

NOTRE DAME

2006-07 OPPONENTS

Sophomore Casey Wagner ranks fifth in the 1,000-yard freestyle at Notre Dame after winning the event against California during the 2005-06 season.



On the Road with the Irish

Since 1981-82, the Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team has traveled to 28 states, the District of Columbia, Mexico, Ontario, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Saint Lucia. Notre Dame's widespread travel is befitting of a student body and swimming and diving roster that draw from all corners of the United States, as the program has included student-athletes from 35 states and six foreign countries. Below is a listing of the all-time Irish travel locales. (• = places traveled; @/ ★ = road opponents in 2006-07).



Alabama

Auburn (NCAA Championships)

Arizona

Tucson (Arizona)

Arkansas

Fayetteville (NCAA Championships)

California

Mission Viejo (vs. Wyoming, Northeastern)

Colorado

Denver (Metro State)
Fort Collins (Colorado State)

Connecticut

Storrs (Connecticut)

District of Columbia

Washington (Georgetown)

Florida

Boca Raton (Florida Atlantic)
Coral Gables (Miami)
Ft. Lauderdale (Collegiate Classic)

Georgia

Athens (NCAA Championships, Bulldog Invitational, Georgia Fall Invitational)

Hawaii

@ Honolulu (Hawaii, UH Rainbow Invitational)

Illinois

Champaign (Illinois)
Chicago (Illinois-Chicago, Midwest Independent Championships, Midwest Invitational)
DeKalb (Northern Illinois)
Edwardsville (Southern Illinois)
Evanston (Northwestern)
Normal (Illinois State)

Indiana

Bloomington (Indiana Invitational, NCAA Zone Diving Championships)
Evansville (North Star Conference Championships, MCC Championships)

Greencastle (DePauw, Indiana State Championships)

Indianapolis (Vincennes, NCAA Championships), NCAA Zone C Diving Championships

Muncie (Ball State)

South Bend (Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, Midwest Independent Championships, MCC Championships, National Catholic Championships)

Valparaiso (Valparaiso)

@ West Lafayette (Purdue, NCAA Zone Diving Championships, NCAA Championships)

Kentucky

@ Louisville (Louisville)

Maryland

Annapolis (Navy)
Baltimore (Johns Hopkins, Eastern Intercollegiate Championships)

Massachusetts

Boston (National Catholic Championship)
Chestnut Hill (Boston College)
Worcester (Holy Cross)

Michigan

@ Ann Arbor (Michigan, Wolverine Invitational, NCAA Championships)
Big Rapids (Ferris State)
East Lansing (Michigan State)
Kalamazoo (Western Michigan, Kalamazoo)
Marquette (Northern Michigan)
Rochester (Oakland)

Minnesota

@ Minneapolis (Minnesota, NCAA Championships, Minnesota Invitational, NCAA Zone C Diving Championships)
St. Paul (NCAA Championships)

Missouri

St. Louis (Saint Louis, Midwest City Championships, North Star Conference Championships, Oral Roberts, MCC Championships)

Nevada

Reno (AIWA Division III Championships)

New Jersey

New Brunswick (Eastern Intercollegiate Championships)
Piscataway (BIG EAST Championships)

New York

Bronx (Fordham)
@ East Meadow (BIG EAST Championships, NCAA Championships)
Fordham (National Catholic Invitational)
Jamaica (St. John's)
St. Bonaventure (St. Bonaventure)

North Carolina

Durham (Duke)
Raleigh (North Carolina State)

Ohio

Bowling Green (Bowling Green)
Cleveland (Cleveland State, Eastern Intercollegiate Championships)
@ Columbus (Ohio State, NCAA Regional Diving Championships)
Gambier (Kenyon College Invitational)
Oxford (Miami, NCAA Zone Diving Championships)
Toledo (vs. Northern Illinois)

Ontario

London (Western Ontario)

Pennsylvania

Meadville (AIWA Div. III National Championships)
Philadelphia (La Salle, National Catholic Championships, MCC Championships)
Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh, BIG EAST Championships)
Villanova (Villanova)

Rhode Island

Providence (Providence)

Texas

Austin (Texas, NCAA Championships)
College Station (Texas A&M, Texas A&M Invitational, NCAA Championships)
San Antonio (U.S. Open)

Utah

Provo (Brigham Young)
Salt Lake City (Utah)

Washington

Federal Way (U.S. Open)

West Virginia

Morgantown (Eastern Intercollegiate Championships)

Wisconsin

Milwaukee (Wisconsin-Milwaukee)

@ - indicates 2006-07 destinations

2006-07 Regular-Season Meets



Dennis Stark Relays

*Friday, Oct. 6, 2006
5:00 p.m.
Notre Dame, Indiana
Rolf's Aquatic Center*

Host School: Notre Dame

Teams Participating: Ball State, Illinois State, Oakland University, Valparaiso University, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Marquette University.

