

2000 UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME VOLLEYBALL

November 8, 2000

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2000 NOTRE DAME SCHEDULE		
Shamrock Invitational (Notre Dame, Ind.)		
9/1	#15 BYU vs. Clemson	BYU, 3-0
9/1	Fairfield	W, 3-0
9/2	Clemson vs. Fairfield	Fair., 3-0
9/2	#15 BYU	W, 3-2
9/3	Clemson	W, 3-0
adidas Invitational (Notre Dame, Ind.)		
9/8	#16 Michigan St. vs. #3 UCLA	UCLA, 3-1
9/8	#4 Nebraska	L, 0-3
9/9	#4 Nebraska vs. #16 Michigan St.	Neb., 3-0
9/9	#3 UCLA	L, 0-3
9/10	#3 UCLA vs. #4 Nebraska	Neb., 3-2
9/10	#16 Michigan State	L, 2-3
9/12	at Valparaiso	W, 3-0
Lady Seminole Classic (Tallahassee, Fla.)		
9/15	vs. Florida A&M	W, 3-0
9/15	at Florida State	W, 3-1
9/16	vs. Samford	W, 3-0
9/21	#22 Loyola Mary. (LMU)	W, 3-1
Golden Dome Invitational (Notre Dame, Ind.)		
9/22	#7 Colo. St. vs. #22 LMU	CSU, 3-0
9/22	Wyoming	W, 3-0
9/23	#22 LMU vs. Wyoming	LMU, 3-0
9/23	#7 Colorado State	L, 0-3
9/29	Villanova*	W, 3-0
10/1	Georgetown*	W, 3-0
10/7	at West Virginia*	W, 3-0
10/8	at Pittsburgh*	W, 3-1
10/11	at Illinois State	W, 3-0
10/18	at Michigan	L, 0-3
10/20	Rutgers*	W, 3-0
10/22	Seton Hall*	W, 3-0
10/28	at St. John's*	W, 3-0
10/29	at Connecticut*	W, 3-2
11/3	Boston College*	W, 3-0
11/4	North Carolina	W, 3-0
11/5	Providence*	W, 3-0
11/7	St. Louis	W, 3-0
11/11	at Syracuse*	1:00 p.m.
BIG EAST Championship (Notre Dame, Ind.)		
11/18	Semifinals	1:00, 3:30 p.m.
11/19	Finals	2:00 p.m.
11/24	at #4 USC	6:00 p.m.
NCAA Championship (Semifinals/Finals in Richmond, Va.)		
11/30 - 12/16 2000 NCAA Volleyball Tournament		
Home matches in bold All times local to site		
* indicates BIG EAST Conference Matches		

WHO: Notre Dame and Syracuse

WHAT: Notre Dame wraps up the BIG EAST regular season schedule at Syracuse.

WHERE: The Joyce Center, Notre Dame, Ind.

WHEN: #21 Notre Dame vs. Syracuse, Saturday, Nov. 11, 1:00 p.m.

Irish Wrap Up BIG EAST Regular Season this Weekend: The Notre Dame Volleyball team (22-5, 10-0 in BIG EAST) has already clinched the BIG EAST regular season title and will be gunning for its fifth 11-0 record in six years in the conference as it travels to Syracuse to take on the Orangewomen.

BIG EAST Regular Season Title: Notre Dame captured its fifth BIG EAST regular season title in six years with victories over conference opponents Boston College and Providence last weekend. The Irish have lost only two BIG EAST regular season games during their six years of conference competition.

Scouting the Orangewomen: Syracuse is 23-9, 6-4 in the BIG EAST and will face Buffalo on Nov. 8 before taking on the Irish Nov. 11 ... Notre Dame holds a 7-1 advantage in the series ... the lone Orangewomen victory was in 1981 ... Irish junior **Marcie Bomhack (Waukesha, Wis.)** had 10 kills in the 1999 meeting ... Syracuse is led by two-time BIG EAST Player of the Week **Dana Fiume**, who has 501 kills (4.32 per game) this season.

Saint Louis Recap: Notre Dame swept non-conference opponent Saint Louis (11-16) in three games (15-5, 15-5, 15-10), Tuesday night at the Joyce Center. It was the last regular season home match for Irish seniors **Denise Boylan (Lisle, Ill.)**, **Christi Girton (Muncie, Ind.)**, **Michelle Graham (Austin, Texas)**, **Jo Jameyson (Alvin, Texas)** and **Adrienne Shimmel (Mission Viejo, Calif.)** — and they went out in dominating style.

All the seniors played most of the match and led the Irish to an easy win over the Billikens. Girton had a match-high 15 kills and 11 digs. Shimmel set a career-high for kills in a match with nine and also had five digs. Boylan posted 40 assists in just over two games. Graham had a season high five digs while Jameyson had three digs and a kills.

Most notable, the seniors led Notre Dame to a 12-0 lead in the final game before being ceremoniously taken out of the game.

Junior **Kristy Kreher (Birmingham, Mich.)** also starred offensively for the Irish with 13 kills on 22 attempts without a hitting error for a .591 hitting percentage. Kreher also posted four blocks and six digs. Classmate **Malinda Goralski (Missouri City, Texas)** had eight blocks and seven kills in the match.

2000 NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL ROSTER					
2	Denise Boylan***	Sr. S	6-1	Lisle, IL	Benet Academy
3	Malinda Goralski**	Jr. MB	6-1	Missouri City, TX	Clements
4	Kristy Kreher**	Jr. OPP	6-1	Birmingham, MI	Marian
5	Jessica Kinder	Fr. OH	5-10	Fresno, CA	Bullard
6	Marcie Bomhack**	Jr. OH	6-0	Waukesha, WI	Catholic Memorial
7	Christi Girton***	Sr. OH	6-3	Muncie, IN	Muncie Central
8	Kristen Kinder	Fr. S	5-9	Fresno, CA	Bullard
9	Jo Jameyson***	Sr. MB/OH	6-1	Alvin, TX	Alvin
10	Kim Fletcher	Fr. MB	6-0	St. Louis, MO	Nerinx Hall
11	Keara Coughlin*	So. DS/OH	5-8	Chicago, IL	Marian Catholic
12	Adrienne Shimmel***	Sr. DS/OH	5-10	Mission Viejo, CA	Capistrano Valley
13	Christa Moen	Fr. DS	5-4	San Antonio, TX	Oliver Wendell Holmes
14	Janie Alderete*	So. DS	5-4	Santa Clara, CA	Archbishop Mitty
15	Katie Neff	Fr. MB	6-4	St. Louis, MO	Cor Jesu Academy
16	Michelle Graham**	Sr. S/DS	5-8	Austin, TX	Austin
* - denotes monograms earned					
Head Coach: Debbie Brown (Arizona State, '82, 10th season at Notre Dame)					
Assistant Coaches: Steve Hendricks (Ball State, '90), Lindsay Rosenthal (Notre Dame, '98)					

