



# NOTRE DAME

## 2007-08 MEN'S GOLF

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### 2007-08 Notre Dame Men's Golf Schedule/Results

DATE	TOURNAMENT	RESULT (SCORE)
S15-16	Gopher Invitational Spring Hill Golf Club (Wayzata, Minn.)	T-4th of 12 (891)
S30-02	Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic Warren Golf Course (Notre Dame, Ind.)	
O7-8	Coca-Cola Duke Golf Classic Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club (Durham, N.C.)	
O21-23	Mason Rudolph Intercollegiate Legends Club of Tennessee (Nashville, Tenn.)	
O29-30	UNCG Bridgestone Collegiate Championship Forest Oaks Country Club (Greensboro, N.C.)	
F17-19	John Hayt Collegiate Invitational Sawgrass Country Club (Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.)	
M3-4	USC Intercollegiate North Ranch Country Club (Westlake Village, Calif.)	
M14-16	Schenkel E-Z-GO Invitational Forest Heights Country Club (Statesboro, Ga.)	
M23-25	National Invitation Tournament Arizona National Golf Club (Tucson, Ariz.)	
A5	Irish Spring Invitational Warren Golf Course (Notre Dame, Ind.)	
A20-22	BIG EAST Championship Traditions Golf Club (Hebron, Ky.)	
M15-17	NCAA Regionals (Chattanooga, Tenn./Columbus, Ohio/Bremerton, Wash.)	
M28-31	NCAA Championship Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex/Kampen (W. Lafayette, Ind.)	

### Irish Men's Golf Quick Facts

**Head Coach** ..... Jim Kubinski (Springfield College '93)  
**Assistant Coach** ..... Steve Colnitis (Notre Dame '05)  
**2007 Postseason Finish** ..... BIG EAST Runner-Up  
**Nickname/Colors** ..... Fighting Irish/Gold and Blue  
**Home Course** ..... Warren Golf Course (par 70/7,011 yards)  
**Assistant SID (Golf Contact)** ..... Chris Masters  
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### Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic

Sunday-Tuesday, Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2007  
 8:30 a.m. (ET) each day  
 Warren Golf Course  
 Notre Dame, Ind.  
 Par 70/7,011 yards

### Notre Dame Hosts Strong Field At Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic

Several of the nation's top men's golf programs will make their way to South Bend this weekend as Notre Dame plays host to the second edition of the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic at the Warren Golf Course on the Notre Dame campus. The tournament will consist of single rounds Sunday through Tuesday, beginning at 8:30 a.m. (ET) each day.

The Irish are coming off a solid fourth-place tie at their season-opening Gopher Invitational on Sept. 15-16. Notre Dame posted a score of 891 (+27) and finished one shot out of second place, while also defeating several highly-ranked squads including SMU, Michigan State and Minnesota. Senior tri-captain **Greg Rodgers** earned a career-best seventh-place tie at three-over par 219 to pace the Irish effort.

### Quoting Coach Kubinski ...

"We're thrilled to be hosting the second Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic (FIGGC). The event was so well received last year and born of the Isban family's great passion for golf and Notre Dame. Our Warren Golf Course is a tremendous test, having hosted an NCAA Regional and multiple BIG EAST Championships. There's no better evidence of this than our inaugural champion, Justin Harding of Lamar, having won with a three-over 213.

"Our lineup will be basically the same as we utilized in Minnesota with Carl Santos-Ocampo subbing in this week for freshman Connor Alan-Lee. Connor played two great rounds at the Gopher Invitational, but given Carl's track record here at The Warren (a near-Top 10 last year) and solid play this past week in qualifying, we felt Carl might give us an edge.

"I look for Josh (Sandman) to bounce back from a tough opener and give us three good scores. He should be a factor come Tuesday afternoon. Of

### NOTRE DAME LINEUP FOR THE FIGHTING IRISH GRIDIRON GOLF CLASSIC

Pos.	Name	Yr.	Ht./Wt.	Hometown	Stroke Avg.
No. 1	Josh Sandman	Jr.	6-1/185	Greensboro, N.C.	77.33
No. 2	Greg Rodgers	Sr.	6-1/190	Phoenix, Md.	73.00
No. 3	Doug Fortner	So.	6-0/170	Tustin, Calif.	74.67
No. 4	Eddie Peckels	Sr.	6-3/195	Pinehurst, N.C.	77.00
No. 5	Carl Santos-Ocampo	So.	5-8/150	Naples, Fla.	74.00

**Six-Time BIG EAST Conference Champions (1995, 1996, 1997, 2004, 2005, 2006)**

## Golf World/Nike Golf Division I Coaches Poll (Sept. 19)

Rank	School (First-Place Votes)	Points	Last
1.	Stanford (9)	579	1
2.	Alabama (9)	576	2
3.	Georgia (1)	510	3
	UCLA (1)	510	5
5.	Florida (1)	504	4
6.	Southern California	423	6
7.	Oklahoma State	402	7
8.	Florida State	370	15
9.	Charlotte (1)	364	10
10.	Clemson	341	9
11.	Texas A&M	329	11
12.	Georgia Tech	323	8
13.	Duke	270	17
14.	Coastal Carolina	248	13
15.	Tennessee	225	14
16.	UNLV	219	12
17.	Arizona State	216	18
18.	Louisville	189	19
19.	East Tennessee State	171	21
20.	Wake Forest	133	23
<b>21.</b>	<b>Lamar</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>16</b>
22.	South Carolina	129	20
23.	Texas	114	22
<b>24.</b>	<b>Michigan State</b>	<b>88</b>	—
25.	Georgia State	75	24

