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2005 Schedule (14-8)

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 Loy. Marymount	W, 2-1, L, 0-5
7	at UC Santa Barbara	W, 1-0
9	vs. Campbell	W, 6-1
9	at Hawai'i	W, 9-1 (5)
10	vs. Virginia	W, 3-1
11	vs. Nevada	W, 7-1
12	Seed Play	rained out
19	vs. Marshall	L, 4-7
19	at Ohio State	cancelled
20	vs. Oakland	W, 8-0 (5)
20	vs. Eastern Michigan	W, 4-1
24	Western Michigan	W, 2-1
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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Notre Dame (14-8) vs. Valparaiso (0-17)

Doubleheader

Wednesday, March 30, 2005 (4 p.m.)

Notre Dame at Loyola Chicago

Single Game

Thursday, March 31, 2005 (5 p.m.)

After brief Easter break, Irish back to full schedule: The University of Notre Dame softball team (14-8) begins its final push toward the post season on Wednesday when it plays host to Valparaiso (0-17) in the two team's traditional yearly matchup. The doubleheader will begin a string of 10 games in eight days, as the Irish will travel to Chicago for a single game with Loyola on Thursday, take to the road for their first BIG EAST Conference trip this weekend (at Rutgers and Villanova), then return home for a doubleheader next week with Eastern Michigan (Tuesday) and a single game with Ball State (Thursday).

Notre Dame played just one game last week, defeating Western Michigan 2-1 on a two-run double by senior Carrie Wisen in the bottom of the seventh. Previously schedule as a doubleheader on Wednesday, March 23, the game was moved to Thursday, March 24, and the teams played just one game.

Notre Dame quick hits: What you need to know about the Irish for Wednesday's doubleheader:

- Notre Dame has won its last 22 meetings with Valparaiso, dating back to the 1990 season.

- Senior Steffany Stenglein has thrown two no-hitters vs. Valparaiso in her career. She combined with Carrie Wisen during the 2002 season in a 4-0 victory and also pitched a six-inning perfect game with 14 strikeouts last year at Valparaiso.

- Notre Dame and Loyola-Chicago, who have been regular opponents during both school's history (both were members of the MCC at one time), did not meet during the 2004 season, marking the first year since 1997 that the two teams did not play.

Series history vs. opponents and team analysis:

Valparaiso - The Crusaders have struggled this season playing a demanding schedule, starting the season with an 0-17 record. Valparaiso is hitting just .178 as a team, but they are led on offense by Megan Carroll (.333, 1 HR, 3 RBI). Chris Halstead (0-9, 5.68 ERA) and Brittany Atteberry (0-3, 3.04 ERA) have seen a majority of the innings for the Crusaders.

Notre Dame and Valparaiso will be meeting for the 26th and 27th time on Wednesday. The Irish lead the all-time series 23-2 and have won the last 22 meetings. Valparaiso's last victory in the series occurred during the 1989 season at Ivy Field.

Loyola-Chicago - The Irish and Ramblers will be meeting for the 35th time on Thursday, with Notre Dame leading the all-time series 29-5. Loyola is 7-11 in 2005 and are coming off a 6-1 victory at Indiana on March 20 (a doubleheader at Michigan State last week was cancelled).

Snapshot of the Irish: Notre Dame has endeavored to find its 2005 identity this season, but might have found a successful formula over Spring Break. After struggling through the four weeks of the season with silent bats, the Irish offense exploded during Hawaii's Spring Fling for 45 hits and 25 runs. The offensive production was, hopefully, a sign of good things to come for the team as they return to the Midwest for regional and BIG EAST Conference action.

Senior team captain Megan Ciolli (.368, 25 H, 5 2B, 2 HR, 11 RBI, 11 SB) has led from the front since the team took the field this season. Juniors Kellie Middleton (.309, 21 H, 5 RBI, 11 SB) and Meagan Ruthrauff (.306, 4 2B, 13 RBI) have shown signs of giving Ciolli dedicated support in the Irish lineup.

The pitching staff has been somewhat steady for the Irish this season. Junior Heather Booth (9-4, 1.42 ERA) has turned in just one sub-par start (vs. Pacific) and has two shut-outs and nine complete games to her credit. Senior Steffany Stenglein (2.07 ERA, 87 K in 61.0 IP) has been untouchable early in games, but has fallen off after the sixth inning and has allowed seven home runs this season. In the end, opponents are hitting just .170 against Stenglein in 2005.