AVCA/USA Today
Top 25 Poll
Nov. 6, 2000

Rk School ('00 record)	Points (1st)
1. Nebraska (23-0)	1490 (50)
2. Hawaii (22-0)	1450 (10)
3. Arizona (21-1)	1366
4. Wisconsin (23-2)	1304
5. Colorado State (25-2)	1219
6. USC (19-2)	1170
7. UCLA (17-5)	1157
8. Minnesota (23-2)	1135
9. Florida (21-3)	994
10. Pacific (20-3)	917
11. Penn State (21-5)	886
12. Pepperdine (20-4)	837
13. Ohio State (21-3)	794
14. BYU (18-6)	744
15. UC Santa Barbara (19-6)	703
16. Santa Clara (21-3)	604
17. Long Beach State (17-7)	534
18. Utah State (19-8)	371
19. Utah (17-6)	328
20. Stanford (14-10)	321
21. Notre Dame (21-5)	277
22. Loyola Marymount (17-7)	266
23. Missouri (20-4)	245
24. Texas A&M (15-6)	126
25. Michigan State (14-9)	60

Others receiving 30 or more points: Arizona State, Northern Iowa, South Carolina
Italics = 2000 Notre Dame opponents

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Rk School	2000 Record
1. Hawaii	22-0
2. Nebraska	23-0
3. Arizona	21-2
4. Wisconsin	23-2
5. Colorado State	25-2
6. Pacific	20-3
7. Minnesota	23-2
8. Florida	21-3
9. UCLA	17-5
10. USC	19-2
11. Penn State	21-5
12. Pepperdine	20-4
13. Ohio State	21-3
14. UC Santa Barbara	19-6
15. BYU	18-6
16. Santa Clara	21-3
17. Long Beach State	17-7
18. Stanford	14-10
19. NOTRE DAME	21-5
20. Missouri	20-4

Others: Utah, Utah State, Kansas St., Michigan St., Texas Tech, Loyola Marymount, North Carolina, South Carolina, Michigan, Arizona State, Washington St.

Marcie Bomhack named BIG EAST Player of the Week: Junior outside hitter **Marcie Bomhack** was named the BIG EAST Player of the Week on Monday, Nov. 6, for her performance in three Notre Dame victories last week.

Bomhack was instrumental in the three Irish sweeps over Boston College, North Carolina and Providence, pushing the Notre Dame 2000 season record to 21-5 and 10-0 in the BIG EAST Conference. She hit .540 in the three matches with 36 kills (5.1 per game), 23 digs (3.2 per game) and seven blocks (1.0 per game).

Against BC on Friday, Nov. 3, Bomhack had six kills while playing just two games on .417 hitting. She also had a team-high nine digs in the contest.

Sat., Nov. 4, she posted 16 kills on .483 hitting against non-conference opponent North Carolina. She also had five blocks and five digs in the contest, including a game-winning solo block to score the deciding point of the second game to give the Irish a 2-0 lead in the match.

Taking on Providence on Sun., Nov. 5, she continued her hot hitting with 14 kills on 20 attempts without committing an error, while also having five digs, an ace and a block.

Bomhack becomes the third Irish player to earn player of the week accolades from the BIG EAST. Senior setter **Denise Boylan** earned the honor on Sept. 4 and senior outside hitter **Christi Girton** was a double-award winner on Sept. 25 and Oct. 2.

Kreher Asserting Herself: Junior opposite **Kristy Kreher** has asserted herself as one of the top players in the BIG EAST conference and the nation in 2000. The Birmingham, Mich., native is second on the team in kills (338), tied for first in digs (208) and is second attack attempts (702) while posting a .333 hitting percentage.

Kreher has six 20-plus kill matches this season, four of which came versus ranked teams (23 vs. #15 BYU, 21 vs. #16 Michigan State, 32 vs. #22 Loyola Marymount, 22 at Pittsburgh and 21 at Connecticut). She ranks sixth in the BIG EAST in both hitting percentage (.316) and kills per game (4.25).

The numbers keep stacking up for the Irish power hitter. Her 32 kills against in the four-game match vs. #22 Loyola Marymount set a school record and she also posted a career-best 27 digs in the contest. In 16 matches this season, she has posted a hitting percentage over .320, including a .565 mark at Michigan, a .579 mark at West Virginia and a .591 mark versus Saint Louis.

Girton On a Hot Streak: Outside Hitter **Christi Girton** has smacked double-digit kills in 18 of the team's 27 matches in 2000. She is also riding a six-match streak of posting double-digit kills, dating back to the Oct. 28 match at St. John's. That streak ranks is among the top

10 of all time (Angie Harris posted 17 matches with double-digit kills in '97).

Girton has posted a .341 hitting percentage and 101 kills during her streak.

Girton Named Co-BIG EAST Player of the Week Two Consecutive Times In 2000: For the second time in as many weeks on Oct. 2, Christi Girton was named Co-BIG EAST Player of the Week. She led the team in kills in both BIG EAST match victories over the week-end of Sept. 29, to Oct. 1. Against Villanova, Girton had eight kills on 10 attempts with one error (.700), playing in just two games against the Wildcats. She also led the Irish in kills with 16 against Georgetown, adding nine digs and four blocks. Girton ended up hitting .354 in the two matches this week with 24 total kills (4.8 per game).

Girton had previously been named the Co-BIG EAST Player of the Week for her performance against Loyola Marymount, Wyoming and Colorado State, Sept. 21-23. In the three matches that week, Girton tallied 49 kills (5.44 per game), 34 digs (3.77 per game) and a .318 hitting percentage. She notched 23 kills in Notre Dame's upset win over #22 Loyola Marymount. In the Irish sweep of Wyoming, she played in only two games recording 10 kills and five digs. She also earned a spot on the Golden Dome Invitational All-Tournament Team with her solid play.

Girton becomes the second Irish player to earn player of the week honors this season. **Denise Boylan** was given the honor on Sept. 4.

Head Coach Debbie Brown: Now entering her 10th season as head coach, **Debbie Brown** has led the Notre Dame volleyball team to victory in nearly 75 percent of its matches, going 247-85 (.743) since she joined the program in 1991. That success came after six years as head coach at Arizona State (1983-88), giving her a 363-168 record over 15 seasons.

Brown has coached teams that have qualified for the NCAA tournament 13 times and have won nine conference championships. The Irish have won five of six regular-season conference titles since they began BIG EAST play in 1995 and also have won four of five BIG EAST tournament titles (the Irish will enter the 2000 BIG EAST tournament with the top seed). An NCAA berth at the end of the 2000 season would give Brown her 14th consecutive post-season coaching opportunity.

