. And then, on the way to today, we stop for other fine coaches such as Bob Sutton and Jim Young. Army has had many great seasons, great coaches, and a ton of great players.

The history of Army Football as told here is just fascinating. This book captures the many great moments and the contributions of each of the 37 coaches and standout players such as Army's three Heisman winners, the immortal Felix "Doc" Blanchard, Pete Dawkins, and of course Glenn Davis. In this book, we look at all the championships by going through every season and we take the reader through great chapters about all the Army teams with great stories and accounts of 129 seasons worth of great games (1244 games) with many great championships.

You'll find this book is your finest source for a great read on your favorite service academy college football team. (Cadets / Black Knights). It is the closest thing to an all-encompassing, full-blown encyclopedia of Army Football championships and more. It is almost a blow by blow history—with tales of the great championship makers. We capture all the action and all the memorable moments of Army football. This book is for your reading pleasure but it also can be a great reference tool for when you want to see how a particular Army season in any year happened to turn out. Of course in the championship seasons, there is a lot more written. If you are an Army Football fan, you will not want to put this book down.

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Army Football seasons by Year/Coach.

Army Coach	Year	Wins	Losses	Ties
Dennis Michie & he was captain	1890	0	1	0
Henry Williams (4-1-1)	1891	4	1	1
Dennis Michie (3-1-1)	1892	3	1	1
Laurie Bliss (4-5)	1893	4	5	0
Harmon Graves (3-2)	1894	3	2	0
Harmon Graves (5-2)	1895	5	2	0
George Dyer (3-2-1)	1896	3	2	1
Herman Koehler (6-1-1)	1897	6	1	1
Herman Koehler (3-2-1)	1898	3	2	1
Herman Koehler (4-5)	1899	4	5	0
Herman Koehler (7-3-1)	1900	7	3	1
Leon Kromer (5-1-2)	1901	5	1	2
Dennis Nolan (6-1-1)	1902	6	1	1
Edward King (6-2-1)	1903	6	2	1
Robert Boyers (7-2)	1904	7	2	0
Robert Boyers (4-4-1)	1905	4	4	1
Ernest Graves (2-5-1), Henry Smither (1-0)	1906	3	5	1
Henry Smither (6-2-1)	1907	6	2	1
Harry Nelly (6-1-2)	1908	6	1	2
Harry Nelly (3-2)	1909	3	2	0
Harry Nelly (6-2)	1910	6	2	0
Joseph Beacham (6-1-1)	1911	6	1	1
Ernest Graves (5-3)	1912	5	3	0
Charles Daly (8-1)	1913	8	1	0
Charles Daly (9-0)	1914	9	0	0
Charles Daly (5-3-1)	1915	5	3	1
Charles Daly (9-0)	1916	9	0	0
Geoffrey Keyes (7-1)	1917	7	1	0
Hugh Mitchell (1-0-0)	1918	1	0	0
Charles Daly (6-3)	1919	6	3	0
Charles Daly (7-2-0)	1920	7	2	0
Charles Daly (6-4-0)	1921	6	4	0
Charles Daly (8-0-2)	1922	8	0	2

John McEwan (6-2-1)	1923	6	2	1
John McEwan (5-1-2)	1924	5	1	2
John McEwan (7-2)	1925	7	2	0
Biff Jones (7-1-1)	1926	7	1	1
Biff Jones (9-1)	1927	9	1	0
Biff Jones (8-2)	1928	8	2	0
Biff Jones (6-4-1)	1929	6	4	1
Ralph Sasse (9-1-1)	1930	9	1	1
Ralph Sasse (8-2-1)	1931	8	2	1
Ralph Sasse (8-2-0)	1932	8	2	0
Gar Davidson (9-1)	1933	9	1	0
Gar Davidson (7-3)	1934	7	3	0
Gar Davidson (6-2-1)	1935	6	2	1
Gar Davidson (6-3)	1936	6	3	0
Gar Davidson (7-2)	1937	7	2	0
William Wood (8-2)	1938	8	2	0
William Wood (3-4-2)	1939	3	4	2
William Wood (1-7-1)	1940	1	7	1
Red Blaik (5-3-1)	1941	5	3	1
Red Blaik (6-3)	1942	6	3	0
Red Blaik (7-2-1)	1943	7	2	1
Red Blaik (9-0)	1944	9	0	0
Red Blaik (9-0)	1945	9	0	0
Red Blaik (9-0-1)	1946	9	0	1
Red Blaik (5-2-2)	1947	5	2	2
Red Blaik (8-0-1)	1948	8	0	1
Red Blaik (9-0)	1949	9	0	0
Red Blaik (8-1)	1950	8	1	0
Red Blaik (2-7)	1951	2	7	0
Red Blaik (4-4-1)	1952	4	4	1
Red Blaik (7-1-1)	1953	7	1	1
Red Blaik (7-2)	1954	7	2	0
Red Blaik (6-3)	1955	6	3	0
Red Blaik (5-3-1)	1956	5	3	1
Red Blaik (7-2)	1957	7	2	0
Red Blaik (8-0-1)	1958	8	0	1
Dale Hall (4-4-1)	1959	4	4	1
Dale Hall (6-3-1)	1960	6	3	1
Dale Hall (6-4)	1961	6	4	0
Paul Dietzel (6-4)	1962	6	4	0

Paul Dietzel (7-3)	1963	7	3	0
Paul Dietzel (4-6)	1964	4	6	0
Paul Dietzel (4-5-1)	1965	4	5	1
Thomas Cahill (8-2)	1966	8	2	0
Thomas Cahill (8-2)	1967	8	2	0
Thomas Cahill (7-3)	1968	7	3	0
Thomas Cahill (4-5-1)	1969	4	5	1
Thomas Cahill (1-9-1)	1970	1	9	1
Thomas Cahill (6-4)	1971	6	4	0
Thomas Cahill (6-4)	1972	6	4	0
Thomas Cahill (0-10)	1973	0	10	0
Homer Smith (3-8)	1974	3	8	0
Homer Smith (2-9)	1975	2	9	0
Homer Smith (5-6)	1976	5	6	0
Homer Smith (7-4)	1977	7	4	0
Homer Smith (4-6-1)	1978	4	6	1
Lou Saban (2-8-1)	1979	2	8	1
Ed Cavanaugh (3-7-1)	1980	3	7	1
Ed Cavanaugh (3-7-1)	1981	3	7	1
Ed Cavanaugh (4-7)	1982	4	7	0
Jim Young (2-9)	1983	2	9	0
Jim Young (8-3-1)	1984	8	3	1
Jim Young (9-3)	1985	9	3	0
Jim Young (6-5)	1986	6	5	0
Jim Young (5-6)	1987	5	6	0
Jim Young (9-3)	1988	9	3	0
Jim Young (6-5)	1989	6	5	0
Jim Young (6-5)	1990	6	5	0
Bob Sutton (4-7)	1991	4	7	0
Bob Sutton (5-6)	1992	5	6	0
Bob Sutton (6-5)	1993	6	5	0
Bob Sutton (4-7)	1994	4	7	0
Bob Sutton (5-5-1)	1995	5	5	1
Bob Sutton (10-2)	1996	10	2	0
Bob Sutton (4-7)	1997	4	7	0
Bob Sutton (3-8)	1998	3	8	0
Bob Sutton (3-8)	1999	3	8	0
Todd Berry (1-10)	2000	1	10	0
Todd Berry (3-8)	2001	3	8	0
Todd Berry (1-11)	2002	1	11	0

John Mumford (0-7), Todd Berry (0-6)	2003	0	13	0
Bobby Ross (2-9)	2004	2	9	0
Bobby Ross (4-7)	2005	4	7	0
Bobby Ross (3-9)	2006	3	9	0
Stan Brock (3-9)	2007	3	9	0
Stan Brock (3-9)	2008	3	9	0
Rich Ellerson (5-7)	2009	5	7	0
Rich Ellerson (7-6)	2010	7	6	0
Rich Ellerson (3-9)	2011	3	9	0
Rich Ellerson (2-10)	2012	2	10	0
Rich Ellerson (3-9)	2013	3	9	0
Jeff Monken (4-8)	2014	4	8	0
Jeff Monken (2-10)	2015	2	10	0
Jeff Monken (8-5)	2016	8	5	0
Jeff Monken (8-5)	2017	0	0	0
Jeff Monken	2018	10	3	0
Jeff Monken	2019	11	2	0

Army almost always played as an independent Team. However, from 1998 to 2004, the team competed in a fledgling conference known as Conference USA, the Black Knights went back to Independent Status in 2005.

Total Games 1,261

Seasons 129

Total Wins 692

Total Losses 518

Total Ties 51 * Prior to Overtime Rules

Stats from 1890 Through August 2019



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I learned how to write creatively in Grade School at St. Boniface. I even enjoyed reading some of my own stuff as a toddler.

At Meyers High School and King's College and Wilkes-University, I learned how to research, write bibliographies and footnote every non-original thought I might have had. I learned to hate *ibid*, and *op. cit.*, and I hated assuring that I had all citations written down in the proper sequence. Having to pay attention to details took my desire to write creatively and diminished it with busy work.

I know it is necessary for the world to stop plagiarism so authors and publishers can get paid properly, but for an honest writer, it sure is annoying. I wrote many proposals while with IBM and whenever I needed to cite something, I cited it in place, because my readers, IT Managers, could care less about tracing the vagaries of citations and their varied formats.

I always hated to use stilted footnotes, or produce a lengthy, perfectly formatted bibliography. I bet most bibliographies are flawed because even the experts on such drivel do not like the tedium.

I wrote 210 books before this book and several hundred articles published by many magazines and newspapers and I only cite when an idea is not mine or when I am quoting, and again, I choose to cite in place, and the reader does not have to trace strange numbers through strange footnotes and back to bibliography elements that may not be readily accessible or available. Academicians knowing all the rules of citation are not my audience. In this book, if you are a lover of Army West Point football, you are my intended group of readers

Yet, I would be kidding you, if in a book about the Great Championships in Army Football, I tried to bluff my way into trying to make you think that I knew everything before I began to write anything in this book. I spent as much time researching as writing. I might even call myself an expert of sorts now about the Army West Point Black Knights. This team literally is America's team. Everybody in America has at one time watched and enjoyed Army football, especially when Army is having winning seasons, and more especially when Army is beating Navy.

Without any pain on your part you can read this book from cover to cover to enjoy the stories about the many Great Moments in Army Football.

It took me about two months to write this book. If I were to have made sure that a thought of mine was not a thought somebody else ever had, this book never would have been completed or the citations pages would more than likely exceed the prose. Everybody takes credit for everything in sports writing—at least that's what I have found.

I used Army Cadet and Black Night Season summaries and recaps from whatever source I could to get the scores of all the games. I verified facts when possible. There are many web sites that have great information and facts. Ironically most internet stories are the same exact stories. Who's got the original? While I was writing the book, I wrote down a bunch of Internet references and at one time, I listed them right here en masse in this article. They were the least read pages. No more. Unless I am citing a reference in a section of the book, you will not see the URL.

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There is a great site about Army football where you can explore great pictures and great stories about the greatest. It is called "For what they gave on Saturday Afternoon."--

<https://forwhattheygave.com>

Here is one of the whole links describing the beginning of Army football: <https://forwhattheygave.com/2013/08/17/1890-1908-army-navy-football/> Enjoy and God bless!

Preface:

This book is all about the great championships in Army football over the years—and there of course are many and many again. Whether the team was playing as the Cadets, the Black Knights on the Hudson, or Army West Point, it never seemed to matter to the fans or the players. We have the football history correct as we begin this book. And if I may say so myself as an army guy, it is a doozie. You can't help loving this book.

Just so you know, the mule never put on thigh pads and shoulder pads and cleats and a helmet to protect its head. Yet it helped Army win real and mythical championships over many years.

Since 1899, in the tenth year of Army football. Army's mascot has officially been a mule because of the animal's historical importance in military operations. For many years, Army's teams were known as the "Cadets." The academy's football team was nicknamed "The Black Knights of the Hudson" due to the black color of its uniforms. In 1999, Army adopted "Black Knights" as its official nickname in all sports. Based on the purpose, they may also use "Cadets" in other certain circumstances.

The U.S. sports media like to use "Army" as a synonym for the academy, while in 2015, the academy itself declared their name to be "Army West Point." How this all sorts out over time, we'll all see. For this book, we use all the names.

Along the way to today, we study the founding of West Point Academy; then the preliminaries before Army football officially began, and then we delve right into the storied Army Football Program--its struggles; its greatness; and its many championship and of course its long-lasting impact on American life. This takes us to the football careers of many great college football coaches and players from the Army team as it engaged tough competition over the years. Army tough is not just a slogan.

As a Pennsylvanian, I admit I also like Penn State Football but we Irish on High Street knew Notre Dame Football always came first. But, nobody even an ND fan would argue against a great Army

football team. I still recall as a kid with our Admiral Black and White TV, my dad calling us to order for the annual Army-Navy-Game, which was always enjoyable. I don't think Notre Dame qualified for that game.

I picked Army to write about because the Cadets have a long and bold tradition of playing great football. With many immortal coaches such as the great Red Blaik, and immortal players, especially the three Heisman winners, Doc Blanchard (1945), Glenn Davis (1946), and Pete Dawkins (1958). Army has four uncontested National Championships, 1914, 1944, 1945, 1946 and eight undefeated seasons and other championships that are not universally acknowledged.

I am proud of my own honorable discharge from the Army and of my years in the service of my country as I am also proud to write this book about such a storied institution and such a great football program. Are we not all pleased to have the US Army defending us and then playing on Saturdays to toughen all the boys up for what lies ahead.

Supporters who love Army Football as played by Army West Point will read this book and get an immediate burst of emotions such as warmth and love for their favorite team. You will love this book because it has it all – every great season and every great game. Go Army West Point!

This book walks you through the whole Army football journey. We examine players, coaches, and successes from the early teams to today. This period began in 1890 with the first Army Navy Game. Like all new teams, you can imagine the struggle of playing on a college football team when getting the right equipment was one of the biggest issues.

The 37 great Army coaches are listed within the football seasons in which they coached--from season 1 in 1890 to season 127. In other words, the seasons are examined chronologically and the coaches and certain games and certain players are highlighted within the seasons in which the games were played. I sure hope you enjoy this unique approach.

Before Red Blaik put in an eighteen-year stint starting in 1941, few of Army's 24 coaches to that point took the team for more than a couple years. Yet, they still produced some powerful teams with powerful players. Of the 37 coaches in the Black Knights history, most had winning seasons as Army's overall record has 150 more wins than losses. That's a lot of winning for any football program.

Army is a long-time football power

One hundred twenty-eight years is a long time to be playing football. Army has a history of being recognized as one of the finest teams in the nation. For many years, the teams were ready to win a national championship at the drop of the next hat. Though it has been over seventy years since the last championship, Army is still tough and nobody can deny that. With a new coach who brought in a great team in 2016, would it not be great for Army, the major defenders of our Nation to bring home another football championship soon

Your author would like you to know that when football season closes in the second week of January each year, there is now a great football item—this book—that is available all 52 weeks of the year and in fact all 365 days each year. It does not rely on the stadium gates being open for you to get a great dose of Army Football. Just begin reading right here.

It is now available for you to add to your Army Football experience. and your book collection. Once you get this book, it is yours forever unless, of course you give it away to one of the many who will be in awe, and who will accept it gladly. For those who love to use gadgets to read, this book is also available on Kindle.

We open the book with the first story set shortly after the beginning of college football as a sport in America. It then moves on to the first official game with the first official coach and all the way to Coach Jeff Monken's great 2016 record. It tells a story about all the football seasons and the great coaches and great players and great moments from the first coached game in 1890 to today.

You are going to love this book because it is the perfect read for anybody who loves Army West Point's storied football program and

wants to know more about the most revered athletes to have competed in one of the finest football programs of all time.

Few sports books are a must-read but Brian Kelly's Great Moments in Army Football will quickly appear at the top of Americas most enjoyable must-read books about sports. Enjoy!

Who is Brian W. Kelly?

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Chapter 1 Introduction to Army West Point Football

Army's 128th Year in 2017!



Coach Monken With the Army Team Ready for the Game

The Army West Point Black Knights football team represents the United States Military Academy in college football. Army is currently a Division I Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) member of the NCAA. The Black Knights currently play their home games in West Point, New York at Michie Stadium, with a capacity of 38,000. Army is coached by Jeff Monken, who is in his 6th season (2019) as head coach. Army is a five time national champion, winning the title in 1914, 1916 with Coach Daly and 1944, 1945, and 1946 with Red Blaik. You'll hear that a lot in this book. Army also has a total of eight undefeated seasons.

With the exception of seven seasons (1998–2004) where the team was a member of Conference USA, the Army team has competed as an

independent. That means that, like Notre Dame, they have no affiliation with any conference. Currently, Army is one of four schools in the FBS that does not belong to any conference; the other three being BYU, Notre Dame, and UMass. However, all four of these schools belong to conferences for all other sports. Army is primarily a member of the Patriot League, BYU is a member of the West Coast Conference, Notre Dame belongs to the Atlantic Coast Conference, and UMass belongs to the Atlantic 10 Conference.

The Army West Point Black Knights have fielded a team every season since the inaugural 1890 season. That's a lot of football games. To be exact, it's 1,261 games in its 129 seasons, with 2018 as # 129... and the Black Knights have a fine all-time record of 692 wins, 518 losses, and 51 ties. That's a lot of great Army football folks. I bet Army has a big celebration in 2019 for Season # 130.

Officially the Army West Point Cadets recognize a long and great football history that dates back to 1890. If you are from Navy or Air Force or some other rival school, you have to be kind. Such rivals know that Army was born great and then got greater when the immortal Earl "Red" Blaik coached from 1941 – 1958, Before Blaik, out of fifty-one prior years, Army had just four losing seasons. None of the four were worse than one more loss than win. After all, Army is Army tough. Think about that. Coach Monken reminds the team who they are and he trains them to be the best in football just like they are the best warriors on earth.

As noted, Red Blaik did not make Army a great team. They were already great. But, Blaik made the team even greater finishing with seventeen great winning seasons and just one losing season in 1951. He compiled a career college football record of 166–48–14. His Army football teams won three consecutive national championships in 1944, 1945 and 1946, and he was always near the top when not right at the top. As good a Blaik was, as noted, Army had always been good even before he came to coach. The Cadets had a great record of 293—107—28 pre-Blaik

After Blaik, the Army squad was never quite as crisp but it was not until about 1970 when for an unexplained reason, the team was expected to lose more than win. From Blaik to 1969, the team record was not so bad but not as good percentage wise. The record for this

period was 64-41-4. Something happened to the team after 1970. Nobody can explain it well. From 1970 through 2016, Army had just ten winning seasons with an overall record of 195-332-7.

In 1996 Coach Bob Sutton broke out of the mold and coached the Cadets to a fantastic 10-2 record. It was tough going after Sutton was fired for unexplained reasons. He is held in high regard by most and with the trouble Army has had over the recent years in winning, there have been many calls for Bob Sutton's return.

I do not mean to suggest that Bob Sutton did not have his critics because Army alums, like most football alums, are a fickle bunch. But Sutton did two things that none of the three permanent coaches following him had been able to do: He beat Navy on a regular basis, going 6-3 with five straight wins over the Midshipmen. And he gave Army a chance almost every single game of his career regardless of the opponent. That is a lot to say. From Sutton on, life really got tough for Army

So, now with just one winning season in between Sutton and four-year coach Jeff Monken's 8-5 winning season in 2016, we all hope for big things from Army. My analysis is Army is moving forward. The Army West Point Black Knights are ready to win again and losing is no longer an option. I saved the 2017 and 2018 records to prove my point. Jeff Monken is a young, yet, legendary quality coach. His 2017 record was 10-3 but not good enough for him .

And so looking for his own championship belt because he knew the Brian Kelly Great Moments in Army Football was available yet, a continual work in progress. So, he and his team went out every week in the 2018 season to produce the best win record ever in Army football with 11 big wins and just two losses and a return to the national championship picture. Two years ago I had predicted it would be so and now it is. One day, The Army Brass will be offering me fifty yard-line tickets for the Mrs. And I at Mitchie Stadium for a great Army game. By the way, I'll take them. Thank you.

Some are still joking after the fantastic 2016 Army victory over Navy that the new Army goal is to out-Navy, Navy. For the moment, that mission has been accomplished. Don't you just love the Army comeback?

It's been long coming with just one winning season and one bowl run from 1997 to 2015, and a huge losing streak to Navy along the way, 2016 was the season that the Jeff Monken coaching era needed to kick in. It needed to come when there was a sign that Army football could potentially be decent, and it came up with something even worthy of deep praise. Is Army back? Let's say "yes," to that.

As an independent all of its years, the schedule had been set up to be relatively favorable – with a slew of lightweights and two FCSers mixed in along with some real tough games such as Notre Dame, Air Force, and low-end Power Fivers Duke and Wake Forest.

In his prior years with Army, the ground game always worked under Monken. The 2014 Army team finished fifth in the nation in rushing, and the 2015 team was 12th – both teams, however overall were awful and they posted awful records. They wanted to be better!

In 2016, something different was in the air. The players had been in place awhile and they did not just average 340 yards per game and finish second in the country, but they actually took over games and went on long, sustained marches. They began to win. There is something contagious about the glorious feeling of winning football games. We've seen the next two years from 2016 already.

It took Monken a few years to find the right pieces on defense and to build up the depth. It all came together. The linebacking corps was inspired and performed stellar. The pass rush was better than it's been in for long, long time, and the young talent in the secondary got beyond their experience and rose up for the nation's sixth-best pass defense. Not too shabby!

Oh yeah, did I mention that Army was invited and went to a bowl game, and they won it.

And the Black Knights came up with an alumni-pleasing big victory over Navy in 2016. The next two years were smilers for all Army fans.

For a program that's been known for trying hard and gaining little more than "try-hard misery" for years and years and years, the 2016

season was very important. This coach and this group of football players needed to prove that it is possible to keep winning football games at Army. They did exactly that in 2016, and they can't let it go.

The rushing team is back again and that is good news for Army and Army fans. Everyone who gained a meaningful rushing yard is back in 2017 behind a fine line that returns four starters. The quarterback situation is deep, experienced and talented, and the receiving corps has some experience but with a leading rushing unit, pressure won't be on the receivers. Their bar is set at just catching an occasional pass, which they ought to do quite handily.

Not everything is perfect as the defense had to replace irreplaceable linebackers Jeremy Timpf and Andrew King, but 11 of the top 14 tacklers returned in 2017 with – and this was what was missing in the past – enough depth to rotate in and keep everyone fresh. If the pass rush is almost as strong, and the young defensive backs that were so good early on can continue to shine again, at the very least, the prognosticators knew that the future would not see a massive drop-off—or any drop off at all. Army was ready for a repeat and even a better performance than 2016. The seasons of 2017 and 2018 prove my point. It thus was a great thought.

2016 did not go down as a *one-of* or as they like to say in today's parlance, a one-off. Monken was too good for that. The team was too good for that. There were too many strong pieces in place, and – Ohio State game aside – a schedule that most Power Fivers would groove into a nine-win campaign – which in reality became a tenner. The message to fans two years ago was “Go ahead and get excited for what Army football is becoming.” This year's message is that we have become something special and we are ready to be even specialer. Don't get gramma perfect on me now folks!

And of course, it goes without saying that if Army really wants to become the new Navy (at least in terms of its record), that takes just one thing – Go ahead army and beat Navy! Yeah! Whoops, that is what has been happening and the sweet smell of the COmmander in Cief's trophy smells no better than when you win it.

This book that you are reading celebrates The United States Military Academy USMA; its founding; its struggles; its greatness; its many championships; and its long-lasting impact on freedom and American life. People like me, who love Army, will love this book. Army haters, such as those from the Naval Academy will want their own copy of this book of great Army championships for additional ammo in the trivia games. Yet, it won't help them! Hah!

We begin the rest of the Army football story in Chapter 2 with the founding of USMA West Point over 216 years ago and we continue in subsequent chapters, right into the founding of the full Army West Point football program in 1890 after the Cadets had been begging the argument by exercising playing American football on the campus in an intramural fashion.

They say the first nighttime football game was played in Mansfield, Pennsylvania on September 28, 1892 between Mansfield State Normal and Wyoming Seminary and ended at halftime in a 0–0 tie. The Army-Navy game of 1893 was played in daylight and it saw the first documented use of a football helmet by a player in a game. No kidding!

Joseph M. Reeves loved football so much that he had a crude leather helmet made by a shoemaker in Annapolis and wore it in the game even after being warned by his doctor that he risked death if he continued to play football after suffering an earlier kick to the head.

Football is a great contagion. Rather than not play, Reeves figured out a way to protect his head. Over the years, more injury-preventive devices were created and used by players and teams. Improvements are made every day to make the game safer.

In defining the format of the book, we chose to use a timetable that is based on a historical chronology. Within this framework, we discuss the great championships and great games in Army football history, and there are many to recount. No book can claim to be able to capture them all, as it would be a never-ending story, but we sure do try. You're going to love this book.

The U. S. Military Academy has produced 3 Heisman Trophy winners

We have already discussed Army's new rise to national football prominence with a great showing in 2016. 2017 and 2018 are now the gravy years with more coming, I feel. While the United States Military Academy has slipped from its one-time lofty status as one of college football's top programs, there's no denying the successful past of Army football that produced national championship football teams and players that were recognized as college football's best. Smell the sweetness in the championship air that Coach Monken breathes every day.

Throughout the college football landscape there is traditionally a long list of programs that have produced waves of great teams and All-Americans. While many might hesitate to put Army in that category, only four schools, Notre Dame, Ohio State, Oklahoma and USC, have produced more Heisman Trophy winners than the Black Knights.

The lethal rushing combination of Felix "Doc" Blanchard and Glenn Davis first brought Heisman glory to West Point following the 1945 and 1946 seasons. Not only did the backfield duo both gain the nation's top individual award and earn All-American status for three years; they helped lead the Cadets to three consecutive (1944-46) national championship claims. Let's take some time to look at these three Army stalwarts:

Doc Blanchard

Blanchard became the first junior to win the award. He was known as "Mr. Inside" because of his punishing running style delivered by his six-foot, 200-pound plus frame. Oddly enough Blanchard only entered West Point after being rejected from the Navy's V-12 program because he was considered overweight and because he had a vision problem. Humph! The two others are listed below (next page) as a precursor to showing their great statues.

USMA Heisman Winners—DOC BLANCHARD 1945,
GLENN DAVIS 1946, PETE DAWKINS 1958.



USMA Statue Featuring three Heisman Trophy Winners & Coach Blaik

Whatever vision problems Blanchard had, Army Legendary Coach Earl “Red” Blaik never lost sight of how the South Carolina native struck fear into Army opponents.

“Doc Blanchard was the best built athlete I ever saw: 6 feet and 208 pounds at his peak, not a suspicion of fat on him, with slim waist, atlas shoulders, colossal legs,” Blaik wrote in his book “You Have to Pay the Price.”

For a big man, ‘Doc’ was the quickest starter I ever saw, and in the open he ran with the niftiness as well as the speed of a great halfback...”

Glenn Davis



The dynamic duo of Glenn Davis and Doc Blanchard Time Magazine.

The perfect complement to Doc Blanchard’s power running style was Glenn Davis who was dubbed “Mr. Outside” for his ability to shed tacklers with his blazing speed. In his first year as a varsity regular, the California native led the nation in scoring in 1944 while averaging an amazing 11.1 yards-per-carry.

“He was emphatically the greatest halfback I ever knew,” Coach Blaik wrote. “He was not so much a dodger and side-stepper as a blazing runner who had a fourth, even fifth gear in reserve, could change direction at top speed and fly away from tacklers as if jet-propelled.”

When the dust had settled after their final year at Army in 1946, both players had combined to score an NCAA record of 97 touchdowns and 585 points while leading the Black Knights to a 27-0-1 record.

When considering their Heisman impact, Blanchard and Davis still rank as the most dominating backfield tandem of all time. The pair ranked an amazing 2-3 in 1944, 1-2 in 1945 and 1-4 in the 1946 Heisman balloting.

While Davis had much in common with his running mate Blanchard, it paled in comparison to a bond he would later develop with another Heisman winner. Davis married Yvonne Ameche, the widow of Wisconsin’s Alan Ameche who won the award in 1954. Another love interest of Glen Davis was Hollywood starlet Elizabeth Taylor, who he dated prior to marrying actress Terry Moore.

Another similar comparison to Blanchard is the fact that both Heisman winners donated their trophies to their high schools. Davis' resides at Bonita High in Laverne, CA., while Blanchard's spent many years at St. Stanislaus High School in Bay St. Louis, Miss. The trophy resided at Davis' high school until it was washed away by Hurricane Katrina. Davis is buried at West Point near his former Army head coach, Red Blaik.

Pete Dawkins

Dawkins was not a contemporary of the “dynamic duo” but he probably in a time machine could have been made to substitute with no ill effects for either of them. Not only did the 1958 season produce Army Heisman winner Pete Dawkins, but it was also the Black Knights last undefeated season. Dawkins totaled 12 touchdowns during the season as he combined his rushing, receiving and kick returning skills to account for 1,216 total yards. Dawkins’ tackling of

the Heisman Trophy was just one of his many accomplishments as the rambling Cadet ranked 10th in his 1959 graduating class of 499.



Pete Dawkins Army's 3rd Heisman winner in 1958.

Following his career at West Point, Dawkins snubbed the NFL's Baltimore Colts and studied at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar instead. Displaying the same leadership that he did on the field and in the classroom, Dawkins became the youngest Brigadier General on active duty in the U.S. Army at the age of 43. Pete Dawkins was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford and later earned a PhD. from Princeton. He was awarded two bronze stars for valor in Vietnam and retired as a Brigadier general. He finished his "business" career as a high-ranking executive with Citibank in New York.

It may not be the Coolest Pep Rally in College Football...but...

The Army West Point Black Knights may not have the coolest pre-game tradition in College Football. When you go to an Army Home game, you might miss it but if you get to go, it should be a lot of fun.

In 2007 for example, the Dave Matthews Band played for Army football — at two free shows. It was a victory before the game was even played. The U.S. Military Academy beat out Air Force, Navy and more than 100 other colleges that participated in the World's Loudest Pep Rally contest to win a visit from the rock star. Matthews played for Cadets Nov. 14 and 15, 2007



Cadet 2nd Class Garrison Haning [right] asks Dave Matthews a question during the meet-and-greet before the Wednesday night concert at West Point. Cadet 2nd Class Roderic O'Connor listens. (Photo Credit: Eric Bartelt)



“Congratulations! We’ll see you in November,” Matthews, 40, said in a videotape that was to be shown to Cadets at West Point’s mess hall before the event. The videotape itself was exciting.

Cadets at the storied Hudson Valley academy won the contest by submitting invitations by text messages or postings at attblueroom.com. AT&T sponsored the contest. What a neat idea.

Cadets showed off their hip-hop moves in one posted video, while others made direct pleas to Matthews, such as “West Point NEEDS someone to ROCK our stonewalled campus.”

WEST POINT, N.Y. (Army News Service, Nov. 19, 2007) -- The U.S. Military Academy was rocking Wednesday and Thursday nights as Cadets, faculty and other local community members packed Eisenhower Hall for two nights of free concerts by the Dave Mathews Band.

The concerts, billed as "The World's Loudest Pep Rally," were the result of a competition by colleges and universities across the country. AT&T sponsored the contest, which encouraged students from participating schools to each send up to 50 online invitations

per day, via a Web site, asking Dave and the band to perform at their school.

West Point -- a service academy with a student body of just over 4,000 -- competed with powerhouses like Iowa State University, the University of Maryland, the University of Nebraska and countless others. Lucky for the Cadets, the contest was based on the number of votes submitted relative to student population, and the USMA student population was up to the challenge.



Matthews performs at free Cadets Concert

The initial voting began with only a few Cadets. Cadet 2nd Class Jeff Caslon, a "Dave" fan who found the contest, recruited his classmate Luke Gebhart to start sending text messages and set out to spread the word through the Corps of Cadets.

During the second week of the contest, Cadets Caslon and Gebhart approached the director of Cadet Activities, Lt. Col. Craig Flowers, about what would happen if the cadet corps was successful in winning the contest. Once the DCA was on board, the rest of the corps got heavily involved. The DCA and the USCC Chief of Staff's office began sending e-mails out to the brigade reminding everyone to vote and West Point jumped from 12th place to 2nd place overnight.

"I think we were pumped to win this competition because West Point isn't a big college like the other ones,"

Cadet Caslen said. "We've gotten looked over on things before, and this fired the Corps up even more."

Thanks to the sheer tenacity and competitive nature of the Cadets and the Long Gray Line, West Point was in first place within two days of the first brigade-wide e-mail.

When the other service academies saw Army's success, they jumped on the bandwagon. The Air Force Academy even managed to edge into first place for three days, mid-contest. But by the close of voting Oct. 15, West Point was solidly in first place and Air Force and Navy were 2nd and 3rd, respectively. And while the Cadets are excited about their victory, they aren't the only ones with high hopes for the "World's Loudest Pep Rally."

"To be invited by a school in this sort of way is unusual, and I think all of us are just really excited about it," Dave Matthews said during an exclusive interview. "I think it was the Cadets who are the ones who brought us here and the reason we're coming is because it was the Cadets who made it happen."

"When the audience is responsible for you being there, it's different than just having tickets available," he added. "Everyone shares the same humility and awe and eagerness to put on a hell of a [show], well, as good a show as we can."

In 2003, Dave Matthews gave an acoustic performance at West Point, but this was his first Ike Hall performance with the entire band.

"The whole experience last time, from top to bottom [was great]. [I was so impressed with] just how gracious everyone was," Dave Matthews said. "It was just unusual how respectfully we were treated. "It was really inspiring to us," he added.

Army's Black Knights were 3-5 when Dave Matthews got the concert gig. Things are changing every year for Army football. A few recorded words from Red Blaik would be the next best thing to Dave Matthews?

Chapter 2 The Founding of the United States Military Academy

The West Point short story: Courtesy of USMA

Founded in 1802, West Point is our nation's oldest service academy. Graduates of West Point "serve this nation honorably, sharing a strong sense of purpose, pride, and satisfaction that comes from meaningful service to others."



Attending the United States Military Academy is a wonderfully unique and challenging experience. West Point is a four-year college with a mission to develop leaders of character for our army—leaders who are inspired to careers as commissioned officers and lifetime service to the nation. The students of West Point (called Cadets) are selected from the most talented, energetic, and well-rounded young people in the country. Located on 16,000 acres in the scenic Hudson Valley region of New York State, West Point is conveniently situated just fifty miles north of New York City. The year-round pageantry and tradition make the Military Academy a national treasure and a popular tourist spot. People come from all over the world to see Cadets in action, and there is so much to see.

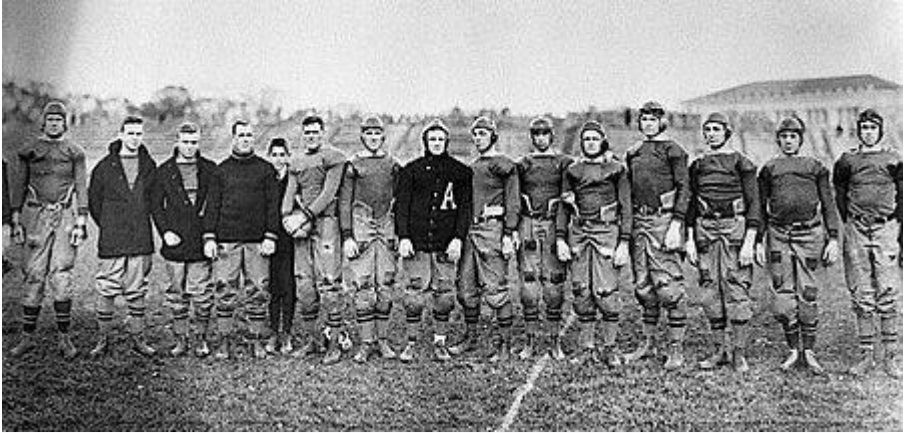
Chapter 3 The West Point Mission

The mission is simple:

"To educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the Nation as an officer in the United States Army."



Chapter 4 Historic Army West Point Fields & Stadiums



The 1912 West Point football team--Dwight Eisenhower is third from left; Louis Merillat is eighth from the left, in the A sweater; Omar Bradley on the far right

The Plain is not in Spain It is in West Point

When you check out the history of the USMA and its West Point facility, you learn a lot more than you bargain for. For example, if you read anything about Army Football today, you know they play at Michie Stadium and have played there for over 90 years. But, what about the other years? It is not so easy to find a lot of information about those years as the scribes and the student writers are mostly long gone.

Digging a little deeper, however, and checking out the site of the first Army Navy game, one can discern that there is another field upon which Army had played before Michie. It played the first football game, and the first Army-Navy game at the Plain. One would think West Point would write a lot about the spot where they played football for over thirty years. It sure would have made my job easier. I like to report on the stadiums and/or fields upon which teams play as it better tells the story of the team. Just because Army played on the plain, does not mean when they had a big game, that they would not shift it to a big park such as Yankee Stadium—like when Notre Dame came to town.

The Plain today is the parade field at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. It has its own fascinating story which we will tell as it had a major role in American victories in wars back to the revolution.

The flat terrain of the Plain contrasts with the varied and hilly terrain of the remainder of the campus. The Plain rises approximately 150 feet (46 m) above the Hudson River and has been the site of the longest continually occupied US Army garrison in America since 1778. In its early years, the entire academy was located on the Plain and it was used for varying activities ranging from drill and mounted cavalry maneuvers to an encampment site for summer training. Currently, the Plain refers to just the parade field where Cadets perform ceremonial parades.

Geography

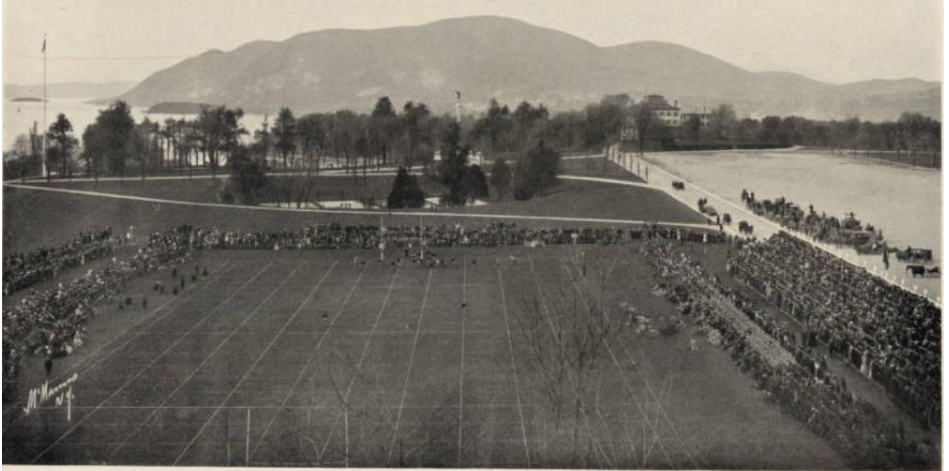
The Plain in the early days of the academy comprised approximately 40 acres of relatively flat ground rising approximately 150 feet above the Hudson River. It was not always level and manicured as the parade ground that is seen today.

Before the development of the modern academy, the term "The Plain" referred to the relatively flat geographic area that the current academy occupies. It included the area where Fort Clinton was constructed. The term now specifically applies to the parade field.



History

The Plain in 1828. All structures in the painting are now gone and Wood's Monument is moved to the cemetery.



A BIG GAME

Football on the Plain Circa 1906

The Connecticut militia that first occupied West Point on 27 January 1778 encamped there during that particularly harsh winter. That summer, construction began on Fort Arnold, later to be renamed Fort Clinton, which stood at the far eastern edge of the Plain and overlooked the sharp westerly turn in the Hudson River.

The land was owned by a private citizen, a Mr. Stephen Moore of North Carolina. Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton authorized the army's purchase of the land for \$11,085 in 1790.



Football on the Plain, c1900.

Execution Hollow is clearly visible just above the diagonal walkway in the mid-right of this picture. Battle Monument is on the back-right side of it.

In the early days of the academy, the Plain was used for many purposes beyond its current use for ceremonial parades. From its earliest days until just after World War I, the Corps of Cadets spent their summers encamped on the Plain as part of their tactical field training.

Semi-permanent tents were erected, hard-floor planking, and furniture and books were moved out to the campsite as the Cadets moved out of the barracks for the summer. Cadets practiced military drill and cavalry maneuvers on the Plain's open areas.

However, after the superintendency of Douglas MacArthur from 1919 to 1922, summer camp was no longer held on the Plain. Before the construction of Michie Stadium, the Army football team played their home games upon the Plain.

For the first 100 years of the academy, there was a large depression on the northern edge of the plain near trophy point. This area was known locally as Execution Hollow as reportedly military executions occurred there during the Revolutionary War period. The hollow remained until 1912, when it was filled in with soil excavated from the construction of Bartlett Hall.

The area now is a small grassy field between the Superintendent's review stands, Clinton Field, and Battle Monument on Trophy point. The field contains a small putting green used by the Department of Physical Education for golf instruction and a spruce tree planted in 2009 as a post-Christmas tree.

The Plain in present-day is used primarily for ceremonial parades, known at the academy as "reviews". Because of the cold weather common at the academy, cadet reviews are usually held between April and November. Cadets also use the Plain for recreational activities or as a place to retreat from the barracks during the late spring or early fall.

The general-public is asked not to walk on the grass Plain. Visitors can access and view the Plain up-close from Diagonal Walk, a walkway which bisects the Plain running north-south from Eisenhower statue to MacArthur statue.



The Plain – Modern Day Look

The Plain is also the location of the Corps of Cadets' Tap Vigils when a member of the corps passes away. Shortly before 2330 hours, the entire corps assembles in silence on the large paved southern edge of the plain, known as the Apron. The traditional military hymn "Taps" is played, followed by a singing of the "Alma Mater" by the corps, followed by the playing of "Amazing Grace" by the Pipes and Drums. The Cadets then disperse in silence back to their rooms.



Cadet Review on the Plain

The periphery of the Plain is home to several monuments to past American military leaders. A horse-mounted George Washington is depicted atop Washington Monument on the western edge looking out over the Plain. World War II Generals of the Army are remembered with Eisenhower Monument and MacArthur Monument, which sit at opposite ends of Diagonal Walk.

In the far north-west corner, Thayer Monument commemorates the "Father of the Military Academy", and stands watch over the Plain. On the far eastern edge of the Plain, just beyond Clinton field, Polish General Tadeusz Kosciuszko looks out over the Hudson River at Kosciuszko's Monument. It is all good.

Michie Stadium

Michie Stadium is dedicated to the memory of Dennis Michie (1870–1898), who was instrumental in starting the football program while a cadet at the Academy. A member of the Class of 1892, Michie organized, managed, and coached the first football team at West Point in 1890.



Dennis Michie

Six years after graduation, he was killed in Cuba during the Spanish–American War. There have been several renovations since the

stadium's first game in October 1924, when Army defeated Saint Louis, 17–0.



Blaik Field at Michie Stadium West Point NY

Michie Stadium is an outdoor football stadium on the campus of the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York. The home field for the Army Black Knights, it opened 94 years ago in 1924 and has a current seating capacity of 38,000.

The stadium sits at the upper portion of campus, directly west of Lusk Reservoir. The field is at an elevation of 335 feet (102 m) above sea level and runs in the traditional north-south configuration, with the press box above the west sideline. Due to the view offered by its location overlooking the Hudson River and the Neo-Gothic architecture of the campus below, it was rated as Sports Illustrated's #3 sports venue of the 20th century.

Michie Stadium, splendid in its scenic beauty and long recognized as one of the most popular stadiums in the nation, will celebrate its 94th season as the home of Army football during the 2017 campaign.

Over the years, the venerable stadium has received its share of plaudits as one of the most desired locations in which to watch a college football game. Recently, noted football analyst Mel Kiper Jr. of ESPN.com hailed the Academy's game day atmosphere as among the most inspirational in the country.

In addition, renowned sports periodicals Sports Illustrated and The Sporting News have heaped lofty praise upon the historic arena by listing it among their top all-time venues.

A new FieldTurf playing surface was installed during the summer of 2008, along with plans to complete a state-of-the-art video board before the start of the 2008 campaign. These enhancements ensure that the venerable facility will maintain its lofty status for years to come.

Construction of the \$7 million Hoffman Press Box was completed in the spring of 2003. The new press box houses a full-service media operations center with state-of-the-art radio and television broadcast booths.

Work on the \$40 million Kimsey Athletic Center, just outside the south end zone, was also concluded in the spring of 2003. The facility houses state-of-the-art locker rooms, coaches' offices, athletic training facilities, equipment rooms, meeting rooms and the Kenna Hall of Army Sports, a large display area that will chronicle Army's vast athletics history. Construction of Randall Hall, the project's second phase, was completed this past summer.

The entire stadium annex is the jewel of an aggressive athletic facilities renovation plan that has seen recent major improvements to Gillis Field House, Shea Stadium, Johnson Stadium at Doubleday Field, Clinton Field and Malek Courts. The acclaimed Lichtenberg Tennis Center just completed its fifth full academic year. In the spring of 2002, Army dedicated the Gross Sports Center, which provides the Army gymnastics team with a state-of-the-art home while also lending extra indoor space for the Black Knights' basketball programs.

Realizing the need for a permanent athletic field as Army's football program continued to assert itself nationally, West Point officials selected a patch of meadow land adjacent to Lusk Reservoir and within the shadow of historic Fort Putnam. Construction of Michie Stadium was completed in 1924, just in time for Army's 35th football campaign.

In 91 previous campaigns in Michie Stadium, the Black Knights have compiled a remarkable record of 326-156-7.

The Black Knights posted more home wins than any previous Army team while forging a perfect 6-0 mark at Michie in 1996, the 28th undefeated home campaign in Academy grid annals. In addition to 28 unblemished seasons, there have been two undefeated but tied campaigns at Michie. Following a 14-14 tie in the "Dedication Game" in the home finale of 1924, the Cadets won 39 straight contests in Michie Stadium, spanning more than six seasons.

Only 15 Division I-A stadiums, and just six located east of the Mississippi River, are older than fabled Michie Stadium. The original stadium structure was formally dedicated to the memory of Dennis Mahan Michie, who was instrumental in starting the game of football at the U.S. Military Academy in 1890. It was Michie who organized, managed and coached the first football team in history at West Point.

There have been several facelifts since that first game in 1924 when Army defeated Saint Louis University 17-0.

Temporary East stands and upper stands were added before construction of permanent East stands was completed in 1962. In the summer of 1969 an upper deck on the West side was added, boosting the seating capacity to 41,684. Capacity has since been adjusted to 38,000. Army's most prolific attendance came in 1972 when the Black Knights averaged a record 41,123 fans. Army ranked among the nation's attendance leaders in 2000, averaging 38,516 per game, or 96.5 percent of Michie Stadium's capacity.

