



VILLANOVA GOLF HISTORICAL TIMELINE

1929

February 26 - Program is organized

March 12 - Howard Garrity named manager

April 16 - Frank "Moxie" McCoy named first captain

April 30 - Villanova competes in first two matches against Penn at the Ashbourne Country Club.

1930

Villanova finished 7-3-1

1931

Villanova finished 3-4

1932

March 25 - Villanova defeats Boston College, 4-2, at Marble Hall Club.

Villanova had wins over Temple (twice), Fordham, Manhattan, Bucknell, and Delaware. Overall Villanova went 11-2.

1933

Villanova finished 2-2

1934

Villanova finished 9-3

1936

Villanova finished 7-8-1

1938

Villanova finished 1-6-1

1942-48

No golf was played due to WWII

1948

Villanova finished 2-4, after a six year hiatus.

1949

April 29 - Villanova defeats La Salle 6-3. Finishing the season 2-2-1

1954

James F. Elliot's first year as golf coach of Villanova. The 'Cats went 6-5.

1957

Villanova finished 9-3

1959

April 15 - Reggie Zurinkas shoots an 18 hole 79 to lead Villanova over St. Joseph's

1960

Villanova finished 10-4

1961

Villanova finished 12-1

1962

May 14 - Villanova defeats West Chester 6-1. Finished the season 11-4

October 31 - Four Villanova golf members (John Driscoll, Bob McMahon, Joe Patterson, and Ed Coffey) played qualifying rounds at the ECAC Tournament. Driscoll shot a 78 to qualify for the finals.

1966

Villanova finished 6-5

1972

May 6-7 - Villanova places second at the EIGA Championships with a 622. Bob Hofmann finished tied for 3rd overall with a 76-76-150.

1973

April 13 - Villanova defeats Rutgers as Duke Kingsley led the way with a two-round 76-76.

May 4-5 - Duke Kingsley finishes tied for 4th (76-77-153) at the EIGA Championships at the Penn State Blue Course.

1976

Dave Shimko leads Villanova in scoring average at 78.2. Shimko also qualified for the NCAA Tournament at Ohio State.

1977

Villanova finished the year 14-7 overall. Henry Kilroy finished 11th individually at the Eastern Intercollegiate Golf Association Championships.

1978

Bill Bourque leads Villanova in scoring average at 80.4.

1983

Chet Walsh finished tied for fourth at the BIG EAST Conference Championship with a two-round score of 156

1984

April 6-7 - Ken Dardis shot a 156 at the Navy Spring Invitational as Villanova finished 13th.

October 13-14 - Chet Walsh shoots a two-round total 155 at the ECAC Golf Championships in Manchester, Mass. at the Essex Country Club.

1985

October 14 - Villanova places third at the Big Five Golf Tournament. Chet Walsh and Ken Dardis each shot a 73.

Villanova wins its first Big East championship by shooting a two-round total of 615 at the Shannon Green Golf Club in Fredericksburg, Va. Chet Walsh placed third overall with a two-round scores of 75-74-149.

1986

May 3-4 - Chet Walsh and Ken Dardis each placed tied for ninth overall (229 overall score) at the Eastern Intercollegiate Invitational Golf Tournament at Hog Neck Golf Club in Easton, Md.

March 26 - Villanova shoots a 386 at Aronimink Golf Club to beat West Chester, St. Joe's, and La Salle.

Sept. 26 - Villanova (604) finishes one stroke behind St. John's (603) as the Wildcats finish second overall. Tomm Feeney (148) finished tied for fourth while Chet Walsh (150) finished tied for sixth.

1987

April 18-19 - Villanova placed fourth (610) at the Rutherford Invitational on the Penn State Blue Course. Will Reilly and Dave Rush each finished 19th overall with two-round scores of 151.

Sept. 20-21 - Villanova finished 7th out of 23 teams with 631 strokes at the Franklin and Marshall Invitational.

October 3-4 - Villanova places second at the BIG East championships with a two-round score of 662. Jeff Osler placed second overall with a 78-78-158. Chris Cappello finished eighth with an 84-83-167. Kevin Rogerson and Jim Clarke were tied for 11th overall. The tournament was held at the Tournament Players Club Course at Avenal in Potomac, Md.

1988

April 25 - Todd Rongaus shot a 77 and Kevin Rogerson fired a 79 to finish second and third respectively against East Stroudsburg and Lehigh.

1989

Kevin Rogerson wins the BIG EAST Championship title with a 149 score.

October 4 - Dave Wecker places tied for eighth at the Norstar Bank Classic at Oak Hill CC in Rochester, N.Y.

