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2005 Schedule (5-6)

Feb.			
11	at #NR/19 Florida	L, 2-3	
11	vs. #21/NR South Florida	L, 0-5	
12	vs. Coastal Carolina	W, 1-0	
12	vs. #21/NR South Florida	W, 5-1	
13	at #NR/19 Florida	W, 4-2	
18	vs. Utah	W, 3-2	
18	vs. #21/18 Fresno State	cancelled	
19	vs. #3/4 UCLA	rained out	
19	at San Diego State	rained out	
20	vs. C. Michigan	rained out	
25	vs. Loyola Marymount	L, 0-7	
25	vs. #3/4 UCLA	L, 1-3	
26	vs. #NR/20 Pacific	L, 1-9	
26	vs. Arizona State	L, 1-2	
27	vs. #5/6 Tennessee	W, 5-2	
March			
6	at Loyola Marymount (DH)	12 p.m.	
7	at UC Santa Barbara	2 p.m.	
9	vs. Campbell	5 p.m.	
9	at Hawai'i	7 p.m.	
10	vs. Virginia	12 p.m.	
11	vs. Nevada	3 p.m.	
12	Bracket Play	TBA	
19	vs. Marshall	5 p.m.	
19	at Ohio State	7 p.m.	
20	vs. Oakland	12 p.m.	
20	vs. Eastern Michigan	2 p.m.	
23	Western Michigan	4 p.m.	
30	Valparaiso (DH)	4 p.m.	
31	at Loyola-Chicago	5 p.m.	
April			
2	*at Rutgers (DH)	12 p.m.	
3	*at Villanova (DH)	11 a.m.	
5	Eastern Michigan (DH)	3 p.m.	
7	Ball State	5 p.m.	
9	*at Pittsburgh (DH)	11 a.m.	
12	at Purdue (DH)	2 p.m.	
14	at Illinois-Chicago	7 p.m.	
16	*at Providence (DH)	12 p.m.	
17	*at Connecticut (DH)	11 a.m.	
19	at DePaul (DH)	3 p.m.	
21	Akron (DH)	3 p.m.	
22	* St. John's (DH)	4 p.m.	
24	* Seton Hall (DH)	11 a.m.	
26	Northwestern (DH)	4 p.m.	
29	* Boston College (DH)	3 p.m.	
May			
1	* Syracuse (DH)	11 a.m.	
12	BIG EAST Championship	TBA	
13	BIG EAST Champ. Cont.	TBA	
14	BIG EAST Champ. Cont.	TBA	
19	NCAA Regional	TBA	
26	NCAA Super Regional	TBA	
31	College World Series	TBA	

Rankings listed are *USA Today*/NFCA followed by ESPN.com/USA Softball • all contests are single games, unless designated a doubleheader by (DH) • all home games in bold played at Ivy Field.

2005 Notre Dame Softball

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2005 Spring Break Trip

Sunday, March 6

Notre Dame at Loyola Marymount (DH), 12:00 p.m.

Monday, March 7

Notre Dame at UC Santa Barbara, 2:00 p.m.

2005 Hawai'i Spring Fling

Wednesday, March 9

Notre Dame vs. Campbell, 5 p.m.

Notre Dame at Hawai'i, 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 10

Notre Dame vs. Virginia, 12 p.m.

Friday, March 11

Notre Dame vs. Nevada, 3 p.m.

Saturday, March 12

Seed #4 vs. Seed #5, 9 a.m.

Seed #4/#5 Winner vs. Seed #1, 11 a.m.

Seed #2 vs. Seed #3, 1 p.m.

Spring Fling Championship Game, 3 p.m.

* - Due to facility limitations, Gametracker and Live Audio will not be available during Notre Dame's Spring Break trip. Call the Notre Dame Sports Information Hotline, 574-631-3000 for immediate results from next week's games. The official Notre Dame website, www.und.com, will be updated as soon as possible after next week's games as well.

* - This release will be the only weekly-format released for the next two weeks due to the team's travel schedule. Keep an eye on www.und.com for game-by-game updates of the team's trip to Los Angeles and Hawaii.

Irish will search for some momentum during Spring Break: The University of Notre Dame softball team (5-6) will embark upon its annual Spring Break trip beginning on Friday, March 4. The Irish will travel to the Los Angeles, Calif., area for a doubleheader with Loyola Marymount (Sunday, Feb. 6) and take on UC Santa Barbara in a single game on Monday, Feb. 7. The team will then head to the Hawaiian Islands to take part in the University of Hawai'i's Spring Fling Tournament. The tournament runs over four days (Wednesday, March 9 through Saturday, March 12), before the team returns to campus on March 13 for the resumption of classes at Notre Dame.

After dropping the first four games of the Palm Springs Classic last weekend, the Irish will be looking to build a bit of momentum this weekend before the schedule shifts back to Midwestern and BIG EAST Conference contests.

Notre Dame quick hits: What you need to know about the Irish for the Spring Break trip action:

- Senior Megan Ciolli is backing up her All-America nod from 2004 in '05. The Irish team captain is leading the team in all major statistical categories, including RBI (seven), batting average (.382), hits (13) and stolen bases (5).

- Notre Dame will be making its third appearance in Hawaii next week - the team previously played in Hawaii tournaments in 1995 and 1998.

Series history vs. opponents: Here is a quick look at Notre Dame's history against this weekend's opponents:

Loyola Marymount - The Irish and Lions will be meeting for the seventh time, with Notre Dame leading the all-time series 5-1. The Lions defeated the Irish 7-0 at the Palm Springs Classic on Feb. 25.

UC Santa Barbara - The Irish and Gauchos will be meeting for the third time, with the two teams splitting the first two meetings ... the most recent came in 2000 at the UNLV Classic, a 3-0 victory for the Irish ... this will be Notre Dame's first appearance at UC Santa Barbara ... the Gauchos, 32-31 last season, are 8-6 in 2005.

Campbell - The Irish and Camels will be meeting for the first time ... a member of the Atlantic Sun Conference, Campbell was 23-31 last season and return six of nine starters ... the Camels are 14-9 so far in 2005.

Hawai'i - The Irish and Rainbow Wahine will be meeting for the eighth time ... Hawai'i leads the all-time series 5-2, though both Notre Dame victories have been the most recent meetings (4-1 at the '01 Kia Classic and 8-7 at the 2004 UNLV Classic) ... the Rainbow Wahine are 6-6 so far in 2005 after finishing 28-33 last season.