A major change occurred on the playing field in 1977 when AstroTurf replaced the natural grass surface. The artificial turf greatly reduced maintenance costs and guaranteed the Army team an excellent practice facility for use all fall while providing for multiple uses. SuperTurf replaced the AstroTurf in 1984, which was in turn replaced by AstroTurf 8 in 1992. Since 2008, the playing surface has been FieldTurf. This replaced AstroPlay, which had been used since 2001. The stadium's playing field was natural grass until AstroTurf was installed in 1977.

Blaik Field

In honor of legendary mentor Earl "Red" Blaik, Army christened the Michie Stadium playing surface "Blaik Field" in 1999. Blaik, a gridiron innovator, compiled an 18-year Army record of 121-33-10 and brought Army its only three national championships (1944, 1945, 1946). The winningest coach in Army annals, Blaik is enshrined in the College Football Foundation Hall of Fame.

In the spring of 2002, Army dedicated the Gross Sports Center, which honored the dedication in grand style, trouncing Ball State 41-21

Army–Navy Game

Michie Stadium has hosted the Army–Navy Game only once, in 1943 during World War II, after it was played at Thompson Stadium at Annapolis the year before. Neither Army nor Navy have played at an on-campus facility since very early in the rivalry, since teams' home stadiums are not nearly large enough to accommodate the crowds and media that usually attend the rivalry games. Their rivalry game is normally played at a neutral site between the campuses on the East Coast, usually in Philadelphia in early December.



Chapter 5 The Evolution of Modern American Football



Lots of playing before playing became official

The official agreed upon date for the first American-style college football game is November 6, 1869. If you can find a replay of this game someplace in the heavens, however, you would find it would not look much like football as we know it. But, it was not completely soccer or rugby either.

Before this game, teams were playing a rugby style similar to that played in Britain in the mid-19th century. At the time in the US, a derivative known as association football was also played. In both games, a football is kicked at a goal or run over a line. These styles were based on the varieties of English public-school football games. Over time, as noted, the style of “football” play in America continued to evolve.

On November 6, 1869, the first football game in America featured Rutgers and Princeton. Before the teams were even on the field it was

being plugged as the first college football game of all time. Penn State did not get a Rugby team until the early 1960's. Nobody at Penn State in 1869, from what I could find, was even thinking about the game of football.

The first game of intercollegiate football was a sporting battle between two neighboring schools on a plot of ground where the present-day Rutgers gymnasium now stands in New Brunswick, N.J. Rutgers won that first game, 6-4.

There were two teams of 25 men each and the rules were rugby-like, but different enough to make it very interesting and enjoyable.

Like today's football, there were many surprises; strategies needed to be employed; determination exhibited, and of course the players required physical prowess.



1st Game Rutgers 6 Princeton 4 College Field, New Brunswick, NJ

At 3 p.m. the 50 combatants as well as 100 spectators gathered on the field. Most sat on a low wooden fence and watched the athletes discard their hats, coats and vests. The players used their suspenders as belts. To give a unique look, Rutgers wore scarlet-colored scarfs, which they converted into turbans. This contrasted them with the bareheaded boys from Princeton.

Two members of each team remained more or less stationary near the opponent's goal in the hopes of being able to slip over and score from unguarded positions. Thus, the present day "sleeper" was conceived. The remaining 23 players were divided into groups of 11 and 12. While the 11 "fielders" lined up in their own territory as defenders, the 12 "bulldogs" carried the battle.

Each score counted as a "game" and 10 games completed the contest. Following each score, the teams changed direction. The ball could be advanced only by kicking or batting it with the feet, hands, heads or sides.

Rutgers put a challenge forward that three games were to be played that year. The first was played at New Brunswick and won by Rutgers. Princeton won the second game, but cries of "over-emphasis" prevented the third game in football's first year when faculties of both institutions protested on the grounds that the games were interfering with student studies.

This is an excerpt of the Rutgers account of the game on its web site. A person named Herbert gave this detailed account of the play in the first game:

"Though smaller on the average, the Rutgers players, as it developed, had ample speed and fine football sense. Receiving the ball, our men formed a perfect interference around it and with short, skillful kicks and dribbles drove it down the field. Taken by surprise, the Princeton men fought valiantly, but in five minutes we had gotten the ball through to our captains on the enemy's goal and S.G. Gano, '71 and G.R. Dixon, '73, neatly kicked it over. None thought of it, so far as I know, but we had without previous plan or thought evolved the play that became famous a few years later as 'the flying wedge'."

"Next period Rutgers bucked, or received the ball, hoping to repeat the flying wedge," Herbert's account continues. "But the first time we formed it Big Mike came charging full upon us. It was our turn for surprise. The Princeton battering ram made no attempt to reach the ball but, forerunner of the interference-breaking ends of today, threw himself into our mass play, bursting us apart, and bowing us over. Time and again Rutgers formed the wedge and charged; as often Big Mike broke it up. And finally, on one of these incredible break-ups a

Princeton bulldog with a long accurate, perhaps lucky kick, sent the ball between the posts for the second score.

It was at this point that a Rutgers professor could stand it no longer. Waving his umbrella at the participants, he shrieked, "You will come to no Christian end!"

Herbert's account of the game continues: "The fifth and sixth goals went to Rutgers. The stars of the latter period of play, in the memory of the players after the lapse of many years, were "Big

Mike" and Large (former State Senator George H. Large of Flemington, another Princeton player) ...

The University of Notre Dame did not get into the football act until the late 1880's. At this time, the rules of rugby kept changing to accommodate the infatuation for the Americanized style of "football" play that would ultimately become the American game of football.

Walter Camp: the father of American football?



Walter Camp was a very well-known rugby player from Yale. In today's world, he would have been characterized as a rugby hero. It was his love of the game, his knowledge of the game as it was played, and his innovative mind that caused him to take the evolution of football even further. He pioneered the changes to the rules of rugby that slowly transformed the sport into the new game of American Football.

The rule changes that were introduced to the rugby and

association style (like soccer) of play were mostly those authored by Camp, who was also a Hopkins School graduate. For his original efforts, Walter Camp today is considered to be the "Father of American Football". Among the important changes brought to the game were the introduction of a line of scrimmage; down-and-distance rules; and the legalization of interference (blocking).

There was no such thing in those days as a forward pass and so the legalization of interference in 1880 football permitted blocking for runners. The forward pass would add another dimension to the game that made it much different than rugby or association football.

Soon after the early football changes, in the late nineteenth and into the early twentieth centuries, more game-play type developments were introduced by college coaches. The list is like a who's who of early American College Football. Coaches, such as Eddie Cochems, Amos Alonzo Stagg, Parke H. Davis, Knute Rockne, John Heisman, and Glenn "Pop" Warner helped introduce and then take advantage of the newly introduced forward pass. College football as well as professional football, were introduced prior to the 20th century. Fans were lured into watching again and again once they saw the game played.

College football especially grew in popularity despite the existence of pro-football. It became the dominant version of the sport of football in the United States. It was this way for the entire first half of the 20th century. Bowl games made the idea of football even more exciting in the college ranks. Rivalries grew and continued and the fans loved it! This great football tradition brought a national audience to college football games that still dominates the sports world today.

This book has little to do with pro-football or any other sport. However, there is no denying that the greatest college football players more often than not eventually found their fortunes in professional football. Pro football can be traced back to the season that Notre Dame brought forth a real football team after a two-year lapse from its last half-Rugby season in 1889. It was 1892 when William "Pudge" Heffelfinger signed a \$500 contract to play for the Allegheny Athletic Association against the Pittsburgh Athletic Club.

Twenty-eight years later, the American Professional Football Association was formed. This league changed its name to the National Football League (NFL) just two years later. Eventually, the NFL became the major league of American football. Originally, just a sport played in Midwestern industrial towns in the United States, professional football eventually became a national phenomenon. We all know this because from August to February, in America, many of us are glued to our TV sets or chained to our seats in some of the most intriguing pro-football stadiums in America.

Rules and Penalties

The big problem players from different teams and different geographies had when playing early American-style football in college was that the style of play was not standardized. The rulebooks were not yet written or were at best incomplete and disputable.

A rule over here, for example, would be a penalty over there. And, so in the 1870's there was a lot of work to try to make all games to be played by the same rules. There were minor rule changes such as team size was reduced from 25 to 20 but of course over the years, this and all other rules continued to evolve. For years, there was no such thing as a running touchdown. The only means of scoring was to bat or kick the ball through the opposing team's goal.

Early rugby rules were the default. The field size was rugby style at 140 yards by 70 yards v 120 X 53 1/3 (including end zones) in today's football game. There was plenty of room to huff and puff and almost get lost. There were no breaks per se for long periods. Instead of fifteen-minute quarters, the game was more like Rugby and Soccer with 45-minute halves played continuously.

In 1873 to put some order to the game, Columbia, Princeton, Rutgers, and Yale got together in a hotel in New York City and wrote down the first set of intercollegiate football rules. They changed a few things along the way but the end-product was a much more standard way of playing football games. Rather than use the home team's rules, all teams then were able to play by the same rules

The Heisman

In 1935, New York City's Downtown Athletic Club awarded its first Heisman Trophy to University of Chicago halfback Jay Berwanger. He was also the first ever NFL Draft pick in 1936. The trophy continues to this day to recognize the nation's "most outstanding" college football player. It has become one of the most coveted awards in all of American sports.



Jay Berwanger, 1st Heisman Winner

New formations and play sets continued to be developed by innovative coaches and their staffs. Emory Bellard from the University of Texas, developed a three-back option style offense known as the wishbone. Bear Bryant of Alabama became a preacher of the wishbone.

The strategic opposite of the wishbone is called the spread offense. Some teams have managed to adapt with the times to keep winning consistently. In the rankings of the most victorious programs, Michigan, Texas, and Notre Dame are ranked first, second, and third in total wins.

And so that is as far as we will take it in this chapter about the early evolution of football. With so many conferences and sports associations as well as pro, college, high school, and mini sports, something tells me we have not yet seen our last rule change.

Chapter 6 Army Launches First Football Team

Michie,	Coach #1
Williams	Coach #2
Bliss	Coach #3
Graves	Coach #4
Dyer	Coach #5

<u>Year</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Conf</u>	<u>Record</u>
1890	Dennis Michie	0-1-0	Indep	0-1-0
1891	Henry Williams	4-1-1	Indep	4-1-1
1892	Dennis Michie	3-1-1	Indep	3-1-1
1893	Laurie Bliss	4-5-0	Indep	4-5-0
1894	Harmon Graves	3-2-0	Indep	3-2-0
1895	Harmon Graves	5-2-0	Indep	5-2-0
1896	George Dyer	3-2-1	Indep	3-2-1



1890 First Army Navy Game (Only game this season) Notice no protective gear

The 1890 season was unique in many ways. First of all, it was Army's first football season. Second, it is the only season that Army played just one game, and Third, it was the season in which the inaugural Army-Navy game was played – the only game.

Army's football program began on November 29, 1890, when Navy challenged the Cadets to a game of the relatively new sport. Navy

defeated Army at West Point that year, but Army avenged the loss in Annapolis the following year.

The academies still clash every December in what is traditionally the last regular-season Division I college-football game. The 2016 Army–Navy Game marked Army's overcoming its fourteenth consecutive loss to Navy, defeating the Midshipmen in a great game W (21-17).

From 1944 to 1950, the Cadets had a phenomenal run which included all wins against Navy--57 wins, 3 losses and 4 ties. During this time span, Army won three national championships.

Army's football team reached its pinnacle of success during the Second World War under coach Earl Blaik when Army won three consecutive national championships in 1944, 1945 and 1946, and produced three Heisman trophy winners: Doc Blanchard (1945), Glenn Davis (1946) and Pete Dawkins (1958). Past NFL coaching greats—Vince Lombardi (Packers) and Bill Parcells (Giants et al) were Army assistant coaches early in their careers.

The football team plays its home games at Michie Stadium, where the playing field is named after Earl Blaik. Cadets' attendance is mandatory at football games and the Corps stands for the duration of the game. At all home games, one of the four regiments marches onto the field in formation before the team takes the field and leads the crowd in traditional Army cheers.

For many years, Army teams were known as the "Cadets." In the 1940s, several papers called the football team "the Black Knights of the Hudson." From then on, "Cadets" and "Black Knights" were used interchangeably until 1999, when the team was officially nicknamed the Black Knights.

Between the 1998 and 2004 seasons, Army's football program was a member of Conference USA, but starting with the 2005 season Army reverted to its former independent status. Army competes with Navy and Air Force for the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy.

On November 29th, 1890, over 125 years ago, Army hosted Navy at West Point on the Plain in their very first football game. Navy beat Army 24-0 that day.

Army did not take too long to learn how to win. The Cadets came back the next year with a 32-to-16 win.

Before it had lived for five years, the classic rivalry almost died an early death in 1894, when, for mostly stupid reasons, both academies were forbidden to play anything but HOME games.

One of the greatest football fans of the ages was Teddy Roosevelt. At the time, TR was Assistant Secretary of the Navy. After an appeal to bring back the games that was made to Theodore Roosevelt, the game was re-instated in 1899. Some bureaucrat in Washington had taken four good years away from the rivalry.

Since 1899, with just a few interruptions that should not have been scheduled, it's been "game on" ever since.

Few may know this but in the pre-Super Bowl era, Army-Navy was widely considered to be THE game. I can remember cozy up on the couch with my dad in his favorite chair watching the Army Navy game in the 1950's on our 1956 B/W Admiral Console TV.

Usually played on neutral ground in Philadelphia, the game quickly became a magnet for Presidents. Harry Truman was a frequent fan, and John F. Kennedy attended in 1962.

In the period of mourning following his assassination the very next year, it was Jacqueline Kennedy who urged that the game go on, as her late husband was a great fan.

Navy won 21-to-15, in a game also remembered for featuring the very first instant replay ... a CBS Sports innovation, as it happens. Sadly enough, that game cannot be replayed now as it was erased long ago.

After 117 games in the series, Navy currently leads the series with 60 wins to Army's 50, with seven ties. In the 2016 game, another president was in attendance. This was president elect Donald Trump. He was in the crowd for the 117th match



President-elect Donald Trump waved to the crowd and pumped his fist as he arrived in the first quarter of the Saturday December 10, 2016 edition of The Army-Navy game

Navy had won 14 straight contests in the rivalry, but Army's underdog Black Knights prevailed 21-17, in a fourth-quarter comeback that came weeks after Trump's stunning victory over Hillary Clinton. Moving to 2017, the Black Knights defeated the Midshipmen again W (14-13). Then, in 2018, the Black Knights made it three in a row with a powerful outing v Navy bringing home the bacon W (17-10). Always tough games but great games to win.

Trump spent the first half of the 2016 game in the box of David Urban, a West Point graduate and one of his Republican advisers in battleground Pennsylvania. He spent the second half in the box of retired Marine Lt. Col. Oliver North, a graduate of Annapolis.

1890 Army-Navy-Game was the first game, only season game, and the first Army Navy Game

This game which, since 1890, comes almost like clockwork in late November or early December, does not have the same national championship implications it once did during some of the 129 seasons of Army football. Some think that the rise of the National Football League has a lot to do with that, as elite young athletes now are choosing major colleges as a path to the professional game rather than one of the service academies as a path to serving their country.

And there is nothing wrong with that.

The U.S. Armed Forces have fought for centuries to allow all Americans the right to choose whatever profession they desire. So, most of the players in the 120th version of the rivalry to be played in 2019 are more likely to end up at Fort Bragg than with the 49ers—a choice they've proudly made.

Still, the contest has produced its share of extremely talented players, including Heisman Trophy winners Roger Staubach (Navy, 1963), Joe Bellino (Navy, 1960), Pete Dawkins (Army, 1958), Glenn Davis (Army, 1946) and Felix "Doc" Blanchard (Army, 1945).

Entering this year's (2019) matchup at FedEx Field in Landover, Md., the Midshipmen lead the series 60-52-7 and they lost the last three most recent contest.

As we go through each season we will pick ten in which we amplify the abbreviated coverage of arguably the 10 greatest games in the history of this historic rivalry featuring players who all eventually will end up on the same team.

1890 West Point Cadets 1st Football Coach & Player Dennis Michie

In their inaugural season, the Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1890 college football season. In its first season fielding a team in intercollegiate football, the Cadets compiled a 0–1-0 record with just one game played.

Football had begun being played on campus at the Academy in 1889, but only one inter-class match game was played that year. During the 1890 season, the Cadets played only one official football game, on the West Point grounds. In this historical game, the Army team lost to the Navy team, L (0-24). Navy's Midshipmen were the only players to score in the kickoff game to a long-time series of great Army–Navy Games.

Even though it was a first for Army, there was a lot of pre-game publicity. A week before the game, the New York Times reported that the planned match "is beginning to assume almost national proportions."

During the game, Army's quarterback Kirby Walker was knocked out of the game four times, the last time being carried off the field and to the hospital in an unconscious state. As you can see, in those days there was no protective headgear.

After the victory, Navy Cadets in Annapolis "fired twenty-four great guns, and then paraded the streets with horns." If the score were reversed, Army would have been doing some powerful celebrating also. As it is, the Cadets would have to wait just one more year in order to get back at Navy for the loss.

A 20-year-old Army player, Dennis Michie, was the coach and the captain of the 1890 Army football team. Michie is often listed as the team's head coach because he served the purpose for the team. He actually put in a year as head coach in 1892. Dennis Michie was the lightest player on the team at 142 pounds. He had a wonderful career at the Academy but his life ended too soon.

Lieutenant Michie was killed in 1898 during the Spanish–American War. It is a stark reminder of the Army's mission of preserving liberty and democracy. Army's home football stadium, Michie Stadium, was dedicated in his honor when it opened in 1924. With just one game played, no Army Cadets were honored on the 1890 College Football All-America Team.

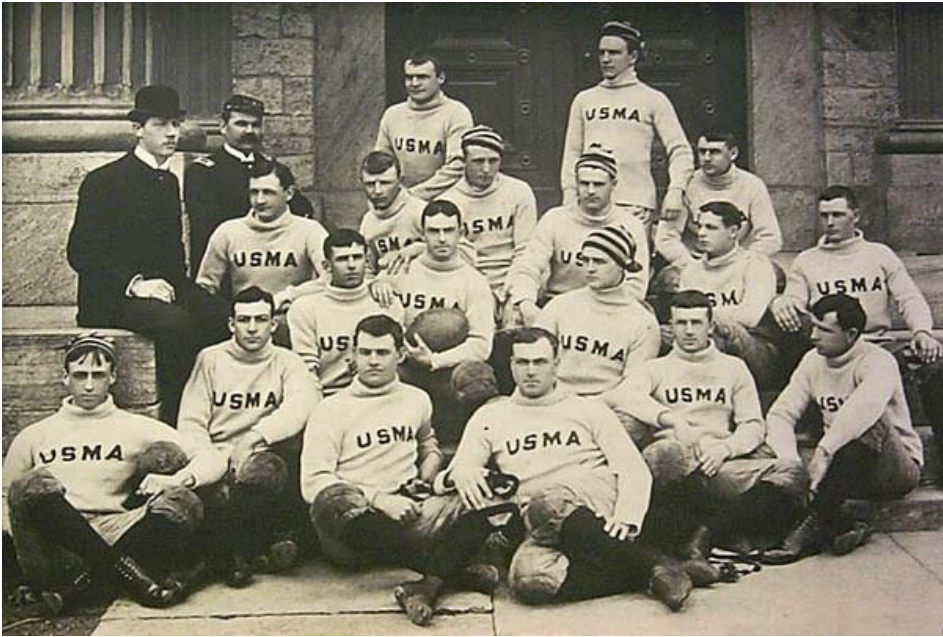


LIEUTENANT DENNIS M. MICHIE.

Dennis Michie –Army’s 1st functioning Head Football Coach

1891 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Henry Williams

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1891 college football season. It was their second season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Henry Williams in his first of just one year. The team played as an independent (no conference) and had a nice record of 4-1-1.



USMA Army Cadets 1891 Football Team

This was technically Army's first season fielding a team in intercollegiate football, the Cadets had compiled a 0–1–0 record with just one game played in 1890. And, so, in this, the first full season of Army football, the Cadets compiled a highly respectable 4–1–1 record.



<<< Coach Williams

Army outscored its opponents by a combined total of 80 to 73. The Cadets opened the season with a 10–6 victory over Fordham—the first win in Army football history. In the final game of the season, the Cadets defeated the Navy Midshipmen by a 32 to 16 score in the second annual Army–Navy Game.

Army's head coach in 1891 was 22-year-old Henry L. Williams, who had played football at Yale.

Williams remained at the Academy only one year. He later served as head coach at Minnesota for 22 years and was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

Not having been playing long enough to get noticed, no Army Cadets were honored on the 1891 College Football All-America list.

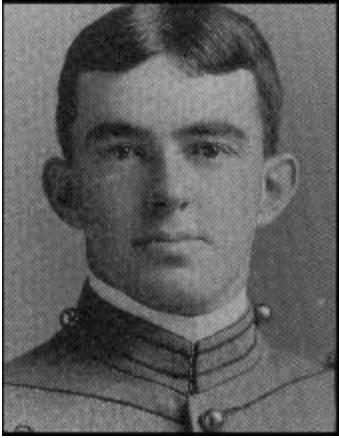
Games of the 1891 Season

In its first full length season, Army began its season at home at the Plain, its more or less makeshift football field at West Point NY. Fordham was the first official opponents in 1891 and the Cadets prevailed W (10-6). On Oct 31, having tasted victory and liking it, the Cadets played another home game against was tea known as the Princeton "B" team and though the team played well, all It could manage was a tie T (12-12). At home again on Nov 7, with a 1-0-1 record, Army beat Stevens Tech in a nail -biter W (14-12).

Playing home at the Plain again against Rutgers on Nov 14, the Cadets lost their first game of the season as they were overpowered by the Scarlet Knights, L (6-27). Next up at home on Nov 21 was the Schuylkill Navy AC and Army won W (6-0). Then, on Nov 28, in the final game of the season, the Cadets played their first away game at Worden Field in Annapolis MD. Against the Navy Midshipmen. Army made up for last year's disappointing loss with a big win W (32-16) to finish with a nice 4-1-1 record.

1892 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Dennis Michie

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1892 college football season. It was their third season of intercollegiate football. They were coached for the second time in their short span of playing intercollegiate football by Coach Dennis Michie. Playing as an independent, the team had another nice record of 3-1-1.



<< Coach Dennis Michie

Michie Led the team well with just one loss, shutting out three of their five opponents, and they outscored all opponents by a combined total of 90 to 18. In the third annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets lost to the Midshipmen by a 12 to 4 score.

No Army Cadets were honored on the 1892 College Football All-America Team.

It is worthy to note that Dennis Michie, who was captain of the Army football team in 1890 and 1891, and who technically was the coach in 1890, was the bona fide head coach of the 1892 team. Michie, as noted previously, was killed in 1898 during the Spanish–American War. Army's home football stadium, Michie Stadium, was dedicated in his honor when it opened in 1924.

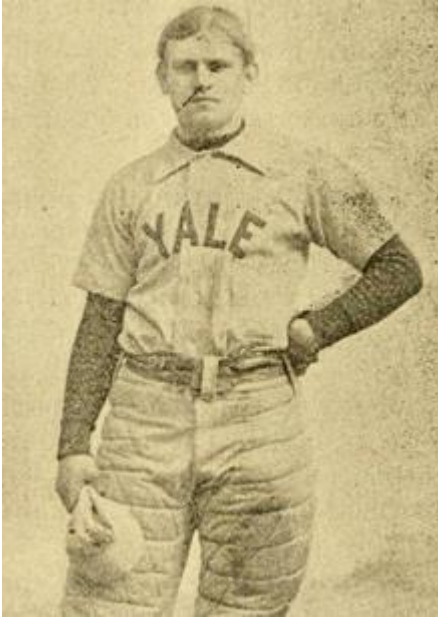
Games of the season

The season opened at the Plain, on the campus of the US Military Academy in West Point NY on October 8 at home against Wesleyan. The Cadets and Wesleyan tied in this game T (6-6). At home on Oct 22, the Cadets shut-out Stevens Tech in a big game W (42-0). On Oct 29 at home, Army shut out Trinity W (24-0).

On Nov 19, at home, the Cadets defeated the Princeton "B" team W (14–0). In the final game of a short season, at home, the Cadets failed in an attempt to gain a repeat win from Navy and lost to the Midshipmen L (4–12) before an attendance of 3,000.

1893 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Laurie Bliss

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1893 college football season. It was their fourth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Laurie Bliss, shown in a picture from his Yale playing days. As an independent football entity, the team had a losing record of 4-5-0



<< Coach Laurie Bliss

In their first and only season under head coach Laurie Bliss, the Cadets compiled a 4–5-0 record and were outscored by their opponents by a combined total of 109 to 84. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets lost to the Midshipmen by a 6 to 4 score. No Army Cadets were honored on the 1893 College Football All-America Team.

Games of the season

The season opened with a close loss at the Plain, on the campus of the US Military Academy in West Point NY on Sept 30 at home against the Volunteer AC L (4-6). On Oct 7 at home, the Cadets defeated Lafayette in a shutout W (36-0). On Oct 14 again at home, Army lost to Lehigh L (0-18). On Oct 21, the Cadets beat Amherst W (12-4). Yale was a tough team in the 1890's as Walter Camp was so adept at football, he was building the rule book. On Oct 28, at home, the Cadets were beaten by Yale in a shutout L (0-28).

All games were played at the Plain until Dec 2 when Army would travel to Worden Field in Annapolis MD for the Army Navy Game, won by Navy again L (40-6). On Nov 4, the Cadets beat Union, W (6-0). Then, on Nov 11, Army defeated Trinity. The Cadets finished the season with two losses. The first loss was a blowout on Nov 18 v L (4-36) against Princeton. The next was the Army-Navy Game.

1894 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Harmon Graves

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1894 college football season. It was their fifth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Harmon Graves in his first of two seasons as head coach of Army.

Harmon Graves, is shown in the below picture. As an independent football entity, the team had a winning record of 3-2-0.



<< Coach Harmon Graves

In their first season under head coach Harmon Graves, the Cadets compiled a 3-2 record and outscored their opponents by a combined total of 95 to 22. 1 The Army was not played in 1894 because of the rule about no away games. No Army Cadets were honored on the 1894 College Football All-America Team. All 1896 games were played

at home.

The season opened on Oct 6 with a shutout win W (18-0) at the Plain, on the campus of the US Military Academy in West Point NY at home against Amherst W (18-0). In this short five-game season, the Cadets won every other game. On Oct 13, their first loss was a shutout against Brown L (0-10) On Oct 20, the Cadets picked up a shutout win v MIT W (42-0).

On Oct 27, the Cadets were defeated in a close game against Yale L (5-12). On Nov 3, the Army Cadets shut out Union for a nice win W (30-0). No Army-Navy game was held in 1894.

1896 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Harmon Graves

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1894 college football season. It was their sixth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Harmon Graves in his first of two seasons as head coach of Army. As an independent football entity, the team had a winning record of 5-2-0.

In their second season under head coach Harmon Graves, the Cadets compiled a 5-2 record, shut out five of their seven opponents by a combined total of 141 to 32. It was a good year.

Because of away game restrictions, the Army-Navy Game was not played in 1895. On November 2, 1895, Army lost to Yale by a 28 to 8 score in what one press account called the greatest and most exciting game of football ever played on the West Point grounds."

No Army Cadets were honored on the 1895 College Football All-America Team.

Almost all games were played at home. The season opened on Oct 6 with a big shutout win W (50-0) at the Plain, on the campus of the US Military Academy in West Point NY at home against Trinity W (50-0). After a loss to Harvard L (0-4) on Oct 12, the Cadets won two shutouts in a row.

Oct 19, Tufts W (35-0); On Oct 26, Dartmouth, W (6-0). On Nov 2, in a closer game than the score, Yale beat the Cadets L (8-28). Army finished with two more shutout wins. The first on Nov 16 v Union W (16-0) The next was an exception away game against Brown in Newburgh NY W (26-0) on Nov 23.

1896 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach George Dyer

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1895 college football season. It was their seventh season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by George Dyer in his first and last season as head coach of Army. George Dyer is shown in the below picture. As an independent football entity, the team had a winning record of 3-2-1.

The Cadets compiled a 3-2-1 record, shut out five of their seven opponents by a combined total of 93 to 45 to 32. It was a so-so year.

Because of away game restrictions, the Army–Navy Game was not played in 1896. No Army Cadets were honored on the 1896 College Football All-America Team.

All games were played at home. The season opened on Oct 3 with a big shutout win W (50-0) at the Plain, on the campus of the US Military Academy in West Point NY at home against Tufts W (27-0). After a loss to Princeton, L (0-11) on Oct 17, the Cadets won a game, lost one, then tied one and then won again to close the season.

Oct24, Union, W (44-0); On Oct 31, Yale, Dartmouth, W (6-0). On Nov 2, in a closer game than the score, Yale beat the Cadets L (2-16). Then Wesleyan on Nov 7, T (12-12), finishing up with Brown, W (8-6) on Nov. 21.

Chapter 7 Army Football Seasons from 1897-1907

Koehler	Coach # 6
Kromer	Coach # 7
Nolan	Coach # 8
King	Coach # 9
Boyers	Coach #10
Smither	Coach #11
Graves	Coach #12

<u>Year</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Conf</u>	<u>Record</u>
1897	Herman Koehler	6-1-1	Indep	6-1-1)
1898	Herman Koehler	3-2-1	Indep	3-2-1)
1899	Herman Koehler	4-5-0	Indep	4-5-0
1900	Herman Koehler	7-3-1	Indep	7-3-1
1901	Leon Kromer	5-1-2	Indep	5-1-2
1902	Dennis Nolan	6-1-1	Indep	6-1-1
1903	Edward King	6-2-1	Indep	6-2-1
1904	Robert Boyers	7-2-0	Indep	7-2-0
1905	Robert Boyers	4-4-1	Indep	4-4-1
1906	Henry Smither	1-0-0	Indep	1-0-0
1906	Ernest Graves	2-5-1	Indep	2-5-1
1907	Henry Smither	6-2-1	Indep	6-2-1



1897 Army Team Picture Coach Herman Koehler

1897 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Herman Koehler

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1897 college football season. It was their eighth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Herman Koehler in his first of four seasons as head coach of Army. Herman Koehler is shown in the below picture. As an independent football entity, the team had an excellent record of 6-1-1.



<<Coach Herman Koehler

The Cadets compiled a 6-1-1 record, shut out five of their seven opponents by a combined total of 194 to 41. It was a fine year.

Because of away game restrictions, the Army-Navy Game was not played in 1897. The Cadets suffered their only loss against Harvard by a 10 to 0 score and played Yale to a 6-6 tie. The Army-Navy Game was not played in 1897.

Three Army Cadets were honored on the 1897 College Football All-America Team.

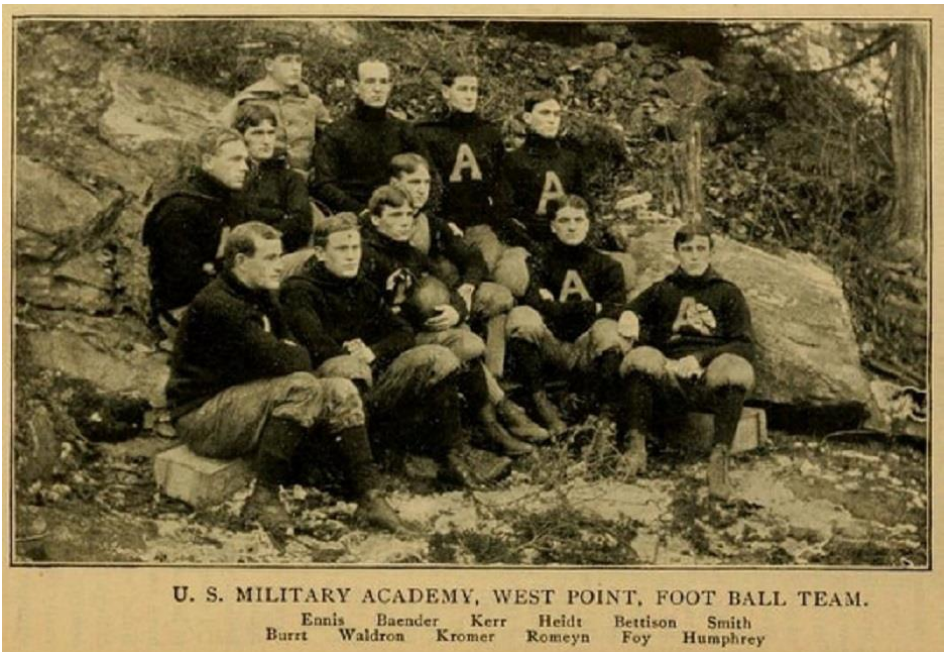
Halfback William Nesbitt received second-team honors from Walter Camp. Quarterback Leon Kromer received second-team honors from the New York Sun. Tackle Wallace Scales received second-team honors from Walter Camp and The New York Sun.

All games were played at home. The season opened on Oct 3 with a big shutout win W (38-6) at the Plain, on the campus of the US Military Academy in West Point NY at home against Trinity. On Oct 9, the Cadets defeated Wesleyan W 12-9). After a loss to Harvard L (0-10) on Oct 16, the Cadets shut-out Tufts W (30-0)

On Oct30, the Cadets tied Yale T (6-6) and were more than ready when they walloped Lehigh on Nov 6 W (48-6). On Nov 13, the Cadets beat Stevens Tech W (18-4) and then Army finished the season against Brown with a nice W (42-0) shutout on Nov 20.\

1898 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Herman Koehler

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1898 college football season. It was their ninth season of intercollegiate football.



1898 Army Cadets Football team

They were coached by Herman Koehler in his second of four seasons as head coach of Army. As an independent football entity, the team had a winning record of 3-2-1.

The Cadets compiled a 3-2-1 record, shut out five of their seven opponents by a combined total of 90-51. It was an OK year.

Because of away game restrictions, the Army–Navy Game was not played in 1897. The Cadets' two losses came against undefeated co-national champion Harvard and Yale. The Army–Navy Game was not played in 1898.

The Cadets really played tough football against tough opponents. They suffered their only loss against National Champion Harvard by a 10 to 0 score and played co-champion Yale to a 6–6 tie. The Army–Navy Game stupidly was not played in 1898.

Army was no longer an also-ran. Army players were from this point on always contenders for national honors. The Army teams got strong early and stayed that way for many years.

Four Army Cadets were honored on the 1898 College Football All-America Team. Fullback Charles Romeyn was a consensus first-team All-American, receiving first-team honors from Caspar Whitney and the New York Sun. Quarterback Leon Kromer, tackle Robert Foy, and end Walter Smith were recognized as third-team All-Americans by Walter Camp.

All Army games again, because of unreasonable demands on opponents were played at home. Thus, there were fewer games as should have been on the Army schedule.

The 1898 season opened on Oct 3 with a big shutout win W (40-0) at the Plain, on the campus of the US Military Academy in West Point NY at home against Tufts. On Oct 8, the Cadets defeated Wesleyan W (27-8). After a loss to Harvard L (0-28) on Oct 15, the Cadets shut-out Lehigh W (18-0)

On Oct 29, the Cadets lost to Yale L (0-10) and were more than ready on Nov 5 when they put a run attack together to keep a tough Princeton squad at bay in a tie T (5-5).

1899 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Herman Koehler

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1899 college football season. It was their

tenth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Herman Koehler in his third of four seasons as head coach of Army. As an independent football entity, the team had a losing record of 4-5-0.

The Cadets compiled a 4-5-0 record, were outscored by their opponents by a combined total of 100 to 57. It was a negative year overall.

Because the away game restrictions were lifted, the Army–Navy Game was played again as a matter of course from 1899 onward. In this version of the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets defeated the Navy by a 17 to 5 score. Army had become a powerful player on the national stage.

As noted, Army was no longer an also-ran. Army players were from several years prior to 1899, always contenders for national honors. The Army teams got strong early and stayed that way for many years.

Because 1899 was a weak year overall for Army, like the olden days, there were no Army Cadets honored on the 1899 College Football All-America Team.

Even though restrictions were lifted, scheduling of games is not an instantaneous art and so all Army games again, because of prior unreasonable demands on opponents, were played at home. Thus, there were still fewer games as should have been on the Army schedule.

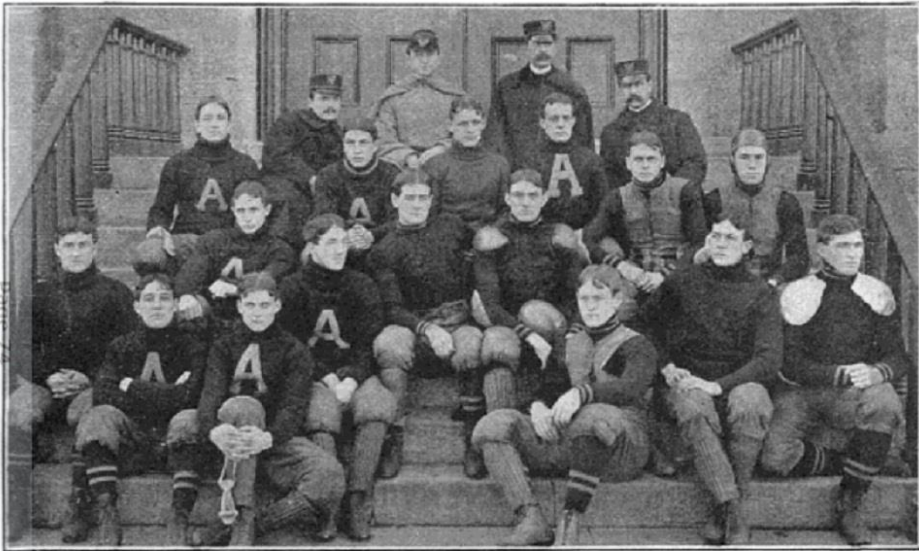
The 1899 season opened on Oct 2 with a big shutout win W (22-0) at the Plain, on the campus of the US Military Academy in West Point NY at home against Tufts. On Oct 7, the Cadets lost to Penn State L (0-6) After a loss to Harvard L (0-18) on Oct 14, the Cadets were shut-out by Princeton L (0-23).

On Oct 28, the Cadets defeated Dartmouth W (6-2) and then Army lost to Yale L (0-24). Then, the Cadets lost to Columbia L (0-16) and came back against Syracuse W (12-6) The season finale against Navy was on Dec 2 at a neutral site because of the anticipated crowd –

Franklin Field in Philadelphia. Army beat Navy W (17-5) and so in 1899, the bus ride home was much more pleasant for the Cadets and fans than the Midshipmen and their fans.

1900 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Herman Koehler

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1900 college football season. It was their eleventh season of intercollegiate football. The 1900 team is shown below:



1—Phillips; 2—Kromer; 3—Sterling, Mgr.; 4—Davis; 5—Koehler; 6—Williams; 7—Clark; 8—Farnsworth; 9—Phipps; 10—Casad; 11—Boyers; 12—Hackett; 13—Zehl; 14—Nichols; 15—Burnett; 16—Bettison; 17—Smith, Capt.; 18—Bunker; 19—Goodspeed; 20—Finn. *Photo by Pach Bros.*

WEST POINT MILITARY ACADEMY FOOT BALL TEAM.

The team was again coached by Herman Koehler in his fourth and final year of four seasons as head coach of Army. As an independent football entity, the team had a winning record of 7-3-1.

The Cadets compiled a 7-3-1 record, shut out seven opponents (including a scoreless tie with Penn State), and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 109 to 68.

Army end Walter Smith was recognized by the NCAA as a consensus first-team player on the 1900 College Football All-America Team, having received first-team honors from Caspar Whitney and

third-team honors from Walter Camp. Tackle Edward Farnsworth also received third-team honors from Camp.

The Army–Navy Game was played again as a matter of course. In this version of the annual Army–Navy Game, played at Franklin Field in Philadelphia, Navy defeated the Cadets L (7-11).

Even though away-games were permitted, scheduling of games did not yet catch up to the waiving of the restrictions. Consequently, other than the Navy game at Franklin Field, all Army contests were played at home at the Plain. Army played eleven games in 1900.

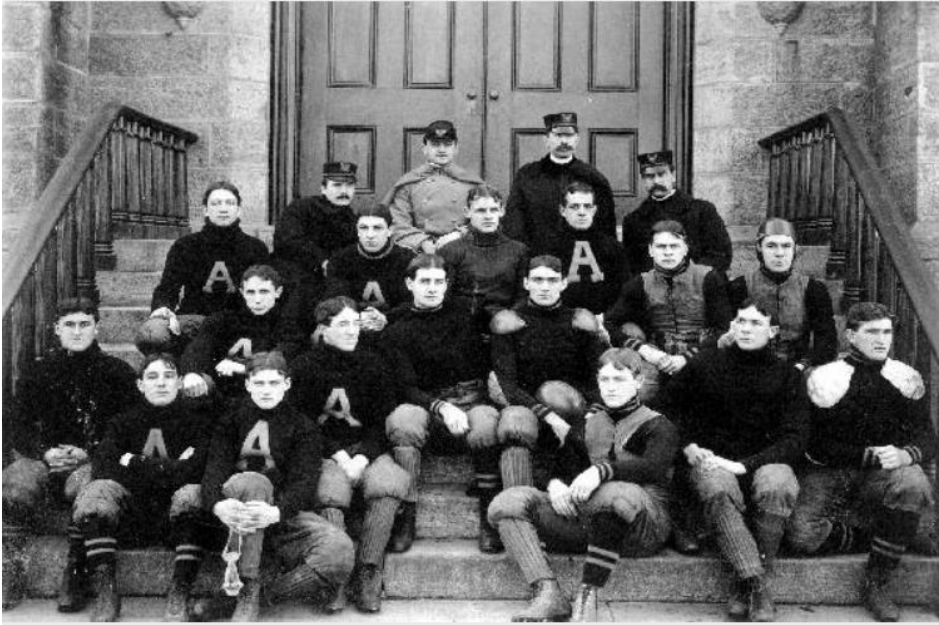
The 1900 season opened on Sept 29 with a low scoring shutout win W (5-0) at the Plain, on the campus of the US Military Academy in West Point NY at home against Tufts. On Oct 6, the Cadets tied Penn State in a scoreless game T (0-0). Next, the Cadets shut out Trinity W (28-0) before facing Lasalle on Oct 17 W (11-) and then Harvard. L (0-29) on Oct 20. After the expected loss to this very strong Harvard team, Army shut out Williams on Oct 27 in a low-scoring game W (6-0).

On Nov 3, the Cadets were beaten by a tough Yale Squad L (0-18) Then on Nov 7, the Cadets shut out Rutgers W (23-0). Three days later, against Hamilton, Army won another close shutout W (11-0). On Nov 17, the Cadets beat Bucknell in a close match W (18-0)

The season finale against Navy was on Dec 1 at a neutral site because of the anticipated crowd – Franklin Field in Philadelphia. The Cadets lost to the Midshipmen L (7-11) at Franklin Field. At the time, Franklin Field was comparatively huge with a capacity for 30,000.

1901 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Leon Kromer

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1901 college football season. It was their twelfth season of intercollegiate football.



1901 Army Cadets Football Team

The team was coached by Leon Kromer in his first and only year as head coach of Army. As an independent football entity, the team had a winning record of 5-1-2.

The Cadets compiled a 5-1-2 record, shut out four opponents, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 98 to 22. The team's only loss was by a 6 to 0 score against an undefeated Harvard team that has been recognized as a co-national champion for the 1901 season. The Cadets also tied with Yale (5-5) and Princeton (6-6). In the annual Army-Navy Game, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen by an 11 to 5 score.

Two members of the 1901 Army team have been inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame: quarterback Charles Dudley Daly and tackle Paul Bunker. Both are also recognized by the NCAA as consensus first-team players on the 1901 College Football All-America Team. Daly received first-team honors from Walter Camp, Caspar Whitney, the New York Post and The Philadelphia Inquirer. Bunker received first-team honors from Camp and the New York Post and second-team honors from Whitney.

Even though away-game limitations were called off, scheduling of games still had not yet caught up to the waiving of the restrictions.

Consequently, other than the Navy game at Franklin Field, all Army contests were played at home at the Plain. Army played just eight games in 1901.

The 1901 season opened on Oct 5 with a shutout win W (22-0) at the Plain, on the campus of the US Military Academy in West Point NY at home against Franklin & Marshall. On Oct 12, the Cadets defeated Trinity (CT) W (17-0). Then, on Oct 19, #1 Harvard came in and the Cadets almost pulled it off but were defeated L (0-6). The Cadets then beat Williams on Oct 26 W (15-0). In another tough battle against one of the toughest teams in the nation, Army tied Yale on Nov 2 T (5-5).

Another tough team, Princeton came to West Point on Nov 9 and worked for a tie against the Cadets T (6-6). On Nov 23, the Cadets then shut out the always tough Penn Quakers W (24-0)

The season finale against Navy was on Nov 30 at a neutral site because of the anticipated crowd which approached 30,000. Franklin Field in Philadelphia was the venue. In this contest, the Cadets beat the Midshipmen W (11-5) in a tough but convincing battle. Harvard was the only loss for the entire season.

Best Army Navy Game #5

The 1901 game marked the first time a U.S. President attended the annual Army-Navy gridiron battle.

Less than three months after taking office following the assassination of then-President William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt traveled to Philadelphia to watch the Cadets top the Midshipmen, 11-5.

Army's Charles Daly was the day's biggest standout.

He kicked a field goal, and, with his team down 5-3, returned a kickoff 95 yards to open the second half. The defenses took over from there, and the Cadets won for the second time in three seasons.



President Roosevelt at 1901 Army Navy Game (Roosevelt loved Football)

Player Charles Daly, QB

Charles Dudley "Charlie" Daly was born October 31, 1880. He was a great American football player and coach. He was also an author and he served in the United States Army during World War I. He played college football first as quarterback at Harvard University and then for the United States Military Academy. He served as the head football coach at West Point from 1913 to 1916 and again from 1919 to 1922. His Army coaching record is 58–13–3. Daly was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame as a player in 1951. He also served as Fire Commissioner in Boston during the 1910s.

After earning football letters at West Point in 1901 and 1902, Charles Daly returned to the Academy for two separate coaching stints, guiding the Black Knight gridgers from 1913 to 1916 and again from 1919 through 1922. During his eight campaigns along the Army sideline, the Black Knights amassed a sparkling .804 winning percentage.

Daly directed the Black Knights to undefeated seasons in 1914, 1916 and 1922. Army's perfect 9-0 mark in 1914 was the first in the program's history. Daly's Army teams defeated Navy five times in eight meetings. And, it was Daly roaming the sideline for the Black Knights in 1913 when the Academy initiated its series with Notre Dame, beginning what would evolve into one of college football's most storied rivalries.

