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Academic excellence and athletic accomplishment go hand in hand at California State University, Fresno. The intercollegiate athletics program, with 11 men's teams and seven women's teams, provides student athletes with opportunities for high-level competition while pursuing a quality education.

To ensure academic development, CSU, Fresno — known in the athletic 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

Community support and donations have enabled Fresno State to establish one of the finest athletic complexes in the country. Bulldog Stadium features a 30,000-seat capacity. Beiden Field, a 4,575-seat baseball stadium, is ranked as one of the largest collegiate facilities in the nation. FSU has softball and track and field facilities, two gymnasiums, an indoor/outdoor swimming complex, two weight training rooms, 12 tennis courts, six indoor handball/racquetball courts, and two putting greens and driving areas complete with sand traps for golf.

Men's Intercollegiate Athletics

Baseball. Fresno State has earned a national reputation for having one of the finest baseball programs in the country. Head coach Bob Bennett's Bulldogs, who advanced to the 1988 College World Series, are consistently ranked in the Top 20. They have qualified for the NCAA playoffs on 17 occasions.

Basketball. The new Bulldog's head coach, Gary Colson, ranks as the 12th winningest active collegiate head coach, with a record of 487-312. CSUF has made five postseason tournament appearances in the past 10 years.

Cross Country/Track and Field.

Coach Red Estes has guided FSU to seven straight Big West track titles and cross country titles in 1981, 1984 and 1988.

Football. The Bulldogs compete for the Big West Conference championship and a trip to the California Bowl, hosted annually in Bulldog Stadium. They continually provide students and the community with action-packed football in a winning tradition, selling more than 27,000 season tickets in 1987, 1988 and 1989. Under the direction of head coach Jim Sweeney, the Bulldogs captured the conference championship in 1977, 1982, 1985, 1988 and 1989. The 1985 Bulldogs were the only undefeated team in major college football, finishing the season 11-0-1 and ranked 16th by UPI. Fresno State has produced many NFL prospects.

Golf. Coach Mike Watney guided the Bulldogs to a No. 3 NCAA ranking in 1987. Watney has produced 15 All-Americans and a Top 20 team at the NCAA Championships in seven of the past 11 years.

Soccer. Tenth-year head coach Jose Elgorriaga has guided the Bulldogs to six NCAA regional appearances, a Final Four showing and a No. 1 ranking during the 1987 regular season.

Swimming and Diving. Head coach Teri McKeever coaches both the men's and women's programs, a first for FSU.

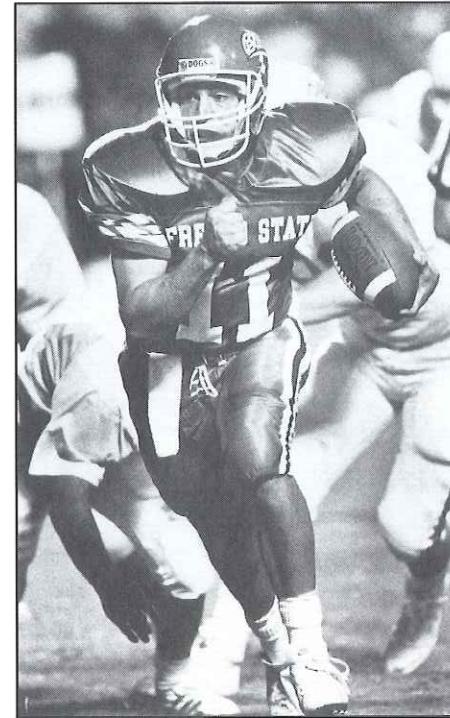
Tennis. Current U.S. national team assistant coach and fourth-year head coach Brad Stine coaches a growing program that has produced 215 wins in the past 18 years.

Water Polo. Consistently ranked in the Top 20 nationally, the water polo team is coached by Tom Milich, an assistant coach for the 1992 U.S. Olympic team.

Wrestling. Head coach Dennis DeLiddo is the winningest wrestling coach in FSU history (109-61-2). DeLiddo has coached six All-Americans in his eight seasons.

Women's Intercollegiate Athletics

Basketball. Ninth-year head coach Bob Spencer became the first coach in NCAA history to reach 500 career wins (518-214).



Bulldog quarterback Mark Barsotti

Cross Country/Track and Field.

Head coach Tom Pagani, who coached the Olympic throwers in 1988, has built a powerful track and cross country program at Fresno State.

Softball. Fresno State softball is coached by fifth-year coach Margie Wright. In 12 years, the Bulldogs have grown into a national powerhouse, having appeared in 11 straight regional playoffs. The 1982, 1988 and 1989 seasons produced a second-place finish at the NCAA Softball College World Series.

Swimming and Diving. Dedication and hard work are characteristics of a solid swimming and diving program under third-year coach Teri McKeever, a two-time All-American swimmer at USC.

Tennis. The women's tennis program is coached by first-year boss Irene Harris.

Volleyball. Head coach Leilani Overstreet led her squad to a 26-13 record and a fifth place finish at the 1984 NCAA Championships.