

NOTRE DAME BASEBALL GAMEDAY NOTES vs. College of Charleston (June 2, 2006)

TOP PROSPECT – ND junior RHP **Jeff Samardzija** is the 20th college player (#37 overall) in *Baseball America's* latest list (May 23) of top prospects for next week's 2006 MLB draft ... another ND junior RHP, Jeff Manship, is the #111 overall prospect (51st among college players) while two other BIG EAST RHPs are among the top-120 (Villanova junior Kevin Mulvey is #30 and UConn senior Tim Norton #118) ... only three teams in all of Division I have two starting pitchers rated higher on the prospect list than ND's duo: North Carolina (#1 LHP Andre Miller; #15 RHP Daniel Bard), Nebraska (#7 RHP Joba Chamberlain and #86 LHP Tony Watson) and Long Beach State (#55 RHP Jared Hughes and #98 RHP Andrew Carpenter) ... the Pac-10 (8) is the only conference with more pitchers among the top-120 prospects than the BIG EAST (4) ... Samardzija opened the season as the #95 college prospect and then vaulted to #40 on *BA's* midseason list of the top college prospects (before his most recent jump to #20).

JEFF SAMARDZIJA CAREER STATS

Year	ERA	W-L	App	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	B/Avg	WP	HBP
2004....	2.95	5-3	20	6	0	0/2	1	64.0	50	25	21	17	42	2	1	5		.209	3	3
2005....	3.89	8-1	15	10	1	0/1	0	78.2	85	39	34	30	56	10	3	3	360	.272	3	10
2006....	4.32	8-2	14	14	0	0/0	0	89.2	94	47	43	35	58	24	2	2	393	.276	5	5
TOTAL...	3.80	21-6	49	30	1	0/3	1	232.1	229	111	98	82	156	36	6	10		.257	11	18

SAMARDZIJA 2006 GAME-BY-GAME

Date	Opponent	GS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	Score
Feb 24, 2006	vs Air Force (win)	*	6.0	4	1	1	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	8-2
Mar 04, 2006	at Minnesota (loss)	*	4.0	6	5	5	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0-8
Mar 10, 2006	vs Texas A&M	*	5.1	4	1	1	3	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	5-4
Mar 16, 2006	vs Iowa	*	6.2	7	5	3	3	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	7-5
Mar 25, 2006	at Georgetown (win)	*	7.0	5	2	2	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12-2
Mar 31, 2006	Pittsburgh (win)	*	8.0	8	1	1	1	8	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	6-1
Apr 07, 2006	at South Florida (win)	*	5.1	6	6	6	5	5	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	9-6
Apr 13, 2006	St. John's (win)	*	7.0	11	2	2	3	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	9-2
Apr 21, 2006	Rutgers (win)	*	7.1	6	3	3	3	6	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	11-5
Apr 29, 2006	at Connecticut-1	*	7.2	9	6	5	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	7-6
May 06, 2006	Louisville	*	6.0	8	4	4	2	5	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	4-5
May 13, 2006	at Seton Hall (loss)	*	3.0	6	6	5	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	6-7
May 18, 2006	at Villanova (win)	*	8.1	5	1	1	0	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3-1
May 18, 2006	vs. West Virginia, BET (w)	*	8.0	9	4	4	1	6	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	12-4

SAMARDZIJA CAREER IN THE NCAAs

Date	Opponent	GS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	BK	HBP	Score
June 6, 2004	vs Arziona (at ND)	*	5.1	7	5	5	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6-7 (no. dec.)
June 4, 2005	vs. Stetson (at UF)	*	5.1	4	2	2	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	7-4 (no dec.)
CAREER		*	10.2	12	7	7	9	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	(0-0 record) d

2006 ROAD GAMES	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HB
Jeff Samardzija..	4.84	5-2	10	10	0	0/0	0	61.1	61	37	33	26	34	14	1	1	234	.261	4	3

