



# 2009 NCAA Fencing Championships

March 19 - 22 • College Park, Pa.

## Notre Dame's NCAA Lineup

### Men's Epee

Name	Year	Hometown
Karol Kostka	Sr.	Kraków, Poland
Greg Schoolcraft	So.	San Jose, Calif.

### Men's Foil

Enzo Castellani	Fr.	Keller, Texas
Gerek Meinhardt	Fr.	San Francisco, Calif.

### Men's Sabre

Barron Nydam	So.	Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.
Avery Zuck	So.	Portland, Ore.

### Women's Epee

Courtney Hurley	Fr.	San Antonio, Texas
Ewa Nelip	So.	Katowice, Poland

### Women's Foil

Adrienne Nott	Sr.	Honeyoe Falls, N.Y.
Hayley Reese	So.	Crestwood, Ky.

### Women's Sabre

Sarah Borrmann	So.	Beaverton, Ore.
Eileen Hassett	So.	Beaverton, Ore.

Head Coach: Janusz Bednarski (seventh season)

Assistant Coach: Gia Kvaratskhelia

Assistant Coach: Marek Stepien

## Championship Preview

A combined 12 members of the Notre Dame men's and women's fencing teams will take part in the 2009 NCAA Fencing Championships this weekend in College Park, Pa. The event gets underway on Thursday, March 19 and will run through Sunday, March 22 and it will be hosted by Penn State University. The Fighting Irish qualified a maximum six fencers for both the men and women.

Representing Notre Dame at the NCAA Championship event in epee are sophomore **Ewa Nelip** (Katowice, Poland) and freshman **Courtney Hurley** (San Antonio, Texas) on the women's side and senior **Karol Kostka** (Krakow, Poland) and sophomore **Greg Schoolcraft** (San Jose, Calif.) on the men's side. It marks Nelip's second trip to the NCAA Championships, having achieved All-American status last season as a third-place finisher. It marks Kostka's fourth appearance in the NCAAs and he achieved All-American status in 2007 and 2008. Schoolcraft will be making his first appearance at the NCAAs, while Courtney Hurley is one of three Notre Dame freshmen heading to the NCAAs.

In foil, the Irish are sending sophomore **Hayley Reese** (Crestwood, Ky.), senior **Adrienne Nott** (Pittsford, N.Y.) as well as freshmen **Enzo Castellani** (Keller, Texas) and **Gerek Meinhardt** (San Francisco, Calif.). Reese, a 2008 third-team All-American, will be making her second consecutive trip to the NCAAs, while Nott is looking to become a rare four-time All-American.

The Irish are sending four sophomores to the championships in sabre. On the women's side **Sarah Borrmann** (Beaverton, Ore.) and **Eileen Hassett** (Beaverton, Ore.) will both make their second straight appearances in the NCAA Championship, giving Borrmann a chance to defend her 2008 title, while Hassett will try and build on her second team All-American showing in 2008. On the men's side, **Barron Nydam** (Rancho Sante Fe, Calif.) and **Avery Zuck** (Beaverton, Ore.) will be Notre Dame's sabre entrants. Nydam achieved second team All-American honors with a sixth-place finish in 2008, while Zuck will be making his first NCAA Championship appearance.

Last season, the Fighting Irish placed second at the NCAA Championships in Columbus, Ohio. Notre Dame has won the combined national championship in 1994, 2003 and 2005. The Fighting Irish claimed the men's title in 1977, 1978 and 1986. The Notre Dame women captured the NCAA crown in 1987.

## Following The Irish At The Championship

Updates and recaps will be posted at und.com. The full results will be posted on the 2009 Championship Central page: [www.gopsusports.com/2009fencingnationals.html](http://www.gopsusports.com/2009fencingnationals.html). Other websites providing coverage include the NCAA's Website: [www.ncaa.com/sports/c-fenc/ncaa-c-fenc-body.html](http://www.ncaa.com/sports/c-fenc/ncaa-c-fenc-body.html) and [www.collegefencing360.com](http://www.collegefencing360.com).

Highlights of the National Collegiate Men's and Women's Fencing Championships will be shown on CBS at 1 p.m. (EST) on Saturday, May 2. The seasonal show will feature highlights of 17 different NCAA championships that took place during the winter.

## Notre Dame's NCAA Fencing Titles

### Men's

1977, 1978 & 1986

### Women's

1987

### Combined

1994, 2003 & 2005



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## The Venue

The competition will take place at the Penn State Multi-Sports Facility. The 2009 National Collegiate Fencing Championship will be the first fencing event the facility has hosted.

## Ticket Information

Tickets may be purchased in advance by going to the Bryce Jordan Center ticket office or by calling the ticket office at 814.865.5555 (\$2 handling fee for phone orders only).

### **Ticket prices are:**

All Tournament Pass -- \$18 for adults and \$12 for students/youth.  
Single Day -- Single-day tickets are also available for \$6 for adults and \$4 for students/youth.

Groups -- Groups of 20 or more (any age) can purchase single-day tickets for \$3.

## The Format

Each of the six weapon events will be contested as a round-robin of the 24 competitors (for 2009 only, the women's foil field will consist of 25 student-athletes). The round-robin will consist of five-touch bouts. After the round-robin, the top four fencers in each event will fence direct elimination 15-touch bouts for first, second and third places. Absolute ties for the seeding will be broken as follows: for positions one through three, by a coin toss; for position four, by a fence-off. An institution's place finish in the championships will be based on points earned by each individual. A team will be awarded one point for each victory by its student-athletes for the duration of the championships.

This year, the men's events will be fenced on Thursday and Friday, with the women following on Saturday and Sunday. Group assignments and bout order will be released on Wednesday evening for the men and Friday afternoon for the women. Thursday will feature men's rounds 1-4, while Friday will include men's rounds 5-7, with the six semifinal bouts following simultaneously. The men's gold medal bouts will begin at 2:00 p.m. with an awards ceremony immediately following the final gold medal bout. The women's rounds 1-4 will take place on Saturday, with rounds 5-7 and the six semifinal bouts following simultaneously on Sunday. In addition, Sunday will include the women's gold medal bouts, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The women's individual awards and the team awards presentations will follow the finals.

## To The Max...

The Irish qualified the maximum 12 fencers for the NCAA Championship. After a stellar regular season in which the team combined for only two losses in the regular season and followed up with a strong showing at the NCAA Midwest Regional, including nine medalist finishes and two individual titles, the Irish earned the right to send two fencers per weapon to the Championship event. 2009 marks the seventh time the Irish have qualified 12 fencers for NAAs, having done so from 2000-03 as well as at the 2006 and 2008 Championships.

Since the NCAA added women's sabre to the Championship in 2000, teams sending 12 fencers to the NAAs have won eight of

the nine Championships contested. In 2005, Notre Dame won the title with only 11 qualifiers.

Since 2000, Notre Dame has qualified the most fencers for NCAA Championship play (117), followed closely by Penn State (116) and St. John's (110). In that same time span, Notre Dame has qualified the maximum 40 fencers in sabre, joining St. John's (sabre) and Penn State (foil) as one of only three schools to reach the maximum 40 qualifiers in a weapon group since the NCAA added women's sabre.

