



University of Notre Dame

Women's Swimming and Diving



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2000 SCHEDULE

OCTOBER

9	Fri.	Notre Dame Relays (Notre Dame, Ind.)	1st, 240 pts.
13	Fri.	vs. Tampa (Tampa, Fla.)	W, 113-88
27	Fri.	vs. Miami (Fla.) (Notre Dame, Ind.)	W, 199-101

NOVEMBER

3	Fri.	vs. Pittsburgh Miami (Ohio) Kenyon College (Oxford, Ohio)	W, 196, 98 W, 196-98 W, 191-101
4	Sat.	vs. Purdue, Evansville (West Lafayette, Ind.)	L, 138-161 W, 230-57
17 - 19	Fri. Sun.	Indiana Invitational (Bloomington, Ind.)	2nd, 763 pts.
30 -	Thurs. -	Notre Dame Invit. (Notre Dame, Ind.)	1st, 1,404 pts.

DECEMBER

2	Sat.	Notre Dame Invit. continued	
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JANUARY

6	Sat.	vs. Iowa (Honolulu, Hawaii)	W, 163-73
8	Mon.	Rainbow Invitational (Honolulu, Hawaii)	NTS
12 - 13	Fri. - Sat.	vs. Illinois (Ann Arbor, Mich.)	W, 200.5-145.5
25	Thurs.	vs. Northwestern (Evanston, Ill.)	5:00 p.m.
26	Fri.	Michigan (Notre Dame, Ind.)	5:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY

15 - 17	Thurs. - Sat.	BIG EAST Championships (Long Island, NY)	10:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
24 - 25	Sat. - Sun.	Shamrock Classic (Notre Dame, Ind.)	11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

MARCH

9 - 10	Fri. - Sat.	NCAA Zone Diving Meet (Bloomington, Ind.)	12:00 p.m.
15 - 17	Thurs. Sat.	NCAA Championships	11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Home meets are in **bold** and held at the Rolfs Aquatic Center.
All times local to site.

WHO: The Notre Dame Women's Swimming and Diving team.

WHAT: Two dual meets against top competition

WHERE: Evanston, Ill., and Notre Dame, Ind.

WHEN: #18 Notre Dame at #23 Northwestern Thursday, Jan. 25, 5:00 p.m.
#18 Notre Dame vs. #14 Michigan Friday, Jan. 26, 4:00 p.m.

Irish will face two of the top teams in the nation this weekend: The 18th-ranked Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team (8-1), enters the toughest part of its dual-meet schedule this week as it faces #23 Northwestern in Evanston, Ill., on Thursday, Jan. 25, then comes back home to face #14 Michigan the next day in the Rolfs Aquatic Center. The competition with the Wolverines, previously scheduled at 5 p.m., has been moved forward to 4 p.m.

It will be an exciting weekend of swimming and diving, as the Irish, Wildcats and Wolverines have established quite a rivalry over the last few years.

Notre Dame went undefeated in the 1999-2000 dual meet season (10-0), highlighted by upset victories over #11 Northwestern on Jan. 21, 2000, and #8 Michigan on Jan. 29, 2000. The victory over the Wolverines was the first for Notre Dame in five meetings between the two schools.

The Irish also had a close look at Michigan already this season, as Notre Dame competed in the Wolverine Invitational Jan. 12-13, and swam against the home team, even though the Irish were only scored against the University of Illinois (Notre Dame earned a 200.5-145.5 victory over the Illini).

Irish times among the best in the nation: Two Notre Dame swimmers have established themselves among the best in the country this season. Junior Kelly Hecking (Rutherford, NJ) and freshman Marie Labosky (Churchville, Pa.) have dominated the competition in their respective strokes and positioned themselves for a possible spot in the NCAA Championships.

Hecking has been close to unbeatable in the backstroke. Out of the 14 backstroke final races in which she has competed, she has won 11, finishing second in the other three. Hecking swept the 100 and 200 backstroke vs. Miami (FL), at the Miami (OH) quad meet, vs. Iowa and in the Notre Dame Invitational. Swimming against Michigan last week (Jan. 12-13), Hecking won the 100 back and finished second in the 200 back and 50 freestyle.

The 55.70 time Hecking posted in the 200 back in the Notre Dame Invitational (Nov. 30-Dec. 2) ranks 15th in the *Swimming World* top times list this season. Hecking also swam a 2:00.54 in the 200 back at the Notre Dame Invitational. That time ranks 16th in the nation so far this season.

Labosky has been equally dominate in the distance freestyle and individual medley events for the Irish this season. She has posted 13 individual event victories in 2000-01 and three times that are listed among the best in the country.

Labosky's 1,000 freestyle time of 10:05.00 ranks 23rd, her 16:51.64 in the 1,650 freestyle is 21st and her 400 individual medley time of 4:19.81 is ranked 19th. Swimming against Michigan last week, Labosky won the 200 IM and 400 IM and finished second in the 1,650 freestyle.

Mattingly on a roll: Junior diver Heather Mattingly (Houston, Texas) will play a key role in both meets this week. Mattingly won both the one- and three-meter diving events at the Wolverine Invitational, competing against the same divers she will see against Michigan on Jan. 26. She has posted top scores of 291.25 in one-meter diving and a school-record 550.55 in three-meter diving.

Mattingly became the first Irish diver to earn honorable mention All-America honors last season and has qualified for the NCAA championship meet in 1999 and 2000.

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Rnk	School	Points
1.	Georgia	198
2.	UCLA	191
3.	Arizona	179
4.	Stanford	177
5.	Auburn	168
6.	California	167
7.	Florida	146
8.	USC	141
9.	North Carolina	136
10.	Texas	133
11.	Southern Methodist	116
12.	Virginia	115
13.	Wisconsin	107
14.	Michigan	91
15.	Penn State	89
16.	Maryland	78
17.	Arizona State	64
18.	NOTRE DAME	55
19.	Indiana	46
20.	Minnesota	45
21.	Hawaii	44
22.	Tennessee	26
23.	Northwestern	23
24.	Princeton	19
	Kentucky	19

Notre Dame 2000-01 opponents in **bold**.