

2006 Schedule (7-7)

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5	&vs. Stephen F. Austin	L, 1-2 (8)
	at Cal Poly SLO	12:00 p.m
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All times local to site. * - indicates BIG EAST Conference game. ! - UNLV Desert Classic, \$ - FIU Invitational. & - Tulsa Invitational. + - Iudi Garman Classic

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2006 Notre Dame Softball

10 Consecutive BIG EAST Regular-Season Titles • Seven Consecutive NCAA Appearances

Irish on Spring Break

Notre Dame at Cal Poly SLO, Sunday, March 12, 12 noon (PT)

<u>Judi Garman Classic • Fullerton, Calif. • March 15-18</u>

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Notre Dame at CS Fullerton, Wednesday, March 15, 7:00 p.m. (PT) Notre Dame vs. Arizona State, Thursday, March 16, 4:00 p.m. (PT) Notre Dame vs. Florida State, Friday, March 17, 1:30 p.m. (PT)

2006 Spring Break trip will take Irish to California -

Notre Dame's eight players from California will return to their home state over the next week for semester break, taking on Cal Poly then entering the 2006 Judi Garman Classic at CS Fullerton.

Welcome Back Coach Gumpf!

Notre Dame head softball coach *Deanna Gumpf* will return to the Irish dugout for the rest of the season, beginning with Sunday's doubleheader at Cal Poly SLO. Gumpf missed the first three weekends of the season in preparation for, and recovery from, the birth of her second child.

Deanna and her husband John welcomed Tatum Elizabeth at approximately 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 22. Both mother and the future left-handed pitching prospect are doing well.

Irish ALERT continues this weekend -

A joint effort between Centennial Wireless, Notre Dame Sports Properties and the Notre Dame Sports Information Office will make up-to-the-minute text messaging a reality this season. Notre Dame has announced that the Irish ALERT system, which will cover baseball, softball, men's lacrosse and women's lacrosse will begin this spring for a free trial.

Simply sign up for the service at www.und.com and your mobile device will receive score updates from each of the four mentioned sports throughout the 2006 season. The service also will provide periodical updates providing team schedules and special alerts when content is uploaded on www.und.com.

For softball, updates are sent when the weekly release is posted on www.und.com, when a schedule change pops up (delayed games, added games) and in the first, third, fifth and seventh innings of each Irish game.

Keep up with the Irish on the road -

Notre Dame softball family, friends and fans can keep up with the Irish four different ways this season.

- 1. Live audio broadcasts of selected Notre Dame games will be available throughout the year. The next live audio broadcast will be Notre Dame's double-header at Cal Poly (Sunday, March 12) and the rematch with CS Fullerton at the Judi Garman Classic on Wednesday, Feb. 15 (subscription to *Fighting Irish All-Access* required, see www.und.com and click on 'multimedia' for more information). If the Irish are scheduled to play on the main field at the Judi Garman Classic during bracket play, www.und.com will make every effort to broadcast those games via live audio coverage.
- 2. The Notre Dame Sports Hotline (574-631-3000) will be updated as soon as possible after each game this season. After dialing in, press 4 for baseball/softball information, then press 2 for the latest update for the Irish softball team.
- 3. For the Judi Garman Classic, all games involving Notre Dame will have Gametracker live statistical updates available. For each game, the Gametracker link will appear in the schedule box on the front page of www.und.com and on the softball schedule page.
- 4. Irish ALERT (see preceding note), a text message service that provides up-to-the-minute game scores.

2006 Universit	y of N	lotre :	Dame	Softball	Numerical	Roster
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No.		Name	Year	Pos.	Ht.	B/T	Hometown	High School
1	*	Katie Laing	So.	2B/SS	5-4	R/R	Chandler, AZ	Corona del Sol
2	*	Brittany Glynn	So.	OF	5-3	R/R	Seymour, CT	St. Joseph
5	**	Kenya Fuemmeler	Jr.	P/UT	5-7	R/R	Salisbury, MO	Salisbury
8		Brittney Bargar	Fr.	P	5-9	R/R	Corona, CA	Corona
11	**	Gessica Hufnagle	Jr.	C/OF	5-6	R/R	Middlebury, IN	Northridge
12		Erin Glasco	Fr.	C	5-7	L/R	Johnson City, IL	Johnston City
16	***	Mallorie Lenn (c)	Sr.	C/1B	5-8	R/R	Garden Grove, CA	Pacifica
17		Alexandra Kotcheff	Fr.	OF	5-8	L/R	Los Angeles, CA	The Marlborough School
18		Christine Farrell	Fr.	P	5-8	R/R	La Habra, CA	Sonora
21		Linda Kohan	Fr.	INF	5-6	R/R	Westminster, CA	Westminster
22	***	Sara Schoonaert (c)	Sr.	SS/2B	5-3	R/R	Houston, TX	Clear Lake
23		Stephanie Mola	Fr.	OF	5-5	L/L	Naples, FL	St. John Neumann
24	**	Stephanie Brown	Jr.	OF	5-6	R/R	Chandler, AZ	Corona del Sol
27	**	Carissa Jaquish	Jr.	C/UT	5-6	R/R	Highland, CA	Redlands East Valley
32	***	Heather Booth (c)	Sr.	P	5-10	R/R	Riverside, CA	Martin Luther King
34	*	Sarah Smith	So.	OF	5-7	L/R	Oklahoma City, OK	Heritage Hall
77	***	Meagan Ruthrauff (c) Sr.	1B	5-10	R/R	La Mirada, CA	La Serna

Head Coach: Deanna Gumpf (Nebraska '92, fifth season, 184-76)

Assistant Coaches: Kris Ganeff (Notre Dame '99), Lizzy Lemire (Notre Dame '01)

Second weekend recap -

Notre Dame experienced a roller coaster performance at the Best Western Airport Festival in Tulsa, Okla., last weekend. The Irish lost to #17 Nebraska 5-2 in eight innings, dropped a tough 2-1 game to Tulsa, rebounded to down Northern Iowa 10-1 in five innings and dominate Kansas 5-2, but eventually ended the weekend on a down note with a 2-1, eight-inning loss to Stephen F. Austin.

