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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.)	5th of 13
M12-13	General Jim Hackler Invitational TPC of Myrtle Beach (Murrells Inlet, S.C.)	
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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General Jim Hackler Invitational

Sunday-Monday, March 12-13, 2006
8 a.m. (ET) both days
TPC of Myrtle Beach
Murrells Inlet, S.C.
Par 72/6,950 yards



Irish Open Spring Break Trip In Myrtle Beach

After getting a late start to the 2006 spring season, Notre Dame will get its campaign going in earnest when it heads to Murrells Inlet, S.C. (near Myrtle Beach) for the General Jim Hackler Invitational on Sunday and Monday. It's the first of two Spring Break tournaments for the Irish, who then will head directly to Laredo, Texas, for the Border Olympics on March 17-18.

Notre Dame is enjoying one of its most successful seasons ever in 2005-06, currently posting a 292.13 stroke average with five top-six finishes and three wins over nationally-ranked opponents. The Irish also are receiving 11 votes in the latest GCAA/Bridgestone Top 25 poll (tied for 39th if the poll were extended), and are 48th in the Golfstat rankings. Notre Dame also has each of its tri-captains ranked among the top 100 according to the *Golfweek*/Sagarin Performance Index, led by senior **Mark Baldwin**, who is ranked at No. 54 and holds a team-best 72.07 stroke average. Junior **Cole Isban** is 62nd in the nation with a 72.33 stroke average, while senior **Scott Gustafson** is ranked 98th with a 72.80 stroke average.

Quoting Coach Kubinski...

"Our lineup will remain the same as in Naples. Once again, **Mark (Baldwin)** and **Cole (Isban)** will lead the way. They combined to make 32 birdies at the Lexus last time out. **Scott (Gustafson)** was a little rusty in Naples but has looked great in practice this week and should return to his Fall form. I'm very happy with the progress of **Mike King**. He was very close to breaking out in Naples, if not for a couple of tough stretches at the end of rounds. **Greg Rodgers** played very well in Myrtle Beach last season after a tough first round there. I think his familiarity with the layout will give him an extra boost of confidence.

"The field is very solid at The Hackler. There are a number of ranked teams and district foes Michigan State, Illinois and Toledo will be playing. I really like the

NOTRE DAME LINEUP FOR THE GENERAL JIM HACKLER INVITATIONAL

Pos.	Name	Yr.	Ht./Wt.	Hometown	'05-06 Stroke Avg.
No. 1	Cole Isban	Jr.	6-3/155	South Bend, Ind.	72.33
No. 2	Mark Baldwin	Sr.	6-1/175	Laconia, N.H.	72.07
No. 2	Scott Gustafson	Sr.	6-0/170	Eden Prairie, Minn.	72.80
No. 4	Mike King	So.	5-9/160	Sidney, Ohio	76.25
No. 5	Greg Rodgers	So.	6-1/175	Phoenix, Md.	75.92

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

GCAA/Bridgestone Division I Top 25 Poll (March 2)

Rank	School (First-Place Votes)	Points	Last
1.	Georgia (18)	468	1
2.	Georgia Tech	443	2
3.	Florida	390	5
4.	Oklahoma State	388	3
5.	UCLA	373	4
6.	BYU	371	5
7.	Georgia State	319	9
8.	Duke	313	7
9.	Arizona State (1)	277	9
10.	UNLV	273	6
11.	Tennessee	244	11
12.	Northwestern	225	12
13.	Minnesota	175	14
14.	Wake Forest	168	15
15.	Tulsa	162	—
16.	South Carolina	139	16
17.	Texas Tech	120	17
18.	Baylor	110	—
19.	(tie) San Diego State	108	23
	(tie) Texas A&M	108	18
21.	Clemson	105	19
22.	East Tennessee State	102	21
23.	(tie) Arizona	80	24
	(tie) New Mexico	80	25
25.	Southern California	76	22

Others receiving votes: Kentucky 64, Texas 62, Washington 48, Kent State 44, Auburn 43, SMU 41, Charlotte 40, Alabama 29, Georgia Southern 26, Louisville 25, **Coastal Carolina 20**, TCU 19, **Michigan State 12**, **NOTRE DAME 11**, **Pepperdine 11**, Colorado State 10, Stanford 10, Houston 8, Indiana 7, Jacksonville 6, Lamar 5, Southeastern Louisiana 4, Southern Utah 4, **Florida State 2**, North Carolina 2, Western Illinois 2, Xavier 2, **Arkansas 1**, Winthrop 1.

