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2007-08 MEN'S GOLF

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2007-08 Notre Dame Men's Golf Schedule/Results

DATE	TOURNAMENT	RESULT (SCORE)
S15-16	Gopher Invitational..... Spring Hill Golf Club (Wayzata, Minn.)	T-4th of 12 (891)
S30-02	Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic Warren Golf Course (Notre Dame, Ind.)	T-8th of 12 (882)
O7-8	Coca-Cola Duke Golf Classic	3rd of 15 (857) Duke University Golf Club (Durham, N.C.)
O21-23	Mason Rudolph Intercollegiate	T-8th of 18 (292) Vanderbilt Legends Club of Tennessee (Franklin, Tenn.)
O29-30	UNCG Bridgestone Coll. Champ.	9th of 15 (878) Forest Oaks Country Club (Greensboro, N.C.)
F17-19	John Hayt Collegiate Invitational....	15th of 15 (903) Sawgrass Country Club (Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.)
M3-4	USC Collegiate Invitational.....	12th of 14 (925) North Ranch Country Club (Westlake Village, Calif.)
M14-16	Schenkel E-Z-GO Invitational.....	T-12th of 18 (888) Forest Heights Country Club (Statesboro, Ga.)
M23-25	National Invitational Tournament.....	T-10th of 15 (883) Omni Tucson National Golf Club (Tucson, Ariz.)
A5	Irish Invitational.....	2nd of 9 (570) Warren Golf Course (Notre Dame, Ind.)
A20-22	BIG EAST Championship Traditions Golf Club (Hebron, Ky.)	
M15-17	NCAA Regionals (Chattanooga, Tenn./Columbus, Ohio/Bremerton, Wash.)	
M28-31	NCAA Championship Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex/Kampen (W. Lafayette, Ind.)	

Irish Men's Golf Quick Facts

Head CoachJim Kubinski (Springfield College '93)
Assistant CoachSteve Colnitis (Notre Dame '05)
2007 Postseason FinishBIG EAST Runner-Up
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BIG EAST Championship

Sunday-Tuesday, April 20-22, 2008
8 a.m. (ET) each day
Traditions Golf Club
Hebron, Ky.
Par 72/7,103 yards

Irish Look For More Magic At BIG EAST Championship

Eight months of preparation have led up to this weekend, as Notre Dame heads to suburban Cincinnati for the 2008 BIG EAST Conference Championship, to be contested Sunday-Tuesday at the Traditions Golf Club (par 72/7,103 yards) in Hebron, Ky. The Irish rank second in league history with six titles, and have finished in the top three at the BIG EAST Championship 11 times in their first 12 years as a conference member. The winner of this week's tournament also will receive the BIG EAST's automatic bid to the NCAA Championship, which gets underway next month.

Entering the BIG EAST Championship, junior **Josh Sandman** (73.07 stroke average) is in the midst of a hot streak that hasn't been seen in the Notre Dame golf program in nearly three decades. The Greensboro, N.C., native (and 2007 all-BIG EAST honoree) has posted four consecutive top-10 finishes and has a sharp 71.55 stroke average during that span.

Quoting Coach Kubinski...

"We're excited to be entering the championship portion of our season. We've played extremely well the last few years at the BIG EAST Championship and I feel we're rounding into form for this year's event.

"Of course, our final rounds the last two years (26-under par combined) have shown how well we can play. We do need to get off to a better start on Sunday and Monday. Our players are looking forward to that challenge. We started slowly in February and through much of March, but we've had a number of great rounds at par or below of late, which has given us quite a boost in confidence.

"**Josh (Sandman)** will lead us into battle this weekend, as he has throughout the spring season. His maturation both in the physical sense and through

NOTRE DAME LINEUP FOR THE BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIP

Pos.	Name	Yr.	Ht./Wt.	Hometown	Stroke Avg.
No. 1	Josh Sandman	Jr.	6-1/185	Greensboro, N.C.	73.07
No. 2	Doug Fortner	So.	6-0/170	Tustin, Calif.	73.74
No. 3	Dustin Zhang	Fr.	5-9/150	Calgary, Alberta	75.71
No. 4	Greg Rodgers (C)	Sr.	6-1/190	Phoenix, Md.	75.57
No. 5	Eddie Peckels (C)	Sr.	6-3/195	Pinehurst, N.C.	75.53

Six-Time BIG EAST Conference Champions (1995, 1996, 1997, 2004, 2005, 2006)

Golf World/Nike Golf Division I Coaches Poll (April 2)

Rank	School (First-Place Votes)	Points	Last
1.	Alabama (19)	569	1
2.	Georgia (1)	528	2
3.	USC (2)	488	6
4.	Charlotte (1)	484	3
5.	UCLA	473	5
6.	Oklahoma State	468	4
7.	Stanford	411	7
8.	Florida	389	10
9.	Tennessee	388	9
10.	Georgia Tech	379	8
11.	Florida State	348	12
12.	Auburn	288	11
13.	South Carolina	243	16
14.	Duke	236	13
15.	Clemson	226	14
16.	UNLV	218	19
17.	Chattanooga	170	21
18.	Wake Forest	163	17
19.	Texas A&M	133	—
20.	Indiana	126	25
21.	Michigan State	107	15
22.	Texas Tech	97	18
23.	East Tennessee State	82	22
24.	Central Florida	68	—
25.	Louisville	66	—

Others receiving votes: Mississippi 55, San Diego State 44, North Carolina 33, Penn State 31, Arizona State 26, Wichita State 22, UAB 21, Lamar 20, TCU 18, North Carolina State 14, Virginia Tech 14, SMU 12, Arizona 8, Kent State 5, Michigan 1, Minnesota 1, Pepperdine 1.

*Teams in **bold** competing at the BIG EAST Championship.*

Did You Know?

Notre Dame has ties to two of the most famous players in golf history.

Billy Casper won 51 PGA Tour titles, including three majors (1959 & 1966 U.S. Open; 1970 Masters) and was sixth on that tour's all-time victories list upon retirement. He also logged nine wins on the Senior PGA Tour (now the Champions Tour), was an eight-time member of the U.S. Ryder Cup Team and was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 1978. However, before turning pro, Casper attended Notre Dame in 1950 and won the Western Junior National Championship, which was contested at the old Notre Dame Golf Course. His Irish career was cut short when he was called away to military service in the Korean War.

Walter Hagen, Jr., was a three-year monogram winner at Notre Dame from 1938-40, helping the Irish to three consecutive NCAA Championship berths, including a sixth-place finish in 1938. If the name sounds familiar, it should be — his father, Walter Hagen, Sr., won 40 PGA titles, including 11 major championships (five PGA Championships, four British Opens and two U.S. Opens) in his storied career, ranking third behind Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods. The elder Hagen also was a six-time U.S. Ryder Cup captain, and five years after his death in 1969, he was part of the inaugural induction class for the World Golf Hall of Fame.

his mental approach — managing his emotions — has been both exciting and rewarding to witness. He can play with anyone right now.

“Both **Doug (Fortner)** and **Dustin (Zhang)** are very talented young players and ready to compete. They’re striking it well and have excellent short games. If we can get them going, expect some very good scores.

“Of course, senior leadership can be a factor in the championship setting. I have great respect for the group of seniors from Louisville. We’ve had very competitive battles with them the last couple of years. **Eddie (Peckels)** and **Greg (Rodgers)** are well aware of their responsibilities this weekend and are more than eager to get us going. As we’ve had the last couple of years (at the BIG EAST tournament), I think you’ll see some quality rounds from our seniors this weekend.”

Dates and Times

Teams will play single rounds (18 holes) each day, using a split-tee start for the first two days. Notre Dame will be paired with Georgetown and Villanova for the first two rounds, with those groups slated to tee off Sunday from No. 10 beginning at 8:50 a.m. (ET) and continuing at 10-minute intervals. For Monday’s second round, the Irish will start from the first tee at 8 a.m. (ET).

Pairings and tee times for the final round on Tuesday will be based upon the 36-hole standings, with the top six teams teeing off on the front side of the course and remaining six squads starting on the back nine. The higher-placed teams on each side of the course (Teams 1-3 and 7-9) will have the later tee times (beginning at 8:50 a.m. ET), while the lower-placed squads (Teams 4-6 and 10-12) will start at 8 a.m. (ET). All times and formats are tentative and subject to change at the discretion of the tournament committee.

Following The Irish

Live in-progress scoring from the BIG EAST Championship will be available through the Golfstat web site (www.golfstat.com). In addition, complete results following each day’s action will be posted on the official Notre Dame athletics web site (UND.com). The latest information from the tournament, including results, scheduling updates and weather delays, also will be available on the Notre Dame Sports Hotline (574-631-3000).

Furthermore, results will be available via the Irish ALERT text-message system, which provides fans with regular updates on Notre Dame’s progress at the BIG EAST Championship through text messages sent to their cell phone. For more information or to sign up, visit the men’s golf page at UND.com.

The Tournament Format

A total of 12 five-man teams (60 participants) will be taking part in the BIG EAST Championship. Conventional collegiate golf team scoring rules will apply, with the lowest four scores in the five-man lineup for each round counting toward the team total. The winning team will not only take home the BIG EAST Championship trophy, but also will earn the conference’s automatic bid to the NCAA Championship, which begins May 15-17 with regional play at three sites around the country.

The Teams

Besides Notre Dame and tournament host Cincinnati, the remaining schools in the 12-team field for the BIG EAST Championship are: Connecticut, DePaul, Georgetown, Louisville, Marquette, Rutgers, St. John’s, Seton Hall, South Florida and Villanova.

According to the latest edition of the *Golf World/Nike Golf* poll (released April 2 by the Golf Coaches Association of America), Louisville is ranked 25th

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in the nation. The Cardinals are the only team in this week's BIG EAST Championship field to appear in the coaches' poll.

The current ratings in the *Golfweek*/Sagarin Performance Index (as of April 13) show that the highest ranked teams in the field will be Louisville (21st) and Notre Dame (72nd), with Marquette (77th) and St. John's (88th) also appearing in that service's Top 100.

Meanwhile, the newest Golfstat rankings (as of April 16) show that four Top 100 clubs will be competing at this week's BIG EAST Championship. Louisville leads the way at No. 28, followed by Marquette (70th), Notre Dame (76th) and St. John's (80th).

Head-To-Head

Notre Dame has only faced Louisville and Georgetown previously this season, going 0-2 against the Cardinals (five shots back at rain-shortened Mason Rudolph Intercollegiate and 18 shots back at UNCG Bridgestone Collegiate Championship) and 1-0 against the Hoyas (16 shots ahead at Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic).

The Notre Dame "B" team also finished second at the season-opening Rutgers Invitational (870, +18) back on Sept. 14-15, defeating varsity squads from Villanova (tie-6th, 895), Seton Hall (tie-6th, 895) and Rutgers (10th, 904). The Irish second unit also placed fifth (896, +44) at the Charleston Southern Spring Kickoff on March 3-4, besting the Connecticut varsity five (6th, 914).

For the season, Notre Dame is 51-72-6 (.419) against Division I varsity opponents, with a 8-51-3 (.153) record against *Golfweek* Top 50 clubs (2-26-2 vs. the Top 25).

The Individuals

Four of the nation's top 65 golfers (according to Golfstat) will lead the pack contending for medalist honors at the 2008 BIG EAST Championship. Marquette's **Mike Van Sickle** is the top-rated player in the field at No. 30, followed by **Keegan Bradley** of St. John's (37th). Louisville's **Derek Fathauer** (46th) and **Josh Sandman** of Notre Dame (63rd) also will look to battle for the BIG EAST individual title this week. Fathauer's twin brother, Daryl, is the reigning conference medalist, carding a winning score of 209 (-7) last year.

