

Student-Athletes



*Junior Matt Schipper won the 2008
BIG EAST indoor pole vault title and finished
ninth at the NCAA Mideast Regional.*



Student-Athletes



Billy Buzaid

6-1 • Senior
Cross Country /
Distance
Verona, N.J.
Seton Hall Prep

AS A JUNIOR: Opened the indoor track season with a second-place finish in the 500 meters at the Blue and Gold Invitational with a time of 1:04.50 ... ran the 800 meters in 1:53.93 to finish second at the Notre Dame Indoor Opener ... took first place in the Notre Dame Invitational 500 meters in 1:03.80 ... finished sixth in the 800 meters at the Indiana Relays in a time of 1:54.53 ... ran the 500 meters at the Meyo Invitational in 1:03.82 to finish fourth ... finished sixth in the 500 meters with a time of 1:03.59 at the BIG EAST Championship ... concentrated on the 400 meters during the outdoor season ... finished third at the Mike Poehlein Invitational with a time of 49.44 ... finished 20th in the 400 meters in 49.69 at the Ole Miss Invitational ... took seventh at the Mt. SAC Relays in 49.65 ... ran the 400 meters in 49.11 to finish 13th at the VS Athletics Beach Invitational ... finished sixth at the Hillsdale Relays with a time of 49.01 ... ran a 400-meter preliminary time of 49.97 at the BIG EAST Championship ... was a member of the fourth-place 4x400-meter relay team at the BIG EAST Championship

Career Track Bests

Indoor	
400m	48.98
2007 Notre Dame Invitational	
500m	1:03.56
2008 BIG EAST Championships	
800m	1:53.93
2008 Notre Dame Indoor Opener	
Outdoor	
400m	49.01
2008 Hillsdale Relays	
800m	1:55.15
2007 Mike Poehlein Invitational	



AS A SOPHOMORE: Emerged as a likely candidate to fill the 4x400-meter relay voids left by departed seniors Ryan Postel and Jordan Powell ... set two career bests during the indoor campaign ... earned a BIG EAST qualification in the 500 meters by posting a time of 1:04.45 at the Blue and Gold Invitational ... ran 48.98 over 400 meters at the Notre Dame Invitational for his second BIG EAST mark ... took 12th in the preliminaries of the 500 meters at the BIG EAST indoor meet ... ran his first career 800-meter race outdoors at the Mike Poehlein Invitational ... ran 1:55.15 for second place ... top 400-meter performance of the outdoor season came at the BIG EAST Championship, where he ran 49.38 to finish 16th (second of four on the team) in the prelims.

won the New Jersey state indoor championship and earned an indoor and outdoor national ranking ... his 4x800 team also earned a national ranking in his senior season (7:46) ... outdoor track team MVP and 400-meter conference champion in 2004 ... qualified for two Championship of America races at the 2005 Penn Relays (4x400, 4x800), the first New Jersey team to accomplish such a feat in over 20 years ... personal bests include 48.00 in the 400 meters and 1:53.6 in the 800 meters ... member of National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society ... grandfather, Joseph Colleran, played hockey at Boston College ... oldest of three children ... born Feb. 14, 1987 in Hinsdale, Ill. ... enrolled in the Mendoza College of Business.

AS A FRESHMAN:

Showed promise in the middle distance group ... concentrated on the 500 meters during the indoor season ... top performance came early in the season at the Blue and Gold Invitational (1:06.58) ... shifted to the 400 meters during the outdoor campaign ... ran 50.55 at the Notre Dame Spring Opener ... broke the 50-second mark at the Miami (Ohio) Invitational, running 49.71 ... again lowered his time at the Central Collegiates with a time of 49.44 ... established his personal-best mark at the Hillsdale Gina Relays, running 49.30.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL:

Earned three varsity letters in both indoor and outdoor track and another in cross country during his career at Seton Hall Prep ... earned All-American honors as a member of Seton Hall Prep's 4x400-meter relay team that finished fourth at Nike Outdoor Nationals (3:13.88) ... the 4x400 relay also





Blair Majcina

6-1 • Senior
Jumps
Mokena, Ill.
Lincoln-Way East



AS A JUNIOR: Primarily concentrated on the high jump ... finished fifth with a jump of 2.07m (6-9 1/2) at the BIG EAST Indoor Championship ... tied for fourth at the Arizona State Invitational with a jump of 2.05m (6-8 3/4) ... finished in a tie for ninth at the Mike Poehlein Invitational, clearing 2.02m (6-7 1/2) ... won the Ole Miss Invitational with a jump of 2.05m (6-8 3/4) ... finished sixth at the Mt. SAC Relays, clearing 2.10m (6-10 3/4) ... tied for fourth at the VS Athletics Beach Invitational with a jump of 2.00m (6-6 3/4) ... also finished 23rd with a long jump of 6.28m (20-7 1/4) ... took first in the high jump at the Hillsdale Relays, clearing the bar at 2.10m (6-10 3/4) ... earned his second all-BIG EAST outdoor citation after finishing second with a high jump of 2.07m (6-9 1/2), matching the best-ever showing by a Notre Dame high jumper at the BIG EAST Outdoor Championship ... closed out the season with a 16th-place finish at the Georgia Tech Invitational, clearing 2.00m (6-6 3/4)

AS A SOPHOMORE: Capped a strong sophomore season with a trip to the NCAA Outdoor Championships ... top leap of the indoor season was a 2.01m (6-7) effort at the Mayo Invitational ... finished in a tie for sixth

Career Track Bests

Indoor

High Jump 2.07m (6-9 1/2)
2008 BIG EAST Championship

Outdoor

High Jump 2.10m (6-10 3/4)
Three times, most recently at the 2008 Hillsdale Relays

Long Jump 6.28m (20-7 1/4)
2008 VS Athletics Beach Invitational

at the BIG EAST indoor meet, helping the Notre Dame men win the team title ... hit his stride during the outdoor slate ... tied for third in the high jump at the Arizona State Invitational, clearing 2.05m (6-8 3/4) equaled his career best and earned his second consecutive berth in the NCAA Mid-east Regionals with a third-place, 2.10m (6-10 3/4) jump at the Mt. SAC Relays ... tied for fifth at the outdoor BIG EAST Championship (1.99m, 6-6 1/4) ... had a career day at the NCAA Mid-east Regionals ... tied for fourth at 2.11m (6-11), a career best, to automatically qualify for the NCAA Championships ... was the first male Irish high jumper to qualify for the national outdoor meet since Ed Broderick in 1968 ... his regional finish earned him all-Mid-east Region honors ... took 17th at the NCAA Championships.

AS A FRESHMAN: Stepped onto the Irish squad and immediately became the team's top threat in the high jump ... top performance of the indoor season came early on at the Blue and Gold Invitational where he leaped 2.06m (6-9) to book a place in the BIG EAST Indoor Championship ... also won high jump competitions at the Purdue Invitational and Notre Dame Opener ... earned all-BIG EAST honors by finishing in a tie for third at the league competition, jumping 2.02m (6-7 1/2) ... jumped 2.01m (6-7) at the Alex Wilson Invitational ... in the outdoor season, earned a runner-up finish at the Cal Poly Invitational (2.03m, 6-8) ... set a career best at the Hillsdale Gina Relays, jumping 2.10m (6-10 3/4) to

finish second at the meet and earn a berth into the NCAA Mid-east Regionals ... took seventh at the BIG EAST outdoor meet ... finished a strong eighth at the Mid-east Regionals, jumping 2.06m (6-9) to cap a solid freshman year.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL:

Four-year letter winner in track and field at Lincoln-Way East High School ... also earned three letters as a defensive back on the football team ... All-American in the high jump during his senior season and ranked second in the nation with a leap of 2.16m (7-1) ... won high jump titles at the 2004 Illinois Prep Top Times indoor state meet and the Illinois High School outdoor state meet ... top-ranked Illinois high jumper for the duration of the 2005 season ... 2003 USATF national champion in the intermediate boys high jump ... three-time conference and 2005 sectional high jump champion ... also a three-time team captain and MVP on Lincoln-Way East's club volleyball team that placed ninth at nationals in 2003 ... once jumped to block a field goal attempt and returned it for an 87-yard touchdown ... inducted into Lincoln-Way East's Hall of Fame in 2005 ... member of National Honor Society, student council, and Mu Alpha Theta (math society) at Lincoln-Way East ... vice president of his sophomore, junior and senior classes ... youngest of two children ... born Feb. 14, 1987 in Palos Heights, Ill. ... enrolled in the Mendoza College of Business.