**Others receiving votes:** Auburn 60, Arizona 58, Texas Tech 40, Tulsa 36, North Carolina 33, BYU 27, Minnesota 26, **Baylor 19, Indiana 17**, Kentucky 16, Purdue 6, Northwestern 4, Kent State 3, Pepperdine 3, UAB 3, Chattanooga 2, East Carolina 2, Michigan 2, Central Florida 2, UC Irvine 1, Washington 1.

Teams in **bold** competing at the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic.

### 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 the old Notre Dame Golf Course. His Irish career was cut short when he was called away to military service in the Korean War.

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 behind Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods. The elder Hagen 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.

course, I'm not sure there's a player anywhere striking the ball better than Greg Rodgers. He's hitting around 16 greens per round — just fantastic stuff. I also like the way Eddie Peckels and Doug Fortner are playing. They're both very, very talented and seem to be rounding into form.

"We'll try to get into that final pairing on Tuesday and trust that our preparation and course knowledge will allow us an opportunity to get a win."

### Dates and Times

Teams will play single rounds (18 holes) from Sunday through Tuesday, beginning each day with split-tee starts from the first and 10th tees at 8:30 a.m. (ET) and continuing at 10-minute intervals. For Sunday's first round, Notre Dame's starting five is grouped with players from Michigan State and Iowa, with the first threesome set to tee off at 9:20 a.m. (ET) from the first tee.

Pairings and tee times for Monday's second round and Tuesday's final round will be based upon the team standings at the conclusion of the previous round. All times and formats are tentative and subject to change.

### Following The Irish

Live in-progress scoring from the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic will be available through the Golfstat web site ([www.golfstat.com](http://www.golfstat.com)). In addition, complete results following each day's action will be posted on the official Notre Dame athletics web site ([www.und.com](http://www.und.com)). The latest information from the tournament, including results, scheduling updates and weather delays, also will be available on the Notre Dame Sports Hotline (574-631-3000).

Results also will be available via the Irish ALERT text-message system, which provides fans with regular updates on Notre Dame's progress at the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic through text messages sent to their cell phone. For more information or to sign up, visit the men's golf page of the official Notre Dame athletics web site ([www.und.com](http://www.und.com)).

### The Tournament Format

A total of 12 five-man teams (60 participants, plus 15 additional golfers competing on an individual basis) will be taking part in the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic. Conventional collegiate golf team scoring rules will apply, with the lowest four scores in the five-man lineup for each round counting toward the team total. Scores by golfers competing on an individual basis do not count to the team score.

### The Teams

Besides tournament host Notre Dame, the remaining teams in the field for the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic are: Arkansas, Baylor, College of Charleston, Colorado State, Georgetown, Iowa, Lamar, Michigan State, North Florida, San Diego and Virginia.

According to the Sept. 19 edition of the *Golf World/Nike Golf Top 25 coaches' poll*, two ranked teams — No. 21 Lamar and No. 24 Michigan State — are scheduled to take part in this weekend's tournament. Two other teams received votes in the latest coaches' survey — Baylor (19 votes; 33rd place) and Indiana (17 votes; 34th place).

Meanwhile, the Sept. 25 ratings in the *Golfweek/Sagarin Performance Index* show that five of the top 50 teams will be in town for the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic. Leading the way is No. 17 Lamar, followed by No. 25 Michigan State and No. 26 Indiana. Also on the first page of the *Golfweek* ratings are No. 27 Notre Dame and No. 39 Arkansas. Baylor is the next closest team in the polls, currently standing outside the *Golfweek* Top 50 at No. 70.

In addition, the final 2006-07 Golfstat rankings indicate two of this

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weekend's participants appeared in that service's Top 50 at the close of the last season. Third-ranked Lamar set the bar, with No. 31 Michigan State the other one of last year's top 50 teams in the '07 Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic field, although five other participating squads were knocking on the door at the end of last year — No. 53 Colorado State, No. 54 Baylor, No. 60 North Florida, No. 61 Notre Dame and No. 65 Virginia.

### Head-To-Head

Although this is just its second tournament of the season, Notre Dame already has faced five of the other 11 teams in this weekend's Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic, amassing a combined 2-2-1 (.500) record against those clubs. The Irish record vs. the rest of the tournament competition breaks down as follows: Arkansas (0-1), Indiana (0-0-1), Lamar (0-1), Michigan State (1-0) and San Diego (1-0).

### The Course

A par-70, 7,011-yard layout designed by PGA Tour veteran (and 2002 World Golf Hall of Famer) Ben Crenshaw and Bill Coore, the Warren Golf Course on the Notre Dame campus is based on a traditional walkable Irish and American courses favored around the turn of the 20th century. The course winds its way through 250 wooded acres and is based on subtleties rather than special effects, including small, undulating greens and 88 strategically-placed bunkers which were recently renovated as part of a course-wide improvement project.