The Course

A par-72, 7,103-yard layout tucked away in the rolling hills of northern Kentucky, Traditions Golf Club is a haven for golf enthusiasts. Founded in 1991, the 18-hole championship golf course has been ranked by *Golf Digest* as the third-best course in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and by *Turf Magazine* as the second-best course.

The scenic views and links-style design are reminiscent of Notre Dame's own Warren Golf Course. With a blend of lush forgiving bent grass fairways, a demanding rough and the toughest greens in the Tri-State area, Traditions offers a magnificent challenge to players of all handicaps.

Notre Dame At The BIG EAST Championship

Notre Dame has participated in each of the past 12 BIG EAST Championships and finished among the top three 11 times since joining the conference prior to the 1995-96 academic year. To date, the Irish have won six titles (1995, 1996, 1997, 2004, 2005, 2006), which puts them second in league history behind the nine crowns won by St. John's from 1979-89. **George Thomas** served as the head coach for Notre Dame's first three BIG EAST victories, while **John Jasinski** guided the Irish to the 2004 title and current head coach **Jim Kubinski** has been the helm when Notre Dame won the '05 and '06 events.

NOTRE DAME RECORD BOOK UPDATES

TEAM RECORDS

Top Season Stroke Averages (since 1980)

✓292.97	2005-06
✓ 295.15	2007-08
✓295.71	2006-07
298.29	1999-2000
298.33	1997-98
298.75	2000-01
299.15	1998-99
✓299.89	2004-05

Top 54-Hole Tournament Scores (since 1966)

✓842 (-22)	BIG EAST Championship (par 72), 2006
✓853 (+13)	The Maxwell (par 70), 2006
854 (+26)	Nelson Invitational (par 69), 2004
✓856 (-8)	BIG EAST Championship (par 72), 2007
✓ 857 (-7)	Coca-Cola Duke Classic (par 72), 2007
✓863 (+11)	Triumph at Pauma Valley (par 71), 2007
863 (+11)	Nelson Invitational (par 71), 2003

Top Rounds (since 1966)

✓272 (-16)	BIG EAST Championship (3rd rd), 2006
275 (-13)	Air Force Invitational (1st rd), 1999
✓278 (-10)	BIG EAST Championship (3rd rd), 2007
279 (+3)	Nelson Invitational (1st rd), 2004
✓281 (+1)	The Maxwell (3rd rd), 2006
✓281 (-7)	BIG EAST Championship (1st rd), 2006

Tournament Titles (Kubinski era)

1st of 14*	NOKIA Sugar Bowl Tulane Invitational, 2005
1st of 6	BIG EAST Championship, 2005
1st of 12*	BIG EAST Championship, 2006

* - won on first hole of sudden death playoff

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Top Season Stroke Averages (since 1954; min. 13.5 rds)

✓72.71	Cole Isban, 2006-07
✓72.97	Cole Isban, 2005-06
73.03	Steve Ratay, 2001-02
✓ 73.07	◆ Josh Sandman, 2007-08
73.13	Joe Grace, 1955-56
✓73.17	Mark Baldwin, 2005-06

Top Career Stroke Averages (since 1954; min. 35 rds)

✓ 73.51	◆ Josh Sandman, 2005-present
✓73.76	Cole Isban, 2003-07
74.43	Charles Thurn, 1956-58
74.46	Steve Ratay, 1999-2002
74.55	Willie Kent, 1998-99
74.56	Joe Grace, 1956-58
74.67	Tom Grace, 1960-62
74.93	Alex Kent, 1999-2001
74.99	Bob Wilson, 1967-70
✓75.01	Scott Gustafson, 2002-06

Boldface - achieved this season

✓ - achieved during tenure of current head coach Jim Kubinski

◆ - player in lineup for the BIG EAST Championship

Six-Time BIG EAST Conference Champions (1995, 1996, 1997, 2004, 2005, 2006)

Irish Among Nation's Elite Programs In *Golf Digest* Rankings

The Notre Dame men's golf program has been rated ninth in the nation, according to the latest in-depth *Golf Digest* rankings released in the August 2007 issue of the magazine. The Irish were cited for their impressive combination of athletic and academic success, as well as the quality of the program's new facilities and the accomplishments of its coaching staff.

Notre Dame was ranked among the top 35 in all three categories evaluated in the *Golf Digest* study. In the "golf-first" rating, which heavily weights a program's performance on the course through both adjusted scoring average and player growth during the past four seasons (2003-04 through 2006-07), the Irish checked in at No. 35. Under the "academics-first" classification, which depends largely on the school's standing in the latest *U.S. News & World Report* rankings and the golf program's graduation rates, Notre Dame was 14th in the nation. However, when combining those two rankings and factoring in facilities, coaching and climate (location) — the components of the "balanced" *Golf Digest* ranking — the Irish made their biggest impression, placing ninth in the country, second among all programs north of the Mason-Dixon Line, and tops in the BIG EAST Conference.

"We are understandably thrilled with the 2007-08 *Golf Digest* program rankings," Notre Dame head coach **Jim Kubinski** said. "We think this only confirms what we've believed for quite a while — that we have the pieces in places to compete as one of the elite programs in the country, both on the course and the classroom. The greatest days for Fighting Irish golf are still to come and we couldn't be more excited about what lies ahead."

In addition, Notre Dame's facilities were singled out as the third-best college golf footprint in the nation with a 98 rating — only Stanford and Duke had higher totals. The Irish have made tremendous strides in their physical plant during the past decade, beginning with the 2000 debut of the on-campus Warren Golf Course, designed by **Bill Coore** and PGA Tour great **Ben Crenshaw** and rated among the nation's top college and public layouts. The course has hosted five BIG EAST Championships, the 2005 NCAA Central Regional, a 2004 U.S. Amateur Championship sectional qualifier, and three Western Amateur Championship qualifiers, and will host U.S. and Western Amateur qualifiers this summer.

Notre Dame's latest facility addition opened in September 2006, with the completion of the \$2.1 million, 10,333-square foot Robert and Marilyn Rolfs Family All-Season Varsity Golf Facility, located on the grounds of the Warren Golf Course. The Rolfs Facility features a 5,000-square foot indoor short game area, six covered tee stations that include state-of-the-art video equipment for instant coaching feedback, office space for the Irish men's and women's coaching staffs, and a fully-furnished lounge area with separate locker room areas for both teams.

The complete 2007-08 *Golf Digest* rankings in all three categories, as well as a full explanation of how the ratings were determined, can be found by going on-line at <http://www.golfdigest.com/rankings/college/2007/09/collegegolfrankings>.

In addition to their six championships, the Irish have finished as tournament runner-up four times (1998 - tie with St. John's, 2002, 2003, 2007) and took third-place honors in 2000.

Notre Dame golfers also have won medalist honors four times, tying Virginia Tech for the third-highest total in conference history behind St. John's (seven) and Providence (six). The most recent Irish individual champion was crowned in 2005 when **Mark Baldwin** won the weather-shortened BIG EAST Championship with a five-over par 75. Other Notre Dame golfers who were medalists at the conference tournament include: **Bill Moore** (1995), **Todd Vernon** (1997) and **Steve Ratay** (2001 - three-way tie with Brian Krusoe of Virginia Tech and Andrew Svoboda of St. John's).

Potent Notables On The Irish At The BIG EAST Championship

- ◆ Notre Dame joins St. John's as the only schools in the 27-year history of the BIG EAST Championship to win three consecutive titles on more than one occasion. The Irish recorded their first hat trick from 1995-97 and matched that feat from 2004-06 before Louisville took the title last year. St. John's actually posted a pair of "four-peats" from 1981-84 and 1986-89, becoming the only school ever to win four consecutive BIG EAST titles.
- ◆ Notre Dame's 32-stroke win in 1997 is the second-largest margin of victory in BIG EAST Championship history. St. John's finished 34 shots ahead of the field to win the 1988 conference title.
- ◆ Conversely, the Irish also won the first sudden death playoff in BIG EAST Championship history in 2006, defeating Louisville on the first extra hole with an aggregate score of one-under par (birdie, par, par, par), compared to one-over par for the Cardinals (par, par, par, bogey). The 1989 conference title was decided by a scorecard playoff (second-round score of fifth golfer), a tiebreak no longer employed by the BIG EAST.
- ◆ Junior **Josh Sandman** is the lone Notre Dame player in this week's lineup that has earned all-conference honors, taking the award last year by finishing in 10th place (215, -1). Senior tri-captain **Greg Rodgers** just missed the all-BIG EAST cutoff (top 10 finishers) last year, tying for 11th place at 217 (+1) in his conference tournament debut.
- ◆ Sandman, Rodgers and sophomore **Doug Fortner** (tie-24th, 224) all competed for the Irish in last year's BIG EAST Championship, where Notre Dame finished second at eight-under par 856, the fourth-lowest score in school history, and shot a final-round 278 (-10) that ranks as the third-lowest mark in the Irish record books. Senior tri-captain **Eddie Peckels** will be participating in his first BIG EAST tournament this week.
- ◆ For the seventh consecutive year, Notre Dame will start a freshman at the BIG EAST Championship when rookie **Dustin Zhang** steps to the No. 10 tee on Sunday morning. In three of the previous six years, an Irish freshman has gone on to earn all-conference recognition (**Ryan Marshall** in 2002; **Tommy Balderston**, **Mark Baldwin** and **Scott Gustafson** in 2003; and **Cole Isban** in 2004).
- ◆ Notre Dame has a share of two BIG EAST Championship records. The Irish shot a tournament-record 842 (-22) in 2006, tying Louisville through the regulation 54 holes before winning in sudden death. That same year, **Mark Baldwin** fired a final-round 66 (-6), and is one of five golfers tied for the lowest 18-hole score in conference tournament history.
- ◆ The third round of the BIG EAST Championship has been particularly good to the Irish the past two years. In fact, Notre Dame is a combined 26-under par on the final day at the BIG EAST tourney in the last two seasons, shooting a school-record 272 (-16) in 2006 and a 278 (-10) last year.
- ◆ Although it's just eight years old, the Warren Golf Course at Notre Dame already has played host to five BIG EAST Championships, second only to the TPC at Avenel (Potomac, Md.), which was the site of 11 conference

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tournaments, including 10 in a row from 1987-96. However, Notre Dame will not host the conference tournament until at least the 2009-10 season, with next year's event headed back to the site of the 2006 tournament, Lake Jovita Golf & Country Club in Dade City, Fla. (to be hosted by USF).

Tourney Rewind: 2007 BIG EAST Championship

Notre Dame saved its best for last, firing the low round of the tournament with a 10-under par 278 on the final day and powering to a second-place finish at the 2007 BIG EAST Conference Championship, which took place at the Cardinal Club in Simpsonville, Ky. (located outside Louisville). The Irish posted the third-lowest single-round score in school history and fourth-lowest tournament total in program annals, finishing at eight-under par 856 (291-287-278). Tournament host Louisville, which held a 16-stroke lead entering the final round, won the team title at 844 (-20).

Notre Dame now has finished in the top three at the BIG EAST Championship 11 times in its 12-year conference affiliation. It's also the fourth runner-up placement for the Irish, to go along with six league titles.

Notre Dame had three players named to the all-BIG EAST Conference Team, thanks to their top-10 finishes at the tournament. **Adam Gifford** and **Cole Isban** tied for fifth place with matching scores of three-under par 213. A first-time all-conference designee, Gifford shot rounds of 69, 72 and 72 and tied his best finish and 54-hole score of his career (213 in a fifth-place outing in the 2007 Triumph at Pauma Valley). He also turned in perhaps the shot of the day, holing a tough chip shot from well off the green on No. 9 for an eagle-3.

