

# 2011 notre dame softball

**22 consecutive winning seasons • 12 consecutive ncaa appearances  
6 big east tournament titles (1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2009)**

## gameday central

**notre dame fighting irish**  
(16-6 overall, 0-0 big east)  
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**northern illinois huskies**  
(10-11 overall, 0-0 mid-american)  
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series: notre dame leads, 9-5

series streak: notre dame, w3

first meeting: 4.7.92 – notre dame, 1-0 (8)

facebook: [facebook.com/unddotcom](http://facebook.com/unddotcom)

last meeting: 4.1.09 – notre dame, 11-4

## one-hitters

- following wednesday's rainout against eastern michigan, notre dame's contest with northern illinois will serve as the true home opener for the 2011 campaign ... the irish are 20-2 all-time in home openers (8-1 under head coach deanna gumpf).
- the huskies visit notre dame's home turf for just the second time in 15 years, as the two teams last met at melissa cook stadium in 2009 ... a face familiar to the program will be gracing the northern illinois dugout, as former two-time irish all-american megan ciolli ('05) is in her third season as an assistant coach for the huskies.
- the irish are currently on a two-game skid heading into their home opener ... the team posted a program-record nine straight wins (feb. 18-feb. 27) to start the season, later followed by a six-game winning streak (march 5-march 16).
- last season's home opener: nine runs in each of the two contests during the 2010 home doubleheader – which was also pitted the irish against eastern michigan – provided enough offense for notre dame to sweep the twinbill by respective scores of 9-0 and 9-3 ... christine lux and kristina wright were each good for one home run and one double on the day, as half of notre dame's 22 hits went for extra bases (11 doubles, four home runs, one triple) ... dani miller and heather johnson contributed four rbi apiece, with johnson's entire load coming in the first game ... jody valdivia (14-2) tacked on her 13th straight win from the circle in game one ... she needed 5.0 innings to toss the four-hit shutout.
- spring break saw the irish hit the west coast for eight games, including six at the prestigious judi garman classic ... after sweeping a doubleheader at cal poly, notre dame went 2-4 at the judi garman classic ... that mark included a 2-1 victory over no. 9 oklahoma, the first for notre dame over a top 10 opponent since 2009 ... that victory was also against (then) ninth-ranked oklahoma during the same tournament.
- with what is perhaps one of the most challenging non-conference schedules at this point of the season, notre dame has already faced four top 10 teams (no. 1 alabama, no. 4 washington, no. 5 michigan and no. 9 oklahoma) ... the irish were 1-3 against those squads.
- amy buntin and miller each posted 11-game hitting streaks earlier this season ... brianna jorgensborg and johnson are currently riding four-game streaks.
- the first round of ncaa stat rankings released wednesday revealed that laura winter is eighth nationally in walks allowed / 7.0 ip (0.98) ... shannon kelly is t-23rd with two saves.
- notre dame is in its 23rd season of varsity competition with an all-time record of 907-417-3 (.685) ... the program boasts 15 ncaa championship appearances (12 consecutive) and six big east conference tournament titles, the latest coming in 2009.

## 2011 schedule / results

2.18 (fri.)	(1) vs. miami (ohio) (1) at ucf	w, 3-2 w, 5-3
2.19 (sat.)	(1) vs. illinois-chicago (1) vs. delaware	w, 4-1 w, 11-1 (5)
2.20 (sun.)	(1) vs. miami (ohio)	w, 4-1
2.26 (sat.)	(2) at college of charleston (2) vs. iowa state	w, 2-0 w, 1-0
2.27 (sun.)	(2) vs. marist (2) vs. liberty	w, 10-1 w, 6-4
3.4 (fri.)	(3) vs. longwood (3) vs. #1 alabama	l, 0-2 l, 1-4
3.5 (sat.)	(3) vs. north carolina (3) vs. maryland	w, 4-3 (8) w, 5-3
3.6 (sun.)	(3) vs. fordham	w, 6-0
3.13 (sun.)	at cal poly at cal poly	w, 4-1 w, 2-0
3.16 (wed.)	(4) vs. #9 oklahoma (4) at cal state fullerton	w, 2-1 l, 0-10 (5)
3.17 (thurs.)	(4) vs. #19 louisiana-lafayette	l, 1-5
3.18 (fri.)	(4) vs. new mexico (4) vs. #4 washington	w, 5-0 l, 4-7
3.19 (sat.)	(4) vs. #5 michigan	l, 4-9
<b>3.25 (fri.)</b>	<b>northern illinois</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>3.29 (tues.)</b>	<b>western michigan</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>3.31 (thurs.)</b>	<b>purdue</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>4.2 (sat.)</b>	<b>providence* (dh)</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>
<b>4.3 (sun.)</b>	<b>providence*</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
4.5 (tues.)	at wisconsin	4:00 p.m.
<b>4.7 (thurs.)</b>	<b>butler (dh)</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
4.9 (sat.)	at syracuse* (dh)	12:00 p.m.
4.10 (sun.)	at syracuse*	11:00 a.m.
<b>4.12 (tues.)</b>	<b>bowling green (dh)</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>4.13 (wed.)</b>	<b>loyola-chicago</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>4.16 (sat.)</b>	<b>louisville* (dh)</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>
<b>4.17 (sun.)</b>	<b>louisville*</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>
4.21 (thurs.)	at villanova* (dh)	12:00 p.m.
4.23 (sat.)	at villanova*	11:00 a.m.
4.27 (wed.)	at usf* (dh)	12:00 p.m.
<b>4.30 (sat.)</b>	<b>st. john's* (dh)</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>
<b>5.1 (sun.)</b>	<b>st. john's*</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>5.3 (tues.)</b>	<b>valparaiso</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>5.4 (wed.)</b>	<b>pittsburgh* (dh)</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>
5.7 (sat.)	at connecticut*	4:00 p.m.
5.8 (sun.)	at connecticut* (dh)	11:00 a.m.
5.12-14	big east championship	--
5.20-29	ncaa regionals / super regionals	--
6.2-8	women's college world series	--