SAMARDZIJA SITUATIONAL STATS

Situation	B/Avg	AB	H	BF	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	HBP	WP	BK	SH	SF	GDP	Fly	Gnd	BB/G	SO/G
vs left.....	.239	117	28	146	19	15	6	1	2	3	2	1	6	1	2	41	39	5.1	4.1
vs right.....	.295	224	66	247	16	43	18	1	0	2	3	1	3	2	5	48	66	2.6	6.9
vs leadoff.....	.274	84	23	95	10	16	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	17	26	4.6	7.3
with runners.....	.268	164	44	193	14	25	11	0	1	3	5	2	9	3	7	53	49	2.6	4.7
w/runners & 2-out...	.203	64	13	70	6	7	2	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	21	21	3.1	3.6
rnrs in scoring pos.	.255	102	26	123	13	19	6	0	0	3	5	2	2	3	5	35	24	4.0	5.8
scoring pos & 2-out.	.227	44	10	49	5	6	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	18	9	3.9	4.6
bases empty.....	.282	177	50	200	21	33	13	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	36	56	4.5	7.1
bases loaded.....	.000	4	0	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	3	3.9	3.9

SAMARDZIJA 2006 INNING-BY-INNING

Inning	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	B/Avg	2B	3B	HR	HB	WP	BK	SH	SF	GDP	BB/G	SO/G
1st.....	7.07	14.0	12	11	11	12	10	48	65	.250	4	0	1	2	2	0	3	0	0	7.7	6.4
2nd.....	5.14	14.0	17	9	8	5	9	56	62	.304	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	3.2	5.8
3rd.....	2.57	14.0	15	5	4	4	10	56	64	.268	3	1	0	2	2	0	2	0	2	2.6	6.4
4th.....	2.08	13.0	12	3	3	3	7	48	51	.250	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2.1	4.8
5th.....	3.00	12.0	8	4	4	5	7	41	49	.195	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	3.8	5.2	
6th.....	5.91	10.2	17	8	7	2	9	46	49	.370	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1.7	7.6
7th.....	4.70	7.2	10	5	4	3	3	32	35	.313	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3.5	3.5
8th.....	4.50	4.0	2	2	2	1	3	12	16	.167	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	2.2	6.8	
9th.....	0.00	0.1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	.500	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	

* Has allowed just 11 earned runs in 3rd-4th innings (2.54 ERA, .241 opp avg., 24 Ks, 12 BB, 35 H, 39 IP)

ND in the NCAAs (41-42)

1949 (0-2, at Notre Dame)

1R – Wake Forest 4, Notre Dame 1
1R – Wake Forest 10, Notre Dame 7

1956 (1-2, at Minnesota)

DP – Notre Dame 4, Minnesota 3
DP – Minnesota 15, Notre Dame 5
DP – Minnesota 10, Notre Dame 1

1957 (5-3), CWS Participant

at W. Michigan University; Omaha, NE
DP – Notre Dame 18, Alma 2
DP – Notre Dame 4, Western Michigan 2
DP – Northwestern 9, Notre Dame 2
DP – Notre Dame 6, Northwestern 1

CWS – Iowa State 13, Notre Dame 8 (10)
CWS – Notre Dame 23, Colorado St. 2
CWS – Notre Dame 9, Texas 0
CWS – Penn State 5, Notre Dame 4

1958 (2-2, at Western Michigan)

DP – Valparaiso 2, Notre Dame 0
DP – Notre Dame 11, Minnesota 7
DP – Notre Dame 10, Valparaiso 4
DP – W. Michigan 5, Notre Dame 4

1959 (2-2, at Notre Dame)

DP – Notre Dame 10, Detroit 0
DP – Notre Dame 12, Minnesota 4
DP – Western Michigan 2, Notre Dame 0
DP – Western Michigan 9, Notre Dame 6

1960 (0-2, at Minnesota)

DP – Minnesota 15, Notre Dame 6
DP – Ohio University 5, Notre Dame 4

1963 (1-2, at Illinois)

DP – Western Michigan 2, Notre Dame 1
DP – Notre Dame 5, Valparaiso 2
DP – Illinois 4, Notre Dame 0

1970 (1-2, at Ohio State)

DP – Southern Illinois 10, Notre Dame 2
DP – Notre Dame 6, Minnesota 2
DP – Southern Illinois 1, Notre Dame 0

1989 – West II Regional (1-2; at Fresno St.)