The Warren Golf Course has been rated one of the nation's top 15 collegiate courses by *Golf Digest* (Sept. 2005 issue) and has played host to several championship events. Among the more notable tournaments to be played at the course since its debut seven years ago are: the 2005 NCAA Central Regional, two U.S. Amateur sectional qualifiers (2004, 2007), three Western Amateur qualifiers (2005-07), five BIG EAST Conference Men's Golf Championships (2000, 2002-05) and three BIG EAST Women's Championships (2003-05).

### Noting The Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic

- ◆ This is the second edition of Notre Dame's home tournament. The Irish finished second in last year's inaugural event at 889 (+49), winding up 29 shots back of champion Lamar. Three-time all-region selection Cole Isban was Notre Dame's top finisher, tying for runner-up honors at 214 (+4), one shot back of Lamar's Justin Harding, who won with a birdie chip on his final hole. Both Lamar and Harding are back to defend their team and individual crowns this year.
- ◆ Sophomore **Carl Santos-Ocampo** registered one of the highlights of last year's Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic, carding an ace on the par-3 136-yard fourth hole (with an 8-iron) during the opening round.
- ◆ Two members of this weekend's Notre Dame lineup — Santos-Ocampo and junior **Josh Sandman** — tied for 11th place at last year's Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic. Both golfers shot a 12-over par 222, with Santos-Ocampo competing as an individual participant.
- ◆ Speaking of unattached golfers, the remaining six players on the Notre Dame roster will compete as individuals at this weekend's tournament. In addition, Baylor and North Florida will field one individual participant, while Holy Cross (Ind.) College — an NAIA member located across the street from the Notre Dame campus — will have its six-man team competed as individuals during the tournament.

### Last Time Out: Gopher Invitational (Sept. 15-16)

Notre Dame carded an 18-over par 306 during the final round of the Gopher

## NOTRE DAME RECORD BOOK UPDATES

### TEAM RECORDS

#### Top Season Stroke Averages (since 1980)

✓292.97	2005-06
✓295.71	2006-07
298.29	1999-2000
298.33	1997-98
298.75	2000-01
299.15	1998-99
✓299.89	2004-05

#### Top 54-Hole Tournament Scores (since 1966)

✓842 (-22)	BIG EAST Championship (par 72), 2006
✓853 (+13)	The Maxwell (par 70), 2006
854 (+26)	Nelson Invitational (par 69), 2004
✓856 (-8)	BIG EAST Championship (par 72), 2007
✓863 (+11)	Triumph at Pauma Valley (par 71), 2007
863 (+11)	Nelson Invitational (par 71), 2003
✓865 (+1)	Border Olympics (par 72), 2007
✓865 (+1)	Coca-Cola Duke Classic (par 72), 2005

#### Top Rounds (since 1966)

✓272 (-16)	BIG EAST Championship (3rd rd), 2006
275 (-13)	Air Force Invitational (1st rd), 1999
✓278 (-10)	BIG EAST Championship (3rd rd), 2007
279 (+3)	Nelson Invitational (1st rd), 2004
✓281 (+1)	The Maxwell (3rd rd), 2006
✓281 (-7)	BIG EAST Championship (1st rd), 2006

#### Tournament Titles (Kubinski era)

1st of 14*	NOKIA Sugar Bowl Tulane Invitational, 2005
1st of 6	BIG EAST Championship, 2005
1st of 12*	BIG EAST Championship, 2006

\* - won on first hole of sudden death playoff

### INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

#### Top Season Stroke Averages (since 1954; min. 13.5 rds)

✓72.71	Cole Isban, 2006-07
✓72.97	Cole Isban, 2005-06
73.03	Steve Ratay, 2001-02
73.13	Joe Grace, 1955-56
✓73.17	Mark Baldwin, 2005-06
✓73.40	◆Josh Sandman, 2005-06

#### Top Career Stroke Averages (since 1954; min. 35 rds)

✓73.76	Cole Isban, 2003-07
✓73.96	◆Josh Sandman, 2005-present
74.43	Charles Thurn, 1956-58
74.46	Steve Ratay, 1999-2002
74.55	Willie Kent, 1998-99
74.56	Joe Grace, 1956-58
74.67	Tom Grace, 1960-62
74.93	Alex Kent, 1999-2001
74.99	Bob Wilson, 1967-70
✓75.01	Scott Gustafson, 2002-06

✓ - achieved during tenure of current head coach Jim Kubinski

◆ - player in lineup for the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic

**Six-Time BIG EAST Conference Champions (1995, 1996, 1997, 2004, 2005, 2006)**

## Irish Among Nation's Elite Programs In *Golf Digest* Rankings

The Notre Dame men's golf program has been rated ninth in the nation, according to the latest in-depth *Golf Digest* rankings released in the August 2007 issue of the magazine. The Irish were cited for their impressive combination of athletic and academic success, as well as the quality of the program's new facilities and the accomplishments of its coaching staff.

