

## NOTRE DAME MEN'S FENCING STAKES CLAIM TO #1 WITH 15-12 WIN OVER PENN STATE #2 Irish men go 5-0, push winning streak to 70; #2 ND women (4-1) drop 16-11 bout to #1 PSU.

**NOTRE DAME, Ind.** (2/1/03) – The second-ranked Notre Dame men's fencing team – sparked by noteworthy upset wins from sophomore foilist **Derek Snyder**, senior sabre **Matt Fabricant** and junior sabre **Brian Dosal** – laid its claim to the nation's top ranking with a 15-12 victory over No. 1 Penn State, during Saturday's first rounds of competition at the Notre Dame Duals. The tournament concludes with 11 total matches on Sunday (three for the Irish), starting at 8:00 a.m.

The Notre Dame men – who ascended to the No. 1 ranking in 2001 and 2002 (both after wins over then-top-ranked St. John's) – posted four other wins on Saturday while extending the program's third-longest winning streak to 70 regular-season matches, dating back to early in the 2000 season. The Irish won six of nine bouts vs. defending NCAA champion Penn State in both epee and sabre while PSU posted a 6-3 edge in the foil bouts.

The second-ranked Notre Dame women dropped a 16-11 decision to top-ranked Penn State but the Irish women posted four wins, including 19-8 vs. #7 Northwestern.

The Irish men won eight of the 10 two-touch bouts vs. the Nittany Lions, including Snyder's nip-and-tuck victory over defending NCAA champion Nonpatat Panchan (5-4) and Fabricant's win by the same score versus two-time All-American Amir Rahimi. Dosal added a key 5-3 win over highly-touted freshman Marten Zagunis.

A pair of overtime wins in the epee competition helped provide the winning margin, as sophomore **Michal Sobieraj** (Krakow, Poland) registered an early 5-4 win over Ethan Muri followed by senior **Jan Viviani's** 5-4 OT win over Ryan Wangner (Sobieraj and Wangner had won the coin flips for OT priority and would have been declared winners if the one-minute OT ended without a touch).

The Notre Dame women won six of nine foil bouts vs. PSU but a 7-2 edge in sabre ultimately gave the Nittany Lions the 16-11 win (PSU also held a narrow 54 epee edge). The Irish women then recovered for a convincing win over their Midwest rival Northwestern, dominating in the foil (8-1) and epee (7-2) bouts.

The Air Force men's epee squad – led by three-time All-American Seth Kelsey – posted impressive wins over Penn State (7-2) and Notre Dame (6-3; with Kelsey edging Viviani and Sobieraj in 5-4 bouts) – but the Irish men rallied to the 15-12 win over the Falcons thanks to a 5-4 edge in foil and 7-2 in sabre (the women posted a 21-6 win over Air Force).

Notre Dame swept all six weapons vs. UC San Diego (25-2 overall win for the ND women, 18-9 for the men) and Detroit (24-3 women, 24-3 men), with the men adding a 19-8 win over Northwestern.

The win over Penn State included 3-0 epee records from Viviani and Sobieraj while senior foilist Ozren Debic and all three sabres – Fabricant, Dosal and senior Gabor Szelle – each went 2-1. In addition to the five bouts mentioned above, noteworthy wins over PSU included Debic over All-American Ian Schlaepfer (5-4), Sobieraj's 5-4 battle with his countryman and All-American Adam Wiercioch, Viviani's 5-2 win over Wiercioch and Szelle's tight decision vs. Zagunis (5-4).

Sophomore women's foilist **Alicja Kryczalo** won her first eight bouts of the day before seeing her collegiate winning streak snapped at 48 matches, in a 5-3 bout vs. recently-added Penn State newcomer and Germany native Anna Donath. Kryczalo – whose streak included her final six bouts at the 2002 Midwest Regional, a 25-0 record at the '02 NAAs and 9-0 showing at last week's OSU Duals – went on to compile a 12-1 record for the day, yielding a 60-3 career record with the Irish in regular-season bouts (115-4 overall in her ND career).

Kryczalo led a dominating 38-7 day for the women's foil squad, with sophomore **Andrea Ament** (11-1; 48-5 career) and senior captain **Liza Boutsikaris** (8-3) also playing key roles in the women's foil bouts. Junior captain **Destanie Milo** returned to action after missing last week's OSU Duals due to illness, with Milo posting a 12-3 record to lead a women's sabre squad that won 31 of its 45 bouts (her classmate **Maggie Jordan** went 11-3).