In 1951, Daly became the first player or coach from West Point to be enshrined in the College Football Hall of Fame, accepting his honor as part of the Hall's inaugural induction class. Daly was a founding member of the American Football Coaches Association and served as that organization's first president in 1922.

During his undergraduate playing days, which included stints as a quarterback at both Harvard and Army, Daly was named a first-team All-American four times (1898-1900 with the Crimson and 1901 at Army) before earning third-team plaudits at West Point in 1902.

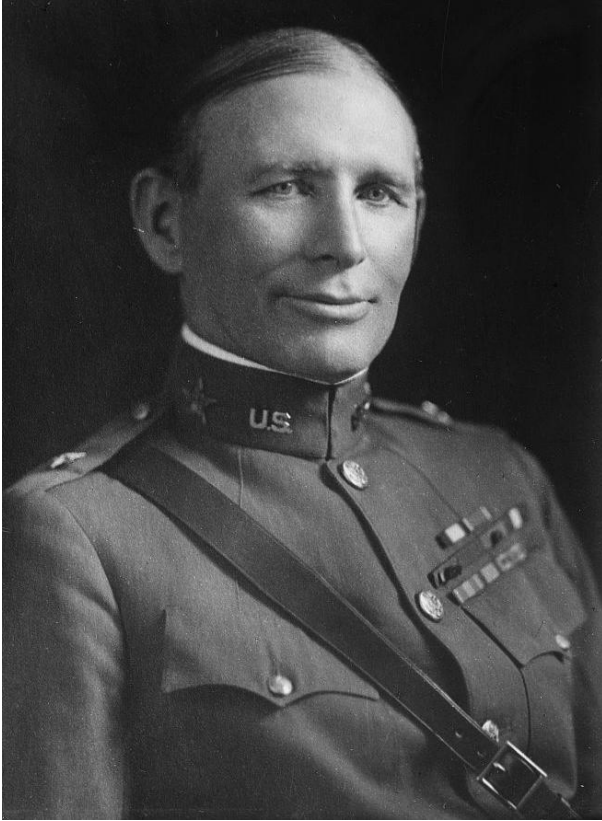
In addition to the legacy Daly created on the gridiron, he also initiated a long-time family association with West Point that saw three of his sons, two grandsons and one great-grandson earn degrees from the Academy.

1902 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Dennis Nolan

Almost Championship (tied with an undefeated Yale team that has been recognized as a national co-champion.)

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1902 college football season. It was their thirteenth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Dennis Nolan in his first and only year as head coach of Army. As an independent entity, the team had a winning record of 6-1-1.

The Cadets compiled a 6-1-1 record, shut out five of eight opponents, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 180 to 28. The team's only loss was by a 14 to 6 score against Harvard. The Cadets also defeated Syracuse by a 46 to 0 score and tied with an undefeated Yale team that has been recognized as a national co-champion. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen by a 22 to 8 score.



<< **Coach Nolan**

Two members of the 1902 Army team were inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame: quarterback Charles Dudley Daly and tackle Paul Bunker. During the 1892 college football season, the selectors were Caspar Whitney (CW) Harper's Weekly (HW) and the Walter Camp Football Foundation (WC). Whitney began publishing his All-America Team in 1889, and his list, which was considered the official All-America Team, was published in Harper's

Weekly from 1891 to 1896

And, so, in addition to the two inductees, five members of the squad were honored by one or both of Walter Camp (WC) and Caspar Whitney (CW) on the 1902 College Football All-America Team. They are: Bunker (WC-1, CW-1); Daly (WC-3); center Robert Boyers (WC-2, CW-1); tackle Edward Farnsworth (CW-2); and fullback Henry Torney (WC-3)

Even though away-game limitations were called off, scheduling of games still had not yet caught up to the waiving of the restrictions. Consequently, other than the Navy game at Franklin Field, all Army contests were played at home at the Plain. Army played just eight games in 1902.

The 1902 season opened on Oct 4 with a shutout low-score win W (5-0) at the Plain, on the campus of the US Military Academy in

West Point NY at home against Tufts. On Oct 11, the Cadets shut out Dickinson W (17-0). Then, on Oct 18, #1 Harvard came in and the Cadets played well but Harvard played a bit better L (6-14). The Cadets then shut-out Williams on Oct 25 W (28-0). In another tough battle against one of the toughest teams in the nation, Army tied Yale on Nov 1 T (6-6).

The Union Team came to West Point on Nov 8 and were shut out and walloped good by the Cadets W (56-0). Then, on Nov 15, the Cadets shut out the Syracuse Orangemen in a great offensive display W (46-0).

The season finale against Navy was on Nov 29 at a neutral site because of the anticipated crowd which approached 30,000. Franklin Field in Philadelphia was the venue again. In this contest, the Cadets beat the Midshipmen W (22-8) in a tough but convincing match. Harvard again was the only loss for the entire season.

Player Paul Bunker, L

Paul Delmont Bunker was born on May 7, 1881. He was a soldier and a great football player. Bunker attended the U.S. Military Academy and became the first football player at West Point to be selected as a first-team All-American by Walter Camp. Bunker was chosen as an All-American at the tackle position in 1901 and repeated as an All-American in 1902, but as a halfback.

He served in the U.S. Army for 40 years and was in command of the coastal artillery forces in the Battle of Corregidor. On the fall of Corregidor, Bunker became a prisoner of war. He died of starvation and disease in a Japanese prison camp in 1943 after losing 70 pounds. His posthumously published journal, Paul Bunker's Diary, became a best-seller. He was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 1969. He was an American hero in football and in life.

He was born in Alpena, Michigan, and when the time came, Bunker enrolled at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York. At West Point, Bunker played at the tackle and halfback positions on the

academy's football team from 1899-1902. One writer summarized Bunker's football career at West Point as follows:



Paul Bunker, Lineman

"A steel-chested, tow-haired, rugged tackle tipping the scales well over 215 pounds, Bunker made the cadet varsity as a plebe in 1899 and played without relief throughout the 1900, '01 and '02 grid campaigns. ... He was not the colorful elusive runner so prominent in football today, but depended on bull strength and a pair of piston-like legs that consistently sent him through the center of the line for three, four and five yards at a clip."

At West Point, Bunker was a classmate of Gen. Douglas MacArthur. MacArthur also served as the manager of the Army football team in 1902 when Bunker was at his peak. Bunker was selected by Walter Camp as a member of the 1901 and 1902 College Football All-America Teams. Bunker is one of a handful of athletes to win All-

America honors at two different positions. He was selected as an All-American tackle in 1901 and as a halfback in 1902.

In 2008, Sports Illustrated sought to identify the college football players who would have likely won the Heisman Trophy as the best player in the sport during each of the years before the award's inception in 1935. Sports Illustrated selected Bunker as the retroactive Heisman Trophy winner for 1902.

Bunker went on to a 40-year career in the military specializing in coastal defense artillery. In 1940, Bunker, then a colonel, returned to the Philippines and assumed command of the 59th Coast Artillery Regiment (United States) at Fort Hughes in Manila Bay. There, Bunker was reunited with his college roommate, Gen. Douglas MacArthur.



Surrender of U.S. forces at Corregidor.

Following the Japanese military offensive against the Philippines, President Roosevelt ordered MacArthur to evacuate the islands. MacArthur reluctantly left, promising to send reinforcements that never came. In his autobiography, MacArthur recalled one of his last memories on leaving the Philippines was of Bunker:

"On the dock, I could see the men staring at me. I had lost 25 pounds living on the same diet as the soldiers, and I must have looked gaunt and ghastly standing there in my old war-stained clothes - no bemedaled commander of inspiring presence. ... Through the shattered ruins, my eyes sought 'Topside,' where the deep roar of heavy guns still growled defiance, with their red blasts tearing the growing darkness asunder. Up there, in command, was my classmate, Paul Bunker.

Forty years had passed since Bunker had twice been selected by Walter Camp for the All-American team. I could shut my eyes and see again that blond head racing, tearing, plunging - 210 pounds of irresistible power. I could almost hear Quarterback Charley Daly's shrill voice barking, 'Bunker back.' He and many others up there were old, old friends, bound by ties of deepest friendship."

In May 1942, when Gen. Wainwright decided to surrender at Corregidor, he ordered Bunker to lower the U.S. flag and burn it to prevent its falling into the hands of the Japanese forces. Wainwright later recalled, "Promptly at noon this May 6, 1942, I ordered the white flag run up and our firing ceased. It was with the sickest of feelings that I gave the white-flag-raising order to Colonel Paul D. Bunker."

Instead of burning the entire flag, Bunker cut off a piece and concealed it under a patch on his shirt. Before he died in the Japanese prison camp, Bunker sent for Colonel Delbert Ausmus, cut the flag remnant into two pieces and gave one of the pieces to Ausmus. He told Colonel Ausmus he did not expect to survive the prison camp and that it was Ausmus' duty to take his piece of the flag to the Secretary of War. Ausmus concealed the remnant in his shirt cuff, and shortly after the war ended, Ausmus delivered it to Secretary Patterson. In November 1945, Ausmus described the circumstances under which he received the remnant from Bunker:

"He was taken to Billibid prison in Manila and came down with pneumonia. While he was in the hospital Col. Paul D. Bunker of Taunton, Mass., was brought in suffering from seriously infected blisters on his feet and blood poisoning in one leg. On June 10, Bunker watching carefully 'to see that there were no Japs near,' swore him to secrecy, Ausmus continued, and 'said he wanted to turn something over to me to deliver to the Secretary of War.' From beneath a false patch set into the left pocket of his shirt Bunker took a bit of red cloth. Solemnly he gave Ausmus part of it and put the rest back."

While giving one piece of the flag to Ausmus, he held onto another piece until the time of his death. Gen. Wainwright later recalled the circumstances of Bunker's death in the prison camp, still holding onto the remnant: "He must have suffered ... constant pain of hunger ... I sat with him for a part of the last two hours of his life ... cremated in the rags in which he had carefully sewn a bit of the American flag he had pulled down in Corregidor."

Ausmus did deliver it to the Secretary of War who unveiled it during a speech on the event of Flag Day in June 1946. The remnant of the U.S. flag from Corregidor saved by Bunker and Ausmus is on display in the West Point museum.

In 1944, Bunker was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious service at Corregidor. The citation read:

"His courageous and incessant [sic] devotion to duty in directing the activities of his batteries and in supervising the immediate repair of damage inflicted by Enemy bombardment was outstanding. Colonel Bunker's outstanding leadership maintained superior morale and efficiency in his command through the campaign."

Bunker's 190-page diary of his time on Corregidor was published posthumously under the title Paul Bunker's War and became a best-seller.

Bunker was honored with burial in the cemetery at West Point.

In June 1946, one of the U.S. Army's coastal artillery batteries located at Fort MacArthur was renamed the Battery Paul D. Bunker, BCN-127 to honor Bunker's memory.

He was posthumously inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1969.

We all live freely because of great men such as Paul Bunker. War is hell but it is the cost of peace.

1903 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Edward King

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1903 college football season. It was their fourteenth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Edward King in his first and only year as head coach of Army. As an independent football entity, the team had a winning record of 6-2-1.



<< Coach Edward King

The Cadets compiled a 6-2-1 record, shut out five of their nine opponents, (including a scoreless tie with Colgate), and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 164 to 33. The team's only losses were to Harvard (5-0) and Yale (17-5). These two teams typically competed year after year for the mythical National Championship.

In an intersectional game, the Cadets defeated Chicago by a 10 to 6 score. In the annual Army-Navy Game, the Cadets, behind quarterback Horatio B. Hackett, defeated the Midshipmen by a huge 40 to 5 score.

Three members of the squad were honored by one or both of Walter Camp (WC) and Caspar Whitney (CW) on the 1903 College Football All-America Team. They are: guard Napoleon Riley (WC-2); halfback Edward Farnsworth (CW-2); and fullback Frederick Prince (CW-2).

The 1903 season opened on Sept 26 with a scoreless tie T (0-0) at the Plain, on the campus of the US Military Academy in West Point NY

at home against Colgate. On Oct 3, the Cadets shut out Tufts W (17-0). On Oct 10, the Cadets shut out Dickinson W (12-0). Then, on Oct 17, the always-tough Harvard squad came in to the Plain and the Cadets played well but Harvard played just a bit better, shutting out the Cadets L (0-5). The Cadets then faced another tough team, Yale and played well in defeat L (5-17).

On Oct 31, the Cadets shut out Vermont W (32-0). This was a warm-up game for Manhattan on Nov 7, in this game the Cadets walloped the Manhattan squad in a big shutout W (48-0). The Cadets did well in an intersectional game on Nov 14 v Chicago, pulling out a nail-biter win W (10-6).

The season finale against Navy was on Nov 28 again at a neutral site because of the anticipated crowd which always approached 30,000. Franklin Field in Philadelphia was the venue again because of proximity and size of stadium. In this match, the Cadets overwhelmed the Midshipmen W (40-5) in a one-sided match. Harvard and Yale were the only losses for the entire season. Army kept getting closer to beating these two great teams of the 1900's.

Having studied the history of many teams from their first game to their last, I always seemed to find the teams having sluggish seasons in the beginning and it was not until they hired a long-term coach that the team began to settle into winning.

Army is an enigma regarding this theory. The Cadets longest term coach at this point was Herman Koehler at just four years. Here we are in just the fourteenth season and the Army Cadets were on their third one-year coach in a row and yet they were not only winning games, they are almost knocking off perennial champs such as Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and Penn.

Before all the trickery and sophisticated play-calling that came from years of coaching, Army was whipping its opponents with first-year coaches. Why? Maybe there is something in a soldier's blood that makes them, all things being equal, fight lots harder for the victory. That's what I think. How about you?

1904 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Robert Boyers

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1904 college football season. It was their fifteenth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Robert Boyers in his first of two years as head coach of Army. As an independent football entity, the team had a winning record of 7-2-0.

The Cadets compiled a 7-2-0 record, shut out five of their nine opponents, (including a scoreless tie with Colgate), and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 136 to 27. The team's only losses were to Harvard (4–0) and Princeton (17–5). In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen by an 11 to 0 score.

Five members of the squad were honored by one or both of Walter Camp (WC) and Caspar Whitney (CW) on the 1904 College Football All-America Team. They are: center Arthur Tipton (WC-1, CW-1); back Henry Torney (CW-1); end Alexander Garfield Gillespie (WC-2); halfback Frederick Prince (CW-2); and tackle Thomas Doe (WC-3)

Other than the Army-Navy Game, all games were played at The Plain on the Campus of the US Military Academy in West Point, NY.

The 1904 season opened on Oct 1 with a shutout against Tufts W (12-0). The next game on Oct 8 was another shutout against Dickinson, W (18-0) Then, on Oct 17, the always-tough Harvard squad came in to the Plain and the Cadets played well but Harvard played just a bit better, shutting out the Cadets L (0-5). The Cadets then faced another tough team, Yale and played well just like in the past but this time their efforts resulted in the Cadets' first win ever against Yale W (11-6).

On Oct 29, the Cadets shut out Williams W (16-0). This was a warm-up game for Princeton on Nov 5, but good fortune left the Cadets at the Williams game as Princeton beat Army L (6-12) in a nail-biter on Nov. 5. On Nov 12, the Cadets got back all their moxie and thumped NYU in a big shutout W (41-0). On Nov 19, the Cadets squared off against the Syracuse Orangemen, and brought home the W (21-5).

The season finale against Navy was on Nov 26 again at a neutral site because of the anticipated crowd which always approached 30,000. Franklin Field in Philadelphia was the venue again because of proximity and size of stadium. In this match, the Cadets held the Midshipmen scoreless while scrounging up 11 points to salt away the game W (11-0).at Franklin Field in Philadelphia, PA.

1905 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Robert Boyers

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1905 college football season. It was their sixteenth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Robert Boyers in his second and last of two years as head coach of Army. As an independent football entity, the team had a break-even record of 4-4-1. In 1905, Coach Boyer and the many Army fans unhappily learned that Army could be beaten more than a few times in a season. It was a lesson well-learned. The next year, would find another head coach manning the squad.

The Cadets compiled a 4-4-1 record, shut out three opponents, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 104 to 60. The team's big losses were to Virginia Tech, Harvard, Yale, and the Carlisle Indians. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets and the Midshipmen played to a 6-6 tie.

Halfback Henry Torney was honored as a consensus first-team player on the 1905 College Football All-America Team.

Other than the Army-Navy Game, all games were played at The Plain on the Campus of the USMA in West Point, NY.

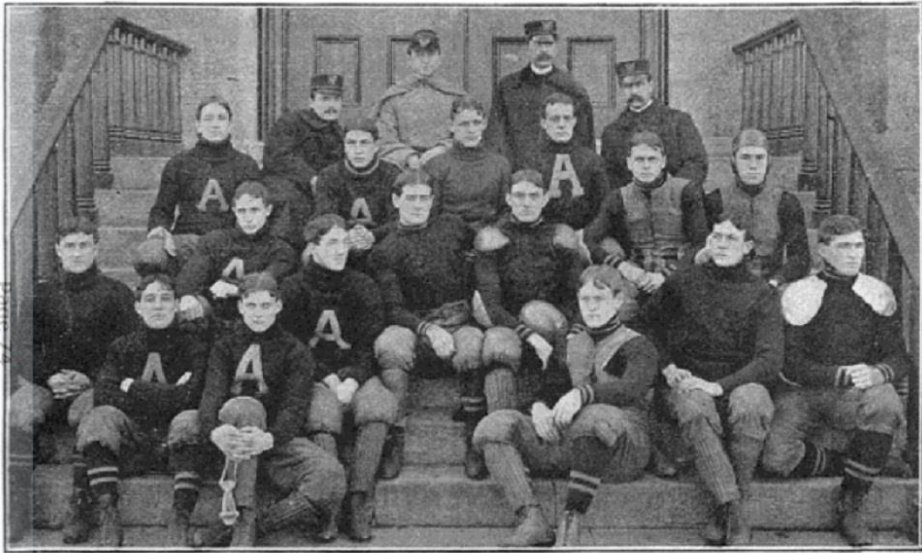
The 1905 season opened on Sept 30 with a shutout against Tufts W (18-0). The next game on Oct 7 was another win against Colgate, W (18-0). Then, on Oct 14, VPI defeated the Cadets L (6-16). Following this unexpected loss, the always-tough Harvard squad came in to the Plain and the Cadets played well again but Harvard played just a bit better again, shutting out the Cadets L (0-6). The Cadets then faced another tough team, Yale and played well just like in the past but this time their efforts were not good enough as the Yalees defeated the Cadets L (0-20) in a well-played game by Yale.

On Nov 11, the Cadets lost to the Carlisle Indians in a very close match L (5-6). After recovering from this loss, the Cadets took it out by shutting out Trinity W (34-0). On Nov 25, the Cadets squared off against the Syracuse Orangemen, and brought home another Win a shutout W (17-0).

The season finale against Navy was on Nov 26 again at a neutral site because of the anticipated crowd which always approached 30,000. University Field in Princeton NJ was the venue for the first time because of proximity and size of stadium. In its heyday, this stadium's maximum capacity was 20, 000. In this match, the Cadets held the Midshipmen to six points but the Midshipmen also held the Cadets to 6 points as the game ended in a tie T (6-6)

1906 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Ernest Graves

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1906 college football season. It was their seventeenth season of intercollegiate football. The 1906 team is shown below:



1—Phillips; 2—Kromer; 3—Sterling, Mgr.; 4—Davis; 5—Kochler; 6—Williams; 7—Clark; 8—Farnsworth; 9—Phipps; 10—Casad; 11—Boyers; 12—Hackett; 13—Zehl; 14—Nichols; 15—Burnett; 16—Bettison; 17—Smith, Capt.; 18—Bunker; 19—Goodspeed; 20—Finn. Photo by Puck Bros.

WEST POINT MILITARY ACADEMY FOOT BALL TEAM.

They were coached by Henry Smither and Ernest Graves. For both, it was their time being head coach of Army. Both would be back to coach in other years. As an independent football entity, the team had a record of 3-5-1. In 1906, Coaches Smither and Graves' combined record was worse than their predecessor, though technically Smither was 1-0. Army fans unhappily learned again that the Cadets could be beaten more than a few times in a season. It was a lesson well-learned. The next year, Army would rehire Smither to take over the squad. He had a fine year in 1907.



Coaches Graves & Smither

The Cadets compiled a 3-5-1 record, shut out four opponents, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 59 to 37. Henry Smither was the coach in just the first game of the 1906 season, and Ernest Graves, Sr., was the coach in games two through nine. Smither was relieved from duty following a 12-0 victory over Tufts in the season opener. Ernest Graves, Sr. served as head coach for the remaining eight games of the season, leading Army to a record of 2-5-1. Graves came back to coach again in the 1912 season.

The team's setbacks included losses to Harvard, Yale, and Princeton. In the annual Army-Navy Game, the Cadets lost to the 1906 Midshipmen by a 10 to 0 score.

Two Army players were honored by either Walter Camp (WC) or Caspar Whitney (CW) on the 1906 College Football All-America

Team. They are tackle Henry Weeks (WC-3, CW-2) and guard William Christy (WC-3).

Other than the Army-Navy Game, which was played at Franklin Field in Philadelphia, all games were played at The Plain on the Campus of the US Military Academy in West Point, NY.

The 1906 season opened on Sept 29 with a shutout against Tufts W (12-0). The next game on Oct 6, was another shutout—this one against Trinity W (24-0) The next game on Oct 13, Colgate played the Cadets to a scoreless tie T (0-0). Then, on Oct 20, Army shut out Williams W (17-0). The Cadets looked like the season was under control with a 3-1 record after four games. The Williams' match would be the last win of the 1906 season as the Cadets went on a five-game losing streak to finish the season. The five losses were as follows:

On Oct 27, Harvard shut out the Cadets L (0-5). On Nov 3, Yale defeated the Cadets L (6-10) On Nov 10, Princeton turned a shutout against Army L (0-8).

On Nov 24, the Cadets squared off against the Syracuse Orangemen, and lost the match by an unusual score of L (0-4). The season finale against Navy was on Dec 1 at a neutral site because of the anticipated crowd which always approached 30,000. Franklin Field in Philadelphia PA was the venue. In this match, the Cadets held the Midshipmen to ten points but failed to score and were thus shut-out by Navy L (0-10).

1907 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Henry Smither

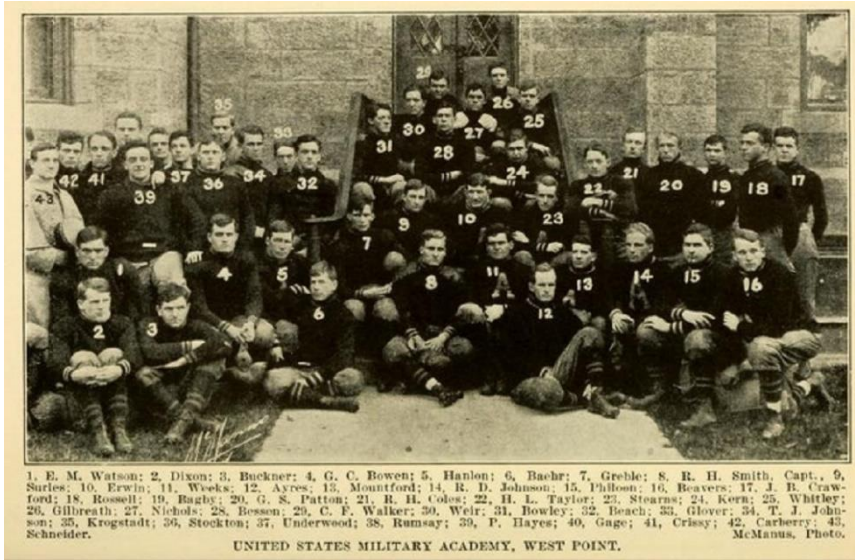
The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1907 college football season. It was their eighteenth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Henry Smither in his first and only full year as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the team had a record of 6-2-1. In 1907 Coach Smither got his act together and had a nice season.

The Cadets compiled a 6-2-1 record, shut out six of their nine opponents, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 125

to 24. The team's only two losses were to Cornell and to Navy in the annual Army–Navy Game.

Two Army players were honored by either Walter Camp (WC) or Caspar Whitney (CW) on the 1907 College Football All-America Team. They are guard William Erwin (WC-1, CW-1) and tackle Henry Weeks (WC-3, CW-2).

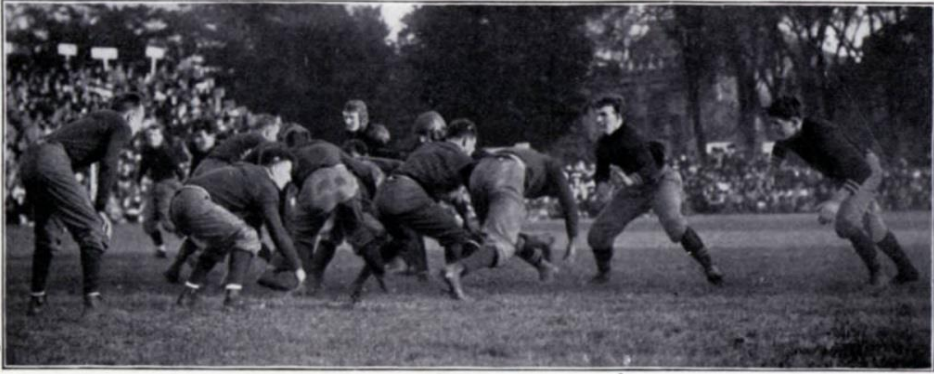
Other than the Army-Navy Game, which was played at Franklin Field in Philadelphia, all games were played at The Plain on the Campus of the US Military Academy in West Point, NY.



1907 Army Cadets Football Team Coach Henry Smithers

The 1907 season opened on Sept 29 with a shutout against Franklin & Marshall W (23-0). The next game on Oct 12, was another shutout—this one against Trinity W (12-0). On Oct 19, Yale and Army played to a scoreless tie T (0-0). The Cadets then shut out Rochester W (30-0) on Oct 26.

In the next game on Nov 2, the Cadets shut out Colgate W (6-0) Then, on Nov 9, the Cadets picked up their first loss of the season v Cornell in a close match L (10-14).



1907 Army Cadets in Action on the Plain

On Nov 23, the Cadets squared off against Syracuse, and defeated the Orangemen W (23-4) The season finale against Navy was on Nov 30 at a neutral site because of the anticipated crowd which always approached 30,000. Franklin Field in Philadelphia PA was the venue. In this match, the Midshipmen shut out the Cadets L (0-6).

Chapter 8 Coaches Nelly, Beacham, & Graves 1908-1912

Nelly Coach #13
 Beacham Coach #14
 Graves Coach #12 (also coached in 1906)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Record</u>
1908	Harry Nelly	6-1-2	Indep	6-1-2
1909	Harry Nelly	3-2-0	Indep	3-2-0
1910	Harry Nelly	6-2-0	Indep	6-2-0
1911	Joseph Beacham	6-1-1	Indep	6-1-1
1912	Ernest Graves	5-3-0	Indep	5-3-0

1908 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Harry Nelly



<<< Coach Harry Nelly

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1908 college football season. It was their nineteenth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Harry Nelly in his first of three seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the team had a record of 6-1-2. In 1908 Coach Nelly had a nice season.

The Cadets compiled a 6-1-2 record, shut out five of their nine opponents (including a scoreless tie with Princeton), and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 87 to 21. The team's only loss was to Yale. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen by a 6 to 4 score



1908 Army Cadets Football Team Coach Harry Nelly

Two Army players were honored by Walter Camp (WC) on his 1908 College Football All-America Team. They were center Wallace Philcon (second team) and end Johnson Philcon (third team). Philcon also received first-team honors from the Washington Herald, Chicago Inter Ocean, and Fred Crolius. In addition, tackle Daniel Pullen was selected as a first-team All-American by the New York World, Fielding H. Yost, T. A. Dwight Jones, and the Kansas City Journal.

Other than the Army-Navy Game, which was played at Franklin Field in Philadelphia, all games were played at The Plain on the Campus of the US Military Academy in West Point, NY.

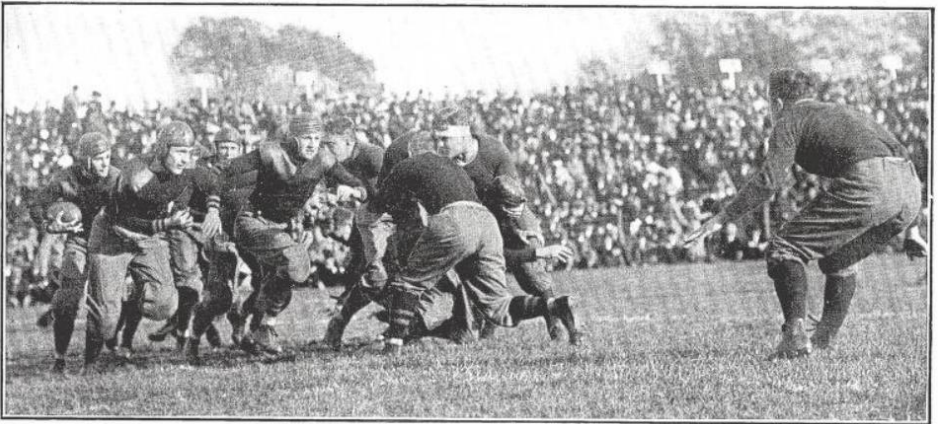
The 1908 season opened on Oct 3 with a shutout against Tufts W (5-0). The next game on Oct 10, was another shutout—this one against Trinity W (33-0). On Oct 17, Yale defeated Army L (0-6). The Cadets then shut out Colgate W (6-0) on Oct 24.

In the next game on Nov 7, the Cadets defeated Springfield (MA) W (6-5). Then, on Nov 14, the Cadets tied their second game of the season T (6-6) against Washington & Jefferson. On Nov 21, the Cadets beat shut out Villanova W (25-0). Then on Nov 28, at franklin

Field, in the annual Army-Navy Game, in a real nail-biter, the Army defeated the Navy W (6-4).

1909 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Harry Nelly

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1909 college football season. It was their twentieth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Harry Nelly in his second of three seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the team had a record of 3-2-0.



1909 Army Football Offense

The Cadets compiled a 3-2-0 record, shut out two of their five opponents, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 57 to 32. The team's only losses were to Yale and Harvard. The Army-Navy Game was not played in 1909.

1910 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Harry Nelly

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1910 college football season. It was their twenty-first season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Harry Nelly in his third and last of three seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the team had a record of 6-2-0. In 1910 Coach Nelly had a nice season.

The Cadets compiled a 6-2-0 record, shut out five of their eight opponents, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 96 to 12 – an average of 12.0 points scored and 1.5 points allowed. The Cadets' two losses came against 1910 national champion Harvard by a 6 to 0 score and to the Navy Midshipmen by a 3 to 0 score in the annual Army–Navy Game.

Other than the Army-Navy Game, which was played at Franklin Field in Philadelphia, all games were played at The Plain on the Campus of the US Military Academy in West Point, NY.

1911 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Joseph Beacham

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1911 college football season. It was their twenty-second season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Joseph Beacham in his first and only season as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the team had a record of 6-1-1. In 1911 Coach Beacham had a nice season.

The Cadets compiled a 6-1-1 record, shut out five of their eight opponents (including a scoreless tie with Georgetown), and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 88 to 11 – an average of 11.0 points scored and 1.4 points allowed. The Cadets' only loss came against the Navy Midshipmen by a 3 to 0 score in the annual Army–Navy Game.

Tackle Leland Devore was a consensus first-team player on the 1911 College Football All-America Team. Other notable players on the 1911 Army team include center Franklin C. Sibert, guard Archibald Arnold, and tackle Robert Littlejohn.

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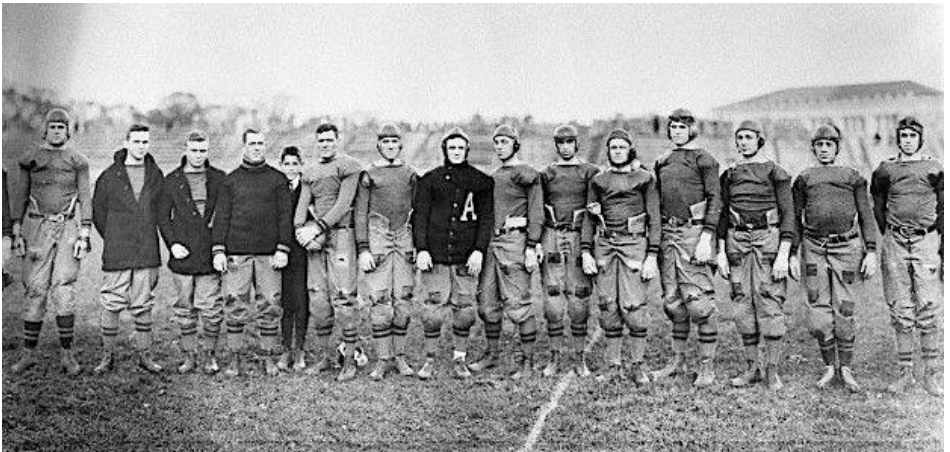
1912 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Ernest Graves

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1912 college football season. It was their twenty-third season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Ernest Graves in his first and only season in his second stint as head

coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the team had a record of 5-3-0.

The Cadets compiled a 5-3-0 record. They shut out two of their eight opponents. The Cadets offense scored 108 points, while the defense allowed 59 points. On November 9, Army battled the Carlisle Indian Academy, which featured legendary athlete Jim Thorpe.

Other than the Army-Navy Game, which was played at Franklin Field in Philadelphia, all games were played at The Plain on the Campus of the US Military Academy in West Point, NY.



Dwight D. Eisenhower (3rd from left) and Omar Bradley (far right) were members of the 1912 West Point football team.

In 1912, the value of a touchdown was increased from five to six points. The value of the points after TD remained an extra end zone was also added. Before the addition of the end zone, forward passes caught beyond the goal line resulted in a loss of possession and a touchback. The increase from five points to six did not come until much later in Canadian Football, and the touchdown remained only five points there until 1956.

Chapter 9 Coaches Daly, Keyes, Mitchell & Daly 1913-1922

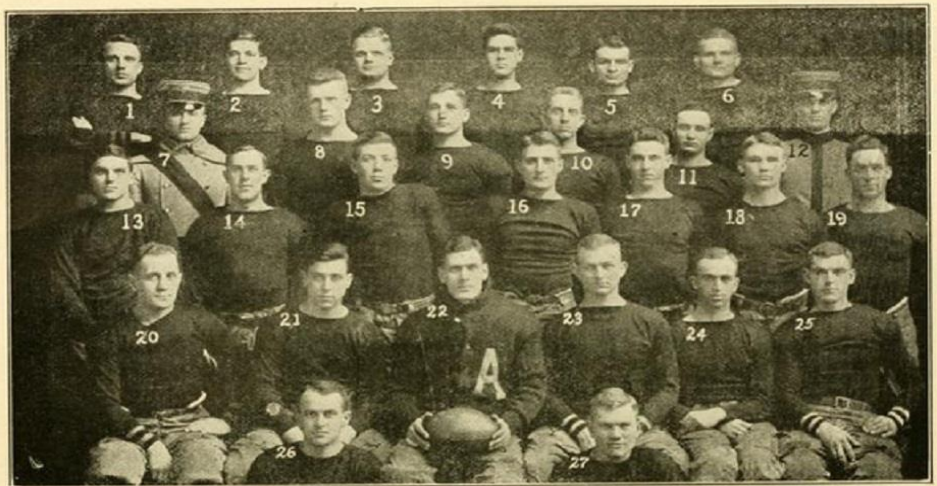
Daly Coach #15
Keyes Coach #16
Mitchell Coach #17

<u>Year</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Record</u>	Conf	Record
1913	Charles Daly	8-1-0	Indep	8-1-0
1914	Charles Daly	9-0-0	Indep	9-0-0
1915	Charles Daly	5-3-1	Indep	5-3-1
1916	Charles Daly	9-0-0	Indep	9-0-0
1917	Geoffrey Keyes	7-1-0	Indep	7-1-0
1918	Hugh Mitchell	1-0-0	Indep	1-0-0
1919	Charles Daly	6-3-0	Indep	6-3-0
1920	Charles Daly	7-2-0	Indep	7-2-0
1921	Charles Daly	6-4-0	Indep	6-4-0
1922	Charles Daly	8-0-2	Indep	8-0-2

Charles Daly was the first great Army coach. He brought in two national championships and had many great seasons during the war years from 1913 to 1922.

1913 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Charles Daly

The 1913 Army Team is shown below:



1, James Cooper Waddell; 2, John James McEwan; 3, Charles Curtis Herriek; 4, Alexander Mathias Weyand; 5, Lawrence Bascum Meacham; 6, Woodfin Grady Jones; 7, Harold Francis Loomis, Mgr.; 8, Joseph James O'Hare; 9, Thomas Bernard Larkin; 10, John Forest Goodman; 11, Louis Alfred Merliat, Jr.; 12, Henry McElderry Pendleton, Asst. Mgr.; 13, Vernon Edwin Frichard; 14, Charles Calvert Benedict; 15, Hamner Huston; 16, John Prince Markoe; 17, Elbert Louis Ford, Jr.; 18, Paul Alfred Hodgson; 19, Thomas George Lauphler; 20, Walter Wood Hess, Jr.; 21, Leland Stanford Hobbs; 22, Benjamin Fiery Hege, Capt.; 23, Walter Woolf Wynne; 24, John Hamilton Jouett; 25, Roscoe Barnett Woodruff; 26, Weldon Williamson Doe; 27, Frank William Milburn.

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The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1913 college football season. It was their twenty-fourth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Charles Dudley Daly, one of the best coaches in Army history. Daly was in his first season of stint one of two stints of four seasons each as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the team had a record of 8-1-0. It was a fantastic season.



<< Coach Charles Daly

The Cadets compiled an 8-1-0 record. They shut out five of their nine opponents, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 253 to 57 – an average of 28.1 points scored and 6.3 points allowed. The Cadets' only loss was against Notre Dame by a 35 to 13 score. All-American Knute Rockne played on that Notre Dame team. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen by a 22 to 9 score.

End Louis A. Merrilat was a consensus first-team player on the Team. Tackle Alex Weyand was selected as a second-team All-American by Walter Camp and was later inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. Quarterback Vernon Prichard was selected as a second-team All-American by Harper's Weekly.

Other than the Army-Navy Game, which was played at the Polo Grounds in New York, all Army games were played at The Plain on the Campus of the US Military Academy in West Point, NY.

More About Coach Daly

After earning football letters at West Point in 1901 and 1902, Charles Daly returned to the Academy for two separate coaching stints,

guiding the Black Knight gridders from 1913 to 1916 and again from 1919 through 1922. During his eight campaigns along the Army sideline, the Black Knights amassed a sparkling .804 winning percentage, forging a record of 58-13-3.

Daly directed the Black Knights to undefeated seasons in 1914, 1916 and 1922. Army's perfect 9-0 mark in 1914 was the first in the program's history. Daly's Army teams defeated Navy five times in eight meetings. And, it was Daly roaming the sideline for the Black Knights in 1913 when the Academy initiated its series with Notre Dame, beginning what would evolve into one of college football's most storied rivalries.

In 1951, Daly became the first player or coach from West Point to be enshrined in the College Football Hall of Fame, accepting his honor as part of the Hall's inaugural induction class. Daly was a founding member of the American Football Coaches Association and served as that organization's first president in 1922.

During his undergraduate playing days, which included stints as a quarterback at both Harvard and Army, Daly was named a first-team All-American four times (1898-1900 with the Crimson and 1901 at Army) before earning third-team plaudits at West Point in 1902.

Daly notably coached Army Football teams. He began his coaching career in American football with teams at Harvard before West Point. At West Point, as previously noted, he is known as one of the immortals. More specifically, he is known as the "Godfather of West Point Football.

He was coach to Dwight Eisenhower, Omar Bradley, Joseph Stilwell, Matthew Ridgway, James Van Fleet, George S. Patton and other American military luminaries of the 20th century. In 1921 he founded the American Football Coaches Association.

At West Point he was also an Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics from 1928 to 1934. An athletic field on the campus is named in honor of him.

In addition to the legacy Daly created on the gridiron, he also initiated a long-time family association with West Point that saw

three of his sons, two grandsons and one great-grandson earn degrees from the Academy.

Here is a famous quote from Coach Daly:

A remarkable similarity exists between war and football. This is particularly manifest in their organization. In both war and football, we have the staff and the troops. In both we have the supply department, medical branch, and the instruction branch. In both, the importance of leadership is paramount. The principles of war laid down by Clausevitz are the principles of the application of force. Just so in football, we have exactly analogous principles of the application of force and a similar organization.

— *Charles Dudley Daly, American Football*

Games of the 1913 Season

The Cadets opened the season against Stevens Tech at home as usual, and came away with a fine shutout W (24-0) In the second game of the season, on Oct 11, the Cadets shut out Rutgers (State University of NJ) by a score of W (29-0). The next game on Oct 18, against Colgate was a close match in which the Cadets barely prevailed W (7-6). Other than ND< this was the closest game to a loss all season for the Cadets. On Oct 25, the Cadets played the second closest game of the season other than ND as they squeaked by Tufts in a shutout win W (2-0).

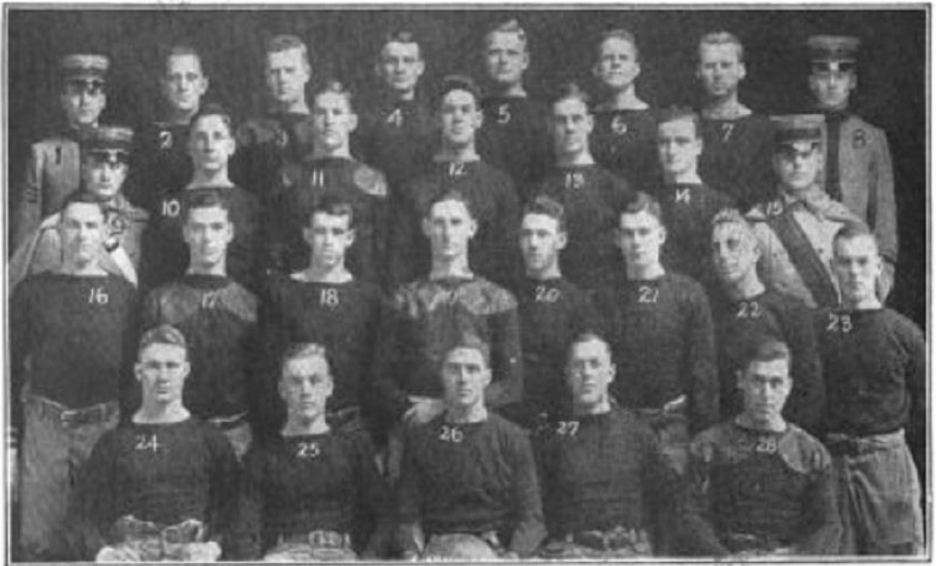
Notre Dame found the money to get to Army from South Bend and they came home with a big payoff. Coach Jesse Harper had the best passer in the country with Gus Dorais, and he had the best end in the country with Knute Rockne. Notre Dame had a passing attack when other teams were just learning about the forward pass. If this were a ground game, the Cadets would have put in an undefeated season in 1913. Notre Dame passed big and won big L (13-35).

On Nov 8, Albright had no idea how good Army really was when they came to the Plain on Nov 8 and were beaten W (77-0) Next up for a smashing was Villanova, on Nov 15—a fine team but not up to the new-found power of Army Football W (55-0).

Then on Nov 22, Springfield (MA) played tough football but lost anyway to the Cadets W (14-7) After losing the prior two years to Navy in the traditional Army-Navy Game, the Cadets would not be stopped on Nov 29 in the last game of the season and Army beat Navy W (22-9). Army had a phenomenal 8-1 season, which set them up for one of the finest West Point Seasons of all time in 1914.

1914 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Charles Daly
National Championship, undefeated & untied

The 1914 Army Team is shown on the next page:



1, Pendleton, Mgr.; 2, Hess; 3, O'Hare; 4, Mencham; 5, Herrick; 6, Timberlake; 7, Tally; 8, Crane, Asst. Mgr.; 9, Merrill; 10, Larkin; 11, McEwan; 12, Weyand; 13, Butler; 14, Kelly; 15, Woodruff; 16, Boffton; 17, Van Fleet; 18, Bradley; 19, Parker; 20, Ford; 21, Neyland; 22, Goodman; 23, Harmon; 24, Hodgson; 25, Coffin; 26, Prichard, Capt.; 27, Benedict; 28, Hobbs.

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The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1914 college football season. It was their twenty-fifth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Charles Dudley Daly. Daly was in his second season of stint one of two stints of four seasons each as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the team had a record of 9-0-0. It was a phenomenal season. It was Army's best season to date.

The Cadets compiled an 9-0-0 record. They were undefeated and untied. They shut out six of their nine opponents, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 219 to 20 – an average of 24.3 points scored and 2.2 points allowed. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets shut-out the Midshipmen 20 to 0.

The Cadets also defeated Notre Dame by a 20 to 7 score. The 1914 Army team was recognized as the 1914 national champion by the Helms Athletic Foundation, the Houlgate System, and the National Championship Foundation, and a co-national champion by Parke H. Davis.

Three Army players were recognized as first-team players on the 1914 College Football All-America Team: end Louis A. Merrilat; center John McEwan; and quarterback Vernon Prichard. Tackle Alex Weyand was selected as a third-team All-American by Walter Camp. Four players from the 1914 team were later inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame: McEwan; Weyand; Robert Neyland (later coach at Tennessee); and Elmer Oliphant.

Other than the Army-Navy Game, which was played at Franklin Field in Philadelphia, all Army games were played at The Plain on the Campus of the US Military Academy in West Point, NY.

The Cadets opened the season against Stevens Tech at home as usual, and came away with a blowout shutout W (49-0) In the second game of the season, on Oct 11, the Cadets shut out Rutgers (State University of NJ) by a score of W (13-0). The next game on Oct 18, against Colgate was a close match in which the Cadets pulled away and won handily W (21-7) On Oct 24, the Cadets played Holy Cross and did not permit a point in a fine shutout W (14-0).

Next up for a smashing was Villanova, on Oct 31—a fine team but not up to the new-found power of Army Football W (41-0). On Nov 7, the Cadets played the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame and this time, Army Was ready for Jesse Harper's Irish. Army dominated a close game and won the final score W (20-7) against what was then one of the finest football programs in the nation. f

Then on Nov 14, Maine came to play in the plain and were pushed back up country by the score of W (28-0). On Nov 21, Springfield

(MA) played tough football but lost anyway to the Cadets W (13-6). The Army-Navy Game was back at Franklin Field in 1914 and Army shut-out Navy W (20-0). Army had a phenomenal 9-0-0 season, which brought many honors to the Daly coached Army Cadets. They simply had a great year.