Notre Dame was ranked among the top 35 in all three categories evaluated in the *Golf Digest* study. In the "golf-first" rating, which heavily weights a program's performance on the course through both adjusted scoring average and player growth during the past four seasons (2003-04 through 2006-07), the Irish checked in at No. 35. Under the "academics-first" classification, which depends largely on the school's standing in the latest *U.S. News & World Report* rankings and the golf program's graduation rates, Notre Dame was 14th in the nation. However, when combining those two rankings and factoring in facilities, coaching and climate (location) — the components of the "balanced" *Golf Digest* ranking — the Irish made their biggest impression, placing ninth in the country, second among all programs north of the Mason-Dixon Line, and tops in the BIG EAST Conference.

"We are understandably thrilled with the 2007-08 *Golf Digest* program rankings," Notre Dame head coach **Jim Kubinski** said. "We think this only confirms what we've believed for quite a while — that we have the pieces in places to compete as one of the elite programs in the country, both on the course and the classroom. The greatest days for Fighting Irish golf are still to come and we couldn't be more excited about what lies ahead."

In addition, Notre Dame's facilities were singled out as the third-best college golf footprint in the nation with a 98 rating — only Stanford and Duke had higher totals. The Irish have made tremendous strides in their physical plant during the past decade, beginning with the 2000 debut of the on-campus Warren Golf Course, designed by Bill Coore and PGA Tour great Ben Crenshaw and rated among the nation's top college and public layouts. The course already has hosted five BIG EAST Championships, the 2005 NCAA Central Regional, a 2004 U.S. Amateur Championship qualifier, and three Western Amateur Championship qualifiers in its seven-year existence.

Notre Dame's latest facility addition opened in September 2006, with the completion of the \$2.1 million, 10,333-square foot Robert and Marilyn Rolfs Family All-Season Varsity Golf Facility, located on the grounds of the Warren Golf Course. The Rolfs Facility features a 5,000-square foot indoor short game area, six covered tee stations that include state-of-the-art video equipment for instant coaching feedback, office space for the Irish men's and women's coaching staffs, and a fully-furnished lounge area with separate locker room areas for both teams.

The complete 2007-08 *Golf Digest* rankings in all three categories, as well as a full explanation of how the ratings were determined, can be found by going on-line at <http://www.golfdigest.com/rankings/college/2007/09/collegegolfrankings>.

Invitational, tying for fourth place with a 54-hole total of 891 (+27/294-291-306) at their season-opening event on Sept. 15-16. Lamar, ranked 16th in the preseason *Golf World*/Nike Coaches Top 25 poll, posted a four-over par 868 to win the tournament, which was played at the par-72, 7,020-yard Spring Hill Golf Club in Wayzata, Minn.

Senior tri-captain **Greg Rodgers** (Phoenix, Md.) paced Notre Dame with a three-over par 219 (69-74-76) to finish in a career-best tie for seventh among the field of 60 golfers. He was joined in the top 20 by his sophomore teammate **Doug Fortner** (Tustin, Calif.), who registered a 224 (76-74-74) to conclude the event in 20th place.

Freshman **Connor Alan-Lee** (Solana Beach, Calif.) entered the final day at even par and in ninth place, yet posted a third-round total of 84 to finish in a three-way tie for 26th with a 12-over par 228 (74-70-84). Senior tri-captain **Eddie Peckels** (Pinehurst, N.C.) shot a 231 (75-80-76) for the Irish and tied for 37th. Junior **Josh Sandman** (Greensboro, N.C.) rounded out the Notre Dame lineup as he carded a 232 (79-73-80) to tie for 39th overall.

### Captains Courageous

Notre Dame's three seniors have been selected as team captains for the 2007-08 season. **Mike King**, **Eddie Peckels** and **Greg Rodgers** all are serving in that capacity for the first time in their careers.

### The .500 Rule

According to a new rule passed by the NCAA Division I Men's Golf Committee, teams must finish their season with a winning head-to-head record (i.e. better than .500) in order to be considered for a berth in postseason play.

### Things You Should Know About The Irish

- ◆ Notre Dame has won six BIG EAST Conference titles in its 12-year league affiliation, stringing together three consecutive crowns from 1995-97 and again from 2004-06. The Irish also have made 33 NCAA postseason appearances in their history (most recently in 2006 with a trip to the NCAA East Regional), winning the 1944 national title and finishing second in 1937.
- ◆ Notre Dame has taken its play to new levels in recent years, posting three of the top seven single-season stroke averages in school history since head coach **Jim Kubinski** took over as head coach in January 2005. The Irish also have carded nine of the top 13 tournament scores (54 holes) in program history during the Kubinski era, including a school-record 842 (-22) at the 2006 BIG EAST Championship.
- ◆ Notre Dame's impressive resurgence of late has been augmented by its play against nationally-ranked opponents. In fact, since Kubinski arrived under the Golden Dome, the Irish have defeated 13 Top 25 teams (according to *Golfweek*) and posted 13 top-five tournament finishes, including three event titles (most recently the '06 BIG EAST Championship).
- ◆ Kubinski himself was nominated for a place on the 2007 *GOLF Magazine* Top 100 Teachers List, after being placed into consideration by the Indiana Section of the PGA. Approximately 400-500 people are chosen annually from the 30,000 PGA professionals nationwide for a few select places on the *GOLF Magazine* list, whose membership includes such notables as Hank Haney, Butch Harmon, David Leadbetter and Rick Smith.

