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2004-05 MEN'S GOLF

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2004-05 Notre Dame Men's Golf Schedule/Results

DATE	TOURNAMENT	RESULT
S4-5	Inverness Intercollegiate The Inverness Club (Toledo, Ohio)	T-5th of 13
S17-19	ND Invit./Central Reg. Preview Warren Golf Course (Notre Dame, Ind.)	6th of 15
O4-5	Wicon Memorial Classic Conway Farms Golf Club (Lake Forest, Ill.)	T-14th of 18
O22-24	The Nelson Invitational Stanford Golf Course (Stanford, Calif.)	9th of 16
N1-2	The Prestige at PGA WEST PGA WEST/Greg Norman Course (La Quinta, Calif.)	T-10th of 16
F28-M1	NOKIA Sugar Bowl Tulane Invitational English Turn Golf & Country Club (New Orleans, La.)	
M7-8	Irish Spring Invitational Mission Inn Resort (Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla.)	
M13-14	General Jim Hackler Invitational TPC of Myrtle Beach (Murrells Inlet, S.C.)	
A2-3	Augusta State Invitational Forest Hills Golf Club (Augusta, Ga.)	
A16-17	Texas A&M Invitational The Traditions Club (Bryan, Texas)	
A23-24	BIG EAST Championship Warren Golf Course (Notre Dame, Ind.)	
A30-M1	Bruce Fossum/TaylorMade Invitational Forest Akers West G.C. (East Lansing, Mich.)	
M19-21	NCAA Central Regional Warren Golf Course (Notre Dame, Ind.)	

Irish Men's Golf Quick Facts

Head Coach	Jim Kubinski (Springfield College '93)
Assistant Coach	Chris Whitten (Notre Dame '02)
2004 BIG EAST Finish	First
Nickname	Fighting Irish
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2005 NOKIA Sugar Bowl Tulane Invitational

Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 28-March 1, 2005
7:30 a.m. (CT) Mon./8 a.m. (CT) Tues.
English Turn Golf & Country Club
(7,078 Yards, Par 72)
New Orleans, La.

Irish Open Spring Season This Week In New Orleans

The Notre Dame men's golf team will tee off its spring schedule, as well as the Jim Kubinski era, Monday and Tuesday when it participates in the NOKIA Sugar Bowl Tulane Invitational at English Turn Golf & Country Club in New Orleans. The tournament is the first of eight on the 2005 Irish spring docket, and the start of a stretch of events on three consecutive weekends for Notre Dame.

Kubinski makes his debut as Irish head coach this weekend after arriving in South Bend last month. He comes to town after a successful one and one-half year stint as the assistant men's and women's golf coach at perennial national contender Duke.

Quoting Coach Kubinski ...

"We're heading off to the Bayou this week with every intention of enjoying some Cajun cooking and bringing home the trophy Tuesday evening. While most of the field will have had the edge in preparation time (as there are a number of Southeastern teams), I like the way we're swinging the golf club. The key for us will be how quickly our short games catch up to our swing progress. Typically, the scoring shots take a bit longer to show up. If we can get off to a good start, I'm feel comfortable in saying that we can contend for the title.

"Cole Isban is playing very well (shot 69-72 in ND's Alumni Match last weekend). Our three juniors (Eric Deutsch, Tommy Balderston and Mark Baldwin) add experience to the lineup. The wildcard right now is freshman Eddie Peckels, who is making his collegiate travel squad debut. Eddie showed great form in our Alumni Match, firing a two-under par 70. Go Irish!"

IRISH LINEUP FOR THE NOKIA SUGAR BOWL TULANE INVITATIONAL

Pos.	Name	Yr.	Ht./Wt.	Hometown	'04-05 Stroke Avg.
No. 1	Cole Isban	So.	6-3/150	South Bend, Ind.	73.33
No. 2	Eric Deutsch	Jr.	5-10/165	Rochester, Minn.	75.27
No. 3	Tommy Balderston	Jr.	6-3/175	Boca Raton, Fla.	74.44
No. 4	Mark Baldwin	Jr.	6-1/175	Laconia, N.H.	75.33
No. 5	Eddie Peckels	Fr.	6-3/180	Pinehurst, N.C.	72.83

2004 BIG EAST Conference Champion/NCAA Central Regional Participant

GCAA/Bridgestone Division I Coaches' Poll (Feb. 25)

