

2004- 05 NOTRE DAME ROWING

Notre Dame Faces Tough Weekend Of Competition As Irish Look To Defend BIG EAST Title



NOTRE DAME SET FOR TWO EVENTS THIS WEEKEND IN NEW ENGLAND:

Notre Dame will travel to Massachusetts this weekend for two regattas this weekend ... The Irish will be in Boston, Mass., on Saturday, April 23 when they face Harvard and Yale in a tri-regatta ... The following day (Sunday, April 24), Notre Dame will look to defend its title at the 2005 BIG EAST Rowing Championship in Worcester, Mass. ... The fifth annual event is set to take place at Lake Quinsigamond — a 2,000 - meter rowing course located at Regatta Point State Park — and begins at 8:40 a.m.

THE BIG EAST SCHEDULE:

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| 8:40 a.m. | Novice Eight | Heat |
| 8:50 a.m. | Novice Eight | Heat |
| 9:00 a.m. | Varsity Four | Heat |
| 9:10 a.m. | Varsity Four | Heat |
| 9:20 a.m. | Second Varsity Four | Heat |
| 9:30 a.m. | Second Varsity Four | Heat |
| 9:40 a.m. | Varsity Eight | Heat |
| 9:50 a.m. | Varsity Eight | Heat |
| 12:30 p.m. | Second Varsity Four | FINAL |
| 12:40 p.m. | Novice Four | FINAL |
| 12:50 a.m. | Novice Eight | FINAL |
| 1:00 p.m. | Varsity Four Petite | FINAL |
| 1:10 p.m. | Varsity Four Grand | FINAL |
| 1:30 p.m. | Second Varsity Eight Petite | FINAL |
| 1:40 p.m. | Second Varsity Eight Grand | FINAL |
| 2:00 p.m. | Varsity Eight Petite | FINAL |
| 2:10 p.m. | Varsity Eight Grand | FINAL |

WEEKEND LINEUPS:

Here are the boating lineups for this weekend's competitions:

Varsity Eight: Maureen Gibbons (c), Jessica Guzik, Kathleen Chenoweth, Amanda Polk, Mary Quinn, Allison Marsh, Sarah Palandech, Rachel Polinski and Melissa Felker

Second Varsity Eight: Maria Romano (c), Meredith Thornburgh, Ankica Jedry, Elizabeth Specht, Alyssa Close, Devon Hegeman, Andrea Doud, Pamela Jefson and Sarah Kate Hafner

Varsity Four: Caitlin Rackish (c), Shannon Mohan, Kati Sedun, Casey Fairbanks and Brittany Burnham

Second Varsity Four: Shannan Lettieri, Shannon Cassel, Danielle Stealy, Ashley St. Pierre and Tricia Hale

Novice Eight: Christine Padayhag (c), Julie Sobolewski, Lindsay McQuid, Betsy Madison, Laura Pearson, Carolyn Sarb, Kathleen Linzmeier, Colleen McGue and Megan Marshall

Novice Four: Ko-Un Park (c), Christine Burke, Mary McNamara, Amy Vereecke and Colleen Beeler

SEVEN YEARS YOUNG:

The Notre Dame program is in its seventh season of competition at the varsity level ... It was granted varsity status in 1996 and then competed in its first regatta in the fall of 1998 ... The Irish claimed the BIG EAST Rowing Challenge title in 2004 after three consecutive runner-up finishes ... The Irish varsity eight crew also earned an at-large berth in the NCAA Championships for the second time in school history and placed 11th ... Notre Dame also was 16th in the final US Rowing/CRCA poll.

HEAD COACH MARTIN STONE:

Martin Stone has been the only coach the Notre Dame rowing program has known ... He was named head coach on October 29, 1997 after five years as head coach at the United States Naval Academy ... Stone has guided the Irish varsity eight to two NCAA appearances — 2002 (finished 16th) and 2004 (finished 11th) ... Last season, he was selected BIG EAST Coach of the Year after leading the Irish to their first-ever team title at the 2004 BIG EAST Rowing Challenge.

