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2009 NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S LACROSSE

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Irish Take Six-Game Winning Streak Into Home Game Versus California

- Notre Dame hosts Bears in third straight home contest as part of five-game homestand.
- Irish coming off an 18-9 win in BIG EAST opener versus Rutgers; junior attack Gina Scioscia ties school record with six assists in win over Scarlet Knights.

2009 NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S LACROSSE (7-1/1-0)

February

14 Sat.	at Duquesne	W, 22-7
20 Fri.	#1/#1 Northwestern	L, 5-21
22 Sun.	Ohio State	W, 14-11
28 Sat.	#16/#16 Stanford	W, 17-8

March

7 Sat.	at #13/#12 Dartmouth	W, 16-11
10 Tues.	vs. #17/#17 James Madison #	W, 16-12
14 Sat.	Hofstra	W, 17-15
17 Tues.	Rutgers *	W, 18-9
22 Sun.	California	1:00 p.m.
27 Fri.	Georgetown *	8:00 p.m.
29 Sun.	Loyola (Md.) *	1:00 p.m.

April

3 Fri.	at Cincinnati *	4:00 p.m.
5 Sun.	at Louisville *	1:00 p.m.
11 Sat.	at Syracuse * (CBSC)	12:00 noon
15 Wed.	at Vanderbilt	3:30 p.m. CT
18 Sat.	Connecticut *	12:00 noon
24 Fri.	at BIG EAST Tournament %	TBA
26 Sun.	at BIG EAST Tournament %	TBA

May

2 Sat.	at Cornell	12:00 noon
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Home games in **BOLD**

* BIG EAST Conference Games

Disney World of Sports (at Orlando, Fla.)

% at BIG EAST Tournament (at Washington, D.C.)

Times local to site

2009 TEAM INFORMATION

Head Coach

Tracy Coyne (Ohio University, 1983)
13th season at Notre Dame (117-78, .600)
Overall 22nd season (231-104, .690)

Assistant Coaches

Kateri Linville (Delaware, 2003)
Fourth Season at Notre Dame

Meredith Simon (Notre Dame, 2004)
Second Season at Notre Dame

Probable Starting Lineup

#3	Jackie Doherty	M/D	So.
#4	Jillian Byers	A	Sr.
#5	Ansley Stewart	A	So.
#8	Kaitlin Keena	M	So.
#12	Gina Scioscia	A	Jr.
#16	Kate Newall	M/D	Fr.
#19	Rachel Guerrera	D	Jr.
#21	Shannon Burke	D	Sr.
#22	Beth Koloup	M/D	Sr.
#23	Kailene Abt	M	So.
#29	Shaylyn Blaney	M	So.
#33	Erin Goodman	GK	Sr.

Key Reserves

#1	Maggie Tamasitis	M	Fr.
#6	Megan Sullivan	M	Fr.
#17	Maggie Zentgraf	A	Jr.
#26	Lauren Fenlon	D	So.

- **The Game:** #10/#10 Notre Dame (7-1/1-0) vs. California (4-5/2-5)
- **Date/Time/Site:** Sunday, March 22, 2009 • 1:00 p.m. • Loftus Sports Center • Notre Dame, Ind.

- All Notre Dame home women's lacrosse games will be available vis Game Tracker at und.com. Selected games are available through live via video streaming at und.com.

CALIFORNIA DREAMING: The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team returns to action on Sunday, March 22 when the Irish play host to the California Golden Bears at the Loftus Center. The opening draw is set for 1:00 p.m. For Notre Dame, the California game is the middle game of a five-game homestand that so far features wins over Hofstra (17-15) and Rutgers (18-9). The stand ends next weekend with BIG EAST games against Georgetown (3/27) and Loyola (Md.) on March 29. The Irish enter the California game with a 7-1 overall record and a six-game winning streak that started on Feb. 22. Notre Dame is currently ranked 10th in both the IWLCA coaches' poll and by Inside Lacrosse.com. California is 4-5 on the year and 2-5 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF). The Bears have lost their last two games, falling at home to William & Mary (17-11) and Vermont (15-11). Cal owns wins versus Fresno State, Albany, Temple and UC-Davis. The Golden Bears other three losses have come to ranked teams - Duke Syracuse and Penn. After playing the Irish, Cal travels to Columbus, Ohio to face Ohio State on Tuesday, March 24.

IRISH VERSUS GOLDEN BEARS: Notre Dame and California have met five times in the all-time series with the Irish holding a 5-0 advantage. Notre Dame is 2-0 at home, 2-0 at Berkeley and 1-0 on a neutral field. Last season, the the two schools met at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., as part of the East-West Challenge. Notre Dame won the game, 18-8.

A BIG EAST WIN: Notre Dame's game against California is the second contest of the week for the Irish. On Tuesday, March 17, they celebrated St. Patrick's Day with an 18-9 win over Rutgers at the Loftus Sports Center to open the BIG EAST Conference schedule for both teams. Notre Dame was led by junior attack **Gina Scioscia (Summit, N.J.)** who set a personal mark with eight points in the game, scoring twice and dishing out six assists. The six-assist game tied a Notre Dame record held by Kerry Callahan '99. Joining Scioscia on the score sheet were **Jillian Byers (Sr., Northport, N.Y.)** who had four goals, sophomore **Ansley Stewart (Alexandria, Va.)** added three goals and one assist, while **Kaitlin Keena (So., Vienna, Va.)** had three points (2g, 1a). Freshman **Megan Sullivan (Winchester, Mass.)** had the first two-goal game of her career and **Maggie Tamasitis (Fr., Boyertown, Pa.)**, **Shaylyn Blaney (So., Stony Brook, N.Y.)**, **Jackie Doherty (So., Ellicott City, Md.)**, **Kailene Abt (So., Huntington, N.Y.)** and **Beth Koloup (Sr., Phoenix, Md.)** rounded out the goal scoring. The Irish scored the first five goals of the game on the way to a 10-3 halftime lead. They went on to score three of the first four goals of the second half to make it 13-4 and built the score to 18-7 before the Scarlet Knights picked up the last two goals of the game. Notre Dame out shot Rutgers, 31-22. **Erin Goodman (Sr., Cortlandt Manor, N.Y.)** gave up six goals and made seven assists in the first 43 minutes. Junior **Amy Winik (Freehold, N.J.)** played the final 13 minutes, giving up three goals while making one assist.

