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Notre Dame Track And Field Heads To Carrier Dome For BIG EAST Indoor Meet

2002 SCHEDULE

INDOOR SEASON

Jan. 11	Purdue Open	NTS
Jan. 18	vs. Ball State,	W - 1st
	Western Michigan	M - 3rd
Jan. 25	vs. Michigan St.	W - 1st
		M - 1st
Feb. 1 - Feb. 2	Meyo Invitational	NTS
Feb. 9	at Windsor Invit. (Windsor, Ont.)	NTS
Feb. 16 - Feb. 17	BIG EAST Champ. (Syracuse, NY)	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Mar. 1 - Mar. 2	Alex Wilson Invit.	6 p.m. 10:30 a.m.
Mar. 8 - Mar. 9	NCAA Champ. (Fayetteville, Ark.)	9 a.m. 9 a.m.

OUTDOOR SEASON

Mar. 23	Baldy Castillo (Tempe, Ariz.)	All day
Mar. 29 - Mar. 30	Purdue Invit. (W. Lafayette, Ind.)	All day
Mar. 30	Stanford Invit. (Palo Alto, Calif.)	All day
Apr. 6	Spring Opener	All day
Apr. 13	Missouri Invit. (Columbia, Mo.)	All day
Apr. 20 - Apr. 21	Mt. SAC Relays (Walnut, Calif.)	All day
Apr. 20	Indy Invitational (Indianapolis, Ind.)	All day
Apr. 26 - Apr. 27	Drake Relays (Des Moines, Iowa)	All day
Apr. 26 - Apr. 27	Boilermaker Open (W. Lafayette, Ind.)	All day
May 3 - May 5	BIG EAST Champ. (Storrs, Conn.)	All day
May 11	at Billy Hayes Invit. (Bloomington, Ind.)	All day
May 17 - May 18	at Ga. Tech Invit. (Atlanta, Ga.)	All day
May 29 - Jun. 1	NCAA Champ. (Baton Rouge, La.)	All day
Jun. 21 - Jun. 23	USTAF Nationals (Palo Alto, Calif.)	All day

Home meets in bold • All times local to site.

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2002 BIG EAST Indoor Championship • Syracuse, N.Y.

Saturday, Feb. 16 and Sunday, Feb. 17

Irish teams ready for conference indoor meet: The University of Notre Dame men's and women's indoor track and field teams will compete at the 2002 BIG EAST Indoor Championships in Syracuse, N.Y., this weekend. This will be the 23rd year the conference meet will be held in the Carrier Dome and the sixth season the Irish teams have participated. The Notre Dame men's team has finished no lower than third in the BIG EAST indoor meet, including a four-year streak of second-place finishes (1997-2000). The men finished third with 83 team points in 2001. The women's team took third place in 1999 and finished seventh a year ago with 57.5 points.

A number of Irish competitors have a history at the BIG EAST meet: Both Irish teams will field a number of competitors in this weekend's meet who have enjoyed success in the Carrier Dome. On the women's side, senior Liz Grow has finished in the top two places of the 400 meter competition in her three years at Notre Dame. Grow won the 400 meters in 2000, finished second last year and second in 1999. She also recently captured the 11th best 400 meter time in the nation with a 53.89 time at the Meyo Invitational. Grow will most likely compete in both the 400 and 500 meters this weekend. Teammate Kymia Love proved strong at the Meyo Invitational as well, earning the 17th best 400 meter time in the nation with 54.23. She and Grow will hopefully provide tough competition to beat.

Junior pole vaulter Jamie Volkmer will be looking to break through for her first BIG EAST indoor title at this year's meet. The Kearney, Neb., native finished second in 2000 and 2001, clearing 11-3 3/4 and 12-1 1/2, respectively. Classmate Tameisha King also has enjoyed some success at the indoor meet, finishing second in the long jump in 2000 and third in the LJ just a year ago.

Freshman standout Lauren King has proved impressive throughout the cross-country and indoor track season. Currently ranked 31st in the 3,000 meters, her Meyo Invitational time of 9:35.86 will most likely carry her to success at the BIG EAST meet this weekend.

