

Notre Dame Women's Track and Field Hosts Michigan State

2001 Schedule

INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

JANUARY

Date	Day	Opponent/Meet	Time
19	Fri.	Ball State, W. Michigan (Notre Dame, Ind.)	1st, 125 pts.
26	Sat.	Michigan State (Notre Dame, Ind.)	6:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY

2	Fri.	Meyo Invitational (Notre Dame, Ind.)	6:00 p.m.
3	Sat.		10:30 a.m.
9	Fri.	at Cannon IV (Indianapolis, Ind.)	5:30 p.m.
10	Sat.		
17	Sat.	at BIG EAST Championships (Syracuse, NY)	8:30 a.m.
18	Sun.		10:30 a.m.

MARCH

2	Fri.	Alex Wilson Invitational (Notre Dame, Ind.)	6:00 p.m.
3	Sat.		10:30 a.m.
9	Fri.	at NCAA Championships (Fayetteville, Ark.)	9:00 a.m.
10	Sat.		

OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

MARCH

30	Fri.	at Arizona State Invitational (Tempe, Ariz.)	9:00 a.m.
31	Sat.		

APRIL

7	Sat.	Spring Opener (Notre Dame, Ind.)	10:00 a.m.
13	Fri.	at Sea Ray Relays (Knoxville, Tenn.)	9:00 a.m.
14	Sat.		
20	Fri.	at Mt. SAC Relays (Walnut, Calif.)	9:00 a.m.
22	Sun.		
21	Sat.	at Indy Invitational (Indianapolis, Ind.)	9:00 a.m.
27	Fri.	at Drake Relays (Des Moines, Iowa)	9:00 a.m.
28	Sat.		
27	Fri.	at Purdue Invitational (West Lafayette, Ind.)	9:00 a.m.
28	Sat.		

MAY

4	Fri.	at BIG EAST Championships (Piscataway, NJ)	9:00 a.m.
6	Sun.		
12	Sat.	st Billy Hayes Invitational (Bloomington, Ind.)	9:00 a.m.
19	Sat.	st Georgia Tech Invitational (Atlanta, Ga.)	9:00 a.m.
30	Wed.	st NCAA Championships (Eugene, Ore.)	9:00 a.m.

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2001 University of Notre Dame Women's Track and Field

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WHO: Notre Dame women's track and field team, Michigan State

WHAT: Second meet of the 2001 indoor track and field schedule.

WHERE: Loftus Sports Complex, Notre Dame, Ind.
WHEN: Friday, Jan. 26, 6:00 p.m.

Team opens indoor season with a win over Ball State and Western Michigan: In the first meet of the season on Jan. 19, the Irish showed signs of a strong season ahead as veteran team members and freshmen combined for a solid win complete with a new school record in the pole vault and an NCAA provisional qualifying performance.

Junior **Natalie Hallett** (Huntington Beach, Ca.) and freshman **Jill VanWeelden** (Scottsdale, Ariz.) pushed each other to new heights in the pole vault, and as both cleared the cross bar at 11-4 and earned a place in the Notre Dame record book by breaking teammate **Jamie Volkmer's** (Kearney, Neb.) record of 11-0 3/4 set in the 1999-2000 season. Junior **Liz Grow**, (New Braunfels, Texas) reigning Big East Champion in the 400 meters and 1999 NCAA indoor championships qualifier, continued her domination of the event by winning in 54.61. Grow's time qualifies her provisionally for the NCAA indoor championships, and is just off the 53.20 automatic standard. Grow also took the 200 meters in 24.49, a time better than her 1999-2000 season best of 24.74.

Demonstrating her versatility, sophomore All-American **Tameisha King** (Mableton, Ga.) came away with first place finishes in three events. King jumped 19-4 1/4 to win the long jump, an event she placed ninth in at the 2000 NCAA outdoor championships, and also picked up wins in the 60-meter dash in 7.70 and the 60-meter high hurdles in 8.63.

While the team may have had concerns about the high jump with the loss of All-American **Jennifer Engelhart** to graduation, the Irish showed no signs of weakness as freshman **Jennifer Kearny** (Dallas, Tx.) and Volkmer combined to take first and third, respectively. In her first collegiate meet, Kearny cleared 5-5, while sophomore Volkmer, the school record holder in the triple jump, jumped 5-2 1/2.

The Irish distance squad also turned in impressive opening meet performances, most notably in the 800 meters where the team had three of the top four finishers. Freshman **Megan Johnson** (Seattle, Wa.) earned her first collegiate victory with a time of 2:16.73, as senior teammate **Leanne Brady** (Trumbull, Ct.) took second in 2:19.65 and sophomore **Kristin Flood** (Clive, Iowa) fourth. Sophomore **Jenn Handley** (Barrie, Ontario) had a good showing in the mile, placing second in 4:58.69. In the 3,000 meters, senior **Chrissy Kuenster** (Wheaton, Ill.) and sophomore **Jennifer Fibuch** stayed together throughout the race to finish second and third, respectively, to add points toward the Irish victory.

Other competitors contributing to the win include junior **Amanda Alvarez**, (Ogden, Utah) second in the 500 meters in a time of 1:16.83, freshman **Kristin Dodd**, (Toledo, Ohio) second in the 60 meters in 8.83 and third in the 400 meters, and junior **Bethany Wilson** (San Rafael, Ca.) third in the pole vault at 10-6. Senior **Emily Bienko** (Tranquility, NJ) placed fourth in the shot put with a toss of 39-9 1/4, stepping up in the absence of injured junior **Dore DeBartolo** (Aurora, Ill.).

vs. Ball State and W. Michigan Top-Five Individual Finishes

500 Meters

2. Amanda Alvarez 1:16.83

60-Meter Hurdles

1. Tameisha King 8.63

Mile Run

2. Jenn Handley 4:58.69
5. Bridget O'Brien 5:14.36

400 Meters

1. Liz Grow 54.61
5. Ayesha Boyd 58.65

60 Meters

1. Tameisha King 7.70
2. Kristin Dodd 7.73

800 Meters

1. Megan Johnson 2:16.73
2. Leanne Brady 2:19.65
4. Kristin Flood 2:21.97

200 Meters

1. Liz Grow 24.49
3. Kristin Flood 25.24
5. Ayesha Boyd 25.33

3,000 Meters

2. Chrissy Kuenster 10:11.72
3. Jennifer Fibuch 10:13.37

4X400 Relay

3. Notre Dame "A" 3:56.25

Long Jump

1. Tameisha King 19-4 1/4

Triple Jump

3. Jaime Volkmer 38-0

Pole Vault

1. Jill VanWeelden 11-4
2. Natalie Hallett 11-4
3. Bethany Wilson 10-6

High Jump

1. Jennifer Kearney 5-5
3. Jaime Volkmer 5-2 1/2

Shot Put

4. Emily Bienko 39-9 1/4