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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.)	
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M17-18	Border Olympics Laredo Country Club (Laredo, Texas)	
A1-2	Administaff Augusta State Invitational Champions Retreat Golf Club (Evans, Ga.)	
A15-16	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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Lexus Naples Intercollegiate

Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 27-28, 2006
8 a.m. (ET) both days
Hammock Bay Golf & Country Club
Par 72/6,912 yards
Naples, Fla.



Irish Tee Off Spring At Lexus Naples Intercollegiate

For nearly four months, the Notre Dame men's golf team has had to do a slow burn, following a bizarre disqualification in its final fall tournament, the CordeValle Collegiate. Now, the Irish get a chance to rinse the bitter taste from their mouths when they tee off the 2006 spring season Monday and Tuesday at the Lexus Naples Intercollegiate, hosted by Peter Jacobsen Productions, at the Hammock Bay Golf & Country Club in Naples, Fla.

Notre Dame is ranked 46th in the nation, according to the latest *Golfweek/Sagarin* Performance Index, while also receiving eight votes in the GCAA/Bridgestone Top 25 poll (tied for 37th if the poll were extended). The Irish own a 292.50 stroke average with four top-six finishes and three wins over nationally-ranked opponents. Notre Dame also has each of its tri-captains ranked among the top 76 according to the *Golfweek/Sagarin* Performance Index, led by senior **Scott Gustafson**, who is ranked 42nd with a team-best 72.17 stroke average. Senior **Mark Baldwin** is ranked at No. 76 and holds a 72.58 stroke average, while junior **Cole Isban** is 68th in the nation and cards a 72.67 stroke average.

Quoting Coach Kubinski...

"Our team is really excited about returning to competition. The Peter Jacobsen/Lexus event in Naples is a good test right out of the gate. There are several ranked teams in the field, most notably, Wake Forest and Baylor. The golf course will be a good test as it stretches close to 7,000 yards and, like most Florida courses, has its share of hazards — both of bunker and water variety.

"I certainly feel our top three players (**Cole Isban**, **Mark Baldwin** and **Scott Gustafson**) can match up against any team's best three. We just need to get a quality fourth score counted. We certainly have several players with that potential.

NOTRE DAME LINEUP FOR THE LEXUS NAPLES INTERCOLLEGIATE

Pos.	Name	Yr.	Ht./Wt.	Hometown	'05-06 Stroke Avg.
No. 1	Cole Isban	Jr.	6-3/155	South Bend, Ind.	72.67
No. 2	Mark Baldwin	Sr.	6-1/175	Laconia, N.H.	72.58
No. 2	Scott Gustafson	Sr.	6-0/170	Eden Prairie, Minn.	72.17
No. 4	Mike King	So.	5-9/160	Sidney, Ohio	76.78
No. 5	Greg Rodgers	So.	6-1/175	Phoenix, Md.	75.56

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

GCAA/Bridgestone Division I Top 25 Poll (Feb. 16)

Rank	School (First-Place Votes)	Points	Last
1.	Georgia (19)	499	1
2.	Georgia Tech (1)	467	2
3.	Oklahoma State	451	3
4.	UCLA	394	5
5.	(tie) BYU	388	9
	(tie) Florida	388	4
7.	UNLV	358	6
8.	Duke	348	7
9.	(tie) Arizona State	332	10
	(tie) Georgia State	332	8
11.	Tennessee	268	11
12.	Northwestern	213	13
13.	Kentucky	209	14
14.	Minnesota	206	15
15.	Wake Forest	199	12
16.	South Carolina	150	20
17.	Texas Tech	117	—
18.	Texas A&M	115	17
19.	(tie) Clemson	98	21
	(tie) Washington	98	18
21.	East Tennessee State	93	25
22.	Southern California	83	—
23.	San Diego State	80	—
24.	Arizona	76	—
25.	(tie) New Mexico	65	—
	(tie) Texas	65	—

Others receiving votes: **Baylor 59**, Tulsa 59, Louisville 57, Kent State 37, Auburn 34, Alabama 31, Xavier 23, Charlotte 18, Pepperdine 16, Arkansas 12, Purdue 12, **◆NOTRE DAME 8**, Augusta State 8, Coastal Carolina 8, Georgia Southern 7, SMU 4, Stanford 4, TCU 3, North Carolina 2.

Teams in **bold** are competing at the Lexus Naples Intercollegiate.

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.

It's likely our sophomores **Mike King** and **Greg Rodgers** will have first crack at filling out our lineup with this week's event.