Notre Dame's defense, unsure of itself early in the season, has benefitted from one positional move. Junior Sara Schoonaert has taken over at shortstop and performed well, while freshman Katie Laing has moved over to second base and been steady.

Stenglein posting eye-popping strikeout numbers: With 24 strikeouts in her last three appearances, senior Steffany Stenglein is fast approaching the 600-strikeout barrier - after just reaching 500 strikeouts this season. The Huntington Beach, Calif., native has struck out 87 batters in 61 innings this season, a ratio of 10 Ks per 7.0 innings pitched. She has reached double-digit strikeouts three times this season and has posted at least nine in three of her last four starting appearances. She currently has 567 career strikeouts and is on pace to become the third Irish player to reach 600 Ks in her career.

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)	5-4, 2.07 ERA, 87 K
2	Brittany Glynn	Fr.	OF	5-3	R/R	Seymour, CT (St. Joseph)	2 GP
3	Katie Laing	Fr.	SS/2B	5-4	R/R	Chandler, AZ (Corona del Sol)	.327, 4 2B, 3 RBI
4	Carrie Wisen***	Sr.	P/DP	5-7	R/R	Fullerton, CA (Sonora)	.258, 3 2B, 7 RBI
5	Kenya Fuemmeler*	So.	UT/P	5-7	R/R	Salisbury, MO (Salisbury)	1.0 IP, 3 GP as PR
8	Liz Hartmann***	Sr.	3B	5-9	R/R	Novato, CA (San Marin)	.290, 4 2B, 1 HR, 10 RBI
11	Gessica Hufnagle*	So.	C	5-6	R/R	Middlebury, IN (Northridge)	.167, 4 H, 2 RBI
16	Mallorie Lenn**	Jr.	C	5-8	R/R	Garden Grove, CA (Pacifica)	.211, 12 H, 3 SH
20	Nicole Wicks*	Sr.	OF	5-5	R/R	Renton, WA (Hazen)	17 GP, 5 R
21	Megan Ciolli***(C)	Sr.	OF	5-9	L/R	Terre Haute, IN (North Vigo)	.368, 5 2B, 2 HR, 11 RBI
22	Sara Schoonaert**	Jr.	SS/2B	5-5	R/R	Houston, TX (Clear Lake)	.167, 3 RBI
24	Stephanie Brown*	So.	OF/2B	5-6	L/R	Chandler, AZ (Corona del Sol)	.277, 2 2B, 3 RBI
27	Carissa Jaquish*	So.	C/DP	5-6	R/R	Highland, CA (Redlands E.V.)	.222, 4 H, 2 RBI
32	Heather Booth**	Jr.	P	5-10	R/R	Riverside, CA (MLK)	9-4, 1.42 ERA, 58 K
34	Sarah Smith	Fr.	OF	5-7	L/R	Oklahoma City, OK (Heritage Hall)	13 GP, 2 R, 3 AB
44	Kellie Middleton*	Jr.	OF	5-6	R/R	Norcross, GA (Marist)	.309, 5 RBI, 11-11 SB
77	Meagan Ruthrauff**	Jr.	1B	5-10	R/R	La Mirada, CA (La Serna)	.306, 2 HR, 13 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)

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Bill Roggeman • Athletic Trainer: Chantal Porter • Senior Manager: Jason Koralewski

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, playoffs 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.

Irish pitchers reach strikeout milestones in 2005: Senior Steffany Stenglein and junior Heather Booth have both reach strikeout milestones over the first six weeks of the '05 season. Stenglein struck out 11 batters against Utah on Feb. 18, becoming the third Irish pitcher to record 500 strikeouts in a career.

Stenglein currently has 567, trailing Terri Kobata (907) and Jennifer Sharron (728) on the all-time list.

Booth posted her 400th career strikeout against #3/4 UCLA in a hard-fought 3-1 loss to the Bruins on Feb. 25. She currently has 441 Ks to her credit and is the fourth Irish pitcher to clear that objective - joining Stenglein, Sharron and Kobata.

Ruthrauff looking for 100 career RBI: After senior Liz Hartmann cleared the 100-RBI barrier at Hawaii's Spring Fling two weeks ago, junior Meagan Ruthrauff is looking to join her teammate in the 100-RBI club at Notre Dame.

Hartmann became the eighth player to post 100 RBI in a career - and Ruthrauff will become the ninth some time this season. Ruthrauff currently has 94 RBI. She drove in 54 last season, becoming just the second Irish player to post over 50 RBI in a single season.