Student-Athletes



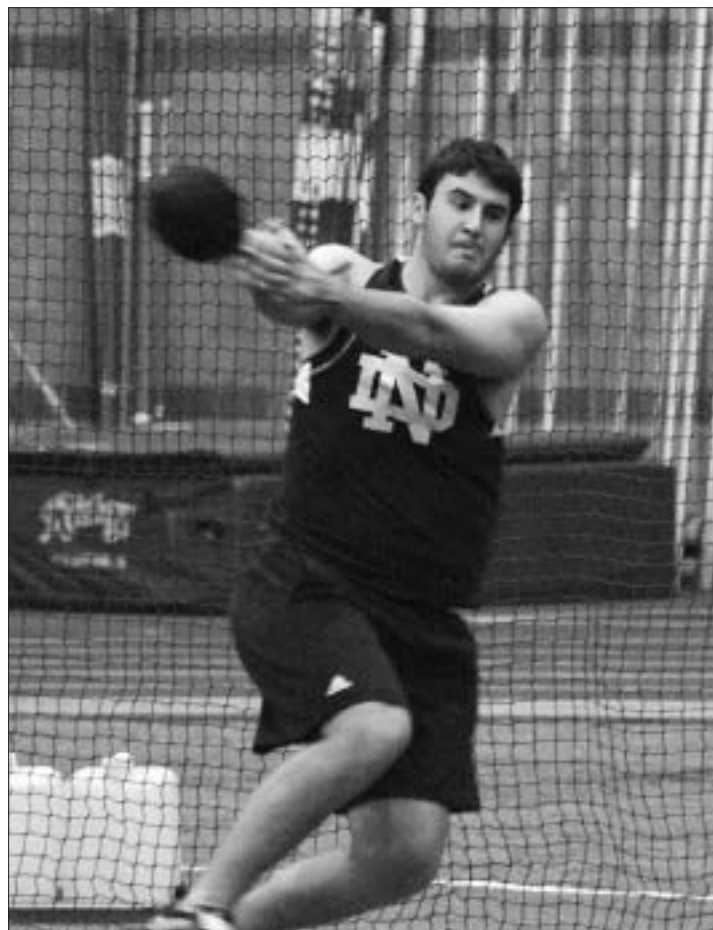
Jeff Mensch

6-2 • Senior
Throws
Del Mar, Calif.
Torrey Pines

AS A JUNIOR: Focused on the weight throw during the indoor season ... finished third at the Blue and Gold Invitational with a throw of 16.59m (54-5 1/4) ... registered a weight throw of 16.56m (54-4) to finish fourth at the Notre Dame Indoor Opener ... finished 17th at the Indiana Relays with a toss of 16.54m (54-3 1/4) ... had a 13th-place showing at the Meyo Invitational with a throw of 16.63m (54-6 1/2) ... finished sixth at the BIG EAST Championship with a weight throw of 17.59m (57-8 1/2) ... concentrated on the hammer throw during the outdoor season ... finished 24th with a throw of 48.46m (159-0) at the Arizona State Invitational ... recorded a hammer throw of 51.16m (167-10) to finish 17th at the Hillsdale Relays ... closed out the season with a throw of 53.12m (174-3) to finish fourth at the BIG EAST Championships.

Career Track Bests

Indoor	
60m	8.04
2006 Blue and Gold Invitational Weight Throw	17.59m (57-8 1/2)
2008 BIG EAST Championship	
Outdoor	
Discus Throw	42.75m (140-2 1/2)
2006 Miami (Ohio) Invitational Hammer Throw	53.12m (174-3)
2008 BIG EAST Championship	



AS A SOPHOMORE: Did not compete during the 2007 indoor season ... top effort in the discus came at the Mike Poehlein Invitational where he threw 39.96m (131-1) ... set a career best and earned a BIG EAST qualification in the hammer throw at the Hillsdale Gina Relays ... his toss of 46.87m (153-9 1/2) gave him 29th place at the large meet.

AS A FRESHMAN: Concentrated on the weight throw during the indoor track & field season ... top performance came at the Notre Dame Opener where he posted a toss of 13.21m (43-4 1/2) ... in the outdoor season, had his best effort in the hammer throw at the Notre Dame Spring Opener where he threw 40.33m (132-3 1/2) ... found his stride in the discus throw, qualifying for the BIG EAST Outdoor Championship with a toss of 42.75m (140-3) at the Miami (Ohio) Invitational ... threw the discus 41.69m (136-9) at the BIG EAST outdoor meet, but did not pick up any team points.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL:

Five-time letterwinner in track & field and football at Torrey Pines High School ... Palomar League Division One Conference Champion as a senior ... posted the third best all-time mark in school history in the discus ... named his team's Field Athlete of the Year ... personal bests include 15.06m (49-5) in the shot put and 47.38m (155-5) in the discus ... member of National Honor Society, California Scholarship Federation, and Principal's Honor Court at Torrey Pines ... son of Patricia and Clifford Mensch ... younger of two children ... brother, Adam Mensch, played football at Western State (Colo.) ... born Dec. 25, 1986 in San Diego, Calif. ... enrolled in the Mendoza College of Business





Patrick Smyth

5-9 • Senior
Cross Country /
Distance
Salt Lake City, Utah
Judge Memorial

ALL-AMERICAN HONORS

- Cross Country (2006)
- Outdoor 5,000 meters (2007)
- Cross Country (2007)
- Outdoor 5,000 meters (2008)

AS A JUNIOR: Capped off another outstanding season by earning his fourth All-America honor to go along with two BIG EAST titles and a regional cross country championship ... opened his cross country season with a second-place finish at the Notre Dame Invitational, clocking in at 23:44 ... finished fifth in 23:18 at the Pre-National Meet ... earned all-BIG EAST honors with his third-place finish at the BIG EAST Championship, covering the 8,000 meters in 23:28 ... captured the Great Lakes Regional title with a time of 30:22 ... earned his second cross country All-America honor with a 15th-place finish at the NCAA Championship, clocking a time of 30:05 ... competed in the mile at the Notre Dame Invitational, finishing sixth with a time of 4:08.45 ... finished fourth in the

Meyo Invitational 3,000 meters in 7:55.41 ... claimed his first BIG EAST title with a win in the 5,000 meters, clocking in at 13:57.44 at the BIG EAST Championships ... also finished fifth in the 3,000 meters with a time of 8:08.38 ... finished 10th in the Alex Wilson Invitational mile in 4:06.71 ... finished 13th at the NCAA Championship, running the 3,000 meters in 8:10.33 ... opened the outdoor season with an eighth-place showing at the Stanford Invitational, running 5,000 meters in 13:46.73 ... finished 17th in the 5,000 meters with a time of 13:45.72 at the Mt. SAC Relays ... earned his second BIG EAST title and fourth all-BIG EAST track honor after winning the 10,000 meters in 29:14.76 at the BIG EAST Championships ... also placed sixth in the 5,000 meters with a time of 14:32.75 ... ran the 5,000 meters in 14:07.97 to finish third at the NCAA Mid-east Regionals ... earned his second track All-America honor with an eighth-place finish in the 5,000 meters, clocking in at 13:47.82 ... will look to continue his reign as one of the top long distance runners in the nation as a senior.

ASA SOPHOMORE: Broke out as Notre Dame's next new distance standout ... had a stellar cross country campaign, featuring three top-10 finishes and All-America honors ... placed third in his season debut at the Notre Dame Invitational, covering 8,000 meters in 23:46 ... placed 12th in a loaded field at the NCAA Pre-National meet two weeks later (running 23:49) ... earned his second career all-BIG EAST cross country honors with a third-place showing in 23:32 ... helped lead the team to second (and an automatic NCAA qualification) at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional ... placed eighth in the 10,000-meter race with a time of 31:24 ... capped his season in style with an outstanding 36th-place, All-American effort at the NCAA Championship ... annihilated each of his track career bests during both the indoor and outdoor seasons ... ran the 5,000 meters in 14:00.73 in a rare, big-time early season showdown with Oregon's Galep Rupp at the Blue and Gold Invitational ... ran 4:08.89 for a career best in the mile at the Notre Dame Invitational ... put down a new 5,000-meter best at the Meyo Invitational, running 13:58.10, the fifth-fastest time in school history ... took fourth in the 3,000 meters and second in the 5,000 meters at the BIG EAST indoor meet, contributing greatly to the Irish men's team title ... the 5,000-meter finish brought him his first career indoor all-conference honors ... concluded his indoor season with a fast 8:01.32 3,000-meter run at the Alex Wilson Invitational (seventh-fastest in school history) ... ran a blistering 5,000 meters outdoors at the Stanford Invitational, establishing the school's fifth-best all-time mark of 13:48.53 ... also dabbled in the 1,500 meters, qualifying for the NCAA Mid-east Regional with a time of 3:47.15 ... competed on the 4x1,600-meter relay team that took first at the very competitive Drake Relays ... the squad of Smyth, Todd Ptacek, Jake Watson and Kurt Benninger destroyed the rest of the field in 16:21.27 and set a school record ... placed fifth in the 5,000 meters and 3rd in the 10,000 at the BIG EAST outdoor meet ... grabbed his first career outdoor all-BIG EAST citation after running the 10,000 meters on the track for the first time in his career ... competed in the 5,000 meters at the NCAA Mid-east Regionals, finishing fourth in 14:03.10 and earning an automatic bid to the NCAA Championships ... also earned all-Region honors for his top-eight finish ... had a very



strong showing at the NCAA Championships, earning a spot in the 5,000-meter final with a time of 13:57.32 in the preliminaries ... ran the ninth-fastest time in school history and earned his first career track All-American honors by placing ninth in the final with a time of 13:55.53.

