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Seniors Louis Cavadini,
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Ted Brown (left to right)
will captain the Fighting Irish
during the 2006-07 season.

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The Fighting Irish celebrated their second straight BIG EAST Conference title last February. Notre Dame will be gunning for its third consecutive title Feb. 14-17 in East Meadow, N.Y.



NOTRE DAME 2006-07 PREVIEW

Senior Ted Brown is a six-time all-BIG EAST honoree, including last season in the 200-yard freestyle and the 800 free relay. He is also a three-time CSCAA All-Academic Honorable Mention selection.



Fighting Irish are Back and Looking for More

Questions and hopes are high as Notre Dame looks for third straight BIG EAST title

A lot of excitement and questions surround the 2006-07 Notre Dame men's swimming and diving team. The Fighting Irish roster appears to boast more depth than ever, yet youth and the lack of experience provide some uncertainty. Head coach Tim Welsh hopes all of the questions will be answered by the end of the season as the Irish aim for their third straight BIG EAST Conference title.

By no means is the Irish cupboard bare. Notre Dame returns several key components from back-to-back BIG EAST championship teams. The departure of a 10-man senior class to graduation leaves some holes that need to be filled, however a group of 10 newcomers appear to be willing and able. In all, the Irish return 24 monogram winners from a squad that posted a 10-2

dual meet record last season and climbed as high as No. 18 in the College Swim Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) dual meet rankings.

"We have very high aspirations, but we are heading into this year with far more unanswered questions," says Welsh. "I would say at the outset that both our hopes are very high and a number of things that are unknown are very high. If all of those things balance out, we should have a fabulous year."

For first time ever, Notre Dame has two student-athletes on the roster that have competed in the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships. Senior swimmer Tim Kegelman qualified for the NCAAs during the 2004-05 season and diver Michael Bulfin made it to the national meet as a freshman last season.

Bulfin headlines a very strong diving corps that also features junior Sam Stoner, an all-BIG EAST performer in 2006. Diving should be a solid area for the Irish in 2006-07 along with the distance freestyle events, which have become a Notre Dame specialty.

Headlining the distance freestyle corps is a three-time BIG EAST champion in junior Jay Vanden Berg. The Irish return 10 all-BIG EAST performers from one season ago to spearhead an effort for a third straight conference title.

The pursuit of this season's BIG EAST championship should prove to be a bit more challenging due to the reduction of the roster size for the competing teams. Each team may bring 18 competitors with divers counting as one-third of a scored competitor.

"If you do the math, last year we still win the meet," states Welsh. "However, the only way you can do the math is to say okay, take the 18 highest point scorers and we still win the meet. Now would we have been smart enough to select the 18 highest point scorers? That's where the uncertainty is."



Tim Kegelman, a 2005 NCAA qualifier, will be a force for the Irish in the butterfly and individual medley events. The senior is also a staple on Notre Dame's freestyle and medley relays.

Capturing another league crown is clearly not the only goal for Notre Dame. Welsh feels there are several members of the squad that are capable of joining Kegelman and Bulfin as NCAA qualifiers.

"We're always hopeful for a larger number of qualifiers for the NCAA Championships," comments Welsh. "I think we have a very realistic chance of doing that this year. We had more consideration times last year than ever."

Kegelman, who competed at the NCAAs in the 100 fly, 200 fly and 200 IM, will look to return after a solid summer of training. Vanden Berg has lowered his time in the 1,650 free each year, yet has not quite been able to hit the mark, which is something he hopes to do this season. Others to keep an eye on will be senior Ted Brown, sophomores Daniel Rave and Sam Pendergast. Welsh also feels there are a some freshmen that could make some noise for NCAA consideration.

FREESTYLE

Once again, the strength of the Fighting Irish will lie in the depth of their distance freestyle swimmers. Leading that unit will be Vanden Berg, who is the two-time defending BIG EAST champion in the 1,650-yard freestyle. He also won the conference crown last season in the 500 free.

"We have been strong in distance freestyle and we continue to be strong in distance freestyle," says Welsh.

