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### **Navy Announces 2009 Football Schedule**

ANNAPOLIS, Md.—Naval Academy Director of Athletics Chet Gladchuk announced today the 2009 Navy football schedule, which includes playing 13 regular-season games for the first time in school history.

The Mids are eligible to play 13 regular season games as a result of a Nov. 21 date at Hawai'i. The NCAA allows teams that travel to Hawai'i to play an extra game.

Navy will kick off the 2009 campaign on Sept. 5 when the Midshipmen travel to Columbus, Ohio to take on Ohio State. It will be just the fourth meeting between the two schools and the first since the 1981 Liberty Bowl. Navy has not played on the road against a school from the Big 10 since 1986 when the Mids traveled to Bloomington to face Indiana.

Navy returns home the following week to face Louisiana Tech (Sept. 12) for the first time in school history. After a Sept. 19 game at Pittsburgh, the Mids will play host to Western Kentucky on Sept. 26 in the first gridiron meeting between the Midshipmen and Hilltoppers.

Rival Air Force will come calling the following week (Oct. 3) before the Mids hit the road with back-to-back tilts in Texas. Navy will play at Rice on Oct. 10 and at SMU on Oct. 17. Navy will return home on Oct. 24 to play Wake Forest on Homecoming and the Temple Owls will come to Annapolis the following week on Halloween.

Navy will round out the 2009 campaign with a trip to Notre Dame on Nov. 7, a date with Delaware at home on Nov. 14, the Nov. 21 game at Hawai'i and the annual Army-Navy game on Dec. 12 in Philadelphia.

With a 13-game schedule, the Mids will have to post a winning season to qualify for the 2009 Texas Bowl at Reliant Stadium in Houston. The date for the bowl game has not yet been announced.

## **2009 Navy Football Schedule**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sept. 5	at Ohio State	Columbus, Ohio
<b>Sept. 12</b>	<b>Louisiana Tech</b>	<b>Annapolis, Md.</b>
Sept. 19	at Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, Pa.
<b>Sept. 26</b>	<b>Western Kentucky</b>	<b>Annapolis, Md.</b>
<b>Oct. 3</b>	<b>Air Force</b>	<b>Annapolis, Md.</b>
Oct. 10	at Rice	Houston, Texas
Oct. 17	at SMU	Dallas, Texas
<b>Oct. 24</b>	<b>Wake Forest (HC)</b>	<b>Annapolis, Md.</b>
<b>Oct. 31</b>	<b>Temple</b>	<b>Annapolis, Md.</b>
Nov. 7	at Notre Dame	South Bend, Ind.
<b>Nov. 14</b>	<b>Delaware</b>	<b>Annapolis, Md.</b>
Nov. 21	at Hawai'i	Honolulu, Hawai'i
Dec. 12	Army	Philadelphia, Pa.