Milestone: With her 16-kill effort against Georgetown on Oct. 1, senior **Christi Girton** surpassed the 1,000-kill plateau for her career. Girton currently has 1,152 career kills. She becomes the 11th Irish player to surpass 1,000 kills in a career.

The Muncie, Ind., native also has two matches this season where she has posted 30

Probable Notre Dame Starters	
<u>Setter</u>	
Denise Boylan, Sr. 6-1 (Lisle, Ill.)	
<u>Outside Hitters</u>	
Marcie Bomhack, Jr., 6-0 (Waukesha, Wis.)	
Christi Girton, Sr., 6-3 (Muncie, Ind.)	
<u>Opposite</u>	
Kristy Kreher, Jr., 6-1 (Birmingham, Mich.)	
<u>Middle Blockers</u>	
Jo Jameyson, Sr., 6-1 (Alvin, Texas)	
Malinda Goralski, Jr., 6-1 (Missouri City, Texas)	
<u>Defensive Specialists</u>	
Janie Alderete, So., 5-4 (Santa Clara, Calif.)	
Keara Coughlin, So., 5-7 (Chicago, Ill.)	

Notre Dame Sports Information

Publicity for Notre Dame volleyball is coordinated by sports information publicity assistant Alan Wasielewski. Photographs, statistics and feature ideas are available to the media by contacting Wasielewski at (219) 631-3397. Requests to interview student-athletes should be arranged through the SID office and should be made at least 24 hours in advance.

Media may contact head coach Debbie Brown directly on weekdays at (219) 631-6307. Credentials for home games can be obtained by calling Wasielewski.

NCAA Regional Rankings Northeast Region (Nov. 1)

Notre Dame sits atop the NCAA Northeast Region ranking that was released on Nov. 1, 2000. The bi-weekly poll is conducted by the NCAA.

- The rankings:
1. **NOTRE DAME**
 2. George Washington
 3. Temple
 4. Pittsburgh
 5. Rutgers
 6. Xavier
 7. Georgetown
 8. Dayton
 9. Syracuse
 10. Hofstra

Teams in bold are BIG EAST teams the Irish have already defeated in 2000.

or more kills. She set a then career-mark with 30 kills at Pittsburgh, then broke the record two weeks later at Connecticut with 31 kills.

Boylan Earns Player of the Week Honors: Senior setter **Denise Boylan** was named the BIG EAST Player of the Week on Monday, Sept. 4, for her performance during the Shamrock Invitational (Sept. 1-3). She led the team to three victories, including a come-from-behind upset over #15 BYU. **Boylan's** statistics over the course of the Shamrock tournament: 136 assists (12.36 apg), 27 digs, 10 blocks, 10 kills and five aces.

Preseason Honors: Notre Dame senior setter **Denise Boylan** was chosen as the BIG EAST preseason player of the year on Aug. 8. Boylan earned first-team all-BIG EAST honors in 1999 after leading the Irish with 1,132 assists and 35 aces. Her career marks of 3,291 assists and 11.84 assist per game average are both second in school history.

Boylan was joined on the preseason all-BIG EAST team by fellow senior **Christi Girton**. **Girton** had previously earned second team all-BIG EAST accolades after the 1998 and 1999 seasons. She led the team in kills (333) and digs (201) last season and ranks 10th on the career hitting percentage list with a .254 mark.

Top Hitters Return: Even after the loss of Mary Leffers, the top career percentage hitter in school history, Notre Dame boasts two of its top all-time ball strikers on its 2000 roster.

Kristy Kreher put together one of the best hitting percentage seasons ever in 1999, recording 272 kills on 592 attempts with only 85 errors (.316 percentage). **Kreher** has moved up the career charts as well, ranking second in hitting percentage with a .294 mark entering the 2000 season. In 27 matches this season, she has a .333 percentage (338 kills, 104 errors on 702 attempts).

Senior **Christi Girton** also had an impressive 1999 season with 333 kills and just 111 errors for a .302 mark, which is tied for the 10th-best season mark in Irish history. **Girton** boasts a .285 percentage in 2000 (350 kills, 129 errors on 776 attempts).

A Highly-Rated Group of Freshmen: The class of 2004 that features **Kim Fletcher**, **Jessica Kinder**, **Kristen Kinder** (Fresno, Calif.), **Katie Neff** and **Christa Moen** (San Antonio, Texas) was ranked the ninth-best recruiting class in the nation by *Volleyball Magazine*. **Fletcher** and **Kristen Kinder** were members of *Volleyball Magazine's* "Fab 50" list of the top senior high school volleyball players in the country.

Freshmen Contribute Throughout the Season: The 2000 freshmen class has made some significant contributions throughout the 2000 season and have helped the Irish clinch the BIG EAST regular season title with a 10-0 conference record. **Kim Fletcher** ranks seventh on the team in kills with 89 and also has 36 blocks

2000 BIG EAST Standings (Nov. 6)

Standings	'00 Overall	BE
1. *^Notre Dame	21-5	10-0
2. ^Rutgers	21-6	8-2
3. Pittsburgh	21-9	7-3
4. St. John's	24-7	7-3
5. Syracuse	23-9	6-4
6. Connecticut	17-11	6-4
7. Georgetown	15-12	5-5
8. Boston College	11-17	3-7
9. Providence	16-14	2-8
10. West Virginia	8-16	2-8
11. Seton Hall	9-18	2-8
12. Villanova	9-19	2-8

* - Clinched regular season title
 ^ - Clinched spot in BIG EAST Champ.

BIG EAST Matches this Weekend

Fri.	Nov. 10	
Connecticut at St. John's		7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at West Virginia		7:30 p.m.
Sat.	Nov. 11	
Notre Dame at Syracuse		1:00 p.m.
Rutgers at Seton Hall		1:00 p.m.
Villanova at Georgetown		6:00 p.m.
Boston College at Providence		7:30 p.m.



and 33 digs. **Kristen Kinder** has relieved starting setter Denise Boylan in 18 games this year and posted 142 assists (7.89 per game) with 39 digs and 17 kills.

Jessica Kinder possesses and imposing jump serve that has scored 12 aces this season. She also has 41 kills and 65 digs.

Katie Neff has seen her playing time and contribution rise in the past few weeks. Neff has played in 17 games and recorded 23 blocks (1.35 per game) while also tallying 25 kills.

A Record Number of Home Matches?: The Irish have 17 home matches scheduled in 2000. Notre Dame has secured the first seed in the BIG EAST tournament (the top four teams in the conference will make up the tournament field) and will have an opportunity to play the most home matches in the program's history, should they advance to the final match. Notre Dame played 18 home matches in 1992 and 1996.