THE CAPTAINS:

Senior coxswain Maureen Gibbons (Langhorne, Pa.) and senior stroke Meredith Thornburgh (Indianapolis, Ind.) will serve as captains for the 2004-05 campaign ... Gibbons was a member of the Irish varsity eight crew which won the BIG EAST title and earned an at-large berth in the NCAA Championships in 2004 ... Thornburgh rowed in the first varsity four boat that won the gold medal in that event last season.

US Rowing/CRCA Poll (April 20)

| | <u>Points</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Princeton (21) | 434 |
| 2. California | 402 |
| 3. Michigan | 391 |
| 4. Harvard | 361 |
| 5. Ohio State | 359 |
| 6. Michigan State | 318 |
| 7. Brown | 312 |
| 8. Yale | 311 |
| 9. Stanford | 242 |
| 10. Virginia | 233 |
| 11. Washington | 204 |
| 12. Southern California | 187 |
| 13. Tennessee | 167 |
| 14. UCLA | 146 |
| 15. Wisconsin | 139 |
| 16. Boston University | 113 |
| 17. Washington State | 106 |
| 18. Syracuse | 104 |
| 19. Minnesota | 30 |
| 20. Iowa | NR |

Receiving Votes: Pennsylvania, Louisville, Cornell, Duke, Columbia, Oregon State

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Freshman Amanda Polk (Pittsburgh, Pa.) was a member of the United States Rowing Junior National Team in the summer of 2004 that competed at the FISA Senior and Junior World Rowing Championships in Banyoles, Spain ... She was a member of the junior women's eight crew that won the B final to earn a seventh-place finish overall in the event.

IRISH LOOK TO DEFEND BIG EAST CROWN:

Notre Dame captured the 2004 BIG EAST title in the fourth annual event a year ago after three consecutive runner-up finishes in 2001, 2002 and 2003 ... The Irish won four of five races to claim their first-ever crown ... Notre Dame captured the varsity eight, second varsity eight, varsity four and second varsity varsity four races and finished third in the novice eight race ... In a non-scoring race, Notre Dame's novice four boat finished first ... Martin Stone was named Coach of the Year.

2004 BIG EAST Final Team Standings

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|-------------------|-----|
| 1. Notre Dame | 116 |
| 2. Miami | 92 |
| 3. Syracuse | 82 |
| 4. Rutgers | 74 |
| 5. Georgetown | 73 |
| 6. Boston College | 70 |
| 7. Connecticut | 46 |
| 8. Villanova | 40 |
| 9. West Virginia | 31 |

NEXT UP FOR THE IRISH:

Notre Dame will row at the South/Central Regional Championships Saturday-Sunday, May 14-15 in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

2004 Fall Results

Head of the Rock October 10, 2004 (Rockford, Ill.)

Open Eight (39 entries)

1. Wisconsin - 17:04.89; 2. Minnesota - 17:18.06; 3. NOTRE DAME A (Romano (c), Mohan, Polk, Quinn, Specht, Fairbanks, Hegeman, Redgate, Jefson) - 16:01.24; 4. Wisconsin - 16:03.00; 5. Minnesota - 16:06.70; 6. NOTRE DAME B (Gibbons (c), Thornburgh, Chenoweth, Felker, Polinski, Marsh, Hafner, Sedun, Doud) - 16:15.02; 7. Minnesota - 16:18.82; 8. Purdue - 16:20.31; 9. Iowa - 16:30.71; 10. NOTRE DAME C (Froehlke (c), Guzik, Jedry, McQuaid, St. Pierre, McCotter, Henkel, Glass, Hale) - 16:30.87; 11. Kansas - 16:31.81; 12. Wisconsin - 16:32.67; 13. Creighton - 16:32.97; 14. Wisconsin - 16:35.46; 15. Eastern Michigan - 16:39.00; 16. Eastern Michigan - 16:45.01; 17. Purdue - 16:45.52; 18. NOTRE DAME D (Lettieri (c), Potts, Stealy, Close, Burnham, Cassel, Shaw, Chidsey, Klingaman) - 16:47.56; 32. NOTRE DAME E (Rackish (c), O'Brien, Shin, Linzmeier, S. Redgate, Castro-Larsen, Sobolewski, Brenner, McNamara) - 18:11.45; 34. NOTRE DAME F (Jarred (c), Burke, Gullo, Lennon, Czaja, Pearson, Gulis, McGue, Vereecke) - 18:43.26

