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Notre Dame Track Continues Homestand Vs. Michigan State This Weekend

2002-03 SCHEDULE

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Dec. 12	Blue and Gold Invit.	NTS
Jan. 17	C. Michigan Opener	NTS
Jan. 24	vs. BSU, WMU M-1s	st,W-1st
Jan. 31	vs. Michigan State	7 p.m.
Feb. 1	adidas Invitational	TBA
Feb. 7	Meyo Invitational	7 p.m.
Feb. 8	Meyo Invitational	1 p.m.
Feb. 15	Windsor Challenge	all day
Feb. 22	BIG EAST Champ.	all day
Feb. 23	BIG EAST Champ.	all day
Mar. 7	Alex Wilson Invit.	7 p.m.
Mar. 8	Alex Wilson Invit.	1 p.m.
Mar. 14	NCAA Championship	all day
Mar 15	NCAA Championship	all day

OUTDOOR SEASON

Mar. 22	Baldy Castillo	all day
Mar. 28	Florida Relays	all day
Mar. 29	Florida Relays	all day
Mar. 28	Stanford Invitational	all day
Mar. 29	Stanford Invitational	all day
Mar. 29	W. Michigan Open	all day
Apr. 5	Spring Opener	all day
Apr. 12	Tom Botts Invit.	all day
Apr. 17	Mt. SAC Relays	all day
Apr. 18	Mt. SAC Relays	all day
Apr. 19	Mt. SAC Relays	all day
Apr. 24	Drake Relays	all day
Apr. 25	Drake Relays	all day
Apr. 26	Drake Relays	all day
Apr. 25	Purdue Invitational	all day
Apr. 26	Purdue Invitational	all day
May 2	BIG EAST Champ.	all day
May 3	BIG EAST Champ.	all day
May 4	BIG EAST Champ.	all day
May 9	Michigan Invit.	all day
May 10	Michigan Invit.	all day
May 16	Ga. Tech Invit.	all day
May 17	Ga. Tech Invit.	all day
May 30	NCAA Regional	all day
May 31	NCAA Reigonal	all day
June 11	NCAA Champ.	all day
June 12	NCAA Champ.	all day
June 13	NCAA Champ.	all day
June 14	NCAA Champ.	all day
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Home meets in **bold** • All times local to site. NTS = no team scoring.

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The University of Notre Dame men's and women's track and field teams continue their three-weekend homestand on Friday, Jan. 31, at 7 p.m, as the Irish play host to Michigan State in Loftus Sports Center .

The Irish are almost to the midpoint of the 2003 indoor season and have three meets in the record books. In dual meet action last Friday, the men's team knocked off Ball State while the women downed Ball State and Western Michigan.

Field events begin at 5:30 p.m. on Friday with the men's long jump. Running events are set to begin at 7 p.m. with the women's 500 meters. Complete results of the meet will be available on www.und.com.

Irish look strong early in the season: Though indoor track and field teams across the nation are just beginning to hit their stride in late January, Notre Dame has competed well early in the season and are well represented on the BIG EAST Conference top times list. The women's team is looking to defend its 2002 BIG EAST indoor title this season, while the men are hoping to break through for their first team title after finishing either second or third at every indoor championship since Notre Dame joined the conference in 1996.

Before looking at the BIG EAST contenders, three Irish athletes have already established NCAA consideration times and marks. Tameisha King's school-record 6.31m long jump effort at the Central Michigan Opener puts the Irish senior in contention for the NCAA individual title. As of Jan. 29, King boasts the top long jump distance in the nation according to the NCAA Championships website. The Mableton, Ga., native has two All-America long jump efforts on her resume already ('00, '02) but both of those honors were captured during the outdoor season. She did qualify for the NCAA indoor meet in '02, finishing sixth in the preliminaries.

An All-American on Notre Dame's 4x400 outdoor last season, senior Kymia Love is making a name for herself in an individual event this season. Love ripped off a great 23.88 200-meter effort against Ball State and Western Michigan on Jan. 24. That time ranks first in the BIG EAST Conference and seventh in the nation. Love competed at the 2002 NCAA indoor meet as a member of Notre Dame's 4x400 relay team.