Fresno State 9, Notre Dame 8
Notre Dame 8, Portland 6 (13)
Fresno State 11, Notre Dame 4

1992 – Atlantic Regional (3-2, at Miami)

South Carolina 5, Notre Dame 1
Notre Dame 6, Miami 3
Notre Dame 12, Delaware 6
Notre Dame 11, South Carolina 2
CG2 – Miami 5, Notre Dame 1

1993 – East Regional (3-2; at Florida St.)

Notre Dame 15, Mississippi St. 1
Florida State 7, Notre Dame 3 (10)
Notre Dame 12, Central Florida 3
Notre Dame 4, Florida State 3
CG1 – Long Beach State 13, Notre Dame 3

1994 – East Regional (2-2, at Clemson)

Old Dominion 9, Notre Dame 5
Notre Dame 8, Clemson 1
Notre Dame 5, The Citadel 1
CG1 – Auburn 8, Notre Dame 0

NCAA HISTORY

ND IN THE NCAAs – Notre Dame is making its 21st all-time appearances in the NCAAs, with a 41-42 record in previous NCAA Tournaments including trips to the College World Series in 1957 and 2002 ... the Irish own a 20-17 record in the NCAAs during the Paul Mainieri era (since '95) and have gone 11-11 away from home in Mainieri-era NCAA games, including a win over homestanding Mississippi State in 2000 (plus two wins over Tulane at that '00 Regional), the Super-Regional victories at Florida State in 2002, the '02 CWS win over Rice and a 2005 win over UNC (at Florida) ... the Irish also have recently played in the 2003 NCAA Regional held at Cal State Fullerton ... previous Notre Dame teams played NCAA Tournament games at Minnesota, Western Michigan, Illinois, Ohio State, Fresno State, Miami, Clemson and Alabama.

MISTER "MJ" (May/June) – Senior LF/DH Steve Andres is just a .250 career hitter (95-for-380) in regular-season games but is batting at a .382 clip (26-for-68) in all post-season action (including .419 in the NCAAs, 5th-best in ND history):

CAREER NCAA TOURNAMENT STATS

Player	GP/GS	AB	R	H	2B/3B/HR	RBI	BB	HBP	K	SB	AVG
Andres	11/8	31	6	13	3/0/1	3	4		4	0-0	.419
Lilley	4/4	12	2	5	0/0/0	4	0	4	0	0-0	.417
Barnes	5/5	19	4	8	0/2/0	6	1	1	4	1-1	.421
Gaston	4/2	9	1	3	0/0/0	1	0	1	1	0-0	.333
Lopez	10/6	23	2	7	1/0/0	0	1	0	3	1-1	.304
Bransfield	9/8	24	3	6	2/0/0	1	4	1	7	0-0	.250
Rizzo	12/11	37	5	9	0/0/2	6	3	3	4	0-0	.243
Cooper	10/10	32	5	6	2/0/1	6	5	0	3	0-0	.188
Nettey	10/7	23	3	4	0/0/0	3	1	2	1	3-3	.174
Brezovsky	4/4	13	1	1	0/0/0	0	1	0	4	0-0	.077
Dury	1/0	1	1	1	0/0/0	0	0	0	0	0-0	1.000
Dressman	2/0	1	0	0	0/0/0	0	1	0	0	0-0	.000
TOTALS:	77/61	206	29	55	8/0/4	24	20	11	27	4-4	.267

Pitcher	G/GS	W-L (SV)	IP	H	R	ER	K/BB	WP/HB	ERA
Dury	2/0	0-0 (1)	2.0	3	0	0	3/0	0/0	0.00
Thornton	3/2	1-1	13.1	13	6	5	13/2	0/1	3.38
Samardzija	2/2	0-0	10.2	12	7	7	2/9	0/0	5.91
Manship	1/0	1-0	1.2	3	2	2	1/1	1/0	10.84
Williamson	1/0	0-0	1.0	2	2	2	0/0	0/1	18.00
Korpi	1/1	0-1	2.1	3	5	5	2/3	1/2	19.31
Stewart	1/0	0-0	0.2	2	3	3	0/1	0/0	40.91
TOTALS:	11/5	2-2 (1)	31.2	38	25	24	21/16	2/4	6.82