Meanwhile, Isban erased all remnants of a tough first round with scores of 76, 68 and 69 to card his third top-five finish of the year and ninth of his career. He also picked up his third all-conference plaque, joining **Mark Baldwin** as the only three-time all-BIG EAST selections in program history.

Josh Sandman was chosen as an all-league honoree for the first time in his career, placing 10th at this year's tournament with a score of one-under par 215 (73-74-68). It was Sandman's second top-10 outing of the year and third of his career.

Greg Rodgers completed one of his finest showings at Notre Dame, rising up to tie for 11th place at one-over par 217 (75-73-69). The final-round 69 tied his career-low score, previously set at the 2004 Windon Memorial Classic, and his 54-hole total of 217 was one shot back of his career best (216 at the 2004 Nelson Invitational, played on a par-69 course at Stanford).

Doug Fortner capped his first trip to the BIG EAST Championship with a tie for 24th place at eight-over par 224 (74-75-75). That score matches Fortner's second-lowest mark of his rookie year, exceeded only by a 212 (-1) in the Triumph at Pauma Valley.

Last Time Out: Irish Invitational

Senior tri-captain **Eddie Peckels** collected a piece of his first career individual title, and junior **Josh Sandman** continued his recent hot streak with a fourth consecutive top-10 finish, leading the Notre Dame men's golf team to a runner-up finish at the Irish Invitational, which took place April 5 at the Warren Golf Course (par 70/6,930 yards) on the Notre Dame campus. The Irish carded a two-round total of 10-over par 570 (282-288) to wind up two strokes back of tournament champion Northwestern in the nine-team field.

Playing as an individual participant, Peckels picked the perfect time for the best round of his career, firing a 68 (-2) in the afternoon session to finish at one-under par 139 (71-68) for the tournament and share medalist honors with Northwestern's David Lipsky. Peckels' previous best round was a 69 that he carded twice before (most recently in the second round at the 2006 CordeValle

NOTRE DAME RECORD BOOK AT THE BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIP

TEAM RECORDS

Lowest 18-hole score

272	2006, third round (<i>school record</i>)
278	2007, third round
281	2006, first round
287	2007, second round
289	three times (MR: 2006, second round)

Lowest 36-hole score (first two rounds only)

570	2006
578	2007
585	2004
586	2002
590	2003

Lowest 54-hole score

842	2006 (<i>school/BIG EAST record</i>)
856	2007
876	2004
882	2002
891	2003

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Lowest 18-hole score

66	Mark Baldwin, third round, 2006 (<i>tie-BIG EAST record</i>)
67	Scott Gustafson, third round, 2006
68	four times (MR: Josh Sandman, third round, 2007)

Lowest 36-hole score (first two rounds only)

141	Adam Gifford, 2007 Josh Sandman, 2006 Todd Vernon, 1997
142	Cole Isban, 2006

Lowest 54-hole score

212	Mark Baldwin, 2006
213	four times (MR: Adam Gifford/Cole Isban, 2007)

BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALISTS

2005	Mark Baldwin
2001	Steve Ratay
1997	Todd Vernon
1995	Bill Moore

ALL-BIG EAST CONFERENCE TEAM

2007	Adam Gifford, Cole Isban, Josh Sandman
2006	Mark Baldwin
2005	Mark Baldwin, Eric Deutsch, Cole Isban
2004	Tommy Balderston, Eric Deutsch, Cole Isban
2003	Tommy Balderston, Mark Baldwin, Scott Gustafson, Brandon Lunke
2002	Ryan Marshall, Steve Ratay
2001	Steve Ratay
2000	Alex Kent
1998	Willie Kent, Kyle Monfort

NOTE: All-BIG EAST selections consist of top 10 finishers plus ties (top seven from 1998-2006; team was not chosen prior to 1998).

Six-Time BIG EAST Conference Champions (1995, 1996, 1997, 2004, 2005, 2006)

Notre Dame's Graduation Rates Tops In The Nation

The University of Notre Dame ranks number one in the country in terms of graduating its student-athletes, according to statistics released last fall by the NCAA.

Whether measured by the federal government in its Department of Education report or by the NCAA through its newer Graduation Success Rate (GSR) numbers, graduation rates for Notre Dame student-athletes also rank among the national leaders in all major categories among all major football-playing colleges and universities.

Notre Dame led the nation in the GSR ratings for all student-athletes (at 98, tied with Northwestern and the United States Naval Academy), while also ranking first in both the GSR and federal standings for female student-athletes (100 GSR, 94 federal).

Both the federal graduation-rate figures and the GSR numbers for Notre Dame student-athletes found the Irish ranked eighth or better nationally in five major categories among the 119 football-playing institutions in the NCAA Bowl Subdivision (formerly Division I-A).

In calculations listing all student-athletes in all sports, Notre Dame tied for first among the Bowl Subdivision football schools in the GSR figures, which were initiated three years ago by the NCAA. The University's 98 percent GSR for all its student-athletes matched those for the U.S. Naval Academy and Northwestern. Using the federal formula, Notre Dame graduated a four-year average of 89 percent of its student-athletes, just behind Duke at 91 percent and Stanford at 90 percent.

Notre Dame graduated 94 percent of all women competing in varsity athletics, to rank first among its peer institutions based on the federal calculations. Among men, Notre Dame's 85 percent rate was third, behind only Stanford's 90 percent rate and Duke at 89.

Notre Dame graduated 75 percent of its black student-athletes, ranking eighth nationally based on the federal rate, and Irish football players graduated at a 79 percent rate to rank sixth.

In the GSR standings, in addition to its number-one ranking for all student-athletes, Notre Dame finished tied for first among female student athletes at 100 (Vanderbilt and the U.S. Naval Academy also finished at 100), second among male student-athletes at 97 percent (behind the Naval Academy at 98), tied for third with Boston College among football players at 93 percent (behind the Naval Academy at 95 and Northwestern at 94), and fourth among black student-athletes at 91 percent (behind the Naval Academy at 96, and Northwestern and Wake Forest at 93).

The NCAA also calculated graduation rates over a 10-year period (student-athletes who entered from 1991-92 through 2000-01). During those 10 years, Notre Dame had 635 student-athletes who exhausted their eligibility — and 99 percent of them graduated within the allotted six-year period. By comparison, Northwestern had a 100 percent rate, Duke also recorded 99 percent, and Boston College and Stanford both had 98 percent rates.

Collegiate). His best tournament finish prior to the Irish Invitational came at the 2004 Earl Yestingsmeier Invitational, when he tied for seventh place.

Meanwhile, Sandman tied for fourth place at the Irish Invitational with a one-over par 141 (68-73), marking the second time during his four-tourney run that he has placed in the top five at an event. Sandman also becomes the first Notre Dame golfer to put together four consecutive top-10 finishes since the 1979-80 season, when **John Lundgren** turned the trick in the Indianapolis Intercollegiate (tie-6th), Ohio State Invitational (9th), Purdue Invitational (tie-3rd) and Mid-American Invitational (5th).

Freshman **Dustin Zhang** tied Sandman for fourth place at one-over par 141 (71-70), posting the best score and finish of his young career. Classmate **Tyler Hock**, who also played as an individual, tied for seventh place at two-over par 142 (70-72), also earning his best career finish. Sophomore **Carl Santos-Ocampo** and freshman **Connor Alan-Lee** rounded out a pack of six Irish golfers in the top 10, tying for 10th place at three-over par 143. Santos-Ocampo shot a career-low 68 in the opening round before slipping to a 75 in the afternoon, while Alan-Lee carded rounds of 69 (also a career-best) and 74 on the day.

Three more Notre Dame golfers tied for 20th place at six-over par 146. Sophomore **Doug Fortner** fired rounds of 75 and 71, while senior tri-captain **Greg Rodgers** shot matching scores of 73, and freshman **Jeff Chen** posted a 72 and 74. Rodgers and Chen were playing as individual participants at the tournament.

Sophomore **Olavo Batista** was another individual competitor, tying for 31st place at nine-over par 149 (75-74), while senior tri-captain **Mike King** tied for 35th place at 11-over par 151 (77-74). Sophomore **Kyle Willis**, who also played individually, ended up in a 39th-place tie at 12-over par 152 (80-72).

Things You Should Know About The Irish

- ◆ Notre Dame has made 33 NCAA postseason appearances in its history (most recently in 2006 with a trip to the NCAA East Regional), while winning the 1944 national championship and finishing second in 1937.
- ◆ Notre Dame has taken its play to new levels in recent years, posting three of the top seven single-season stroke averages in school history since head coach **Jim Kubinski** took over as head coach in January 2005. The Irish also have carded nine of the top 12 tournament scores (54 holes) in program history during the Kubinski era, including a school-record 842 (-22) at the 2006 BIG EAST Championship.
- ◆ Notre Dame's impressive resurgence of late has been augmented by its play against nationally-ranked opponents. In fact, since Kubinski arrived under the Golden Dome, the Irish have defeated 15 Top 25 teams (according to *Golfweek*) and posted 14 top-five tournament finishes, including three event titles (most recently the '06 BIG EAST Championship).
- ◆ Kubinski himself was nominated for a place on the 2007 *GOLF Magazine* Top 100 Teachers List, after being placed into consideration by the Indiana Section of the PGA. Approximately 400-500 people are chosen annually from the 30,000 PGA professionals nationwide for a few select places on the *GOLF Magazine* list, whose membership includes such notable instructors as Hank Haney, Butch Harmon, David Leadbetter and Rick Smith.

Next Up: NCAA Regionals (May 15-17)

The winner of this week's BIG EAST Championship will earn the conference's automatic bid to the 2008 NCAA Championship, which begins May 15-17 with regional play at three sites (Chattanooga, Tenn.; Columbus, Ohio; and Breerton, Wash.). The complete 81-team regional field (27 schools at each site) will be announced by the NCAA Division I Men's Golf Committee on May 5.



JIM KUBINSKI

Head Coach • Fourth Year at Notre Dame Springfield College (1993)

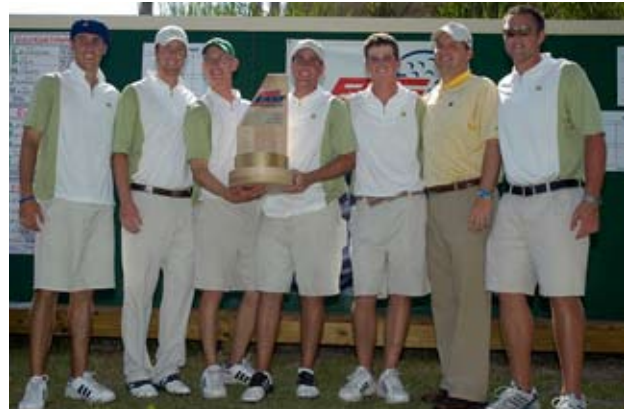
One of the nation's top young golf teachers, **Jim Kubinski** is in his fourth season as the head coach at Notre Dame. Having assumed the post on Jan. 28, 2005, Kubinski is just the sixth head coach in the 78-year history of the Irish men's golf program, inheriting a storied tradition that includes the 1944 national championship, 19 top-10 NCAA Championship finishes and 33 NCAA postseason appearances.

"We feel Jim is one of the rising stars in the golf coaching community and someone who can continue to develop our program into a perennial national contender," Notre Dame athletics director **Kevin White** said.

It hasn't taken long for Kubinski to make his mark at Notre Dame and reward White's confidence in his abilities. In his first tournament at the helm of the Irish, just one month after setting foot on campus, Kubinski helped guide Notre Dame to the championship of the 2005 NOKIA Sugar Bowl Tulane Invitational, winning the title on the first hole of a sudden death playoff against UNC Wilmington. It was the first of two tournament crowns in the 2004-05 season for Notre Dame and made Kubinski the first Irish men's golf coach since 1961 to win the opening event of his career. That season, **Rev. Clarence Durbin, C.S.C.**, led the Irish to a 23.5-6.5 dual-match win over Western Michigan.