1914 Player John McEwan L



John James "Cap" McEwan was born February 18, 1893. He was a great American football player and later a fine coach. He played from 1913 to 1916 as a center at the United States Military Academy, where he was a three-time All-American and captain of the Army football squad for three seasons.

McEwan served as the head football coach at West Point (1923–1925), the University of Oregon (1926–1929), and the College of the Holy Cross (1930–1932), compiling a career college football record of 59–23–6. He also coached at the professional level for the Brooklyn Dodgers of the National Football League (NFL) from 1933 to 1934,

tallying a mark of 9–11–1. McEwan was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame as a player in 1962.

McEwan was an innovator among players of the early 1900's, pioneering the spiral center-snap and introducing a primitive version of the defensive rover-back to Eastern football. Upon graduation from West Point in 1917, McEwan was hailed as the greatest football center the U.S. Military Academy ever had. Walter Camp labeled him first-team All-American in 1914.



John McEwan

When he was about to play football as a senior in 1916, McEwan was elected team captain by his Cadet peers. Tim Cohane, who was a longtime sports editor of LOOK MAGAZINE and author of “Gridiron Grenadiers”, described McEwan in these words: “Big Mac, in his prime, weighed from 195 to 205 and stood 6 feet, 4 inches tall. He was built like a heavyweight fighter. His broad

shoulders tapered down to slim hips and comparatively thin legs, which brought him frequent but not inactivating knee injuries.”

McEwan was unusually fast for a man of his size and became known for his ability to cover large areas of the field while exhibiting a tremendous tackling and blocking prowess. Seven years after his graduation, the Alexandria, Minnesota native returned to West Point as head football coach. During his three coaching seasons, his Army teams rolled to an 18-5- 3 record. He went on to coach Oregon, Holy Cross and the professional Brooklyn Dodgers. He died in 1970.

1915 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Charles Daly



Dwight D. Eisenhower practice punting for Army in the 1915 season

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1915 college football season. It was their twenty-sixth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by

Charles Dudley Daly. Daly was in his third season of stint one of two stints of four seasons each as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the team had a record of 5-3-1.

The Cadets compiled an 5-3-1. They shut out four of their nine opponents, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 114 to 57. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets lost to the Midshipmen by a 14 to 0 score.

Three Army players were recognized on the 1915 College Football All-America Team. Fullback Elmer Oliphant was selected as a first-team player by Walter Camp, Monty, and Damon Runyon. Center John McEwan was selected as a first-team All-American by Damon Runyon and a second-team player by Monty. Tackle Alex Weyand was selected as a second-team player by Monty and a third-team player by Walter Camp.

Other than the Army-Navy Game, which was played at the Polo Grounds in New York, all Army games were played at The Plain on the Campus of the US Military Academy in West Point, NY.

1916 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Charles Daly National Championship

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1916 college football season. It was their twenty-seventh season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Charles Dudley Daly. Daly was in his fourth season of stint one of two stints of four seasons each as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the team had a record of 9-0-0. Army had a great season. For their great effort, they were recognized as national champions.

The Cadets compiled an 9-0-0. They shut out three of their nine opponents, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 235 to 36. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen 15 to 7. The Cadets also defeated Notre Dame by a score of 30 to 10 and Villanova by a 69 to 7 score. The 1916 Army team was selected retroactively as the 1916 national champion by Parke H. Davis. Army itself has chosen not to claim this as a National Championship but it sure in fact was real.

The Army Navy Game 1916 Championship

Fullback Elmer Oliphant from the 1916 Army team was a consensus first-team All-American and was later inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1955. Center John McEwan received second-team honors from Walter Camp, the United Press, the International News Service, and Walter Eckersall.

Other than the Army-Navy Game, which was played at the Polo Grounds in New York, all Army games were played at The Plain on the Campus of the US Military Academy in West Point, NY.

The Cadets opened the season on Sept 30, with a low scoring shutout W (3-0) against Lebanon Valley at home on the Campus of West Point in NY. In the second game of the season, on Oct 7, the Cadets shut defeated Washington & Lee W (14-7). The next game on Oct 14, against Holy Cross was shutout W (17-0).



Army Navy National Championship Game 1916

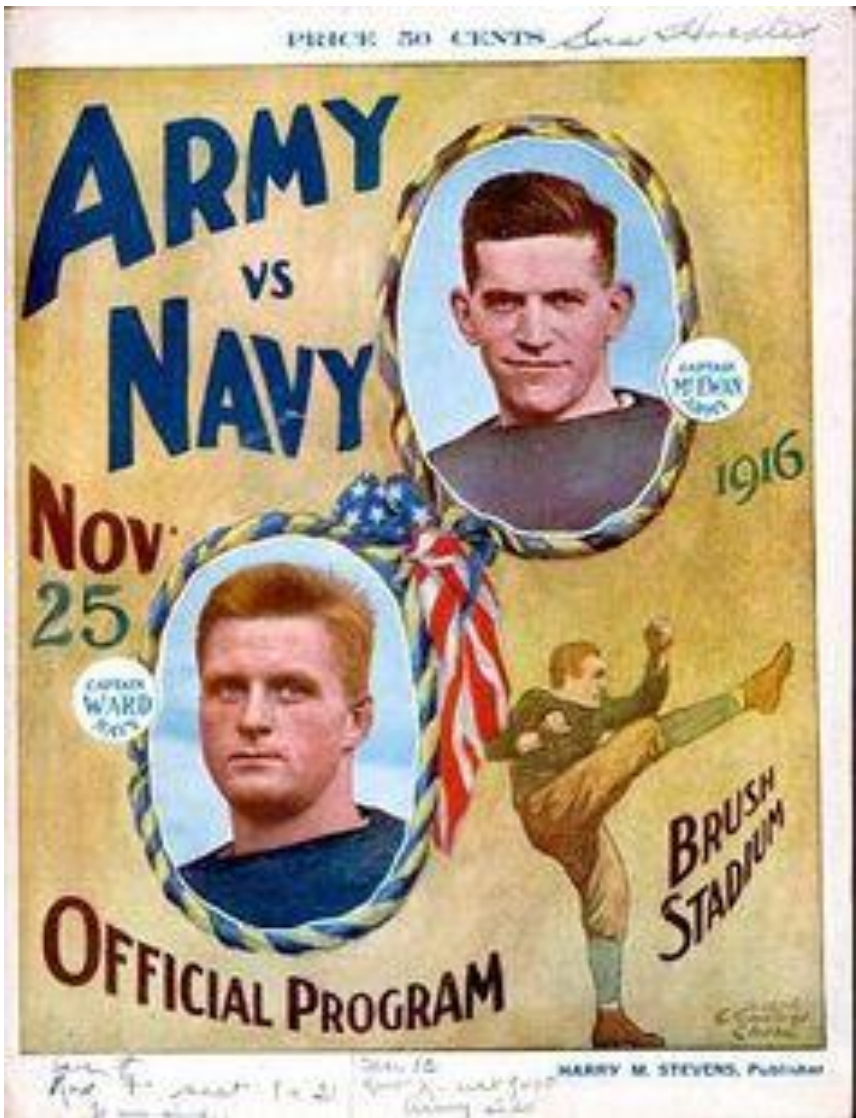
Army got its moxie back and began to wallop teams on the way to its undefeated and untied 1916 season. On Oct 21, the Cadets thumped Trinity in a shutout W (53-0). The following week on Oct 28, the Cadets routed Villanova W (69-7). The following week on Nov 4, the Cadets overpowered Notre Dame W 30-10). On Nov 11, the Cadets defeated Maine W (17-3).

From the archives: ARMY CONQUERS NAVY, 15-7, AMID CHEERS OF 45,000;

Oliphant the Chief Figure in West Point's Victory at the Polo Grounds, makes a run of 83 yards. Then, Goodstein scores for the losers by turning a blocked kick into a touchdown. There were quite a few notables in the gay throng. But, President Wilson was Absent. Yet, the crowd included men Prominent in All Walks of Life.

– New York Times – Nov 26, 1916

More than 45,000 cheering spectators saw the Army football team defeat the Navy by a score of 15 to 7 at the Polo Grounds yesterday. Famous for its gala crowds, the annual contest never attracted a more brilliant assemblage, while spectacular playing, especially by Oliphant and Vidal, the Army stars, transformed the banks of the huge eclipse of the Brush stadium into a mass of shouting, flag-waving humanity. **Here is a great link to the original NY Times article:** <http://query.nytimes.com/mem/archive-free/pdf?res=9D04E1DA1F3FE233A25755C2A9679D946796D6CF>



1916 Player Elmer Oliphant, B

Elmer Quillen "Catchy" or "Ollie" Oliphant was born on July 9, 1892. He was a multi-talented athlete, starring in football, basketball, track player. He also served as a coach. He is one of the great scorers in college football history, credited with a total of 435 points in his college career – 135 at Purdue and 300 at Army. Oliphant also went on to play in the National Football League (NFL). The Elmer Oliphant story – the whole

story – is fascinating to read. The was one heck of an athlete. I'd love to have the room to print it all.



Elmer Olyphant, great 1916 player

Born in Bloomfield, Indiana to Marion Elsworth Oliphant and Alice V. Quillen Oliphant in 1892, he finished High School after three years at Washington, Indiana at the Linton High School after a transfer in his junior year.

He was nicknamed Catchy because he excelled as a catcher, outfielder and power hitter in baseball. It could also be because the dictionary has one meaning of catchy as “having the power to catch the attention.” Supposedly one time he was playing center field for the Linton team, called a time-out, hurried to the nearby cinder track and won the 100-yard dash. Then, he returned to his position in center field and the game continued. The Indiana Football Hall of Fame states that he was All-State End while at Linton High School. He scored a school record of 60 points as Linton defeated rival Sullivan by a whopping 128–0 score.

He worked at Purdue University-- waiting tables, carrying laundry, stoking furnaces, and selling shoes to earn his way as a student. He

earned 7 official varsity letters in football, basketball, baseball and track. He also swam and wrestled.

An end on the football team as a freshman, he was a starting halfback for his final three seasons at the school and distinguished himself as a runner and kicker. In one game, he single-handedly beat Wisconsin by kicking a game winning field goal with a broken ankle to give the Boilermakers a 3-0 victory and then fainted in pain.

Only 5'7" and 174 pounds, he belied his build with outstanding speed and power. In football, he helped turn Purdue's football into a winning program. He graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Perhaps to extend his time in football, he later accepted an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point upon his Purdue graduation.

At West Point, he was the first cadet athlete to letter in four major sports and it required a special act of the Athletic Council to design a suitable varsity letter containing a gold star and three stripes for him. Back at the turn of the 20th century, the criteria to receive a letter was very strict. He also monogrammed in hockey, boxing, and swimming which meant that he wasn't able to participate fully in those sports but was recognized. At that, he is listed as a Champion Boxer in the Corps of Cadets.

He still holds records that have never been broken. During his college career, he scored 135 points at Purdue and 289 points at West Point and is identified as one of the greatest scorers in collegiate history. He established the World Record in 220-yard low hurdles on grass.

While at West Point he won the Army Athletic Association Trophy. (He won in 1918. 2004 was the 100th year the trophy was given.)

He has been inducted into several Halls of Fame. The most recent induction occurred on October 6, 2004. He was in the inaugural group of sixteen inducted into the Army Sports Hall of Fame at West Point.

On graduation day, June 12, 1918, he married Barbara "Bobbie" Benedict. World War I changed priorities at West Point, and they reverted to purely military instruction during wartime. Among his

duties, he served in the U.S. Cavalry for one year at Fort Sill in Oklahoma. While in military service at West Point in 1919, he invented the intramural sports system as we know it today. The idea was copied by the Naval Academy and was soon used in colleges and universities across the country. He was appointed track instructor at West Point by Douglas MacArthur, who was the superintendent after returning from World War I.

Although he is virtually forgotten today, he was known to every sports fan in the first quarter of the 20th century. There is a 1955 Topps All-American collectible sports card with his picture, and a Street and Smith comic book featured him in 1943 with a section “The Thrilling Story of West Point’s Most Famous Athlete Four Letter Man, Ollie Oliphant.”

Oliphant played for the Rochester Jeffersons in 1920 and the Buffalo All-Americans in 1921. They were some of the first members of what is now the NFL (National Football League). In 1921, Oliphant led the league in points (47), FGs (5) and PATs (26) and threw 7 touchdowns for the Buffalo All-Americans. After the 1921 season, Oliphant retired from active participation in sports.

1917 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Geoffrey Keyes



1917 Army Football Team above and on next page



1. Jenkins; 2. Chapline; 3. Zimmerman; 4. Raan; 5. Grey; 6. Barton; 7. Groves; 8. Holbrook; 9. Searby; 10. Ward; 11. Moore; 12. Rockafellow; 13. Gould; 14. Gilmartin; 15. Selbert, Mgr.; 16. Robinson, Asst. Mgr.; 17. Crouch; 18. Epea; 19. Richardson; 20. Lipman; 21. Manning; 22. Dommney; 23. Bartlett; 24. Christiansen; 25. Yeager; 26. Watkins; 27. Marsden; 28. Ferenbaugh; 29. Springer; 30. Rundell; 31. Luce; 32. McQuarrie; 33. Shrader; 34. Stokes; 35. Oliphant, Capt.; 36. Knight; 37. Murrill; 38. Adams; 39. March; 40. York; 41. Major Keyes, Coach; 42. Badger; 43. Casey; 44. Kreber; 45. Monroe; 46. Johnson; 47. Estill; 48. Van de Graff; 49. Stenzel; 50. Post; 51. Pulsifer; 52. Smith; 53. Hendricks.

UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY, WEST POINT, N. Y.



OOTBALL, throughout the season of 1917, was followed by a particularly malevolent jinx, but the records show that he was pretty well foiled. First of all, the beginning of the season caught us unprepared. This happened because the War Department had ordered our schedule cancelled last spring and the ban was not removed until the time of the first call for candidates in September. The War Department still had its foot down on a Navy Game, and the premature cancellation of our schedule lost Pennsylvania and West Virginia from the list. These losses did not leave a very formidable schedule, but we were thankful to have prospects for some sort of a season.

The early graduation of '18 deprived us of Jones, Place, Hirsch, House and Timberlake, all "A" men; also Chapman, Jack Knight, Huff, Fleming and other lesser lights. In addition there was the gap left by Big Mac, Meacham, Gerhardt, Butler, Redfield and others of 1917. Thus the team had little resemblance to our last Navy wrecker. Despite these gaps we had enough good material, but, unfortunately, various causes prevented the use of all of it.

The greatest handicap, apparent from the first, was the lack of experienced coaches. The nation being at war, no officers could be specially detailed for this purpose. Moreover, with such poor Navy Game prospects, the Athletic Council

About the 1917 Team

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1917 college football season. It was their

twenty-eighth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Geoffrey Keyes in his first and only season as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the team had a record of 7-1-0. Army had a great season.



Army Football Coach Geoffrey Keyes 1917

The Cadets compiled an 7-1-0 record. shut out four of their eight opponents, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 203

to 24. The Cadets' sole loss came to Notre Dame by a 7 to 2 score. The Army–Navy Game was not played during the 1917 season.

Halfback Elmer Oliphant was a consensus first-team player on the 1917 College Football All-America Team and was later inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

All Army games were played at The Plain on the Campus of the US Military Academy in West Point, NY.

1918 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Hugh Mitchell



<< Coach Hugh Mitchell

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1917 college football season. It was their twenty-ninth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Hugh Mitchell in his first and only season as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the team had a record of 1-0-0.

The Cadets compiled an 1-0-0. In the only game played by the Cadets in 1918 during WW I. They defeated a team from Mitchel Army Air Service in New York.

World War I had created a major demand for soldiers and football was no longer the priority of the football athletes at the academy.

1919 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Charles Daly

Charles Daly was back at the help in 1919. The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1919 college football season. It was their thirtieth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Charles Dudley Daly. Daly was in his first season of stint two of two stints of four seasons each as head coach of the Cadets. (Daly had been Army's coach from 1913 to 1916

but Army regulations said he had to resign after four years.) As an independent football entity, the team had a record of 6-3-0.

The Cadets compiled an 6-3-0 record. They shut out five of their nine opponents, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 140 to 38. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets lost to the Midshipmen by a 6 to 0 score. The Cadets also defeated Villanova by a 62 to 0 score, but lost to Notre Dame by a 12 to 9 score.

End Earl "Red" Blaik, who later went on to be a great Army Coach, was selected by Walter Camp as a third-team player on the 1919 College Football All-America Team.

Other than the Army-Navy Game, which was played at the Polo Grounds in New York, all Army games were played at The Plain on the Campus of the US Military Academy in West Point, NY.

After a fine season, On Nov 15, the Cadets pounded Villanova W (62-0). On Nov 29, at the Polo Grounds in NY, Army was shut out by Navy L (0-6)

Best Army Navy Game # 7

After a two-year hiatus for World War I, the Army-Navy game returned to the football field in 1919.

Each team entered the contest without a loss, as the Midshipmen were 5-0-3 and the Cadets were 6-0-1.

Navy finished the day with seven times more yards than Army but could not get into the end zone. However, Clyde King booted a pair of field goals to give the Midshipmen a 6-0 victory on a rainy day in a turnover-free game. It would mark the fourth time in 10 years that Navy had won the game by just kicking field goals.



President Wilson attended the 1919 Army-Navy Game

The Midshipmen finished the season 6-1, while the Cadets ended up 6-3.

1920 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Charles Daly

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1920 college football season. It was their thirty-first season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Charles Dudley Daly. Daly was in his second season of stint two of two stints of four seasons each as head coach of the Cadets. (Daly was Army's coach from 1913 to 1916) As an independent football entity, the team had a record of 7-2-0.

The Cadets compiled a 7-2-0 record. They shut out five of their nine opponents, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 314 to 47. Army excelled on Offense and Defense. In the annual Army-Navy Game, the Cadets lost to the Midshipmen by a 7 to 0 score. The Cadets also defeated Lebanon Valley College by a 53 to 0 score and Bowdoin College by an embarrassing 90 to 0 score.

Two Army players were recognized on the 1920 College Football All-America Team. Fullback Walter French was selected as a first-team All-American by Football World magazine and as a second-team All-American by Walter Camp and the United Press. Guard Fritz Breidster was selected as a second-team All-American by Walter Eckersall and a third-team player by Walter Camp.

Other than the Army-Navy Game, which was played at the Polo Grounds in New York, all Army games were played at The Plain on the Campus of the US Military Academy in West Point, NY.

On Nov 27, at the Polo Grounds in NY, Army was shut out by Navy in a close match L (0-7)

1921 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Charles Daly

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1921 college football season. It was their thirty-second season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Charles Dudley Daly. Daly was in his third season of stint two of two stints of four seasons each as head coach of the Cadets. (Daly was Army's coach from 1913 to 1916) As an independent football entity, the team had a record of 6-4-0.

The Cadets compiled a 6-4-0 record. They shut out five of their ten opponents, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 217 to 65. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets lost to the Midshipmen by a 7 to 0 score. The Cadets also lost to Yale and Notre Dame, two rivals / nemeses/.

Three Army players were recognized on the 1921 College Football All-America Team. Halfback Walter French was selected as a third-team All-American by Walter Camp. Guard Fritz Breidster was selected as a third-team All-American by Jack Veiock, sports editor of the International News Service. A center named Larsen was selected as a second-team All-American by Walter Camp and Football World.

Other than the Army-Navy Game, which was played at the Polo Grounds again in 1921, in New York, all Army games were played at

The Plain on the Campus of the US Military Academy in West Point, NY.

1922 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Charles Daly
Undefeated team

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1922 college football season. It was their thirty-third season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Charles Dudley Daly. Daly was in his fourth and last season of stint two of two stints of four seasons each as head coach of the Cadets. (Daly was also Army's coach from 1913 to 1916) As an independent football entity, the team had a record of 8-0-2. It was one of a rare number of times that and always well-playing Army had attained eight wins in a season.

The Cadets compiled an undefeated, twice tied 8-0-2 record. They shut out seven of their ten opponents, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 228 to 27 – an average of 22.8 points scored and 2.7 points allowed. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen 17 to 14.

Two Army players were recognized as first-team players on the 1922 College Football All-America Team: guard Fritz Breidster and center Edgar Garbisch. Garbisch was later inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

Other than the Yale Game played at the Yale Bowl, and the Army-Navy Game, which was played at the Polo Grounds again in 1922, in New York, all Army games were played at The Plain on the Campus of the US Military Academy in West Point, NY.

Chapter 10 Coaches McEwan, Jones, & Sasse 1923-1932

McEwan Coach #18
 Jones Coach #19
 Sasse Coach #20

<u>Year</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Record</u>	Conf	Record
1923	John McEwan	6-2-1	Indep	6-2-1
1924	John McEwan	5-1-2	Indep	5-1-2
1925	John McEwan	7-2-0	Indep	7-2-0
1926	Biff Jones	7-1-1	Indep	7-1-1
1927	Biff Jones	9-1-0	Indep	9-1-0
1928	Biff Jones	8-2-0	Indep	8-2-0
1929	Biff Jones	6-4-1	Indep	6-4-1
1930	Ralph Sasse	9-1-1	Indep	9-1-1
1931	Ralph Sasse	8-2-1	Indep	8-2-1
1932	Ralph Sasse	8-2-0	Indep	8-2-0

1923 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach John McEwan



<< Coach John McEwan

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1923 college football season. It was their thirty-fourth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by John McEwan in his first of three seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the team had a record of 6-2-1.

The Cadets compiled a 6-2-1 record. They shut out five of their nine opponents, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 237 to 56. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets and the Midshipmen played to a scoreless tie.

Two Army players were recognized on the 1923 College Football All-America Team. Center Edgar Garbisch was selected as a first-team player by Tom Thorp and Percy Haughton and a second-team player by Athletic World magazine, Norman E. Brown and Davis Walsh. Garbisch was later inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. Guard August Farwick received second-team honors from Norman E. Brown and Tom Thorp.

Other than the Notre Dame game, played at Ebbetts Field; Yale Game played at the Yale Bowl, and the Army-Navy Game, which was played at the Polo Grounds again in 1922, in New York, all Army games were played at The Plain on the Campus of the US Military Academy in West Point, NY.

For the third year in a row, Army got out of the Plain in another real football game at the Yale Bowl in New Haven Connecticut and lost to the Bulldogs, L (10-31). On Nov 24 v. Navy at the Polo Grounds the Cadets played the Midshipmen to a scoreless tie T (0-0).

1924 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach John McEwan

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1924 college football season. It was their thirty-fifth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by John McEwan in his second of three seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the team had a record of 5-1-2.

The Cadets compiled a 5-1-2 record. They shut out four of their eight opponents, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 111 to 41. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen by a 12 to 0 score. The team's only loss came to undefeated national champion Notre Dame by a 13 to 7 score.

Five Army players were recognized on the 1924 College Football All-America Team. Center Edgar Garbisch was selected as a first-team player by Walter Camp, Football World magazine, and All-Sports Magazine. Garbisch was later inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. Guard August Farwick received first-team honors from the All-America Board, the Newspaper Enterprise Association, Billy

Evans, and Walter Eckersall. End Frank Frazer was selected as a third-team player by Walter Camp. Harry Ellinger received third-team honors from Davis J. Walsh. Halfback Harry Wilson was selected as a third-team player by All-Sports Magazine.

This year, 1924, other than the Notre Dame game, played at the Polo Grounds; the Yale Game, played at the Yale Bowl; and the Army-Navy Game, which was played at Municipal Stadium • Baltimore, MD, all Army games were played at the brand new Michie Stadium on the Campus of the US Military Academy in West Point, NY.

In the season finale, on Nov 29 v. Navy at Municipal Stadium • Baltimore, MD (Army–Navy Game), the Cadets shut out the Midshipmen W (12-0).

1925 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach John McEwan

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1925 college football season. It was their thirty-sixth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by John McEwan in his third and last of three seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the team had a record of 7-2-0.

The Cadets compiled a 7-2-0 record. They shut out three of their nine opponents, the Cadets offense scored 185 points, while the defense allowed 71 points, On November 28, Army beat Navy by a score of 10–3.

Babe Ruth had taken ill in 1925 and thus could not lead the Yankees to the World Series. Therefore, college football took center stage at Yankee Stadium that fall. The fiercely competitive Notre Dame–Army game moved to Yankee Stadium in 1925, where it remained until 1947.

This year, 1925, other than the Notre Dame game, played at Yankee Stadium; the Yale Game, played at the Yale Bowl; the Columbia game played at Baker Field; and the Army-Navy Game, which was played at Municipal Stadium • Baltimore, MD, all Army games were played at the brand new Michie Stadium on the Campus of the US Military Academy in West Point, NY. There seemed to be coming a

day when the Cadets would be traveling to stadiums all over the country. But, not quite this year.

In the season finale, on Nov 28 v. Navy at the Polo Grounds in New York, NY, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen W (10-3)

Biff Jones takes over as Cadets head coach



CAPT. JONES, Coach

HEWITT, Captain

Biff Jones, a great coach, a Cadet favorite

Lawrence "Biff" Jones graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1917. He served in France as a Lieutenant of field artillery and returned to West Point in 1926 as head football coach, succeeding John McEwan.

His four-year record there was an impressive 30-8-2. His 1926 and 1927 teams lost but one game each, his 1928 Cadets but two.

In 1927, Jones did Army a great service when he brought Earl "Red" Blaik back to the Point as an assistant coach. Blaik worked for three years under Jones and would return years later to lift the Cadets to their highest success.

However, Jones moved on and enjoyed further success at Louisiana State, Oklahoma and Nebraska. He established himself as a serious, sound, hard-working mentor with a gift for organization.

In 1937, Jones retired from the Army as a Major.

Also in 1937, he left the Oklahoma Sooners to coach their rival, the Nebraska Cornhuskers, replacing coach Dana X. Bible.

Jones remained at Nebraska for five years and tallied a 28–14–4 mark. He led Nebraska to its first bowl game, the 1941 Rose Bowl, and also coached the second-ever televised college football game.

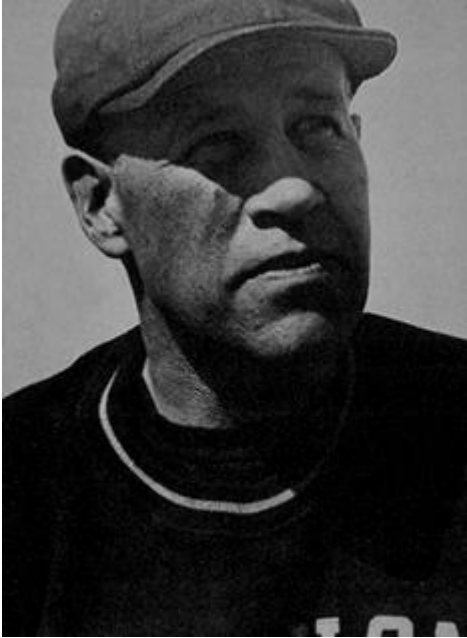
Jones left Nebraska in 1942 when he was called back to service as a colonel during World War II.

On or off the gridiron, Jones was always in command of the situation and never suffered from a lack of respect paid to him.

He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1954, and the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame in 1971.

Jones married Elizabeth Trueman King, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George Anderson King, in 1920, when he was a Captain in the Field Artillery at West Point. She was a graduate of Smith College.

1926 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Biff Jones



<< Coach Biff Jones

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1926 college football season. It was their thirty-seventh season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Biff Jones in his first of four seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the team had a record of 7-1-1.

The Cadets compiled a 7-1-1 record. They shut out four of their nine opponents, and outscored all opponents by a

combined total of 240 to 71. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets tied with the Midshipmen at a 21 to 21 score. The team's only loss came to Notre Dame by a 7 to 0 score.



*Left to Right, Top Row—*Simonton, Murrell, Cagle, Dibb, Zimmerman, Waldrop, Dahl, Tobin, Kenny, Miller. *Second Row—*Brentnall, Davidson, Landon, Muse, Elias, Lynch, Perry, Bunker, Harbold, Fletcher, Gilbreth, Holland, Myr. *Third Row—*Saunders, Seeman, Born, Hammack, Sprague, Hewitt, *Capt.*, Wilson, Daly, Trapnell, Harding, Schmidt. *Fourth Row—*Conner, Wimer, Hutchinson, Eller, Meehan, Piper, Sundt.

Army Cadets 1926 A-Team

Four Army players were recognized on the 1926 College Football All-America Team. Tackle Bud Sprague was a consensus first-team

honoree with first-team designations from the Associated Press (AP) and the Central Press Association (CP). Sprague was later inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. Halfback Harry Wilson was selected as a first-team honoree by Walter Camp, the All-America Board, Collier's Weekly, the International News Service, and the Newspaper Enterprise Association. Guard Ernest Schmidt was selected as a first-team player by the New York Sun. Center Maurice Daly was selected as a second-team honoree by the New York Sun.

This year, 1926, other than the Notre Dame game, played at Yankee Stadium; the Yale Game, played at the Yale Bowl; and the Army-Navy Game, which was played at Soldier Field in Chicago Illinois, all Army games were played at Michie Stadium on the Campus of the US Military Academy in West Point, NY.



About the 1926 Army Navy Game

THE GREATEST ARMY-NAVY GAME

Thanks to Ray Schmidt

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There was a time — more difficult to remember with each passing season — when the results of the annual gridiron showdown between the teams of West Point and Annapolis (that’s Army and Navy) were followed by football fans across the country, and often carried significance in the race for mythical national honors. Yet even more so, the game and its surrounding pageantry represented the best moments of college football. No other rivalry in college football consistently created such anticipation at the host cities, and then actually came through with the color, the excitement, and the spectacle that was unmatched — with even a good football game on occasion.

From this long-running series there is one game that stands above the others as the greatest Army-Navy clash ever, and one of the best in the annals of all college football history. In the early 1940s, *Esquire* magazine conducted a poll and named the game “the greatest in history” to that time, while the long-time prominent coach, Clark Shaughnessy, selected it as one of the 12 greatest games of all-time. Shaughnessy described it as one game “seldom matched for brilliant and courageous individual play, and for daring and spectacular team strategy.” It was of course the legendary 1926 Army-Navy showdown.

In those times, the service academies alternated years in selecting the site for their annual game, and during the 1920s bids were frequently received from several cities — usually always along the Eastern Seaboard. In late 1924, a group from Chicago — supported by U.S. Representatives Fred Britten and Martin Madden of Illinois — entered the bidding to host the 1925 Army-Navy game. The other cities seeking the game included Washington D.C., Philadelphia, Baltimore, and two different groups from New York (one representing the Polo Grounds and the other the relatively new Yankee Stadium). Chicago was under a handicap because of its distance from the two schools, and West Point officials (who would be selecting the 1925 site) were on record as opposing any site that would keep the Corps of Cadets away from the school overnight — a position endorsed by War Secretary John W. Weeks.

The 1925 game was ultimately awarded to the Polo Grounds — despite Yankee Stadium’s larger seating capacity — but Chicago businessmen were soon preparing another bid for the 1926 game

which would be selected by Naval Academy officials. Again, the Midwest city was challenged by New York, Baltimore, and Philadelphia, but this time it was better prepared. The Chicago group announced its willingness to raise \$100,000 for each academy's athletic fund, in addition to the approximately \$600,000 which would be required to cover the expenses of bringing the teams and students to the game. Yet the Eastern cities continued in the role of the favorites.

Political pressure upon the academies intensified, as Midwest congressmen and service men's organizations turned up the heat. No stone was left unturned — in December 1925 the Chicago Herald-Examiner ran an editorial stating that an Army-Navy game in Chicago would “arouse in youthful civilian minds a new understanding of love of country and eager appreciation of what education at West Point and Annapolis means” — this at a time when many leaders of America were urging the need for much better preparedness and training for the nation's youth, given the recent experiences of World War I. In case patriotism didn't strike the right chord, the editorial declared that, “Those great schools are not the exclusive property of the East.”

In the end, political pressure and big money carried the day — along with a stadium that could seat in excess of 100,000 ticket-buying fans — and so Annapolis officials awarded the 1926 game to Chicago.

The Midwest city had built mammoth Grant Park Stadium on the banks of Lake Michigan just south of the downtown area in 1925. Some football games had been played there that first season — including Northwestern's famous 3-2 win over Michigan in the mud — yet for 1926 the stadium was being renamed as “Soldier Field” in memory of World War I military personnel, and the Army-Navy game was selected as the formal dedication event.

Soldier Field was a U-shaped arena with a seating capacity of nearly 100,000, with many of the seats at the north end well beyond the gridiron itself. In anticipation of a large ticket demand for the Army-Navy clash, the Chicago Park Board was having temporary bleachers installed to close the open north end of the stadium — with no concern that these seats would be 30-40 yards beyond the goal posts.

After holding out the seats for the two visiting student bodies and numerous dignitaries, there remained 40,000 decent seats which were priced at either \$15 or \$10 each, with the binocular-type seats priced lower. A full house scaled at these prices would produce gate receipts of approximately \$800,000.

To say the least, the demand for tickets was overwhelming, as over 600,000 ticket requests were received for the 100,000 seats available on sale. Placed in charge of the ticket sales was Colonel H.C. Carbaugh — a 65-year old Army veteran who normally served as supervisor of the Civil Service Department for Chicago's South Park Board Members of the public seeking tickets at times became so aggressive that it was necessary for Carbaugh to have body guards while at work, and police were assigned to protect the entrances to the Park's Administration Building.

Of course, it wouldn't be Chicago without some hint of corruption, and it came to light when U.S. Representative John J. Gorman from Chicago charged that the South Park Board was violating an earlier agreement with the Chicago-area congressmen by only providing them with a hundred tickets each. Gorman added that rumors abounded that each of the park commissioners was receiving 1200 tickets. E. J. Kelly, president of the South Park commissioners, replied that everything possible was being done to distribute the tickets fairly and no attention was being given to the complaints of the congressmen.

Two days before the game Navy's traveling party arrived aboard a special train via the Pennsylvania Railroad Coach Bill Ingram spurned a practice session at Soldier Field, and instead took his Middies to a workout on a secluded grassy island in the Sherman Park lagoon while guards protected all the bridgeways leading over the water. The Army team arrived soon afterward on the Michigan Central line, and Coach Biff Jones then drilled his charges at Soldier Field before the team headed for its accommodations at the South Shore Country Club.

The day before the game the visiting student bodies from the two academies were treated to a luncheon at Marshall Field's giant department store in downtown Chicago, after which the Cadets and midshipmen staged a big parade south on Michigan Avenue as they

marched to Soldier Field for the formal dedication ceremony. Meanwhile, there was also a full slate of luncheons and parties planned to entertain the service personnel throughout the weekend.

Helping to fuel the already overheated college football fans of Chicago was the fact that the two teams were among the nation's elite for 1926 — Navy coming in with a record of 9-0-0 and Army at 7-1-0, with only a narrow 7-0 defeat to Notre Dame marring the Cadets record. The Army team was slightly favored, and its powerhouse included such great players as Chris Cagle, “Lighthorse” Harry Wilson, Chuck Born, Gar Davidson, and Red Murrell; while Navy countered with standouts such as Tom Hamilton, Frank Wickhorst, Tom Eddy, and Whitey Lloyd.

When time for the kickoff finally arrived on November 27, 1926 — amidst concerns over the many counterfeit tickets which had been found in circulation — Soldier Field was jammed with approximately 110,000 fans, with thousands more standing atop every nearby building, water tower, and bridge that afforded any hopes of a glimpse of the action. A New York Times writer surveyed the scene from the rim of Soldier Field and reported that, “Looking off over the top of the stadium, there was nothing to see but people.”

It was later stated that over 18,000 automobiles had been parked around the stadium, while Chicago taxi companies reported that they had made approximately 20,000 separate trips out to the arena. The massive crush of people and cars required the city to assign 1,350 police officers to direct traffic and maintain order. James Bennett of the Chicago Tribune described it as “a multitude that was worthy of the game.”

It was a cold day along the Chicago lakefront, and, except for the sun breaking through on one occasion, the game was played under a gray and heavily clouded sky. Snow banks surrounded the field from an earlier storm that had required 300 men to work the entire night before the game shoveling off the seats of the stadium. Around the rim of the stadium were large American flags which rippled in the wintry breezes off Lake Michigan.

Army kicked off to open the game, and surprisingly, Coach Jones of the Cadets had a half dozen of his first-string players on the sideline.

After the teams exchanged punts, the offensive fireworks began. Starting from its 45-yard line, Navy began to mix an array of short passes with its running attack. After several plays moved the ball to Army's 34, Jim Schuber of Navy faked an end sweep but instead rifled a long pass that Hank Hardwick plucked out of the air at the eight-yard line before being dragged down at the one. Two plays later Howard Caldwell blasted in for the touchdown, and Tom Hamilton's drop-kick made it 7-0, Navy.

Again, the teams returned to an exchange of possessions although Navy clearly held the upper hand, and writer Walter Eckersall later declared that "the Middies appeared unbeatable in the first quarter." Late in the period Navy began a drive from its 43-yard line and, after a penalty set them back to the 32, Hamilton connected on a pass to Schuber that was good for 23 yards. After a couple more plays, Coach Jones rushed the rest of his Army first string into the game just before the quarter ended with the Middies at the Army 22. Several plays later Schuber blasted in from one yard out for the TD, and Hamilton's PAT made it 14-0.

Later in the second quarter Army finally got its offense on track behind the hard running of Chris Cagle and Harry Wilson. Starting from their 37-yard line after a punt, the Cadets got rolling as Wilson broke off a dazzling change of pace run of 23 yards to the Navy 40.

Two plays later, Cagle swept around right end on a 21-yard gallop, and on the next snap Wilson slashed through the left side of the line and sailed 17 yards to Army's first touchdown. Wilson's placekick made it 14-7.

The next time Army had the ball it was unable to move, and so Red Murrell dropped back to his 20, from where he boomed a towering punt that came down to the Middies' Howard Ransford on the Navy 25. Attempting a running catch, Ransford fumbled the ball and the bouncing pigskin caromed off the foot of Army's Skip Harbold and toward the Navy goal line. Catching up with the ball near the 15, Harbold picked it up and rumbled toward paydirt, and despite falling down at the one, the weary cadet managed to squirm into the end zone for the touchdown. Wilson's PAT made it 14-14, and the wild first half soon came to a close.

After the gigantic throng had been entertained by a mock battle between students of the two schools, the second half got underway as Army started from its 26 after Cagle's 20-yard runback of the kickoff. Several plays later Wilson swept around left end for a gain of 15 yards to the Navy 44, and on the next snap Cagle broke up the middle and dashed all the way for the touchdown that put Army ahead 21-14 after Wilson's PAT.

Despite the stunning comeback by the Cadets, the Middies returned to the attack. Both of the high-powered offenses fought back and forth until late in the third quarter when Navy started from its 43-yard line after a punt. Slowly the Middies headed up the field as the action moved into the fourth quarter. Hamilton completed two key passes to Alan Shapley on the drive, and Ransford chipped in a critical gain of eight yards for a first down at Army's 15. The 12-play drive was capped off in sensational fashion when Shapley swept around right end on a fourth down and three play for an eight-yard touchdown run. With the entire stadium holding its breath, Hamilton calmly drop-kicked the extra point to tie it at 21-21.

With just over seven minutes left to play, the surrounding gloom and darkness had gathered to the point where it was increasingly difficult for fans and writers in the press box to distinguish the players on the field. Still, Army mounted one last attempt at the win, starting from its 27-yard line after the following kickoff. On the second play of the series Wilson broke through left tackle for a 28-yard dash into Navy territory, and then he and Murrell alternated in pounding the Middies' line. Finally, checked just inside the 20, Wilson dropped back to attempt a place-kick from the 26. The ball was spotted directly in front of the goal posts, but incredibly Wilson's kick sailed just wide.

The final couple minutes were played in "almost total darkness," as the electric lights over the stadium's entrance tunnels and on the Scoreboard twinkled in the gloom. On the last play of the game Hamilton attempted a desperate pass for Navy, but the aerial was intercepted by (and here's where the darkness contributed to the confusion) either Wilson, Cagle, or Chuck Harding — depending on which game account you choose to accept. The runback was finally halted deep in Navy territory, and so the monumental battle ended in a 21-21 tie.

Combined with Notre Dame's shocking 19-0 loss to Carnegie Tech that same day, undefeated Navy's hard-earned tie gave its supporters plenty of ammunition to debate Stanford for the mythical national championship. Yet more significant was the 1926 game's place in football history. Walter Eckersall described it as "one of the greatest football games ever played," and it remains so to his day. No single game in college football history has ever so completely combined the color, spectacle, national media coverage, public popularity, and top-flight level of play as the Army-Navy battle of 1926 at Soldier Field. Robert Kelley of the New York Times defined the game's significance when he wrote that day: "Football had the greatest pageant, its high spot of color, and so did sport in the United States." <http://www.la84.org/SportsLibrary/CFHSN/CFHSNv17/CFHSNv17n2e.pdf>

Best Army Navy Game # 2

The Nov. 27, 1926 meeting between Army and Navy took place in Chicago and marked the day the stadium there was christened "Soldier Field."

The fans in attendance also saw a heckuva game.

The contest opened with a bit of gamesmanship from Cadets' coach Biff Jones.

A graduate of West Point, Jones theorized that if he started his second-teamers, the Midshipmen would get a false sense of security and not know what hit them the starters were inserted.

The plan nearly backfired, as Navy jumped out to a 14-0 lead on touchdown runs by Henry Caldwell and James Schuber.

However, Army clawed back in it, and ultimately took a 21-14 lead following a 44-yard touchdown run by Chris Cagle that concluded the third quarter.

Midshipmen Alan Shapley responded with an 8-yard touchdown run to give the game its final score.

Navy went on to win the national championship.

1927 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Biff Jones

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1927 college football season. It was their thirty-eighth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Biff Jones in his second of four seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the team had a record of 9-1-0.

The Cadets compiled a 9-1-0 record. They shut out six of their ten opponents, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 197 to 37. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen by a 14 to 9 score. The team's only loss came to national champion Yale by a 10 to 6 score.

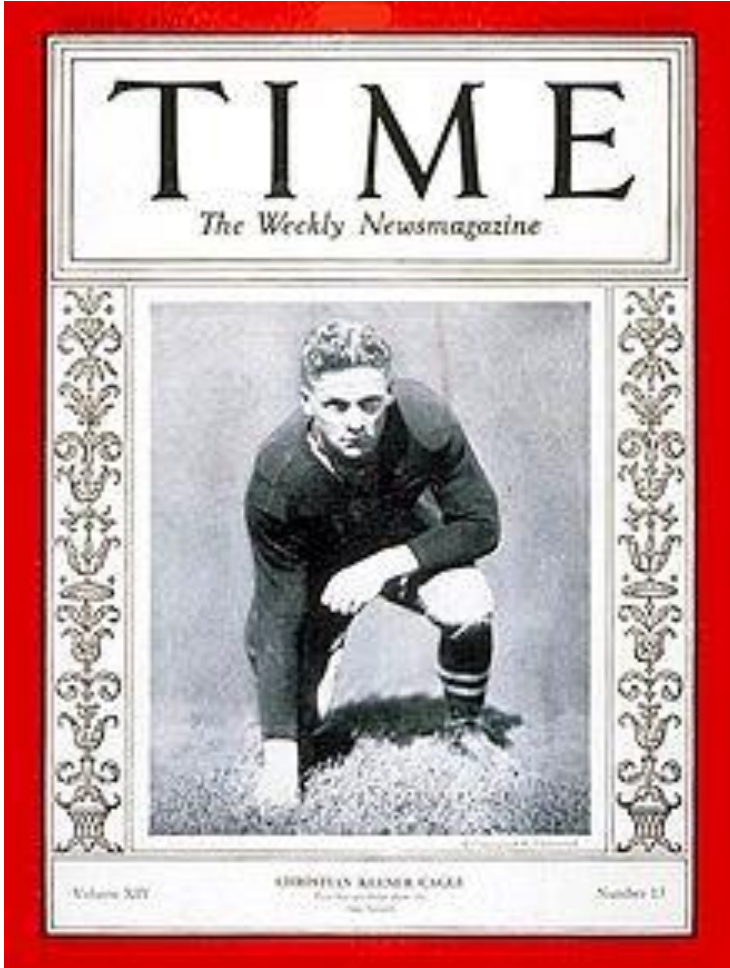
Four Army players were recognized on the 1927 College Football All-America Team. Halfback Red Cagle was a consensus first-team honoree and was later inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. Tackle Bud Sprague was selected as a first-team honoree by the Associated Press (AP), the International News Service (INS), and the Central Press Association (CP). End Charles Born was selected as a second-team honoree by the United Press (UP), Hearst newspapers, New York Sun, and Billy Evans. Tackle George Perry was selected as a first-team honoree by the New York Sun.

This year, 1927, other than the Notre Dame game that was played at Yankee Stadium; the Yale Game that was played at the Yale Bowl; and the Army-Navy Game, that was played at the Polo Grounds in New York, NY, all Army games were played at Michie Stadium on the Campus of the US Military Academy in West Point, NY.

1927 Player Highlights Red Cagle Davis, B

Christian Keener "Red" Cagle was born on May 1, 1905. He was a talented American athlete. Born in De Ridder, Louisiana, he was one of eight children, including five brothers and two sisters. Cagle was named after an uncle, who in turn was named after the late Bishop Christian Keener of the Methodist church. He attended high school in Merryville, a small community about 20 miles (30 km) southwest of De Ridder. According to local legend, he was known for getting off the school bus and racing it to school, a race that he quite often

won. The football field at Merryville High School is named Keener Cagle Field in his honor.



Army's Red Cagle on the Cover of TIME

Cagle was a three-time All-American in football while playing for the United States Military Academy (Army). A star halfback, Cagle's powerful abilities landed him on the cover of Time magazine in 1929.

For five seasons, running from 1930 to 1934, Cagle played professional football in the National Football League. His 1932 salary with the New York Football Giants was second highest in the entire league. The following year Cagle became a co-owner of the

new Brooklyn Dodgers NFL franchise, for which he also played, selling his stake upon his retirement in 1934. Cagle was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1954.

Christian "Red" Cagle had two college football careers. He first starred at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (then named Southwestern Louisiana Institute or SLI) from 1922–1925, where he earned a degree in arts and sciences. In his career at Louisiana-Lafayette, he scored 235 points from touchdowns, extra points and field goals, a school record that lasted until 1989. His time at Louisiana Lafayette has him placed among the all-time greats of early Southern football. Besides being the football captain (1925), he also was a star in basketball and track and field sports at Louisiana-Lafayette, where he received a degree in arts and sciences.

Cagle then played college football for four years at the United States Military Academy (Army) 1926–1929 but did not graduate because he had secretly married in August 1928 in violation of Academy rules. He was forced to resign in May 1930.

