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## Navy Facts

Location	Annapolis, Md.
Founded	October 10, 1845
Enrollment	4,300
Nicknames	Midshipmen, Mids
Colors	Navy Blue & Gold
Superintendent	Vice Adm. Jeffrey Fowler, USN
Director of Athletics	Chet Gladchuk
Homecourts	USNA Courts (Outdoor) Tose Family Tennis Center (Indoor)

## Coaching Staff

Head Coach	John Officer
Alma Mater (Year)	Boston College (1979)
Year at Navy	24th
Record at Navy (Years)	358-240 (23)
Career Record (Years)	373-267 (25)
Office Phone	(410) 293-5589
Assistant Coach	John Moreland
Alma Mater (Year)	Washington Coll. (1996)
Year at Navy	Eighth
Office Phone	(410) 293-3436

## Tennis History

First Year	1921-22
Season	88th
Overall Record	1054-542-7
Patriot League Titles (in 17 years)	6
	1996, '97, '98, '99, 2007, '08
NCAA Tournament Appearances* (W-L)	3 (0-3)
	1999, 2007, '08

\* — Under format established in 1977

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## 2009 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Home Site	Time
<b>January</b>			
17	vs. Campbell and Hampton	^	TBA
24	Georgetown	#	12 p.m.
24	St. Francis (N.Y.)	#	5 p.m.
<b>February</b>			
6	Maryland	#	2:30 p.m.
7	Villanova	#	12 p.m.
7	Howard	#	5 p.m.
14	St. Joseph's	#	12 p.m.
14	George Mason	#	5 p.m.
21	at Yale		12 p.m.
22	at Penn		3:30 p.m.
26	at North Carolina		2:30 p.m.
28	at Clemson		9 a.m.
<b>March</b>			
1	at UNC Greensboro		12 p.m.
7	UMBC	&	12 p.m.
8	Delaware	&	12 p.m.
18	vs. Jacksonville	!	2 p.m.
20	vs. Bethune-Cookman	!	3 p.m.

## 2009 Roster

Name	Year	2007-08 Singles / Doubles W-L	Hometown	High School
Luke Albi	Sr.	0-0 / 2-0	Cincinnati, Ohio	Summit Country Day
Nick Birger	So.	10-3 / 23-7	Belleville, Ill.	Belleville West
Owen Bullard	So.	26-9 / 5-3	Concord, N.C.	Concord
Mike Eisenberg	So.	0-0 / 0-0	St. Louis, Mo.	Country Day
Jason Hill	Sr.	22-14 / 25-6	Marietta, Ga.	Walton
Eddie Konrad	Fr.	DNC	The Woodlands, Texas	The Woodlands
Ramsey Lemaich	Jr.	19-15 / 21-13	Danville, Calif.	Monte Vista
Nate Nelms	Sr.	23-13 / 20-10	St. Mary's, Ga.	Camden County
Jeremy New	So.	2-0 / 0-0	Glen Allen, Va.	Walker Governor's School
Zach Nicholson	Fr.	DNC	Bowie, Md.	DeMatha Catholic
Marcus Rebersak	Fr.	DNC	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Central Catholic
Jarrad Smoke	Jr.	6-4 / 1-2	Belmar, N.J.	Manasquan
Jared Teichman	Fr.	DNC	Blue Bell, Pa.	Germantown Academy
Johnny Waters	Sr.	17-21 / 19-10	Papillion, Neb.	Creighton Prep
Chris Worosz	Fr.	DNC	Little Egg Harbor, N.J.	Pinelands Regional
Joe Wiggins	So.	7-3 / 5-1	Acworth, Ga.	Harrison

**Head Coach** — John Officer (Boston College '79), 24th Season

**Assistant Coach** — John Moreland (Washington College '96), Eighth Season

**Officer Representative** — Lt. David Catterall, USN

**Faculty Representative** — Christine Copper

**Team Captain** — MIDN 1/C Jason Hill

## Team Information

2008 Overall Record	20-9
2008 P.L. Record (Place)	5-0 (first)
2008 P.L. Tournament Result	2-0 / Champion
2008 NCAA Tournament Result	Lost first round
2008 Northeast Region Ranking	12th
2008 National Ranking	not ranked