Freshman Molly Huddle, running her first track event with the Irish last Friday, also put up an impressive time. Huddle cruised to victory in the 3,000 meters to finish in 9:31.53, just missing JoAnna Deeter's school-record 9:30.82 effort in 1998. An All-American on the Notre Dame cross country team that finished third at the NCAA Championship last fall, Huddle's 9:31.53 time is currently second in the BIG EAST and seventh in the nation.

Focusing back on the BIG EAST Conference top times list, both the Notre Dame men and women will have the ability to compete for the team title in February. On the women's side, Notre Dame owns the top effort in four events while the men appear all over the top five in several events.

Tameisha King not only owns the conference top long jump effort, her 7.51 60-meter time from the Central Michigan Open is tied with teammate Kymia Love for the best in the conference. King's 8.56 time in the 60-meter hurdles is third in the BIG EAST.

The Irish women's pole vault contingent looks strong once again with the addition of freshman Laura Huarte. Huarte, the niece of former Irish Heisman Trophy winner John Huarte, combines with teammates Jaime Volkmer and Jill Van Weelden to lead the conference pole vault best marks list with a 3.66m (12-0) clearance. Volkmer, one of the top performers on the Irish team for the last three years, has also bettered one of her own school records this season. Her 12.25m (40-2 1/4) triple jump measurement from the Central Michigan Opener eclipsed her own career best set in 2000.

Other top conference rankings for the women's team include Kristen Dodd (third in the 400 meters, 55.21), Tiffany Gunn (third, 500 meters, 1:13.90), Kerry Meagher (fourth, 1,000 meters, 2:53.81) and Emily Loomis (fourth, high jump, 1.70m).

The men's team has shown surprising depth this season, even with the loss of all-BIG EAST sprint performer Dwight Ellick to injury this season.

Field Events

8:35 p.m.

8:40 p.m.

8:50 p.m.

9:05 p.m.

9:20 p.m.

9:30 p.m.

Sophomore Selim Nurudeen, carrying over the momentum from his 2002 BIG EAST Championship in the outdoor 110-meter hurdles, has stepped up early in his second indoor season. Nurudeen's 6.91 60-meter time is sixth in the conference and his 7.99 60-meter hurdle time is second.

Moving up to the 200 meters, everimproving junior Ryan Hurd ran 21.85 at the Blue and Gold Invitational, a time that is ranked fifth in the conference. Increase the distance and the Irish strengths truly begin to show.

Notre Dame has 13 runners ranked in the top 10 of the 800 meters, 1,000 meters, mile, 3,000 meters and 5,000 meters top times list according to the latest conference release.

Senior Luke Watson, who finished third in the 3,000 meters at the NCAA indoor meet a year ago, is just getting warmed up this season. Watson has his eyes set achieving a sub-four minute mile at the Meyo Invitational in two weeks and his first mile effort of the year, run last weekend in 4:08.31, ranks second in the conference. Watson is also fifth in the 3,000 meters (8:24.83) and third in the 5,000 meters (14:30.70) and has only run each race once this season.

Watson is not alone in the distance lane, however. Junior Kevin Somok looks poised to do some damage at the conference level, running the third-best 1,000 meter time so far (2:27.84) and the ninth-best 800 meter time (1:53.88).

Sophomore Eric Morrison, who finished seventh in the BIG EAST outdoor 800 meters a year ago, is currently ranked second this season (1:52.07) and sixth in the 3,000 meters (8:25.40).

Notre Dame's freshman class also has made its presence felt early in the indoor season. Vinnie Ambrico, Thomas Chamney and Tim Moore have all qualified for two events at the BIG EAST indoor meet so far. Ambrico and Chamney have qualified in the 800 and 1,000 meters, while Moore will be making the trip to run the 3,000 meters and 5,000 meters.

