

# University of Notre Dame

## Men's Swimming and Diving

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### 2000 SCHEDULE

#### OCTOBER

9	Fri.	<b>Notre Dame Relays</b> (Notre Dame, Ind.)	1st, 220 pts.
19	Thurs.	vs. Virginia Tech	L, 114-129
20	Fri.	vs. West Virginia	W, 137-104
27	Fri.	vs. Kalamazoo	W, 148-93

#### NOVEMBER

3	Fri.	vs. Oakland (Rochester, Mich.)	7:00 p.m.
4	Sat.	vs. Western Ontario (London, Ontario)	2:00 p.m.
30 -	Thurs. -	<b>Notre Dame Invit.</b> (Notre Dame, Ind.)	10:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

#### DECEMBER

2	Sat.	<b>Notre Dame Invit.</b>	continued
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#### JANUARY

6	Sat.	Christmas Competition (Brandon, Fla.)	TBA
19 -	Fri. -	Bill Ritter Invitational (Milwaukee, Wis.)	5:30 p.m. & 10:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
26	Fri.	vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee (Notre Dame, Ind.)	5:00 p.m.
27	Sat.	vs. Ball State (Muncie, Ind.)	2:00 p.m.

#### FEBRUARY

2	Fri.	vs. Cleveland State (Cleveland, Ohio)	3:00 p.m.
3	Sat.	vs. St. Bonaventure (Olean, NY)	1:00 p.m.
15 -	Thurs. -	BIG EAST Championships (Long Island, NY)	10:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
24 -	Sat. -	<b>Shamrock Classic</b> (Notre Dame, Ind.)	11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

#### MARCH

9 -	Fri. -	NCAA Zone Diving Meet (Bloomington, Ind.)	12:00 p.m.
15 -	Thurs.	NCAA Championships (College Station, Texas)	11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Home meets are in **bold** and held at the Rolfs Aquatic Center.  
All times local to site.

**WHO:** The Notre Dame Men's Swimming and Diving team.  
**WHAT:** Dual meets with Oakland University and Western Ontario University.  
**WHERE:** Rochester, Mich., and London, Ontario.  
**WHEN:** Friday, Nov. 3, 7:00 p.m., local time  
Saturday, Nov. 4, 2:00 p.m., local time

***Notre Dame Continues Rivalries with Oakland and Western Ontario this Weekend:*** The Notre Dame men's swimming team (2-1) will travel to Rochester, Mich., Friday, Nov. 3, to face familiar rival Oakland University. This will be the eighth meeting between the two teams, with Notre Dame holding a 4-3 advantage in the series.

The Irish dual meet victory last season 161-133 ended up to be a turning point in Notre Dame's 1999-2000 season.

"The victory in the meet with Oakland (at home last season) was an upset," Notre Dame head coach Tim Welsh says.

"Anyone analyzing the meet on paper would have said that Oakland should have won that meet. That was a good sign that we were on the right road."

The Oakland victory catapulted the Irish to a strong second-half of the season and their eventual second-place finish at the BIG EAST Championships.

The Irish will head to London, Ontario, after the meet with Oakland to face Western Ontario. The longest collegiate international dual meet series, Notre Dame and Western Ontario have met 38 times and the Irish have won 37 of the meetings.

***Kalamazoo Dual Meet Recap:*** Notre Dame improved to 2-1 on the season with a dual meet victory over Kalamazoo at the Rolfs Aquatic Center, Friday, Oct. 27. The Irish were led once again by the diving contingent, who have not lost in dual meet competition this season.

Senior **Herb Huesman** (Cincinnati, Ohio) won the three-meter event with 298.65 points, then exhibited in the three-meter event (where he posted 324.95 points). Sophomore **Tony Xie** (Granger, Ind.) won the one-meter event for the Irish with 258.89 points.

The 400 medley relay team of senior **Greg Juszli** (Hudson, Ohio), **Dan Szilier** (Norristown, Pa.), (junior) **David Horak** (Dumfries, Va.) and senior **Austin Anderson** (Indianapolis, Ind.) got the swimmers off on the right track, capturing the first event of the meet in 3:34.71. Sophomore **Clay Miller** (Mead, Wa.) followed the relay win with a victory in the 1,000 freestyle (9:47.66) to continue the winning trends for the Irish.

**Jonathan Pierce** (Newburgh, Ind.) won the 200 Individual Medley (1:58.73), freshman **Matt Obringer** (Jacksonville, Fla.) captured the 200 backstroke (2:01.99), classmate **J.R. Teddy** (Spring, Texas) took

first in the 500 freestyle (4:43.14) and junior **Mike Koss** (Aurora, Col.) finished out the Irish individual winners with a victory in the 200 breaststroke (2:14.34).

***West Virginia Dual Meet Recap:*** Notre Dame rebounded from a loss at Virginia Tech on Thursday, Oct. 19, to defeat West Virginia in a dual meet in Morgantown, W.Va., Friday, Oct. 20.

The Irish diving contingent continued to shine. After winning both the one- and three-meter events at Virginia Tech the night before, **Andy Maggio** (Cincinnati, Ohio) repeated in the one-meter event versus the Mountaineers. Irish senior **Herb Huesman** won the three-meter diving competition.

On the swimming side, Notre Dame captured first in five of the 11 swimming competitions. Freshman **Matt Obringer**, who won the 200 freestyle at Virginia Tech, captured the 1,000 freestyle (9:54.72) on this night. **Ryan Verlin** (Rye, N.Y.) captured his second 200 butterfly race of the season in 1:54.01. Junior **David Horak** won the 200 backstroke in 1:54.88, **Jonathan Pierce** took the 500 freestyle in 2:02.40 and **Dan Szilier** won his second 200 breaststroke race of the season (2:10.78).

***Virginia Tech Dual Meet Recap:*** Notre Dame lost its first dual meet of the season to new BIG EAST conference member Virginia Tech on Thursday night, 129-114, at the War Memorial Pool in Blacksburg, Va. The Irish won seven of the 13 events of the evening, led by sophomore diver **Andy Maggio** who placed first in both the three- and 10-meter diving events.

The meet ended up being decided in the final event, the 400 freestyle. Virginia Tech entered the race ahead by two points and was able to take first and second place to secure the meet victory.

Event winners for the Irish included freshmen **J.R. Teddy** in the 1,000 freestyle (9:44.10) and **Matt Obringer** in the 200 freestyle (1:43.62), team captain and senior **Ryan Verlin** in the 200 butterfly (1:52.80), junior **Jonathan Pierce** in the 500 freestyle (4:39.46) and senior **Dan Szilier** in the 200 breaststroke (2:08.55).

***Divers Lead the Way:*** The Irish divers have asserted themselves as a group that the rest of the BIG EAST and the country will have to deal with this season.

Led by fifth-year senior **Herb Huesman** and sophomore **Andy Maggio**, the diving group has not lost an event in four meets this season and will press to continue that streak for the rest of the year.

"Diving is one of our strongest events," Welsh says.

"We are three-deep in both boards (one- and three-meter). The BIG EAST format allows all of them to qualify and go to the championships. The key to our diving success is **Caiming** (Xie). He is a phenomenal coach. The team has improved week to week since he arrived."