March 24-25 - Kevin Rogerson finished tied for fourth at the Navy Invitational with a two-round score of 76-77-153.

April 10 - Villanova defeats Columbia and Philadelphia Pharmacy at Aronimink. Todd Rongaus shot a team low 76.

April 21-22 - Villanova finishes fourth at the Princeton Invitational as Todd Rongaus won the event with a two-round score of 72-74-146.

1990

April 27-28 - Todd Rongaus places second at Princeton Invitational with a two-round 71-72-143.

Sept. 29-30 - Villanova wins their second BIG East title as they defeat St. John's by three strokes. The Wildcats, with four top 10 individual finishers, were led by Pete Morrice, who shot a two-round total 154, and finished third overall.

1991

March 4-5 - Villanova places sixth at the Kingsmill/William and Mary Spring Golf Tournament. Kevin Rogerson places 10th with a two-round total of 75-77-152.

June 3 - Kevin Rogerson was selected as a All-America Scholar by the Golf Coaches Association of America.

Sept. 13-14 - John Kelly placed tied for sixth at the West Point Black Knight Invitational with a two-round card of 75-69-144.

Sept. 28-29 - Jon Kelly places tied for 17th at the BIG EAST Championships with a two-round score of 81-82-163.

October 5-6 - Jon Kelly finished tied for sixth at the Rutherford Intercollegiate at Penn State University Blue Course with a three-round card of 77-74-76-227.

October 19-20 - Villanova places 10th at the Walter McLaughlin Golf Invitational at Bethpage Black Course.

1992

Villanova places fourth at the 1992 Princeton Invitational. Rob Booth was in a three-way tie for fourth place with a two-round card of 75-74-149.

Jason Cordes finishes fifth overall at the Black Knight Fall Invitational, with a two-round card of 72-74-146.

Sept. 12-13 - Greg Komansky (79-80-159, t-6th) and Jason Cordes (77-83-160, 7th) place in the top 10 at the Pirate Shootout at Metedeconk National.

Sept. 18-20 - Villanova places 7th of 34 teams at the Yale Fall Intercollegiate with a three-round score of 937. Greg Komansky finished tied for sixth with a three-round card of 78-73-73-224.

October 17-18 - Villanova places fifth out of 26 teams at the McLaughlin Collegiate Tournament with a two-round card of 622. Chris Fiordalisi placed tied for 16th, Chris Cox (t-21st), and Rob Booth (t-23rd).

1993

Sept. 25-26 - Chad Wasserman places third at the BIG EAST championships with a 74-74-149 card. Jason Cordes finished tied for fifth with a 79-72-151.

Sept. 28 - Villanova places third at the Stabler Collegiate Invitational. Chad Wasserman finished third overall.

October 7 - Jason Cordes places fifth at the ECAC South Golf Championship at the Foxchase Golf Club in Denver, Pa. Cordes shot a 75.

1994

April 23-24 - Bob Booth finishes tied for fourth at the Princeton Invitational with a 72-76-148.

Sept. 21 - Villanova earns their first victory at the Wakefield Valley in Westminster, Md. Shooting a team low 301. This was Joe and Jake Moran's first victory as Villanova head coaches. Chad Wasserman places first overall with a 73.

Sept. 24 - Villanova places 4th at the BIG EAST championships with a two-round score of 610.

October 6 - Villanova (307) places 2nd of 23 at the 1994 ECAC Southern District Golf Championships at the Foxchase Golf Club in Denver, Pa. Chad Wasserman placed tied for fifth with a 74.

October 9-10 - Chad Wasserman places tied for third at the 1994 McLaughlin Golf Championships at Bethpage Black Golf Course shooting two-round 73-74-147.

1995

October 2-3 - Villanova places 2nd out of 9 teams (608) at the James Madison Invitational. Nick Verrichio places tied for 4th with a two-round card of 69-78-147.

Sept. 28-29 - Villanova places fourth at the BIG EAST championships. Steve Horky and Dugan Condon finished t-11th while Jon Grinnon placed t-13.

1996

October 18-19 - Villanova places second (322) at the Stabler Invitational. Dugan Condon finishes tied for sixth.

October 21-22 - Villanova places seventh at the FDU Invitational Classic at the Minisceongo Golf Club in Pomona, N.Y. Steve Horky finished t-15th and Dugan Condon placed t-17th.

October 26-27 - Steve Horky wins the JMU Fall Classic Rolex Collegiate Tour at the Bryce Resort in Bayse, Va. Horky pars the first playoff hole. He finished with a two-round card of 68-70-138.

