

2006 Fresno State Schedule

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| Sept. 1 | • Nevada (ESPN2) | 7 p.m. |
| Sept. 9 | Oregon (ESPN/ESPN2) | TBA |
| Sept. 16 | at Washington | TBA |
| Sept. 30 | Colorado State | 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 7 | • at Utah State | TBA |
| Oct. 14 | • Hawaii (Homecoming) | 2 p.m. |
| Oct. 21 | at LSU (ESPN) | TBA |
| Nov. 1 | • at Boise State (ESPN) | 5 p.m. |
| Nov. 11 | • New Mexico State | 2 p.m. |
| Nov. 18 | • Idaho | 2 p.m. |
| Nov. 24 | • at Louisiana Tech (ESPN2) | 6 p.m. |
| Dec. 2 | • at San Jose State | 3 p.m. |

Home games in **Bold**

Times are Pacific

Dates and Times are Tentative and Subject to Change

2005 Fresno State Results

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| Sept. 10 | Weber State (ESPN2) | W, 55-17 |
| Sept. 17 | at Oregon (TBS) | L, 34-37 |
| Sept. 27 | vs. Toledo (ESPN2) | W, 44-14 |
| Oct. 8 | • at New Mexico St. (ESPN2/SW) | W, 37-7 |
| Oct. 15 | • Utah State | W, 53-21 |
| Oct. 22 | • at Idaho (BSN/KFRE WB 59) | W, 40-10 |
| Oct. 29 | • at Hawai'i (ABC) | W, 27-13 |
| Nov. 5 | • San Jose State (SportsWest) | W, 45-7 |
| Nov. 10 | • Boise State (ESPN) | W, 27-7 |
| Nov. 19 | at No. 1 USC (Fox Sports Net) | L, 42-50 |
| Nov. 26 | • at Nevada (ESPN2) | L, 35-38 |
| Dec. 2 | • Louisiana Tech (ESPN2) | L, 28-40 |

47th Annual AutoZone Liberty Bowl

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| Dec. 31 | Tulsa (ESPN) | L, 31-24 |
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2005 WAC Standings

| | WAC | | Overall | |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | W | L | W | L |
| Boise State | 7 | 1 | 9 | 4 |
| Nevada | 7 | 1 | 9 | 3 |
| Fresno State | 6 | 2 | 8 | 5 |
| Louisiana Tech | 6 | 2 | 7 | 4 |
| Hawaii | 4 | 4 | 5 | 7 |
| San Jose State | 2 | 6 | 3 | 8 |
| Utah State | 2 | 6 | 3 | 8 |
| Idaho | 2 | 6 | 2 | 9 |
| New Mexico State | 0 | 8 | 0 | 12 |

2005 WAC Bowl Results

Sheraton Hawaii Bowl (Dec. 24)

Nevada 49, Central Florida 48 (OT)

MPC Computers Bowl (Dec. 28)

Boston College 27, Boise State 24

AutoZone Liberty Bowl (Dec. 31)

Tulsa 31, Fresno State 24

Practices and Interviews

Please call the Fresno State Athletics Media Relations office to arrange interviews with head coach Pat Hill, the staff and players. Contact the Fresno State Athletics Media Relations Office for practice times and further details.

Ticket Information

For information on football tickets for 2006, please contact the Fresno State Athletics Ticket Office at (559) 278-DOGS or go online to gobulldogs.com. Single game and mini-plan packages will be available for the home games.

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2006 Fresno State Football Spring Quick Facts

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| Location | Fresno, Calif. |
| Founded | 1911 |
| Enrollment | 21,389 |
| Conference | Western Athletic |
| Nickname | Bulldogs |
| Colors | Red and Blue |
| Stadium | Bulldog Stadium, home of Jim Sweeney Field (41,031) |
| 2004 Record | 8-5 |
| WAC Record | 6-2 (third) |
| President | Dr. John D. Welty |
| Athletics Director | Thomas Boeh |
| Athletics Department Phone | (559) 278-2643 |
| Ticket Office Phone | (559) 278-DOGS |
| Athletics Website | www.gobulldogs.com |



Coaching Staff

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Head Coach | Pat Hill (UC Riverside, '73) |
| Record at Fresno State (years) | 72-43 (9 years) |
| Overall Record | Same |

Assistant Coaches

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| Associate Head Coach/Receivers/Special Teams | John Baxter (Loras College, '85) |
| Defensive Coordinator | Dan Brown (Boise State, '82) |
| Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks | Steve Hagen (Cal Lutheran, '78) |
| Defensive Line | Kerry Locklin (New Mexico State, '85) |
| Linebackers | Tom Mason (Eastern Washington, '78) |
| Running Backs | Tim Skipper (Fresno State, '01) |
| Tight Ends | Tim Simons (Fresno State, '67) |
| Secondary | Randy Stewart (Boise State '79) |
| Offensive Line | Derek Frazier (Northern Colorado, '97) |
| Graduate Assistant/Defense | Andy Buh (Nevada, '96) |
| Graduate Assistant/Offense | Jeff Grady (Fresno State, '03) |
| Football Operations | Drew Hill (Southern Mississippi, '02) |
| Strength and Conditioning Coach | Andy Bennett (Boise State, '01) |

Fresno State History

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| First year of football | 1921 |
| All-time record | 517-347-27 |
| Bowl appearances | 20 |
| Last bowl appearance | 2005 AutoZone Liberty Bowl |
| Opponent, Result | Tulsa, L 31-24 |

2006 Fresno State Football Facts

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Offense | Pro Set, Multiple |
| Defense | 4-3 |
| Total Lettermen Returning/Lost | 49/16 |
| Total Starters Returning/Lost | 18/6 |
| Offensive Starters Returning/Lost | 8/3 |
| Defensive Starters Returning/Lost | 8/3 |
| Special Teams Starters Returning/Lost | 2/0 |

Fresno State Media Relations Office

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Spring Drills

The Bulldogs begin their spring drills March 13 and conclude April 7. The annual spring game at Bulldog Stadium will be held April 1 at 11 a.m. Fresno State will hold 15 practices during that time, including three scrimmages. All practice, unless otherwise specified, will be held the Valley Growers Practice Facility located on campus on the corner of Bulldog Lane and Millbrook.

Head Coach Pat Hill

All of the credit for the resurgence of Bulldog football can be traced to head coach Pat Hill. Hill took over a declining program and within three years won a championship and guided his team to a bowl game. More importantly, Hill infused academic integrity to the program. Since his arrival, the team GPA rose from a 2.21 to 2.87.

In Hill's third season, the Bulldogs earned a share of a WAC championship, made their first bowl appearance since 1993 and produced a league-best six first-team All-WAC players. In addition, Fresno State led the WAC academic scholars with 14 and produced the program's first Academic All-American, Payton Williams. That was just a start. Since then, Fresno State's NCAA Academic Progress Rate ranks in the top 10 percent of all Division I-A programs and is the fourth-highest of all schools in the west.

Under his direction, Fresno State build a new football practice facility that rivals any NFL franchise. One of the most visible signs of improvement has been in the Duncan Building training room, offices and locker room, which was modified providing all student-athletes with a state of the art complex.

Over the last seven season, Hill is averaging nearly nine wins per year, and led the Bulldogs to a No. 22 final national ranking in 2004, the highest for the school since 1993. Fresno State's current bowl streak of seven years is in the longest in school history and longest current streak in the west. He has done it playing one of the most aggressive non-conference schedules in the nation.

Since coming to Fresno State, Hill has continued his reputation as an outstanding recruiter. His first recruiting class produced four NFL draft choices – including the No. 1 overall pick David Carr – and four other players who signed NFL free agent contracts. Each of Hill's starting QBs at Fresno State (Billy Volek and David Carr) are playing in the NFL.

Pat Hill's Resume

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|--------------|---|
| 1997-present | Fresno State , Head Coach |
| 1996 | Baltimore Ravens , Asst. Coach (tight ends/offensive line) |
| 1992-95 | Cleveland Browns , Asst. Coach (tight ends/offensive line) |
| 1990-91 | Arizona , Asst. Coach (offensive coordinator/line) |
| 1984-89 | Fresno State , Asst. Coach (offensive line/recruiting) |
| 1983 | Calgary (CFL) , Asst. Coach (offensive coordinator/line) |
| 1981-82 | UNLV , Asst. Coach (offensive coordinator/line) |
| 1977-80 | Utah , Asst. Coach (offensive line/recruiting) |

Honors and Bowl Games

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|------|--|
| 1999 | WAC Champions/Las Vegas Bowl |
| 2000 | Silicon Valley Football Classic |
| 2000 | <i>Sports Illustrated</i> Bowl Coach of the Year |
| 2001 | Silicon Valley Football Classic |
| 2002 | Silicon Valley Football Classic |
| 2003 | East-West Shrine Game (West Head Coach) |
| 2003 | Silicon Valley Football Classic |
| 2004 | MPC Computers Bowl |
| 2005 | AutoZone Liberty Bowl |

Pat Hill Year-by-Year

| | Overall | WAC | Home | Road | Neu |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| 1997 | 6-6 | 5-3 | 4-2 | 2-4 | 0-0 |
| 1998 | 5-6 | 5-3 | 4-1 | 1-5 | 0-0 |
| 1999 | 8-5 | 5-2 | 6-0 | 2-4 | 0-1 |
| 2000 | 7-5 | 6-2 | 5-0 | 2-4 | 0-1 |
| 2001 | 11-3 | 6-2 | 5-1 | 6-1 | 0-1 |
| 2002 | 9-5 | 6-2 | 5-1 | 3-4 | 1-0 |
| 2003 | 9-5 | 6-2 | 5-1 | 3-4 | 1-0 |
| 2004 | 9-3 | 5-3 | 4-1 | 4-1 | 1-0 |
| 2005 | 8-5 | 6-2 | 5-1 | 3-3 | 0-1 |
| Totals | 72-43 | 50-21 | 43-8 | 26-30 | 3-4 |