### UND's NCAA Qualifiers (since 2000)

2000 - 12
2001 - 12
2002 - 12
2003 - 12
2004 - 11 (one in men's foil)
2005 - 11 (one in men's foil)
2006 - 12
2007 - 11 (one in women's foil)
2008 - 12
2009 - 12

## The Competition

The Irish are expected to duel it out with traditional rivals Ohio State and Penn State for the championship, as they both have 12 fencers in the championship field. But Columbia (11 entrants) and St. John's (10 entrants) will also have a say in where the 2009 title comes to rest.

## A Rare Trifecta

**Courtney Hurley** (epee) and **Sarah Borrman** (sabre) have positioned themselves for a rare run at achieving three gold medal finishes over a four week span. Both Hurley and Borrman took top-honors in their respective weapons at Notre Dame's first two postseason events of 2009, including the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships and the NCAA Midwest Regional.

## Four-Year Phenom

With a top-12 finish at this year's NCAA Championship, **Adrienne Nott** would become Notre Dame's 18th fencer to earn All-American honors in each of her four seasons, and the 28th student athlete in school history to do so. Most recently, **Valerie Providenza** achieved the feat when she earned All-American status from 2004-2007 in women's sabre. Nott, a foilist, would become the seventh women's sabreist to earn the four-year All-American distinction.

At the 2009 Championship, Nott will be one of two women's foilists making a fourth consecutive NCAA appearance, joining Northwestern's **Samantha Nemecek**. All told, eight men (including Notre Dame senior **Karol Kostka**) and five women will be making their fourth career NCAA appearance at the 2009 Championship.

## Number One

The Notre Dame men's fencing team opened the season tied for first atop the USFCA Coaches' Poll, joining the women's soccer and hockey teams as Irish squads ranked first in the nation during the 2008-09 academic year.

Then on February 19 the women's fencing team joined the men atop the latest USFCA Coaches' poll. The men also claimed top-honors outright, as they were previously tied with Penn State in the first poll of the season. It marked the first time both squads

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USFCA Poll (3.17.09)

## Men

1. Notre Dame (1 in last poll)
2. Penn State (2)
3. Pennsylvania (4)
4. Ohio State (3)
5. Columbia (5)
6. Princeton (6)
7. Harvard (9)
8. St. John's (NY) (7)
9. Stanford (10)
10. Duke (8)

Others receiving votes: North Carolina; Air Force; Brandeis; Yale; UC-San Diego; Wayne State (MI); Brown and Johns Hopkins (tied)

## Women

1. Notre Dame (1)
2. Penn State (2)
3. Harvard (4)
4. Ohio State (3)
5. Columbia-Barnard (5)
6. Northwestern (7)
7. Pennsylvania (6)
8. Princeton (10)
9. Temple (8)
10. St. John's (NY) (9)

Others receiving votes: Stanford; Duke; Yale; North Carolina; NYU; Brandeis; Air Force; Cornell; MIT and UC-San Diego (tied); Wayne State (MI)

were ranked first in the nation since the 2004 season-opening poll. Both teams remained first overall in the last poll of the season, released on March 17.

At least one of the Irish fencing teams has held sole possession of the top ranking in eight of the past nine seasons (2001-06, 2008-09). The Notre Dame women now have been ranked number one in five of the past six years (all but '07), while the men are in sole possession of the number one ranking for the first time since 2004.

Women's soccer spent much of the season ranked first overall as the team made a run to the national title game in Cary, N.C. The hockey team spent seven weeks ranked first in both

season after losing a 14-13 decision to Ohio State on January 25 in New York, N.Y. The 24 wins in a row are the eighth most in program history. The women's longest win streak came from 1993-96 when they won 75 in a row.

## Men's Captains

Seniors **Karol Kostka** (Krakow, Poland), **Mark Kubik** (San Antonio, Texas) and **Bill Thanouser** (Portland, Ore.) are serving as the men's team captains. Kostka, a 2008 All-American, is serving as the epee team captain for the first time in his career. Kubik is serving as the foil team captain for the second consecutive season, while Thanouser is also in his second year captaining the sabre squad.

## Women's Captains

The four captains of the women's team include seniors **Kim Montoya** (Las Vegas, Nev.), **Adrienne Nott** (Pittsford, N.Y.) and **Ashley Serrette** (Orange, N.J.) and sophomore **Sarah Borrmann** (Beaverton, Ore.). Montoya, a three-year monogram winner, is in her second year of captaining the epee team. Nott is in her third year as an Irish captain, as she serves as the foil team captain. She is just the second three-year foil captain in program history; along with 2008 graduate **Rachel Cota**. Serrette and Borrmann combine as the captains of the sabre team. It marks Serrette's second year as a sabre team captain.

## Fencing By State or Country

The 2008-09 Irish roster includes fencers from 18 different states – Texas (10), California (5), New Jersey (5), Oregon (5), New York (4), Colorado (3), Wisconsin (3), Connecticut (2), Arkansas (1), Illinois (1), Indiana (1), Kansas (1), Kentucky (1), Michigan (1), Minnesota (1), Nevada (1), North Carolina (1), Virginia (1) – plus two fencers from Poland and one each from Brazil and France.

All-time, fencers from 48 states (all but Alaska and West Virginia) have competed for the Irish as well as from 25 countries. The states with the most fencers on Notre Dame's all-time roster include Illinois (92), New York (89) and New Jersey (86).

## Last Year's NAAs

Notre Dame entered the fourth and final day of the 2008 NCAA Fencing Championships trailing Ohio State by two wins, yet the Irish could not make up the difference and concluded the event as the runner-up behind the national champion Buckeyes. Ohio State finished with 185 victories, while Notre Dame had 176. It marked

Notre Dame's sixth second-place finish in NCAA competition since 1996 and its best result since winning the title in 2005.

Five Notre Dame men copped All-America honors, which gave the Irish a total of 11 All-Americans after all six qualified women earned that distinction during their two days of bouts. In the men's epee, Irish senior **Greg Howard** placed eighth to earn second-team All-America honors for the second straight season. His junior teammate **Karol Kostka** was right behind in ninth to claim third-team accolades for the second consecutive campaign, as he finished 11th in

the USA Today and USCHO.com polls from December 1 through January 26 before returning to the top spot in the USA Today poll for the week of February 23. It also marks the first time since 2000-01 that four different teams have been ranked first overall in the same academic year. During the 2000-01 campaign, the women's soccer, women's basketball and baseball teams joined the men's fencing squad atop their respective polls.

## Streakin'?

The men's team has now won 47-straight regular-season team matches, dating back to February 4 of 2008 when the Irish dropped a 14-13 decision to rival Ohio State on day-two of the Northwestern Duals. Since that loss, the Irish won 14-straight to close out the 2008 season before running off 33-straight wins in 2009.

The 47-straight wins constitute the fifth-longest win streak in program history, and the longest since 2004. The high-water mark is 122 consecutive wins, recorded from 1975-80.

