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Notre Dame Quick Facts

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Kristen Peterson,
Brooke Taylor,
Kelli Barton, and
Meghan Perry-Eaton.*

Introduction

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Juniors (from left) Annie Mantey, Courtney Choura, Christel Bouvron, and Samantha Raneri.



Sophomores (front row, from left) Krissy Archer, Jessica Stephens, Rebecca Grove, Katie Carroll, Ellen Johnson, and Kiley Gooch. (back row, from left) Abby Strang, Meghan Linnelli, Annie Sweeney, Ann Barton, Grace Galagan, and Tyne Feheley.



Freshmen (front row, from left) Katie Hopkins, Kelly Battle, Natalie Burke, Georgia Steenberge, Tara Hyer, and Raine Paulson-Andrews. (back row, from left) Laura Rings, Katie Guida, Kayla Graham, Caroline Johnson, Morgan Bullock, Laura Stafford, and Noémie Brand.



Divers (standing, from left) Samantha Raneri, Tyne Feheley, Laura Rings, Tara Hyer, and Meghan Perry-Eaton. (kneeling) Diving coach Caiming Xie.





Season Preview

Notre Dame will be led by senior co-captains Georgia Healey (left), who posted an NCAA "B" cut in taking third in the BIG EAST in the 200 breaststroke last season, and NCAA qualifier Kelli Barton (right) in 2004-05.



Youthful, Talented Irish Determined to Succeed in 2004-05

Notre Dame returns at least four of top five performers in every event but one.

The challenge for the 2004-05 Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team will be quick maturation for a group that lost four NCAA qualifiers to graduation and includes 25 freshmen and sophomores. But there is no dearth of talent on this squad, as the current Irish have combined for more than 90 prep All-America accolades (nearly three per person), over 30 state championships, and 12 appearances in Olympic Trials. More than talent, though, Notre Dame's squad boasts a more intangible, but no less integral quality: a determination to succeed.

"Our biggest team strength is that we have a lot of student-athletes that simply aren't willing to settle for not swimming well," says Notre Dame head coach Bailey Weathers. "The years we have had that determination in a lot of people, we have done well. I think it is an expectation they have of themselves, and they are putting in the work to swim well."

The combination of talent and gritty determination has made this group capable of great success in the eyes of Weathers: "My expectation is that we are going to do really well this season. The training over the summer and in the preseason has been good. We have a great group of freshmen and sophomores, and they are doing well. I think we are going to do some amazing things this season. Heading into the season, we are better off than we have been in three or four years."

The Irish are coming off a season in which they went 8-2 in dual meets and finished 20th in the College Swim Coaches Association (CSCAA) national rankings before winning their eighth consecutive BIG EAST Conference title and finishing 25th at the NCAA Championships. Notre Dame lost some accomplished swimmers from that squad, but they will benefit from being mostly youthful, as at least four of the top five performers are back for the Irish in 2004-05 in every swimming and diving event but one.

Despite the accomplishments, Notre Dame looks to do more in 2004-05, particularly in the NCAAs, where the Irish had just one swimmer and one diver qualify, despite nine other swimmers and four relays posting 22 different NCAA "B" cuts. That last bit of improvement necessary to increase Notre Dame's numbers at the NCAAs will be achieved by greater focus throughout the season, according to Weathers: "The biggest difference this year is that we are getting after it earlier. This year we are approaching things with more discipline. Our whole aim is to train hard so that we are in a position to be successful at the end of the season."

More than simply qualifying more student-athletes to the NCAAs, Weathers has his sights set on increased achievement in the national championships, something that made last year's team finish possible due to outstanding per-

formances by current fifth-year senior Meghan Perry-Eaton and sophomore Katie Carroll. The Irish mentor is optimistic that his 2004-05 team has the capability to achieve this.

"I think our main goal is to do better at the NCAA Championships than we ever have," says Weathers, whose 1999-2000 squad scored 74.5 points in the meet for a program-best 18th-place finish. "The main thing is to have a high percentage of lifetime-best swims at NCAAs. Most teams have about 30 percent of their NCAA swims be lifetime bests. I would like us to be above 70 percent, which is possible with this group."

FREESTYLE

Notre Dame's freestyle unit could be a key for the Irish, especially in the shorter distances. It has the ability to make a big difference at the NCAA meet, if the Irish are able to qualify one or more relays to the national championships.