Spring Practice Schedule

Here's Fresno State's Spring Practice Schedule. Dates and times are subject to change.

| Date | Site | Time | Type |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| March 13 | Practice Facility | 3:20-5:30 p.m. | Shells |
| March 15 | Practice Facility | 3:20-5:30 p.m. | Shells |
| March 17 | Practice Facility | 3:20-5:30 p.m. | 1/2 Pads |
| March 18 | Practice Facility | 3:20-5:30 p.m. | Full Pads |
| March 20 | Practice Facility | 3:20-5:30 p.m. | 1/2 Pads |
| March 22 | Practice Facility | 3:20-5:30 p.m. | Full Pads |
| March 24 | Practice Facility | 3:20-5:30 p.m. | Half Pads |
| March 25 | Visalia/CVC High School | Noon | Scrimmage |
| March 27 | Practice Facility | 3:20-5:30 p.m. | Half Pads |
| March 29 | Practice Facility | 3:20-5:30 p.m. | Full Pads |
| March 31 | Practice Facility | 3:20-5:30 p.m. | Shells |
| April 1 | SPRING GAME | 11 a.m. | SPRING GAME |
| April 3 | Practice Facility | 3:20-5:30 p.m. | Half Pads |
| April 5 | Practice Facility | 3:20-5:30 p.m. | Full Pads |
| April 7 | Scrimmage/Bulldog Stadium | 5 p.m. | Scrimmage |

All times are Pacific and subject to change

Scrimmages in Bold

Fresno State Football Offensive Personnel

| Starters Returning (8) | HT | WT | CL | NOTE |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|
| LG 77 Ryan Wendell** | 6-2 | 260 | Jr. | 2004 Freshman All-America/WAC Frosh of the Year |
| C 59 Kyle Young*** | 6-5 | 335 | Sr. | Started all 40 games in career/First-team All-WAC |
| RG 62 Cole Popovich* | 6-2 | 280 | So. | First-team Freshman All-American |
| RT 79 Chris Denman*** | 6-6 | 280 | Jr. | Started 32 consecutive games |
| FB 46 Roshon Vercher*** | 5-11 | 245 | Sr. | 3 consecutive years as lead blocker for 1,000-yard rusher |
| WR 84 Joe Fernandez*** | 5-10 | 165 | Jr. | 46 rec., 561 yards and eight TDs/best on team in 2005 |
| WR 1 Paul Williams*** | 6-2 | 205 | Sr. | First-team All-WAC/43 rec., 729, seven TDs 17.0 YPC |
| TE 85 Bear Pascoe* | 6-5 | 260 | So. | 9 starts/5 rec. 34 yards |

Starters Lost (4)

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|---------------------------|------|-----|-----|---|
| LT 50 Dartangon Shack**** | 6-2 | 309 | Sr. | 43 consecutive starts, first-team All-WAC in 2005 |
| QB 13 Paul Pinegar**** | 6-5 | 220 | Sr. | First-team All-WAC |
| RB 22 Wendell Mathis** | 5-11 | 210 | Sr. | First-team All-WAC |
| WR 5 Adam Jennings**** | 5-9 | 175 | Sr. | First-team All-WAC Return Specialist |

Key Offensive Contributors Returning

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|------------------------|-----|-----|-------|---|
| RB 32 Dwayne Wright* | 6-1 | 205 | R-Jr. | 1,038 rushing yards in 2003 |
| RB 2 Clifton Smith** | 5-8 | 205 | Jr. | 118.5 APY/Game in first two games of 2005 |
| WR 80 Jaron Fairman*** | 6-1 | 185 | Sr. | 26 rec., for 348 and two TDs in 2005 |

Fresno State Football Defensive Personnel

| Starters Returning (8) | HT | WT | CL | NOTE |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|
| DE 11 Tyler Clutts* | 6-3 | 240 | So. | 52 tackles, 12 for losses and 7 sacks in 2005 |
| NT 98 Louis Leonard** | 6-4 | 330 | Jr. | 26 tackles, 4.5 for losses, 2.5 for losses in 12 games |
| DE 92 Marlon Brisco** | 6-3 | 240 | Sr. | 19 tackles, 1 tackle for loss in nine starts |
| OLB 31 Marcus Riley** | 6-0 | 210 | Jr. | Two-year starter; led team in tackles through 9 games |
| MLB 51 Dwayne Andrews*** | 6-0 | 240 | Sr. | 71 tackles and second-team All-WAC in '05 |
| OLB 10 Alan Goodwin*** | 6-2 | 220 | Sr. | 58 tackles, 2 for losses and one sack in '05 |
| CB 17 Marcus McCauley*** | 6-1 | 190 | Sr. | 45 tackles, team-high 7 PBU/Second-team All-WAC |
| SS 15 Josh Sherley*** | 6-0 | 200 | Sr. | 51 tackles, four for losses, one FB in 12 starts in '05 |

Starters Lost (3)

| | | | | |
|----------------------------|------|-----|-----|---------------------------------------|
| DT 71 Garrett McIntyre**** | 6-3 | 260 | Sr. | 2005 WAC Defensive Player of the Year |
| CB 24 Richard Marshall*** | 5-11 | 180 | Jr. | Second-team All-WAC |
| FS 36 Tyrone Culver**** | 6-1 | 200 | Sr. | First-team All-WAC |

Key Defensive Contributors Returning

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|------|-----|-----|--|
| DT 97 Jason Shirley** | 6-5 | 315 | Jr. | 14 tackles, 4 for losses and one sack in nine games |
| SS 4 Vincent Mays*** | 5-11 | 205 | Sr. | 21 tackles, one for a loss in '05 |
| DE 41 Ikenna Ike* | 6-3 | 245 | So. | 14 tackles, 4 for losses and 4 sack in 10 games |
| LB 43 Ahijah Lane** | 6-1 | 225 | Jr. | 12 tackles, 4 for losses and 2 sacks in 10 games |
| CB 25 Damon Jenkins** | 5-11 | 190 | Jr. | Nine games played, eight tackles and one tackle for a loss |

Special Teams Returning (3)

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|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|--|
| P 37 Mike Lingua*** | 6-0 | 190 | Sr. | 49 punts for 36.3 avg., 16 downed inside the 20 |
| K 39 Clint Stitser** | 6-1 | 195 | Jr. | 10-of-12 on field goal attempts, 29-30 on PATs in 2005 |
| K 35 Kyle Zimmerman*** | 6-0 | 185 | Sr. | 7-of-9 on field goal attempts, 25-of-28 PATs |

Honor Roll

As Fresno State's football team continues to make great strides on the football field, the Bulldogs are continuing to reach unprecedented academic success. The Bulldogs are coming off their best semester of academic achievement in the Pat Hill era, as 49 players achieved a 3.0 Grade Point Average or higher, 10 more than the fall semester of 2002. As a team, the Bulldogs posted a composite GPA of 2.87, which equates to a B- average.

15 Dogs Earn Academic All-WAC

The Bulldogs produced a record number of players who earned Academic All-WAC honors for the fall of 2005, with 15 student-athletes being honored. A student-athlete must carry a 3.2 cumulative GPA and play in over 50% of a team's games to qualify. Earning Academic All-WAC honors for 2005 were: Jordan Christensen (Jr., 3.47, Construction Management); Kevin Ciccone (So., 3.04, Undeclared) Tyrone Culver (Sr., 3.42, Health Science) Shannon Dorsey (So., 3.13, Industrial Technology); Joe Fernandez (Jr., 3.21, Philosophy-Pre Law); Kyle Goodman (Sr., 4.00, MBA); Jason Huss (Sr., 3.22, Business Administration); Ikenna Ike (So., 3.06, Undeclared); Jake Jorde (So., 3.09, Undeclared); Garrett McIntyre (Sr., 3.26, Construction Management); Ryan McKinley (So., 3.58, Business); Kyle Richard (So., 3.32, Exercise Science); Clint Stitser (So., 4.00, Business Administration); Bryson Sumlin (Sr., 3.03, Health Science); Ryan Wendell (So., 3.16, Undeclared) Since the hiring of Hill, the Bulldogs leads the WAC Rice with 80 Academic All-WAC selections. Prior to Hill's hiring, Fresno had just nine academic All-WAC student-athletes.

Academic All-WAC Selections Since 1997

| | | |
|----|----------------|----|
| 1. | Fresno State | 80 |
| 2. | Hawaii | 32 |
| 3. | San Jose State | 23 |

APR Ranking

Fresno State's Academic Progress Rate (APR) score ranks among the best in the nation. Compared to Division I-A programs in the Western U.S., the Dogs have the second-high score among public institutions. Here's a breakdown of the top 10 APR scores among all programs in the west (Pac-10, WAC, and Mountain West Conferences):

| Institution | Conference | APR |
|------------------------|------------|------------|
| 1. Stanford | Pac-10 | 995 |
| 2. Air Force | MWC | 967 |
| 3. Utah | MWC | 954 |
| 4. TCU | MWC | 953 |
| 5. Fresno State | WAC | 950 |
| 6. Boise State | WAC | 948 |
| 7. Cal | Pac-10 | 945 |
| 8. Colorado State | MWC | 941 |
| 9. Wyoming | MWC | 936 |
| 10. Washington | Pac-10 | 935 |
| 10. Washington St. | Pac-10 | 935 |

Spring Game Extravaganza

The Bulldogs will host their annual Spring Game on April 1 at 11 a.m. in Bulldog Stadium. Prior to the game, Fresno State will hold an equipment and apparel sale in the White Parking Lot located adjacent to the stadium on the west side beginning at 8 a.m. that morning. Fans can get great deals on new and used Bulldog athletic apparel previously worn by the teams and from the Bulldog Shop. Games for kids, live entertainment and food and drinks will be at the sale. Admission is free. The Bulldog players and coaches will sign autographs after the scrimmage.

