



# NOTRE DAME

## 2005-06 MEN'S GOLF

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### 2005-06 Notre Dame Men's Golf Schedule/Results

DATE	TOURNAMENT	RESULT
S17-18	Gopher Invitational Spring Hill Golf Club (Wayzata, Minn.)	5th of 12
S26-27	Shoal Creek Intercollegiate Shoal Creek Golf Club (Birmingham, Ala.)	6th of 15
O9-10	Coca-Cola Duke Classic Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club (Durham, N.C.)	6th of 15
O17-18	The Prestige at PGA WEST Greg Norman Course/PGA WEST (La Quinta, Calif.)	T-5th of 18
O31-N1	CordeValle Collegiate CordeValle Golf Club (San Martin, Calif.)	DQ
F27-28	Lexus Naples Intercollegiate Hammock Bay Golf & Country Club (Naples, Fla.)	5th of 13
M12-13	Gen. Jim Hackler Invitational TPC of Myrtle Beach (Murrells Inlet, S.C.)	T-11th of 15
M17-18	Border Olympics Laredo Country Club (Laredo, Texas)	8th of 16
A1-2	Administaff Augusta State Invitational Champions Retreat Golf Club (Evans, Ga.)	
A8-9	Boilermaker Invitational Kampen Course (West Lafayette, Ind.)	
A23-25	BIG EAST Championship Lake Jovita Golf & Country Club (Dade City, Fla.)	
M13-14	The Maxwell Dornick Hills Country Club (Ardmore, Okla.)	
M18-20	NCAA Central Regional Sand Ridge Golf Club (Chardon, Ohio)	
M31-J3	NCAA Championships Crosswater Golf Club (Sunriver, Ore.)	

### Irish Men's Golf Quick Facts

Head Coach	Jim Kubinski (Springfield College '93)
Assistant Coach	Steve Colnitis (Notre Dame '05)
2005 Postseason Finish	NCAA Central Regional (T-13th)
Nickname/Colors	Fighting Irish/Gold and Blue
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### Administaff Augusta State Invitational

Saturday-Sunday, April 1-2, 2006

8 a.m. (ET) Saturday/10 a.m. (ET) Sunday

Champions Retreat Golf Club

Evans, Ga.

Par 72/7,265 yards



### Irish Face Strong Field At Augusta State Invitational

Notre Dame gets into the heart of its 2006 spring schedule this weekend when it travels to Evans, Ga., for the Administaff Augusta State Invitational. The first two rounds will take place Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. (ET), with the final round scheduled to tee off Sunday at 10 a.m. (ET) from the Champions Retreat Golf Club (par 72/7,265 yards). The tournament should be one of the strongest of the season for the Irish, with seven top-30 teams, including five top-25 clubs in the field.

Notre Dame continues to enjoy one of its most successful seasons ever in 2005-06, currently posting a 293.62 stroke average with five top-six finishes and three wins over nationally-ranked opponents. The Irish also have seen two of their tri-captains ranked among the top 100 according to the *Golfweek/Sagarin* Performance Index, led by senior **Mark Baldwin**, who is ranked at No. 78 and holds a team-best 72.57 stroke average. Senior **Scott Gustafson** is ranked 92nd with a 72.86 stroke average, while junior **Cole Isban** (a 2005 PING All-Midwest Region selection) isn't far behind with a 73.33 stroke average.

### Quoting Coach Kubinski...

"Certainly just saying 'Augusta' conjures up thoughts of championship golf and signifies a true beginning to the new golf season for many golfers around the country. I feel we're ready to start playing our best game. We had such a solid and consistent fall season that would have ended with us ranked in the Top 20 if not for an unfortunate rules situation. Augusta affords us an opportunity to play possibly the strongest field of the year and show that we're closer to the team we were in the Fall than the one that has played three Spring events.

"We've added our lone freshman, **Josh Sandman**, to the mix this weekend. Josh is making his Notre Dame debut after a strong junior golf career and has played very well of late. He has recovered from a nagging back ailment and looks

### NOTRE DAME LINEUP FOR THE ADMINISTAFF ASU INVITATIONAL

Pos.	Name	Yr.	Ht./Wt.	Hometown	'05-06 Stroke Avg.
No. 1	Mark Baldwin	Sr.	6-1/175	Laconia, N.H.	72.57
No. 2	Scott Gustafson	Sr.	6-0/170	Eden Prairie, Minn.	72.86
No. 3	Cole Isban	Jr.	6-3/155	South Bend, Ind.	73.33
No. 4	Mike King	So.	5-9/160	Sidney, Ohio	75.72
No. 5	Josh Sandman	Fr.	6-1/165	Greensboro, N.C.	—

Five-Time BIG EAST Conference Champions (1995, 1996, 1997, 2004, 2005)

## GCAA/Bridgestone Division I Top 25 Poll (March 30)

Rank	School (First-Place Votes)	Points	Last
1.	Georgia (13)	444	1
2.	Oklahoma State (4)	433	2
3.	Florida	409	3
4.	Georgia Tech	386	4
<b>5.</b>	<b>UCLA (1)</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>5</b>
6.	UNLV	334	7
7.	BYU	327	6
8.	Arizona State	304	8
9.	Georgia State	284	9
<b>10.</b>	<b>East Tennessee State</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>13</b>
11.	Baylor	222	11
12.	Texas A&M	201	16
13.	Duke	194	10
<b>14.</b>	<b>Tennessee</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>15.</b>	<b>Clemson</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>14</b>
16.	North Carolina	114	—
17.	(tie) Pepperdine	103	20
	(tie) Tulsa	103	15
19.	Texas Tech	97	17
20.	Kentucky	85	—
<b>21.</b>	<b>Coastal Carolina</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>—</b>
22.	Wake Forest	76	19
23.	Southern California	68	22
24.	Alabama	64	23
25.	Northwestern	60	18

Others receiving votes: **Washington 56**, South Carolina 55, San Diego State 44, SMU 42, **Minnesota 39**, Texas 27, New Mexico 23, Arizona 21, Purdue 21, Auburn 19, New Mexico State 18, Lamar 17, Charlotte 16, TCU 15, Santa Clara 13, Louisville 10, Nebraska 10, Oklahoma 10, Houston 9, Western Illinois 9, **North Carolina State 8**, Illinois State 7, Cal Poly 6, Fresno State 5, Michigan State 5, Kansas 3, Drake 2, Memphis 1, Wichita State 1.