Teams in **bold** are competing at the General Jim Hackler Invitational.

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.

golf course (TPC at Myrtle Beach). They have a good mix of holes, and, generally, you must drive the ball well there. If the green speeds are up like last year, there will be a premium on putting, too. All in all, this event is a great test for us.

"To be successful, and I'll sound like a broken record from our last event, we must eliminate the 'others' (scores of double bogey or worse). I touched on the remarkable number of birdies we're making. It seems we make more than any other team. We also tend to make a few mistakes. Certainly, they can go hand in hand. Playing aggressively leads to birdies and, sometimes, 'others.' I'd prefer to leave the 'others' on (the TV show) 'LOST'. We need to play a little more intelligently this week. I'm asking the guys to spend that extra few seconds before the shot going over their thought process one last time. We're talented enough to win. We must cut down on our errors though. I have a feeling we can make that happen this week."

Dates and Times

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

Tournament Results

Live scoring will be available for the General Jim Hackler Invitational through the Golfstat web site (www.golfstat.com). 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.

The Tournament Format

A total of 15 five-man teams (75 participants, with the possibility of some teams fielding additional golfers on an individual basis) will be participating in the General Jim Hackler Invitational. 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 and the host school/defending champion, Coastal Carolina, the rest of the 15-team field for the General Jim Hackler Invitational includes: Arkansas, East Tennessee State, Florida State, Illinois, Kansas State, Michigan State, UNC Wilmington, North Florida, Pepperdine, Texas Tech, Toledo, Virginia and Virginia Tech.

According to the latest GCAA/Bridgestone Top 25 poll (released March 2), two Top 25 teams will be taking part in this weekend's tournament — No. 17 Texas Tech and 22nd-ranked East Tennessee State. Besides Notre Dame (11 votes, tied for 39th if the poll were extended), five other squads are receiving votes in the current coaches' survey — Coastal Carolina (20 votes, 36th), Michigan State (12 votes, 38th), Pepperdine (11 votes, tie-39th), Florida State (two votes, tie-49th) and Arkansas (one vote, tie-53rd).

Meanwhile, the latest ratings in the *Golfweek*/Sagarin Performance Index (as of March 6) have been compiled and six of the top 50 teams are competing in Myrtle Beach. Up front is No. 12 East Tennessee State, followed by No. 22 Texas Tech and 26th-ranked Florida State. Others in the mix include: No. 38 Coastal Carolina, No. 39 Illinois and No. 44 Michigan State. Notre Dame is just outside the top 50, currently checking in 53rd.

In addition, the latest Golfstat rankings of the 2005-06 season were released March 7 and there are eight of this weekend's participants appearing in that

service's Top 50. East Tennessee State tops the field at No. 13, with No. 19 Texas Tech and No. 20 Pepperdine not far off. Coastal Carolina is No. 28, Florida State is 32nd, with Illinois 35th, Michigan State at No. 46 and Notre Dame at No. 48.

The Irish should be quite familiar with the rest of the field at the General Jim Hackler Invitational, having played 12 of the other 14 squads at some point this season (everyone but Kansas State and Texas Tech) and posting a combined 8-7-1 (.531) record against the field. Notre Dame has winning records against Michigan State (1-0), UNC Wilmington (2-0), North Florida (1-0), Toledo (1-0) and Virginia Tech (1-0), with even records vs. Florida State (1-1) and Virginia (1-1), and winless marks against Arkansas (0-1), Coastal Carolina (0-1), East Tennessee State (0-1), Illinois (0-1) and Pepperdine (0-1-1).