BIG EAST Weekly Honors

Players of the Week:

Sept. 4:	<i>Denise Boylan, Notre Dame</i>
Sept. 11:	Dana Fiume, Syracuse
Sept. 18:	Dana Fiume, Syracuse Kiran Gill, Georgetown
Sept. 25:	<i>Christi Girton, Notre Dame</i> Dana Fiume, Syracuse
Oct. 2:	<i>Christi Girton, Notre Dame</i> Sarah Katinger, Providence
Oct. 9:	Kera Carter, Rutgers
Oct. 16:	Lauren Warner, Georgetown
Oct. 23:	Marcia Thiesen, Pittsburgh
Oct. 30:	Kera Carter, Rutgers
Nov. 6:	<i>Marcie Bomhack, Notre Dame</i>

Notre Dame Statistical Leaders

<u>Kills:</u>	Christi Girton	350
	Kristy Kreher	338
	Marcie Bomhack	247
<u>Attack Attempts:</u>	Christi Girton	776
	Kristy Kreher	702
	Marcie Bomhack	647
<u>Hitting Percentage:</u>	Malinda Goralski	.360 (208 kills, 53 errors, 431 att.)
	Denise Boylan	.351 (84, 23, 174)
	Kristy Kreher	.333 (338, 104, 702)
<u>Assists per game:</u>	Denise Boylan	13.21
	Kristen Kinder	7.89
	Kristy Kreher	0.90
<u>Aces:</u>	Janie Alderete	24
	Denise Boylan	23
	Marcie Bomhack	22
	Keara Coughlin	22
	Christi Girton	20
<u>Digs:</u>	Kristy Kreher	208
	Marcie Bomhack	208
	Christi Girton	196
	Denise Boylan	167
<u>Blocks:</u>	Malinda Goralski	112
	Kristy Kreher	65
	Jo Jameyson	56

Freshmen Connections: Four of the five Notre Dame freshmen enjoy two different bonds. **Jessica** and **Kristen Kinder** will be the first pair of twins to take the court for the Irish. Classmates **Katie Neff** and **Kim Fletcher** are both from the St. Louis, Mo., area and played on the same club team, the St. Louis Elite.

Neff and **Fletcher** competed against hometown Saint Louis University when the Billikens visited the Joyce Center Nov. 7. Neff posted two kills an ace in the match, while Fletcher posted five kills and a block.

The **Kinders**, who call Fresno, Calif., home, will get to return to the west coast when the Irish travel to USC Nov. 24.

California Dreaming: When the Irish travel to Los Angeles, Calif., for their final regular season match up versus USC, a number of players will get a chance to play in their home state. The Golden State is home to four players on the 2000 roster: Senior **Adrienne Shimmel** (Mission Viejo), sophomore **Janie Alderete** (Santa Clara) and freshmen **Jessica** and **Kristen Kinder** (Fresno).

Texas Representation: Texas boasts four players on the 2000 Irish roster. Seniors **Jo Jameyson** (Alvin) and **Michelle Graham** (Austin), junior **Malinda Goralski** (Missouri City) and freshman **Christa Moen** (San Antonio) will compete with California for state bragging rights in the Irish locker room. Assistant coach **Lindsay Rosenthal** (Austin) also hails from the Lone Star State.

Shimmel Off the Bench: Senior OH **Adrienne Shimmel** has provided quite a boost off the bench for the Irish this season. She set career-highs in kills (nine) and attack attempts (20) on Senior Night (vs. Saint Louis, Nov. 7). She also set a personal-best for blocks (three) in the Irish victory over Samford.

Shimmel's 40 kills on the season has eclipsed her career total of 17 entering the 2000 campaign.

Toughest Schedule? Notre Dame has faced one of the toughest schedules in the nation this year. According to the AVCA/USA Today Oct. 30, rankings, the Irish faced two of the top teams in the nation, #1 Nebraska and #6 Colorado State, in the month of September. The Irish will also meet current-#3 USC on Nov. 24, in Los Angeles.

Eight teams in the top 25 appear on the Notre Dame schedule this season. The Irish have knocked off #15 BYU (now ranked 14th) and #23 Loyola Marymount (now ranked 22nd).

Notre Dame In BIG EAST Competition: Since Notre Dame joined the BIG EAST Conference in 1995, it has won five regular-season conference titles in volleyball. Until Georgetown knocked the Irish off in the BIG EAST Tournament in 1999, Notre Dame had

compiled a 10-0 record in the BIG EAST Tournament and won four titles. Current Irish OH **Marcie Bomhack** was named MVP of the BIG EAST Tournament in 1998.

Goralski Patrols the Net: The loss of 1999 BIG EAST Player of the Year and middle blocker **Mary Leffers** to graduation has been eased by the steady play of junior **Malinda Goralski**. Through 27 matches in 2000, Goralski has nearly surpassed her career totals over the last two years:

1998-99:

Kills	Blocks	Hitting Percentage
Games Played		
110	77	.271
		91

2000:

Kills	Blocks	Hitting Percentage
Games Played		
208	112	.360
		82

The Missouri, Texas, native had a career-high 15 kills in the five-game loss to #16 Michigan State on September 10. She matched that number of kills in the Irish upset of #22 Loyola Marymount.

Goralski, who leads the BIG EAST in hitting percentage with a .365 mark, followed her performance against LMU with a 10-kill match against Wyoming. She totaled those 10 kills on 12 attempts without committing an error for an amazing .833 hitting percentage. She also leads the team in blocks this season with 91 and ranks second in the BIG EAST in blocks per game (1.30).

AVCA Poll History: Since Debbie Brown took over the program in 1991, Notre Dame has made numerous appearances in the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) poll. Notre Dame's first ranking came in the preseason poll of 1992. Notre Dame's highest ranking was seventh on Oct. 10, 1995, after an Irish eight-match win streak. The highest final ranking was 12th in 1994, when the Irish advanced to the final 16 teams in the NCAA tournament. Notre Dame is currently ranked 21st in the poll.

2000 BIG EAST Tournament: The 2000 BIG EAST Volleyball Tournament will be played at the Joyce Center for the first time since 1995 in November. Notre Dame has secured the number-one seed in the tournament. The semifinals are scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 18, with the championship to be played on Sunday, Nov. 19. The Irish boast a .909 winning percentage (10-1) in tournament play since they joined the league in 1995 and have captured four tournament titles.

The semifinals are scheduled for 1:00 and 3:00 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 18. The championship match will be played on Sunday, Nov. 19, at 2:00 p.m.

Dominance: In the past decade, only three BIG EAST schools have claimed the volley-

ball tournament crown. Pittsburgh dominated the late '80s and early '90s with seven straight titles, while Notre Dame won the next four, led by tournament MVPs Angie Harris ('95), Lindsay Treadwell ('96), Jaimie Lee ('97) and **Marcie Bomhack** ('98). Providence ('83, '85, '87) and Georgetown ('99) are the only other schools to have won a BIG EAST championship.