AS A FRESHMAN: Combining his contributions in both cross country and track, had one of the more impressive freshman seasons in school history ... stepped up as Notre Dame's fifth scoring runner during the cross country season, providing the very formidable top four with the missing link it needed to win the NCAA third-place trophy ... was the individual champion at the National Catholic Championship, running 24:36 ... helped the Irish team place second at the Notre Dame Invitational, taking 34th in 24:32 ... placed a strong 41st at the Pre-National Meet, running 24:35 ... earned all-

BIG EAST honors at the league championship, finishing ninth overall in 24:42 and helping the Irish win the team title ... in his 10,000-meter debut, placed an excellent 20th at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional in 31:45 ... cracked the top 100 overall at the NCAA Championship, scoring points for the third-place team and running 30:57.9 ... during the indoor track season, ran 8:19.58 over 3,000 meters at the Notre Dame Invitational ... nearly posted an NCAA provisional qualifying mark in the 5,000 meters at the Meyo Invitational, running 14:13.41 for sixth place ... qualified for the BIG EAST indoor meet in the 3,000 and 5,000 meters, running the former at the league competition ... placed fourth in the BIG EAST final behind three All-Americans, running a career best of 8:17.51 ... in his outdoor debut, won his section of the 5,000 meters at the Stanford Invitational in 14:12.61 ... dropped down to the 1,500 meters at the Indy Relays, posting a BIG EAST qualifying time of 3:51.78 ... missed qualifying for the NCAA Mid-east Regional in the 5,000 meters by just .05 seconds at the Oregon Invitational ... finished third in his heat while running 14:10.05 ... took sixth in the 5,000 meters at the BIG EAST Outdoor Championship (14:17.69) to score points for the team champion.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL: Cross country and track standout at Judge Memorial High School ... eight-time letterwinner in those two sports ... 2005 Utah Gatorade Track Athlete of the Year and Utah High School Athletic Association Track Athlete of the Year ... nationally ranked in cross country and track during his senior season ... two-time state champion in both cross country and track ... four-time all-state selection in cross country and two-time honoree in track and field ... Utah state two mile record holder with a time of 9:17 ... Stanford Invitational mile champion in 2005 (4:14) ... fifth place finish in the two mile at the highly competitive Arcadia Invitational in 2005 (9:04) ... school record holder in four events ... three-time regional champion in cross country and four-time champion in track ... two-time team captain and MVP in both sports ... 12th-place finish at the FootLocker West Championship in 2004 ... father, Daniel, played rugby at St. Mary's College (Calif.) ... youngest of three children ... born Aug. 6, 1986 in Rock Springs, Wyo. ... enrolled in the College of Arts and Letters as a history major.

Cross Country Results

2007

Notre Dame Invitational	2nd
Pre-National Meet	5th
BIG EAST Championship	3rd
NCAA Great Lakes Regional	1st
NCAA Championship	15th

Career Track Bests

Indoor

Mile	4:06.71
2008 Alex Wilson Invitational	
3,000m	7:55.41
2008 Meyo Invitational	

Outdoor

1,500m	3:47.15
2007 Oregon Invitational	
5,000m	13:45.72
2008 Mt. SAC Relays	
10,000m	29:14.76
2008 BIG EAST Championship	

Student-Athletes



Balazs Molnar

5-10 • Junior Sprints
Dunaujvaros, Hungary
Szechenyi Istvan

AS A SOPHOMORE: Opened the indoor season with a first-place finish in the 500 meters at the Blue and Gold Invitational, clocking in at 1:04.16 ... ran the 800 meters at the Notre Dame Indoor Opener in 1:52.31 to finish first ... took second in the 400 meters at the Notre Dame Invitational with a time of 48.40 ... won the Indiana Relays 400 meters in 48.35 ... earned his fifth all-BIG EAST honor with a third-place finish in the 400 meters, clocking in at 48.00 ... opened the outdoor season with a win, taking first place in the 400

meters in 48.36 at the Mike Poehlein Invitational ... finished 17th at the Ole Miss Invitational, running the 400 meters in 49.37 ... finished 22nd in the 400-meter hurdles at the Mt. SAC Relays with a time of 56.58 ... ran the VS Athletics Beach Invitational 400-meter hurdles in 53.69 to finish fifth ... narrowly missed more BIG EAST honors with a fourth-place finish in the 400-meter hurdles at the BIG EAST Championship, clocking in at 52.62 ... closed out the season with a 15th-place performance at the Georgia Tech Invitational, running the 400-meter hurdles in 52.71

AS A FRESHMAN: Had an incredible debut season with the Irish ... earned four all-BIG EAST honors and posted 13 performances (between the 500 meters, 400-meter hurdles, and 4x400-meter relay) that rank among the top-10 in Notre Dame history ... also was the lone Irish male to win an individual BIG EAST outdoor title, taking first in the 400-meter hurdles ... ran 48.13 in his first collegiate 400m race at the Meyo Invitational ... placed second at the same competition in the 500 meters, covering the distance in 1:02.61, the fourth-fastest mark in school history ... had two outstanding runs in the 500 at the BIG EAST indoor meet, placing second in the prelims in 1:02.51 and third in the final with a time of 1:02.14, the second-best in Irish history ... in addition to the all-conference honors earned with that placement, garnered more accolades as a member of the third-place 4x400-meter relay ... the squad of Molnar, Jordan Powell, Austin Wechter and Ryan Postel ran 3:10.84, the fourth-fastest in the school record book ... made his outdoor debut at the Arizona State Invitational, placing fourth in the 400 hurdles in 52.36 ... also ran the 4x400-meter relay at ASU, placing second in 3:09.38 with Powell, Wechter and Postel (the time is second in school history) ... ran 51.87 in the hurdles to take second at the Azusa Pacific Invitational ... placed third and posted the second-best mark in school history at the prestigious Mt. SAC Relays with his 51.50 second effort in the 400 hurdles ... clocked 48.16 in the 400 meters at the Central Collegiate Championships ... won the 400-meter hurdles at the BIG EAST outdoor meet with times of 51.87 and 51.62 in the prelims and final, respectively ... became the first Notre Dame athlete to win a BIG EAST title

in the 400 hurdles ... also earned all-BIG EAST honors with his second-place showing on the 4x400-meter relay ... competed with the same squad that ran at the indoor league meet and posted a time of 3:10.83, a top-10 school mark ... competed at the NCAA Mideast Regionals in the 400 hurdles ... reached the event final by placing fifth in the preliminaries with a 51.60 mark ... ultimately took eighth at the competition, missing NCAA advancement, but earning all-Mideast Region honors.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL: Member of Hungarian National Team ... had stellar 2006 season that included winning titles in 400-meter dash (47.63) and 400-meter hurdles (51.97) at European Under-23 Outdoor Championships ... also won 2006 Hungarian national titles in 400 meters (47.53) and 400 hurdles (51.63) ... fourth in 400-meter hurdles at 2005 European Junior Championships (51.38) ... 2005 Hungarian Junior National Champion in 400 meters (47.88) and 400 hurdles (51.99) ... born July 1, 1986 in Dunaujvaros, Hungary ... son of Magdolna Sas and Ferenc Molnar ... younger of two children ... plans to major in business at Notre Dame ... enrolled in the First Year of Studies program.

Career Track Bests

Indoor	
400m	48.00
2008 BIG EAST Championships	
500m	1:02.61
2007 Meyo Invitational	
800m	1:52.31
2008 Notre Dame Indoor Opener	
Outdoor	
400m	48.36
2008 Mike Poehlein Invitational	
400m Hurdles	51.50
2008 Mt. SAC Relays	



Eric Quick

5-10 • Junior Jumps
Bakersfield, Calif.
Liberty

AS A SOPHOMORE: Opened the season with back-to-back first place finishes in the triple jump at the Blue and Gold Invitational and the Notre Dame Indoor Opener, recording jumps of 14.05m (46-1 1/4) and 14.19m (46-6 3/4), respectively ... also finished sixth with a long jump of 6.88m (22-7) at the Notre Dame Indoor Opener ... won the triple jump and the long jump at the Notre Dame Invitational, registering a triple jump of 14.67m (44-10 1/4) and a long jump of 7.10m (23-3 1/2)

... finished sixth in the long jump at the Meyo Invitational with a distance of 7.21m (23-8) ... earned all-BIG EAST honors with third-place finishes in the long jump and triple jump ... registered a long jump of 7.3m (23-11 1/2) and a triple jump of 15.01m (49-3) ... finished seventh in the triple jump at the Alex Wilson Invitational with a jump of 14.56m (47-9 3/4) ... opened the outdoor season with two second-place finishes at the Arizona State Invitational, recording a triple jump of 14.76m (48-5 1/4) and a long jump of 7.26m (23-10) ... took the long jump title at the Mike Poehlein Invitational with a distance of 7.53m (24-8 1/2) ... also finished third in the triple jump with a distance of 14.37m (47-1 3/4) ... finished third with a triple jump of 14.58m (47-10) at the Ole Miss Invitational ... recorded a triple jump of 14.18m (46-6 1/4) to finish ninth at the Mt. SAC Relays ... finished sixth at the VS Athletics Beach Invitational with a long jump of 7.01m (23-0) ... finished fourth at the BIG EAST Championships with a triple jump of 15.02m (49-3 1/2) ... also finished sixth in the long jump with a distance of 7.14m (23-5 1/4)

