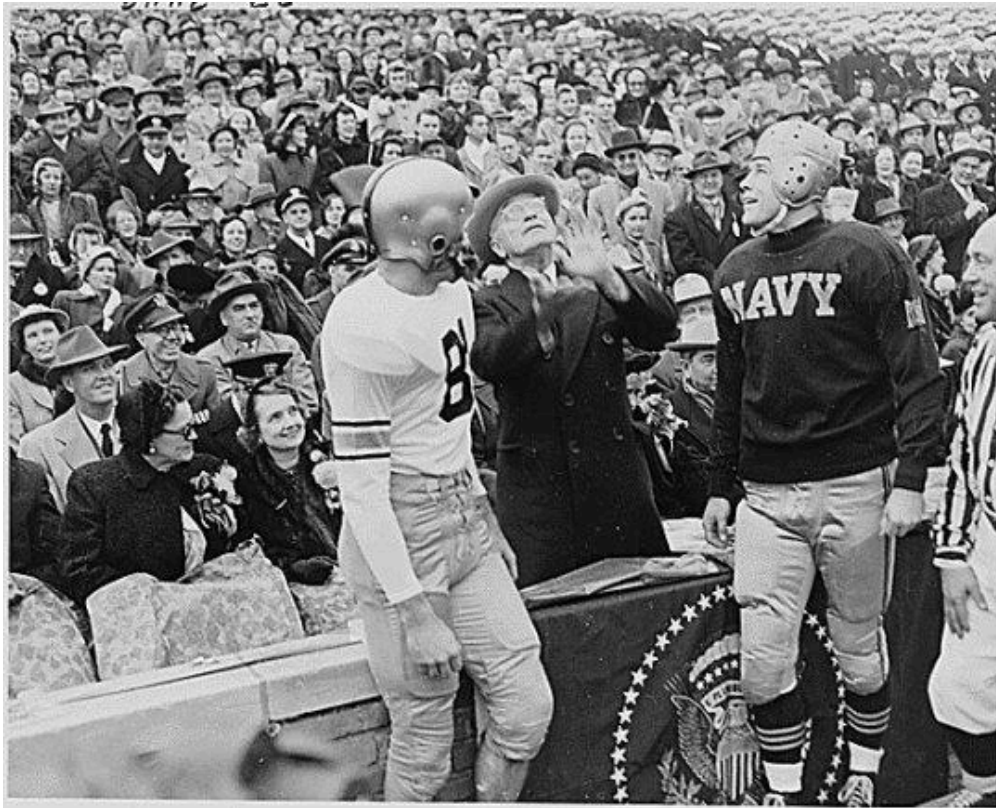


The History of the Army-Navy Game

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- President Harry S. Truman tosses a coin in the air before the annual Army-Navy football game in Philadelphia, Dec. 2, 1950, as the captains of the Army and Navy teams watch. *(Photo Credit: National Archives)*

Origin Story of the Greatest Rivalry in American Sports

The first Army-Navy game was held on November 29, 1890. This marked the spark of the greatest rivalry in all of American sports. The game is accredited to Dennis Mahan Michie. When Michie entered West Point in 1888, he began to think of a way to bring football to the Military Academy. Michie knew that the USMA Academic Board was unwilling to approve such a contest, but Michie got Navy to issue a challenge and convinced his father, Commandant Hamilton S. Hawkins, and Superintendent John M. Wilson that the

pride of West Point was at stake. Both men helped to persuade the Academic Board to permit the contest but only with the condition that the game is played at West Point.

The game was played on a gridiron marked off on the Plain. The heavily experienced Navy team dominated that first contest, winning 24-0 in front of a good crowd. This result motivated Cadet Michie to find a competent coach named Harry Williams and the officer-in-charge of football, LT Denny Tate. Michie persuaded Williams to visit West Point twice a week to work with the team.

At the 1891 Army-Navy game, Army prevailed, scoring 32-16. A crushing defeat!