1997

October - Villanova wins Lehigh Invitational

Nov. 9-10 - Steve Horky ties for ninth (77-79-156) as the Wildcats finish fifth at the Delaware Invitational.

1999

April 16-17 - Garrett Feduke places sixth overall with a two-round card of 78-71-149 at the Rutgers Golf Invitational.

2000

April 3 - Dugan Condon wins the George Washington Invitational.

October 7 - Chris Ellis places 6th (150) at the Temple Invitational.

2002

April 29 - Villanova places fourth (606) at the Scotty Duncan Memorial Tournament in Middletown, Del.

2003

April 15 - Henry Watson wins the Rehoboth Beach Invitational with a two-round card of 144. Villanova finished fourth overall.

2004

March 4 - Villanova (636) finishes in third place at the Campbell University Invitational.

2005

Steve Arnold shot even par over two rounds and won medalist honors at the Penn/Big 5 Classic at the Philadelphia Cricket Club. Arnold was the lone player in the field of 69 golfers to break par over 36 holes at the par-71, 6,843-yard course. Villanova took home the BIG 5 Trophy.

2008

October 13 - Brendan Kelly earned medalist honors at the Big Five Championship with a par on the first sudden death playoff hole.

2009

March 25 - Andrew Alexander places first at the Philadelphia University Invitational with a 73.

June 10 - Brendan Kelly Named to PING All-Northeast Region Team. In a team-high 11 tournaments and 25 rounds played, Kelly posted an even 75.00 stroke average with three top-10 and two top-20 finishes. He earned team medalist honors in eight of the 11 events he played.

2010

June - Brendan Kelly named GCAA All-America Scholar.

October - Villanova wins BIG 5 title.

2011

September - Brendan Kelly co-medalist at McLaughlin 207 (-3).

Brian Colbert leads BIG EAST in stroke average for season (72.72).

2012

March - Michael Kania medalist at Pinehurst Invitational (210).

May - Michael Kania named to BIG EAST All-conference team.

October - Villanova wins Lehigh Invitational (580).

Michael Kania medalist at Lehigh Invitational (143).

2013

March - Michael Kania medalist in dual-match vs. Coastal Georgia (69).

April - Villanova wins Yale Spring Invitational (583).

May - Michael Kania named to BIG EAST All-conference team.

Michael Kania named Villanova Male Athlete of the Year.

June - Michael Kania named GCAA All-America Scholar.

2014

June - Villanova named GCAA All-Academic Team.

2015

March - Zach Egermayer medalist in dual-match vs. FAU.

June - Villanova named GCAA All-Academic Team.

October 17 - Lucas Trim medalist at Lehigh Invitational (144).

2016

March 29 - Andrew MacMillan (145) places second at the Villanova hosted Wildcat Invitational.

April 14 - Luke Waggoner (74) and Lucas Trim (74) are co-medalists at the Seahawk Shootout.

October 27 - Andy Butler is named the BIG EAST Golfer of the Week, after finishing in 24th place at the Golf Club of Georgia Collegiate. His finish was one stroke better than the top amateur player in the U.S.

2017

March 28 - Connor Daly earns co-medalist honors at the Wildcat Invitational with rounds of 70-69 = 139 (-3). He went on to become the BIG EAST Golfer of the Week on March 29, 2017.

April 28 - Lucas Trim is named Second Team All-BIG EAST.

June 12 - Andy Butler is named to the Philadelphia Inquirer Academic All-Area Team.

August 7 - Villanova named GCAA All-Academic Team.

September 20 - Andy Butler named Srixon/Cleveland Golf All-American Scholar by GCAA.

2018

March 9 - Connor Daly earns medal honors for the top score at the Coastal Georgia Tri Match by shooting a 69 (-3), which was two strokes ahead of everyone else.

April 11 - Connor Daly earns BIG EAST Male Golfer of the Week. He finished third at the Wildcat Invitational finishing with a score of 141 (-1).

April 27 - Andy Butler and Connor Daly were named to the men's golf All-BIG EAST Second Team.

May 26 - Andy Butler is selected to PING All-Region Team.

June 11 - Andy Butler is named the Academic All-Area Performer of the Year.

August 2 - Andy Butler is named the Srixon/Cleveland Golf All-America Scholar.

November 11 - Connor Daly is named BIG EAST Male Golfer of the Week after receiving medalist honors in the Metropolitan Intercollegiate. He finished with a score of 142 (+2), which was good for first place.

2019

April 15 - Villanova wins the Explorer Invitational at LuLu Country Club. Freshman Matt Davis tied for first by shooting 72-74 during the one-day, 36-hole tournament on a cold and windy day.

