

CROSS-COUNTRY

ARNE ARNESEN

Cross-Country Coach

Arne will be at the helm of the Falcon cross-country team for the seventh year this season. During this span, the Air Force cross-country team has posted a 32-16-1 record in dual competition against some of the best teams in the nation.

Arnesen came to the Academy in 1957 from M.I.T., where he coached track for nine years and soccer for five seasons. On his arrival at the Academy — he became the Falcon's track and soccer mentor. Arne gave up his soccer duties in 1962 in order to devote full time to the Academy runners.

He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1947, following World War II service as a pilot with the 325th Fighter Group, and later earned his master's degree from Springfield College.

During his tenure, the Falcons have gained national recognition. His '64 squad, led by All-American Jim Murphy, took tenth in the NCAA Championships. Last year, led by All-American Mike Ryan and Terry Gruters, the Falcons went undefeated in dual competition and finished second in the nationals.

Arne, who also serves as a physical education instructor, is active in the Air Force Reserve, and holds a commission as a lieutenant colonel.



1968 OUTLOOK

The 1968 Falcon cross-country outlook is bright with six returning lettermen, who were the mainstays of last year's squad which went undefeated in dual competition and finished second in the NCAA Championships.

The squad will have another challenging schedule which is dotted with the top teams in the country. Take for instance, the Falcons will have a double dual with Colorado and Western Michigan in Mid-October. The Buffs finished third while the Broncos came in fourth in the 1967 NCAA.

The leadership will come from seniors Clark Bunton and Lindsey Parris, both of whom gained valuable experience during the last two years. This duo added with All-American Mike Ryan should make the Falcons one of the top squads in the country.

The Falcons much needed depth will come from sophomores John Jones, Bob Brodel, and Cliff Christenson. The trio were the workhorses for the Frosh last year and will no doubt be pushing hard for the top spots.

Coach Arne Arnesen is optimistic on the Falcons having another fine season. He added, "Win or lose we will be tough to handle."

AIR FORCE ACADEMY CROSS-COUNTRY ALL-AMERICANS

Jim Murphy	1964
Terry Gruters	1967
Mike Ryan	1967

AIR FORCE ACADEMY

1968 VARSITY SOCCER ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Class	Height	Weight	Age	Hometown
1	xx Gary Davis	W	Sr.	5-9	145	20	Idabel, Okla.
4	x Terry Silvester	W	Jr.	5-8	140	19	Princeton, N.J.
8	x Chris Johnson	I	Sr.	5-9	155	20	Highwycombe, Eng.
11	x Ronald Holder	W	Sr.	6-0	157	21	Shreveport, La.
12	Tom Kraay	W	Jr.	5-10	140	19	Pittsfield, Mass.
13	x Bob Schaller	FB	Sr.	6-2	190	20	Lancaster, Pa.
14	xx Gene Whalen	FB	Sr.	6-0	170	20	Wind Lake, Wis.
16	xx Scott Sonnenberg	HB	Sr.	6-0	150	20	Bethesda, Md.
18	x Duane Weeks	I	Jr.	6-0	175	18	Washington, D.C.
19	Stephen Page	W	Jr.	5-9	155	19	Washington, D.C.
23	Mike Huber	FB	Jr.	5-11	155	19	Schaefferstown, Pa.
24	xx Wayne Warren	FB	Sr.	5-9	170	23	Stanfield, Ore.
25	x Jim Loberg	FB	Sr.	6-1	180	20	St. Louis, Mo.
26	Bill Ross	I	Sr.	5-11	175	20	Buena Park, Calif.
27	Pete Hammond	FB	Jr.	6-1	165	19	Downsville, N.Y.
30	x Ray Barlenben	HB	Jr.	5-11	175	20	Hilton, N.Y.
33	x Mike Blassie	HB	Jr.	6-1	180	19	St. Louis, Mo.
34	x Al Swaim	I	Jr.	5-8	152	21	Des Moines, Iowa
36	Dave Higgins	HB	Jr.	6-0	175	19	Ft. Wayne, Ind.
	xx Tom Hakeman	G	Sr.	5-11	160	22	Sanborn, Iowa
	x Ralph Bendjebar	G	Sr.	6-3	170	20	Hopewell, Va.

x — denotes letter earned

Coach: Captain Hank Eichin

1968 RESULTS (5-6)

Air Force	3	German Starfighters	1
Air Force	0	St. Benedict's	1
Air Force	1	St. Louis	4
Air Force	5	Coast Guard	1
Air Force	0	Michigan State	4
Air Force	7	Wyoming	1
Air Force	12	Regis	0
Air Force	3	Stanford	1
Air Force	0	Denver	1
Air Force	1	Army	5
Air Force	0	Colorado St. University	2

