



College Baseball At The Eck

USC Trojans (32-15)

VS.

Notre Dame Fighting Irish (29-21-1)

May 17, 2005 ... Eck Stadium (Notre Dame, Indiana)



Cody Rizzo



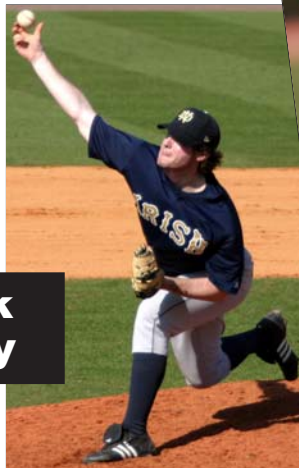
Ross Brezovsky



Danny Dressman



Derik Olvey



Jeff Clement

THE TALE OF THE TAPE

	USC	NOTRE DAME
2004 Final Records	24-32, 10-14 Pac-10 (6th)	51-13, 20-6 BE (1st)
Lettermen Ret./Lost	20/8	20/11
CURRENT STATS (BIG EAST rank in parentheses)		
Overall Batting Average	.289	(6) .295
Runs Per 9 Innings	6.4	(2) 7.4
Home Runs	32	(3) 38
Slugging Percentage	.417	(6) .419
Batters' BB+HBP-K Ratio	-14 (212+40-266)	+38 (198+111-271)
On-Base Percentage	.384	(2) .398
Stolen Bases	33-61	(6) 59-83
Stolen Base Percentage	.541	.711
Overall Team ERA	3.76	(6) 4.46
Opponent Batting Average	.259	(7) .293
Pitchers' K-to-BB Ratio	2.6 (281/148)	1.6 (272/171)
Pitchers' Ks Per 9 Inn.	8.3	(9) 5.4
Pitchers' Walks Per 9 Inn.	3.2	(3) 3.4
Overall Fielding Pct./Errors	.976/41	(3) .961/78
Double Plays Turned	31	(1) 52
Home Record	17-4	19-3-1
Road Record (incl. neutral)	15-11	10-18
Record In One-Run Games	7-3	6-7
Extra-Inning Record	1-1	3-4-1

Probable Pitching Rotations

Tuesday

USC - Michael Friedman (Sr., LHP)
6.12, 2-2, 25.0 IP, 31 Ks, 10 BB, 40 H (.354)

ND - Derik Olvey (So., RHP)
4.22, 2-2, 42.2 IP, 22 Ks, 12 BB, 47 (.283)

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Wednesday

USC - TBA

ND - Wade Korpi (Fr., LHP)
5.17, 4-1, 47 IP, 28 Ks, 28 BB, 65 H (.337)

BIG EAST LEADERS**Batting Average**

1. Jared McGuire, BC	.404
11. Brett Lilley, ND	.362
15. Matt Edwards, ND	.354

BIG EAST Batting Average

1. Doug Nelms, WVU	.422
11. Craig Cooper, ND	.362

Overall Home Runs

1. Matt Edwards, ND	13
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BIG EAST Home Runs

1. Jeff Hourigan, UC	6
5. Cody Rizzo, ND	3

Overall RBI

1. Matt Edwards, ND	61
2. Craig Cooper, ND	47

BIG EAST RBI

1. Jeff Hourigan, UC	24
3. Matt Edwards, ND	19

Slugging Pct.

1. Ben Copeland, Pitt	.670
3. Matt Edwards, ND	.656

On-Base Pct.