ND History in the Event: The Dennis Stark Relays have been competed 22 times by the Irish women with Notre Dame winning the relays in each of the last 11 seasons. The Irish women broke two meet records in the last year's meet as the Irish 800 freestyle relay team swam a 7:32.87 to smash the old record of 7:51.84, while the 500 crescendo relay group also set a new record.

ND History in Dennis Stark Relays (Last 11 Seasons):

1995-96 (1st, 218 points)
1996-97 (1st, 198 points)
1997-98 (1st, 228 points)
1998-99 (1st, 228 points)
1999-00 (1st, 222 points)
2000-01 (1st, 240 points)
2001-02 (1st, 226 points)
2002-03 (1st, 220 points)
2003-04 (1st, 257 points)
2004-05 (1st, 248 points)
2005-06 (1st, 240 points)

Ohio State Invitational (Divers Only)

*December 1-3, 2006 • All Day
Columbus, Ohio
Peppe Aquatic Center*

Host School: Ohio State

Teams Participating: TBA

ND History in the Event: This year's team of divers will be the first Notre Dame showing at the invitational.

Minnesota Invitational

*November 17-19, 2006 • 12 p.m./ 6 p.m.
Minneapolis, Minnesota
University Aquatic Center*

Teams Participating: TBA

ND History in the Event: The Irish made their first appearance at the MN Invitational during the 1997-98 season, finishing third with 785 points. Since then the team has returned five times, with two first place finishes in the 2001-02 and 2005-06 seasons.

ND at Minnesota Invitational results:

1997-98 (3rd, 765 points)
1998-99 (3rd, 473 points)
1999-00 (4th, 578 points)
2001-02 (1st, 1,039 points)
2002-03 (4th, 500.5 points)
2005-06 (1st, 722 points)

U.S. Open Swim

*November 30-December 3, 2006 • All Day
West Lafayette, Indiana
Boilermaker Aquatic Center*

Host School: Purdue University

Teams Participating: TBA

ND History in the Event: Notre Dames last showing at the US Open Swim was a group of three swimmers in 1999.

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Hawaii Invitational

*January 5-6, 2007 • All Day
Honolulu, Hawai'i*

Duke Kahanamoku Aquatic Center

Host School: Hawaii

Schools Participating: TBA

ND History in the Event: The last time Notre Dame went to Hawai'i was Jan. 1998 with a strong first place finish over eight other teams, including the then ranked No. 10 Michigan. The two years prior '96 and '97 Notre Dame finished second and third, respectively.

Shamrock Invitational

*January 26-27, 2007 • All Day
Notre Dame, IN
Rolf's Aquatic Center*

Host School: Notre Dame

Schools Participating: Penn State, Oakland, University of Connecticut, University of West Virginia

ND History in the Event: Notre Dame has finished first in each of the last five times it has entered a full complement of student-athletes in the event. Last year's highlight was Katie Carroll's spectacular effort, in which she set pool/meet record in the 1,650 freestyle.

Shamrock Invitational Results:

1999-00 (1st, 1,292.5 points)
2000-01 (1st, 1,404 points)
2001-02 (1st, 2,383 points)
2002-03 (Divers Only)
2003-04 (1st, 1284 points)
2004-05 (12th, 216 points) (3 divers and 1 swimmer in a total of 7 events)
2005-06 (1st, 1,822 points)

**Purdue
Boilermakers**

Friday, November 3, 2006 • 5 p.m.

Notre Dame, Ind. • Rolfs Aquatic Center

Location: West Lafayette, Indiana
Enrollment: 38,712
Conference: Big Ten
Website: www.purduesports.com
Facility: Boilermaker Aquatic Center
Athletic Director: Morgan Burke

Head Coach: Cathy Wright-Eger
Record at Purdue: 143-80-2
Assistant: Darlene Renie
Diving: Adam Soldati

2005-2006 Dual-Meet Record: 8-2
Conf. Championship Result: 5th, 428 pts.
NCAA Result: 22nd, 45 pts.
Final CSCAA National Ranking: 17th
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 22/7

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**Michigan State
Spartans**

Friday, November 10, 2006 • 4:30 p.m.

