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Six Home Meets Highlight 2006-07 Swimming & Diving Schedule

Bearcats host BIG EAST foes Pittsburgh, West Virginia

CINCINNATI, Ohio — The unveiling of the University of Cincinnati 2006-07 swimming and diving schedule offers a welcome sight: true home meets. For the first time in five years, the swimming and diving teams will have an on-campus facility in which to host dual meets and invitationals. The Keating Aquatics Center opened in February, 2006, as part of the grand opening of the UC Campus Recreation Center and the Bearcats are eager to jump into the pool and compete in their new digs.

"It has been a real challenge for our swimmers and divers to not have a pool on campus during these past four years. Even though we have enjoyed some tremendous individual successes, our new training facility in the heart of campus should make it easier to work with our entire team," said 18th-year head coach **Monty Hopkins**. "I can not possibly fully express my gratitude to all of the people who helped us during our time without a pool. Nor can I ever satisfactorily articulate my admiration for those who competed for the Bearcats and represented UC so well during those very difficult times."

Part of the \$113 million Campus Recreation Center, the natatorium features an eight-lane, 50-meter swimming course with an integrated diving well. The pool contains 12,000 square feet of water surface and includes a moveable bulkhead that will provide a high degree of flexibility in training course configuration.

The Bearcats open up the season at home with the Grand Opening Invitational, featuring Bowling Green and Xavier, on Oct. 21. The first weekend in November brings visits from Oakland (Nov. 3) and BIG EAST opponent Pittsburgh (Nov. 4).

The competitive Indiana Invitational follows during the weekend of Nov. 17-19 and the annual Miami (Ohio) Invitational (Nov. 30-Dec. 2) wraps up the 2006 portion of the schedule.

The new year begins at rival Louisville on Jan. 13. Miami visits on Jan. 16 in the first of three straight home meets. BIG EAST foe West Virginia then invades the Keating Aquatics Center on Jan. 20 before the home schedule concludes with Senior Celebration against Kentucky on Jan. 26.

The final tune-up before the BIG EAST Championships will be at Wright State on Jan. 27. The conference championships will take place on Feb. 14-17 in Long Island, NY.

The NCAA Championships will be held on March 8-10 (women) and 15-17 (men) in Minneapolis, Minn.

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2006-07 Schedule

October		
Sat. 21	Grand Opening Invitational	1 p.m. ET
	Keating Aquatics Center	
Sat. 21	Alumni Meet	4 p.m. ET
	Keating Aquatics Center	
Sat. 28	Oakland Quad	1 p.m. ET
	Rochester, Mich.	
November		
Fri. 3	Oakland	5 p.m. ET
	Keating Aquatics Center	
Sat. 4	Pittsburgh*	12 p.m. ET
	Keating Aquatics Center	
Fri. 17-	Indiana Invitational	All Day
Sun. 19	Bloomington, Ind.	
Thu. 30	Miami (Ohio) Invitational	All Day
	Oxford, Ohio	
December		
Fri. 1-	Miami (Ohio) Invitational	All Day
Sat. 2	Oxford, Ohio	
January		
Sat. 13	Louisville*	1 p.m. ET
	Louisville, Ky.	
Tue. 16	Miami (Ohio)	5 p.m. ET
	Keating Aquatics Center	
Sat. 20	West Virginia*	1 p.m. ET
	Keating Aquatics Center	
Fri. 26	Kentucky	4 p.m. ET
	Keating Aquatics Center	
Sat. 27	Wright State	1 p.m. ET
	Keating Aquatics Center	
February		
Wed. 14-	BIG EAST Championships	All Day
Sat. 17	Long Island, N.Y.	
March		
Sat. 3	Hoosier Invitational	All Day
	Bloomington, Ind.	
Thu. 8-	Women's NCAA Championships	All Day
Sat. 10	Minneapolis, Minn.	
Thu. 15-	Men's NCAA Championships	All Day
Sat. 17	Minneapolis, Minn.	

* BIG EAST meet
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