The men's team field event specialists have steadily improved this season as well. Junior Godwin Mbagwu is the top threat in the horizontal jumps, as his 14.79m triple jump mark is sixth in the conference, along with his 6.98m long jump mark. Tom

Notre Dame vs. Michigan State Order of Events

Tentative Time Schedule

5:30 p.m.	Long Jump	Men - Women follow
-	Triple Jump	Men - Women follow
6:00 p.m.	20lb/35lb Weight	Women - Men follow
6:00 p.m.	Pole Vault	Women - Men follow
7:00 p.m.	High Jump	Men - Women follow
7:30 p.m.	Shot Put	Women - Men follow
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Running Events		
7:00 p.m.	500 meters	Women
7:05 p.m.	500 meters	Men
7:15 p.m.	60 meters	Women
7:25 p.m.	60 meters	Men
7:30 p.m.	Mile	Women
7:40 p.m.	Mile	Men
7:50 p.m.	400 meters	Women
7:55 p.m.	400 meters	Men
8:05 p.m.	60-meter hurdles	Women
8:10 p.m.	60-meter hurdles	Men
8:15 p.m.	800 meters	Women
8:25 p.m.	800 meters	Men

ALL TIMES AND EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

200 meters

200 meters

3,000 meters

3,000 meters

4x440 relay

4x440 relay

Gilbert (long jump) and Scott Kelley (triple jump) have also qualified for the BIG EAST meet.

The high jump boasts three Irish athletes in the top 10 of the conference list, with Chris Staron (2.00m) eighth, Ryan Mineburg (2.00m) ninth and Stephan Walchuk (1.98m) 10th.

New Irish throws coach B.J. Linnenbrink has made an immediate impact on his group so far this season. Chip Roberts launched a 16.45m weight throw against Ball State that currently ranks third in the conference. Teammate Brian Thornburg is not far behind in fifth with a 16.24m effort.

Over in the shot put, Juan Alba is the lone Irish qualifier with a 15.42m toss vs. Ball State.

The women's throws group has been represented by one athlete this season. Freshman Megan Horn has quickly made her presence felt, qualifying for the BIG EAST meet in the shot put. She also has flashed the ability to make the conference meet in the weight throw.

Irish quick facts: Senior All-American Luke Watson will be making the trip to the adidas Invitational on Saturday, Feb. 1, competing in either the mile or the 3,000 meters ... junior distance specialist Megan Johnson has recovered from the injury that kept her out of the last part of the cross country season and has already qualified for the BIG EAST indoor meet in the 800 meters (2:14.56) ... Emily Loomis, who pulled the rare feat of earning all-conference honors in two sports a year ago, is looking to repeat that feat again ... the sophomore from Fort Wayne, Ind., who finished third in the indoor and outdoor high jump in 2002, is back with the team and has already qualified for the indoor meet ... Loomis was the BIG EAST Championship Most Outstanding Player as a member of the Irish volleyball team earlier this season and earned first-team all-BIG EAST honors ... both the men's and women's distance groups should be in top form over the next two weeks, looking to qualify more athletes for the NCAA Indoor Championship.

Women

Women

Women

Men

Men

Men

The following list shows each Irish athlete that has qualified for the BIG EAST indoor championship in Syracuse, NY, on Feb. 22 and 23. If applicable, the BIG EAST ranking and NCAA ranking of each time and mark is indicated. Both the BIG EAST and NCAA rankings were updated on Jan. 29, 2003. The time or mark shown after each event indicates the BIG EAST qualifying standard.

Women:

