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2005 Schedule

Feb.			
11	at #NR/19Florida	10 a.m.	
11	vs. #21/NR South Florida	4 p.m.	
12	vs. Coastal Carolina	10 a.m.	
12	Seed Play Begins	4 p.m.	
13	Medal Games	TBA	
18	vs. Utah	9 a.m.	
18	vs. #19/18 Fresno State	4 p.m.	
19	vs. #2/3 UCLA	4 p.m.	
19	at San Diego State	6 p.m.	
20	vs. #20/21 Long Beach St.	9 a.m.	
25	vs. Loyola Marymount	3 p.m.	
25	vs. #2/3 UCLA	4 p.m.	
26	vs. #NR/24 Pacific	5:30 p.m.	
26	vs. Arizona State	8 p.m.	
27	vs. #14/9 Tennessee	9 a.m.	
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	Illinois-Chicago	5 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.	
27	at Illinois-Chicago	7 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 GRU Classic (Gainesville, Fla.)

Friday, Feb. 11

10 a.m. - #19 Florida vs. Notre Dame
12:30 p.m. - #19 Florida vs. Coastal Carolina
4 p.m. - Notre Dame vs. #21 South Florida
6:30 p.m. - #21 South Florida vs. Coastal Carolina

Saturday, Feb. 12

10 a.m. - Coastal Carolina vs. Notre Dame
12:30 p.m. - #19 Florida vs. #21 South Florida
4 p.m. - Seed 1 vs. Seed 4
6:30 p.m. - Seed 2 vs. Seed 3

Sunday, Feb. 13

10 a.m. - Bronze Medal Game
12:30 p.m. - Gold Medal Game

Notre Dame Softball Live Audio

For the first time in the program's history, a select number of road games will be available to subscribers of www.und.com's College Sports Pass. Facilities and phone line access have limited the number of preseason road games that can be covered, but the first two weeks of the year will feature 10 Irish road games (including five matchups with ranked teams). Here is the tentative schedule:

Feb. 11 - Notre Dame at #NR/19 Florida, 10 a.m.
Feb. 11 - Notre Dame vs. #21/NR South Florida, 4 p.m.
Feb. 12 - Notre Dame vs. Coastal Carolina, 10 a.m.
Feb. 12 - Notre Dame in Bracket Play, TBA
Feb. 13 - Notre Dame in Medal Game Play, TBA
Feb. 18 - Notre Dame vs. Utah, 9 a.m.
Feb. 18 - Notre Dame vs. #19/18 Fresno State, 4 p.m.
Feb. 19 - Notre Dame vs. #2/3 UCLA, 4 p.m.
Feb. 19 - Notre Dame at San Diego State, 6 p.m.
Feb. 20 - Notre Dame vs. #20/21 Long Beach State, 9 a.m.

Play-by-play will be provided by Notre Dame softball sports information director Alan Wasielewski. For more information about the College Sports Pass, please visit the following website: <http://und.collegesports.com/multimedia/nd-multimedia.html>.

All Notre Dame home games in 2005 are tentatively scheduled to be offered via live audio as well. The www.und.com Gametracker, which features live statistics for all Irish home games, will return in 2005 as well.

Irish head to Florida for first action of 2005: The University of Notre Dame softball begins the 2005 season this weekend at the University of Florida's GRU Classic. The first of five in-season tournaments for the Irish in '05, the GRU Classic will feature the host team, #NR/19 Florida (7-0), along with #21/NR South Florida (2-3) and Coastal Carolina (3-1). The tournament will be a round-robin format with each team playing the other once, then seed play followed by medal play. Notre Dame and Coastal Carolina will be meeting for the first-time ever, while the Irish and Gators will be playing against each other for just the second time and first since a 9-3 Florida victory in 1998.

Notre Dame and South Florida will be meeting for the eighth time, with the Bulls holding a 4-3 advantage in the series. The last meeting was a 5-4 victory by South Florida at home in 2003. The Irish will be seeing a lot more of the Bulls, as South Florida is one of three current Conference USA teams (DePaul, Louisville) who will join the BIG EAST and compete in softball next season.

Notre Dame quick hits: What you need to know about the Irish for this weekend's action:

- Notre Dame will be seeing its first action of the '05 season, while Florida (7-0) will be playing its eighth of the year, USF will have five games under their belt before the tournament and Coastal Carolina will have played four games. In addition, Florida and Coastal Carolina are coming off tournament titles last weekend.