"We just have so many capable players. I almost wish college golf involved playing 10 players and counting eight or nine scores versus the 'play five/count four.' Regardless, I like our competitiveness and our talent. I'm looking forward to a productive spring. As with any successful team at the collegiate level, we must play with focus and make good decisions. If we can eliminate the 'others' (double bogeys or worse) on our cards, we certainly make enough birdies to post some very low numbers. Our keys will be to eliminate the big numbers and capitalize with the putter when we have reasonable birdie chances. If we do those things, we can move our ranking back up to where it was in October (No. 12 in *Golfweek*) and contend for more tournament wins."

Dates and Times

Teams will play two rounds (36 holes) on Monday, 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 Tuesday at 8 a.m. (ET) for the final round, once again using a shotgun start.

Tournament Results

Complete results following each day's action also will be posted on the official Notre Dame athletics web site (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. Live scoring is not available for this event.

The Tournament Format

A total of 12 five-man teams (60 participants, with the possibility of some teams fielding additional golfers on an individual basis) will be participating in the Lexus Naples Intercollegiate. 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, the rest of the 12-team field for the Lexus Naples Intercollegiate includes: Baylor, Florida Gulf Coast, Florida State, Illinois State, Navy, Ohio State, Portland, Rhode Island, defending tournament champion St. Mary's (Calif.), Wake Forest and Wisconsin.

According to the latest GCAA/Bridgestone Top 25 poll (released Feb. 16), one Top 25 team — No. 15 Wake Forest. Besides Notre Dame (eight votes, tied for 37th if the poll were extended), Baylor is the only other squad presently receiving votes in that poll — the Bears garnered 59 votes (tied with Tulsa for 26th).

Meanwhile, the latest ratings in the *Golfweek*/Sagarin Performance Index (as of Feb. 19) have been compiled and four of the top 50 teams are competing at CordeValle. Up front is No. 20 Baylor, followed by No. 21 Wake Forest, No. 38 Florida State and No. 46 Notre Dame.

In addition, the latest Golfstat rankings of the 2005-06 season were released Feb. 21 and there also are four of this weekend's participants appearing in that service's Top 50. Wake Forest is 19th, just ahead of No. 20 Baylor, with No. 39 Florida State and No. 47 Notre Dame lurking as well.

The Irish haven't faced many of the other teams they will see at the Lexus Naples Intercollegiate, having played only two of the other 11 squads at some point during their five tournaments this fall and posting a combined 3-0 record. Notre Dame is 2-0 against Ohio State (24-stroke difference at Coca-Cola Duke

Classic; 17 at Prestige at PGA WEST), and 1-0 vs. Florida State (six at Shoal Creek Intercollegiate).

The Course

Located in Naples, Fla., the Hammock Bay Golf & Country Club was co-designed by PGA Tour veteran **Peter Jacobsen** (also serving as co-host of this week's tournament) and **Jim Hardy**. It measures 6,912 yards and will play this week as a par-72 course.

The Hammock Bay layout brings a fresh, new approach to golf in the Naples area. Designed with an emphasis on the boundless beauty of the area's natural environment, Hammock Bay provides an enjoyable challenge to all golfers, regardless of their level of play. The contours, shape and orientation of the course greens were designed with the approach shot in mind. The green surrounds are also fashioned to present the golfer with a variety of shot options. Bunkers are strategically positioned to both challenge the risk taker and, in some cases, direct the placement of shots — all intended to add to the course's visual appeal and uniqueness.

Irish Host Successful Alumni Matches In Orlando

Notre Dame saw its first action of the 2006 spring season on Feb. 18-19 with its annual alumni matches at the Saddlebrook Resort in Orlando, Fla. The Irish took advantage of the opportunity to knock the rust off from their winter layoff, while enjoying a weekend with many of the Notre Dame alums in the central Florida region.

Junior tri-captain **Cole Isban** was the low individual scorer for the Irish at the event, posting a four-over par 144 (75-69), followed by two players at eight-over par 148 — senior tri-captain **Mark Baldwin** (78-70) and freshman **Josh Sandman** (76-72).

The team competition was played as a "best 2-of-4" format with two Irish players pairing up with two alums to count the best gross and net scores on each hole. Senior **Eric Deutsch** and junior **Shane Sigsbee**, along with Notre Dame graduate **Anthony Dill ('91)** and his father-in-law **Bill Schifino**, won the title with a score of eight-under par 134.