"We have a lot of talent in the sprint freestyle area," says Weathers. "We need to expect at least one of our relays to qualify for NCAAs. They are a pretty core group as far as our success in the BIG EAST meet, as well."

The leading returning sprinters for the Irish will be senior Katie Eckholt and sophomore Rebecca Grove, two of the four Notre Dame swimmers ever to go quicker than 23.50 in the 50. Eckholt, who has finished sixth in the BIG EAST twice in the 50-yard free, ranks as the fourth-quickest in Irish history (career-best 23.49), while being fifth in the 100 free (51.36). She is one of the

most prolific relay swimmers on the Irish, having already won four conference titles in freestyle relays, including three in a row in the 200-yard event. In all, Eckholt is a seven-time all-BIG EAST honoree, with all of those accolades coming on relays.

"Katie did some good work at the end of the summer, and she seems to really grasp some concepts that will help her have a good year," says Weathers. "She will be able to focus on the sprints this season, and she should be a big contributor for us on relays."

Grove burst onto the scene in 2003-04 and, in the 50, ranked behind only the graduated Danielle Hulick, who participated in the NCAAs in the race. The sophomore was third in the BIG EAST Championships last spring in the shortest event, and she swam on the winning 200 free relay. Her career-best time of 23.48

ranks her as the third-quickest in program history and was an NCAA "B" cut.

"Becca kind of surprised us last year," says Weathers. "We knew she would help us in the backstroke events, but we didn't realize what a big contributor she would be in the sprints. I expect her to be a big player for us again, particularly on relays. She is a bit of a key element in our success."

Carroll is the defending BIG EAST champion in the 100 free, in which she finished tied for 32nd in the NCAAs as a rookie. In 2003-04, she broke current assistant coach Carrie Nixon's stranglehold on the Notre Dame all-time top 10 lists in the sprints, as Carroll posted the 10th-quickest time in Notre Dame history (50.14). She also ranked third on the team in the 50 (23.86).

Another sophomore, Ellen Johnson, brings further power in the sprints, though she is even more accomplished in the middle-distance events. Other returnees who figure to contribute in the sprints are sophomores Krissy Archer, Grace Galagan, and Meghan Linnelli. Among the newcomers, six-time Missouri state champion Caroline Johnson figures to be an immediate impact swimmer, while Katie Guida and Raine Paulson-Andrews, a member of the Jamaican national team, also will look to help in the area.

In the middle-distance events, Notre Dame also has a great deal of talent, and the goal for the Irish is similar to in the sprints.

"The main thing for us is to get our 800 free relay to the NCAAs," says Weathers. "It is a real-

TEAM INFORMATION

2003-04 Record: 8-2

2003-04 Final CSCAA Ranking: 20th

2004 BIG EAST Championships:

1st, 725.5 points (174.5 ahead of Rutgers)

2004 NCAA Championships: 25th, 28 points

All-America Honorees Returning:

Meghan Perry-Eaton, Sr. – All-America (2004-1m diving); honorable mention (2003-1m diving)

Katie Carroll, So. – honorable mention (2004-200 IM, 400 IM)

Kristen Peterson, Sr. – honorable mention (2002-400 free relay)

BIG EAST Champions Returning:

Katie Carroll, So. (2004-100 free, 100 fly, 200 IM, 200 free relay)

Katie Eckholt, Sr. (200 free relay-2002, '03, '04; 400 free relay-2003)

Rebecca Grove, So. (2004-200 free relay)

Meghan Perry-Eaton, Sr. (1m diving-2003, '04; 3m diving-2004)

Kristen Peterson, Sr. (2004-200 free relay)

Notre Dame Recordholders Returning:

Ann Barton, So. – 800 free relay (7:20.12)

Katie Carroll, So. – 200 IM (1:58.52), 400 IM (4:13.12), 800 free relay (7:20.12)

Katie Eckholt, Sr. – 200 free relay (1:32.01), 400 free relay (3:21.25)

Ellen Johnson, So. – 800 free relay (7:20.12)

Meghan Perry-Eaton, Sr. – 1-meter diving, dual (322.64);

1-meter diving, championship (331.58); 3-meter diving;