Notre Dame earns second tournament title of 2005 at Hawaii Spring Fling: Notre Dame's 4-0 run through an abbreviated Spring Fling tournament at the University of Hawaii earned the team its second tournament title of the year. Combined with the GRU Classic (Feb. 10-13 - see note that follows) Notre Dame joins the '01 team as the only Irish team to claim two early-season tournament titles (the '01 squad won the Holiday Inn Invitational at South Florida and the Frost Tournament in Chattanooga, Tenn.).

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

Notre Dame Sports Information

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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 22**

Rnk-Team, Points, '05 Record, last ranking			
1. Michigan (13)	487	27-1	4
2. Arizona (7)	482	24-2	1
3. California	448	23-3	2
4. Texas	441	23-4	5
5. Tennessee	409	34-4	6
6. Stanford	388	19-3	3
7. Baylor	350	29-3	9
Texas A&M	350	28-2	10
9. Oklahoma	342	31-5	11
10. UCLA	332	18-6	7
11. Alabama	302	31-6	12
12. Georgia	274	25-7	13
13. La.-Lafayette	267	22-5	8
14. Florida	214	24-6	16
15. Oregon State	196	16-6	17
16. Missouri	186	26-2	18
17. Washington	168	16-9	14
18. Fresno State	127	18-7	21
19. Nebraska	104	19-8	19
LSU	104	17-8	15
21. Iowa	102	23-5	23
22. Arizona State	101	25-7	22
23. Georgia Tech	99	28-7	20
24. Northwestern	76	15-6	25
25. Florida State	43	20-12	24

Others receiving votes: BYU, Creighton, Long Beach State, Illinois State, Southern Illinois, Oklahoma State, Auburn, **DePaul**, **Syracuse**, Virginia Tech, Penn State, Ole Miss.

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
March 8: not ranked
March 15: not ranked
March 22: not ranked

at South Florida with a 5-0 record.
Irish own three wins over ranked teams in 2005: Notre Dame is 14-8 this season and three of those 14 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 Classic.

Ciulli 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 Ciulli 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), Ciulli 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 (.367 entering Wednesday's doubleheader), fourth in stolen bases, sixth in runs scored, seventh in hits, ninth in home runs and seventh in triples. She also is poised to break into the top 10 in games played and doubles this season and is on pace to break the hits and stolen base records this season. A complete list of current Notre Dame players threatening career records appear on page eight of this notes package.

Ciulli 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 Ciulli (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 Nuveman, Texas pitcher Cat Osterman and Florida State's Jessica Vander Linden.

**2005 USA Today/NFCA
Division I Top 25 - March 23**

Rnk-Team, Points, '05 Record, last ranking			
1. Michigan (15)	605	27-1	5
2. Arizona (9)	602	24-2	1
3. California (1)	563	23-3	2
4. Tennessee	534	34-4	6
5. Stanford	506	19-3	3
6. Texas	493	23-4	11
7. UCLA	474	18-6	10
Oklahoma	474	31-5	8
9. Baylor	408	29-3	10
10. Alabama	391	31-6	9
11. La.-Lafayette	368	22-5	7
12. Texas A&M	357	28-2	12
13. Georgia	356	25-7	13
14. Missouri	238	26-2	19
15. Florida	235	24-6	16
16. Oregon State	200	16-6	17
Washington	200	16-9	14
18. Nebraska	178	20-8	18
19. Arizona State	168	25-7	21
20. Northwestern	157	15-6	23
21. Georgia Tech	156	28-7	20
22. LSU	148	17-8	15
23. Fresno State	102	18-7	24
24. Florida State	53	20-12	22
25. Auburn	38	29-7	25

Others receiving votes: Iowa, Oregon, **Syracuse**, Creighton, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, Long Beach State, South Carolina, BYU.

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
March 9: not ranked
March 16: not ranked
March 23: 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
Seton Hall	2-0	4	2-0	0-0	11-6	.647	4-0	2-1	5-5	H - 4-24-05
Providence	0-0				14-5	.737	0-0	4-1	10-4	A - 4-16-05
Villanova	0-0				19-9	.679	2-0	0-0	17-9	A - 4-3-05
NOTRE DAME	0-0				14-8	.636	1-0	4-2	9-6	n/a
Syracuse	0-0				10-9	.526	0-0	3-4	7-5	H - 5-1-05
Pittsburgh	0-0				11-14	.440	0-0	2-4	9-10	A - 4-9-05
Boston College	0-0				9-12	.429	0-0	4-4	5-8	H - 4-29-05
St. John's	0-0				11-15	.423	0-0	1-6	10-9	H - 4-22-05
Rutgers	0-0				0-18	.000	0-0	0-2	0-14	A - 4-2-05
Connecticut	0-2	0	0-0	0-2	7-12	.368	0-0	3-6	4-6	A - 4-17-05