The women's 1600-meter relay team hopes to break Georgetown's two-year dominance of the event. The Irish team of Grow, Love and sophomores Ayesha Boyd and Kristen Dodd is coming off a strong showing at the Meyo Invitational, blowing away the competition with a time of 3:37.33. They go into this weekend's meet with the third-ranked relay time in the nation.

On the men's side, Ryan Shay has enjoyed some impressive victories at the BIG EAST indoor meet. An All-American in the 5,000 meters in 2001, Shay won the 5,000 race at last year's meet in 14:10.00. A 13:46.80-5,000 meter showing at the Meyo Invitational places him third in the nation. He also boasts a 3,000-meter BIG EAST championship in 1999 and his 2002 Meyo Invitational time of 7:58.73 ranks him eighth in the nation. Fellow senior Luke Watson might be competing in the mile and 3,000 meters, as Watson has claimed the second best 3,000 meter time in the nation this year.

The Irish men also hope to continue this season's distance medley relay success, after stepping up at the adidas Boston Indoor meet in January and posting a time of 9:42.00. This time allows the men's DMR team to currently hold the 12th-best time in the nation this year.

Other athletes making the trip for the Irish men this weekend who have had success at the conference meet include Quill Redwine (third, triple jump, 2000), Godwin Mbagwu (second, triple jump, 2001), Josh Heck (second, pole vault, 2001).

Complete list of Notre Dame competitors for the 2002 BIG EAST Indoor Championship: Women - Amanda Alvarez, Ayesha Boyd, Kristen Dodd, Jennifer Fibuch, Kristin Flood, Liz Grow, Tiffany Gunn, Natalie Hallett, Jennifer Handley, Megan Johnson,

Jennifer Kearney, Lauren King, Tameisha King, Betsy Lazzeri, Emily Loomis, Kymia Love, Kerry Meagher, Kaitlin Meiser, Ana Morales, Latasha Steele, Jill Van Weelden, Jamie Volkmer and Katie Wales.

Men - Juan Alba, David Alber, Nate Andrulonis, Mark Barber, James Bracken, Patrick Conway, Derek Dyer, Dwight Ellick, Tom Gilbert, Josh Heck, Ryan Hurd, John Keane, Scott Kelley, Tom Lennon, Mike Mansour, Godwin Mbagwu, Trevor McClain-Duer, Ryan Mineburg, Todd Mobley, Eric Morrison, Selim Nurudeen, Colin Quinn, Quill Redwine, Geoff Rudziewicz, Nick Saracco, Nick Setta, Ryan Shay, Kevin Somok, Chris Staron, Brain Thornburg, Luke Watson and Sean Zanderson.

BIG EAST Championship will be live on the internet: Followers of the 2002 BIG EAST Indoor Track and Field Championships will be able to watch a WebCast of the event on www.BIGEAST.org, the league has announced.

TrackMeets.com will broadcast live coverage of every race and every field event this weekend. High speed internet access (cable modem, ISDN, T1, campus ethernet, etc.) is recommended. A Windows MediaPlayer is also necessary. It is best viewed using the most recent version of Microsoft Internet Explorer, which is highly recommended.

**2002 BIG EAST INDOOR
CHAMPIONSHIP
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
Saturday, February 16**

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
11:30 am	60m Hurdles (trials W)
11:50 am	60m Hurdles (trials Men)
12:10 pm	60m Dash (trials Women)
12:30 pm	60m Dash (trials Men)
12:50 pm	500m Dash (trials Women)
1:10 pm	500m Dash (trials Men)
1:30 pm	400m Dash (trials Women)
1:45 pm	400m Dash (trials Men)
2:00 pm	200m Dash (trials Women)
2:15 pm	200m Dash (trials Men)
2:30 pm	Mile Run (trials Women)
2:45 pm	Mile Run (trials Men)
3:00 pm	1,000m Run (trials W)
3:15 pm	1,000m Run (trials Men)
3:30 pm	800m Run (trials Women)
3:45 pm	800m Run (trials Men)
4:00 pm	5,000m Seeded (final W)
4:25 pm	5,000m Seeded (final M)
4:50 pm	Dist. Med. Relay (final W)
5:05 pm	Dist. Medley Relay (final M)
5:20 pm	5,000m Uns. (W if nec.)
5:45 pm	5,000m Uns. (M if nec.)

NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD INDOOR TOP TIMES/MARKS LIST	
60 meters	
Ayesha Boyd	7.51
60-meter h.	
Tameisha King	8.48
200 meters	
Ayesha Boyd	24.47
400 meters	
Liz Grow	53.89
500 meters	
Liz Grow	1:12.61
800 meters	
Lauren King	2:13.35
1,000 meters	
Lauren King	2:55.48
Mile	
Megan Johnson	4:51.39
3,000 meters	
Lauren King	9:35.86
5,000 meters	
Katie Wales	17:50.08
Long Jump	
Tameisha King	6.27m
Pole Vault	
Jamie Volkmer	3.66m
Triple Jump	
Jamie Volkmer	11.74m
High Jump	
Emily Loomis	1.73m
4x400 Relay	
Notre Dame	3:37.33
Distance Medley Relay	
Notre Dame	11:41.15

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FIELD EVENT</u>
9:30 am	35lb. Weight Throw
11:00 am	20lb. Weight Throw
1:00 pm	Pole Vault
2:00 pm	Long Jump
3:30 pm	Long Jump

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
10:25 am	3,000m Uns. (W if nec.)
10:45 am	3,000m Uns. (M if nec.)
11:00 am	1000m Run (final Women)
11:10 am	1000m Run (final Men)
11:20 am	800m Run (final Women)
11:30 am	800m Run (final Men)
11:40m	60m Hurdles (final W)
11:55 am	60 m Hurdles (final Men)
12:00 pm	60m Dash (final Women)
12:10 pm	60 m Dash (final Men)
12:20 pm	Mile Run (final Women)
12:30 pm	Mile Run (final Men)
12:40 pm	500m Dash (final Women)
12:50 pm	500m Dash (final Men)

NOTRE DAME MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD INDOOR TOP TIMES/MARKS LIST	
60 meters	
Dwight Ellick	6.93
60-meter h.	
Selim Nurudeen	8.05
200 meters	
Dwight Ellick	21.88
400 meters	
James Bracken	49.08
500 meters	
Trevor McClain-Duer	1:03.99
800 meters	
Eric Morrison	1:51.86
1,000 meters	
Nate Andrulonis	2:28.40
Mile	
Kevin Somok	4:07.92
3,000 meters	
Luke Watson	7:54.02
5,000 meters	
Ryan Shay	13:46.80
Weight Throw	
Brian Thornburg	16.77m
Long Jump	
Tom Gilbert	7.15m
Shot Put	
Derek Dyer	15.53m
Pole Vault	
Josh Heck	4.72m
Triple Jump	
Quill Redwine	14.17m
High Jump	
Ryan Mineburg	2.01m
4x400 Relay	
Notre Dame	3:16.35
Distance Medley Relay	
Notre Dame	9:42.00

1:00 pm	400m Dash (final Women)
1:10 pm	400m Dash (final Men)
1:20 pm	200m Dash (final Women)
1:30 pm	200m Dash (final Men)
1:40 pm	3,000m Seeded (final W)
2:00 pm	3,000m Seeded (final M)
2:15 pm	4 x 800m Relay (final W)
2:25 pm	4 x 800m Relay (final M)
2:35 pm	4 x 400m Relay (final W)
2:45 pm	4 x 400m Relay (final M)
3:00 pm	TEAM AWARDS CEREMONY

<u>TIME</u>	<u>FIELD EVENT</u>
10:30 am	Triple Jump (M)
10:30 am	High Jump (W)
10:30 am	Shot Put (W)
12:00 pm	Pole Vault (M)
12:00 pm	Shot Put (M)
12:00 pm	Triple Jump (W)
12:00 pm	High Jump (M)