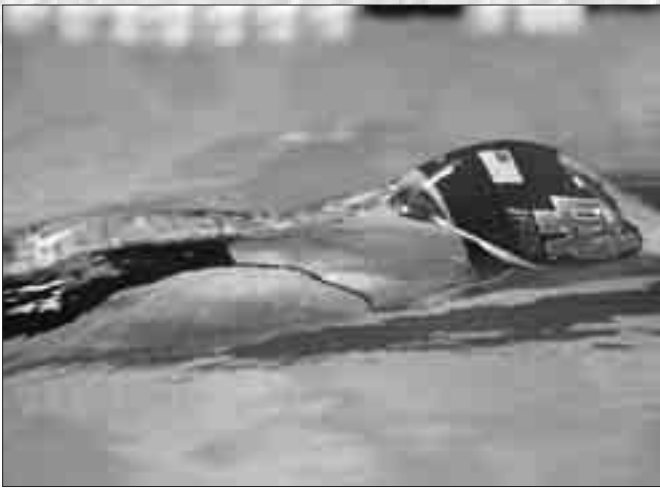
championship (586.43); platform diving, championship (336.60)

Monogram Winners Returning/Lost: 20/11

NCAA Qualifiers Returning/Lost: 4/4

2004-05 Captains: Kelli Barton, Georgia Healey





After a rookie season in which she posted NCAA "B" cuts in the 50 free and 100 back and was part of the BIG EAST champion 200 free relay team, Rebecca Grove aims for an invitation to the NCAA Championships in 2004-05.

istic and attainable goal for us. The talent level is improved over last year. Ellen, Katie (Carroll), and Ann (Barton) all were on our school-record relay, and they have worked hard in the offseason."

Sophomores Johnson and Barton were Notre Dame's leaders in the 200 in 2003-04, and they both figure to challenge for NCAA bids this season after posting NCAA "B" cuts as rookies. Johnson led the Irish (1:50.37) and ranks fourth in program history in the event, while Barton is fifth-quickest in Irish history (1:50.41).

"Ellen had a great summer and fall of training," says Weathers. "She made tremendous progress in the offseason. Everything she does is better than it was last year. We look to her to help us at the NCAAs, both on relays and individual."

"Ann is one of our most versatile athletes," says Weathers. "She qualified for Olympic Trials in the 200 back, and she is also a great middle-distance freestyler and a great IMer. She also has improved a lot in the butterfly, making a trials cut in the 100. I expect her to contribute big things during the season and at the BIG EAST meet, and she will be an important part of our effort at the NCAAs, particularly in the 800 free and possibly the medley relays."

Carroll adds a great deal of power in the middle-distance events, as well, as she was third on the team in the 200 free.

Among rookies, Morgan Bullock, Kayla Graham – a Canadian Olympic Trials participant – and Laura Stafford will give the Irish a boost.

The distance contingent for Notre Dame is not as strong in power or depth as some of the other spots on the Irish.

"This is probably one of our problem areas for the year," says Weathers. "We have some individual strength there, but it is probably our weakest point. We need to improve."

Senior co-captain Kelli Barton, a 2002 NCAA qualifier

in the 1,650 and the school recordholder in the 1,500-meter free, is the top returnee for the Irish, but she may concentrate her efforts more on other events in 2004-05.

"Kelli is very versatile," says Weathers. "She qualified for the NCAAs in the 1,650 freestyle as a freshman, but her best events right now are the 200 breaststroke and the 400 IM. She will still contribute for us in the distance events, though, and I think she will do a good job as a captain and role model. I'm sure she will have a good year."

With Barton focusing more on other areas, sophomore Abby Strang, who was second on the team in the mile last year, will be the anchor

of the unit.

"Abby is the core of our distance-freestyle group," says Weathers. "She is probably the best worker we have in terms of doing extra stuff and pushing and challenging herself to do well. I think she will have a great year for us."

Junior Christel Bouvron, the Singapore national recordholder in the 400-meter free, also has been a contributor in the distance events, as has Carroll, who posted the fastest 1,000 time by a returnee last season. Among the rookies, Kelly Battle, Bullock, and Georgia Steenberge will add needed depth for the Irish.

BACKSTROKE

Notre Dame's backstroke unit figures to be strong. Senior Kristen Peterson swam the backstroke races in the 2002 NCAAs, while Ann Barton took part in the 200-meter event in the U.S. Olympic Trials over the summer. Meanwhile, Grove was fourth in the 100 back at the BIG EAST meet with an NCAA "B" cut and Ellen Johnson joined Barton in posting "B" times in the 200 last season.

"This group is very good," says Weathers. "It is probably the best group, on the whole, of



Christel Bouvron will be focused completely on collegiate swimming this season after a career of international competition that saw her participate in both the 2000 (400 free, 200 fly) and '04 (200 fly) Olympics for her native Singapore, with the latter occasion making her just the second current Notre Dame student ever – and first in 84 years – to take part in the Olympics.

backstrokers in the BIG EAST. We expect them to score well for us, and we need to have two or three of them make the NCAAs."