The Irish offense was both hot and cold during the tournament run. After posting just 11 hits in the first two games vs. Nebraska and Tulsa, Notre Dame exploded for 22 hits in 12 innings on day two. The Irish scored 10 runs on eight hits vs. Northern Iowa, then stung Kansas for 13 hits in the final game of the day.

In the loss to SFA, Notre Dame stranded 12 runners on base and allowed the Lady Jacks to score on a wild pitch and error.

Two Notre Dame players repeated all-tournament honors during the Best Western Airport Festival. Senior *Sara Schoonaert* and junior *Stephanie Brown*, who both earned all-conference honors at the adidas Golden Panther Invitational two weekends ago, also received the nod last weekend.

Both players hit .500 during the Tulsa tournament, as Schoonaert was eight of 16 with two doubles and three RBI. Brown ended up seven for 14 with two doubles, three RBI and three stolen bases.

Schoonaert's sizzling start -

Senior shortstop *Sara Schoonaert* has begun the 2006 season in career-high form, leading the team with a .375 batting average and five doubles. She has been named to two all-tournament teams (adidas Golden Panther Invitational, Best Western Airport Festival) in successive weeks and has been incredibly steady on defense (perfect in 43 defensive plays so far this season).

Schoonaert also boasts a .500 slugging percentage and has stolen five bases in 2006.

Notre Dame Sports Information

Publicity for Notre Dame softball is coordinated by Assistant Sports Information Director Alan Wasielewski.

Photographs, statistics and feature ideas are available by contacting Wasielewski at (574) 631-7516 or via email at Wasielewski.3@nd.edu.

Requests to interview student-athletes and coaches must be arranged through the SID office and should be made at least 24 hours in advance. C redentials for home games can be obtained by calling Wasielewski.

Statistics, results and weekly releases (typically released on Wednesday of each week of the season) also are readily available on Notre Dame's official athletic site, www.und.com.

If you wish to be added to the Notre Dame softball weekly release distribution list, please send an e-mail to: Wasielewski.3@nd.edu.

^{* –} denotes monograms earned; (c) - denotes team captains

2006 USA Today/NFCA Top 25

March 8, 2006

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	(Team	Record		<u>Pvs.</u> 1	
1.	Arizona (29)	20-1	748	_	
	Texas	24-1	715	2	
	Tennessee (1)	13-0	693	3	
4.	UCLA	19-1	664	4	
5.	Stanford	17-4	586	6	
6.	Alabama	15-3	584	5	
7.	California	12-2	577	7	
8.	Oregon State	18-2	551	9	
9.	Michigan	11-5	486	8	
10.	LaLafayette	13-0	460	11	
	Arizona State	21-1	435	13	
12.	Georgia	17-5	393	12	
13.	LSU	21-3	362	19	
14.	Oklahoma	15-6-1	348	10	
15.	Nebraska	12-2	297	17	
16.	Northwestern	10-6	288	16	
17.	Washington	15-6	271	15	
18.	Baylor	16-6	248	20	
19.	Auburn	15-4	243	18	
20.	Texas A&M	14-8	224	14	
21.	Louisville	12-2	140	21	
22.	DePaul	7-2	111	22	
23.	Mississippi St.	18-3	64	NR	
	Oregon	12-9	60	23	
	North Carolina	14-4	52	24	
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Florida (44), **BYU** (28), Virginia Tech (25), Houston (16), Fresno State (14), Iowa (7), San Diego State (7), Southern Illinois (3). Three others received votes but only appeared on one ballot.

bold indicates 2006 opponents

Notre Dame in the USA Today/NFCA Top 25

Preseason: ORV (30th) Feb. 14: ORV (39th) Feb. 21: not ranked March 1: not ranked March 8: not ranked Booth recovers from rough start - Senior RHP *Heather Booth* struggled in the first weekend of action for the Irish at UNLV, but since that forgettable weekend, the Irish staff ace has lived up to her billing as the team's pitching leader.

Over the last two weekends of action, Booth is 3-1 with a 1.16 ERA (the loss coming to #17 Nebraska in eight innings), four complete games and one shutout. She also has stepped up her strikeout ratio tremendously. Typically averaging around six strikeouts per game during her career, Booth has posted 50 Ks in her last 36.1 innings pitched. That comes out to a ratio of 9.70 per seven innings.

Those strikeout numbers are pushing Booth up the Notre Dame career charts as well. Earlier this season she became the third Notre Dame pitcher to surpass 600 Ks in a career and is quickly looking to join Jennifer Sharron (728 from 1998-01), Steffany Stenglein (790 from 2002-05) and Terri Kobata (907 from 1993-96) as the only Irish pitchers to post 700 strikeouts in a career.

ND sereis history vs. Spring Break opponents -

vs. Cal Poly SLO - first meeting

vs. CS Fullerton - 2-4, including a 9-3 loss to the Titans at the UNLV Desert Classic on Feb. 19.

vs. Arizona State - 1-7, the most recent meeting occurred last season when the Sun Devils inched by the Irish 2-1 at the Palm Spring Classic ... Notre Dame's lone win in the series came in 2001, a 5-1 victory over #10 Arizona State at the Kia Klassic.

vs. Florida State - 1-3, the most recent meeting took place at FSU in 2004, a 10-inning battle that the fourth-ranked Seminoles won 4-3 ... Notre Dame's win in the series came in 1996 (1-0 at #9 Florida State).

