



MEDIA INFORMATION

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WORKING PRESS

Admittance to the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium press box is limited to the **WORKING PRESS ONLY**. The press box is located on the Blue (west) side of the stadium. Beverages and a buffet are available two hours before kickoff and at halftime.

TELEPHONES

There are eight courtesy phone lines and high speed internet connections available in the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium press box.

PRESS CREDENTIALS

All requests for working press, photo and broadcast credentials for Navy home games should be made in writing on company letterhead at least two weeks prior to the game. Please allow ample time for credentials to be mailed to you. Credentials not mailed can be picked up two hours before kickoff at the Will Call Window, located in the North End Zone.

RADIO

There are two radio booths in Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium. One booth is reserved for the Navy Football Network; the visiting team is assigned the other broadcast space. When there is no live or delayed television, a third radio broadcast booth can be made available on a first-come, first-served basis. Six credentials will be allotted to each broadcast crew, plus one for each spotter.

Opponent stations should indicate when requesting credentials whether or not they will require the services of a Navy spotter. Visiting radio stations may purchase the use of up to three phone lines already installed by contacting Eric Ruden, Sr. Associate Athletic Director for External Relations at (410) 293-8748.

TELEVISION

All of Navy's home games, including the neutral site game on Sept. 3 against Maryland, will be televised live by CSTV.

CSTV Networks is a multi-media company that consists of the first-ever 24-hour college sports television network, College Sports TV; the leading college sports online network, CSTV.com; and the first ever 24-hour college sports radio network, SIRIUS College Sports Radio. Through its numerous platforms, CSTV provides more live college sports games, events, news, information, analysis and broadband content, and reaches more college sports fans, than any other company.

College Sports TV, voted the No. 1 emerging cable network among operators in a 2003 Beta research study, televises regular season and championship event coverage from over 35 men's and women's sports across every major collegiate athletic conference, as well as many NCAA and NAIA Championships.

College Sports TV has agreements with distributors that represent more than 65 million homes nationwide, including the top six national distributors: Comcast, DirecTV, Time Warner, Charter, Cox and Adelphia.

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Still and newsreel photographers with hand-held equipment may work the sidelines between the 30-yard line and the goal line in both directions. Sideline credentials are normally issued to photographers representing daily newspapers, wire services, magazines and television stations or networks. As a general rule, each properly accredited sideline photographer will be entitled to one caption writer and one messenger. Photographers with tripod equipment, or those not entitled to field credentials, may work from the roof of the press box. Camera crews handling the coaching film for the opposing school will work from level six of the press box.

POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

Navy head coach Paul Johnson and selected players will be available approximately 10 minutes after the game in the tent set up outside the home team locker room. The Navy locker room is closed to the media. The visiting coach and selected players will be available at the visiting team press tent outside the visiting team locker room.

PRESS CONFERENCES

Head coach Paul Johnson will conduct a post-practice interview session, Monday-Wednesday, at approximately 6 p.m. All players and assistant coaches will also be available at that time. Coach Johnson will be available via the phone Monday-Thursday from 2-3 p.m. Please contact Sports Information Director Scott Strasemeier with your interview request at least one day in advance.

PLAYER INTERVIEWS

All player phone interviews must be arranged through Sports Information Director Scott Strasemeier at least one day in advance. Players will do phone interviews during the day (Monday-Thursday) if their class schedule permits (i.e. if they have a free period). Navy players will also be available after practice, Monday-Wednesday.

2005 NAVY-MARYLAND GAME CREDENTIALS

Navy is the host institution for the game against Maryland, which will be played Sept. 3 at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore, Md. Credential requests should be made to Navy Sports Information Director Scott Strasemeier via fax on company letterhead at (410) 293-8954.

2005 ARMY-NAVY GAME CREDENTIALS

Army is the host institution for the 2005 Army-Navy game Dec. 3 at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia, Pa. Credential requests should be made to Army Sports Information Director Bob Beretta.

NAVY WEB SITE

All 30 of Navy's varsity sports can be followed via the internet at <http://www.navysports.com>. Releases, bios and information will be continually updated on the Navy home page.