Fresno State's Bowl History

Fresno State is 10-9 all-time in bowl games. The Bulldogs' loss to Tulsa snapped a school-record three-game win streak in bowl games. Following is a list of every bowl game in Fresno State history:

| Bowl | Date | Opponent | Results |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------|
| ► Little All-American Bowl | Dec. 25, 1937 | Arkansas State | WON 27-26 |
| ► Pineapple Bowl | Jan. 1, 1941 | Hawai'i | WON 3-0 |
| ► Raisin Bowl | Jan. 1, 1946 | Drake | LOST 13-12 |
| ► Mercy Bowl I | Nov. 23, 1961 | Bowling Green | WON 36-6 |
| ► Camellia Bowl | Dec. 14, 1968 | Humboldt State | LOST 29-14 |
| ► Mercy Bowl II | Dec. 11, 1971 | Cal State Fullerton | LOST 17-14 |
| ► California Bowl II | Dec. 18, 1982 | Bowling Green | WON 29-28 |
| ► California Bowl V | Dec. 14, 1985 | Bowling Green | WON 51-7 |
| ► California Bowl IX | Dec. 9, 1989 | Ball State | WON 27-6 |
| ► California Bowl XI | Dec. 14, 1991 | Bowling Green | LOST 28-21 |
| ► Freedom Bowl IX | Dec. 29, 1992 | USC | WON 24-7 |
| ► Aloha Bowl | Dec. 25, 1993 | Colorado | LOST 41-30 |
| ► Las Vegas Bowl | Dec. 18, 1999 | Utah | LOST 17-16 |
| ► Silicon Valley Football Classic | Dec. 31, 2000 | Air Force | LOST 37-34 |
| ► Silicon Valley Football Classic II | Dec. 31, 2001 | Michigan State | LOST 44-35 |
| ► Silicon Valley Football Classic III | Dec. 31, 2002 | Georgia Tech | WON 30-21 |
| ► Silicon Valley Football Classic IV | Dec. 30, 2003 | UCLA | WON 17-9 |
| ► MPC Computers Bowl | Dec. 27, 2004 | No. 18 Virginia | WON 37-34 OT |
| ► 47th AutoZone Liberty Bowl | Dec. 31, 2005 | Tulsa | LOST 31-24 |

Conference Champion Bowl Opponent

Fresno State's appearance in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl marked the first time since 1991 the Bulldogs played a conference champion in a bowl game. Fresno State lost to MAC champion Bowling Green in the 1991 Cal Bowl 28-21. Tulsa, a former WAC member, won Conference USA in its first season in that league.

Anyone, Anytime, Anywhere...Literally

Under Pat Hill's tenure, Fresno State has taken this motto to new heights, especially "where" the Bulldog will play their games. Since Hill became head coach and beefed-up the Bulldog non-conference schedule, they haven't dodged anyone. In most cases, the Bulldogs have to hit the road to play BCS conference schools. Of the Bulldogs' 29 non-conference games under Hill, 19 have been on the road at places like UCLA, Ohio State, Tennessee, Wisconsin, Colorado, No. 1 Oklahoma, Washington, Kansas State, Oregon and No. 1 USC. Fresno State has never had more than two non-conference home games under Hill, and has twice played three non-conference road games in a season. Next season, the Bulldog host Oregon and play at Washington and at LSU. Oregon's visit to Bulldog Stadium on Sept. 16 will be the first by a BCS conference opponent since the 2003 season and just the second in the last five years. Here's a look at the tough non-conference schedule on tap for 2006.

| Date | Opponent | Site |
|----------|----------------|------------------|
| Sept. 9 | Oregon | Bulldog Stadium |
| Sept. 16 | Washington | Seattle, Wash. |
| Sept. 30 | Colorado State | Bulldog Stadium |
| Oct. 21 | LSU | Baton Rouge, La. |

Fresno State Facts

Bulldog Stadium at Jim Sweeney Field

Since taking over Bulldog Stadium in 1980, Fresno State has one of the best home records in college football. One of the most beautiful stadiums in the Western Athletic Conference, Bulldog Stadium underwent a two-phase expansion project in 1991, increasing seating by 10,000 – to a capacity of 41,031 – and adding 22 sky suites. Jim Sweeney was Fresno State's head coach (1976-77, 1980-96) who won eight conference championships, five bowl game titles and guided the Bulldogs to a 143-75-3 record and won 200 games as a college coach, 16th most in NCAA history.

Fresno State at Bulldog Stadium

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| Overall | 125-29-2 (.808) |
| WAC Record | 44-10 (.815) |
| 1980-89 | 51-11-1 (.817) |
| 1990-99 | 47-13-1 (.779) |
| 2000-p | 27-5 (.844) |

Academic Gameplan

Since Pat Hill took over the Fresno State program, the Bulldogs have become national leaders in academic success. One of Hill's first tasks was hiring John Baxter as associate head coach. Baxter's trademarked Academic Gameplan is a proven winner across the nation. In the third year of Academic Gameplan, the football program produced a WAC-best 14 scholar-athletes, the school's first Academic All-American and the number of honored athletes at the annual Kiwanis Torch of Excellence dinner grew from four to 33. The team's GPA was raised from 2.12 to 2.77 in three seasons. Academic Gameplan has been featured in many publications, including the Dec. 20, 1999, issue of *Sports Illustrated*. Academic Gameplan is used by Oregon, Washington State, Southern Miss and Notre Dame. Since 1997, the Bulldogs have produced 65 Academic All-WAC performers, more than any team in the league during that period. Fresno State's Academic Progress Rate (APR) of 939 was the fourth-highest among schools in the west. Only Stanford, Air Force and Utah has higher scores than the Bulldogs.

"V" is for Valley

Fresno State prides itself on being the "Valley's team." This pride can be seen in the form of a large green V on the back of the Bulldog helmets as a symbol to the agricultural community of Central Valley of California. The San Joaquin Valley is the world's richest agricultural valley in export dollars.

The Bulldog Foundation

Fresno State's famous Bulldog Foundation has been the No. 1 fund-raising organization in the nation for 20 consecutive years. This volunteer organization raises over \$7 million annually for the Fresno State Athletics Department. The BDF is headed by executive director Pat Ogle, the 1996 National Fundraiser of the Year. The monies raised by the BDF go towards scholarships, recruiting and special needs of the athletics department.

Fresno State Identification

The official name of the school is California State University, Fresno. For athletics department purposes, the University prefers to be called simply **Fresno State** – never Fresno State University. For graphics or abbreviations, we ask that you please use **FS** – not FSU or CSUF.

Bulldog Bowl Streak

The Bulldogs made their seventh consecutive bowl appearance last year, the longest such streak in the WAC and of all teams in the Pacific, Mountain or Hawaiian time zones.

Hill: A Rock of Stability

Pat Hill has the longest coaching tenure of any WAC coach, with two full seasons more at Fresno State than Jack Bicknell of Louisiana Tech and June Jones at Hawaii. After that, no other current WAC coach has been in his position for more than three consecutive years. Since Hill got his first head coaching job at Fresno State in 1997, there have been 15 head coaching changes among the rest of the WAC schools. Of coaches in the West, only Mike Bellotti of Oregon has been at the same school longer. As a comparison, the coach with the longest tenure in the Big 12 Conference is Iowa State's Dan McCarney at 12 years. No other coach in that league has been there as long as Pat Hill has been at Fresno State. Three different coaches have been at Stanford in the time Hill's been at Fresno State. Dennis Franchione, a former WAC coaching opponent of Hills', has changed schools twice (Alabama and Texas A&M) since the two coaches last met each other on the field in 2000. The same for Dennis Erickson, who held coaching jobs with the San Francisco 49ers and Idaho, since he last coached against the Bulldogs while at Oregon State during the 2002 season.

New Faces

Head coach Pat Hill is pleased with the new additions to his coaching staff for the 2006 season. Hill had to replace three members of last year's staff, all of whom went to other positions. Steve Hagen comes to Fresno State as the new offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. Hagen last coached in the NFL as quarterback coach for the Cleveland Browns. Hagen replaced Frank Cignetti, who left for a similar position at North Carolina. Former Bulldog linebacker Tim Skipper returned to the program as running backs coach. Skipper, who was an All-WAC player from 1997-00, had been the defensive coordinator at Sacramento State for the last two seasons. He replaced John Settle, who left after eight seasons to become the running backs coach at Wisconsin. Derek Frazier joined the staff as the offensive line coach, a position he held at Northern Arizona in 2005. Frazier is a former Bulldog graduate assistant coach, replaced Mark Weber, who left for North Carolina. Also joining the Bulldog staff this spring is a new graduate assistant coach Andy Buh. Buh will work with the Bulldog defense after spending the last five years as the linebackers coach at San Diego State.

Best in the West This Decade

In the last five years, Fresno State has established itself as one of the best college football programs on the West Coast. The top three teams on this list are on Fresno State's schedule this year. Here is a breakdown of the five schools with the most wins in the Western United States this decade (includes all Division 1-A teams in the Pacific, Mountain and Hawaiian Time Zones):

| No | Team | Wins |
|----|---------------------------|-----------|
| 1. | Boise State | 62 |
| 2. | USC | 55 |
| 3. | Fresno State | 53 |
| 4. | Oregon | 51 |
| 5. | Colorado State | 44 |

Others: Washington State (43), Hawaii (42), UCLA (42), Oregon State (41), Colorado (41), Air Force (38), Arizona State (37)

* Counts teams in the Pacific, Mountain and Hawaiian Time Zones

Fresno State Among the Nation's Best

Fresno State has the 10th-most wins in the nation since 2001.

| No | Team | Wins |
|-----|---------------------------|-----------|
| 1. | Texas | 55 |
| 2. | Oklahoma | 54 |
| 3. | USC | 52 |
| | Miami (Fla.) | 52 |
| | Boise State | 52 |
| 6. | Georgia | 51 |
| 7. | LSU | 49 |
| 8. | Ohio State | 49 |
| 9. | Fresno State | 46 |
| 10. | Tennessee | 44 |

Where Fresno State Ranks

Fresno State Among Nation's Best

Since the 1985 season, only 13 Division I-A schools have won more games than the Bulldogs.