WEARING THE GREEN: Notre Dame's win on St. Patrick's Day against Rutgers improved the Irish record to 4-0 in games played on March 17. The 18-9 win over Rutgers marked the first time that Notre Dame has played on St. Patrick's Day since March 17, 2002.

PREMIER PLAYMAKER: **Gina Scioscia's** eight-point game versus Rutgers was a career best for the Irish playmaker. Her previous best was a seven-point game last season set against Rutgers (4/20/08) where she had two goals and five assists. She also had a seven-point game this season versus Duquesne in the season opener, scoring four goals with three assists. Her six-assists were the most in a game since Kerry Callahan '99, had six assists in a 20-10 win over Gannon on March 17, 1999. Callahan had nine points in that game.

FAST START: Notre Dame's 7-1 start is the best for the Irish since starting the 2006 campaign with a 9-1 record. The current six-game winning streak is Notre Dame's longest since starting the 2006 season with seven straight wins. The longest Irish win streak is 14 games and was set between the end of the 2003 season and the start of 2004.

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PASSING FANCY: While one would expect to see **Jill Byers** among Notre Dame's scoring leaders, you might be surprised by who is the team's top scorer through the first eight games. tied for the lead. **Gina Scioscia** leads the Irish with 22 goals and 16 assists for 38 points while Byers comes into the California game with 28 goals and six assists for 34 points. Scioscia's 22 goals are a career high, already passing her career high of 20, set last season. During Notre Dame's six-game winning streak, Scioscia has three or more points in all six games and three-or-more goals in five of them. During her six-game point streak, the playmaker has 18 goals and 13 assists for 31 points. Her 13 assists lead the team. Scioscia has also moved into the all-time top 10 at Notre Dame in points as she now has 46 goals and 55 assists for 101 career points. Her 55 assists rank her sixth on the all-time assist list.

CLIMBING THE CHARTS: Notre Dame's All-American and Tewaaraton Trophy candidate Jillian Byers continues her assault on the Irish record books. After setting the Notre Dame goal-scoring record on Feb. 28, **Jillian Byers** continues to score at a torrid pace for the Irish. In the win over Hofstra, she recorded her 200th career goal and 250th career point. She is now close to breaking the all-time mark for draw controls as she ranks second on that list. Here are her numbers at Notre Dame.

Goals		
1. Jillian Byers (2006-)		207
2. Crysti Foote (2003-06)		161
3. Caitlin McKinney (2005-08)		152
4. Danielle Shearer (2000-03)		130
5. Lael O'Shaughnessy (1998-01)		122
6. Meredith Simon (2001-04)		109
7. Kerry Callahan (1997-99)		83
8. Natalie Loftus (1999-02)		76
9. Courtney Calabrese (1998-99)		69
10. Alissa Moser (1999-02)		67

Assists		
1. Caitlin McKinney (2005-08)		80
2. Crysti Foote (2003-06)		76
3. Lael O'Shaughnessy (1998-01)		68
4. Danielle Shearer (2000-03)		66
5. Kerry Callahan (1997-99)		63
6. Gina Scioscia (2007-)		55
7. Jillian Byers (2006-)		52
8. Meredith Simon (2001-04)		49
9. Heather Ferguson (2005-08)		35
10. Natalie Loftus (1999-02)		33

Points		
1. Jillian Byers (2006-)		259
2. Crysti Foote (2003-06)		237
3. Caitlin McKinney (2005-08)		232
4. Danielle Shearer (2000-03)		196
5. Lael O'Shaughnessy (1998-01)		190
6. Meredith Simon (2001-04)		158
7. Kerry Callahan (1997-99)		146
8. Natalie Loftus (1999-02)		109
9. Gina Scioscia (2007-)		101
10. Lauren Fischer (2001-04)		85
Alissa Moser (1999-02)		85

2009 Notre Dame Personnel Breakdown

Top Returnees (yr., pos., ht./wt., ... 2008 stats)

Shannon Burke (Sr., M/D, 0-0-0, 19 GP)	Team captain; Preseason all-BIG EAST selection; defensive force
Jillian Byers (Sr., A, 67-14-81, 19 GP)	Team captain; all-BIG EAST and All-American candidate
Erin Goodman (Sr., GK, 12-7, 10.74, .462 sv%)	ND's top goalkeeper; has 36 consecutive starts and 23 wins as starter
Beth Koloup (Sr., D, 1-1-2, 18 GP)	Speedy defender who has improved each season
Rachel Guererra (Jr., D, 0-0-0, 19 GP)	Second-year starter; tough, tenacious defender
Gina Scioscia (Jr., A, 20-35-55, 19 GP)	Talented playmaker; had 47-point improvement as a sophomore
Maggie Zentgraf (Jr., M/A, 1-2-3, 12 GP)	Versatile player who will see duty at midfield or attack; excellent shot
Kailene Abt (So., M, 7-2-9, 17 GP)	Will be a key player for Irish; strong on draws, good around cage
Shaylyn Blaney (So, 43-9-52, 19 GP)	Preseason all-BIG EAST selection; talented midfielder who can score
Jackie Doherty (So., 6-1-7, 15 GP)	Key midfielder; strong in transition; makes plays on both sides of the ball
Kaitlin Keena (So., 9-9-18, 18 GP)	Speedy, midfielder who will be key in transition game