The women won 24 straight matches to close out the regular-

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2007. In men's foil, Notre Dame freshman **Steve Kubik** garnered second-team All-America honors by placing eighth. Fellow Irish rookie **Zach Schirtz** copped third-team distinction with his 11th-place finish. Fighting Irish freshman **Barron Nydam** earned second-team All-America honors in sabre with his sixth-place result, while **Bill Thanhouser**, finished 13th (just outside the All-American honors).

Sophomore **Kelley Hurley** and freshman **Sarah Borrmann** captured gold in the epee and sabre, respectively, for Notre Dame during the second and final day of women's competition. Epeeist **Ewa Nelip**, defeated top-seeded **Alexandra Obrzcova** of Ohio State, 15-9, to earn the bronze medal and first-team All-America honors. In the foil, Notre Dame's **Adrienne Nott** was the third seed in direct elimination and fell to No. 2 seed **Monika Golebiewski** from St. John's in the semifinals, 15-6. The Irish junior went on to take first-team All-America honors with a fourth-place finish. Freshman **Hayley Reese** placed 11th in foil to claim third-team All-America status during her first action in NCAA Championships competition. In sabre, Borrmann earned first-team accolades, while classmate **Eileen Hassett** finished fifth to receive second-team honors. Borrmann, the third seed, took out Wayne State's **Karolina Budna** (No. 2 seed), 15-10, in the semifinals before defeating top seed Siobhan Byrne from Ohio State, 15-11, in the championship bout to earn the gold.

## "S"words For 500

Under the guidance of head coach **Janusz Bednarski**, the Irish have built a tradition of success in sabre, headlined by Sarah Borrmann's individual gold medal performance at the 2008 NCAA Championships. Since Bednarski took over as the Irish head coach, his charges have taken home four of ten individual NCAA titles: **Patrick Ghattas** (2005), **Valerie Providenza** (2004),

**Mariel Zagunis** (2006) and **Sarah Borrmann** (2008). Additionally, his sabre fencers have achieved All-American status on 17 occasions (out of a possible 20 entrants), while also earning four silver medals as runner-up finishers. Since 2000, Notre Dame joins St. John's as the only schools to qualify the maximum 40 fencers for the NCAAs in sabre.

## Youth Movement

A year ago, the Irish tied the program record by sending seven freshmen to the NCAAs, and the youth movement has continued, as 10 of Notre Dame's 12 qualifiers are underclassmen. In 2009, three freshman (**Courtney Hurley**, **Gerek Meinhardt** and **Enzo Castellani**) join sophomores **Greg Schoolcraft**, **Barron Nydam**, **Avery Zuck**, **Ewa Nelip**, **Sarah Borrmann** and **Eileen Hassett** to give the Irish a very young core group of fencers.

## Quick Touches

2009 marks the second time that Penn State will play host to the NCAA fencing championships. In 1991, the Nittany Lions hosted the event and the home team came away with the championship, besting runner-up Columbia by 500 points ... 2009 also marks the second consecutive year in which the Irish have sent a freshman duo to NCAAs in men's foil, as last season Notre Dame's **Zach Schirtz** and **Steve Kubik** qualified for the NCAAs.

## La Valle Remembered

Prior to the start of the season, head coach **Janusz Bednarski** announced that the men's and women's fencing teams will dedicate their 2009 season in memory of **Luke La Valle**, a native of New York, N.Y., who succumbed to cancer after a 21-month battle on December 31 at the age of 30.

La Valle fenced with the Irish from 1996-99, earning four monograms and posting a 200-20 (.909) career record in sabre. His 200 career wins rank second-most in men's team history, while his .909 winning-percentage is ninth best.

As a junior, La Valle won the NCAA sabre title in 1998. At the Championship, he posted a 17-6 record on his way to becoming the 10th individual weapon champion in program history when he defeated Michael Golia of Penn, 15-11.

To help honor the spirit of La Valle, the team wears rectangular patches with "Luke" inscribed in Notre Dame Gold thread on a black background. The text is showcased in bold Garamond, one of the official fonts of the University, and it is gold in order to symbolize the University that La Valle loved.

La Valle is one of just 17 fencers to have attained All-America status in all four years of competition with the Irish fencing program. Aside from his first-place finish in 1998, La Valle finished fourth in 1996, fifth in 1997 and 11th in 1999. In his four stints of NCAA Championship play, La Valle posted 62 wins, seventh most in program history.

## Academic Excellence

The fencing program boasts a long-standing tradition of great achievement in the classroom in addition to on the strip. Most recently, **Adrienne Nott** was selected to the 2008 ESPN The

### Men's 2009 Team Results (33-0)

1.24	W	#1 Notre Dame 17	#4 Columbia 10 (@ Jamaica, N.Y.)
1.24	W	#1 Notre Dame 14	#9 St. John's 13 (@ Jamaica, N.Y.)
1.25	W	#1 Notre Dame 19	Yale 8 (@ New York, N.Y.)
1.25	W	#1 Notre Dame 15	Columbia 12 (@ New York, N.Y.)
1.25	W	#1 Notre Dame 22	Stevens Tech 5 (@ New York, N.Y.)
1.25	W	#1 Notre Dame 19	#9 St. John's 8 (@ New York, N.Y.)
1.25	W	#1 Notre Dame 21	New York University 6 (@ New York, N.Y.)
1.25	W	#1 Notre Dame 15	#3 Ohio State 12 (@ New York, N.Y.)
1.31	W	#1 Notre Dame 23	Johns Hopkins 4 (@ Evanston, Ill.)
1.31	W	#1 Notre Dame 14	#1 Penn State 13 (@ Evanston, Ill.)
1.31	W	#1 Notre Dame 20	Northwestern 7 (@ Evanston, Ill.)
1.31	W	#1 Notre Dame 24	Cleveland State 3 (@ Evanston, Ill.)
1.31	W	#1 Notre Dame 21	#10 North Carolina 6 (@ Evanston, Ill.)
2.1	W	#1 Notre Dame 24	Wayne State 3 (@ Evanston, Ill.)
2.1	W	#1 Notre Dame 24	Detroit 3 (@ Evanston, Ill.)
2.1	W	#1 Notre Dame 27	Lawrence 0 (@ Evanston, Ill.)
2.1	W	#1 Notre Dame 15	#3 Ohio State 12 (@ Evanston, Ill.)
2.6	W	#1 Notre Dame 16	#10 North Carolina 11 (@ Durham, N.C.)
2.6	W	#1 Notre Dame 14	#10 Duke 13 (@ Durham, N.C.)
2.6	W	#1 Notre Dame 21	Johns Hopkins 6 (@ Durham, N.C.)
2.7	W	#1 Notre Dame 22	Cal Tech 5 (Notre Dame, Ind.)
2.7	W	#1 Notre Dame 21	Florida 6 (Notre Dame, Ind.)
2.7	W	#1 Notre Dame 23	Cleveland State 4 (Notre Dame, Ind.)
2.7	W	#1 Notre Dame 21	Detroit 6 (Notre Dame, Ind.)
2.7	W	#1 Notre Dame 20	Northwestern 7 (Notre Dame, Ind.)
2.7	W	#1 Notre Dame 18	Air Force 9 (Notre Dame, Ind.)
2.7	W	#1 Notre Dame 23	Michigan State 4 (Notre Dame, Ind.)
2.8	W	#1 Notre Dame 25	Lawrence 2 (Notre Dame, Ind.)
2.8	W	#1 Notre Dame 22	Cal Tech 5 (Notre Dame, Ind.)
2.8	W	#1 Notre Dame 15	#7 Stanford 12 (Notre Dame, Ind.)
2.8	W	#1 Notre Dame 18	UC San Diego 9 (Notre Dame, Ind.)
2.8	W	#1 Notre Dame 19	Wayne State 8 (Notre Dame, Ind.)
2.8	W	#1 Notre Dame 25	Oberlin 2 (Notre Dame, Ind.)