2006 ESPN.com/USA Softball Top 25

March 7, 2006

	Rnl	<u>«Team</u>	Record	Pts.	<u>Pvs</u>
	1.	Arizona (14)	20-1	490	1
	2.	Tennessee (3)	13-0	470	2
		Texas (2)	24-1	470	3
	4.	UCLA (1)	18-1	450	4
	5.	Stanford	17-4	400	5
	6.	California	11-2	383	8
	7.	Alabama	15-3	380	6
'	8.	Oregon State	18-2	367	9
	9.	Michigan	9-4	332	7
	10.	Arizona State	21-1	314	12
	11.	Georgia	17-3	308	11
	12.	LaLafayette	13-0	249	15
	13.	LSU	21-2	224	19
	14.	Oklahoma	15-7-1	223	10
	15.	Washington	15-5	221	13
	16.	Northwestern	9-5	196	16
	17.	Nebraska	12-2	194	17
	18.	Baylor	16-6	178	18
	19.	Texas A&M	14-8	168	14
	20.	Auburn	15-3	123	20
	21.	DePaul	7-2	76	21
	22.	Louisville	12-2	64	22
	23.	Virginia Tech	14-3	52	RV
	24.	Mississippi St.	18-2	37	RV
	25.	Fresno State	13-11	29	23

Others receiving votes:

North Carolina (27), **BYU** (20), Iowa (17), Southern Illinois (11), **CS Fullerton** (7), Oregon (6), Missouri (4), San Diego State (3), Florida (2), North Carolina State (2), Georgia Tech (2) and Illinois State (1).

bold indicates 2006 opponents

Notre Dame in the ESPN.com/USA Softball Top 25

Preseason: ORV (30th) Feb. 14: ORV (t-32nd) Feb. 21: not ranked Feb. 28: not ranked March 7: not ranked

2006 BIG EAST Conference Standings (as of March 7, 2006)										
	BIG EAST OVERALL (Final)									
<u>Team</u>	W-L	Pts.	<u>H</u>	<u>A</u>	W-L-T	Pct.	<u>H</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>N</u>	ND outcome vs. opponent
Providence					2-0	1.000	0-0	0-0	2-0	April 2
Louisville					12-2	.857	3-1	6-0	3-1	April 30
DePaul					7-2	.778	0-0	1-1	6-1	April 13
Syracuse					8-7	.533	0-0	1-1	6-1	April 8
NOTRE DAME					7-7	.500	0-0	2-2	5-5	_
South Florida					11-11	.500	10-6	0-2	1-3	April 29
Seton Hall					6-8	.429	0-0	1-2	5-6	May 6
Connecticut					2-3	.400	0-0	0-1	2-2	April 1
St. John's					3-7	.300	0-0	2-5	1-2	May 7
Pittsburgh					3-8	.273	0-0	2-2	1-6	April 9
Villanova					2-7	.222	0-0	0-2	2-5	April 22
Rutgers					0-9	.000	0-0	0-1	0-8	April 23
The top eight teams qualify for the 2006 BIG EAST Championship in South Bend, Ind.										

2006 BIG EAST Weekly Awardwinners

<u>Player of the Week</u> Jo Sherlock, OF, St. John's, Feb. 20 Alexis Switenko, SS/P, Syracuse, Feb. 27 Katie Pierce, SS, Seton Hall, March 6

Pitcher of the Week
Tracie Adix, DePaul, Feb. 20
Bree Spence, South Florida, Feb. 27
Kady Garrick, Louisville, March 6

Notre Dame BIG EAST Honor Roll Selections

> Linda Kohan, Feb. 20 Heather Booth, Feb. 27

Preview of this weekend's opponent - Cal Poly enters the weekend with a 7-14 record ... the Mustangs boast a 9-4 victory over #23 Fresno State on March 3 ... junior OF Lisa Modglin has paced the Cal Poly offense this season, hitting .368 with four home runs and 18 RBI ... sophomore Robyn Kontra has seen a majority of the pitching time for the Mustangs, going 5-7 with a 3.95 ERA ... Cal Poly is 0-2 at Bob Janssen Field this season.

CS Fullerton, Arizona State and Florida State will be previewed in a release next week before the start of the Judi Garman Classic.

Notre Dame in early-season tournaments -

Notre Dame began what is now the collegiate softball tradition of early-season tournament action in 1990 when it took part in a Chicago, Ill., tournament. Since that trip, Notre Dame has visited 32 different areas of the country and participated in several elite tournaments. Notre Dame's all-time record in early-season tournament action is 178-126 (.586) and its most frequent sites visited have been South Florida (seven times), Columbus, Ga. (six times), and CS Fullerton (four times). This season, Notre Dame will visit Las Vegas, Nev. (for the third time), Miami, Fla., Tulsa, Okla., and CS Fullerton.

New BIG EAST Conference unveiled in 2006 -

The BIG EAST Conference expansion, which officially took place this fall, has garnered most of its attention in men's basketball. The conference has quickly transformed into the top men's basketball league in the country, but the effect that expansion will have on softball cannot be overlooked. The BIG EAST welcomes three traditional softball powers into the conference this season with the addition of DePaul, Louisville and South Florida. All three of the new teams will compete to end Notre Dame's regular-season conference title streak which stands at 10 years entering the '06 campaign.

Combined with an already solid conference lineup, the BIG EAST is now arguably the top softball league east of the Mississippi River. With a new league alignment, the BIG EAST Championship - scheduled to be played in South Bend, Ind., beginning May 11 - will feature a new schedule. The top eight teams from the league standings will take part in a single-elimination, three-day tournament to determine the league's automatic berth in the NCAA Championship.

Notre Dame Statistical Leaders

as of Feb. 28, 2006

as of red. 20, 2006
Batting Average
Schoonaert, Sara
Brown, Stephanie
Glasco, Erin
Runs Scored
Brown, Stephanie9
Kohan, Linda7
Schoonaert, Sara6
Ruthrauff, Meagan6
Hits
Schoonaert, Sara15
Brown, Stephanie14
Kohan, Linda13
Daulde
Schoonaert, Sara5
Brown, Stephanie3
Ruthrauff, Meagan3
II D
Kohan, Linda3
Ruthrauff, Meagan2
Brown, Stephanie1
Lenn, Mallorie1
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Lenn, Malllorie10
Ruthrauff, Meagan9
Kohan, Linda8
6.1 -
Stolen Bases Brown, Stephanie
Schoonage Cara
Schoonaert, Sara5 Laing, Katie4
TAT 11
Walks Ruthrauff, Meagan10
Schoonaert, Sara
Brown, Stephanie6
ERA
Booth, Heather
Fuemmeler, Kenya2.47
Bargar, Brittney2.97
Innings Pitched Booth, Heather54.1
Bargar, Brittney33.0
Fuemmeler, Kenya5.2
Strikeouts
Booth, Heather67
Bargar, Brittney40
Shutouts
Booth, Heather1
Bargar, Brittney1
Complete Games
Booth, Heather5
Bargar, Brittney2

Irish captains -

Notre Dame will feature four captains this season for just the second time in the program's history. The senior class of *Heather Booth*, *Mallorie Lenn*, *Meagan Ruthrauff* and *Sara Schoonaert* will provide leadership both on and off the field for the team in 2006. The only other team to feature four captains was Notre Dame's most successful team ever - the 2001 squad. Current Irish assistant coach *Lizzy Lemire* shared the captaincy that season with Melanie Alkire, Danielle Klayman and Jennifer Sharron. The Irish finished 54-7 in '01 and earned a number-one seed in the NCAA Championship.