Nevada - The Irish and Wolfpack will be meeting for the first time ... a member of the WAC, Nevada is 5-8 in 2005 after finishing the '04 season with a 38-28 record.

Notre Dame making third trip to Hawaii: The Irish will be making their third trip to Hawaii for an early-season tournament next weekend. Notre Dame previously appeared in Hawaii in 1995 and 1998. In the 1995 tournament, the Irish played seven games from March 16-19, going 4-3 during the tournament (including two losses to #10 Hawai'i).

Notre Dame's 1998 appearance ended with a 3-2 record.

Snapshot of the Irish: Notre Dame has begun the season with a 5-6 record, claiming

2005 Notre Dame Softball Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Year	Pos.	Ht.	B/T	Hometown (High School)	'05 Stats
1	Steffany Stenglein***	Sr.	P	5-10	R/R	Huntington Beach, CA (Marina)	2-3, 2.16 ERA, 42 K
2	Brittany Glynn	Fr.	OF	5-3	R/R	Seymour, CT (St. Joseph)	n/a
3	Katie Laing	Fr.	SS/2B	5-4	R/R	Chandler, AZ (Corona del Sol)	11 GP, .304, 3 2B
4	Carrie Wisen***	Sr.	P	5-7	R/R	Fullerton, CA (Sonora)	8 GP, 2-11, 2 1B
5	Kenya Fuemmeler*	So.	UT/P	5-7	R/R	Salisbury, MO (Salisbury)	3 GP as pinch runner
8	Liz Hartmann***	Sr.	3B	5-9	R/R	Novato, CA (San Marin)	.290, 1 3B
11	Gessica Hufnagle*	So.	C	5-6	R/R	Middlebury, IN (Northridge)	10 GP, 8 GS
16	Mallorie Lenn**	Jr.	C	5-8	R/R	Garden Grove, CA (Pacifica)	2 GS at C, 11 GS at DP
20	Nicole Wicks*	Sr.	OF	5-5	R/R	Renton, WA (Hazen)	2 GS, 0-3, 2 R, 3 SB
21	Megan Ciolli***(C)	Sr.	OF	5-9	L/R	Terre Haute, IN (North Vigo)	.382, 13 H, 1 HR, 7 RBI
22	Sara Schoonaert**	Jr.	SS/2B	5-5	R/R	Houston, TX (Clear Lake)	.240, 2 RBI, 1 SB
24	Stephanie Brown*	So.	OF/2B	5-6	L/R	Chandler, AZ (Corona del Sol)	.194, 6 H, 2 RBI
27	Carissa Jaquish*	So.	C/DP	5-6	R/R	Highland, CA (Redlands E.V.)	7 GP, 1 GS, 2-10I
32	Heather Booth**	Jr.	P	5-10	R/R	Riverside, CA (MLK)	3-3, 2.13 ERA, 29 K
34	Sarah Smith	Fr.	OF	5-7	L/R	Oklahoma City, OK (Heritage Hall)	6 GP, 2 AB
44	Kellie Middleton*	Jr.	OF	5-6	R/R	Norcross, GA (Marist)	.235, 1 HR, 3 RBI
77	Meagan Ruthrauff**	Jr.	1B	5-10	R/R	La Mirada, CA (La Serna)	.276, 2 2B, 1 HR, 5 RBI

* - indicates monograms won

Staff

Head Coach: Deanna Gumpf (Nebraska '92) - fourth season at Notre Dame

Assistant Coaches: Charmelle Green (Utah '91), Kris Ganef (Notre Dame '99)

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three wins over ranked teams. The team has struggled with consistency, working through pitching, hitting and defensive difficulties over the first three weeks of the year.

After struggling through the first three games of the Palm Springs Classic, head coach Deanna Gumpf made a few lineup adjustments that might carry into the Spring Break trip. Junior Sara Schoonaert was shifted from second base to shortstop, while classmate Mallorie Lenn moved back to catcher from designated player - and both players performed well after the change. With Schoonaert's shift to shortstop, both sophomore Stephanie Brown and freshman Katie Laing will see action at second base.

One constant for the Irish this season has been the fantastic play of senior All-American Megan Ciolli. The Terre Haute, Ind., native has proven to be the toughest out in the lineup, hitting .382 this season with 13 hits, three doubles a home run and seven RBI. She also has stolen five bases and made several great catches in centerfield. While Ciolli has been the offensive spark, she is looking for some company on the Irish stat sheet. Notre Dame is hitting .232 as a team currently, well below the .299, .300 and .278 batting averages posted by the team in the last three years.

In the pitching circle, both junior Heather Booth (3-3, 2.13 ERA, 29 K) and senior Steffany Stenglein (2-3, 2.16 ERA, 42 K) have been solid at times, but are looking for consistency.

Irish continue on fourth and fifth of six consecutive weekends on the road: Notre Dame is not the only school in the nation that travels for a large majority of its early-season schedule, but the Irish pride themselves in taking on some of the best teams in the nation during that stretch. This weekend's trip to Los Angeles, followed by the following weekend in Hawaii, will mark the fourth and fifth of six consecutive weekends of travel for the team, which began in Gainesville, Fla. (Feb. 11-13), then San Diego, Calif. (Feb. 18-20), followed by Palm Springs, Calif. (Feb. 25-27), the Los Angeles area (March 6-7), to Hawaii (March 9-12) and to Columbus, Ohio (March 19-20).

Ciolli becomes first Notre Dame NPF draft selection: National Pro Fastpitch announced its 2005 Senior College Player Selections last week and current Irish senior Megan Ciolli was selected by the Chicago Bandits with the first selection of the second round (seventh overall).

Due to NCAA regulations, an active college player may not sign with her respective franchise until their 2005 college season is finished. Senior selections expire on July 15, 2005.

The NPF officially announced that it will enter the 2005 season with six teams - the Akron Racers, Arizona Heat, Chicago Bandits, New England Riptide, NY/NJ Juggernaut and the Texas Thunder. The California Sunbirds will remain part of the league but will suspend play in 2005 to restructure the franchise.

The Bandits will be competing in their first season in the NPF and have already signed Olympic Team standout Jennie Finch. The season will run through June 2 through August 28 and will consist of a 48-game regular season schedule for each team, an all-star game, play-offs and a Championship Series. NPF continues to be the Official Development Partner of Major League Baseball and has recently developed a new alliance with ASA/USA Softball and the International Softball Federation (ISF). This alliance will help promote international play by inviting teams from China, China Taipei, Japan, Canada, Puerto Rico, Australia and Venezuela to play against NPF teams. A finalized schedule will be released in March.