Teams in **bold** are competing at the Administaff ASU Invitational.

### Did You Know?

Notre Dame has ties to two of the most famous players in golf history.

**Billy Casper** won 51 PGA Tour titles, including three majors (1959 & 1966 U.S. Open; 1970 Masters) and was sixth on that tour's all-time victories list upon retirement. He also logged nine wins on the Senior PGA Tour (now the Champions Tour), was an eight-time member of the U.S. Ryder Cup Team and was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 1978. However, before turning pro, Casper attended Notre Dame in 1950 and won the Western Junior National Championship, which was contested at the old Notre Dame Golf Course. His Irish career was cut short when he was called away to military service in the Korean War.

**Walter Hagen, Jr.**, was a three-year monogram winner at Notre Dame from 1938-40, helping the Irish to three consecutive NCAA Championship berths, including a sixth-place finish in 1938. If the name sounds familiar, it should be — his father, Walter Hagen, Sr., won 40 PGA titles, including 11 major championships (five PGA Championships, four British Opens and two U.S. Opens) in his storied career, ranking second behind Jack Nicklaus and one ahead of Tiger Woods. The elder Hagen also was a six-time U.S. Ryder Cup captain, and five years after his death in 1969, he was part of the inaugural induction class for the World Golf Hall of Fame.

to be in great form. We played three qualifying rounds this past week and Josh finished behind only Cole (Isban) and Scott (Gustafson). He is driving the ball well and long, and he always exhibits a great short game. I think he'll add something to the mix and, as he leans on our older players, should gain a great deal of experience this week."

### Dates and Times

Teams will play two rounds (36 holes) on Saturday, with the opening round teeing off via a shotgun start at 8 a.m. (ET). The second round will begin immediately following the conclusion of round one. Competitors will then return to the course Sunday at 10 a.m. (ET) for the final round with preassigned tee times based upon the 36-hole standings. Should weather delay the second round, it would resume at 8 a.m. (ET) on Sunday.

### Tournament Results

Live scoring for this weekend's Administaff Augusta State Invitational will be provided through the Golfstat web site ([www.golfstat.com](http://www.golfstat.com)). Complete results following each day's action also will be posted on the official Notre Dame athletics web site ([www.und.com](http://www.und.com)). In addition, the latest information on the Irish is available on the Notre Dame Sports Hotline (574-631-3000). Callers should select option #9, then press #2 for the latest information on the tournament, as well as weather or scheduling delays.

### The Tournament Format

A total of 15 five-man teams (75 participants, with the possibility of some teams fielding additional golfers on an individual basis) will be participating in the Administaff Augusta State Invitational. Conventional collegiate golf team scoring rules will apply, with the lowest four scores in the five-man lineup for each round counting toward the team total.

### The Teams

Aside from Notre Dame and host school Augusta State, the rest of the 15-team field for the Border Olympics includes: Clemson, Coastal Carolina, East Tennessee State, Georgia Southern, LSU, Minnesota, Mississippi, North Carolina State, South Carolina-Aiken, Tennessee, UCLA, Virginia Tech and Washington.

According to the latest GCAA/Bridgestone Top 25 poll (released Thursday), more than half (eight) of the 14 Division I teams in this weekend's field (USC-Aiken is a Division II entity) are either ranked or receiving votes. UCLA leads the Top 25 list at No. 5, receiving one first-place vote in the current balloting. Also in the mix are 10th-ranked East Tennessee State, No. 14 Tennessee, No. 15 Clemson and No. 21 Coastal Carolina. Three squads are receiving votes in the latest coaches' survey — Washington (56 votes, 26th), Minnesota (39 votes, 30th) and North Carolina State (eight votes, 46th).

Meanwhile, the newest ratings in the *Golfweek*/Sagarin Performance Index (as of Sunday night) have been compiled and 10 of the top 50 teams will be playing in Georgia this weekend. Up front is No. 5 UCLA, followed by 11th-ranked East Tennessee State, No. 12 Tennessee, No. 14 Clemson, 23rd-ranked Minnesota and 24th-ranked Coastal Carolina. In the second half of the top 50 are No. 27 North Carolina State, No. 31 Washington, 47th-ranked LSU and 48th-ranked Augusta State. Notre Dame is just outside the top 50, currently checking in 56th.

In addition, the latest Golfstat rankings of the 2005-06 season were unveiled Tuesday and there are 10 of this weekend's participants appearing in that service's Top 50. UCLA tops the field at No. 5, with No. 9 East Tennessee State, No. 12 Tennessee, No. 18 Clemson and 20th-ranked Minnesota completing the first 25. Coastal Carolina is on the doorstep in 27th, Washington is No. 28, with North

Carolina State (33rd) and LSU (45th) in the running. Notre Dame is among several participating teams just outside the top 50 at No. 56. In addition, USC-Aiken remains the top-ranked team in the Division II standings.

## The Course

Following a successful 27-year run at Forest Hills Golf Club, this year's Administristaff Augusta State Invitational will be played at a new locale, the Champions Retreat Golf Club (par 72/7,265 yards) in Evans, Ga. The brand-new 27-hole layout opened in 2005 and features three distinct nine-hole courses designed by the masters of the game — Jack Nicklaus (Bluffs Nine), Arnold Palmer (Island Nine) and Gary Player (Creek Nine).

This weekend's tournament will utilize the Nicklaus Bluffs Nine (par 36/3,660 yards) and the Palmer Island Nine (par 36/3,605 yards). The Nicklaus layout fits nicely into the rolling Georgia terrain, offering a variety of elevations and doglegs to handle. Meanwhile, the Palmer course uniquely plays onto a 280-acre island bordered by the Savannah River and Little River and the challenging tree-lined fairways provide a distinctly southern feel to the players.