Fellow junior Rob Seery has been a fixture in the 1,650 as well as with the BIG EAST champion 800 freestyle relay quartet, which posted a school-record time of 6:35.47 at last year's conference meet. Joining him on the relay were current seniors Brown, Louis Cavadini and Brian Freeman.

Adding depth to the distance freestyle unit will be seniors Justin Barber and Chris Zeches along with sophomore Danny Lutkus.

"Danny Lutkus scored in the 500 at the BIG EAST last year as a freshman and he returns after

having an outstanding summer," says Welsh. "Justin Barber has scored every year at the BIG EAST in the mile and Chris Zeches just gets better as the distance gets longer. He'll start at the 200 (yard) and go up. He can do the same thing in the butterfly and in the backstroke."

Sophomore Jace Hopper would have been a key factor for Notre Dame in the distance events, however he will be held out the entire season due to off-season shoulder surgery. Hopper earned all-BIG EAST honors last season in the 500 and 1,650 freestyle events. Freshman Andrew Deters brings speed to the distance freestyle events and Welsh envisions him filling in for graduated senior Patrick Davis. Fellow freshmen Ross Moore and Ray Toomey also bring sprinting capabilities to the Irish roster. Their classmate

MacKenzie LeBlanc is a very versatile swimmer that might play a factor in the longer races at some point.

There would appear to be no drop off in the middle distance freestyle events for the Fighting Irish. All 800 free relay members are back and some newcomers will also be key elements. Sophomore Jeff Wood, a transfer from Indiana University, and freshman Andrew Hoffman both have times that would put them in the mix for 800 free relay consideration.

Lutkus is also emerging as a threat in the 200-yard freestyle and senior Nick Fanslau is only getting stronger in the event, as well. Overall, Welsh feels the team is stronger in the 200 free than they were a year ago. He also has high hopes for the sprint freestyle corps.

"Our largest improvement for this season is probably in our short distance freestyle," states Welsh. "That's good news for us because we've been thin in the sprint freestyles for a couple of years. Louis Cavadini returns and Tim Kegelman is a very capable sprint freestyler. Freshman John Lytle is the YMCA national champion in the 100 freestyle. He along with Andrew Hoffman and Ray Toomey, bring us very good sprint freestyle credentials as freshmen."

A few other freshmen appear poised to work their way into the mix at some point. David Anderson is a converted football player from high school who brings a great deal of size and athleticism to the pool. Patrick Lloyd has been impressive during the early stages of training and possesses some versatility. Welsh feels John Lytle might be as good of a pure sprinter that there is on the team. He sees big things for Lytle in the 200 free.

There is a lot of intrigue as to what might develop with the 200 and 400 freestyle relays.

"The 400 freestyle relay is probably as wide open a relay that we have at this point," comments Welsh. "You could take a guess as to who might be

on it, but you'd be guessing. Louis Cavadini, Ted Brown and Tim Kegelman, the three captains, were three of the four on the relay last year. They might be three of the four on the relay this year, but there is also this group of young studs trying to run them down. I look at John Lytle and what Andrew Hoffman has been able to do. We look at what Jeff Wood has been able to do and we look at what Ray Toomey has been able to do. Nick Fanslau is such a good athlete and he is always a player. I think this relay is completely wide open."

The 200 freestyle relay may not be as wide open as the 400, yet virtually all of the athletes in the mix are the same for both of them.

"We don't know who eventually ends up on it, which is a very healthy thing," says Welsh. "It gives us extremely high expectations, but also more questions. Last year we didn't have nearly as many questions about these relays. This year we are full of questions, but the results may be faster so that's good news."

BACKSTROKE

The backstroke unit for the Irish is very symbolic of the team for this season. There are questions, yet the possibility for greatness is also present. The initial goal will be to try and fill the vacancy left by the team's top three backstrokers from last season. Notre Dame graduated its top three in the event in Doug Bauman, Steve Shomberger and Jamie Lutkus.

Among those looking to fill those roles this season will be senior Alan Carter, junior Andrew MacKay and sophomores Wood, Bill Bauman and Mitchell Sherman. Zeches is emerging in the event and will also look to be a factor. Hopper would have provided stability to the 200 backstroke. Welsh feels the 200 back is completely up for grabs this season.