That was the start of what has been a solid four-year run for the Notre Dame skipper, who piloted the Irish to consecutive BIG EAST Conference titles in 2005 and 2006, and back-to-back NCAA regional appearances both years. He also has an overall record of 276-280-16 (.497) record and 15 wins over teams ranked in the *Golfweek* Top 25. What's more, Notre Dame has regularly collected votes in the *Golf World*/Nike Golf Top 25 poll and has risen as high as No. 12 in the *Golfweek* rankings (Oct. 2, 2005).

Under Kubinski's guidance, Notre Dame has registered 14 top-five finishes, including three tourney titles (two coming in sudden-death playoffs). The Irish also have carded three of the top seven single-season stroke averages in school history, following a 299.89 mark in 2004-05 (seventh all-time) with a school-record pace of 292.97 in '05-06 and a 295.71 mark last season (second all-time). In addition, Notre Dame has fired nine of the top 12 single-round scores in school history since Kubinski arrived on campus, including impressive final-round postseason efforts at the 2005 NCAA Central Regional (282, +2) and the 2006 BIG EAST Championship (school-record 272, -16). The latter score highlighted a 12-stroke comeback victory over Louisville, the second-best rally in the storied history of the Irish men's golf program, and led the Notre Dame's selection as the *Golfweek* National Team of the Week (May 1, 2006) for the first time in program history.



Individually, Kubinski has produced impressive results with several Irish players in a short span of time. **Cole Isban** became the first three-time PING All-Midwest Region selection (2005-07) in program history under Kubinski's tutelage, and graduated in May 2007 as the school record holder for single-season stroke average (72.71 in 2006-07), and career stroke average (73.76). Junior **Josh Sandman** got a late start to his college career in '05-06 due to an injury, but since he hit the links, he has been superb, posting a 73.51 career stroke average in 76 rounds (26 tournaments) that puts him on pace to threaten Isban's school record. Thus, it's no wonder Kubinski was nominated for the 2007 *GOLF Magazine* Top 100 Teachers List, honoring the nation's pre-eminent golf instructors.



"As a lifelong Notre Dame fan, I couldn't ask for a greater opportunity than to be the head coach of the Fighting Irish," Kubinski said. "It's certainly a special time to play for Notre Dame and be a part of this great university. I'm looking forward to an exciting time ahead and feel that we're building something here that will be a great source of pride for our players and our university in the years to come.

"Notre Dame exemplifies the best of everything in a college environment, both academically and athletically," Kubinski continued. "It's my goal to ensure that we are a perennial top-10 program on the course and in the classroom, consistent with the best traditions of Notre Dame, and I truly believe we can achieve that goal."

Kubinski was a three-year golf letterman and two-year team captain at Springfield (Mass.) College before graduating in 1993. A two-time all-Northeast 10 Conference selection in 1991 and 1992, he also received the Springfield College Maroon Club Award for academic and athletic achievement in 1992. His playing experience continued on the North Atlantic Tour where he tied for sixth place at the '95 Boston Open, and he also competed in the Carolinas Section PGA.

Born May 4, 1970 in Springfield, Mass., Kubinski and his wife, **Sarah**, now live in South Bend. The couple celebrated the birth of their first child, daughter **Kelly**, in September 2007.

1944 NCAA Champion • 1937 NCAA Runner-Up • 33 NCAA Postseason Appearances



2007-08 NOTRE DAME MEN'S GOLF CUMULATIVE STATISTICS

2007-08 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Tournament	Location	Finish	Score	Top Scoring Individual
Sept. 14-15	Rutgers Invitational	Piscataway, N.J.	2nd/18	870 (+18)	T-8th, Chen/Zhang, 219 (+6)
Sept. 15-16	Gopher Invitational	Wayzata, Minn.	T-4th/12	891 (+27)	T-7th, Rodgers, 219 (+3)
S30-O2	Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic	Notre Dame, Ind.	T-8th/12	882 (+42)	T-2nd, Fortner, 210 (E)
Oct. 7-8	Coca-Cola Duke Golf Classic	Durham, N.C.	3rd/15	857 (-7)	T-11th, Hock/Sandman, 213 (-3)
Oct. 21-23	Mason Rudolph Intercollegiate*	Franklin, Tenn.	T-8th/18	292 (+8)	T-13th, Hock, 71 (E)
Oct. 29-30	UNCG Bridgestone Collegiate Championship	Greensboro, N.C.	9th/15	878 (+14)	T-15th, Sandman, 217 (+1)
Feb. 17-19	John Hayt Collegiate Invitational	Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.	15th/15	903 (+39)	T-29th, Fortner/Sandman, 224 (+8)
March 3-4	USC Collegiate Invitational	Westlake Village, Calif.	12th/14	925 (+73)	T-3rd, Sandman, 220 (+7)
March 3-4	CSU Spring Kickoff	Charleston, S.C.	5th/10	896 (+44)	T-9th, Peckels, 220 (+7)
March 14-16	Schenkel E-Z-GO Invitational	Statesboro, Ga.	T-12th/18	888 (+24)	T-6th, Sandman, 212 (-4)
March 23-25	National Invitational Tournament	Tucson, Ariz.	T-10th/15	883 (+19)	T-10th, Sandman, 214 (-2)
April 5	Irish Invitational	Notre Dame, Ind.	2nd/9	570 (+10)	T-1st, Peckels, 139 (-1)
April 20-22	BIG EAST Championship	Hebron, Ky.			
May 15-17	NCAA Regionals	TBA**			
May 28-31	NCAA Championship	West Lafayette, Ind.			

* - Final two rounds cancelled by rain

** - East Regional at Chattanooga, Tenn.; Central Regional at Columbus, Ohio; West Regional at Bremerton, Wash.

Home tournaments listed in **boldface** and played at Warren Golf Course (par 70/7,023 yards)

Tournaments listed in *italics* are "B" team events, and team results do not count toward Notre Dame's national rankings

2008 SPRING SEASON STATISTICS (sorted by stroke average)

Name	Tourn.	Rds.	Str.	vs. Par	Avg.	18	54	Top 5	Top 10	Best Finish (Event)
Josh Sandman	5	14	1,011	+10	72.21	68	212	2	4	T-3rd (USC Collegiate)
Jeff Chen	2	5	369	+16	73.80	71	223	0	0	T-12th (CSU Spring Kickoff)
Eddie Peckels	3	8	591	+22	73.88	68	220	1	2	T-1st (Irish Invitational)
Carl Santos-Ocampo	5	14	1,036	+35	74.00	68	221	0	2	T-10th (CSU Kickoff/Irish Invite)
Dustin Zhang	3	8	597	+28	74.63	70	224	1	1	T-4th (Irish Invitational)
Doug Fortner	5	14	1,045	+44	74.64	71	221	0	0	T-20th (Irish Invitational)
Mike King	2	5	377	+24	75.40	73	226	0	0	T-24th (CSU Spring Kickoff)
Connor Alan-Lee	4	11	846	+61	76.91	69	234	0	1	T-10th (Irish Invitational)
Kyle Willis	2	5	386	+33	77.20	72	234	0	0	T-39th (Irish Invitational)
Tyler Hock	4	11	850	+65	77.27	70	231	0	1	T-7th (Irish Invitational)
Olavo Batista	2	5	392	+39	78.40	74	243	0	0	T-31st (Irish Invitational)
Greg Rodgers	3	8	630	+61	78.75	73	241	0	0	T-20th (Irish Invitational)
"A" Team Totals	5	14	4,169	+165	297.79	282	883	1	2	2nd (Irish Invitational)
"B" Team Totals	1	3	896	+44	298.67	297	896	1	1	5th (CSU Spring Kickoff)

2007-08 CUMULATIVE STATISTICS (sorted by stroke average)

Name	Tourn.	Rds.	Str.	vs. Par	Avg.	18	54	Top 5	Top 10	Best Finish (Event)
Josh Sandman	10	27	1,973	+43	73.07	68	212	2	4	T-3rd (USC Collegiate)
Jeff Chen	4	11	809	+33	73.55	71	219	0	1	T-8th (Rutgers Invitational)
Doug Fortner	10	27	1,991	+61	73.74	68	210	1	1	T-2nd (FIGGC)
Carl Santos-Ocampo	7	20	1,498	+74	74.90	68	221	0	2	T-10th (CSU Kickoff/Irish Invite)
Kyle Willis	6	15	1,128	+65	75.20	71	218	0	0	T-18th (FIGGC)
Tyler Hock	8	21	1,582	+84	75.33	68	213	0	1	T-7th (Irish Invitational)
Eddie Peckels	6	17	1,284	+73	75.53	68	220	1	2	T-1st (Irish Invitational)
Greg Rodgers	8	21	1,587	+89	75.57	69	214	0	1	T-7th (Gopher Invitational)
Dustin Zhang	5	14	1,060	+68	75.71	69	219	1	2	T-4th (Irish Invitational)
Connor Alan-Lee	6	17	1,299	+88	76.41	69	225	0	1	T-10th (Irish Invitational)
Mike King	4	9	688	+54	76.44	73	226	0	0	T-24th (CSU Spring Kickoff)
Olavo Batista	4	11	843	+67	76.64	70	220	0	0	T-11th (Rutgers Invitational)
"A" Team Totals	10	27	7,969	+249	295.15	282	857	3	7	2nd (Irish Invitational)
"B" Team Totals	2	6	1,766	+62	294.33	285	870	2	2	2nd (Rutgers Invitational)

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2007-08 MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

PERCENTAGE OF ROUNDS COUNTED ("A" team only)

Name	Count/Total	Pct.
Doug Fortner	27/27	1.000
Dustin Zhang	6/6	1.000
Kyle Willis	4/4	1.000
Josh Sandman	25/27	.926
Greg Rodgers	16/19	.842
Connor Alan-Lee	10/12	.833
Carl Santos-Ocampo	7/11	.636
Tyler Hock	10/16	.625
Mike King	1/2	.500
Eddie Peckels	5/12	.417

AVERAGE STROKES BEHIND MEDALIST

Name	Str. Off Lead/Tourn.	Avg.
Josh Sandman	84/10	8.40
Doug Fortner	112/10	11.20
Jeff Chen	52/4	13.00
Kyle Willis	84/6	14.00
Greg Rodgers	124/8	15.50
Tyler Hock	126/8	15.75
Carl Santos-Ocampo	116/7	16.57
Connor Alan-Lee	105/6	17.50
Eddie Peckels	109/6	18.17
Mike King	73/4	18.25
Dustin Zhang	95/5	19.00
Olavo Batista	86/4	21.50

STROKE AVERAGE BY ROUND

Name	1	2	3
Connor Alan-Lee	76.33	74.67	78.60
Olavo Batista	75.00	77.25	78.00
Jeff Chen	74.50	73.50	72.33
Doug Fortner	74.10	73.22	73.88
Tyler Hock	76.50	74.29	75.00
Mike King	77.50	75.00	76.50
Eddie Peckels	74.67	75.17	77.00
Greg Rodgers	75.63	76.29	74.67
Josh Sandman	71.90	73.00	73.38
Carl Santos-Ocampo	74.57	75.43	74.67
Kyle Willis	77.00	73.80	74.25
Dustin Zhang	73.80	76.40	77.25
"A" TEAM AVERAGES	295.30	293.67	296.63
"B" TEAM AVERAGES	291.50	297.50	294.00