1. Brett Lilley, ND	.511
7. Matt Edwards, ND	.464
9. Craig Cooper, ND	.447

Stolen Bases

1. Ben Copeland, Pitt	27
9. Cody Rizzo, ND	14

Triples

1. Ben Copeland, Pitt	7
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Doubles

1. Justin Jenkins, WVU	22
5. Matt Edwards, ND	17

Walks

1. Jim Negrych, Pitt	41
3. Matt Edwards, ND	36
6. Brett Lilley, ND	31

Runs

1. Todd Frazier, RU	56
4. Matt Edwards, ND	51
8. Brett Lilley, ND	47

Hits

1. Johnny Defendis, RU	76
7. Matt Edwards, ND	68

Total Bases

1. Justin Jenkins, WVU	135
2. Matt Edwards, ND	126

Overall ERA

1. Robert Brant, Pitt	2.30
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BIG EAST ERA

1. Craig Hansen, SJU	1.23
14. Dan Kapala, ND	3.83
15. Tom Thornton, ND	3.91

Opponent Batting Average

1. Craig Hansen	.158
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Wins

1. Mike Wlodarczyk, BC	9-2
5. Jeff Samardzija	6-1

BIG EAST Wins

1. Anthony Varvaro, SJU	6-0
Billy Mildowny, Pitt	6-1
Mike Wlodarczyk, BC	6-1
5. Jeff Samardzija (ND)	4-1
Tom Thornton (ND)	4-2

Strikeouts

1. Anthony Varvaro, SJU	75
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Saves

1. Craig Hansen, SJU	12
5. Ryan Doherty, ND	5

Appearances

1. Craig Hansen, SJU	27
5. Dan Kapala, ND	21

Innings

1. Eduardo Pena, GU	89.1
4. Tom Thornton, ND	80.0

BIG EAST Conference Standings

1. St. John's	16-4	(.800)	35-14
2. Boston College	15-7	(.682)	34-16
3. Notre Dame	11-9-1	(.548)	29-21
4. Pittsburgh	12-10	(.545)	27-19
5. Rutgers	11-10	(.524)	29-19
6. Connecticut	10-10	(.500)	30-20
7. West Virginia	10-12	(.455)	25-27
8. Villanova	8-13-1	(.386)	27-18-2
9. Georgetown	7-15	(.318)	25-27
10. Seton Hall	6-16	(.273)	15-32

This Weekend's BIG EAST Series

West Virginia at Notre Dame ... St. John's at Villanova
Connecticut at Boston College ... Rutgers at Seton Hall
Pittsburgh at Georgetown (Thur.-Fri.; others are Fri.-Sat.)

THE BIG EAST RACE – SJU and BC have clinched two of the four BE Tournament spots while ND, Pitt, RU, UConn and WVU are battling for the final two (standings are based on win pct.) ... ND may need to win all three games of the WVU series to clinch a spot but also could advance with fewer than three wins and some help from other series.

TONIGHT'S GAME – Midweek games in May vs. top national teams have become a recent tradition at Eck Stadium, as USC becomes the fourth national power in the past seven seasons to take on the homestanding Irish in late season action ... ND nearly swept eventual national champ Miami in 1999 (3-5, 1-0 in near-no-hitter for the Irish) and beat Arizona State in '02 (9-4; second game rained out) before sweeping Central Florida last season in a pair of mid-May games (4-0, 3-2) ... the first year of the Mainieri era ('95) also saw the Irish split vs. Alabama at Eck Stadium (5-3, 1-9).

