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2003 Notre Dame Men's Soccer

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Notre Dame at Saint Louis (Exhibition)

Saturday, Aug. 23, 2003 • Robert R. Hermann Stadium • 7 p.m.

2003 Schedule and Results

August

23	Sat.	at Saint Louis+	7 p.m.
25	Mon.	Michigan+	7 p.m.
29	Fri.	vs. Ala.-Birmingham!	5 p.m.
30	Sat.	vs. California!	5 p.m.

September

6	Sat.	St. John's*	7:30 p.m.
12	Fri.	Fresno State#	7:30 p.m.
14	Sun.	Akron#	1:30 p.m.
18	Thur.	Indiana	7 p.m.
21	Sun.	West Virginia*	2 p.m.
25	Thur.	Bradley	7 p.m.
28	Sun.	Georgetown*	2 p.m.

October

2	Thur.	at Syracuse*	7 p.m.
5	Sun.	at Pittsburgh*	1 p.m.
11	Sat.	Rutgers	7:30 p.m.
14	Tues.	at Cleveland St.	7 p.m.
18	Sat.	at Connecticut*	7 p.m.
22	Wed.	at Providence*	2 p.m.
25	Sat.	at Virginia Tech*	7 p.m.
31	Fri.	Villanova*	7:30 p.m.

November

2	Sun.	at Michigan State	1 p.m.
8	Sat.	BIG EAST Quarters	TBA
14	Fri.	BIG EAST Semifinal	TBA
16	Sun.	BIG EAST Final	TBA
21	Fri.	NCAA First Round	TBA
26	Wed.	NCAA Second Round	TBA
29	Sun.	NCAA Third Round	TBA

December

5	Fri.	NCAA Quarterfinals	TBA
12	Fri.	NCAA College Cup	TBA

* - BIG EAST Conference game
 + - exhibition games
 ! - adidas/IU Credit Union Classic
 # - Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament
bold - home game (Alumni Field)

2003 Irish begin season with exhibition in Saint Louis: The 2003 University of Notre Dame men's soccer team will head to St. Louis, Mo., this weekend to begin preparations for the 2003 regular season. The Irish will face Saint Louis at 7 p.m. in Robert R. Hermann Stadium on Saturday, Aug. 23. The Notre Dame - Saint Louis match up is the first of two exhibition contests for the Irish this preseason, they also will face Michigan on Monday, Aug. 23, at Alumni Field.

Notre Dame and Saint Louis have met nine times during regular season play since 1980. The Billikens lead the all-time series 7-2, including a 2-0 victory in 1991 (the last meeting). Notre Dame and Saint Louis were both members of the Midwest Collegiate Conference at one time.

Notre Dame ranked 12th in NSCAA preseason poll: The University of Notre Dame men's soccer team, coming off a 12-6-3 record in 2002 and returning nine starters from its NCAA second-round appearance, has been ranked 12th in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA)/adidas preseason poll released on Tuesday.

The #12 ranking is the highest preseason slot in school history, as Notre Dame coach Bobby Clark - in his third season with the Irish - returns his most talented Irish team and adds one of the best recruiting classes in the nation.

Selected to finish second in the BIG EAST Conference this season, Notre Dame will face seven opponents from the NSCAA preseason poll in 2003 - including conference opponents #5 St. John's, #10 Connecticut and #22 Syracuse. Other ranked opponents on the 2003 Notre Dame schedule include #7 Indiana, #17 California and Alabama-Birmingham (also receiving votes).

Irish picked to finish second in the BIG EAST Conference: The University of Notre Dame men's soccer team has been picked to finish second in the BIG EAST Conference in 2003, as a result of a vote from the league's coaches. The conference preseason poll was released on Thursday and the Irish, 12-6-3 a year ago, earned 128 points, finishing behind St. John's (135 points) and ahead of Connecticut (127) and defending league champion Boston College (117). Notre Dame received three first place votes, while the Red Storm took home five.

The conference also announced its preseason honors and junior Chris Sawyer was selected for one of the three major awards. Sawyer, who finished the 2002 season with an 8-4-3 record and 0.99 goals-against average, was named the 2003 Preseason Goalkeeper of the Year. Connecticut's Cesar Cuellar ended up as the preseason offensive player of the year, while St. John's Chris Wingert earned the defensive player award.

Sawyer was joined on the preseason all-BIG EAST squad by teammates Jack Stewart and Justin Detter. Stewart, a junior who is moving up to midfield from the back in 2003, posted two points last season. Detter is on the move as well, making the switch from midfielder to forward to give the Irish an extra scoring boost this season. Detter finished with 19 points (six goals, seven assists) a year ago and was a second-team all-BIG EAST performer.