Notre Dame, Ind. • Rolfs Aquatic Center

Location: East Lansing, Michigan
Enrollment: 38,712
Conference: Big Ten
Website: www.msuspartans.com
Facility: Charles McCaffree Pool
Athletic Director: Ron Mason

Head Coach: Matt Gianiodis
Record at Michigan State: 7-22
Assistant: Kathleen Milloy
Diving: Eric Best

2005-2006 Dual-Meet Record: 4-5
Conf. Championship Result: 11th, 102.5 pts.
NCAA Result: -
Final CSCAA National Ranking: -
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 16/8

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**Pittsburgh
Panthers**

Saturday, November 11, 2006 • 12 p.m.

Notre Dame, Ind. • Rolfs Aquatic Center

Location: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Enrollment: 33,796
Conference: BIG EAST
Website: www.pittsburghpanthers.com
Facility: Trees Pool
Athletic Director: Jeff Long

Head Coach: Chuck Knoles
Record at Pittsburgh: 24-16 (3 years)
Assistant: Jeff Berghoff
Diving: Eric Best

2005-2006 Dual-Meet Record: 9-3
Conf. Championship Result: 11th, 447 pts.
NCAA Result: -
Final CSCAA National Ranking: -
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 13/10

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**Minnesota
Golden Gophers**

Minnesota Invitational • 12 p.m./6 p.m.

*Friday, November 17 -
Sunday, November 19, 2006.*

Minneapolis, Minn.

University Aquatic Center

Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota
Enrollment: 47,518
Conference: Big Ten
Website: www.gophersports.com
Facility: Minnesota Aquatic Center
Athletic Director: Joel Maturi

Head Coach: Kelly Kremer/Terry Nieszner
Record at Minnesota: 24-16
Diving: Jason Baumann

2005-2006 Dual-Meet Record: 5-5
Conf. Championship Result: 2nd, 536.5 pts.
NCAA Result: 21st, 48 pts.
Final CSCAA National Ranking: 23rd
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 19/10

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**Ohio State
Buckeyes**

Ohio State Invite (Divers) • All Day

*Friday, December 1 -
Sunday, December 3, 2006*

Columbus, Ohio • Peppe Aquatic Center

Location: Columbus, Ohio
Enrollment: 33,796
Conference: Big Ten
Website: www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com
Facility: Peppe Aquatic Center
Athletic Director: Eugene Smith

Head Coach: Jeanne Fleck
Record at Ohio State: 24-16
Assistants: Dan Phillips, Lori Ave
Diving: Eric Best

2005-2006 Dual-Meet Record: 5-5
Conf. Championship Result: 7th, 258 pts.
NCAA Result: -
Final CSCAA National Ranking: -
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 22/4

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**Hawai'i
Rainbow Warriors**

Hawai'i Invitational • All Day

*Thursday, January 4 -
Friday, January 5, 2007*

O'ahu, Hawai'i

Duke Kahanamoku Aquatic Complex

Location: O'ahu, Hawai'i
Enrollment: 20,600
Conference: Western Athletic
Website: uathletics.hawaii.edu
Facility: Duke Kahanamoku Aquatic Complex
Athletic Director: Herman Frazier

Head Coach: Victor Wales
Record at Hawai'i: 10-4
Assistant: Todd Foley, Jennifer Jackson, Aaron Mahaney
Diving: Mike Brown

2005-2006 Dual-Meet Record: 10-4
Conf. Championship Result: 1st, 775.5 pts.
NCAA Result: 15th
Final CSCAA National Ranking: -
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 11/8

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Michigan Wolverines

Friday, January 12 –
Saturday, January 13, 2007
6 p.m./9 a.m.

Ann Arbor, Mich. • Canham Natatorium

Location: Ann Arbor, Michigan
Enrollment: 25,467
Conference: Big Ten
Website: www.mgoblue.com
Facility: Canham Natatorium
Athletic Director: William C. Martin

Head Coach: Jim Richardson
Record at Michigan: 145-50
Assistant: Stefanie Kerska
Diving: Christopher Bergere

2005-2006 Dual-Meet Record: 3-3
Conf. Championship Result: 3rd, 509.4 pts.
NCAA Result: 17th, 67.5 pts.
Final CSCAA National Ranking: 22nd
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 24/4

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Illinois Fighting Illini

Friday, January 12 –
Saturday, January 13, 2007
6 p.m./9 a.m.