Peterson will provide veteran leadership in the backstroke lane, which features mostly youthful talent. She is the third-quickest in school history in the 100 (55.45) and fourth-fastest in the 200 (1:58.41).

"We are really excited for Kristen, because she has been sick or injured for a large part of the last two years, but she is healthy now," says Weathers. "She had a great freshman year; she made the NCAAs and was a big scorer for us at the BIG EAST meet. She had a great summer, and I'm amazed how good she looks in water in the preseason. She is really competitive and focused."

Two rookies, Caroline Johnson and Noémie Brand – who swam in Canadian Olympic Trials – will add a lot to the backstroking contingent, while junior Kiley Gooch and freshmen Bullock and Laura Stafford also could contribute.

BREASTSTROKE

Notre Dame's breaststroking unit is equally strong and deep. The top four returnees at both distances are back from last year's squad that had four score in the BIG EAST meet in the 100-yard race, while five were in the top 14 in the 200. That contingent – which features senior co-captains Georgia Healey and Kelli Barton, as well as junior Courtney Choura, and sophomores Jessica Stephens and Annie Sweeney – will be supplemented by freshman Natalie Burke, the South African national champion in the 50- and 100-meter breaststroke, who barely missed a trip to the Athens Olympics.

"This is the strength of our team," says Weathers. "The power that we have with Jess, Courtney, Natalie, and Georgia is outstanding. They have always been productive for us. We are better in this area than any other team in the conference by quite a bit, and it is a real strength of the BIG EAST. We need to use this to our advantage."

Choura ranks among the top five in school history in both distances, and she has finished in the top 10 in all six of her individual races in the BIG EAST Championships during her career. She was the conference runner-up in the 100 in 2003-04 with an NCAA "B" cut of 1:03.62.

"Courtney struggled a little over the summer with problems with her cornea," says Weathers. "So she didn't get to do as much at the end of season as she would have liked. But she has always been a key component for us in breaststroke and IM, and not just in the pool but also as a role model in contributing to the success of others."

Healey took third in the 200 breast last season with an NCAA "B" cut of 2:18.22, and she ranks third on the Irish all-time list in the event.

"Georgia is off to a good start," says Weathers. "She has done a great job of training this fall, and she looks good in the water. She



has always been a key for us in the breaststroke. She will be a team captain, and she has a very creative mindset for that. I think the team will really enjoy the way she handles things as a leader. Georgia is ready to have a great year and do a great job as captain."

Stephens had a strong rookie season, finishing third in the 100 fly and fifth in the 200 breast at the BIG EAST meet, but her offseason training has put her in position to achieve greater heights in her second year.

"Jess trained really hard over the summer," says Weathers. "She has probably made as great an improvement as we have ever had anybody make over the summer here. She is a good athlete, and

she needs to learn to use her athletic skills. She is very versatile and has a tremendous work ethic."

Junior Annie Mantey, as well as Kelli Barton, Sweeney, and freshmen Battle, Katie Hopkins, and Paulson-Andrews also could help the Irish.

BUTTERFLY

Notre Dame features three high-end butterflyers in Carroll, Stephens, and Bouvron. The sophomores finished first and third in the BIG EAST Championships in the 100 fly last season, while Bouvron has swum the 200 fly in the last two Olympics for her native Singapore.

"Katie, Jess, and Christel bring a lot of experience and talent for us," says Weathers. "All of them are national-caliber butterflyers, and we expect a lot from them."

Senior Brooke Taylor, third in the conference in the BIG EAST each of the last two years, adds to the group's prowess.

"Brooke has always added a little spark to our team," says Weathers. "She is a great butterflyer and 400 IMer. She has a knack for throwing in a great swim when it is important. She always pulls off something amazing in important dual meets. Now I expect that from her, which probably isn't fair. But she is a tremendous asset."

Bouvron was the runner-up in the BIG EAST in the 100 fly in 2003, and she finished 32nd in both the Sydney and Athens Olympics in the 200.

"Christel brings a lot of international experience to our team," says Weathers. "She is at a crossroads where her focus now for the first time will be completely on collegiate swimming, rather than international competition. We're excited about that."

Stephens and Ann Barton also will be helpful in the fly, as will Mantey, Hopkins, Paulson-Andrews, and Steenberge.

INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

Notre Dame's individual-medley group is headlined by Carroll, who was honorable mention All-America in both distances last season. But the Irish are deep in the event, with Taylor, Stephens, and both Barton sisters expected to challenge for NCAA bids.



All-America diver Meghan Perry-Eaton, who was third at the NCAAs in one-meter competition last season, has her sights set on a national title in 2005, as only one diver in the country who defeated her in 2003-04 on the one-meter board returns this season.

"The 200 IM is probably our strongest single event as a team," says Weathers. "In the 400 IM, we have power in Katie, Brooke, and Kelli, but we are not as strong, numbers-wise. We have a lot of people who can do a great 200 IM, and it gets a little confusing at BIG EAST time, because we end up hurting ourselves if we swim too many people there. We have a lot of strength, and it will be pretty hard to beat us in a dual meet in either IM."

Carroll will try to improve upon one of the top rookie seasons in Notre Dame history. She became just the fourth rookie ever to win three individual events in the BIG EAST Championships and was tabbed the meet's Most Outstanding Swimmer. Carroll finished ninth in the 200 IM at the NCAAs and 14th in the 400 IM, setting converted Irish records in both (1:58.52 and 4:13.12).

"Katie has improved dramatically since last fall," says Weathers. "Her times and workout performances are considerably better. We're expecting really good things from Katie. She had a good summer training here and put in a lot of hard work. I expect her to be better at NCAAs this season."

Ann Barton notched an NCAA "B" cut (2:03.70) in the 200 IM last season, while Choura ranks as the fourth-quickest in school history in the race (career-best 2:03.47). Taylor, who had an NCAA "B" cut as a junior, is fourth-fastest in the 400 IM (4:21.50). Others who will be helpful for the Irish will be Healey, Kelli Barton, Stephens, Mantey, and Gooch. Among the newcomers, Battle, Brand, Bullock, and Stafford will look to contribute.

Weathers also sees his team being strong in the medley relays: "Our 400 medley relay is as good as it has ever been. We are as talented as

we've ever been, so hopefully that will get us to NCAAs in that relay. We just need to develop some turning and starting skills."

DIVING

The presence of fifth-year senior All-American Meghan Perry-Eaton, in itself, assures Notre Dame's diving corps will be strong. But the Irish also boast some young talent that could help the veteran in 2004-05.

"Diving has been a real strength for us for the last five or six years, and I think it will be again," says Weathers. "We have a lot of depth this year. We don't have to depend solely on Meghan in dual meets."

Perry-Eaton turned in perhaps the best season ever by an Irish diver in 2003-04. Heading into the NCAA zone meet, she was undefeated in three-meter action and had been beaten just one time off the one-meter board. Perry-Eaton went on to be the first Notre Dame competitor to win an event (one-meter) at the zone meet, and then she finished third at the NCAA Championships off the lower board, just 3.30 points behind the champion. It was the highest-ever finish for a Notre Dame student-athlete in the NCAAs. Perry-Eaton, who owns four of the five school records, won both BIG EAST springboard events by more than 40 points

"Meghan had a great season last year," says Weathers. "She scored higher than anybody we've ever had, and she was one dive away from winning the NCAA title. So I'm looking forward to a good year for her. Her goal needs to be to get both boards going at the same time. But her intensity this season is beyond what I expected or hoped for."

Joining Perry-Eaton in the diving well will be '04 BIG EAST qualifier junior Samantha Raneri, sophomore Tyne Feheley - who was plagued by injuries in her first collegiate campaign - as well as two talented rookies: Tara Hyer and Laura Rings.

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

By Class

Seniors (6): K. Barton, Eckholt, Healey, Perry-Eaton, Peterson, Taylor

Juniors (4): Bouvron, Choura, Mantey, Raneri

Sophomores (12): Archer, A. Barton, Carroll, Feheley, Galagan, Gooch, Grove, E. Johnson, Linnelli, Stephens, Strang, Sweeney

Freshmen (13): Battle, Brand, Bullock, Burke, Graham, Guida, Hopkins, Hyer, C. Johnson, Paulson-Andrews, Rings, Stafford, Steenberge

By Stroke

Backstroke (9): A. Barton, Brand, Bullock, Gooch, Grove, C. Johnson, E. Johnson, Peterson, Stafford

Breaststroke (9): K. Barton, Battle, Burke, Choura, Healey, Hopkins, Mantey, Stephens, Sweeney