60 meters – 7.78								
time	location	date	school	first name	last name	BIG EAST rank	NCAA rank	
7.51	at Central Michigan	1-17-03	ND	Tameisha	King	t-1st		
7.51	vs. BSU, WMU	1-24-03	ND	Kymia	Love	t-1st		
7.65	Blue and Gold	12-6-02	ND	Ayesha	Boyd	10th		
7.70	vs. BSU, WMU	1-14-03	ND	Kristen	Dodd			
60-meter hurdles								
<u>time</u>	<u>location</u>	<u>date</u>	<u>school</u>	<u>first name</u>	<u>last name</u>	BIG EAST rank	NCAA rank	
8.56	vs. BSU, WMU	1-24-03	ND	Tameisha	King	3rd		
8.85	at Central Michigan	1-17-03	ND	Tiffany	Gunn	10th		
200 meters – 25.9	11							
time	location	<u>date</u>	school	first name	last name	BIG EAST rank	NCAA rank	
23.88	vs. BSU, WMU	1-24-03	ND	Kymia	Love	1st	7th	
25.09	at Central Michigan	1-17-03	ND	Kristen	Dodd			
25.25	vs. BSU, WMU	1-24-03	ND	Tiffany	Gunn			
25.48	Blue and Gold	12-6-02	ND	Tricia	Floyd			
25.59	vs. BSU, WMU	1-24-03	ND	Latasha	Steele			
400 meters – 57.9		1.4.		C	1	DIC FACT	NCAAl	
time 55.01	location	date	school	<u>first name</u>	<u>last name</u>	BIG EAST rank	NCAA rank	
55.21	vs. BSU, WMU	1-24-03	ND ND	Kristen	Dodd	3rd		
55.91 56.25	Blue and Gold Blue and Gold	12-6-02 12-6-02	ND ND	Ayesha Tiffany	Boyd	7th		
56.29	at Central Michigan	1-17-03	ND ND	Kymia	Gunn Love			
30.23	at central michigan	1-17-03	ND	куппа	Love			
500 meters - 1:16	3.94							
<u>time</u>	<u>location</u>	<u>date</u>	school	first name	last name	BIG EAST rank	NCAA rank	
1:13.90	vs. BSU, WMU	1-24-03	ND	Tiffany	Gunn	3rd		
800 meters – 2:19				0	1	Dro Diom.		
time	location	<u>date</u>	school	<u>first name</u>	<u>last name</u>	BIG EAST rank	NCAA rank	
2:14.16	vs. BSU, WMU	1-24-03	ND ND	Lauren	King	8th		
2:14.56	vs. BSU, WMU	1-24-03	ND ND	Megan	Johnson	9th		
2:15.92 2:17.71	vs. BSU, WMU	1-24-03	ND ND	Kerry Elizabeth	Meagher Webster			
2.17.71	vs. BSU, WMU	1-24-03	ND	Elizabetii	webster			
1000 meters – 3:0	00.24							
<u>time</u>	<u>location</u>	<u>date</u>	school	first name	last name	BIG EAST rank	NCAA rank	
2:53.81	Blue and Gold	12-6-02	ND	Kerry	Meagher	4th		
2:59.77	Blue and Gold	12-6-02	ND	Elizabeth	Webster			
Mile run – 5:08.4	_	data	aabaal	Cinat mana	last mama	BIG EAST rank	NCAA momb	
<u>time</u>	location	<u>date</u>	school	<u>first name</u>	<u>last name</u>	BIG EAST Tank	NCAA rank	
4:57.87 5:04.72	vs. BSU, WMU vs. BSU, WMU	1-24-03 1-24-03	ND ND	Jennifer Stanbania	Handley Madia			
5:05.56	vs. BSU, WMU	1-24-03	ND ND	Stephanie Ana	Morales			
3.03.30	vs. 150, wwo	1-24-03	ND	Alla	worates			
3000 meters - 10	:13.74							
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9:31.53	vs. BSU, WMU	1-24-03	ND	Molly	Huddle	2nd	7th	
10:08.40	vs. BSU, WMU	1-24-03	ND	Loryn	King			
5,000 meters - 17:53.34								
time	location	<u>date</u>	school	first name	last name	BIG EAST rank	NCAA rank	
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Long Jump - 5.40	m							
mark 1	location	<u>date</u>	school	<u>first name</u>	last name	BIG EAST rank	NCAA rank	
6.31m	Central Michigan	1-17-03	ND	Tameisha	King	1st	1st	
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mark	location	<u>date</u>	school	<u>first name</u>	<u>last name</u>	BIG EAST rank	NCAA rank	
12.25m	Central Michigan	1-17-03	ND	Jaime	Volkmer	3rd		
High Jump – 1.59m								
mark	location	<u>date</u>	school	first name	last name	BIG EAST rank	NCAA rank	
								