- (1) ucf invitational – orlando, fla.  
(2) cougar classic – mt. pleasant, s.c.  
(3) diamond 9 events citrus classic – kissimmee, fla.  
(4) judi garman classic – fullerton, calif.

\*big east conference game  
all times local to site / schedule subject to change

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### notre dame fighting irish (16-6)

no.	name	year	position	height	b / t	hometown / high school
1	kelsey thornton	so.	outfield	5-6	l/r	sugar land, texas / elkins
3	heather johnson	sr.	infield	5-8	r/r	los alamos, calif. / mater dei
4	lauren stuhr	fr.	outfield	5-6	b/r	huntington beach, calif. / huntington
5	shannon kelly	sr.	pitcher/utility	5-7	r/r	pembroke pines, fla. / hollywood christian
6	kasey o'connor	jr.	infield	6-0	r/r	yorktown heights, n.y. / yorktown
7	sadie pitzenberger	sr.	infield/outfield	5-7	l/r	tomball, texas / tomball
9	jody valdivia	sr.	pitcher	5-8	r/r	anaheim hills, calif. / canyon
12	katie fleury	sr.	infield	5-5	r/r	san jose, calif. / archbishop mitty
13	alexa maldonado	jr.	outfield	5-6	l/l	short hills, n.j. / millburn
14	monica torres	fr.	outfield	5-7	r/r	winter springs, fla. / winter springs
15	jackie bowe	so.	pitcher	5-7	r/r	galesburg, mich. / galesburg-augusta
17	dani miller	jr.	infield	5-9	r/r	huntington beach, calif. / edison
19	erin marrone	sr.	infield/outfield	5-9	r/r	alexandria, va. / bishop o'connell
22	kathryn lux	so.	infield	5-10	r/r	glendale heights, ill. / glenbard west
24	brianna jorgensborg	sr.	outfield	5-11	r/r	thousand oaks, calif. / la reina
27	alexia clay	sr.	catcher	5-6	r/r	rochester, ind. / culver academy
28	brittany o'donnell	so.	pitcher	5-9	r/r	avon, n.j. / red bank catholic
35	kristina wright	jr.	catcher	5-9	r/r	ramona, calif. / ramona
40	amy buntin	so.	catcher/utility	5-8	r/r	franklin, tenn. / brentwood
42	chloe saganowich	fr.	infield	5-9	r/r	treasure island, fla. / st. petersburg catholic
44	laura winter	fr.	pitcher/infield	6-1	r/r	san diego, calif. / rancho bernardo

**head coach:** deanna gumpf (10th season / nebraska '93)

**assistant coaches:** kris ganeff (10th season / notre dame '99), lizzy lemire (6th season / notre dame '01)

**volunteer assistant:** dawn austin (6th season / penn state '93)

**athletic trainer:** nicole alexander (3rd season / florida '05)

**student manager:** sean rober (notre dame '11)

### northern illinois huskies (10-11)

no.	name	year	position	b / t	hometown / high school
1	krista matsui	jr.	infield	r/r	plainfield, ill. / plainfield south
2	morgan bittner	jr.	pitcher	r/r	long beach, calif. / long beach poly
3	dani parrish	jr.	outfield	l/r	plainfield, ind. / plainfield
4	erika oswald	fr.	catcher/outfield	r/r	glenview, ill. / glenbrook south
5	gianna cipollone	fr.	infield	r/r	newport beach, calif. / san clemente
6	jennifer barnett	so.	infield	l/l	indianapolis, ind. / roncalli
7	amanda sheppard	so.	infield	r/r	oak forest, ill. / oak forest
8	shelby miller	fr.	infield	r/r	ottawa, kan. / ottawa
10	ashley kopp	fr.	infield	r/r	burr ridge, ill. / hinsdale south
13	stephanie tofft	fr.	utility	l/r	lincoln, calif. / lincoln
14	whitney owens	so.	outfield	r/r	pendleton, ind. / pendleton heights
15	zoe sinner	sr.	outfield	r/r	downers grove, ill. / downers grove south
21	andrea colosimo	sr.	infield/outfield	r/r	orland park, ill. / sandburg
22	adriana sanchez	so.	catcher	r/r	san fernando, calif. / alemany
23	nicole gremillion	fr.	pitcher/outfield	l/l	missouri city, texas / elkins
24	alexandra wulbecker	so.	infield	r/r	hoffman estates, ill. / hoffman estates
32	carly norton	jr.	catcher/infield	r/r	oak forest, ill. / oak forest

**head coach:** lindsay chouinard (depaul '03)

**assistant coach:** megan ciolli (notre dame '04)

**assistant coach:** amber patton (depaul '09)