

Notre Dame Men's Track and Field Faces Third Straight Home Meet

2001 Schedule

INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

JANUARY

<u>Date</u> <u>Day</u>	<u>Opponent/Meet</u>	<u>Time</u>
19 Fri.	Ball State, W. Michigan (Notre Dame, Ind.)	1st, 125 pts.
26 Sat.	Michigan State (Notre Dame, Ind.)	W, 94-63

FEBRUARY

2 - Fri.	Meyo Invitational	6:00 p.m.
3 Sat.	(Notre Dame, Ind.)	10:30 a.m.
9 - Fri.	at Cannon IV	5:30 p.m.
10 Sat.	(Indianapolis, Ind.)	
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 Men's Track and Field

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WHO: Notre Dame men's track and field team
WHAT: The 14th-annual Meyo Invitational
WHERE: Loftus Sports Center, Notre Dame, Ind.
WHEN: Friday, Feb. 2, 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday, Feb. 3, 10:30 a.m.

Irish hope to maintain momentum in the Meyo Invitational: After winning the first two meets of the 2001 indoor season, the Notre Dame men's track and field team will face a talented list of competitors during the 14th-annual Meyo Invitational set for Friday, Feb. 2, and Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Loftus Sports Center. Teams competing in the Meyo Invitational this year include; Michigan (men only), Tennessee (men only), Miami-FL (men only), Wake Forest, Duke, Missouri and Michigan State. Georgetown, Kentucky, Central Michigan and Eastern Michigan also will be sending competitors to the meet this weekend.

Notre Dame has started the 2001 indoor season off with two impressive victories over the last 14 days. In a season-opening meet with Ball State and Western Michigan, the Irish finished in first place with 125 points.

Against Michigan State last Friday (Jan. 26), Notre Dame beat the Spartans 94-63. Michigan State will get the chance to avenge the loss to the Irish this weekend in the Meyo Invitational.

Early season success: A few Irish athletes have posted some strong times and individual victories in the first two meets of the year. Sophomore **Tom Gilbert (Rock Falls, Ill.)** was counted on by the Irish coaching staff to ease the loss of All-American Marshaun West ('97-'00) to graduation in 2001. Gilbert has come through so far this season. An all-BIG EAST performer in the indoor long jump last season, Gilbert has won both 200-meter races he has competed in this season, both long jump events and also won the 60-meter dash against Michigan State.

Junior cross-country All-American **Pat Conway (Springfield, Va.)** has posted two victories in the mile run this season, warming up for the Meyo Mile, one of the most competitive mile runs of the indoor season that will take place at the meet this weekend. Conway set a personal-best in the mile vs. Michigan State, placing first in 4:11.52.

In the middle distance lane, sophomore **Nick Setta (Lockport, Ill.)** has made the transition from football place kicker to track sprinter in notable fashion. Setta finished second in the 500 meters (1:04.92) in the first meet of the season, then won the event vs. Michigan State (1:04.97). Against the Spartans, Setta was in fifth place entering the final 200 meters before blowing away the field to win the race.

The Irish field events have been led by Gilbert in the long jump and the combination of junior **Quill Redwine (San Antonio, Texas)** and freshman **Godwin Mbagwu (Petersburg, Va.)** in the triple jump, junior **Josh Heck (Mishawaka, Ind.)** and **Nathan Cahill (East Lansing, Mich.)** in the pole vault and sophomore **Brian Thornburg (Titusville, Fla.)** and junior **Derek Dyer (Huntington, Ind.)** in the throws.

Redwine established himself in the meet vs. Michigan State, taking first in the triple jump and posting a personal best 6-10 3/4 in the high jump to win that event as well. Mbagwu is making the transition to collegiate competition in impressive fashion. The Irish rookie won the first triple

jump competition of his career in the season-opening meet (50-4 3/4) and finished second to Redwine against Michigan State. In addition, Mbagwu has finished second to Gilbert in both long jump competitions this season.

Meyo Invitational experience: A number of Irish athletes posted some impressive finishes in last year's Meyo Invitational. Redwine finished third in the triple jump with a 48-9 1/2 effort. Gilbert ended up in fifth place in the long jump competition (23-6 1/4) and the 200 meters (21.83).

Dyer and senior **John Scolaro (Lake Forest, Ill.)** both posted top-10 finishes in the shot put. Dyer scored a toss of 49-7 while Scolaro was right behind him at 48-11 1/2).

The highlight of the 2000 Meyo Invitational weekend was the men's distance medley race. Alabama, Notre Dame and Rice performed one of the best relays of the year on the first day of the meet. The Crimson Tide just edged the Irish at the finish line, but all three teams posted qualifying times for the NCAA championship meet. Notre Dame's distance medley team would eventually finish sixth at the 2000 NCAA indoor championships in Fayetteville, Ark.

In the Meyo Mile last season, Jay Cantin from Michigan broke the four-minute barrier (3:59.90) while Notre Dame's **Luke Watson (Stillwater, Minn.)**, who will be sidelined for the race this year, posted a personal-best time of 4:06.75.

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

60 Meters

Travis Davey 6.91 1/19/01

60-Meter High Hurdles

Mark Barber 8.54 1/26/01

200 Meters

Tom Gilbert 21.74 1/19/01

400 Meters

Terry Wray 48.85 1/26/01

500 Meters

Nick Setta 1:04.92 1/19/01

800 Meters

Nate Andrulonis 1:54.89 1/26/01

Mile Run

Pat Conway 4:11.52 1/26/01

3,000 Meters

Ryan Shay 8:19.75 1/26/01

4x400 Relay

Notre Dame "A" 3:16.87 1/26/01

Long Jump

Tom Gilbert 7.14m(23-5 1/4) 1/26/01

Triple Jump

Godwin Mbagwu 15.36m(50-4 3/4) 1/19/01

High Jump

Quill Redwine 2.10m(6-10 3/4) 1/26/01

Pole Vault

Nathan Cahill 15-6 1/19/01

Weight Throw

Brian Thornburg 16.75m(54-11 1/2) 1/26/01

Shot Put

Derek Dyer 14.90m(48-10 3/4) 1/26/01