Novice Eight (30 entries)

1. Wisconsin - 17:04.89; 2. Minnesota - 17:18.06; 3. Wisconsin - 17:20.79; 4. North Park - 17:44.87; 5. Wisconsin - 17:45.66; 6. Wisconsin - 18:18.54; 7. Minnesota - 18:18.89; 8. NOTRE DAME A (Jarred (c), O'Brien, Redgate, Linzmeier, Pearson, Castro-Larsen, Sobolewski, Brenner, McNamara) - 18:24.69; 9. Wisconsin - 18:34.17; 10. Creighton - 18:38.63; 11. Marquette - 18:48.35; 12. Northern Michigan - 18:53.91; 13. NOTRE DAME B (Kim (c), Burke, Gullo, McGue, Marshall, Fessler, Teves, Jackson, Vereecke) - 18:56.61

Head of the Elk October 31, 2004 (Elkhart, Ind.)

Open Four-A

1. Wisconsin - 16:05.80; 2. Michigan State - 16:15.70; 3. NOTRE DAME (Rackish (c), Mohan, Felker, Quinn, Polk) - 16:56.30

Open Four-B (11 entries)

1. Wisconsin - 16:38.20; 2. Michigan State - 16:38.30; 3. Wisconsin - 16:59.40; 4. NOTRE DAME (Romano (c), Polinski, Thornburgh, Chenoweth, McQuaid) - 17:15.50; 5. Eastern Michigan - 17:58.70; 6. Mercyhurst - 18:00.90; 7. Northwestern - 18:04.10; 8. Grand Valley - 18:56.00; 9. Lawrence - 19:28.30; 10. Michigan State - 19:30.00

Open Four-C (12 entries)

1. Wisconsin - 17:07.30; 2. Michigan State - 17:10.40; 3. Wisconsin - 17:19.70; 4. Wisconsin - 17:30.90; 5. Michigan State - 17:33.80; 6. Wisconsin - 17:37.20; 7. NOTRE DAME (Gibbons (c), Guzik,

Fairbanks, Hegeman, Redgate) - 17:50.90; 8. NOTRE DAME (Froehle (c), Sedun, Hafner, Marsh, Doud); 9. Wisconsin - 18:06.80; 10. Wisconsin - 18:22.20

Open Eight- A (18 entries)

1. Michigan State - 14:29.8; 2. Wisconsin - 15:02.3; 3. Indiana - 15:25.60; 4. Purdue - 15:25.6; 5. NOTRE DAME (Gibbons (c), Mohan, Felker, Quinn, Polk, Polinski, Thornburgh, Chenoweth, McQuaid) - 15:30.50; 6. Grand Valley - 16:25.6; 7. NOTRE DAME (Romano (c), Guzik, Fairbanks, Hegeman, Redgate, Sedun, Hafner, Marsh, Doud) - 16:28.1; 8. Eastern Michigan - 16:32.10; 9. Michigan State - 16:44.40; 10. Miami (Ohio) - 17:00.40

Open Eight- B (11 entries)

1. Wisconsin - 14:54.40; 2. Michigan State - 15:04.50; 3. Wisconsin - 15:05.30; 4. Indiana - 15:33.90; 5. NOTRE DAME (Rackish (c), Jedry, Specht, Close, Burnham, St. Pierre, McCotter, Cassel, Shaw) - 15:49.70; 6. Eastern Michigan - 16:07.10; 7. Purdue - 16:18.90; 8. Miami (Ohio) - 17:27.80; 9. Michigan State - 18:15.20; 10. Marquette - 18:15.70

Open Eight- C (10 entries)