The Notre Dame men's golf program wishes to express its thanks to the Saddlebrook Resort, especially **Greg Riehle ('79)** and his wife, **Diane ('82)**, for their warmth and hospitality in hosting this year's Irish alumni matches.

Last Tournament — CordeValle Collegiate

In what will surely go down as one of the more bizarre episodes in the 77-year history of the Notre Dame men's golf program, the Irish were disqualified from the 16-team field at the CordeValle Collegiate on Oct. 31-Nov. 1 at the CordeValle Golf Club (par 72/7, 169 yards) in San Martin, Calif.

Two Notre Dame players — senior **Scott Gustafson** and junior **Cole Isban** — discovered they had played the incorrect ball on the first hole of the first round while paired together with a duo from Northwestern. Although it could not be determined exactly when the violation occurred, both Irish golfers chose to disqualify themselves from the remainder of the tournament. Thus, Notre Dame was left with only three eligible golfers and could not post a team score, so it was disqualified as a team (and subsequently forced to take 15 losses on its record).

While Gustafson and Isban were disqualified, the remaining three Notre Dame golfers were eligible to compete on an individual basis. In his first tournament of the season, sophomore **Eddie Peckels** fired a four-over par 220 (74-70-76) and tied for 34th place. Meanwhile, sophomore **Mike King** had a share of the first-round lead after carding a career-low 68 (-4), but he slipped back a bit to tie for

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.

45th place at seven-over par 223 (68-78-77). Senior **Mark Baldwin** started slowly, but finished strong and tied for 47th place at eight-over par 224 (78-75-71).

Thumbnails On The Irish Lineup

Cole Isban (72.67 stroke average; third on team) — Ranked No. 68 in nation by *Golfweek* ... posted career bests with first-place tie and 210 (-6) score at 2005 Shoal Creek Intercollegiate ... tied for 11th at Prestige at PGA WEST (217, +1) ... has started 30 of a possible 31 tournaments in his two-plus seasons at Notre Dame (only miss: 2004 Fossum/TaylorMade Invitational when starters were rested prior to NCAA Central Regional) ... has been exceptionally reliable, as 75 of his 82 collegiate rounds (.915) have counted towards the team score (third-best percentage by Irish golfer since 1990) ... career 74.39 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) ... has qualified for past two U.S. Amateur Championships.

Mark Baldwin (72.58; second on team) — Presently ranked 76th in nation by *Golfweek* ... has team-best seven rounds of par or better this season ... tied for 10th (219, +3) at season-opening Gopher Invitational ... tied for 14th (218, +2) at Shoal Creek Intercollegiate ... tied for sixth (210, -6) at Coca-Cola Duke Classic ... has ended up 20th or higher in nine of past 12 events (eight times in 2005 calendar year) ... has seen 31 of his last 33 rounds (.939) — and all nine this fall — counted towards the team score (not counting 2005 CordeValle after team DQ) ... has six career top-10 finishes, with five of those coming in little more than one year ... shot school and Warren Golf Course-record 63 (-7) in opening round of TCU dual match on April 9, 2005 ... two-time all-BIG EAST (2003; 2005 - medalist).

Scott Gustafson (72.17; first on team) — 42nd-ranked player in nation by *Golfweek* and 87th in the Golfstat Cup standings ... all 12 rounds this year have counted to team score (not including CordeValle after team DQ) ... led team with 218 (+2) at Gopher Invitational ... tacked on eighth-place tie at Coca-Cola Duke Classic with 211 (-5) ... tied for third at Prestige at PGA WEST (214, -2) for his eight career top-10 finish, 13th team-leading finish (tied-third in school history) and best showing since a third-place finish (210) at the 2003 SMU/Stonebridge Invitational ... also played 100th collegiate round in final circuit at Gopher Invitational ... second among Irish veterans with 75.18 career stroke average (ninth in school history) ... 2003 all-BIG EAST selection.

Mike King (76.78; seventh on team) — Tied for 45th at CordeValle Collegiate to end the fall, firing a career-low 68 (-4) in the opening round en route to a score of 223 (+7) ... tied for 44th place at The Prestige (226, +10), including opening-round 71 (-1) ... had three top-10 finishes in nine starts as a rookie, including tie for ninth at the BIG EAST Championship.

Greg Rodgers (75.56; fifth on team) — Second-year player who made travel squad three times during the fall ... best finish came in The Prestige at PGA WEST, when he tied for 50th place (227, +11) ... lowest score was an eight-over par 224 at the Coca-Cola Duke Classic ... seven of his nine fall rounds counted to the team score.

