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Cross Country Will Face The Best This Weekend In Precursor To The National Championship Meet

2002 Schedule

September

6 Fri.	adidas Invitational	W, 1st
	Notre Dame, Ind.	M, 2nd
20 Fri.	National Catholic	W, 1st
	Notre Dame, Ind.	M, 1st

October

4 Fri.	Notre Dame Invit.	W, 3rd
	Notre Dame, Ind.	M, 3rd
11 Fri.	Bronco Open	W, 2nd
	Three Rivers, Mich.	M, NTS
19 Sat.	Pre-National Meet	W, 11:35 am
	Terre Haute, Ind.	M, 12:10 pm

November

2 Sat.	BIG EAST Championship	TBA
	Boston, Mass.	
16 Sat.	NCAA Great Lakes Reg.	TBA
	West Lafayette, Ind.	
23 Sat.	IC4A Championship	TBA
	New York, N.Y.	
25 Mon.	NCAA Championship	TBA
	Terre Haute, Ind.	

Home meets in **bold**. All home meets are run at the Burke Memorial Golf Course on the west side of campus (enter at Dorr Road).

All times indicated are local to site.

NTS = no team scoring

Asics/Pacesetter Pre National Meet scheduled for Saturday: The championship season for cross country teams across the nation has begun and many of the top squads will be making the trip to Terre Haute, Ind., for the Asics/Pacesetter Pre National Meet on Saturday, Oct. 19.

The Pre National meet is run each season at the future site of the national championship, allowing cross country teams to preview the course and gauge their development against other top teams in contention for berths in the NCAA Championship.

Though it is not always the case, a team and an individuals performance in the Pre National meet is a good indicator of their future finish at the NCAA Championship. It also gives possible at-large selections for the championship field (the top two teams from each region receives automatic spots in the field) a bargaining chip when the selections begin for the national meet.

In last year's Pre National meet, future All-Americans Todd Mobley and Luke Watson earned their stripes with 14th and fourth place finishes, respectively. Mobley eventually finished 38th at the NCAA Championship while Watson came in fifth. On the women's side, Lauren King ended up 15th at the 2001 Pre National meet and took 27th at the NCAA meet.

Both Irish teams will face well-respected fields this weekend: The Notre Dame men's team enters the Pre National meet ranked 24th in the country, while the women are currently 13th (and have been ranked as high as third). Those rankings will be put on the line Saturday afternoon against several teams that find themselves in both the MONDO (men's) and FinishLynx (women's) top 30. The women will be running in the White Division Race at 11:35 a.m. on Saturday, along with #2 Stanford, #3 Michigan State, #6 NC State, #8 Arizona State, #12 Columbia, #16 Virginia, #17 UCLA, #21 Northern Arizona, #22 Penn State, #23 Marquette, #26 Wake Forest and #29 Dartmouth.

A number of Great Lakes Regional teams will be in the White Division field as well, giving the Irish an opportunity to run against the teams they will face on Nov. 16 at the Great Lakes Regional in West Lafayette, Ind.. Butler, Marquette, Michigan State, Ohio, Purdue and Toledo will be running against Notre Dame on Saturday.

The men's team will face an ultra-competitive field featuring #1 Stanford, #10 BYU, #14 North Carolina State, #17 Indiana, #20 Butler, #22 Arizona State, #27 Dartmouth and #28 New Mexico. The Great Lakes region teams in the men's Blue Division race, which the Irish will run at 12:10 p.m. on Saturday are; Butler, Indiana, Indiana State, Kent State, Miami-Ohio, Purdue and Youngstown State.

The goals for both Irish teams are simple this weekend - knock off as many ranked teams as possible and finish ahead of your regional opponents.

Notre Dame lineups this weekend: Both teams are allowed to enter seven runners in their races, while the rest of the traveling party can compete in the open races (1:30 p.m. for the women, 2:05 p.m. for the men).

Notre Dame cross country team traveling party (top finishes):

Men's Team

David Alber - 16th, adidas Invite; seventh, National Catholic, 43rd, ND Invite

Ryan Johnson - 36th, adidas Invite; second, National Catholic JV; sixth, ND Invite Gold Division

John Keane - 15th, adidas Invite; fifth, National Catholic; 33rd, ND Invite

Brian Kerwin - 22nd, adidas Invite; sixth, National Catholic; 53rd, ND Invite

Todd Mobley - first, adidas Invite; first, National Catholic, third, ND Invite

Tim Moore - second, adidas Invite; second, National Catholic, sixth, ND Invite

Eric Morrison - first, National Catholic JV; 36th, ND Invite

Sean O'Donnell - 30th, adidas Invite; fourth, National Catholic JV; fourth, ND Invite Gold

Division

Kevin Somok - 21st, adidas Invite; 14th, National Catholic, seventh, ND Invite Gold Division

Kaleb Van Ort - eighth, adidas Invite; eighth, National Catholic; 84th, ND Invite

Austin Weaver - 34th, adidas Invite; sixth, National Catholic JV; 84th, Notre Dame Invite

