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Notre Dame Track And Field Heading South For Missouri Invitational

2002 SCHEDULE

INDOOR SEASON

Jan. 11	Purdue Open	NTS
Jan. 18	vs. Ball State, Western Michigan	W - 1st M - 3rd
Jan. 25	vs. Michigan St.	W - 1st M - 1st
Feb. 1 - Feb. 2	Meyo Invitational	NTS
Feb. 9	at Windsor Invit. (Windsor, Ont.)	NTS
Feb. 16 - Feb. 17	BIG EAST Champ. (Syracuse, NY)	W - 1st M - 3rd
Mar. 1 - Mar. 2	Alex Wilson Invit.	NTS NTS
Mar. 8 - Mar. 9	NCAA Champ. (Fayetteville, Ark.)	W - 34th M - 21st

OUTDOOR SEASON

Mar. 23	Baldy Castillo (Tempe, Ariz.)	NTS
Mar. 29 - Mar. 30	Purdue Invit. (W. Lafayette, Ind.)	NTS
Mar. 30	Stanford Invit. (Palo Alto, Calif.)	NTS
Apr. 6	Spring Opener	NTS
Apr. 13	Missouri Invit. (Columbia, Mo.)	All day
Apr. 20 - Apr. 21	Mt. SAC Relays (Walnut, Calif.)	All day
Apr. 20	Indy Invitational (Indianapolis, Ind.)	All day
Apr. 26 - Apr. 27	Drake Relays (Des Moines, Iowa)	All day
Apr. 26 - Apr. 27	Boilermaker Open (W. Lafayette, Ind.)	All day
May 3 - May 5	BIG EAST Champ. (Storrs, Conn.)	All day
May 11	at Billy Hayes Invit. (Bloomington, Ind.)	All day
May 17 - May 18	at Ga. Tech Invit. (Atlanta, Ga.)	All day
May 29 -	NCAA Champ.	All day
Jun. 1	(Baton Rouge, La.)	
Jun. 21 -	USTAF Nationals	All day
Jun. 23	(Palo Alto, Calif.)	

Home meets in bold • All times local to site.

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2002 Tom Botts Invitational • Columbia, MO • Saturday, April 13

Notre Dame track and field teams continue solid outdoor season at Missouri University's Tom Botts Invitational on Saturday: With the lone home meet of the season behind them, the University of Notre Dame men's and women's outdoor track and field teams set their sights on even more NCAA Championship qualifying times at the Tom Botts Invitational in Columbia, Mo., this weekend.

A large Irish contingent will make the trip to the Tom Botts on Saturday, April 13. The meet will run all day, with field events beginning at 9 a.m. and running events at 11:30 a.m.

Entering competition this weekend, both Irish teams have combined for eight qualifying times that show up on the NCAA 2002 performance list for the upcoming indoor championship meet in Baton Rouge, La., on May 29.

A look back at the 2002 indoor season: Even though the Irish are currently concentrating on the 2002 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships, the latest issue of *Track and Field News* gave both Notre Dame teams a chance to remember their 2002 indoor season.

Senior All-American Ryan Shay's 13:46.80 5,000-meter time from the 2002 Meyo Invitational ended up as the fourth-fastest time in the world, according to *Track and Field News*. The magazine also ranked the top 4x400 women's relays, and the Irish team's time of 3:35.38 puts them in eighth place in the world rankings, behind Russia, South Carolina, Texas, Belarus, Poland, the Glasgow All-Stars and LSU.

A look ahead to the 2002 NCAA Outdoor Championships: Seven different Irish athletes and one relay team have put themselves in position for spots in the 2002 NCAA Championship in Baton Rouge, La., on May 29. Defending 10,000 meter National Champion Ryan Shay leads the list with the top time in the nation so far in his signature event. Shay's 28:39.43 10,000-meter time from the Stanford Invitational (3-29) puts the Irish distance star on pace to repeat his title.

Sophomore Todd Mobley is hoping to join Shay in the 10,000 meter field. While Shay's time is an automatic qualifier, Mobley's 29:11.35 is a provisional time but is ranked 18th in the nation as of April 10.

Senior All-American Luke Watson has assured himself a spot in the NCAA meet in the 5,000 meters. Watson set the school record in the event at the Stanford Invitational with a 13:44.92 effort. Watson's automatic qualifying time is currently the fourth-best in the nation. In 2000, Watson competed in the steeplechase during the NCAA Championship meet.