Note: 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
 March 7 - Shawna Norris, 2B, Syracuse
 March 14 - **Kellie Middleton, OF, Notre Dame**
 Shannon Garvin, SS, Providence
 March 21 - **Liz Hartmann, 3B, Notre Dame**
 D'Arcy Djakalovic, 2B, Seton Hall
 March 28 - Laura Taylor, 1B, Seton Hall

Pitcher of the Week

Feb. 21 - Courtney Mosch, Syracuse
 Feb. 28 - Megan Meyer, Seton Hall
 March 7 - Nicole Bartholomew, Providence
 March 14 - **Heather Booth, Notre Dame**
 March 21 - Megan Meyer, Seton Hall
 March 28 - Megan Meyer, Seton Hall

Ciulli appears on the initial watch list for the second consecutive season in 2005. The catalyst for the Irish offense in 2004, Ciulli hit a team-high .397 with 81 hits, 23 RBI and 20 stolen bases. The '04 BIG EAST Player of the Year, Ciulli 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 second all-time at Notre Dame.

Named team captain by a vote of her teammates earlier this semester, Ciulli will continue her climb up the career offensive charts in 2005. She currently ranks seventh all-time in career hits (237 - and should become the all-time leader this season), ninth in home runs (12) and fourth in stolen bases (54).

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.

The Irish will return a veteran team in 2005, led by '04 All-American senior CF Megan Ciulli and two of the top pitchers in the nation – senior Steffany Stenglein and junior Heather Booth. Ciulli 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

Notre Dame Statistical Leaders

Batting Average	
Ciolti	368
Laing	327
Middleton	309
Hits	
Ciolti	25
Middleton	21
Ruthrauff	19
RBI	
Ruthrauff	13
Ciolti	11
Hartmann	10
Home Runs	
Ruthrauff	2
Ciolti	2
Hartmann	1
Middleton	1
Stolen Bases	
Ciolti	11-12
Middleton	11-11
Wicks	4-7
Slugging Percentage	
Ciolti	559
Ruthrauff	468
Hartmann	435
On Base Percentage	
Ciolti	419
Ruthrauff	392
Laing	375
Pitching Record	
Booth.....	9-4
Stenglein	5-4
ERA	
Booth.....	1.42
Stenglein	2.07
Strikeouts	
Stenglein	87
Booth.....	58
Wisn	5
Innings Pitched	
Booth.....	78.2
Stenglein	61.0
Wisn	6.2
Fuemmeler.....	1.0
Appearances	
Booth.....	15
Stenglein	13
Wisn	4
Fuemmeler.....	1

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/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.

Notre Dame will face two of the three new teams entering the league in 2006 this season. The Irish split two games with South Florida at the GRU Classic in Gainesville, Fla., and will travel to DePaul for a doubleheader on April 19.

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

Notre Dame Season Bests

Individual		
Hits	3	five times
Runs	2	eight times
RBI	3	five times
2B	2	four times
3B	1	five times
HR	1	six times
TB	8	Hartmann (vs. EMU, Mar 20)
BB	2	four times
SB	3	Ciolti (vs. USF, Feb. 12)
PO	11	Ruthrauff (vs. USF, Feb. 11)
	11	Hufnagle - twice
Ass.	4	three times
IP	7.0	eight times
SO	11	Stenglein (vs. Utah, Feb. 18)
Team		
AB	32	vs. Nevada (March 11)
Runs	9	at Hawaii (March 9)
Hits	13	at Hawaii (March 9)
		vs. Nevada (March 11)
RBI	7	vs. Nevada (March 11)
	7	vs. Oakland (March 20)
2B	4	vs. Oakland (March 20)
3B	1	five times
HR	1	six times
TB	17	vs. Oakland (March 20)
BB	4	at Loy. Mary. (March 6)
	4	vs. E. Michigan (March 20)
SB	5	vs. #21 S. Florida (Feb. 12)
PO	21	14 times
Ass.	13	vs. #21 S. Florida (Feb. 11)
IP	7.0	16 times
SO	12	vs. Utah (Feb. 18)