## A History Lesson

In a little more than a quarter century of existence starting in 1979, the Administristaff Augusta State Invitational has traditionally been one of the premier stops on the spring college golf circuit. In fact, this weekend's event will mark the sixth consecutive year that a minimum of seven top-30 clubs will be competing. The host school Augusta State has won 11 titles in the tournament's 27-year history, including six of the past eight crowns.

## Tourney Rewind: '05 Augusta State Invitational

Notre Dame had one of its strongest outings of the 2004-05 season, battling well to a seventh-place finish at the 18-team Augusta State Invitational on April 2-3, 2005, at the Forest Hills Golf Club in Augusta, Ga. The Irish defeated five ranked teams during the weekend and finished with a score of 61-over par 926 in extremely windy conditions, finishing 29 shots behind tourney champion Augusta State.

The top three finishers for Notre Dame at last year's ASU Invitational were **Cole Isban** (tie-15th, 228), **Mark Baldwin** (tie-27th, 233) and **Scott Gustafson** (tie-40th, 235), and thus, it's no coincidence that this trio will form the core of the Irish lineup this weekend. In fact, Baldwin and Gustafson will be playing in the event for the third year in a row, having tied for 18th (218) and 35th (222), respectively, back in 2004 when Notre Dame tied for 14th place at 892 (+28) in its first-ever visit to the tournament.

## Measuring Stick

A good indication of the progress Notre Dame has made in the short time **Jim Kubinski** has been head coach can be found in the team's stroke average. Currently at 293.62, it would shatter the old school record by more than four shots (298.29 in 1999-2000). In addition, the Irish presently have three players with stroke averages at 74.00 or lower (min. 10 rounds) — **Mark Baldwin** (72.57), **Scott Gustafson** (72.86) and **Cole Isban** (73.33). In the 77-year history of the Notre Dame program, the Irish have never had a trio score lower than 75.32 for an entire season (1999-2000 — Todd Vernon at 74.18, Steve Ratay at 74.54 and Alex Kent at 75.32).

One other item to watch is Notre Dame's progress on a round-by-round basis in each tournament. This season, the Irish are averaging a 295.57 in their opening round before trimming that score to 293 in round two. Notre Dame has closed strong as well, firing a 292.29 on average this season.

## Warren Golf Course Named One Of Nation's Top 15 College Courses

The University of Notre Dame's Warren Golf Course has been chosen as one of the top 15 college courses in the nation, according to a feature article in the September 2005 issue of *Golf Digest*. The magazine used a variety of criteria in rating the various layouts, including shot values, resistance to scoring, design variety, memorability, aesthetics, conditioning, ambience and bonus walking points. The Warren Golf Course was ranked 15th in the country and is one of the newest courses on the 2005 *Golf Digest* list.

Co-designed by Bill Coore and PGA Tour veteran Ben Crenshaw, the Warren Golf Course opened on May 1, 2000 and has played host to a 2004 U.S. Amateur Championship sectional qualifier, the 2005 NCAA Central Regional, a 2005 Western Amateur Championship qualifier and four BIG EAST Conference Championships. In addition, the par-70, 7,011-yard tree-lined layout has welcomed numerous junior golf tournaments and serves as the home course for the Notre Dame men's and women's golf teams.

"This is a remarkable honor for us when you consider the age of this course," said **John Foster**, General Manager and Head PGA Professional at the Warren Golf Course. "The emergence of our course is due in no small part to the commitment shown by **Bill Warren** to make this the nation's premier golf facility. We're also extremely fortunate to have a talented and dedicated staff that have helped make this course what it is today, led by our course superintendent, **Matt Cielen**."

"I am very pleased with, and appreciative of, *Golf Digest* for recognizing our Warren Golf Course as one of the top 15 college golf courses in the country," Notre Dame head men's golf coach **Jim Kubinski** said. "To be recognized with other top courses after having opened just five years ago is a tremendous honor. It's a great test of golf for all players, and I know our team feels the course tests every facet of their games."

## Notre Dame Breaks Ground On New Training Facility

On Sept. 17, the University of Notre Dame held a groundbreaking ceremony for the new **Robert and Marilyn Rolfs Family All-Season Varsity Golf Facility** on the grounds of the Warren Golf Course. Now under construction, the \$2.1 million building will be located adjacent to the current Irish golf offices just west of the intersection of Douglas and Ivy Roads on the north edge of the Notre Dame campus.

Upon completion in the fall of 2006, the 10,333-square foot Robert and Marilyn Rolfs Family All-Season Varsity Golf Facility will serve as the new home of the Notre Dame men's and women's golf teams, adding a new dimension in the growth of both programs, which have combined to win four BIG EAST Conference titles and make four NCAA regional appearances in the past three seasons alone.

The cornerstone of the Robert and Marilyn Rolfs Family All-Season Varsity Golf Facility will be an expansive 4,820-square foot indoor putting green and chipping area, complete with a sand bunker. In addition, six heated indoor/outdoor "tee stations" will allow players to use the driving range in all seasons, while coaches will be able to study players' swing techniques through the use of the latest in video equipment and software analysis.

Some of the other highlights of the facility include: separate player locker areas for the Irish men's and women's teams with custom-made wood lockers, a spacious 890-square foot player lounge with state-of-the-art amenities such as wide-screen plasma televisions and computers with high-speed Internet access, new offices for each member of the respective coaching staffs, and an on-site equipment room with stations for customized club fitting and repair.

## Notre Dame's Graduation Rates Among Nation's Best

The graduation rate for student-athletes at the University of Notre Dame is the highest in the nation among Division I-A colleges and universities in an annual federal report for the Department of Education, and is the second-highest in a new survey developed by the NCAA.

Notre Dame's federal graduation rate is 90.4 percent, according to statistics released Jan. 19 by the NCAA, slightly ahead of Duke University at 89.6 percent as the best among the major football-playing schools of Division I-A. The federal rate is based on the raw percentage of student-athletes who entered an institution and graduated with six years. Students who leave or transfer, regardless of academic standing, are considered nongraduates.