1968 CROSS-COUNTRY ROSTER

Name	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Hometown
Robert Banks	Soph.	5-10	150	19	Caldwell, Idaho
Bill Blumberg	Soph.	5-11	155	19	Chattanooga, Tenn.
Bob Brodel	Soph.	5-10	145	19	Issaquah, Wash.
*Clark Bunton	Sr.	5-10	155	24	Portland, Ore.
Cliff Christenson	Soph.	5-11	155	19	North Plainfield, N.J.
Loren Giles	Soph.	5-8	130	19	Oak Harbor, Wash.
*Francis Goelz	Jr.	5-6	140	20	Morton, Minn.
Mark Haesecke	Soph.	5-8	145	19	Columbus, Ohio
John Jones	Soph.	5-10	140	19	Prospect, Ohio
Kenneth Lykken	Soph.	5-7	140	19	Lombard, Ill.
Paul Maffey	Soph.	5-9	135	19	Cranford, N.J.
*Tim Mason	Sr.	5-11	144	21	Niagara Falls, N.Y.
David McCloy	Soph.	6-3	165	20	Bedford, Mass.
*Lindsay Parris	Sr.	5-8	130	21	Mountain View, Calif.
*Mike Ryan	Jr.	5-7	145	21	Santa Clara, Calif.
*Mike Wetterer	Sr.	5-11	150	21	Wood River, Neb.
Robert Hilb (Manager)	Jr.	6-1	160	20	Westfield, N.J.

*Denotes Letters Won

1967 RESULTS (9-0)

AF 18	Wyoming	45
AF 15	USCGA	50
AF 24	Arizona	31
AF 15	Kearney State	50
AF 17	Oklahoma State	42
AF 20	Nebraska	39
AF 27	Colorado	28
AF 26	W. Michigan	30
AF 21	CSU	38

Air Force placed second in NCAA
Championships behind Villanova

1968-1969 BASKETBALL PROSPECTS

Prospects for the 1968-69 basketball season at the USAF Academy are the brightest in a number of years for Coach Bob Spear following a huge rebuilding job last year. With a total of nine lettermen headed by 6-10 center Cliff Parsons along with a new basketball arena which seats 6,600, it appears a new era on the hardwood is in store for Falcon cage rosters.

Spear's crew last year logged a 9-15 mark and this year's schedule is just as challenging for the talented Cadets. A three-day holiday basketball tournament is on tap for the Falcons during Christmas. The cagers will be entered in the East Carolina Classic at Greenville, N.C., along with a rugged group of aggregations including Cornell, Virginia, Baylor, Delaware, William & Mary, Virginia Poly Tech, and host East Carolina. Also on the schedule is the interservice clash with Navy on the Air Force hardwood on Saturday, Jan. 11.

Besides Parsons, who ranks as the second highest scorer in Air Force history, the 1968-69 edition will have some talented players in Mark Bean, Jim Cooper, Pete Halvonik, Mike Kelley, Mike Klindt, Mike Thiessen, Bert Spear and Larry Wiseburn. The starting quintet of Parsons, Klindt, Thiessen, Spear and Bean will be returning intact, with valuable experience obtained during last season. A rugged battle, however, is anticipated before the starting five is selected as a number of sophomores have displayed talents which could gain them a starting spot.

In all, the 1968-69 season with 13 home contests in the new arena shapes up as another exciting campaign for Air Force fans. With an excellent group of returnees the Falcons could reach their greatest heights in basketball since the 1961-62 season when the Academy logged a 16-7 mark and a post season berth in the NCAA playoffs.

SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Opponent	Time	Site
Nov. 30	Sat.	Colorado University	2:15 pm	USafa
Dec. 2	Mon.	Valparaiso University	4:15 pm	USafa
Dec. 7	Sat.	Abilene Christian	2:15 pm	USafa
Dec. 9	Mon.	Arkansas State	4:15 pm	USafa
Dec. 14	Sat.	Stanford University	2:15 pm	USafa
Dec. 26	Thurs.	Eastern Carolina Classic Cornell William & Mary		Greenville, North Carolina
Dec. 27	Fri.	Virginia Vir Poly Tech Baylor Air Force		
Dec. 28	Sat.	Delaware East Carolina		
Jan. 8	Wed.	Denver University	8:00 pm	Denver
Jan. 11	Sat.	U.S. Naval Academy	2:15 pm	USafa
Jan. 13	Mon.	Notre Dame	8:00 pm	South Bend
Jan. 16	Thur.	Colorado State University	8:00 pm	Ft. Collins
Jan. 18	Sat.	Denver University	2:15 pm	USafa
Jan. 20	Mon.	Regis	8:00 pm	Denver
Jan. 25	Sat.	Xavier	8:00 pm	Cincinnati
Feb. 1	Sat.	Wyoming	2:15 pm	USafa
Feb. 8	Sat.	Tulane	8:00 pm	New Orleans
Feb. 10	Mon.	Georgia Tech	8:00 pm	Atlanta
Feb. 15	Sat.	Oklahoma City University	2:15 pm	USafa
Feb. 17	Mon.	Wyoming	8:00 pm	Laramie
Feb. 22	Sat.	Northern Michigan	8:00 pm	Marquette
Feb. 28	Fri.	Marquette	8:00 pm	USafa
Mar. 1	Sat.	New Mexico State	2:15 pm	USafa
Mar. 5	Wed.	Regis	4:15 pm	USafa
Mar. 8	Sat.	Colorado State University	2:15 pm	USafa