Most Victories (1985-)

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| 1. Miami (Fla.) | 208 |
| 2. Florida State | 206 |
| 3. Nebraska | 206 |
| 4. Michigan | 194 |
| 5. Tennessee | 190 |
| 6. Florida | 187 |
| 7. Ohio State | 186 |
| 8. Oklahoma | 178 |
| 9. Penn State | 176 |
| 10. Alabama | 175 |
| 11. Texas A&M | 173 |
| 12. Notre Dame | 170 |
| 13. Colorado | 168 |
| 14. Fresno State | 167 |
| 15. BYU | 165 |
| 16. Georgia | 163 |
| 17. Auburn | 162 |
| 18. Air Force | 158 |
| 19. Syracuse | 155 |
| 20. Washington | 153 |

Top 25 Winning Percentage (1985-)

| | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. Miami (Fla.) | 208-40-0 | .857 |
| 2. Florida State | 206-46-2 | .836 |
| 3. Nebraska | 206-49-1 | .825 |
| 4. Michigan | 194-55-5 | .788 |
| 5. Tennessee | 190-55-6 | .785 |
| 6. Florida | 187-63-2 | .757 |
| 7. Ohio State | 186-65-5 | .743 |
| 8. Oklahoma | 177-71-3 | .722 |
| 9. Penn State | 176-70-1 | .720 |
| 10. Texas A&M | 173-74-2 | .714 |
| 11. Auburn | 162-65-5 | .710 |
| 12. Alabama | 175-75-2 | .703 |
| 13. Notre Dame | 170-79-2 | .692 |
| 14. Colorado | 168-78-4 | .687 |
| 15. Georgia | 164-78-3 | .681 |
| 16. Fresno State | 167-83-3 | .670 |
| 17. Syracuse | 156-84-4 | .658 |
| 18. BYU | 165-93-2 | .649 |
| 19. Washington | 153-87-3 | .649 |
| 20. Air Force | 158-90-1 | .648 |

Best in the West

Since the 1985 season, Fresno State ranks among the best programs among schools in the Pacific and Mountain time zones.

Most Victories by Western Schools (1985-)

| | |
|------------------------|------------|
| 1. Colorado | 168 |
| 2. Fresno State | 167 |
| 3. BYU | 165 |
| 4. USC | 163 |
| 5. Air Force | 158 |
| 6. Washington | 153 |
| 7. Oregon | 150 |

Filling Shoes

Head coach Pat Hill has a constant question: "Who's next?" He often asks that of his team when an injury has taken someone from the line up. This spring, he will be asking it to many of his younger players to find replacements for some key losses. Here's a look at some of the biggest shoes that need to be filled heading into the 2006 season.

Quarterback: Gone is four-year starter Paul Pinegar, the 2006 first-team All-WAC quarterback. In his career, Pinegar became the second Bulldog to throw for more than 10,000 career passing yards, won three bowl games and started 45 games, winning over 70 percent of those.

Contenders: In what will likely be the most watched position of the spring for the Bulldogs, Fresno State is blessed to have four talented quarterbacks battling for the starting role. The most experience is Pinegar's back-up Tom Brandstater, who has attempted just 13 passes in his career. Sophomore Sean Norton, and freshman Ryan Colburn will battle Brandstater for the spot, which according to Hill is a wide open race.

Defensive Tackle: It will be tough to find a replacement for Garrett McIntyre, one of those special once in a lifetime kind of players. McIntyre, the 2005 WAC Defensive Player of the Year, racked up more sacks than all but two Bulldogs who ever played at Fresno State. As a leader and contributor, McIntyre spearheaded a Bulldog defense that led the WAC for the second straight season.

Contenders: There are several young prospects waiting in the wings, including massive Jason Shirley (6-5, 315), who is the most experienced with 24 games and half a dozen starts to his credit. Others expected to see action this spring include Washington State transfer Jason Roberts, sophomore Jon Monga and junior Charles Tolbert. Monga and Tolbert each gained valuable experience last season.

Free Safety: All-WAC performer Tyrone Culver, the leader of the Bulldog defense, is expected to continue the great Fresno State tradition of safeties moving on to the NFL. As a three-year starter, his experience and leadership will be missed.

Contenders: Senior Vincent Mays, a heralded high school product, is a physical and emotional leader who will be called on. Jake Jorde gained experience last season as a redshirt freshman. The coaches have high hopes for two outstanding freshman safeties Moses Harris and Marvin Haynes, who redshirted last fall.

Left Tackle: The Dogs are looking to replace a first-team All-WAC player at this position for the second straight season. Dartangon Shack, a three-year starter, will be missed.

Contenders: Sophomores Bobby Lepori, Adam McDowell, and newcomer James Paulk will battle for the position.

Cornerback: When Richard Marshall left a year early for the NFL, it broke-up the WAC's top cornerback tandem.

Contenders: Elgins Simmons and Damon Jenkins are the most experienced cornerbacks in spring camp and will battle for the starting spot.

Running Back: The bad news is that the Dogs lose consecutive 1,000-yard rushers Bryson Sumlin and Wendell Mathis.

Contenders: The good news is that former 1,000-yard back Dwayne Wright should be ready to return to action after suffering an injury in the second game of the 2004 season. Also back is explosive and elusive Clifton Smith and talented and speedy runner Shannon Dorsey. Smith will not participate in spring drills.

Return Specialist: Adam Jennings was among the best return specialists in the nation last season, earning first-team All-WAC honors and ranking among the top 10 in the NCAA.

Contenders: Smith's return is expected. Prior to an injury, he set an NCAA record for single game punt return yardage. Joe Fernandez is experienced and owns a 72-yard punt return for a touchdown to his credit.

Sitting Out

Several notables Bulldogs will be missing spring drills for a variety of injuries. Those not participating are the following returning starters: Chris Denman, Joe Fernandez, Cole Popovich and Marcus Riley. Also missing spring drills is running back Clifton Smith.

Fresno State Football at a Glance

As head coach Pat Hill embarks on his ninth season at the helm of the Bulldogs, certain facets of his program have become familiar not only in the San Joaquin Valley, but nationwide as well. Here is a look at some of the more familiar aspects of Fresno State football:

Graduation Rates and NCAA APR

When Pat Hill took over at Fresno State, the graduation rate for the football program was 25 percent. In 2002, Hill's first recruiting class – and first graduating class – had a graduation rate of 64 percent. Here are some more facts about the football program and its academic success:

- Fresno State's recently released NCAA APR of 950 ranked higher than the national average of 929 and was the highest among WAC schools.
- The Bulldogs have produced 80 Academic All-WAC selections since Hill became head coach, the most in the conference.
- Prior to Hill's arrival, the Bulldogs had produced only nine Academic All-WAC players.
- No player in the current roster has a GPA lower than 2.0.
- Fresno State had 49 of 103 football players achieve a 3.0 GPA or better last season, most in school history.
- Fresno State had a school-record 15 Academic All-WAC selections in the fall of 2005.

Scheduling Philosophy

In order to gain national respect, Hill will continue to select games against the nation's top programs, meaning the Bulldogs will play many games on the road in hostile environments. While scheduling is difficult, Fresno State will continue to play an aggressive schedule. This year, Fresno State plays at Washington and LSU, and host Oregon and Colorado State. In the coming years, non-conference games against Oregon, Oregon State, Washington, Kansas State and Wisconsin have been scheduled.

Non-Qualifiers

A perception exists that the Bulldogs are comprised primarily of non-qualifiers, or "props," as they are commonly known. In actuality, nothing is further from the truth. In July 2002, Fresno State instituted a new policy prohibiting the recruitment and signing of non-qualifiers beginning with the 2003-04 academic year. There were only six non-qualifiers remaining on the 2005 Bulldog roster.

Building a New Tradition on the National Level

In the 1970's, Florida State was an emerging college football power. This is the model Pat Hill uses and talks about with his players. In the 1980's, Miami (Fla.) emerged on the national scene. Then in the 1990's, Virginia Tech rose from obscurity to become a national championship contender. Hill's goal is to make the Bulldogs the team of the 2000's. He will settle for nothing less than to become a perennial top 25 program and to be considered for a BCS bowl game. Over the last six seasons, Fresno State's 10 wins over BCS opponents ranks best among non-BCS schools and the Bulldog's as does the total number of BCS opponents (18).

Who's Conservative?

For an offense that has been described by some as "conservative", the Bulldogs averaged 37.8 points per game last season, sixth-best amongst NCAA teams. In 2004, Fresno State's 40.2 points per game average was the fifth-highest scoring average in the nation. In 2001, the Bulldogs averaged 40.0 points per game, setting a single-season school record with 560 points.

Hill Climbs Career Victory List

Pat Hill's win total with the Bulldogs stands at 72, the second-most in program history. Only Jim Sweeney, for whom Hill was an assistant from 1984-89, has more wins. The legendary Sweeney, who served as Fresno State's head coach from 1976-77 and 1980-96, had 143.