1. Michigan State - 15:27.40; 2. Wisconsin - 15:58.40; 3. NOTRE DAME (Lettieri (c), Potts, Hale, Henkel, Stealy, Chidsey, Klingaman, S. Redgate, Glass) - 16:13.70; 4. Wisconsin - 16:17.10; 5. Purdue - 16:36.70; 6. NOTRE DAME (Park (c), O'Brien, Linzmeier, Madison, Pearson, Castro-Larsen, Sobolewski, Sarb, McNamara) - 17:26.00; 7. NOTRE DAME (Kim (c), Brenner, Shin, McGue, Gullis, Smith, Marshall, Teves, Vereecke) - 18:11.20; 8. Eastern Michigan - 18:42.50; 9. Michigan - 20:15.10; 10. Michigan State - 21:26.90

Novice Eight- A (20 entries)

1. Wisconsin - 16:38.90; 2. Michigan State - 16:48.20; 3. Purdue - 16:58.1; 4. NOTRE DAME (Jarred (c), O'Brien, Linzmeier, Madison, Pearson, Castro-Larsen, Sobolewski, Sarb, McNamara) - 17:03.10; 5. Wisconsin - 17:16.20; 6. Michigan - 17:19.40; 7. Wisconsin - 17:19.50; 8. Grand Valley - 17:41.90; 9. Michigan State - 17:51.90; 10. Northern Michigan - 18:01.50

Novice Eight- B (15 entries)

1. Purdue - 17:38.60; 2. NOTRE DAME (Bea (c), Burke, Shin, McGue, S. Redgate, Smith, Marshall, Teves, Vereecke) - 17:47.90; 3. Wisconsin - 17:54.30; 4. Michigan State - 18:01.00; 5. Wisconsin - 18:10.30; 6. Wisconsin - 18:10.30; 7. Michigan - 18:34.30; 8. Grand Valley - 18:37.50; 9. Marquette - 18:46.90; 10. Wisconsin - 18:49.90

Novice Eight- C (nine entries)

1. NOTRE DAME (Park (c), Gullis, Gullo, Lennon, Czaja, Beeler, Jackson, McCool, Smith) - 17:42.00; 2. Michigan State - 18:33.10; 3. Grand Valley - 18:52.70; 4. Michigan State - 18:56.80; 5. Lawrence - 18:58.40; 6. Michigan State - 19:04.90; 7. Purdue - 19:09.90; 8. Purdue - 21:11.50; 9. Michigan State - 21:41.40

Open Two (six entries)

1. NOTRE DAME (Potts, Glass) - 20:24.60; 2. NOTRE DAME (Stealy, Cassel) - 20:29.90; 3. NOTRE DAME (McCotter, St. Pierre) - 21:05.10; 4. NOTRE DAME (Chidsey, Hale) - 21:38.60; 5. NOTRE DAME (Close, Specht) - 21:41.20; 6. NOTRE DAME (Burnham, Jedry) - 23:44.60

2005 Spring Results

Tennessee and Michigan State March 12, 2005 (Knoxville, Tenn.)

Varsity Eight (3 boats)

1. Tennessee - 5:10.34; 2. Michigan State - 5:17.12; 3. NOTRE DAME (Gibbons (c), Palandech, Chenoweth, Polk, Quinn, Guzik, Marsh, Felker, Polinski) - 5:32.15

Varsity Four (3 boats)

1. Tennessee - 5:10.34; 2. Michigan State - 5:17.12; 3. NOTRE DAME (Romano (c), Sedun, Henkel, Hale, Mohan) - 5:32.15; 3. Michigan State - DNF

Novice Eight (3 boats)

1. Tennessee - 6:13.04; 2. NOTRE DAME (Park (c), Burke, Shin, Linzmeier, Madison, Marshall, Sobolewski, Pearson, Sarb) - 6:00.74; 3. Tennessee - 6:02.61

*Remainder of meet was cancelled due to unsafe water conditions

San Diego Crew Classic April 2-3, 2005 (San Diego, Calif.)