Rank	School (1st place votes)	Points	Last
1.	Oklahoma State (18)	711	3
2.	Georgia (9)	694	1
3.	Georgia Tech (1)	677	2
4.	New Mexico (1)	636	4
5.	Auburn	535	6
6.	Wake Forest	474	14
7.	USC	471	10
8.	TCU	439	9
9.	BYU	438	13
10.	Texas	419	5
11.	Arizona State	412	7
12.	Duke	394	12
13.	Michigan State	356	18
14.	UCLA	350	8
15.	Augusta State	319	17
16.	UNLV	287	15
17.	Clemson	271	16
18.	Florida	267	20
19.	Kentucky	191	11
20.	Kent State	171	23
21.	Georgia State	169	21
22.	Washington	147	NR
23.	Arizona	146	19
24.	Minnesota	122	24
25.	Tennessee	74	22

Others receiving votes: South Carolina 50, Texas Tech 45, Pepperdine 21, Memphis 14, Alabama 12, Oklahoma 11, Arkansas 9, North Carolina 9, St. Mary's (Calif.) 9, UC Davis 8, Purdue 8, Kansas 6, Lamar 6, Tulsa 6, Northwestern 5, UCF 5, Oregon State 4, Wichita State 4, Xavier 4, East Tennessee State 3, Indiana 3, Texas A&M 3, Austin Peay 2, Georgia Southern 2, Rutgers 2, UC Riverside 2, Campbell 1, Rhode Island 1.

Did You Know?

Notre Dame has ties to two of the most famous players in golf history.

Billy Casper won 51 PGA Tour titles, including three majors (1959 & 1966 U.S. Open; 1970 Masters) and was sixth on that tour's all-time victories list upon retirement. He also logged nine wins on the Senior PGA Tour (now the Champions Tour), was an eight-time member of the U.S. Ryder Cup Team and was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 1978. However, before turning pro, Casper attended Notre Dame in 1950 and won the Western Junior National Championship, which was contested at Notre Dame's Burke Memorial Golf Course.

Walter Hagen, Jr., was a three-year monogram winner at Notre Dame from 1938-40, helping the Irish to three consecutive NCAA Championship berths, including a sixth-place finish in 1938. If the name sounds familiar, it should be — his father, Walter Hagen, Sr., won 40 PGA titles, including 11 major championships (five PGA Championships, four British Opens and two U.S. Opens) in his storied career, ranking third in PGA history in the latter category. He also was a six-time U.S. Ryder Cup captain and five years after his death in 1969, he was part of the inaugural induction class for the World Golf Hall of Fame.

Dates and Times

Teams will play two rounds (36 holes) on Monday, with the opening round teeing off via a shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. (CT). The second round will also utilize the shotgun start format approximately 90 minutes after the conclusion of the first round. Competitors will then return Tuesday morning for the final round, which will begin at 8 a.m. (CT) with a shotgun start.

Tournament Updates/Results

No live scoring will be available for this tournament. However, complete results following each day's action will be posted on the official Notre Dame athletics web site (www.und.com). In addition, all the latest information on the Irish is available on the Notre Dame Sports Hotline (574-631-3000). Callers should select option #9, then press #2 for the latest information on the tournament, as well as any weather or scheduling delays.

The Tournament Format

A total of 14 five-man teams (75 participants, including five individuals) will be participating in the NOKIA Sugar Bowl Tulane Invitational. Conventional collegiate golf team scoring rules apply, with the lowest four individual scores in each round counting toward the team total.

The Teams

This year's NOKIA Sugar Bowl Tulane Invitational features a 14-team field that includes the following squads: Tulane A, Tulane B, Jacksonville State, Louisiana-Lafayette, Middle Tennessee, Mississippi, New Orleans, Notre Dame, UNC Wilmington, South Alabama, Southeastern Louisiana, Southern Mississippi, Tulsa and West Florida.

Only one team in this week's field is receiving votes in the latest Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA)/Bridgestone Coaches' Poll (as of Feb. 25). Tulsa is garnering six points, which would put the Golden Hurricane in a tie with Kansas and Lamar for 37th place nationally if the poll were extended.

In the latest *Golfweek*/Sagarin Performance Index ratings (as of Feb. 18), Mississippi is the highest-rated team at No. 30. No other squad is appearing in *Golfweek*/Sagarin top 50, although Tulsa is knocking on the door at No. 51, and Notre Dame isn't far behind at No. 57.