Third Down Thunder

The Bulldogs finished third among the nation's top offense in converting third down plays. In 2004, the Bulldogs ranked sixth with a 49% success rate. Here were the nation's top teams in third down conversions in 2005.

| No. | School | 3rd Down Attempts | 3rd Downs Converted | Pct. |
|-----|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 1 | USC | 167 | 92 | 55.1 |
| 2 | Minnesota | 183 | 99 | 54.1 |
| 3 | Fresno St. | 177 | 89 | 50.3 |
| 4 | Texas | 173 | 86 | 49.7 |
| 5 | Ohio State | 156 | 77 | 49.4 |

Many Happy Returns

Fresno State's special teams have established themselves as one of the nation's best units. Not only are the Bulldogs exceptional at blocking kicks, but they are also a threat to put points on the board every time they take the field. Since Pat Hill took over in 1997, Fresno State has scored 20 touchdowns on special teams and has racked up three safeties. Below is a breakdown of the Bulldogs' special teams scoring history:

- 12 punt returns for TDs (last: Oct. 2005, two vs. Idaho)
- 3 kickoff returns for TDs (last: Sept. 27, 2003, by Nate Ray vs. Portland State)
- 9 blocked punts/FGs returned for TDs (last: Oct. 22, 2005 by Jaron Fairman vs. Idaho)
- 3 team special teams safeties (last: Oct. 4, 2002, vs. Colorado State)

Rack 'em N Sack 'em

Fresno State's defense ranked second in the WAC and ranked 34th in the NCAA in quarterback sacks. The key to that statistic, is the number of Dogs who registered sacks in 2005. Fifteen different players had sacks. Garrett McIntyre and Tyler Clutts lead the team with seven, while freshman Ikenna Ike (4) was right behind. Louis Leonard, Marcus Riley, Quaadir Brown, Ahijah Lane and safety Tyrone Culver each had two or more.

In the Clutts

Junior defensive end Tyler Clutts is the top returning sack artist in the WAC heading into the 2006 season. As a sophomore, Clutts had seven sacks for 45 yards, which ranked fifth-west in the league. He had 12 tackles for losses for a total of 55 yards last season, his first as a starter.

McIntyre Leads All-WAC Selections

Fresno State had eight players selected to the All-WAC first-team, led by defensive end Garrett McIntyre, who was selected the WAC Defensive Player of the Year, while earning his second straight first-team All-WAC honor. Joining McIntyre on the defense was senior safety Tyrone Culver. Five Dogs earned first-team honors on offense (WR Paul Williams, QB Paul Pinegar, OT Dartangon Shack, C Kyle Young and RB Wendell Mathis). Senior Adam Jennings was selected as the first-team All-WAC return specialist.

Welcome Back

Fresno State did not have many senior starters on squad in 2005. In fact, compared to the rest of the nation, Fresno State's lack of senior starters is unique. The Bulldogs started just six seniors, the second lowest figure of any team in the country. That bodes well in 2006, as 18 starting players return.

Least Amount Of Senior Starters In The Country

1. Cincinnati-5
UCF-5
Illinois-5
4. **Fresno State-6**

Fresno State Facts

The Patch - Academic Achiever

Many members of the Bulldog team have been honored with a "thumbs up" Academic Achiever patch, that is displayed on the left shoulder pad. The patches are awarded to student-athletes who have recorded an academic achievement in Fresno State's Academic Gameplan this past year. Players can receive a patch for being honored as a Fresno State or WAC Scholar-Athlete or for achieving a personal academic record. The "thumbs up" signal is a Pat Hill trademark for extra important situations on the field and overall excellence.

Dogs Post Eight Year GPA High

Fresno State's athletics department has posted 2.91 cumulative GPA for the 2003-04 academic year, the highest mark in eight year. The Bulldog Athletic department encompasses 17 teams and nearly 600 student-athletes.

Facility Improvements

Fresno State's athletics department recently completed some facility projects, the Ricchiuti Academic Center and the expansion to the Duncan Building. The Ricchiuti Academic Center provides study tables, tutorial and computer labs, plus new coaching offices for the women's soccer team. The Duncan Building includes new coaching offices, team meeting rooms, a new Bulldog locker room and a theatre-style auditorium.

Bulldogs in the NFL

Fresno State's football program continues to rank among the nations' best at producing National Football League players, as 15 former Bulldogs are on NFL rosters. That figure leads the WAC for the second consecutive season and ranks 42nd among the 247 colleges and universities that have alumni playing in the NFL. Fresno State's total ranks second-best among non-BCS schools and is as high or higher than several notable BCS programs such as Iowa, Oregon, Virginia, Arkansas, Clemson, North Carolina State, Oregon State, Oklahoma State, Minnesota, Texas Tech, Iowa State, Missouri and Kentucky. Leading the non-BCS schools is Southern Mississippi with 16 NFL players, followed by Fresno State with 15. Last season, 13 former Bulldogs played in the NFL. Fresno State's again leads all WAC schools with the most NFL players. Hawai'i ranks second with nine and Louisiana Tech is next with eight. Rounding out the WAC schools are UTEP (6), Boise State (5), Rice (4), San Jose State (4), Tulsa (4), Nevada (3) and SMU (1). The three incoming WAC schools combined to produce 12 NFL players, led by Idaho with six, Utah State with five and New Mexico State with one. The Bulldogs were also the best among western non-BCS schools. BYU and San Diego State each have 14, six more than Utah and Colorado State, which had eight each. UNLV has five, while New Mexico and TCU each have four players in the NFL.

In 2005, two Bulldogs were selected in the NFL Draft, including OT Logan Mankins (1st round to New England) and SS James Sanders (4th round to New England). Five other Bulldog seniors signed NFL free agent contracts: TE Duncan Reid (Dallas Cowboys); K Brett Visintainer (Dallas Cowboys); DE Claude Sanders (Dallas Cowboys); TE Stephen Spach (Philadelphia Eagles); TE Mark Wood (Jacksonville Jaguars).

Navy-6
Wake Forest-6
Connecticut-6
Florida State-6
Tulsa-7
Arizona State-7
Baylor-7
Louisiana-Lafayette-7

9.

Welcome Back Part II

Not only will Fresno State return 18 starters in 2006, of those returning starters is an accomplished group of seniors, who have played a lot of football for the Dogs over the last three years. Here's a breakdown of some of the key contributors and how many games they've played and started. Only players with 30 or more career games are listed.

| Player, Position | Games Started | Games Played |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Kyle Young, C | 39 | 39 |
| Mike Lingua, P | 39 | 39 |
| Chris Denman, RT | 33 | 33 |
| Dwayne Andrews, LB | 27 | 38 |
| Marcus McCauley, CB | 22 | 38 |
| Alan Goodwin, LB | 18 | 37 |
| Louis Leonard, NT | 17 | 32 |
| Joe Fernandez, WR | 15 | 37 |
| Paul Williams, WR | 12 | 32 |
| Jaron Fairman, WR | 3 | 37 |
| Roshon Vercher, FB | 3 | 33 |

Fresno State – "Quarterback University"

The Bulldogs currently have three quarterbacks in the NFL, tying Michigan, Washington and Florida State for the most of any college. However, neither Michigan, Washington or Florida State have had a quarterback taken in the top 10 picks of the NFL draft since 1990, while Fresno State has produced two. Here are some other QB University Notes (since 1990):

- Both of Pat Hill's two starting quarterbacks are in the NFL (Billy Volek and David Carr). Paul Pinegar, is expected to be chosen in the April NFL draft.
- Fresno State is one of three schools (Washington State and Tennessee are the others) to have one quarterback taken as the No. 1 overall pick in the NFL Draft and another selected in the top 10. Of those, only Fresno State's quarterbacks are both still active.
- Fresno State is one of five schools (Tennessee, Washington State, Oregon and Houston are the others) to have two QB's selected among the top 10 NFL Draft picks. Of those, only Fresno State's are still active.
- Fresno State's Trent Dilfer is the only top 10 drafted quarterback since 1990 to win a Super Bowl.
- There have been 18 quarterbacks taken in the top 10 picks of the NFL Draft since 1990, and Fresno State has produced two of them.
- Of the last five quarterbacks taken as NFL No. 1 overall pick, only Fresno State's David Carr started the first game of his rookie season.
- Fresno State is one of four schools to produce two quarterbacks (Kevin Sweeney and Paul Pinegar) who threw for more than 10,000 career passing yards. Here are the others: Louisiana Tech (Luke McCown & Tim Rattay); Marshall (Bryon Leftwich & Chad Pennington); and USC (Carson Palmer & Matt Leinart).
- Since 1982, a Bulldog quarterback has been selected first-team all-conference nine times: Jeff Tedford, Kevin Sweeney [twice], Mark Barstotti, Trent Dilfer [twice], Billy Volek, David Carr, Paul Pinegar. Of those, five (Tedford, Sweeney, Barsotti, Dilfer and Carr) were selected the conference offensive player of the year.

Fresno State's three current NFL quarterbacks

David Carr, Houston Texas (No. 1 NFL Draft pick)

Trent Dilfer, Cleveland Browns (No. 6 NFL Draft pick of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers)

Billy Volek, Tennessee Titans (NFL record for most consecutive 400-yard passing games in 2004)

QB Consistency

Fresno State has been blessed with great consistency from the position in recent years. Since 2000, the Dogs have had just three starting quarterbacks, and of those two (David Carr and Paul Pinegar) combined to start 77 of the 79 games this decade. Prior to that, the Bulldog offense was led by three-year starter Billy Volek. Entering the 2006 campaign, no quarterback on the Bulldog has started a game. All three of Fresno State's previous starting quarterbacks were selected first-team All-WAC.