Miscellaneous Stats

<u>Multiple Hit Games</u>	
Middleton	6
Ciolti	6
Brown	6
Laing	6
Ruthrauff	5
Hartmann	5
Lenn	4
<u>Multiple RBI Games</u>	
Ruthrauff	3
Wisn	3
Ciolti	2
Hartmann	2
Middleton	1
<u>Hitting Streaks</u>	
Ciolti (currently seven)	8
Middleton	6
Lenn	5
Laing	5

Projected Starting Lineup for Notre Dame:

RF:

#24, Stephanie Brown
bench:#20, Nicole Wicks
#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:

#3, Katie Laing
bench: #24, Stephanie Brown

3B:

#8, Liz Hartmann
bench: #77, Meagan Ruthrauff

SS:

#22, Sara Schoonaert
bench: #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 *Ganef*: Gann-eff

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 Now Third In Directors' Cup Standings: The University of Notre Dame stands in third place in the first set of winter 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).

The current standing comes after the Irish finished the fall seasons in first place -- marking the first time in the 12-year history of the program that Notre Dame ranked number one. The previous highest ranking for the Irish had been second in the 2004-05 second set of fall standings.

Winter competition so far has netted Notre Dame 153 points --- based on its NCAA combined men's and women's championship in fencing (50 points), a 24th-place NCAA finish in women's swimming (49.5 points) and a 20th-place NCAA finish in men's indoor track and field (53.5 points). Still to come are points from Notre Dame's second-round NCAA appearance in women's basketball. 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 points), their 11th-place finish in men's cross country (57 points) and their second-round NCAA appearances in both men's soccer and volleyball (50 points each).

Michigan (615.75 points) is first, highlighted by an NCAA runnerup finish in wrestling, a quarterfinal appearance in field hockey and a sixth-place finish in women's cross country. Stanford (609.75 points) stands second, thanks to its NCAA title in volleyball.

The current standings include results from NCAA fall competition in football, volleyball, field hockey, water polo, men's and women's cross country, and men's and women's soccer - and from winter competition in fencing, rifle, skiing, women's swimming, men's and women's indoor track and field and wrestling.

The second set of winter standings will be available April 7, with additional winter totals released on April 14 and April 28.

In previous years in which the Directors' Cup competition has been held, Notre Dame has finished 11th in 1993-94, 30th in 1994-95, 11th in 1995-96, 14th in 1996-97, tied for 31st in 1997-98, 25th in 1998-99, 21st in 1999-2000, 11th in 2000-01, 13th in 2001-02, tied for 13th in 2002-03 and 19th in 2003-04.

Here are the current standings: 1.Michigan 615.75, 2.Stanford 609.75, 3.Notre Dame 490, 4.Texas 471.25, 5.Wisconsin 461.25, 6.UCLA 455.5, 7.Duke 427.5, 8.Tennessee 412.25, 9.Colorado 388.5, 10.Nebraska and Ohio State 386.5.

2005 Notre Dame Softball Results

Date	Opponent	Score	RHE-RHE	Inn.	Overall-BIG EAST	Pitcher	GW Run/GW RBI
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/Ciolti
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/Ciolti
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
3-6	at Loyola Marymount	W 2-1	2-7-2/1-6-2	7	6-6 0-0	Booth (W, 4-3)	Brown/Ruthrauff
3-6	at Loyola Marymount	L 0-5	0-2-0/5-4-0	7	6-7 0-0	Stenglein (L, 2-4)	-
3-7	at UC Santa Barbara	W 1-0	1-4-0/0-6-1	7	7-7 0-0	Booth (W, 5-3)	Middleton/Schoonaert
3-9	vs. Campbell	W 6-1	6-12-0/1-3-1	7	8-7 0-0	Stenglein (W, 3-4)	Lenn/Middleton
3-9	at Hawaii	W 9-1	9-13-0/1-2-3	5	9-7 0-0	Booth (W, 6-3)	Laing/Brown
3-10	vs. Virginia	W 3-1	3-7-0/1-3-0	7	10-7 0-0	Stenglein (W, 4-4)	Middleton/Ciolti
3-11	vs. Nevada	W 7-1	7-13-0/1-5-0	7	11-7 0-0	Booth (W, 7-3)	Lenn/Hartmann
3-19	vs. Marshall	L 4-7	4-9-2/7-8-3	7	11-8 0-0	Booth (L, 7-4)	-
3-19	at Ohio State	cancelled (weather delays)					
3-20	vs. Oakland	W 8-0	8-11-0/0-3-3	5	12-8 0-0	Stenglein (W, 5-4)	Smith/Hartmann
3-20	vs. E. Michigan	W 4-1	4-8-2/1-2-1	7	13-8 0-0	Booth (W, 8-4)	Ciolti/Hartmann
3-24	Western Michigan	W 2-1	2-4-0/1-5-2	7	14-8 0-0	Booth (W, 9-4)	Wicks/Wisen
3-30	Valparaiso	4 p.m.					
3-30	Valparaiso	6 p.m.					
3-31	at Loyola Chicago	5 p.m.					