EVEN & UNDER PAR ROUNDS

Name	Under	Even	Total
Josh Sandman	8 (4)	2	10
Tyler Hock	3 (2)	3	6
Doug Fortner	3 (1)	2	5
Greg Rodgers	3 (1)	1	4
Dustin Zhang	1 (1)	2	3
Connor Alan-Lee	2 (1)	0	2
Jeff Chen	0	2	2
Carl Santos-Ocampo	1 (1)	1	2
Olavo Batista	1	0	1
Eddie Peckels	1 (1)	0	1
"A" TEAM SCORES	3	0	3
"B" TEAM SCORES	0	0	0

(figure in parentheses indicates rounds in 60s)

UPDATED CAREER STATISTICS (sorted by stroke average)

Name	Tourn.	Rds.	Str.	Avg.	18	54	Top 5	Top 10	Best Finish (Event)
Josh Sandman	27	76	5,587	73.51	66	212	3	7	T-2nd ('06 Boilermaker Invitational)
Jeff Chen	4	11	809	73.55	71	219	0	1	T-8th ('07 Rutgers Invitational)
Carl Santos-Ocampo	11	31	2,328	75.10	68	221	0	3	T-10th, three times (MR: '08 Irish Invitational)
Doug Fortner	20	55	4,138	75.24	68	210	2	2	T-2nd ('07 Fighting Irish Gridiron)
Tyler Hock	8	21	1,582	75.33	68	213	0	1	T-7th ('08 Irish Invitational)
Kyle Willis	8	21	1,588	75.62	71	218	0	0	T-14th ('06 Fighting Irish Gridiron)
Eddie Peckels	21	60	4,539	75.65	68	215	1	3	T-1st ('08 Irish Invitational)
Dustin Zhang	5	14	1,060	75.71	69	219	1	2	T-4th ('08 Irish Invitational)
Greg Rodgers	30	84	6,409	76.30	69	214	0	1	T-7th ('07 Gopher Invitational)
Mike King	24	64	4,890	76.41	68	214	1	4	T-4th ('06 Tillinghast)
Connor Alan-Lee	6	17	1,299	76.41	69	225	0	1	T-10th ('08 Irish Invitational)
Olavo Batista	7	19	1,520	80.00	70	220	0	0	T-11th ('07 Rutgers Invitational)

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2007-08 TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Rutgers Invitational

Sept. 14-15, 2007
Piscataway, N.J.
Rutgers Golf Course
(par 71/6,337 yards)

Final Team Standings

1. USC Upstate	280	284	291	855 (+3)
2. NOTRE DAME "B"	285	294	291	870 (+18)
3. Longwood	289	293	301	883 (+31)
4. Delaware	294	304	293	893 (+41)
5. Mount St. Mary's	297	303	294	894 (+42)
6. Villanova	295	293	307	895 (+43)
Seton Hall	296	297	302	895 (+43)
8. Monmouth	295	300	303	898 (+46)
9. Central Conn. St.	298	298	304	900 (+48)
10. Rutgers	304	306	294	904 (+52)
11. Bryant	298	305	303	906 (+54)
12. Fairleigh Dickinson	316	301	302	919 (+67)
13. Dowling	310	310	301	921 (+69)
14. Thomas More	307	306	310	923 (+71)
15. LIU-Brooklyn	314	303	312	929 (+77)
16. Quinnipiac	313	312	305	930 (+78)
17. Wagner	327	316	328	971 (+119)
18. Manhattan	330	325	330	985 (+133)

Top 10 Individuals (of 93)

1. Michael Lawrence, USCU	69	68	72	209 (-4)
2. Josh Gallman, USCU	69	69	74	212 (-1)
3. Brett Bergman, VU	72	70	74	216 (+3)
4. Kyle Morris, SHU	73	72	72	217 (+4)
Ian O'Connor, QU	74	75	68	217 (+4)
6. Jed Rasnick, LU	73	71	74	218 (+5)
Tyler Tucker, USCU	73	70	75	218 (+5)
8. Jeff Chen, ND	74	71	74	219 (+6)
Dustin Zhang, ND	69	77	73	219 (+6)
Michael Young, LU	71	72	76	219 (+6)

Notre Dame "B" Results

2. NOTRE DAME "B"	285	294	291	870 (+18)
8. (tie) Jeff Chen	74	71	74	219 (+6)
(tie) Dustin Zhang	69	77	73	219 (+6)
11. (tie) Olavo Batista	70	74	76	220 (+7)
18. (tie) C. Santos-Ocampo	72	79	71	222 (+9)
32. (tie) Kyle Willis	80	72	73	225 (+12)

Tournament Notes: This was the first "B" team tournament Notre Dame played in 2007-08, with no "B" team scores counting on the national rankings lists (Golfstat/Golfweek), although individual scores are accepted ... this was the first time an Irish squad had ever competed at the Rutgers Golf Course ... freshmen Jeff Chen and Dustin Zhang were making their collegiate debuts ... sophomore Olavo Batista set personal 18- and 54-hole scoring records during the event, while posting his best-ever tournament finish ... sophomore Carl Santos-Ocampo matched his best 54-hole scoring mark, previously set last year at the John Dallyo Memorial (another "B" team event) and the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic ... sophomore Kyle Willis tied his career-low single-round score, most recently set in the final two rounds of last year's Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic.

Gopher Invitational

Sept. 15-16, 2007
Wayzata, Minn.
Spring Hill Golf Club
(par 72/7,020 yards)

Final Team Standings

1. Lamar	290	286	292	868 (+4)
2. Arkansas	298	295	297	890 (+26)
Wisconsin	293	289	308	890 (+26)
4. NOTRE DAME	294	291	306	891 (+27)
Indiana	297	295	299	891 (+27)
6. SMU	304	299	295	898 (+34)
7. Michigan State	306	283	314	903 (+39)
8. Minnesota	308	304	297	909 (+45)
9. San Diego	304	298	309	911 (+47)
10. Illinois	303	295	315	913 (+49)
11. Georgia Southern	312	309	314	935 (+71)
12. Princeton	316	324	319	959 (+95)

Top 10 Individuals (of 66)

1. Casey Clendenon, LU	73	72	70	215 (-1)
Danny Zimmerman, UW	66	70	79	215 (-1)
3. Victor Almstrom, UM	71	74	71	216 (E)
4. Clayton Rask, UM	74	71	72	217 (+1)
Hugues Joannes, LU	69	74	74	217 (+1)
6. Dan Woltman, UW	73	68	77	218 (+2)
7. Greg Rodgers, ND	69	74	76	219 (+3)
*Andy Paulson, UM	76	70	73	219 (+3)
9. Andrew Landry, UA	69	73	78	220 (+4)
Justin Harding, LU	80	69	71	220 (+4)

* - competed as individual

Notre Dame Results

4. (tie) NOTRE DAME	294	291	306	891 (+27)
7. (tie) Greg Rodgers	69	74	76	219 (+3)
20. Doug Fortner	76	74	74	224 (+8)
26. (tie) Connor Alan-Lee	74	70	84	228 (+12)
37. (tie) Eddie Peckels	75	80	76	231 (+15)
39. (tie) Josh Sandman	79	73	80	232 (+16)

Tournament Notes: Notre Dame has participated in all three years the Gopher Invitational has been in existence, posting two top-five finishes (fifth in 2005) ... the Irish three-round total of 891 was two shots better than its previous low score at the Gopher Invitational (893, +29 in 2005) ... senior tri-captain Greg Rodgers picked up where he left off at last year's BIG EAST Championship (tie-11th), collecting his first career top-10 finish with his highest individual showing ever (the '07 BIG EAST placement had been his best) ... Rodgers' opening-round 69 matched his lowest 18-hole mark, previously carded twice (last in the final round at the '07 BIG EAST Championship) ... sophomore Doug Fortner notched his second career top-20 finish and first since a fourth-place outing in the 2007 Triumph at Pauma Valley ... freshman Connor Alan-Lee was making his collegiate debut ... Irish assistant coach Steve Colnitis piloted the team at the tournament while head coach Jim Kubinski was home for the birth of his first child, daughter Kelly.

Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic

Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2007
Notre Dame, Ind.
Warren Golf Course
(par 70/7,023 yards)

Final Team Standings

1. Michigan State	285	274	288	847 (+7)
2. Arkansas	300	277	284	861 (+21)
Lamar	296	282	283	861 (+21)
4. Virginia	293	295	280	868 (+28)
5. Baylor	288	285	297	870 (+30)
6. North Florida	294	286	295	875 (+35)
7. Colorado State	301	287	291	879 (+39)
8. NOTRE DAME	289	295	298	882 (+42)
San Diego	307	298	277	882 (+42)
10. Iowa	299	297	290	886 (+46)
11. Coll. of Charleston	307	298	288	893 (+53)
12. Georgetown	307	300	291	898 (+58)

Top 10 Individuals (of 75)

1. Ryan Brehm, MSU	72	64	69	205 (-5)
2. Doug Fortner, ND	68	72	70	210 (E)
Greg Carlin, UVa	71	72	67	210 (E)
4. Jack Newman, MSU	71	69	71	211 (+1)
Vincenzo Salina, GU	71	69	71	211 (+1)
6. Bryce Hanstad, CSU	74	73	66	213 (+3)
Colton Williams, BU	69	74	70	213 (+3)
8. Vince India, Iowa	74	69	72	215 (+5)
Chris Kennedy, UNF	72	71	72	215 (+5)
Andrew Landry, UA	73	68	74	215 (+5)

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8. (tie) NOTRE DAME	289	295	298	882 (+42)
2. (tie) Doug Fortner	68	72	70	210 (E)
16. (tie) Josh Sandman	71	73	73	217 (+7)
18. (tie) *Kyle Willis	71	74	73	218 (+8)
29. (tie) *Tyler Hock	74	71	75	220 (+10)
36. (tie) *Jeff Chen	74	75	72	221 (+11)
48. (tie) *Connor Alan-Lee	79	75	71	225 (+15)
50. (tie) Greg Rodgers	74	76	76	226 (+16)
52. (tie) Eddie Peckels	76	74	79	229 (+19)
56. (tie) *Mike King	80	75	76	231 (+21)
(tie) *Olavo Batista	76	80	75	231 (+21)
68. Carl Santos-Ocampo	81	79	80	240 (+30)
69. *Dustin Zhang	80	83	81	244 (+34)

* - competed as individual

Tournament Notes: This was the second year for the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic ... for the second consecutive year, a Notre Dame golfer tied for second place (Cole Isban - 2006) ... sophomore Doug Fortner's finish, single-round and tournament scores all were personal bests (previous: 69 and 212 to finish fourth in 2007 Triumph at Pauma Valley) ... sophomore Kyle Willis carded the best 18- and 54-hole scores of his career (had shot 72 three times before, while best tourney score had been 224 at last year's Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic) ... senior Mike King and freshman Tyler Hock made their season debuts ... MSU's Ryan Brehm shot a second-round 64, which would be one stroke off the course record but the round was played under "lift, clean and place" rules due to wet conditions.