Jessop-Whittier Cup Heat A (First Varsity Eight - 6 boats)

1. California - 6:46.5; 2. USC - 6:55.08; 3. Washington State - 7:00.88; 4. NOTRE DAME (Gibbons (c), Guzik, Polinski, Polk, Quinn, Marsh, Palandech, Chenoweth, Felker) - 7:03.21; 5. Oregon State - 7:04.87; 6. Loyola - 7:11.26

Women's JV Heat B (Second Varsity Eight - 6 boats)

1. Stanford - 7:01.00; 2. Washington State - 7:04.49; 3. Miami - 7:09.38; 4. NOTRE DAME (Rackish (c), Thornburgh, Jedry, Specht, Close, Burnham, Doud, Jefson, Hafner) - 7:10.69; 5. San Diego State - 7:13.59; 6. UC-Irvine - 8:07.89

Women's Collegiate Novice Heat B (Novice Eight - 7 boats)

1. UCLA - 7:02.1; 2. Oregon State - 7:04.43; 3. NOTRE DAME (Padayhag (c), Sobolewski, McQuaid, Fairbanks, Linzmeier, Sarb, Pearson, Madison, Marshall) - 7:12.60; 4. UC-San Diego - 7:32.91; 5. UC-Santa Barbara - 7:37.32; 6. Santa Clara - 7:38.77; 7. Chapman - 8:38.57

Women's Open Heat A (Open Eight - 6 boats)

1. California - 6:54.3; 2. NOTRE DAME (Lettieri (c), Mohan, Sedun, Cassel, Stealy, Henkel, Hegeman, Hale, Klingaman) - 7:05.49; 3. St. Mary's - 7:09.95; 4. Temple - 7:21.56; 5. Lions RC - 7:24.97; 6. UC-Irvine Alumnis - 7:52.13

Jessop-Whittier Cup Petite Final (First Varsity Eight - 5 boats)

1. Oregon State - 6:57.9; 2. NOTRE DAME (Gibbons (c), Guzik, Polinski, Polk, Quinn, Marsh, Palandech, Chenoweth, Felker) - 6:58.56; 3. Texas - 6:59.97; 4. Loyola-Marymount - 7:07.82; 5. Purdue - 7:08.47

Women's JV Petite Final (Second Varsity Eight - 6 boats)

1. Oregon State - 7:04.5; 2. Tennessee - 7:07.35; 3. NOTRE DAME (Rackish (c), Thornburgh, Jedry, Specht, Close, Burnham, Doud, Jefson, Hafner) - 7:11.55; 4. Miami - 7:12.53; 5. Sacramento State - 7:13.63; 6. Kansas State - 7:16.28

Women's Collegiate Petite Final (Novice Eight - 6 boats)

1. NOTRE DAME (Padayhag (c), Sobolewski, McQuaid, Fairbanks, Linzmeier, Sarb, Pearson, Madison, Marshall) - 7:19.49; 2. USC - 7:25.04; 3. Sacramento State - 7:28.58; 4. Santa Clara - 7:38.77; 7. Chapman - 8:38.57

Women's Open Grand Final (Open Eight - 6 boats)

1. California - 7:04.1; 2. USC Alumni - 7:13.07; 3. USC - 7:15.53; 4. California Alumni - 7:17.32; 5. NOTRE DAME (Lettieri (c), Mohan, Sedun, Cassel, Stealy, Henkel, Hegeman, Hale, Klingaman) - 7:21.87; 6. San Diego Rowing Club - 7:22.56

**Indiana, Louisville and Purdue
April 8, 2005
(Indianapolis, Ind.)**

Morning Session

Varsity Eight (3 boats)

1. NOTRE DAME (Gibbons (c), Guzik, Chenoweth, Polk, Quinn, Marsh, Palandech, Sobolewski, Felker) - 6:56.8; 2. Indiana - 7:03.9; 3. Purdue - 7:21.4;

Second Varsity Eight (3 boats)

1. NOTRE DAME (Romano (c), Thornburgh, Hafner, Specht, Close, Burnhan, Fairbanks, Jefson, Doud) - 7:14.0; 2. Indiana - 7:20.6; 3. Purdue - 7:42.2

Varsity Four (4 boats)

1. NOTRE DAME A (Rackish (c), Mohan, Sedun, Cassel, Hegeman) - 8:00.3; 2. NOTRE DAME B (Lettieri (c), Stealy, Jedry, Pearson, St. Pierre) - 8:06.9; 3. Indiana - 8:27.0; 4. Purdue - 8:51.8