CAREER POSTSEASON STATS (NCAA and BIG EAST Tournament)

Player	GP/GS	AB	R	H	2B/3B/HR	RBI	BB	HBP	K	SB	AVG
Andres	23/18	68	16	26	8/1/2	13	12	2	12	0-0	.382
Gaston	12/8	34	6	13	1/1/0	5	1	2	4	0-0	.382
Lopez	24/18	65	6	20	2/0/0	2	2	2	10	1-1	.308
Bransfield	18/16	56	7	16	4/1/2	8	6	1	11	0-0	.286
Cooper	24/23	81	29	23	6/0/3	17	12	5	7	1-2	.284
Rizzo	27/15	87	19	24	1/0/3	13	8	9	14	2-4	.276
Lilley	12/12	42	5	11	1/0/0	6	3	7	8	0-0	.262
Nettey	22/15	54	8	11	2/0/0	6	3	5	4	3-5	.204
Brezovsky	12/12	44	6	7	1/0/2	6	1	0	9	0-0	.159
Dressman	8/2	10	0	1	0/0/0	0	1	0	1	0-0	.100
Dury	1/0	1	1	1	0/0/0	0	0	0	0	0-0	1.000
Sharpley	1/0	1	0	1	0/0/0	0	0	0	0	0-0	1.000
Mendiola	1/0	1	0	0	0/0/0	0	0	0	0	0-0	.000
TOTALS:	185/139	554	103	153	26/3/12	76	49	33	80	7-12	.276

Pitcher	G/GS	W-L (SV)	IP	H	R	ER	K/BB	WP/HB	ERA
Dury	6/0	0-0 (2)	8.0	9	0	0	7/3	0/1	0.00
Weiland	2/0	0-0 (2)	3.1	4	1	1	5/1	1/0	2.70
Thornton	7/5	3-1	35.1	34	16	13	24/5	1/4	3.31
Korpi	3/3	2-1	13.1	10	6	6	15/8	1/2	4.05
Samardzija	5/4	2-0	26.1	28	13	12	15/13	1/2	4.10
Stewart	3/0	0-0	4.2	3	3	3	2/2	0/0	5.79
Williamson	2/0	0-0	3.0	7	3	3	2/0	0/1	9.00
Graffy	1/0	0-0	3.0	5	4	4	2/1	0/0	12.00
Manship	3/1	2-1	6.2	16	10	10	5/5	5/1	13.51
Elam	1/0	0-0	1.0	1	0	0	3/0	0/0	0.00
TOTALS:	33/13	9-3 (4)	104.2	117	56	52	80/38	9/11	4.47

FRIEND OR FOE?

• Two current ND seniors – RF/C **Cody Rizzo** and LF/DH **Matt Bransfield** – played during the summer of 2005 alongside Charleston junior RHP **Josh McLaughlin** (with the Alaska League's Mat-Su Miners).

• ND sophomore RHP **Joey Williamson** and two College of Charleston players (senior OF/LHP **Drew Shamrock** and soph. OF **Michael Harrington**) were teammates during the summer of 2005 with the Valley League's Luray (Va.) Wranglers.

• Three ND juniors – RHP **Jeff Samardzija**, C **Sean Gaston** and LHP/DH **Mike Dury** – are former teammates of Kentucky junior OF **Billy Grace** (a native of the South Bend suburb of Granger) ... Gaston, Dury and Grace played together on the potent Indiana Bulls summer-league team.

• **Gaston** and UK junior IF **John Shelby** played for the Waterloo Bucks of the Northwoods League during the summer of 2005.

• **Samardzija** and Ball State senior CF **Mike Sullivan** grew up playing on youth baseball teams together while **Gaston** and BSU freshman IF **Cory Dragstrem** were teammates at Brownsburg High School.

IRISH PLAY IN FRONT OF NEARLY 100,000 FANS – Notre Dame has brought plenty of crowds at home and on the road this season and likely will push that total season attendance number over 100,000 today (98,658).