Fresno State On TV

Bulldogs on National TV

2005 (5-4)

Weber State ESPN W, 55-17
 at Oregon TBS L, 37-34
 Toledo ESPN2 W, 44-14
 at New Mexico State ESPN W, 37-7
 at Hawaii ABC W, 27-13
 Boise State ESPN W, 27-7
 at USC Fox Sports Net L, 42-50
 at Nevada ESPN2 L, 35-38
 Louisiana Tech ESPN2 L, 40-28
 Tulsa ESPN L, 31-24

2004 (4-1)

at Washington Fox Sports Net W, 35-16
 at Kansas State Fox Sports Net W, 45-21
 at Boise State ESPN2 L, 33-16
 vs. Hawaii ESPN W, 70-14
 vs. Virginia ESPN W, 37-34 OT

2003 (2-2)

at Tennessee ESPN2 L, 24-6
 vs. Oregon State ESPN W, 16-14
 vs. Boise State ESPN2 L, 31-17
 vs. UCLA ESPN2 W, 17-9

2002 (4-5)

at Wisconsin ESPN L, 23-21
 vs. San Diego State ESPN2 W, 16-14
 at Oregon FSN L, 28-24
 at Oregon State FSN L, 59-19
 vs. Colorado State ESPN W, 32-30
 vs. SMU FSR W, 30-7
 at Boise State ESPN L, 67-21
 vs. Hawai'i ESPN2 L, 31-21
 at Louisiana Tech ESPN2 W, 45-13
 vs. Georgia Tech ESPN2 W, 30-21

2001 (5-3)

at Colorado ESPN2 W, 24-22
 vs. Oregon State ESPN2 W, 44-24
 at Wisconsin ESPN W, 32-20
 at Tulsa FSR W, 37-18
 at Colorado State ESPN2 W, 25-22 (ot)
 vs. Boise State ESPN L, 35-30
 at Hawai'i ESPN L, 38-34
 *vs. Michigan State FSN L, 44-35

2000 (2-4)

at Ohio State ESPN L, 43-10
 at UCLA FSR L, 24-21
 vs. California FSN W, 17-3
 at Rice FSN W, 27-24
 at TCU FSN L, 24-7
 vs. Air Force FSN L, 37-34

1999 (0-3)

at SMU FSN L, 24-14
 at Hawaii FSR L, 31-24 (ot)
 vs. Utah ESPN2 L, 17-16

1998 (0-1)

at San Diego State ABC L, 10-0

1997 (1-0)

vs. Utah ESPN W, 27-13

1993 (1-1)

vs. BYU ABC W, 48-45
 vs. Colorado ABC L, 41-30

1992 (1-0)

vs. San Diego State ABC W, 45-41

Punt Return vs. Punt Coverage: Which is More Impressive?

Here are some interesting special teams facts about the Fresno State punt return units in recent history.

- Over the last four years, Fresno State has returned nine punts for touchdowns without allowing a punt return for a touchdown.
- Over the last two years, Fresno State has outgained its opponents 925-67 in punt return yardage.
- Over the last two years, Fresno State has averaged 12.8 yards per punt return.
- Over the last two years, Fresno State has allowed 3.9 yards per punt return.
- Over the last two years, Fresno State's opponents have returned just 17 punts while the Dogs have returned 72.
- Over the last three years, Fresno State has forced opponents to make 42 fair catches while accepting just nine.

Bulldog Block Party

The Bulldogs have thrust itself into the nation's elite in blocking punts and kicks since Pat Hill took over in 1997. Under Hill, Fresno State has blocked 60 kicks and are averaging more than one block every other game. Following is a breakdown of Fresno State's kick blocking prowess since 1997:

| Year | Blocked Punts | Blocked PAT & FG | Total |
|------|---------------|------------------|-------|
| 1997 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 1998 | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| 1999 | 4 | 6 | 10 |
| 2000 | 3 | 5 | 8 |
| 2001 | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| 2002 | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| 2003 | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| 2004 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| 2005 | 4 | 1 | 5 |

Totals **34*** **26** **60**

* includes instances when Fresno State tackled the punter before he could get kick away.

Stacking the Line

Fresno State has four offensive line starters returning from a team that produced a 1,000-yard rusher, ranked No. 6 in the nation in scoring offense, and had three skill players selected first-team All-WAC. Of those starters, two (center Kyle Young and right tackle Chris Denman) have been starting for three years, while the two guards (Ryan Wendell and Cole Popovich) have been selected first-team Freshmen All-Americans over the last two years. They have combined to start 108 games.

Fresno State By the Numbers

2

Fresno State's NCAA punt return ranking, averaging 18.6 yards per return.

3

Fresno State's NCAA third down conversion ranking, converting .503 percent.

7

Consecutive bowl games in which the Bulldogs have played, the longest streak of any western U.S. school (Mountain, Pacific, Hawaiian time zones).

14

Sacks allowed during the season, fewest in the WAC and one shy of the all-time Bulldog record.

15

Number of Bulldogs who had a quarterback sack in 2006.

18

Former Bulldogs currently playing in the NFL, the most of any team in the WAC and second-most of any non-BCS school.

22.5

Fresno State's WAC-leading scoring defense average

29

Adam Jennings' kickoff return average which ranked No. 7 in the NCAA

33

Number of completion by Paul Pinegar vs. Oregon, setting an Autzen Stadium record.

40

Total punt return yards for Fresno State's opponents this season, fewest in the nation.

More on Hill

Hill and the NFL

Pat Hill's experience in the NFL has been a staple of Fresno State's continued success of sending players to the professional ranks. Hill gained famed as one of the top personnel evaluators in the NFL during his five-year tenure with the Cleveland Browns and Baltimore Ravens. Hill's NFL experience is chronicled below:

- Recruited and coached NFL No. 1 Draft Pick David Carr and 2005 first-round pick Logan Mankins.
- Fresno State had a WAC leading four NFL picks in 2002. Four other players signed NFL free agent contracts that year.
- Hill's two senior starting quarterbacks are in the NFL (Carr and **Billy Volek**, Tennessee Titans).
- In his eight seasons, he has produced **28** NFL players.
- In his eight seasons, he has produced 13 NFL draft picks.
- Two members of his coaching staff have NFL coaching experience, offensive coordinator **Frank Cignetti** and running backs coach **John Settle**.

Hill vs. the Competition

Following is a breakdown of Pat Hill's record since arriving at Fresno State in 1997:

WAC (current membership)

| | |
|------------------------|-----|
| Boise State | 1-4 |
| Hawaii | 4-5 |
| Idaho | 1-0 |
| Louisiana Tech | 3-2 |
| Nevada | 6-2 |
| New Mexico State | 1-0 |
| San Jose State | 9-0 |
| Utah State | 2-0 |

Non-Conference

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Air Force | 1-1 |
| Brigham Young | 1-0 |
| California | 1-0 |
| Colorado | 1-1 |
| Colorado State | 3-2 |
| Georgia Tech | 1-0 |
| Kansas State | 1-0 |
| Michigan State | 0-1 |
| New Mexico | 1-0 |
| Ohio State | 0-1 |
| Oklahoma | 0-1 |
| Oklahoma State | 0-1 |
| Oregon | 0-3 |
| Oregon State | 2-2 |
| Portland State | 4-0 |
| San Diego State | 1-2 |
| Tennessee | 0-1 |
| TCU | 1-2 |
| Texas Tech | 0-1 |
| Toledo | 1-0 |
| Tulsa | 0-1 |
| UCLA | 1-2 |
| UNLV | 1-0 |
| USC | 0-1 |
| Utah | 1-2 |
| Utah State | 1-0 |
| Virginia | 1-0 |
| Washington | 1-0 |
| Weber State | 1-0 |
| Wisconsin | 1-1 |
| Wyoming | 1-0 |
| Totals | 28-28 |

Longest Winning Streaks Under Hill

| | |
|---------------|---|
| 2004-05 | 7 |
| 2001 | 6 |

Longest WAC Winning Streaks Under Hill

| | |
|---------------|----|
| 2004-05 | 11 |
| 2002-03 | 5 |

'Dog Bones (Team Notes and Trends)

- FS has outscored its opponents 467-261 this season for an average margin of victory of 19.8 points per game (38.9-21.8).
- FS is 43-8 (.843) under Pat Hill at home, including wins in 22 of the last 25 games.
- Fresno State has won 11 consecutive non-conference home games dating back to the 1998 season. The last non-conference home loss was to Nevada 27-24 (Sept. 26, 1998)
- The Bulldogs have won six of their last eight games against non-conference opponents and are 11-7 in their last 18 games against non-conference opponents. All six losses were on the road (No. 1 Oklahoma, No. 13 Tennessee, No. 18 Oregon, No. 24 Colorado State, Oregon State, No. 8 Oregon, No. 1 USC).
- Fresno State's 2004 defense allowed a WAC-low 339.2 yards per game, the fewest by a Bulldog team since 1991. This season, the Dogs are allowing 340.0 yards per game.
- Fresno State has produced a 1,000-yard rusher in 10 of the last 12 seasons, including in 2005 as Wendell Mathis has rushed for more than 1,000 yards. It marked the fifth consecutive year Fresno State has produced a 1,000-yard rusher.
- Under Hill, Fresno State is 8-1 in WAC openers. Five of the Bulldogs' last six conference lid-lifters have come on the road.
- Fresno State has won its last six home openers in a row.
- FS has thrown 226 touchdowns and only 95 interceptions since Pat Hill became head coach.
- The Bulldogs have not been shutout in the last 157 home games dating back to Oct. 25, 1980, vs. Utah State (14-0). Fresno State has scored in 177 of the last 178 home games.
- FS is 39-9 under Pat Hill when the Bulldogs throw more touchdown passes than their opponents.
- FS is 54-7 under Pat Hill when the Fresno State has less turnovers than their opponents.
- Fresno State is +70 in turnover margin since Pat Hill became head coach.
- Fresno State has produced 16 first-team All-WAC defensive players over the last six seasons.
- The Bulldogs have led the WAC in scoring in four of the last 12 years, including a nation's best 40.5 average in 1992. The 'Dogs averaged 40.2 points per game in 2004, which ranked fifth in the nation in scoring offense. This year's average (38.9) is fifth in the NCAA.
- FS has produced three quarterbacks (Trent Dilfer, Billy Volek and David Carr) who set NCAA records in the last 10 years. All have been starters in the NFL, Dilfer with the Cleveland Browns, Volek with the Tennessee Titans and Carr with the Houston Texans. Dilfer and Carr enter the 2005 season as starters with their teams.
- Each of Pat Hill's starting quarterbacks (Billy Volek, David Carr and Paul Pinegar) were selected first-team All-WAC.
- FS has produced two first-team All-WAC punters (Jason Simpson, 2001; Jeff Roberts, 1998) since 1998.
- FS has produced two WAC Defensive Players of the Year since 2001 (Alan Harper and Garrett McIntyre)
- The Bulldogs have dominated the All-WAC kicking awards recently with three first-team all-league picks (Asen Asparuhov, 2001 and 2002; Jeff Hanna, 1999) and one second team All-WAC selection (Brett Visintainer, 2003) since 1999.
- Fresno State is 26-11 in its 37 national television appearances, including 5-4 in 2005.
- Fresno State is 37-7 in its last 44 games when the starting running back scores a touchdown.
- The Bulldogs are 29-10 in their last 39 games when scoring first, including 4-3 in 2005. The Bulldogs have won nine of their last 12 games when scoring first.
- Pat Hill's 72 victories as head coach of Fresno State ranks second all-time in program history. Only Jim Sweeney, 143 wins, has more.
- Fresno State's streak of seven straight bowl games is the longest on the West Coast.
- Nine of Fresno State's last 21 losses have come in the month of October.
- The Bulldogs have won three of their last four games against schools from the Pac-10 conference and are 5-4 against the Pac-10 in the last nine games.
- Fresno State is 18-18 against teams from the Pac-10 since 1980.
- The Bulldogs have outscored their opponents 113-48 in the first quarter this season.
- Fresno State did not punt against Utah State, the first time that occurred since the 1999 season.
- Bulldog Stadium welcomed 42,781 fans for the Boise State game, the largest crowd since the 2001 season and the second-highest total for a game in school history. Fresno State drew 42,881 for the final five games of the 2001 season. The Dogs had three sellouts in 2005.
- Fresno State's defense held Hawaii to just one touchdown, only the second time in the June Jones era that has happened at Aloha Stadium. The only other time was his first game as head coach vs. USC in 1999.
- FS has helped contribute to the WAC's dominance of the MAC this season, beating defending MAC champion Toledo 44-14. Boise State owns a similar win over Bowling Green.
- The Bulldogs have scored four touchdowns on punt returns this season and accumulated 614 punt return yards while allowing just 40.
- Fresno State has outdistanced its opponents in punt returns this season 614-40.
- Fresno State is plus 21 in quarterback sacks this season, getting 35 while allowing 14.
- Fresno State has forced opponents to punt nearly twice as many times as it has this season (61-33).
- Fresno State converted on 54.2% of fourth down attempts this season (13-24).
- Fresno State's 42 points against USC were the most allowed by the Trojans in the Pete Carroll era and the most allowed by the Trojans in the Coliseum since 1976.