This season, the Irish have posted a 2-0 record against the field at the NOKIA Sugar Bowl Tulane Invitational, earning wins over Tulsa (Notre Dame Invitational/Central Regional Preview) and West Florida (The Nelson Invitational) during the fall 2004 campaign.

The Course

This week's NOKIA Sugar Bowl Tulane Invitational will be played at the English Turn Golf & Country Club (par 72/7,078 yards) in New Orleans, La. The Jack Nicklaus-designed layout opened in 1988 and located on the west bank of the Mississippi River. Termed "one of the top 10 courses on the PGA Tour" by the legendary Greg Norman, English Turn is the site of the PGA Tour's Compaq Classic.

Irish At The NOKIA Sugar Bowl Tulane Invitational

Notre Dame is making its first-ever appearance at the NOKIA Sugar Bowl Tulane Invitational this week. In fact, it will mark the first time the Irish have ever competed in a tournament held in the state of Louisiana.

Irish Lineup

Notre Dame continues to field one of the youngest lineups in the country. As has been the case for much of the past two seasons, the Irish do not have any seniors among their starting five. However, don't confuse this youth with inexperience. Of the five Notre Dame players competing at this week's NOKIA Sugar Bowl Tulane Invitational, four were in the lineup at last year's NCAA Central Regional. This week's starting quintet also has a combined total of 262 collegiate rounds under their belts, including three players with at least 60 rounds to their credit.

Sophomore **Cole Isban** (South Bend, Ind.) started in all five fall tournaments for the Irish this year, posting a sharp 73.33 stroke average. He also placed among the top five in two of those tournaments, including an impressive runner-up finish at The Prestige at PGA WEST, an event he led until the final few holes. A 2004 U.S. Amateur Championship qualifier, Isban has logged a 74.65 career stroke average, the fifth-best mark in school history, and has five top-10 finishes in his brief collegiate career.

Junior **Eric Deutsch** (Rochester, Minn.) emerged as a solid contributor for Notre Dame during last season's spring schedule, culminating with his fifth-place finish at the BIG EAST Conference Championship (earning him all-league honors) and team-best 27th-place showing at the NCAA Central Regional. After winning a pair of tournaments last summer, Deutsch returned to campus energized and was a mainstay in the Irish lineup this past fall, carding a 75.27 stroke average with 13 of his 15 competitive rounds counting to the team score and nine of those rounds coming in at 75 or under.

Junior **Tommy Balderston** (Boca Raton, Fla.) started one tournament for the Irish in the fall, but also saw action in two events as an unattached individual, registering a 74.44 stroke average. A two-time all-BIG EAST selection, he earned medalist honors for the first time in his career back in September at the John Dallio Memorial Invitational in suburban Chicago, firing a three-under par 213 (72-67-74) to outdistance the 75-man field. His second-round 67 also matched the fourth-lowest 18-hole score in school history.

Junior **Mark Baldwin** (Laconia, N.H.) narrowly missed giving Notre Dame a second two-time all-conference pick after placing eighth at last year's BIG EAST Championship. Like Balderston, Baldwin appeared in three tournaments this past fall, going off once with the Irish starting five and twice as an individual competitor en route to a 75.33 stroke average. In his last outing at the Earl Yestingsmeier Invitational in early October, Baldwin equaled the best finish of his career with a fifth-place tie after carding a personal-best four-over par 214 (72-71-71).

Freshman **Eddie Peckels** (Pinehurst, N.C.) is the third different Notre Dame rookie to crack the starting lineup this season, following in the footsteps of classmates **Mike King** (Sidney, Ohio) and **Greg Rodgers** (Phoenix, Md.). Peckels participated in two tournaments during the fall, both as an individual, and posted a strong 72.83 stroke average with all six of his rounds ending up at 75 or lower. He wound up finishing in the top 20 of both events he played in, including a tie for seventh place at the Yestingsmeier Invitational with a five-over par 215 (72-73-70).