Next Up For The Irish

Notre Dame returns to the links March 12-13 for the General Jim Hackler Invitational, hosted by Coastal Carolina at the TPC of Myrtle Beach in Murrells Inlet, S.C. The Irish were the tournament runner-up last year, posting a 54-hole score of 27-over 891 (299-294-298), led by **Shane Sigsbee's** second-place individual showing at one-under par 215 (73-70-72). This year's 15-team field is highlighted by (GCAA) No. 17 Texas Tech and 21st-ranked East Tennessee State.



JIM KUBINSKI

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

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 37-33-1 (.528) fall record, a 292.50 stroke average, four top-six finishes, two of the six lowest scores in team history (872 at the Shoal Creek 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 team-best 72.17 stroke average in the fall of 2005, with one top-five and three top-10 finishes to his credit in only four 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.



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



2005-06 NOTRE DAME MEN'S GOLF CUMULATIVE STATISTICS

2005-06 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tournament</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Top Scoring Individual</u>
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)
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Dates, times and locations subject to change

2005-06 CUMULATIVE STATISTICS (sorted by stroke average)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tourn.</u>	<u>Rds.</u>	<u>Str.</u>	<u>vs. Par</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>Top 5</u>	<u>Top 10</u>	<u>Best Finish (Event)</u>
Scott Gustafson	4	12	866	+2	72.17	67	211	1	3	T-3rd (Prestige at PGA WEST)
Mark Baldwin	4	12	871	+7	72.58	68	210	0	2	T-6th (Coca-Cola Duke Classic)
Cole Isban	4	12	872	+8	72.67	68	210	1	1	T-1st (Shoal Creek Intercoll.)
Eddie Peckels	1	3	220	+4	73.33	70	220	0	0	T-34th (CordeValle Collegiate)
Greg Rodgers	3	9	680	+32	75.56	74	224	0	0	T-50th (Prestige at PGA WEST)
Eric Deutsch	4	12	916	+52	76.33	73	222	0	0	T-32nd (Shoal Creek Intercoll.)
Mike King	3	9	691	+43	76.78	68	223	0	0	T-44th (Prestige at PGA WEST)
TEAM TOTALS	4	12	3,510	+54	292.50	286	865	2	4	5th, twice (Gopher/Prestige)

UPDATED CAREER STATISTICS (sorted by stroke average)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tourn.</u>	<u>Rds.</u>	<u>Str.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>Top 5</u>	<u>Top 10</u>	<u>Best Finish (Event)</u>
Cole Isban	28	82	6,100	74.39	68	210	5	9	T-1st ('05 Shoal Creek Intercollegiate)
Eddie Peckels	6	17	1,275	75.00	70	215	0	1	T-7th ('04 Yestingsmeier Inv.)
Scott Gustafson	38	109	8,195	75.18	67	210	4	8	T-2nd ('03 BIG EAST Championship)
Mark Baldwin	35	100	7,542	75.42	63	210	4	6	1st ('05 TCU dual/'05 BIG EAST)
Tommy Balderston	26	75	5,680	75.73	67	213	5	6	1st ('04 John Dallyo Invitational)
Adam Gifford	6	17	1,293	76.06	72	222	0	2	T-8th ('05 TCU dual match)
Mike King	12	33	2,513	76.15	68	214	0	3	T-7th ('04 BGSU John Piper)
Eric Deutsch	35	100	7,636	76.36	68	213	2	4	T-3rd ('05 BIG EAST Championship)
Greg Rodgers	13	38	2,903	76.39	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 MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

PERCENTAGE OF ROUNDS COUNTED

<u>Name</u>	<u>Count/Total</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Scott Gustafson	12/12	1.000
Mark Baldwin	9/9	1.000
Cole Isban	11/12	.917
Greg Rodgers	7/9	.778
Mike King	4/6	.667
Eric Deutsch	7/12	.583

AVERAGE STROKES BEHIND MEDALIST

<u>Name</u>	<u>Str. Off Lead/Tourn.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
Scott Gustafson	27/4	6.75
Cole Isban	33/4	8.25
Mark Baldwin	39/4	9.75
Eddie Peckels	14/1	14.00
Greg Rodgers	56/3	18.67
Mike King	57/3	19.00
Eric Deutsch	77/4	19.25