Known as the "Red Thunderbolt of West Point," he was an All-American halfback for the last three years. His longest runs were 75 yards against Yale, 1928; 70 yards against Ohio Wesleyan, and 65 yards against Yale, 1929. In four years at Army he scored 169 points, averaged 6.4 yards per attempt in rushing and 26.4 yards on kickoff returns.

He was the team captain at Army in 1929, and in this role, he was featured on the September 23 cover of Time magazine of that same year. Cagle was noted for playing with the chin strap loose from his helmet, and sometimes without helmet. Sportswriters liked to refer to him as "Onward Christian" because of his ability to advance the ball.

Cagle played professional football for five seasons, including the New York Giants from 1930 to 1932. During his final year with the Giants, Cagle was the highest paid member of the team, earning a handsome \$500 per game — second in the entire league to the \$550 per game earned by superstar halfback Red Grange of the Chicago Bears.

Cagle died in 1942, at 37 years of age, from a peculiar mishap the day after Christmas. He was discovered unconscious at the bottom of a Manhattan subway stairwell. According to The Advertiser report, "Cagle tripped and fell the full length of a flight of subway steps." He died three days later of a fractured skull. At the time of his death he had lived in a Queens apartment house with his wife and was employed by an insurance company. What a great talent!

1928 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Biff Jones

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1928 college football season. It was their thirty-ninth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Biff Jones in his third of four seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a record of 8-2-0.

The Cadets compiled an 8-2-0 record. The Cadets offense scored 215 points, while the defense allowed 79 points. The 1928 season was one of the few years in which Army did not play the Navy Midshipmen in the Army–Navy Game.

In the 1928 game versus Notre Dame, held at Yankee Stadium, with the score 0–0 at halftime, legendary Notre Dame coach Knute Rockne gave his "win one for the Gipper" speech (with reference to All-American halfback George Gipp, who died in 1920); Notre Dame went on to defeat Army, 12–6.

Army participated in the best-attended college football game at Yankee Stadium. The game was held on December 1, 1928, when Army lost to Stanford 26–0 before 86,000 fans.

This year, 1928, other than the Notre Dame game that was always played at Yankee Stadium; the Harvard game was played at Harvard Stadium in Boston MA; The Yale Game was played at the Yale Bowl; and the Stanford Game that was played at Yankee Stadium in New York, NY, all other Army games were played at Michie Stadium on the Campus of the US Military Academy in West Point, NY.

1929 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Biff Jones

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1929 college football season. It was their fortieth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Biff Jones in his fourth and last of four seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a record of 6-4-1.

The Cadets compiled a 6-4-1 record. The 1929 game between Army and Notre Dame had the highest attendance in the series at 79,408.

The days of Army having it forever its way at home had come to an end. Army began to play as all other collegiate teams with both home games and away games. The preponderance of exceptions to Army playing at home hit five teams last year. Army chose to compete like all other teams with both home and away games.

Because of Army regulations curtailing the tenure of head coaches to four years, the much beloved Biff Jones stepped down as head man at the end of the 1929 season, sporting an impressive 30-8-2 (.775) record. He was replaced by Ralph Sasse, another favorite.

In the last two years of Biff Jones at Army, the Cadets enjoyed another successful season in 1928 with eight wins but two losses - to Stanford and Notre Dame. However, Army regressed to 6-4-1 in 1929, partly because its star RB, Chris Cagle, injured his shoulder. After the season, Jones was removed from his post since the Army high command considered coaching football at the Academy just another four-year assignment for an officer.

Several years later, Jones would be assigned to the ROTC program at LSU at the request of Huey Long so that Biff could coach the Tigers.

Major Ralph Sasse replaced Jones and kept future coach Red Blaik on his staff along with another assistant, Gar Davidson, whom Blaik could not stand and who would prove to be his nemesis in his quest for the top job on the Plains. Under Sasse, Red became the disciplinarian of the staff, earning the unaffectionate nickname of "The Whip" from the players.

Ralph Irvin Sasse (July 19, 1889 – October 16, 1954) was an American football player, coach, college athletics administrator, and United States Army officer. He served as the head football coach at the United States Military Academy from 1930 to 1932 and at Mississippi State College, now Mississippi State University, from 1935 to 1937, compiling a career college football record of 45–15–4.

1930 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Ralph Sasse
Almost championship

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1930 college football season. It was their forty-first season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Ralph Sasse in his first of three seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a great record of 9-1-1.

The Cadets compiled an 9-1-1 record. They shut out seven of their eleven opponents, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 268 to 22, an average of 24.4 points scored and 2.0 points allowed per game. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen by a 6 to 0 score. The team's only loss was by a 7 to 6 score against an undefeated national champion Notre Dame team in Rockne's final year as head coach.



<< Coach Ralph Sasse

Two Army players were recognized on the 1930 College Football All-America Team. Tackle Jack Price received first-team honors from the North American Newspaper Association (NANA) and the Los Angeles Times. Guard Charles Humber received second-team honors from the International News Service

(INS) and third-team honors from the Associated Press (AP).

All Army home games that were not designated to be played on a neutral field such as Soldier Field in Chicago, Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, or Franklin Field in Philadelphia were played at Michie Stadium on the campus of the US Military Academy in West Point, New York.

On Dec 13, at Yankee Stadium, in the Bronx, NY, the Cadets shut out the Midshipmen in a nail-biter game W (6-0).

1931 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Ralph Sasse

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1931 college football season. It was their forty-second season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Ralph Sasse in his second of three great seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a great record of 8-2-1.

The Cadets compiled an 8-2-1 record. They shut out four of their eleven opponents, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 296 to 72. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen by a 17 to 7 score. End Robert Sheridan broke his neck making a tackle in a 6 to 6 tie with Yale. The Cadets also defeated Notre Dame, 12 to 0. The team's only losses were to Harvard by a 13 to 14 score and to Pittsburgh by a 0 to 26 score.

Two Army players were recognized on the 1931 College Football All-America Team. Tackle Jack Price received first-team honors from the International News Service (INS) and Central Press Association (CP), and halfback Ray Stecker received third-team honors from the INS.

All Army home games that were not designated to be played on a neutral field such as Soldier Field in Chicago, Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, or Franklin Field in Philadelphia were played at Michie Stadium on the campus of the US Military Academy in West Point, New York.

On Dec 12, at Yankee Stadium, in the Bronx, NY, the Cadets shut out the Midshipmen W (17-7).

1932 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Ralph Sasse

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1932 college football season. It was their forty-third season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Ralph Sasse in his third and final season of three great seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a great record of 8-2-0.

The Cadets compiled an 8-2-0 record. They shut out eight of their ten opponents, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 261 to 39. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen by a 20 to 0 score. The Cadets also defeated Harvard, 40 to 0. The team's only losses were to Pittsburgh by an 18 to 13 score and to Notre Dame by a 21 to 0 score.

Three Army players were recognized on the 1932 College Football All-America Team. Guard Milton Summerfelt was a consensus first-team player. End Dick King received first-team honors from the New York Sun, and second-team honors from the Associated Press (AP), Newspaper Enterprise Association (NEA), and International News Service (INS). Quarterback Felix Vidal received third-team honors from the AP.

All Army home games that were not designated to be played on a neutral field such as Soldier Field in Chicago, Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, or Franklin Field in Philadelphia were played at Michie Stadium on the campus of the US Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Notre Dame beat Army on Nov 26 at Yankee Stadium in the Bronx L (0-21) before 78,115 fans. Then, on Dec 32, at Franklin Field in Philadelphia PA, the Army Shut out the Navy W (20-0).

Sasse asks to be relieved of duty

Ralph Sasse's 1930 Cadet squad finished 9-1-1, the only loss coming to - who else? - Notre Dame. The 1931 season brought an 8-2-1

record, including a win over the Fighting Irish. However, the season was marred by the death of E Dick Sheridan in the fifth game. The tragedy deeply affected Sasse, who asked to be relieved after the 1932 season, which ended 8 up 2 down.

Chapter 11 Coaches Garrison Davidson & William Wood, 1933-1940

Davidson Coach # 21
Wood Coach # 22

Year	Coach	Record	Conference	Record
1933	Gar Davidson	9-1-0	Indep	9-1-0
1934	Gar Davidson	7-3-0	Indep	7-3-0
1935	Gar Davidson	6-2-1	Indep	6-2-1
1936	Gar Davidson	6-3-0	Indep	6-3-0
1937	Gar Davidson	7-2-0	Indep	7-2-0
1938	William Wood	8-2-0	Indep	8-2-0
1939	William Wood	3-4-2	Indep	3-4-2
1940	William Wood	1-7-1	Indep	1-7-1



1930-s Army Cadets Football

Garrison Hold Davidson replaces Ralph Sasse as Head Coach

Garrison Holt Davidson
Class of 1927

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Gar Davidson is a 1927 West Point graduate and is honored for a career that includes football accolades as a player, time spent as the head football coach and later, as Superintendent.



Davidson earned two varsity letters as a member of the football team and scored the first touchdown in Michie Stadium. He was also a part of a win and tie opposite Navy.

He was an assistant coach for the "plebe" team for two seasons, was the head coach of the "B" squad for one season and then moved on to head coach for the "plebe" team.

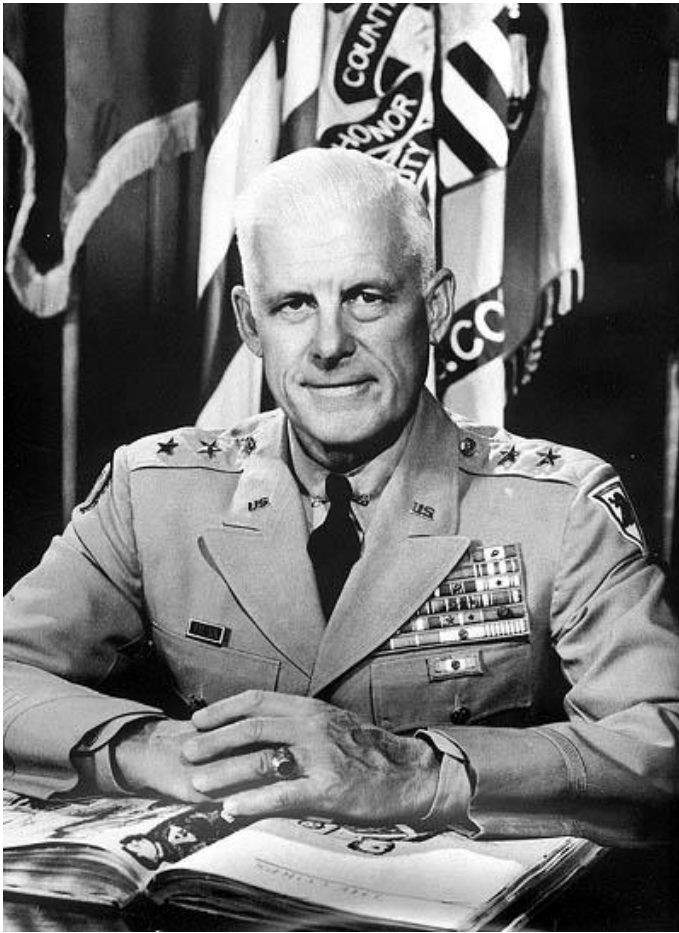
Davidson was the head football coach from 1933-37 and compiled a 35-11-1 mark, including a 3-2 record against Navy.

He later served as Senior Battalion Commander, was an instructor in the West Point Physics Department and worked for Leslie Groves building the Pentagon.

Davidson was selected by George Patton to be Deputy Engineer for Western Task Force Invasion of North Africa. He served as Seventh Army Engineer for the Sicilian Campaign, was an Assistant Division Command of the 24th Infantry and Commandant of the Command and General Staff College.

Davidson returned to West Point as the Superintendent from 1956-60 and retired in 1964 as a lieutenant general.

1933 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Gar Davidson
Almost National Championship



The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1933 college football season. It was their forty-fourth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Gar Davidson in his first of five fine seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a great record of 9-1-0.

<< Coach GAR Davidson

The Cadets compiled a 9-1-0 record. They shut out seven of their ten opponents, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 227 to 26. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets defeated the

Midshipmen by a 12 to 7 score. In the final game of the season, the Cadets lost to Notre Dame by a 13 to 12. But for the one-point difference in this one game, Army would have been undefeated and untied in 1933

Four Army players were recognized on the 1933 College Football All-America Team. Halfback Jack Buckler received first-team honors from the Associated Press (AP), United Press (UP), Newspaper Enterprise Association (NEA), Central Press Association (CP), and New York Sun. Quarterback Paul Johnson received second-team honors from the AP and NEA. Guard Harvey Jablonsky received second-team honors from the NEA, CP, and International News Service (INS). End Peter James Kopcsak received third-team honors from the CP.

All Army home games that were not designated to be played on a neutral field such as Soldier Field in Chicago, Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, or Franklin Field in Philadelphia were played at Michie Stadium on the campus of the US Military Academy in West Point, New York.

In the big games of the year, operating with an undefeated and untied record, was Navy in the Army-Navy Game. On Nov 25, at Franklin Field in Philadelphia PA, the Army defeated the Navy in a close match W (12-13). The next opponent on Dec 2 was a major rival and a spoiler--Notre Dame coached by Hartley Hunk Anderson. Army was undefeated and untied and it was the last game of the season. A win would mean a perfect record. The Irish beat the Cadets on Dec 2 at Yankee Stadium in the Bronx by one point, L (12-13) before 73,594 fans. It was a year that almost was. Nonetheless it was a great year for Army. *A national championship—almost.*

1934 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Gar Davidson

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1934 college football season. It was their forty-fifth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Gar Davidson in his second of five seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a nice record of 7-3-0.

The Cadets compiled a 7-3-0 record. They shut out five of their ten opponents, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 215 to 40. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets lost to the Midshipmen by a 3 to 0 score. The Cadets also lost to Notre Dame by a 12 to 6 score and to Illinois by a 7 to 0 score.

Halfback Jack Buckler was selected by the College Sports Writers as a second-team player on the 1934 College Football All-America Team.

All Army home games that were not designated to be played on a neutral field such as Soldier Field in Chicago, Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, or Franklin Field in Philadelphia were played at Michie Stadium on the campus of the US Military Academy in West Point, New York.

On Nov 24, at Yankee Stadium, in the Bronx, NY, Notre Dame squeaked out a victory over Army L (6-12) before 73,594 fans. On Dec 1 in the Army-Navy Game, played at Franklin Field, Philadelphia, PA, the Midshipmen shut out the Cadets by a field goal L (0-3)

1935 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Gar Davidson

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1935 college football season. It was their forty-sixth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Garrison H. Davidson in his third of five seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a nice record of 6-2-1.

The Cadets compiled a 6-2-1 record. They shut out four of their nine opponents, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 176 to 62. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen by a 28 to 6 score. The Cadets' two losses came against Mississippi State and Pittsburgh. They played Notre Dame to a 6–6 tie.

Two Army players were recognized on the 1935 College Football All-America Team. End William R. Shuler received first-team honors from the Associated Press (AP). Halfback Charles R. Meyer

received second-team honors from the United Press(UP) and North American Newspaper Alliance.

All Army home games that were not designated to be played on a neutral field--such as Soldier Field in Chicago, Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, or Franklin Field in Philadelphia, were played at Michie Stadium on the campus of the US Military Academy in West Point, New York.

In the annual Army-Navy Game, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen W (28-6)

1936 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Gar Davidson

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1936 college football season. It was their forty-seventh season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Garrison H. Davidson in his fourth of five seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a record of 6-3-0.

The Cadets compiled a 6-3-0 record. They shut out their opponents in three of nine games and outscored their opponents by a combined total of 238 to 71. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets lost to the Midshipmen by a 7 to 0 score. The Cadets' other two losses came against Colgate and Notre Dame.

No Army players were recognized on the 1936 College Football All-America Team.

All Army home games that were not designated to be played on a neutral field--such as Soldier Field in Chicago, Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, or Franklin Field in Philadelphia, were played at Michie Stadium on the campus of the US Military Academy in West Point, New York.

The Army-Navy-Game was played on Nov 28 at Municipal Stadium in Philadelphia. The Midshipmen defeated the Cadets L (0-7)

1937 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Gar Davidson

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1937 college football season. It was their forty-eighth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Garrison H. Davidson in his fifth and last of five seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a record of 7-2-0.

The Cadets compiled a 7-2-0 record. They had five games in which the defense gave up just one touchdown and of course they pitched a shutout in the Army-Navy game. Other than that, there were no shutouts. Army was terrific on offense and outscored their opponents by a combined total of 176 to 72. In the annual Army–Navy-Game, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen by a 6 to 0 score. The Cadets' two losses came against Yale and Notre Dame.

For such a fine year, unexpectedly, there were no Army players recognized on the 1937 College Football All-America Team.

All Army home games that were not designated to be played on a neutral field--such as Soldier Field in Chicago, Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, or Franklin Field in Philadelphia, were played at Michie Stadium on the campus of the US Military Academy in West Point, New York.

On Nov 27 in the Army-Navy-Game, played at Municipal Stadium in Philadelphia. The Cadets shut out the Midshipmen W (6-0)

1938 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Gar Davidson

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1938 college football season. It was their forty-ninth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by William Wood in his second of three seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a record of 8-2-0.

The Cadets compiled an 8-2-0 record. They shut out three of ten opponents and outscored their opponents by a combined total of 243 to 95. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets defeated the

Midshipmen by a 14 to 7 score. The Cadets' two losses came against Columbia and Notre Dame.

For such a fine year again, unexpectedly, there were no Army players recognized on the 1938 College Football All-America Team.

All Army home games that were not designated to be played on a neutral field--such as Soldier Field in Chicago, Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, or Franklin Field in Philadelphia, were played at Michie Stadium on the campus of the US Military Academy in West Point, New York.

In the Army-Navy-Game in Municipal Stadium in Philadelphia PA, Army defeated Navy W (14-7)

1939 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach William Wood



<< Coach William Wood

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1939 college football season. It was their fiftieth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by William Wood in his second of three seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a record of 3-4-2.

The Cadets compiled a 3-4-2 record. They outscored their opponents by a combined total of 106 to 105 – just one point—very unusual for Army. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets lost to the Midshipmen by a 10 to 0 score. The Cadets' three other losses came against Yale, Notre Dame, and Harvard. It was a poor year overall for Army.

It was not a great offensive or defensive season for the Army Cadets. This was a truly unusual season but it would set the stage for a worse season the following year and it would make all Army fans clamor for two years from now when the immortal Red Blaik came to town on the coaching side.

Army tackle Harry Stella was selected by the United Press (UP), International News Service (INS), and Newsweek magazine as a first-team player on the 1939 College Football All-America Team.

All Army home games that were not designated to be played on a neutral field--such as Soldier Field in Chicago, Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, or Franklin Field in Philadelphia, were played at Michie Stadium on the campus of the US Military Academy in West Point, New York.

The Army-Navy-Game in Municipal Stadium in Philadelphia PA resulted in Navy's Midshipmen shutting out Army's Cadets L (0-10).

1940 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach William Wood

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1940 college football season. It was their fifty-first season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by William Wood in his third and final year of three seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a record of 1-7-1, which is one of the team's all-time worst records. This would-be Wood's last year as coach before Red Blaik saved the day.

Was it Wood's fault?

Nobody from what I have researched faults William Wood for this poor year or the last poor year. Neither do they overly credit him for the fine first year he had with an 8-2-0 record. After all, in a day when colleges were hiring full-time professionals, Army had been making do with part-timers whose full-time role was being a commissioned officer. Such was the case with Coach William Wood.

The game was quickly changing from football to war at the US Military Academy when the big war was brewing in Europe. After

having secured the neutrality of the Soviet Union (through the August 1939 German-Soviet Pact of nonaggression), we may all remember from our history books that Germany started World War II by invading Poland on September 1, Britain and France responded by declaring on Germany on September 3. This was the beginning of World War II

The US spent a lot of time from 1920 to 1941 analyzing its involvement in World War I. In the years after World War I many Americans quickly reached the conclusion that their country's participation in that war had been a disastrous mistake, one which should never be repeated again. During the 1920s and 1930s, therefore, the US pursued a number of strategies aimed at preventing war. In this end over time, a number of Neutrality acts had been passed to help prevent the US from engaging in such a horrific entanglement ever again.

When Hitler's Germany began the war in 1939 war with Germany on the one hand, and Britain and France on the other, President Franklin D. Roosevelt dutifully went back to American law and he invoked the Neutrality Acts. However, in his heart, Roosevelt believed that this was a fundamentally different war from World War I.

Germany, he believed (and most Americans agreed with him) was in this case a clear aggressor. Without sending troops into battle, Roosevelt therefore sought to provide assistance for the Allies. He was not prepared to have the US enter the war. He began by asking Congress to change the neutrality laws so that the US could make arms sales to the Allies. Later on, after German forces overran France, the president asked Congress for a massive program of direct military aid to Great Britain—an initiative that Roosevelt dubbed "Lend-Lease." In both cases the legislature agreed to FDR's proposals, but only after intense debate.

How involved should the US become? After all, we had an ocean separating us from the war. This issue of involvement in the "European war" deeply divided America for over two years.

On the one hand, Roosevelt and the so-called "internationalists" claimed that a program of aid to Great Britain and other countries

fighting against Germany would make actual U.S. participation in the war unnecessary. On the other hand, there were those, who were called "isolationists," who wanted nothing to with foreign entanglements of war. They believed that the president's policies were making it increasingly likely that the country would wind up in another disastrous foreign war—just like World War I. The fear of such a war was real for sure as only twenty-years had passed.

As 1939 turned into 1940 and then 1940 turned into 1941, and as 1942 was approaching, the US debate on the war continued until some other country, namely Japan “woke up a sleeping giant.” This debate was still raging when Japanese aircraft attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. At this point it was clear that, like it or not, the United States would be a full participant in the Second World War.

From the first inkling of war, especially from 1939 onwards, as important as football was for the service academies, protecting the US from aggression was a much more important mission. It affected everything and football was not an exception.

However, the US Army football team being successful had some bearing on the pride of the US Army servicemen. And, so after not paying much attention to coaching for so many years, the Army Brass knew that for the sake of the Army and the Country and for Army Football, they had to change their coaching philosophy.

After William Wood showed the Brass how bad a football team can get when it is not a priority, the Brass knew things had to change big-time. Luckily, Red Blaik was in the Army coaching pipeline as a former Cadet gridiron star.

Until Blaik was appointed coach in 1941, as noted, the teams of the Army's United States Military Academy at West Point usually had been coached for a tour of duty by a career officer for four years or less at a time. The officer, was assigned to the team in much the same manner as he might be posted to Fort Leonard Wood as supply officer. But when Blaik was lured from Dartmouth, he came with his own set of rules, and Army Brass were mostly happy to play by them. For the first time, a coach was permitted to hire a professional staff and was automatically bestowed the rank of full colonel. He was also

appointed athletic director, and systemized recruiting began at Army. The USMA had entered the era of big-time college football.

There are those of us Army fans who think that the same hard look at Army's football prowess needs to be reexamined today. It seems that Army is well on its way with a great 2016 and more to come in 2017. Can Jeff Monken be the new Red Blaik. Many of us on the fan line sure hope so.

Did hiring Red Blaik work? You bet it did. Hold on to your hats as after we purge this last bad chapter of early Army football from our innards, we get to be entertained through one of the finest periods of football in any American College. The United States Military Academy in the Red Blaik years made itself well known. Hold on... we'll be there soon. Let's look a little more at the scenario into which Red Blaik found himself before we finish this season.

War and Remembrances from Army-Navy Series

December 08, 1991 | By Robert Markus, Chicago Tribune.

The following includes excerpts from this great article from 1991 about what it was like to play football and be at war.

According to retired Col. Morris Herbert, head of the academy's association of graduates, of the 19 players on the Army team in a particular 1941 game (Army-Navy) that we will cover in the next chapter, six would become general officers; five would be killed in action.

Murphy, who retired a two-star general and now lives in Colorado Springs, remembers the main topic of conversation at West Point that winter-how quickly their training would be accelerated.

In previous wars, they knew, the four-year curriculum had been truncated by as much as two years. Murphy, it turned out, graduated on schedule that May. Succeeding classes were put on a three-year cycle for their diplomas.

As for the Army-Navy game itself, that 1941 game was the last in Philadelphia until after the war. It marked the debut of Army graduate Earl Blaik as coach, but that wouldn't be enough to keep Navy from scoring a 14-6 victory.

In time, Blaik would lead Army to incredible heights of glory. He had come to Army after a 45-0 loss to Cornell followed by a 48-0 defeat to Columbia convinced academy officials they needed a professional coach.

Until then, recounts Col. Morris, "They always had part-time coaches. The guy who coached from 1938-1940, Bill Wood, was a cavalry captain who would come back to the Point each fall to coach the team."

When Blaik arrived for his first spring practice, the story goes, he was in the midst of telling his squad that most football games are lost because of poor line play.

Seeing one player who appeared to be half asleep, Blaik barked out:

"Mister, where are most football games lost?"

"Right here at West Point, sir," came the answer.

Morris, who at 14 had seen his first Army-Navy game that year, explains why the game was moved from Philadelphia.

"They were afraid that having both cadet corps in one stadium at one time would be too inviting a target," he said.

"So in 1942, the game was at Annapolis. The cadet corps did not go to the game, so half of the midshipmen were ordered to root for Army. They sang the Army songs and cheered the Army cheers, though I doubt their hearts were in it.

"The next year the game was at the Point, and half the corps had to cheer for Navy."

The 1940 Season with Coach Wood

The Cadets compiled a 1-7-1 record. They were outscored by their opponents by a combined total of 197 to 54. It was the first season since 1899 in which an Army football team had been outscored by its opponents. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets lost to the Midshipmen by a 14 to 0 score. The Cadets also suffered blowout defeats to Cornell (45-0) and Penn (48-0). It was a very poor year overall for Army.

No Army players were honored on the 1940 College Football All-America Team. Three weeks after the end of the 1940 season, the War Department ordered coach Wood back to active troop duty and named Earl Blaik as head coach for the 1941 season. The War Department had been paying attention to the football success of the Cadets. Though the Draft was in play, it was not a good recruiting tool to have an inept football team and so Army took the proper corrective action. Nobody really knew how great the team would become.

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On November 30 Army lost to Navy in Municipal Stadium • Philadelphia, PA L (0–14).

And that folks, is that! Let's now move on to Red Blaik and some much better weather.

Chapter 12 Coach Red Blaik 1941 - 1958

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Year	Coach	Record	Conference	Record
1941	Red Blaik	5-3-1	Indep	5-3-1
1942	Red Blaik	6-3-1	Indep	6-3-1
1943	Red Blaik	7-2-1	Indep	7-2-1
1944	Red Blaik	9-0-0	Indep	9-0-0
1945	Red Blaik	9-0-0	Indep	9-0-0
1946	Red Blaik	9-0-1	Indep	9-0-1
1947	Red Blaik	5-2-2	Indep	5-2-2
1948	Red Blaik	8-0-1	Indep	8-0-1
1949	Red Blaik	9-0-0	Indep	9-0-0
1950	Red Blaik	8-1-0	Indep	8-1-0
1951	Red Blaik	2-7-0	Indep	2-7-0
1952	Red Blaik	4-4-1	Indep	4-4-1
1953	Red Blaik	7-1-1	Indep	7-1-1
1954	Red Blaik	7-2-0	Indep	7-2-0
1955	Red Blaik	6-3-0	Indep	6-3-0
1956	Red Blaik	5-3-1	Indep	5-3-1
1957	Red Blaik	7-2-0	Indep	7-2-0
1958	Red Blaik	8-0-1	Indep	8-0-1



Coach Red Blaik with offensive stars Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis

Earl "Red" Blaik was everything Americans would expect a graduate of the United States Military Academy to be: an officer, a gentleman, and a winner: as West Point's head football coach from 1941 through 1958, he was one of the best coaches ever.

In his 18 years at West Point, he coached two national champions (most credit Army with three national championships—a tie with ND in 1946) and six unbeaten teams. Even more important than his 166 wins, though, was the example of leadership he provided at a place where leadership is prized.

In the mid-1940s, coincidental with the arrival of Red Blaik, Army football became one of college football's greatest dynasties. It was a tumultuous time for America, amid World War II, and college football had been shaken up like every other part of life. Some schools stopped playing. The great basketball powerhouse, Gonzaga, for example, had a nice football program going into World War II.



Like many colleges, their football program went on hiatus during World War II (in April 1942). After the war, the administration decided not to resume it. The program had been in some financial difficulty prior to the war and it seemed like a good idea at the time to forego the sport at Gonzaga.

There were more and more young men heading to combat and other roles to support the war effort. Many top players flocked to military training centers before heading overseas. And, of course, many great players chose to come to West Point. Army football had been strong before and after World War I under great coaches such as Charles Daly and Biff Jones. Army football had a storied rivalry with Notre Dame dating back to 1913 when Rockne and Dorais played for the Irish.

But in the post Rockne era, something happened to Army. From 1932-43, Army failed to beat Notre Dame, managing only two ties. That soon changed under the tutelage of Blaik. Football was maturing as an American sport and strategies were ever so much more important to have successful seasons.

Blaik was already an accomplished football master when he came to Army. It was not an easy decision for him. As a West Point grad, he made a difficult decision to leave Dartmouth, where he had gone 45-15-4 in seven seasons, finishing seventh in the AP poll in 1937. After three solid seasons back at West Point, Blaik's Black Knights went 27-0-1 from 1944-46. It was unexpected and wonderful. Army was beating everybody during the war including the Germans and the Japanese.

Army became undisputed national champions the first two years. In 1944, they didn't allow more than a TD in a game and beat Notre Dame 59-0 and Navy 23-7. In 1945, Army beat then-No. 2 Notre Dame 48-0 and then the Cadets whooped #2 Navy 32-13. In '46, Notre Dame had one of the most talented teams ever, with the war over, and the two battled to a 0-0 tie. The Fighting Irish were voted to be the # 1 college team in the final AP poll when Army barely hung on for a 21-18 win over 1-8 Navy.

Army had a 9-0-1 record and were recognized by the CFB Research Group as champions and by the Helms group for a tie with Notre Dame. Notre Dame's record was 8-0-1 and their support by AP gave the Irish the consensus championship but many consider Notre Army as having a share of the gold that year. ND backers included the National Championship Foundation, AP Poll, Helms (tie).

The below photo shows some action in what is now referred to as the 1946 championship of ND V Army. Let's examine it briefly



This opportune photo above is considered by the football scholars and pundits as the defining play of 1946's "Game of the Century." In this play as you can see clearly in the photo, Notre Dame's Bill Gompers turned the corner on 4th down and headed for Army's goal line. But alas, he did not make it. In fact, he did not even reach the 2-yard line for a first down. In this game, there were no other serious scoring threats, and so this "Game of the Century," ended in a 0-0 stalemate.

Yes it was 1946 and it had been a little more than a year since the war had ended. Army had two in a row and ND had their best team, perhaps ever... Nonetheless, without cell phones or TV and a 24-hour news cycle, somehow everybody in the country knew this game was coming. Many have said that never before had a game been hyped as much as this meeting of #1 Army and #2 Notre Dame.

Other games had been called "Game of the Century" in the past, but this was the first to be widely described as such by the press nationwide before the game.

Army had been kicked around by ND for years and now with two in a row under their belts, Army was confident that it could beat ND a third time. Hey, the Army Cadets were the 2-time defending national champion. They came into the game with a 25-game winning streak. They had whooped Notre Dame 59-0 and 48-0 the previous 2 years. But it was a different ND team this particular year. Frank Leahy, ND's coach, other coaches, and a number of players were now back from the war, and when last this group of were on campus, Notre Dame had beaten Army and had won the 1943 mythical national championship (MNC).

This game had the top greats from the period playing together on the same field. The game featured 3 Heisman Trophy winners, 3 Outland Trophy winners, and 10 Hall of Famers, not counting the Hall of Fame coaches on each side. Notre Dame claims MNCs for 1943, 1946, 1947, and 1949, and Army claims MNCs for 1944, 1945, and 1946. This was a true clash of the titans, an intersection of 2 of the greatest runs in college football history: Army going 27-0-1 1944-1946 and Notre Dame going 36-0-2 1946-1949.

Army kept its spot at #1 after the scoreless tie, but when they struggled to beat 1-8 Navy 21-18 in their final game, Notre Dame passed them up for the #1 ranking in the final AP poll. Above the picture, we showed how all of the organizations listed in the NCAA Records Book see the 1946 mythical national championship (omitting math/computer ratings, which are not generally accepted as MNCs). Both ND and Army have a right to their claims for a national championship. Since there were no official agencies like we have today, most consider that ND and Army shared the 1946 Mythical National Championship.

Army's three-year peak was nearly unmatchable, with Heisman winners Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis sharing the backfield, but it wasn't the end of Blaik's success. While Notre Dame was getting tougher and tougher with Frank Leahy back in football action, Army was doing well with Red Blaik but ND's 36-0-2 record to 1949 was also unmatched.

With Blaik as the master, and a strict disciplinarian, nobody expected what happened to Army. An academic cheating scandal in 1951 ripped apart Blaik's team. Blaik's son was part of the scandal and he was forced to leave the Academy. Blaik persevered and after just a couple down years, including Blaiks's only losing season of 18, Army football bounced back.

Red Blaik ended his career on a high note in 1958, coaching an 8-0-1 team that finished third in the AP poll and featured Heisman winner Pete Dawkins, making it the last national powerhouse West Point football team.

In his career, Earl "Red" Blaik coached three Heisman winners and eight top-10 teams at Army, with two undisputed national championships and claims to share the '46 title as well. To enhance his legacy, Blaik produced an astounding coaching tree, headlined by five-year assistant Vince Lombardi. Now, we get to look at the action in those eighteen years, so hold on folks, we're just a few text lines away. Enjoy!

1941 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Red Blaik

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1941 college football season. It was their fifty-second season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Earl "Red" Blaik in his first of eighteen seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a record of 5-3-1.

The Cadets compiled a 5-3-1 record. They outscored their opponents by a combined total of 105 to 87. The season represented a four-game improvement on the prior year's record of 1-7-1. In the annual Army-Navy Game, the Cadets lost to the Midshipmen by a 14 to 6 score. The Cadets also lost to Harvard and Penn and played Notre Dame to a scoreless tie.

Army halfback Hank Mazur was selected by Life magazine as a third-team player on the 1941 College Football All-America Team.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur in background pic.



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The entire season led to the most important game of the year for Army—its season finale – The Army-Navy-Game played in

Municipal Stadium in Philadelphia PA. Navy's Midshipmen outgunned Army in this close match L (6-14).

Army had recovered with Earl Red Blaik and Army fans could expect about seventeen more great years before it had to worry about consistently winning again.

1942 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Red Blaik

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1942 college football season. It was their fifty-third season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Earl "Red" Blaik in his second of eighteen seasons as head coach of

the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a record of 6-3-1.

The Cadets compiled a 6-3-1 record.

After a long drought, Army again began pitching shutouts. This year there were two with more to come in future years. Army was back in control on offense and defense. They outscored their opponents by a combined total of 149 to 74. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets were shut out by the Midshipmen by a 14 to 0 score. The Cadets also lost to Penn and Notre Dame. Soon Army will be winning against all schools—big and small.

Army had a great team as reflected by the honors received. Four Army players were honored on the 1942 College Football All-America Team. Tackle Robin Olds was selected as a first-team player by Grantland Rice for Collier's Weekly. Tackle Francis E. Merritt was selected as a second-team player by both the Central Press Association (CP) and the Newspaper Enterprise Association (NEA) and was later inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. Halfback Henry Mazur was selected as a second-team player by the International News Service (INS). End James Kelleher was selected as a third-team player by the Sporting News and NEA.

All Army home games that were not designated to be played on a neutral field--such as Soldier Field in Chicago, Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, Thompson Field in Annapolis; Municipal Field or Franklin Field in Philadelphia; were played at Michie Stadium on the campus of the US Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Army had more than recovered and Army fans had an air of confidence about each season and each game in each season forward.

On November 28, at Thompson Stadium Annapolis, MD (Army–Navy Game), the Cadets lost another L (0-14)

1943 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Red Blaik

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1943 college football season. It was their fifty-fourth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by

Earl “Red” Blaik in his third of eighteen seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a record of 7-2-1. Army had begun to win the big ones. This year, the Cadets were the #11 ranked team in the country. Not bad so close to being rock bottom. Wait until 1944 for some real National Level fireworks!

The Cadets compiled a 7-2-1 record. Firing shutouts right and left, the Cadets shut out five of their ten opponents, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 299 to 66. Wow! In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets lost to the Midshipmen by a 13 to 0 score. The Cadets also lost to Notre Dame by a 26 to 0 score, but won convincing victories over Colgate(42-0), Temple (51-0), Columbia (52-0), and Brown (59-0). The fans and alums were most upset by the Navy losses but had confidence that it would end soon. It did.

Two Army players were honored on the 1943 College Football All-America Team. Center Cas Myslinski was a consensus first-team honoree, and tackle Francis E. Merritt was selected as a first-team player by Football News and a second-team player by the Associated Press.

As noted but worth repeating, after a long drought with two shutouts last year, Army had again begun to pitch shutouts. This year there were five with many more to come in future years. Army was back in the saddle on both offense and defense. Soon it would show even more so.

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On Nov 7, the big rival Notre Dame Fighting Irish came to Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, NY and shut out the Cadets L (0-13). Frank Leahy’s #1 ranked Notre Dame team of 1943 had been buzzing around the country picking off all opponents like they had not brought a defense. On Nov 16, Notre Dame showed up at Michie Field in full regalia, ready for a big win against their nemesis Army.

Red Blaik was still fine tuning the Cadets and though they played very well against the Irish. It was not good enough as ND went home with the W but for Army it was L (0-26). Yankee Stadium was alive with excitement as 75,121 fans cheered Army and Notre Dame for a great game.

The United States Air Force was not an entity in 1943 but it was on its way. It was created on September 18, 1947, and its academy became the best training ground for pilots and navigators and other Air-personnel in the world, representing of course, the United States of America

So, when I saw that on Nov 13 this fine football season, that Army had played USNTS Sampson, I figured it was an Air Force operation to-be. They were tough enough to field a football team of their own good enough to take on Red Blaik's soon to-be National Champions. Army had a tough time with these upstarts but pulled out the win for Blaik at Michie on Nov 13, W (16-7). On Nov 20, Brown came to Michie Stadium to get in a good game but got a lot more. They got thumped / shut out by an enlivened Army corps who enjoyed the W (59-0) shootout.

Despite all the good Army play this year, Navy was still a formidable opponent in its baddest of years. This was not one of those. Playing for the first time at Michie Stadium with the Army contingent doing the Navy cheers and the Navy service absent from the game completely, Navy must have loved the sweet Army voices and were invigorated to win the game by shutout v Army L (0-13) Good day for Navy! Bad day for Army! But wait 'til next year!!!!

1944 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Red Blaik National Championship

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1944 college football season. It was their fifty-fifth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Earl "Red" Blaik in his fourth of eighteen seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a perfect record of 9-0-0. Army had learned to win the big ones.

This year, they won everything big to small to all things in-between. This year, the Cadets were the #1 ranked team in the nation Not bad

for a team that four years prior was at the bottom. This year, thanks to the Brass's faith in Red Blaik, the Army celebrated with some live National Level fireworks with a consensus National Championship.

The Cadets compiled a 9-0-0 perfect record. Firing shutouts right and left, the Cadets shut out four of their ten opponents, and outscored their opponents 504 points to 35 points. At the season's end, the team won a national championship. The team captain was Tom Lombardo. Showing the guts of the Army team in all kinds of action, in 1950, Lombardo was killed in action during the Korean War.

Dewitt Tex Coulter was All American as tackle via UP2, Glenn Davis, Halfback, and Doc Blanchard fullback were All American by just about everybody's standards such as AAB, AP, FN, INS, NEA, SN, UP, LK, etc. Army had a great team and great players and a great coach.

Army began its 1944 season on Sept 30 with a whomping shutout of North Carolina W (46-0) All Army home games, were played at Michie Stadium on the Campus of the USMA at West Point. On Oct 7 at home, Army shellacked Brown W (59-7) and then invited Pittsburgh to travel to Michie the following week on Oct 14 to be whacked W (69-7) by the Cadets. The following week at Michie, the @2 ranked Cadets thumped the Coast Guard W (76-0) Army was not trained to hear the cry of "Uncle" from its opponents. Duke looked like a championship team at the Polo Grounds in NY compared to all others who so far had met the onslaught of the Cadet Offense and the quick closes of the West Point Defense. Army did need to work to dispose of Duke W (27-7)

Army scores were never so high because Army had never been quite this good and this was reflected on Nov 4 at Michie v Villanova in a shutout rout W (83-0). No team at Army had ever shellacked Notre Dame until Red Blaik came to town. Red's Cadets beat the Tar out of ND at Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, NY as big as a win v ND could ever be W (59-0).

As good as Penn was, their great team looked like mush meat at Franklin Field when on the same field with Army in 1944. The vaunted Penn got thumped just like everybody else W (62-7). Ya got to give it to the Navy. Despite all the thumping, shellacking,

whomping and outright devastating opponents by large scores, Navy kept its pride. They lost big-time to Army but by a respectable W (23-7). For Army, the navy win was the sweetest of the season.

Army was as good as it gets in 1944.

Great day for Army! Bad day for Navy and it was not about to change the next year.

Army Navy Game #1 Best Game

Army came into this contest 8-0, having outscored opponents by a combined score of 481-28. But, the Cadets also came in with something to prove, having lost to Navy, 13-0, a year earlier.

Making that 1943 result even worse for Army was that the game took place in West Point.

The top-ranked Cadets got their revenge, dominating the No. 2 Midshipmen, 23-7, despite throwing five interceptions and fumbling three times.

Competing two weeks before the Battle of the Bulge and featuring a backfield that included future Heisman Trophy winners Glenn Davis and Doc Blanchard, Army outrushed its rivals, 181-71.

And after the contest, the team received a telegram from Gen. Douglas MacArthur, halfway around the world and full of pride.

"The greatest of all Army teams—STOP—We have stopped the war to celebrate your magnificent success. MacArthur."

1944 Player Highlights Hank Foldberg, End

Henry Christian "Hank" Foldberg, Sr. was born March 12, 1923. He was a great American college and professional football player who later became a college football coach. Foldberg played his first stint of college football for Texas A&M University for one year and then the United States Military Academy. Afterwards, he played

professionally for Brooklyn Dodgers and the Chicago Hornets of the All-America Football Conference (AAFC). He later served as the head football coach of Wichita State University and Texas A&M University.

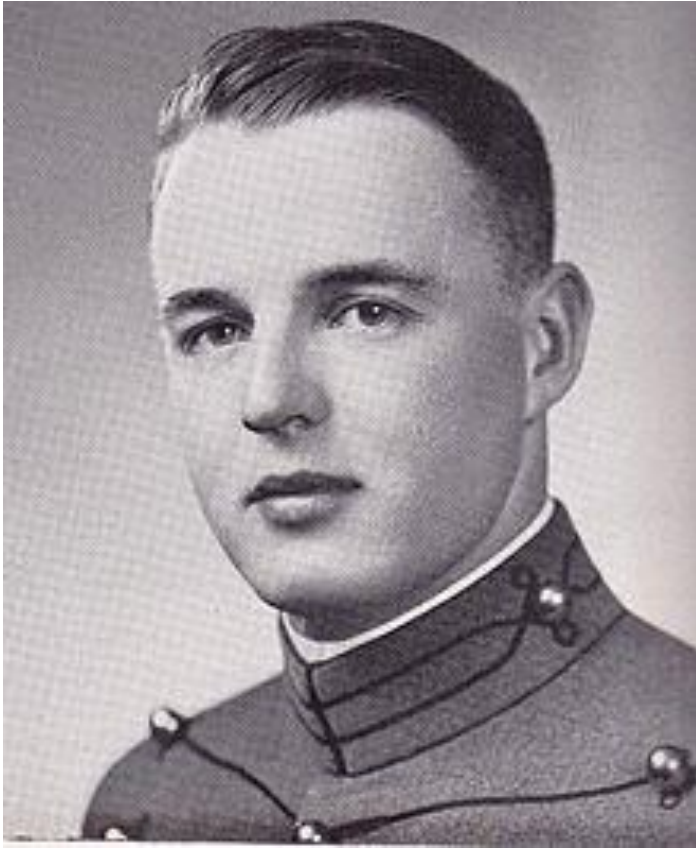
Foldberg played end for coach Earl Blaik's Army Cadets football team from 1944 to 1946. Army produced back-to-back undefeated 9–0 records in 1944 and 1945, and the Cadets were recognized as the Associated Press national champions following both seasons. As a senior in 1946, Army was again undefeated at 9–0–1, with one tie v Notre Dame. Foldberg was recognized as a consensus first-team All-American at End. As a cadet athlete, he also earned varsity letters in lacrosse and baseball.

Foldberg resigned from the U.S. Military Academy in 1948, a year short of graduation, citing family financial hardship.

Hank signed with the Washington Redskins of the National Football League (NFL) after being drafted in the fifth round (twenty-eighth pick overall) in the 1947 NFL Draft. Instead, he decided to remain in school at West Point for another year. He did play professional football in 1948 and 1949, first with Branch Rickey's Brooklyn Dodgers of the AAFC in 1948, and then with the AAFC's Chicago Hornets in 1949. In his two seasons as a pro, he played in twenty-five games, and started fifteen, while catching thirty-one passes for 331 yards. Three teams from the AAFC merged into the NFL in 1950, and the AAFC ceased to exist thereafter.

Foldberg was married to the former Margaret Smith, and they had a son and a daughter. After he left the coaching profession, he entered the real estate business in Arkansas. Foldberg's son, Hank Foldberg, Jr., later played tight end for the Florida Gators football team from 1971 to 1973. Foldberg passed away at his home in Bella Vista, Arkansas. He was 77 years old.

1944 Player Highlights Glenn Davis, B



Glenn Davis 1947 Yearbook Photo

Glenn Woodward Davis was born on the day after Christmas, on December 26, 1924. The Canadians celebrate Boxer day on December 26. Davis was a college and professional American football player for Army and then for the Los Angeles Rams. He is best known for his college football career for the United States Military Academy at West Point from 1943 to 1946. Davis was known as "Mr. Outside." He was named a consensus All-American three times, and in 1946, he won the Heisman Trophy and was named Sporting News Player of the Year and Associated Press Athlete of the Year. He was one of the best football players of all time on one of the best teams of all time.

The son of a Bank Manager, Glenn Davis was born and raised in Southern California. He and his twin brother Ralph played high

school football at Bonita High School in La Verne, California. They both loved the game and both were exceptional players. In 1942, Davis led the Bearcats to an 11–0 record and the school's first-ever football championship, earning the Southern Section Player of the Year award. In 1989, Bonita High's stadium was dedicated in his name. The brothers were close and had originally planned to attend USC in Los Angeles, but when their U.S. Representative agreed to sponsor them with appointments to West Point, they decided to go there. Twin brother Ralph became an outstanding shot-putter at West Point

At West Point, under coach Earl Blaik, Davis played fullback in his freshman season. Blaik moved him to halfback for his three varsity seasons, while Doc Blanchard took over at fullback. With Davis and Blanchard, Army went 27–0–1 in 1944, 1945, and 1946. Davis was nicknamed "Mr. Outside", while Blanchard was "Mr. Inside".