Date	Opponent	Home Site	Time
<i>March continued</i>			
25	at George Washington		2 p.m.
28	* Colgate		12 p.m.
29	* Bucknell		12 p.m.
<b>April</b>			
4	* at Lehigh		12 p.m.
5	* at Army		1 p.m.
9	* at Lafayette		3:30 p.m.
11	at Richmond		12 p.m.
17-19	at Patriot League Tournament	\$	TBA
<b>May</b>			
8-9	NCAA Tournament		TBA
Home meets in <b>bold</b>			
# — Tose Family Tennis Center (indoor)			
& — U.S. Naval Academy (outdoor)			
^ — at VCU Invite (Richmond, Va.)			
! — at Mal/Vai Washington Kids Found. T.C. (Jacksonville, Fla.)			
* — Patriot League Match			
\$ — at West Point, N.Y.			

2008 Letterwinners Returning	6
	Nick Birger, Owen Bullard, Jason Hill, Ramsey Lemaich, Nate Nelms, Johnny Waters
2008 Letterwinners Lost	1
	Alex James
Additional 2008 Players Returning	5
	Luke Albi, Mike Eisenberg, Jeremy New, Jarrad Smoke, Joe Wiggins
Additional 2008 Players Lost	1
	Kyle Jones
Newcomers	5
	Eddie Konrad, Zach Nicholson, Marcus Rebersak, Jared Teichman, Chris Worosz



## Head Coach John Officer

24th Year ★ Boston College '79

### Head Coach, Navy, 1985-pres.

#### Navy Career Information

- ★ Has posted an overall record of 358-240 during his 23-year tenure at Navy.
- ★ Navy has posted a winning record in 20 of his 23 previous seasons.
- ★ Is the winningest coach in Navy history.

#### Academic Honors

- ★ Mitch Koch was named as a First-Team Academic All-American by the College Sports Information Directors of America in 2000.
- ★ Dan Gordon was named as the 1994 Patriot League Scholar-Athlete of the Year.
- ★ Navy players have earned Patriot League Academic Honor Roll accolades 34 times under Officer, with four garnering the honor in 2008.

#### League Tournaments

- ★ Has guided Navy to Patriot League Tournament titles in 1996, '97, '99, 2007 and '08.
- ★ The Mids also have placed second at the league championship in four additional seasons during Officer's tenure — 1992, '95, 2000, '01.
- ★ Navy competed in the Colonial Athletic Association during Officer's initial five seasons at the school, winning the league title in both 1986 and '87 and placing no lower than third in the remaining three seasons.

#### Coach of the Year

- ★ Officer was tabbed as the Naval Academy Athletic Association's Spring Coach of the Year in both 1999 and 2007.
- ★ He was selected as the USPTA Mid-Atlantic and National Coach of the Year in 1991.
- ★ He also was named as the ITA Region I Coach of the Year in 1991 and '99.
- ★ On a conference level, Officer was named as the Patriot League Coach of the Year in 1996, '99, 2007 and '08, while garnering CAA Coach-of-the-Year honors in 1986.
- ★ His four nods from the Patriot League is tied for the most coach-of-the-year awards from the league in the sport.

#### ITA Rankings & Honors

- ★ Navy achieved its highest national ranking of No. 75 during the 2000 season.
- ★ The Mids also have earned regional rankings at the conclusion of seven seasons under Officer, including a ranking of 13th at the end of the 2007 campaign.
- ★ Individually, Craig Moringiello and Mitch Koch both earned top-100 rankings in 1990 and '99, respectively.
- ★ Koch, Moringiello and Chris Thompson totaled five top-12 regional rankings in singles, with four of Officer's doubles teams also receiving a top-10 regional rank.