Last Tournament — The Prestige at PGA WEST

Sophomore **Cole Isban** (South Bend, Ind.) had a two-stroke lead midway through the final round of The Prestige at PGA WEST, but came up just a bit short, finishing second at the final tournament of the fall season for the Irish on Nov. 2, 2004. Isban wound up carding a 54-hole score of three-over par 219 (72-74-73), placing two shots behind medalist Erik Hill of UC Davis at the two-day

Notre Dame Leads USSA Directors' Cup Race After Fall Season

The University of Notre Dame remains in first place in the final set of fall sports standings released in the 2004-05 United States Sports Academy Division I Directors' Cup all-sports competition sponsored by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (formerly known as Sears Directors' Cup).

This marks the first season in the 12-year history of the program that Notre Dame has ranked number one. The previous highest ranking for the Irish was second in the 2004-05 second set of fall standings.

Fall NCAA competition earned the Irish 337 points based on their NCAA title in women's soccer (100 points), their fourth-place finish in women's cross country (80 points), their 11th-place finish in men's cross country (57 points) and their second-round NCAA appearances in both men's soccer and volleyball (50 points each).

Michigan (333 points) is second, highlighted by a quarterfinal appearance in field hockey and a sixth-place finish in women's cross country. Stanford (332 points) stands third, thanks to its NCAA title in volleyball. Duke (327) is fourth after runner-up NCAA finishes in women's cross country and field hockey.

The current standings include results from NCAA fall competition in football, volleyball, field hockey, water polo, men's and women's cross country, and men's and women's soccer.

The first set of winter standings will be available March 24.

In previous years in which the Directors' Cup competition has been held, Notre Dame has finished 11th in 1993-94, 30th in 1994-95, 11th in 1995-96, 14th in 1996-97, tied for 31st in 1997-98, 25th in 1998-99, 21st in 1999-2000, 11th in 2000-01, 13th in 2001-02, tied for 13th in 2002-03 and 19th in 2003-04.

Here are the current standings:

1.	NOTRE DAME	337
2.	Michigan	333
3.	Stanford	332
4.	Duke	327
5.	UCLA	297
6.	Maryland	280
7.	Ohio State	276
8.	Colorado	275
9.	Texas	262
10.	Wisconsin	251

Warren Golf Course To Host Qualifier For '05 Western Amateur

The University of Notre Dame's Warren Golf Course will host one of two qualifying tournaments for the 2005 Western Amateur, Western Golf Association Tournament Director **John Kaczkowski** announced in January.

The qualifying event will be held Monday, July 25, with the second qualifier to be held in Benton Harbor, Mich., at long-time qualifying site Lake Michigan Hills Golf Club. Approximately 50 players in the final field of 156 will qualify for the 103rd Western Amateur at one of the two qualifying sites. Warren replaces Hampshire Country Club (Dowagiac, Mich.), which had hosted an annual qualifier since 1974.

"Warren Golf Course is a wonderful facility, and we're proud to be affiliated with such a prestigious university as Notre Dame," Kaczkowski said. "We expect that the reputation and quality of the course definitely will help us promote the Western Amateur to our national field."

John Foster, Warren's general manager and head professional, added that hosting an event with the history and tradition of the Western Amateur fits well with the university's mission of serving golf with a first-class venue.

"After meeting with representatives of the Western Golf Association, we agreed that holding the qualifier at Warren was mutually beneficial," said Foster. "This is further proof that the University of Notre Dame is committed to becoming one of the premier collegiate golf facilities in the country."

Warren Golf Course at Notre Dame, designed by Ben Crenshaw and Bill Coore, opened in the spring of 2000 and has hosted four BIG EAST Men's Golf Championships, two BIG EAST Women's Golf Championships and two men's U.S. Amateur Qualifiers. In May, Warren also will be the site of the NCAA Central Regional Men's Golf Championship.

Foster said he was prompted to pursue hosting the qualifier at the suggestion of Warren Superintendent **Matt Cielen**, who had worked closely with the Western Golf Association during his three years as assistant superintendent at Point O' Woods Golf and Country Club in Benton Harbor. Point O' Woods has served as the host club for the Western Amateur since 1971.

Warren Golf Course has undergone two major alterations over the short five years it has been open. The first, completed in the fall of 2003, entailed building eight new tees that added 270 yards to the course, resulting in championship yardage of 7,011.

The second alteration is now underway, with the renovation of the course's 86 bunkers. All of the original sand is being removed, new drainage systems and fabric liners are being installed and a new, more angular and coarse grade of sand is being used to fill the bunkers.