1.70m 1.68m	vs. BSU, WMU Blue and Gold	1-24-03 12-6-02	ND ND	Emily Stacy	Loomis Cowan	4th	
1.68m 1.65m	Blue and Gold at Central Michigan	12-6-02 1-17-03	ND ND	Jennifer Betsy	Kearney Lazzeri		
Pole Vault – 3.20	m						
<u>mark</u>	<u>location</u>	<u>date</u>	school	first name	last name	BIG EAST rank	NCAA rank
3.66m	Blue and Gold	12-6-02	ND	Jaime	Volkmer	t-1st	
3.66m	vs. BSU, WMU	1-24-03	ND	Laura	Huarte	t-1st	
3.66m	vs. BSU, WMU	1-24-03	ND	Jill	Van Weelden	t-1st	
Shot Put – 12.50	m						
<u>mark</u>	<u>location</u>	<u>date</u>	<u>school</u>	<u>first name</u>	<u>last name</u>	BIG EAST rank	NCAA rank
13.93m	vs. BSU, WMU	1-24-03	ND	Meghan	Horn	6th	
Weight Throw – 1	13.74m						
<u>time</u>	<u>location</u>	<u>date</u>	<u>school</u>	<u>first name</u>	<u>last name</u>	BIG EAST rank	NCAA rank
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time	<u>location</u> vs. Ball State	date	school	<u>first name</u>	<u>last name</u>	BIG EAST rank	NCAA rank
6.91		1-24-03 1-24-03	ND ND	Selim Jules	Nurudeen	6th	
6.94	vs. Ball State	1-24-03	ND	Jules	Vandersarl	8th	
60-meter hurdles	3 − 8.43						
<u>time</u>	<u>location</u>	<u>date</u>	<u>school</u>	<u>first name</u>	<u>last name</u>	BIG EAST rank	NCAA rank
7.99	vs. Ball State	1-24-03	ND	Selim	Nurudeen	2nd	
8.40	vs. Ball State	1-24-03	ND	Mark	Barber	5th	
200 meters – 22.		1		G	1	DIG DAGE	NGA 4 1
time	location	date	school	<u>first name</u>	<u>last name</u>	BIG EAST rank	NCAA rank
21.85	Blue and Gold	12-6-02	ND	Ryan	Hurd	5th	
22.20	vs. Ball State	1-24-03	ND	Jules	Vandersarl	10th	
400 meters - 50.	04						
<u>time</u>	<u>location</u>	<u>date</u>	<u>school</u>	<u>first name</u>	<u>last name</u>	BIG EAST rank	NCAA rank
48.51	Blue and Gold	12-6-02	ND	Trevor	McClain-Duer	6th	
48.86	vs. Ball State	1-24-03	ND	Ryan	Postel		
500 meters – 1:0	5.64						
<u>time</u>	<u>location</u>	<u>date</u>	<u>school</u>	<u>first name</u>	<u>last name</u>	BIG EAST rank	NCAA rank
800 meters – 1:5		1		G		DIG ELOT	NC.
time	location	<u>date</u>	school	<u>first name</u>	<u>last name</u>	BIG EAST rank	NCAA rank
1:52.07	vs. Ball State	1-24-03	ND	Eric	Morrison	2nd	
1:53.88	vs. Ball State	1-24-03	ND ND	Kevin	Somok	9th	
1:54.18	vs. Ball State	1-24-03	ND	Vinnie	Ambrico	10th	
1:54.58 1:54.83	vs. Ball State at Central Michigan	1-24-03 1-17-03	ND ND	Colin Thomas	Quinn Chamney		
1000 meters – 2:					Ÿ		
time	location	date	school	first name	last name	BIG EAST rank	NCAA rank
2:27.84	Blue and Gold	12-6-02	ND	Kevin	Somok	3rd	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
2:28.66	Blue and Gold	12-6-02	ND	Vinny	Ambrico	6th	
2:29.17	Blue and Gold	12-6-02	ND	Thomas	Chamney	7th	
2:29.59	Blue and Gold	12-6-02	ND	Geoff	Rudziewicz	8th	
Mile run – 4:19.5	4						