The Course

This week's General Jim Hackler Invitational will be played at the TPC of Myrtle Beach (par 72/6,950 yards) in Murrells Inlet, S.C. Though not particularly long, this Tom Fazio-designed layout utilizes the surrounding wetlands, as well as numerous tall pines to create a difficult track that puts a premium on shot-making ability. Some of the other notable features of the course include elevated tees, sloping fairways and free-form bunkers, all of which have led *Golf Digest* and *Golf Magazine* to label the TPC of Myrtle Beach as one of the top public courses in the country.

Tourney Rewind: '05 General Jim Hackler Invitational

Behind a final-round score of 298, Notre Dame jumped two spots to finish second overall at the General Jim Hackler Invitational, which was contested March 13-14 in Murrells Inlet, S.C. The Irish carded a 27-over par 891 (299-294-298) to wind up five strokes behind tournament host and champion Coastal Carolina. The final-round 298 was the second-lowest of the day among the 12 teams in the field and moved Notre Dame past Purdue and Kansas State into the runner-up spot.

Shane Sigsbee came within an eyelash of capturing his first tournament title, finishing tied for second place at one-under par 215 (73-70-72), one shot behind medalist Rhys Davies of East Tennessee State. **Mark Baldwin** tied for 14th place at nine-over par 225 (74-77-74), while **Greg Rodgers** finished two shots behind Baldwin in a 21st-place tie at 11-over par 227 (79-73-75). **Cole Isban** fought through a bout with bronchitis, ending up in a tie for 30th place at 13-over par 229 (73-74-82). **Scott Gustafson** rounded out the Notre Dame scoring in a 54th-place draw at 25-over par 241 (84-80-77).

Last Tournament — Lexus Naples Intercollegiate

For the fifth time in six tournaments this season, Notre Dame finished in the top six, taking home fifth-place honors at the second annual Lexus Naples Intercollegiate Invitational, hosted by Peter Jacobsen Productions, which concluded Feb. 28 at the par-72, 6,912-yard Hammock Bay Golf & Country Club in Naples, Fla. The Irish shot an eight-over par 872 (293-289-290) for the two-day event, their first of the spring 2006 season, and tied their second-lowest 54-hole score of the year (only an 865 at the Coca-Cola Duke Classic was lower).

Senior tri-captain **Mark Baldwin** posted his best finish of the season, tying for fourth in the 60-man field and matching both his career-low score and the second-lowest three-round total in school history with a six-under par 210 (72-69-69).

Junior tri-captain **Cole Isban** wound up tied for 10th place at three-under par 213 (73-69-71). Coming in tied for 29th place, sophomore **Mike King** logged his best finish of the season with an eight-over par 224 (74-75-75) and the second-best showing of his career when competing as a member of the travel squad (he was ninth at last year's BIG EAST Championship). Senior tri-captain **Scott Gustafson** ended the tournament in a tie for 36th place at 10-over par 226 (74-77-

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.

75), while sophomore **Greg Rodgers** completed the Irish lineup in a 45th-place tie at 15-over par 231 (78-76-77).

Thumbnails On The Irish Lineup

Cole Isban (72.33 stroke average; second on team) — Ranked No. 62 in nation by *Golfweek* ... posted career bests with first-place tie and 210 (-6) score at Shoal Creek Intercollegiate ... has recorded eight of 15 rounds this year at par or better (seven under par), with four rounds in the 60s ... owns two top-10 finishes this season (10 career) ... has been exceptionally reliable, as 78 of his 85 collegiate rounds (.918) have counted towards the team score (third-best percentage by Irish golfer since 1990) ... career 74.27 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 (72.07; first on team) — Presently ranked 54th in nation by *Golfweek* ... has team-best 10 rounds of par or better this season (six under par), with three rounds in the 60s ... tied for 10th (219, +3) at season-opening Gopher Invitational ... tied for sixth (career-low 210, -6) at Coca-Cola Duke Classic ... matched career-low score (210, -6) and tied for fourth at Lexus Naples Intercollegiate ... has ended up 20th or higher in 10 of past 13 events ... has seen 34 of his last 37 rounds (.919) — and all 12 this season — counted towards the team score (not counting 2005 CordeValle after team DQ) ... has seven career top-10 finishes (three this year), with six of those coming in little more than one year (Oct. 2004-present) ... 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 (72.80; third on team) — 98th-ranked player in nation by *Golfweek* ... 14 of 15 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 and 13th team-leading finish (tied-third in school history) ... also played 100th collegiate round in final circuit at Gopher Invitational ... second among Irish veterans with 75.19 career stroke average (ninth in school history) ... 2003 all-BIG EAST selection.