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Coca-Cola Duke Golf Classic Oct. 7-8, 2007 Durham, N.C. Duke Golf Club (par 72/7,063 yards)

Final Team Standings

1. Chattanooga	280	282	280	842 (-22)
Duke	287	273	282	842 (-22)
3. NOTRE DAME	287	286	284	857 (-7)
4. Ohio State	285	281	292	858 (-6)
Virginia Tech	277	290	291	858 (-6)
6. Old Dominion	282	287	290	859 (-5)
7. East Carolina	285	289	296	870 (+6)
8. Maryland	297	282	295	874 (+10)
9. VCU	299	280	296	875 (+11)
10. UNC Wilmington	293	281	302	876 (+12)
11. Houston	296	296	285	877 (+13)
12. Iowa	292	294	296	882 (+18)
13. Florida Southern	297	290	300	887 (+23)
14. UNC Greensboro	296	295	297	888 (+24)
15. Winthrop	299	303	304	906 (+42)

Top 10 Individuals (of 84)

1. Jonathan Hodge, Chatt	67	70	67	204 (-12)
2. Eric Onesi, ODU	69	71	67	207 (-9)
3. Adam Long, Duke	70	68	70	208 (-8)
4. Michael Schacher, Duke	71	66	72	209 (-7)
Patrick Simard, OSU	66	72	71	209 (-7)
6. Jude Eustaquio, FSC	69	71	70	210 (-6)
7. Marshall Bailey, VT	69	72	70	211 (-5)
Fredrik Qvicker, Chatt	70	71	70	211 (-5)
9. Drew Weaver, VT	72	69	71	212 (-4)
Lanto Griffin, VCU	72	67	73	212 (-4)

Notre Dame Results

3. NOTRE DAME	287	286	284	857 (-7)
11. (tie) Tyler Hock	76	68	69	213 (-3)
(tie) Josh Sandman	71	73	69	213 (-3)
15. (tie) Greg Rodgers	70	74	70	214 (-2)
20. (tie) Doug Fortner	70	71	76	217 (+1)
80. (tie) Eddie Peckels	77	79	77	233 (+17)

Tournament Notes: The Irish post their best team finish since last year's BIG EAST Championship, when they were the tournament runner-up ... the team score of 857 (-7) is the fifth-lowest in school history and best since that same '07 BIG EAST Championship, when Notre Dame shot 856 (-8) ... it was the first time this season the Irish have broken par in a single round, doing so in all three rounds at Duke ... freshman Tyler Hock made the most of his debut with the Notre Dame travel squad, sharing team-low scoring honors ... junior Josh Sandman tied his career-low 54-hole score, previously set in the 2006 Prestige at PGA WEST ... senior Greg Rodgers lowered his personal-best tournament mark, which had been 216, which he carded at the '04 Nelson Invitational on the par-69 Stanford Golf Course (under renovation) ... sophomore Doug Fortner picked up his third top-20 finish in as many starts this season.

Mason Rudolph Intercollegiate Oct. 21-23, 2007 Franklin, Tenn. Vanderbilt Legends Club of Tennessee/ Roper's Knob Course (par 71/7,100 yards)

Final Team Standings (final 2 rounds rained out)

1. Mississippi	283	283 (-1)
2. Mississippi State	284	284 (E)
3. South Alabama	286	286 (+2)
4. Vanderbilt	287	287 (+3)
Louisville	287	287 (+3)
6. Western Kentucky	290	290 (+6)
7. Chattanooga	291	291 (+7)
8. NOTRE DAME	292	292 (+8)
Augusta State	292	292 (+8)
North Florida	292	292 (+8)
11. Middle Tennessee	293	293 (+9)
12. Iowa State	294	294 (+10)
Mercer	294	294 (+10)
14. Vanderbilt B	295	295 (+11)
15. Belmont	297	297 (+13)
16. Toledo	299	299 (+15)
17. Southeastern Louisiana	305	305 (+21)
UNC Greensboro	305	305 (+21)

Top 12 Individuals (of 93)

1. Jake Amos, ASU	67	67 (-4)
2. Jack Hiluta, USA	68	68 (-3)
3. Chris Baker, ISU	69	69 (-2)
Derek Fathauer, UL	69	69 (-2)
Jonathan Randolph, UM	69	69 (-2)
Brett Lange, VU	69	69 (-2)
Jesse Speirs, UM	69	69 (-2)
Noah Goldman, MSU	69	69 (-2)
9. Bill Jones III, MU	70	70 (-1)
Johnny Caldwell, USA	70	70 (-1)
Fredrik Qvicker, Chatt	70	70 (-1)
Matt Fast, MSU	70	70 (-1)

Notre Dame Results

8. (tie) NOTRE DAME	292	292 (+8)
13. (tie) Tyler Hock	71	71 (E)
32. (tie) Josh Sandman	73	73 (+2)
41. (tie) Doug Fortner	74	74 (+3)
(tie) Kyle Willis	74	74 (+3)
77. (tie) Greg Rodgers	78	78 (+7)
87. *Mike King	80	80 (+9)

* - competed as individual

Tournament Notes: Notre Dame's first appearance in the tournament was cut short when the final two rounds were washed out by thunderstorms ... it also was the first time the Irish had ever played in the metro Nashville area ... freshman Tyler Hock took team-best scoring honors for the second consecutive event ... sophomore Kyle Willis made his first start as a member of the Notre Dame travel squad ... junior Josh Sandman now has carded 73 or lower in eight of 10 rounds this season ... for the first time in 10 rounds this year, senior Greg Rodgers didn't have his score count to the team total.

UNCG Bridgestone Collegiate Championship Oct. 29-30, 2007 Greensboro, N.C. Forest Oaks Country Club (par 72/7,197 yards)

Final Team Standings

1. Louisville	300	291	279	860 (-4)
2. Mississippi State	300	286	277	863 (-1)
3. Central Florida	294	293	279	866 (+2)
4. North Carolina	294	286	290	870 (+6)
5. Kent State	293	288	292	873 (+9)
6. Indiana	298	291	285	874 (+10)
LSU	302	288	284	874 (+10)
8. Wake Forest	294	297	286	877 (+13)
9. NOTRE DAME	292	295	291	878 (+14)
10. Memphis	293	290	298	881 (+17)
11. Coll. of Charleston	292	299	296	887 (+23)
12. Arkansas	304	288	296	888 (+24)
13. UNC Greensboro	296	300	294	890 (+26)
14. Maryland	308	296	288	892 (+28)
15. Toledo	308	293	303	904 (+40)

Top 10 Individuals (of 79)

1. Derek Fathauer, UL	71	67	68	206 (-10)
2. Brett Cairns, KSU	72	68	71	211 (-5)
3. Greg Forest, UCF	75	71	66	212 (-4)
4. David Holzworth, UNC	73	69	71	213 (-3)
Adam Hadwin, UL	79	65	69	213 (-3)
Barden Berry, UNC	72	70	71	213 (-3)
7. Nathan Starney, UNCG	68	74	72	214 (-2)
Matt Fast, MSU	75	71	68	214 (-2)
9. David Markle, KSU	73	70	72	215 (-1)
Andrew Landry, UA	72	72	71	215 (-1)

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9. NOTRE DAME	292	295	291	878 (+14)
15. (tie) Josh Sandman	68	72	77	217 (+1)
25. (tie) Greg Rodgers	75	73	72	220 (+4)
29. (tie) Doug Fortner	74	74	73	221 (+5)
48. (tie) Kyle Willis	75	76	74	225 (+9)
63. (tie) Tyler Hock	76	80	72	228 (+12)

Tournament Notes: Notre Dame earned another victory over a *Golfweek*-ranked team, finishing 10 strokes clear of No. 22 Arkansas ... the Irish held a share of the first-round lead with the College of Charleston and were in front as late as the midpoint of the second round ... junior Josh Sandman, a native of Greensboro, was in position to win medalist honors in his hometown (and playing on his home course), trailing by only two shots entering the final round ... Sandman finished 16th or better in three of five tournaments this fall, and carded rounds of 73 or lower in 10 of 13 rounds ... senior tri-captain Greg Rodgers notched his second top-25 finish of the fall season.

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John Hayt Collegiate Invitational Feb. 17-19, 2008 Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Sawgrass Golf Club (par 72/6,895 yards)

Final Team Standings

1. Alabama	290	293	290	873 (+9)
2. UCLA	295	293	289	877 (+13)
3. North Florida	296	289	301	886 (+22)
Tennessee	291	300	295	886 (+22)
5. Charlotte	295	296	298	889 (+25)
Florida	296	305	288	889 (+25)
7. UAB	301	295	297	893 (+29)
Coastal Carolina	306	298	289	893 (+29)
9. Pepperdine	294	298	302	894 (+30)
Georgia State	296	296	302	894 (+30)
11. South Carolina	300	294	301	895 (+31)
12. Indiana	302	301	297	900 (+36)
13. UCF	306	300	295	901 (+37)
Vanderbilt	302	302	297	901 (+37)
15. NOTRE DAME	306	301	296	903 (+39)

Top 11 Individuals (of 81)

1. Joel Sjolholm, GSU	69	70	70	209 (-7)
2. Jason Kang, UCLA	70	76	68	214 (-2)
Michael O'Neal, UNF	70	72	72	214 (-2)
*Will Strickler, UF	71	72	71	214 (-2)
5. Mark Harrell, UA	72	71	72	215 (-1)
Michael Thompson, UA	72	71	72	215 (-1)
7. Tyler Brown, UF	71	75	70	216 (E)
8. Jesse Barnsley, Pepp	72	72	73	217 (+1)
9. Mark Anderson, USC	72	71	75	218 (+2)
David Johnson, UCF	75	72	71	218 (+2)
Trevor Murphy, Char	72	72	74	218 (+2)

* - competed as individual

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15. NOTRE DAME	306	301	296	903 (+39)
29. (tie) Doug Fortner	74	73	77	224 (+8)
(tie) Josh Sandman	73	76	75	224 (+8)
38. (tie) *Carl Santos-Ocampo	76	76	74	226 (+10)
65. (tie) Tyler Hock	88	74	70	232 (+16)
69. (tie) Connor Alan-Lee	78	78	79	235 (+19)
78. (tie) Greg Rodgers	81	86	74	241 (+25)

* - competed as individual

Tournament Notes: Notre Dame played in the North Florida tournament for the second consecutive year ... the tournament featured 10 of the nation's top 50 teams, including four consensus top-10 squads ... freshman Connor Alan-Lee made his second appearance on the travel squad this season, following his berth in the lineup at the Gopher Invitational to open the fall campaign ... for the fourth consecutive tournament, the core group of Fortner, Sandman, Hock and Rodgers made the travel squad ... Ocala, Fla., native Hock continues to close strong this season with a final-round 70 (-2); he now has carded par or better to close out three of four full-length tournaments ... another Florida resident, Naples sophomore Carl Santos-Ocampo, made his third appearance of the season, and first as an individual participant.

USC Collegiate Invitational March 3-4, 2008 Westlake Village, Calif. North Ranch Country Club (par 71/6,869 yards)

Final Team Standings

1. USC	284	307	294	885 (+33)
2. Tennessee	318	286	285	889 (+37)
3. Stanford	305	297	288	890 (+38)
4. Pepperdine	309	287	302	898 (+46)
5. California	310	297	292	899 (+47)
6. BYU	311	290	301	902 (+50)
Washington	305	298	299	902 (+50)
8. Loyola Marymount	307	296	300	903 (+51)
9. Oklahoma	306	302	299	907 (+55)
10. Oregon State	314	303	294	911 (+59)
11. Oregon	318	301	294	913 (+61)
12. NOTRE DAME	318	302	305	925 (+73)
13. UCLA "B"	313	303	316	932 (+80)
14. Fresno State	319	299	316	934 (+82)

Top 10 Individuals (of 80)

1. *Tim Sluiter, USC	73	75	70	218 (+5)
2. Matthew Giles, USC	68	77	74	219 (+6)
3. Josh Sandman, ND	72	75	73	220 (+7)
Chris Paisley, UT	77	71	72	220 (+7)
Dodge Kemmer, SU	72	78	70	220 (+7)
Sihwan, Kim, SU	78	69	73	220 (+7)
7. Nick Taylor, UW	74	77	70	221 (+8)
Robbie Fillmore, BYU	77	71	73	221 (+8)
9. Brian Locke, LMU	74	74	74	222 (+9)
Rory Hie, USC	69	80	73	222 (+9)

* - competed as individual

Notre Dame Results

12. NOTRE DAME	318	302	305	925 (+73)
3. (tie) Josh Sandman	72	75	73	220 (+7)
39. (tie) Doug Fortner	81	74	75	230 (+17)
56. (tie) Connor Alan-Lee	82	75	77	234 (+21)
(tie) *Kyle Willis	82	75	77	234 (+21)
75. (tie) Greg Rodgers	85	78	80	243 (+30)
77. Tyler Hock	83	81	81	245 (+32)

* - competed as individual

Tournament Notes: Notre Dame was participating in USC's tournament for the first time since 2004 ... UCLA sent its "B" team to the event, with the Bruins' score and the head-to-head results not counting to season totals for the team or its opponents ... scores for the opening round were exceptionally high virtually across the board, due primarily to very windy conditions ... junior Josh Sandman posted his best individual finish of the season and highest since a career-best second-place tie at the 2006 Boilermaker Invitational ... it also was the fourth top-20 finish of the season for Sandman.