"We appear to be stronger in the 100 backstroke," states Welsh. "I think Andrew MacKay, Billy Bauman, Mitchell Sherman and Alan Carter are all faster at 100 than 200. Jeff Wood appears to be faster at 200 than 100. So there is some stuff up in the air with that. The hopes on the high side are faster than ever. Brian Freeman is very, very strong, especially in the 200. He's much stronger at 200 than 100."

"Now when you look at the list of backstrokers, one either lean one way or the other. This is certainly an area where the (BIG EAST) squad limit is going to play a role. Before we could take both sets and now this year we are going to have to choose. It's unlikely that we are going to take all of any one stroke."

BREASTSTROKE

Notre Dame's breaststroke corps will be spearheaded by two sophomore student-athletes from overseas. A major edition is Pendergast, who did not compete last season. Pendergast, a native of Australia, is stronger in the shorter distances, yet he will swim all the lengths. His classmate Rave, who hails from Germany, is better suited for the 200 than the 100. Rave's time in the 200 breast at the 2006 German national meet over the summer was good enough that it would have placed him in last season's NCAA Championships.

"I think it's a more versatile group than last year, but it's not as experienced," says Welsh. "The good news is that we could count on (graduated senior) Tim Randolph in the lead of all the breaststroke events. The bad news about that is that no one else developed the experience. So now we are in a position where someone will step forward and pick up the experience in the events and lead us in the relays.



One of Notre Dame's strengths is the distance freestyle thanks to junior Jay Vanden Berg, who is a three-time BIG EAST champion. Vanden Berg, along with several other Irish competitors, will have their sights set on qualifying for the 2007 NCAA Championships.

Fanslau will aid the Irish in the 100, while according to Welsh, junior Dean Fernandez is one of the team's most improved swimmers. He is versatile and can swim nearly every event on the program, with the breaststroke being one of his primary events.

Others that may be looked upon to provide some performances are Kegelman and junior Eric Swenson.

"Tim Kegelman has done some pretty good breaststroke in the past," declares Welsh. "Eric Swenson has great speed especially in the shorter distances. He's definitely going to be a player in the 100. His training this fall has been better by giant steps than anything we've ever seen. The question is does that translate into a faster race. We have every expectation that it will. He brings spirit energy and excitement to the group all the time so it would be great to see him step forward."

Vanden Berg, who is not normally in the breaststroke group, is very able to swim the stroke, especially the longer distances. Freshman Tyler Angelo has been very solid in the breaststroke events and brings a great deal of energy and enthusiasm and spirit to the program.

BUTTERFLY

"Our butterfly is stronger," says Welsh. "We have been quite strong in the 100 fly with Tim Kegelman and Louis Cavadini. Freshmen Ray Toomey and Ross Moore are excellent butterflyers. The list of butterflyers is very long."

Sophomore David Cavadini, Louis' brother, will play a big role in the 200 fly as will Deters and LeBlanc.

"David Cavadini, especially in the 200 fly, is excellent," states Welsh. "Andrew Deters is excellent in the 200 and Mac LeBlanc, if he only repeats what he's already done, he is at the University record level. I think we are stronger in the 200 butterfly and

more versatile. I think that we have improved that event this year by a considerable amount."

"Ted Brown has been extremely versatile. He's been going towards the 200 butterfly as a championship event and it's likely to be that way. Ted is a formidable competitor and if you want to beat him his senior year then you better bring it because he's going to bring it. I really like that."

There are also a few members that are looking to break into the fly mix. Fernandez, MacKay, Fanslau and Hoffman could be major factors during the campaign. Fanslau's hoping to build off a solid showing in the 100 fly at the Last Chance Meet in 2006.

"That's a lot of names in the butterfly events, which raises a lot of hope and asks a lot of unanswered questions," comments Welsh. "It also asks of us at championship time, are we going to get the right guys, as in the fastest group of guys, on the roster at the same time."