Notre Dame ranks second among Division I-A schools on another scale, called the Graduation Success Rate (GSR), which was developed last year by the NCAA. The University's 98 percent GSR is second only to the 99 percent of the U.S. Naval Academy, which, like all the military academies, is exempt from the federal survey because it does not offer grants-in-aid to student-athletes.

The Graduation Success Rate was created to more accurately reflect actual graduation rates by including transfer data in the calculation. College and university presidents asked the NCAA to develop a new methodology that takes into account the mobility among students in today's higher education environment. Research indicates that approximately 60 percent of all new bachelor's degree recipients are attending more than one undergraduate institution during their collegiate careers.

The remainder of the top five after Notre Dame and Duke among I-A universities in the federal survey are Stanford at 88 percent, Northwestern at 86 percent, and Rice at 83 percent. On the GSR, the rest of the top five I-A schools following Navy and Notre Dame are Clemson and Northwestern, both at 97 percent, and Duke at 93 percent.

The data for both surveys is based upon the entering classes from 1995 to 1998.

The two graduation rate reports should not be confused with another new NCAA initiative, the Academic Progress Rate, which uses a series of formulas related to student-athlete retention and eligibility to measure the academic performance of all participants who receive a grant-in-aid on every team at every NCAA Division I college and university.

In other academic news, the Notre Dame men's golf team has posted a combined grade-point average (GPA) of 3.19 or better in 13 of the past 16 semesters, dating back to the spring 1998 term (3.195 GPA in fall 2005). What's more, the Irish have not had a team GPA of less than 3.0 at any time in the past 11 years, which coincides exactly with the school's membership in the BIG EAST Conference.

## Last Tournament — Border Olympics

Senior tri-captain **Mark Baldwin** carded a three-over par 219 (71-75-73), helping Notre Dame finish in eighth place at the 55th annual Border Olympics, which wrapped up on March 18 at the Laredo Country Club (par 72/7,241 yards) in Laredo, Texas. The Irish compiled a three-round score of 24-over par 888 (293-296-299) and ended up 33 shots behind tournament winner Baylor.

Sophomore **Mike King** was just one shot behind Baldwin in a 21st-place tie at a season-low four-over par 220 (75-71-74), earning his best finish of the spring and second-best of his career as a member of the Irish travel squad (ninth at the 2005 BIG EAST Conference Championship). Senior tri-captain **Scott Gustafson** earned a share of 36th place at seven-over par 223 (75-74-74). Junior tri-captain **Cole Isban** was tied for 51st place at 10-over par 226 (72-76-78). Senior **Eric Deutsch**, playing his first tournament of the spring, completed the scoring for the Irish in a deadlock for 71st place at 18-over par 234 (79-76-79).

## Thumbnails On The Irish Lineup

**Mark Baldwin** (72.57; first on team) — Presently ranked 78th in nation by *Golfweek* ... has team-best 12 rounds of par or better this season (eight under par), with three rounds in the 60s ... has ended up 20th or higher in 11 of past 15 events ... has seen 40 of his last 43 rounds (.930) — and all 18 this season — counted towards the team score (not counting 2005 CordeValle after team DQ) ... has seven career top-10 finishes (three this year), with six of those coming in little more than one year (Oct. 2004-present) ... two-time all-BIG EAST (2003; 2005 - medalist).

**Scott Gustafson** (72.86; second on team) — 92nd-ranked player in nation by *Golfweek* ... has shot eight rounds at par or better (five below par with two in the 60s), standing third on team ... 20 of 21 rounds (.952) this year have counted to team score ... earned share of fifth place at General Jim Hackler Invitational (215, -1) for his ninth career top-10 finish and 14th team-leading finish (third in school history) ... second among Irish veterans with 75.08 career stroke average (ninth in school history) ... 2003 all-BIG EAST selection.

**Cole Isban** (73.33 stroke average; third on team) — Has recorded nine rounds this year at par or better (seven under par), with four rounds in the 60s ... owns two top-10 finishes this season (10 career) ... has been exceptionally reliable, as 84 of his 91 collegiate rounds (.923) have counted towards the team score (third-best percentage by Irish golfer since 1990) ... career 74.37 stroke average is tops in school history (second: 74.43 by Charles Thurn, 1956-58) ... 2005 PING/All-Midwest Region selection (first Irish player to earn regional or national accolades since 1980) ... two-time all-BIG EAST Conference honoree (2004, 2005).

**Mike King** (75.72; fifth on team) — Has looked sharp in spring with career-low 74.67 stroke average to date ... owns three rounds under par, including one in the 60s ... had three top-10 finishes in nine starts as a rookie, including tie for ninth at the BIG EAST Championship.

**Josh Sandman** — Freshman makes college debut this weekend ... marks the fourth consecutive season that an Irish rookie has made the travel squad ... reached third round of match play at last summer's North & South Amateur Championship at Pinehurst, N.C., eventually falling to a member of this weekend's field, USC-Aiken's Dane Burkhart by a 3 & 2 score (Burkhart was then eliminated in the next round by another Notre Dame player, sophomore Eddie Peckels).

## Next Up For The Irish

Notre Dame has little time to relax, as the Irish will venture across the state of Indiana for the Boilermaker Invitational April 8-9 in West Lafayette, Ind, at the Birk Boilermaker Golf Complex (Kampen Course). Some early schedules for the Irish listed this event at another date, but due to scheduling changes, the tournament has been moved to its present date. This will mark Notre Dame's 22nd appearance in a tournament hosted by Purdue, having won the 1979 Purdue Invitational title.



# JIM KUBINSKI

Head Coach • Second Year at Notre Dame  
Springfield College (1993)

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One of the nation's top young golf teachers, **Jim Kubinski** is now in his second season as the head coach at Notre Dame. Having assumed the post on Jan. 28, 2005, Kubinski is just the sixth head coach in the 77-year history of the Irish men's golf program, inheriting a storied tradition that now includes the 1944 national championship, 10 top-five NCAA Championship finishes and 32 NCAA postseason appearances.

"We feel Jim is one of the rising stars in the golf coaching community and someone who can continue to develop our program into a perennial national contender," Notre Dame director of athletics **Kevin White** says.