#### Individual Player League Honors

- ★ Silas Bouyer was named as the Patriot League Player of the Year in 1996.
- ★ Mitchell Koch was selected as the league player of the year in 1997 and '99.
- ★ Nate Nelms received the player-of-the-year accolade in 2007.
- ★ A Navy player has garnered the league's freshman/rookie of the year accolade in four of the seven seasons the award has been presented. Stanley Kahl earned the honor in 2004, Nate Nelms won it in '06 followed by Ramsey Lemaich in '07 and Owen Bullard this past year.

#### All-League Players

- ★ Under the current format for selecting all-league players (adopted in 2003), Navy players have garnered 15 all-league accolades. First-team selections during this five-year span include Cameron Lickle ('03), Davy Lee ('03), Stanley Kahl ('04), Brandon Carter ('05), Nate Nelms ('06, '07, '08), Adrian Lai ('07) and Johnny Waters ('08). Second-team selections under Officer include Ryan Osgood ('04), Davy Lee ('05), Lai ('06), Kahl ('07), Waters ('07) and Hill ('08).
- ★ Using the previous format of bestowing all-league honors, Navy players totaled 13 all-league selections in singles and nine in doubles.

#### Prior to Navy

- ★ Officer served as the head coach at Boston University for two years (1983-84) prior to arriving at Navy.

#### Personal Information

- ★ A native of Hanover, N.H., Officer is a 1979 graduate of Boston College who also earned a Master's Degree from Boston University.
- ★ Along with his coaching duties, is also an Associate Professor of Physical Education at the Naval Academy.
- ★ He and his wife, Cathy, are the parents of four daughters — Katie, Lindsay, Sarah, Emily.
- ★ Has completed a series of 10 instructional videos on the sport.



## Officer Year-by-Year at Navy

Year	W-L	Postseason
1985	21-5	CAA Second Place
<b>1986</b>	<b>16-10</b>	<b>CAA Champions</b>
<b>1987</b>	<b>17-6</b>	<b>CAA Champions</b>
1988	15-10	CAA Third Place
1989	18-9	CAA Second Place
1990	15-14	no conference tournament
1991	18-6	no conference tournament
1992	13-9	Patriot League Second Place
1993	12-11	Patriot League Third Place
1994	11-17	Patriot League Third Place
1995	14-14	Patriot League Finalist
<b>1996</b>	<b>16-11</b>	<b>Patriot League Champions</b>
<b>1997</b>	<b>18-11</b>	<b>Patriot League Champions</b>
<b>1999</b>	<b>18-8</b>	<b>Patriot League Champions</b>
2000	18-11	Patriot League Finalist
2001	18-11	Patriot League Finalist
2002	14-11	Patriot League Semifinalist
2003	11-13	Patriot League Semifinalist
2004	13-12	Patriot League Semifinalist
2005	13-11	Patriot League Semifinalist
2006	14-10	Patriot League Semifinalist
<b>2007</b>	<b>15-11</b>	<b>Patriot League Champions</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>20-9</b>	<b>Patriot League Champions</b>
<b>23 Years</b>	<b>358-240</b>	<b>Seven League Titles</b>

## Charting Officer

### Most Navy Tennis Coaching Victories

1. **★358 John Officer (23 Yrs., 1985-97, '99-pres.)**
2. 248 Bobby Bayliss (15 Yrs., 1970-84)
3. 164 Arthur Hendrix (17 Yrs., 1939-43, '46-57)

### Most Years as Navy Tennis Head Coach

1. **★24 John Officer (1985-97, '99-pres.)**
2. 17 Arthur Hendrix (1939-43, '46-57)
3. 15 Bobby Bayliss (1970-84)

### Most Navy Tennis Victories vs. Army

1. **★18 John Officer (23 Yrs., 1985-97, '99-pres.)**
2. 15 Bobby Bayliss (15 Yrs., 1970-84)
3. 10 Arthur Hendrix (17 Yrs., 1939-43, '46-57)

### Most Patriot League Men's Tennis Titles

#### Won by Head Coach (1990-present)

1. 5 Steve Strome, Army ('93, '94, '95, '00, '01)
- ★5 John Officer, Navy ('96, '97, '99, '07, '08)**
3. 3 Martin Blackman, American ('02, '03, '04)