Sabre posed the biggest question mark heading into 2003 but the Irish men (35-10) and women's sabre teams combined for 65 wins in Saturday's action, the best combined showing by any weapon.

Other top overall records for the day included one-loss marks by veterans Szelle (11-1), Fabricant (11-0) and Debic (9-1) and the emerging Sobieraj (11-1, now 48-2 in his ND career), plus Viviani's 10-2 record.

See PDF for complete Day-1 results and for listings of the the ND-PSU matchups bout-by-bout.

**OTHER BOUTS OF NOTE:** Senior epee captain **Anna Carnick** beat PSU's Jessica Burke (the 2000 NCAA champion) in a 54 overtime bout (Burke had the OT priority) ... Carnick also bested Air Force 2001 All-America Elia Burrill (5-0) ... **Milo** posted a 5-2 win over AFA's Andrea Rix (a 2002 NCAA competitor) while Debic (5-0) and senior **Forest Walton** (5-4) both posted wins over AFA's Chris Jones (a 2000 NCAA entrant) ... **Kryczalo** registered a 5-0 win over Northwestern All-America Julia Foldi while Milo (5-2) and **Jordan** (5-3) each bested Wildcats All-American Lauren Dunn.

**RECORD BOOK UPDATE:** Szelle (156-11) jumped from 17th to 9th on the ND list for career wins (among all weapons), with Viviani (139-17) moving from 27th to 19th on that list, Debic (136-8) from 31st to 24th and Fabricant (113-19) from 44th to 35th ... Szelle now ranks 5th in ND men's sabre wins, just one behind '85 grad. Mike Janis ... Debic cracked the ND top-10 list for career men's foil wins ... Carnick (163-40, including 9-3 on Saturday) climbed from 14th to 10th on the ND list for career women's fencing wins (all weapons), senior epeeist Meagan Call (151-50, 7-5 on Saturday) moved from 19th to 16th and Boutsikaris (148-33) from 22nd to 18th ... Carnick also moved past Ashley Shannon ('94-'96) into 6th on the ND list for women's epee wins, just four behind Magda Krol ('97-'99) and seven shy of Colleen Smerek ('95, '97).

### **2003 NOTRE DAME DUALS - MEN'S SCORES (DAY 1)**

#### **ROUND ONE**

##### **Notre Dame 18**

Air Force 20  
Penn State 24  
Ohio State 18  
Detroit 17

##### **UC San Diego 9**

Northwestern 7  
Wayne State 3  
Cal State Fullerton 9  
Lawrence 9

#### **ROUND TWO**

##### **Notre Dame 15**

Penn State 19  
Cal State Fullerton 19  
Ohio State 27  
UC San Diego 26

##### **Air Force 12**

Northwestern 8  
Wayne State 8  
Lawrence 0  
Detroit 1

#### **ROUND THREE**

##### **Notre Dame 15**

Air Force 14  
UC San Diego 19  
Ohio State 26

##### **Penn State 12**

Cal State Fullerton 13  
Wayne State 8  
Detroit 1

#### **ROUND FOUR**

##### **Notre Dame 24**

Penn State 16  
Cal State Fullerton 18  
Ohio State 24

##### **Detroit 3**

Air Force 11  
Northwestern 9  
UC San Diego 3

#### **ROUND FIVE**

##### **Notre Dame 19**

Air Force 20  
Penn State 22  
Cal State Fullerton 17  
UC San Diego 24  
Penn State 18  
Ohio State 16

##### **Northwestern 8**

Wayne State 7  
Ohio State 5  
Detroit 1  
Lawrence 3  
Cal State Fullerton 9  
Air Force 11

### **2003 NOTRE DAME DUALS - WOMEN'S SCORES (DAY 1)**

#### **ROUND ONE**

##### **Notre Dame 25**

Northwestern 18  
Penn State 21  
Ohio State 16  
Detroit 25

##### **UC San Diego 2**

Air Force 9  
Wayne State 6  
Cal State Fullerton 11  
Lawrence 2

#### **ROUND TWO**

##### **Notre Dame 21**

Penn State 17  
Cal State Fullerton 15  
Ohio State 18  
Detroit 14

##### **Air Force 6**

Northwestern 10  
Wayne State 12  
Lawrence 3  
UC San Diego 13

#### **ROUND THREE**

##### **Penn State 16**

Air Force 18  
Wayne State 18  
Ohio State 17

##### **Notre Dame 11**

Cal State Fullerton 9  
UC San Diego 9  
Detroit 10

#### **ROUND FOUR**

##### **Notre Dame 24**

Penn State 23  
Northwestern 20  
Ohio State 14

##### **Detroit 3**

Air Force 4  
Cal State Fullerton 7  
UC San Diego 13

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### **Notre Dame Men's Fencing vs. Penn State – Bout-By-Bout (Feb. 1, 2003; Joyce Center)**