Davis averaged 8.3 yards per carry over his career and 11.5 yards per carry in 1945; both results are records which still stand today. Davis led the nation in 1944 with 120 points. He scored 59 touchdowns, including eight on his freshman squad, in his career. His single-season mark of 20 touchdowns stood as a record for 10 years.

Blanchard and he set then-record 97 career touchdowns by two teammates. The record was broken by USC backs Reggie Bush and LenDale White, who garnered 99 career touchdowns in their time. In 2007, Davis was ranked #13 on ESPN's list of Top 25 Players in College Football History.



Davis depicted with the Rams in 1950

Davis' service obligation ended in 1950, and he finally joined the Rams for their 1950 season. Despite his knee injury, Davis was an effective player, and was even named to the 1950 Pro Bowl, but in 1951, he injured his knee again. He was out for the 1952 season. In September 1953, the Rams released him, ending his professional career.

Davis moved to Texas to work in the oil industry, but returned to California a few years later. He became special events director for the Los Angeles Times, organizing and directing the newspaper's charity fundraising events. He held this job until his retirement in 1987.

Davis was married three times. In 1948, he dated actress Elizabeth Taylor. From 1951 to 1952 he was briefly married to film actress Terry Moore. In 1953, Davis married Ellen Slack; they were married for 42 years, until her death in 1995. They had one son, Ralph.

In 1974, his exploits, and those of the 1944 Army team, are mentioned by Lou Grant while discussing football with another man in a public bar in season five, episode 16 of *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* (1970–77), which aired on Saturday, January 4, 1975. In 1996, Davis married Yvonne Ameche, widow of NFL star Alan Ameche. Davis passed away in 2015

1945 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Red Blaik National Championship

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1945 college football season. It was their fifty-sixth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Earl "Red" Blaik in his fifth of eighteen seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a perfect record of 9-0-0 for the second year in a row. Hard as it is for most humans to believe, this is the same record that Army posted last year and it is not a duplicate. That's how good the Army team had gotten because of Red Blaik and the Army Brass loosening up on items in the agenda that were not football oriented.

Army had already learned to win the big ones. This year, they won everything again. The Cadets were the #1 ranked team in the nation

The Cadets compiled a 9-0-0 perfect record. The Cadets shut out five of their nine opponents, and they outscored their opponents 412 points to 46 points. At the season's end, the team won a national championship.

Doc Blanchard won the Heisman Trophy in 1945. Army All Americans are listed below with their positions, and sponsoring group to the right

Glenn Davis--Halfback—AAB, AFCA, AP, COL, FWAA, INS, LK, NEA, SN, UP, CNS, CP, NL, NYS, OF, WC, YA

Doc Blanchard—Fullback—AAB, AFCA, AP, COL, FWAA, INS, LK, NEA, SN, UP CNS, CP, NL NYS, OF, WC, YA

Tex Coulter--Tackle—AAB, AFCA, AP, COL FWAA, INS, NEA, SN, UPCNS, CP, NL, NYS, OF, WC

John Green—Guard—AAB, AFCA, COL, FWAA, LK, SN, UP, CNS, CP, WC

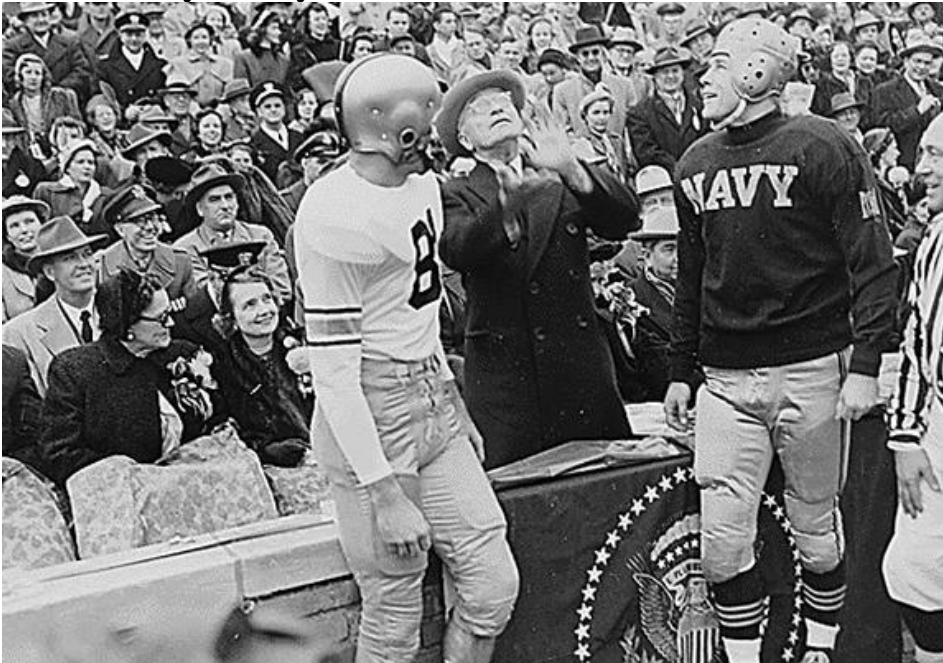
Army began its 1945 season on Sept 30 with a shutout of Louisville AAF, W (32-0). This home opener and all Army home games, were played at Michie Stadium on the Campus of the USMA at West Point. On Oct 6 at home, Army shellacked and shut out Wake Forest W (54-0) and then invited Michigan to Yankee Stadium for a neutral game. The Cadets beat the Wolverines W (28-7) On Oct 20, #1

Army played against the Melville PT Boats in a big win W (55-13). On Oct 27, the Cadets beat Duke at the Polo Grounds in NY W (48-13)

On Nov 3, the Cadets defeated Villanova at home at Michie in a blowout W (54-0). The Cadets had blowout fever as they kept it up another week this time blowing Notre Dame out of Yankee Stadium W (48-0). On Nov 17, the Cadets pounced on the Penn Quakers in at Franklin Field a big rout W (61-0). In the Army Navy-Game on Dec 1, Army defeated Navy in a tough game but the score was very convincing as to who the best was in the battle of the service academies. W (32-13). Army, for the second year in a row, 1945, was as good as it gets.

Dec 1 was a great day for Army! It was a bad day for Navy and it was not about to change the next year.

Best Army Navy Game #3



President Truman Tossing the Coin

This is well before 2011's LSU-Alabama game was designated the first "Game of the Century."

And this one was all Army.

Behind the play of eventual Heisman Trophy winner Felix "Doc" Blanchard, the top-ranked Cadets topped No. 2 Navy, 32-13.

Blanchard finished the day with three touchdowns, one of which came on an interception.

His backfield mate, Glenn Davis, who also left West Point with a Heisman, made up for throwing an early interception by running for a 28-yard touchdown late in the game.

Army would go on to win the national championship.

1945 Player Highlights John Green L



John "Jack" Green was born on September 15, 1924. He was a great American football player and coach. A native of Shelbyville, Kentucky, he started his college playing career as a letterman for Tulane in 1942. He was then appointed to the United States Military Academy where he played from 1943 to 1945. At Army, Green was a

two-time All-American and played on consecutive national championship-winning undefeated teams in 1944 and 1945. Green stood 5-11, weighed 190-pounds and was one of the finest guards ever to play for Army.

He was named to Collier's All-America team in 1944 and was a consensus All-America selection in 1945 and Green was captain of the 1945 team. He was also on the wrestling team. Green served as assistant Army coach under Earl Blaik in 1946, then completed a five-year tour of duty and retired from the Army with the rank of captain. He went into coaching for a 14-year period.

This included four years as head coach at Vanderbilt 1963-1966 and service as assistant coach at Tulane, Florida, Kansas and Baylor. He went into business in Nashville, Tennessee. He was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame as a player in 1989.

1945 Player Highlights **Tex Coulter, L**

Tex Coulter was born on Oct 2, 1924 in Red Springs Community, Smith County, Texas. He grew up in an orphanage in Fort Worth. It is said that whatever security he found at first stemmed from his huge six-foot-five, 270-pound frame. After service in World War II he earned an appointment to West Point, played two seasons at tackle on the great Blanchard-Davis football teams of 1944-1945. Later he turned to the pro game with the New York Giants and the Montreal Alouettes.

Coulter, known as Tex, was an all-American on Army's 1945 national championship team. He paid Blanchard and Davis a great compliment in this quote: "He and Doc were both easy to block for," says DeWitt (Tex) Coulter, an All-America tackle on the Blanchard-Davis teams. "You didn't really need to get in a solid lick, because they had this sense of where to go, that great running instinct."

"I never regarded Glenn as exactly shy, but Doc was looser, less straitlaced," says former teammate Coulter. "He was just a lot of fun. I remember Colonel Blaik asking each of us before our first

practice if we drank. Well, most of us dodged that one, but Doc just said, 'Oh, sure.' "

He then played left tackle for the Giants from 1946 to 1952 and made the All-Pro team in 1948 and 1949.

A high school star at Masonic Home in Fort Worth during the 1940s, Coulter was inducted into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame in 1997.

1944 Player Highlights Doc Blanchard, B



Doc Blanchard Yearbook Picture

Felix Anthony “Doc” Blanchard was born in 1924. He was a great athlete and especially a great college football player. He led Army to three consecutive National Championships in 1944-1946 and as a junior, became the first college football player to win the James E. Sullivan Award, as the nation’s “outstanding amateur athlete” while

also grabbing both the Heisman Trophy and Maxwell Award that same year (1945).

He had led his St. Stanislaus College high school team to an undefeated season as a senior, and thus, he was highly recruited and he chose to play for the University of North Carolina Tar Heels. However, in 1943, during World War II, “Doc” (named for his father’s profession as a boy), enlisted in the United States Army and his father secured him an appointment to West Point where he played three more seasons.

In 1944, as Army faced Notre Dame, Doc Blanchard compiled 56 of the teams 59 points in their 59-0 rout of the Fighting Irish. Following the game, Notre Dame coach Ed McKeever quipped, “I’ve just seen Superman in the flesh. He wears number 35 and goes by the name of Blanchard.” He served as fullback for the Cadets, but also played linebacker, placekicker and punter with Army and in 1944, he earned All-American honors (his first of three selections) as he led them to the first of three straight College Football National Championships – the only three in school history to date, though there are some mythical championships and a lot of undefeated seasons that may count over time.

Blanchard, also known as “Mr. Inside” to Davis’ “Mr. Outside”, won the Heisman Trophy, Maxwell Award and the first ever James E. Sullivan Award in 1945, becoming the first junior to garner all three awards. Displaying the duo’s absolute dominance of their era, Davis won the Maxwell Award in 1944 and then took home the Heisman in 1946. Playing under Earl “Red” Blaik, Blanchard and his backfield partner in crime Glenn Davis led the Cadets to an undefeated 27-0-1 record, with the only blemish coming in a 0-0 tie with Notre Dame in 1946.

In the 1946 NFL Draft, the Pittsburgh Steelers selected Doc third overall, but he chose a career in the United States Air Force as a fighter pilot. After a 25-year career in the Air Force, receiving multiple commendations for bravery and service, Doc Blanchard retired in 1971 as a full colonel. He then spent a number of years as the commandant of Cadets at the New Mexico Military Institute. In 1959, Doc Blanchard was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

Since 2004, Rotary International has presented the Doc Blanchard Award and the Glenn Davis Award to the top two high school football players participating the U.S. Army All-American Bowl as the players “who best exemplify the U.S. Army’s high standard of excellence in community service, education and athletic distinction.”

1946 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Red Blaik National Championship

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1946 college football season. It was their fifty-seventh season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Earl “Red” Blaik in his sixth of eighteen seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had an undefeated record of 9-0-1 with a tie to spoil it from being perfect.

The Cadets spent most of the season as the #1 ranked team in the nation. The Cadets compiled a 9-0-1 undefeated record. The Cadets shut out five of their nine opponents, and they outscored their opponents 263 points to 80 points. At the season’s end, the team came in #2 according to AP. The squad was also recognized as national champions for the 1946 season by several selectors. The 1946 Army vs. Notre Dame football game at Yankee Stadium is regarded as one of college football's Games of the Century. 1946 college football season.

The 1946 NCAA football season finished with the Notre Dame Fighting Irish crowned as the national champion in the AP Poll, with the United States Military Academy named as national champion in various other polls and rankings. In history, most observers give both teams credit as National Champions. Their 0-0 head to head battle proved both teams were great.

Glenn Davis won the Heisman Trophy in 1946. Army All Americans are listed below with their positions, and sponsoring group to the right

Glenn Davis—Halfback—AAB , AFCA, AP, CO, FWAA, INS, NEA, SN, UP, CP, WC

Doc Blanchard—Fullback—AAB, AFCA, AP, CO, FWAA, INS, NEA, SN, UP CP, WC

Hank Foldberg—End—CO, INS, NEA, UP

The 1946 Army football season began later in September earlier later than usual on Sept 21 with a shutout of Villanova, W (35-0) This home opener and all Army home games, were played at Michie Stadium on the Campus of the USMA at West Point. On Sept 28, at home, Army defeated Oklahoma W (21-7). On Oct 5. On Oct 12 at Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor, MI, the #2 Cadets defeated the #4 Wolverines W (20-13). On Oct 19, at home, the Cadets defeated the Columbia Terriers W (48-14)

On Oct 26, at the Polo Grounds in NY City, NY, the Cadets shut out the Duke Blue Devils, W (19-0). home, Army then shut out West Virginia by the same score W (19-0) a week later on Nov 2.

On Nov 9 at Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, NY. the Cadets and the Fighting Irish played what many call the best college football game in history. If you like high scoring games, you would not like this game but if you like tough, smash-mouth football, this was the best game ever. It was a battle of #1 Army coached by the immortal Red Blaik, v #2 Notre Dame coached by the immortal Frank Leahy. Neither team would give an inch—literally and the game wound up in a scoreless tie T (0-0).

On Nov 16, the Cadets still ranked #1 after the tie, defeated the #5 ranked Penn Quakers W (34-7). At the end of the season, Navy was all that mattered to Army and the Cadets had a real tough game against the Midshipmen but prevailed by the close score of W (21-18). At Philadelphia's Municipal Stadium in PA.

1947 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Red Blaik

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1947 college football season. It was their fifty-eighth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Earl "Red" Blaik in his seventh of eighteen seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a record of 5-2-2.

The Cadets compiled a 5-2-2 record. They shut out four of their nine opponents, and they outscored their opponents 220 points to 165

points. At the season's end, the team came in #11 in the National standings.

The Black Knights offense scored 220 points, while the defense allowed 165 points. At season's end, the team ranked eleventh in the National standings.

Army had six players in the running for All-American honors as follows: **First Team:** Center: Jimmy Hartinger (Army) First Defense: John McEnery (Army); **Second Team:** First Defense: Hank Foldberg (Army) Goal: John Rust (Army) **Third Team:** Attack: Ted Marley (Army); **Honorable Mention:** Bob Montague (Army):

On Nov 29, Army had hit the end of its scheduled season and it was time for the *raison d'être* (reason for being). This of course was the traditional season finale v the Midshipmen of Navy. Navy was all that mattered to Army and the Cadets had a real tough game against the Midshipmen but managed to shut them out W (21-0) in Philadelphia's Municipal Stadium in PA.

1948 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Red Blaik Almost National Championship undefeated

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1948 college football season. It was their fifty-ninth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Earl "Red" Blaik in his eighth of eighteen seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had an undefeated record of 8-0-1.

The Cadets compiled an 8-0-1 record. They shut out two of their nine opponents, and they outscored their opponents 294 points to 89 points. At the season's end, the team came in #6 in the National standings.

During the season, head coach Earl Blaik implemented a two-platoon system, using specialists strictly for offense and defense. Offensive coach Gillman left Army after the season to become the head coach at the University of Cincinnati.

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As happens just about every year, after a good or bad season, Army gets to play in the Army-Navy-Game. This year, the game was played on Nov 27 in Philadelphia Municipal Stadium in Phila., PA. Army was undefeated but that did not matter to Navy and they pulled out all the stops and the Midshipmen were able to tie the Cadets in a tough encounter T (21-21).

Going into the game undefeated, one must ask what impact the tie to Navy had on the Red Blaik team's opportunities for another National Championship. Well, we know it did not help one bit, no matter how tough a game it was.

1949 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Red Blaik
Almost championship undefeated and untied – shoulda been!!!
Lambert Trophy Champions

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1949 college football season. It was Army's sixtieth season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Earl "Red" Blaik in his ninth of eighteen seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had an undefeated and untied record (perfect) of 9-0-0.

The Cadets compiled a 9-0-0 record. Is that not impressive in its frequency? They shut out two of their nine opponents, and they outscored their opponents 354 points to 68 points. Army was phenomenal and had a perfect record but it was not good enough for those calling the shots. At the season's end, the team came in #4 in the National standings. You cannot do much better than a perfect record.

Arnold Galiffa was the starting quarterback. Blaik had picked him ahead of his own son, Bob. Johnny Trent was the team captain. The Cadets won the Lambert-Meadowlands Trophy as the best college team in the East. At season's end, Red Blaik confessed that he thoughts of retiring. Why no National Championship with a perfect record? They are not too easy to come by. Red Blaik was simply a great coach. Even he wondered what was wrong with "perfect." Looking at the schedule, one must conclude that the teams Army played were not slackers.

The 1949 Army football season began with a blowout on Sept 24, over Davidson, W (47-7) This home opener and all Army home games, were played at Michie Stadium on the Campus of the USMA at West Point. On Oct 1, at home, Army won by a blowout over Penn State by the same exact score W (47-7). Feeling good about winning, the Army Cadets took on the #1 ranked Michigan team in Michigan Stadium on Oct 8, and put a hurt on the Wolverines creating a W 21-7) victory for Army. On Oct 15, at Harvard's Harvard Stadium in Boston MA, the Cadets beat the Crimson in a shootout W (54-14).

On Oct 22, #2 ranked Army defeated Columbia at home W (63-6). Then, on Oct 29, at home, #2 Army beat VMI w (40-14). On Nov 5, at home, the Cadets shut out Fordham W (35-)

Next up on Nov 12, in another very good Army year a tough Penn Team showed up and demanded to be played. This game was at Franklin Field, Philadelphia PA. The Cadets beat the Quakers in another tough battle W (14-13).

Regardless of how Army or Navy played through any season, either can have a fan/alumni resurrection with a victory over the other in the Army-Navy-Game. This year, the game was played on Nov 26 in Philadelphia Municipal Stadium in Philadelphia, PA. Army was undefeated but that did not matter to Navy and the Midshipmen tried to do what it could to shape the game's eventuality. Since Army dominated by a shutout win of W (38-0). I am really not sure what Navy could have done to look better other than to have been able to play better against a phenomenally tough Army team/

Going into this game undefeated, one must ask what impact a great win over Navy had on the Red Blaik team's opportunities for another National Championship. Well, we know it did not happen and many wonder to this day, Why Not? To Army, Red Blaik was like Knute Rockne was to Notre Dame. And, form a guy who studied both; he should have been. Blaik, who retired in 1958, is recognized as is Rockne, as one of college football's true immortals. He was

1950 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Red Blaik

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1950 college football season. It was Army's sixty-first season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Earl "Red" Blaik in his tenth of eighteen seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a great, almost perfect record of 8-1-0. Try and do better yourself.

The Cadets compiled an 8-1-0 record. Considering how frequently Earl Blaik brought in a great team, that is another impressive record. They shut out five of their nine opponents, and they outscored their opponents 267 points to 40 points. Bob Blaik, the son of the coach, was the starting quarterback.

Army had a phenomenal one-loss (to Navy) record and the team did quite well finishing #5 in the Coaches' poll and #2 in the AP poll. Nothing including a championship level record mattered in the Army-Navy Game. All Army's great record did was make a poor Navy team ((2-6 going into the game) want to play better and they did. They topped the Cadets L (2-14), finishing their season at 3-6.

With President Harry S. Truman in attendance, Navy beat Army by a score of 14-2. It was the first time Navy had beaten Army since 1943. Tough teams meet tough challenges. Tough soldiers always play to win but sometimes, despite their best, they are stopped from achieving. There are many heroes in the Army and the Navy and in the graves that hold the bones of brave men, who gave it all up for God and country.

Army had sailed through its second undefeated season in a row, except for one thing. The Cadets had to meet the poorly playing Midshipmen at Municipal Stadium for a season finale on Dec. 2. With a really lousy 2-6 record few pundits gave Navy a chance to avoid an embarrassment at the hands of Army. The Cadets were big favorites but then again, this was the Army-Navy Game when all bets are off. Navy kept Army in a hole the entire game and the Cadets blew an opportunity for being undefeated two years in a row simply because a stubborn Navy team would not let them win. Navy prevailed L (2-14)

1951 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Red Blaik

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1951 college football season. It was Army's sixty-second season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Earl "Red" Blaik in his eleventh of eighteen seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had its worst season under coach Red Blaik 2-7-0, their legacy immortal coach. It proved just one thing. Even Red Blaik was human.

The Cadets compiled a 2-7-0 record. Considering how frequently Earl Blaik brought in a great team, this was a major anomaly. It is another impressive record. The Cadets offense scored 116 points, while the defense allowed 183 points. There were no shutouts either way in 1951.

From the moment Army lost to Navy in 1950 after going undefeated, Coach Blaik was agitated by the loss. He held on to the agitation long after Army suffered the loss to Navy in 1950—well into the off-season. Blaik had another peeve that really frosted him. Around Army guys all his career, he was upset over the dismissal of General Douglas MacArthur.

Sam Galiffa, who was part of the 1949 team, and who, at the time was a decorated aide to General Matthew Ridgway, arranged for members of the Army coaching staff to come to Japan in the off-season to visit the troops.

Vince Lombardi and Doug Kenna first visited Tokyo and conducted several football clinics for the troops stationed there. Although defensive coordinator Murray Warmath helped the discharged players relocate to other schools, it was his last year at Army. He left at the end of the season to become the head coach for Mississippi State.

Red Blaik ultimately had more to worry about than the Navy loss. The Cadets, working hard to become soldiers in the shortest route possible, engaged in a massive honor code academic violation. It was revealed in the spring of 1951. There were accusations that football players were distributing unauthorized academic information to help

assure that their “brothers” made it through the rigors and got their commissions.

This travesty was reported to Colonel Paul Harkins on April 2. It was later revealed that Red Blaik's son, Bob, was part of the honor code violation. On August 3, the violations were announced and several athletes were implicated in the scandal. Army Cadets do their best at all times to avoid black marks on themselves and the Academy. They did not get away with this one.

Joseph P. Kennedy spoke to assistant coach Doug Kenna, and he helped pay the way for several discharged players to attend Notre Dame. Bob Blaik, son of the Coach, left Army for Colorado College. Of the players that were discharged, three went on to careers in the National Football League: Al Pollard, Gene Filipiski and Ray Malavasi. Malavasi also become head coach of the Los Angeles Rams. The message is that without the gradebook, the season would have been lost healthier than 2-6.

With such top Army talent playing for other colleges after the scandal, the makeshift team that was assembled was clean of honor violations, but their lack of strong talent was still a reminder of the reason why Army was in the doldrums in 1951. After losing several games to Ivy League schools, Army's scrappy team defeated Columbia for its first win. The team received a congratulatory note for this effort from General Douglas MacArthur. There would be few accolades this season.

In week 6 of the season, the Cadets played the great NY Giant Halfback Frank Gifford, who was a mainstay of the USC Trojans squad. The game, which Army lost by a respectable score, 28-6, was played at Yankee Stadium.

Going into the Army–Navy game, the Cadets had a very poor record of 2 wins and 6 losses. This was Blaik's only losing season at Army. In the Army–Navy game, Navy scored two touchdowns before Army even ran an offensive series. Army could not keep up with Navy and the Cadets were thumped by the aggressive Midshipmen W (42-7). Red Blaik coached a 2-7 team and it really was about as good a season as any coach could have made it.

Army always competed tough and nobody pushed them over—well nobody other than Navy every now and then. So now in the final game of the year, there was hope that this scrappy group of courageous Cadets would find something from a season of Blaik coaching and at least look good. It did not happen as Navy loved beating Army as bad as it could and the Midshipmen would not let go until they had achieved a big victory over Army L (7-42). Navy did everything but shut out Army in this game but it sure tried to do so. Army does not forget easily.

1952 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Red Blaik

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1952 college football season. It was Army's sixty-third season of intercollegiate football. They were coached by Earl "Red" Blaik in his twelfth of eighteen seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had its second worst season under coach Red Blaik 4-4-1, their legacy immortal coach.

After having the better players on his 1950 team stripped from ever becoming upperclassmen, Blaik had himself an unwanted rebuilding year in 1952. It was not so bad as 1951, which had set the bottom of the troth for Army. Yet, it was not so good so nobody was cheering Army while the Cadets were losing four games, gaining zero shutouts, and suffering two shutouts on the way to a medsa medsa season.

Nobody in New York State was looking for a loss against the Midshipmen in the Army Navy Game but that is exactly what Navy delivered at Municipal Field in Philadelphia PA. Army and Navy played well but Navy won the game in a nail-biter L (0-7).

1953 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Red Blaik Won the Lambert Trophy

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1953 college football season. It was Army's sixty-fourth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Earl "Red" Blaik in his thirteenth of eighteen seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had another fine season under coach Red Blaik 7-1-1,

The Cadets compiled a 7-1-1 record. After his 1952 building year, the building was done, and the Red Blaik Army team was ready to kick butt. Not sure if “Kick Butt” was an appropriate Army slogan but the fans did not care. Army was back. The Cadet fans were cheering for Army while the Cadets were winning most of their games. The Army Cadets finished the season by winning the Lambert-Meadowlands Trophy, awarded to the top college team in the East.

The Cadets had lost six players, including Freddie Myers, to academic ineligibility. The Cadets defeated Furman 41–0, the team’s first shutout since the 1951 scandal, and the goings became bright.

After a tough loss to Northwestern, the Cadets were undefeated for the rest of the season. The season-making or breaking encounter with the Midshipmen in the Army-Navy Game was on Nov 28 at Municipal Stadium, Philadelphia, PA. Army put Navy away W (20–7)

1954 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Red Blaik

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1954 college football season. It was Army’s sixty-fifth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Earl “Red” Blaik in his fourteenth of eighteen seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had another fine season under coach Red Blaik 7-2-0.

The Cadets compiled a 7-2-0 record. Army outscored all opponents by a combined total of 325 to 127. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets lost to the Midshipmen by a close 27 to 20 score. The Cadets also lost to South Carolina by a 34 to 20 score in the first game of the season.

Four Army players were honored on the 1954 College Football All-America Team: halfback Tommy Bell (FWAA, INS-1, NEA-2); end Don Holleder (AFCA, INS-2, NEA-1, UP-1, CP-1); guard Ralph Chesnauskas (AP-1, UP-3); and quarterback Pete Vann (INS-2, UP-3, CP-2).

On Nov 27, with a 7-1 record, Army played the #6 ranked Navy Midshipmen at Municipal Stadium Philadelphia, PA in the annual (Army–Navy Game). The game was close but it resulted in an Army loss L (20–27).

1955 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Red Blaik

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1955 college football season. It was Army's sixty-sixth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Earl "Red" Blaik in his fifteenth of eighteen seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had another fine season under coach Red Blaik 6-3-0.

The Cadets compiled a 6-3-0 record. Army shut out two opponents and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 256 to 72. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen by a score of 14 to 6. The Cadets also lost to Michigan, Syracuse, and Yale. No Army players were honored on the 1955 College Football All-America Team.

On Nov 26, with a 5-3 record, unranked Army played the #11 ranked Navy Midshipmen at Municipal Stadium Philadelphia, PA in the annual (Army–Navy Game). The game was close but it resulted in a nice Army win W (14–6).

1956 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Red Blaik

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1956 college football season. It was Army's sixty-seventh season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Earl "Red" Blaik in his sixteenth of eighteen seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had another fine season under coach Red Blaik 5-3-1.

The Cadets compiled a 5-3-1 record. Army shut out two opponents and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 223 to 153. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets tied the Midshipmen by a score of 7 to 7. The Cadets also lost to Michigan, Syracuse, and Pittsburgh. No Army players were honored on the 1955 College Football All-America Team.

Army guard Stan Slater was honored by the United Press as a third-team player on the 1956 College Football All-America Team.

On Nov 26, with a 5-3 record, the unranked Army Cadets played the unranked Navy Midshipmen at Municipal Stadium Philadelphia, PA in the annual (Army–Navy Game). The game was as close as it could get and it ended in a tie T (7-7).

1957 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Red Blaik

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1957 college football season. It was Army's sixty-eighth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Earl "Red" Blaik in his seventeenth of eighteen seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had another fine season under coach Red Blaik 7-2-1.

The Cadets compiled a 7-2-0 record; shut out one opponents and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 251 to 129. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets lost to the Midshipmen by a score of 14 to 0. The Cadets also lost to Notre Dame by a score of 23 to 21.

Two Army players were honored on the 1957 College Football All-America Team. Back Bob Anderson was a consensus first-team selection. Center Jim Kernan was a second-team selection of the International News Service (INS). The Cadets finished at #13 in the Coaches poll and #18 in the AP poll.

On Nov 30, with a 7-1 record, the #10 ranked Army Cadets played the unranked Navy Midshipmen at Municipal Stadium Philadelphia, PA in the annual (Army–Navy Game). The game was close but Navy got the win in a shutout W (0-14).

1958 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Red Blaik **Almost championship undefeated Heisman winner**

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1958 college football season. It was Army's sixty-ninth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Earl "Red" Blaik in his eighteenth and last of eighteen seasons as

head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had an undefeated season under coach Red Blaik 8-0-1.



Legendary Army coach Earl "Red" Blaik with talented halfback, Bob Anderson, in 1958.

The Cadets compiled an 8-0-1 record; shut out two opponents and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 264 to 49. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets beat the Midshipmen by a score of 22 to 6. The Cadets also tied Pittsburgh 14 to 14. At season's end, the team was third in the national rankings by both major polling organizations. Red Blaik had a phenomenal record at Army and is the premiere Army immortal coach with an overall record of 121-33-10. Just phenomenal!

Pete Dawkins was honored after this season with the Heisman Trophy.

For whatever reason, perhaps because of the low score against Rice, Army slipped to #5 right before the Army-Navy Game at Municipal Stadium on Philadelphia. The Cadets beat the Midshipmen for a nice win (22-6).

This was a unique Army Navy game with two legends playing – one on each team. The game featured a matchup of two Heisman Trophy winners — Army's Pete Dawkins, the 1958 winner, and Navy's Joe Bellino, the 1960 winner. These two exceptional players were also exceptional men; Dawkins was ultimately a Rhodes Scholar, Brigadier General and candidate for Senate, while Bellino played for the AFL's Boston Patriots and served in the Navy and Naval Reserve for 28 years. Dawkins' Cadets finished the 1958 season unbeaten with a 22–6 win over the Midshipmen. Army had other fine years but this year would be Army's last unbeaten season and of course it was legendary coach Red Blaik's last at the helm.

Chapter 13 Coaches Hall & Dietzel

1959-1965

Hall Coach # 24
Dietzel Coach # 25

Year	Coach	Record	Conference	Record
1959	Dale Hall	4-4-1	Indep	4-4-1
1960	Dale Hall	6-3-1	Indep	6-3-1
1961	Dale Hall	6-4-0	Indep	6-4-0
1962	Paul Dietzel	6-4-0	Indep	6-4-0
1963	Paul Dietzel	7-3-0	Indep	7-3-0
1964	Paul Dietzel	4-6-0	Indep	4-6-0
1965	Paul Dietzel	4-5-1	Indep	4-5-1

Dale Hall replaces Red Blaik

Army Picks Dale Hall as Coach

West Point, N. Y., Jan. 31 [UPI]—Dale Hall, an unsung halfback on the outstanding Army football teams that included Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis, Saturday was named head football coach at the United States military academy to succeed Earl [Red] Blaik.

The 34 year old Hall, who has been Blaik's No. 1 assistant for the past three seasons, thus becomes one of the youngest head coaches ever put in charge of the Cadets.

Hall, the unanimous choice of the five man athletic board at West Point, signed a three year contract at an undisclosed salary. The appointment was announced by Lt. Gen. Garrison H. [Gar] David-



DALE HALL
... unanimous choice.

Tulsa, and Johnny Green, who played guard on the same teams with Hall and who now is an assistant coach at Tulane.

Blaik, one of the nation's most successful coaches, announced on Jan. 13 that he

letics during his cadet career."

Hall served four years in the infantry and held the rank of 1st lieutenant at the time he was separated from the service in 1949. Then he launched his coaching career, serving as an assistant coach at Purdue, New Hampshire, and Florida before returning to the Point in 1956.

Hall was a member of Army's 1944 national championship team that went thru the season undefeated and untied. Altho Blanchard and Davis were on the same team, they did not play in the same backfield with Hall. The Cadets had such a wealth of talent that season, Blaik platooned two offensive backfields.

Coach Dale Hall is like the guy who replaced Knute Rockne at Notre Dame – Hunk Anderson. Earl “Red” Blake who retired at 62-years of age was an immortal legacy at Army while he was still living. It is always a better deal to replace a bum coach or a poor manager and not typically a good deal to replace a legend who is loved by

everybody. Though nobody could have brought the big winning seasons of Red Blaik back to Army, Dale Hall did reasonably well following one of the best coaches of all time, Earl Blaik.

Coach Dale Stanly Hall (June 21, 1924 – August 23, 1996) was an American football and basketball player and coach. He was good at sports, period and he was smart as a whip. He played football and basketball at the United States Military Academy, where he was a two-time All-American in basketball and was named the Sporting News Men's College Basketball Player of the Year in 1945. Hall served as the head football coach at West Point from 1959 to 1961, compiling a record of 16-11-2. He was also the head basketball coach at the University of New Hampshire during the 1951-52 season, tallying a mark of 11-9.

Dale Hall was an all-around athlete. At the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., Hall was a Helms Foundation All-American basketball first-team selection in 1944 and 1945 and led Army to a 29-1 record, averaging 23 points a game.

He scored 23 touchdowns for the 1944 national champion football team and shared the backfield with a pair of Heisman Trophy winners, Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis, who won the trophy the following two seasons. Hall graduated first in a West Point class of over 800. He had major athletic skills and had a vertical leap of 39 inches. He earned seven letters in three sports at Army and was a 4.0 student. Hall succeeded the legendary Earl "Red" Blaik as Army's football coach in 1959 and as noted, he led his team to a 17-11-2 record in three seasons.

1958 Player Highlights Pete Dawkins, B

In the fall of 1959 Bill Carpenter, West Point's Lonesome End, was named captain of the Army football team. As the story goes, Carpenter, upon hearing the news, climbed to the top of Lusk Reservoir on the West Point campus and began removing his shoes. When asked what he was doing, Carpenter said, "They want me to follow in Pete Dawkins's footsteps. I have to learn how to walk on water."

The picture on the next page is taken from a great biography article from Aug 25, 1997 Issue of Original Layout. Pete Dawkins was born March 8, 1938.

Technically speaking, Dawkins was not alive from the beginning of time nor did he ever walk on water, but he did everything else as a senior at West Point. Not only was he a Heisman Trophy-winning halfback for Army's undefeated team of 1958 who landed on many covers, but he was also class president, first captain of Cadets and graduated in the top 5% of his class.

After three years at Oxford on a Rhodes Scholarship, Dawkins spent 24 years in the Army, serving in Korea and Vietnam. In 1981, at 43, he became the Army's then youngest brigadier general. Along the way he earned a Ph.D. in public policy from Princeton and became a White House fellow while playing a mean jazz trumpet, piano, guitar, clarinet, trombone and French horn. Walk on water? Who has time? "I was, uh, sort of intense," the 59-year-old Dawkins says sheepishly.

Indeed, when Dawkins arrived at West Point in 1955, football players were told not to train with weights because the extra muscle was thought to be too cumbersome. So, he hid barbells under his mattress and a bar under his bunk and lifted in the dark following taps.



Pete Dawkins, Army Great

1959 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Dale Hall

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1959 college football season. It was Army's seventieth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Dale Hall in his first of three seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a .500 season under coach Dale Hall 4-4-1.



<< Coach Dale Hall

The Cadets compiled a 4-4-1 record; shut out one opponent, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 174 to 141. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets lost to the Midshipmen by a score of 43 to 12. The Cadets also lost to Illinois, Penn State, and Oklahoma.

During this period, Army end Bill Carpenter was a consensus first-team player on the 1959 College Football All-America Team.

On November 28, like clockwork came the Army–Navy Game at Municipal Stadium in Philadelphia, PA, the Cadets lost to the Midshipmen L (12–43) The Army team was clearly missing Red Blaik after just one year.

1960 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Dale Hall

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1960 college football season. It was Army's seventy-first season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Dale Hall in his second of three seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a fine season under coach Dale Hall 6-3-1. Of course with Red Blaik among the missing the word “fine” had to be redefined in people's minds.

The Cadets compiled a 6-3-1 record; shut out two opponents, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 222 to 95. In the

annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets lost to the Midshipmen by a score of 17 to 12. The Cadets also lost to Penn State, and Nebraska.

Army guard Al Vanderbush was selected by the Central Press Association as a first-team player on the 1960 College Football All-America Team. He was also selected by the UPI as a second-team player.

On November 26, undeniably, the Army-Navy game would be at Municipal Stadium in Philadelphia, PA. The Cadets lost again to the ever persistent Midshipmen L (12–17). The Army team had yet to win one against Navy in the post Blaik years.

Best Army Navy Game # 6

The 1960 game saw Navy senior Joe Bellino clinch the Heisman Trophy by accounting for 192 all-purpose yards (including defense and special teams) in a 17-12 victory by the Midshipmen.

Nicknamed "The Slasher" by legendary sports writer Red Smith, Bellino carried 20 times for 85 yards, catch a pair of passes for 16 yards and return two kickoffs for 46 yards. He also intercepted a pass and took at 45 yards.

That said, Navy nearly lost a heartbreaker, as the Cadets came back from a 17-0 deficit to cut the Midshipmen's lead to five points after a pair of touchdowns by Al Rushatz.

Army had the ball on the Navy 32 with 1:50 remaining in the contest when Bellino intercepted Tom Blanda's pass in the end zone to seal the win—and the Heisman.

1961 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Dale Hall

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1961 college football season. It was Army's seventy-second season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Dale Hall in his third and last of three seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a respectable season under coach Dale Hall 6-4-0.

The Cadets compiled a 6-4-0 record; shut out no opponents, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 224 to 118. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets lost to the Midshipmen by a score of 13 to 7. The Cadets also lost to Michigan, West Virginia, and Oklahoma. No Army players were selected on the 1961 College Football All-America Team.

On December 2, the Army-Navy game went on as scheduled at Municipal Stadium in Philadelphia, PA the Cadets lost again to the Midshipmen L (7-13) The Army team had yet to win one against Navy in the post Blaik years. Yes, we are counting!

Paul Dietzel replaces Dale Hall at season-end

Coach Dietzel coached for seven seasons at LSU and produced a very nice 46-24-3 record. His tenure included coaching Heisman Trophy winner Billy Cannon in 1959 and an SEC title in 1961.

He left after that season to be head coach at Army. Dietzel had served as a bomber pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II and had two stints as an assistant coach there before becoming LSU's head coach.

Dietzel spent four seasons at West Point before moving on to coach at South Carolina. His nine seasons there included the 1969 Atlantic Coast Conference title.

His overall record as a college head coach was 109-95-5. He was inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in 1988.

1962 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Paul Dietzel

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1962 college football season. It was Army's seventy-third season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Paul Dietzel in his first of four seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had another respectable season under coach Dietzel identical to the last year of Coach Dale Hall 6-4-0.



<< Coach Paul Dietzel

The Cadets compiled a 6-4-0 record; shut out two opponents, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 152 to 104. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets lost to the Midshipmen by a score of 34 to 14. The Cadets also lost to Michigan, Oklahoma State, and Pittsburgh. No Army players were selected on the 1962 College Football All-America Team.

In the annual Army-Navy game on December 1 at Municipal Stadium in Philadelphia, the Cadets lost again to the Midshipmen L (14-34) The Army team had yet to win one against Navy in the post Blaik years. Yes, we still are counting!

1963 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Paul Dietzel

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1963 college football season. It was Army's seventy-fourth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Paul Dietzel in his second of four seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a fine season under coach Dietzel--7-3-0. This would be the last winning season for Army under Coach Dietzel.

The Cadets compiled a 7-3-0 record; shut out four opponents, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 177 to 97. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets lost to the Midshipmen by a score of 21 to 15. The Cadets also lost to Minnesota and Pittsburgh.

Army guard Dick Nowak was selected by the UPI and the American Football Coaches Association as a second-team player on the 1963 College Football All-America Team.

On Dec. 7 at Municipal Stadium in Philadelphia, PA, in the traditional Army–Navy Game, the Midshipmen again got the upper

hand defeating the Cadets L (15–21). Losing had become the norm in this game for the Cadets and nobody was happy about it. The broken record says that the Army team had yet to win one against Navy in the post Blaik years.

Best Army Navy Game # 4

The 1963 Army-Navy game was postponed a week following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas.



1963 Army Navy Game

The game itself featured a starring performance by Navy's Pat Donnelly in a 21-15 victory.

A halfback, Donnelly scored three touchdowns to give the Midshipmen a 21-7 lead with four minutes gone in the fourth quarter.

However, the Cadets made it interesting, going 52 yards (all on running plays), culminating with a 1-yard touchdown and then successful two-point conversion run by quarterback Rollie Stichweh.

Stichweh then recovered the onside kick at the Navy 40. He led Army all the way to the Midshipmen 4 when time ran out.

1964 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Paul Dietzel

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1964 college football season. It was Army's seventy-fifth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Paul Dietzel in his third of four seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a losing season under coach Dietzel—4-6-0.

The Cadets compiled a 4-6-0 record; shut out one opponent, and were outscored by all opponents by a combined total of 118 to 147. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen by a score of 11 to 8. The Cadets also lost to #1 Texas, Penn State, Virginia, Duke, Syracuse, and Pittsburgh.

All Army home games other than those in neutral fields are played on the West Point campus at Michie Stadium in West Point NY.

On November 28, after losing five Army-Navy-Games in a row, the Cadets broke the streak and defeated the Midshipmen at JFK Stadium in Philadelphia, PA W (11-8).

1965 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Paul Dietzel

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1965 college football season. It was Army's seventy-sixth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Paul Dietzel in his fourth and last of four seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a losing season under coach Dietzel—4-5-1.

The Cadets compiled a 4-5-1 record; shut out one opponent, and were outscored by all opponents by a combined total of 132 to 119. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets tied the Midshipmen by a score of 7 to 7. The Cadets also lost to Tennessee, Notre Dame, Stanford, Colgate, and Air Force. No Army players were recognized on the 1965 College Football All-America Team.

Other than those games played in neutral fields, all Army home games are played on the West Point campus at Michie Stadium in West Point NY. On Nov 27, the Army Cadets tied the Midshipmen

of Navy in the annual Army-Navy-Game at JFK Stadium in Philadelphia, PA T (7-7).

Chapter 14 Coaches Tom Cahill & Homer Smith 1966-1978

Cahill Coach # 26
Smith Coach # 27

Year	Coach	Record	Conference	Record
1966	Thomas Cahill	8-2-0	Indep	8-2-0
1967	Thomas Cahill	8-2-0	Indep	8-2-0
1968	Thomas Cahill	7-3-0	Indep	7-3-0
1969	Thomas Cahill	4-5-1	Indep	4-5-1
1970	Thomas Cahill	1-9-1	Indep	1-9-1
1971	Thomas Cahill	6-4-0	Indep	6-4-0
1972	Thomas Cahill	6-4-0	Indep	6-4-0
1973	Thomas Cahill	0-10-0	Indep	0-10-0
1974	Homer Smith	3-8-0	Indep	3-8-0
1975	Homer Smith	2-9-0	Indep	2-9-0
1976	Homer Smith	5-6-0	Indep	5-6-0
1977	Homer Smith	7-4-0	Indep	7-4-0
1978	Homer Smith	4-6-1	Indep	4-6-1

Coach Cahill



Army Coach Tom Cahill, right, talks with four of his team stars on whom he'll depend in today's game against Navy in Philadelphia. From left Ken Johnson, captain;

quarterback Steve Lindell, tight end Gary Steele and fullback Charlie Jarvis. (AP)

Thomas Cahill was hired in 1959 by Earl (Red) Blaik to coach freshman football and baseball at Army. He was then promoted to head coach in 1966 when Paul Dietzel resigned to take over at South Carolina.

Cahill exceeded the two losing seasons at the end of Dietzel's tenure immediately by finishing with an 8-2 record in his first season. This included an 11-0 victory over Penn State in Joe Paterno's first year there. Cahill was voted 1966 Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches and the Football Writers and Touchdown Club of Washington, D.C.

"Life can change so quickly," Cahill said that first season. "For 20 years I put my shoes on the same way, then all of a sudden people want to know--'How does it look, Tom?'--people who never asked me anything before."

Army had another fine year at 8-2 again in 1967 and then at 7-3 in 1968. But Cahill's squads ran into some trouble winning games as they closed out the 1960s with a 4-5-1 mark. Then, his 1970 squad went 1-9-1. Army was 6-4 in each of the next two seasons, then in an unexplainable happening, the team went winless in 1973. It took the most kind supporters to forgive that one.

Before the 1973 finale against Navy, West Point administrators assured reporters that Cahill would return as coach, no matter the outcome. However, after Navy won by 51-0, the worst defeat in the history of the rivalry, Cahill was fired. What would you have done?

His coaching record at Army was 40-39-2 in eight years, including a 5-3 mark against Navy.

Coach Cahill later put in five seasons at Union College in Schenectady, going 12-27-1. In 1984, Cahill returned to West Point and became a fixture in the press box at Michie Stadium as an analyst on the Army radio network. He was scheduled to broadcast a game but died at 73-years of age on the Thursday before the Oct 31 Army v Eastern Michigan game. He would have enjoyed chirping about this game as the Cadets won big 57-17.

Cahill was quite an athlete in his prime. Born in Fayetteville, N.Y., Tom was a three-sport star in football, baseball and basketball at Niagara.

1966 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Thomas Cahill

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1966 college football season. It was Army's seventy-seventh season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Thomas Cahill in his first of eight seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a fine record this season under coach Cahill—8-2-0.

The Cadets compiled an 8-2-0 record; shut out three opponents, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 141 to 105. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen by a score of 20 to 7. The Cadets also lost to Notre Dame (35-0) and Tennessee (38-7).