Top Players Lost (yr., pos., 2007 stats)

Heather Ferguson (Gr., A, 18-11-29, 19 GP)	Finished fifth in scoring; had a strong senior year with 29 points
Lindsey Ferguson (Gr., M/D, 0-0-0, 19 GP)	Broke into the starting lineup as a senior; solid, all-around defender
Caitlin McKinney (Gr., M/A, 38-25-63, 19 GP)	Team captain; first team IWLCA All-American; one of the best ever at ND
Becky Ranck (Gr., D, 0-0-0, 19 GP)	Team captain; second team all-BIG EAST selection; tough, tenacious
Alicia Billings (Sr., M/D, 10-3-13, 18 GP)	Talented midfield defender with outstanding speed
Jane Stoeckert (Sr., M, 20-7-27, 18 GP)	Scored 20 goals twice in career; strong player going to goal

Top Newcomers (all freshmen)

Amelia Bernier	M/A	5-10	Strafford, Pa./Conestoga
Janel Carey	M/D	5-2	Pittsburgh, Pa./Peters Township
Kristin DeRespiris	D	5-9	Locust Valley, N.Y./Our Lady of Mercy
Kelly Driscoll	D	5-6	Andover, Mass./Andover
Flannery Nangle	M/A	5-5	Auburn, N.Y./Auburn
Kate Newall	M/D	5-5	Middlesex, England/St. Catherine's
Jordy Shoemaker	M/D	5-7	Andover, Mass./Andover
Megan Sullivan	M	5-6	Winchester, Mass./Winchester
Maggie Tamasitis	M/A	5-3	Boyetown, Pa./Boyetown

Draw Controls

1. Alissa Moser (1999-02)	126
2. Jillian Byers (2006-)	125
3. Kaki Orr (2004-07)	110
4. Shannon Burke (2006-)	107
5. Crysti Foote (2003-06)	103
6. Tina Fedarcyk (1999-02)	96
7. Meredith Simon (2001-04)	91
8. Kathryn Lam (1999-02)	90
9. Danielle Shearer (2000-03)	76
10. Lael O'Shaughnessy (1998-01)	74

HEAD COACH TRACY COYNE: Tracy Coyne is in her 13th season at Notre Dame and her 22nd year in collegiate lacrosse. Coyne brings a 231-104 (.690) career record into Sunday's game with California. On Sunday, Feb. 17, 2008, she recorded her 100th career win at Notre Dame with a 16-4 win over Duquesne. As the only head coach in the Notre Dame program's history, Coyne is 117-78 (.600). A 1983 Ohio University graduate, Coyne recorded her 200th career win at the end of the 2006 season with a 16-8 win over Cornell in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament. She has guided Notre Dame to four NCAA tournament appearances (2002, 2004, 2006, 2008) in the last seven seasons, including the school's first-ever NCAA finals appearance in 2006. In her first 22 years of coaching, Coyne was 23-5 in two seasons at Denison (1988-89), 91-21 in seven years at Roanoke (1990-96) and 115-78 in this, her 13th season at Notre Dame. The Pittsburgh, Pa., native led Denison (1988) and Roanoke (1990, 1991, 1992, 1994, 1996) to the NCAA Division III tournament during stops at those schools. Coyne also has coached on the international level as the head

coach for the Canadian women's lacrosse national team from 1999-2005. In June of 2005, she led Team Canada to a fourth-place finish at the 2005 World Cup, her second, fourth-place finish (2001) as Canada's field boss. Coyne is 5-0 in her career against California.

SUPER SOPHOMORES: The Irish have gotten strong play from their sophomore scorers this season. The group of five - **Shaylyn Blaney** (20g, 2a), **Ansley Stewart** (14g, 6a), **Kailene Abt** (14g, 1a), **Jackie Doherty** (5g, 6a) and **Kaitlin Keena** (6g, 7a) have accounted for 59 goals and 22 assists for 81 points. They five have 59 of the team's 125 goals, 22 of 56 assists and 81 of 181 points this season.

RAPID IMPROVEMENT: As a freshman, **Ansley Stewart**, now a sophomore, saw action in just two games for the Irish, getting just one shot on goal. This season, the Alexandria, Va., native has started all eight games to date and ranks fourth on the team in scoring with 14 goals and six assists for 20 points. She teams with senior **Jillian Byers** (28-6) and junior **Gina Scioscia** (22-16) to give Notre Dame a potent trio on attack as they now have 64 goals and 28 assists this season.

THE IRISH ALL-TIME: The 2008-09 season is the 13th campaign for the Notre Dame women's lacrosse program. The Irish (7-1 this year) come into the weekend with a 117-78 (.600) all-time record. That includes a 58-28 (.674) home mark and a 46-43 (.517) road record. Notre Dame is 14-7 all-time on neutral fields. The win in the season opener at Duquesne gives the Irish an 11-2 mark in season-opening games.

MAKING THE STOPS: Senior goalkeeper **Erin Goodman** has now won six straight games in goal for the Irish and continues to move up the charts among Notre Dame netminders. She has now started in 44 consecutive games since the start of the 2007 season and has won 30 of them. Her 30 wins moves her into a tie for second with **Carol Dixon '06** and she is just one behind all-time leader **Jen White '03** who had 31. Goodman ranks among the top Notre Dame goalkeepers in several different categories.