Stenglein records her 500th career strikeout: In a dominating performance against Utah

Notre Dame Sports Information

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

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

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

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

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

**2005 ESPN.com/USA Softball
Top 25 - March 1**

Rnk-Team, Points, '05 Record, last ranking			
1. Arizona (18)	498	13-0	1
2. California (2)	481	11-1	2
3. Stanford	443	16-1	5
4. Texas	440	10-2	3
5. UCLA	4-4	11-4	4
6. Tennessee	388	16-2	t-6
7. La.-Lafayette	377	15-2	t-6
8. Michigan	368	12-1	9
9. Alabama	349	19-2	8
10. Baylor	323	20-3	11
11. Texas A&M	287	16-2	16
12. Oklahoma	283	15-4	14
13. LSU	237	9-3	10
14. Washington	229	10-5	12
15. Florida	162	13-3	15
16. Nebraska	145	9-3	17
17. Georgia	142	9-6	23
18. Fresno State	135	4-2	19
19. Georgia Tech	131	13-4	13
20. Oregon State	126	10-6	18
21. Florida State	102	10-6	22
22. Missouri	100	11-2	24
23. Northwestern	92	11-4	NR
24. Pacific	88	9-3	20
25. Long Beach State	49	9-6	25

Others receiving votes: Oregon, Iowa, BYU, **Arizona State**, Creighton, Southern Illinois, Oklahoma State, North Carolina, Florida International, Virginia Tech, **Syracuse**, Texas A&M Corpus Christi.

2005 opponents in **bold**.
() - first place votes

**Notre Dame in the 2005
ESPN.com/USA Softball Top 25**

Preseason: ORV (33rd)
Feb. 8: ORV (41st)
Feb. 15: ORV (39th)
Feb. 22: not ranked
March 1: not ranked

on Friday, Feb. 18, senior Steffany Stenglein became the third Irish pitcher to reach 500 strikeouts in her career. Pitching six of seven innings against the Utes, Stenglein struck out 11 (her second consecutive double-digit strikeout performance) to push her career total to 508. She currently has 522. She trails Terri Kobata (907) and Jennifer Sharron (728) on the all-time list.

Booth reaches 400 strikeouts in Palm Springs: Junior Heather Booth posted her 400th strikeout last weekend when she sat down seven against #3/4 UCLA at the Palm Springs Classic. She currently has 412 career strikeouts and is the fourth Irish pitcher to reach 400 strikeouts in a career (Terri Kobata, Jennifer Sharron and Steffany Stenglein are the others). Booth and Steffany Stenglein have combined for 934 strikeouts in 1,050 inning pitched in their careers, a ratio of 6.2 strikeouts per seven innings.

Hartmann closing in on 100 RBI: Senior 3B Liz Hartmann enters the 2005 season with 97 RBI and needs three more to become the eighth Notre Dame player to drive in 100 or more runs a their career.

Hartmann is currently ninth on the all-time RBI list, one behind Elizabeth Perkins (1994-97) in eighth place and 28 behind Andria Bledsoe (2000-03) for seventh place.

Notre Dame claims first initial weekend tournament title since 2001: Notre Dame's three consecutive victories in the GRU Classic (Feb. 10-13) in Gainesville, Fla., pushed the Irish through to the tournament title. The first weekend tournament victory marks the first for Notre Dame since the 2001 season, when the Irish swept through the Holiday Inn Invitational at South Florida with a 5-0 record.

Irish own three wins over ranked teams in 2005: While Notre Dame's overall record of 5-6 is not what the team wanted at this point, three of the five victories have come against ranked teams. The Irish defeated #21 South Florida and #19 Florida on their first weekend out (Feb. 12-13), then knocked off #5/6 Tennessee last weekend in Palm Springs.

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

First back-to-back ranked wins since 2001: Notre Dame's victories over #21 South Florida (5-1) on Saturday, Feb. 12, and #19 Florida on Sunday, Feb. 13, marked the first time since the 2001 season the Irish have posted two consecutive wins over a ranked opponents.

During the 2001 season, the Irish swept a doubleheader from #10 DePaul on April 19. To find the last time the Irish defeated two consecutive different ranked teams, you will fall back to 2000, when Notre Dame defeated #16 La.-Lafayette and #6 Oklahoma on March 18 at the Kia Klassic.

**2005 USA Today/NFCA
Division I Top 25 - March 2**

Rnk-Team, Points, '05 Record, last ranking			
1. Arizona (17)	617	13-0	2
2. California (8)	607	11-1	1
3. Stanford	572	16-1	4
4. UCLA	524	11-4	3
5. Tennessee	516	16-2	5
6. La.-Lafayette	473	15-2	6
7. Michigan	471	12-1	8
Alabama	471	19-2	7
9. Texas	428	10-2	9
10. Baylor	402	20-3	11
11. Oklahoma	377	15-4	13
12. LSU	334	9-3	10
13. Georgia	315	10-6	16
14. Washington	307	10-5	12
15. Texas A&M	279	16-2	12
16. Florida	235	13-3	14
17. Nebraska	199	9-3	17
18. Oregon State	150	10-6	22
19. Georgia Tech	139	15-4	15
20. Florida State	121	10-6	21
21. Oregon	113	8-6	18
22. Fla. International	95	15-5	20
23. Missouri	82	11-2	24
24. Fresno State	81	4-2	25
25. Northwestern	45	11-4	NR

Others receiving votes: Long Beach State, Auburn, **Arizona State**, BYU, Texas A&M Corpus Christi, **Syracuse**, Oklahoma State, **Pacific**.