It hasn't take long for Kubinski to make his mark at Notre Dame and reward White's confidence in his abilities. In his first tournament at the helm of the Irish, just one month after setting foot on campus, Kubinski helped guide Notre Dame to the championship of the 2005 NOKIA Sugar Bowl Tulane Invitational, winning the title on the first hole of a sudden death playoff against UNC Wilmington. It was the first of two tournament crowns in the 2004-05 season for Notre Dame and made Kubinski the first Irish men's golf coach since 1961 to win the opening event of his career. That season, Rev. Clarence Durbin, C.S.C., led the Irish to a 23.5-6.5 dual-match win over Western Michigan.

As if that weren't enough, Kubinski then piloted Notre Dame to its second consecutive BIG EAST Conference title (fifth overall) and a return trip to the NCAA Central Regional, where the Irish finished a mere two strokes shy of advancing to the NCAA Championship for the first time since 1966. Overall, Kubinski guided Notre Dame to a 58-35-4 (.619) record last spring, including five wins over ranked opponents (most notably NCAA East Regional champion Wake Forest and Central Regional winner Augusta State). In addition, for the first time in recent memory, the Irish received votes in the GCAA/Bridgestone Coaches' Poll throughout much of the spring and were ranked as high as 49th in the *Golfweek*/Sagarin Performance Index ratings. Kubinski's charges finished the 2004-05 season with a 299.89 stroke average, good for the fifth-lowest single-season mark in school history.

This season, Notre Dame has continued its run of success under Kubinski with a 55-54-2 (.505) record, a 293.62 stroke average, five top-six finishes, three of the seven lowest 54-hole scores in team history (872 at the Shoal Creek Intercollegiate and Lexus Naples Intercollegiate; 865 at the Coca-Cola Duke Classic), and wins over (then) third-ranked Florida, No. 16 Texas and No. 17 Alabama. It also has made the Irish a mainstay among others receiving votes in the GCAA/Bridgestone Poll, and a rise as high as No. 12 in the *Golfweek* rankings (Oct. 2).

Individually, Kubinski has produced impressive results with several Irish players in a short span of time. **Cole Isban** posted a 74.17 stroke average in 2004-05 and became the first Notre Dame golfer in 25 years to earn regional or national accolades, garnering a spot on the PING All-Midwest Region Team. **Mark Baldwin** has lowered his scoring average by nearly a full stroke, won two medalist honors (including the 2005 BIG EAST individual title) and has finished in the top 10 at four events since Kubinski's arrival. And, **Scott Gustafson** is off to easily the best start of his career in 2005-06, logging a 72.86 stroke average, with two top-five and four top-10 finishes to his credit in six tournaments.

"As a lifelong Notre Dame fan, I couldn't ask for a greater opportunity than to be the head coach of the Fighting Irish," Kubinski said. "It's certainly a special time to play for Notre Dame and be a part of this great university. I'm looking forward to an exciting time ahead and feel that we're building something here that will be a great source of pride for our players and our university in the years to come.

"Notre Dame exemplifies the best of everything in a college environment, both academically and athletically," Kubinski continued. "It's my goal to ensure that we are a perennial top-10 program on the course and in the classroom, consistent with the best traditions of Notre Dame, and I truly believe we can achieve this goal."

Kubinski, 35, came to Notre Dame after spending a year and a half as the assistant men's and women's golf coach at Duke. During his tenure, the Blue Devil men's team won three tournaments, qualified for the 2004 NCAA East Regional (missing the NCAA Championship field by a single stroke), and rose to No. 13 in the *Golfweek* rankings at the close of the fall 2004 season. He also worked closely with 2004 third-team All-American and all-Atlantic Coast Conference selection Nathan Smith, as well as '04 honorable mention All-American and all-ACC pick Ryan Blaum, resulting in his nomination for the GCAA Assistant Coach of the Year award. In his capacity as an aide with the Duke women's squad, he played an integral role in the Blue Devils' 10 tournament victories (in 11 events), their ascension to No. 1 in the *Golfweek* rankings, the 2004 ACC and NCAA East Regional titles, and a third-place finish at the '04 NCAA Championship.

Kubinski was a three-year golf letterman and two-year team captain at Springfield (Mass.) College before graduating in 1993. A two-time all-Northeast 10 Conference selection in 1991 and 1992, he also received the Springfield College Maroon Club Award for academic and athletic achievement in 1992. His playing experience continued on the North Atlantic Tour where he tied for sixth place at the '95 Boston Open, and he also competed in the Carolinas Section PGA.

Born May 4, 1970 in Springfield, Mass., Kubinski and his wife, Sarah, now live in South Bend. The couple was married in Durham, N.C., on Oct. 15, 2005.



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1944 NCAA Champion • 1937 NCAA Runner-Up • 32 NCAA Postseason Appearances



# 2005-06 NOTRE DAME MEN'S GOLF CUMULATIVE STATISTICS

## 2005-06 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Tournament	Location	Finish	Score	Top Scoring Individual
Sept. 17-18	Gopher Invitational	Wayzata, Minn.	5th/12	893 (+29)	T-6th, Gustafson, 218 (+2)
Sept. 26-27	Shoal Creek Intercollegiate	Birmingham, Ala.	6th/15	872 (+8)	T-1st, Isban, 210 (-6)
Oct. 9-10	Coca-Cola Duke Classic	Durham, N.C.	6th/15	865 (+1)	T-6th, Baldwin, 210 (-6)
Oct. 17-18	The Prestige at PGA WEST	La Quinta, Calif.	T-5th/18	880 (+16)	T-3rd, Gustafson, 214 (-2)
O31-N1	CordeValle Collegiate	San Martin, Calif.	DQ	—	T-34th, Peckels, 220 (+4)
Feb. 27-28	Lexus Naples Intercollegiate	Naples, Fla.	5th/13	872 (+8)	T-4th, Baldwin, 210 (-6)
March 12-13	Gen. Jim Hackler Invitational	Murrells Inlet, S.C.	T-11th/15	896 (+32)	T-5th, Gustafson, 215 (-1)
March 17-18	Border Olympics	Laredo, Texas	8th/16	888 (+24)	T-17th, Baldwin, 219 (+3)
April 1-2	Administaff ASU Invitational	Evans, Ga.			
April 15-16	Boilermaker Invitational	West Lafayette, Ind.			
April 23-25	BIG EAST Championship	Dade City, Fla.			
May 13-14	The Maxwell	Ardmore, Okla.			
May 18-20	NCAA Central Regional	Chardon, Ohio			
M31-J3	NCAA Championships	Sunriver, Ore.			