The 103rd Western Amateur will be played July 25-31 at Point O' Woods. First held in 1899, the championship traditionally features an international field of top-ranked amateur golfers in a medal and match play format. The champion will earn an exemption into the 2006 Cialis Western Open. The 2004 Western Amateur field included competitors from more than 30 states and five foreign countries. Past champions include Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Ben Crenshaw, Curtis Strange, Hal Sutton, Lanny Wadkins and Justin Leonard.

Notre Dame sophomore and South Bend native **Cole Isban** made the 36-hole cut at the '04 Western Amateur, the first South Bend-area player to make the cut in three years.

event, which was held in La Quinta, Calif., at the par-72, 7,156-yard Greg Norman Course at the famed PGA WEST complex. Isban's second-place finish was the best of his career, surpassing the tie for third place he registered at the 2004 BIG EAST Conference Championship, and it was the third top-five finish of his young career.

In the team standings, Notre Dame jumped two spots during the final round, winding up tied for 10th place with Oregon at 70-over par 934 (311-322-301). The Irish actually were on pace to shoot the low round of the day, sitting at one-over par through 13 holes, but some late black marks on the scorecard halted their charge. UCLA successfully defended its tournament title, winning by nine strokes over the event's co-host UC Davis.

Freshman **Greg Rodgers** (Phoenix, Md.) and junior **Eric Deutsch** (Rochester, Minn.) both tied for 49th place with matching scores of 23-over par 239. Rodgers tallied rounds of 79, 83 and 77, while Deutsch bounced back from two tough opening rounds with a final-round 73, highlighted by an eagle at No. 11, the second eagle by an Irish player in the tournament.

Junior **Scott Gustafson** (Eden Prairie, Minn.) ended the tournament in a 57th-place tie at 26-over par 242 (81-83-78), while freshman **Mike King** (Sidney, Ohio) completed the Notre Dame scoring with a tie for 61st place at 27-over par 243 (79-84-80).

The Sandman Cometh

Notre Dame announced Dec. 16 that **Josh Sandman** (Greensboro, N.C./South-east Guilford HS), has chosen to continue his career with the Irish, signing a National Letter of Intent to attend Notre Dame beginning in the fall of 2005. Sandman is the first player to commit to the Irish for the 2005-06 season.

A standout on the junior golf circuit, Sandman is ranked as the 32nd-best player in the graduating class of 2005, according to the *Titleist/Golfweek* rankings released in mid-December. The 6-foot-1 Sandman owns a national junior scoring average of 72.69 in 23 rounds and has four top-three finishes to his credit in the last calendar year. His best efforts include a tie for second place at the 2003-04 North Carolina State High School Championships, a tie for third place at the 2004 *Golfweek* Invitational and a third-place showing at the 2004 Carolina Golf Association Junior Championships. He also works regularly under the watchful eye of Greensboro-area instructor Kelly Phillips.

Sandman is the son of Michael and Dawn Sandman of Greensboro, and he has three brothers (ages 21, 19 and 13).

Bringing In The Closers

The Irish have posted their best team scores during the final round of tournament play this year, carding a 297.20 over the last 18 holes. Leading the charge in the third round have been sophomore **Cole Isban** (73.20) and junior **Mark Baldwin** (74.33).

Next For The Irish

Notre Dame will play host to the Irish Spring Invitational March 7-8 in Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla., at the Mission Inn Resort (El Campeon Course). It's the second of four tournaments the Irish are hosting during the 2004-05 season, but the only one that will take place away from the Notre Dame campus. A total of 13 teams will compete in the Irish Spring Invitational, which is being co-sponsored by the Central Florida Sports Commission.



TOMMY BALDERSTON

Junior • 6-3 • 175
Boca Raton, Fla. (St. Andrews HS)

- Two-time all-BIG EAST Conference selection (2003, 2004).
- Ranks third on team with a career-low 74.44 stroke average during the fall.
- Has one top-five finish this season and five in his collegiate career.
- Tied for fourth on team with two rounds of par or better.
- Earned medalist honors at the John Dallio Memorial Invitational after carding a career-low three-under par 213 (72-67-74) to outpace the 75-man field ... his second-round 67 was not only a personal best, but matched

the fourth-lowest round in school history.

- Tied for 23rd at the Notre Dame Invitational/Central Regional Preview with a 14-over par 224 (74-77-73).
- Made his first start of the season at the Windon Memorial Classic, tying for 74th place with a 20-over par 233 (77-78-78).