STADIUM DIRECTIONS

FROM THE NORTH

Take I 97 South to US 50 East
 Exit US 50 at Rowe Blvd. (exit #24) and bear to the right
 Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium is on your right
 Right on Farragut Road gives access to gates 1&2
 Right on Taylor (second right) gives access to gates 5&6

FROM WASHINGTON (WEST)

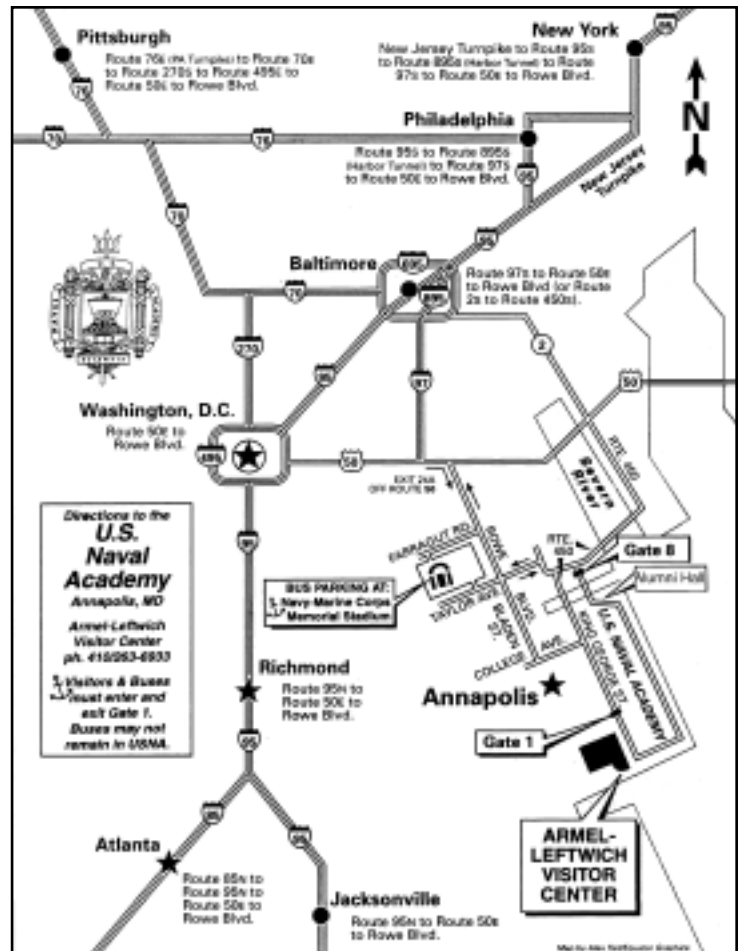
Take US 50 East
 Exit US 50 at Rowe Blvd. (exit #24) and bear to the right
 Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium is on your right
 Right on Farragut Road gives access to gates 1&2
 Right on Taylor (second right) gives access to gates 5&6

FROM THE SOUTH

Take I 95 North to 495 East
 Take I 495 East to 50 East
 Exit US 50 at Rowe Blvd. (exit #24) and bear to the right
 Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium is on your right
 Right on Farragut Road gives access to gates 1&2
 Right on Taylor (second right) gives access to gates 5&6

FROM THE EAST

Take US 50 West across the Bay Bridge
 Exit US 50 at Rowe Blvd. (South)
 Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium is on your right
 Right on Farragut Road gives access to gates 1&2
 Right on Taylor (second right) gives access to gates 5&6
 Bob Socci returns for his ninth season on the Navy football



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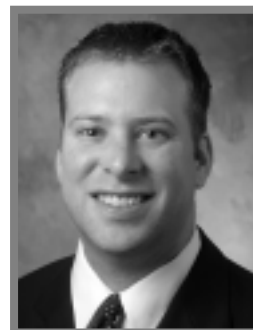
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WNAV Radio - 1430 AM

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NAVY RADIO NETWORK

Bob Socci returns for his ninth season on the Navy football broadcasts and is in his eighth year as the full-time, play-by-play announcer for the Navy Football Radio Network. Socci has also served as the voice of Navy basketball over the past nine years and has handled the play-by-play duties for the Patriot League Game of the Week on television for the last three seasons. Socci also pens a bi-monthly column on www.navysports.com and is responsible for

writing the script for the football and men's and women's basketball highlight videos

Over the summer, the University of Dayton graduate handles the play-by-play duties of the

Albuquerque Isotopes, the Triple-A affiliate of the Florida Marlins.