### Next Up: Coca-Cola Duke Golf Classic (Oct. 7-8)

It's a quick turnaround for Notre Dame, which heads to Durham, N.C., on Oct. 7-8 for the Coca-Cola Duke Golf Classic. The Irish played in this event two years ago, finishing sixth at one-over par 865, a 54-hole score that remains tied for seventh-lowest in school history.



# JIM KUBINSKI

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

One of the nation's top young golf teachers, Jim Kubinski is in his fourth season as the head coach at Notre Dame. Having assumed the post on Jan. 28, 2005, Kubinski is just the sixth head coach in the 78-year history of the Irish men's golf program, inheriting a storied tradition that includes the 1944 national championship, 19 top-10 NCAA Championship finishes and 33 NCAA postseason appearances.

"We feel Jim is one of the rising stars in the golf coaching community and someone who can continue to develop our program into a perennial national contender," Notre Dame director of athletics Kevin White said.

It hasn't taken long for Kubinski to make his mark at Notre Dame and reward White's confidence in his abilities.

In his first tournament at the helm of the Irish, just one month after setting foot on campus, Kubinski helped guide Notre Dame to the championship of the 2005 NOKIA Sugar Bowl Tulane Invitational, winning the title on the first hole of a sudden death playoff against UNC Wilmington. It was the first of two tournament crowns in the 2004-05 season for Notre Dame and made Kubinski the first Irish men's golf coach since 1961 to win the opening event of his career. That season, Rev. Clarence Durbin, C.S.C., led the Irish to a 23.5-6.5 dual-match win over Western Michigan.

That was the start of what has been a stellar four-year run for the Notre Dame skipper, who piloted the Irish to consecutive BIG EAST Conference titles in 2005 and 2006, and back-to-back NCAA regional appearances both years. He also has a four-year record of 231-209-11 (.524) record and 13 wins over teams ranked in the *Golfweek* Top 25. What's more, Notre Dame has regularly collected votes in the *Golf World*/Nike Golf Top 25 poll and has risen as high as No. 12 in the *Golfweek* rankings (Oct. 2, 2005).

Under Kubinski's guidance, Notre Dame has registered 13 top-five finishes in 34 tournaments, including three tourney titles (two coming in sudden-death playoffs). The Irish also have carded three of the top seven single-season stroke averages in school history, following a 299.89 mark in 2004-05 (seventh all-time) with a school-record pace of 292.97 in '05-06 and a 295.71 mark last season (second all-time). In addition, Notre Dame has fired nine of the top 13 single-round scores in school history since Kubinski arrived on campus, including impressive final-round postseason efforts at the 2005 NCAA Central Regional (282, +2) and the 2006 BIG EAST Championship (school-record 272, -16). The latter score highlighted a 12-stroke comeback victory over Louisville, the second-best rally in the storied history of the Irish men's golf program, and led the Notre Dame's selection as the *Golfweek* National Team of the Week (May 1, 2006) for the first time in program history.

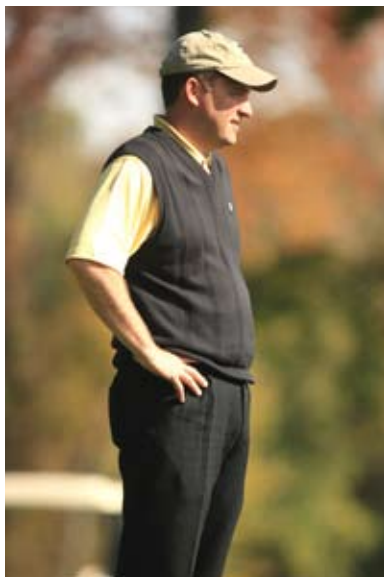
Individually, Kubinski has produced impressive results with several Irish players in a short span of time. Cole Isban became the first three-time PING All-Midwest Region selection (2005-07) in program history under Kubinski's tutelage, and graduated in May 2007 as the school record holder for single-season stroke average (72.71 in 2006-07), and career stroke average (73.76). Josh Sandman got a late start to his college career in '05-06 due to an injury, but since he hit the links, he has been superb, posting a 73.96 career stroke average in 52 rounds (18 tournaments) that puts him on pace to threaten Isban's school record. Thus, it's no wonder Kubinski was nominated for the 2007 *GOLF Magazine* Top 100 Teachers List, honoring the nation's pre-eminent golf instructors.

"As a lifelong Notre Dame fan, I couldn't ask for a greater opportunity than to be the head coach of the Fighting Irish," Kubinski said. "It's certainly a special time to play for Notre Dame and be a part of this great university. I'm looking forward to an exciting time ahead and feel that we're building something here that will be a great source of pride for our players and our university in the years to come.

"Notre Dame exemplifies the best of everything in a college environment, both academically and athletically," Kubinski continued. "It's my goal to ensure that we are a perennial top-10 program on the course and in the classroom, consistent with the best traditions of Notre Dame, and I truly believe we can achieve that goal."

Kubinski was a three-year golf letterman and two-year team captain at Springfield (Mass.) College before graduating in 1993. A two-time all-Northeast 10 Conference selection in 1991 and 1992, he also received the Springfield College Maroon Club Award for academic and athletic achievement in 1992. His playing experience continued on the North Atlantic Tour where he tied for sixth place at the '95 Boston Open, and he also competed in the Carolinas Section PGA.