Single Season

GP - t1st (19) - 2008
Wins - t3rd (12) - 2008
Minutes - 1st (1,117:21) - 2008
Saves - 4th (172) - 2008
SV% - 9th (.454) - 2008
GAVG - 7th (10.74) - 2008

Career

GP - 3rd (44)
Wins - tie2nd (30)
Minutes - 3rd (2,641:55)
Saves - 3rd (381)
GAVG - 3rd (10.96)

KARDIAC KIDS: The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team is developing a unique personality during the 2009 season. In their games versus Dartmouth and James Madison, the Irish fell behind in the first half, then rallied to win the game. Versus Dartmouth, Notre Dame gave up the first six goals of the contest and trailed 8-2 late in the first half before coming alive. They scored three late goals in the opening half and then rolled off eight more in the second before Dartmouth responded for a total of 11 consecutive goals. Bouncing back from the six-goal deficit was the largest deficit that the Irish have ever recovered from. Against James Madison, Notre Dame's biggest deficit was three goals in the first half. The Irish trailed 5-2 with over 18 minutes left in the first half before they rallied to trail just 9-7 at halftime. They then opened the second half with four consecutive goals for an 11-9 lead. The closest that the Dukes would get was 11-10 as Notre Dame pulled out a second close win. In the 18-9 win against Rutgers, the Irish turned the tables and scored the first five goals of the game on the way to a 10-3 halftime lead.

GOOD FOR GOODMAN: Senior goalkeeper **Erin Goodman** was named the BIG EAST defensive player of the week for the week ending March 1 as she helped lead the Irish to a 17-8 win over Stanford. Goodman made six saves in the first 30 minutes of the game as Notre Dame opened a 9-3 lead and followed with seven more in the second half, playing 52:55 before giving way to junior **Amy Winik** for the final seven minutes.

2009 BIG EAST Coaches Preseason Poll

School	Points	2008 Records		2008 Finish	
		BIG EAST	Overall	Regular Season	
Syracuse (7)	49	5-0	18-3		1st
Georgetown (1)	42	3-2	12-7		3rd
Notre Dame	38	4-1	12-7		2nd
Rutgers	29	2-3	7-10		4th
Loyola (Md.)	27	1-4	6-10		5th
Louisville	17	First year in league			
Connecticut	15	0-5	1-15		6th
Cincinnati	7	First year in league			

2009 Preseason All-BIG EAST Team

Shaylyn Blaney, Notre Dame, So., M *
Shannon Burke, Notre Dame, Sr., M/D
Jillian Byers, Notre Dame, Sr., A *

Brooke Cantwell, Rutgers, Jr., M
Christina Dove, Syracuse, Jr., M
Molly Ford, Georgetown, Jr., A
Grace Gavin, Loyola (Md.), So., M
Liz Hogan, Syracuse, So., G *
Ashby Kaestner, Georgetown, Jr., M *
Halley Quillinan, Syracuse, Jr., A/M *
Lindsay Rogers, Syracuse, Jr., D *
Katie Rowan, Syracuse, Sr., A *
Jordan Trautman, Georgetown, Sr., D *

* - unanimous selection

Preseason Offensive Player of the Year

Katie Rowan, Syracuse, Sr., A

Preseason Defensive Player of the Year

Lindsay Rogers, Syracuse, Jr., D

CAREER YEARS: Through the first eight games of the season, several Irish players have already achieved career seasons. Sophomore **Ansley Stewart** has career bests in goals (14), assists (6) and points (20). **Kailene Abt** has career bests with 14 goals and 15 points after a getting seven goals with two assists for nine points as a freshman. **Jackie Doherty** has career highs in assists (6) and points (11) after getting six goals and one assist for seven points in 2008. **Maggie Zentgraf** has career highs with three goals and four points after getting one goal and two assists last season.

TEWAARATON WATCH LIST: Two members of the Notre Dame women's lacrosse team have been named to the Tewaaron Trophy "Watch List" for the 2009 season. Senior **Jillian Byers** and sophomore **Shaylyn Blaney** were among the 45 players selected to the watch list. That group will be cut down later in the season to a candidates list followed by a list of finalists. For Byers, this is her third year on the watch list while Blaney is making her first appearance. She is the sixth Notre Dame player to be named to the Watch List in the 13-year history of the Notre Dame women's lacrosse program.

FRESHMAN MAKING THEIR MARK:

Several members of the Notre Dame freshman class have performed well in their rookie seasons. **Maggie Tamasitis (Boyetown, N.Y.)** leads the class in scoring with five goals and eight assists for 13 points in her first eight games. Her eight assists are second on the team. **Megan Sullivan (Winchester, Mass.)** has scored three goals, getting a pair of markers in the win over Rutgers on March 17. **Kate Newall (Middlesex, England)** has moved into the starting lineup at defensive midfield. She made her first career start versus Rutgers on March 17.

MIDFIELD MASTER:

Sophomore midfielder **Shaylyn Blaney** has gotten her second season off to a fast start, scoring at least one goal in each of the first eight games, including four in the wins over Dartmouth and James Madison. She ranks third on the team in scoring with 22 points and third with 20 goals scored. Blaney is coming off a freshman year that saw her score 43 goals with nine assists for 52 points. That was the second best total for a Notre Dame freshman, trailing just **Jill Byers** 78-point campaign (52g, 24a) in 2006. Her 43 goals were the eighth best single-season output for the Irish.