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Magazine Academic All-District V at-large team in voting done by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) for the 2007-08 school year. The senior owns a 3.733 grade point average with a double major in psychology and Japanese. For the 2008-09 school year, Nott was once again selected to take part in Notre Dame's Academic Honors Program. Along with **Mark Kubik** (3.609/chemical engineering) and **Bill Thanhouser** (3.652/Program of Liberal Studies), Nott is one of three fencers taking part in the program.

## MFC Championships Recap

### MFC Individual Champions

**Karol Kostka**, **Sarah Borrmann** and **Courtney Hurley** combined to claim three individual titles for the Irish on the first day of competition and Notre Dame took home two weapon titles on the second day of fencing.

Borrmann won the first individual title as she knocked off Ohio State's **Margarita Tschomakova** in the sabre final, 15-8. Borrmann became just the second Notre Dame women's sabreist to take home the individual title at the MFC Championships, and the first since **Valerie Providenza** did so in 2005.

Notre Dame's next gold medal finish was turned in by Kostka, who, trailing by three touches when his opponent only needed to land one, rallied to take the men's epee championship. 2009 marks Kostka's second consecutive year of winning top individual honors at the MFC Championships in men's epee.

Courtney Hurley sealed the third individual title of the day for the Irish when she defeated Northwestern's **Joanna Niklinska** by a score of 15-8 in the championship bout. It is the third year in a row that a Notre Dame freshman has claimed the title in women's epee as Courtney's older sister **Kelley Hurley** did so in 2007 and **Ewa Nelip** won last season's title in her first season with the Irish.

Other notable finishes by the Irish included **Avery Zuck's** second place finish in men's sabre and **Hayley Reese's** run to the title bout in women's foil. Reese's only loss of the day came in the championship bout.

### MFC Team Championships

On the second day of competition of the MFC Championships, the Irish took titles in men's sabre and women's epee. Notre Dame also advanced to the championship bout in the other four categories. For the weekend, Notre Dame finished in second place with 1,290 points, while the Buckeyes of Ohio State claimed their fourth combined conference title in a row as they finished with 1,310 points to edge the Irish by 20 points.

Notre Dame rolled to the men's sabre conference championship on Sunday, losing only one bout in the process. The Irish, who entered as the number one seed, began the day by defeating Cleveland State, 5-0, in the round of 16. Then they downed Wisconsin, 5-0, in the quarterfinals before beating fourth-seeded Northwestern, 5-0, in the semifinals. Notre Dame then knocked off second-seeded Ohio State, 5-1, in the championship bout. Sophomores **Barron Nydam** and **Zuck** both notched two victories in the championship bout, while senior captain **Bill Thanhouser** won the championship-clinching bout with a spirited 5-4 triumph over OSU's John Friend.

The women's epee squad claimed Notre Dame's second title of the day with a 5-2 win against Northwestern. In the title bout, **Courtney Hurley** got the Irish out to a 1-0 lead with a 5-4 defeat of OSU's Kayley French. But **Christina French** answered with a 5-3 win over Nelip to tie the overall score at 1-1. Kelley Hurley reclaimed the Irish advantage as she blanked Niklinska, 5-0. Nelip extended the lead with a 5-1 win over K. French and then Courtney Hurley gave the Irish a commanding 4-1 lead with her 5-0 win over Niklinska. C. French kept the Wildcats alive with a 5-3 win over **Kelley Hurley**, only to see Nelip claim the title with a 5-3 win over Niklinska. The Irish advanced to the Championship with a 5-2 win over Purdue to advance to the quarterfinals, a 5-1 win over Wyane State and a 5-0 victory over Michigan State in the semifinals.

## Expect A Strong Irish Presence

### At The Junior World Championship

Freshman epeeist **Courtney Hurley**, freshman foilist **Gerek Meinhardt** as well as sophomores **Avery Zuck** and **Barron Nydam** have been named to Team USA for the upcoming Junior World Championships it was announced by the United States Fencing Association. In addition, sophomore **Ewa Nelip** will represent her native Poland, while freshman sabreist **Marcel Frenkel** will fence for Brazil. The 2009 Junior World Fencing Championships will take place on April 4-13 in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

### Women's 2009 Team Results (30-2)

1.24	W	#2 Notre Dame 18	#4 Columbia 9 (@ Jamaica, N.Y.)
1.24	W	#2 Notre Dame 18	St. John's 9 (@ Jamaica, N.Y.)
1.25	W	#2 Notre Dame 23	Yale 4 (@ New York, N.Y.)
1.25	L	#4 Columbia 14	#2 Notre Dame 13 (@ New York, N.Y.)
1.25	W	#2 Notre Dame 18	Northwestern 9 (@ New York, N.Y.)
1.25	W	#2 Notre Dame 23	St. John's 4 (@ New York, N.Y.)
1.25	W	#2 Notre Dame 25	New York University 2 (@ New York, N.Y.)
1.25	L	Ohio State 14	#2 Notre Dame 13 (@ New York, N.Y.)
1.31	W	#2 Notre Dame 25	Johns Hopkins 2 (@ Evanston, Ill.)
1.31	W	#2 Notre Dame 19	#1 Penn State 8 (@ Evanston, Ill.)
1.31	W	#2 Notre Dame 19	#8 Temple 8 (@ Evanston, Ill.)
1.31	W	#2 Notre Dame 25	Fairleigh Dickinson 2 (@ Evanston, Ill.)
1.31	W	#2 Notre Dame 25	Lawrence 2 (@ Evanston, Ill.)
1.31	W	#2 Notre Dame 23	Wayne State 4 (@ Evanston, Ill.)
2.1	W	#2 Notre Dame 26	Cleveland State 1 (@ Evanston, Ill.)
2.1	W	#2 Notre Dame 23	North Carolina 4 (@ Evanston, Ill.)
2.1	W	#2 Notre Dame 16	#6 Northwestern 11 (@ Evanston, Ill.)
2.1	W	#2 Notre Dame 27	Detroit 0 (@ Evanston, Ill.)
2.1	W	#2 Notre Dame 17	#3 Ohio State 10 (@ Evanston, Ill.)
2.7	W	#2 Notre Dame 21	Stanford 6 (Notre Dame, Ind.)
2.7	W	#2 Notre Dame 21	Michigan State 6 (Notre Dame, Ind.)
2.7	W	#2 Notre Dame 23	Air Force 4 (Notre Dame, Ind.)
2.7	W	#2 Notre Dame 21	UC San Diego 0 (Notre Dame, Ind.)
2.7	W	#2 Notre Dame 25	Detroit 2 (Notre Dame, Ind.)
2.7	W	#2 Notre Dame 26	Cleveland State 1 (Notre Dame, Ind.)
2.7	W	#2 Notre Dame 24	Florida 3 (Notre Dame, Ind.)
2.7	W	#2 Notre Dame 24	Cal Tech 3 (Notre Dame, Ind.)
2.8	W	#2 Notre Dame 22	Wayne State 5 (Notre Dame, Ind.)
2.8	W	#2 Notre Dame 26	Oberlin 1 (Notre Dame, Ind.)
2.8	W	#2 Notre Dame 21	UC San Diego 6 (Notre Dame, Ind.)
2.8	W	#2 Notre Dame 25	Cal Tech 2 (Notre Dame, Ind.)
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# Notre Dame's 2009 NCAA Qualifiers



