

Notre Dame Women's Track and Field Looking For First BIG EAST Title

2001 Schedule

INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

JANUARY

Date	Day	Opponent/Meet	Time
19	Fri.	Ball State, W. Michigan (Notre Dame, Ind.)	1st, 125 pts.
26	Sat.	Michigan State (Notre Dame, Ind.)	W, 88-71

FEBRUARY

2	Fri.	Meyo Invitational	NTS
3	Sat.	(Notre Dame, Ind.)	
10	Sat.	at Windsor Team Challenge (Windsor, Ontario)	NTS
17	Sat.	at BIG EAST Championships	8:30 a.m.
18	Sun.	(Syracuse, NY)	10:30 a.m.

MARCH

2	Fri.	Alex Wilson Invitational	6:00 p.m.
3	Sat.	(Notre Dame, Ind.)	10:30 a.m.
9	Fri.	at NCAA Championships	9:00 a.m.
10	Sat.	(Fayetteville, Ark.)	

OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

MARCH

30	Fri.	at Arizona State Invitational	9:00 a.m.
31	Sat.	(Tempe, Ariz.)	

APRIL

7	Sat.	Spring Opener (Notre Dame, Ind.)	10:00 a.m.
13	Fri.	at Sea Ray Relays	9:00 a.m.
14	Sat.	(Knoxville, Tenn.)	
20	Fri.	at Mt. SAC Relays	9:00 a.m.
22	Sun.	(Walnut, Calif.)	
21	Sat.	at Indy Invitational (Indianapolis, Ind.)	9:00 a.m.
27	Fri.	at Drake Relays	9:00 a.m.
28	Sat.	(Des Moines, Iowa)	
27	Fri.	at Purdue Invitational	9:00 a.m.
28	Sat.	(West Lafayette, Ind.)	

MAY

4	Fri.	at BIG EAST Championships	9:00 a.m.
6	Sun.	(Piscataway, NJ)	
12	Sat.	at Billy Hayes Invitational (Bloomington, Ind.)	9:00 a.m.
19	Sat.	at Georgia Tech Invitational (Atlanta, Ga.)	9:00 a.m.
30	Wed.	at NCAA Championships (Eugene, Ore.)	9:00 a.m.

Home meets in bold • All times local to site.

2001 University of Notre Dame Sports Information

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WHO: Notre Dame women's track and field team
WHAT: The 2001 BIG EAST Indoor Championship
WHERE: Carrier Dome, Syracuse, NY
WHEN: Saturday, Feb. 17 - Sunday, Feb. 18, all day

Irish ready to compete in 2001 BIG EAST indoor championship at the Carrier Dome: The University of Notre Dame women's track and field will be competing for its first BIG EAST team title at the 2001 BIG EAST Indoor Championship this weekend in Syracuse, NY.

The Irish have won two individual titles (JoAnna Deeter in the 5,000 meters '99) and Grow in the 400 meters last season).

Notre Dame competitor list for the 2001 BIG EAST Indoor Championship: Amanda Alvarez, Emily Bienko, Ayesha Boyd, Leanne Brady, Kristen Dodd, Rachel Endress, Jennifer Fibuch, Kristen Flood, Liz Grow, Natalie Hallett, Jenn Handley, Megan Johnson, Jennifer Kearney, Tameisha King, Chrissy Kuenster, Betsy Lazzeri, Kymia Love, Ana Morales, Bridget O'Brien, Megan Peterson, Jill Van Weelden, Jaime Volkmer and Bethany Wilson.

Junior sprinter **Liz Grow** (New Braunfels, Texas) will be defending her 400-meter title she won in 55.27 last year. Grow has dominated the field in her previous three meets this season, posting the team's top times in the 60 (7.56), 200 (24.24) and 400 meters. She blistered the field in the Meyo Invitational 400 meter competition, finishing first in 53.30. That time ranks first by over a second in the BIG EAST rankings entering this weekend's competition. Her 60-meter time ranks fourth in the league while the 24.24 in the the 200 meters is second this season.

Even as Grow has swept through the sprint events this season, her teammates have not been far behind. Freshman **Ayesha Boyd** (Spartanburg, SC) provides solid depth for the team in the 60 and 200 meters, ranking in the top 10 in the conference in both events.

Long jump All-American **Tameisha King** (Mableton, Ga.) also has excelled in the 60 meters this season, running a 7.69 at last weekend's Windsor Team Challenge. King provides the Irish a triple-threat, as the sophomore will contend for first in the 60 meters, 60-meter high hurdles and the long jump. Her hurdle time of 8.56, also run at the Windsor Team Challenge last week, ranks fifth-best in the conference. King will be the first Irish hurdler to contend at the conference championship since Dominique Calloway won the event in 1997.

King also is entering the championship on a hot streak. In addition to posting season-best times in the 60 meters and 60-meter hurdles at the Windsor Team Challenge last weekend, she leapt 20-0 1/4 in the long jump, another season-best for the sophomore and the best distance in the conference this season. King finished second in the long jump (20-4 1/2) at the indoor meet last year.

The Irish have displayed depth in the pole vault this season in addition to the sprint lane. School-record holder **Jaime Volkmer** (Kearney, Neb.) enters the competition with the second-best height of the conference season (12-0). Volkmer, who finished second in the event at the 2000 BIG EAST indoor meet, will be joined in the competition by three Irish vaulters, each of whom could contend for the conference title. **Natalie Hallett** (Hungtington Beach, Calif.), **Jill VanWeelden** (Scottsdale, Ariz.) shared the school record at one point this season while **Bethany Wilson** (San Rafael, Calif.) matched her season-best effort (10-6) last weekend at the Windsor Team Challenge. All four Notre Dame pole vaulters are ranked in the top 10 in the BIG EAST this season.

In the distance lane, **Chrissy Kuenster** (Wheaton, Ill.) enters the 5,000 meters with the eighth-best time in the conference. Sophomore **Jenn Handley** (Barrie, Ontario) will compete in both the mile run and 3,000 meters.

Handley currently ranks sixth in the league in the mile (4:53.67).

Year	Rank	Points
2000	6th	68.5 pts.
1999	3rd	100 pts.
1998	9th	43 pts.
1997	6th	59 pts.
1996	11th	30 pts.

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2001 Notre Dame Women's Indoor Track and Field Top Times/Marks List

60 Meters

Liz Grow 7.56 1/26/01

60-Meter High Hurdles

Tameisha King 8.56 2/10/01

200 Meters

Liz Grow 24.24 1/26/01

400 Meters

Liz Grow 53.30 2/3/01

500 Meters

Amanda Alvarez 1:15.47 2/3/01

800 Meters

Leanne Brady 2:16.02 1/26/01

1,000 Meters

Leanne Brady 2:57.77 2/3/01

Mile Run

Jenn Handley 4:53.67 2/3/01

3,000 Meters

Jenn Handley 9:53.85 1/26/01

5,000 Meters

Chrissy Kuenster 17:44.78 2/2/01

4x400 Relay

Notre Dame "A" 3:51.07 1/26/01

Distance Medley Relay

Notre Dame 11:49.16 2/3/01

Long Jump

Tameisha King 6.10m(20-0 1/4) 2/10/01

Triple Jump

Jaime Volkmer 11.64m(38-2 1/4) 2/3/01

High Jump

Jennifer Kearney 1.65m(5-5) 1/26/01

Pole Vault

Jaime Volkmer 12-0 2/2/01

Weight Throw

Emily Bienko 9.29m(30-5 3/4) 1/26/01

Shot Put

Emily Bienko 12.75m(41-10) 1/26/01