### Most Patriot League Men's Tennis

#### Coach-of-the-Year Awards (1993-present)

1. 4 Steve Strome, Army ('93, '95, '00, '01)
- ★4 John Officer, Navy ('96, '99, '07, '08)**
3. 3 Martin Blackman, American ('02, '03, '04)

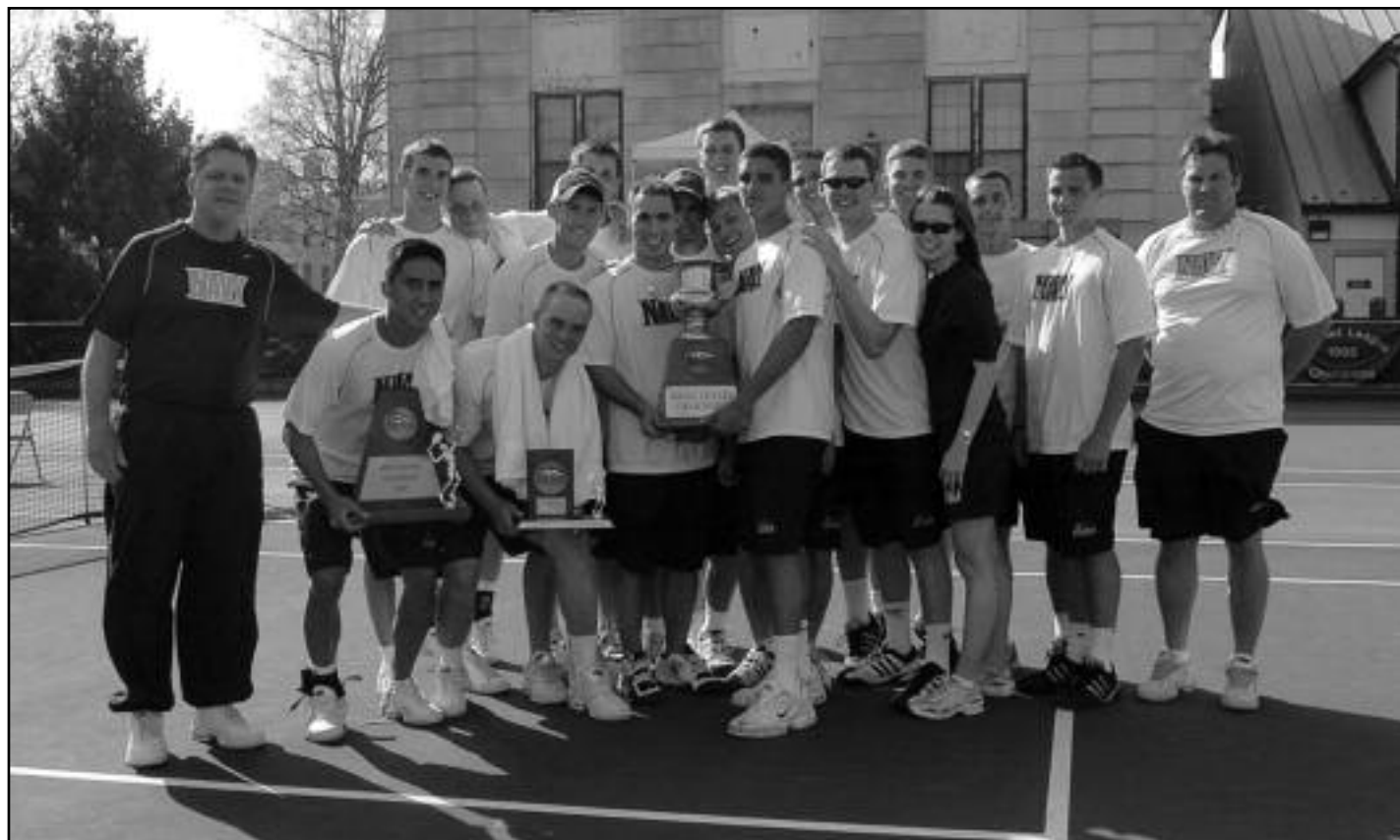
### Most Patriot League Titles Won by a USNA Coach