April 28 - Mark Benevento finished tied for second place at the BIG EAST Championship at Callawassie Island, SC. Benevento shot 73-71-73 to finish just one shot behind the leader.

2020

Sept. 7 - Noah Peck shot 2-under 70 during the second round, and on the first day of his collegiate career at the season-opening Alex Lagowitz Memorial tournament in Hamilton, NY. Villanova went on to finish the event in 10th out of 18 teams.

Oct. 1 - Freshman Matt Minerva finished 2-under during the Wildcat Invitational to tie for fifth during the fall home event. Minerva was one of just eight golfers to finish the weekend under par.

>>After two tournaments, the remainder of the spring season was cancelled due to the COVID-19 global pandemic.<<

March 27 - Freshman Peter Weaver and graduate student Ambrose Abbracciamento finish in a three-way tie for first place (-4) at the LuLu Spring Invite. Weaver led the tournament with seven birdies.

April 3 - Noah Peck finishes in second place at the Rolling Green Intercollegiate, shooting 1-under.

April 10 - Matt Minerva ties for first after shooting even at the Temple Spring Invite.

April 19 - Ambrose Abbracciamento wins the individual title at ABARTA Coca-Cola Collegiate Invitational. His second round of 66 placed him at 8-under par, three strokes ahead of second place.

2021

Sept. 12 - Peter Weaver wins the Doc Gimmler individual title, after shooting 4-under par. Weaver shot rounds of 68, 71 and 67 for a score of 206.

Sept. 15 - Peter Weaver is named BIG EAST Male Golfer of the Week after his performance at the Doc Gimmler.

Oct. 26 - Villanova finishes the OBX/ODU Intercollegiate in fourth place, shooting 5-under par as a team (287+281+279, 847). This result was the best finish in program history to date. The team's score of 5-under par in the third round was best among all 17 teams. Matthew Copeland led the way, finishing tied for fourth shooting 6-under par (70+69+68).

Oct. 30 - Noah Peck finishes tied for third place at the City 6 Invitational. Peck shot even (71) in the one round tournament.

2022

March 28 - Peter Weaver takes medalist honors at Golden Horseshoe Intercollegiate. He shot +1 (214) for the tournament.

March 30 - Peter Weaver is named BIG EAST Male Golfer of the Week.

April 11 - Matthew Copeland and Peter Weaver finished the ABARTA Collegiate Invitational tied for 11th shooting 146.

April 25 - Peter Weaver earns All-BIG EAST Second Team Honors. For the year he had a 72.26 stroke average and two first place finishes.

April 27 - Two Wildcats place inside the top-10 at the BIG EAST Men's Golf Championship. Peter Weaver tied for eighth place at -1 and Matthew Copeland tied for 10th, shooting even.

Sept. 4 - Ryan "Coop" Pamer shot a six-under in his collegiate debut to earn runner-up at the Alex Lagowitz.

Sept. 11 - Team's performance at the Doc Gimmler marks the second lowest team round, 36 hole total and 54 hole total in Villanova golf history.

Sept. 27 - Ryan Pamer earns his second top-five finish of freshman season by an even 210 at the Wildcat Fall Invitational.

2023

Peter Weaver breaks his own record for season scoring average (71.91), establishes program single season bests in birdies, par or better rounds, rounds played and counting scores, and becomes Villanova career leader in scoring average, wins and birdies.

Team sets program single season records for scoring average, birdies and wins.

March 28 - Wildcats win first trophy of the season at the Golden Horseshoe Intercollegiate for the first team trophy since 2019. Ryan Pamer finished fourth in the field and Peter Weaver got his fourth top ten finish of the year.

April 11 - Villanova wins second straight team trophy for first time in team history with a win at the Wildcat Spring Invitational and made James Wilkes the all-time winningest coach for VU golf. Peter Weaver picked up medalist honors with a nine-under.

April 13 - Peter Weaver named BIG EAST Male Golfer of the Week after his fourth career individual title.

April 30 - Peter Weaver earns All-Tournament at BIG EAST Championship with a fifth place finish. Jason Lohwater led the field in pars as VU finished fifth as a team.

May 8 - Ryan Pamer wins Villanova's first ever BIG EAST Freshman of the Year in addition to conference Second Team and Peter Weaver becomes first Wildcat ever on All-BIG EAST First Team.

May 30 - Peter Weaver selected to PING All-Region Team, first Wildcat on the list since 2018.

June 14 - Peter Weaver named the PhillySIDA Academic All-Area Performer of the Year.