2005 opponents in **bold**.
() - first place votes

**Notre Dame in the 2004
USA Today/NFCA
Division I Top 25**

Preseason: ORV (27th)
Feb. 16: ORV (35th)
Feb. 23: not ranked
March 2: not ranked

2005 BIG EAST Conference Standings

Team	BIG EAST				OVERALL (Game as of Sunday, Feb. 20)					
	W-L	Pts.	H	A	W-L-T	Pct.	H	A	N	vs. ND
Syracuse	0-0				4-2	.667	0-0	0-1	4-1	H - 5-1-05
Villanova	0-0				7-5	.583	0-0	0-0	7-5	A - 4-3-05
Boston College	0-0				6-6	.500	0-0	2-2	4-4	H - 4-29-05
NOTRE DAME	0-0				5-6	.454	0-0	1-1	4-5	n/a
St. John's	0-0				4-5	.444	0-0	0-3	4-2	H - 4-22-05
Seton Hall	0-0				4-5	.444	0-0	0-1	4-4	H - 4-24-05
Connecticut	0-0				1-3	.250	0-0	0-2	1-1	A - 4-17-05
Pittsburgh	0-0				3-7	.300	0-0	0-3	3-4	A - 4-9-05
Providence	0-0				0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	A - 4-16-05
Rutgers	0-0				0-5	.000	0-0	0-1	0-4	A - 4-2-05

Note: The standings above reflect the 2005 BIG EAST Coaches Preseason Poll. As voted by the head softball coaches, the BIG EAST softball standings will be determined by a 2/1 points system. Two points will be awarded for a conference win, one point for a tie and no points for a loss. Conference competition began the weekend of April 2-3. H - indicates home doubleheader at Ivy Field. A - Indicates doubleheader on the road. The top four teams qualify for the 2005 BIG EAST Championship in South Bend, Ind.

BIG EAST Weekly Awardwinners

Player of the Week

Feb. 21 - Sheri Donley, SS, Villanova
 Feb. 28 - Sarah Wall, 3B, Villanova

Pitcher of the Week

Feb. 21 - Courtney Mosch, Syracuse
 Feb. 28 - Megan Meyer, Seton Hall

Ciolti looks to continue her climb up the career charts: Along with classmate Liz Hartmann, 2004 third-team All-American and BIG EAST Player of the Year Megan Ciolti has been a three-year starter since stepping on campus in 2001-02. Batting at the top of the lineup for a majority of her career (second freshman season, first sophomore season, third junior season), Ciolti has established herself as one of the top offensive players to ever don an Irish uniform.

Her current career rankings include second in batting average (.368 entering the weekend), fourth in stolen bases (48), seventh in runs scored (122), eighth in hits (225), ninth in home runs (11) and 10th in triples (seven). She also is poised to break into the top 10 in games played and doubles this season. A complete list of current Notre Dame players threatening career records appear on page eight of this notes package.

Ciolti on USA Softball Player of the Year watchlist: The Amateur Softball Association (ASA), the National Governing Body of Softball in the United States, has announced its initial watch list for the fourth-annual USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year Award. Senior centerfielder Megan Ciolti (Terre Haute, Ind.) was among the 40 players named to the list, which will eventually be pared down to proclaim the collegiate player of the year in 2005.

Considered the Heisman Trophy of collegiate softball, past winners of the award include UCLA's Stacey Nuvevan, Texas pitcher Cat Osterman and Florida State's Jessica Van der Linden.

Ciolti appears on the initial watch list for the second consecutive season in 2005. The catalyst for the Irish offense in 2004, Ciolti hit a team-high .397 with 81 hits, 23 RBI and 20 stolen bases. The '04 BIG EAST Player of the Year, Ciolti compiled an outstanding offensive season, finishing third on the all-time single season list for hits and second for stolen bases. Her .367 career batting average currently ranks third all-time at Notre Dame.

Named team captain by a vote of her teammates earlier this semester, Ciolti will continue her climb up the career offensive charts in 2005. She currently ranks ninth all-time in career hits (212), ninth in home runs (10) and fourth in stolen bases (43).

A list of 25 candidates for the award will be released on April 5, with another list of 10 following on May 10. Three finalists will be announced on May 31 with the winner proclaimed at the 2005 NCAA Women's College World Series in Oklahoma City.

South Bend plays host to the 2005 BIG EAST Championship: For the third time in the last four years, the BIG EAST Softball Championship will be held in a neutral/off-campus site in 2005.

After Salem, Va., served as the tournament's site in 2002 and 2003, the City of South Bend, Ind., will welcome the 2005 BIG EAST Softball Championship to the Belleville Complex on the far west side of town.

The Belleville Complex is one of the best softball-only facilities in Indiana and served as host to over 3,000 fans when the U.S. Olympic Team played an exhibition doubleheader in July of 2005.

Irish picked to finish first in the BIG EAST: The University of Notre Dame softball team has been picked to win its 10th consecutive BIG EAST Conference regular-season crown by the league's coaches, as announced by the conference on office on Tuesday, Jan. 11. The conference's 10 head coaches rank every team except their own, with Notre Dame garnering all nine possible first place votes.

Notre Dame Statistical Leaders

Batting Average	
Ciolti	382
Laing	304
Hartmann	290
Hits	
Ciolti	13
Hartmann	9
Ruthrauff	8
Middleton	8
RBI	
Ciolti	7
Ruthrauff	5
Middleton	3
Home Runs	
Ciolti	1
Middleton	1
Ruthrauff	1
Stolen Bases	
Ciolti	5-5
Wicks	3-5
Middleton	2-2
Slugging Percentage	
Ciolti	559
Ruthrauff	448
Laing	435
On Base Percentage	
Ciolti	417
Ruthrauff	417
Hartmann	333
Pitching Record	
Booth.....	3-3
Stenglein	2-3
ERA	
Booth.....	2.13
Stenglein	2.16
Strikeouts	
Stenglein	42
Booth.....	29
Innings Pitched	
Booth.....	38.0
Stenglein	33.1
Appearances	
Booth.....	7
Stenglein	7
Wisen	2

The Irish will return a veteran team in 2005, led by '04 All-American senior CF Megan Ciolti and two of the top pitchers in the nation – senior Steffany Stenglein and junior Heather Booth. Ciolti was named the '04 BIG EAST Player of the Year while Stenglein earned the league's pitcher of the year award last season.

Head coach Deanna Gumpf's team graduated just one player last season, first-team all-BIG EAST pick OF Nicole deFau. The Irish are expected to be back at full strength, however, with senior 3B Liz Hartmann, junior C Mallorie Lenn and junior OF Kellie Middleton all back to full strength after dealing with an assortment of injuries over the past offseason.

Seton Hall, who bested the Irish in four games late last season, was picked to finish second in the league, followed by Villanova, Boston College and Syracuse.

The league falls to 10 teams in 2005 with the movement of Virginia Tech to the ACC. The conference will bounce back in 2006, however, as it welcomes DePaul, Louisville and South Florida into the league – three of the top programs in the nation.