## Karol Kostka

*Senior - Epee  
Krakow, Poland*

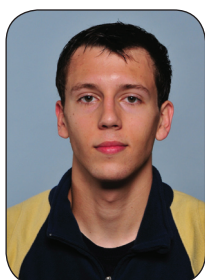
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## Greg Schoolcraft

*Sophomore - Epee  
San Jose, Calif.*

Opened the 2009 senior season with a 3-3 record at the St. John's Duals ... led the Irish men's epee squad in wins at the NYU Duals, posting a 9-3 record, including perfect 3-0 performances against St. John's and Yale ... went 15-1 at the Northwestern Duals ... his 15 wins led all Irish men's epeeists and included perfect showings against Ohio State (3-0), Johns Hopkins (2-0), Penn State (3-0), Cleveland State (3-0) and North Carolina (2-0) ... posted a 6-3 record at the Duke Duals ... went 3-2 at the Notre Dame Duals ... won the individual epee championship at the Midwest Fencing Conference Championship with an epic win over Ohio State's Igor Tolkachev, 15-14 ... was down 14-12 in the final, but rallied off three straight touches to claim the win over Tolkachev ... entered the direct elimination portion of the tournament tied for the first seed overall and earned a bye in the first round ... defeated Minnesota's Brian Hodge, 15-4, in the round of 64 before knocking off Colin McIntyre of Michigan, 15-6, in the round of 32 ... in the round of 16, downed Northwestern's Davidson Barr, 15-9 to enter the quarterfinals, where he beat teammate Christopher Pinkowski, 15-10 ... then knocked off Wayne State's Slava Zingerman, 15-12, to advance to the finals ... led the Notre Dame epee contingent at the NCAA Midwest Regional with a top-three performance ... advanced to the final eight table as the second seed where he defeated John Marshall of Cleveland State, 15-12, to advance to the semifinals ... in the semifinals, was edged by sixth-seeded and eventual champion Slava Zingerman of Wayne State, 15-14 ... in the bronze medal bout, downed Ohio State's top-seeded Tolkachev, 15-11 ... has now medaled at the NCAA Regionals in each of the past four seasons (first in 2008, third in 2006, 2007 & 2009).



## Enzo Castellani

*Freshman - Foil  
Keller, Texas*

Led all Irish men's foilists at the St. John's Duals with a 5-1 record ... earned his first career victory against Columbia's Isaac Kim (5-1) ... went 9-2 at the NYU Invitational ... in Notre Dame's come-from-behind win over Columbia at the NYU Duals, gave Irish the lead for good with a 5-2 win over Sherif Farrag ... finished 6-4 at the Northwestern Duals, including a 2-0 mark against Johns Hopkins ... led the Irish men's foil team at the Duke Duals with an 8-1 record ... went 9-2 at the Notre Dame Duals ... made a run to the finals of the Midwest Conference Championships to earn first-team All-Conference honors ... in the championships, was seeded fifth after pool play, earning a first-round bye ... in the round of 64, knocked off Azim Ghandi of Illinois, 15-3, before beating Zach Newman of Ohio State, 15-3, in the round of 32 ... then beat Purdue's Pavel Pruksakov, 15-3, to advance to the quarterfinals, where he knocked off Philip Chan of Illinois, 15-2 ... defeated Notre Dame teammate Zach Schirtz in the quarterfinals, 15-8, to advance to the finals ... fell 15-5 to Ohio State's Andras Horanyi in the finals to claim second place ... led the Irish men's foil team at the NCAA Midwest Regional with a bronze medal finish ... in final eight table, outlasted Irish teammate Gerek Meinhardt, 15-13, to advance to the semifinals ... in the semifinals, lost to top-seeded and eventual champion Andras Horanyi of Ohio State, 15-8 ... beat teammate Reggie Bentley, 15-8, in the third-place bout to claim the bronze.



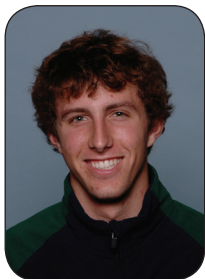
## Gerek Meinhardt

*Freshman - Foil  
San Francisco, Calif.*

Began his college career at the Northwestern Duals, finishing 16-2 ... earned his first career win against Johns Hopkins' James Einseidler (5-0) ... his 16 wins led all Irish men's foilists and included a 3-0 record against Cleveland State and 2-0 marks versus Johns Hopkins, North Carolina, Detroit and Lawrence ... turned in an impressive 15-0 performance at the Notre Dame Duals (including 3-0 records against both Lawrence and Cal Tech) ... did not compete in the individual portion of the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships ... placed fifth at the NCAA Midwest Regional ... after dropping his first final-eight bout in the regional to teammate Enzo Castellani, 15-13, won two straight to finish fifth ... out-touched his final two opponents by a 30-3 margin, including a 15-3 win over Ohio State's Ben Parkins in the fifth-place bout.



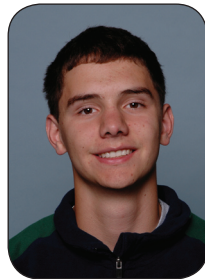
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## Barron Nydam

*Sophomore - Sabre  
Ranch Sante Fe, Calif.*

Started the year by going 2-3 at the St. John's Du-als ... rebounded at the NYU Invitational, finishing 11-2, including a perfect 3-0 record against third-ranked Ohio State ... his 11 wins at the NYU In- vitational led the Irish men's sabre squad and included his 50th career win ... in Notre Dame's 15-12 come-from-behind win against Columbia at the NYU Invitational, Zuck ignited the comeback by beating Alex Rudnicki (5-0) to tie the match at 11-11 ... finished 10-2 at the Northwestern Du-als, with perfect records against Johns Hop- kins (2-0), tenth-ranked North Carolina (2-0), Wayne State (2-0) and third-ranked Ohio State (3-0) ... went 5-1 at the Notre Dame Du-als ... made a run to the semifinals of the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships to earn first-team All-Conference honors ... beat An- drew Kirchhman of Minnesota, 15-2, in the first round of the conference championships ... in the round of 32 beat Lawrence's Alex Chee, 15-8 ... dominated Alex Gottschalk of Wisconsin, 15-6, in the round of 16 ... knocked off Notre Dame teammate Barron Nydam, 15-10 in the quarter- finals ... won a close contest against Ohio State's Mikhail Momtselidze, 15-14, before losing in the finals to OSU's John Friend, 15-8 ... made a run to the championship bout in the NCAA Midwest Regional ... downed teammate Keith Feldman, 15-5, in the first round of the final eight table to advance to the semifinals ... in the semifinals, overcame Ohio State's Dexter Wilde, 15-9 ... lost to top-seeded Mikhail Momtselidze of Ohio State, 15-9, in the final.