AS A FRESHMAN: Wasted little time in earning his first all-BIG EAST conference honors ... top long jump of the indoor season was a 6.62m (21-8 3/4) effort at the Purdue Invitational ... surpassed 14m in the triple jump for the first time at the Meyo Invitational (14.17m, 46-6) ... exploded at the BIG EAST indoor meet, finishing second in the triple jump with a leap of 14.86 meters (48-9) ... earned all-conference honors and contributed to the Notre Dame men's team title ... jumped 14.41m (47-3 1/2) at the Alex Wilson Invitational ... top triple jump of the outdoor season was established early on at the Shamrock Invitational ... there he finished first with a 14.29m (46-10 3/4) effort ... jumped 6.97m (22-10 1/2) in a strong long jump showing at the Central Collegiate Championships ... took 13th in the outdoor BIG EAST

Championship long jump competition with a distance of 6.94m (22-9 1/4).

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL: Four-year track & field letterwinner at Liberty High School (Calif.) ... three-time all-state honoree ... four-time first-team all-area selection ... competed in horizontal jumps, going undefeated in the area during all four years of his prep career ... four-time regional and conference champion in both the long jump and triple jump ... top high school triple jump mark was 48-10 (indoors) and best long jump distance was 23-4 (outdoors), both achieved during 2006 season ... triple jump distance also was No. 3 indoor mark in nation in 2006 ... final outdoor season cut short by heel injury ... competed at USATF Junior Olympics following freshman year (2003) and placed fourth in triple jump to garner All-America honors ... holds school records in both horizontal jumps ... member of Spanish honor society ... born Dec. 16, 1987 in Bakersfield, Calif. ... son of Pam and David Quick ... youngest of five children ... father, David, ran track at Cal State-Bakersfield.

Career Bests

Indoor	
Long Jump	7.30m (23-11 1/2)
2008 BIG EAST Championships	
Triple Jump	15.01m (49-3)
2008 BIG EAST Championships	
Outdoor	
Long Jump	7.53m (24-8 1/2)
2008 Mike Poehlein Invitational	
Triple Jump	15.02m (49-3 1/2)
2008 BIG EAST Championships	





Matt Schipper

5-11 • Junior
Jumps
Leo, Ind.
Bishop Dwenger

AS A SOPHOMORE: Concentrated on the pole vault during both the indoor and outdoor seasons ... opened the indoor season with a vault of 4.75m (15-7) to win the Blue and Gold Invitational ... finished in a tie

for fourth at the Notre Dame Invitational with a vault of 4.65m (15-3) ... cleared a height of 4.65m (15-3) to finish second at the Notre Dame Invitational ... finished third with a vault of 4.90m (16-0) at the Indiana Relays ... also finished third at the Meyo Invitational with a vault of 5.00m (16-4 3/4) ... cleared 4.95m (16-2 3/4) to earn his first BIG EAST title and second all-conference honor ... opened the outdoor season with a sixth-place showing at the Arizona State Invitational after a 5.05m (16-6 3/4) effort ... cleared the same height at the Mike Poehlein Invitational to finish in a tie for first ... won the Spartan Invitational with a vault of 4.90m (16-0 3/4) ... finished fifth at the Mt. SAC Relays after a 5.05m (16-6 3/4) effort ... tied for fourth at the BIG EAST Championships with a vault of 4.95m (16-2 3/4) ... finished third at the Georgia Tech Invitational, clearing 4.90m (16-0 3/4) ... closed out the season with a ninth-place finish at the NCAA Midwest Regional, recording a personal-best vault of 5.06m (16-7 1/4)

AS A FRESHMAN: Emerged from both the indoor and outdoor track and field seasons with the team's top marks in the pole vault despite competing amongst several talented teammates ... first significant breakthrough was a 4.55m (14-11) effort at the Meyo Invitational ... busted out a huge career and personal best at the indoor BIG EAST Championship, vaulting 4.80m (15-9) to take second and earn all-conference laurels ... also jumped 4.63m (15-2 1/4) at the Alex Wilson Invitational ... went 4.60m (15-1) for eighth place at the Mike Poehlein Invitational ... matched that height to tie teammate Dave Viken for second place at the Spartan Invitational ... placed second at the Central Collegiate Championships with a vault of 4.75m (15-7) ... soared to a season- and career-best vault at the Hillsdale Gina Relays, taking sixth place with a 4.85m (15-11) mark ... scored points at the BIG EAST outdoor meet, tying for fifth place with a 4.65m (15-3) vault ... closed his season



Jake Walker

5-7 • Junior
Cross Country /
Distance
Ellwood City, Pa.
Lincoln

AS A SOPHOMORE: Competed in five meets for the Irish cross country squad ... finished 30th in 24:31 at the Notre Dame Invitational ... ran the Pre-National race in 24:03 to finish 47th ... clocked a time of 24:37 to finish 26th at the BIG EAST Championship ... finished 14th at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional in 31:14 ... covered the 10,000 meters of the NCAA Championship in 31:24 to finish 134th ... opened the indoor track season with a second-place finish in the 5,000 meters at the Blue and Gold Invitational, clocking in at 14:17.01 ... ran the mile at the Notre Dame Invitational in 4:08.25 to finish fourth ... finished 18th in the 5,000 meters with a time of 14:43.36 at the Meyo Invitational ... finished fifth in the 5,000 meters in 14:14.29 and sixth in the 3,000 meters in 8:14.74 at the BIG EAST Championship ... closed out the season with a fourth-place finish in the 3,000 meters

with a time of 8:12.87 at the Alex Wilson Invitational

AS A FRESHMAN: Had a very good debut season for the Notre Dame cross country and track squads ... ran in six meets for the Irish in the fall ... placed 13th at the National Catholic Championship in a time of 25:39 ... ran nearly 20 seconds faster on the same course two weeks later, placing 90th at the Notre Dame Invitational ... finished in the top-100 and broke 25 minutes for 8,000 meters at the NCAA Pre-National meet (24:51) ... was the team's fifth runner at the BIG EAST Championship where he ran 24:34 ... made the step up to 10,000 meters at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional, helping the team finish second and qualify automatically for the NCAA Championship with his 55th-place, 32:34 effort ... concluded the season as the team's fourth runner at the NCAA Championship, finishing 159th overall and covering the 10,000-meter course in 33:10 ... saved his best performances of the indoor track season for the BIG EAST meet, finishing 12th in the 3,000 meters (8:21.70) and 9th in the 5,000 meters (14:40.19), narrowly missing out on earning team points in the latter event ... best 5,000-meter run of the outdoor campaign was his 14:51.95 at the Central Collegiate Championships ... ran extremely well at the outdoor BIG EAST meet, placing 12th in the 5,000 meters but scoring points with his eighth-place effort in the 10,000 meters ... ran 30:23.57, the second-fastest time for any Notre Dame athlete on the season.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL: Four-year letterwinner in both cross country and track at Lincoln High School in (Pa.) ... earned five all-state citations and five-time regional champion (one cross country, two indoor track, two outdoor track) during his career ... won state titles in indoor 3,000 meters (2005) and outdoor 3,200 meters (2006), running the latter event in a personal-best 9:04.31 and missing state record by only 22-hundredths ... ran independently during indoor track season as school did not field a squad ... had nation's fourth-quickest indoor 3,000-meter time as senior (8:30.35 on banked track) ... clocked 2006 season-best and personal-best outdoor 3,000-meter time of 8:21.94

with a 4.75m effort at the Georgia Tech Invitational which tied him for third.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL: Two-sport letterwinner (track & field and wrestling) at Bishop Dwenger High School (Ind.) ... two-time all-state, and three-time all-city and all-conference pole vaulter ... won regional pole vault crown as a junior and conference title as a senior ... top prep clearance in pole vault was 4.725m (15-6) outdoors at 2006 New Haven Relays ... finished fourth at '06 Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) outdoor state meet ... participated in '06 Midwest Meet of Champions ... accomplished prep wrestler who set school record for most pins as a freshman in 2003 ... garnered academic all-state status in wrestling as senior ... won Distinguished Athlete Award from U.S. Marine Corps ... National Honor Society member ... classmate of current Irish freshman football player Jake Richardville ... born May 3, 1987 in Fort Wayne, Ind. ... son of Janet and Donald Schipper ... fourth of nine children ... older brothers Andrew and Ryan both were All-American pole vaulters at Division III entity Rose-Hulman ... multiple relatives have graduated from Notre Dame, while cousin, Marc Sordelet, is a junior at the University ... plans to major in civil engineering at Notre Dame ... enrolled in the First Year of Studies program.