Current Irish Players on the Career Charts:

Games Played

1. Jarrah Myers.....	245
10. Elizabeth Perkins	231
- Megan Ciolli	203
- Liz Hartmann	200

At Bats

1. Jenny Kriech	790
10. Jenn Giampaolo.....	654
- Megan Ciolli	646

Batting Average

1. Meghan Murray.....	.380
2. Katie Marten.....	.367
Megan Ciolli367
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
Megan Ciolli	129
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. Megan Ciolli	237
8. Andrea Loman	233
9. Jenn Giampaolo.....	218

Doubles

1. Melanie Alkire.....	49
9. Jarrah Myers.....	35
- Megan Ciolli	31

Triples

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

Home Runs

1. Jarrah Myers.....	36
2. Andrea Loman	31
3. Melanie Alkire.....	30
4. Sara Hayes	26
5. Liz Hartmann	25
6. Megan Ruthrauff	17
7. Meghan Murray.....	15
8. Andria Bledsoe.....	14
9. Megan Ciolli	12
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. Liz Hartmann	107
9. Elizabeth Perkins	98
10. Megan Ruthrauff	94
11. Jenn Giampaolo.....	87
- Megan Ciolli	82

Walks

1. Andrea Loman	87
2. Jarrah Myers.....	76
3. Jenny Kriech	66
Sara Hayes	66
5. Melanie Alkire.....	61
6. Megan Ruthrauff	59
7. Ruth Kmak	52

Stolen Bases

1. Andrea Loman	60
2. Katie Marten.....	58
3. Jenny Kriech	55
4. Megan Ciolli	54
5. Jarrah Myers.....	43
6. Jenn Giampaolo.....	41
7. Alexi Madrid	39
Danielle Klayman.....	39
Meghan Murray.....	39
10. Lisa Miller.....	38
- Kellie Middleton	31

Pitching

Appearances

1. Jennifer Sharron	134
2. Steffany Stenglein	126
3. Angela Bessolo.....	125
4. Missy Linn.....	122
5. Kelly Nichols	116
Staci Alford.....	116
7. Joy Battersby	99
8. Carrie Wisen	93
9. Heather Booth	90

Games Started

1. Jennifer Sharron	117
2. Steffany Stenglein	113
6. Joy Battersby	83
7. Heather Booth	76
8. Staci Alford.....	62

Wins

1. Jennifer Sharron	88
2. Terri Kobata.....	79
3. Missy Linn.....	63
4. Steffany Stenglein	62
5. Heather Booth	54
6. Angela Bessolo.....	53
7. Stacie Alford.....	48

Shutouts

1. Terri Kobata.....	42
2. Jennifer Sharron	38
3. Missy Linn.....	29
4. Heather Booth.....	16
5. Angela Bessolo.....	15
Staci Alford.....	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	609.1
5. Staci Alford.....	571.2
6. Angela Bessolo.....	562.2
7. Heather Booth	509.0
8. Joy Battersby	491.0

Strikeouts

1. Terri Kobata.....	907
2. Jennifer Sharron	728
3. Steffany Stenglein	567
4. Angela Bessolo.....	445
5. Heather Booth	441

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 ... rarely rattled in the circle and has the ability to work through tough innings ... has worked on a variety of additional pitches during the offseason.

2005: Pitched six innings of no-hit softball after allowing a run in the first inning vs. Eastern Michigan (4-1 Irish victory), retiring 18 of the final 19 batters in the contest ... named BIG EAST Pitcher of the Week on March 14 after posting three victories and a save during Spring Break ... allowed two earned runs in four appearances ... missed out on a shutout opportunity vs. Nevada, allowing one run in the seventh inning while striking out six and scattering five hits ... entered the bottom of the seventh against Virginia with the bases loaded and one out ... earned save with a strikeout and pop up ... the save was the second of her career ... picked up a five-inning victory at Hawaii, allowing one run on two hits while striking out three ... scattered six hits and allowed on run in a 3-1 victory at Loyola Marymount ... earned a six-hit shutout victory at UC Santa Barbara, striking out six in a 1-0 victory ... 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 vicotry (2-0) over Coastal Carolina at the GRU Classic.