Mike King (76.25; sixth on team) — Coming off best finish of season (and second-best as member of travel squad) with 29th-place tie at Lexus Naples Intercollegiate (224, +8) ... 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 (75.92; fifth on team) — Second-year player who has made travel squad four times this season ... best finish came in his last start, a tie for 45th at the Lexus Naples Intercollegiate (231, +15) ... tied for 50th place at The Prestige at PGA WEST (227, +11) ... lowest score was an eight-over par 224 at the Coca-Cola Duke Classic.

Next Up For The Irish

Notre Dame closes out its spring break swing through the South March 17-18 with a visit to Laredo, Texas, for the Border Olympics at the Laredo Country Club. The Irish are back in the event after a two-year hiatus, having placed 14th in the 20-team tournament at 21-over par 885 back in 2003. Current senior **Eric Deutsch** was Notre Dame's top finisher that weekend, tying for 28th place at three-over par 219.



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 44-37-1 (.543) record, a 292.13 stroke average, five top-six finishes, three of the seven lowest scores in team history (872 at the Shoal Creek Intercollegiate and Lexus Naples 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

Date	Tournament	Location	Finish	Score	Top Scoring Individual
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)
Oct. 9-10	Coca-Cola Duke Classic	Durham, N.C.	6th/15	865 (+1)	T-6th, Baldwin, 210 (-6)
Oct. 17-18	The Prestige at PGA WEST	La Quinta, Calif.	T-5th/18	880 (+16)	T-3rd, Gustafson, 214 (-2)
O31-N1	CordeValle Collegiate	San Martin, Calif.	DQ	—	T-34th, Peckels, 220 (+4)
Feb. 27-28	Lexus Naples Intercollegiate	Naples, Fla.	5th/13	872 (+8)	T-4th, Baldwin, 210 (-6)
March 12-13	Gen. Jim Hackler Invitational	Murrells Inlet, S.C.			
March 17-18	Border Olympics	Laredo, Texas			
April 1-2	Administaff ASU Invitational	Evans, Ga.			
April 15-16	Boilermaker Invitational	West Lafayette, Ind.			
April 23-25	BIG EAST Championship	Dade City, Fla.			
May 13-14	The Maxwell	Ardmore, Okla.			
May 18-20	NCAA Central Regional	Chardon, Ohio			
M31-J3	NCAA Championships	Sunriver, Ore.			

Home tournaments in **boldface** played at Warren Golf Course (par 70/7,011 yards) unless otherwise noted
Dates, times and locations subject to change

2005-06 CUMULATIVE STATISTICS (sorted by stroke average)

Name	Tourn.	Rds.	Str.	vs. Par	Avg.	18	54	Top 5	Top 10	Best Finish (Event)
Mark Baldwin	5	15	1,081	+1	72.07	68	210	1	3	T-4th (Lexus Naples Intercollegiate)
Cole Isban	5	15	1,085	+5	72.33	68	210	1	2	T-1st (Shoal Creek Intercollegiate)
Scott Gustafson	5	15	1,092	+12	72.80	67	211	1	3	T-3rd (Prestige at PGA WEST)
Eddie Peckels	1	3	220	+4	73.33	70	220	0	0	T-34th (CordeValle Collegiate)
Greg Rodgers	4	12	911	+47	75.92	74	224	0	0	T-45th (Lexus Naples Intercoll.)
Mike King	4	12	915	+51	76.25	68	223	0	0	T-29th (Lexus Naples Intercoll.)
Eric Deutsch	4	12	916	+52	76.33	73	222	0	0	T-32nd (Shoal Creek Intercoll.)
TEAM TOTALS	5	15	4,382	+62	292.13	286	865	3	5	5th, three times (MR: Lexus)