Team Information

2005-06 Record: 10-2

2006 NCAA Participants:

Michael Bullin, So. – one-meter and three-meter diving

2006 BIG EAST Championships: 1st, 809 pts.

2006 BIG EAST Champions Returning:

Jay Vanden Berg (500 free, 1,650 free), Ted Brown (800 free relay), Louis Cavadini (800 free relay), Brian Freeman (800 free relay), Rob Seery (800 free relay)

University Recordholders Returning:

Ted Brown, Sr – 800 free relay (6:35.47)

Louis Cavadini, Sr – 200 free relay (1:20.64), 400 free relay (3:00.02), 800 free relay (6:35.47)

Nick Fanslau, Sr – 200 medley relay (1:30.04)

Brian Freeman, Sr – 800 free relay (6:35.47)

Tim Kegelman, Sr – 100 fly (47.66), 200 fly (1:47.53), 200 IM (1:49.48), 200 medley relay (1:30.04), 400 medley relay (3:16.93), 200 free relay (1:20.64), 400 free relay (3:00.02)

Rob Seery, Jr – 800 free relay (6:35.47)

Jay Vanden Berg, Jr – 500 free (4:22.82), 1,000 free (9:14.25), 1,650 free (15:15.99)

Pool Recordholders Returning:

Tim Kegelman, Sr – 100 fly (47.66), 200 fly (1:47.53), 200 IM (1:49.48)

Monogram Winners Returning/Lost: 24/11

2006-07 Captains: Tim Kegelman, Ted Brown, Louis Cavadini

INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

The Fighting Irish will look to be strong once again in the 400 IM despite losing BIG EAST champion Jamie Lutkus to graduation. LeBlanc appears poised to pick up the slack of Lutkus, who won the event at the conference as both a sophomore and senior.

Barber has scored in the event at the BIG EAST meet and will look to do so again this season. Vanden Berg earned all-BIG EAST honors in the 400 IM last season by placing third at the meet. Welsh feels he is just emerging in the event.

"The more we see of Jay in the 400 IM, the more it looks like a very solid event for him. Another guy for us will be Andrew MacKay. This was one of Andrew's Olympic events when he represented the Cayman Islands during the 2002 games. I think the 400 IM continues to be a strong event for this team."

"We have been strong in the 400 IM and we will remain strong in the 400 IM. Certainly we'll miss Jamie Lutkus, but we are hoping that Mac LeBlanc can pickup where Jamie left off. Andrew Deters appears to be very accomplished in the 400 IM and Jay Vanden Berg is just emerging."

There is no doubt as to who will lead the charge in the 200 IM for Notre Dame. Kegelman returns as the University record-holder in the event, along with being the 2005 BIG EAST champion. Moore also will look to make an impact. He was the Illinois state champion in that event.

"Everyone who goes 400 can also go 200," says Welsh. "Nick Fanslau and Alan Carter have had BIG EAST Championship level performances in the 200 IM. The 200 IM might also be Dean Fernandez's best event if it's not the 400 IM. This is probably the deepest team we've ever had. What becomes of it is still to be determined."

DIVING:

"The event that appears most improved to me is our diving," proclaims Welsh. "We have the same five divers from last year, but compared to where they were last year at this time, they are



Junior Sam Stoner is coming off a season in which he earned all-BIG EAST honors in the three-meter competition at the conference meet. He is part of a very solid diving unit for the Fighting Irish in 2006-07.

vastly improved. I think we go from a very young group to still a pretty young group but a more experienced group, including an NCAA qualifier in Michael Bulfin."

Bulfin qualified for the NCAA Championships one season ago by placing fourth off the three-meter board at the NCAA Zone C Diving Championships. Joining him at the zone meet was Stoner, who placed 10th off of the one-meter board and was 17th in the three-meter competition. Stoner also took home all-BIG EAST accolades by placing third off the three-meter.

The duo will be joined by seasoned veteran Scott Coyle, a senior, along with sophomores Steven Crowe and Chris Kane. Coyle also has registered a top-four finish at the BIG EAST Championships. The talent returning for the Irish, combined with the expertise of Notre Dame diving coach Caiming Xie should have the divers claiming more accolades. Xie was named the 2006 BIG EAST Men's Diving Coach of the Year for helping Bulfin and Stoner to all-BIG EAST performances.