THE SERIES (ND 2, USC 2) – The Trojans won the first two vs. the Irish, with the first game played on the campus of another USC Classic participant (5-4, at Louisville, in 1961) ... the football rivals went 36 years before the next meeting, a 14-4 USC win at the 1997 Long Beach State Classic ... the Irish rallied to beat USC at the 2002 Round Rock (Texas) Classic (15-8) ... that game featured the freak broken leg suffered by current ND senior 1B Matt Edwards (after a collision with the leftfielder, while chasing a windblown popup) ... USC led that game 8-4 before the Irish rallied to score the final seven runs ... Chris Niesel yielded 8 runs (5 earned) in the first 3.1 innings (5 H, 2 BB, 2 Ks), with half of the USC's runs coming on Travis McAndrews' wind-blown grand slam inside the RF foul pole ... Martin Vergara (3.2 IP, 3 H, 3 BB, 3 Ks) then combined with junior Brandon Vilorio (2 IP, 5 BF, save) to keep the Trojans off the scoreboard the rest of the way ... ND held a 14-8 hit edge while the teams combined for nine errors (six by USC) ... five Irish players registered multiple hits, including 3-hit games from Steve Stanley (2 R, RBI, 2B) and Andrew Bushey (3 R, 2 RBI, 2B) ... Brett Bannister started for the Trojans (4 IP, 4 R/2 ER, 4 H, 3 BB, 5 Ks) ... the Irish beat the Trojans again last season at the USC Classic, 3-1 (halted after 7 innings due to rain) ... Tom Thornton (6 IP, 4 H, 2 BB) turned in his first of many primetime performances while the ND offense cashed in three errors by USC (ND was ranked 10th and USC 20th) ... Cody Rizzo's throw to the plate preserved a 2-1 lead in the 6th ... Ryan Doherty picked up the save (3 Ks, 5 BF) ... Cody Rizzo, Matt Macri (RBI double) and Matt Bransfield each hit 2-for-3 while Greg Lopez had the team's other hit ... Bobby Paschal allowed a pair of unearned runs on 7 hits (4.2 IP, 3 Ks) ... Blake Sharpe had an RBI single for USC ... Rizzo is a former teammate of USC's Baron Frost (U.S. U-16 National Team) and Ryan Broderick (club team) ... ND's Jeff Manship and USC's Daniel Pereles were teammates on the U.S. Youth National Team.

IRISH ERUPT FOR BIG WIN AT PITTSBURGH – Just one day after bringing home only six of 30 baserunners in a doubleheader sweep at the hands of Pittsburgh, the Notre Dame offense responded in stunning fashion by plating 21 of its 28 baserunners in Monday's 21-1 win over the Panthers ... for the second straight day, the teams flipped spots in the BIG EAST standings, with the Irish returning to 3rd and maintaining control of their own postseason fate ... ND hit 11-for-16 with runners in scoring position and launched a season-high 4 home runs in the 18-hit attack ... Jeff Samardzija (6 IP, R, 2 H, 3 BB, 4 Ks) combined with Mike Dury and Joey Williamson for a 2-hitter ... ND held Pittsburgh hitless with runners on base (0-for-11) and with 2-outs (0-for-10) ... the 21 runs are the 3rd-most by and ND team in the 11-year Paul Mainieri era, trailing only two games during the 2002 College World Series season (23-1 vs. Detroit and 25-1 vs. South Alabama in the NCAA Regional) ... it marked the first time the Irish have reached 20 runs in a BIG EAST game (the '98 team had a 19-7 win over Georgetown) and first time they have won a BIG EAST game by more than 15 runs (the '03 team won 18-3 at St. John's) ... top hitters included Ross Brezovsky (4-for-4, RBI, 4 R, HR, BB), Craig Cooper (3-for-5, 5 RBI, 4 R, 2 HR) and Greg Lopez (3-for-5, 3 RBI, R) ... Cody Rizzo homered for the second time in the series (3-run shot) and reached base nine times in the series (5-for-8, BB, 3 HBP, 2 HR).