2006 SPRING STATISTICS (sorted by stroke average)

Name	Tourn.	Rds.	Str.	vs. Par	Avg.	18	54	Top 5	Top 10	Best Finish (Event)
Mark Baldwin	1	3	210	(-6)	70.00	69	210	1	1	T-4th (Lexus Naples Intercollegiate)
Cole Isban	1	3	213	(-3)	71.00	69	213	0	1	T-10th (Lexus Naples Intercoll.)
Mike King	1	3	224	+8	74.67	74	224	0	0	T-29th (Lexus Naples Intercoll.)
Scott Gustafson	1	3	226	+10	75.33	74	226	0	0	T-36th (Lexus Naples Intercoll.)
Greg Rodgers	1	3	231	+15	77.00	76	231	0	0	T-45th (Lexus Naples Intercoll.)
TEAM TOTALS	1	3	872	+8	290.67	289	872	1	1	5th (Lexus Naples Intercoll.)

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2005-06 MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

PERCENTAGE OF ROUNDS COUNTED

Name	Count/Total	Pct.
Mark Baldwin	12/12	1.000
Scott Gustafson	14/15	.933
Cole Isban	14/15	.933
Mike King	7/9	.778
Greg Rodgers	8/12	.667
Eric Deutsch	7/12	.583

AVERAGE STROKES BEHIND MEDALIST

Name	Str. Off Lead/Tourn.	Avg.
Cole Isban	41/5	8.20
Mark Baldwin	44/5	8.80
Scott Gustafson	48/5	9.60
Eddie Peckels	14/1	14.00
Mike King	76/4	19.00
Eric Deutsch	77/4	19.25
Greg Rodgers	82/4	20.50

STROKE AVERAGE BY ROUND

Name	1	2	3
Mark Baldwin	73.80	72.00	70.40
Eric Deutsch	76.25	77.00	75.75
Scott Gustafson	73.40	73.00	72.00
Cole Isban	74.80	71.20	71.00
Mike King	73.25	78.00	77.50
Eddie Peckels	74.00	70.00	76.00
Greg Rodgers	76.25	76.00	75.50
TEAM AVERAGES	296.00	291.60	288.80

EVEN & UNDER PAR ROUNDS

Name	Under	Even	Total
Mark Baldwin	6	4	10
Cole Isban	7	1	8
Scott Gustafson	3	3	6
Mike King	2	0	2
Eddie Peckels	1	0	1

UPDATED CAREER STATISTICS *(sorted by stroke average)*

Name	Tourn.	Rds.	Str.	Avg.	18	54	Top 5	Top 10	Best Finish (Event)
Cole Isban	29	85	6,313	74.27	68	210	5	10	T-1st ('05 Shoal Creek Intercollegiate)
Eddie Peckels	6	17	1,275	75.00	70	215	0	1	T-7th ('04 Yestingsmeier Invitational)
Scott Gustafson	39	112	8,421	75.19	67	210	4	8	T-2nd ('03 BIG EAST Championship)
Mark Baldwin	36	103	7,752	75.26	63	210	5	7	1st ('05 TCU dual/'05 BIG EAST)
Tommy Balderston	26	75	5,680	75.73	67	213	5	6	1st ('04 John Dallio Invitational)
Mike King	13	36	2,737	76.03	68	214	0	3	T-7th ('04 BGSU John Piper)
Adam Gifford	6	17	1,293	76.06	72	222	0	2	T-8th ('05 TCU dual match)
Eric Deutsch	35	100	7,636	76.36	68	213	2	4	T-3rd ('05 BIG EAST Championship)
Greg Rodgers	14	41	3,134	76.44	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 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	<u>81</u> -78-74=233	+17	T-42nd
Mike King	80- <u>81</u> - <u>81</u> =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- <u>75</u> =222	+6	T-32nd
Scott Gustafson	75-74-74=223	+7	T-38th
Greg Rodgers	<u>76</u> - <u>79</u> -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- <u>77</u> - <u>80</u> =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	<u>76</u> -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- <u>80</u> -74=229	+13	T-59th