Notre Dame also ranked 12th in College Soccer News Preseason Top 30: The University of Notre Dame men's soccer team has been ranked 12th

2003 UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME MEN'S SOCCER ROSTER

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School	Pronunc.
0	Justin Michaud	So.	GK	6-0	175	Austin, TX/Stephens Ep. School	(Mi-SHOWED)
00	Chris Cahill	Fr.	GK	6-6	190	Louisville, KY/St. Francis DeSales	
1	Chris Sawyer**	Jr.	GK	6-1	193	Highlands Ranch, CO/Highlands Ranch	
2	Ryan Miller	Fr.	MF	5-11	160	Barrington, IL/Barrington	
3	Kevin Goldthwaite**	Jr.	MF/D	6-1	173	Sacramento, CA/Christian Brothers	
4	Greg Martin*** (c)	Sr.	MF	5-8	151	Plano, TX/Plano	
5	Ian Etherington	Fr.	F/MF	5-8	125	Temecula, CA/Chaparral	(ETH-er-ring-ton)
6	Greg Dalby	Fr.	D	6-0	174	Poway, CA/Poway	(DAHL-bee)
7	Justin Detter***	Sr.	F	5-11	189	White Lake, MI/Holly	
8	Luke Boughen**	Jr.	D/MF	5-10	169	SJ Capistrano, CA/Santa Margarita	(BOW-in)
9	Filippo Chillemi***	Sr.	MF	5-10	164	Roswell, GA/Roswell	(chill-EM-ee)
10	Devon Prescod***	Sr.	F	5-7	162	Marietta, GA/Lassiter	
11	Tony Menga	So.	F	5-11	165	Middleton, WI/Middleton	
12	Brian Murphy	Fr.	F	6-0	175	Granger, IN/St. Joseph's	
13	Jack Stewart**	Jr.	MF	6-1	177	Torrance, CA/South Torrance	
14	John Stephens*	So.	MF	5-8	155	Woodbridge, IL/Benet Academy	
15	Jon Mark Thompson*	So.	MF	5-11	150	Cape Girardeau, MO/Cape Girardeau	
16	Ben Crouse	So.	D	5-11	165	Oak Park, CA/Oak Park	(rhymes with mouse)
17	Christopher High*	Jr.	D	5-11	182	Camarillo, CA/Rio Mesa	
18	Justin McGeeney	Fr.	F/MF	5-8	165	Ames, IA/Ames	(mug-IN-knee)
19	Nick Tarnay	So.	D	5-10	160	Fairview Park, OH/St. Ignatius	(TAR-nay)
20	Nate Norman	Fr.	F/MF	6-1	170	Rochester, MI/Rochester Adams	
21	Chad Riley***	Sr.	MF	5-8	163	Houston, TX/Cypress Springs	
23	Jorge Schippers	Fr.	D	5-10	160	Guatemala City,. Guatemala	(SHIPP-ers)
24	Kevin Richards***	Sr.	D/MF	5-8	147	Warwick, Bermuda/St. Andrews College	
25	Roger Klauer	Sr.	MF	5-8	155	Granger, IN/Marian	(rhymes with hour)

Coaching Staff:

Head Coach: Bobby Clark (Jordanhill College, '67) third season at Notre Dame (24-13-3), 177-76, 28, 16 years overall

Assistant Coaches: Mike Avery (Westmont, '90), Brian Wiese (Dartmouth, '95)

Team Trainer: Tricia Matysak (Purdue, '99)

Strength and Conditioning Coach: Lon Record (Lock Haven, '99)

Senior Manager: Sarah Tynan (Saint Mary's, '04)

* - indicates monograms earned, (c) - team captain

in the College Soccer News 2003 Preseason Top 30. The Irish finished 26th in the final College Soccer News ranking a year ago after beginning the season 17th on the preseason list. * - indicates 2003 Notre Dame opponent

College Soccer News 2003 Preseason Top 30

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| 1. Maryland | 16. Saint Louis* |
| 2. UCLA | 17. Pennsylvania |
| 3. St. John's* | 18. California* |
| 4. Wake Forest | 19. UC Santa Barbara |
| 5. Stanford | 20. New Mexico |
| 6. SMU | 21. Virginia |
| 7. Penn State | 22. Coastal Carolina |
| 8. Creighton | 23. Washington |
| 9. Furman | 24. Duke |
| 10. Indiana* | 25. Portland |
| 11. Wisconsin-Milwaukee | 26. Northeastern |
| 12. NOTRE DAME | 27. San Diego |
| 13. Clemson | 28. Alabama-Birmingham* |
| 14. Boston College | 29. Michigan* |
| 15. Connecticut* | 30. Bradley* |

Notre Dame men's soccer media information: Publicity for the 2003 Notre Dame men's soccer team is organized by assistant sports information director Alan Wasielewski (Wasielewski.3@nd.edu). The Notre Dame sports information office is always interested in assisting members of the media in coverage of Irish soccer.