2009 NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S LACROSSE

2009 Notre Dame Women's Lacrosse Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Birthdate	Hometown/High School
1	Maggie Tamasitis	M/A	5-3	Fr.	2-3-90	Boyertown, Pa./Boyertown
2	Meredith Locasto	A	5-6	So.	12-19-89	Pittsburgh, PA/Mt. Lebanon
3	Jackie Doherty	M/D	5-6	So.	12-21-88	Ellicott City, MD/Mt. Hebron
4	Jillian Byers	A	5-7	Sr.	8-3-87	Northport, NY/Northport
5	Ansley Stewart	M/A	5-8	So.	7-10-89	Alexandria, VA/Episcopal
6	Megan Sullivan	M	5-6	Fr.	11-2-89	Winchester, MA/Winchester
7	Flannery Nangle	M/A	5-7	Fr.	3-5-90	Auburn, NY/Auburn
8	Kaitlin Keena	M/A	5-5	So.	12-2-88	Vienna, VA/Stone Ridge
9	Amelia Bernier	M/A	5-10	Fr.	9-6-89	Stratford, PA/Conestoga
10	Janel Carey	M/D	5-2	Fr.	4-16-89	Pittsburgh, PA/Peters Township
11	Kelly Driscoll	D	5-6	Fr.	4-16-90	Andover, MA/Andover
12	Gina Scioscia	A	5-4	Jr.	4-16-88	Summit, NJ/Summit
15	Kristin DeRespiris	D	5-9	Fr.	4-3-90	Locust Valley, NY/Our Lady of Mercy
16	Kate Newall	M/D	5-4	Fr.	2-27-89	Middlesex, England/St. Catherine's
17	Maggie Zentgraf	A	5-6	Jr.	8-24-88	Charlottesville, VA/Charlottesville
19	Rachel Guerrero	D	5-7	Jr.	3-30-88	Wantagh, NY/Wantagh
21	Shannon Burke	D	5-9	Sr.	3-22-87	Baltimore, MD/Roland Park Country
22	Beth Koloup	M/D	5-7	Sr.	3-21-87	Phoenix, MD/Notre Dame Prep
23	Kailene Abt	M	5-11	So.	5-5-89	Huntington, NY/Huntington
24	Jordy Shoemaker	M/D	5-7	Fr.	9-28-89	Andover, MA/Andover
26	Lauren Fenlon	D	5-10	So.	5-23-89	Dayton, MD/Good Counsel
29	Shaylyn Blaney	M/A	5-4	So.	6-11-89	Stony Brook, NY/Ward Melville
33	Erin Goodman	GK	5-10	Sr.	11-15-87	Cortlandt Manor, NY/Lakeland
34	Amy Winik	GK	5-8	Jr.	2-7-88	Freehold, NJ/Freehold Township

Head Coach: Tracy Coyne (Ohio '83)

Assistant Coach: Kateri Linville (Delaware '03)

Assistant Coach: Meredith Simon (Notre Dame '04)

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Kassen Delano (Notre Dame '04)

Athletic Trainer: Chantal Porter

Senior Manager: John Oliva '09

Junior Manager: Nicole Campo '10

Student Assistant: Mary Veith '09

QUICK ON THE DRAW: Not to be out done by her scoring exploits, **Jillian Byers** has also proven to be one of the team's top players on the draw control. In eight games this season, she leads the Irish with 26 draw controls. Sophomores **Jackie Doherty** and Kaitlin Keena are tied for second with 18 each and senior **Shannon Burke** are and sophomore Shaylyn Blaney have 17 each. The Irish have a 129-105 edge on the draw in the first eight games this year. Last season, Byers set a school record with 52 draw controls while fellow senior **Shannon Burke (Timonium, Md.)** was second, also breaking the school record with 51. Byers is on her way to becoming the school's all-time draw control leader. Here is the top 10:

Draw Controls

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CAPTAINS: Seniors **Shannon Burke (Timonium, Md.)** and **Jillian Byers (Northport, N.Y.)** have been selected team captains for the 2009 season. Burke leads the Notre Dame defense and is coming off her best season ever as she had eight goals and three assists for 11 points while finishing second on the team in ground balls (33) and draw controls (51) and leading the team with 32 caused turnovers. She was a second team all-BIG EAST selection and is a preseason all-BIG EAST choice this year. Byers is a three-time, second-team All-American and has been a unanimous first team all-BIG EAST selection in each of her first three years. She led the Irish with 67 goals and 14 assists for 81 points last season and set a Notre Dame record with 52 draw controls.

DOUBLE-DIGIT WINS: With 12 wins during the 2008 season, the Irish ran their streak of double-digit win seasons to three in a row for the first time in the program's 13-year history. Notre Dame had 15 wins in 2006, 11 in 2007 and 12 last year. Since the start of the 2006 season, the Irish are 43-18 (.705).

NEW KIDS: Head coach Tracy Coyne announced in November that nine student-athletes had signed national letters-of-intent to attend Notre Dame in the fall of 2009. Here are the nine players who will join the Irish next season.

2009 IRISH AWARDS & HONORS

Tewaaraton Trophy Watch List

Shaylyn Blaney

Jillian Byers

Preseason All-BIG EAST

Shaylyn Blaney, So., M

Shannon Burke, Sr., M/D

Jillian Byers, Sr., A

ESPN.com Player of the Week

March 1 - Jillian Byers, Sr., A

BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Week

March 8 - Jillian Byers, Sr., A

BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Week

March 1 - Erin Goodman, Sr., GK

BIG EAST Honor Roll

March 1 - Jillian Byers, Sr., A

March 15 - Jillian Byers, Sr., A

Name	Pos.	Ht.
Hometown/High School		
McKenzie Brown	M	5-10
<i>Greenwood Village, Colo./Cherry Creek</i>		
Emily Conner	D	5-9
<i>Alexandria, Va./St. Stephen's & St. Agnes</i>		
Francie Crowell	A/M	5-7
<i>Seal Beach, Calif./Los Alamitos</i>		
Louise Fauth	GK	5-9
<i>Alexandria, Va./St. Stephen's & St. Agnes</i>		
Jenny Granger	M	5-9
<i>East Setauket, N.Y./Ward Melville</i>		
Ellie Hilling	GK	5-2
<i>Rochester, N.Y./Brighton</i>		
Betsy Mastropieri	A	5-2
<i>Richmond, Va./Collegiate School</i>		
Jaime Morrison	M/A	5-6
<i>Yorktown Heights, N.Y./Yorktown</i>		
Michelle Tremblay	A	5-7
<i>Tonka Bay, Minn./The Blake School</i>		

2009 NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S LACROSSE

VERSUS THE BEST: Notre Dame's 2009 schedule now features 10 teams that have been ranked in the IWLCA coaches poll for the week of March 16. The group includes: #1 Northwestern, #4 Georgetown, #8 Syracuse, #11 Vanderbilt, #14 Cornell, #15 Stanford, #16 James Madison, #18 Ohio State, #19 Dartmouth, and #20 Loyola (Md.).