Second Varsity Four (2 boats)

1. NOTRE DAME (Froehlke (c), Polinski, McQuaid, Hale, Klingaman) - 8:21.6; 2. Indiana - 8:40.7

Novice Eight (3 boats)

1. NOTRE DAME (Padayhag (c), Burke, Sarb, Linzmeier, Madison, Marshall, Shin, Castro-Larsen, McNamara) - 7:21.3; 2. Purdue - 7:31.7; 3. Indiana - 7:33.6

Second Novice Eight (3 boats)

1. NOTRE DAME (Park (c), O'Brien, McGue, Vereecke, Czaja, Gullo, Beeler, Teves, Brenner) - 7:23.5; 2. Purdue - 8:24.8; 3. Indiana - 8:41.0

Afternoon Session

Varsity Eight (3 boats)

1. Louisville - 7:06.4; 2. NOTRE DAME (Gibbons (c), Guzik, Chenoweth, Polk, Quinn, Marsh, Palandech, Polinski, Felker) - 7:13.2; 2. Indiana - 7:18.5

Second Varsity Eight (3 boats)

1. NOTRE DAME (Lettieri (c), Thornburgh, Hafner, Specht, Close, Burnhan, Fairbanks, Jefson, Doud) - 7:20.3; 2. Louisville - 7:26.4; 3. Indiana - 7:30.7

Varsity Four (4 boats)

1. NOTRE DAME (Rackish(c), Mohan, Sedun, Cassel, Hegeman) - 8:09.8; 2. Louisville - 8:15.9; 3. Northwestern - 8:25.2; 4. Indiana - 8:34.6;

Second Varsity Four (2 boats)

1. NOTRE DAME A (Romano (c), Stealy, Jedry, Pearson, St. Pierre) - 8:18.2; 2. NOTRE DAME B (Froehlke (c), Hale, McCotter, Chidsey, Glass) - 8:26.4; 3. Indiana - 8:40.7; 4. Northwestern - 9:03.6

Novice Eight (4 boats)

1. NOTRE DAME A (Padayhag (c), Burke, Sarb, McQuaid, Madison, Linzmeier, Shin, Marshall, McNamara) - 7:38.1; 2. NOTRE DAME B (Jarred (c), O'Brien, McGue, Castro-Larsen, Czaja, Vereecke, Beeler, Gullo, Jackson) - 7:46.5; 3. Purdue - 7:49.7; 4. Louisville - 8:06.6

**Cincinnati
April 17, 2005
(South Bend, Ind.)**

Varsity Eight (2 boats)

NOTRE DAME (Gibbons (c), Guzik, Chenoweth, Polk, Quinn, Marsh, Palandech, Polinski, Felker) - 6:34.10; 2. Cincinnati - 6:44.20

Second Varsity Eight (2 boats)

1. NOTRE DAME (Romano (c), Thornburgh, Jedry, Specht, Close, Hegeman, Fairbanks, Jefson, Hafner) - 6:45.80; 2. Indiana - 6:52.93

Varsity Four (2 boats)

1. NOTRE DAME A (Rackish (c), Sedun, Mohan, Burnham, Cassel) - 7:40.40; 2. Cincinnati - 7:49.99

Second Varsity Four (2 boats)

1. NOTRE DAME (Lettieri (c), Stealy, St. Pierre, Glass, Hale) - 7:48.30; 2. Cincinnati - 8:04.90

Novice Eight (2 boats)

1. NOTRE DAME (Padayhag (c), Sobolewski, McQuaid, Madison, Pearson, Sarb, Linzmeier, McGue, Marshall) - 6:55.8; 2. Cincinnati - 7:14.28

Second Novice Eight (2 boats)

1. NOTRE DAME (Park (c), Burke, Czaja, Vereecke, McNamara, Castro-Larsen, Beeler, Teves, Brenner) - 7:05.70; 2. Cincinnati - 7:33.60

Third Four (2 boats)

1. NOTRE DAME (Froehlke (c), McCotter, Klingaman, Jackson, O'Brien) - 8:19.80; 2. Cincinnati - 9:13.58