- The Irish strength should prove to be its veteran pitching staff, which features senior Steffany Stenglein, junior Heather Booth and senior Carrie Wisen.

- Head coach Deanna Gumpf, the two-time BIG EAST Coach of the Year, begins her fourth season with the Irish and has claimed 131 wins in just three seasons (43.6 average per year).

- Players to keep an eye on: Freshman shortstop Katie Laing (making her first collegiate career start), sophomore rightfielder Stephanie Brown (making a move from second base to rightfield), senior righthander Steffany Stenglein (looking to start her final year on the right foot) and junior leftfielder Kellie Middleton (returning to the lineup after missing 61 games due to an injury in '04).

Florida tournament first of six consecutive weekends on the road: Notre Dame is

2005 Notre Dame Softball Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Year	Pos.	Ht.	B/T	Hometown (High School)	Career Stats
1	Steffany Stenglein***	Sr.	P	5-10	R/R	Huntington Beach, CA (Marina)	58-26, 12 SHO, 480 Ks
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)	n/a
4	Carrie Wisen***	Sr.	P	5-7	R/R	Fullerton, CA (Sonora)	27-9, 14 CBO, 2.01 ERA
5	Kenya Fuemmeler*	So.	UT/P	5-7	R/R	Salisbury, MO (Salisbury)	1 APP, 47 GP, 11 R
8	Liz Hartmann***	Sr.	3B	5-9	R/R	Novato, CA (San Marin)	.268, 24 HR, 97 RBI
11	Gessica Hufnagle*	So.	C	5-6	R/R	Middlebury, IN (Northridge)	47 GP, 3 H, 2 RBI
16	Mallorie Lenn**	Jr.	C	5-8	R/R	Garden Grove, CA (Pacifica)	.263, 18 2B, 10 HR
20	Nicole Wicks*	Sr.	OF	5-5	R/R	Renton, WA (Hazen)	.229, 3 3B, 3 HR, 14 RBI
21	Megan Ciolli***	Sr.	OF	5-9	L/R	Terre Haute, IN (North Vigo)	.367, 71 RBI, 43 SB
22	Sara Schoonaert**	Jr.	2B/SS	5-5	R/R	Houston, TX (Clear Lake)	.211, 38 H, 17 RBI
24	Stephanie Brown*	So.	OF/2B	5-6	L/R	Chandler, AZ (Corona del Sol)	.301, 7 HR, 30 RBI
27	Carissa Jaquish*	So.	C/DP	5-6	R/R	Highland, CA (Redlands E.V.)	.214, 34 H, 14 RBI
32	Heather Booth**	Jr.	P	5-10	R/R	Riverside, CA (MLK)	46-19, 14 SHO, 383 Ks
34	Sarah Smith	Fr.	OF	5-7	L/R	Oklahoma City, OK (Heritage Hall)	n/a
44	Kellie Middleton*	Jr.	OF	5-6	R/R	Norcross, GA (Marist)	.263, 55 GP, 20 SB, 4 HR
77	Meagan Ruthrauff**	Jr.	1B	5-10	R/R	La Mirada, CA (La Serna)	.301, 15 HR, 81 RBI

* - indicates monograms won

Staff

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

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

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

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 tournament will mark the first of six consecutive weekends of travel for the team, which will take them from Gainesville, Fla. (Feb. 11-13), to San Diego, Calif. (Feb. 18-20), to Palm Springs, Calif. (Feb. 25-27), to the Los Angeles area (March 6-7), to Hawaii (March 9-12) and to Columbus, Ohio (March 19-20).

Ciolli 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 Ciolli 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), Ciolli 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), fourth in stolen bases (43), seventh in runs scored (119), ninth in hits (212), ninth in home runs (10) 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 seven of this notes package.

Ciolli 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 Ciolli (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 Van der Linden.