**MONDO Men's
Cross Country Division I Poll
Oct. 15, 2002**

<u>Team</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>Prev.</u>
1. Stanford (10)	445	1
2. Arkansas (5)	435	2
3. Colorado	415	3
4. Northern Arizona (1)	413	4
5. Oregon	384	5
6. Eastern Michigan	361	6
7. Georgetown	352	7
8. Wisconsin	335	10
9. Weber State	324	9
10. BYU	307	11
11. Villanova	306	8
12. Colorado State	284	12
13. Minnesota	259	13
14. North Carolina State	255	15
15. Providence	250	14
16. Iona	207	16
17. Indiana	204	17
18. William & Mary	171	20
19. Central Michigan	160	18
20. Butler	130	22
21. Michigan	129	19
22. Arizona State	127	23
23. Duke	97	25
24. Notre Dame	96	24
25. Oklahoma State	82	26
26. Montana State	74	26
27. Dartmouth	48	27
28. New Mexico	43	28
29. Cal Poly SLO	39	-
30. Texas	35	-

**2002 Asics/Pacesetter
Pre National Championship
Men's Blue Race Entries**

Arkansas Little Rock • Arizona • #22
 Arizona State • Belmont • #10
 BYU • Bucknell • #20
 Butler • Columbia • #27
 Dartmouth • Eastern Illinois • Eastern
 Kentucky • Harvard • Illinois • #17
 Indiana • Indiana State • Iowa • James
 Madison • Kansas • Kent State • Miami -
 Ohio • New Hampshire • #28
 New Mexico • #14
 North Carolina St. • Northern Ari-
 zona • Northern Iowa • #24
 Notre Dame • Pennsylvania • Portland • Purdue • #1
 Stanford • Texas A&M • Utah • Utah State
 • Virginia • Youngstown State

Women's Team

Rachel Endress - 22nd, adidas Invite; 10th,
 National Catholic; sixth, Bronco Open
Jennifer Fibuch - ninth, adidas Invite; 39th,
 ND Invite
Jennifer Handley - sixth, adidas Invite;
 ninth, ND Invite
Molly Huddle - fourth, ND Invite
Megan Johnson - eighth, adidas Invite;
 ninth, ND Invite
Lauren King - second, adidas Invite; sixth,
 ND Invite
Lori King - ninth, National Catholic; 37th,
 ND Invite
Stephanie Madia - fifth, National Catholic;
 34th, ND Invite
Jean Marinangeli - seventh, National Catho-
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Ana Morales - eighth, ND Invite Gold Divi-
 sion; second, Bronco Open
Muffy Schmidt - 24th, adidas Invite; 16th,
 National Catholic; 12th, ND Invite Gold Divi-
 sion; ninth, Bronco Open
Katie Wales - seventh, adidas Invitational;
 fourth, National Catholic; 24th, ND Invite

Brief recap of the season for both teams:
 The Irish women entered the season with their
 highest expectations since the program began,
 and early season success at the adidas Invita-
 tional propelled the team to the #3 ranking in
 the country.

Lauren King and Jennifer Handley carried
 the team through the early meets. Lauren King
 crossed the finish line second at the adidas
 Invitational to spearhead the team victory,
 while Handley was right behind her in ninth.

The women received a shot in the arm at the
 Notre Dame Invitational, as freshman Molly
 Huddle ran with the leaders of the race the
 whole way to finish fourth. Notre Dame's fifth
 and sixth runners, however, did not run well at
 the ND Invite and will need to step up at the Pre
 National meet this weekend.

The men's team has been led from start to
 finish by junior **Todd Mobley**. Mobley has been
 dependable in every race this season, finishing
 first, first and second in the three meets he has
 entered. Challenged to fill in for the loss of
 three All-Americans to graduation, Mobley has
 been at his best in 2002.

Freshman **Tim Moore** entered the program
 with high expectations and has lived up to the
 hype so far this fall. The rookie from Novi,
 Mich., finished second behind Mobley at the
 adidas Invitational and National Catholic and
 ran to a solid sixth-place effort at the ND
 Invite.

Senior **John Keane** has been running strong
 this year as well, finishing 33rd at the ND
 Invite and 15th at the adidas Invite.

**FinishLynx Women's
Cross Country Division I Poll
Oct. 13, 2002**

<u>Team</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>Prev.</u>
1. BYU (13)	390	1
2. Stanford	373	2
3. Michigan State	351	3
4. Colorado	345	4
5. Georgetown	319	7
6. North Carolina State	307	9
7. Providence	304	8
8. Arizona State	297	6
9. Wisconsin	285	10
10. Arkansas	270	13
11. Duke	269	11
12. Columbia	266	14
13. Notre Dame	254	12
14. North Carolina	234	15
15. Boston College	189	5
16. Virginia	178	16
17. UCLA	162	18
18. Michigan	160	19
19. Villanova	160	19
20. Missouri	149	20
21. Northern Arizona	148	21
22. Penn State	122	22
23. Marquette	99	23
24. William & Mary	89	22
25. Colorado State	73	25
26. Wake Forest	57	26
27. SW Missouri State	53	27
28. Washington	43	28
29. Dartmouth	41	29
30. Yale	17	-

**2002 Asics/Pacesetter
Pre National Championship
Women's White Race Entries**

Air Force • Arkansas Little Rock • #8
 Arizona State • Baylor • Belmont • Butler
 • Coastal Carolina • #12
 Columbia • Cornell
 • #29
 Dartmouth • Florida State • Idaho •
 Kansas • LaSalle • #23
 Marquette • #3
 Michigan State • #6
 North Carolina State •
 #21
 Northern Arizona • Northwestern •
 #13
 Notre Dame • Ohio • Oregon • #22
 Penn State • Purdue • Rhode Island • #2
 Stanford • Texas A&M • Toledo • Tulsa •
 #17
 UCLA • Utah State • #16
 Virginia • #26
 Wake Forest • Weber State • West Virginia
 • Western Kentucky