Army linebacker Townsend Clarke was selected by the Central Press Association as a first-team player on the 1966 College Football All-America Team. No Army players were recognized on the 1965 College Football All-America Team.

On November 26, the Army Cadets defeated the Midshipmen of Navy in the Annual Army-Navy-Game at JFK Stadium in Philadelphia, PA W (20-7).

1967 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Thomas Cahill



<< Coach Thomas Cahill

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1967 college football season. It was Army's seventy-eighth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Thomas Cahill in his second of eight seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a fine record this season under coach Cahill—8-2-0 – identical to 1966..

The Cadets compiled an 8-2-0 record; shut out one opponent, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 183 to 94. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets lost to the Midshipmen by a score of 14 to 19. The Cadets also lost to Duke by a 7 to 10 score. No Army players received first-team honors on the 1967 College Football All-America Team

With an 8-1 record, yet unranked, on December 2, the Army Cadets were defeated by the Midshipmen of Navy in the Annual Army-Navy-Game at JFK Stadium in Philadelphia, PA L (14-9).

1968 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Thomas Cahill

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1968 college football season. It was Army's seventy-ninth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Thomas Cahill in his third of eight seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a fine record this season under coach Cahill—7-3-0.

The Cadets compiled a 7-3-0 record; shut out two opponents, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 270-137. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen by a score of 24 to 14. The Cadets lost to Vanderbilt by a 13 to 17 score, and to Missouri by a 3 to 7 score.

Army linebacker Ken Johnson was selected by the American Football Coaches Association as a first-team player on the 1968 College Football All-America Team.

With a 6-3 record, on November 30, the Army Cadets defeated the Midshipmen of Navy in the Annual Army-Navy-Game at JFK Stadium in Philadelphia, PA W (21-14). The game was available for viewing on ABC TV and it was seen by 102,000 at JFK. My dad and I were watching it at home that day.

1969 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Thomas Cahill

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1969 college football season. It was Army's eightieth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach

Thomas Cahill in his fourth of eight seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a losing record this season under coach Cahill—4-5-1.

The Cadets compiled an 4-5-1 record; shut out one opponent, and outscored all opponents by a combined total of 161 to 160. Despite the poor season, the Cadets came alive for Navy. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets shut-out the Midshipmen by a score of 27-0. Neither Navy nor Army teams were being supported by the big shots that ra it all, The Cadets lost five games this year—one more than they had won. No Army players received first-team honors on the 1969 College Football All-America Team

On November 30, the Army Cadets recouped their whole season by this one victory over Navy. That’s how big this service rivalry actually is. They shut out the Midshipmen of Navy in the Annual Army-Navy-Game at JFK Stadium in Philadelphia, PA W (27-0).

1970 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Thomas Cahill

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1970 college football season. It was Army’s eighty-first season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Thomas Cahill in his fifth of eight seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a terrible losing record this season under coach Cahill—1-9-1.

The Cadets compiled a 1-9-1 record; shut out one opponent, Holy Cross in their only win, and were outscored by all opponents by a combined total of 151 to 281. With their poor season, and Navy’s equally one victory season, the Cadets did not come alive for Navy. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Navy won by scoring four more points in a game that had no offense L (7-11)

1971 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Thomas Cahill

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1971 college football season. It was Army’s eighty-second season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Thomas Cahill in his sixth of eight seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had an OK record this season under coach Cahill—6-4-0.

The Cadets compiled a 6-4-0 record; shut out no opponents, and were outscored by all opponents by a combined total of 146 to 206. This was not a bad season for Army but Navy had a terrible 3-8 season. Navy's three victory season gave them little hope in the annual battle. The Cadets were ready for Navy. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets beat the Midshipmen by the skin of their teeth 24 to 23. No Army players were selected as first-team players on the 1971 College Football All-America Team.

In the Army-Navy-Game on November 27 at JFK Stadium in Philadelphia, the Cadets got by the Midshipmen by one point in a really exciting nail-biter W (24-23)

Best Army Navy Game # 8

Army captured the 1971 game, 24-23, after Kurt Heiss made one of the longest field goals in the rivalry's history.

In a contest that mostly was about the Cadets' ground game (they rushed for 373 yards) and Navy's passing game (quarterback Jim Kubiak threw for 361 yards), it came down to a 52-yard kick by Heiss with 6:19 remaining to win.

The game featured six lead changes and more than its share of big plays, mostly by Navy, as tailback Michael Jefferson had a 73-yard touchdown run and Kubiak threw a 56-yard scoring pass to tight end Kevin Hickman.

Still, it wasn't enough to overcome the Cadets that day.

1972 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Thomas Cahill

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1972 college football season. It was Army's eighty-third season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Thomas Cahill in his seventh of eight seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had an OK record this season under coach Cahill—6-4-0.

The Cadets compiled a 6-4-0 record; shut out no opponents, and were outscored by all opponents by a combined total of 160 to 282. This was a bad season for Army but Navy had as terrible a season also at 4-7. Navy's six loss season before the game gave them little hope in the annual battle other than that Army was doing just as poorly. The Cadets, who had problems with their D all year, were ready for Navy. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets beat the Midshipmen by the skin of their teeth 24 to 23. No Army players were selected as first-team players on the 1972 College Football All-America Team.

In the Army-Navy-Game on December 2, at JFK Stadium in Philadelphia, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen to win the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy in the Army-Navy game) W (23–15).

1973 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Thomas Cahill

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1973 college football season. It was Army's eighty-fourth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Thomas Cahill in his eighth and last of eight seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had its worst record ever under any coach 0-10-0.

That means the Cadets compiled a 0-10-0 record; shut out no opponents, and were outscored by all opponents by a combined total of 382 to 67. This was a bad season for Army. Navy had a bad season but at least they had some wins at 4-7. Navy's six loss season before the big game gave them little hope in the annual battle other than that Army had not even won any games. The Cadets, who had problems with their game all year, were not ready for Navy or any other team this year.

In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Midshipmen clobbered the Cadets in a shutout W (53-0). The Cadets also lost to Notre Dame by a whopping 62 to 3. Nothing could explain such a poor season and Tom Cahill would not be around the following year to offer an explanation. No Army players were selected as first team players on the 1972 College Football All-America Team.

This article by Gordon S. White is from the New York Times. It was written right after the Army-Navy-Game.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1—In the most-one-sided contest of the 74 Army-Navy football games, Navy trounced the Cadets, 51-0, today to make a bright ending to another Navy losing season but also to create one of the darkest days in the 84-year history of Army football.

Never has a team so dominated this service rivalry that began at West Point, N. Y., in 1390 when Navy accepted an Army challenge and traveled up the Hudson River to beat the Cadets, 24-0. And never before has an Army team had such a poor season record as these 1973 Cadets.

College Football -- ?? who lost all 10 of their games.

The first Army team in 1890, which played only that one game against Navy, was the only other Cadet squad to go through a season without at least one victory.

After scoring a touchdown on the opening drive of the game for a 6-0 lead, Navy made a complete rout of the game in the second period with four touchdowns and a field goal to hold a 37-0 lead at half-time before 91,926 persons in John F. Kennedy Stadium. Two- more touchdowns in the third quarter established Navy's triumph as the largest margin of victory in an Army-Navy game. Navy's scoring fell only 4 points short of the series record of scoring by both teams set in 1959 when Navy beat Army, 43.12, for a 55-point total.

It was a big day for George Welsh, who ended his first season as Navy's head coach. His fourth victory of the season for Navy did much to erase the memory of the seven losses the Middies suffered along the way this year.

Welsh, a former Navy quarterback who beat Army in the 1954 game, must have thought he was still at Penn State, where he was an assistant coach for the past 11 seasons and where victories came often and in lopsided fashion.

Navy's success came on the strength of a penetrating ground attack led by Cleveland Cooper, the fine junior tailback. He picked up 102 yards on 18 runs and tied an Army-Navy game record by scoring three touchdowns against the Cadets.

Cooper joined Joe Bellino (Navy, 1959), Pat Donnelly (Navy, 1963) and Charlie Jarvis (Army, 1968) in scoring three touchdowns in one of these service clashes. The Navy tailback scored on runs of 7, 6 and 1 yards before leaving the game as Welsh called off the first-stringers early in the third period. Cooper and others ran through and around Army for a total of 366 yards on the ground. Welsh tried to ease the pain for Army and its coach, Tom Cahill, as the Navy coach used all 59 Midshipmen suited for the game and used each of them for at least one full quarter of action.

Ed Gilmore, Cooper's substitute and the man who scored the final touchdown on a 1-yard play, was the leading ground-gainer with 123 yards. But he did most of his rushing long after Army was completely whipped and a beaten and saddened team. Steve Dykes contributed a 44-yard field goal on the last play of the first half, aided by a strong tailwind, as if Navy needed any help.

The 91,926 fans established this gathering as the smallest since the Army-Navy game moved back to the big concrete dish in Philadelphia in 1946. During World War II the game was played at Annapolis, West Point and Baltimore, 1942-45, in much smaller arenas.

A bright sun kept the fans warm despite a strong northwest wind and temperatures in the 40's. Most of the crowd was seated long before the kickoff to witness the ritual marching entrance of the Brigade and the Corps.

That happened when there still was hope for Army. The game had not begun. There was the annual gathering of military celebrities headed by John W. Warner, Secretary of the Navy, and Howard H. Callaway, Secretary of the Army.

It wasn't long before Warner and the Brigade were smiling. The rout began in the second quarter when the midshipmen scored four touchdowns and a field goal in the last 9 minutes 36 seconds of that period. That was scoring at a rate of nearly 4 points a minute.

As if things weren't going bad enough for Army all game long, Navy got 2 points on its last conversion when it wasn't even trying for more than 1. Holding for a placement extra point, Navy's Mike Yeager reached for a high snap from center and could not get the ball down for Dykes to kick. So, Yeager took off and scored 2 points on a run.

It was just a bad day for Army as Cahill suffered his third loss to Navy against five victories since becoming the head coach of the Cadets in 1966.

Homer Smith replaces Tom Cahill

Homer Smith got an extra year after his 1977 winning season at Army. It was not a sure thing. Army's head football coach converted what many believed was a “mission impossible” into a successful Army football season by doing exactly as he was ordered to do—win seven games and beat Navy in 1977. So, Smith, whose original four-year contract at West Point expired at the end of the year got the word that he had satisfied the Army enough to be rewarded with a new contract.

Army brass initially refused to comment on Smith's future, although they had already met to determine just what to do and when to announce it. Meanwhile, Homer Smith was not about to be jobless. Princeton appeared to be waiting in the wings to possibly offer Smith the Princeton head-coaching job if Army did not sign him to a new contract.

Following Army's third straight losing season under Coach Smith in 1976, the Board of Athletic Control at the United States Military Academy called in Smith last January and told him he had to win or else. They quantified it that he had to win at least seven games in 1977, including the Navy game, in order to remain as Army's head coach. That was the meets minimum requirements number. Most

fans and pundits felt Army would not be able to win that many games or beat Navy. That's why it appeared to be a "mission impossible" for Smith and his staff.

But the Army players and coaches turned experts into know-nothings as the Cadets concluded a 7-4 won-lost season with a gratifying 17-14 triumph over Navy, which was Army's first victory over Navy in Smith's four years as head coach. Luck would not be so kind in 1978.

Let's start the clock on Homer counting.

1974 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Homer Smith

The Army Cadets football team represented the US Military Academy in the 1974 college football season. It was Army's eighty-fifth season of inter-collegiate football. They were led by Coach Homer Smith in his first of five seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a poor record of 3-8-0.



<< Coach Homer Smith

Overall, the Cadets compiled a 3-8-0 record; shut out no opponents, and were outscored by all opponents by a combined total of 306 to 156. This was a bad season for Army. Navy also had a bad season but they out won army by one game-- 4-7. Both teams had three wins when they met. The Navy, who had a few problems with their game all year, were ready for Army this year. In the annual Army-

Navy Game, the Midshipmen shut out the Cadets W (19-0). No Army players were selected as first-team players on the 1974 College Football All-America Team.

In the Army-Navy-Game on November 30, 1974 at JFK Stadium in Philadelphia, the Cadets were defeated in a shutout by the Midshipmen to win the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy (Army-Navy-Game) L (0-19).

About the Commander-In-Chief's Trophy

Since Air Force was now involved in the Army schedule for the last several seasons and we have been noting the existence of the Commander in Chief's Trophy, we pause below to explain it.

The Commander-in-Chief's Trophy is awarded to each season's winner of the American college football triangular series among the teams of the U.S. Military Academy (Army Black Knights), the U.S. Naval Academy (Navy Midshipmen), and U.S. Air Force Academy (Air Force Falcons).

The Navy–Air Force game is traditionally played on the first Saturday in October, the Army–Air Force game on the first Saturday in November, and the Army–Navy Game on the second Saturday in December. In the event of a tie, the award is shared, but the previous winner retains possession of the trophy. Along with the Florida Cup, the Michigan MAC Trophy, and the Beehive Boot, the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy is one of the few three-way rivalries that awards a trophy to the winner.

Through 2016, the Air Force Falcons hold the most trophy victories at 20 and the Navy Midshipmen have won 15. The Army Black Knights trail with only six; their last came 21 years ago in 1996. The trophy has been shared on four occasions, last in 1993.

1975 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Homer Smith

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1975 college football season. It was Army's eighty-sixth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Homer Smith in his second of five seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a poor record of 2-9-0.

Overall, the Cadets compiled a 2-9-0 record; shut out no opponents, and were outscored by all opponents by a combined total of 337 to 165. This was another bad season for Army. Navy had a fine season including a nice win against Army but they met. The Midshipmen beat the Cadets 6 to 30. No Army players were selected as first-team players on the 1974 College Football All-America Team.

This year's home opener was on Sept 13 vs Holy Cross. The Cadets won in a blowout W (44-7) Other than those games played in neutral fields, all Army home games were played on the West Point campus at Michie Stadium in West Point NY. On Sept 20, Army defeated Lehigh in a shootout W (54-32). This would be the last Army victory if the 1975 season.

The losses for the rest of the Cadets season included the worst:

29-Nov	vs. Navy	JFK Stadium	L 6-30
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1976 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Homer Smith

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1976 college football season. It was Army's eighty-seventh season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Homer Smith in his third of five seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a poor record of 5-6-0.

Overall, the Cadets compiled a 5-6-0 record; shut out no opponents, and were outscored by all opponents by a combined total of 267 to 201. This was another poor record for Army, though they played well and lost a number of close games. Navy had a poor season also (4-7) but they were able to get a nice win against Army in the traditional rivalry game. The Midshipmen beat the Cadets 10 to 38. No Army players were selected as first-team players on the 1974 College Football All-America Team.

In the Army-Navy-Game on November 27, at JFK Stadium in Philadelphia, the Cadets had a tough time scoring while Navy put 38-points on the board to defeat Army. The Midshipmen won this leg of the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy (Army-Navy-Game) L (10-38).

1977 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Homer Smith

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1977 college football season. It was Army's eighty-eighth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Homer Smith in his fourth of five seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a respectable record of 7-4.

Overall, the Cadets compiled a 7-4-0 record. They finished with their first winning season since 1972. Army's win over UMass was the 500th in school history. Leamon Hall threw five touchdown passes, including three to freshman Mike Fahnstock. Homer Smith– Eastern Coach of the Year (New York Football Writers Association). In the Army-Navy Game, the Cadets beat the Midshipmen 17 to 14 at JFK Stadium. Army won the Commander in Chief's Trophy.

In the season finale, the Cadets played in the annual Army-Navy-Game, which this year was played on November 27 at JFK Stadium in Philadelphia. It was a low scoring game but the Cadets hung in there to defeat the Midshipmen by a field goal W (17-14). Since the Cadets also beat Air Force, they also won the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy for 1977

1978 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Homer Smith

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1978 college football season. It was Army's eighty-ninth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Homer Smith in his fifth of five seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a respectable record of 4-6-1. Navy won the Commander-In-Chiefs trophy after their huge victory over Army

Overall, the Cadets compiled a 4-6-1 record. They finished with another losing season. Coach Smith would not get to coach the following year. Army pitched no shutouts against its opponents and they were outscored by their opponents by a combined total of 255 to 188. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets lost to the Midshipmen by a 28 to 0 score.at JFK Stadium. No Army players were selected as first-team players on the 1978 College Football All-America Team.

Chapter 15 Coaches Saban, Cavanaugh & Young 1979 - 1989

Saban Coach # 28
 Cavanaugh Coach # 29
 Young Coach # 30

Year	Coach	Record	Conference	Record
1979	Lou Saban	2-8-1	Indep	2-8-1
1980	Ed Cavanaugh	3-7-1	Indep	3-7-1
1980	Ed Cavanaugh	3-7-1	Indep	3-7-1
1982	Ed Cavanaugh	4-7-0	Indep	4-7-0
1983	Jim Young	2-9-0	Indep	2-9-0
1984	Jim Young	8-3-1	Indep	8-3-1
1985	Jim Young	9-3-0	Indep	9-3-0
1986	Jim Young	6-5-0	Indep	6-5-0
1987	Jim Young	5-6-0	Indep	5-6-0
1988	Jim Young	9-3-0	Indep	9-3-0
1989	Jim Young	6-5-0	Indep	6-5-0
1990	Jim Young	6-5-0	Indep	6-5-0

1979 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Lou Saban



The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1979 college football season. It was Army's ninetieth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Lou Saban in his first and last of one season as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a terrible record of 2-8-1

Overall, the Cadets compiled a 2-8-1 record. They finished with another losing season.

Coach Saban would choose not to coach the following year. Army pitched no shutouts against its opponents and they were not only

outscored by their opponents but they had three shutouts thrown against them.

In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets lost to the Midshipmen by a 31 to 7 score at JFK Stadium. No Army players were selected as first-team players on the 1978 College Football All-America Team.

Coach Lou Saban could have brought victories to Army's flailing program at the time but his temperament did not blend in well with the Army Brass.

By the time Lou Saban joined the Army coaching "team," he had developed a reputation as an itinerant coach, a "notorious job-hopper" who was nevertheless respected for rebuilding teams in poor condition. Lou Saban needed to hold the steering wheel in his hand to steer the ship and he found others with a tight grip on the wheel that only a Superman and a super management negotiator could release. Saban was a coach and did not want that kind of job.

Saban said he wanted to stay at Army "until they put me out to pasture". I think he meant it but he needed to have the tools in his hand. Saban stayed at Army for only one season. He said he was unhappy with the academy's unwillingness to invest more in its football program. "This is a desperate situation", he said near the end of the 1979 season. "To fight alone as a football staff is impossible." He resigned in July 1980 after leading Army to a 2–8–1 record the previous season. Nobody missed him but they would have if he had control of the program. He was quite a coach with a 50-year career.

The usual end of season Army-Navy-Game was a stinker this year for Army with Navy whooping Army at the usual place and time (Dec 1) by the score of L (7-31)

1980 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Ed Cavanaugh



The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1980 college football season. It was Army's ninety-first season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Ed Cavanaugh in his first of three seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a terrible record of 3-7-1

Overall, the Cadets compiled a 3-7-1 record. They finished with another losing season. Army pitched no shutouts against its opponents and they were outscored by their opponents 295 to 204. Army had worst numbers with other coaches. They had no shutouts thrown against them. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets lost to Navy by a definitive 33 to 6 score. It was no fluke.

1981 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Ed Cavanaugh

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1981 college football season. It was Army's ninety-second season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Ed Cavanaugh in his second of three seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a terrible record of 3-7-1

Overall, the Cadets compiled a 3-7-1 record. They finished with another losing season. Army pitched one shutout against Princeton and no others and they were outscored by their opponents 212 to 126. The team had two shutouts thrown against them – Rutgers & Pittsburgh. On Dec. 1, in the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets played the Midshipmen to a 3-3 tie.

1982 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Ed Cavanaugh

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1982 college football season. It was Army's ninety-third season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Ed Cavanaugh in his third and last of three seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a terrible record of 3-7-1

Overall, the Cadets compiled a 3-7-1 record. They finished with another losing season. Army pitched no shutouts and had no shutouts thrown against them. They were outscored by their opponents 271 to 164. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets lost to the Midshipmen by a 24-7 score.

In the season finale on December 1, the Army-Navy-Game, the Midshipmen defeated the Cadets at Veterans Stadium in

Philadelphia L (7-24). At the end of the season, Jim Young to replaced Ed Cavanaugh as Army Head Coach

Football, even football at the college level service academies, is a tough business. Ed Cavanaugh was fired Monday, Dec. 6, 1982 after his third losing season. Ironically, it was Cavanaugh's best winning season of the three. As head football coach at Army, Cavanaugh sensed the inevitable after a loss to Navy on Saturday Dec. 4.

'I like to eat, but I'm realistic also,' Cavanaugh said after that particular Saturday's defeat in the 83rd renewal of the classic rivalry.

After the 2-9 season, Jim Young brought Army a lot of smiles going 8-3, then 9-3, then 8-5 before a losing season in 1987 5-6. He finished up as you will soon see with a great 9-3 season in 1988 followed by two 6-5 seasons before he turned the reins over to Bob Sutton in 1991. I can still smell the fresh air.

1983 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Jim Young

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1983 college football season. It was Army's ninety-fourth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Jim Young in his first of eight seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a terrible record of 2-9-0

Overall, the Cadets compiled a 2-9-0 record. They finished with another poor season. Army pitched no shutouts and had no shutouts thrown against them. They were outscored by their opponents 304 to 140. In the annual Army-Navy Game, the Cadets lost to the Midshipmen by a 42-13 score.

1984 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Jim Young Cherry Bowl Champions

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1984 college football season. It was Army's ninety-fifth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Jim Young in his second of eight seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a fine record of 8-3-1

Overall, the Cadets compiled an 8-3-1 record. They finished with a fine season record. Army pitched no shutouts and had no shutouts thrown against them. They outscored their opponents 320 to 218. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen by a 28-11 score. The Cadets also defeated Michigan State, 10–6, in the 1984 Cherry Bowl.

This year's home opener was on Sept 15 vs Colgate. The Cadets got the season off the right way with a convincing win against the Red Raiders W (41-15). Other than those games played in neutral fields, all Army home games were played on the West Point campus at Michie Stadium in West Point NY. On Sept 22, at Tennessee's Neyland Stadium in Knoxville, TN, the Volunteers played the Cadets to a tie T (24–24). On Sept 29 at home, the Cadets defeated the Duke Blue Devils W 13–9. With their best start in years at 3-0, on Oct 6, Army kept the streak going with their 4th win in a row v Harvard W (33-11).

Finally, the Cadets lost their first game of the season on Oct 13 to Rutgers L (7-14). On Oct 20, they got back on track by defeating Penn at home W (48–13). On Oct 27, after a trip to the Carrier Dome, Syracuse's new Stadium, the Cadets lost to the Orangemen L (16-27). Then, on Nov 3, Army defeated Air Force at home W (24-12). The following week in a tough game v Boston College on Nov 10, the Cadets lost to the Eagles L (31-45). On Nov 17 vs Montana in a game played in Tokyo Japan's Mirage Bowl, the Cadets won W (45-31)

On Dec 1 in the season finale, the Army-Navy-Game, the Cadets beat the Midshipmen at Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia, PA (Commander-in-Chief's Trophy) W (28–11)

In their first post-season Bowl game, the Cherry Bowl vs. Michigan State at the Pontiac Silverdome in Pontiac, MI, the Cadets prevailed W (10–6). Despite a fine year, Army was unranked by the major polling units.

1985 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Jim Young
Peach Bowl Champions

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1985 college football season – from 1890. It was Army's ninety-sixth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Jim Young in his third of eight seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a fine record of 9-3-0

Overall, the Cadets compiled a 9-3-0 record. They finished with a fine season record. Army pitched no shutouts and had no shutouts thrown against them. They outscored their opponents 396 to 232. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets were defeated by the Midshipmen by a 7-17 score. The Cadets also defeated Illinois in the Peach Bowl, 31-29.

On Nov 9, the Cadets were beaten handily by the Air Force Fighting Falcons at Falcon Stadium in Colorado Springs, CO (Commander-in-Chief's Trophy). L (7–45).

On Dec 7 in the season finale, the Army-Navy-Game, the Midshipmen beat the Cadets at Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia, PA (Commander-in-Chief's Trophy) L (7-17). Air Force won the Trophy this year.

In their second post-season Bowl game in a row—The Peach Bowl vs. Illinois at Atlanta–Fulton County Stadium in Atlanta, GA, Army prevailed by a slim margin W (31–29)

1986 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Jim Young

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1986 college football season. It was Army's ninety-seventh season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Jim Young in his fourth of eight seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a winning record of 6-5-0

Overall, the Cadets compiled a 6-5-0 record. They finished with a respectable season record. Army pitched no shutouts and had no shutouts thrown against them. They were outscored by their

opponents 292 to 276. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen 27-7 score. There was no Bowl Game this year.

Army defeated Air Force at home (Commander-in-Chief's Trophy) W (21–11). On Dec 4 in the annual season finale, the Army-Navy-Game, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen at Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia, PA (Commander-in-Chief's Trophy) W (27-7). Army took the Trophy this year.

1987 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Jim Young

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1987 college football season. It was Army's ninety-eighth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Jim Young in his fifth of eight seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a losing record of 5-6-0

Overall, the Cadets compiled a 5-6-0 record. They finished with a poor season record. Army pitched no shutouts and had no shutouts thrown against them. The Cadets were outscored by their opponents 277 to 223. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen by a 17-7 score. There was no Bowl Game this year.

Air Force put it together this year to beat the Army on Nov 7 at Falcon Stadium in Colorado Springs, CO (Commander-in-Chief's Trophy) L (10–27). That was it for 1987 losses. There would be two more wins. On Nov 14, in a shootout, the Cadets defeated the Leopards of Lafayette W (49–37).

On Dec 5 in The Army-Navy-Game, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen at Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia, PA (Commander-in-Chief's Trophy) W (17-3). Air Force was undefeated in the Trophy games and were the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy winner for 1987.

1988 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Jim Young Sun Bowl Participant

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1988 college football season. It was Army's ninety-ninth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by

Coach Jim Young in his sixth of eight seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a nice winning record of 9-3-0.

Overall, the Cadets compiled a 9-3-0 record. They finished with a great season record. Army pitched no shutouts and had no shutouts thrown against them. They Cadets outscored their opponents 336 to 226. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen by a 20-15 score. They also lost a very close game (one point) to Alabama by a score of 28 to 29 in the 1988 Sun Bowl.

On Nov 5, at home for (Commander-in-Chief's Trophy) vs Air Force, Army did better than the Fighting Falcons and the Cadets won the match W (28–15). On Dec 12, the Army-Navy-Game ended the football season for both Army and Navy. In this game, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen at Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia, PA to capture the (Commander-in-Chief's Trophy) W (20-5).

Back in action again on December 24 in El Paso TX, the site of the 1988 Sun Bowl, in the post Bear Bryant years at Alabama, this Bill Curry coached Crimson Tide squad barely defeated our Army Cadets in the 1988 Sun Bowl L (28-29).

1989 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Jim Young

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1989 college football season. It was Army's one hundredth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Jim Young in his seventh of eight seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a winning record of 6-5-0.

Overall, the Cadets compiled a 6-5-0 record this season. They finished with a respectable season record but every Army fan of course was looking for more. Army pitched no shutouts and had no shutouts thrown against them. They Cadets outscored their opponents 316 to 212. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets were defeated by the Midshipmen by a 19-17 score. On Nov 4, the flying academy got in the act for the (Commander-in-Chief's Trophy), at Air Force's Falcon Stadium in Colorado Springs, CO.

The Air Force did not give an inch in this tough loss for the Cadets L (3–29). The AF picked up the Trophy.

Best Army Navy Game # 10

Occurring in the same year (1989) that many of the players in this year's contest were born, Navy junior Frank Schenk kicked a 32-yard field goal with 11 seconds to play to give the Midshipmen a 19-17 victory.

The result snapped a run of three straight losses by Navy, allowing the team's seniors to graduate from Annapolis with a win against their most heated rivals.

The joy was short-lived, however, as coach Elliot Uzelac was fired the next day with a year remaining on his contract. He found out about his dismissal the morning of a planned celebration—one that included fellow students cheerfully throwing snowballs at players—but did not tell the team until after the party had concluded.

Uzelach compiled a record of 8-25 in three seasons with the Middies, but no doubt left on a memorable note.

1990 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Jim Young

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1988 college football season. It was Army's one-hundred-first season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Jim Young in his eighth and last of seven seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a winning record of 6-5.

Overall, the Cadets compiled a 9-3-0 record. They finished with an OK season record. Army pitched one shutout (Lafayette 56-0) and had no shutouts thrown against them. The Cadets outscored their opponents 295 to 264. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen by a 30-20 score. Knowing the importance of this game to Army, it was one of Young's great achievements in his final year as coach.

As an independent football entity, the Army team had a winning record of 6-5-0 in Jim Young's final season. Young had a masterful tenure while at Army and he is credited with having resurrected the program from where it had been.

Please enjoy this AP article which does a crisp summary of Jim Young's years at Army. After this we will pick up with the games of the season.

Army Coach Jim Young Will Retire

August 28, 1990 | From Associated Press

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Jim Young, Army football coach for the last seven years, said today that he will retire after this season because of personal reasons.

Young, 55, will be replaced next year by Bob Sutton, 39, the associate head coach and defensive coordinator. Sutton, who came to Army in 1983, the same year as Young, has never been a head coach.

Young, who has resurrected the Army football program, has compiled a record of 45-34-1. Overall, including stints at Purdue and Arizona, his record is 114-66-2.

After this season, Young will remain at West Point as a member of the Performance Enhancement Program staff.

Since 1984, when Young installed the wishbone offense, the Cadets have ranked no lower than fifth in rushing offense in the nation. In the first year of the wishbone, they were No. 1 in rushing.

Big Bravo to a great coach – Jim Young!

Games of the 1990 Season

This year's opener was on Sept 15 vs Holy Cross at home. The Cadets got the season off the right way with a nice win against the Crusaders W (24-7). Other than those games played in neutral fields,

all Army home games were played on the West Point campus at Michie Stadium in West Point NY. On Sept 22 at home vs. VMI, the Cadets prevailed W (41–17). At 2-0 In the third game at Wake Forest played in Groves Stadium Winston-Salem, NC, the Cadets were beaten by the Demon Deacons L (14–52). Duke's Blue Devils beat the Cadets at home a week later on Oct 6 L (16-17). This was quickly followed by the third loss on Oct 13 at Boston College's Alumni Stadium Chestnut Hill, MA L (20–41).

On Oct 20, the Cadets got their oomph back by shutting out Lafayette in a blowout game W (56-0). It was the first shutout in years for the Cadets. On Oct 27, at home, the Cadets lost to the Orangemen of Syracuse L (14-26). Then, the Cadets found a W at Rutgers in a close match W (35-21). On Nov 10, at home, the Cadets lost to the Fighting Falcons of the Air Force. (Commander-in-Chief's Trophy) L (3-15). On Nov 17 at Vanderbilt's Vanderbilt Stadium • in Nashville, TN, the Cadets picked up their fifth win of the season W (42–38).

On December 8 in the annual (Army–Navy Game/Commander-in-Chief's Trophy), the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen, which put a smile on the faces a lot of Army supporters. The game was played at Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia, and the final score was W (30–20). Air Force won the trophy this year.

Player Highlights Michael Mayweather B

With Doc Blanchard, Glenn Davis, and Pete Dawkins, Mayweather's very accomplished predecessors rushing to Heisman seasons, pundits are asking why Michael Mayweather didn't hoist the award himself. He finished 10th in Heisman voting in 1990. However, in his four seasons at West Point, Mayweather completely rewrote the running back record books as if the three Heisman winners did not compete. Mayweather was that good.



Michael Mayweather Army

He is the only Army running back to rush for three 1,000-yard seasons. A gifted runner, he'd already surpassed Glenn Davis' record career rushing mark of 2,959 by the end of his junior season and set the single-season rushing standard to 1,338 yards in his season year. Among his other accolades, Mayweather holds the Army mark in all-purpose yards (5,594) and 100-yard games (21).

Chapter 16 Coaches Bob Sutton & Todd Berry 1991-2002

Sutton Coach # 31
Berry Coach # 32

Year	Coach	Record	Conference	Record
1991	Bob Sutton	4-7-0	Indep	4-7-0)
1992	Bob Sutton	5-6-0	Indep	5-6-0
1993	Bob Sutton	6-5-0	Indep	6-5-0
1994	Bob Sutton	4-7-0	Indep	4-7-0
1995	Bob Sutton	5-5-1	Indep	5-5-1
1996	Bob Sutton	10-2-0	Indep	10-2-0
1997	Bob Sutton	4-7-0	Indep	4-7-0
1998	Bob Sutton	3-8-0	C-USA	2-4-0
1999	Bob Sutton	3-8-0	C-USA	1-5-0
2000	Todd Berry	1-10-0	C-USA	1-6-0
2001	Todd Berry	3-8-0	C-USA	2-5-0
2002	Todd Berry	1-11-0	C-USA	1-7-0
2003	Todd Berry	0-7	C-USA	0-4-0



Coach Bob Sutton happy with the team

Bob Sutton is a great coach. Sutton served as the head football coach at the United States Military Academy from 1991 to 1999, compiling a record of 44–55–1. He had one phenomenally great year and the rest were medsa medsa. Nonetheless, he was a fine coach. Army was tough during his tenure but not always rich in football talent. Before becoming head coach at Army in 1991, Sutton spent eight years as an assistant coach at Army.

His nine-year tenure as the head football coach at Army (1991 to 1999) is second in length only to Earl "Red" Blaik. His 44–55–1 record was not the best but he is well known for leading the 1996 Army squad to a 10–2 record, an appearance in the Independence Bowl, and a top 25 finish in both major polls. For his efforts that season, Sutton was awarded the Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year Award.

1991 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Bob Sutton

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1991 college football season. It was Army's one hundred-second season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Bob Sutton in his first of nine seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a losing record of 4-7-0.



Coach Bob Sutton at Work

Overall, the Cadets compiled a 4-7-0 record. They finished with a poor season record. Army pitched one shutout (against Akron 19-0),

and had one shutouts thrown against them (Air Force—0-25). The Cadets were outscored by their opponents 226 to 196. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets lost to the Midshipmen by a 3-24 score.

This year's opener was on Sept 14 vs Colgate at home. The Cadets got the season off the right way with a shootout win against the Red Raiders W (51-22). Other than those games played in neutral fields, all Army home games were played on the West Point campus at Michie Stadium in West Point NY. On Sept 21, at home. The Cadets were defeated by the Tar Heels of North Carolina L (12-20) Then on Sept 28 at home, the Cadets beat Harvard's Crimson W (21-20). On Oct 5, the Army lost to The State University of New Jersey (Rutgers Scarlet Knights) in a close battle L (12-14). This was followed one week later on Oct 12 by a tough loss against The Citadel L (14-20).

On Oct 19, at Louisville's Cardinal Stadium • in Louisville, KY, the Cadets picked up the win W (37–12). Next up was Boston College on Oct 26 at home and the Eagles defeated the Cadets L 17-28) On Nov 2 at home, the Cadets lost to Vanderbilt L (10–41). On Nov 9, the Army was shut out by Air Force at Falcon Stadium Colorado Springs, CO (Commander-in-Chief's Trophy) L (0–25). On Nov 16, Army, 4-6, shut out a Div. I-A opponent for the first time since a 27-0 victory over Navy in 1969. Akron, 4-6, had not won on the road this season. The final score was W (0-19).

November 16 Akron Michie Stadium • West Point, NY W 19–0
On December 7 vs. Navy at Veterans Stadium, Philadelphia, PA (Army-Navy game/Commander-in-Chief's Trophy) L 3–24. Air Force won the trophy.

1992 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Bob Sutton

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1992 college football season. It was Army's one hundred-second season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Bob Sutton in his second of nine seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a losing record of 5-6-0.

Overall, the Cadets compiled a 5-6-0 record. They finished with a poor season record. Army pitched no shutouts, and had no shutouts thrown against them. The Cadets were outscored by their opponents 251 to 225. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen by a 25-24 score.

Against Air Force on Nov 7 at home for the (Commander-in-Chief's Trophy), the Air Force prevailed L (3–7). The Cadets would win two of their last three games. First up was Northern Illinois on Nov 14 at home W (21–14). Next was Boston College at home on Nov 21 for a loss L (24–41).

And, so on December 5 in the Army Navy Game, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen at Veterans Stadium Philadelphia, PA (Commander-in-Chief's Trophy Game) W (25–24). Air Force won the trophy.

1993 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Bob Sutton

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1993 college football season. It was Army's one hundred-third season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Bob Sutton in his third of nine seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a winning record of 6-5-0.

Overall, the Cadets compiled a 6-5-0 record. They finished with a respectable season record. Army pitched one shutout (Colgate 30-0), and had no shutouts thrown against them. The Cadets outscored their opponents 289 to 243. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen by a 16-14 score.

On Nov 6, Air Force made it four season losses in a row at Falcon Stadium Colorado Springs, CO. for the (Commander-in-Chief's Trophy) L (6–25). On December 5 in the Army Navy Game, a nail biter again, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen at Giants Stadium East Rutherford, NJ (Commander-in-Chief's Trophy Game) W (16-14). AF picked up the trophy again this year.

1994 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Bob Sutton

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1993 college football season. It was Army's one hundred-fifth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Bob Sutton in his fourth of nine seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a losing record of 4-7-0.

Overall, the Cadets compiled a 4-7-0 record. They finished with a poor season record. Army pitched no shutouts, and had no shutouts thrown against them. The Cadets were outscored by their opponents 252 to 215. In the annual Army–Navy Game on Dec 3, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen by a 22-20 score. Air Force kept on enjoying its victory streak at home in Michie and the Cadets endured another loss to the Fighting Falcons L (6-10).

1995 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Bob Sutton

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1995 college football season. It was Army's one hundred-sixth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Bob Sutton in his fifth of nine seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a break-even record of 5-5-1.

Overall, the Cadets compiled a 5-5-1 record. They finished with an OK season record. Army pitched no shutouts, and had no shutouts thrown against them. The Cadets were outscored by their opponents 325 to 211. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen by a 14-13 score.

Next up on Nov 11, was the new nemesis of the Service Academies, Air Force, and the Fighting Falcons kept their win streak against the Cadets going in this latest L (20-38) win.

1996 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Bob Sutton **Great W-L record; Independence Bowl Participants**

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1996 college football season. It was Army's

one hundred-seventh season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Bob Sutton in his sixth of nine seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a fine regular season record of 10-1-0. With the Bowl Game, it was a 10-2-0 record

Overall, the Cadets compiled a 10-2-0 record. They finished with an excellent season record – the best in thirty years. Yet, with such a great record, Army pitched no shutouts, and had no shutouts thrown against them. The Cadets outscored their opponents 379 to 224. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen again, by a larger margin yet it was just four points. Navy and Army always played best against each other. In such a season with a few losses, somebody plays better than your team. In this case, after losing to Syracuse near the end of the season, 17-42, Army lost to Auburn in a very close and hard-fought game, 32–29, in the 1996 Independence Bowl.

On Nov 9, Air Force finally could not withstand the constant pressure from Army and the Fighting Falcons had to give up a loss to the Cadets at home. Army won the (Commander-in-Chief's Trophy) W (23–7) before a max crowd of 41,251 at Michie and at the Vet in Philadelphia v Navy W (28-24).

Best Army Navy Game # 9

In a matchup featuring two teams headed for bowls, Army defeated Navy, 28-24, following a late defensive stand.

Headed for the Poulan Weedeater Independence Bowl, the Cadets stopped the Jeep Eagle Aloha Bowl-bound Midshipmen eight times inside the 10, highlighting the final four minutes of the tight contest. After falling behind 21-3 in the second quarter (21-13 at the half), the game turned for Army early in the third quarter on an 81-yard touchdown run by Bobby Williams. However, the two-point conversion attempt failed, and kept Navy ahead, 21-19.

After the Midshipmen missed a 42-yard field goal try on its next series, the Cadets took a 25-21 lead on a 3-yard touchdown run by Demetrius Perry.

Navy's Tom Vanderhorst atoned for his previous miss by nailing a 31-yard field goal late in the third quarter to cut the deficit to a point. Army responded with a 21-yard field goal by J. Parker to give the game its final margin.

The Midshipmen drove inside the Cadets' 10 twice in the latter stages of the fourth quarter but were stopped each time.

Because Army qualified for a Bowl Game, the season was not over.

On December 31, New Years' Eve at 3:30 p.m. vs unranked Auburn, the #24 ranked Cadets lost this game— (The Independence Bowl)—played at Independence Stadium in Shreveport, LA. The final score was L (29–32). Army had played a fine game yet had lost. It would be a long time for another coach to take Army so far.

1997 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Bob Sutton

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1997 college football season. It was Army's one hundred-eighth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Bob Sutton in his seventh of nine seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a losing season record of 4-7-0.

Overall, the Cadets compiled a 4-7-0 record. They finished with a poor season record after one of the best in the prior year. In 1997, Army pitched no shutouts, and had two shutouts thrown against them (Tulane 0-41) and (Air Force 0-24). The Cadets were outscored by their opponents 311 to 221. In the annual Army–Navy Game, after many years on top, the Midshipmen defeated the Cadets big time. Army might well have not showed up for the game. Navy and Army always played best against each other but not this year. On Nov 8, Air Force pounded the Cadets in a shutout L (0-24) North Texas was ready to win on Nov 15 but lost nonetheless as the Cadets would not permit it W (25-14). Boston College felt the same way in the game, played in Chestnut Hill, Mass. The Eagles picked up a big win against the Cadets L (0-24)

On December 6 in the Army-Navy-Game, in an unusual runaway game, the Midshipmen whooped the Cadets L (7-39) in a big loss at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford NJ . (Army-Navy-Game/Commander-in-Chief's Trophy). Air Force won the Trophy.

1998 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Bob Sutton

The Army Cadets football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1998 college football season. It was Army's one hundred-ninth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Bob Sutton in his eighth of nine seasons as head coach of the Cadets. As a new member of Conference USA, the Army team had a losing season record of 3-8-0.

Overall, the Cadets compiled a 3-8-0 record. The Cadets were 2-4 in the C-USA Conference. They finished with a very poor season record after one of the best just two years prior. In 1998, Army pitched no shutouts, and had no shutouts thrown against them. The Cadets were outscored by their opponents 325 to 257. In the annual Army-Navy Game, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen in a close match W (34-30). On Nov 7 Air Force continued its dominance over Army at home L (7-35) giving them the Trophy.

1999 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Bob Sutton

The Army Cadets / Black Knights football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 1998 college football season. It was Army's one hundred-tenth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Bob Sutton in his ninth and last of nine seasons as head coach of the Cadets / Black Knights. As a new member of Conference USA, the Army team had a losing season record of 3-8-0.

Overall, the Black Knights compiled a 3-8-0 record. The Cadets were 1-5 in the C-USA Conference. They finished with a very poor season record after one of the best two years prior. In 1998, Army pitched no shutouts, and had two shutouts (Southern Miss - 0-24 and Air Force - 0-28) thrown against them. The Black Knights were outscored by their opponents 317 to 225. In the annual Army-Navy Game, the Cadets lost to the Midshipmen in a close match L (9-19). On Nov 6, Army was shut out by the Air Force L (0-28) as the Falcons won the Commander-In-Chief's Trophy again.

Throughout the years from 1890 onward, Army teams were known as the "Cadets." In the 1940s, several papers called the football team "the Black Knights of the Hudson." From then on, "Cadets" and "Black Knights" were used interchangeably until this season (1999), when the team was officially nicknamed the Black Knights. Some pundits continue to call the team either Army or the Cadets and though not official, those names are most acceptable

Another change happened during this time. Between the 1998 and 2004 seasons, Army's football program was a member of Conference USA, but starting with the 2005 season Army reverted to its former independent status. Army competes with Navy and Air Force for the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy. When there is a tie, all are winners but the trophy stays in the last clean winner's locale.

As I look at all the coaches at Army, I find it tough to fault them. In 2000, as Bob Sutton passed the keys to Todd Berry, nobody expected Todd Berry, another qualified coach to fail. Todd Berry had rebuilt Illinois State football and had led the school to the Division I-AA playoffs the past two seasons. Army brought him into the bigger leagues but he was already a fine coach.

Berry of course replaced Bob Sutton, who had a rough go of it for three years after his 10-2 season. Many think Sutton should have been retained but who knows what was going on behind the scenes. Bob Sutton was fired two days after Army lost to Navy on Dec. 4 in the 100th meeting between the teams. The accolades coming in for the new coach Todd Berry at the time were almost deafening. Nobody anticipates failure with any new coach or they don't hire them.

"Coach Todd Berry is an inspiring coach," Army superintendent Lt. Gen. Daniel Christman said in announcing Berry's hiring today. "Anyone who comes into contact with him cannot help but be impressed with his commitment to this institution."

Berry has a history with players and coaches across College Football. He reunited in this hiring with athletic director Rick Greenspan,

Illinois State's athletic director for six years and the man who hired Berry in 1995. Greenspan took the Army AD job in April and chose to fire Sutton after the 19-9 loss to Navy.

"I have never been as inspired by a place until I got here," Berry said. "I expect that in the near future we'll be 11-0. Anything else would be an injustice to this institution." Considering Berry's actual record at Army, he might have easily predicted that Army would be winning the football Championships on both the Moon and Mars in the near future.

Greenspan said the 39-year-old coach had all the attributes West Point was looking for. He said Berry has "passion, recruiting skills, he's a teacher of the game, a tireless worker, and someone who appreciates the values of Army." Berry however, never had to deal with the Army Leadership to be successful in life before taking the job.

It is true that he had rebuilt Illinois State football, leading the Redbirds to the Gateway Conference title this season and an 11-3 record. Illinois State lost to Georgia Southern 28-17 in last week's I-AA semifinals.

Berry was voted the league's coach of the year. His overall record at the school is 24-24 in four seasons.

"He's been just incredible for our program," Illinois State assistant athletic director Kenny Mossman said. I wonder if Army would be happy with 24-24?

He was an assistant coach for 13 years before taking the job at Illinois State, including four years as offensive coordinator at East Carolina. He also was an assistant at Southeast Missouri State, Mississippi State and Tennessee-Martin.

Sutton, Army's coach for nine years, was fired just three seasons after guiding Army to a school-record 10 wins. His record against Navy was 6-3, and he left with a 44-55-1 record. Some would say that 24-24 is a better percentage than Sutton achieved. The verdict came in quick when Coach Todd Berry put the Black Knights on the field against opponents.

2000 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Todd Berry

The Army West Point Black Knights football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 2000 college football season. It was Army's one hundred-eleventh season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Todd Berry in his first of four seasons as head coach of the Black Knights. As a new member of Conference USA, the Army team had a losing season record of 1-10-0.



