

# Athletics

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**A**cademic excellence and athletic accomplishment go hand-in-hand at California State University, Fresno. 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, 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.

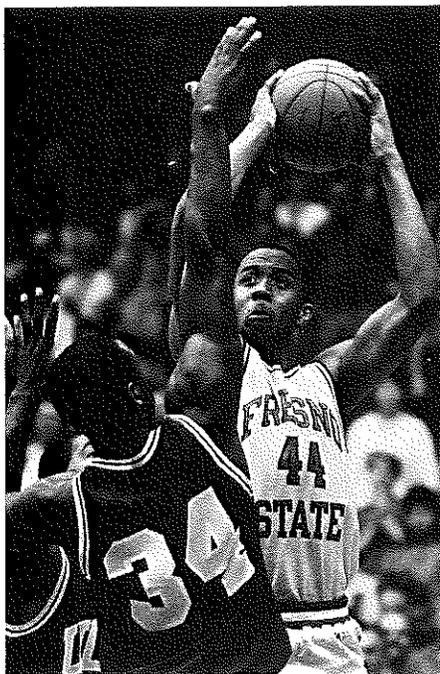
The Fresno State athletic programs draw record attendance and enthusiastic support from San Joaquin Valley residents—also known as "The Red Wave." The fine facilities and the excellent coaching enable student athletes to develop their abilities to the fullest.

## 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 that 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 more than 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 N.C.A.A. playoffs on 16 occasions.

**Basketball.** The Bulldogs are under new leadership of longtime FSU assistant Ron Adams, one of the nation's well-known young minds of the game. Adams has been a part of FSU's recent basketball success that saw them win 20 games or more in five consecutive seasons along with five consecutive post-season berths. In 1983, Fresno State was put on the map nationally with the National Invitation Tournament (N.I.T.) Championship. Records of 25-4, 27-3, 25-8, 25-10, and 23-9 were in order during that period.

Fresno State has dominated P.C.A.A. play and has competed nationally with basketball powers such as Oregon State, Memphis State, Michigan State, Purdue, Houston, and Louisville. Sold out Selland Arena is the site for 10,132 screaming Red Wave fans as the basketball facility has traditionally been sold out for the past seven years.

A nationally known coach, with a nationwide schedule and top flight recruiting, has given the Bulldogs one of the top collegiate basketball programs in the country.

## Cross Country/Track and Field.

Fresno State is building a track P.C.A.A. dynasty. Red Estes has coached the Bulldogs to four consecutive P.C.A.A. titles and 20 dual meet rankings the last four years. In 1986, FSU placed 10th at the N.C.A.A. Championships, and five athletes earned All-America honors. Home meets are at Warmerdam Field. The cross country team, P.C.A.A. champions in 1981 and 1984, holds home meets at Woodward Park.



**Football.** The Bulldogs compete for the P.C.A.A. 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 and ranked 16th by U.P.I. Fresno State has also produced many N.F.L. prospects.

**Golf.** The Fresno State golf team has won the P.C.A.A. championship three of the past seven years. Their success