ROAD TRIPPERS – Today marks Notre Dame's 13th straight game on the road while the Irish will have logged more than 18,000 travel miles this season upon their return to campus.

AVOIDING 0-and-2 – Notre Dame has yet to go 0-and-2 at a postseason tournament in the 12-year Paul Mainieri era, a span of 22 tournaments (12 conference tournaments, eight NCAA regionals, the '02 super regional and '02 CWS) ... the ND program overall has played 36 consecutive postseason tournaments without an 0-2 start (since 1960) and has avoided 0-2 in 41 of 43 all-time postseason tournament.

BET BESTS – Freshman 2B Jeremy Barnes and junior C Sean Gaston each just finished with one of the top BIG EAST Tournament batting averages in Notre Dame history (spanning 11 BETs) ... Gaston's .500 batting avg. in the 2006 BET (7-for-14) ties J.J. Brock (8-for-16, in '97) for the 3rd-best batting avg. at one BIG EAST Tournament in ND history (min. 10 ABs) – trailing only the 8-for-11 (.727, best in the tournament's history) posted by Javi Sanchez in 2003 and Paul O'Toole's .600 (6-for-10) in 2001 ... Barnes finished batting at a .421 clip in the tournament (8-for-19), 2nd-best ever by a Notre Dame freshman behind Brian Stavisky's .462 (6-for-13) in 2000 ... the .421 turned in by Barnes has been bested just 11 times by an Irish player.

SHUTOUT CITY – Notre Dame's fifth shutout of the season (7-0 vs. Louisville) was just the fifth in the 22-year history of the BIG EAST Tournament ... the others include: Rutgers 1, Seton Hall 0 ('99); RU 12, ND 0 ('98); Providence 4, Pittsburgh 0 ('95); and St. John's 5, Villanova 0 ('88) ... the PC-Pitt game is the only other BIG EAST final in which a team shut out an opponent that had played fewer games (and had greater pitching depth) in the tournament (ND and RU had played the same number of games in '98 while the other two shutouts listed above saw the shutout posted by the team that had played fewer games).

ND in the NCAAs (41-42)

Paul Mainieri Era (20-17; 1995-present)

1996 – South I Regional (1-2, at Alabama)

Notre Dame 12, Virginia 1
Stetson 7, Notre Dame 6
Virginia 7, Notre Dame 1

1999– South Bend Regional (1-2, at ND)

Notre Dame 8, Creighton 1
Cal State Fullerton 6, Notre Dame 3
Michigan 11, Notre Dame 5

2000– Starkville Regional (3-2; at Miss. St.)

Notre Dame 8, Tulane 4
Mississippi State 8, Notre Dame 1
Notre Dame 10, Tulane 6
Notre Dame 7, Mississippi State 0
Mississippi State 10, Notre Dame 9

2001– South Bend Regional (3-2, at ND)

Notre Dame 12, Wisconsin-Milwaukee 4
Florida International 7, Notre Dame 6 (10)
Notre Dame 11, UC Santa Barbara 10 (10)
Notre Dame 5, Florida International 2
Florida International 5, Notre Dame 4

2002 – CWS Participant (6-3)

2002– South Bend Regional (3-0, at ND)

Notre Dame 8, Ohio State 6
Notre Dame 25, South Alabama 1
Notre Dame 9, Ohio State 6

2002– Super Regional (2-0, at FSU)

Notre Dame 10, Florida State 4
Florida State 12, Notre Dame 5
Notre Dame 3, Florida State 1

2002– College World Series (1-1)

Stanford 4, Notre Dame 3
Notre Dame 5, Rice 3
Stanford 5, Notre Dame 3

2003 – Fullerton Regional (2-2, at CSF)

Notre Dame 13, Arizona 5
Cal State Fullerton 4, Notre Dame 3
Notre Dame 6, San Diego 3
Cal State Fullerton 8, Notre Dame 1

2004 South Bend Regional (2-2, at ND)

Kent State 2, Notre Dame 1
Notre Dame 6, UC Irvine 5
Notre Dame 7, Kent State 1
Arizona 7, Notre Dame 6