"I think that the dives will be a force in both our dual meets and our championship meets," says Welsh. "Even as I say that, three of our first four dual meets also have divers that competed at the NCAA Championships. So while we are improved, we are also full of questions. We have a very, very strong diving corps this year."

SCHEDULE

Notre Dame will face a difficult slate during the 2006-07 campaign, which is nothing new for the Irish. For the 42nd consecutive year Notre Dame will host the Dennis Stark Relays, formerly known as the Notre Dame Relays, as a way to get the season underway

"Our schedule is tough and it's as tough of a schedule as we've ever had," says Welsh. "We come out with a big bang. We start with the Dennis Stark Relays and with the addition of teams like Oakland and Ball State, that has strengthened the field."

The Irish open the dual meet slate with a trip to Texas A&M before returning home for three straight against Purdue, Michigan State and Pittsburgh.

That quartet of teams should be a very formidable challenge for the Irish. The Fighting Irish captured a win against Texas A&M one season ago and the team knows the Aggies will be out for revenge in their own pool this season. Notre Dame has not defeated Purdue in its last 18 tries, so that is also a difficult task against a team that is perennially ranked in the CSCAA top 25.

Notre Dame edged out close wins against both Michigan State and Pittsburgh last season. The past two encounters with the Panthers have gone down to the final relay and both meets ended with the Irish on top.

In recent years, the Irish have concluded the first semester with the Notre Dame Invitational, however this season the Irish will take part in the Ohio State Invitational. Welsh feels the meet in Columbus

will feature the toughest field that the Irish have faced heading into the University's holiday break. Joining the Irish will be Ohio State, Minnesota, South Carolina, Utah, Iowa and Denver.

The second half of the season will include road dual meets at Oakland and Cleveland State. Duquesne and Xavier will also take to the pool at Cleveland State. Notre Dame will come back to the Rolfs Aquatic Center for another key showdown with Northwestern.

For the second straight season, the Irish will host the Shamrock Dual Meet Invitational. Two BIG EAST foes, Connecticut and West Virginia, will help to comprise the five-team field along with Oakland and Penn State.

A trip to Louisville will give the Irish another look at a fellow conference rival prior to the BIG EAST meet. The match-up against the Cardinals will conclude the dual meet season for Notre Dame.

The BIG EAST Championships always loom as the measuring stick for the team at the end of the season. The target will be squarely on the Fighting Irish this season as they enter the meet as the two-time defending conference champion. Remaining on top will only become more difficult for Notre Dame as the league continues to improve from top to bottom.

"The good thing about our conference is that it's all improving," says Welsh. "I think that it's a characteristic around the country that teams rise and fall as a group. So our conference is getting better because lots of teams are getting better and not just one. That's very good news for our conference and very good news for the excitement of our meet and it helps. Obviously we want to respond to that challenge."

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

By Class

Seniors (9): Barber, Brown, Carter, L. Cavadini, Coyle, Fanslau, Freeman, Kegelman, Zeches

Juniors (8): Crowe, Fernandez, Kane, MacKay, Seery, Stoner, Swenson, Vanden Berg

Sophomores (9): Bauman, Bulfin, D. Cavadini, Hopper, Lutkus, Pendergast, Rave, Sherman, Wood

Freshmen (9): Anderson, Angelo, Deters, Hoffman, LeBlanc, Lloyd, Lytle, Moore, Toomey

By Stroke

Backstroke (8): Bauman, Carter, Freeman, Lytle, MacKay, Seery, Sherman, Zeches

Breaststroke (6): Angelo, Fanslau, Grenda, Pendergast, Rave, Swenson

Butterfly (9): Brown, L. Cavadini, Fernandez, Kegelman, LeBlanc, Moore, Seery, Toomey, Zeches

Freestyle (20): Anderson, Barber, Brown, Carter, D. Cavadini, L. Cavadini, Deters, Fanslau, Freeman, Hoffman, Hopper, Kegelman, LeBlanc, Lloyd, Lutkus, Lytle, Seery, Toomey, Vanden Berg, Zeches