Balderston's Career Statistics

Year	Tournaments	Rounds	(Count)	Strokes	Avg.	18	54	Top Finish (Field) - Event (Score)
2002-03	9	26	(20)	1,973	75.88	69	213	T-5th (76) - SMU/Stonebridge Invitational (213)
2003-04	11	32	(24)	2,425	75.78	68	214	T-3rd (30) - BIG EAST Championship (218)
2004-05	3	9	(3)	670	74.44	67	213	1st (75) - John Dallio Memorial Inv. (213)
Career	23	67	(47)	5,068	75.64	67	213	1st (75) - John Dallio Memorial Inv. (213)



MARK BALDWIN

Junior • 6-1 • 175
Laconia, N.H. (New Hampton Prep)

- 2003 all-BIG EAST Conference selection.
- Carded a career-best 75.33 stroke average during the fall season.
- Competed in three fall tournaments, two as an individual participant.
- Has found his greatest success in the final round this year, logging a 74.33 stroke average.
- Best finish of the season was a tie for fifth place at the Earl Yestingsmeier Invitational with a four-over par 214 (72-71-71) ... the final two rounds were his lowest scores of the year.

- Member of starting five for season-opening Inverness Intercollegiate Invitational, tying for 47th place at 21-over par 234 (82-77-75).
- Also tied for 42nd place at the Notre Dame Invitational/Central Regional Preview with a 20-over par 230 (74-79-77).

Baldwin's Career Statistics

Year	Tournaments	Rounds	(Count)	Strokes	Avg.	18	54	Top Finish (Field) - Event (Score)
2002-03	10	29	(24)	2,191	75.55	67	211	6th (30) - BIG EAST Championship (224)
2003-04	10	29	(23)	2,232	76.97	70	218	T-5th (70) - The Tillinghast (148)
2004-05	3	9	(2)	678	75.33	71	214	T-5th (90) - Earl Yestingsmeier Inv. (214)
Career	23	67	(49)	5,101	76.13	67	211	T-5th - Tillinghast/Yestingsmeier Inv.



ERIC DEUTSCH

Junior • 5-10 • 165
Rochester, Minn. (Lourdes HS)

- 2004 all-BIG EAST Conference selection.
- Currently maintains a personal-best 75.27 stroke average this season.
- Started all five fall tournaments for Notre Dame, with 13 of his 15 rounds counting towards the team score (.867 efficiency rate is tied for second on the squad).
- Tied for fourth on the team with two rounds of par or better.
- Ended up in 12th-place tie at the Notre Dame Invitational/Central Regional Preview with a 10-over par 220

(73-72-75) ... one of three top-20 showing for the veteran this season.

- Finished a team-best 21st overall at The Nelson Invitational with a career-low six-over par 213 (69-72-72).
- Kicked off his year with a bang, firing a first-round 69 and going on to share team-high placement honors with a 10-over par 223 (69-75-79) and 17th-place finish at the season-opening Inverness Intercollegiate Invitational.

Deutsch's Career Statistics

Year	Tournaments	Rounds	(Count)	Strokes	Avg.	18	54	Top Finish (Field) - Event (Score)
2002-03	10	29	(24)	2,204	76.00	68	216	T-11th (30) - BIG EAST Championship (230)
2003-04	10	29	(18)	2,230	76.90	69	219	T-5th (30) - BIG EAST Championship (219)
2004-05	5	15	(13)	1,129	75.27	69	213	T-12th (81) - Notre Dame Invitational (220)
Career	19	55	(39)	4,208	76.51	68	216	T-5th (30) - BIG EAST Championship (219)



COLE ISBAN

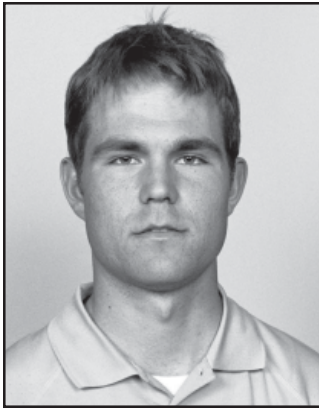
Sophomore • 6-3 • 150
South Bend, Ind. (Mishawaka Marian HS)

- 2004 U.S. Amateur Championship qualifier.
- 2004 all-BIG EAST Conference selection.
- Started all five fall tournaments for the Irish and has been in the lineup for 16 of a possible 18 tournaments during his collegiate career.
- Second on squad (tops among starters) with a personal-low 73.33 scoring mark this season ... was team's low scorer in three of five events.