Booth to continue climb up Notre Dame career charts -

Senior co-captain *Heather Booth*, a front-line starter for the Irish since she walked on campus four years ago, will continue her climb up the Irish career pitching charts this season. The single-season record holder for complete games (30 in '04), Booth's current all-time statistical ranking include third in appearances (126), third in starts (104), fourth in wins (72), third in complete games (66), fourth in shutouts (22), third in innings pitched (694.1), fifth in winning percentage (.718, 69-75), fifth in ERA (1.63) and fourth in strikeouts (626).

See page seven of this notes package for a complete listing of Notre Dame's current players on several different all-time statistical rankings.

Season schedule will be a challenge -

The 2006 season will prove a challenge for the Irish, as the team will face several teams ranked in the top 25, or just out of the national rankings.

According to the latest rankings, the Irish will face (NFCA rankings first, followed by USA Softball) #22/21 DePaul #16/16 Northwestern, #11/10 Arizona State and #21/22 Louisville. Notre Dame has already faced #14/12 Oregon State (5-0 loss) BYU (8-3 victory), who has been in and out of the national polls this season and #17/17 Nebraska (5-3, eight-inning loss). In addition, Notre Dame will face CS Fullerton, Florida State, UNLV and South Flordia - all teams who have received at least one vote in the preseason national rankings.

Notre Dame knocked off four ranked teams during the 2005 season. The Irish defeated #21 South Florida and #19 Florida on their first weekend of action (Feb. 12-13), then knocked off #5/6 Tennessee in its last game at the Palm Springs Classic. Notre Dame also defeated #15 Northwestern with a four-run rally in the bottom of the seventh on Tuesday, April 26, 2005.

Under head coach Deanna Gumpf, the Irish have knocked off at least three ranked teams in three of four seasons (#25 South Florida, #4 Nebraska, #15 Oregon State in `02; #8 Nebraska, #14 Nebraska, #18 Nebraska in `04). The Irish have defeated a total of 13 ranked teams during Gumpf's tenure. The most ranked wins for the Irish came in 2001, when the team defeated eight teams ranked in the national top 25.

New coaching staff, new Gumpf Family addition -

Notre Dame unveiled its new coaching staff in a unique way this season. *Lizzy Lemire*, a 2001 Notre Dame graduate, has joined the staff and *Kris Ganeff* (Notre Dame '99) moves up into the first assistant role. The change came about with the decision of former Irish assistant coach Charmelle Green to take a job in Notre Dame's Student-Athlete Development Program.

The unusual twist to the story is that Irish head coach Deanna Gumpf missed Lemire's official debut with the team. Gumpf and her husband John welcomed their second child, Tatum Elizabeth, on Wednesday, Feb. 22. Deanna has rejoined the team full time on the road for its Spring Break trip to Southern California.

To aid in the pitching staff's development during Gumpf's pregnancy, former Irish assistant coach and 1993 Penn State graduate Dawn Austin returned to the team as a volunteer assistant coach this season.

Notre Dame Team Highs

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Team
Runs Scored
10vs. N. Iowa (3-4-06)
Hits
13vs. Kansas (3-4-06)
RBI
9vs. N. Iowa (3-4-06)
Doubles
5vs. UNLV (2-18-06)
5vs. Kansas (3-4-06)
Home Runs
2vs. CS Fullerton (2-19-06)
Total Bases
19vs. UNLV (2-18-06)
Stolen Bases
3three times
Assists
15vs. CS Fullerton (2-19-06)
Strikeouts Thrown
13vs. Stephen F. Austin (3-5-06)
13
To Almi Accel
Individual
Runs Scored
3Brown, vs. FIU (2-25-06)
Hits
3Kohan, vs. CS Fullerton (2-19-06)
3Schoonaert, vs. Kansas (3-4-06)
RBI
4Lenn, vs. BYU (2-17-06)
Doubles
2Ruthrauff, UNLV (2-18-06)
Home Runs
1Six times
Total Bases
7Kohan, vs. CS Fullerton (2-19-06)
Walks
3Ruthrauff, vs. BYU (2-17-06)
3Hufnagle, vs. Buffalo (2-24-06)
Stolen Bases
2B rown, vs. Stephen F. Austin (3-5-06)
1
Putouts
13Ruthrauff, vs. CS Fullerton (2-19-06)
Assists
7Schoonaert, vs. CS Fullerton (2-29-06)
Innings Pitched
8.0Booth vs. #17 Nebraska (3-4-06)
Strikeouts Thrown
11Booth vs. SFA (3-5-06)

Ruthrauff reaches career walks record -

Senior 1B *Meagan Ruthrauff*, Notre Dame's cleanup hitter the last three seasons, is not only a potent RBI producer (126 in three years, tied for seventh on the all-time Notre Dame list), but she also has outstanding plate discipline.

Ruthrauff has drawn 90 walks during her career, surpassing matching Andrea Loman's (2000-03) previous Notre Dame career record of 87.

Ruthrauff has already drawn 10 free passes this season and ranks one-two on the single-season walk list at Notre Dame. In 2004, she drew a record 36 base on balls and followed up with 31 walks in 2005.

Notre Dame in the Iudi Garman Classic -

This tournament was formerly known as the Kia Klassic and is widely regarded as one of the premier softball tournaments in the nation.