California girls: While three trips to the west coast gives the Irish an opportunity to face several of the top teams in the country this season, Notre Dame's appearances in San Diego (Feb. 18-20), Palm Springs (Feb. 25-27) and the Los Angeles area (March 6-7) also will provide the seven California natives on the team will a chance to play in their home state.

Heather Booth (Riverside), Liz Hartmann (Novato), Carissa Jaquish (Highland), Mallorie Lenn (Garden Grove), Meagan Ruthrauff (La Mirada), Steffany Stenglein (Huntington Beach) and Carrie Wisen (Fullerton) are the seven California natives on the '05 Irish roster.

Incoming freshman class of 2006: University of Notre Dame head softball coach Deanna Gumpf has announced the signing of seven student-athletes to national letters of intent last week, landing one of the top recruiting classes in the nation.

Brittney Bargar (Corona, Calif.), Christine Farrell (La Habra, Calif.), Erin Glasco (Johnston City, Ill.), Linda Kohan (Westminster, Calif.), Alexandra Kotcheff (Beverly Hills, Calif.), Stephanie Mola (Naples, Fla.) and Beth Northway (Kentwood, Mich.) will make up the class of 2009.

"This is one of the best recruiting classes I have seen in my career and I feel it is the best in the country," Gumpf says of the group.

"The quality and diversity of this class is second to none. The entire staff is excited to have this group of players join the Notre Dame family."

The class hails from across the country with four California natives, plus players from Michigan, Illinois and Florida. The group also is made up of two pitchers (Bargar, Farrell), a catcher (Glasco), an infielder (Kohan), two outfielders (Kotcheff, Mola) and an infielder/

Notre Dame Season Bests

Individual	
Hits	2 15 times
Runs	2 three times
RBI	3 Ruthrauff (vs. Tenn., Feb. 27)
2B	2 Laing (vs. Florida, Feb. 13)
	2 Ciolti (vs. Utah, Feb. 18)
3B	1 three times
HR	1 three times
TB	5 Middleton (vs. USF, Feb. 12)
	Ruthrauff (vs. Tenn., Feb. 27)
BB	2 Ruthrauff (twice)
	Brown (vs. LMU, Feb. 25)
SB	3 Ciolti (vs. USF, Feb. 12)
PO	11 Ruthrauff (vs. USF, Feb. 11)
	11 Hufnagle (vs. Utah, Feb. 18)
Ass.	4 three times
IP	7.0 five times
SO	11 Stenglein (vs. Utah, Feb. 18)

Team	
AB	30 vs. #21 S. Florida (Feb. 12)
Runs	5 vs. #21 S. Florida (Feb. 12)
	vs. #5/6 Tennessee (Feb. 27)
Hits	9 vs. #19 Florida (Feb. 13)
	vs. #20 Pacific (Feb. 26)
RBI	4 vs. #19 Florida (Feb. 13)
	vs. #5/6 Tennessee (Feb. 27)
2B	3 vs. Coastal Carolina (Feb. 12)
3B	1 three times
HR	1 three times
TB	13 vs. #21 S. Florida (Feb. 12)
	vs. #5/5 Tennessee (Feb. 27)
BB	3 vs. #19 Florida (Feb. 13)
SB	5 vs. #21 S. Florida (Feb. 12)
PO	21 nine times
Ass.	13 vs. #21 S. Florida (Feb. 11)
IP	7.0 nine times
SO	12 vs. Utah (Feb. 18)

Miscellaneous Stats

<u>Multiple Hit Games</u>	
Ciolti	2
Ruthrauff	1
Middleton	1
Hartmann	1
Laing	1
Schoonaert	1
Brown	1
<u>Multiple RBI Games</u>	
Ciolti	2
Middleton	1
<u>Hitting Streaks</u>	
Ciolti (current)	6
Middleton (current)	4
Hartmann	3

Projected Starting Lineup for Notre Dame:

RF:

#24, Stephanie Brown

OR

#20, Nicole Wicks

bench: #34, Sarah Smith

#2, Brittany Glynn

#27, Carissa Jaquish

CF:

#21, Megan Ciolli

LF:

#44, Kellie Middleton

1B:

#77, Meagan Ruthrauff

bench: #16, Mallorie Lenn

2B:

#24, Stephanie Brown

OR

#3, Katie Laing

3B:

#8, Liz Hartmann

bench: #77, Meagan Ruthrauff

SS:

#22, Sara Schoonaert

OR

#3, Katie Laing

C:

#11, Gessica Hufnagle

OR

#16, Mallorie Lenn

bench: #27, Carissa Jaquish

DP:

#16, Mallorie Lenn

OR

#4, Carrie Wisen

bench: #27, Carissa Jaquish

SP:

#1, Steffany Stenglein

OR

#32, Heather Booth

bench: #4, Carrie Wisen

#5, Kenya Fuemmeler

Pronunciation Guide:

Megan *Ciolli*: See-oh-lee

Kenya *Fuemmeler*: Fimm-lure

Carissa *Jaquish*: Jay-kwish

Meagan *Ruthrauff*: Ruth-roff

Sara *Schoonaert*: Skoon-ert

Steffany *Stenglein*: Steng-line

Kris *Ganeff*: Gann-eff

outfielder (Northway) – giving the class excellent balance at all positions.

BIG EAST loses one team before gaining three in 2006: With the shift of Virginia Tech to the ACC for the '05 season, the BIG EAST drops down to 10 teams this season before expanding to 13 teams next year when DePaul, South Florida and Louisville join the league (Marquette and Cincinnati to do not compete in softball).

With the addition of three traditional powers, the BIG EAST Conference will quickly become one of the best softball conferences east of the Mississippi.

High school teammates: Sophomore Stephanie Brown and freshman Katie Laing are just the third combination of high school teammates to play for the Irish since the program began. Both Brown and Laing played for Corona del Sol in the Chandler, Ariz., area during their prep careers. Debbie Boulac and Stephanie Pinter, both from South Bend, Ind., and St. Joseph High School, played together from 1990-93. Jennifer Sharron and Jessica Sharron, the first second set of sisters to play for the Irish, were on the Notre Dame roster together in 2000 and 2001.

Sisters Debbie and Diane Boulac both played for the Irish, but were not on the same team together.

Schedule adjustment: The Notre Dame - Loyola-Chicago game, scheduled for March 31, has been previously released as a home game for the Irish. The game will be played in Chicago on Loyola's campus.

Schedule adjustment II: There has been another shift in the Irish schedule. The previously scheduled home game vs. Illinois-Chicago on April 14 has been shifted to an away contest at UIC for 7 p.m. The road game at UIC on April 27 has been cancelled.