CORDEVALLE 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 incorrect ball in first round

LEXUS NAPLES INTERCOLLEGIATE INVITATIONAL

Feb. 27-28 • Hammock Bay Golf & Country Club (Naples, Fla.)
Par 72 • 6,912 yards

Notre Dame 293-289-290=872 (+8) (5th of 13)

Mark Baldwin	72-69-69=210	-6	T-4th (60)
Cole Isban	73-69-71=213	-3	T-10th
Mike King	74-75-75=224	+8	T-29th
Scott Gustafson	74- <u>77</u> -75=226	+10	T-36th
Greg Rodgers	<u>78</u> -76- <u>77</u> =231	+15	T-45th

* - 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
Lexus Naples Intercoll.	72-69-69=210	-6	T-4th

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	
Lexus Naples Intercoll.	74-77-75=226	+10	T-36th

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	
Lexus Naples Intercoll.	73-69-71=213	-3	T-10th

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
Lexus Naples Intercoll.	74-75-75=224	+8	T-29th

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
Lexus Naples Intercoll.	78-76-77=231	+15	T-45th

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

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NOTE: underlined rounds not counted to team total

NOTRE DAME MEN'S GOLF

2005-06 vs. OPPONENTS (44-37-1)

(20) Alabama.....	1-0
(50) UAB (Alabama-Birmingham)	1-1
(28) Arizona.....	0-1
Arkansas.....	0-1
Augusta State.....	0-1
(11) Baylor	0-1
Birmingham Southern	1-0
(6) Brigham Young	0-1
California	1-1
UCF (Central Florida).....	1-1
(24) Charlotte.....	0-1
(38) Coastal Carolina	0-1
(46) Colorado.....	1-0
(10) Duke	0-1
(12) East Tennessee State	0-1
(3) Florida.....	1-0
<i>Florida Gulf Coast.....</i>	<i>1-0</i>
<i>Florida Southern.....</i>	<i>1-0</i>
(26) Florida State	1-1
Georgia Southern	1-0
(7) Georgia State.....	0-2
*Indiana.....	1-0
(39) *Illinois	0-1
Illinois State	0-1
Kansas.....	1-0
(45) LSU.....	0-1
Memphis.....	1-0
(44) *Michigan State	1-0
(21) *Minnesota.....	0-2
Navy	1-0
(37) North Carolina	1-1
UNC Greensboro.....	1-0
UNC Wilmington.....	2-0
(36) North Carolina State	2-0
Northern Colorado	1-0
North Florida.....	1-0
(17) *Northwestern.....	0-2
*Ohio State	3-0
Oregon.....	1-0
Pacific.....	1-0
(19) Pepperdine	0-1-1
Portland.....	1-0

IRISH IN THE POLLS

TEAM

National (GCAA/Bridgestone - March 2)	t-39th
National (Golfstat - March 7)	48th
National (<i>Golfweek/Sagarin</i> - March 6)	53rd

INDIVIDUAL (*Golfweek/Sagarin* - March 6)

Mark Baldwin.....	54th
Cole Isban	62nd
Scott Gustafson	98th

(43) *Purdue.....	0-1
Rhode Island	1-0
Saint Mary's (Calif.).....	1-0
(40) SMU.....	2-0
(32) Southern California (USC)	0-1
Stanford.....	2-1
(8) Tennessee.....	0-1
(31) 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
(16) Wake Forest.....	0-1
(29) Washington.....	0-2
*Wisconsin.....	1-0
Yale.....	1-0
OVERALL RECORD	44-37-1 (.543)
VS. DIVISION I OPPONENTS	42-37-1 (.531)
VS. MIDWEST DISTRICT TEAMS	7-6-0 (.538)

SCHEDULE NOTES: Schools listed in italics are non-NCAA Division I institutions ... 15 team losses due to disqualification @ CordeValle

* - Midwest District team

(x) - *Golfweek/Sagarin* Performance Index ranking (March 6)