Twenty Years in the Making: The Notre Dame volleyball team is celebrating its first 20 years of varsity status this season. One of the university's first varsity sports for women founded in 1980, the volleyball program is one of the most successful in school history. The victory over Rutgers on Friday, Oct. 20, was the 600th Notre Dame volleyball match. Of the 607 matches the Irish have played, they have been victorious in 429 of them for an impressive .700 winning percentage.

Providence Recap: Notre Dame captured its 10th BIG EAST conference win of the season with a three game sweep of Providence (15-5, 15-10, 15-9), Sunday, Nov. 5, at the Joyce Center.

Several players starred for the Irish on the day, led by junior **Marcie Bomhack**. Bomhack had 14 kills in the match on .700 hitting (14 kills, zero errors, 20 attempts) with five digs.

The Irish jumped out to a 11-3 lead in the first game with a display of highly-accurate hitting. Notre Dame would hit .667 in the initial game (21 kills, one error on 30 attempts), with senior setter **Denise Boylan** compiling 16 assists. Bomhack had five kills in the game and the Irish coasted to a 15-5 game one victory.

Providence attempted to turn the tables on Notre Dame in game two, jumping to a 9-3 lead. After Irish head coach **Debbie Brown** called a time-out, Notre Dame rallied to score the next 12 points and win the game, led once again by Bomhack with three kills, a block and an ace.

Game three followed the pattern of the first, as Notre Dame claimed a 10-1 lead sparked by two blocks and a kill from freshman **Katie Neff**. The Friars battled back to cut the lead down to 12-8, but a solo block on game point by senior **Adrienne Shimmel** earned the game and match victory for Notre Dame.

Senior **Christi Girton** posted her third match of the weekend with double-digit kills by totaling 10 against Providence. Freshman setter **Kristen Kinder** notched 21 assists in relief of Boylan in games two and three.

Team Match Highs		
Kills:	at Pittsburgh	99
	vs. LMU	97
	at Connecticut	96
Attack Attempts:	vs. LMU	250
	at Connecticut	226
	at Pittsburgh	217
Hitting Percentage:	at West Virginia	.420 (39 kills, 5 errors, 81 att.)
	at St. John's	.411 (59, 13, 112)
	vs. Clemson	.408 (63, 14, 120)
Assists:	at Pittsburgh	94
	vs. LMU	93
	at Connecticut	80
Aces:	vs. Florida A&M	13
	at Illinois State	13
	vs. Valparaiso	8
	vs. Villanova	8
	at West Virginia	8
Digs:	vs. LMU	105
	at Pittsburgh	75
	vs. Fairfield	67
Blocks:	vs. LMU	15
	at Michigan	14.5
	at West Virginia	13
Notre Dame vs. Opponents		
	<u>UND</u>	<u>OPP</u>
Attack:		
Kills:	1519	1297
Errors:	529	641
Total Attacks:	3527	3539
Attack Percentage:	.281	.185
Kills/Game:	16.9	14.4
Set:		
Assists:	1376	1147
Assists/Game:	15.3	13.0
Serve:		
Aces:	163	139
Errors:	211	213
Aces/Game:	1.5	1.8
Blocks		
Total Blocks:	253.0	227.0
Blocks Per Game:	2.8	2.5

BIG EAST Conference Leaders (for all games as of Nov. 6)		
Hitting Percentage:		
<u>Player</u>	<u>School</u>	
Goralski, M.	ND	.365
Dykema, J.	UC	.336
Nickels, J.	UP	.332
Miller, A.	SJU	.328
Kreher, K.	ND	.325
Assists/Game:		
Boylan, D.	ND	13.20
Norris, C.	UP	12.81
Ward, J.	GU	12.11
Fanning, S.	PC	11.70
Kurasaki, R.	SJU	11.45
Blocks/Game:		
Venarchik, L.	RU	1.49
Goralski, M.	ND	1.30
Kirikakou, M.	RU	1.29
Lambert, C.	UC	1.23
Brooks, T.	SHU	1.15
Kills/Game:		
Roudovski, O.	SJU	4.73
Renick, S.	UP	4.59
Carter, K.	RU	4.51
Katinger, S.	PC	4.36
Girton, C.	ND	4.35
Aces/Game:		
Vtyurina, Y.	GU	0.52
Stokes, J.	SU	0.47
Tuyay, P.	RU	0.47
Kiriakou, M.	RU	0.45
Roudovski, O.	SJU	0.45
Digs/Game:		
Schwer, L.	BC	3.91
Cella, A.	PC	3.89
Katinger, S.	PC	3.76
Mercein, K.	SJU	3.54
Hardy, N.	WVU	3.48

BIG EAST Team Leaders (All games as of Oct. 30)

<u>Hitting Percentage:</u>		
Team	Games	
<i>Notre Dame</i>	87	.282
Pittsburgh	105	.253
Syracuse	116	.247
Rutgers	91	.238
St. John's	116	.227
<u>Assists:</u>		
<i>Notre Dame</i>	87	15.20
Pittsburgh	105	14.39
Connecticut	101	14.27
Georgetown	98	13.83
Rutgers	91	13.31
<u>Blocks:</u>		
Rutgers	91	3.04
<i>Notre Dame</i>	87	2.79
Seton Hall	92	2.72
Syracuse	118	2.64
Connecticut	101	2.60
<u>Opponent Hitting Percentage:</u>		
Rutgers	91	.144
St. John's	116	.162
Connecticut	101	.170
Georgetown	98	.174
Pittsburgh	105	.183
<u>Kills:</u>		
<i>Notre Dame</i>	87	16.79
Pittsburgh	105	16.42
Connecticut	101	15.93
Georgetown	98	15.36
Rutgers	91	15.24
<u>Service Aces:</u>		
Georgetown	98	2.20
Syracuse	118	2.07
Rutgers	91	1.99
<i>Notre Dame</i>	87	1.83
St. John's	116	1.78
<u>Digs:</u>		
West Virginia	94	17.98
Boston College	104	17.02
Providence	110	15.85
St. John's	116	15.72
Pittsburgh	105	15.09

Notre Dame Bio Updates:

Janie Alderete #14
Sophomore • DS • 5-3 • Santa Clara, Calif.

