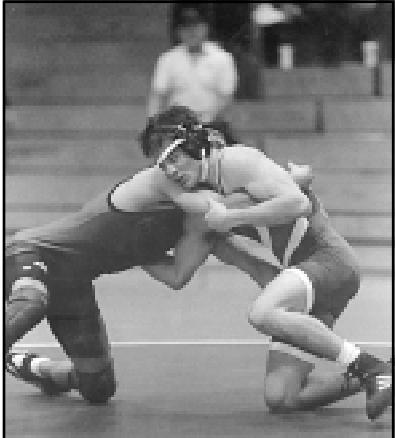




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Academic excellence and athletic accomplishment go hand in hand at Fresno State. Fresno State is a member of the Western Athletic Conference. The broad-based intercollegiate athletics program provides athletes with opportunities for high-level competition while they pursue a quality education.

To ensure academic development, California State University, Fresno – known in the athletics world as Fresno State – has instituted a counseling system designed specifically for student athletes. Services include academic advising, guidance and counseling, monitoring of progress, and daily study halls.

Facilities

Bulldog Stadium, home of the football team and men's and women's soccer teams, features a 41,031-seat capacity. Beiden Field, a 6,575-seat baseball stadium, is considered one of the finest collegiate complexes in the country. Bulldog Diamond, home of the 1998 NCAA champion Fresno State softball team, seats 5,467 and is the finest on-campus facility of its kind in the nation. Fresno State has track and field facilities, two gymnasiums, an indoor/outdoor swimming complex, six indoor/outdoor handball/racquetball courts, and putting greens and driving areas, complete with sand traps for golf. Fresno State also has new women's locker rooms,

one of the best weight rooms on the West Coast with 10,800 square feet, and the newly constructed Spalding G. Wathen Tennis Center.

Men's Intercollegiate Athletics

Baseball. The Diamond 'Dogs have advanced to NCAA post-season play 10 of the last 12 years and 26 times overall, with three College World Series appearances.

Basketball. The Bulldogs basketball program has advanced to post-season play five of the past six seasons, including a trip to the NIT Final Four in 1998, with Selland Arena sold out on a season-ticket basis.

Cross Country/Track and Field. Fresno State's cross country team captured conference titles in 1981, 1984 and 1988. The track and field team won 10 straight league crowns from 1983-1992.

Football. The Bulldogs tied for the Western Athletic Conference championship their first two years in the league in 1992 and 1993, advancing to bowl games each year.

Golf. Fresno State's golf team has finished in the top 20 nationally 10 times in the past 19 years, including a fifth place finish in 1990.

Soccer. Highlights include the 1998 WAC Championship, 14 NCAA tournament appearances since 1982,



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a number one ranking in 1987, and a 1986 Final Four showing.

Tennis. The Bulldogs have advanced to the NCAA tournament the past six years, including the Sweet 16 in 1999. They have garnered three NCAA singles All-Americans in that span.

Wrestling. The Bulldogs have finished in the top 25 nationally in the past seven years, winning the WAC title the past seven seasons.

Women's Intercollegiate Athletics

Basketball. Fresno State's competitive basketball program put together nine winning seasons during a recent 10-year stretch.

Cross Country/Track and Field. The Bulldogs have built powerful track and cross country programs, winning consecutive conference track crowns in 1991 and 1992.

Equestrian. The Bulldog equestrian team had its first individual national champion in 1998, with five individuals placing in the top 10 nationally in their respective events.

Soccer. Now in its fifth season as a varsity program, the Bulldog soccer team finished third at the WAC Tournament in 1998 and had three players named to all-conference teams.

Softball. The Bulldogs brought home Fresno State's first team national championship in 1998. They have received 22 straight playoff berths with 12 appearances in the Women's College World Series.

Swimming and Diving. The Bulldogs have had an All-American for four straight years and have finished third in the conference three of the past six seasons.

Tennis. The Bulldogs have advanced to NCAA regional play the past four seasons, including reaching the Sweet 16 in 1999 after capturing its first WAC title.

Volleyball. Fresno State has won 21 or more matches five of the past seven seasons, with five post-season appearances, including a trip to the NCAA tournament in 1998. ♦