Career Track Bests

Indoor

Pole Vault 5.00m (16-4 ?)
2008 Meyo Invitational

Outdoor

Pole Vault 5.06m (16-7 ?)
2008 NCAA Midwest Regional

(10th-fastest in nation) on way to third-place outing at Penn Relays (time also ranks ninth all-time at prestigious meet) ... top indoor mile time of 2006 season was 4:18.86 (second-best in state) ... finished fourth at 2005 Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) 2A cross country championships (16:14 for 5K) ... two-time participant in FootLocker Northeast Cross Country Regional, placing 13th in 2005 (15:53.6) ... best 5K cross country time in high school was 15:19 ... National Honor Society member ... born Oct. 22, 1987 in Ellwood City, Pa. ... son of Helen and Ron Walker ... older of two children ... cousin, Selena Santillo, is a 2004 Notre Dame graduate ... plans to major in business at Notre Dame ... enrolled in the First Year of Studies program.

Cross Country Results

2007

Notre Dame Invitational 30th
Pre-National Race 47th
BIG EAST Championship 26th
Great Lakes Regional 14th
NCAA Championship 134th

Career Track Bests

Indoor

Mile 4:08.25
2008 Notre Dame Invitational
3,000m 8:12.87
2008 Alex Wilson Invitational
5,000m 14:14.29
2008 BIG EAST Championship

Outdoor

10,000m 30:23.57
2007 BIG EAST Championship

Student-Athletes



Tyrell Atkins

5-9 • Sophomore
Sprints
Omaha, Neb.
Benson

AS A FRESHMAN: Opened the indoor season with a second-place finish at the Blue and Gold Invitational, running the 60m in 7.15 ... finished fourth in the 60 meters in 7.11 at the Notre Dame Indoor Opener ... ran the 60m at the Notre Dame Invitational in 7.09 to finish fourth ... also finished seventh in the 200m with a time of 23.17 ... finished 10th in the 200m in 23.08 at the Indiana Relays and ran a 60-meter preliminary time of 7.18 ... finished 19th in the 60m at the Meyo Invitational, clocking in at 7.05 ... also finished 24th in the 200m ... scored points with a seventh-place finish in the 60m at the BIG EAST Championships, clocking in at 6.99 ... opened the outdoor season with a 12th-place showing in the 100m at the Arizona State Invitational ... ran a time of 10.99 in the 100m at the Ole Miss Invitational to finish 17th ... finished the 100m in 11.10 at the Eastern Michigan Invitational ... closed out the season by running a 100-meter preliminary time of 10.91 at the BIG EAST Championships

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL: Eight-time letterwinner in track and basketball at Benson High School ... three-time state finalist in the 100 meters ... was the regional champion as a senior ... was a member of the National Honor Society, Senior Senate and Minority Scholar program ... son of Catherine Atkins ... youngest of three children ... cousin Kelyn Block played basketball at Indiana State ... majoring in marketing.

Career Track Bests

Indoor	
60m	6.96
2008 BIG EAST Championships	
200m	22.70
2008 Meyo Invitational	
Outdoor	
100m	10.91
2008 BIG EAST Championships	



John Belcher

5-11 • Sophomore
Throws
Cheyenne, Wyo.
Cheyenne Central

Dame Indoor Opener ... took fifth in the shot put with a toss of 14.80m (48-6 1/4) and 11th in the weight throw with a mark of 14.12m (46-4) at the Notre Dame Invitational ... recorded a toss of 14.89m (48-10 1/4) in the shot put to finish 18th at the Meyo Invitational ... finished 12th in the shot put with a mark of 13.78m (45-2 1/2) at the BIG EAST Championships ... closed the indoor season with sixth- and seventh-place finishes in the weight throw (13.6m) and shot put (15.41m), respectively, at the Alex Wilson Invitational ... focused on the shot put, hammer throw and discus during the outdoor campaign ... finished 10th in the shot put, 21st in the discus and 26th in the hammer throw at the Arizona State Invitational ... took third in the shot put with a mark of 15.66m (51-4 1/2) at the Mike Poehlein Invitational ... also finished seventh in the discus and 14th in the hammer throw ... finished seventh in the both the discus and shot put, while finished 13th in the hammer throw at the Ole Miss Invitational ... finished eighth in the shot put with a mark of 15.30m (50-2 1/2) at the Eastern Michigan Invitational ... also finished second in the hammer throw with a personal-best mark of 51.13m (167-8) and 16th in the discus with a toss of 39.26m (128-10) ... took fifth in the shot put at the Hillsdale Relays with a toss of 15.28m (50-1 3/4) ... finished sixth in the shot put with a mark of 15.86m (52-0 1/2) at the BIG EAST Championships ... also finished 14th in the hammer throw.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL: Letterwinner in both track and field and football at Cheyenne Central High School in Cheyenne, Wyo. ... current Wyoming state record holder in the shot-put with a toss of 56-9 entering first year at Notre Dame ... two-time state champion in the shot-put in 2007 indoor and outdoor season ... runner-up at state in the shot-put indoor and outdoor seasons in 2006 and runner-up in 2007 in the discus ... two-time track and field all-conference honoree junior and senior year and three-time honoree in football in final three seasons ... earned all-conference honors both senior and junior years in football and track and field ... member of the National Honor Society ... born June 12, 1989 in Cheyenne, Wyo. ... son of Sarah and James Belcher ... has one older sister, Katherine ... uncle, William Schwartz, played football at Stanford ... plans on majoring in engineering at Notre Dame ... enrolled in the First Year of Studies program.

Career Track Bests

Indoor	
Shot Put	15.41m (50-6 3/4)
2008 Alex Wilson Invitational	
Weight Throw	13.92m (45-8)
2007 Blue and Gold Invitational	
Outdoor	
Shot Put	15.86m (52-0 1/2)
2008 BIG EAST Championships	
Discus Throw	47.14m (154-8)
2008 Ole Miss Invitational	
Hammer Throw	51.13m (167-8)
2008 Eastern Michigan Invitational	

AS A FRESHMAN: Competed in the shot put and weight throw during the indoor season ... finished fourth in the shot put with a mark of 15.19m (49-10) and seventh with a weight throw of 13.92m (45-8) at the Blue and Gold Invitational ... finished sixth (15.22m, 49-11 1/2) and eighth (13.83m, 45-4 1/2) in the shot put and weight throw, respectively, at the Notre





Chandler Brooks

5-11 • Sophomore
Sprints
Kansas City, Mo.
Center Senior

AS A FRESHMAN: Finished eighth in the 60m at the Blue and Gold Invitational with a time of 8.37 ... ran the 60m at the Notre Dame Indoor Opener in 7.29 to finish 11th ... also finished 12th in the 200m in 23.04 ... finished fourth in the 200m at the Notre Dame Invitational, clocking in at 22.54 ... also finished sixth in the 60m in 7.14 ... crossed the 200-meter line in 22.55 to finish second at the Indiana Relays ... ran a preliminary time of 7.22 in the 60m at the Meyo Invitational ... competed in the 200 meters at the BIG EAST Championship, running a preliminary time of 22.72 ... opened the outdoor season at the Mike Poehlein Invitational with sixth- and seventh-place finishes in the 100m (11.33) and 200m (22.97), respectively ... ran a 100-meter preliminary time of 11.10 at the Ole Miss Invitational ... finished first in the 200m in 22.80 at the Eastern Michigan Invitational ... also ran a preliminary time of 11.24 in the 100m ... competed in the BIG EAST Championships, running a preliminary time of 11.22 in the 100 meters

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL: Four-time letterwinner in track & field as well as one in football at Center Senior High School

in Kansas City (Mo.) ... earned AAU All-America honors five times ... a two-time state champion in the 200-meter dash his sophomore and senior seasons ... was a conference champion his sophomore season ... named all-conference and all-state sophomore, junior and senior seasons ... holds the 200-meter dash record at Center Senior ... was a member of the record setting 4x100m relay team at Center Senior ... member of the National Honor Society and the marching band ... born Jan. 16, 1989 in Overland Park, Kan. ... son of Janet and Darryl Brooks ... youngest of three children ... plans on majoring in business at Notre Dame ... enrolled in the First Year of Studies program.