## Avery Zuck

*Sophomore - Sabre  
Beaverton, Ore.*

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## Courtney Hurley

*Freshman - Epee  
San Antonio, Texas*

Began her college career with a 6-0 record at the St. John's Du-als ... recorded her first career win against Columbia's Martyna Urbanowicz (5-2) ... went 8-3 at the NYU Invitational, including 3-0 against St. John's ... had an impressive day (17-2) at the Northwestern Du-als, including going 3-0 against both John Hopkins and Temple ... also went 2-0 against North Carolina, Northwestern and Detroit at the Northwestern Du-als ... went undefeated at the Notre Dame Du-als, finishing 19-0 ... went 3-0 against Stanford and Cal Tech at the Notre Dame Du-als ... registered her 50th career win at the Notre Dame Du-als ... beat Northwestern's Joanna Niklinska, 15-8, to win the women's epee title at the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships and earn first-team All-Conference honors ... beat Lawrence's Meghan Bonham, 15-0, and Wayne State's Emanuela Bercera, 15-7, in the early rounds of the championships to advance to the round of 16 ... in the round of 16, knocked off Ohio State's Mary Pozydaev, 15-11 ... beat Notre Dame teammate Ewa Nelip, 15-10, in the quarterfinals ... disposed of Northwestern's Christa French, 15-10, in the semifinals to advance to take on Niklinska ... won the NCAA Midwest Regional title ... her run to the title began with a perfect 5-0 record in pool play, which earned her the top seed in the final eight ... beat her sister and Notre Dame team- mate Kelley Hurley, 15-9, in the semifinals ... won the title bout against teammate Ewa Nelip, 15-9 ... her run to the title was so dominant that no non-Irish opponent landed more than seven touches against her all day, while teammates K. Hurley and Nelip could only land nine.



## Ewa Nelip

*Sophomore - Epee  
Katowice, Poland*

Went 5-1 at the St. John's Invitational ... posted a women's epee team best 14-1 record at the NYU Invitational, which included perfect 3-0 showings against Yale, Northwestern, St. John's and Ohio State ... led the Irish women's epee team in wins at the Northwestern Du-als, finishing 18-0, including 3-0 marks against North- western, Johns Hopkins, Penn State and Temple ... did not compete at the Notre Dame Du-als ... finished in fifth place at the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships to earn second-team All-Conference honors ... at the championships, beat Xavier's Elizabeth Schweitzer, 15-3, in the round of 64 and Ohio State's Miriam Baranov, 15-9, in the round of 32 ... knocked off Michigan State's Sara Bowers, 15-7, in the round of 16 ... lost to teammate Courtney Hurley, 15-10, in the quarterfinals ... took sec- ond at the NCAA Midwest Regional ... in the semifinals of the regional, notched a 15-11 win over Ohio State's Julia Tikonova to reach the finals ... lost to teammate Courtney Hurley, 15-9, in the final.

# Notre Dame's 2009 NCAA Qualifiers



## Adrienne Nott

*Senior - Foil  
Pittsford, N.Y.*

Opened the season with a 2-2 record at the St. John's Duals ... went 9-4 at the NYU Invitational ... at the Northwestern Duals, went 18-6, including 3-0 marks against Johns Hopkins, North Carolina and Detroit ... turned in an impressive performance at the Notre Dame Duals, finishing 24-1 ... went 3-0 against Stanford, Air Force, Cleveland State, Cal Tech and UC San Diego at the Notre Dame Duals ... registered her 200th career win at the Notre Dame Duals ... did not compete at the Midwest Fencing College Championships ... placed fifth at the NCAA Midwest Regional ... after losing in the round of eight, recorded consecutive wins over Notre Dame teammates Darsie Malynn (15-3) and Radmila Sarkisova (15-7) in the repechage to finish in fifth.



## Hayley Reese

*Sophomore - Foil  
Crestwood, Ky*

Opened her season at the St. John's Duals, finishing 4-0 ... went 6-4 at the NYU Invitational ... finished 24-1 at the Northwestern Duals ... her 24 wins led the Irish women's foil team and included 3-0 marks against Johns Hopkins, Penn State, Cleveland State, North Carolina and Detroit ... also beat 2007 National Foil Champion Doris Willette in Notre Dame's victory over top-ranked Penn State at the Northwestern Duals ... went over the 100 win mark for her career at the Northwestern Duals ... turned in an impressive 17-1 record at the Notre Dame Duals, including going 3-0 against Michigan State ... advanced to the finals of the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships to finish second and claim first-team All-Conference honors ... her lone loss at the championships came in the final versus Northwestern's Samantha Nemecek, 15-12 ... began the direct-elimination round of the tournament as the 11th seed ... after a first round bye, beat Xavier's Kate Nelson in the round of 64 and Chicago's Annie Provensal-Doyle, 15-5 ... knocked off Northwestern's Camille Provençal-Dayle, 15-5 ... downed Ohio State's Oksana Dmytruk, 10-9 ... in the semifinals, defeated Northwestern's Devynn Patterson, 15-2, to advance to the finals ... was Notre Dame's top foil finisher at the NCAA Midwest Regional as she placed third to take home the bronze ... finished with a 5-0 mark in pool play ... in the final eight, posted a 15-8 win over Irish teammate Radmilla Sarkisova to advance to the semifinals ... fell to eventual champion Oksana Dmytruk of Ohio State, 15-9, in the semifinals ... rebounded in the bronze medal bout to record a win over Ohio State's Lindsay Knauer, 15-8 ... her win marked the second consecutive year in which Reese has taken home the bronze at the NCAA Regionals.



## Sarah Borrman

*Sophomore - Sabre  
Beaverton, Ore.*

Opened her season with a 2-4 record at the St. John's Duals before bouncing back with a 10-2 showing at the NYU Invitational, including a 3-0 record against St. John's ... had an impressive showing at the Northwestern Duals, finishing 19-2, including 3-0 marks against Lawrence, Detroit and Ohio State ... also topped the 100 career win mark at the Northwestern Duals ... went undefeated at the Notre Dame Duals, finishing 9-0 overall, including 3-0 marks against Air Force and UC San Diego ... beat Ohio State's Margarita Tschomakova, 15-8, to win the women's sabre title at the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships and earn first-team All-Conference honors ... in the championships, took down Samantha Kuykendahl of Indiana, 15-2, in the round of 32 and Northwestern's Annelise Eeman, 15-13, in the round of 16 ... knocked off Emily Cheng of Ohio State, 15-12, to advance to the semifinals ... beat Notre Dame teammate Ashley Serrette, 15-11, in the semifinals ... in the championship bout against Tschomakova, led 8-6 at the break before rattling off six consecutive touches en route to the victory ... edged teammate Eileen Hassett in the championship bout, 15-13, to earn the gold medal at the NCAA Midwest Regional ... entered the final eight as the second seed ... beat Northwestern's Whitney White, 15-4, and teammate Beatriz Almeida, 15-9, to advance to the finals.