Has played in 72 of the team's 90 games played in 2000 ... had a then-career high 15 digs in the first match of the year vs. Fairfield during the Shamrock Invitational ... had six digs vs. #16 Michigan State in the adidas Invitational ... had a career-best four aces

Notre Dame Individual Match Highs

<u>Kills:</u>	Kristy Kreher	32
	vs. LMU	
	Christi Girton	31
	at Connecticut	
	Christi Girton	30
	vs. Pittsburgh	
<u>Attack Attempts:</u>	Christi Girton	73
	at Connecticut	
	Kristy Kreher	60
	vs. LMU	
	Marcie Bomhack	58
	vs. LMU	
<u>Hitting Percentage:</u>	Malinda Goralski	.833
	(10 kills, 0 error, 12 att.)	
	vs. Wyoming	
	Christi Girton	.700
	(8, 1, 10)	
	vs. Villanova	
	Denise Boylan	.667
	(8, 0, 12)	
	at Connecticut	
<u>Assists:</u>	Denise Boylan	86
	vs. Pittsburgh	
	Denise Boylan	84
	vs. LMU	
	Denise Boylan	69
	at Connecticut	
<u>Aces:</u>	Marcie Bomhack	5
	vs. Florida A&M	
	Janie Alderete	4
	at Valparaiso	
	Keara Coughlin	4
	vs. West Virginia	
<u>Digs:</u>	Kristy Kreher	27
	vs. LMU	
	Marcie Bomhack	25
	vs. LMU	
	Marcie Bomhack	19
	vs. Pittsburgh	
<u>Blocks:</u>	Kristy Kreher	8
	vs. Pittsburgh	
	Malinda Goralski	8
	at Michigan, vs. St. Louis	
	Malinda Goralski	7
	three times	
	Jo Jameyson	7
	vs. LMU	
	Kristy Kreher	7
	vs. West Virginia	

at Valparaiso in two games ... also had five digs versus the Crusaders ... tallied three aces versus Florida A&M in the Lady Seminole Classic in Tallahassee,

Fla. ... named the "Best Defensive Specialist" in the Lady Seminole Classic Tournament ... had nine digs in the Irish win over #22 Loyola Marymount ... notched eight digs at Pittsburgh ... totaled five digs and two aces at Illinois State ... posted seven digs and an ace versus Rutgers ... had five digs and three aces against Seton Hall ... notched a career-best 18 digs in the Notre Dame five-game victory at Connecticut ... had six digs against North Carolina ... posted two aces and six digs vs. Providence.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
72	129	1.79	24	0.33

Marcie Bomhack #6
Junior • OH • 6-0 • Waukesha, Wis.

Starter at outside hitter for the Irish ... has played in 77 of the team's 90 games this season ... had 13 kills, eight digs and three blocks vs. Clemson ... had seven kills and five digs vs. #4 Nebraska ... posted a double-double with 13 kills and 15 digs vs. #16 Michigan State ... tallied five kills on nine attempts with no errors (.556 hitting percentage) at Valparaiso ... had a team-high 11 kills vs. Florida A&M in the first round of the Lady Seminole Classic volleyball tournament in Tallahassee, Fla. ... set a career-mark for aces in a match with five vs. the Rattlerettes ... totaled 13 kills at Florida State ... was named to the Lady Seminole Classic all-tournament team ... notched a double-double vs. Loyola Marymount with 13 kills and 25 digs ... the 25 digs is a career-best total ... also had six blocks against the Lions ... had six kills and five digs vs. #4 Colorado State ... had 10 digs, five kills and four blocks vs. Villanova ... notched a double-double with 12 kills and a team-high 12 digs against Georgetown ... scored 19 kills and 19 digs for third double-double of the year ... had 14 kills and seven digs at Illinois State, including three straight kills to close out the third and decisive game ... notched eight kills and an ace vs. Rutgers ... had 16 kills and six digs at St. John's ... posted her fifth double-double of the season with 19 kills and 13 digs at Connecticut ... also had five blocks and two aces against the Huskies ... had six kills (on .417 hitting) and nine digs vs. Boston College ... posted 16 kills (on .483 hitting), five blocks and five digs vs. North Carolina ... had team-high 14 kills on 20 attempts without an error (.700 hitting) against Providence ... named BIG EAST Player of the Week on Nov. 6, for her performance against BC, UNC and Providence ... had seven digs in one game vs. Saint Louis.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
77	208	2.70	22	0.29
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
44	247	3.21	.260	18

Denise Boylan

#2

Senior • S • 6-1 • Lisle, Ill.

BIG EAST Preseason Player of the Year ... Notre Dame team co-captain and starting setter ... has played in 78 of the team's 90 games this season ... has played a large part in the Irish hitting .281 as a team ... had 37 assists, 10 digs, three blocks and two aces in the first match of the year vs. Fairfield during the Shamrock Invitational ... tallied 50 assists, 10 digs and three blocks in the Irish upset of 15th-ranked BYU ... set Notre Dame to a .421 hitting percentage in the fifth game of the BYU match ... helped the Irish post a .408 hitting percentage in the Clemson match ... named the 2000 Shamrock Invitational Most Valuable Player ... named BIG EAST Player of the Week on Sept. 4, for her performance over the course of the Shamrock Invitational ... had a season-high 11 digs versus #4 Nebraska ... tallied six kills, 66 assists, six digs, three blocks and two aces vs. #16 Michigan State ... named to the adidas Invitational all-tournament team ... had 51 assists, nine digs and three blocks at Florida State ... named to the Lady Seminole Classic all-tournament team, the third all-tournament selection on the year ... set the Notre Dame record for assists in a four-game match with 84 against #22 Loyola Marymount ... combined with freshman setter Kristen Kinder to lead Notre Dame to a .400 hitting percentage in the match against Wyoming ... totaled 41 assists, nine digs, four kills and two blocks vs. Georgetown ... helped the Irish post a .722 hitting percentage (13-0-18) in the first game at West Virginia ... Irish ended up hitting a season-high .420 in that match ... broke her own school record with a career-high 86 assists in the four-game match victory at Pittsburgh ... Irish hit .350 over the two-game West Virginia and Pittsburgh match swing ... had five kills, six digs and two aces at Illinois State ... totaled 30 assists, nine digs, five kills, four blocks and two aces in Irish loss at Michigan ... posted 43 assists, 11 digs, three blocks, two kills and an ace vs. Rutgers ... played just one game against Seton Hall and had two kills, six assists, two digs and a block ... led the Irish to a .411 hitting percentage in three game sweep at St. John's ... Irish hit .363 (14-0-22) in the first game vs. the Red Storm ... individually, Boylan had 47 assists, eight digs, three kills, two aces and two blocks against St. John's ... followed up the next day with 69 assists, eight kills, nine digs and three blocks at Connecticut to lead Notre Dame to a five-game match victory ... had 19 assists, five digs and an ace in just over one game vs. Boston College ... helped the team post a .391 hitting mark against the Eagles ... tallied 41 assists, nine digs and a block vs. North Carolina (Irish hit .349 in the match, including .516 in the deciding game) ... totaled 16 assists, three digs and a block in just one game vs. Providence ... amassed 40 assists, five digs, one ace, one block and two kills vs. Saint Louis.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Assists	Assists/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
78	1030	13.21	23	0.29
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Digs
49	84	1.08	.351	167

Keara Coughlin

#11

Sophomore • DS • 5-8 • Chicago, Ill.