Individual Medley (12): Barber, Brown, Carter, Deters, Fanslau, Freeman, Kegelman, LeBlanc, MacKay, Moore, Rave, Sherman

Diving (5): Bulfin, Coyle, Crowe, Kane, Stoner

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The 2006-07 Notre Dame Men's Swimming and Diving Team: (front row, from left) Jeff Wood, Jace Hopper, Ray Toomey, John Lytle, David Cavadini, Bill Bauman, Dean Fernandez, Jay Vanden Berg, Andrew Hoffman.
 (second row, from left) Robert Navarre, Mitchell Sherman, Andrew MacKay, Tyler Angelo, Ross Moore, Steven Crowe, Michael Bulfin, Andrew Deters, Chris Kane, Diving Coach Caiming Xie.
 (third row, from left) Head Coach Tim Welsh, Senior Manager Nick Frohmader, Brian Freeman, Nick Fanslau, Louis Cavadini, Alan Carter, Ted Brown, Tim Kegelman, Chris Zeches, Scott Coyle, Associate Head Coach Matt Tallman.
 (back row, from left) Volunteer Assistant Coach Josh Skube, MacKenzie LeBlanc, Sam Pendergast, Danny Lutkus, Rob Seery, David Anderson, Eric Swenson, Daniel Rave, Patrick Lloyd

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| Name | Event | Yr. | Ht. | Wt. | Birthdate | Hometown/High School |
|------------------------|----------------|-----|------|-----|-----------|---|
| David Anderson | Free | Fr. | 6-6 | 200 | 11-17-87 | Galesburg, IL/Galesburg |
| Tyler Angelo | Breast | Fr. | 5-10 | 165 | 10-11-87 | Walnut Creek, CA/Las Lomas |
| *** Justin Barber | IM/Free | Sr. | 5-9 | 150 | 12-8-84 | Carson City, NV/Carson |
| * William Bauman | Back | So. | 5-11 | 154 | 2-10-87 | Erie, PA/Cathedral Preparatory School |
| *** Ted Brown (C) | Fly/IM/Free | Sr. | 6-2 | 165 | 4-1-85 | Kokomo, IN/Western |
| * Michael Bulfin | Diving | So. | 5-9 | 138 | 7-11-87 | Ft. Lauderdale, FL/St. Thomas Aquinas |
| *** Alan Carter | Back/Free/IM | Sr. | 6-1 | 175 | 3-2-85 | Bethel Park, PA/Bethel Park |
| * David Cavadini | Free | So. | 6-0 | 150 | 10-23-86 | South Bend, IN/Riley |
| *** Louis Cavadini (C) | Fly/Free | Sr. | 6-0 | 165 | 3-6-85 | South Bend, IN/Riley |
| *** Scott Coyle | Diving | Sr. | 5-8 | 170 | 11-30-84 | Indianapolis, IN/Hamilton Southeastern |
| ** Steven Crowe | Diving | Jr. | 5-9 | 152 | 4-11-86 | Brockport, NY/Brockport |
| Andrew Deters | Free/IM | Fr. | 5-8 | 165 | 3-15-88 | Claremont, CA/Claremont |
| *** Nick Fanslau | Breast/Free/IM | Sr. | 6-0 | 195 | 10-15-84 | Lansdale, PA/North Penn |
| * Dean Fernandez | Breast/Fly | Jr. | 5-11 | 160 | 12-21-85 | San Diego, CA/Carlsbad |
| *** Brian Freeman | Back/Free/IM | Sr. | 5-11 | 165 | 4-2-84 | Sanger, CA/Immanuel |
| Andrew Hoffman | Free | Fr. | 6-0 | 160 | 6-21-87 | Ft. Wayne, IN/Homestead |
| * Jace Hopper | Free | So. | 5-11 | 150 | 12-14-86 | Las Vegas, NV/The Meadows |
| ** Chris Kane | Diving | Jr. | 5-8 | 165 | 1-26-86 | San Antonio, TX/Ronald Reagan |
| *** Tim Kegelman (C) | Fly/IM/Free | Sr. | 5-11 | 175 | 4-25-85 | Yorktown, VA/Tabb |
| MacKenzie LeBlanc | Fly/IM/Free | Fr. | 6-2 | 160 | 9-9-87 | Plano, TX/Plano East |
| Patrick Lloyd | Free | Fr. | 6-2 | 175 | 11-9-87 | LaGrange Park, IL/Fenwick |
| * Daniel Lutkus | Free | So. | 6-4 | 195 | 10-2-86 | Granger, IN/Penn |
| John Lytle | Free/Back | Fr. | 5-11 | 165 | 6-29-87 | Clearfield, PA/Clearfield Area |
| ** Andrew MacKay | IM/Back | Jr. | 5-9 | 155 | 11-1-85 | Georgetown, Grand Cayman/Cayman Prep & H.S. |
| Ross Moore | Fly/IM | Fr. | 5-11 | 160 | 11-9-88 | Champaign, IL/Champaign Central |
| Samuel Pendergast | Breast | So. | 6-2 | 204 | 6-18-86 | Melbourne, Australia |
| * Daniel Rave | Breast/IM | So. | 6-1 | 166 | 5-15-86 | Hannover, Germany |
| ** Rob Seery | Free | Jr. | 6-5 | 180 | 3-29-86 | Garden City, NY/Garden City |
| * Mitchell Sherman | Back/IM | So. | 5-7 | 160 | 6-10-86 | Columbus, OH/St. Charles Prep |
| ** Sam Stoner | Diving | Jr. | 5-7 | 145 | 8-3-85 | Valparaiso, IN/Valparaiso |
| ** Eric Swenson | Breast | Jr. | 6-3 | 200 | 4-15-86 | Scotch Plains, NJ/St. Joseph |
| Ray Toomey | Free/Fly | Fr. | 6-0 | 180 | 6-16-88 | Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin |
| ** Jay Vanden Berg | Free | Jr. | 5-11 | 165 | 9-13-85 | Holland, MI/Southfield Christian School |
| Jeff Wood | Free/Fly | So. | 6-1 | 170 | 12-13-86 | Fairport, NY/Fairport/Indiana |
| *** Chris Zeches | Back/Free/Fly | Sr. | 6-0 | 165 | 10-9-84 | Tucson, AZ/Salpointe Catholic |