Career Track Bests

Indoor	
60m	7.14
200m Notre Dame Invitational	
200m	22.54
200m Notre Dame Invitational	
Outdoor	
100m	11.10
200m Ole Miss Invitational	
200m	22.80
200m Eastern Michigan Invitational	



Greg Davis

5-11 • Sophomore
Throws
Peachtree, Ga.
Starr's Mill

in the weight throw ... also finished 11th in the shot put ... took first again in the weight throw at the Notre Dame Invitational with a mark of 17.48m (57-4 1/4) ... also finished 10th in the shot put ... recorded a weight throw of 17.75m (58-3) to finish ninth at the Indiana Relays ... finished seventh at the Meyo Invitational in the weight throw with a toss of 18.26m (59-11)... just missed earning all-conference honors with a fourth-place finish at the BIG EAST Championships, recording a weight throw of 17.77m (58-3 3/4) ... finished fourth with a toss of 16.74m (54-11 1/4) in the weight throw at the Alex Wilson Invitational ... also finished eighth in the shot put ... opened the outdoor season with a 13th-place finish in the hammer throw at the Arizona State Invitational, recording a mark of 54.7m (179-5) ... finished 12th in the hammer throw and 13th in the shot put at the Mike Poehlein Invitational ... recorded a toss of 50.68m (166-3) at the Ole Miss Invitational to finish sixth in the hammer throw ... also finished 14th in the shot put with a mark of 12.66m (41-6 1/2) ... finished eighth in the hammer at the Eastern Michigan Invitational with a throw of 52.45m (172-0) ... also finished eighth at the Hillsdale Relays, recording a mark of 54.54m (178-11) ... finished fifth at the BIG EAST Championships with a hammer throw of 52.94m (173-8) ... closed out the season with an eighth-place finish in the hammer throw at the Georgia Tech Invitational, registering a toss of 174-9.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL: Seven-time letterwinner in track and field (four) and football (three) at Starr's Mill High School in Fayetteville (Ga.) ... was a three-time conference and regional champion in track and field during his sophomore, junior and freshman seasons ... earned all-conference honors and all-city honors in track and field for four consecutive seasons ... was named all-state junior and senior seasons in track and field ... earned junior national All-American honors in the hammer throw his junior season ... current record holder in the shot put and discus at Starr's Mill High School ... born Jan. 12, 1989 in Newnan, Ga. ... son of Karen and Mike Davis ... has one sister, Lauren ... father, Mike, played football at the Naval Academy ... uncle, Greg Lortina, played football and ran track and field at Notre Dame ... plans on majoring in pre-medical studies at Notre Dame ... enrolled in the First Year of Studies program.

Career Bests

Indoor	
Shot Put	13.13m (43-1)
2008 Alex Wilson Invitational	
Weight Throw	18.26m (59-11)
2008 Meyo Invitational	
Outdoor	
Shot Put	12.66m (41-6 1/2)
2008 Ole Miss Invitational	
Hammer Throw	54.70m (179-5)
2008 Arizona State Invitational	

AS A FRESHMAN: Concentrated on the shot put and weight throw during the indoor season ... finished first at the Blue and Gold Invitational with a weight throw of 17.72m (58-1 3/4) ... followed that with a first-place performance at the Notre Dame Indoor Opener, recording a mark of 17.58m (57-8 1/4)

Student-Athletes



Ryan Gamboa

5-10 • Sophomore
Cross Country /
Distance
Upland, Calif.
Upland

AS A FRESHMAN: Finished second in the 1,000m in a time of 2:28.53 at the Blue and Gold Invitational ... ran the mile in 4:14.96 at the Notre Dame Invitational to finish ninth ... finished 36th in the 800m at the Meyo Invitational in 1:54.58 ... clocked in at 4:18.38 in the mile at the Alex Wilson Invitational to finish 23rd ... opened the outdoor season with a fifth-place finish in the 1,500m at the Mike Poehlein Invitational ... finished fourth in 1:56.39 in the Spartan Invitational 800-meter run ... ran the 800m at the Eastern Michigan Invitational in 1:55.45 to finish seventh ... closed out the season with a 16th-place showing in the 800m at the Hillsdale Relays, clocking in at 1:54.34.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL: Three-sport and 11-time letterwinner (track & field, cross country and soccer) at Upland High School (Calif.) ... holds the Upland 800m record ... two-time conference champion in the 800m during last two seasons of track and field ... named cross country MVP and track and field MVP both junior and senior seasons ... named soccer team MVP junior year ... led as team captain in last three seasons for track and field and cross country ... soccer team captain

senior season ... played with Arsenal Soccer Club and was member of team that won two National Championships (2004, 2005) ... member of California Scholastic Federation ... member of Solar Boat Club ... born March 9, 1989 in Pomona, Calif. ... son of Colleen Cooper and Juan Gamboa ... second youngest of five siblings ... plans to major in engineering at Notre Dame ... enrolled in the First Year of Studies program.

Career Track Bests

Indoor	
800m	1:54.58
2008 Meyo Invitational 1,000m	2:28.53
2007 Blue and Gold Invitational Mile	4:14.96
Outdoor	
800m	1:54.34
2008 Hillsdale Relays 1,500m	4:01.38
2008 Mike Poehlein Invitational	

course in 24:45 to finish 32nd ... had a 79th-place showing at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional meet with a time of 32:55 ... finished 223rd at the NCAA Championship with a time of 32:39 ... opened the indoor track season with a sixth-place finish in the mile at the Notre Dame Indoor Opener, clocking in at 4:20.71 ... ran the 3,000m at the Notre Dame Invitational in 8:27.55 to finish second ... finished 10th in the 5,000m at the BIG EAST Championships in 14:30.52 ... also finished 16th with a 3,000-meter time of 8:27.50 ... recorded a time of 14:30.40 in the 5,000m to finish 13th at the Alex Wilson Invitational ... opened the outdoor season with a seventh-place showing in the 5,000m at the Stanford Invitational, clocking in at 14:22.79 ... finished seventh in the 10,000-meter run with a time of 30:18.06 at the BIG EAST Championship ... also finished 11th with a time of 15:01.49 in the 5,000m..

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL: Eight-time letterwinner in track & field and cross country at Dexter High School (Mich.) ... was the Michigan state champion in the 1600m and the 3200m his senior season ... two-time 3200m regional champion (2006 and 2007), along with conference champion in the event his senior season ... was conference and regional champion in cross country in 2005 ... earned all-conference and all-state honors in both cross country and track & field each season in final three years ... was two-time

MVP in track (2006, 2007) and cross country MVP in 2005 ... earned All-America honors in 2006 and 2007 in the 3200m at the Nike Indoor National meet ... member of the National Honor Society ... born June 12, 1989 in Ann Arbor, Mich. ... son of Kathy and Dale Jackson ... has one younger sister, Laura ... plans to major in business at Notre Dame ... enrolled in the First Year of Studies program.

Cross Country Results

2007	
National Catholic Championship	2nd
Notre Dame Invitational	16th
Pre-National Meet	99th
BIG EAST Championships	32nd
Great Lakes Regional	79th
NCAA Championship	223rd

Career Track Bests

Indoor	
Mile	4:20.71
2008 Notre Dame Indoor Opener 3000m	8:27.50
2008 BIG EAST Championships 5000m	14:30.40
2008 Alex Wilson Invitational	
Outdoor	
5000m	14:22.79
2008 Stanford Invitational 10000m	30:18.06
2008 BIG EAST Championships	



Daniel Jackson

6-1 • Sophomore
Cross Country /
Distance
Ann Arbor, Mich.
Dexter

AS A FRESHMAN: Competed in six cross country meets for the Irish ... was the top Irish finisher at the National Catholic Championship, finishing second in 24:50 in his collegiate debut ... followed that with a 16th-place finish at the Notre Dame Invitational with a time of 24:19 ... finished 99th in 24:27 at the Pre-National Meet ... ran the BIG EAST Championship





**Justin
Schneider**

**6-3 • Sophomore
Multi-Events
Atlanta, Ga.
Greater Atlanta
Christian**

AS A FRESHMAN: Earned his first all-BIG EAST honors with a second-place finish in the heptathlon at the BIG EAST Indoor Championships and a second-place finish in the decathlon at the outdoor meet ... competed in the long jump in five meets, garnering five top-10 finishes, including a second-place showing at the Notre Dame Invitational ... won the high jump at the Blue and Gold Invitational ... had three top-eight performances in the 60-meter hurdles ... finished 12th in the shot put at both the Blue and Gold Invitational and the Notre Dame Indoor Opener ... in the 110-meter hurdles, finished fifth at the Spartan Invitational and 25th at the Georgia Tech Invitational ... finished fifth in the 400m at the Eastern Michigan Invitational and 41st at the Georgia Tech Invitational ... finished eighth in the 1,000m with a time of 2:33.25 at the Notre Dame Indoor Opener ... also finished eighth in the javelin at the Georgia Tech Invitational with a mark of 54.75m (179-7) ... recorded a vault of 4.25m (13-11 1/2) to finish 29th in the pole vault at the Meyo Invitational ... also finished 38th in the 60m in 7.53 ... finished 11th in the 200m in 23.09 at the Spartan Invitational ... ran the 800m at the Notre Dame Invitational in 1:55.71 to finish 13th ... finished third in the heptathlon at the Akron Open with 5,034 points ... also competed in the Jim Click Shootout decathlon, earning 6,810 points.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL: Five-sport and twelve-time letterwinner at Greater Atlanta Christian High School in Norcross (Ga.) ... four-time regional and state champion in track and field (4x400m, two-time 800m and 1600m) ... earned all-conference honors in last three seasons ... holds four school records in the 4x100m, 4x400m, 800m and the high jump ... was named Great Atlanta Christian Most Valuable Runner junior and senior years ... nabbed Sorts Champion of Greater Atlanta honors his senior season ... finished 11th at the Nike Outdoor Nationals in the 800m his junior season ... member of the National Honor Society ... served at student body president his senior year ... born Oct. 6, 1988 in Milwaukee, Wis. ... son of Duhi and Fredric Schneider ... youngest of three children ... brother, Johann, played baseball at Harvard ... grandfather, Fredric, played basketball at the University of Wisconsin ... plans to major in architecture at Notre Dame ... enrolled in the First Year of Studies program.

