

Notre Dame Women's Track and Field Begins Outdoor Schedule

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.)	W, 88-71

FEBRUARY

2 -	Fri.	Meyo Invitational (Notre Dame, Ind.)	NTS
3	Sat.		
10	Sat.	at Windsor Team Challenge (Windsor, Ontario)	NTS
17 -	Sat.	at BIG EAST Championships	7th, 57.5 pts.
18	Sun.	(Syracuse, NY)	

MARCH

2 -	Fri.	Alex Wilson Invitational (Notre Dame, Ind.)	NTS
3	Sat.		
9 -	Fri.	at NCAA Championships	
10	Sat.	(Fayetteville, Ark.)	

OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

MARCH

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

APRIL

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

MAY

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

Home meets in bold • All times local to site.

2001 University of Notre Dame Sports Information

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WHO: Notre Dame women's track and field team
WHAT: First weekend of the 2001 outdoor season
WHERE: Stanford Invitational, Palo Alto, Calif.
 Arizona State Invitational, Tempe, Ariz.
 Purdue Open, West Lafayette, Ind.
WHEN: Fri., March 30 - Sat., March 31

Irish will compete at three different venues this week-

end: The University of Notre Dame women's track and field team begins the 2001 outdoor season this weekend, splitting into three different groups to compete across the country. A small group of distance runners will be going to Palo Alto, Calif., for the Stanford Invitational, another limited group will be traveling to Tempe, Ariz., for the Arizona State Invitational and the rest of the team will be in West Lafayette, Ind., for the Purdue Open.

The Irish are returning to outdoor competition after two consecutive third place finishes (best in school history) in the 1999 and 2000 BIG EAST outdoor championships. Notre Dame is bolstered by a talented group of young athletes - as most of the individuals who scored at the BIG EAST championship last year return in 2001.

Junior **Liz Grow** (New Braunfels, Texas) returns to lead the sprint group once again. The indoor All-American holds the school record in the 400 meters (53.10) and posted the team's top times in the 100 and 200 meters as well last season. Grow finished seventh in the 400 meters at the 2000 NCAA outdoor championship.

Grow will also anchor an improved 4x100 relay team this year. Freshman sprinters **Ayesha Boyd** (Spartanburg, SC) and **Kristen Dodd** (Toledo, Ohio) should contend to be on the top relay team along with sophomore **Tameisha King** (Mableton, Ga.).

King will be out to repeat her All-America finish in the long jump from last season. The Irish school record holder, she also is expected to put up some impressive times in the 100-meter hurdles. King finished second in the long jump at the 2000 BIG EAST outdoor championship and took sixth place in the 100-meter hurdles.

Senior **Carrie Lenz** (London, Ontario) will help out with the 400-meter hurdles after placing fourth in the BIG EAST last season.

In the distance lane, **Jenn Handley** (Barrie, Ontario) returns with the top time in the 3,000 meters last season. Senior **Chrissy Kuenster** (Wheaton, Ill.), who was one of the most consistent runners for the Irish during the indoor season, should be a contender in the 5,000 meters on the outdoor tracks. Freshman **Megan Johnson** (Seattle, Wa.), who ran the mile during the indoor season, has the ability to be among the leaders all season in the 1,500 meters.

For the field events, the Irish will be counting on a deep roster in the pole vault and King in the long jump to keep the team in contention. School-record holder **Jaime Volkmer** (Kearney, Neb.) will make a push for an NCAA consideration mark each time she steps on the runway this season. Volkmer cleared 11-9 3/4 as a freshman last season and won the BIG EAST outdoor pole vault title. **Bethany Wilson** (San Rafael, Calif.), **Jill VanWeelden** (Scottsdale, Ariz.) and **Natalie Hallett** (Huntington Beach, Calif.) also possess the ability to win each pole vault competition they enter this season.

School-record holder **Andre Duplechain** (Port Barre, La.) returns for her second season of competition in the

javelin while heptathlon specialist **Emily Bienko** (Tranquillity, NJ) can also provide some important meet points for the Irish.

List of competitors for this weekend's meets:

Stanford Invitational: Jennifer Handley, Chrissy Kuenster, Todd Mobley, Sean McManus and Ryan Shay.

Arizona State Invitational: Ayesha Boyd, Kristen Dodd, Liz Grow, Megan Johnson, Tameisha King, Kymia Love, Jill VanWeelden, Jaime Volkmer, James Bracken, Andrew Cooper, Travis Davey, Derek Dyer, Tom Gilbert, Mike Madigan, Godwin Mbagwu, Matt O'Brien, Kevin Somok, Sean Zanderson.

2000 Notre Dame Women's Outdoor Track and Field Top Times/Marks List

100 Meters

Liz Grow 11.96

100-Meter Hurdles

Tameisha King 13.71

200 Meters

Liz Grow 24.02

400 Meters

Liz Grow 53.10

400-Meter Hurdles

Carri Lenz 1:01.42

800 Meters

Leanne Brady 2:13.29

1,500 Meters

Patty Rice 4:27.66

3,000 Meters

Jenn Handley 9:48.85

5,000 Meters

Muffy Schmidt 17:49.07

10,000 Meters

Alison Klemmer 34:30.16

4x100 Relay

Notre Dame 46.00

4x400 Relay

Notre Dame 3:57.76

4x800 Relay

Notre Dame 9:07.61

High Jump

Jennifer Engelhardt 6-0

Triple Jump

Jamie Volkmer 39-10 3/4

Long Jump

Tameisha King 21-1 1/2

Pole Vault

Jamie Volkmer 11-9 3/4

Discus

Dore DeBartolo 169-2

Shot Put

Dore DeBartolo 47-5 1/4

Hammer Throw

Dore DeBartolo 182-10

Javelin

Andre Duplechain 118-7

Heptathlon

Emily Bienko 4,570 pts.

- returning athletes in bold