Home tournaments in **boldface** played at Warren Golf Course (par 70/7,011 yards) unless otherwise noted  
Dates, times and locations subject to change

## 2005-06 CUMULATIVE STATISTICS (sorted by stroke average)

Name	Tourn.	Rds.	Str.	vs. Par	Avg.	18	54	Top 5	Top 10	Best Finish (Event)
Mark Baldwin	7	21	1,524	+12	72.57	68	210	1	3	T-4th (Lexus Naples Intercollegiate)
Scott Gustafson	7	21	1,530	+18	72.86	67	211	2	4	T-3rd (Prestige at PGA WEST)
Cole Isban	7	21	1,540	+28	73.33	68	210	1	2	T-1st (Shoal Creek Intercollegiate)
Eddie Peckels	1	3	220	+4	73.33	70	220	0	0	T-34th (CordeValle Collegiate)
Mike King	6	18	1,363	+67	75.72	68	220	0	0	T-21st (Border Olympics)
Eric Deutsch	5	15	1,150	+70	76.67	73	222	0	0	T-32nd (Shoal Creek Intercoll.)
Greg Rodgers	5	15	1,151	+71	76.73	74	224	0	0	T-45th (Lexus Naples Intercoll.)
<b>TEAM TOTALS</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6,166</b>	<b>+118</b>	<b>293.62</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5th, three times (MR: Lexus)</b>

## 2006 SPRING STATISTICS (sorted by stroke average)

Name	Tourn.	Rds.	Str.	vs. Par	Avg.	18	54	Top 5	Top 10	Best Finish (Event)
Mark Baldwin	3	9	653	+5	72.56	69	210	1	1	T-4th (Lexus Naples Intercollegiate)
Scott Gustafson	3	9	664	+16	73.78	70	215	1	1	T-5th (Gen. Jim Hackler Invitational)
Cole Isban	3	9	668	+20	74.22	69	213	0	1	T-10th (Lexus Naples Intercoll.)
Mike King	3	9	672	+24	74.67	71	220	0	0	T-21st (Border Olympics)
Eric Deutsch	1	3	234	+18	78.00	76	234	0	0	T-71st (Border Olympics)
Greg Rodgers	2	6	471	+39	78.50	76	231	0	0	T-45th (Lexus Naples Intercoll.)
<b>TEAM TOTALS</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2,656</b>	<b>+64</b>	<b>295.11</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5th (Lexus Naples Intercoll.)</b>

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## 2005-06 MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

### PERCENTAGE OF ROUNDS COUNTED

Name	Count/Total	Pct.
Mark Baldwin	18/18	1.000
Scott Gustafson	20/21	.952
Cole Isban	20/21	.952
Mike King	13/15	.867
Greg Rodgers	9/15	.600
Eric Deutsch	8/15	.533

### AVERAGE STROKES BEHIND MEDALIST

Name	Str. Off Lead/Tourn.	Avg.
Scott Gustafson	73/7	10.43
Mark Baldwin	74/7	10.57
Cole Isban	83/7	11.86
Eddie Peckels	14/1	14.00
Mike King	111/6	18.50
Eric Deutsch	108/5	21.60
Greg Rodgers	112/5	22.40

### STROKE AVERAGE BY ROUND

Name	1	2	3
Mark Baldwin	73.57	73.43	70.71
Eric Deutsch	76.80	76.80	76.40
Scott Gustafson	73.14	72.71	72.71
Cole Isban	74.43	72.43	73.14
Mike King	74.00	76.00	77.17
Eddie Peckels	74.00	70.00	76.00
Greg Rodgers	76.20	77.40	76.60
<b>TEAM AVERAGES</b>	<b>295.57</b>	<b>293.00</b>	<b>292.29</b>

### EVEN & UNDER PAR ROUNDS

Name	Under	Even	Total
Mark Baldwin	8 (3)	4	12
Cole Isban	7 (4)	2	9
Scott Gustafson	5 (2)	3	8
Mike King	3 (1)	0	3
Eddie Peckels	1	0	1
<b>TEAM SCORES</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>

(figure in parentheses indicates rounds in 60s)

### UPDATED CAREER STATISTICS (sorted by stroke average)

Name	Tourn.	Rds.	Str.	Avg.	18	54	Top 5	Top 10	Best Finish (Event)
Cole Isban	31	91	6,768	74.37	68	210	5	10	T-1st ('05 Shoal Creek Intercollegiate)
Eddie Peckels	6	17	1,275	75.00	70	215	0	1	T-7th ('04 Yestingsmeier Invitational)
Scott Gustafson	41	118	8,859	75.08	67	210	5	9	T-2nd ('03 BIG EAST Championship)
Mark Baldwin	38	109	8,195	75.18	63	210	5	7	1st ('05 TCU dual/'05 BIG EAST)
Tommy Balderston	26	75	5,680	75.73	67	213	5	6	1st ('04 John Dallio Invitational)
Mike King	15	42	3,185	75.83	68	214	0	3	T-7th ('04 BGSU John Piper)
Adam Gifford	6	17	1,293	76.06	72	222	0	2	T-8th ('05 TCU dual match)
Eric Deutsch	36	103	7,870	76.41	68	213	2	4	T-3rd ('05 BIG EAST Championship)
Greg Rodgers	15	44	3,374	76.68	69	216	0	0	T-14th ('05 Irish Spring Invitational)
Shane Sigsbee	17	42	3,242	77.19	68	212	4	4	T-2nd ('04 Yestingsmeier/'05 Hackler)

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## 2005-06 TOURNAMENT RESULTS