ALL-AMERICANS: The 2008 season saw two members of the Notre Dame women's lacrosse team achieve All-American status. Senior Caitlin McKinney was named first team IWLCA All-American and junior Jillian Byers took second team IWLCA honors. McKinney became the third Notre Dame women's lacrosse player to receive first team honors, joining Meredith Simon (2004) and Crysti Foote (2008). Both players also were named All-American by womenslacrosse.com while Byers was a second team All-American by Inside Lacrosse.com. Byers and McKinney become the first Notre Dame players to be named All-American three times in their careers. Byers led the Irish in scoring with 67 goals and 14 assists for 81 points while McKinney was second with 38 goals and 25 assists for 63 points. In 2006, Byers was a second team pick while McKinney took third team honors. They are the eighth and ninth IWCLA All-Americans at Notre Dame.

- 2008 - Caitlin McKinney (first team)
- 2008 - Jillian Byers (second team)
- 2007 - Jillian Byers (second team)
- 2007 - Caitlin McKinney (second team)
- 2006 - Crysti Foote (first team)
- 2006 - Jillian Byers (second team)
- 2006 - Caitlin McKinney (third team)
- 2005 - Crysti Foote (third team)
- 2004 - Meredith Simon (first team)
- 2004 - Andrea Kinnik (second team)
- 2004 - Abby Owen (third team)
- 2003 - Jen White (third team)
- 2002 - Kathryn Lam (second team)
- 2002 - Danielle Shearer (second team)

SEASON-BY-SEASON: Notre Dame women's lacrosse in its first 13 seasons.

	Overall	BIG EAST
1997	5-4	----
1998	7-6	----
1999	9-6	----
2000	5-10	----
2001	10-5	4-2, tie 2nd
2002	13-5	5-1, 2nd
2003	8-7	4-2, 3rd
2004	12-5	4-2, 2nd
2005	3-12	1-4, 4th
2006	15-4	4-1, 2nd
2007	11-6	3-2, 4th
2008	12-7	4-1, 2nd
2009	7-1	1-0,
Totals	117-78, .600	30-15, .667

2009 BIG EAST STANDINGS

Team	BIG EAST	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
Notre Dame	1-0	1.000	7-1	.875
Syracuse	1-0	1.000	6-1	.857
Louisville	0-0	.000	4-1	.800
Loyola (Md.)	0-0	.000	4-1	.800
Georgetown	0-0	.000	4-2	.667
Cincinnati	0-0	.000	4-3	.571
Rutgers	0-1	.000	3-4	.429
Connecticut	0-1	.000	0-7	.000

2009 IWLCA RANKINGS (March 17, 2009)

No.	Team (1st place votes)	Points	Last Week
1.	Northwestern (20)	8-0	400
2.	Maryland	6-0	379
3.	Penn	5-0	353
4.	Georgetown	4-2	317
5.	Virginia	5-2	307
6.	North Carolina	5-2	294
7.	Duke	6-2	290
8.	Syracuse	5-1	268
9.	Princeton	3-1	234
10.	Notre Dame	6-1	213
11.	Vanderbilt	3-3	210
12.	Boston University	3-3	174
13.	New Hampshire	5-2	130
14.	Cornell	5-0	124
15.	Stanford	6-2	99
16.	James Madison	4-1	88
17.	Penn State	4-2	84
18.	Ohio State	6-1	74
19.	Dartmouth	2-2	56
20.	Loyola (Md.)	4-1	46

Also receiving votes: Denver, Towson, William & Mary

Teams in **bold** on 2009 Notre Dame schedule.

2009 Inside Lacrosse Magazine Poll (March 17, 2009)

No.	Team (1st place votes)	Points	Last Week
1.	Northwestern (6)	(8-0)	120
2.	Maryland	(6-0)	114
3.	Pennsylvania	(5-0)	108
4.	Syracuse	(5-1)	100
5.	Duke	(6-2)	86
6.	Georgetown	(4-2)	86
7.	Virginia	(5-2)	82
8.	North Carolina	(5-2)	78
9.	Princeton	(3-1)	73
10.	Notre Dame	(6-1)	72
11.	Cornell	(3-0)	58
12.	Vanderbilt	(2-2)	49
13.	New Hampshire	(4-1)	41
14.	Boston University	(3-3)	37
15.	Dartmouth	(2-2)	34
16.	James Madison	(4-1)	31
17.	Stanford	(6-2)	23
18.	Ohio State	(6-1)	19
19.	Penn State	(4-2)	17
20.	Loyola (Md.)	(4-1)	16

Receiving Votes: Towson, 5; William & Mary, 2.