Born May 4, 1970 in Springfield, Mass., Kubinski and his wife, Sarah, now live in South Bend. The couple celebrated the birth of their first child, daughter Kelly, in September 2007.



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# 2007-08 NOTRE DAME MEN'S GOLF CUMULATIVE STATISTICS

## 2007-08 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Tournament	Location	Finish	Score	Top Scoring Individual
Sept. 14-15	<i>Rutgers Invitational</i>	Piscataway, N.J.	2nd/18	870 (+18)	T-8th, Chen/Zhang, 219 (+6)
Sept. 15-16	Gopher Invitational	Wayzata, Minn.	T-4th/12	891 (+27)	T-7th, Rodgers, 219 (+3)
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March 23-25	National Invitation Tournament	Tucson, Ariz.			
<b>April 5</b>	<b>Irish Spring Invitational (36 holes)</b>	<b>Notre Dame, Ind.</b>			
April 20-22	BIG EAST Championship	Hebron, Ky.			
May 15-17	NCAA Regionals	TBA*			
May 28-31	NCAA Championship	West Lafayette, Ind.			

\* - East Regional at Chattanooga, Tenn.; Central Regional at Columbus, Ohio; West Regional at Bremerton, Wash.  
Home tournaments listed in **boldface** and played at Warren Golf Course (par 70/7,011 yards)  
Tournament listed in *italics* was "B" team event, and team results did not count toward Notre Dame's national rankings

## 2007-08 CUMULATIVE STATISTICS (sorted by stroke average)

Name	Tourn.	Rds.	Str.	vs. Par	Avg.	18	54	Top 5	Top 10	Best Finish (Event)
Greg Rodgers	1	3	219	+3	73.00	69	219	0	1	T-7th (Gopher Invitational)
Jeff Chen	1	3	219	+6	73.00	71	219	0	1	T-8th (Rutgers Invitational)
Dustin Zhang	1	3	219	+6	73.00	69	219	0	1	T-8th (Rutgers Invitational)
Olavo Batista	1	3	220	+7	73.33	70	220	0	0	T-11th (Rutgers Invitational)
Carl Santos-Ocampo	1	3	222	+9	74.00	71	222	0	0	T-18th (Rutgers Invitational)
Doug Fortner	1	3	224	+8	74.67	74	224	0	0	T-20th (Gopher Invitational)
Kyle Willis	1	3	225	+12	75.00	72	225	0	0	T-32nd (Rutgers Invitational)
Connor Alan-Lee	1	3	228	+12	76.00	70	228	0	0	T-26th (Gopher Invitational)
Eddie Peckels	1	3	231	+15	77.00	75	231	0	0	T-37th (Gopher Invitational)
Josh Sandman	1	3	232	+16	77.33	73	232	0	0	T-39th (Gopher Invitational)
<b>"A" Team Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>+27</b>	<b>297.00</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>T-4th (Gopher Invitational)</b>
<b>"B" Team Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>+18</b>	<b>290.00</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2nd (Rutgers Invitational)</b>

## UPDATED CAREER STATISTICS (sorted by stroke average)

Name	Tourn.	Rds.	Str.	Avg.	18	54	Top 5	Top 10	Best Finish (Event)
Jeff Chen	1	3	219	73.00	71	219	0	1	T-8th ('07 Rutgers Invitational)
Dustin Zhang	1	3	219	73.00	69	219	0	1	T-8th ('07 Rutgers Invitational)
Josh Sandman	18	52	3,846	73.96	66	213	1	3	T-2nd ('06 Boilermaker Invitational)
Carl Santos-Ocampo	5	14	1,052	75.14	70	222	0	1	T-10th ('06 Tillinghast)
Eddie Peckels	16	46	3,486	75.78	69	215	0	1	T-7th ('04 Yestingsmeier Invitational)
Connor Alan-Lee	1	3	228	76.00	70	228	0	0	T-26th ('07 Gopher Invitational)
Kyle Willis	3	9	685	76.11	72	224	0	0	T-14th ('06 Fighting Irish Gridiron)
Greg Rodgers	23	66	5,041	76.38	69	216	0	1	T-7th ('07 Gopher Invitational)
Mike King	20	55	4,202	76.40	68	214	1	4	T-4th ('06 Tillinghast)
Doug Fortner	11	31	2,371	76.48	69	212	1	1	4th ('07 Triumph at Pauma Valley)
Olavo Batista	4	11	897	81.55	70	220	0	0	T-11th ('07 Rutgers Invitational)

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## 2007-08 MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

### PERCENTAGE OF ROUNDS COUNTED ("A" team only)

Name	Count/Total	Pct.
Doug Fortner	3/3	1.000
Greg Rodgers	3/3	1.000
Connor Alan-Lee	2/3	.667
Eddie Peckels	2/3	.667
Josh Sandman	2/3	.667

