

Notre Dame Men's Track and Field Ready For BIG EAST Challenge

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, 94-63

FEBRUARY

2	Fri.	Meyo Invitational (Notre Dame, Ind.)	NTS
3	Sat.		
10	Sat.	at Windsor Team Challenge (Indianapolis, Ind.)	NTS
17	Sat.	at BIG EAST Championships	8:30 a.m.
18	Sun.	(Syracuse, NY)	10:30 a.m.

MARCH

2	Fri.	Alex Wilson Invitational (Notre Dame, Ind.)	6:00 p.m.
3	Sat.		10:30 a.m.
9	Fri.	at NCAA Championships	9:00 a.m.
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 men's track and field team
WHAT: 2001 BIG EAST Indoor Championship
WHERE: Carrier Dome, Syracuse, NY
WHEN: Saturday, Feb. 17 - Sunday, Feb. 18, all day

Irish head to the Carrier Dome for the BIG EAST championship: The University of Notre Dame men's track and field team travels to Syracuse, NY, this weekend for the 2001 BIG EAST Indoor Championship. The Irish have finished second at the competition the last four years and are coming off their first BIG EAST track and field championship at the outdoor meet last year.

Even though Notre Dame boasts a talented group of athletes this season, it graduated almost 70 of its 125 points it scored at the 2000 BIG EAST indoor meet. The Irish coaching staff of Joe Piane, Tim Connelly, Scott Winsor and John Millar will be counting on a mix of BIG EAST competition veterans and rookies at the meet this weekend.

The Notre Dame distance team should give a boost to the team scoring total. Senior All-American Ryan Shay (Central Lake, Mich.) will be a favorite to win the 5,000 meters after posting a scalding 13:52.66 in the event during the Meyo Invitational. That time is currently ranked second-best in the nation.

Marc Striowski (Toronto, Ontario) will also run the 5,000 meters and owns the seventh-best time in the conference this season (14:22.91).

Shay also will compete in the 3,000 meters, owning the best time on the team this year (8:19.75) in that event as well.

Cross country All-American Pat Conway (Springfield, Va.) is the top Irish contender in the mile run, owning a season-best time of 4:11.52 which ranks 10th in the conference.

The Irish sprint corps is led by the quartet of sophomore Tom Gilbert (Rock Falls, Ill.), freshman James Bracken (North Andover, Mass.) and seniors Travis Davey (St. James, NY) and Terry Wray (Brandon, Miss.).

Davey has the sixth-best time in the conference in the 60 meters this season (6.91) and Gilbert owns the fourth-best 200-meter time (21.74).

Gilbert also compete in the long jump, hoping to improve on his second-place finish (23-10) at the 2000 BIG EAST indoor championship. Freshman Godwin Mbagwu (Petersburg, Va.), who is coming off victories in the triple jump and long jump at the Windsor Team Challenge (Feb. 10), will help the Irish in the horizontal jumps as well. His leap of 50-4 3/4 vs. Ball State and Western Michigan (Jan. 19) earlier this season ranks as the best measurement in the conference this year.

Junior Quill Redwine (San Antonio, Texas) will enter the competition as the top-ranked high jumper, clearing 6-10 3/4 vs. Michigan State. Redwine finished third in the event last season and will compete side-by-side this year with teammates Andrew Cooper (Granville, Ohio) and Craig Novosel-Johnson (Kane, Pa.), who have both posted qualifying heights this season.

The pole vault competition also will be an opportunity for the team to score some valuable points. Josh Heck (Mishawaka, Ind.) enters the competition with the second-best mark in the conference 16-2 3/4, while Nathan Cahill (East Lansing, Mich.) is ranked fourth with a 15-

5 3/4 clearance. Heck finished fourth in the 1999 BIG EAST indoor meet and took fifth place in the competition last season.

Notre Dame's list of competitors for the 2001 BIG EAST Indoor Championship: Nate Andrulonis, James Bracken, Nathan Cahill, Pat Conway, Andrew Cooper, William Croker, Travis Davey, Derek Dyer, Nick Fehring, Tom Gilbert, Doug Gunzelman, Josh Heck, John Keane, Scott Kelley, Tom Lennon, Mike Mansour, Godwin Mbagwu, Colin Quinn, Quill Redwine, Geoff Rudziewicz, John Scolaro, Nick Setta, Ryan Shay, Kevin Somok, Marc Striowski, Brian Thornburg, Thomas Weiler, Terry Wray and Sean Zanderson.

The Irish at the BIG EAST indoor championships:

2000	2nd	125 pts.
1999	2nd	101 pts.
1997	2nd	81 pts.
1996	3rd	83 pts.

Notre Dame has won 16 individual titles and one relay championship (distance medley '00), including four individual event titles in 1997 and 1998.

2001 Notre Dame Men's Indoor Track and Field Top Times/Marks List

60 Meters

Travis Davey 6.91 1/19/01

60-Meter High Hurdles

Mark Barber 8.54 1/26/01

200 Meters

Tom Gilbert 21.74 1/19/01

400 Meters

James Bracken 48.63 2/3/01

500 Meters

Terry Wray 1:04.22 2/3/01

800 Meters

Colin Quinn 1:54.16 2/3/01

1,000 Meters

Tom Lennon 2:28.60 2/3/01

Mile Run

Pat Conway 4:11.52 1/26/01

3,000 Meters

Ryan Shay 8:19.75 1/26/01

5,000 Meters

Ryan Shay 13:52.66 2/2/01

4x400 Relay

Notre Dame "A" 3:16.87 1/26/01

Distance Medley Relay

Notre Dame 10:10.02 2/3/01

Long Jump

Tom Gilbert 7.14m(23-5 1/4) 1/26/01

Triple Jump

Godwin Mbagwu 15.36m(50-4 3/4) 1/19/01

High Jump

Quill Redwine 2.10m(6-10 3/4) 1/26/01

Pole Vault

Josh Heck 16-2 3/4 2/3/01

Weight Throw

Brian Thornburg 16.75m(54-11 1/2) 1/26/01

Shot Put

Derek Dyer 15.52m(50-11) 2/3/01