Has played in 76 of the team's 90 games in 2000 ... one of the team's best defensive specialists ... had three digs and two aces in the first match of the year vs. Fairfield ... tallied a eight digs against #3 UCLA ... notched seven digs and an ace vs. #16 Michigan State ... totaled six digs, two kills and two aces vs. Florida A&M ... had six digs at Florida State ... had a season-high nine digs to along with two aces vs. #22 Loyola Marymount ... tallied seven digs against #4 Colorado State ... had a career-high four aces at West Virginia ... notched nine digs at Pittsburgh ... one of the team leaders in aces with 19 this season ... had seven digs and three aces at Illinois State ... second on the team in digs with six at Michigan ... notched five digs versus Rutgers ... posted three digs and three assists vs. Boston College ... had two aces against North Carolina.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
76	110	1.45	22	0.29

Kim Fletcher

#10

Freshman • MB • 6-0 • St. Louis, Mo.

Used to spell both Malinda Goralski and Jo Jameyson off the bench ... provides a spark with some powerful and accurate hitting ... recorded her first career kill and block in the Fairfield match ... had three kills and a block in the upset of #15 BYU ... had two kills, four blocks and three kills vs. Clemson ... notched three kills, four digs and two blocks against #3 UCLA ... totaled five kills and four blocks against #16 Michigan State ... posted seven kills against Samford ... had six kills and two blocks vs. Wyoming ... had a career-high five blocks at West Virginia ... played a major role in the Irish victory at Pittsburgh with a career-best eight kills (8-1-11) for a .636 hitting percentage ... has scored a kill in 16 of 17 career matches ... helped the Irish post two impressive conference victories over the weekend of Oct. 28-29 ... had six kills, three digs and three blocks at St. John's ... notched four kills and a career-best six blocks at Connecticut ... had five kills vs. Boston College and Saint Louis and four against Providence.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
53	33	0.62	6	0.11
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
36	76	1.43	.257	8

Christi Girton

#7

Senior • OH • 6-3 • Muncie, Ind.

Preseason all-BIG EAST team member ... starter at outside hitter for the Irish ... has played in 80 of the team's 90 games this season ... posted double-digit kills in 18 of the 27 Irish matches this season ...first on the team in kills with 350 ... began the season vs. Fairfield with 14 kills, eight digs and four blocks ... had 18 kills and eight digs in the Irish upset of #15 BYU ... scored six kills and two blocks in the deciding fifth game of the BYU match ... named to the 2000 Shamrock Invitational all-tournament team ... had a double-double with 19 kills and 16 digs against #16 Michigan State ... added five blocks against the Spartans ... one of four Irish players with double-digit kills (10) at Florida State ... had 23 kills vs. #22 Loyola Marymount ... also had 17 digs vs. the Lions ... had 10 kills in two games vs. Wyoming ... tallied a double-double against #4 Colorado State with 16 kills and 12 digs ... named to the 2000 Golden Dome Invitational all-tournament team ... named Co-BIG EAST Player of the Week on Sept. 25, for her performance vs. LMU, Wyoming and Colorado State ... had eight kills on 10 attempts with one error (.700) vs. Villanova ... notched a team-high 16 kills with nine digs and four blocks vs. Georgetown ... named Co-BIG EAST Player of the Week on Oct. 2, for her performance vs. Villanova and Georgetown ... had a then-career-best kills performance at Pittsburgh with 30 total ... also had 15 digs against the Panthers ... had a double-double at Illinois State with 17 kills and 17 digs ... posted second-straight 17 kills match at St. John's ... came back the next day to set a new career-high with 31 kills at Connecticut ... also had nine digs and two aces against the Huskies ... had a team-high 11 kills, playing just two games vs. Boston College ... posted 17 kills, eight digs and two blocks vs. North Carolina ... continued her hot-hitting with 10 kills, six digs and three blocks vs. Providence ... tallied 15 kills on .419 hitting, with 11 digs vs. Saint Louis.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
80	196	2.45	20	0.25
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
44	350	4.38	.285	20

Malinda Goralski

#3

Junior • MB • 6-1 • Missouri City, Texas

Starter for the Irish at middle blocker ... has improved each week of the season and leads the team in hitting percentage with a .360 mark ... also leads the team in blocks with 112 ... had a career-high ten digs in the first match of the year vs. Fairfield ... notched seven blocks in the Irish upset of #15 BYU ... posted a career-high 15 kills vs. #16 Michigan State ... had eight kills and four blocks at Valparaiso ...

notched 10 kills and six blocks at Florida State ... named to the Lady Seminole Classic all-tournament team ... tied her career-high with 15 kills against #22 Loyola Marymount ... had 10 kills on 12 attempts with no errors vs. Wyoming ... also had seven blocks against the Cowgirls ... had nine kills vs. #4 Colorado State ... named to the 2000 Golden Dome Invitational all-tournament team ... added nine kills and six blocks vs. Georgetown ... had eight blocks at West Virginia and Pittsburgh ... once again had eight blocks and six kills in Irish loss at Michigan ... posted eight kills and five blocks vs. Rutgers ... notched four kills and five blocks against Seton Hall ... had another stand-out hitting game with eight kills on 12 attempts with no errors (.667) at St. John's ... also had seven blocks against the Red Storm ... had 13 kills the next day at Connecticut ... posted seven kills (on .429 hitting) with three blocks vs. Boston College ... tallied nine kills and five blocks vs. North Carolina ... continued the blocking spree with five against Providence and eight vs. Saint Louis ... her kill and block production in 2000 surpasses her previous two years combined.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Blocks	Blocks/Game	Assists	Assists/Game
82	112	1.37	9	0.11
Aces	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Solo Blocks
0	208	2.54	.360	14

Michelle Graham #16
Senior • DS/S • 5-8 • Austin, Texas

Backup setter who has been used as a defensive specialist this season ... has played in 17 games ... has three assists and two aces in 2000 ... posted one kill and four digs in two games vs. Seton Hall ... played in two games vs. Boston College ... started her final home match, vs. Saint Louis, and posted five digs.

Jo Jameyson #9
Senior • MB/OPP • 6-1 • Alvin, Texas

Provides depth behind Malinda Goralski at MB and is also used at opposite ... third on the team in blocks with 56 ... notched six kills and four blocks in the first match of the year vs. Fairfield ... had five blocks against Clemson ... posted six kills and three digs against #4 Nebraska ... tallied five kills and four blocks versus #16 Michigan State ... had season highs with 11 kills and seven blocks against #22 Loyola Marymount ... totaled four blocks vs. Villanova and followed up with six against Georgetown ... totaled five kills at Pittsburgh ... had eight kills and two blocks at Illinois State ... second on the team in kills with eight (and four blocks) in Irish loss at Michigan ... posted six kills and six blocks against Rutgers.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Blocks	Blocks/Game	Assists	Assists/Game
58	56	0.97	10	0.17
Aces	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Solo Blocks
0	89	1.53	.257	4

Jessica Kinder #5
Freshman • OH • 5-10 • Fresno, Calif.

