

1959 -1962 Navy Football Record (Updated 9/3/14)

From Dave Moore

1959

- Boston College 24-8 Our first football posters go up on room doors. Jim Maxfield was our QB
- William & Mary 29-2 Can you really repeat that cheer in the Mess Hall? This was our first March On and the first game played in the new stadium.
- SMU 7-20 Don Meredith was their QB.
- Syracuse 6-32 Syracuse would end up #1 in the country. This was the Oyster Bowl in Norfolk featuring a wonderful ride in an APA for the 1st Regiment.
- Miami 8-23
- Pennsylvania 22-22 Drunk Penn NROTC taken back to Annapolis on bus.
- Notre Dame 22-25 ND wins on 43 yd field goal in last minute
- Maryland 22-14 Night game in B-more was really cold. Mids jumping up/down to keep warm had the stadium shaking. Navy behind 14-0 at halftime but Bellino returns 2nd half kick-off for TD. MD students provoke lots of fights after game (The Navy raid on their campus that week was a possible causation factor). After 1965, Navy has played MD only sparingly; the natural over-heated rivalry is still not advisable.
- G. Washington 16-8 Just the warm-up. Navy record at 4-4-1
- Army 43-12 A score to live in the hearts of 63ers forever. Army had All-American running back Bob Anderson (drafted by NY Giants) and "Lonesome End" Bill Carpenter (later LtGen) but Navy had Joe Bellino. Carry-On through Xmas Leave.

1960

- Boston College 22-7 Hal Spooner was our QB.
- Villanova 41-7 President Eisenhower was there.

Washington 15-14 Near end of game and trailing 14-12, Navy scores on a 30 yard pass play but Navy called for illegal motion and a five yd penalty. Greg Mather rushed in to kick a long field goal. Huskies had their starting team returning from Rose Bowl victory but #17 team beat the #3 team.

SMU 26-7 Oyster Bowl. Navy ranked #6

Air Force 35-3 The first game against Air Force; it was hot in B-more.

Pennsylvania 27-0

Notre Dame 14 -7 A rare victory over ND (during their slumping years)

Duke 10-19

Virginia 41-6

Army 17-12 With Army on Navy's 40 with 19 seconds left, Army sends 3 receivers to the end zone. Joe Bellino, playing defense, intercepts the pass.

Missouri 14 - 21 #5 Missouri vs #4 Navy in the Orange Bowl. Navy scores first with 98 yard fumble return. Then Mizzou has a 90 yd interception return. Navy's running game was stymied. Brigade gets an extra day of leave. President Kennedy was there.

1961

Penn State 10 – 20 Ron Klemick was starting QB for all ten games

William & Mary 44 - 6 Our usual homecoming opponent.

Miami 17 - 6

Cornell 31 – 7

Detroit 37 – 19

Pittsburg 14 - 28 2nd Regiment took the train to Pittsburgh and then marched up the steep hill to the stadium. Before the game started a plebe snatched the tail off the Pitt panther mascot. At halftime a delegation of Pitt cheerleaders came to Navy's sideline to get the tail back,; the Navy cheerleaders presented them the tail. The Regiment started yelling: .“Fair Trade, Fair Trade”.

Some upper class made mistake of bringing drags on train loaded with drunk plebes.

Notre Dame 13 – 10

Duke 9 – 30

Virginia 13 – 3

Army 13 – 7 Greg Mather's field goal was only score in the first half. After a 55 yd pass play, Army scored to take the lead 7-3. Bob Hecht came into the game and led team to a TD to retake the lead. Mather added another FG. President Kennedy was there.

1962

Penn State 41 – 7 Ron Klemick starts first four games as QB.

William & Mary 20 – 16 W&M played tough and even held a lead 16 – 13. Finally, Navy had to stop a W&M drive on the Navy 12 yd line to preserve the victory.

Minnesota 0 – 21 "All World" lineman Bobby Bell and "All Viking" Carl Eller were too much.

Cornell 41 – 0 Staubach comes in and takes over as QB.

Boston College 26 – 6 Navy Defense shows its mettle.

Pittsburgh 32 - 9 Oyster Bowl and Jim Stewart's famous "sleeper" play.

Notre Dame 12 – 20 Miserable cold rain in Philadelphia.

Syracuse 6 – 34 Homecoming for the much larger Orangemen.

USC 6 – 13 Navy Defense played very tough to keep the game close. Navy's fullback fumbled just before crossing the goal line late in the game. Steve Hoy, team captain, recovered a fumble on the USC 40 but time ran out on the Navy drive.

Army 34 – 14 Thanks to a 2-point safety, Navy took a 15 point lead over Paul Dietzel's "Chinese "Bandits" with Army scoring 6 just before the

half. Army was no match for Navy in second half. Vern Von Sydow kicked the extra points. Ron Klemick came in to throw for the last touchdown to close out his career. President Kennedy was there. The weather was like an Indian Summer – four years of mild Army game weather. Four straight victories over the Black Knights of the Hudson.

P.S. I thought you might enjoy this email from Greg Mather '62 with details on the 1960 Navy - Washington game:

I've heard that observation for years that the ball bounced off the crossbar...that didn't happen as far as I saw. We did have a 5 yard penalty, but it was against us for motion which nullified a 30 yard TD pass to Al Hughes. In the chaos of the moment, Wayne grabbed me when the flag flew and asked me if I thought I could make one from the 32 (42 yards). Before thinking I said "sure" and he pushed me onto the field for the try. The good news is that I never had much time to think about it...we lined up, the ball was snapped, I kicked it, and it was good. As I recall, the ball cleared the crossbar by a few feet about 10 feet inside the right upright. After that it was bedlam. I'm not sure why the announcer said it bounced over...I didn't see it happen that way.

What was particularly pleasing to me was that I had two high school teammates on the Washington squad. Jim Owens (UW coach) had spoken to me when he recruited the other guys, but told me he didn't think I was big-time college material. It was all I could do to keep from thumbing my nose at him as I ran off the field.

Another little tidbit that you might want to put in your notes was a comment from a sportswriter to Wayne as we were walking into the airport in Seattle. As you may recall, we were usually not as big as the teams we played...and Washington was a lot taller than most. Their interior line averaged 6' 5" and around 260 lbs. (really big for that time) The sportswriter asked Wayne "Are your linemen coming on another plane?" He couldn't believe how much smaller we were than his Huskies. Remembering that comment, and the whiny comments of my former HS teammates, made that win that much sweeter.