Charleston Southern Spring Kickoff March 3-4, 2008 Charleston, S.C. Coosaw Creek Country Club (par 71/6,593 yards)

Final Team Standings

1. Memphis	287	283	304	874 (+22)
2. Kennesaw State	284	287	304	875 (+23)
3. Nova Southeastern	286	288	303	877 (+25)
4. Charleston Southern	295	293	299	887 (+35)
5. NOTRE DAME "B"	298	301	297	896 (+44)
6. Connecticut	301	303	310	914 (+62)
7. USC-Beaufort	303	301	317	921 (+69)
Jacksonville	302	300	319	921 (+69)
9. Fairfield	302	312	319	933 (+81)
10. High Point	310	310	326	946 (+94)

Top 11 Individuals (of 57)

1. Ian Rochester, UM	65	67	72	204 (-9)
2. J.P. Putnam, KSU	70	70	76	216 (+3)
3. Oliver West, KSU	70	73	74	217 (+4)
Greg O'Mahony, NS	69	72	76	217 (+4)
5. Kelvin Day, CSU	71	71	76	218 (+5)
Jim Hough, CSU	75	71	72	218 (+5)
7. Constantin Schwierz, NS	73	69	77	219 (+6)
Brandon Bunn, UM	74	72	73	219 (+6)
9. Eddie Peckels, ND	72	75	73	220 (+7)
10. Carl Santos-Ocampo, ND	73	72	76	221 (+8)
Brian Travalja, UC	70	77	74	221 (+8)

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5. NOTRE DAME	298	301	297	896 (+44)
9. Eddie Peckels	72	75	73	220 (+7)
10. (tie) C. Santos-Ocampo	73	72	76	221 (+8)
12. (tie) Jeff Chen	78	74	71	223 (+10)
24. (tie) *Mike King	73	76	77	226 (+13)
32. (tie) Dustin Zhang	75	80	77	232 (+19)
51. Olavo Batista	79	81	83	243 (+30)

* - competed as individual

Tournament Notes: This was the second "B" team tournament for Notre Dame in 2007-08, with no "B" team scores or head-to-head results counting towards the national rankings ... the Irish were making their first-ever visit to Charleston Southern ... with the exception of sophomore Carl Santos-Ocampo, the other five players were making their spring debuts ... Santos-Ocampo carded a career-low 221, one stroke better than his previous best that had been set on two occasions (most recently back on Sept. 14-15 at the Rutgers Invitational, another "B" team event) ... Santos-Ocampo also tied his best individual finish, having previously shared 10th at the 2006 Tillinghast (a "B" team event) ... senior Eddie Peckels turned in his best outing of the season and recorded his second career top-10 finish (other was seventh-place tie at 2004 Earl Yestingsmeier Invitational, a "B" team tournament) ... freshman Jeff Chen finished in the top 20 at his second consecutive "B" team event, having tied for eighth at the Rutgers Invitational ... senior Mike King collected his best finish since a career-high fourth-place tie at the 2006 Tillinghast.

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Schenkel E-Z-GO Invitational March 14-16, 2008 Statesboro, Ga. Forest Heights Country Club (par 72/6,962 yards)

Final Team Standings

1. Alabama	285	280	284	849 (-15)
2. Florida	290	279	287	856 (-8)
3. South Carolina	286	281	292	859 (-5)
4. Tennessee	282	289	294	865 (+1)
5. Georgia Southern	301	288	281	870 (+6)
UAB	286	289	295	870 (+6)
7. LSU	287	291	293	871 (+7)
8. Kentucky	294	289	294	877 (+13)
9. North Florida	303	291	287	881 (+17)
10. North Carolina	298	290	297	885 (+21)
11. Augusta State	295	291	300	886 (+22)
12. NOTRE DAME	297	294	297	888 (+24)
Auburn	296	291	301	888 (+24)
14. Michigan State	295	296	299	890 (+26)
15. Minnesota	305	286	300	891 (+27)
16. N.C. State	296	296	300	892 (+28)
17. New Mexico	304	294	303	901 (+37)
18. Boston College	318	305	314	937 (+73)

Top 11 Individuals (of 96)

1. George Bryan IV (SC)	73	66	69	208 (-8)
2. Michael Thompson (UA)	69	71	69	209 (-7)
3. Logan Blondell (GSU)	73	69	68	210 (-6)
4. Matthew Swan (UA)	71	68	72	211 (-5)
Billy Horschel (UF)	72	67	72	211 (-5)
6. Josh Sandman (ND)	73	71	68	212 (-4)
Brad Smith (UAB)	70	69	73	212 (-4)
Manuel Villegas (UF)	72	67	73	212 (-4)
9. Tyler Brown (UF)	70	72	72	214 (-2)
Michael O'Neal (UNF)	72	72	70	214 (-2)
Kevin O'Connell (UNC)	74	68	72	214 (-2)

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12. (tie) NOTRE DAME	297	294	297	888 (+24)
6. (tie) Josh Sandman	73	71	68	212 (-4)
44. (tie) C. Santos-Ocampo	76	73	73	222 (+6)
56. (tie) Doug Fortner	74	76	74	224 (+8)
83. (tie) Tyler Hock	74	74	83	231 (+15)
92. (tie) Connor Alan-Lee	76	76	82	234 (+18)

Tournament Notes: Notre Dame was making its first appearance at the prestigious tournament, which was hosted by Georgia Southern and is named in honor of the late legendary broadcaster (and Indiana native) Chris Schenkel ... the Irish picked up their second *Golfweek* Top 25 win of the season, shading No. 15 Michigan State by two strokes; Notre Dame also tied 11th-ranked Auburn ... junior Josh Sandman fired a career-low 212, one shot better than his previous best that had been set twice (most recently at the Coca-Cola Duke Classic back on Oct. 7-8) ... Sandman also carded an eagle on No. 18 (his ninth hole) during the final round, becoming the only player in the 96-man field to eagle the 18th at Forest Heights during the tournament ... sophomore Carl Santos-Ocampo turned in his best career performance as a member of the Irish travel squad, with his 54-hole total of 222 only one stroke off his career low set in his previous outing (at the Charleston Southern Spring Kickoff, a "B" team event).

National Invitational Tournament March 23-25, 2008 Tucson, Ariz. Omni Tucson National Golf Club (par 72/7,033 yards)

Final Team Standings

1. TCU	275	290	289	854 (-10)
2. Kent State	287	291	279	857 (-7)
3. UNLV	286	290	288	864 (E)
4. Arizona State	290	293	283	866 (+2)
5. Arizona	294	290	286	870 (+6)
6. Houston	299	289	286	874 (+10)
7. Pepperdine	291	293	291	875 (+11)
8. Arizona "B"	298	290	289	877 (+13)
9. Sam Houston St.	299	286	296	881 (+17)
10. NOTRE DAME	296	291	296	883 (+19)
Tulsa	296	298	289	883 (+19)
12. New Mexico	286	290	308	884 (+20)
13. Iowa	299	296	290	885 (+21)
14. Virginia	292	303	295	890 (+26)
15. UTEP	311	305	305	921 (+57)

Top 14 Individuals (of 81)

1. Nicolas Geyger (TCU)	69	68	71	208 (-8)
Ben Moser (UH)	71	68	69	208 (-8)
David Markle (KSU)	70	71	67	208 (-8)
4. Franklin Corpening (TCU)	69	68	73	210 (-6)
5. Andrew Putnam (PU)	71	72	68	211 (-5)
Jesper Kennegard (ASU)	70	74	67	211 (-5)
7. Trey Denton (UA)	75	68	70	213 (-3)
Cole Peevler (UI)	75	67	71	213 (-3)
James Sacheck (TCU)	70	71	72	213 (-3)
10. Josh Sandman (ND)	71	71	72	214 (-2)
John Hahn (KSU)	71	73	70	214 (-2)
Jordan Woolf (TCU)	68	74	72	214 (-2)
*J.P. Paiement (KSU)	72	72	70	214 (-2)
Eddie Olson (UNLV)	68	73	73	214 (-2)

* - competed as individual

Notre Dame Results

10. (tie) NOTRE DAME	296	291	296	883 (+19)
10. (tie) Josh Sandman	71	71	72	214 (-2)
34. (tie) Doug Fortner	75	74	72	221 (+5)
48. (tie) C. Santos-Ocampo	76	74	74	224 (+8)
(tie) Dustin Zhang	74	72	78	224 (+8)
71. Eddie Peckels	77	75	80	232 (+16)

Tournament Notes: Notre Dame was making its first-ever appearance in the state of Arizona ... the Irish shot a spring season-low 883 (+19) and posted their best finish of the spring campaign ... junior Josh Sandman earned his third consecutive top-10 finish (sixth of his career) with a 10th-place tie, becoming the first Irish golfer to pull off that feat since the fall of 1999, when Steve Ratay had a similar run ... Sandman has shot par or lower in five of his last six rounds ... sophomore Doug Fortner shot a spring season-best 221 (+5) ... freshman Dustin Zhang made his debut with the Notre Dame travel squad and registered a solid score of 224 (+8) that was the second-best of his rookie season ... with the additions of Zhang and senior tri-captain Eddie Peckels to the lineup, eight different players now have made at least one travel squad appearance for the Irish during the spring season.

Irish Invitational April 5, 2008 Notre Dame, Ind. Warren Golf Course (par 70/6,930 yards)

Final Team Standings

1. Northwestern	288	280		568 (+8)
2. NOTRE DAME	282	288		570 (+10)
3. Cleveland State	294	289		583 (+23)
4. Geo. Washington	290	296		586 (+26)
5. Columbia	296	291		587 (+27)
6. Youngstown St.	294	295		589 (+29)
7. Pennsylvania	303	298		601 (+41)
8. IPFW	316	296		612 (+52)
9. Bucknell	309	309		618 (+58)

Top 11 Individuals (of 59)

1. *Eddie Peckels, ND	71	68		139 (-1)
David Lipsky, NU	68	71		139 (-1)
3. *Cole Turner, GW	70	70		140 (E)
4. Josh Sandman, ND	68	73		141 (+1)
Dustin Zhang, ND	71	70		141 (+1)
Austin Quinten, CU	71	70		141 (+1)
7. *Tyler Hock, ND	70	72		142 (+2)
Tim Morrow, YSU	71	71		142 (+2)
Josh Dupont, NU	73	69		142 (+2)
10. Carl Santos-Ocampo, ND	68	75		143 (+3)
*Connor Alan-Lee, ND	69	74		143 (+3)

* - competed as individual

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2. NOTRE DAME	282	288		570 (+10)
1. (tie) *Eddie Peckels	71	68		139 (-1)
4. (tie) Josh Sandman	68	73		141 (+1)
(tie) Dustin Zhang	71	70		141 (+1)
7. (tie) *Tyler Hock	70	72		142 (+2)
10. (tie) C. Santos-Ocampo	68	75		143 (+3)
(tie) *Connor Alan-Lee	69	74		143 (+3)
20. (tie) Doug Fortner	75	71		146 (+6)
(tie) *Greg Rodgers	73	73		146 (+6)
(tie) *Jeff Chen	72	74		146 (+6)
31. (tie) *Olavo Batista	75	74		149 (+9)
35. (tie) Mike King	77	74		151 (+11)
39. (tie) *Kyle Willis	80	72		152 (+12)

* - competed as individual

Tournament Notes: Notre Dame was hosting its first spring tournament since 2005 and first on-campus spring event since 1980 ... the Irish have finished either first or second in six of eight home spring tournaments in their history (records for 1980 event are incomplete) ... senior tri-captain Eddie Peckels earned a share of medalist honors for the first time in his career; he also was the first Irish player to take top individual honors since Sept. 26-27, 2005, when Cole Isban tied for first at the Shoal Creek Intercollegiate (eliminated on first hole of sudden death playoff) ... Peckels also shot a career-low 68 in the second round ... junior Josh Sandman posted his fourth consecutive top-10 finish, becoming the first Notre Dame golfer since 1980 (John Lundgren) to pull off that feat ... four other Irish golfers turned in career-best finishes — freshmen Dustin Zhang, Tyler Hock and Connor Alan-Lee, and sophomore Carl Santos-Ocampo.