One of five talented freshman on the roster that have received significant playing time ... has played in 45 of the team's 90 games this season ... possesses a powerful jump-serve that head coach Debbie Brown uses as a weapon off the bench ... one of the team leaders in aces with 12 this year ... recorded her first career kill on her first attempt in the Fairfield match ... gave the Irish a huge spark off the bench in the upset of #15 BYU with two kills, three aces, a career-high eight digs and a block ... had three aces, three digs and a block against #4 Nebraska ... had a career-high four kills vs. #3 UCLA ... posted three kills, three digs and two aces vs. Samford ... had five digs vs. Wyoming ... notched a career-high seven kills to go along with seven digs vs. Villanova ... notched three kills and six digs at West Virginia ... had three kills and three digs in one game at Michigan ... played two games against Rutgers, scoring three kills and four dig ... had four kills on career-best .571 hitting vs. Boston College.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
45	65	1.44	12	0.27
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
8	41	0.91	.095	7

Kristen Kinder #8
Freshman • S • 5-9 • Fresno, Calif.

The future for the Irish at the setter position ... has received some playing time behind senior setter Denise Boylan ... has played in 18 games this season ... saw her first collegiate action against Clemson and tallied six assists and a dig ... had three kills and five assists in one game at Valparaiso ... posted two kills, best match of the young season came vs. Samford ... posted four kills, 15 assists, three aces and nine digs against the Bulldogs ... totaled 16 assists vs. Wyoming, including setting the Irish to a .286 hitting percentage in the match ... played in one and a half games vs. Villanova, matching her career-best with 16 assists while adding five digs and two kills ... had 13 assists, five digs and one block in one game at West Virginia ... started and played games two and three vs. Seton Hall ... had 17 assists, two kills, two digs and a block against the Pirates ... played two games against Boston College, notching 16 assists and four digs ... set a career-mark for assists with 21 vs. Providence ... also had three digs, two kills and a block vs. the Friars.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Assists	Assists/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
18	142	7.89	3	0.17
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Digs
5	17	0.94	.159	39

Kristy Kreber #4
Junior • OPP • 6-1 • Birmingham, Mich.

One of the top offensive performers for the Irish so far in 2000 ... second on the team in kills (338) ... scored double-digit kills in 15 of the team's 27 matches on the year ... in 19 matches this season, she has posted a hitting percentage better than .320, including a .591 mark vs. Saint Louis ... has six 20-plus kill matches, four of them against ranked teams (23 vs. #15 BYU, 21 vs. #16 Michigan State, 32 vs. #22 Loyola Marymount, 22 at Pittsburgh and 21 at Connecticut) ... has posted a team-high six double-doubles this year ... began the season with 11 kills and nine digs vs. Fairfield ... notched first double-double of the season in Notre Dame's upset of #15 BYU (23 kills, 17 digs) ... led the team in kills with 16 vs. Clemson ... had 15 kills and nine digs against #3 UCLA ... had second 20-plus kill match of the vs. #16 Michigan State (21) ... scored 19 kills at Florida State to earn the Lady Seminole Classic Most Valuable Player award ... had a great match vs. #22 Loyola Marymount with 32 kills and 27 digs - both career-high numbers ... the 32 kills also set a school record for the most kills in a four-game match ... had nine kills and nine digs vs. #4 Colorado State ... notched a double-double against Georgetown with 11 kills and 10 digs, while adding five blocks ... led the team with 12 kills on .579 hitting (12-1-19) in the victory at West Virginia ... also had seven blocks against the Mountaineers ... followed up the WVU match the next day with 22 kills, 10 digs, and eight blocks at Pittsburgh ... the eight blocks against the Panthers ties a career-high ... continued her hot hitting at Illinois State with 18 kills (.452 hitting percentage) 16 digs, seven assists and three aces ... led the team with 13 kills at Michigan on .565 hitting (13-0-23) ... also had seven digs and six blocks against the Wolverines ... recovered from a slow-start vs. Rutgers to score a team-high 14 kills ... also posted 15 digs, five blocks, five assists and an ace against the Scarlet Knights ... had seven kills on .353 hitting in two games vs. Seton Hall ... posted nine kills, five blocks and five digs at St. John's ... had her sixth 20-plus kill match of the year with 21 kills and nine digs at Connecticut ... notched seven kills on .500 hitting with six digs and two blocks ... posted nine kills, five digs, and an ace vs. Providence ... second on the team in kills with 13 on .591 hitting, with six digs and four blocks vs. Saint Louis.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
81	208	2.57	18	0.22
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
65	338	4.17	.333	73

Christa Moen #13
Freshman • DS • 5-4 • San Antonio, Texas

Provides quality depth for the Irish at the defensive specialist position ... has played in 34 games this season ... saw her first collegiate action off the bench in the upset of #15 BYU, tallying six digs and an ace ... had four digs and an ace vs. Clemson ... scored her first career kill against Samford ... had three digs and an ace at West Virginia ... had three digs in one game vs. Rutgers ... led the team in digs with nine at St. John's ... had four digs at Connecticut ... posted three digs vs. Boston College, North Carolina and Providence.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
34	49	1.44	9	0.26

Katie Neff #15
Freshman • MB • 6-4 • St. Louis, Mo.

Tallest player on the Irish roster ... started her first career match against Seton Hall (Oct. 22) ... saw her first collegiate action against Clemson, recording a kill ... had two kills on four attempts and one block at Valparaiso ... posted a kill and a block against Samford ... had three kills and three blocks against Wyoming ... tallied a career-best four blocks (and three kills) at West Virginia ... had two kills and tied her career-high with four blocks in first career start vs. Seton Hall ... notched a career-best four kills and four blocks vs. Boston College ... broke that career-best with five kills vs. Providence ... had three assists and four blocks vs. the Friars ... scored her first career ace vs. Saint Louis.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Kills	Kills/Game	Blocks	Blocks/Game
17	25	1.47	23	1.35

Adrienne Shimmel #12
Senior • OH • 5-10 • Mission Viejo, Calif.

Has provided some energy off the bench for the Irish in 2000 ... has played in 20 games this season ... first action of the season came vs. Clemson where she scored three kills ... had six kills against Samford ... also had three blocks vs. the Bulldogs ... notched four kills against Wyoming ... had four kills and a season-high eight digs vs. Villanova .. posted four kills, nine digs and a block at West Virginia ... had two kills, eight digs and three blocks in three two games vs. Rutgers and Seton Hall ... scored a career-high nine kills vs. Saint Louis - her last regular season home match.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
20	48	2.40	0	0.00
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
11	40	2.00	.143	9