IRISH NOTES – ND is in the midst of playing eight games in seven days, due to Saturday's rainout and the upcoming Friday-Saturday series format ... the Irish have scored 49 first-inning runs in 51 games this season ... ND's 111 HBP rank 7th in Div. I history (three behind Long Beach State's 2000 total) ... the Irish are on pace for 122 HBPs in the regular season, which would rank 3rd (Nevada's 1997 team hold the record, with 125) ... the ND staff has held the opposition to .250 hitting in the eight post-finals games (4.18 ERA, 41 K, 28 BB, 60 H in 66.2) while the Irish defense has totaled just 5 Es in those 8 GP (.983 fielding pct.) ... ND is 23-2 when leading at the end of the 6th inning, 15-1 when holding the opponent to 0-1 runs, 17-3-1 when outhitting the opponent, 21-8 when scoring the game's first run, 16-8-1 when scoring a 1st-inning run, 23-11 when making 0-1 errors and 7-3 when hitting multiple HRs ... during the past four games as the Irish leadoff hitter, Craig Cooper is batting .438 (7-for-16, 7 RBI, 4 R, .938 slugging, 2 HR, 2 2B, 2 BB, 3 Ks, SAC) ... Matt Edwards has 188 RBI in 183 games to rank 6th on the ND career RBI chart (one behind '99 grad. Jeff Wagner) ... Cody Rizzo's 67 career HBP rank 5th in the NCAA record book, one behind former Wisconsin-Milwaukee player Clay Schwartz ('97) ... Brett Lilley's 23 HBP this season are five shy of Rizzo's team record (28, in '03) ... Lilley has totaled 54 free passes (also 31 walks) this season to go along with his 63 hits ... Mike Dury's team-best ERA to 1.83 (he has 9 shutout innings in his past 6 GP, with 3 H, 3 BB, 7 Ks) ... Lilley's 41 error-free games this season include 18 since making the switch to 3B (in 23 GP) ... Steve Andres has three more extra-base hits (4 HR-3B-5 2B) than singles (7) this season ... Ross Brezovsky has hits in four of the past five games (8-for-15, 8 R) ... Cooper (8-for-18/.444, 8 RBI) and Greg Lopez (8-for-16, 3 RBI) both are riding 5-game hit streaks ... top hitters since finals ended (8 GP) include three batting .333 – Lopez (9-for-27, 4 RBI, 2 BB, 2 HBP), Cooper (9-for-27, 8 RBI, 2 HR, 2 2B, 5 BB) and Brezovsky (8-for-24, HR, 3 BB, HBP) – plus Rizzo's .320 (8-for-25, 5 RBI, 6 R, 2 HR, BB, 5 HBP, 3 SB).

NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH * – lefthanded hitter; # – switch hitter

NO	NAME	CL	POS	HT/WT	HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)
2	*Brett Lilley	Fr.	2B/3B	5-7/165	North Canton, OH (Hoover HS)
3	Tony Langford	Fr.	RHP/OF/IF	5-11/175	Fort Worth, TX (Fort Worth Country Day HS)
4	Greg Lopez	Jr.	SS	6-0/190	Upper Arlington, OH (Upper Arlington HS)
5	*Eddie Smith	Jr.	IF	5-11/165	Olympia, WA (North Thurston HS/Central JC)
6	*Danny Dressman	So.	OF	5-9/180	San Jose, CA (Archbishop Mitty HS)
7	*Ross Brezovsky	Fr.	IF	5-10/170	Naples, FL (Collier HS)
9	Craig Cooper	Jr.	OF	6-2/220	Plainview, NY (Chaminade HS)
11	*Sean Gaston	So.	C	6-0/185	Brownsburg, IN (Brownsburg HS)
12	Matt Bransfield	Jr.	DH/C/1B	6-1/205	Englewood, CO (Cherry Creek HS)
13	Wade Korpi	Fr.	LHP	5-10/190	Lake Worth, FL (Santaluces HS)
14	Matt Edwards	Sr.	1B/3B	6-2/225	Mechanicsville, VA (Lee-Davis HS)
16	Alex Netzey	Jr.	OF	6-1/200	Dolton, IL (Thornridge HS)
17	Cody Rizzo	Jr.	OF	6-1/200	Temecula, CA (Chapparral HS)
18	Brent Weiss	Sr.	DH	6-1/190	Cockeysville, MD (St. Paul's HS)
20	Derik Olvey	So.	RHP	6-2/205	Pelham, AL (Pelham HS)
22	Dan Kapala	So.	RHP	6-5/225	Royal Oak, MI (Shrine Catholic HS)
25	Nick Mainieri	Jr.	C	5-11/180	South Bend, IN (St. Joseph's HS)
29	*David Gruener	Fr.	LHP	6-2/210	Gig Harbor, WA (Live Christian Academy)
30	Tom Thornton	Jr.	LHP	6-6/220	Middleboro, MA (Middleboro HS)
32	Jess Stewart	So.	RHP	6-3/215	Manassas, VA (Osborn City HS)
33	Scott Bickford	Sr.	LHP	6-5/170	Owings, MD (Northern HS)
34	Jeff Manship	So.	RHP	6-1/195	San Antonio, TX (Reagan HS)
36	*Steve Andres	Jr.	DH/LF/C	5-10/220	Napa, CA (Justin Siena HS)
38	Tyler Jones	Sr.	RHP	6-4/210	Arlington, TX (James Martin HS)
44	#Mike Dury	So.	LHP/1B	6-5/230	Indianapolis, IN (Bishop Chatard HS)
45	Jeff Samardzija	So.	RHP	6-5/215	Valparaiso, IN (Valparaiso HS)
47	Ryan Doherty	Jr.	RHP	7-1/255	Toms River, NJ (Toms River East HS)
49	John Axford	Sr.	RHP	6-6/190	Port Dover, Ontario (Assumption College HS)
51	Joey Williamson	Fr.	RHP	6-1/190	Lantana, FL (Santaluces HS)