2000 (4-2) -

vs. CS Northridge	W, 1-0
vs. #3 Arizona	L, 1-2
vs. Texas	W, 4-2
vs. #16 LaLafayette	W, 4-2
vs. #6 Oklahoma	W, 4-2
vs. #2 Arizona	L, 3-6
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Notre Dame debuted at the Kia Klassic with a bang in 2000, losing a Most Home Runs rematch with #2 Arizona for the tournament title.

2001 (4-2) -

vs. Utah State	W, 6-0
vs. #7 Fresno State	W, 4-2
vs. #5 Oklahoma	L, 2-4
vs. Hawaii	W, 4-1
vs. #10 Arizona State	W, 5-1
vs. #9 CS Fullerton	L, 4-5

Notre Dame's most successful team enjoyed a solid run through the tournament, edged by CS Fullerton on the Titan's home turf.

2002 (1-4) -

vs. #2 Arizona	L, 0-7
vs. CS Northridge	L, 0-3
vs. Texas Tech	
vs. #10 Fresno State	L, 2-3
vs. New Mexico	L, 4-5

After a tough start, Notre Dame recovered to defeat Texas Tech and bad luck led to two one-run losses on the final day of the tournament for the Irish.

<u>2003 (1-3) -</u>

vs. Fresno State	W, 3-1
vs. #3 Nebraska	L, 3-10
vs #14 DePaul	I. 2-11

With the team wracked by a flu virus, the momentum of an opening-day victory was lost when the short-handed Irish dropped two lopsided defeats to Nebraska and DePaul before the rainshortened tournament was called off.

The Irish are 10-11 all-time in the Judi Garman Classic.

Irish Players on the All-Time Charts

Most Doubles

TATC	ist Doubles	
1.	Melanie Alkire (1998-01)	49
2.	Elizabeth Perkins (1994-97)	48
3.	Jenny Kriech (1999-02)	45
4.	Andrea Loman (2000-03)	44
	Sara Hayes (1992-95)	44
6.	Lizzy Lemire (1998-01)	43
7.	Andria Bledsoe (2000-03)	40
8.	Meghan Murray (1994-97)	39
9.	Meagan Ruthrauff (2003-current)	37
	Megan Ciolli (2002-05)	37

TATO	ist flome Kuns	
1.	Jarrah Myers (1999-02)	36
2.	Andrea Loman (2000-03)	31
3.	Melanie Alkire (1998-01)	30
4.	Liz Hartmann (2002-05)	27
5.	Sara Hayes (1992-95)	26
6.	Meagan Ruthrauff (2003-current).	
	Meagan Ruthrauff (2003-current). Meghan Murray (1994-97)	21
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Most RBI

1. Jarrah Myers (1999-02)	174
2. Melanie Alkire (1998-01)	167
3. Andrea Loman (2000-03)	148
4. Sara Hayes (1992-95)	137
5. Liz Hartmann (2002-05)	131
6. Meghan Murray (1994-97)	129
7. Meagan Ruthrauff (2003-currer	nt)126
Lizzy Lemire (1998-01)	126
9. Andria Bledsoe (2000-03)	125
10. Megan Ciolli (2002-05)	101

Most Walks

1.	Meagan Ruthrauff (2003-current)	.90
2.	Andrea Loman (2000-03)	.87
3.	Jarrah Myers (1999-02)	.76

Most Putouts

1.	Jarrah Myers (1999-02)	1,337
2.	Stephanie Pinter (1991-94)	1,177
3.	Kris McCleary (1996-99)	1,040
4.	Mallorie Lenn (2003-current)	1,026
5.	Sara Hayes (1992-95)	964
6.	Amy Folsom (1989-92)	826
7.	Lisa Mattison (2000-03)	768
8.	Meagan Ruthrauff (2003-current)	744
9	Kelly Rowe (1995-98)	655

Most Pitching Appearances

1. Steffany Stenglein (2002-05)	154
2. Jennifer Sharron (1998-01)	134
3. Heather Booth (2003-current)	126
4. Angela Bessolo (1996-99)	125
 Angela Bessolo (1996-99) Missy Linn (1989-92) 	

Most Games Started

1.	Steffany Stenglein (2002-05)	132
2.	Jennifer Sharron (1998-01)	117
	Heather Booth (2003-current)	
4.	Missy Linn (1989-92)	97
5.	Terri Kobata (1993-96)	94

Most Wins

1. Jennifer Snarron (1998-01)	88
2. Steffany Stenglein (2002-05)	79
Terri Kobata (1993-96)	79
4. Heather Booth (2003-current)	72
5. Missy Linn (1989-92)	63

Most Complete Games

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1. Jennifer Sharron (1998-01)	76
2. Missy Linn (1989-92)	74
3. Heather Booth (2003-current	
4. Terri Kobata (1993-96)	65
5. Steffany Stenglein (2002-05)	54

Most Shutouts

1.	Terri Kobata (1993-96)	42
	Jennifer Sharron (1998-01)	
	Missy Linn (1989-92)	
	Heather Booth (2003-current).	
	Steffany Stenglein (2002-05)	

Most Innings Pitched

1.	Jennifer Sharron (1998-01)	772.1
2.	Steffany Stenglein (2002-05)	744.0
3.	Heather Booth (2003-current)	694.1
4.	Missy Linn (1989-92)	670.0
5.	Terri Kobata (1993-96)	630.0

Most Strikeouts

5	Angela Bessolo (1996-99)	445
4.	Heather Booth (2003-current)	654
3.	Jennifer Sharron (1998-01)	728
2.	Steffany Stenglein (2002-05)	790
1.	Terri Kobata (1993-96)	907