National Polls

2005 FINAL ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL

| No | Team | Rec | Pts |
|-----|----------------|------|-------|
| 1. | Texas (65) | 13-0 | 1,625 |
| 2. | USC | 12-1 | 1,560 |
| 3. | Penn State | 11-1 | 1,484 |
| 4. | Ohio State | 10-2 | 1,428 |
| 5. | West Virginia | 11-1 | 1,325 |
| 6. | LSU | 11-2 | 1,314 |
| 7. | Virginia Tech | 11-2 | 1,197 |
| 8. | Alabama | 10-2 | 1,081 |
| 9. | Notre Dame | 9-3 | 1,019 |
| 10. | Georgia | 10-3 | 994 |
| 11. | TCU | 11-1 | 937 |
| 12. | Florida | 9-3 | 817 |
| 12. | Oregon | 10-2 | 817 |
| 14. | Auburn | 9-3 | 799 |
| 15. | Wisconsin | 10-3 | 786 |
| 16. | UCLA | 10-2 | 778 |
| 17. | Miami | 9-3 | 589 |
| 18. | Boston College | 9-3 | 545 |
| 19. | Louisville | 9-3 | 410 |
| 20. | Texas Tech | 9-3 | 359 |
| 21. | Clemson | 8-4 | 339 |
| 22. | Oklahoma | 8-4 | 329 |
| 23. | Florida State | 8-5 | 232 |
| 24. | Nebraska | 8-4 | 128 |
| 25. | California | 8-4 | 45 |

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES Toledo 35, Tulsa 34, Michigan 26, Nevada 25, Navy 20, Iowa 19, **FRESNO STATE 8**, Virginia 7, Boise State 3, Kansas 2, N.C. State 2, Northwestern 2, South Carolina 1, Utah 1, Missouri 1, Arizona State 1, Georgia Tech 1.

DROPPED FROM RANKINGS Michigan 20, Georgia Tech 24, Iowa 25.

2005 FINAL USA TODAY COACHES POLL

| No | Team | Rec | Pts |
|-----|----------------|------|-------|
| 1. | Texas (62) | 13-0 | 1,550 |
| 2. | USC | 12-1 | 1,483 |
| 3. | Penn State | 11-1 | 1,421 |
| 4. | Ohio State | 10-2 | 1,357 |
| 5. | LSU | 11-2 | 1,281 |
| 6. | West Virginia | 11-1 | 1,235 |
| 7. | Virginia Tech | 11-2 | 1,176 |
| 8. | Alabama | 10-2 | 1,066 |
| 9. | TCU | 11-1 | 914 |
| 10. | Georgia | 10-3 | 900 |
| 11. | Notre Dame | 9-3 | 866 |
| 12. | Oregon | 10-2 | 837 |
| 13. | UCLA | 10-2 | 774 |
| 14. | Auburn | 9-3 | 760 |
| 15. | Wisconsin | 10-3 | 739 |
| 16. | Florida | 9-3 | 718 |
| 17. | Boston College | 9-3 | 584 |
| 18. | Miami | 9-3 | 558 |
| 19. | Texas Tech | 9-3 | 422 |
| 20. | Louisville | 9-3 | 342 |
| 21. | Clemson | 8-4 | 310 |
| 22. | Oklahoma | 8-4 | 274 |
| 23. | Florida State | 8-5 | 209 |
| 24. | Nebraska | 8-4 | 109 |
| 25. | California | 8-4 | 68 |

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES Tulsa 52, Nevada 35, Michigan 32, Toledo 18, Navy 17, Iowa 15, Boise State 7, South Carolina 7, Georgia Tech 5, Arizona State 2, Northwestern 2, Rutgers 2, N.C. State 1, Utah 1, Virginia 1.

DROPPED FROM RANKINGS Michigan 21, Georgia Tech 24, Iowa 25.

'Dog Bones (Individual Notes)

#51 Dwayne Andrews, 6-0, 240, Senior, Linebacker, Los Angeles, Calif. (Chicano Studies)

- Ranked second on the team in tackles with 71, including 7.5 tackles for a loss.
- Led the team in tackles in 2004 with 66.
- Selected second-team All-WAC in 2005.
- A steady and smart player who directs the Bulldog defense that was ranked first in the WAC on nearly every statistical category in 2004.
- Had a career-high 12 tackles against Toledo
- Has started 28 of 38 games in his career and has at least one tackle in 32 consecutive games.
- Led the Dogs with nine tackles in Fresno State's '04 MPC Computers Bowl win over No. 18 Virginia.

#11 Tyler Clutts, 6-2, 240, Junior, Defensive End, Clovis, Calif. (Communication)

- First season as a starter
- Tied for fifth on the team with 52 tackles
- Led the team in tackles for losses (12-55 yds) and tied for lead in sacks (7-45 yds), both top 10 in the WAC

#79 Chris Denman, 6-6, 280, Senior, Offensive Tackle, Tehachapi, Calif. (Criminology)

- Earned a scholarship with his hard work and steady play.
- A key factor in Fresno State's offensive success over the last two seasons.
- Helped the Bulldogs finish fifth in the nation in scoring (40.2 ppg) in 2004 and rank sixth in the nation this year.
- Has started the past 32 games.

#80 Jaron Fairman, 6-1, 185, Senior, Wide Receiver, Covina, Calif. (Health Science)

- A dependable and durable wide receiver in his career.
- Fifth on the team in 2005 with 26 receptions for 348 yards and two touchdowns in 2005.
- Led the Bulldogs with six receptions for 73 yards in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl.
- Averaging 14.8 yards per reception for his career.
- Scored one rushing touchdown in career, vs. Portland State, in 2003.

#84 Joe Fernandez, 5-10, 165, Senior, Wide Receiver, Morgan Hill, Calif. (Philosophy-Pre-Law)

- Had 46 receptions for 561 yards and eight TDs, leading the team in catches and TD receptions
- Was Fresno State's top WR in 2004, recording 38 catches for 556 yards and four TDs.
- Ranked seventh in the WAC for most touchdowns scored.
- Has at least one reception of 27 of the last 28 games he's played. Missed the SJSU and BSU games due to injury.
- Led the team in receptions in half of the teams' games in 2004 (six).
- Has caught at pass in 31 of his 37 career games.
- Coming off the best game of his career, with nine receptions for 150 yards and a TD vs. Nevada.
- Had a then career-high seven receptions with two touchdowns against No. 1 USC.
- First career touchdown reception came against Washington in the 2004 season opener.
- Had a 72-yard punt return for a touchdown vs. Idaho.
- Has six touchdown receptions in the last four games.

#10 Alan Goodwin, 6-2, 220, Senior, Linebacker, Inglewood, Calif. (Health Science)

- A seven-game starter in 2004 who finished with 36 tackles and 3.5 for losses.
- A hard-hitting and physical player who excels against the run, fourth on the team in tackles with 58.
- A career-best eight tackles against Rice's triple-option attack in 2004 and against Toledo in 2005.
- Had his first career interception at Hawaii in the end zone, stopping a Warrior drive.
- Has more than 117 career tackles.

#98 Louis Leonard, 6-4, 315, Senior, Defensive Tackle, Compton, Calif. (Criminology)

- Has battled injuries in his career, but has been durable and dependable in 2005.
- A physical player who has played in 30 games over the last two seasons and started all 13 games in 2005.
- Recovered a fumble against Utah State, the first of his career.