Butterfly (9): A. Barton, Bouvron, Carroll, Hopkins, Mantey, Steenberge, Stephens, Strang, Taylor

Freestyle (21): Archer, A. Barton, K. Barton, Bouvron, Brand, Bullock, Carroll, Eckholt, Galagan, Graham, Grove, Guida, C. Johnson, E. Johnson, Linnelli, Paulson-Andrews, Peterson, Stafford, Steenberge, Strang, Sweeney

Individual Medley (9): A. Barton, K. Barton, Battle, Carroll, Choura, Gooch, Stafford, Stephens, Sweeney, Taylor

Diving (5): Feheley, Hyer, Perry-Eaton, Raneri, Rings



2004-05 NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING ROSTER

Name	Events	Yr.	Ht.	Birthdate	Hometown/High School
* Krissy Archer	Free	So.	5-8	7-12-85	Chesapeake, VA/Hickory H.S.
* Ann Barton	Free/IM/Back/Fly	So.	5-7	2-1-85	Scottsdale, AZ/Desert Mountain H.S.
*** Kelli Barton (c)	IM/Free/Breast	Sr.	5-8	8-26-83	Scottsdale, AZ/Chaparral H.S.
Kelly Battle	Breast/IM	Fr.	5-6	5-20-86	Allison Park, PA/North Allegheny H.S.
** Christel Bouvron	Fly/Free	Jr.	5-5	10-1-84	Singapore, Singapore/Raffles Girls' Secondary School
Noémie Brand	Back/Free	Fr.	5-8	4-24-86	Pointe-Claire, Québec/Phillips Exeter Academy [NH]
Morgan Bullock	Free/Back	Fr.	5-9	7-11-86	Stamford, CT/Westhill H.S.
Natalie Burke	Breast	Fr.	5-7	8-1-85	Cape Town, South Africa/Reddam House College
* Katie Carroll	Fly/Free/IM	So.	5-8	1-10-85	Toledo, OH/Notre Dame Academy
** Courtney Choura	Breast/IM	Jr.	5-6	5-9-84	Bridgeville, PA/Oakland Catholic H.S.
*** Katie Eckholt	Free	Sr.	5-8	6-19-83	Omaha, NE/Marian H.S.
Tyne Feheley	Diving	So.	5-2	4-19-85	Columbus, OH/Worthington Kilbourne H.S.
Grace Galagan	Free	So.	5-6	9-1-84	Albuquerque, NM/Albuquerque Academy
* Kiley Gooch	Back/IM	So.	5-5	6-21-85	Carmel, IN/Carmel H.S.
Kayla Graham	Free	Fr.	5-10	9-11-86	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia/Auburn Drive H.S.
* Rebecca Grove	Back/Free	So.	5-11	1-30-85	Yorktown Heights, NY/Yorktown H.S.
Katie Guida	Free	Fr.	5-10	11-9-85	Alexandria, VA/Georgetown Visitation Prep School
*** Georgia Healey (c)	Breast	Sr.	5-9	3-27-83	New York, NY/Trinity School
Katie Hopkins	Breast/Fly	Fr.	5-6	12-15-86	Ellicott City, MD/Notre Dame Preparatory School
Tara Hyer	Diving	Fr.	5-4	9-9-85	Tampa, FL/Academy of the Holy Names
Caroline Johnson	Free/Back	Fr.	5-10	7-10-86	Springfield, MO/Glendale H.S.
* Ellen Johnson	Back/Free	So.	5-8	6-8-84	Toledo, OH/Notre Dame Academy
* Meghan Linnelli	Free	So.	5-5	11-2-84	Canfield, OH/Canfield H.S.
** Annie Mantey	Breast/Fly	Jr.	5-6	4-18-84	Woodstock, NY/Onteora H.S.
Raine Paulson-Andrews	Free	Fr.	5-9	4-9-86	Montego Bay, Jamaica/Gulliver Prep School [FL]
*** Meghan Perry-Eaton	Diving	Sr.	5-4	8-19-81	Brandon, FL/Bloomingdale H.S.
** Kristen Peterson	Back/Free	Sr.	5-10	6-4-83	Wichita, KS/Bishop Carroll H.S.
* Samantha Raneri	Diving	Jr.	5-2	12-23-83	Katonah, NY/John Jay H.S.
Laura Rings	Diving	Fr.	5-5	8-20-85	Gahanna, OH/Columbus School for Girls
Laura Stafford	Free/IM/Back	Fr.	5-10	8-8-86	George Town, Cayman Islands/Cayman Prep & H.S.
Georgia Steenberge	Fly/Free	Fr.	5-7	10-5-85	Granbury, TX/Granbury H.S.
* Jessica Stephens	Fly/Breast/IM	So.	5-9	6-14-85	Bloomsburg, PA/Bloomsburg H.S.
* Abby Strang	Free/Fly	So.	5-5	7-19-85	St. Simons Island, GA/Bolles School (FL)
* Annie Sweeney	Breast/Free/IM	So.	5-5	3-24-85	Los Gatos, CA/Archbishop Mitty H.S.
*** Brooke Taylor	Fly/IM	Sr.	5-6	1-18-83	Orlando, FL/Lake Highland Preparatory School