Socci has also broadcast baseball on the radio for several Baltimore Orioles affiliates, the Rochester Red Wings, Frederick Keys and Delmarva Shorebirds, as well as the Peoria Chiefs (St. Louis Cardinals).

Socci has a strong media background, having worked in the sports information office at North Carolina as an intern and in the publicity department of the Cincinnati Reds. A native of Auburn, N.Y., Socci is single and lives in Annapolis.

Omar Nelson is in his fourth year as a member of the Navy Radio Network and his third as the full-time color analyst.

Nelson is a 1997 graduate of the Naval Academy, where he helped lead the Midshipmen to a 9-3 record and a victory over California in the Aloha Bowl. Nelson won three varsity letters at full-back for the Mids.

Upon graduation, Nelson reported to Surface Warfare Officer School in Newport, R.I., and then served as the First Division Officer onboard the USS Denver (LPD-9) from August 1998-July 2000. In January of 2000, Nelson deployed for six months to the Persian Gulf with the Denver for Operation Southern Watch.

Nelson also served as the Auxiliaries Officer onboard the USS Sides (FFG-14) from November 2000-May 2002. In February of 2002, Nelson deployed with the Sides in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Nelson reported back to the Academy in June 2002 to work in the Seamanship and Navigation Department and taught Strategy and Tactics and Seamanship and Navigation as well as serving as the Officer in Charge of a Yard Patrol Craft training midshipmen.

Nelson received an Honorable Discharge from the Navy on June 30, 2004, and currently works for Pfizer, Inc. as a healthcare representative in Washington, D.C.

He is married to the former Kelli Christmas, and the couple has a son, Donovan. They are expecting their second child in September.

John Feinstein is in his ninth season on the Navy Radio Network. Feinstein will host a weekly pregame segment with Socci and will join Socci and Nelson in the booth for several games.

Feinstein has been close to the Navy program for years, covering the Midshipmen for *The Washington Post*, and recently has authored two highly-acclaimed books that have featured the Naval Academy, *Army vs. Navy, A Civil War* (about the Army-Navy football rivalry) and *The Last Amateurs* (a basketball book about student-athletes in the Patriot League, of which Navy is a member).

He has also written best-sellers, *The Punch*, *The Majors*, *A March to Madness*, *A Good Walk Spoiled*, *A*



John Feinstein



Bob Socci and Omar Nelson

Season on the Brink, *Play Ball*, *Hard Courts* and *Open—Inside the Ropes at Bethpage Black* and two mystery novels, *Running Mates* and *Winter Games*. Feinstein writes a regular column for AOL and is a weekly guest on National Public Radio. Feinstein also writes for the sports and op-ed pages of *The Washington Post*.

Feinstein's latest non-fiction book is *Let Me Tell You A Story—A Lifetime In The Game*, which is a book on the life of Red Auerbach. He also recently wrote a children's book 'Last Shot—A Final Four Mystery,' which was on the *New York Times* Children's Best Seller list in the spring.

Feinstein, a native of New York City, lives in Bethesda, Md. with his wife, Mary, and their two children, Danny and Brigid. An avid swimmer, his relay team in the 40+ age group of Masters swimming holds world records in the 200-meter long course medley relay and the 200-meter short course medley relay. Feinstein swam the butterfly in both events.

THE NAVY FOOTBALL RADIO NETWORK

WBAL	Baltimore, Md.	1090 AM
WNAV	Annapolis, Md.	1430 AM
WTEM	Washington, D.C.	980/570/1260 AM
WGH	Norfolk, Va.	1310 AM
WCBM	Cambridge, Md.	1240 AM

STADIUM POLICIES

AGE LIMIT POLICY

Children under the age of two, who are sitting on the lap of an adult, do not need a valid game ticket. Children who have reached their second birthday must have a valid game ticket to gain entrance to the stadium and are permitted seating access only in their ticketed location.