- Tied for team lead with two top-five finishes and four rounds of par or better.
- Reliable performer who leads all starters with 14 of 15 rounds (.933) counting toward the team score.
- Best showing was a runner-up finish at The Prestige at PGA WEST with a three-over par 219 (72-74-73) ... led the tournament for much of the two-day event, including a two-shot edge entering the final round ... was best finish of his career.
- Tied for fourth place at the Notre Dame Invitational/Central Regional Preview, leading all Irish golfers with a six-over par 216 (72-76-68).
- Shared team-best 21st-place laurels at The Nelson Invitational with a six-over par 213, only one stroke off the best 54-hole score of his career.

Isban's Career Statistics

Year	Tournaments	Rounds	(Count)	Strokes	Avg.	18	54	Top Finish (Field) - Event (Score)
2003-04	11	34	(31)	2,558	75.24	69	212	T-3rd (30) - BIG EAST Championship (218)
2004-05	5	15	(14)	1,100	73.33	68	213	2nd (84) - The Prestige at PGA WEST (219)
Career	16	49	(45)	3,658	74.65	68	212	2nd (84) - The Prestige at PGA WEST (219)



EDDIE PECKELS

Freshman • 6-3 • 180

Pinehurst, N.C. (Pope John Paul II (Fla.) HS)

- Competed in two tournaments during the fall, both as an individual participant.
- Will make first appearance in starting lineup this week at NOKIA Sugar Bowl Tulane Invitational.
- Leads team with a 72.83 stroke average.
- Wound up within 6.5 strokes of the tournament medalist at both events he competed in.
- Earned first top-10 finish of his career at the Earl Yestingsmeier Invitational, tying for seventh place with a five-over par 215 (72-73-70) ... he was one of three Irish players to wind up among the top 10 at that event.
- Made debut at the John Dallio Memorial Invitational, tying for 17th place with a six-over par 222 (74-73-75).

Peckels' Career Statistics

Year	Tournaments	Rounds	(Count)	Strokes	Avg.	18	54	Top Finish (Field) - Event (Score)
2004-05	2	6	(0)	437	72.83	70	215	T-7th (90) - Earl Yestingsmeier Inv. (215)
Career	2	6	(0)	437	72.83	70	215	T-7th (90) - Earl Yestingsmeier Inv. (215)



JIM KUBINSKI

Head Coach • First Year at Notre Dame
Springfield College (1993)

Jim Kubinski, an assistant golf coach at Duke University since 2003 and one of the nation's top young golf teachers, was named the new head men's golf coach at the University of Notre Dame on Jan. 28. Kubinski becomes just the sixth head coach in the 76-year history of the Irish men's golf program, inheriting a storied tradition that includes one national championship, 10 top-five NCAA Championship finishes and 31 trips to the NCAA Championship.

Kubinski takes over a Notre Dame squad that looked sharp during the fall 2004 season, posting a 298.67 stroke average (currently third-best in school history). Fresh off their first NCAA postseason berth in 38 years, the Irish also will be seeking to make back-to-back NCAA tournament appearances for the first time since a run of seven consecutive NCAA berths from 1960-66.

Kubinski came to Notre Dame after spending a year and a half as the assistant men's and women's golf coach at Duke. During his tenure, the Blue Devil men's team won three tournaments, qualified for the 2004 NCAA East Regional (missing the NCAA Championship field by a single stroke), and rose to No. 13 in the *Golfweek* rankings at the close of the fall 2004 season. He also worked closely with 2004 third-team All-American and all-Atlantic Coast Conference selection Nathan Smith, as well as '04 honorable mention All-American and all-ACC pick Ryan Blaum, resulting in his nomination for the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) Assistant Coach of the Year award.

In his capacity as an aide with the Duke women's squad, he played an integral role in the Blue Devils' 10 tournament victories (in 11 events), their ascension to No. 1 in the *Golfweek* rankings, the 2004 ACC and NCAA East Regional titles, and a third-place finish at the '04 NCAA Championship.

Kubinski is engaged to Sarah Struthers of Durham, N.C., with the couple slated to marry in October 2005.