Teams in **bold** on 2009 Notre Dame schedule

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2009 Women's Lacrosse Results (5-1, 0-0 in BIG EAST)

Date	Opponent	Result	Goals	Assists
Feb. 14	at Duquesne	W, 22-7	Scioscia (4), Blaney (4), Stewart (3), Byers (3), <u>Abt</u> (3), Tamasitis, Keena, Doherty, Burke, Locasto	Scioscia (3), Tamasitis (2), Burke Doherty, Keena, Koloup, Stewart
Feb. 20	#1/#1 Northwestern	L, 5-21	Byers (2), Abt, Blaney, Tamasitis	Abt, Keena, Zentgraf
Feb. 22	Ohio State	W, 14-11	Abt (4), Byers (3), <u>Blaney</u> (3), Scioscia	Keena (2), Doherty, Scioscia
Feb. 28	#16/#16 Stanford	W, 17-8	Byers (5), Scioscia (4), Blaney (3), Tamasitis, Stewart, Abt, <u>Doherty</u>, Koloup	Tamasitis (2), Scioscia, Stewart
March 7	at #13/#12 Dartmouth	W, 16-11	Byers (3), Scioscia (3), <u>Keena</u> (2) Stewart (2), Abt (2), Doherty, Blaney, Tamasitis, Burke	Byers (2), Doherty (2), Blaney (2), Burke, Keena, Scioscia, Stewart, Tamasitis
March 10	vs. #17/#17 James Madison #	W, 16-12	<u>Scioscia</u> (3), Blaney (3), Byers (2), Stewart (2), Abt (2), Zentgraf (2), Doherty, Sullivan	Byers (3), Scioscia (2), Doherty, Keena, Stewart
March 14	Hofstra	W, 17-15	Byers (6), Scioscia (4), Blaney (4), Stewart, Keena, Zentgraf	Scioscia (2), Stewart (2), Byers, Tamasitis
March 17	Rutgers *	W, 18-9	Byers (4), Stewart (3), Scioscia (2), Keena (2), <u>Sullivan</u> (2), Tamasitis, Blaney, Doherty, Abt, Koloup	Scioscia (6), Tamasitis (2), Blaney, Doherty, Keena
March 22	California	1:00 p.m.		
March 27	Georgetown *	8:00 p.m.		
March 29	Loyola (MD) *	1:00 p.m.		
April 3	at Cincinnati *	4:00 p.m.		
April 5	at Louisville *	1:00 p.m.		
April 11	at Syracuse *	12:00 noon		
April 15	at Vanderbilt	3:30 p.m. (CT)		
April 18	Connecticut *	1:00 p.m.		
April 24	at BIG EAST Tournament %	TBA		
April 26	at BIG EAST Tournament %	TBA		
May 2	at Cornell	12:00 noon		

HOME GAMES IN BOLD

* BIG EAST Conference Game

at Disney World of Sports (Orlando, Fla.)

% BIG EAST Tournament (at Washington, D.C.)

Winning goal is underlined

NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S LACROSSE

2009 Notre Dame Women's Lacrosse Box Scores

GAME 1 Notre Dame 22
Duquesne 7

February 14, 2009 • Pittsburgh, Pa.

#11 Notre Dame (1-0) 14 8 - 22
Duquesne (0-1) 5 2 - 7

Scoring (goal-assist)

Notre Dame: Scioscia (4-3), Blaney (4-0), Stewart (3-1), Byers (3-0), Abt (3-0), Tamasitis (1-2), Doherty (1-1), Keena (1-1), Burke (1-1), Locasto (1-0), Koloup (0-1).

Duquesne: Frederick (3-1), Rekart (1-0), Hadaway (1-0), Carson (1-0), Wood (1-0), Krause (0-1).

Goalkeepers (min.; goals against; saves)

Notre Dame: Goodman (47:00; 3 goals, 5 saves)
Winik (13:00; 4 goals, 2 saves)
Duquesne: Carducci (30:00, 14 goals, 5 saves)
Beckstead (30:00, 8 goals, 10 saves)

<i>Team Statistics</i>	<i>ND</i>	<i>DU</i>
Total Shots	49	18
Free Position Shots	8	8
Shots on Goal	37	14
Draw Control	18	12
Ground Balls	22	11
Caused Turnovers.....	14	4

GAME 2 Northwestern 21
Notre Dame 5

February 20, 2009 • Notre Dame, Ind.

#1 Northwestern (3-0) 11 10 - 21
#11 Notre Dame (1-1) 2 3 - 5

Scoring (goal-assist)

Northwestern: Bowen (6-3), Spencer (4-3), Nielsen (3-4), Dowd (3-1), Donohoe (2-0), Vigmostad (1-0), Santulli (1-0), McCandlish (1-0).

Notre Dame: Byers (2-0), Abt (1-1), Blaney (1-0), Tamasitis (1-0), Keena (0-1), Zentgraf (0-1).

Goalkeepers (min.; goals against; saves)

Northwestern: Lathrop (52:27, 3 goals, 8 saves)
St. Clair-Barrie (5:11, 2 goals, 1 save)
LoManto (2:22, 0 goals, 1 save)
Notre Dame: Goodman (60:00; 21 goals, 9 saves)

<i>Team Statistics</i>	<i>NU</i>	<i>ND</i>
Total Shots	36	22
Free Position Shots	3	3
Shots on Goal	30	15
Draw Control	18	10
Ground Balls	22	22
Caused Turnovers.....	12	12

GAME 3 Ohio State 11
Notre Dame 14

February 22, 2009 • Notre Dame, Ind.

Ohio State (2-1) 7 4 - 11
#11 Notre Dame (2-1) 7 7 - 14

Scoring (goal-assist)

Ohio State: Haggerty (1-3), Hawes (3-0), Beard (3-0), Capuzzi (3-0), Cornicello (1-1).

Notre Dame: Abt (4-0), Byers (3-0), Blaney (3-0), Scioscia (2-1), Stewart (2-0), Keena (0-2), Doherty (0-1).

Goalkeepers (min.; goals against; saves)

Ohio State: Gilwee (60:00, 14 goals, 17 saves)
Notre Dame: Goodman (60:00; 11 goals, 6 saves)

<i>Team Statistics</i>	<i>OSU</i>	<i>ND</i>
Total Shots	21	40
Free Position Shots	3	6
Shots on Goal	17	31
Draw Control	7	20
Ground Balls	10	17
Caused Turnovers.....	4	11

GAME 4 Stanford 8
Notre Dame 17

February 28, 2009 • Notre Dame, Ind.