Head Coach: Tim Welsh (Providence '66)
Dividing Coach: Caiming Xie (Beijing Inst. of P.E. '85)
Associate Head Coach: Matt Tallman (Catholic '97)
Volunteer Assistant Coach: Josh Skube (Indiana '98)
Senior Manager: Nick Frohmader (Notre Dame, '07)
 * - denotes monograms earned
 C - denotes captain

Pronunciation Guide

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|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Bauman.....BOW(like wow)-min | Rave.....RAH-vey |
| Fanslau.....FANS-law | Skube.....SCOO-bee |
| Kegelman.....KEG-el-min | Tallman.....TALL-min |
| Lutkus.....LUTT-cuss | Xie.....zhee |
| MacKay.....muh-KAI | Zeches.....ZECK-iss |

**2007 BIG EAST
Conference Swimming
and Diving Qualifying
Standards**



| Event | A |
|-----------------------|----------|
| 50 Freestyle | 22.29 |
| 100 Freestyle | 48.57 |
| 200 Freestyle | 1:47.93 |
| 500 Freestyle | 4:48.40 |
| 1650 Freestyle | 16:45.06 |
| 100 Butterfly | 53.80 |
| 200 Butterfly | 2:00.70 |
| 100 Backstroke | 56.17 |
| 200 Backstroke | 2:01.52 |
| 100 Breaststroke | 1:02.60 |
| 200 Breaststroke | 2:16.35 |
| 200 Individual Medley | 2:00.99 |
| 400 Individual Medley | 4:16.23 |
| 1m Diving | 240 |
| 3m Diving | 250 |

Qualifying for the NCAA Championships

The NCAA Men's Swimming and Diving Championships have a fixed field of 270 swimmers, including 35 divers. The swimming field consists first of all student-athletes who have achieved an "A" qualifying standard in any event. Beyond that, entry is given to student-athletes with the best "B" qualifying standards in events with the fewest "A" qualifiers until all the events have an equal number of entrants. From there, additional "B" qualifiers are added in order, one per event at a time, until the field size of 270 is reached. If a complete additional round of next-best qualifiers will put the field over 270, the times that are closest in percentage terms to the national record are given the final spots in the field. Any student-athlete in the field may enter and compete in a maximum of three events.