Head Coach: # 1 Paul Mainieri (St. Thomas '82, 11th season at Notre Dame)

Assistants: #19 David Grewe (Dayton '98), #26 Terry Rooney (Radford '96), John Gumpf (CS San Bernadino '97)

USC TROJANS * – lefthanded hitter; # – switch hitter

NO	NAME	CL	POS	HT/WT	HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOLS)
2	*Matt Cusick	Fr.	IF	5-9/190	Mission Viejo, CA (Santa Margarita HS)
3	Baron Frost	Jr.	OF/C	6-0/185	San Diego, CA (St. Augustine HS)
4	*Darin Vieira	Sr.	UTIL	5-10/165	San Jose, CA (Bellarmine Prep)
5	Brett Bannister	Sr.	RHP	6-1/190	Paradise Valley, AZ (Chaparral HS)
6	*Dale Legaspi	Sr.	IF	5-8/155	Burbank, CA (Crespi HS)
8	Roberto Lopez	Fr.	3B/OF	6-0/180	La Mesa, CA (Rancho Bernardo HS)
9	*Lucas Duda	Fr.	RHP/1B	6-4/220	Riverside, CA (Arlington HS)
10	Matt Cassel	Sr.	RHP	6-5/215	Northridge, CA (Chatsworth HS)
12	*Daniel Perales	So.	OF	6-0/170	Orange, CA (Mater Dei HS)
13	Billy Hart	Sr.	IF	6-0/200	Tustin, CA (Mission Viejo HS)
14	Hector Estrella	So.	IF	5-10/170	Rosemead, CA (Northview HS)
15	Cyle Hankerd	So.	OF	6-2/205	Covina, CA (South Hills HS)
16	*Michael Friedman	Sr.	LHP	6-2/170	Fremont, CA (Ohlone JC)
18	Austin Miller	Sr.	RHP	6-0/160	Glendora, CA (Cypress JC)
20	Blake Sharpe	Jr.	IF	6-1/180	Moorpark, CA (Moorpark HS/L.A. Pierce JC)
21	*Ryan Broderick	Jr.	OF	6-3/205	Palm Desert, CA (Palm Desert HS)
22	Scott Scharlach	Jr.	RHP	6-2/185	Pasadena, CA (Poly HS)
23	Nate Smith	Fr.	RHP/IF	6-2/235	Clovis, CA (Clovis HS)
24	*Jeff Clement	Jr.	C	6-1/215	Marshalltown, IA (Marshalltown HS)
25	Jon Williams	Sr.	RHP	6-4/205	Alamo, CA (Monte Vista HS)
26	Paul Koss	So.	RHP	6-4/215	Orange, CA (Orange Lutheran HS)
28	Barrett Sprowl	Fr.	1B	6-4/210	Newport Beach, CA (Corona Del Mar HS)
29	Jack Spradlin	Jr.	LHP	6-1/175	Bonita, CA (Eastlake HS/Southwestern JC)
30	Todd Macklin	Fr.	RHP	6-1/175	Newport Beach, CA (Corona Del Mar HS)
31	Ian Kennedy	So.	RHP	6-0/195	Huntington Beach, CA (La Quinta HS)
32	John Dunn	Fr.	RHP	6-3/260	Torrance, CA (West HS)
33	*Zack Kalter	Jr.	RHP/OF	6-1/190	Phillips Ranch, CA (W. Christian HS/Pasadena CC)
34	Brandon Buxbaum	So.	LHP	6-5/205	Malibu, CA (Brentwood HS)
35	*Matt Underwood	So.	LHP/1B	6-1/210	Saugus, CA (Saugus HS)
36	Josh Fogel	Jr.	IF	6-0/160	Saugus, CA (Saugus HS)
37	Kevin Hickcox	Jr.	IF	5-10/165	Glendale, CA (Glendale HS)
38	Eric Melara	So.	RHP	5-9/180	North Hollywood, CA (North Hollywood HS/Mission JC)
39	#Spencer Pabst	Fr.	OF	5-11/170	Long Beach, CA (Wilson HS)
40	Andy Guy	Jr.	RHP	6-3/205	Redondo Beach, CA (Redondo Union HS)
41	Sebastien Salinas	So.	C	6-1/195	Riverside, CA (Rubidoux HS)
42	*Anthony Encinas	Fr.	RHP	5-11/200	Norwalk, CA (Santa Fe HS)
43	Steve Martlaro	Fr.	RHP	6-2/235	Diamond Bar, CA (Bishop Amat HS)
44	Richard Aguilar	Sr.	RHP	6-0/180	San Pedro, CA (San Pedro HS)
45	Garrett Gipe	Jr.	IF	6-2/160	Santa Ana, CA (Mater Dei HS)
46	Brendan Kotler	Fr.	OF/C	5-11/200	Calabasas, CA (Calabasas HS)
47	James Luna	Sr.	RHP	6-1/185	Monrovia, CA (Monrovia HS)
48	#Kyle Degener	Jr.	IF	5-10/185	Rolling Hills Estates, CA (Peninsula HS)
50	Cole Ganser	Sr.	RHP	5-11/195	Lomita, CA (Narbonne HS/EI Camino JC)
51	Ryan Schlack	Fr.	UTIL	6-1/175	Long Beach, CA (Wilson HS)