2006 Notre Dame Softball Results												
<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>	W/L	ND Line/Opp. Line	<u>Innings</u>	ND Record	<u>Pitcher</u>	GW Hit/Run				
Feb. 17	Colorado St.	4-5	L	4-5-1/5-11-1	7	0-1	Booth (L, 0-1)	-				
Feb. 17	BYU	8-3	W	8-11-1/3-5-2	7	1-1	Bargar (W, 1-0)	Lenn/Laing				
Feb. 18	#14 Oregon St.	0-5	L	0-3-1/5-8-0	7	1-2	Booth (L, 0-2)	-				
Feb. 18	at UNLV	6-4	W	6-11-0/4-6-2	7	2-2	Bargar (W, 2-0)	Jaquish/Northway				
Feb. 19	vs. CS Fullerton	3-9	L	3-7-0/9-10-0	7	2-3	Booth (L, 0-3)	-				
Feb. 24	vs. Buffalo	1-0	W	1-3-0/0-4-1	7	3-3	Bargar (W, 3-0)	-/Glynn				
Feb. 24	at Fla. Intern.	5-0	W	5-5-0/0-2-3	5	4-3	Booth (W, 1-3)	Kohan/Hufnagle				
Feb. 25	vs. Memphis	4- 1	W	4-5-1/1-6-2	7	5-3	Booth (W, 2-3)	Kohan/Kotcheff				
Feb. 25	at Fla. Intern.	4-5	L	4-6-1/5-7-2	7	5-4	Bargar (L, 3-1)	-				
Mar. 3	vs. #17 Nebrask	a 2-5	L	2-7-1/5-6-0	8	5-5	Booth (L, 2-4)	-				
Mar. 3	at Tulsa	1-2	L	1-4-1/2-5-1	7	5-6	Bargar (L, 3-2)	-				
Mar. 4	vs. N. Iowa	10-1	W	10-8-1/1-7-2	5	6-6	Bargar (W, 4-2)	Ruthrauff/Kohan				
Mar. 4	vs. Kansas	5-2	W	5-13-0/2-5-4	7	7-6	Booth (W, 3-4)	Kohan/Ruthrauff				
Mar. 5	vs. SFA	1-2	L	1-9-2/2-7-0	8	7-7	Bargar (L, 4-3)	-				

2006 Notre Dame Softball Player Bio Updates -

Brittney Bargar • Fr. • RHP • 5-9 • Corona, CA • Corona H.S.

2006: Notre Dame's No. 2 starting pitcher behind veteran Heather Booth ... a confident first-year player capable of solid pitching performances ... throws hard with good velocity ... pitched well in a tough loss at Tulsa, allowing five hits, one earned run and striking out nine in a complete-game 2-1 loss ... earned a short victory vs. Northern Iowa, pitching the first three innings of a 10-1, five-inning Notre Dame win, allowing three hits and striking out five.

2006/Career Statistics:

<u>ERA</u>	W-L	<u> App</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	SHO/CBO	<u>SV</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	SO/7	B/Avg.
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Heather Booth • Sr. • RHP • 5-10 • Riverside, CA • Martin Luther King H.S.

Career: Ranks among Notre Dame's all-time top five in appearances, wins, innings pitched and strikeouts ... 2003 BIG EAST Rookie of the Year ... 2003, 2004 First-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2005 Third-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2004 Second-Team NFCA All-Mideast Region ... 2004 FSU Invitational All-Tournament Team.

2006: Staff ace for the Fighting Irish ... will carry much of the pitching load and provide leadership for Notre Dame's pair of rookie pitchers ... picked up first win of the season against Florida International (Feb. 24) with a five-inning completegame shutout, striking out nine and allowing just two hits ... also picked up a complete-game victory over Memphis, scattering six hits, allowing one run and striking out 10 ... named adidas Golden Panther Invitational tournament MVP for her performance over three days, going 2-0 with a 0.47 ERA and 22 strikeouts in 15.0 IP ... took a hard-luck loss vs. #17 Nebraska, scattering six hits, allowing two earned runs and striking out seven in eight innings ... shut down a potent Kansas offense, picking up a complete-game victory with 7.0 IP, two earned runs and 10 strikeouts ... suffered a frustrating non-decision against Stephen F. Austin, allowing seven hits and striking out 11 in Notre Dame's 2-1, eight-inning setback ... it was the second consecutive 10 strikeout performance for the righthander.

2006 Awards:

adidas Golden Panther Invitational Tournament MVP

2006	Statistics:
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ERA 2.32	<u>W-L</u> 3-4	<u>App</u> 11	<u>GS</u> 8	<u>CG</u> 5	SHO/CBO 1/0	<u>SV</u> 1	<u>IP</u> 54.1	<u>H</u> 49	<u>R</u> 23	<u>ER</u> 18	<u>BB</u> 22	<u>SO</u> 67	SO/7 8.67	B/Avg. .241
Caree	r Statisti	cs:												
ERA	W-L	<u>App</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	SHO/CBO	<u>SV</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SO/7</u>	B/Avg.
1.68	72-31	126	104	66	22/8	5	694.1	499	219	167	235	654	6.60	.199

Stephanie Brown • Jr. • OF • 5-6 • Chander, AZ • Corona del Sol H.S.

Career: Consistent hitter who piled up 131 hits (at least 60 each season) in her first two years with the Irish ... tied former teammate Liz Hartmann for the Notre Dame freshman home run record, hitting seven in 2004 ... 2004 First-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2005 Second-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2005 Buckeye Invitational All-Tournament Team ... 2004 NFCA Leadoff Classic All-Tournament Team.

2006: Returns to the top of the lineup as Notre Dame's leadoff hitter for the third consecutive season ... a three tool player capable of slapping, bunting and hitting for power ... earned a spot on the adidas Golden Panther Invitational all-tournament team after posting three hits (including a home run against FIU) and scoring five runs during the two-day tournament ... two for four with an RBI double and run scored vs. #17 Nebraska ... ended up one for one with two RBI (on sacrifice flies) vs. Northern Iowa ... reached in all four at bats against Tulsa, going two for three (reached on an error and error on a sacrifice as well).