For instance, if there are four "A" qualifiers in the 100 backstroke, 10 in the 100 butterfly, and between four and 10 in every other event, then the top "B" qualifying times will be given entrance until every event has 10 participants in it. From there, the next best "B" time is added in each event, one by one, until the field is full. If not enough spaces remain to take the next entire round of "B" qualifiers, those swimmers' times are compared in percentage terms to NCAA records in the events and taken in order until the field is full.

In relay competition, teams with the top 12 times in each relay earn invitations to the meet. In addition, a team with four qualifiers also may compete in any relay in which it posted a "B" qualifying time at some point throughout the year, even if the NCAA qualifiers did not participate in the "B" time.

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

2007 NCAA Swimming and Diving Qualifying Standards

| Event | 25-Yard Course | | 25-Meter Course | | 50-Meter Course | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------|------------------------|----------|------------------------|----------|
| | A | B | A | B | A | B |
| 50 Freestyle | :19.60 | :20.18 | :21.88 | :22.53 | :22.80 | :23.47 |
| 100 Freestyle | :43.35 | :44.65 | :48.39 | :49.84 | :50.24 | :51.74 |
| 200 Freestyle | 1:35.09 | 1:37.94 | 1:46.13 | 1:49.31 | 1:49.94 | 1:53.23 |
| 500 Freestyle | 4:18.59 | 4:26.34 | 3:46.24 | 3:53.02 | 3:54.02 | 4:01.04 |
| 1,650 Freestyle | 15:05.87 | 15:33.04 | 15:03.17 | 15:30.25 | 15:38.73 | 16:06.89 |
| 100 Butterfly | :47.09 | :48.50 | :52.56 | :54.14 | :54.26 | :55.88 |
| 200 Butterfly | 1:44.93 | 1:48.07 | 1:57.11 | 2:00.62 | 2:01.17 | 2:04.80 |
| 100 Backstroke | :47.43 | :48.85 | :52.94 | :54.53 | :56.81 | :58.51 |
| 200 Backstroke | 1:44.02 | 1:47.14 | 1:56.10 | 1:59.58 | 2:02.53 | 2:06.20 |
| 100 Breaststroke | :53.60 | :55.20 | :59.83 | 1:01.61 | 1:02.62 | 1:04.49 |
| 200 Breaststroke | 1:57.29 | 2:00.80 | 2:10.91 | 2:14.83 | 2:16.71 | 2:20.80 |
| 200 Individual Medley | 1:46.09 | 1:49.27 | 1:58.41 | 2:01.96 | 2:03.80 | 2:07.51 |
| 400 Individual Medley | 3:46.89 | 3:53.69 | 4:13.23 | 4:20.82 | 4:22.31 | 4:30.17 |
| 200 Freestyle Relay | 1:18.47 | 1:20.82 | 1:27.58 | 1:30.21 | 1:31.25 | 1:33.99 |
| 400 Freestyle Relay | 2:54.21 | 2:59.43 | 3:14.44 | 3:20.26 | 3:21.87 | 3:27.92 |
| 800 Freestyle Relay | 6:26.08 | 6:37.66 | 7:10.90 | 7:23.82 | 7:25.31 | 7:38.67 |
| 200 Medley Relay | 1:26.52 | 1:29.11 | 1:36.57 | 1:39.46 | 1:40.85 | 1:43.86 |
| 400 Medley Relay | 3:11.96 | 3:17.71 | 3:34.25 | 3:40.66 | 3:44.26 | 3:50.98 |

1-Meter Diving Points-Dual 290/300***

3-Meter Diving Points-Dual 310/320***

Platform Diving Points-Dual 290/300***

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



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