## Eileen Hassett

*Sophomore - Sabre  
Beaverton, Ore.*

Began her season with a 3-3 record at the St. John's Duals before going 13-4 at the NYU Invitational ... her 13 wins at the NYU Invitational led all Notre Dame sabreists and included perfect 3-0 records against Yale, NYU and St. Johns ... went 17-2 at the Northwestern Duals, including 3-0 marks against Johns Hopkins, Penn State, Temple and Northwestern ... won her 100th career bout at the Northwestern Duals ... went 9-1 at the Notre Dame Duals ... placed ninth at the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships to earn honorable-mention All-Conference honors ... entered the direct elimination round of the tournament as the fourth seed ... after a first round bye, beat Michigan State's Meg Holt, 15-5, in the round of 32 ... in the round of 16, lost to teammate Beatriz Almeida, 15-14 ... took second at the NCAA Midwest Regional ... entered the round of eight as the first seed ... beat Ohio State's Emily Cheng, 15-10, in the round of eight and Ohio State's Margarita Tschomakova, 15-5, in the semifinals to advance to the finals ... in the final, lost to teammate Sarah Borrman, 15-13.



## The Last Time Notre Dame...

Won the NCAA championship  
 Finished second  
 Finished third  
 Finished fourth  
 Finished outside the top-four

2005  
 2008  
 2004  
 2007  
 1993 (6th)

Had 12 All-Americans  
 Had 11 All-Americans  
 Had 10 All-Americans  
 Had nine All-Americans  
 Had eight All-Americans

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 2008 (plus '03)  
 2002  
 2007 (plus '00 & '05)  
 2001

Won an individual women's epee title  
 Won an individual women's foil title  
 Won an individual women's sabre title  
 Won an individual men's epee title  
 Won an individual men's foil title  
 Won an individual men's sabre title

2008 (Kelley Hurley)  
 2004 (Alicja Kryczalo)  
 2008 (Sarah Borrmann)  
 2005 (Michal Sobieraj)  
 1984 (Charles Higgs-Coulthard)  
 2000 (Gabor Szelle)

Had a runner-up in women's epee  
 Had a runner-up in women's foil  
 Had a runner-up in women's sabre  
 Had a runner-up in men's epee  
 Had a runner-up in men's foil  
 Had a runner-up in men's sabre

2007 (Kelley Hurley)  
 2005 (Alicja Kryczalo)  
 2005 (Mariel Zagunis)  
 2003 (Michal Sobieraj)  
 2000 (Ozren Debic)  
 2007 (Patrick Ghattas)

Had a third-place finisher in women's epee  
 Had a third-place finisher in women's foil  
 Had a third-place finisher in women's sabre  
 Had a third-place finisher in men's epee  
 Had a third-place finisher in men's foil  
 Had a third-place finisher in men's sabre

2008 (Ewa Nelip)  
 2007 (Adrienne Nott)  
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 2004 (Michal Sobieraj)  
 1990 (Noel Young)  
 1997 (Bill Lester)



1st-Time NCAA Competitor  
**Avery Zuck**



2008 NCAA  
 Women's sabre Champion  
**Sarah Borrmann**



2008 NCAA Women's Foil  
 Second-Team All-American  
**Eileen Hassett**



2007 & '08 Men's Epee All-American  
**Karol Kostka**

# 2009 Notre Dame Fencing

## Men's Regular Season Records

Team: 33-0 (Final)

### Epee

<u>Name</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>
Nicholas Crebs	2-1	same
Bill Ehrlich	10-10	21-17
Conor Gettings	15-6	27-8
Brent Kelly	27-14	same
Karol Kostka	36-12	173-47
Rich Molina	2-1	9-3
Jacob Osborne	36-17	same
Chris Pfarr	1-0	25-4
Chris Pinkowski	18-5	same
Greg Schoolcraft	24-16	62-35
Andrew Seroff	20-15	54-20

### Foil

Reggie Bentley	24-6	same
Enzo Castellani	29-9	same
Nicholas Crebs	26-3	same
Teddy Hodges	25-7	62-17
Mark Kubik	27-9	145-54
Steve Kubik	30-6	72-15
Xavier Lebec	7-6	28-16
Gerek Meinhardt	31-2	same
Zach Schirtz	28-9	75-20
Diego Silva	10-3	30-14

### Sabre

Alex Buell	15-8	39-26
Keith Feldman	35-12	same
Marcel Frenkel	18-5	same
Tom Horton	30-10	102-44
Barron Nydam	22-10	58-22
Matt Pentz	18-7	38-22
John Plunkett	8-4	13-13
Tony Schlehuber	11-3	same
Bill Thanhouser	35-10	174-51
Avery Zuck	28-8	67-16

## Women's Regular Season Records

Team: 30-2 (Final)

### Epee

<u>Name</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Career</u>
Courtney Hurley	50-5	same
Kelley Hurley	36-9	134-14
Kimberlee Montoya	42-8	192-54
Stephanie Myers	6-6	same
Ewa Nelip	37-2	82-8
Vanessa Rosa	30-7	53-51
Diane Zielinski	46-4	same

### Foil

Christina LaBarge	17-9	same
Katie Heinzen	22-4	same
Darsie Malynn	39-7	same
Adrienne Nott	53-13	223-35
Emilie Prot	8-3	146-51
Hayley Reese	51-6	120-18
Radmilla Sarkisova	42-14	same

### Sabre

Beatriz Almeida	41-14	same
Sarah Borrmann	40-8	113-15
Colleen Dawes	15-17	same
Eileen Hassett	43-10	110-22
Ashley Serrette	50-11	234-83
Christina Zoccoli	32-7	72-37

### NCAA Pronunciation Guide

Janusz Bednarski	Yah-NOOSH Bed-NARR-ski
Sarah Borrmann	BORE-mun
Karol Kostka	KAH-role COST-kuh
Gia Kvaratskhelia	Gee (as in bee)-uh Claw-duh-SKELL-ee-uh
Gerek Meinhardt	Gerek (rhymes w/ Derek) MINE-hart
Ewa Nelip	EE-wuh NELL-up
Barron Nydam	NY-dum
Marek Stepień	MARR-ick STEP-ee-un

# 2009 Notre Dame Fencing



## Janusz Bednarski - Head Coach

Head coach Janusz Bednarski is in his seventh season of leading the Irish. In 2003, his first season as Notre Dame's head coach, Bednarski led the Irish to the NCAA title, becoming the first coach in Notre Dame's storied history to win a national championship in his first season. Success was not just a first-year feat for Bednarski, as he helped guide the Irish to an historic comeback to win the 2005 NCAA

Championship.

Bednarski was named the sixth head coach in the program's storied history in May of 2002, after serving eight seasons as an as-

sistant on the Notre Dame staff. Currently an elected member of the NCAA National Fencing Committee and chair of the NCAA Midwest Regional Committee, the sabre specialist saw his first six seasons as the Notre Dame head coach yield a .923 combined winning percentage (298-25) - with nearly identical marks during that span by the Irish men (146-14) and women (152-11).