2006 Awards:

adidas Golden Panther Invitational All-Tournament Team

Best Western Airport Festival All-Tournament Team

2006	Statistics:
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<u>Avg.</u> .326	<u>GP-GS</u> 14-14	<u>AB</u> 43	<u>R</u> 9	<u>H</u> 14	<u>2B</u> 3	<u>3B</u> 0	<u>HR</u> 1	<u>RBI</u> 5	<u>Slg%</u> .465	<u>BB</u> 6	<u>OB%</u> .404	<u>SB-Att</u> 7-7	<u>PO</u> 7	<u>A</u> 0	<u>E</u> 0	<u>Fld%</u> 1.000
Caree	r Statistics:															
Avg.	GP-GS	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	Slg%	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	SB-Att	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	$\underline{\mathbf{E}}$	Fld%
.319	144-144	455	91	145	22	1	11	49	.444	40	.386	29-42	215	95	15	.954

Christine Farrell • Fr. • RHP • 5-8 • La Habra, CA • Sonora H.S.

2006: Freshman pitcher has yet to see action while working through recovery from offseason surgery ... expected to see pitching time after Spring Break and work her way into Notre Dame's starting rotation.

Kenya Fuemmeler • Jr. • RHP • 5-7 • Salisbury, MO • Salisbury H.S.

2006: Veteran reliever who is expected to see more pitching time this season ... has thrown well in her first two appearances of the season (vs. BYU, vs. CS Fullerton) ... finished off Notre Dame's 10-1, five-inning victory over Northern Iowa, allowing four hits, a run and striking out three in 2.0 innings.

2006	Statistics:	
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ERA 2.47	<u>W-L</u> 0-0	<u>App</u> 3	<u>GS</u> 0	<u>CG</u> 0	<u>SHO/CBO</u> 0/0	<u>SV</u> 0	<u>IP</u> 5.2	<u>H</u> 5	<u>R</u> 2	<u>ER</u> 2	<u>BB</u> 3	<u>SO</u> 5	SO/7 6.73	<u>B/Avg.</u> .238
Caree	r Statisti	cs:												
ERA	W-L	<u>App</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	SHO/CBO	<u>SV</u>	$\underline{\text{IP}}$	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	SO/7	B/Avg.
2.10	1-0	9	0	0	0/2	0	13.1	15	7	4	8	10	5.35	.273

Erin Glasco • Fr. • C/DP • 5-7 • Johnston City, IL • Johnston City H.S.

2006: Left-handed hitter one of Notre Dame's top choices at designated player ... also the team's back up catcher in 2006.

2006/Career Statistics:

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>GP-GS</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	BB	<u>OB%</u>	SB-Att	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Fld%</u>
.308	12-9	26	2	8	2	0	0	1	.385	3	.400	0-0	21	0	0	1.000

Brittany Glynn • So. • OF • 5-3 • Seymour, CT • St. Joseph H.S.

2006: Provides depth in the outfield for the Irish ... one of the team's top pinch-running options.

2006 9	Statistics:
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Avg.	GP-GS	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	Slg%	BB	<u>OB%</u>	SB-Att	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	Fld%
.000	8-0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0-1	0	0	0	.000
Caree	r Statistics:															
Avg.	GP-GS	AB	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	Slg%	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	SB-Att	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	Fld%
.000	17-0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0-2	0	0	0	.000

Gessica Hufnagle • Jr. • OF • 5-6 • Middlebury, IN • Northridge H.S.

2006: Had made a successful switch from catcher to outfielder this season ... Notre Dame's starting leftfielder has been steady defensively and is capable of outstanding athletic defensive plays.

2006	Statistics:
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<u>Avg.</u>	GP-GS	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	Slg%	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	SB-Att	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	Fld%
.200	14-14	35	5	7	1	1	0	3	.286	5	.317	0-1	10	0	1	.909
Caree	r Statistics:															
<u>Avg.</u>	GP-GS	AB	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	Slg%	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	SB-Att	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	Fld%
.180	96-39	100	20	18	2	1	0	7	.220	9	.255	4-6	203	13	6	.973

Carissa Jaquish • Jr. • INF • 5-6 • Highland, CA • Redlands East Valley H.S.

2006: In a battle for the starting third base spot vacated by the graduation of Liz Hartmann ... also a top option at DP and pinch hitter when not in the starting lineup ... has also been a catcher and outfielder for the Irish during her career.

2006 Statistics:

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>GP-GS</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	BB	<u>OB%</u>	SB-Att	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Fld%</u>
.071	8-5	14	1	1	0	0	0	1	.071	2	.235	0-0	0	5	0	1.000
Caree	r Statistics:															
Avg.	GP-GS	AB	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	Slg%	<u>BB</u>	OB%	SB-Att	PO	<u>A</u>	\mathbf{E}	Fld%
.213	106-71	211	23	45	7	3	1	20	.289	16	.277	5-5	171	$\overline{11}$	3	.984

Linda Kohan • Fr. • INF • 5-6 • Westminster, CA • Westminster H.S.

2006: In a battle for the starting third base spot vacated by the graduation of Liz Hartmann ... also the top option for the Irish at DP when not in the starting third base spot ... has settled into the second spot in the Irish batting order ... slammed three home runs in her first collegiate weekend of action, earning a spot on the BIG EAST Conference Softball Honor Roll ... first career hit for the Irish was a three-run home run in the bottom of the seventh inning against Colorado State ... finished two for three against BYU and was hit by a pitch ... two for three with a solo home run against UNLV ... posted a personal-best three hits against CS Fullerton, going three for four with a solo home run, double and two runs scored ... finished two for four with an RBI against Memphis ... two for four with an RBI double vs. Kansas.

2006 Awards:

BIG EAST Softball Honor Roll (2-21-06)

2006/Career Statistics:

Avg.	GP-GS	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	Slg%	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	SB-Att	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	Fld%
	14-14															

Alexandra Kotcheff • Fr. • OF • 5-8 • Los Angeles, CA • The Marlborough School

2006: Stepped in as Notre Dame's starting centerfielder from day one ... has been steady on defense while finding her way offensively thus far in 2006 ... posted first multiple hit game of her career vs. Northern Iowa, going two for two with two RBI and two runs scored.

2006/Career Statistics:

<u>Avg.</u>	GP-GS	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	HR	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	BB	OB%	SB-Att	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Fld%</u>
.231	14-14	39	5	9	0	0	0	2	.231	0	.231	1-1	6	0	1	.857

Katie Laing • So. • 2B • 5-4 • Chandler, AZ • Corona del Sol H.S.