For men's soccer interviews, please contact Wasielewski at (574) 631-3397. All interviews of coaches and student-athletes must be arranged through the sports information office.

To receive all releases, including weekly updates on the Irish team, via e-mail, please send a request to Wasielewski at: Wasielewski.3@nd.edu.

2003 NSCAA/ADIDAS RANKING**AUG. 18, 2003 - PRESEASON**

	<u>Team</u>	<u>'02 record</u>	<u>prev.</u>
1.	UCLA	18-3-3	1
2.	Maryland	20-5-0	3
3.	Stanford	18-5-2	2
4.	Wake Forest	15-2-4	8
5.	SMU	16-2-3	12
	St. John's	13-3-5	9
7.	Indiana	15-4-2	11
8.	Creighton	18-4-2	4
9.	Clemson	14-5-3	7
10.	Connecticut	17-6-0	5
11.	Saint Louis	15-4-2	15
12.	NOTRE DAME	12-6-3	RV
13.	Boston College	17-5-0	6
14.	Virginia	15-7-0	t-19
15.	Furman	19-3-1	13
16.	Penn State	16-7-0	10
17.	California	14-6-2	14
18.	Wis.-Mil.	19-2-1	t-17
19.	North Carolina	14-7-1	t-23
20.	Coastal Carolina	19-3-2	25
21.	UC-San. Barb.	18-3-1	21
22.	Loyola Mary.	15-4-2	22
22.	New Mexico	18-4-0	NR
22.	Syracuse	8-8-2	NR
22.	Va. Common.	15-5-1	t-17
22.	Portland	13-6-1	t-19

Also receiving votes: Pennsylvania, Santa Clara, **Alabama-Birmingham**, William & Mary, Old Dominion.

Bold indicates 2003 opponents.

2002 BIG EAST MEN'S SOCCER PRESEASON POLL

Rnk	Team	Points	'02 BIG EAST	'02 Overall	'02 Reg. Season Finish
1.	St. John's (5)	135	7-1-2	13-3-5	2nd
2.	Notre Dame (3)	128	6-3-1	12-6-3	4th
3.	Connecticut (3)	127	7-3-0	17-6-0	3rd
4.	Boston College (2)	117	8-2-0	18-5-0	1st
5.	Rutgers	89	5-4-1	8-8-3	t-5th
6.	Seton Hall	87	5-5-0	9-8-3	t-7th
7.	Georgetown	75	5-4-1	8-9-1	t-5th
8.	Syracuse	67	3-6-1	8-8-2	10th
9.	Virginia Tech	57	5-5-0	10-7-1	t-7th
10.	Pittsburgh	40	2-7-1	8-9-1	11th
	West Virginia	40	1-8-1	4-11-2	13th
12.	Providence	35	5-5-0	7-11-0	t-7th
13.	Villanova	17	2-8-0	5-13-0	12th

() - indicates first place votes.

Notre Dame returns talented, deep and experienced roster for the 2003 season: The Irish welcome back nine of 11 starters from last season's 12-6-3 team that made its second-straight trip to the NCAA Championship. Notre Dame was eliminated 1-0 by Indiana in the second round.

The Irish lost leading scorer Erich Braun to graduation, but welcome back seniors Chad Riley (20 points, 4 G, 12 A), Justin Detter (19 points, 6 G, 7 A) and Greg Martin (13 points, 6 G, 1 A). Riley currently stands fourth on the all-time assist list with 24, as his 12 assists a year ago tied for fifth on the single-season list.

Notre Dame's defense should be strong this season as well, bringing back starters senior Kevin Richards, sophomore Dale Rellas while adding the services of freshman stand out Greg Dalby.

A key position switch this season will be the move of junior Jack Stewart from the back to midfield. Stewart started and appeared in all 21 games last season, taking 17 shots and scoring one goal, which turned out to be a game-winner.

Martin named captain of 2003 team, first three-time captain in team history: Senior Greg Martin has been named captain of the 2003 Notre Dame men's soccer team, while classmates Justin Detter, Devon Prescod, Kevin Richards and Chad Riley will serve as assistant captains during the season. Martin will have the distinction of being the first-ever three-time captain in the program's history.