Notre Dame Nabs Top Spot In Directors' Cup Standings: Notre Dame stands first in the final set of fall sports standings released in the 2004-05 United States Sports Academy Division I Directors' Cup all-sports competition sponsored by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (formerly known as Sears Directors' Cup). This marks the first time in the 12-year history of the all-sports program that Notre Dame has ranked number one, surpassing a second ranking in the 2004-05 second set of fall standings.

Fall NCAA competition earned the Irish 337 points based on their NCAA title in women's soccer (100 points), their fourth-place finish in women's cross country (80), 11th-place finish in men's cross country (57) and second-round NCAA appearances in men's soccer and volleyball (50 each).

Michigan (333 points) stands second, followed by Stanford (332), Duke (327) and UCLA (297).

The current standings include results from NCAA fall competition in volleyball, field hockey, men's water polo, men's and women's cross country, and men's and women's soccer and football. In previous years in which the Directors' Cup competition has been held, Notre Dame has finished 11th in '93-'94, 30th in '94-'95, 11th in '95-'96, 14th in '96-'97, 31st in '97-'98, 25th in '98-'99, 21st in '99-'00, 11th in '00-'01, 13th in '01-'02 and '02-'03 and 19th in '03-'04.

2005 Notre Dame Softball Results									
<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>		<u>Score</u>	<u>RHE-RHE</u>	<u>Inn.</u>	<u>Overall-BIG EAST</u>		<u>Pitcher</u>	<u>GW Run/GW RBI</u>
2-11	at #19 Florida	L	2-3	2-4-0/3-3-1	7	0-1	0-0	Stenglein (L, 0-1)	-
2-11	vs. #21 South Florida	L	0-5	0-1-3/5-6-1	7	0-2	0-0	Booth (L, 0-1)	-
2-12	vs. Coastal Carolina	W	2-0	2-5-1/0-2-0	7	1-2	0-0	Booth (W, 1-1)	Middleton/Ciulli
2-12	vs. #21 South Florida	W	5-1	5-7-1/1-3-3	7	2-2	0-0	Stenglein (W, 1-1)	Hartmann/Jaquish
2-13	at #19 Florida	W	4-2	4-9-1/2-5-0	7	3-2	0-0	Booth (W, 2-1)	Schoonaert/Ciulli
2-18	vs. Utah	W	3-2	3-8-2/2-3-2	7	4-2	0-0	Stenglein (W, 2-1)	Brown/Middleton
2-18	vs. Fresno State		cancelled						
2-19	vs. UCLA		rained out						
2-19	at San Diego State		rained out						
2-20	vs. Central Michigan		rained out						
2-25	vs. Loyola Marymount	L	0-7	0-7-2/7-7-0	7	4-3	0-0	Stenglein (L, 1-2)	-
2-25	vs. #3/4 UCLA	L	1-3	1-2-1/3-6-0	7	4-4	0-0	Booth (L, 2-2)	-
2-26	vs. #NR/20 Pacific	L	1-9	1-9-2/9-12-0	7	4-5	0-0	Booth (L, 2-3)	-
2-26	vs. Arizona State	L	1-2	1-4-1/2-8-1	7	4-6	0-0	Stenglein (L, 2-3)	-
2-27	vs. #5/6 Tennessee	W	5-2	5-8-0/2-3-1	7	5-6	0-0	Booth (W, 3-3)	Lenn/Ruthrauff

Current Irish Players on the Career Charts:

Games Played

1. Jarrah Myers.....	245
10. Elizabeth Perkins	231
- Megan Ciolli	192
- Liz Hartmann	189

At Bats

1. Jenny Kriech	790
10. Jenn Giampaolo.....	654
- Megan Ciolli	612

Batting Average

1. Meghan Murray.....	.380
2. Megan Ciolli368
3. Katie Marten.....	.367
4. Jarrah Myers.....	.350

Runs Scored

1. Andrea Loman	164
2. Jenny Kriech	158
3. Jarrah Myers.....	153
4. Katie Marten.....	137
5. Meghan Murray.....	135
6. Melanie Alkire.....	129
7. Megan Ciolli	122
8. Andria Bledsoe.....	117

Most Hits

1. Jenny Kriech	268
2. Melanie Alkire.....	260
3. Meghan Murray.....	254
4. Jarrah Myers.....	250
5. Sara Hayes	243
6. Lizzy Lemire.....	239
7. Andrea Loman	233
8. Megan Ciolli	225
9. Jenn Giampaolo.....	218

Doubles

1. Melanie Alkire.....	49
9. Jarrah Myers.....	35
- Megan Ciolli	29

Triples

1. Jenny Kriech	19
4. Three players with.....	11
7. Three players with.....	8
10. Megan Ciolli	7

Home Runs

1. Jarrah Myers.....	36
2. Andrea Loman	31
3. Melanie Alkire.....	30
4. Sara Hayes	26
5. Liz Hartmann	24
6. Megan Ruthrauff	16
7. Meghan Murray.....	15
8. Andria Bledsoe.....	14
9. Megan Ciolli	11
Mallorie Lenn	10

RBI

1. Jarrah Myers.....	174
2. Melanie Alkire.....	167
3. Andrea Loman	148

4. Sara Hayes	137
5. Meghan Murray.....	129
6. Lizzy Lemire.....	126
7. Andria Bledsoe.....	125
8. Elizabeth Perkins	98
9. Liz Hartmann	97
10. Jenn Giampaolo.....	87
- Megan Ruthrauff	86
- Megan Ciolli	78

Walks

1. Andrea Loman	87
2. Jarrah Myers.....	76
3. Jenny Kriech	66
Sara Hayes	66
5. Melanie Alkire.....	61
6. Megan Ruthrauff	56
7. Ruth Kmak	52

Stolen Bases

1. Andrea Loman	60
2. Katie Marten.....	58
3. Jenny Kriech	55
4. Megan Ciolli	48
5. Jarrah Myers.....	43
6. Jenn Giampaolo.....	41
7. Alexi Madrid	39
Danielle Klayman.....	39
Meghan Murray.....	39
10. Lisa Miller.....	38
- Kellie Middleton	22

Pitching

Appearances

1. Jennifer Sharron	134
2. Angela Bessolo.....	125
3. Missy Linn.....	122
4. Steffany Stenglein	120
5. Kelly Nichols	116
Staci Alford.....	116
7. Joy Battersby	99
8. Carrie Wisen	91
9. Heather Booth	82