#37 Mike Lingua, 6-0, 190, Senior, Punter, Canyon Country, Calif. (Communication)

- Only nine of his 44 punts in 2004 were returned thanks to his tremendous hang time.
- Has punted just 19 times in the last nine games.
- Boomed a 68-yarder against Oregon State in 2003, just one yard shy of the Bulldog Stadium record.
- Has helped Fresno State's hold the No. 1 spot in the country in punt return defense for two years in a row.
- A key to the Bulldog special teams allowing just 24 punt return yards all season, the least in the nation.
- Honorable mention All-WAC in 2004.

#17 Marcus McCauley, 6-1, 200, Senior, Cornerback, Sacramento, Calif. (Sociology)

- Had 45 tackles, ranking seventh on the team and second on the team with seven pass deflections.
- Had a career-high 10 tackles vs. No. 1 USC
- Against No. 1 USC led a FS defense that limited Smith and Jarrett to a combined 79 receiving yards.
- A 2005 second-team All-WAC selection
- Has started 23 consecutive games
- Has four career interceptions
- Should be the premier cornerback in the WAC this season.
- Because of speed and size, has great lockdown skills

#62 Cole Popovich, 6-2, 275, Sophomore, Offensive Guard, Oakhurst, Calif. (Undeclared)

- A consensus first-team Freshman All-American in 2005
- Started 12 games at left guard.
- In 2004, became the first true freshman Bulldog to start on the offensive line for Pat Hill. Was injured in the second game of the season and awarded a medical hardship redshirt.
- A key factor in Fresno State's offensive line that limited a WAC-low 14 quarterback sacks, second fewest in school history.

Career / Season Starts

| No | Name | GP | 2005 Starts | Career Starts |
|----|--------------------|----|-------------|---------------|
| 1 | Paul Williams | 32 | 12 | 12 |
| 2 | Clifton Smith | 12 | 1 | 1 |
| 4 | Vincent Mays | 27 | 0 | 0 |
| 7 | Tom Brandstater | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 | Alan Goodwin | 37 | 13 | 18 |
| 11 | Tyler Clutts | 25 | 13 | 13 |
| 15 | Josh Sherley | 28 | 13 | 13 |
| 16 | Jordan Christensen | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| 17 | Marcus McCauley | 38 | 13 | 22 |
| 18 | Jaron Fairman | 37 | 3 | 3 |
| 23 | Jake Jorde | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| 25 | Shannon Dorsey | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 25 | Damon Jenkins | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| 26 | Roshon Vercher | 33 | 2 | 3 |
| 31 | Elgin Simmons | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| 31 | Marcus Riley | 22 | 10 | 16 |
| 32 | Dwayne Wright | 17 | 2 | 7 |
| 32 | Qaadir Brown | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| 37 | Mike Lingua | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| 38 | Kyle Richard | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| 39 | Clint Stitser | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| 40 | Nate Adams | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| 42 | Charles Tolbert | 22 | 1 | 1 |
| 43 | Ahijah Lane | 22 | 1 | 1 |
| 50 | Dartangon Shack | 45 | 13 | 41 |
| 51 | Dwayne Andrews | 35 | 12 | 27 |
| 52 | Richard Pacheco | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| 57 | Chrisian Carlson | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 58 | Ryan McKinley | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| 59 | Kyle Young | 39 | 13 | 39 |
| 62 | Cole Popovich | 13 | 12 | 13 |
| 66 | Robin Kezirian | 9 | 2 | 2 |
| 71 | Garrett McIntyre | 48 | 11 | 36 |
| 72 | Bobby Lepori | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| 75 | Chris Piligian | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| 76 | Adam Messick | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| 77 | Ryan Wendell | 23 | 12 | 21 |
| 79 | Chris Denman | 33 | 13 | 33 |
| 80 | Drew Lubinsky | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| 84 | Joe Fernandez | 37 | 3 | 15 |
| 85 | Bear Pascoe | 13 | 3 | 3 |
| 87 | Kevin Ciccone | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 88 | Jesus Tapia | 13 | 0 | 0 |
| 92 | Marlon Brisco | 28 | 12 | 13 |
| 94 | Jon Monga | 13 | 0 | 0 |
| 95 | Adam McDowell | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| 97 | Jason Shirley | 24 | 6 | 7 |
| 98 | Louis Leonard | 32 | 13 | 17 |

#31 Marcus Riley, 6-0, 220, Junior, Linebacker, Sacramento, Calif. (Undeclared)

- Second on the team with 52 total tackles before suffering a season-ending injury vs. USC.
- Had a career-high 12-tackles in dominating team defensive performance against Hawaii
- Had a previous career-best 11 tackles, including one tackle for a loss, one sack and forced a fumble vs. Toledo.
- Has two tackles for losses and two sacks and a fumble recovery (vs. Boise State)

#15 Josh Sherley, 6-0, 195, Senior, Strong Safety, Bakersfield, Calif. (Business)

- Finished seventh on the team in tackles with 51
- Had a career-high eight-tackle performance vs. La Tech (12-3-05).
- One of the hardest hitters on the team, has two tackles for losses.

#39 Clint Stitser 6-0, 195, Junior, Kicker, Reno, Nev. (Business)

- Made 10 of 12 field goals this season, was leading the WAC and ranking No. 14 in the nation before injured.
- Ranked 11th in the NCAA in scoring, 9.8 ppg, first in the WAC.
- Was 6-6 in PATs last season in mop-up duty and is 29-30 this season.
- Maintains a cumulative 4.0 GPA and will be a candidate for Academic honors
- Has proved his leg strength with four 50-plus yard field goals in high school, including a 57-yard kick in the semifinals of the Nevada state playoffs for the second-longest in Nevada high school history.
- The strongest kicker in Fresno State history, owns a bench press of 365 pounds and can squat 500 pounds.
- Named WAC Special Teams Player of the Week vs. Utah State after kicking three field goals, including a career-long 44 -yarder.
- Selected to ESPN CoSIDA Academic All-District team, advances to national ballot for Academic All-America

#26 Roshon Vercher, 5-11, 245, Senior, Full back, Bakersfield, Calif. (Sociology)

- One of the best pure fullbacks on the West Coast. (Missed the final 3 games of 2005.)
- A powerful blocker cut in the mold of former Bulldog and current San Diego Charger Lorenzo Neal.
- Has been the leading blocker for three consecutive (and different) 1,000-yard rushers (Dwayne Wright, Bryson Sumlin and Wendell Mathis)
- Helped the Bulldogs roll-up a school-record 503 rushing yards vs. Hawaii in 2004.
- Has scored six touchdowns in his career on a combined 19 rushes and receptions.

#77 Ryan Wendell, 6-2, 260, Junior, Right Guard, Diamond Bar, Calif. (Undeclared)

- Earned first-team Freshman All-America honors after starting the final nine games of the 2004 season as a true freshman.
- Selected the Co-Freshman of the Year in the WAC, only the second offensive lineman ever honored in WAC history.
- A key cog to the Bulldog offensive machine that ranked fifth nationally in scoring at more than 38 points per game and one of a handful of teams in NCAA history to score 50 or more points in four consecutive games.
- Fresno State averaged 52.8 points per game in their six-game winning streak to end the 2004 season.
- Helped the Bulldog backfield produce consecutive 1,000-yard running backs and set a school record 503 rushing yards vs. Hawaii.
- A key factor in Fresno State's offensive line that limited a 2005 WAC-low 14 quarterback sacks, second fewest in school history.

#1 Paul Williams, 6-2, 205, Senior, Receiver, Avenal, Calif. (Psychology)

- First-team All-WAC selection in 2005.
- A big-play receiver who led the WAC in yards per catch.
- Had a FS school record 98-yard reception vs. Boise State in 2005
- Averaged over nine yards per carry as a runner last season.
- Had a monster game at Oregon with five receptions for 122 yards and one touchdown.
- Best career game was against Boise State, which he has six receptions for 149 yards and two touchdowns.
- Had four receptions for 62 yards and a 20-yard touchdown against No. 1 USC.
- Had 43 receptions for 729 yards and seven touchdowns in 2005.
- Has 53 receptions for 819 yards, a 15.5 per catch average, for his career.

#32 Dwayne Wright, 6-1, 210, Junior, Running Back, San Diego, Calif. (Communication)

- Fresno State's starting back in 2004, helping lead the Bulldogs to wins at Washington and No. 13 Kansas State before a season-ending knee injury.
- Awarded a medical redshirt for the 2004 season.
- Selected second-team All-WAC in 2003 after running for over 1,000 yards (1,038)
- Averaged 5.5 yards per carry in 2003 and scored three touchdowns.
- Was fourth in the WAC in rushing as a sophomore.
- Has great speed and is elusive. Catches the ball well out of the backfield.
- Was injured on a screen pass that he ran for 61 yards vs. Kansas State.
- Averaged 5.5 yards per carry in 2003 and scored three touchdowns.

#59 Kyle Young, 6-5, 320, Senior, Center, Fallbrook, Calif. (Sociology)

- Selected first-team All-WAC in 2005 and second-team All-WAC in 2004
- On the Rimington Award Watch List for the second straight year for the nation's top center.
- Selected first-team Freshman All-America by the Football Writers of America in 2003.
- Selected Fresno State's top offensive lineman by the coaching staff as a freshman (2003).
- Rated the fourth-best center in America by one publication prior to the 2005 season.
- Leader of the offensive line that has produced three consecutive 1,000-yard running backs and ranked in the NCAA Top 5 for scoring offense for two straight seasons.
- Limited Oklahoma All-American Tommie Harris, now NFL Pro Bowl player, to just one-half a tackle as the Bulldogs scored 28 points against the Sooner defense in 2003.
- In 2003, he became the first player in seven years to earn a winning grade by the coaches for every game.
- Cracked a rib on the opening series vs. Nevada in 2003, never missing a play and leading the Dogs to a win.
- A key factor in Fresno State's offensive line that limited a 2005 WAC-low 14 quarterback sacks, second fewest in school history.
- Has started every game in his career (39).