Martin, a midfielder, was the first sophomore ever to be named a captain at Notre Dame when he served in that role during the 2001 campaign. He started all 21 games for the Irish in '02 and scored a career-high six goals while dishing off one assist. Martin heads into his final campaign with career totals of seven goals and two assists (16 points). Last season, he was named to the all-tournament team at the Diadora Challenge and was selected as the BIG EAST's Co-Offensive Player of the Week for the week of October 21. Martin netted a team-leading three game-winning goals a year ago and registered the first multiple-goal game of his career with his two-goal performance in a 3-1 victory over Connecticut in October of '02.

Detter was a second team all-BIG EAST selection following his junior year after earning first-team accolades in '01. In addition, the Irish midfielder was a third-team pick to the adidas/NSCAA all-Great Lakes Region squad. The Irish midfielder was in the starting lineup for all 21 games and finished third on the scoring list with 19 points (6 goals and 7 assists). He has started 56 in the 57

2003 BIG EAST PRESEASON AWARDS

Offensive Player of the Year

Cesar Cuellar, Connecticut, Sr., F

Defensive Player of the Year

Chris Wingert, St. John's, Sr., D

Goalkeeper of the Year

Chris Sawyer, Notre Dame, Jr.

Preseason All-BIG EAST Team

Chris Sawyer, Notre Dame, Jr., GK

Guy Melamed, Boston College, Jr., D

Jeff Curtin, Georgetown, So., D

Jack Stewart, Notre Dame, Sr., MF

Chris Wingert, St. John's, Sr., D

Bill Arnault, Boston College, Jr., MF

Lindon Pecorelli, Connecticut, Sr., MF

Justin Detter, Notre Dame, Sr., F

Ryan McGowan, Seton Hall, Sr., MF

Cesar Cuellar, Connecticut, Sr., F

Chris Karcz, Rutgers, So., F

Chris Corcoran, St. John's, Jr., F

Jarett Park, Syracuse, Jr., F

games he has played during his career and has scored 14 goals and dished off 13 assists (41 points).

Prescod, a midfielder, battled injuries throughout last season, but still managed to play in all 21 contests. He scored three goals and dished off two assists in '02 and was named to the all-tournament team at the Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament. As sophomore, Prescod started 18 of the 19 contests he played and finished second in the scoring column with six goals and six assists (18 points). He heads into his final season with 10 goals and eight assists (28 points).

Richards, a two-year starter at back, has been a mainstay in the Irish backfield since his freshman year. Last year, he anchored an Irish defense that registered six shutouts and posted a team 0.95 goals against average. Richards also dished off three assists in '02 and was named co-BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Week for the first time in his career. He heads into the '03 campaign having been in the starting lineup in 39 straight contests.

Riley has garnered third team all-BIG EAST honors each of the last two seasons and has ranked among the Irish's leading scorers. He finished second in the Irish scoring column as a junior with four goals and a team-leading 12 assists (the most assists by a Notre Dame player since Randy Morris' 12 in 1988). Riley ranks fourth all-time with 24 career assists and was 14th nationally in that category with a 0.57 assist average. He boasts career totals of eight goals and 24 assists (40 points).

"This is a great group of young men and is possibly the strongest group of seniors I have ever been fortunate enough to coach," head coach Bobby Clark says. "They are all strong players with strong personalities and should provide the correct leadership for what we hope can be a very exciting year. I have always found that success is directly proportional to the leadership.

Class of 2007 earns top-five recruiting class status: University of Notre Dame men's soccer coach Bobby Clark has announced the signing of seven highly-regarded prep standouts to national letters of intent. Three of those players have been members of the U.S. national team program and are current members of the under-18 national squad. Joining the Irish program beginning in the fall of 2003 will be goalkeeper Chris Cahill (Louisville, Ky./St. Francis DeSales) central defender Greg Dalby (Poway, Calif./Poway), midfielder Ian Etherington (Temecula, Calif./Chaparral HS), forward Justin McGeeney (Ames, Iowa/Ames), midfielder Ryan Miller (Barrington, Ill./Barrington), forward Brian Murphy (Granger, Ind./St. Joseph's) and forward/midfielder Nate Norman (Rochester, Mich./Rochester Adams).

"These seven players comprise a fabulous recruiting class for us," Clark says. "All the individuals we identified early on in the recruiting process decided to come to Notre Dame. We were looking for players who would come in and give up depth as well as have an impact immediately. We're very excited to have all of them join our program.

"I think we've been very successful with our recruiting efforts the past two seasons. This year's class adds tremendous depth to our team and continues to move the program in the direction that we want to go."

The group ended up ranked fifth in the country by *Soccer America* and third by College Soccer News.com.