

Athletics

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

In an effort to ensure academic development, 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.

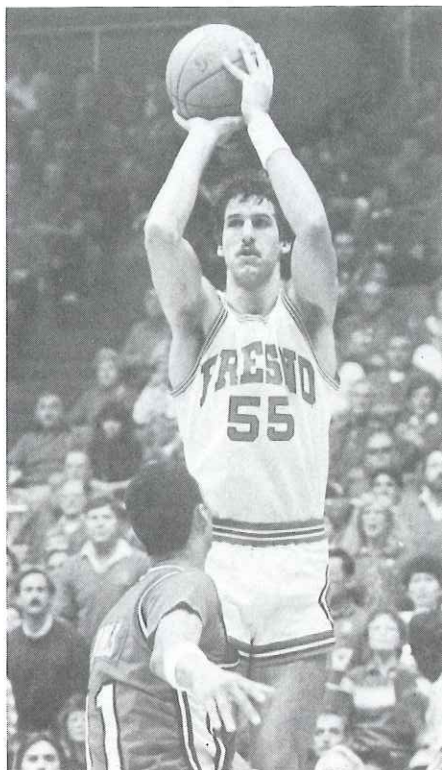
The Fresno State athletic programs draw record attendance and enthusiastic support from San Joaquin Valley residents—also known as "The Red Wave." The fine facilities and the excellent coaching enable student athletes to develop their abilities to the fullest.

Facilities

Community support and donations have enabled Fresno State to establish one of the finest athletic complexes in the country. Facilities include Bulldog Stadium, featuring a 30,000 seat capacity; Beiden Field, a new 3,575-seat baseball stadium which is ranked as one of the largest collegiate facilities in the nation; completely renovated softball and track and field facilities; two gymnasiums; an indoor/outdoor swimming complex; plus two weight training rooms, twelve tennis courts, six indoor handball/racquetball courts, 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, regularly winning over 40 games a year. Coach Bob Bennett's Bulldogs are consistently ranked in the Division I top 20, and more than 100 players have gone on to professional baseball. Since 1941, the Bulldogs have pocketed 20 conference championships and advanced to the NCAA playoffs on 16 occasions.



Basketball. Under the leadership of head coach Boyd Grant, the Bulldogs have won three conference titles, one league tournament championship and the 1983 National Invitation Tournament (NIT) championship in the past eight years. The 1981, 1982 and 1984 teams posted outstanding 25-4, 27-3 and 25-8 records, respectively, and went on to NCAA post-season playoffs. The 1983 NIT championship team finished 25-10, winning 12 of the last 13 games. The Bulldogs have dominated the PCAA conference and have competed nationally with basketball powers such as Oregon State, Michigan State, Purdue, Houston and Louisville. They have sold out their newly expanded home arena, Selland Arena, for the past six years with 10,132 the capacity.

Cross Country /Track and Field.

Track and field is one of the fastest growing sports at Fresno State. Under head coach Red Estes, the track team recently captured its third consecutive PCAA conference title, and numerous individual athletes have achieved acclaim on the national, regional and local level during the last 15 years. Track is a

year-round program that utilizes Warmerdam Field—a 400-meter polyurethane all-weather facility. The team competes with such opponents as UCLA, Stanford, San Jose State and Oregon State.

Football. The Bulldogs compete for the PCAA 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. Under the direction of head coach Jim Sweeney, the Bulldogs captured the conference championship in 1977, 1982 and 1985 and went on to win the California Bowl title in 1982 and 1985. The 1985 Bulldogs were the only undefeated team in major college football, finishing the season 11-0-1. They were ranked 16th by U.P.I. Fresno State has also produced many NFL prospects.



Golf. The Fresno State golf team has won the PCAA championship three of the past seven years. Their success enabled the Bulldogs to host the prestigious NCAA Championships in 1983 at the San Joaquin Country Club in Fresno. Several graduates of Fresno State who were ranked as All-Americans include top pros