Ann Arbor, Mich. • Canham Natatorium

Location: Champaign, Illinois
Enrollment: 30,909
Conference: Big Ten
Website: www.fightingillini.com
Facility: IMPE Pool
Athletic Director: Ron Guenther

Head Coach: Sue Novitsky
Record at Illinois: 29-43
Assistant: Steve Farnau
Diving: Chris Waters

2005-2006 Dual-Meet Record: 5-9
Conf. Championship Result: 9th, 207 pts.
NCAA Result: –
Final CSCAA National Ranking: –
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 18/7

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Indiana Hoosiers

Friday, January 12 –
Saturday, January 13, 2007
6 p.m./9 a.m.

Ann Arbor, Mich. • Canham Natatorium

Location: Bloomington, IN
Enrollment: 37,821
Conference: Big Ten
Website: iuhoosiers.cstv.com
Facility: Councilman-Billingsley A.C.
Athletic Director: Rick Greenspan

Head Coach: Ray Looze
Record at Indiana: 37-18
Assistant: Donny Brush, Pam Swander, Mike Westphal
Diving: Jeff Huber
Assistant: Todd Waikel

2005-2006 Dual-Meet Record: 7-3
Conf. Championship Result: 4th, 495
NCAA Result: 14th, 91 pts.
Final CSCAA National Ranking: 16th
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 18/20
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Connecticut Huskies

Shamrock Invitational • All Day
Friday, January 26, 2007

Notre Dame, Ind. • Rolfs Athletic Center

Location: Storrs, Connecticut
Enrollment: 27,579
Conference: BIG EAST
Website: uconnhuskies.com
Facility: Wolff-Zacklin Natatorium
Athletic Director: Jeffery Hathaway

Head Coach: Bob Goldberg
Record at Connecticut (Women's): 140-48-3
Assistant: Kydani Dover, Kristen Nardozi, Amy McCullough
Diving: John Bransfield

2005-2006 Dual-Meet Record: 5-2-1
Conf. Championship Result: 6th, 315 pts.
NCAA Result: –
Final CSCAA National Ranking: –
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: N/A

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Oakland Golden Grizzlies

Shamrock Invitational • All Day
Friday, January 26, 2007

Notre Dame, Ind. • Rolfs Athletic Center

Location: Rochester, Michigan
Enrollment: 16,902
Conference: Mid-Continent
Website: www.ougrizzlies.com
Facility: OU Aquatics Center
Athletic Director: Tracy Huth

Head Coach: Pete Hovland
Record at Oakland (Womens): 28-14
Assistant: Shawn Kornoelje, Danielle Hulick
Diving: Ingrid Mayer

2005-2006 Dual-Meet Record: 5-5
Conf. Championship Result: 1st, 970 pts.
NCAA Result: –
Final CSCAA National Ranking: –
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 21/3

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Penn State Nittany Lions

Shamrock Invitational • All Day
Friday, January 26, 2007

Notre Dame, Ind. • Rolfs Athletic Center

Location: University Park, Pennsylvania
Enrollment: 40,709
Conference: Big Ten
Website: gopsports.com
Facility: McCoy Natatorium
Athletic Director: Timothy M. Curley

Head Coach: Bill Dorenkott
Record at Penn State (Women): 56-17
Assistant: Dee Dlugonski, John Larson, Jake Schellenberger
Diving: Craig Brown

2005-2006 Dual-Meet Record: 2-2
Conf. Championship Result: 1st, 552 pts.
NCAA Result: 19th, 55 pts.
Final CSCAA National Ranking: 14th
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 18/8

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West Virginia Mountaineers

*Shamrock Invitational • All Day
Friday, January 26, 2007*

Notre Dame, Ind. • Rolfs Athletic Center

Location: Morgantown, West Virginia
Enrollment: 26,000
Conference: BIG EAST
Website: MSNsportsNET.com
Facility: WVU Natatorium
Athletic Director: Ed Pastilong

Head Coach: Sergio Lopez
Record at West Virginia (Women): 10-11-1
Assistant: Steve Stekete, Abby Stekete,
Diving: Laura Lunn

2005-2006 Dual-Meet Record: 5-4-1
Conf. Championship Result: 8th, 248.5 pts
NCAA Result: –
Final CSCAA National Ranking: –
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 16/7

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NCAA Zone C Diving Championships

*Thursday, March 8 – Saturday,
March 10, 2007 • All Day*

Ann Arbor, Mich.