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

Irish boast a veteran group in 2005: In just one season, Notre Dame has moved from a somewhat inexperienced team (an entirely new infield took the field in '04) to a veteran group that boasts 761 games started in the senior and junior classes. In those two classes, Liz Hartmann (178 GP, 176 GS), Megan Ciolli (181 GP, 180 GS), Mallorie Lenn (120 GP, 120 GS) and Meagan Ruthrauff (123 GP, 122 GS) have been every-day starters since they joined the team, while Sara Schoonaert (117 GP, 71 GS), Kellie Middleton (55 GP, 32 GS) and Nicole Wicks (67 GP, 60 GS) have all seen a significant amount of starts. Add in the 164 games

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 - Feb. 8**

Rnk-Team, Points, '05 Record, last ranking			
1. Arizona (10)	489	5-0	2
California (10)	489	1-0	1
3. UCLA	456	7-1	3
4. Texas	437	3-0	6
5. La.-Lafayette	398	5-0	7
6. Stanford	389	3-1	5
7. LSU	347	0-0	8
8. Washington	335	3-1	9
9. Tennessee	327	5-0	13
10. Florida State	321	0-0	11
11. Michigan	283	0-0	12
12. Oklahoma	273	2-3	4
13. Alabama	269	5-0	15
14. Oregon	226	3-1	14
15. Baylor	200	6-0	18
16. Georgia	189	1-4	10
17. Oregon State	178	3-1	16
18. Fresno State	158	0-0	17
19. Florida	116	7-0	NR
20. Georgia Tech	107	2-0	21
21. Long Beach St.	99	4-1	19
22. Nebraska	76	0-0	20
23. Texas A&M	62	1-0	t-23
24. Pacific	53	3-1	NR
25. CS Fullerton	47	2-2	NR

Others receiving votes: Southern Illinois, **Northwestern**, Iowa, Louisville, **DePaul**, Mississippi State, Hofstra, Illinois, Massachusetts, South Carolina, **South Florida**, Arizona State, Missouri, North Carolina, Auburn, NOTRE DAME.

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)

started by senior pitchers Steffany Stenglein and Carrie Wisen, along with the 66 career starts by junior Heather Booth, and the Irish junior and senior classes have a whopping 991 combined career games started.

Snapshot of the Irish: The 2004 team returns largely intact this season, with Nicole deFau as the lone loss to graduation. The pitching staff should prove to be a strength, led by senior Steffany Stenglein (21-10, 1.39 ERA in '04) and junior Heather Booth (25-9, 1.45 ERA). Both starting pitchers have the ability to shut down any team in the nation, and they will be complemented well by relievers senior Carrie Wisen (3-1, 2.83 ERA) and sophomore Kenya Fuemmeler.

Behind the plate, sophomore Gessica Hufnagle has established herself as Notre Dame's number one option. Junior Mallorie Lenn continues to have knee problems and will see her action this season at another position. Sophomore Carissa Jaquish will be in position to back up Hufnagle when needed.

The infield actually returns all five starters, but one has been shifted to rightfield. Sophomore Stephanie Brown (.301, 7 HR, 30 RBI) takes her speed and athleticism to the outfield while junior Sara Schoonaert (.200, 33 H, 16 RBI) moves from shortstop to second base. Freshman Katie Laing has been handed the shortstop duties and is expected to display great range in the left side hole.

On the corners, both senior Liz Hartmann (.268, 8 HR, 31 RBI) and junior Meagan Ruthrauff (.293, 54 RBI, 11 HR) return at third and first base, respectively.

The outfield features some old faces in new positions. After missing 61 games with an injury last season, junior Kellie Middleton (.391, 1 HR, 4 RBI, 5 SB) makes her return in leftfield (she started the first eight games of '04 in rightfield). The dependable team captain senior Megan Ciolli (.397, 81 H, 23 RBI, 20 SB) will patrol centerfield for the third-straight year while Brown will be to her left in rightfield. Senior Nicole Wicks (.229, 14 RBI, 12 SB) can back up all three outfield positions and is the team's best baserunner. Freshmen Brittany Glynn and Sarah Smith also will serve as backups in the outfield.

Position changes will be a key for the 2005 team: Two big position switches will be developed by the Irish during the early-season tournament schedule. Junior Sara Schoonaert is planning a switch to second base, depending on the development of penciled-in starter freshman Katie Laing at shortstop.

Schoonaert's shift to second will push sophomore Stephanie Brown to rightfield, giving the Irish another great athlete in the outfield to pair with the speedy Megan Ciolli (center) and Kellie Middleton (left).

