

Central Collegiate Championships Provide Development Opportunities for Irish

2001 Schedule

SEPTEMBER

7 Sat. Valparaiso Invitational M-1st
Valparaiso, Ind. W-2nd

21 Fri. National Catholic M-1st
Notre Dame, Ind. W-2nd

29 Sat. Central Collegiates 10:00 am
Kalamazoo, MI

OCTOBER

5 Fri. Notre Dame Invitational 4:15 pm
Notre Dame, Ind.

.13 Sat. Pre-National Meet TBA
Greenville, SC

26 Fri. BIG EAST Championships TBA
Van Cortland Park, NY

NOVEMBER

10 Sat. NCAA Great Lakes Region TBA
Terre Haute, Ind.

19 Mon. NCAA Championships TBA
Greenville, SC

All home meets run at the N.D. Golf Course
All times local to site

2001 MONDO Men's Cross Country Poll Sept. 24, 2001

Rank	Team	Region	Points	Prev.
1.	Colorado (14)	MT	398	1
2.	Stanford (1)	W	377	2
3.	Arkansas (1)	SC	362	3
4.	Notre Dame	GL	343	5
5.	Providence	NE	327	4
6.	Wisconsin	GL	318	6
7.	Villanova	NE	310	7
8.	NC State	SE	299	11
9.	N. Arizona	MT	264	8
10.	Georgetown	NE	222	10
11.	William & Mary	W	216	12
12.	Arizona	MT	215	9
13.	Portland	W	185	17
14.	Michigan	GL	173	19
15.	BYU	W	170	15
16.	Oregon	W	160	13
17.	Iona State	W	148	14
18.	Weber State	MA	125	18
19.	Indiana	GL	120	16
20.	Minnesota	GL	80	10
21.	Alabama	S	78	22
22.	Arizona St.	MT	66	21
23.	Wake Forest	SE	63	23
24.	E. Michigan	GL	41	--
25.	Air Force	MA	39	24

Central Collegiate Preview: The Irish will use the Central Collegiate Championships this weekend to give their top runners a rest, while the other harriers on the roster get a chance to move into the top eight on the team going into the championship meet season.

The Central Collegiates, hosted by Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Mich., will feature the Notre Dame men's "B" team, as the top six runners on the nationally fourth ranked team will take the weekend off. All-Americans **Ryan Shay** and **Luke Watson**, who combined with sophomore **Todd Mobley** to take the first three spots in last weekend's National Catholic Invitational and lead the team to an overall victory, will rest this weekend, as will other top runners seniors **Pat Conway** and **Marc Striowski**, and sophomores **David Alber** and **Brian Kerwin**.

Resting these top runners will allow some of the more inexperienced Irish to test their legs in a varsity race, and will help the team solidify the important seventh and eighth man spots.

Sophomore **Brian Kerwin**, who has run with the varsity team for both of this year's races and placed 11th in last weekend's National Catholic Championships, will be expected to lead the Irish, as will sophomore **Mario Bird**, who placed 16th last weekend.

Other Irish runners, such as freshman **Sean O'Donnell**, who was the runner up in last weekend's junior varsity race, and **Tom Weiler**, fifth in the same race, are possible contenders for these seven and eight man spots.

For the Irish women, this weekend's

meet will likewise provide a chance for some top runners to rest and others to take on the varsity spots.

Coming off of a successful National Collegiate Championships last weekend, placing second of second of 26 teams, the women look to gain experience and strength this weekend for the Notre Dame Invitational the following week.

Junior **Jen Handley**, who finished first last weekend, along with sophomore **Megan Johnson**, third at the National Catholic Championships, and freshman **Kristi Arnerich**, who has placed well for the Irish in both of this season's meets, continue to lead the Irish, and look to improve upon the team's already strong meet showings.

National Catholic Invitational Men's Overall Finishers

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| 1. Ryan Shay | Notre Dame |
| 2. Luke Watson | Notre Dame |
| 3. Todd Mobley | Notre Dame |
| 4. Joe Herrington | Marquette |
| 5. Marc Striowski | Notre Dame |
| 6. Chris Brichall | DePaul |
| 7. Chris McPhee | Detroit Mercy |
| 8. Pat Conway | Notre Dame |
| 9. Marcus Murphy | Loras College |
| 10. Luke Kunze | Marquette |

Other Notre Dame finishers: Brian Kerwin (11); Mario Bird (16)

National Catholic Invitational Women's Overall Finishers

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| 1. Jennifer Handley | Notre Dame |
| 2. Brianna Dahm | Marquette |
| 3. Megan Johnson | Notre Dame |
| 4. Bethany Harry | Marquette |
| 5. Kerry Hils | Xavier |
| 6. Jennifer Scheerer | Bellarmine |
| 7. Jessie Swan | Marquette |
| 8. Kim Hemstreet | Detroit Mercy |
| 9. Susan Barth | Marquette |
| 10. Ruthie Cook | Detroit Mercy |

Other Notre Dame finishers: Jennifer Fibuch (11); Muffy Schmidt (12); Christi Arnerich (19); Julia Schmidt (20); Emily Showman (29); Megan Peterson (40).