#16 Stanford (4-2) 3 5 - 8
#12 Notre Dame (3-1) 9 8 - 17

Scoring (goal-assist)

Stanford: Christy (2-0), K. Nesbitt (1-1), Schmidt (1-1), Hubbard (1-0), J. Nesbitt (1-0), Schwab (1-0), Flynn (1-0).

Notre Dame: Byers (5-0), Scioscia (4-1), Blaney (3-0), Tamasitis (1-2), Stewart (1-1), Abt (1-0), Doherty (1-0), Koloup (1-0).

Goalkeepers (min.; goals against; saves)

Stanford: Read (60:00, 17 goals, 8 saves)
Notre Dame: Goodman (52:55; 7 goals, 13 saves)
Winik (7:05; 1 goal, 2 saves)

<i>Team Statistics</i>	<i>STAN</i>	<i>ND</i>
Total Shots	30	29
Free Position Shots	6	6
Shots on Goal	23	25
Draw Control	12	14
Ground Balls	19	18
Caused Turnovers.....	2	8

GAME 5 Notre Dame 16
Dartmouth 11

March 7, 2009 • Hanover, N.H.

#11 Notre Dame (4-1) 5 11 - 16
#13 Dartmouth (2-2) 8 3 - 11

Scoring (goal-assist)

Notre Dame: Byers (3-2), Scioscia (3-1), Keena (2-1), Stewart (2-1), Abt (2-0), Doherty (1-2), Blaney (1-1), Tamasitis (1-1), Burke (1-1).

Dartmouth: Meyer (3-0), Chiusano (1-2), Collins (2-0), Plumb (1-1), Parks (1-1), Goldberg (1-0), Brisbane (1-0), Bennett (1-0).

Goalkeepers (min.; goals against; saves)

Notre Dame: Goodman (60:00, 11 goals, 12 saves)
Dartmouth: Wadland (60:00; 16 goals, 9 saves)

<i>Team Statistics</i>	<i>ND</i>	<i>DC</i>
Total Shots	32	30
Free Position Shots	4	4
Shots on Goal	25	23
Draw Control	19	10
Ground Balls	22	30
Caused Turnovers.....	7	6

GAME 6 James Madison 12
Notre Dame 16

March 10, 2009 • Orlando, Fla.

#17 James Madison (2-2) 9 3 - 12
#11 Mptre Dame (5-1) 7 9 - 16

Scoring (goal-assist)

James Madison: Lomady (4-0), Griffin (2-2), Ancarrow (2-2), Dardine (2-1), Brophy (1-0), Sullivan (1-0).

Notre Dame: Scioscia (3-2), Byers (2-3), Blaney (3-0), Stewart (2-1), Abt (2-0), Zentgraf (2-0), Doherty (1-1), Sullivan (1-0), Keena (0-1).

Goalkeepers (min.; goals against; saves)

James Madison: Mengetti (60:00, 16 goals, 11 saves)
Notre Dame: Goodman (60:00; 12 goals, 6 saves)

<i>Team Statistics</i>	<i>IMU</i>	<i>ND</i>
Total Shots	23	32
Free Position Shots	2	4
Shots on Goal	18	23
Draw Control	20	10
Ground Balls	15	20
Caused Turnovers.....	14	12

NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S LACROSSE

2009 Notre Dame Women's Lacrosse Box Scores

GAME 7

Hofstra 15
Notre Dame 17

March 14, 2009 • Notre Dame, Ind.

Hofstra (3-3) 8 7 - 15
#11 Notre Dame (6-1) 10 7 - 17

Scoring (goal-assist)

Hofstra: Falco (4-0), Gandolfi (3-1), Whitcomb (2-0), Ruskowski (2-0), Miller (1-0), Bosley (1-0), Rice (1-0), Trombley (1-0), Jones (0-1).

Notre Dame: Byers (6-1), Scioscia (4-2), Blaney (4-0), Stewart (1-2), Keena (1-0), Zentgraf (1-0), Tamasis (0-1).

Goalkeepers (min.; goals against; saves)

Hofstra: Cuddihy (42:11, 14 goals, 9 saves)

 Pandolf (17:49, 3 goals, 2 saves)

Notre Dame: Goodman (60:00; 15 goals, 7 saves)

<u>Team Statistics</u>	<u>HOF</u>	<u>ND</u>
Total Shots	28	35
Free Position Shots	4	8
Shots on Goal	22	28
Draw Control	15	19
Ground Balls	11	15
Caused Turnovers.....	3	7

GAME 8

Rutgers 9
Notre Dame 18

March 17, 2009 • Notre Dame, Ind.

Rutgers (3-4/0-1) 3 6 - 9
#10 Notre Dame (7-1/1-0) 10 8 - 18

Scoring (goal-assist)

Rutgers: Poole (3-0), Cryan (2-0), McGinley (1-1), Cantwell (1-0), Frankoski (1-0), Schmitt (1-0), Flanagan (0-1), Penn (0-1).

Notre Dame: Scioscia (2-6), Byers (4-0), Stewart (3-1), Tamasis (1-2), Keena (2-0), Sullivan (2-0), Blaney (1-1), Doherty (1-1), Abt (1-0), Koloup (1-0).

Goalkeepers (min.; goals against; saves)

Rutgers: Abel (60:00, 18 goals, 8 saves)

Notre Dame: Goodman (47:27; 6 goals, 7 saves)

 Winik (12:33; 3 goals, 1 save)

<u>Team Statistics</u>	<u>RU</u>	<u>ND</u>
Total Shots	22	31
Free Position Shots	3	10
Shots on Goal	17	26
Draw Control	11	19
Ground Balls	16	19
Caused Turnovers.....	5	9