### GOPHER INVITATIONAL

September 17-18 • Spring Hill Golf Club (Wayzata, Minn.)  
Par 72 • 7,020 yards

**Notre Dame 309-297-287=893 (+29) (5th of 12)**

Scott Gustafson	73-73-72=218	+2	T-6th (66)
Mark Baldwin	76-72-71=219	+3	T-10th
Cole Isban	80-74-70=224	+8	T-22nd
Eric Deutsch	<u>81</u> -78-74=233	+17	T-42nd
Mike King	80- <u>81</u> - <u>81</u> =242	+26	T-58th

### SHOAL CREEK INTERCOLLEGIATE

September 26-27 • Shoal Creek Golf Club (Birmingham, Ala.)  
Par 72 • 7,114 yards

**Notre Dame 291-288-293=872 (+8) (6th of 15)**

Cole Isban	69-69-72=210	-6	T-1st^ (75)
Mark Baldwin	73-72-73=218	+2	T-14th
Eric Deutsch	74-73- <u>75</u> =222	+6	T-32nd
Scott Gustafson	75-74-74=223	+7	T-38th
Greg Rodgers	<u>76</u> - <u>79</u> -74=229	+13	T-57th

^ - eliminated on first hole of three-man playoff

### COCA-COLA DUKE CLASSIC

October 9-10 • Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club (Durham, N.C.)  
Par 72 • 7,045 yards

**Notre Dame 291-286-288=865 (+1) (6th of 15)**

Mark Baldwin	70-72-68=210	-6	T-6th (81)
Scott Gustafson	70-69-72=211	-5	T-8th
Cole Isban	76-71-74=221	+5	T-37th
Greg Rodgers	76-74-74=224	+8	T-54th
Eric Deutsch	75- <u>77</u> - <u>80</u> =232	+16	T-79th

### THE PRESTIGE AT PGA WEST

October 17-18 • Greg Norman Course/PGA WEST (La Quinta, Calif.)  
Par 72 • 7,156 yards

**Notre Dame 296-298-286=880 (+16) (T-5th of 18)**

Scott Gustafson	75-72-67=214	-2	T-3rd (90)
Cole Isban	<u>76</u> -73-68=217	+1	T-11th
Mike King	71-78-77=226	+10	T-44th
Greg Rodgers	75-75-77=227	+11	T-50th
Eric Deutsch	75- <u>80</u> -74=229	+13	T-59th

### CORDEVALLE COLLEGIATE

Oct. 31-Nov. 1 • CordeValle Golf Club (San Martin, Calif.)  
Par 72 • 7,119 yards

**Notre Dame DQ (16th of 16)**

Eddie Peckels	74-70-76=220	+4	T-34th (77)
Mike King	68-78-77=223	+7	T-45th
Mark Baldwin	78-75-71=224	+8	T-47th
Scott Gustafson	DQ	DQ <sup>1</sup>	
Cole Isban	DQ	DQ <sup>1</sup>	

1 - players disqualified themselves after learning they played incorrect ball in first round

### LEXUS NAPLES INTERCOLLEGIATE INVITATIONAL

Feb. 27-28 • Hammock Bay Golf & Country Club (Naples, Fla.)  
Par 72 • 6,912 yards

**Notre Dame 293-289-290=872 (+8) (5th of 13)**

Mark Baldwin	72-69-69=210	-6	T-4th (60)
Cole Isban	73-69-71=213	-3	T-10th
Mike King	74-75-75=224	+8	T-29th
Scott Gustafson	74- <u>77</u> -75=226	+10	T-36th
Greg Rodgers	<u>78</u> -76- <u>77</u> =231	+15	T-45th

### GENERAL JIM HACKLER INVITATIONAL

March 12-13 • TPC of Myrtle Beach (Murrells Inlet, S.C.)  
Par 72 • 6,950 yards

**Notre Dame 296-297-303=896 (+32) (T-11th of 15)**

Scott Gustafson	70-70-75=215	-1	T-5th (81)
Mark Baldwin	75-79-70=224	+8	T-27th
Mike King	76-73-79=228	+12	T-46th
Cole Isban	75-75-79=229	+13	T-52nd
Greg Rodgers	76- <u>83</u> - <u>81</u> =240	+24	77th

### BORDER OLYMPICS

March 17-18 • Laredo Country Club (Laredo, Texas)  
Par 72 • 7,241 yards

**Notre Dame 293-296-299=888 (+24) (8th of 16)**

Mark Baldwin	71-75-73=219	+3	T-17th (84)
Mike King	75-71-74=220	+4	T-21st
Scott Gustafson	75-74-74=223	+7	T-36th
Cole Isban	72-76-78=226	+10	T-51st
Eric Deutsch	<u>79</u> -76- <u>79</u> =234	+18	T-71st

*NOTE: underlined rounds not counted to team total*



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## 2005-06 INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

### Tommy Balderston (Sr., Boca Raton, Fla.)

No tournaments to date

### Mark Baldwin (Sr., Laconia, N.H.)

Gopher Invitational	76-72-71=219	+3	T-10th
Shoal Creek Intercol.	73-72-73=218	+2	T-14th
Coca-Cola Duke Classic	70-72-68=210	-6	T-6th
CordeValle Collegiate	78-75-71=224	+8	T-47th
Lexus Naples Intercol.	72-69-69=210	-6	T-4th
Gen. Jim Hackler Inv.	75-79-70=224	+8	T-27th
Border Olympics	71-75-73=219	+3	T-17th

### Eric Deutsch (Sr., Rochester, Minn.)

Gopher Invitational	81-78-74=233	+17	T-42nd
Shoal Creek Intercol.	74-73-75=222	+6	T-32nd
Coca-Cola Duke Classic	75-77-80=232	+16	T-79th
Prestige at PGA WEST	75-80-74=229	+13	T-59th
Border Olympics	79-76-79=234	+18	T-71st