1. 8 Dick Purdy  
(W. Swim - '92, '93, '94, '95, '96, '97, '99, '02)
- ★5 John Officer (Tennis - '96, '97, '99, '07, '08)**
- 5 Pat Owen (Golf - '98, '00, '01, '03, '08)
- 5 Bill Roberts (M. Swim - '04, '05, '06, '07, '08)

### Most Patriot League Coach-of-the-Year Awards

#### Won by USNA Coaches

1. 6 Dick Purdy  
(W. Swim - '93, '94, '95, '96, '97, '99)
2. 6 Pat Owen (Golf - '93, '95, '97, '98, '04, '08)
3. **★4 John Officer (Tennis - '96, '99, '07, '08)**





**John Moreland**  
Assistant Coach  
Eighth Season

- ★ Earned both a Bachelor's (1996) and Master's Degree (2004) from Washington College (Chestertown, Md.).
- ★ Began his coaching career after graduation as a volunteer assistant coach at Marietta College (Marietta, Ohio).
- ★ Returned to his alma mater in 1998 as an assistant coach for both the men's and women's teams.
- ★ Coached two singles players and four doubles players who earned All-America honors, as well as two ITA Regional singles and doubles champions during his two years at the school.
- ★ Served as the head coach for both the men's and women's programs at St. Mary's College prior to arriving at Navy, where he coached the conference women's rookie of the year.



**Support Staff**



**Lt. David Catterall**  
Officer Representative



**Christine Copper**  
Faculty Representative



**Laura Yoon**  
Team Manager



**Rett Warren**  
Strength Coach

## 2009 Outlook

A veteran team that has won the past two Patriot League titles and advanced to a pair of NCAA Tournaments will take to the courts for Navy this season.

The Mids return all but one letterwinner from last year's squad that posted a 20-9 record and won the program's sixth Patriot League crown in 13 seasons. Additionally, of the 10 Navy players who have played in at least one NCAA Tournament match over the past two seasons, seven of them are on the 2009 roster that will make a run at its third consecutive trip to the post-season.

"We return five starters from last year's singles lineup," said Navy head coach John Officer. "We will sorely miss (2008 graduate) Alex James, though. He could always be counted on for consistent play in both singles and doubles.

"We are very pleased with our new players. They help to give us depth that rivals our 1999 team."

As always, Navy's spring schedule is a challenging one. One third of Navy's non-conference schedule features matches against teams who held a regional ranking at the conclusion of the 2008 spring season, including contests against '08 nationally-ranked teams North Carolina (13), Clemson (68) and Maryland (73).

"Our philosophy is to challenge ourselves at the national level to prepare us for the conference schedule," said Officer. "The Patriot League itself has improved again this year, so every league match is important in our quest to win the championship at the end of the season.

"The keys to our success are daily hard work, a confident outlook and good leadership from our four seniors. The Class of 2009 has the chance to make history, and each of them are driven to make our goals a reality."

## Returning Players

Keying the Navy returning players is senior **Nate Nelms** who has played both number one singles and doubles throughout his career. A three-time First-Team All-Patriot League performer, Nelms ended last season ranked 28th in the Northeast Region in singles and teamed with Owen Bullard to defeat Florida's nationally-ranked No. 1 doubles team during the NCAA Tournament last year.

"Nate is eager to conclude his career with more accolades and accomplishments," said Officer. "He is a powerful baseline player who loves to compete."

Another four-year starter and multiple all-league honoree back for the Mids is **Johnny Waters**. The hardest working player on the team, according to Officer, he posted a 13-14 record at No. 2 singles and a 17-5 record with Nelms at No. 1 doubles during his junior year.

"John has an excellent all-court game," said Officer. "He has the ability to hit every shot technically correct. He competes with a fierce determination and has displayed his mental toughness in returning from shoulder surgery this past summer."

Rounding out Navy's triumvirate of senior starters is team captain **Jason Hill**. He received Second-Team All-Patriot League accolades last year after posting a combined record of 47-20 during the 2007-08 season. The majority of his spring matches were played at No. 3 singles and doubles.