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

**2005 USA Today/NFCA
Division I Top 25 - Preseason**

Rnk-Team, Points, '04 Record, last ranking			
1. California (14)	729	53-13	
2. UCLA (12)	705	46-9	
3. Arizona (4)	698	55-6	
4. Oklahoma	617	45-22-1	
5. LSU	541	57-12	
6. Stanford	512	49-19	
7. Georgia	511	55-17	
8. Michigan	502	54-13	
9. La.-Lafayette	472	60-8	
10. Florida State	466	62-12	
11. Washington	442	40-19	
12. Alabama	419	46-20	
13. Oregon	372	42-21	
14. Tennessee	363	55-16	
15. Texas	362	24-25	
16. Oregon State	232	44-28	
17. Baylor	222	48-17	
18. Nebraska	213	45-17	
19. Fresno State	195	48-20	
20. Long Beach St.	163	51-13	
21. South Florida	158	60-14	
22. Illinois	133	45-21-1	
23. Georgia Tech	100	47-19	
24. Southern Illinois	67	45-17	
25. Hofstra	65	38-20	

Others receiving votes: Texas A&M, NOTRE DAME, Auburn, **Florida**, Florida Atlantic, **Northwestern**, **Arizona State**, **DePaul**, Michigan State, Massachusetts, **Pacific**, Oklahoma State, Iowa, Louisville, Tulsa, Kansas.

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

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

Preseason: ORV (27th)

2005 BIG EAST Conference Standings

Team	BIG EAST (2004)				OVERALL (2004)					vs. ND	
	W-L	Pts.	H	A	W-L-T	Pct.	H	A	N		
NOTRE DAME	18-2				49-20						n/a
Seton Hall	12-8				46-19						H - 4-24-05
Villanova	12-8				32-26						A - 4-3-05
Boston College	11-9				33-25						H - 4-29-05
Syracuse	9-11				25-29						H - 5-1-05
St. John's	10-10				28-26						H - 4-22-05
Providence	10-10				34-20-1						A - 4-16-05
Connecticut	6-12				23-23						A - 4-17-05
Rutgers	8-12				25-29-1						A - 4-2-05
Pittsburgh	3-15				21-36						A - 4-9-05

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.

BIG EAST Weekly Awardwinners

Player of the Week

Pitcher of the Week

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 Ciolli and two of the top pitchers in the nation – senior Steffany Stenglein and junior Heather Booth. Ciolli 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 off-season.

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 2006.

"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

Notre Dame Statistical Leaders

(Final 2004 Stats)

Batting Average	
Ciolti397
Brown301
Ruthrauff293
Hits	
Ciolti	81
Brown	68
deFau	57
RBI	
Ruthrauff	54
Lenn	31
Hartmann	31
Brown	30
Home Runs	
Ruthrauff	11
Hartmann	8
Brown	7
Stolen Bases	
Ciolti	20
deFau	14
Wicks	12
Slugging Percentage	
Ruthrauff511
Ciolti485
Hartmann454
On Base Percentage	
Ciolti436
Ruthrauff419
deFau356
Pitching Record	
Booth	25-9 (.735)
Stenglein	21-10 (.677)
Wisn	3-1
ERA	
Stenglein	1.39
Booth	1.45
Wisn	2.83
Strikeouts	
Booth	225
Stenglein	187
Wisn	25
Innings Pitched	
Booth	241.2
Stenglein	191.2
Wisn	29.2
Fuemmeler	0.2
Appearances	
Booth	37
Stenglein	33
Wisn	16
Fuemmeler	1

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 on 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 set of sisters to play for the Irish, were on the Notre Dame roster together in 2000 and 2001.

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.

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.

Notre Dame Season Bests

Individual

Hits
Runs
RBI
2B
3B
HR
TB
BB
SB
PO
Ass.
IP
SO

Team

AB
Runs
Hits
RBI
2B
3B
HR
TB
BB
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Miscellaneous Stats

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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 Florida	10 a.m.					
2-11	vs. #21/22 South Florida	4 p.m.					
2-12	vs. Coastal Carolina	10 a.m.					
2-12	Bracket Play						
2-13	Medal Games						

Current Irish Players on the Career Charts:

Games Played	
1. Jarrah Myers	245
10. Elizabeth Perkins	231
- Megan Ciolli	181
- Liz Hartmann	178

At Bats	
1. Jenny Kriech	790
10. Jenn Giampaolo	654
- Megan Ciolli	578

Batting Average	
1. Meghan Murray	.380
2. Megan Ciolli	.367
Katie Marten	.367
4. Jarrah Myers	.350

Runs Scored	
1. Andrea Loman	164
6. Melanie Alkire	129
7. Megan Ciolli	119
8. Andria Bledsoe	117

Most Hits	
1. Jenny Kriech	268
7. Andrea Loman	233
8. Jenn Giampaolo	218
9. Megan Ciolli	212