Career: Has been a starter at second base for the past two seasons ... tied the school record for single-season doubles (also held by current assistant coach Lizzy Lemire) with 17 in 2005 ... 2005 First-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2005 NFCA Second Team All-Mideast Region ... capable of hitting for both average and power ... possesses great range at second base and is a consistent performer on defense.

2006: Two for two with a run scored, walk and stolen base against BYU ... edned up two for four with a run scored and double against UNLV ... also two for three with an RBI in game one against Florida International.

2006 Statistics:

<u>Avg.</u>	GP-GS	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	Slg%	BB	OB%	SB-Att	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	Fld%
.178	14-14	45	3	8	2	0	0	3	.222	2	.229	4-4	24	25	1	.980
Caree	r Statistics:															
Avg.	GP-GS	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	Slg%	BB	<u>OB%</u>	SB-Att	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	Fld%
.280	75-73	214	33	60	19	1	3	26	.421	9	.320	10-11	144	102	8	.969

Mallorie Lenn • Sr. • C • 5-8 • Garden Grove, CA • Pacifica H.S.

Career: Has been a top option at starting catcher for the Irish since her freshman season ... a streaky hitter who has proven to be a tough out in postseason competition ... 2004 First-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2003 Second-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2003 BIG EAST All-Rookie Team.

2006: Has shown signs of developing into consistent RBI producer in the heart of Notre Dame's batting order ... crushed her first career grand slam in Notre Dame's victory over BYU ... ended up two for four with four RBI against the Cougars ... finished one for two with two walks against CS Fullerton.

2006 Statistics:

<u>Avg.</u> .273	<u>GP-GS</u> 14-14	<u>AB</u> 44	<u>R</u> 2	<u>H</u> 12	2B 2	3 <u>B</u> 0	<u>HR</u> 1	<u>RBI</u> 10	<u>Slg%</u> .386	<u>BB</u> 3	<u>OB%</u> .333	<u>SB-Att</u> 0-0	<u>PO</u> 95	<u>A</u> 5	<u>E</u> 0	<u>Fld%</u> 1.000
Caree	r Statistics:															
Avg.	GP-GS	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	Slg%	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	SB-Att	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	Fld%
.261	192-189	529	37	138	28	1	14	81	.397	34	.312	4-5	1026	79	9	.992

Stephanie Mola • Fr. • OF • 5-5 • Naples, FL • St. John Neumann H.S.

2006: Provides the Irish with depth in the outfield and a left-handed bat off the bench ... made her first career appearance of the season against BYU (one AB).

Beth Northway • Fr. • OF • 5-7 • Kentwood, MI • East Kentwood H.S.

2006: Working back into the lineup from offseason shoulder surgery ... will see action in the outfield once she returns to full strength ... has made five pinch running appearances, scoring one run.

Meagan Ruthrauff • Sr. • 1B • 5-10 • La Mirada, CA • La Serna H.S.

Career: Now in third season as Notre Dame's starting first base ... has also seen time at DP, third base and shortstop during her career ... Notre Dame career leader in walks with 90 ... also ranks in the top 10 all-time in RBI and home runs ... 2003, 2004 First-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2005 Second-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2003 BIG EAST All-Rookie Team ... 2004 NFCA Second Team All-Mideast Region ... 2004 FSU Invitational All-Tournament Team .

2006: Has started the season slow with the bat, but has been a consistent defensive player for the Irish ... earned three walks against BYU ... two for four with two double sand two RBI at UNLV ... hit first home run of the season against CS Fullerton ... one for three with an RBI and walk in game two against Florida International ... crushed a three-run home run in the top of the first inning vs. Northern Iowa ... two for four with an RBI single and double vs. Kansas.

<u>Avg.</u> .270	<u>GP-GS</u> 14-14	<u>AB</u> 37	<u>R</u> 6	<u>H</u> 10	<u>2B</u> 3	3 <u>B</u> 0	<u>HR</u> 2	<u>RBI</u> 9	<u>Slg%</u> .514	<u>BB</u> 10	<u>OB%</u> .438	<u>SB-Att</u> 0-0	<u>PO</u> 80	<u>A</u> 4	<u>E</u> 0	<u>Fld%</u> 1.000
Caree	r Statistics:															
Avg.	GP-GS	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	Slg%	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	SB-Att	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	Fld%
.300	198-197	556	83	167	37	0	21	126	.480	90	.404	4-4	744	61	7	.991

Sara Schoonaert • Sr. • SS • 5-3 • Houston, TX • Clear Lake H.S.

Career: Third season as Notre Dame's starting shortstop ... consistent with the glove and starting to develop as an offensive threat in 2006 ... 2005 Third-Team All-BIG EAST.

2006: Has been consistent at the plate and with the glove so far this season ... two for four against BYU with a double, RBI and stolen base ... two for two in game two against Florida International with a double, walk and stolen base ... named to the adidas Golden Panther Invitational all-tournament team ... two for four vs. #17 Nebraska ... posted third three-hit performance of her career against Kansas, going three for three with an RBI double, run scored and walk ... doubled and scored with one out in the top of the seventh inning against Stephen F. Austin, forcing the game into extra innings.

2006 Awards:

adidas Golden Panther All-Tournament Team

Best Western Airport Festival All-Tournament Team

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>GP-GS</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	BB	<u>OB%</u>	SB-Att	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	Fld%
.375	14-14	40	6	15	5	0	0	5	.500	6	.457	5-5	23	20	0	1.000
Caree	r Statistics:															
Avg.	GP-GS	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	Slg%	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	SB-Att	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	Fld%
.252	192-146	365	66	92	18	5	0	38	.329	28	.309	21-31	241	202	25	.947

Sarah Smith • So. • OF • 5-7 • Oklahoma City, OK • Heritage Hall H.S.

2006: Returns as one of the team's top baserunner threats ... has improved defensively in the outfield and could see time in the outfield in addition to providing a left-handed bat off the bench.

Career	Sta	tis	tic	s:
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Avg.	GP-GS	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	Slg%	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	SB-Att	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	Fld%
	58-0															