In 2008, Bednarski led the Irish to a second-place finish at the NCAA Championships, as the men and women combined to send the maximum 12 fencers to the event, one of only four programs to do so. Additionally, 11 fencers garnered All-America honors, including four first-team selections on the women's side. Kelley Hurley (epee) and Sarah Borrmann (saber) both captured individual gold medals at the 2008 NCAA Championships.

## Notre Dame Fighting Irish Roster

### Men

Name	Year	Weapon	Hometown/Last School
Reggie Bentley	Fr.	Foil	Little Rock, AK/DuPont Manual
Alex Buell	So.	Sabre	Waterford, WI/Waterford Union
Enzo Castellani	Fr.	Foil	Keller, TX/Keller
Nicholas Crebs	Fr.	Epee	Beaverton, OR/Beaverton
Bill Ehrlich	Sr.	Epee	Woodbury, MN/Woodbury Senior
Keith Feldman	Fr.	Sabre	Stony Brook, NY/Ward Melville
Marcel Frenkel	Fr.	Sabre	San Paulo, Brazil/St. Paul's
Conor Gettings	So.	Epee	Lake Forest, IL/Adlai Stevenson
Teddy Hodges	Jr.	Foil	Salina, KS/Salina Central
Tom Horton	Sr.	Sabre	Franksville, WI/Saint Catherine's
Brent Kelly	Jr.	Epee	Grapevine, TX/Grapevine HS
Karol Kostka (C)	Sr.	Epee	Krakow Poland/First L.O.
Mark Kubik (C)	Sr.	Foil	San Antonio, TX/Reagan
Steve Kubik	So.	Foil	San Antonio, TX/Reagan
Xavier Lebec	Jr.	Foil	Greenwich, CT/Brunswick School
Gerek Meinhardt	Fr.	Foil	San Francisco, CA/Lick-Wilmerding HS
Rich Molina	Jr.	Epee	Newark, NJ/St. Benedict's Prep
Barron Nydam	So.	Sabre	Rancho Sante Fe, CA/Santa Fe Christian
Jacob Osborne	So.	Epee	Colleyville, TX/Faith Christian
Matt Pentz	Sr.	Sabre	Oak Ridge, NC/Bishop McGuinness
Chris Pfarr	So.	Epee	Highlands Ranch, CO/Mtn. Vista Cheyenne
Chris Pinkowski	Fr.	Epee	Simi Valley, CA/Chaminade College Prep
John Plunkett	So.	Sabre	Wyckoff, NJ/Ramapo Regional
Zach Schirtz	So.	Foil	Rochester, NY/Greece Athena
Anthony Schlehuder	Fr.	Sabre	Carmel, IN/Univ. H.S. of Indiana
Greg Schoolcraft	So.	Epee	San Jose, CA/Archbishop Mitty
Andrew Seroff	So.	Epee	Boulder, CO/Boulder
Diego Silva	Jr.	Foil	Greenwich, CT/Greewich
Bill Thanhouser (C)	Sr.	Sabre	Portland, OR/Oregon Episcopal
Avery Zuck	So.	Sabre	Beaverton, OR/Jesuit

### Women

Beatriz Almeida	Fr.	Sabre	Chappagua, NY/Horace Greeley
Sarah Borrmann (C)	So.	Sabre	Beaverton, OR/Beaverton
Colleen Dawes	Fr.	Sabre	Centennial, CO/The Woodlands HS
Eileen Hassett	So.	Sabre	Beaverton, OR/Aloha
Katie Heinzen	So.	Foil/Sabre	Fairfax, VA/Robinson Secondary
Courtney Hurley	Fr.	Epee	San Antonio, TX/Earl Warren
Kelley Hurley	Jr.	Epee/Foil	San Antonio, TX/Earl Warren
Christina LaBarge	Fr.	Foil	Pasadena, CA/Flintridge Prep.
Darsie Malynn	Fr.	Sabre	Grapevine, TX/Colleyville Heritage HS
Stephanie Myers	Fr.	Epee	El Paso, TX/JM Hanks HS
Kim Montoya (C)	Sr.	Epee	Las Vegas, NV/Cheyenne
Ewa Nelip (C)	So.	Epee	Katowice, Poland/I L.O. Kopernika
Adirienne Nott (C)	Sr.	Foil	Pittsford, NY/Mendon
Emilie Prot	Sr.	Foil	Limoges, France/Saint-Jean
Hayley Reese	So.	Foil	Crestwood, KY/Oldham Country
Vanessa Rosa	Jr.	Epee	El Paso, TX/Eastwood
Radmila Sarkisova	Fr.	Foil	Grand Rapids, MI/Forest Hills
Ashley Serrette (C)	Sr.	Sabre	Orange, NJ/Oak Knoll School
Diane Zielinski	Fr.	Epee	Bernardsville, NJ/Bernards
Christina Zoccoli	Sr.	Sabre	Delran, NJ/Acad. Of Notre Dame de Namur

Head Coach: Janusz Bednarski (seventh season)

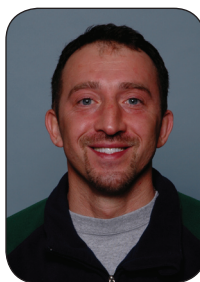
Assistant Coaches: Gia Kvaratskhelia, Marek Stepien

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Alicja Kryczalo

Senior Manager: Elyse Lopez

(C) - indicates team captain

## Gia Kvaratskhelia Assistant Coach



The 2007 season marked a new era for the Notre Dame fencing program, as highly respected assistant coach Gia Kvaratskhelia came on board to work alongside head coach Janusz Bednarski. Regarded as one of the top young foil coaches in the nation, Kvaratskhelia's background includes a successful com-

petitive career in the former Soviet Union as a member of the Georgian National Team.

Guiorgie "Gia" Kvaratskhelia (GEE-uh Claw-duh-SKELL-ee-uh) - who spent the 10 years prior to his appointment at Notre Dame as coach of the Kanza Fencing Club in Salina, Kansas - filled the position on the Notre Dame staff previously held by Zoltan Dudas.

The 37-year-old Kvaratskhelia has made a tremendous impact in his short time at Notre Dame - through both his instruction of the Irish foilists and his tireless efforts on the recruiting trail.

## Marek Stepien Assistant Coach



The Notre Dame fencing program received a significant boost to its coaching ranks in the fall of 2007, when epee master Marek Stepien officially came on board as a full-time assistant coach. Stepien - a former Olympic fencer with Poland's national team who served as a volunteer assistant with the Irish in

2006 - joins head coach Janusz Bednarski and assistant Gia Kvaratskhelia in giving Notre Dame three full-time coaches to lead the Irish in their quest for another NCAA title.

The addition of a second full-time assistant showed immediate dividends in several aspects, as Stepien combines with Bednarski (sabre) and Kvaratskhelia (foil) to provide each weapon with expert one-on-one instruction. Last season, Notre Dame boasted the maximum four All-Americans in epee.