Canham Natatorium

Host School: Michigan

Teams Participating: Teams from Zone C that have divers who meet qualifying standards. For more information, see page 8.

ND History in Event: Notre Dame has consistently sent divers to this meet, and seven times they have advanced on to the NCAA Championships. Heather Mattingly was a four-time qualifier from 1999-2002, while Meghan Perry-Eaton earned three bids from 2003-05. Perry-Eaton became the first Irish diver ever to win an event in the meet in 2004, when she beat the field in the one-meter springboard competition.

Louisville Cardinals

*Friday, February 3, 2007 • 3 p.m.
Louisville, Ky.*

Ralph R. Wright Natatorium

Location: Louisville, Kentucky
Enrollment: 22,000
Conference: BIG EAST
Website: www.UofLSports.com
Facility: Ralph R. Wright Natatorium
Athletic Director: Tom Jurich

Head Coach: Arthur Albiero
Record at Louisville: (18-17)
Assistant: Karin Olmsted, David Walden
Diving: Mike Zehnder

2005-2006 Dual-Meet Record: 7-3
Conf. Championship Result: 4th, 346 pts.
NCAA Result: –
Final CSCAA National Ranking: –
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 21/4

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NCAA Championships

*Thursday, March 8-Saturday, March 10, 2007 • All Day
Minneapolis, Minn.*

Minnesota Aquatic Center

Host School: Minnesota

Teams Participating: Teams that have individuals meet qualifying standards. For more information, see page 8.

ND History in Event: Notre Dame has qualified student-athletes for every meet but one since 1990, including in each of the last 11. It has finished in the top 25 six times in the past 10 seasons, highlighted by two top-20 results (18th in 2000, 19th in '02). Diver Meghan Perry-Eaton registered the best-ever individual finish for a Notre Dame competitor in the NCAA meet when she finished third in one-meter-springboard action in 2004 with a score of 303.90 that was just 3.30 points behind the national champion. The best individual performance by an Irish swimmer was a fourth-place result turned in by current head coach Carrie Nixon in the 50-meter freestyle in 2000. In preliminaries, Nixon posted a time of 24.99 that set an NCAA record. The top finish for an Irish relay team also came in that meet, as Kelly Hecking, Liz Barger, Shannon Suddarth, and Nixon took ninth in the 400-meter medley relay with a time of 4:07.00. A total of 25 different Irish student-athletes (23 swimmers, two divers) have earned invitations to the NCAA Championships. Leading that group is a quintet of four-time qualifiers: Hecking, diver Heather Mattingly, Nixon, Suddarth, and Tanya Williams. Current senior Katie Carroll, a three-time qualifier, will contend for top honors in the 400 IM this season after finishing 13th to earn honorable mention All-America honors last season in the 200 IM.

BIG EAST Championships

*Wednesday, February 14 – Saturday,
February 17, 2007*

Prelims - 10 a.m., Finals - 6 p.m.

East Meadow, N.Y.

Nassau County Aquatics Center

Teams Participating: All 12 BIG EAST teams, providing they have athletes that meet qualifying standards. For more information, see page 8.

ND History in Event: After finishing third in their initial appearance (1996), Notre Dame has won each of the last 10 BIG EAST titles, with last year's 18-point come from behind victory over Rutgers being the tightest win yet. The Irish dominance of the BIG EAST meet has extended to race victories, as Notre Dame has taken first 83 times over the past 11 years, an average of more than seven wins per meet. Leading the way in BIG EAST titles is 2002 graduate Kelly Hecking, a 19-time conference champion who won the 100 backstroke during all four of her seasons. Current head coach Carrie Nixon ('02) was an 18-time BIG EAST champion, while 2000 graduate Elizabeth Barger won 11 titles and her classmate, Shannon Suddarth, was victorious eight times. The Irish also have been recognized for excellence by the conference on various occasions, as former Irish head coach Bailey Weathers was tabbed the BIG EAST Coach of the Year five times (1997-99, 2001-02, 2005) and Caiming Xie has been the 2004-2006 conference diving coach of the year. Three Irish student-athletes – Linda Gallo (1998), Nixon (2000), and Katie Carroll (2004) – have been the BIG EAST Championships Most Outstanding Swimmer, while Meghan Perry-Eaton was the meet's Most Outstanding Diver from 2003-05.