Overall, the Black Knights compiled a 1-10-0 record. They were 1-6 in the C-USA Conference. They finished with a very poor season record. In 1998, Army pitched no shutouts, and had no shutouts thrown against them. The Cadets were outscored by their opponents 372 to 224. In the annual Army-Navy Game, the Cadets lost to the Midshipmen in a close match L (28-30)

<< Coach Todd Berry

2001 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Todd Berry

The Army West Point Black Knights football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 2001 college football season. It was Army's one hundred-eleventh season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Todd Berry in his second of three seasons as head coach of the Black Knights. The Army team had a losing season record of 3-8-0.

Overall, the Black Knights compiled a 3-8-0 record. They were 2-5 in the C-USA Conference. They finished with another very poor season record. In 1998, Army pitched no shutouts, and had no shutouts

thrown against them. The Black Knights were outscored by their opponents 365 to 229. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Midshipmen defeated the Black Knights W (12-58). Army changed its nickname from the Cadets to the Black Knights.

2002 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Todd Berry

The Army West Point Black Knights football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 2002 college football season. It was Army's one hundred-thirteenth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Todd Berry in his third and last of three seasons as head coach of the Black Knights.

Overall, the Black Knights compiled a 1-11-0 record. They were 1-7 in the C-USA Conference. They finished with another very poor season record. In 1998, Army pitched no shutouts, and had one shutout thrown against them (Rutgers 0-44). The Cadets were outscored by their opponents 365 to 229. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Cadets were pounded by the Midshipmen W (12-58). Army changed its nickname in 1999 from the Cadets to the Black Knights.

Todd Berry Lasted six games in 2003 before he was fired. The season record was 0-6 before he was replaced mid-season The losses in 2003 for Todd Berry are as follows:

The other games were by Coach Mumford shown in next chapter

Army became the first team to finish 0-13 in major college history. The Arizona Sun published this short story of what happened to Coach Berry

WEST POINT, N.Y. (AP) — Army coach Todd Berry was fired Monday with the team 5-35 in his four seasons and mired in an eight-game losing streak.

"The Corps of Cadets and the fans of Army football deserve a competitive program that is representative of this great institution," said Lt. Gen. William Lennox Jr., superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy...

Chapter 17 Coaches Mumford, Ross, Brock, & Ellerson 2003 – 2013

Mumford Coach # 33
 Ross Coach # 34
 Brock Coach # 35
 Ellerson Coach # 36

Year	Coach	Record	Conference	Record
**2003	John Mumford	0-13	C-USA	0-8
2004	Bobby Ross	2-9	C-USA	2-6
2005	Bobby Ross	4-7	Indep	4-7
2006	Bobby Ross	3-9	Indep	3-9
2007	Stan Brock	3-9	Indep	3-9
2008	Stan Brock	3-9	Indep	3-9
2009	Rich Ellerson	5-7	Indep	5-7
2010	Rich Ellerson	7-6	Indep	7-6
2011	Rich Ellerson	3-9	Indep	3-9
2012	Rich Ellerson	2-10	Indep	2-10
2013	Rich Ellerson	3-9	Indep	3-9

** Todd Berry coached six losses listed under Mumford in 2003



Coach John Mumford checking things out

2003 Army West Point Cadets Football Coaches Todd Berry / John Mumford

The Army West Point Black Knights football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 2003 college football season.

It was Army's one hundred-fourteenth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Todd Berry, in his fourth and last season. Berry was fired after six games in. John Mumford coached the last seven games. Things were not going well for Army and Coach Mumford did not provide a fix.

Overall, the Black Knights compiled a 0-13 record. They were 0-8 in the C-USA Conference. They finished with the worst season record ever. In 1998, Army pitched no shutouts, and had two shutouts thrown against them (TCU & Louisville – Berry's last two games). The Cadets were outscored by their opponents 476 to 206. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Midshipmen defeated the Cadets L (6-34).

Bobby Ross

Bobby Ross was the next Army coach in the pipeline. When you look at Ross's record, 9-25, with three losing seasons, you can see a similarity with Bob Sutton, except for one thing. Sutton showed that if he got the players, he could bring out their talents as in his 10-2 season.

2004 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Bobby Ross

The Army West Point Black Knights football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 2004 college football season. It was Army's one hundred-fifteenth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Bobby Ross in his first of three seasons. As an independent football entity, the Army team had a very poor season record of 2-9.

Overall, the Black Knights compiled a 2-9 record. They were 2-6 in the C-USA Conference (their last year). They finished with another very poor season record. In 1998, Army pitched no shutouts, and had no shutouts thrown against them. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Midshipmen defeated the Black Knights W (13-42). They lost the big Trophy to the Navy, who were beginning to play better ball than the AF Academy.



Coach Bobby Ross at work

The loss in Philadelphia o Navy gave the Black Knights their ninth loss of the season.

2005 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Bobby Ross

The Army West Point Black Knights football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 2005 college football season. It was Army's one hundred-sixteenth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Bobby Ross in his second of three seasons. Out of conference play for good, as an independent football entity, the Army team had another very poor season record of 4-7.

Overall, the Black Knights compiled a 4-7 record. They had exited the C-USA Conference in 2004 so they wee back being Independent. It did not help. They finished with another very poor season record. Army pitched one shutout 20-0 v Akron) and had no shutouts thrown against them. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Midshipmen defeated the Black Knights W (23-42).

2006 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Bobby Ross

The Army West Point Black Knights football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 2006 college football season. It was Army's one hundred-seventeenth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Bobby Ross in his third and final season of three seasons. The Army team had another very poor season record of 3-9.

Overall, the Black Knights compiled a 3-9 record. They finished with another very poor season record. Army pitched no shutouts and had no shutouts thrown against them. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Midshipmen defeated the Black Knights L (23-42).

Air Force came back after last year's loss to torment Army again at home in a big win L (7-43). On Nov 18, the Big Guns from Notre Dame invited Army to Notre Dame Stadium in South Bend, IN (Army-Notre Dame football rivalry). The Irish stole the win L (9-41) before 80,795.

On December 2 in the classic Army-Navy-Game, the Black Knights were again defeated by the Midshipmen L (14-26) and the Midshipment claimed the Commander's Trophy.

at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia PA (Army-Navy-Game /Commander-in-Chief's Trophy). This gave the Black Knights their ninth loss of the season.

There are a lot of great coaches who took their turns at Army. Bobby Ross got three years in a tough scenario. He retired. As the good man that he is, he expressed profound gratitude for the opportunity to coach the storied Black Knights of Army West Point.

Ross Retires After Three Years At Army; Brock Is New Coach

By Adam Kilgore, Washington Post Staff Writer
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Bobby Ross retired as head coach of Army yesterday, ending a three-year stint in which his teams finished 9-25 and did not beat Navy.

Ross, 70, who coached Maryland for five seasons in the 1980s and took the San Diego Chargers to the Super Bowl in 1994, was succeeded by offensive line coach Stan Brock, 48.

"I think there's a point in time when you feel like it's your time to retire, and I think I've reached that time," Ross said at a news conference at West Point. "I think there is an issue of having a certain degree of energy, which I feel is very important for anyone leading a college football program. I feel that I was lacking in that area as well."

Brock played for Ross in the NFL.

"I am not going to replace Bobby Ross. No way," Brock said. "He is the best coach I ever played for."

Upon his hiring at Army, Ross spoke about how his military background shaped his decision to accept the position. Ross graduated from the Virginia Military Institute and served in the U.S. Army from 1960 to '62 as a lieutenant. He sent one son to the Air Force Academy and another to the Naval Academy.

"My desire to always coach at West Point was a great one," Ross said in a statement. "I will be indebted to our administration forever for providing me the opportunity to do that."

2007 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Stan Brock

The Army West Point Black Knights football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 2007 college football season. It was Army's one hundred-eighteenth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Stan Brock in his first of two seasons. The Army team had another very poor season record of 3-9. It was the second 3-9 season of three in a row.



Stan Brock before the Tulane game

Overall, the Black Knights compiled a 3-9 record. They finished with another very poor season record. In the Army–Navy Game, the Midshipmen defeated the Black Knights L (3-38). On Nov 3 at Air Force’s Falcon Stadium Colorado Springs, CO, the Army was beaten by the Air Force, L (10–30) before a packed crowd of 46,144.

2008 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Stan Brock

The Army West Point Black Knights football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 2008 college football season. It was Army’s one hundred-nineteenth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Stan Brock in his second and last of two seasons. The Army team had another very poor season record of 3-9. It was the third 3-9 season of three in a row.

Overall, the Black Knights compiled a 3-9 record. They finished with another very poor season record. In the annual Army–Navy Game, the Midshipmen pounded the Black Knights L (0-34).

Since Navy was doing well, and since Air Force was doing well during this period, what is clear is that Army West Point, a fine service academy had not yet figured out how to win in the modern age. Out of nowhere, Navy is now ten games + in wins & losses.

We have been walking through some of the years in which this happened. However this occurred, a team of generals ought to be able to figure out how to help their Cadets win football games in the same fashion as they always win wars. There should be no excuses. That's what I think.

Stan Brock took a lot of heat in 2008 from critics after changing from the pro-style offense to a triple option-like offensive scheme after the previous season. Some pundits dubbed it the "Brock Bone" or "quadruple" option, due to an added passing element. The team as noted above finished the season with a disappointing 3–9 record, with the biggest disappointment being the 34–0 rout by archrival Navy. Nonetheless, without the generals helping attract better football athletes to West Point in addition to the great soldiers which come forth, the Triple Option brought by Brock in his losing years, may be the only way for a powerful Army team of the future to win in the future.

Brock was subsequently fired and replaced this same year by former Cal Poly head coach, Rich Ellerson. The 2008 Army–Navy Game was the first shut-out of Army by Navy since 1978. One consolation was that in the game's final play, Army fullback Collin Mooney, in the last play of his college football career, broke the school record for single-season rushing by a single yard.

Brock Out; Ellerson In at Army from NY Daily News

WEST POINT, N.Y. - Army filled its football coaching vacancy by heeding a core West Point value: History matters.

Rich Ellerson grew up around Black Knights football and is leaving his coaching job at Cal Poly to come to a place he knows well. His father and two brothers graduated from the U.S. Military Academy, where brother John led the 1962 team to a 6-4 record. And he's worked before with former Army coaches known for running successful schemes on both sides of the ball.

Ellerson replaces Stan Brock, who was fired Dec. 12 after a pair of 3-9 seasons. This season ended with a 34-0 loss to Navy. Brock, a

former New Orleans Saints offensive lineman, was Army's offensive line coach for three years before replacing Bobby Ross in early 2007.

Academy officials, who announced the selection Friday, said Ellerson expressed interest in the position when it was open in the past. They were impressed by his familiarity with a program in need of a quick turnaround.

"I will never receive, nor have I ever received a finer compliment professionally or personally than to be entrusted with the Army football program at this point in its history," said Ellerson, who turns 55 on Jan. 1. ...

My perspective has always been that the record was never the players fault nor the coaches' fault. It was a problem that the Army as an instituteion, chose not to make a priority.

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Despite all the confidence like many before him, Rich Ellerson was unable to deliver more than just one slightly winning season out of five. Most of the squad's seasons with Coach Ellerson were well underplayed. Four losing seasons out of five says a lot. If Army Generals were being paid to bring in winning football wars, you can bet that the Army Football team would have all the resources it needs. Too bad.

2009 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Rich Ellerson

The Army West Point Black Knights football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 2009 college football season. It was Army's one hundred-twentieth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Rich Ellerson in his first of five seasons. The Army team had a losing season record of 5-7. They won two games more than the prior year.

Overall, the Black Knights compiled a 5-7 record. They finished with another relatively poor season record. In the very important annual Army-Navy Game, the Midshipmen defeated the Black Knights L (3-17). Navy won the big trouphy also.



Rich Ellerson coaching for Army Black Knights

The attendance at the Army Navy Game in the big stadium was high again for this meeting 69,541. This game was the seventh loss for the Black Knights this season.

2010 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Rich Ellerson

The Army West Point Black Knights football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 2010 college football season. It was Army's one hundred-twenty-first season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Rich Ellerson in his second of five seasons. The Army team had a winning season record of 7-5, their first season above 500 since 1996. They won two games more than the prior year. Ellerson was not a magician. Just like Jeff Monken, he just happened to be a great coach.

Overall, the Black Knights compiled a 7-5 record. They finished with an OK season record. Army pitched a shutout against North Texas – 24-0, and had no shutouts thrown against them. In the very important annual Army–Navy Game, the Midshipmen defeated the Black Knights L (17-31) and they won the Big Trophy.

By winning 6 regular season games, Army became bowl-eligible for the first time since the 1996 season. They were invited to the Armed Forces Bowl against SMU, in University Park, Texas replacing a team from the Mountain West Conference. They defeated SMU 16–14 in the bowl to finish the season 7–6, their first winning season since 1996. Ask the Generals about that. As a former member of the Army, I love making that suggestion. It is a suggestion from a man who was paid by IBM to be a key problem solver. What is; is!

On December 30, 12:00 p.m. at SMU in the Armed Serviced Bowl played at Gerald J. Ford Stadium University Park, TX, the Black Knights defeated the Mustangs W 16–14 before a crowd of 36,742.

2011 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Rich Ellerson

The Army West Point Black Knights football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 2011 college football season. It was Army's one hundred-twenty-second season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Rich Ellerson in his third of five seasons. The Army team had a losing season record of 3-9. They lost four more games than the prior year.

Overall, the Black Knights compiled a 3-9 record, which for several years had been their "favorite record." They finished with a poor season record. Army nonetheless had some surprises such as the shutout Fordham 55-0, and had they had no shutouts against them. In the very important annual Army–Navy Game, the Midshipmen again defeated the Black Knights 21-27 and claimed the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy. Navy had to grit its teeth when Army was walloping everybody.

2012 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Rich Ellerson

The Army West Point Black Knights football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 2012 college football season. It was Army's one hundred-twenty-third season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Rich Ellerson in his fourth of five seasons. The Army team had a losing season record of 2-10. They lost one more game than the prior year. The best I can say is they did not mean to.

Overall, the Black Knights compiled a 2-10 record. They finished with a poor season record. In the very important annual Army–Navy Game, the Midshipmen defeated the Black Knights again 13-17. Things were not looking good for Coach Ellerson or the Army program. Rich Ellerson’s team brought in just two wins.

2013 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Rich Ellerson

The Army West Point Black Knights football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 2013 college football season. It was Army’s one hundred-twenty-fourth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Rich Ellerson in his fifth and last of five seasons. The Army team had a losing season record of 3-9. They won just one more game than the prior year.

Overall, the Black Knights compiled a 3-9 record. They finished with a poor season record. In the very important annual Army–Navy Game, the Midshipmen smothered the Black Knights 7-34. Following the loss to Navy on December 14 and finishing the season 3-9, head coach Rich Ellerson, a fine coach was fired. With the resources given and the direction given to coach Ellerson, some suggest that if God were one of the generals in charge of what Army had to work with, even he would have produced a losing team. God, as we know, helps those who help themselves, but God tried never to play the part of a magician.

Every year Army played, in my opinion, IMHO, they did the best any football team could do under the conditions set forth. I am proud to be part of the Army fighting tradition though I never played football for Army. Thank God the generals are trained well to win wars. I could not have helped them but they could have done better by the football team, which was still Army elegant and well done at all times.

Our acknowledgment to ESPN for this article about Rich Ellerson.

Army fires coach Rich Ellerson

Dec 16, 2013

Army has fired Rich Ellerson after five seasons, the school confirmed Sunday.

Ellerson was 20-41 at Army, including 0-5 against Navy. The firing comes one day after Army lost 34-7 to Navy, the Black

Knights' 12th straight loss in the lopsided series.

Rich Ellerson's 34-7 loss to Navy on Saturday turned out to be his last game on Army's sideline.

"I love that football team," Ellerson said after the game. "I want desperately for them to have a better feeling today. That's what is killing me."

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That's enough for the bad news. Army is a great team and Ellerson is a great coach. Let history write it that way.

Chapter 18 Coach Jeff Monken 2014-2016

Monken Coach # 37

Year	Coach	Record	Conference	Record
2014	Jeff Monken	4-8	Indep	4-8
2015	Jeff Monken	2-10	Indep	2-10
2016	Jeff Monken	8-5	Indep	8-5
2017	Jeff Monken	10-3	Indep	10-3
2018	Jeff Monken	11-2	Indep	11-2
*2019	Jeff Monken	1-1	Indep	1-12

* in process when book printed



Coach Jeff Monken with the Army Team

Who is Coach Jeff Monken?

I think Jeff Monken is a great coach. The 2019 season is not complete as this book is being turned to print, but guess what. Army already beat Michigan if it were not for the officials. Sorry folks, this is not the generals, this is a major fan with the power of the pen looking fo4

50-yard-line seats at Mitchies Stadium from a legitimate source that says I am right.

Well, maybe the Black Knights did not exactly beat Michigan but the one play that separated the Black Knights from a victory at the Big House was a call by the referees with Army pressing the goal. Sorry folks, that's how I see it. Jeff Monken figured out how to take the dismal funding and support given by the generals (small g) and he eventually figured out as the song, "if that all there is" is in effect, he took matters under his own control.

I am surprised that the pompous generals in charge of Army Football would have even looked for and found a great coach such as Jeff Monken, who could take their meager drippings and produce a championship caliber football machine that could win national championships as long as they failed to make a single mistake. And, so Michigan won on Saturday 9/7/2019 and Army won on 9/7/2019 but the referees won no respect since they played the most important role in the game and not the players or the coaches. Find somebody else to complete this because is my book, I am still in 2014 and from there we shall continue.

For the Army Black Knights, Jeff Monken is the new Sheriff in town. Most would have said "NO" to the job but Monken figured he would try perfection because only with perfection or a shift in the support of the generals could Army ever achieve its former greatness like when General Dwight D. Eisenhower was making sure Americans were properly deployed to win WWII.

Others who came before Monken could not turn this seemingly lawless team around. Nobody has been blaming the Sheriff per se but every few years, the Army gets rid of a good Sheriff and brings in a supposedly "better" lawman to bring justice to the people of Dodge City in West Point,

But, of late, the same old things happen. The bad guys come into Michie Stadium and face the ravage of the townspeople, ready to mess them up at the drop of a hat. Will this happen again? It was a good question in 2014 for sure as the new Sheriff, Jeff Monken had not even checked out his posse.

When 2014 was said and done, there was a lot of devastation (4-8 record) and the townspeople had been hurt like the olden days. But, they figured that Sherriff Monken was still getting his posse together so the Town Council kept him on. I ca so glad we did,

Then came 2015, and the posse was getting formed and the Monekn gang looked stronger. But, the bad guys played harder than the prior year (2-10). While this was going on, Sherriff Monken was culling his posse into the best there ever was. Despite a 2-10 bad guy record, twice as bad statistically as the prior year, the townspeople also looked at the posse and they figured protection and victories over adversaries would come in 2016.

It sure did!

Jeff Monken, who was named Army's 37th individual head coach on Dec. 24, 2013, was then ready to begin his fourth season as head football coach. The Sherriff even picked up a high quality posse.

Monken shows a 50-39 career record as a head coach and a 6-18 mark at Army in th time before the encounters began.

Last year, 2016, was a breakout season for the Black Knights under Monken. He led them to their first win over Navy since 2001 and they won a bowl game for the first time in six seasons. The last time the Black Knights accomplished both feats in the same season was in 1984. Praise to Sheriff Monken!

In 2016, Army was second in the nation in rushing offense and ran for an Army single-season record of 46 touchdowns, which eclipsed the 1945 national championship team. On the defense side, Army was consistently in the top 10 in total defense and finished the year fourth in the nation. They handled the bad guys on both sides of the ball. The press had yet to focus its reporters on the new Sheriff in town.

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In 2015, Sherriff Monken led Army to a pair of wins over Bucknell and Eastern Michigan. Under coach Monken, the Black Knights had five players reach 100 yards rushing in a game in 2015 and had three

different quarterbacks throw for 100 yards. Signal callers Ahmad Bradshaw and Chris Carter ran and threw for 100 yards each in their career debuts. Army won on the road for the first time since 2010 with a 58-36 win over Eastern Michigan. The townspeople, the fans, and the Academy were beginning to believe.

Army finished the season ranked 12th in the country in rushing offense at 244.3 yards per game. Linebacker Andrew King was the top player in the national rankings. He was 21st in tackles for loss with an average of 2.1 per game and 26th in fumbles recovered with two.

To say it all differently, in Monken's first season at Army, he guided the Black Knights to home victories over Buffalo, Ball State and Fordham, in addition to a dramatic win against Connecticut at Yankee Stadium.

Under his guidance, running back Larry Dixon, linebacker Jeremy Timpf, defensive back Josh Jenkins and offensive lineman Matt Hugenberg earned 11 citations on postseason all-star teams and two players, Joe Drummond and Dixon competed in The Medal of Honor Bowl Game and East-West Shrine Game, respectively.

Army was fifth in the country in rushing offense at 296.5 yards per game in Monken's first season and sixth in fewest penalties per game with just 4.08 infractions per contest.

Monken tutored a host of players who listed in the national rankings. Timpf was seventh in the nation in solo tackles per game and 23rd in tackles per game. Jenkins was eighth in the country in blocked kicks and 33rd in interceptions per game and both Lamar Johnson-Harris and Xavier Moss ranked 11th in punt return touchdowns. Dixon listed nationally in rushing yards per carry (30th), rushing yards (39th) and rushing yards per game (41st).

With a 47-39 win against Buffalo, Monken became the first head coach at Army to win his first game since Bob Sutton did so in 1991 with a victory over Colgate. Prior to Monken, the last Army coach to win his first game against a Football Bowl Subdivision opponent was

Ed Cavanaugh in 1980. Coach Monken deserves the plaudits for sure.

Monken came to the banks of the Hudson River following a successful stint as a head coach at Georgia Southern.

He spent four seasons as head coach at Georgia Southern after learning the triple-option offense under one of the nation's premier option proponents, Paul Johnson, during assistant coaching stints at Navy and Georgia Tech.

During his four seasons at Georgia Southern, Monken authored a 38-16 mark and spearheaded the programs transition to the elite Football Bowl Subdivision level from the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) ranks.

Georgia Southern, which joined the Sun Belt Conference following Monken's tenure, was a member of the FCS and qualified for the NCAA playoffs in all three eligible seasons under Monken, advancing to the national semifinals each year while posting double-digit victory totals.

Monken guided tradition-rich Georgia Southern to some of the biggest wins in school history, with the most memorable arguably a 26-20 victory at Florida in November at the vaunted "Swamp." Despite that headline-grabbing victory, Georgia Southern was not eligible for the FCS playoffs this season due to its transitional status.

"I am thrilled to accept the head coaching position at West Point," said Monken at the time of his hiring. "Not only is the United States Military Academy one of the most prestigious academic institutions in the world, it boasts one of the nation's richest, most historic traditions in all of college football.

"There are so many people I would like to thank for this tremendous opportunity, starting with Director of Athletics Boo Corrigan and our Superintendent, Gen. Bob Caslen. I am honored and humbled by their trust in me to lead the West Point football program. I have had the privilege of serving as a coach for several outstanding institutions and am thankful to all of the student-athletes, coaches, and administrators with whom I have worked. Because of their

commitment, dedication, and loyalty, this opportunity to serve at West Point has been afforded to me. More than anyone else, I want to thank the men and women who have served and continue to serve our nation in the United States Army. I am proud to be your head football coach."

Monken and Johnson are the only coaches in Georgia Southern school history to win at least 10 games in each of their first three seasons.

"Jeff Monken is an outstanding football coach. He is a tireless worker who will do the right things to build a program and he will be a great leader," said Johnson.

A finalist for the 2012 Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year award, Monken guided Georgia Southern to 10 wins his first season, 11 his second and 10 in his third. His 2013 squad posted a 7-4 mark, including the stunning, season-ending upset of Florida in Gainesville.

Under Monken's guidance, Georgia Southern was one of the top rushing teams at the FCS level, claiming the NCAA rushing title in 2012 at 399.36 yards per contest. Walter Payton Award candidate Jerick McKinnon and running back Dominique Swope established the NCAA record for rushing yards by teammates with 3,063.

Monken coached a lengthy list of all-stars, including the school's highest-ever National Football League draft choice, safety J.J. Wilcox, a third-round selection of the Dallas Cowboys in 2013.

In 2011, Georgia Southern was ranked No. 1 in both FCS polls for seven weeks and stopped Wofford, 31-10, to win its ninth Southern Conference championship. Five players were named All-America, Brent Russell was selected Southern Conference Defensive Player of the Year, Monken earned conference Coach of the Year plaudits and Swope was named Southern Conference Freshman of the Year. Home playoff wins against Old Dominion and Maine were part of the Eagles' memorable 11-3 campaign.

Monken got off to a great start in his first year as Georgia Southern's head coach, knocking off top-ranked and previously unbeaten Appalachian State as part of a 10-5 season. Georgia Southern ended

the season with three straight wins to qualify for the postseason and registered three playoff victories to advance to the national semifinals.

In addition to the success on the field, Monken helped Georgia Southern reemerge academically with the team's cumulative grade point average ranking as the highest in school history in each of his first two seasons. Not only was Georgia Southern successful in the classroom and on the football field under Monken, but the players and staffs were part of several community service programs and local events.

Monken was named Georgia Southern's head coach in November of 2009, continuing a family history of football coaches. Jeff's father, Mike, and a dozen family members have coached at the high school, collegiate or professional levels.

Monken's first head coaching job came after accumulating 20 years of experience as an assistant, 13 of them with his mentor Johnson. Monken coached slotbacks at Georgia Southern from 1997 to 2001 before joining Johnson first at Navy and then Georgia Tech.

As an assistant coach at Georgia Southern, Monken was part of two NCAA FCS National Championship squads (1999 and 2000) and five straight playoff teams. Georgia Southern was among the top-five rushing teams in all five seasons and twice led the nation in rushing. Four out of five seasons, the Eagles ranked in the top-15 in scoring as well.

After serving as an assistant at Georgia Southern, Monken accepted a position on Johnson's coaching staff at Navy. Monken not only mentored slotbacks, he later added special team's coordinator duties.

In Annapolis, Monken helped the Midshipmen to five straight Commander in Chief trophies and five consecutive bowl appearances, including a 10-win season in 2004. Following his time at Navy, Monken moved to Georgia Tech where for two seasons he served as slotbacks coach and special teams coordinator. The Yellow Jackets posted double-digit wins in 2009 and captured the Atlantic Coast Conference championship, although that title was later vacated.

Monken began his coaching career in 1989 as a graduate assistant at the University of Hawaii and later spent one season at Arizona State University. Monken moved to University of Buffalo as the wide receivers and tight ends coach and also handled recruiting. He served on the staffs at Morton (Ill.) High School as head coach and at Concordia University in Illinois as the offensive line coach as well.

A native of Joliet, Ill, Monken played wide receiver for four years and earned two varsity letters in track and field while earning his bachelor's degree from Millikin University in 1989. He was inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame in October and collected his master's degree from Hawaii in 1991.

Monken and his wife Beth now reside at West Point with their three daughters, Isabelle, Amelia and Evangeline. We of the Army Football Community know Jeff Monken can produce great teams. We are sure wishing and hoping and praying that his energy holds out and that he gets the support of the institution for the long haul.

When the fan base and the pundits begin to put the word “Red” in between Jeff and Monken, I think we (Army) will have more than arrived. We may never call him Jeff “Blak” Monken but the great monikers have not ceased for Monken! They have just begun.

2014 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Jeff Monken

The Army West Point Black Knights football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 2014 college football season. It was Army's one hundred-twenty-fifth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Jeff Monken in his first of ??? seasons. Monken is also the current coach and he had a good year in 2016 so we all hope he is around for a while. The Army team had a losing season record of 4-8 but so what? They won one more game than the prior year.

Overall, the Black Knights compiled a 4-8 record. They finished with a poor season record, losing twice as many games as they won. Army pitched no shutouts, and were shut out by Stanford 0-35. In the very important annual Army–Navy Game, the Midshipmen smothered the Black Knights 10-17. Assistant Coach Danny Verpaele brought

back the tight end position to Army and that plus other things really mattered.

On Oct 4, my wedding anniversary to my beautiful Bride, Pat, Army defeated Ball State at home W (33–24) before a fairly packed house of 31,384.

2015 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Jeff Monken

The Army West Point Black Knights football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 2015 college football season. It was Army's one hundred-twenty-sixth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Jeff Monken in his second of many + seasons. The faithful hope he is around for a while. The Army team had a losing season record of 2-10. They won two less games than the prior year.. But better was coming. .

Overall, the Black Knights compiled a 2-10 record. They finished with a very poor season record, losing five times as many games as they won. Army pitched no shutouts, and were not shut out by any opponent. In the very important annual Army–Navy Game, the Midshipmen smothered the Black Knights 17-21. This game was close but no cigar. Would Coach Jeff Monken get to light up a cigar in 2016? Yes, he did, 8-5 – not too shabby with more wins in the pipeline.

2016 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Jeff Monken

The Army West Point Black Knights football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 2016 college football season. It was Army's one hundred-twenty-seventh season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Jeff Monken in his third if XXXX seasons. Monken is the current coach and he had a good year this year in 2016 so we all hope he is around for a while. The Army team had a winning record of 8-5. They won six more games than the prior year. Looks like Monken is what the doctor ordered!

Overall, the Black Knights compiled an 8-5 record. They finished with the best season since air was invented or so it seemed. The Black Knights were not shut out by any opponent. In the very important annual Army–Navy Game, the Midshipmen were finally defeated by

the neve-say-die Army Black Knights 38-31. This game gained the Army Black Knights a really big Cigar.

Even in a good year, Army had trouble with Air Force and other great teams such as Notre Dame which they played the next week at the Alamodome in San Antonio, TX. ND defeated a very game Army Team L 6-44 before a stadium fan set of 45,762 On Nov 19, at home, Army beat Morgan State W 60-3 in front of 28,290 fans.

On December 10, before 71,600 fans in the classic Army-Navy-Game, the Black Knights, coached by Jeff Monken played to win the game. They were not only not defeated by the Midshipmen by any score, they kept with Navy through the whole game, and hung in and won. This is our father's Army team. Last year's L (17-21) four-point differential was reversed and though the score was the same Army had beaten Navy W (21-17) this time. Bravo!

This game was played at M&T Bank Stadium • Baltimore, MD (117th Army-Navy Game/Commander-in-Chief's Trophy) This game was the seventh win for the Black Knights this season. Win # 8 came in the heart of Dallas Bowl game.



Army Navy Game 2016

It was December 27 at 11:00 a.m. when the NY revelers were ready to celebrate early, Army gave lots of reasons why. Army played North Texas in the Cotton Bowl Stadium in Dallas, TX celebrating the (Heart of Dallas Bowl). The Black Knights prevailed in OT W (38–31) before 39,117

The article immediately below is courtesy of USA today. It offers a look at the status of Army Football right before the Army-Navy Game of 2016. The next article is a writeup of the game by the sports press in 2016. We have two more years to report, and the verdict is very positive.

Army building winning culture behind coach Jeff Monken

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WEST POINT, N.Y. — Army’s first bowl game in six seasons seems likely to serve more as a coda to a successful season than a climax, given the gravity of its annual matchup against Navy on Saturday.

But the berth nonetheless stands as Army’s first since 2010 and only its second since 1996, and a step forward for a program that has finished with a losing record in 18 of the past 20 seasons.

The Dec. 27 matchup with North Texas in the Heart of Dallas Bowl also represents a rematch of a regular-season contest that North Texas won at Michie Stadium in October.

“Playing in a bowl game is a measure of success for everybody that plays at this level,” coach Jeff Monken told USA TODAY Sports. “So, to say we’re going to play in a bowl game is certainly an accomplishment. I’m proud of our kids and I’m proud of our coaches, and I’m proud for West Point to be able to represent our academy in that fashion.”



(Photo: Matt Cashore, USA TODAY Sports)

Army dominates on both sides in 60-3 win over Morgan State

In his third season as Army's head coach, Monken endeavors the huge challenge of restoring to respectability a program that was one of college football's most successful in the early days of the sport but which last saw back-to-back winning seasons in 1989-90. An assistant coach at Navy from 2002-2007, Monken took over as Army's head coach already familiar with the particulars of recruiting top-flight high school players to a military academy, a prospect that comes with both rigorous academic standards and, for most, a five-year service commitment following graduation. It means Monken must draw on a different group of recruits than most other Division I head coaches.

"The pool's smaller — or gets smaller in a hurry — because of the military commitment," he said. "And it's a challenge. No matter how much they understand that this is a world-class degree and an opportunity to play a very high level of football, there's still the fact that we're a military school."

Navy looks beyond injuries as it readies for Army

“It is an environment — a university or college environment — that’s not traditional. Our guys don’t go out and drink beer until 4 in the morning on a Tuesday night. You can do that other places. (At other schools), they can sleep in and miss math class if they want — hey, they might get in trouble. But you can’t do that here.

“That’s the challenge in recruiting here: You’ve got to find the right guy. It doesn’t have to be a guy that necessarily has dreamed of being in the Army his whole life; it has just got to be the right kind of guy.”

College football bowl schedule, results for 2016-17

Cadets at West Point pay no tuition, so the program need not consider NCAA scholarship limitations. For some, the service commitment seemed an inevitability.

Jeremy Timpf, a senior linebacker and team captain prepping for an assignment in field artillery next year, always intended to enroll at a military academy. Another senior linebacker, Andrew King, said the opportunities associated with attending West Point made it “a perfect fit” as he was “not really a party-goer.”

But for others, the commitment gave some pause.

“You hear about the service commitment, and it kind of shakes you a little bit,” said Christian Poe, a sophomore receiver who followed his older brother, Edgar, to Army. “It’s just something you’ve got to do. You’re getting paid when you serve; it’s not like you’re serving for free. You’re doing something for millions of people and you’re getting paid to do it. It’s a beautiful thing: You get a job coming straight out of here. It’s more exciting than anything, once you get the hang of it.”

Focus of coaching carousel lands on American Athletic Conference

Until the spring of 2016, committing to Army — or any of the military academies — meant postponing any NFL dreams, as prospective pro players were expected to fulfill at least two years’ worth of active duty before applying to the department of defense for

a special waiver allowing for a transfer to selective reserve service so they could pursue pro careers. But after the Baltimore Ravens drafted Navy quarterback Keenan Reynolds in the sixth round of the NFL draft in April, Defense Secretary Ashton Carter announced that Reynolds and teammate Chris Swain would be allowed to defer their commitments to immediately join NFL teams.

“If they’re good enough to play in the NFL, they can do that from here, too,” Monken said. “That’s absolutely a possibility.”

Though Monken and defensive coordinator Jay Bateman contended coaching Cadets differed little from coaching Division I athletes at other schools, Bateman pointed out the type of player drawn to the Army program could help the team secure a strategic advantage: A playbook hardly seems daunting to minds tasked with the school’s arduous academics and officer training.

“The kids that come here, the biggest thing is how bright they are,” Bateman said. “Schematically, you have a lot of different options because they understand it; they’re able to process things — if/then equations, calls. They’re not always compliant — they’re Division I football players, so they’re tough dudes. But the kid that comes here, certainly, is a bright kid that’s willing to commit to something bigger than himself, so I think the brotherhood, the team, is a big part of our success here.”

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Army beats Navy 21-17 to end 14-year losing streak in series

Published December 10, 2016 *Associated Press* Army ended a 14-year run of frustration against Navy, using an overpowering running game and opportunistic defense to carve out a long overdue 21-17 victory Saturday.

With future commander in chief Donald Trump looking on, the Black Knights blew a 14-point lead before quarterback Ahmad Bradshaw scored on a 9-yard run with 6:42 left to give Army the win it had been waiting for since 2001.



Army running back Andy Davidson (40) celebrates his touchdown with teammates in the first half of the Army-Navy NCAA college football game in Baltimore, Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016. (AP Photo/Patrick Semansky) (Copyright 2016 The Associated Press. All rights reserved.)

In 2016, the Black Knights' 14-game losing streak was the longest by either academy in a series that began in 1890. Army (7-5) now trails 60-50-7 in one of the nation's historic rivalries.

Navy (9-4) was coming off a physical 34-10 loss to Temple in the American Athletic Conference title game and had only one week to prepare for Army with a new quarterback, sophomore Zach Abey, who was making his first college start. Abey took over Will Worth, who broke his foot against Temple.

Abey ran for two touchdowns but passed for only 89 yards and was intercepted twice. Navy had four turnovers, three in the first half.

By halftime, Army led 14-0 and owned a 14-1 advantage in first downs.

After watching from the Navy side of the field before halftime, Trump visited the TV booth on the Army side in the third quarter. The interview with the president-elect coincided with a big shift in momentum.

Andy Davidson lost a fumble on the Black Knights' first possession of the second half and the Midshipmen recovered at the Army 32. A

screen pass for 16 yards set up a 1-yard touchdown run by Abey to get Navy to 14-7.

Minutes later, the Midshipmen got a field goal after a replay overturned a lost fumble by Abey at the Army 11.

A 41-yard touchdown run by Abey gave Navy the lead with 12:42 remaining. But Army wasn't done.

The Black Knights put together a 12-play, 80-yard drive that lasted nearly seven minutes and ended with Bradshaw's TD with 6:42 remaining.

Bradshaw went 2 for 4 for 35 yards and an interception in Army's first win in Baltimore since 1944.

Davidson ran for 87 yards and two first-half scores, and Kell Walker carried... and the rest is history as they say.



Celebration over 2016 Navy Victory

2017 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Jeff Monken Armed Services Bowl Champions

The Army West Point Black Knights football team represented the United States Military Academy in the 2017 college football season. Army played in the 2017 NCAA Division I FBS football season. It was Army's one hundred-twenty-eighth season of intercollegiate football. They were led by Coach Jeff Monken in his fourth of an undetermined # of seasons. Monken is the current coach and he had another fine season this year in 2017 so we all hope he is around for a long while. The Army team had a winning record of 10-3. They won two more games than the prior year. Monken is filling the right prescriptions.

Overall, the Black Knights enjoyed their 10-3 record. While writing up last years turnaround results, I suggested that the Black Knights finished with the best season record since air was invented. Two more wins and two less losses (double digits wins) made this year absolutely great. The Black Knights were not shut out by any opponent all year . In the very important annual Army–Navy Game, the Midshipmen were defeated in the second year in a row by the never-say-die Army Black Knights by a score of 14-13 in a close duel. Army also beat the AF Academy giving them sole possession of the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy for 2017. It was the first time since 1996 for Army to capture this honor.

For their great year. they were invited to the Armed Forces Bowl where they defeated San Diego State. Following the season, they were chosen as the 2017 ECAC Division I Football Subdivision Team of the Year.

What did Army supporters & fans expect in 2017 Courtesy of SBNation.com

Army is finding its niche with Monken in charge. The Black Knights broke through in 2016 with a lineup far from senior-heavy, and they did so with clear, obvious areas for future improvement — passing downs offense, pass defense, special teams, etc. Recruiting has improved a bit, returning production is high, and the Cadets appear well suited to further mastery of the underdog script.

The schedule is still pretty light, but it did get a bit more difficult this fall. In 2015, for example, the Black Knights played two FCS opponents and three teams among FBS' bottom 10 in S&P+. The bottom feeders are there, but there's only one FCS foe, and four opponents are projected 71st or better.

This was a much better situation in 2017 and not like last year's, where the Knights were .500 late and needed late triumphs to become bowl eligible. Many hoped for a strong start instead. It all depends on the relative tossups — they have five games with win probability between 40 and 54 percent. With overachievement or strong close-game execution, a 6-1 start is possible. That'll take the suspense right out of the equation.

Regardless, it's great to have Army back. College football is more fun with three different service academy teams serving as a pain in the butt and proving that you can win games with two-star recruits and a disciplined system.

Monken brought the Black Knights back to the party; now we get to find out if they can stay there this time. Signs point to yes.

There is no question this past 2017 just experienced was a great one. The Army-Navy-Game is at its best again with two in a row. Of course, Army plans to get through the whole season successfully and not just make its season by winning the Navy Game. Jeff Monken is aware that Navy overcame injuries to finish 9-5 in 2016 that surpassed expectations.

However, when it came to one of the game's most historic rivalries with Army (8-5 2016; 10-3 2017), the Black Knights ended the 14-year drought with a 21-17 win. Now, with both programs coming off impressive seasons, the coming 2018 edition of the rivalry is expected to be another classic. The writer suggested that we all circle our calendars for Dec. 8, when the two armed-forces face off again at Lincoln Financial Field at 3 p.m. ET. I sure plan to be there. Bring your copy of this book and I would be happy to sign it for you. The best.

**2018 Army West Point Cadets Football Coach Jeff Monken
Armed Services Bowl Champions**



Army Navy Game – The Best Football

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Overall, the Black Knights 11-2 records was better than the pundits expected. The Black Knights were not shut out by any opponent all year . In the very important annual Army–Navy Game, the Midshipmen were defeated in the second year in a row by the never-say-die Army Black Knights by a score of 17-10. Army als beat the Air Force giving them sole possession of the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy for 2018.It was the second time since 1996 for Army to capture this honor.

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After beating Colgate 28–14 victory in Week 12, Army entered the AP Poll at No. 23 and the Coaches' Poll at No. 24. This was a first for Army being in the national rankings since the team finished the 1996 season at No. 25 in the AP and No. 24 in the Coaches'.

On December 2, Army accepted another unvitiation to participate in the Armed Forces Bowl against the Houston Cougars of the American Athletic Conference. On December 8, Army had its season made when it defeated its archrival Navy by a score of 17–10, increasing their Army-Navy Game win streak to three in a row and enjoying the excitement of winning the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy for the second straight year. With the win the Black Knights also secured their second straight 10-win season, the first time that had been accomplished in the Academy's long and storied history.

In the Armed Forces Bowl, they walloped Houston by a score of 70–14. This was so unusual, it tied an NCAA bowl game records for points scored and margin of victory. Never before had Army won eleven games in a single season. This was the most in one season in program history. It was such a great year, awards came in long after the season was over.

For example, a result of his team's 2018 accomplishments, Coach Monken was awarded the George Munger Collegiate Coach of the Year Award by the Maxwell Football Club, the Vince Lombardi College Football Coach of the Year Award by the Lombardi Foundation, and the President's Award by the Touchdown Club of Columbus.

Army finished the 2018 season with a ranking of #20 in the Coaches' Poll and also #19 in the AP Poll. This was the team's highest finish in both polls since Pete Dawkins's Heisman Trophy-winning season in 1958 in which the "Cadets" finished #3 in both polls.

After the season, the Black Knights were also awarded the 2018 Lambert Trophy by the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) and Metropolitan New York Football Writers. This signified Army as the best team in the East in Division I FBS. This was the eighth overall time the Lambert Trophy had been awarded to Army, and the first since 1958. What a year!

2019 Commentary

Army's Black Knights have had a lot of devastating near misses over the years, and these classic Army-Navy Game from December 2016 nearly went down among the worst. But, it did not! It set Army up for victories in 2017 and 2018. They are in the bag and now the Black Knights are ready for the rest of the 2019 season.

I am finishing this book up right at the beginning of the 2019 season and some games have been played. I will comment on them below:

As we know, in the 2016 transition Army-Navy Game, Army dominated the first half and staked themselves to a two-touchdown lead at the break. Jeff Monken's team was clearly intent on not leaving another tight finish to chance. In the end, however, as the game rolled on, the Black Knights had to sweat it out again. To Monken and the team's credit, they managed to do it, and maybe with the closeness of the game, it was all sweeter in the end.

Navy had some personnel issues but nobody was making excuses. Sophomore Zach Abey made his first career start for Navy, in relief of the injured Will Worth. It was a tough situation for an inexperienced player to get tossed into. Army was able to get Abey off balance. At the half, the substitute QB completed more passes (two) to Army players than Navy players (one), and the Midshipmen had run 13 first-half total plays to the Knights' 14 first downs. Things just were not clicking at all for Navy—at least not at first.

Of course, Navy's opportunity was coming and they were ready to take it. As you may recall, the Middies cut the lead to 14-10 by the start of the third quarter. Abey found the end zone for Navy's first touchdown. Then the newbie QB ripped off a 41-yard scoring run to give Navy its first lead with 12:42 left.

The Black Knights were taken back but were not laying down. Army answered the call. After Abey's score, the Knights mounted a 12-play, 80-yard drive that ended with Bradshaw's critical score. It was a game-turning response, right as Army was in trouble. The Black Knights then forced a punt after that, and they drained the clock along with Navy's spirit upon getting the ball back.

That was the game.

Like all Army-Navy Games, this game mattered a ton. It always does.

Navy lost more than just this game. The Midshipmen fell short of an American Athletic Conference title and a potential Cotton Bowl bid in 2016. Their chance to make it 15 in a row against arch rival Army meant everything to them and it did not happen. The Black Knights entered with their best record since 2010 and their best shot in years at ending the streak. The Black Knights ended the streak.

Navy checked into the game as a 5-point favorite with a scoring total over/under around 47, meaning Vegas forecasted a final score in the area of Navy 26, Army 21. Army prevailed,

With fourteen wins in a row and having a fine season, Navy began the day with the country's No. 25 offense, despite being down to their third-string QB Abey. Army hadn't been nearly as lethal on offense that year, but the Black Knights had been much better than Navy on defense. Wait 'til we all see how well Army at the end of this, the 2019 season.

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Army began the season against Rice on Aug 31 As 23.5-point underdogs, Rice wasn't expected to compete with an Army team coming off an 11-2 record in 2018. Yet, Rice's relentless run defense

forced Army to earn a tough-fought victory in the trenches, and the Black Knights were forced to turn to the passing game in order to secure the game-winning touchdown. Senior quarterback Kelvin Hopkins Jr. deviated from the triple option and found a wide open Kell Walker in the end zone with 3:58 remaining in the contest to put the finishing touches on a 14-7 victory.

The nexy week against top ten Michigan in the Big House, Army outplayed the Wolverines and had the game in the bag. Efore Michigan tied it up and the game went into OT. After touchdowns were secured by both teams, Michigan scored another touchdown and Army could not match it. giving the Wolverines the victory.

Most Army fans recall the Black Knights ahead 14 to 7 on the one year line waiting to make it 21-7. But thenm dsaster struch with a moving infraction pushing them back to the 6 and then the worst, an interception with Michigan going all the way down the field for a TD and a tie game – in just a few minutes. Army played tough the whole game and had the Wolverines on the ropes but in the 11th hur Michigan freed itself and snuck by with a ictory in OT. Great job Army. Hope we see more of that this year.



Army proves Michigan football is overrated

That's All Folks!

We hope you enjoy this book of many championships as much as we enjoyed presenting it to you. Our intention is to refresh versions of our four Army Football titles on a periodic basis to add data as time goes by. This will permit a better focus on Black Knights football and permit us to offers a commentary on what's new Thank you for choosing this book among the many that are in your options list. We sincerely appreciate it!

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