Career Track and Field Bests

Indoor

60m	7.36
2008 BIG EAST Championships	
800m	1:55.71
2008 Notre Dame Invitational	
1000m	2:33.25
2008 Notre Dame Indoor Opener	
60-Meter Hurdles	8.79
2008 Alex Wilson Invitational	
High Jump	2.01m (6-7)
2007 Blue and Gold Invitational	
Pole Vault	4.30m (14-1 14)
2008 BIG EAST Championships	
Long Jump	6.7m (21-11 3/4)
2008 BIG EAST Championships	
Shot Put	11.37m (37-3 3/4)
Heptathlon	5166 points
2008 BIG EAST Championships	

Outdoor

100m	11.57
2008 BIG EAST Championships	
200m	23.09
2008 Spartan Invitational	
400m	49.71
2008 BIG EAST Championships	
1500m	4:21.35
2008 BIG EAST Championships	
110-Meter Hurdles	15.72
2008 Georgia Tech Invitational	
High Jump	1.89m (6-2 1/4)
2008 BIG EAST Championships	
Pole Vault	4.25m (13-11 ?)
2008 BIG EAST Championships	
Long Jump	6.22m (20-5)
2008 Spartan Invitational	
Shot Put	11.04m (36-2 ?)
2008 BIG EAST Championships	
Discus Throw	35.47m (116-4)
2008 BIG EAST Championships	
Javelin Throw	54.75m (179-7)
2008 Georgia Tech Invitational	
Decathlon	6,869 points
2008 BIG EAST Championships	



**Ryan
Jacobs**

**6-0 • Sophomore
Cross Country /
Distance
Roscoe, Ill.
Hononegah**

AS A FRESHMAN: Competed in the 5,000 meters at three outdoor meets for the Irish ... finished 14th at the Stanford Invitational in 14:56.54 ... clocked in at 15:01.80 for a fifth-place finish at the Eastern Michigan Invitational ... finished 18th in 15:25.00 at the Hillsdale Relay.

Career Track Bests

Outdoor	
5000m	14:56.54
2008 Stanford Invitational	

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL: Eleven-time letterwinner in cross country and indoor and outdoor track & field at Hononegah High School in Rockton, Ill. ... three-time conference champion in cross country and indoor and outdoor track & field his sophomore, junior and senior seasons ... was crowned the regional champion his junior season ... found success his freshman outdoor season on the track with a regional championship ... 3200m indoor track & field state champion in 2005 and consecutively finished in the runner-up position in 2006 and 2007 ... earned all-conference honors 11 times (four cross country, three indoor, four outdoor) ... was named all-state his final three seasons in both indoor and outdoor track and field ... was a two-time all-state honoree in cross country (2005, 2006) ... holds two school records in the 1600m (4:22 outdoor/4:25 indoor) and the 3200m (9:10 outdoor/9:16 indoor) ... born Dec. 23, 1988 in Rockford, Ill. ... son of Anita and Jeff Jacobs ... the oldest of three children ... father, Jeff, was an All-American in both track and field and cross country at the University of Illinois ... plans to major in biological sciences at Notre Dame ... enrolled in the First Year of Studies program.

Student-Athletes



Paul Springer

6-0 • Sophomore
Cross Country /
Distance
Kennett Square, Pa.
Unionville

AS A FRESHMAN: Competed in four cross country meets for the Irish ... finished third – the second-best finish for Notre Dame – in his collegiate debut in 24:53 at the National Catholic Championships ... ran the Notre Dame Invitational in 24:36 to finish 34th ... finished 240th in 26:00 at the Pre-National Meet ... ran the BIG EAST Championship course in 25:18 to finish 51st ... opened the indoor track season with a seventh-place finish in the mile at the Notre Dame Indoor Opener, clocking in at 4:21.19 ... ran the 3,000m at the Notre Dame Invitational in 8:32.71 to finish fourth ... finished 16th in the 5,000m at the Alex Wilson Invitational with a time of 15:03.28 ... ran the 3,000-meter steeplechase during the outdoor season ... finished 15th at the Stanford Invitational in 9:29.70 ... clocked in at 9:54.94 to finish eighth at the Eastern Michigan Invitational.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL: Earned 11 letters in three different sports (cross country – three, indoor track – four, outdoor track – four) while at Unionville High School in Kennett Square, Pa. ... was a three-time cross country and outdoor track and field champion

... earned all-conference honors as well as all-state honors in cross country (2006), indoor track (2006, 2007) and outdoor track (2006, 2007) ... is current record holder in the 1,600 and 3,200 meters, as well as member of record-holding teams in the 4x800-meter relay and the distance medley relay at Unionville ... named an indoor All-American in the 5,000 meters as well as an outdoor All-American in the two mile ... born June 12, 1988 in Lake Forest, Ill. ... son of Joan and Kent Springer ... has two younger siblings ... plans to major in business at Notre Dame ... enrolled in the First Year of Studies program.

Cross Country Results

2007	
National Catholic Championship	3rd
Notre Dame Invitational	34th
Pre-National Meet	240th
BIG EAST Championships	51st

Career Track Bests

Indoor	
Mile	4:21.19
2008 Notre Dame Indoor Opener 3,000m	8:32.71
2008 Notre Dame Invitational 5,000m	15:03.28
2008 Alex Wilson Invitational	
Outdoor	
3,000-Meter Steeplechase	9:29.70
2008 Stanford Invitational	



Miklos Szebeny

6-0 • Sophomore
Sprints
Telki, Hungary
Secondary School of
Piarist Fathers

AS A FRESHMAN: Won the first four events of his collegiate career ... took first in the 200m in 21.90 at the Blue and Gold Invitational ... finished first in the 60m in 6.93 at the Notre Dame Indoor Opener ... won the 60m in 6.87 and the 200m in 21.75 at the Notre Dame Invitational ... finished 10th in the 60m in 6.97 at the Indiana Relays ... scored points for the Irish with a fifth-place 200-meter finish at the BIG EAST Championship, clocking in at 21.98 ... opened the outdoor season with a seventh-place finish in the 400m at the Arizona State Invitational with a time of 49.22 ... ran the 200m at the Mike Poehlein Invitational in 22.31 to finish third ... finished seventh in the Ole Miss Invitational 100-meter dash, crossing the line in 10.69 ... ran preliminary times of 10.91 in the 100m and 21.94 in the 200m at the BIG EAST Championships.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL: Comes to Notre Dame from Hungary where he was a standout sprinter, earning many national championships in multiple age groups ... was the national champion in the 100 and 200 meters in both 2006 and 2007 in Hungary ... currently sits as a Hungary national record holder in the 4x400-meter relay ... born March 13, 1987 in Budapest, Hungary ... son of Marta and Miklos Szebeny ... has one older sister, Dora ... plans to major in business and economy at Notre Dame ... enrolled in the First Year of Studies program.

Career Track Bests

Indoor	
60m	6.87
2008 Notre Dame Invitational 200m	21.75
2008 Notre Dame Invitational	
Outdoor	
100m	10.69
2008 Ole Miss Invitational 200m	21.94
2008 BIG EAST Championships 400m	49.22
2008 Arizona State Invitational	





Denes Veres

6-0 • Sophomore
Throws
Ellwood City, Pa.
Riverside

AS A FRESHMAN: Opened the indoor season with a toss of 15.88 meters (52-1 1/4) and a third-place finish in the shot put at the Blue and Gold Invitational ... finished ninth in the weight throw at the Notre Dame Indoor Opener with a mark of 13.10 meters (42-11 3/4) ... also finished second in the shot put with a throw of 16.51 meters (54-2) ... recorded a toss of 16.20 meters (53-1 3/4) to

finish second in the shot put at the Notre Dame Invitational ... also finished 10th in the weight throw with a mark of 14.20 meters (46-7 1/4) ... finished 10th in the shot put at the Indiana Relays with a throw of 16.71 meters (54-10) ... recorded a mark of 16.04 meters (52-7 1/2) to finish eighth in the shot put at the Meyo Invitational ... also finished 17th in the weight throw ... earned his first all-BIG EAST indoor honor with a second-place shot put finish at the league meet, recording a mark of 17.12 meters (56-2) ... also finished 16th in the weight throw ... finished fifth and sixth in the weight throw (14.65m) and shot put (16.24m), respectively, at the Alex Wilson Invitational ... opened the outdoor season with an eighth-place finish in the shot put at the Arizona State Invitational, recording a toss of 15.88 meters (52-1 1/4) ... also finished 25th in the hammer throw ... finished second in the shot put with a throw of 16.84 meters (55-3) at the Mike Poehlein Invitational ... finished fourth in the shot put (15.88m) and 10th in the hammer throw (47.83m) at the Ole Miss Invitational ... recorded throws of 15.53 meters (50-11 1/2) in the shot put and 46.03 meters (151-0) in the hammer throw at the Eastern Michigan Invitational ... finished sixth in the shot put with a mark of 16.05 meters (52-8) ... garnered his first all-BIG EAST outdoor honor with a third-place finish in the shot put ... recorded a mark of 17.05 meters (55-11 1/4) ... closed out the season with a 15.67-meter (51-5) mark and a ninth-place finish in the shot put at the Georgia Tech Invitational