Head Coach:

Bailey Weathers (Indiana '82)

Diving Coach:

Caiming Xie
(Beijing Institute of
Physical Education '85)

Assistant Coach:

Carrie Nixon (Notre Dame '02)

Student Assistant Coach:

Casey Pepak (Notre Dame '06)

Senior Manager:

Matthew Warchol (Notre Dame '05)

* - denotes monograms earned

c - denotes captain



The 2004-05 Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team: (front row, from left) Senior manager Matthew Warchol, Samantha Raneri, Courtney Choura, Katie Eckholt, Kristen Peterson, Kelli Barton, Brooke Taylor, Meghan Perry-Eaton, Georgia Healey, Christel Bouvron, Annie Mantey, and diving coach Caiming Xie. (second row, from left) Assistant coach Carrie Nixon, Tyne Feheley, Abby Strang, Kiley Gooch, Ann Barton, Jessica Stephens, Rebecca Grove, Katie Carroll, Krissy Archer, Ellen Johnson, Grace Galagan, Meghan Linnelli, Annie Sweeney, and head coach Bailey Weathers. (back row, from left) Natalie Burke, Katie Hopkins, Kelly Battle, Raine Paulson-Andrews, Morgan Bullock, Laura Stafford, Caroline Johnson, Katie Guida, Kayla Graham, Noémie Brand, Georgia Steenberge, Laura Rings, and Tara Hyer.

Pronunciation Guide

Christel Bouvron	kris-TELL boo-VRON
Noémie	no-AME-ee
Choura	CORE-uh
Feheley	FEE-lee
Galagan	GAL-again
Guida	GWEE-duh
Hyer	HIGH-er
Linnelli	lynn-ELL-ee
Mantey	MAN-tee
Raine	RAIN
Steenberge	STEEN-burdge
Caming Xie	Kai-MING ZHEE
Pepak	PEP-ick
Warchol	WAR-shawl



**2005 BIG EAST Conference
Swimming and Diving
Qualifying Standards**

Event	A	B
50 Freestyle	24.68	25.21
100 Freestyle	53.35	54.95
200 Freestyle	1:55.26	1:58.71
500 Freestyle	5:08.18	5:17.42
1,650 Freestyle	17:52.20	18:40.36
100 Butterfly	58.87	1:00.63
200 Butterfly	2:09.06	2:12.93
100 Backstroke	1:00.75	1:03.71
200 Backstroke	2:10.06	2:13.96
100 Breaststroke	1:08.62	1:10.67
200 Breaststroke	2:27.85	2:32.28
200 Individual Medley	2:11.03	2:14.96
400 Individual Medley	4:40.40	4:48.81
1m Diving	235	225
3m Diving	Dual: 245 Champ.:385	Dual: 235 Champ.: 375

Qualifying for the BIG EAST Championships

In order to qualify for the BIG EAST Swimming and Diving Championships, a student-athlete must achieve an "A" qualifying standard in at least one event. Once in the field, a student-athlete may swim up to two additional events in which she has achieved a "B" qualifying time. She may initially enter as many events as she has "B" qualifying times for, but must then scratch down to a maximum of three events with at least one being an event in which she has an "A" qualifying time. No amount of "B" qualifying times equals an "A" qualifying time; thus, no athlete without an "A" qualifying time in some event makes the field for individual swimming events. Each team may qualify an unlimited number of competitors to the meet, but may enter only 23, with divers counting as one-half.

There are no qualifying standards for relays. Each school with individual qualifiers may enter one relay team in each event. If a school has fewer than 15 individual qualifiers, it also can add one or more swimmers to its entry list for the sole purpose of swimming relays, with the number of additions determined by the number of qualifiers the school has.