STROKE AVERAGE BY ROUND

<u>Name</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
Mark Baldwin	73.00	72.00	70.67
Eric Deutsch	76.25	77.00	75.75
Scott Gustafson	73.25	72.00	71.25
Cole Isban	75.25	71.75	71.00
Mike King	75.50	79.50	79.00
Greg Rodgers	75.67	76.00	75.00
TEAM AVERAGES	296.75	292.25	288.50

EVEN & UNDER PAR ROUNDS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Under</u>	<u>Even</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mark Baldwin	4	3	7
Scott Gustafson	3	3	6
Cole Isban	5	1	6
Mike King	2	0	2
Eddie Peckels	1	0	1

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2005-06 FALL 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	81-78-74=233	+17	T-42nd
Mike King	80-81-81=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	74-73-75=222	+6	T-32nd
Scott Gustafson	75-74-74=223	+7	T-38th
Greg Rodgers	76-79-74=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	75-77-80=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	76-73-68=217	+1	T-11th
Mike King	71-78-77=226	+10	T-44th
Greg Rodgers	75-75-77=227	+11	T-50th
Eric Deutsch	75-80-74=229	+13	T-59th

CORDEVILLE 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 ¹	
Cole Isban	DQ	DQ ¹	

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

* - competed as individual; score not counted to team total

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 Intercoll.	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

Eric Deutsch (Sr., Rochester, Minn.)

Gopher Invitational	81-78-74=233	+17	T-42nd
Shoal Creek Intercoll.	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

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 Intercoll.	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 ¹	

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

Gopher Invitational	80-74-70=224	+8	T-22nd
Shoal Creek Intercoll.	69-69-72=210	-6	T-1st [^]
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 ¹	

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

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 Intercoll.	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

Shane Sigsbee (Jr., McKinney, Texas)

No tournaments to date

[^] - eliminated on first hole of three-man playoff

¹ - players disqualified themselves after playing incorrect ball in first round

* - competed as individual; score not counted to team total

NOTE: underlined rounds not counted to team total

NOTRE DAME MEN'S GOLF

2005-06 vs. OPPONENTS (37-33-1)

(rv) Alabama	1-0
(rv) UAB (Alabama-Birmingham)	1-1
(rv) Arizona	0-1
(rv) Arkansas	0-1
(rv) Augusta State	0-1
Birmingham Southern	1-0
(9) Brigham Young	0-1
(rv) California	1-1
UCF (Central Florida)	1-1
(rv) Charlotte	0-1
(24) Coastal Carolina	0-1
Colorado	1-0
(7) Duke	0-1
(25) East Tennessee State	0-1
(4) Florida	1-0
<i>Florida Southern</i>	1-0
Florida State	1-0
(rv) Georgia Southern	1-0
(8) Georgia State	0-2
*Indiana	1-0
(rv) *Illinois	0-1
Kansas	1-0
LSU	0-1
Memphis	1-0
*Michigan State	1-0
(15) *Minnesota	0-2
North Carolina	1-1
UNC Greensboro	1-0
UNC Wilmington	2-0
North Carolina State	2-0
Northern Colorado	1-0
North Florida	1-0
(13) *Northwestern	0-2
*Ohio State	2-0
Oregon	1-0
Pacific	1-0
(rv) Pepperdine	0-1-1
*Purdue	0-1
(rv) SMU	2-0
(rv) Southern California (USC)	0-1
Stanford	2-1
(11) Tennessee	0-1
(16) Texas	1-1
*Toledo	1-0
UC Davis	1-1
UC Irvine	0-1
(5) UCLA	0-2
UC Santa Barbara	1-0
Virginia	1-1
Virginia Tech	1-0
(T18) Washington	0-2
Yale	1-0
OVERALL RECORD	37-33-1 (.528)
VS. DIVISION I OPPONENTS	36-33-1 (.521)
VS. MIDWEST DISTRICT TEAMS	5-6-0 (.455)

IRISH IN THE POLLS

TEAM

National (GCAA/Bridgestone - Nov. 18)	N/A
National (Golfstat - Nov. 29)	61st
National (<i>Golfweek/Sagarin</i> - Nov. 30)	47th

INDIVIDUAL (*Golfweek/Sagarin* - Nov. 30)

Scott Gustafson	38th
Cole Isban	68th
Mark Baldwin	77th

NOTE: Schools listed in italics are non-NCAA Division I institutions

* - Midwest District team // (x) - GCAA/Bridgestone ranking (Nov. 30)

rv - receiving votes // NOTE: 15 team losses due to disqualification @ CordeValle