"Jason is a strong baseline player who has developed his attacking game," said Officer. "A four-year starter, he is at his best when he uses his heavy top-spin forehand to pin opponents behind the baseline, then comes in and finishes the point."

Whether it is in singles or doubles, **Ramsey Lemaich** always plays his best in the biggest matches of the season. He recorded the clinching point in both of Navy's 2007 Patriot League Tournament matches as well as in the 2008 Star Match against Army. He has a combined 24-1 record in his career against Patriot League opponents.

"Ramsey can be counted on to come through in the clutch," said Officer. "He has a very fluid game and his strengths are his forehand and net play."

**Owen Bullard** became Navy's fourth Patriot League Rookie-of-the-Year selection in a span of five years when he garnered the award last season. He posted a 26-9 record in singles last year and stepped into Navy's No. 1 doubles spot alongside Nelms during the NCAA Tournament. He is a projected starter in both singles and doubles this season.

"Owen is a very talented athlete," said Officer. "He has made a big jump since joining our program. His inside-out forehand and his serve are his best shots."

While Bullard played primarily singles last year, classmate **Nick Birger** played the majority of the 2008 season in doubles. Selected as a ITA Scholar-Athlete last year, Birger compiled a 23-7 record in doubles a year ago.

"Nick has a great work ethic," said Officer. "Whether it is on the court or in the classroom, he strives for perfection. He is a strong serve and volley player."

Joining Hill, Nelms and Waters as four-year members of the program is **Luke Albi**. Though he has seen limited court time in matches during his career, he has had success when called upon.

"Luke has been a very loyal member of our program," said Officer. "He has one of the most powerful forehands on the team. He is a winner who generally comes through when given the opportunity."

**Jarrad Smoke** has posted winning records in both singles and doubles during his freshman and sophomore seasons at Navy and is a perfect 3-0 in matches against Patriot League opponents in his career.

"Jarrad has the best technical volleys on the team," said Officer. "He is a very good competitor and brings great energy to the court. He will be counted on as his career evolves."

**Joe Wiggins** compiled a combined 12-3 record last year and stepped in to play No. 6 singles in Navy's NCAA Tournament match against Florida. He enjoyed a successful 2008 fall season with wins over players from Maryland and Richmond.

"Joe comes to play when the results are on the line the most," said Officer. "He has a powerful forehand to go along with a well-placed serve. Joe also has a good mind set during matches and keeps his emotions on an even keel."

**Mike Eisenberg** and **Jeremy New** both saw limited action during the course of the 2008 season, but each has been successful when having the opportunity to play.

"Mike has made great strides during his 18 months at Navy," said Officer. "Though his best shot is his backhand, he can beat you in a number of ways.

"Jeremy is a very smart player. He sets up points from the baseline and is confident in finishing points at the net. He will contribute in the near future."

## New Players

Though the majority of Navy's lineup returns from last year, several of the new players will be challenging for playing time this season. Headlining the group is **Marcus Rebersak**, who played all of his singles matches this fall at either the Nos. 1 or 2 flights and against players from nationally-ranked teams.

"Marcus is a very talented player," said Officer. "He is an aggressive baseliner with a powerful forehand. He has a very bright future."

Besides Rebersak, the only other new player to see significant court time in matches this past fall was **Zach Nicholson**.

"Zach started to improve tremendously towards the end of the fall season," said Officer. "He can beat an opponent from the baseline, by serving and volleying or by opening up the court and finishing. His stroke mechanics are very sound and we anticipate he will contribute this spring in both singles and doubles."

Completing the quintet of new players are **Eddie Konrad**, **Jared Teichman** and **Chris Worosz**.

"Eddie has a great feel for the ball," said Officer. "He has a very smooth manner of playing. His weapons are his inside-out forehand and a compact backhand. He has the chance to be on our travel team this spring."

"Jared worked this past fall on rounding out his game and you could see a difference in his mechanics by the end of the season. He can be counted on to compete hard from the start of a match until its finish. His strength is his ability to win points in a variety of ways.

"The best shot Chris currently possesses is his forehand. That and the ability to play a very intelligent game are the keys to his success."