### AVERAGE STROKES BEHIND MEDALIST

Name	Str. Off Lead/Tourn.	Avg.
Greg Rodgers	4/1	4.00
Doug Fortner	9/1	9.00
Jeff Chen	10/1	10.00
Dustin Zhang	10/1	10.00
Olavo Batista	11/1	11.00
Connor Alan-Lee	13/1	13.00
Carl Santos-Ocampo	13/1	13.00
Eddie Peckels	16/1	16.00
Kyle Willis	16/1	16.00
Josh Sandman	17/1	17.00

### STROKE AVERAGE BY ROUND

Name	1	2	3
Connor Alan-Lee	74.00	70.00	84.00
Olavo Batista	70.00	74.00	76.00
Jeff Chen	74.00	71.00	74.00
Doug Fortner	76.00	74.00	74.00
Eddie Peckels	75.00	80.00	76.00
Greg Rodgers	69.00	74.00	76.00
Josh Sandman	79.00	73.00	80.00
Carl Santos-Ocampo	72.00	79.00	71.00
Kyle Willis	80.00	72.00	73.00
Dustin Zhang	69.00	77.00	73.00
<b>"A" TEAM AVERAGES</b>	<b>294.00</b>	<b>291.00</b>	<b>306.00</b>
<b>"B" TEAM AVERAGES</b>	<b>285.00</b>	<b>294.00</b>	<b>291.00</b>

### EVEN & UNDER PAR ROUNDS

Name	Under	Even	Total
Connor Alan-Lee	1	0	1
Olavo Batista	1	0	1
Greg Rodgers	1 (1)	0	1
Dustin Zhang	1 (1)	0	1
Jeff Chen	0	1	1
Carl Santos-Ocampo	0	1	1
<b>"A" TEAM SCORES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>"B" TEAM SCORES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

(figure in parentheses indicates rounds in 60s)

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## 2007-08 TOURNAMENT RESULTS

### Rutgers Invitational

Sept. 14-15, 2007

Piscataway, N.J.

Rutgers Golf Course

(par 71/6,337 yards)

#### Final Team Standings

1. USC Upstate	280	284	291	855 (+3)
<b>2. NOTRE DAME "B"</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>870 (+18)</b>
3. Longwood	289	293	301	883 (+31)
4. Delaware	294	304	293	893 (+41)
5. Mount St. Mary's	297	303	294	894 (+42)
6. Villanova	295	293	307	895 (+43)
Seton Hall	296	297	302	895 (+43)
8. Monmouth	295	300	303	898 (+46)
9. Central Conn. St.	298	298	304	900 (+48)
10. Rutgers	304	306	294	904 (+52)
11. Bryant	298	305	303	906 (+54)
12. Fairleigh Dickinson	316	301	302	919 (+67)
13. Dowling	310	310	301	921 (+69)
14. Thomas More	307	306	310	923 (+71)
15. LIU-Brooklyn	314	303	312	929 (+77)
16. Quinnipiac	313	312	305	930 (+78)
17. Wagner	327	316	328	971 (+119)
18. Manhattan	330	325	330	985 (+133)

#### Top 10 Individuals

1. Michael Lawrence, USCU	69	68	72	209 (-4)
2. Josh Gallman, USCU	69	69	74	212 (-1)
3. Brett Bergman, VU	72	70	74	216 (+3)
4. Kyle Morris, SHU	73	72	72	217 (+4)
Ian O'Connor, QU	74	75	68	217 (+4)
6. Jed Rasnick, LU	73	71	74	218 (+5)
Tyler Tucker, USCU	73	70	75	218 (+5)
<b>8. Jeff Chen, ND</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>219 (+6)</b>
<b>Dustin Zhang, ND</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>219 (+6)</b>
Michael Young, LU	71	72	76	219 (+6)

#### Notre Dame "B" Results

2. NOTRE DAME "B"	285	294	291	870 (+18)
8. (tie) Jeff Chen	74	71	74	219 (+6)
(tie) Dustin Zhang	69	77	73	219 (+6)
11. (tie) Olavo Batista	70	74	76	220 (+7)
18. (tie) C. Santos-Ocampo	72	79	71	222 (+9)
32. (tie) Kyle Willis	80	72	73	225 (+12)

**Tournament Notes:** This was the first "B" team tournament Notre Dame played in 2007-08, with no "B" team scores counting on the national rankings lists (*Golfstat/Golfweek*), although individual scores are accepted ... this was the first time an Irish squad had ever competed at the Rutgers Golf Course ... freshmen Jeff Chen and Dustin Zhang were making their collegiate debuts ... sophomore Olavo Batista set personal 18- and 54-hole scoring records during the event, while posting his best-ever tournament finish ... sophomore Carl Santos-Ocampo matched his best 54-hole scoring mark, previously set last year at the John Dallio Memorial (another "B" team event) and the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic ... sophomore Kyle Willis tied his career-low single-round score, most recently set in the final two rounds of last year's Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic.

### Gopher Invitational

Sept. 15-16, 2007

Wayzata, Minn.