Games Started

1. Jennifer Sharron	117
2. Steffany Stenglein	107
6. Joy Battersby	83
7. Heather Booth	71
8. Staci Alford.....	62

Wins

1. Jennifer Sharron	88
2. Terri Kobata.....	79
3. Missy Linn.....	63
4. Steffany Stenglein	60
5. Angela Bessolo.....	53
6. Stacie Alford.....	48
Heather Booth	49

Shutouts

1. Terri Kobata.....	42
2. Jennifer Sharron	38
3. Missy Linn.....	29
4. Angela Bessolo.....	15
Staci Alford.....	15
Heather Booth	15
7. Steffany Stenglein	12

Innings Pitched

1. Jennifer Sharron	772.1
2. Missy Linn.....	670.0
3. Terri Kobata.....	630.0
4. Steffany Stenglein	581.2
5. Staci Alford.....	571.2
6. Angela Bessolo.....	562.2
7. Joy Battersby	491.0
8. Heather Booth	468.1

Strikeouts

1. Terri Kobata.....	907
2. Jennifer Sharron	728
3. Steffany Stenglein	522
4. Angela Bessolo.....	445
5. Heather Booth	412

2005 Notre Dame Softball Player Biography Updates (alphabetical order) -

Booth, Heather • #32 • 5-10 • Jr. • P • R/R • Riverside, Calif. (Martin Luther King)

One of Notre Dame's top two pitchers (along with senior Steffany Stenglein) ... a veteran who brings consistency to the Irish pitching staff ... has worked on a variety of additional pitches during the offseason.

2005: Entered the game against #5/6 Tennessee in relief, eventually picking up the victory by holding the Lady Vols to one hit in 4.2 innings and striking out five ... pitched a gutsy game against #19 Florida in the championship of the GRU Classic, avoiding damage from five walks to strikeout eight, scatter five hits and allow two runs (one earned) ... allowed two hits in a complete-game victory (2-0) over Coastal Carolina at the GRU Classic.

2005 Statistics -

<u>ERA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>APP</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SV</u>
2.13	3-3	7	5	4	1	38.0	29	0

Career Statistics -

<u>ERA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>APP</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SV</u>
2.13	49-22	82	71	47	15	468.1	412	1

Brown, Stephanie • #24 • 5-8 • So. • OF/2B • L/R • Chandler, Ariz. (Corona del Sol)

Makes a position switch from second base (69 starts in '04) to rightfield in 2005 ... has returned to second base for two games this season (vs. Arizona State, vs. #5/6 Tennessee) ... a versatile athlete capable of making great defensive plays and possesses an accurate outfield arm ... an outstanding offensive force at the plate, capable of bunting, slapping or hitting for power ... tied the freshman record for home runs in a season in 2004 with seven ... was Notre Dame's leadoff hitter in 2004.

2005: Posted a great over the shoulder catch at the fence to rob #3/4 UCLA of a home run on Feb. 25 ... two for two with two runs scored and her first career triple in a 3-2 victory over Utah.

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.194	.258	.306	4	6	0	1	0	2	3	0-0	1.000

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.288	.416	.341	51	74	10	1	7	32	14	11-18	.956

Ciulli, Megan • #21 • 5-9 • Sr. • OF • L/R • Terre Haute, Ind. (North Vigo)

2005 Team Captain ... will look to repeat her '04 All-America honors with a stellar final season ... a consistent offensive force at the plate ... her .368 career batting average ranks second all-time ... batted third in '04 after hitting leadoff in '03 and second in '02 ... threatens several career offensive marks (see "Irish On Career Charts" note in this package) ... has batted both lead off and in the third spot this season.

2005: Currently leads the team in hits, batting average, RBI and stolen bases ... two for three with and RBI in Notre Dame's 5-2 upset of #5/6 Tennessee ... one for two with a solo home run in a 2-1 loss to Arizona State ... one for three with a runs scored and stolen base vs. #3/4 UCLA ... ended up two for three with two RBI and two doubles in Notre Dame's 3-2 victory over Utah ... led the team in hitting during the GRU Classic, going six for 17 (.353) with three RBI (including the game-winner vs. #19 Florida) ... two for four with two RBI singles in 4-2 victory over #19 Florida ... one for three with three stolen bases in 5-1 victory over #21 South Florida ... broke up no-hit bid by USF's Danielle Urbanik in the bottom of the seventh with a solid single to centerfield in 5-0 USF victory on Feb. 11.

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.382	.559	.417	3	13	3	0	1	7	1	5-5	1.000

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.368	.492	.407	122	225	29	7	11	78	23	48-58	.958

Fuemmeler, Kenya • #5 • 5-7 • So. • P • R/R • Salisbury, Mo. (Salisbury)

Will see increased time in the circle this season ... also one of the team's top options at pinch runner ... scored 11 runs in 2004.

Career Statistics -

<u>ERA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>APP</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SV</u>
10.50	0-0	1	0	0	0	0.2	0	0

Glynn, Brittany • #2 • 5-3 • Fr. • OF • R/R • Seymour, Conn. (St. Joseph)

Freshman player will give the team added depth in the outfield ... also provides increased options at pinch runner.

Hartmann, Liz • #8 • 5-9 • Sr. • IF (3B) • R/R • Novato, Calif. (San Marin)

Every day starter at 3B in '04 returns for her senior season ... streaky hitter capable of putting together monster RBI games ... has hit two home runs in a single game three times in her career ... has a flair for the dramatic home run as well, smashing four game-winning home runs in the sixth-inning or later during her career.

2005: Ended up two for four with two singles to leftfield in Notre Dame's 5-2 upset victory over #5/6 Tennessee ... two for four, including first career triple in 5-1 victory over #21 South Florida on Feb. 12.

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.290	.355	.333	1	9	0	1	0	0	1	0-0	.909

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.250	.428	.295	61	131	19	1	24	97	29	5-7	.952

Hufnagle, Gessica • #11 • 5-6 • So. • C • R/R • Middlebury, Ind. (Northridge)

Provides the team valuable and talented depth at catcher ... will see an increase in playing time in '05.

2005: Has stepped in as one of Notre Dame's starting catchers ... had been solid on defense, throwing out three of 13 base stealers in '05.