### Adam Gifford (Jr., Plymouth, Ind.)

No tournaments to date

### Scott Gustafson (Sr., Eden Prairie, Minn.)

Gopher Invitational	73-73-72=218	+2	T-6th
Shoal Creek Intercol.	75-74-74=223	+7	T-38th
Coca-Cola Duke Classic	70-69-72=211	-5	T-8th
Prestige at PGA WEST	75-72-67=214	-2	T-3rd
CordeValle Collegiate	DQ	DQ <sup>1</sup>	
Lexus Naples Intercol.	74-77-75=226	+10	T-36th
Gen. Jim Hackler Inv.	70-70-75=215	-1	T-5th
Border Olympics	75-74-74=223	+7	T-36th

### Cole Isban (Jr., South Bend, Ind.)

Gopher Invitational	80-74-70=224	+8	T-22nd
Shoal Creek Intercol.	69-69-72=210	-6	T-1st <sup>^</sup>
Coca-Cola Duke Classic	76-71-74=221	+5	T-37th
Prestige at PGA WEST	76-73-68=217	+1	T-11th
CordeValle Collegiate	DQ	DQ <sup>1</sup>	
Lexus Naples Intercol.	73-69-71=213	-3	T-10th
Gen. Jim Hackler Inv.	75-75-79=229	+13	T-52nd
Border Olympics	72-76-78=226	+10	T-51st

### Mike King (So., Sidney, Ohio)

Gopher Invitational	80-81-81=242	+26	T-58th
Prestige at PGA WEST	71-78-77=226	+10	T-44th
CordeValle Collegiate	68-78-77=223	+7	T-45th
Lexus Naples Intercol.	74-75-75=224	+8	T-29th
Gen. Jim Hackler Inv.	76-73-79=228	+12	T-46th
Border Olympics	75-71-74=220	+4	T-21st

### Eddie Peckels (So., Pinehurst, N.C.)

CordeValle Collegiate	74-70-76=220	+4	T-34th
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### Greg Rodgers (So., Phoenix, Md.)

Shoal Creek Intercol.	76-79-74=229	+13	T-57th
Coca-Cola Duke Classic	76-74-74=224	+8	T-54th
Prestige at PGA WEST	75-75-77=227	+11	T-50th
Lexus Naples Intercol.	78-76-77=231	+15	T-45th
Gen. Jim Hackler Inv.	76-83-81=240	+24	77th

### Shane Sigsbee (Jr., McKinney, Texas)

No tournaments to date

<sup>^</sup> - eliminated on first hole of three-man playoff

<sup>1</sup> - players disqualified themselves after playing incorrect ball in first round

NOTE: underlined rounds not counted to team total

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## 2005-06 vs. OPPONENTS (55-54-2)

(21) Alabama.....	1-0
UAB (Alabama-Birmingham) .....	1-1
(38) Arizona.....	0-1
Arkansas.....	0-2
Arkansas-Little Rock .....	1-0
(48) Augusta State .....	0-1
(8) Baylor .....	0-2
Birmingham Southern .....	1-0
(7) BYU .....	0-1
California .....	1-1
UCF (Central Florida).....	1-1
(25) Charlotte.....	0-1
(24) Coastal Carolina .....	0-2
(49) Colorado.....	1-0
(17) Duke .....	0-1
(11) East Tennessee State .....	0-2
(3) Florida.....	1-0
<i>Florida Gulf Coast.....</i>	<i>1-0</i>
<i>Florida Southern.....</i>	<i>1-0</i>
(40) Florida State .....	1-2
Georgia Southern .....	1-0
(10) Georgia State.....	0-2
(42) Houston.....	0-1
*Indiana.....	1-0
*Illinois .....	1-1
Illinois State .....	0-1
Kansas.....	1-0
Kansas State .....	0-1
(36) Lamar.....	0-1
Louisiana-Lafayette .....	1-0
(47) LSU.....	0-1
Memphis.....	1-1
*Michigan State .....	2-0
(23) *Minnesota.....	0-2
Navy .....	1-0
New Mexico State .....	0-1
(16) North Carolina .....	1-1
UNC Greensboro.....	1-0
UNC Wilmington.....	2-0-1
(27) North Carolina State .....	2-0
Northern Colorado .....	1-0
North Florida.....	1-1
North Texas .....	1-0
(26) *Northwestern.....	0-2
*Ohio State .....	3-0
Oregon.....	1-0
Pacific.....	1-0
(20) Pepperdine .....	0-2-1
Portland.....	1-0

### IRISH IN THE POLLS

#### TEAM

National (GCAA/Bridgestone - March 16) ...	t-44th
National ( <i>Golfweek/Sagarin</i> - March 26) .....	56th
National (Golfstat - March 21) .....	61st

#### INDIVIDUAL (*Golfweek/Sagarin* - March 26)

Mark Baldwin.....	78th
Scott Gustafson .....	92nd

(41) *Purdue.....	0-1
Rhode Island .....	1-0
Rice .....	0-1
Saint Mary's (Calif.).....	1-0
South Alabama.....	1-0
Southeastern Louisiana.....	1-0
(32) Southern California (USC) .....	0-1
(35) SMU.....	2-0
Stanford.....	2-1
(12) Tennessee.....	0-1
(29) Texas .....	1-1
Texas-Arlington.....	0-1
Texas-El Paso (UTEP).....	1-0
Texas State.....	1-0
(19) Texas Tech .....	0-1
*Toledo.....	2-0
UC Davis .....	1-1
UC Irvine.....	0-1
(5) UCLA .....	0-2
UC Santa Barbara .....	1-0
Virginia.....	1-2
Virginia Tech .....	1-1
(34) Wake Forest.....	0-1
(31) Washington.....	0-2
Washington State .....	1-0
*Wisconsin.....	1-0
Yale.....	1-0
<b>OVERALL RECORD .....</b>	<b>55-54-2 (.505)</b>
<b>VS. DIVISION I OPPONENTS .....</b>	<b>53-54-2 (.495)</b>
<b>VS. MIDWEST DISTRICT TEAMS .....</b>	<b>10-6-0 (.625)</b>

*SCHEDULE NOTES: Schools listed in italics are non-NCAA Division I institutions ... 15 team losses due to disqualification @ CordeValle*

\* - Midwest District team

(x) - *Golfweek/Sagarin* Performance Index ranking (March 26)