

= 1883 Navy Midshipmen football team =

The 1883 Navy Midshipmen football team represented the United States Naval Academy in the 1883 college football season . The team was the third intercollegiate football squad to represent the United States Naval Academy , and the first time the school participated in consecutive seasons . The squad was captained by member Frank Hill . The team played just a single game , a 2 to 0 (2 ? 0) shutout loss to Johns Hopkins , which was the school 's first ever loss . The squad was the first to have the approval of the academy 's staff , and is regarded as the first official game played by the Midshipmen . The season continued a seven @-@ season , eight game rivalry between the Naval Academy and Johns Hopkins .

= = Prelude = =

The first intercollegiate football game was played on November 6 , 1869 , between the Rutgers Scarlet Knights , then known as the Rutgers Queensmen , and the New Jersey Tigers , now the Princeton Tigers . The game was a mixture of rugby and soccer , with teams scoring by kicking the ball into the opponent 's net . The game slowly developed , with many new and safer rules being added during the early 1870s . The number of schools participating in the sport also grew . However , even with the expansion , Princeton dominated the game , being declared the champion eight times in ten years . Yale was the only team which came close to Princeton , being awarded four championship designations during the same period .

The Naval Academy 's first ever football team was fielded in 1879 . The squad was entirely student @-@ operated , receiving no official support from Naval Academy officials . The team was entirely funded by its members and their fellow students . The 1879 team participated in just one game , which resulted in a scoreless tie . It was played against the Baltimore Athletic Club , at most likely an unused drill field on the Naval Academy campus . Navy would not field a football team in 1880 or 1881 , likely due to the lack of support . When football returned to the academy in 1882 , the squad was led by player @-@ coach Vaulx Carter , and won 8 ? 0 in a match with Johns Hopkins , starting the seven @-@ year rivalry between the schools .

= = Schedule = =

= = Season summary = =

= = Johns Hopkins 2 , Navy 0 = = =

The Naval Academy team played its only game of the 1883 season against a squad from Johns Hopkins University . It was captained by Frank Hill , and was the first squad to receive approval from Naval Academy faculty . Previously , the squad was operated entirely by students . The game was played at the Naval Academy on November 29 , 1883 , Thanksgiving Day , most likely on an unused drill field or parade field . The game " began in heat and discussion " , with the " skillful and light weight " Johns Hopkins controlling the " endurance and muscle " of the Naval Academy 's team . However , tensions in the game quickly escalated . During the middle of the game , " matters grew so hot " that Johns Hopkins players were preparing to stop playing . Johns Hopkins scored two single @-@ point safeties and shutout Navy , winning 2 ? 0 . The game " ended in quarrel and wrangle " .

= = Postseason and aftermath = =

The first postseason college football game would not be played until 1902 , with the Pasadena Tournament of Roses ' establishment of the east ? west tournament game , later known as the Rose

Bowl . The Midshipmen would not participate in their first Rose Bowl until the 1923 season , when they went 5 ? 1 ? 2 and tied with the Washington Huskies 14 ? 14 in the match . As a result of the lack of a competition , there were no postseason games played after the 1882 season . According to statistics compiled by the National Championship Foundation , Parke Davis , the Helms Athletic Foundation , and the Billingsley college football research center , Yale was declared the 1883 season champion , giving them their ninth championship overall .

The Midshipmen 's loss was the first in school history , and ended the team 's shutout streak at two seasons . The Naval Academy would not get another shutout until the 1886 season , when they defeated Johns Hopkins 6 ? 0 . The 1883 season continued a seven @-@ season , eight @-@ game long rivalry with Johns Hopkins , which Navy would win , five games to four . The 1883 game was the first win for Johns Hopkins , which had officially started playing football in 1881 . 1883 is considered to be the first season played by the Naval Academy , according to the school athletic department . Navy would finish the 1880s with four winning seasons , and an overall record of 14 ? 12 ? 2 . The school would outscore their opponents 292 ? 231 , and would finish the 19th century with an overall record of 54 ? 19 ? 3 .