The women's team is poised to send four individuals and one relay team to the national meet, with many more qualifying times possible

from the 2002 BIG EAST Indoor Championship winning squad. The Notre Dame team was represented in four events in the 1999 and 2000 NCAA outdoor meets.

Ayesha Boyd, possibly the most improved athlete in the program this season, is currently ninth in the country with a 23.60 effort in the 200 meters. The automatic time for the field is 23.10.

Indoor All-American Liz Grow is looking to run in her fifth career NCAA meet, as the senior is seventh in the nation for the 400 meters. Her 53.61 from the Baldy Castillo Invitational on March 23, leaves room for improvement, as Grow's personal best (and school record) effort in the event is 52.40.

Freshman cross country All-American Lauren King is hoping to go three for three in possible NCAA Championship meets after competing in the 2000 NCAA Cross Country Championship and 2002 NCAA Indoor Championship (mile run) earlier this season. King's 4:22.89 time in the 1500 meters from the Stanford Invitational is currently the fifth-best in the nation this year and just off the automatic qualifying time (4:19.00).

Jennifer Handley was the fifth Irish track and field distance athlete to run an impressive time at the Stanford Invitational on March 30. Her 16:28.55 time in the 5,000 meters is currently ranked ninth in the nation and is more than 11 seconds under Handley's previous personal best.

The women's relay teams are also hoping to make a trip to the NCAA Championship meet this season. After running consideration times in the 4x100 and 4x400 relays last season, but just missing out on making the field, the combination

2002 TOM BOTTS INVITATIONAL ORDER OF EVENTS (AS OF APRIL 10)

Saturday, April 6

Time	Event			
9:00 a.m.	Hammer	Women	Prelim/Final	9 to Final
	Hammer	Men	Prelim/Final	9 to Final
10:00 a.m.	Long Jump	Women	Prelim/Final	9 to Final
11:00 a.m.	Pole Vault	Women		
12:00 p.m.	Javelin	Women	Prelim/Final	9 to Final
12:00 p.m.	Javelin	Men	Prelim/Final	9 to Final
12:00 p.m.	High Jump	Women		
12:30 p.m.	Shot Put	Women	Prelim/Final	9 to Final
	Shot Put	Men	Prelim/Final	9 to Final
1:30 p.m.	High Jump	Men		
1:30 p.m.	Triple Jump	Women	Prelim/Final	9 to Final
1:30 p.m.	Long Jump	Men	Prelim/Final	9 to Final
1:30 p.m.	Pole Vault	Men		
2:00 p.m.	Discus	Women	Prelim/Final	9 to Final
	Discus	Men	Prelim/Final	9 to Final
3:00 p.m.	Triple Jump	Men	Prelim/Final	9 to Final
11:30 a.m.	Steeplechase	Women	Final	
11:50 a.m.	Steeplechase	Men	Final	
12:10 p.m.	4x100m relay	Women	Final	
12:15 p.m.	4x100m relay	Men	Final	
12:20 p.m.	1500 meters	Women	Final	
12:30 p.m.	1500 meters	Men	Final	
12:45 p.m.	100m hurdles	Women	Final	
1:00 p.m.	110m hurdles	Men	Final	
1:15 p.m.	400m dash	Women	Final	
1:25 p.m.	400m dash	Men	Final	
1:35 p.m.	100m dash	Women	Final	
1:45 p.m.	100m dash	Men	Final	
1:55 p.m.	800 meters	Women	Final	
2:05 p.m.	800 meters	Men	Final	
2:20 p.m.	400m hurdles	Women	Final	
2:30 p.m.	400m hurdles	Men	Final	
2:40 p.m.	200m dash	Women	Final	
2:50 p.m.	200m dash	Men	Final	
3:00 p.m.	5000 meters	Women	Final	
3:30 p.m.	5000 meters	Men	Final	
3:50 p.m.	4x400m relay	Women	Final	
3:55 p.m.	4x400m relay	Men	Final	

of Liz Grow, Ayesha Boyd, Kristen Dodd and Tameisha King have the 4x100 team ranked eighth in the nation with a 44.70 time.

Tom Botts Invitational information: The Notre Dame men's and women's teams will make the trip to Columbia, Mo., for this weekend's Tom Botts Invitational. The meet will be scored and features the host team Missouri, Iowa State, Arkansas State and Notre Dame.

Results will be available on

www.mutigers.com and a recap of the meet will be on www.und.com.