Qualifying standards determine the berths in the diving competitions. A diver must achieve a qualifying score and degree of difficulty, both at the same time, to gain entrance to the meet. Divers must qualify separately for each event, and there are different standards for dual and championship competition.

Qualifying for the NCAA Championships

The NCAA Women's Swimming and Diving Championships have a fixed field of 320 swimmers, including 35 divers. The swimming field consists first of all student-athletes who have achieved an "A" qualifying standard in any event. Beyond that, entry is given to student-athletes with the best "B" qualifying standards in events with the fewest "A" qualifiers until all the events have an equal number of entrants. From there, additional "B" qualifiers are added in

order, one per event at a time, until the field size of 320 is reached. If a complete additional round of next-best qualifiers will put the field over 320, the times that are closest in percentage terms to the national record are given the final spots in the field. Any student-athlete in the field may enter and compete in a maximum of three events.

For instance, if there are four "A" qualifiers in the 100 backstroke, 10 in the 100 butterfly, and between four and 10 in every other

event, then the top "B" qualifying times will be given entrance until every event has 10 participants in it. From there, the next best "B" time is added in each event, one by one, until the field is full. If not enough spaces remain to take the next entire round of "B" qualifiers, those swimmers' times are compared in percentage terms to NCAA records in the events and taken in order until the field is full.

In relay competition, teams with the top 13 times in each relay earn invitations to the meet. In addition, a team with four qualifiers also may compete in any relay in which it posted a "B" qualifying time at some point throughout the year, even if the NCAA qualifiers did not participate in the "B" time.

The diving field is determined by performance at five NCAA zone meets, which take place two weeks prior to the NCAA Championships. A student-athlete qualifies for the zone diving meet by registering a performance in which she scores points equal or better than the qualifying standard. Each zone sends a minimum of four divers to the NCAA meet, with the zones that had better performances at the previous year's NCAAAs getting additional entries. In 2005, Zone C, in which Notre Dame competes, will send seven divers to the NCAA Championships. Once in the 35-diver field, a student-athlete may compete in both the one- and three-meter springboard events, but can only take part in the platform competition if she participated in it at the zone meet.

2005 NCAA Swimming and Diving Qualifying Standards

Event	25-Yard Course		25-Meter Course		50-Meter Course	
	A	B	A	B	A	B
50 Freestyle	22.88	23.56	25.54	26.30	26.01	26.78
100 Freestyle	49.78	51.27	55.56	57.23	56.57	58.27
200 Freestyle	1:47.61	1:50.83	2:00.11	2:03.70	2:01.60	2:05.24
500 Freestyle	4:45.46	4:54.02	4:09.75	4:17.24	4:14.88	4:22.52
1,650 Freestyle	16:23.54	16:53.04	16:20.60	16:50.01	16:43.62	17:13.72
100 Butterfly	53.75	55.36	59.99	1:01.79	1:00.40	1:02.21
200 Butterfly	1:58.11	2:01.65	2:11.82	2:15.78	2:12.71	2:16.69
100 Backstroke	54.47	56.10	1:00.80	1:02.62	1:01.55	1:03.40
200 Backstroke	1:58.24	2:01.78	2:11.97	2:15.92	2:13.61	2:17.61
100 Breaststroke	1:02.00	1:03.86	1:09.20	1:11.28	1:11.27	1:13.41
200 Breaststroke	2:14.25	2:18.27	2:29.84	2:34.33	2:32.56	2:37.13
200 Individual Medley	2:00.67	2:04.29	2:14.68	2:18.72	2:17.13	2:21.24
400 Individual Medley	4:15.93	4:23.60	4:45.64	4:54.20	4:49.19	4:57.86
200 Medley Relay	1:39.90	1:42.89	1:51.50	1:54.84	1:53.40	1:56.79
400 Medley Relay	3:38.32	3:44.86	4:03.67	4:10.97	4:07.81	4:15.24
200 Freestyle Relay	1:31.01	1:33.74	1:41.58	1:44.63	1:43.43	1:46.53
400 Freestyle Relay	4:15.93	4:23.60	4:45.64	4:54.20	4:49.19	4:57.86
800 Freestyle Relay	7:11.65	7:24.59	8:01.76	8:16.20	8:07.75	8:22.37

1-Meter Diving—Dual 255/265***; Championship 375

3-Meter Diving—Dual 270/280***; Championship 425

*** qualifying point total when using six optional dives with standard D.D.