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL: Seven-time letterwinner in track & field and football at Riverside High School in Ellwood City (Pa.) ... earned all-state honors in the shot put as a senior ... holds the school and county shot-put record of 60-10 ... was a three-time conference and regional champion and undefeated in 2005, 2006 and 2007 ... state shot-put runner-up as a junior and senior ... earned MVP honors in back-to-back seasons as a junior and senior on the track and field team ... was named first-team all-conference in football in 2005 and 2006 on the defensive line as well as for the offensive line in 2006 ... member of the National Honor Society and served on the student council ... born March 13, 1989 in Ellwood City, Pa. ... son of Sheri and Mark Veres ... has one older sister, Chelsy ... plans to major in finance at Notre Dame ... enrolled in the First Year of Studies program.

Career Bests

Indoor	
Shot Put	17.12m (56-2)
2008 BIG EAST Championships	
Weight Throw	15.18m (49-9 3/4)
2008 Meyo Invitational	
Outdoor	
Shot Put	17.05m (55-11 1/4)
2008 BIG EAST Championships	
Hammer Throw	47.83m (156-11)
2008 Ole Miss Invitational	



Randall Babb

6-6 • Freshman
Middle Distance
Wheaton, Ill.
Wheaton
Warrenville South

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL: Six-time letterwinner in track and field and soccer at Wheaton Warrenville South ... was named all-conference, all-sectional and all-state as a junior and senior ... two-time conference champion ... holds a personal-best time of 1:53.56 in the 800 meters and 50.0 in the 400 meters ... also owns a second degree black belt in Hapkido ... was named to the Chicago Sun Times all-area soccer team in 2006 and 2007 ... was a member of the National Honor Society, French Honor Society, Sons of the American Revolution and the Athletic Leadership Council ... from same high school as former Irish runner Mike Popejoy ... son of Richard and Christine Babb ... has two brothers ... grandfather, Joseph Temborius, graduated from Notre Dame in 1950 and his great-uncle, Jerry Timko, graduated in 1955 ... father ran cross country and track at the University of Illinois ... brother, J.J., runs for North Central College ... plans to major in business ... enrolled in First Year of Studies

Student-Athletes



**Jordan
Carlson**

**5-9 • Freshman
Cross Country/
Distance
Inver Grove Heights,
Minn./Rosemount**

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL:

Eleven-time letterwinner in cross country, track and hockey at Rosemount ... earned All-America honors after finishing third in the mile at the Nike Outdoor Nationals with a time of 4:07 ... conference champion in the 800 meters or 4x800-meter relay as a sophomore, junior and senior ... 4x400-meter relay team won the regional championship during his sophomore, junior and senior seasons ... also won the 800-meter regional title as a sophomore ... holds school records in the 4x400 relay, DMR, SMR, 4x800 relay, 4x1600 relay, 1600 meters and 3200 meters ... also holds the conference record in the 800-meter run ... from same area as current Irish soccer player Chris Sutton and current Irish football player Michael Floyd ... member of the German National Honor Society ... born Dec. 21, 1989 ... son of Jeffrey and Christine Carlson ... has two brothers ... enrolled in First Year of Studies Program



**Andrew
Hills**

**6-0 • Freshman
Throws
Toledo, Ohio
St. John's Jesuit**

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL:

Three-year letterwinner in track and field at St. John's Jesuit ... conference champion in the shot put as a junior ... named all-conference and all-city as a junior and senior ... earned all-state honors as a senior ... member of the National Honor Society and Christian Service ... from the same area as former Irish baseball player Tom Kraus and attended the same high school as current basketball player Zach Hillesland ... son of Stanley and Paula Hills ... has two younger brothers ... cousin, Kelsey Hills, plays volleyball for Baldwin-Wallace ... enrolled in First Year of Studies Program





**Mitchell
Gormley**

6-0 • Freshman
Throws
Lawrenceville, Ga.
Brookwood

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL: Three-time All-American ... finished second in the weight throw at the 2008 Nike Indoor Nationals with a toss of 70-9 ? (21.58m) ... finished fourth at the 2008 NSIC ... was fourth in the hammer throw at the 2007 Junior Olympics ... only competed in one year of high school track and field ... was the freshman county champion in the shot put ... competed with club team, Throw 1 Deep ... is an Eagle Scout ... born April 19, 1990 in Atlanta, Ga. ... son of Tommy and Karen Gormley ... has one older brother ... enrolled in First Year of Studies



**Alex
Korenstra**

6-2 • Freshman
Sprints
New Paris, Ind.
Fairfield

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL: Ten-time letterwinner in track and field, football and basketball at Fairfield ... track team was conference champions all four years of his high school career ... three-time regional and two-time state qualifier ... was named all-conference 10 times ... also named all-state ... finished sixth in the 400 meters at the state meet ... was also a two-time football all-conference selection ... member of the National Honor Society, church worship band and concert and show choir ... from the same area as current Irish football player Ryan Burkhart ... born June 6, 1989 in Goshen, Ind. ... son of Bruce and Sandra Korenstra ... youngest of three children ... dad played football at Anderson University ... enrolled in First Year of Studies.



**Joe
Miller**

5-10 • Freshman
Cross Country /
Distance
Bowling Green, Ohio
St. John's Jesuit

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL: Four-year letterwinner in cross country and track and St. John's Jesuit ... won the 1600 meters at the Midwest West Meet of Champions ... finished 12th in the mile at the Nike Outdoor Nationals ... conference champion in cross country and track as a junior and senior ... regional track champion as a senior ... named all-conference in cross country and track for all four years of high school ... named to the all-city cross country team four times and all-city track team twice ... named cross country all-state as a sophomore and junior ... set school records as part of the 4x800-meter relay, distance medley relay and mile relay teams ... also set freshman records in the 800, 1600 and 3200 meters ... from the same area as former Irish baseball player Tom Kraus and attended the same high school as current basketball player Zach Hillesland and current Irish runner Andrew Hills ... member of the National Honor Society ... son of Jerry and Ruth Miller ... one of eight children ... family members Rick Anderson ('78), Gerry Anderson ('80) and Laura Miller ('08) graduated from Notre Dame ... born Nov. 5, 1989 ... enrolled in the First Year of Studies.

Student-Athletes



Jordan Rincon

5-10 • Freshman
Middle Distance
Las Vegas, Nev.
Spring Valley

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL: Four-time track and field letterwinner at Spring Valley ... three-time conference, regional and state champion ... earned all-state honors as a junior and senior ... member of the Great Southwest champion 4x800-meter relay team ... set school and regional records in the 400 meters ... was the senior class treasurer and sports editor of the school newspaper ... born July 31, 1990 in Tucson, Ariz. ... son of Melissa Bozek ... has one younger sister ... enrolled in First Year of Studies.



Kevin Schipper

6-0 • Freshman
Pole Vault
Leo, Ind.
Bishop Dwenger

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL: Seven-time letterwinner in track and field, soccer and football at Bishop Dwenger ... was the track and field Gatorade Indiana Player of the Year ... won the Midwest Meet of Champions with a vault of 16-9 (5.11m) ... set a school and regional record with a 17-0 (5.18m) vault ... finished fourth at the USA Junior National Championships ... was the conference champion as a junior and the regional champion as a sophomore and senior ... earned all-state and all-conference honors ... member of the National Honor Society ... born Aug. 5, 1989 in Fort Wayne, Ind. ... son of Donald and Janet Schipper ... one of nine children ... older brother Matt is a junior pole vaulter for the Irish ... plans to study mechanical engineering ... enrolled in First Year of Studies.



Zach Suriano

6-2 • Freshman
Middle Distance
Clifton Park, N.Y.
Shenendehowa

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL: Ten-time letterwinner in cross country, track and field and soccer at Shenendehowa ... was a member of the national champion mile relay team as a junior ... set school records in the outdoor 800 meters (1:53.06), indoor SMR (3:31.06) and outdoor DMR (10:07.6) ... missed the mile relay national indoor record by 0.14 seconds ... is a seven-time conference and regional champion ... holds three state titles ... edged out two other racers to win the 800-meter state title by 0.07 seconds ... was named all conference and all-city on seven occasions ... earned three all-state honors ... was a member of the National Honor Society and was the German Club president ... son of Joseph and Catherine Suriano ... has one younger sister ... plans to major in chemistry and environmental science ... enrolled in First Year of Studies.