Timeline of the Army-Navy Games

The Army-Navy Games have been an exciting event for the public for 129 years. This thrilling event has had showcased the athletic capabilities that our nation's future warriors have. Both the Army and Navy branches have had their fair share of wins and losses. The next big-game is scheduled for December 14, 2019. In total, there have been 119 football games. Shockingly, 7 of these games have ended with a tie. The Navy leads with a streak of 60 wins while the Army follows with a streak of 52 wins. The Navy has the longest win streak of 14 years (2002-2015). They also have the largest victory in history with a win of 51 to 0 in 1973. But currently, the Army has been keeping its winning streak since 2016.

It can be considered traditional for the majority of the Army-Navy games to be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. But there have also been games in New York, Maryland, Illinois, and New Jersey. These places were chosen because of popularity, opportunity, and value.



- 1910: The Brigade of Midshipmen marches on the field. Photo and caption: Special Collections & Archives Department, Nimitz Library, United States Naval Academy.



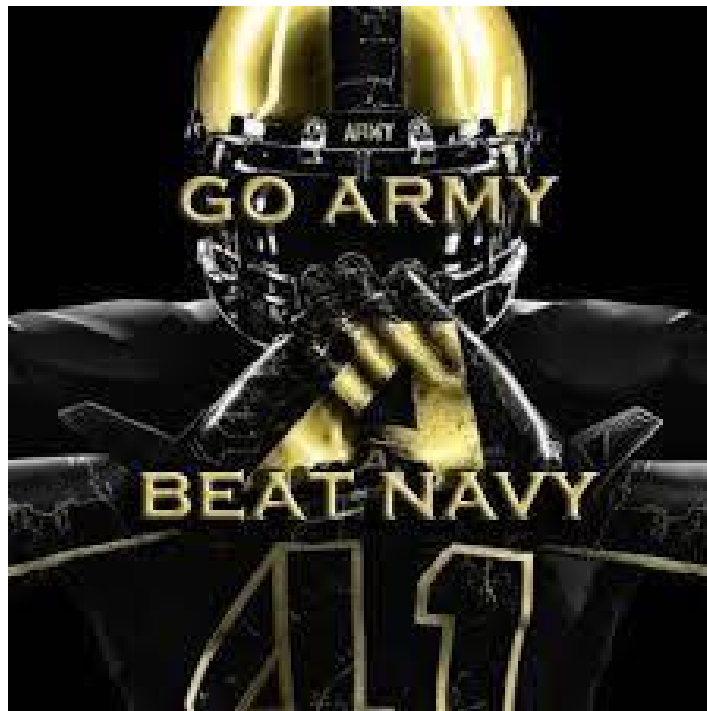
- Pentagon, Washington, D.C. (Nov. 30, 2005) – The Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Michael Hagee gives the U.S. Naval Academy mascot, “Bill the Goat” his challenge coin after he performed one-arm pushups at the request of Hagee during a Pep-Rally at the Pentagon prior to the upcoming 106th Army-Navy football game. U.S. Navy photo by Mr. Damon Moritz. Caption: U.S. Navy.

Who Will Win? (put in where you can watch the game or buy tickets)

Now one may be wondering... "How does one go to the Army-Navy Game? Is there a television channel that one can watch the game on? How can one show my support?" Well, to go to the game, a person can purchase tickets over the phone on from the ticket office or the Army A Club. To call the ticket office, dial 1-877-TIX-ARMY. To call the Army A Club, dial 845-938-2322.

The cost of the ticket depends on the seat and value. A priority ticket costs \$105, while club seating costs \$150. Membership can be bought for the full season with different package deals. The starting price for this football membership program is \$150. A season-ticket member has the opportunity to purchase Army-Navy tickets and will receive invitations to behind-the-scenes events. Each member also has one dedicated Army representative to assist them year-round. A buyer also has the opportunity to buy group tickets at prices that range from \$25-\$69.

Support the Army in their upcoming game against the Navy. GO ARMY, BEAT NAVY!



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