S Szelle beat Jacobson 5-3	ND 1-0	
E Sobieraj beat Muri 5-4 (OT)	ND 2-0	
F Debic beat Schlaepfer 5-4	ND 3-0	
S Zagunis beat Fabricant 5-3	ND 3-1	
E Viviani beat R. Wangner 5-4 (OT)	ND 4-1	
F Miller beat F. Walton 5-3	ND 4-2	
E Wiercioch beat Carey 5-0	ND 4-3	
S Rahimi beat Dosal 5-0	Tied 4-4	
F Snyder beat Panchan 5-4	ND 5-4	
E Viviani beat Muri 5-1	ND 6-4	
S Fabricant beat Jacobson 5-3	ND 7-4	
E Sobieraj beat Wiercioch 5-4	ND 8-4	
S Rahimi beat Szelle 5-4	ND 8-5	
S Dosal beat Zagunis 5-3	ND 9-5	
E R. Wangner beat Carey 5-0	ND 9-6	
F Schlaepfer beat F. Walton 5-2	ND 9-7	
S Fabricant beat Rahimi 5-4	ND 10-7	
E Viviani beat Wiercioch 5-2	ND 11-7	
F Panchan beat Debic 5-2	ND 11-8	
S Dosal beat Jacobson 5-3	ND 12-8	
E Muri beat Carey 12-9	ND 12-9	
S Szelle beat Zagunis 5-4	ND 13-9	Sabre complete ND 6-3
F Miller beat Snyder 5-0	ND 13-10	
E Sobieraj beat R. Wangner 5-3	ND 14-10	Epee complete ND 6-3
F Panchan beat F. Walton 5-0	ND 14-11	
F Schlaepfer beat Snyder 5-4	ND 14-12	
F Debic beat Miller 5-4	ND 15-12	Foil complete PSU 3-6

**Notre Dame Women Fencing vs. Penn State – Bout-By-Bout (Feb. 1, 2003; Joyce Center)**

E Trzopek beat K. Walton 5-2	PSU 1-0
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E Burke beat Call 5-4	PSU 2-0	
E Carnick beat L Wangner 5-4	PSU 1-2	
E Trzopek beat Call 4-0	PSU 1-3	
E K. Walton beat L. Wangner 5-3	PSU 2-3	
E Carnick beat Burke 5-4 (OT)	Tied 3-3	
E Call beat L. Wangner 5-2	ND 4-3	
E Trzopek beat Carnick 5-3	Tied 4-4	
E Burke beat K. Walton 5-3	PSU 5-4	Epee complete PSU 5-4
S O'Neill beat Milo 5-1	PSU 6-4	
S Brosnan beat Davis 5-2	PSU 7-4	
S Steyer beat Jordan 5-4 (down 4-1)	PSU 8-4	
S O'Neill beat Davis 5-2	PSU 9-4	
S Milo beat Steyer 5-3	PSU 9-5	
S Brosnan beat Jordan 5-0	PSU 10-5	
S Steyer beat Davis 5-4	PSU 11-5	
F Kryczalo beat Chin 5-1	PSU 11-6	
S Jordan beat O'Neill 5-2	PSU 11-7	
S Brosnan beat Milo 5-1	PSU 12-7	Sabre complete PSU 7-2
F Donath beat Boutsikaris 5-0	PSU 13-7	
F Ament beat Smith 5-0	PSU 13-8	
F Kryzcalo beat Smith 5-1	PSU 13-9	
F Chin beat Boutsikaris 5-4	PSU 14-9	
F Kryczalo beat Smith 5-1	PSU 14-10	
F Boutsikaris beat Smith 5-1	PSU 14-11	
F Ament beat Donath 5-0	PSU 14-12	
F Chin beat Ament 5-4	PSU 15-11	
F Donath beat Kryczalo 5-3	PSU 16-11	Foil complete ND 5-4