2005 Awards:
BIG EAST Pitcher of the Week (March 14)

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>
1.42	9-4	15	10	9	2	78.2	58	1

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>
1.62	55-23	90	76	52	16	509.0	441	2

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: Two for four with a stolen base and run scored vs. Eastern Michigan (4-1 Irish victory) ... two for three with a double vs. Oakland (8-0 Irish victory) ... contributed her first outfield assist of the season vs. Nevada ... also drew two walks and scored a run vs. the Wolfpack ... two for four with a run and RBI in a 9-1 victory over Hawaii ... carded first three-hit game of the year vs. Campbell, going three for three at the plate with two runs scored and a stolen base ... 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 an her first career triple in a 3-2 victory over Utah.

2005 Awards:
Buckeye Invitational All-Tournament Team

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>
.277	.338	.356	11	18	2	1	0	3	6	2-4	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>
.296	.416	.348	58	86	12	1	7	33	17	13-22	.958

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 .366 career batting average ranks third 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 and stolen bases ... two for three with an RBI, run scored and two stolen bases vs. Eastern Michigan ... one for four with a run scored and stolen base vs. Nevada ... posted first three-hit game of the season at Hawaii (9-1 Irish victory), going three for three with a run, RBI and two doubles ... two for three against Virginia with a run, RBI, triple and stolen base ... one for three with a solo home run in game one at Loyola Marymount (3-1 Irish victory) ... two for three with an 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 run 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>
.368	.559	.419	10	25	5	1	2	11	4	11-12	.958

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>
.367	.495	.407	129	237	31	8	12	82	26	54-65	.955

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.

2005 - Made first pitching appearance vs. Campbell, working one inning and allowing two hits and a run ... struck out two in that same inning.

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>
8.40	0-0	2	0	0	0	1.2	2	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.

2005 - Made her first career appearance as a pinch runner vs. Campbell ... also pinch ran at Hawaii.

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 ... became the eighth Notre Dame player to drive in 100 runs in a career with her RBI vs. Nevada.

2005: Dominated the Buckeye Invitational, going seven for 10 at the plate with seven RBI and a game-winning three-run home run vs. Eastern Michigan ... named BIG EAST Player of the Week for the first time in her career on March 21, 2005, after her performance in the Buckeye Invitational ... ended up three for four with two doubles, a home run and three RBI vs. Eastern Michigan ... two for three with three RBI, including the game-ending two-RBI double, in Notre Dame's 8-0, five-inning victory vs. Oakland ... two for three with a double and game-tying RBI vs. Marshall (7-4 Irish loss) ... one for three with an RBI vs. Campbell ... one for two with an RBI (the 100th over her career) and sacrifice fly vs. Nevada ... 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 Awards:

BIG EAST Player of the Week (03-21-05)

Buckeye Invitational All-Tournament Team

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	.435	.318	3	18	4	1	1	10	2	0-0	.952

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>
.253	.433	.295	63	140	23	1	25	107	30	5-7	.955

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 ... drove in the her second run of the season with an RBI single vs. Nevada ... posted first multi-hit game of her career vs. Campbell, going two for three at the plate with an RBI.

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>
.167	.167	.231	3	4	0	0	0	2	2	2-2	.971

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>
.152	.152	.204	9	7	0	0	0	4	3	4-4	.981

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>
.222	.389	.300	1	4	1	1	0	2	2	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>
.215	.294	.268	18	38	5	3	1	16	12	5-5	.981

Laing, Katie • #3 • 5-4 • Fr. • 2B/SS • 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 ... has been solid since a switch to second base for Spring Break.

2005: Kick-started Notre Dame's seventh-inning rally vs. Western Michigan with a one-out single, eventually scoring the tying run ... two for three with an RBI, two runs scored and a double vs. Oakland (8-0 Irish victory) ... two for three with a run scored vs. Marshall (7-4 Irish loss) ... two for four with a run scored and RBI vs. Nevada ... two for three with a run scored and stolen base at Hawaii (9-1 Irish victory) ... one for two with a sacrifice, RBI and run scored vs. Campbell ... 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>
.327	.404	.375	10	17	4	0	0	3	3	2-2	.964

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

Returned briefly to the starting lineup as Notre Dame's catcher against Arizona State and #5/6 Tennessee ... will be used as a spot-starter at catcher and at designated player.