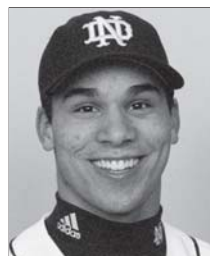
Head Coach: #19 Mike Gillespie

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2005 NOTRE DAME BASEBALL TEAM



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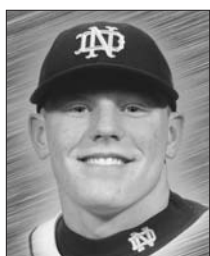
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#7 Ross Brezovsky
Fr., IF • Naples, FL



#9 Craig Cooper
Jr., OF • Plainview, NY



#11 Sean Gaston
So., C • Brownsburg, IN



#12 Matt Bransfield
Jr., DH/C • Englewood, CO



#13 Wade Korpi
Jr., LHP • Lake Worth, FL



#14 Matt Edwards
Sr., 1B/3B • Mechanicsville, VA



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#17 Cody Rizzo
Jr., OF • Temecula, CA



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Sr., DH • Cockeysville, MD



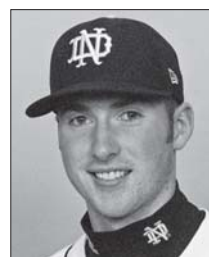
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#30 Tom Thornton
Jr., LHP • Middleboro, MA



#32 Jeff Stewart
So., RHP • Masassas, VA



#33 Scott Bickford
Sr., LHP • Owings, MD



#34 Jeff Manship
So., RHP • San Antonio, TX



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Sr., RHP • Arlington, TX



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So., LHP/DH • Indianapolis



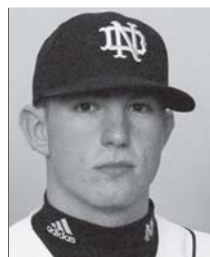
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