NOTRE DAME MEN'S GOLF

2007-08 INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Connor Alan-Lee (Fr., Solana Beach, Calif.)

Gopher Invitational	74-70-84=228	+12	T-26th
*Fighting Irish Grid. Classic	79-75-71=225	+15	T-48th
John Hayt Collegiate Inv.	78-78-79=235	+19	T-69th
USC Collegiate Inv.	82-75-77=234	+21	T-56th
Schenkel E-Z-GO Inv.	76-76-82=234	+18	T-92nd
*Irish Invitational	69-74=143	+3	T-10th

Olavo Batista (So., Sao Paulo, Brazil)

<i>Rutgers Invitational</i>	70-74-76=220	+7	T-11th
*Fighting Irish Grid. Classic	76-80-75=231	+21	T-56th
<i>CSU Spring Kickoff</i>	79-81-83=243	+30	51st
*Irish Invitational	75-74=149	+9	T-31st

Jeff Chen (Fr., Walnut, Calif.)

<i>Rutgers Invitational</i>	74-71-74=219	+6	T-8th
*Fighting Irish Grid. Classic	74-75-72=221	+11	T-36th
<i>CSU Spring Kickoff</i>	78-74-71=223	+10	T-12th
*Irish Invitational	72-74=146	+6	T-20th

Doug Fortner (So., Tustin, Calif.)

Gopher Invitational	76-74-74=224	+8	20th
Fighting Irish Grid. Classic	68-72-70=210	E	T-2nd
Coca-Cola Duke Classic	70-71-76=217	+1	T-20th
Mason Rudolph Intercoll.	74	+3	T-41st
UNCG Bridgestone Coll. Champ.	74-74-73=221	+5	T-29th
John Hayt Collegiate Inv.	74-73-77=224	+8	T-29th
USC Collegiate Inv.	81-74-75=230	+17	T-39th
Schenkel E-Z-GO Inv.	74-76-74=224	+8	T-56th
Nat'l Invit. Tournament	75-74-72=221	+5	T-34th
Irish Invitational	75-71=146	+6	T-20th

Tyler Hock (Fr., Ocala, Fla.)

*Fighting Irish Grid. Classic	74-71-75=220	+10	T-29th
Coca-Cola Duke Classic	76-68-69=213	-3	T-11th
Mason Rudolph Intercoll.	71	E	T-13th
UNCG Bridgestone Coll. Champ.	76-80-72=228	+12	T-63rd
John Hayt Collegiate Inv.	88-74-70=232	+16	T-65th
USC Collegiate Inv.	83-81-81=245	+32	77th
Schenkel E-Z-GO Inv.	74-74-83=231	+15	T-83rd
*Irish Invitational	70-72=142	+2	T-7th

Mike King (Sr., Sidney, Ohio)

*Fighting Irish Grid. Classic	80-75-76=231	+21	T-56th
*Mason Rudolph Intercoll.	80	+9	87th
*CSU Spring Kickoff	73-76-77=226	+13	T-24th
Irish Invitational	77-74=151	+11	T-35th

Eddie Peckels (Sr., Pinehurst, N.C.)

Gopher Invitational	75-80-76=231	+15	T-37th
Fighting Irish Grid. Classic	76-74-79=229	+19	T-52nd
Coca-Cola Duke Classic	77-79-77=233	+17	T-80th
<i>CSU Spring Kickoff</i>	72-75-73=220	+7	9th
Nat'l Invit. Tournament	77-75-80=232	+16	71st
*Irish Invitational	71-68=139	-1	T-1st

Greg Rodgers (Sr., Phoenix, Md.)

Gopher Invitational	69-74-76=219	+3	T-7th
Fighting Irish Grid. Classic	74-76-76=226	+16	T-50th
Coca-Cola Duke Classic	70-74-70=214	-2	T-15th
Mason Rudolph Intercoll.	78	+7	T-77th
UNCG Bridgestone Coll. Champ.	75-73-72=220	+4	T-25th
John Hayt Collegiate Inv.	81-86-74=241	+25	T-78th
USC Collegiate Inv.	85-78-80=243	+30	T-75th
*Irish Invitational	73-73=146	+6	T-20th

Josh Sandman (Jr., Greensboro, N.C.)

Gopher Invitational	79-73-80=232	+16	T-39th
Fighting Irish Grid. Classic	71-73-73=217	+7	T-16th
Coca-Cola Duke Classic	71-73-69=213	-3	T-11th
Mason Rudolph Intercoll.	73	+2	T-32nd
UNCG Bridgestone Coll. Champ.	68-72-77=217	+1	T-15th
John Hayt Collegiate Inv.	73-76-75=224	+8	T-29th
USC Collegiate Inv.	72-75-73=220	+7	T-3rd
Schenkel E-Z-GO Inv.	73-71-68=212	-4	T-6th
Nat'l Invit. Tournament	71-71-72=214	-2	T-10th
Irish Invitational	68-73=141	+1	T-4th

Carl Santos-Ocampo (So., Naples, Fla.)

<i>Rutgers Invitational</i>	72-79-71=222	+9	T-18th
Fighting Irish Grid. Classic	81-79-80=240	+30	68th
*John Hayt Collegiate Inv.	76-76-74=226	+10	T-38th
<i>CSU Spring Kickoff</i>	73-72-76=221	+8	T-10th
Schenkel E-Z-GO Inv.	76-73-73=222	+6	T-44th
Nat'l Invit. Tournament	76-74-74=224	+8	T-48th
Irish Invitational	68-75=143	+3	T-10th

Kyle Willis (So., Lake Forest, Ill.)

<i>Rutgers Invitational</i>	80-72-73=225	+12	T-32nd
*Fighting Irish Grid. Classic	71-74-73=218	+8	T-18th
Mason Rudolph Intercoll.	74	+3	T-41st
UNCG Bridgestone Coll. Champ.	75-76-74=225	+9	T-48th
*USC Collegiate Inv.	82-75-77=234	+21	T-56th
*Irish Invitational	80-72=152	+12	T-39th

Dustin Zhang (Fr., Calgary, Alberta)

<i>Rutgers Invitational</i>	69-77-73=219	+6	T-8th
*Fighting Irish Grid. Classic	80-83-81=244	+34	69th
<i>CSU Spring Kickoff</i>	75-80-77=232	+19	T-32nd
Nat'l Invit. Tournament	74-72-78=224	+8	T-48th
Irish Invitational	71-70=141	+1	T-4th

* - player competed as an individual

Tournaments listed in *italics* are "B" team events

NOTE: underlined rounds not counted to team total ("A" events only)

NOTRE DAME MEN'S GOLF

2007-08 vs. OPPONENTS (52-72-6)

(2) Alabama	0-2
(29) Alabama-Birmingham (UAB)	0-2
Arizona	0-1*
(20) Arizona State	0-1
(37) Arkansas.....	1-2
(16) Auburn.....	0-0-1
Augusta State.....	0-1-1
Baylor	0-1
Belmont	1-0
Boston College	1-0
Brigham Young (BYU).....	0-1
Bucknell	1-0
California	0-1
(19) Central Florida (UCF)	0-2
(4) Charlotte.....	0-1
(12) Chattanooga.....	0-2
Cleveland State	1-0
(38) Coastal Carolina.....	0-1
College of Charleston	2-0
Colorado State.....	0-1
Columbia	1-0
(15) Duke	0-1
East Carolina	1-0
(7) Florida	0-2
<i>Florida Southern</i>	1-0
Fresno State	1-0
Georgetown	1-0
George Washington.....	1-0
Georgia Southern.....	1-1
Georgia State.....	0-1
Houston	1-1
Illinois.....	1-0
(24) Indiana.....	0-2-1
Iowa.....	3-0
Iowa State.....	1-0
IPFW	1-0
(38) Kent State	0-2
Kentucky	0-1
(28) Lamar	0-2
(41) Louisiana State (LSU)	0-2
(21) Louisville	0-2
Loyola Marymount.....	0-1
Maryland	2-0
Memphis.....	1-0
Mercer.....	1-0
(23) Michigan State.....	2-1
(47) Middle Tennessee	1-0
Minnesota	2-0
(30) Mississippi	0-1
(42) Mississippi State.....	0-2
New Mexico	2-0
(34) North Carolina	0-2
UNC Greensboro.....	3-0

IRISH IN THE POLLS

TEAM

<i>Golfweek/Sagarin</i> (April 13)	72nd
<i>Golfstat</i> (April 16).....	76th
<i>Golf World/Nike Coaches Poll</i> (April 2)	NR

INDIVIDUAL TOP 200 (*Golfweek/Golfstat*)

Josh Sandman	103rd/63rd
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(31) North Carolina State	1-0
UNC Wilmington.....	1-0
(49) North Florida	0-3-1
Northwestern.....	0-1
(48) Ohio State.....	1-0
Oklahoma.....	0-1
Old Dominion	1-0
(50) Oregon.....	0-1
(45) Oregon State	0-1
Pennsylvania	1-0
(35) Pepperdine.....	0-3
Princeton	1-0
Sam Houston State	0-1
San Diego	1-0-1
South Alabama.....	0-1
(14) South Carolina	0-2
Southeastern Louisiana.....	1-0
(5) Southern California (USC)	0-1
(40) Southern Methodist (SMU)	1-0
(11) Stanford.....	0-1
(9) Tennessee.....	0-3
Texas Christian (TCU).....	0-1
Texas-El Paso (UTEP)	1-0
Toledo	2-0
Tulsa	0-0-1
(3) UCLA	0-1**
(13) UNLV.....	0-1
(43) Vanderbilt.....	0-2
Virginia	1-1
Virginia Commonwealth (VCU)	1-0
(32) Virginia Tech.....	1-0
(25) Wake Forest.....	0-1
Washington	0-1
Western Kentucky	0-1
Winthrop.....	1-0
Wisconsin	0-1
Youngstown State.....	1-0
OVERALL RECORD.....	52-72-6 (.423)
VS. DIVISION I OPPONENTS	51-72-6 (.419)
VS. CURRENT GOLFWEEK TOP 25	2-26-2 (.100)
VS. CURRENT GOLFWEEK TOP 50	8-51-3 (.153)

(x) - *Golfweek/Sagarin* Performance Index ranking (April 13)

Teams listed in *italics* are non-Division I opponents

* - does not count one loss to "B" team

** - does not count one victory over "B" team