2005: Broke out of her season-starting slump during Spring Break ... ended up nine for 22 during break and carries a five-game hit streak into the Buckeye Invitational this weekend ... went two for four in game one at Loyola Marymount ... two for three with a run scored vs. Campbell (7-1 Irish victory) ... two for four with a runs scored vs. Nevada.

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>
.211	.228	.237	4	12	1	0	0	0	2	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>
.255	.385	.307	30	100	19	1	10	56	25	4-4	.989

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 ... first hit of her first two seasons have been home runs (in '05, her first hit was a bunt, followed by a home run) ... the most dangerous baserunner in the BIG EAST Conference.

2005: Two for four with a double and run scored vs. Marshall (7-4 Irish loss) ... named BIG EAST Player of the Week on March 14 after hitting .563 during the week and helping Notre Dame claim the Hawaii Spring Fling tournament title ... the award is the first BIG EAST weekly award of her career ... in Notre Dame's 5-0 week, posted six stolen bases, two RBI and nine hits ... posted fourth multi-hit game in five outings vs. Nevada, going two for four with an RBI and two stolen bases ... one for three with a run scored and stolen base vs. Virginia ... two for four with two runs scored and a double at Hawaii ... two for two with two runs scored, an RBI and a stolen base vs. Campbell ... keyed Notre Dame's victory at UC Santa Barbara ... in the fifth inning vs. UCSB, posted a bunt hit, stole second base and scored on an RBI double by Sara Schoonaert for the only run of the game in ND's 1-0 victory ... finished two for three vs. UCSB ... 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 Awards:

BIG EAST Player of the Week (March 14)

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>
.309	.397	.319	11	21	3	0	1	5	0	11-11	.947

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>
.282	.429	.304	32	46	9	0	5	18	4	31-33	.947

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 ... will soon join teammate Liz Hartmann in the 100-RBI club ... will become the ninth Irish player to reach the 100-RBI plateau.

2005: Two for three with a run scored vs. Oakland (8-0 Irish victory) ... one for three with an RBI single vs. Marshall (7-4 Irish loss) ... shook out of a early-season slump to post five hits and six RBI during the Hawaii Spring Fling ... three for four with three RBI and a double vs. Nevada ... one for two with a run scored, three RBI and two sacrifice flies vs. Campbell ... also hit her second home run of the season vs. the Fighting Camels ... 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>
.306	.468	.392	5	19	4	0	2	13	10	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>
.302	.478	.396	56	125	22	0	17	94	59	3-3	.996

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

After starting the season at second base, has shifted back to shorstop .. has been solid in the left side hole for the Irish defense.

2005: Provided her biggest hit of the season with an RBI double in the fifth inning, driving in the lone run of Notre Dame's 1-0 victory at UC Santa Barbara ... 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>
.167	.229	.200	5	8	1	1	0	3	2	1-1	.917

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>
.202	.276	.257	46	46	9	4	0	20	16	10-16	.947

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.

2005 - Has made 13 appearances this season, mostly has a pinch runner ... also has three pinch-hit at bats.

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 ... is averaging 10.0 Ks per seven innings this season.

2005: Has failed to post six or more strikeouts in only one starting appearance this season (vs. Tennessee) ... has posted nine or more strikeouts in her last three appearances ... struck out 10 batters in five innings of work, picking up her first shutout of the season, vs. Oakland ... struck out nine against Marshall in five innings (7-4 Irish loss) ... allowed just two hits and struck out nine in a four-inning appearance vs. Virginia, picking up the victory ... pitched four innings of no-hit softball against Campbell, striking out six before getting replaced by a reliever ... 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>
2.07	5-4	13	11	4	1	61.0	87	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>
2.09	63-30	126	113	42	13	609.1	567	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 .. scored the winning run on a double by Carrie Wisen in the bottom of the seventh in a 2-1 victory over Western Michigan ... already four for seven 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	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	4-7	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>
.224	.379	.284	35	36	10	3	3	14	13	16-22	.982

Wisen, 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 ... posted a walk-off double in the bottom of the seventh vs. Western Michigan, driving in two runs to end Notre Dame's 2-1 victory ... one for two with two RBI vs. Oakland (8-0 Irish victory) ... laid down a perfect suicide squeeze bunt against Nevada, driving in her third run of the season ... went a perfect three for three at the plate at Hawaii, driving in two runs ... 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>
.258	.355	.281	0	8	3	0	0	7	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>
.215	.328	.242	11	38	11	0	3	27	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>
4.20	0-0	4	0	0	0	6.2	5	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>
2.07	27-9	93	18	6	1	243.1	184	6