ALCOHOL

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the stadium. All alcoholic beverages will be confiscated at the gate.

CAPTAINS B.B.Q.

Enjoy a hearty all-you-can-eat and drink tailgate and a terrific view of all the pre-game festivities in a large private tent reserved just for the Captain's B.B.Q. One of the Athletic Association's Preferred Caterers will provide a complete brunch for only \$21 (not including game ticket) for two and a half hours prior to kickoff. The Captain's B.B.Q. is great for your family, friends or colleagues. For more information, call (800) 874-6289.

CONCESSIONS

Concession stands are conveniently located throughout the stadium in the concourse areas. Vendors and vending stations will serve the stands throughout the game.

CONTAINERS

No cans, glass or plastic bottles, or coolers of any type or size will be permitted to be brought in to Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium. All containers will be subject to inspection and confiscated if found to contain alcoholic beverages.

FIRST AID

Emergency medical treatment is available at the first aid stations located on the lower and upper levels on both the Blue and Gold sides. On the Blue side, the first aid stations are located on the South end under sections I and 101. On the Gold side, first aid stations are located on the North end under sections 25 and 125. Also available are emergency medical teams on both the upper

and lower levels on both sides of the stadium on a roving basis. Contact the nearest usher to request medical assistance.

GATES OPEN

Gates at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium open 90 minutes before kickoff.

HANDICAPPED SEATING & PARKING

Specially constructed areas to accommodate wheelchair spectators are located throughout the lower level of the stadium. Parking is available by permit only on the East and the West sides near the main entrances.

LOST & FOUND

Items lost or found can be identified at the ticket booths located in the North End Zone. Lost items not claimed on game day can be claimed by calling (410) 293-2700.

MERCHANDISE

Stands are located throughout the stadium and offer a variety of Navy merchandise.

NAAA GOLF CARTS

Look for NAAA personnel circulating through the parking lots and tailgating areas on golf carts. These individuals are available to assist you with tailgating questions, locations, parking and general stadium and ticket information. Please do not hesitate to stop one of these carts to ask for assistance.

NAVYFEST

Planning a corporate, family or friendly outing? Organize it in conjunction with Navy Football and a NavyFest Tailgate. "The Great Annapolis Tailgate Party" is rated as one of the top-five places to have a pregame party in the nation. Simply select a game, estimate the number of people in your group (minimum number is 20 people) and contact the Navy Marketing & Promotions Office at (410) 293-8783 to help you plan the rest. It is sure to be a memorable day for you and all of your guests

SMOKING POLICY

Smoking is prohibited in the seating areas and rest rooms. Smoking is allowed on the concourse areas only.

TAILGATING

Tailgating is allowed for all cars parking in the stadium lots. Tailgating is permitted directly behind your car and may not interfere with adjacent parking spaces. Reserving parking spaces adjacent to your car in the parking lots is not permitted. Please refrain from littering in the parking lot and throw trash in the proper receptacles. Organized and private tailgate locations are available on a game-by-game or season basis in the NavyFest area. For more information call 410/293-8785.

TICKETS

Tickets may be purchased either at the Navy Ticket Office (Ricketts Hall) in advance, or on game day at the main ticket booth located at the Class of 1953 pavillion in the North end zone of the stadium. The ticket booth opens 2 1/2 hours prior to kickoff.

TICKET QUESTIONS

All ticket questions or problems can be answered at the main ticket booth located at the Class of 1953 pavillion in the North end zone of the stadium. Ticket duplications must be handled at the ticket booth.

2005 NAVY FOOTBALL MEDIA GUIDE

The 2005 Navy football media guide was prepared to assist the media in its coverage of Navy football. The Sports Information Office is available to aid members of the media in their efforts to cover Navy football. Additional information may be obtained through the Sports Information Office (410) 293-8775 or on the Navy web site (www.navy sports.com).

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