Spring Hill Golf Club

(par 72/7,020 yards)

#### Final Team Standings

1. Lamar	290	286	292	868 (+4)
2. Arkansas	298	295	297	890 (+26)
Wisconsin	293	289	308	890 (+26)
<b>4. NOTRE DAME</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>891 (+27)</b>
Indiana	297	295	299	891 (+27)
6. SMU	304	299	295	898 (+34)
7. Michigan State	306	283	314	903 (+39)
8. Minnesota	308	304	297	909 (+45)
9. San Diego	304	298	309	911 (+47)
10. Illinois	303	295	315	913 (+49)
11. Georgia Southern	312	309	314	935 (+71)
12. Princeton	316	324	319	959 (+95)

#### Top 10 Individuals

1. Casey Clendenon, LU	73	72	70	215 (-1)
Danny Zimmerman, UW	66	70	79	215 (-1)
3. Victor Almstrom, UM	71	74	71	216 (E)
4. Clayton Rask, UM	74	71	72	217 (+1)
Hugues Joannes, LU	69	74	74	217 (+1)
6. Dan Woltman, UW	73	68	77	218 (+2)
<b>7. Greg Rodgers, ND</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>219 (+3)</b>
*Andy Paulson, UM	76	70	73	219 (+3)
9. Andrew Landry, UA	69	73	78	220 (+4)
Justin Harding, LU	80	69	71	220 (+4)

\*- competed as individual

#### Notre Dame Results

4. (tie) NOTRE DAME	294	291	306	891 (+27)
7. (tie) Greg Rodgers	69	74	76	219 (+3)
20. Doug Fortner	76	74	74	224 (+8)
26. (tie) Connor Alan-Lee	74	70	84	228 (+12)
37. (tie) Eddie Peckels	75	80	76	231 (+15)
39. (tie) Josh Sandman	79	73	80	232 (+16)

**Tournament Notes:** Notre Dame has participated in all three years the Gopher Invitational has been in existence, posting two top-five finishes (fifth in 2005) ... the Irish three-round total of 891 was two shots better than its previous low score at the Gopher Invitational (893, +29 in 2005) ... senior tri-captain Greg Rodgers picked up where he left off at last year's BIG EAST Championship (tie-11th), collecting his first career top-10 finish with his highest individual showing ever (the '07 BIG EAST placement had been his best) ... Rodgers' opening-round 69 matched his lowest 18-hole mark, previously carded twice (last in the final round at the '07 BIG EAST Championship) ... sophomore Doug Fortner notched his second career top-20 finish and first since a fourth-place outing in the 2007 Triumph at Pauma Valley ... freshman Connor Alan-Lee was making his collegiate debut ... Irish assistant coach Steve Colnitis piloted the team at the tournament while head coach Jim Kubinski was home for the birth of his first child, daughter Kelly.



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## 2007-08 INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

**Connor Alan-Lee (Fr., Solana Beach, Calif.)**

Gopher Invitational 74-70-84=228 +12 T-26th

**Olavo Batista (So., Sao Paulo, Brazil)**

Rutgers Invitational 70-74-76=220 +7 T-11th

**Jeff Chen (Fr., Walnut, Calif.)**

Rutgers Invitational 74-71-74=219 +6 T-8th

**Doug Fortner (So., Tustin, Calif.)**

Gopher Invitational 76-74-74=224 +8 20th

**Eddie Peckels (Sr., Pinehurst, N.C.)**

Gopher Invitational 75-80-76=231 +15 T-37th

**Greg Rodgers (Sr., Phoenix, Md.)**

Gopher Invitational 69-74-76=219 +3 T-7th

**Josh Sandman (Jr., Greensboro, N.C.)**

Gopher Invitational 79-73-80=232 +16 T-39th

**Carl Santos-Ocampo (So., Naples, Fla.)**

Rutgers Invitational 72-79-71=222 +9 T-18th

**Kyle Willis (So., Lake Forest, Ill.)**

Rutgers Invitational 80-72-73=225 +12 T-32nd

**Dustin Zhang (Fr., Calgary, Alberta)**

Rutgers Invitational 69-77-73=219 +6 T-8th

Tournaments listed in *italics* are "B" team events

NOTE: underlined rounds not counted to team total ("A" events only)

# NOTRE DAME MEN'S GOLF

## 2007-08 vs. OPPONENTS (7-3-1)

(39) Arkansas.....	0-1
Georgia Southern.....	1-0
Illinois.....	1-0
(26) Indiana.....	0-0-1
(17) Lamar.....	0-1
(25) Michigan State.....	1-0
(32) Minnesota.....	1-0
Princeton.....	1-0
San Diego.....	1-0
SMU (Southern Methodist).....	1-0
(37) Wisconsin.....	0-1
<b>OVERALL RECORD.....</b>	<b>7-3-1 (.682)</b>
<b>VS. DIVISION I OPPONENTS.....</b>	<b>7-3-1 (.682)</b>
<b>VS. CURRENT GOLFWEEK TOP 25.....</b>	<b>1-1-0 (.500)</b>
<b>VS. CURRENT GOLFWEEK TOP 50.....</b>	<b>2-3-1 (.417)</b>

(x) - *Golfweek/Sagarin* Performance Index ranking (Sept. 25)

### IRISH IN THE POLLS

#### TEAM

<i>Golfweek/Sagarin</i> (Sept. 25).....	27th
<i>Golf World/Nike Coaches Poll</i> (Sept. 19).....	NR
<i>Golfstat</i> .....	TBA

#### INDIVIDUAL TOP 200 (*Golfweek* - Sept. 25)

Greg Rodgers.....	64th
Doug Fortner.....	182nd