2005 Gainesville Regionals (2-2, at UF)

North Carolina 5, Notre Dame 1
Notre Dame 7, Stetson 4
Notre Dame 3, North Carolina 1
Florida 23, Notre Dame 3

KORPI COPS MVP – Sophomore LHP Wade Korpi became the youngest player since 2000 (Rutgers freshman RHP Bobby Brownlie) to be named the most outstanding player of the BIG EAST Championship ... former Seton Hall DH Mo Vaughn ('87) and former St. John's 3B Mike Dzurilla ('97) are the only other freshmen ever to receive the honor, in the 22-year history of the event ... other sophomore to receive the award have included UConn 2B Craig MacDonald ('90 and 1B Chris Bisson ('94) and West Virginia RHP Chris Enochs ('96), with the other 15 recipients including five seniors and 10 juniors ... Seton Hall closer Isaac Pavlik ('01) was the previous pitcher to receive the Jack Kaiser Award ... the other five pitchers to be named the tournament's top player include Villanova LHP Rafael Novoa ('89), St. John's RHP Mike Maerten ('93), Enochs ('96), Providence RHP Marc DesRoches ('99) and Brownlie ... Notre Dame's five previous recipients of the award: senior CF Steve Stanley ('02), junior C Javi Sanchez ('03), junior 3B Matt Macri ('04) and senior 1B Matt Edwards ('05) ... Sanchez was in attendance on Friday to cheer on the Irish (former ND ace RHP Grant Johnson also was at the BET earlier in the week).

KORPI IN THE ND RECORD BOOKS – Korpi's 1.88 season ERA would rank 14th in the ND record book and 4th-best in the Mainieri era behind Aaron Heilman (1.61 in '98; 1.74 in '01), current senior LHP Tom Thornton (1.81 in '03) and Grant Johnson (1.87 in '04) ... Korpi's .204 opp. batting avg. would rank 7th-best in the ND record book (stat kept since '91) ... his 94 Ks stand 7th in ND history behind three Heilman seasons (118 in '99 and '00; 111 in '01), Danny Tamayo (106, in '01), Frank Carpin (102, in '58) and Tim Kalita (97, in '99) ... Korpi needs six more punchouts to join junior RHP Jeff Manship (103) as ND's second pair of pitchers with 100-plus Ks in the same season (Heilman had 111 and Tamayo 106 in 2001).

STRONG STARTER, IN SEVERAL WAYS – Korpi has been impressive in his 12 starts this season, compiling a 1.34 ER, .188 opp. batting avg., a 4.1 K-to-walk ratio (94/23) and 25 more innings pitched (73.2) than hits allowed (49) in those starts ... his two relief outings have been a different story (32.40 ERA, .667 opp. avg., 2 Ks, 4 BB in 1.2 IP) ... Korpi also owns a 1.13 ERA during the 1st-4th innings this season (6 ER, .187 opp. avg., 58 Ks, 16 BB, 32 H in 48 IP).

BREZOVSKY DOUBLES SEASON HOME RUN TOTAL AT BET – Ross Brezovsky hit just two home runs in the 2006 regular season and had left the park only four times in his Irish career before blasting a pair of HRs in the five game played at the '06 BIG EAST Tournament ... he is the fourth ND player to hit multiple HRs at the same BET ... current senior 1B Craig Cooper and former 3B Matt Macri both homered twice vs. Boston College in the 2004 championship game (11-5), with Cooper playing then as an outfielder) ... Brezovsky joins 1999 leftfielder Alec Porzel as the only ND players to hit home runs in multiple games of the same BET ... Porzel's three HRs at the '99 BET actually came in two games but on three different games (2 in a 7-1 win over WVU, one each day in a game that was halted and resumed) and another in an 11-3 loss to Seton Hall ... Brezovsky thus is the only ND player to homer in two different wins at the same BET.