Sept. 13 - Peter Weaver wins BIG EAST Male Golfer of the Week for the fourth time in his career after shooting five-under at Seven Oaks Golf Club.

Oct. 3 - Villanova wins its third trophy of the calendar year and first of the season at the Matthews Auto Collegiate. Peter Weaver led the lineup with a seven-under for second place while Ryan Pamer finished in eighth place at four-under.

Oct. 18 - Peter Weaver ties for first place with a round of five-under at the Big 5 Invitational.

Oct. 24 - Wildcats place three in the top 10 at the Nassau Intercollegiate, including Ryan Pamer's fourth straight top 15 finish and Peter Barros' lone top 10 placement of his freshman fall.

2024

Peter Weaver extended his own record for career scoring average (72.46), wins (six), birdies and par or better rounds with five top five finishes in his senior campaign.

March 26 - Ryan Pamer finishes sixth overall on the leaderboard with a three-round 214 at the Golden Horseshoe.

April 16 - Villanova captures second straight Wildcat Spring Invitational, shooting 13 strokes better than the second place team. Peter Weaver repeated his medalist honors at the event while Ryan Pamer earned runner-up and each of Peter Barros and Jackson Lehner ended top 10.

April 23 - Peter Weaver picks up the fifth BIG EAST Male Golfer of the Week title of his career and his second of 2023-24.

April 29 - Villanova finished day two at the BIG EAST Championship in third place after shooting a four-over in the second round at Riverton Pointe before an overall finish of sixth. PJ O'Rourke led the VU lineup with a tie for 17th across the three days.

July 25 - Five Wildcats (Jonathan Elkins, Jackson Lehner, PJ O'Rourke, Ryan Pamer and Peter Weaver) are named 2023-24 Cobalt Golf All-America Scholars, and the 'Cats earned an Outstanding Team award.

September 1 - Ryan Pamer starts off his junior year with his first individual collegiate victory as Villanova finished fourth at the Alex Lagowitz Memorial.

September 11 - Ryan Pamer earned his first BIG EAST Male Golfer of the Week honor after his victory at Colgate.

October 24 - Ryan Pamer closes the fall campaign with his second individual championship of the semester, beating the runner-up by three strokes at the Big 5 Championship hosted at Aronimink.

November 5 - Following his second individual title in as many months, Ryan Pamer earned another BIG EAST Male Golfer of the Week accolade and became the third VU golfer to receive the award twice in one athletic year.

2025

March 15 - Vibhav Alokam manages his first top-10 finish by tying for sixth with a four-under at The People's Championship.

April 7 - Jackson Lehner accounts for his second top-10 finish of the year at Lafayette's spring event, following up fifth place at the Chestnut Hill Invitational.

April 28 - The team earns its highest finish at the BIG EAST Championship in over a decade, tying for fourth as Ryan Pamer earned a tie for seventh place on the individual leaderboard.

May 6 - A second career BIG EAST honor came Ryan Pamer's way with another All-BIG EAST Second Team accolade for the Ohio native.

May 24 - The awards kept coming for Ryan Pamer, earning PING All-Region honors as the ninth Wildcat to ever achieve the feat.

June 17 - Ryan Pamer was also recognized for his academic prowess, being named CSC Academic All-District for the 2024-25 year and moving on the Academic All-America ballot.

August 7 - The Wildcats were recognized as the BIG EAST Team Academic Excellence award winner for the 2024-25 year, the first time ever that the program has won.

September 30 - Matt Zerfass earned the first top five finish of his Wildcat tenure with third place at the UConn Invitational at GreatHorse.

November 6 - Matt Zerfass takes home the individual title with a one-under and leads the 'Cats to a team victory at the Big 5 Invitational.

November 7 - Matt Zerfass picks up his first career BIG EAST Male Golfer of the Week honor after his win at the Big 5.

2026

March 24 - Matt Zerfass captured his second career victory with a four-under performance at the Golden Horseshoe Intercollegiate, getting BIG EAST Male Golfer of the Week again a few days later.

April 7 - Villanova wins its second event of the season with a team victory at the Wildcat/Fazio Invite, led by top five finishes from Ryan Pamer and Brockton English.

May 4 - Ryan Pamer shoots a career-low 10-under at the BIG EAST Championship, earning sole possession of second place with five birdies on the final day.

May 13 - Villanova's second ever All-BIG EAST First Team accolade was achieved by Ryan Pamer for his third career all-conference honor.

May 30 - An impressive resume earned its final line as Ryan Pamer was named to his second straight PING All-Region team.

September 6 - Evan Rohde earned the first top three finish in his college debut, placing third at the Alex Lagowitz Memorial.