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.000	.000	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-1	.949

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.088	.088	.114	7	3	0	0	0	2	1	3-3	.957

Jaquish, Carissa • #27 • 5-9 • So. • C • R/R • Highland, Calif. (Redlands East Valley)

Gives the Irish talented depth at catcher, along with the ability to play the outfield ... capable of driving in runs and hitting for average ... Notre Dame's top option at DP in '04.

2005: Made first start at catcher in Notre Dame's 3-1 loss to #3/4 UCLA ... posted pinch-hit double (first hit of the year) in 5-1 victory over #21 South Florida on Feb. 12.

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.200	.300	.200	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0-0	1.000

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.213	.284	.261	17	36	5	2	1	15	10	5-5	.979

Laing, Katie • #3 • 5-4 • Fr. • SS/2B • R/R • Chandler, Ariz. (Corona del Sol)

Has seen action as Notre Dame's starting shortstop in her rookie season ... has excellent range and a strong arm from the left side hole ... has struggled with her throwing consistency so far in her first season.

2005: Two for two with two doubles and two runs scoring in 4-2 victory over #19 Florida on Feb. 13 ... first career hit was a double (eventually scoring on a ground out) in 2-0 victory over Coastal Carolina.

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.304	.435	.304	3	7	3	0	0	0	0	1-1	.917

Lenn, Mallorie • #16 • Jr. • 5-8 • DP • R/R • Garden Grove, Calif. (Pacifica)

Returned to the starting lineup as Notre Dame's catcher against Arizona State and #5/6 Tennessee.

2005: Has thrown out two of three attempted base stealers so far in '05.

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.097	.097	.125	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	1-1	1.000

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.249	.385	.303	27	91	18	1	10	56	24	4-4	.988

Middleton, Kellie • #44 • Jr. • 5-6 • OF • R/R • Norcross, Ga. (Marist)

Returns to the full time line up after missing 61 games last season with an injury ... a potential all-star candidate in the outfield with exceptional speed on defense and the basepaths ... also has pop in her bat, hitting five home runs in 129 AB in her career ... first hit of her first two seasons have been home runs (in '05, her first hit was a bunt, followed by a home run).

2005: Drove in the game-winning run with an RBI single in Notre Dame's 3-2 victory over Utah ... hit first home run of the season for Notre Dame, a two-run shot, in 5-1 victory over #21 South Florida on Feb. 12.

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.235	.353	.235	4	8	1	0	1	3	0	2-2	.909

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.256	.426	.279	25	33	7	0	5	16	4	22-24	.939

Ruthrauff, Meagan • #77 • Jr. • 5-8 • 1B • R/R • La Mirada, Calif. (La Serna)

Powerful RBI producer in the middle of Notre Dame's lineup ... drove in 54 runs in '04, the second-highest total in school history ... capable of playing any infield position ... focused on raising her batting average this season.

2005: Crushed her first home run of the season, a three-run shot, to provide the winning margin in Notre Dame's 5-2 upset victory over #5/6 Tennessee ... ended up two for four against the Lady Vols ... two for three with a double against #20 Pacific.

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.276	.448	.417	2	8	2	0	1	5	7	0-0	1.000

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.299	.478	.398	53	114	20	0	16	86	56	2-2	.996

Schoonaert, Sara • #22 • Jr. • 5-3 • 2B/SS • R/R • Houston, Texas (Clear Lake)

Makes a switch from SS to 2B this season ... has also seen starting time at SS ... is expected to shine at 2B, bringing SS range and hands to the position ... worked hard on developing her offense during the offseason.

2005: One for three with a triple and run scored in Notre Dame's 5-2 upset victory over #5/6 Tennessee ... drove in Notre Dame's lone run against #20 Pacific with a singled to centerfield ... posted first two hits of the season against #19 Florida, including driving in the winning run with a single in the fifth inning.

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.240	.320	.240	3	6	0	1	0	2	0	1-1	.923

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.215	.293	.268	44	44	8	4	0	19	14	10-16	.952

Smith, Sarah • #34 • Fr. • 5-7 • OF • L/R • Oklahoma City, Okla. (Heritage Hall)

Rookie role player who will provide depth in the outfield and speed on the basepaths ... also gives the coaching staff a left-handed bat on the bench.

Stenglein, Steffany • #1 • Sr. • 5-10 • P • R/R • Huntington Beach, Calif. (Marina)

Veteran starting pitcher looking to cap her career with another outstanding season ... became the second pitcher from Notre Dame to earn the BIG EAST Pitcher of the Year award in 2005 (Jennifer Sharron won four straight from 1998-2001) ... capable of dominating performances in the pitching circle ... just the third pitcher in school history to post 500 strikeouts, reaching that barrier with 11 Ks vs. Utah.

2005: Posted her second-consecutive 10-plus strikeout performance in 3-2 victory over Utah, working 6.0 innings, striking out 11 and allowing just two hits ... posted a complete-game three-hitter, allowing one run and striking out 10.

2005 Statistics -

<u>ERA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>APP</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SV</u>
2.16	2-3	7	6	2	0	33.1	42	0

Career Statistics -

<u>ERA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>APP</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SV</u>
2.66	60-29	120	107	40	12	581.2	522	0

Wicks, Nicole • #20 • Sr. • 5-5 • OF • R/R • Renton, Wash. (Hazen)

Excellent baserunner will be the first option off the bench in the outfield ... streaky hitter capable of putting together bunches of hits ... possibly Notre Dame's best baserunner who figures out a way to score when on base ... started in rightfield against Arizona State and #5/6 Tennessee.

2005: Team's top option at pinch runner .. already three for five in stolen base opportunities.

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.000	.000	.000	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3-5	1.000

Career Statistics at Notre Dame -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.225	.381	.286	32	36	10	3	3	14	13	15-20	.982

Wisén, Carrie • #4 • Sr. • 5-7 • P • R/R • Fullerton, Calif. (Sonora)

Will see an increase in innings pitched this season ... one of the best defensive players on the team ... also an effective pinch hitter and DP option.

2005: Has been used for three pinch hitting appearances ... has also made two starts at DP ... made her first pitching appearance of the year vs. Utah.

2005 Offensive Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.182	.182	.250	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0-0	1.000

Career Offensive Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.204	.312	.235	11	32	8	0	3	20	7	0-0	1.000

2005 Pitching Statistics -

<u>ERA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>APP</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SV</u>
9.00	0-0	2	0	0	0	4.0	4	0

Career Pitching Statistics -

<u>ERA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>APP</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SV</u>
2.69	27-9	91	18	6	1	240.2	183	6