TRIPLE THREAT – Jeremy Barnes leads the Irish with five triples ... an ND player has totaled six-plus triples in a season just 12 times, most recently by Matt Macri (7 in '04) J.J. Brock (8) and Randall Brooks (7) in the 1997 season, 1996 teammates George Restovich (9) and Scott Sollmann (6), and Sollmann in '95 (9) ... Barnes also tied the BIG EAST record for triples in one tournament (2), become the first player with two triples since Paul Galucci of Rutgers in 1997 ... former Seton Hall standout Craig Biggio also had two triples at the 1986 BET.

TOURNAMENT STATS – ND hit .286 at the 2005 BET while scoring 28 runs in the 5 games (3 HR, 2 3B, 10 2B, .429 slugging pct., 14 BB, 9 HBP, 19 Ks, .373 on-base pct., SB, SF, 4 SAC) ... the Irish pitchers turned in a 3.68 tournament ERA, allowing .277 opponent batting with 40 Ks, 12 BB and 48 hits allowed in 44 innings (2 WP, 4 HB, 2 SV) ... the ND defense turned in sparkling .984 fielding pct. in the tournament (with just 3 Es) ... top hitters included: Gaston (.500, 7-for-14, 3 RBI, 4 R, 2B, BB, HBP, K), Barnes (.421, 8-for-19, 6 RBI, 4 R, 2 3B, BB, HBP, 4 Ks, SB), Andres (.375, 3-for-8, 3 R, 3 BB) and Cooper (.368, 7-for-19, 4 RBI, 5 R, 4 2B, 2 BB, 2 HBP, SF) ... the 11 players who have posted a better BET batting avg. than Barnes include: Javi Sanchez (.727, 8-for-11, '03); J.J. Brock (.500, 8-for-16, '97), Gaston (.500, 7-for-14, '06), Paul O'Toole (.600, 6-for-10, '01), Cody Rizzo (.462, 6-for-13, in '03), Brian Stavisky (.462, 6-for-13, '00), Mike Amrhein (.458, 11-for-24, '96), Greg Lopez (.455, 5-for-11, '04), Steve Stanley (.455, 5-for-11, '00), Matt Edwards (.444, 8-for-18, '03) and Matt Macri (.429, 6-for-14, '04).

ANDRES, COOPER AMONG ND'S ALL-TIME BET LEADERS – Two member of the senior class finished among ND's all-time batting leaders at the BIG EAST Tournament ... leftfielder/DH Steve Andres finished with a .351 career avg. at the BET (13-for-37, 10 R, HR, 3B, 5 2B, 10 RBI, 9 BB, 2 HBP, 8 Ks) that is tied for 4th-best ever by a Notre Dame player (min. 20 ABs) ... Matt Edwards owns the top career BET by an Irish player (.400, 16-for-40) but did so in only two seasons ('04-'05), as did 1997 classmates Mike Amrhein and Randall Brooks (both .366/15-for-41) - meaning that Andes owns the best four-year BET batting avg. in the program's history ... J.J. Brock also hit .351 in his BET career (20-for-57; '96-'98) while current senior 1B Craig Cooper owns the 6th-best BET avg. in ND history (.347, 17-for-49, 11 RBI, 15 R, 2 HR, 4 2B, 7 BB, 5 HBP, SF, SAC, SB).

FUNGOS – ND's 64 sacrifice bunts are two shy of tying the team record (66, in '02) ... the Irish now are 41-2 when leading at the end of the 7th inning and 42-1 when taking a lead into the 9th ... ND also is 21-1 when hitting a home run this season, 14-4-1 when playing error-free and 37-5 when outhitting the opponent ... the game marked the 45th time this season that the Irish have totaled 0-1 errors ... it also was the team's 20th win by five-plus runs ... Lopez's error on Friday was his first of the season, making him ND's only player with double-digit errors (the .973 team fielding pct. is two points ahead of the ND record) ... ND enters the NCAAs owning a 64-35 scoring edge in the 1st inning and a dominating 68-16 margin in the 4th ... Rizzo (231; 7th), Lopez (228; 8th) and Cooper (219, 12th) ... rank among ND's all-time leaders for games played ... the only other classmates to each start as many games is the 2002 trio of Steve Stanley (1st; 256), Paul O'Toole (2nd; 239) and Andres Bushey (223).