time	location	<u>date</u>	school	first name	<u>last name</u>	BIG EAST rank	NCAA rank
4:08.31	vs. Ball State	1-24-03	ND	Luke	Watson	2nd	
4:14.99	vs. Ball State	1-24-03	ND	Brian	Kerwin	8th	
4:15.64	vs. Ball State	1-24-03	ND	John	Keane		
4:16.50	vs. Ball State	1-24-03	ND	Sean	0'Donnell		
4:17.54	Blue and Gold	12-6-02	ND	David	Alber		
3000 meters – 8:	32.14						
time	location	date	school	first name	last name	BIG EAST rank	NCAA rank
8:24.83	Blue and Gold	12-6-02	ND	Luke	Watson	5th	
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8:25.40	Blue and Gold	12-6-02	ND	Eric	Morrison	6th	
8:29.19	vs. Ball State	1-24-03	ND	Tim	Moore		
5,000 meters -	- 14:56.24						
<u>time</u>	<u>location</u>	<u>date</u>	school	<u>first name</u>	<u>last name</u>	BIG EAST rank	NCAA rank
14:30.70	Blue and Gold	12-6-02	ND	Luke	Watson	3rd	
14:31.36	Blue and Gold	12-6-02	ND	Tim	Moore	4th	
4x400 relay –	2.21 00						
time	location	date	school	first name	last name	BIG EAST rank	NCAA rank
3:20.43*	vs. Ball State	<u>uate</u> 1-24-03	ND	Notre Dame	last Haille	DIG EAST TAIK	NCAA TAIIK
3:20.43	vs. dan state	1-24-03	ND	Notre Dame			
* - converted fr	rom 4x440 relay time of 3:20.7	3.					
DMR - 10:19.7	0						
time	location	date	school	first name	last name	BIG EAST rank	NCAA rank
Long Jump – 6							
<u>mark</u>	<u>location</u>	<u>date</u>	<u>school</u>	<u>first name</u>	<u>last name</u>	BIG EAST rank	NCAA rank
6.98m	at Central Michigan	1-17-03	ND	Godwin	Mbagwu	6th	
6.77m	Blue and Gold	12-6-02	ND	Tom	Gilbert		
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Triple Jump –		data	a ala a al	first name	last name	DIC EACT manl.	NCAA rank
<u>mark</u> 14.79m	location	<u>date</u> 1-17-03	<u>school</u> ND	Godwin		<u>BIG EAST rank</u> 6th	<u>NUAA Falik</u>
	at Central Michigan				Mbagwu	OLII	
13.58m	Blue and Gold	12-6-02	ND	Scott	Kelley		
High Jump – 1	.91m						
mark	location	date	school	first name	last name	BIG EAST rank	NCAA rank
2.00m	at Central Michigan	1-17-03	ND	Chris	Staron	8th	
2.00m	at Central Michigan	1-17-03	ND	Ryan	Mineburg	9th	
1.98m	Blue and Gold	12-6-02	ND	Stephan	Walchuk	10th	
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Pole Vault – 4.	50m						
<u>time</u>	<u>location</u>	<u>date</u>	<u>school</u>	<u>first name</u>	<u>last name</u>	BIG EAST rank	NCAA rank
Shot Put – 15.0		1.	1 1	C* .	1 .	DIG PACE 1	NGA A I
mark	location	<u>date</u>	school	<u>first name</u>	<u>last name</u>	BIG EAST rank	NCAA rank
15.42m	vs. Ball State	1-24-03	ND	Juan	Alba	9th	
Weight Throw	– 15.24m						
mark	location	date	school	first name	last name	BIG EAST rank	NCAA rank
16.45m	vs. Ball State	1-24-03	ND	Chip	Roberts	3rd	
16.24m	Blue and Gold	12-6-02	ND	Brian	Thornburg	5th	
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