Doubles	
1. Melanie Alkire	49
9. Jarrah Myers	35
- Megan Ciolli	26

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	19
7. Meghan Murray	15
8. Andria Bledsoe	14
9. Megan Ciolli	10

RBI	
1. Jarrah Myers	174
7. Andria Bledsoe	125
8. Elizabeth Perkins	98
9. Liz Hartmann	97
10. Jenn Giampaolo	87
- Megan Ruthrauff	81

Walks	
1. Andrea Loman	87
5. Melanie Alkire	61
6. Ruth Kmak	52
7. Christy Connoyer	50
8. Megan Ruthrauff	49

Stolen Bases	
1. Andrea Loman	60
2. Katie Marten	58
3. Jenny Kriech	55
4. Megan Ciolli	43
10. Lisa Miller	38
- Kellie Middleton	20

Pitching Appearances	
1. Jennifer Sharron	134
2. Angela Bessolo	125
3. Missy Linn	122
4. Kelly Nichols	116
Staci Alford	116
6. Steffany Stenglein	113
8. Joy Battersby	99
9. Heather Booth	75

Games Started	
1. Jennifer Sharron	117
2. Steffany Stenglein	104
6. Joy Battersby	83
7. Heather Booth	66
8. Staci Alford	62
9. Carrie Wisen	60

Wins	
1. Jennifer Sharron	88
3. Missy Linn	63
4. Steffany Stenglein	58
5. Angela Bessolo	53
6. Stacie Alford	48
7. Heather Booth	46

Shutouts	
1. Terri Kobata	42
2. Jennifer Sharron	38
3. Missy Linn	29
4. Angela Bessolo	15
Staci Alford	15
6. Heather Booth	14
7. Steffany Stenglein	12

Innings Pitched	
1. Jennifer Sharron	772.1
4. Staci Alford	571.2
5. Angela Bessolo	562.2
6. Steffany Stenglein	548.1
7. Joy Battersby	491.0
8. Heather Booth	430.1

Strikeouts	
1. Terri Kobata	907
2. Jennifer Sharron	728
3. Steffany Stenglein	480
4. Angela Bessolo	445
5. Heather Booth	383

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.

2004 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>
1.39	25-9	37	36	30	11	241.2	225	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>
1.66	46-19	75	66	43	14	430.1	383	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 ... 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.

2004/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>
.301	.438	.346	47	68	10	0	7	30	11	11-18	.953

Ciolli, 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 .367 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).

2004 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>
.397	.485	.436	36	81	12	0	2	23	10	20-24	.940

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	.488	.406	119	212	12	7	10	71	22	43-53	.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.

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.

2004 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>
.268	.454	.311	20	52	12	0	8	31	12	0-0	.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>
.248	.433	.292	60	122	19	0	24	97	28	5-7	.956

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.

2004/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>
.136	.136	.174	6	3	0	0	0	2	1	2-2	.970

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.

2004/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>
.214	.283	.265	17	34	4	2	1	14	10	5-5	.977

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

Will step in as Notre Dame's starting shortstop in her rookie season ... has excellent range and a strong arm from the left side hole.

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

Returns as one of the to catching options for the Irish in '05 ... played through knee injuries during the '04 but returns fully healthy this season ... a solid RBI producer at the plate, who is also very solid defensively and capable of throwing out a high percentage of base stealers.

2004 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>
.281	.422	.333	8	54	13	1	4	31	13	0-0	.988

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>
.263	.412	.319	26	88	18	1	10	56	23	3-3	.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 four home runs in 95 AB in her career ... first hit of her first two seasons have been home runs.

2004 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>
.391	.652	.375	3	9	3	0	1	4	0	5-5	.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>
.263	.453	.294	21	25	6	0	4	13	4	20-22	.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.

2004 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>
.293	.511	.419	32	54	7	0	11	54	36	2-2	.995

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>
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.301 .480 .397 51 106 18 0 15 81 49 2-2 .995

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

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

2004 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	.273	.258	24	33	6	3	0	16	12	7-11	.954

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>
.211	.289	.272	41	38	8	3	0	17	14	9-15	.958

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.

2004 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>
1.39	21-10	33	33	22	6	191.2	187	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	58-26	113	101	38	12	548.1	480	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.

2004/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>
.229	.389	.291	30	36	10	3	3	14	13	12-15	.981

Wisn, 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.

2004 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>
.222	.278	.243	2	8	2	0	0	4	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>
.205	.322	.234	11	30	8	0	3	20	6	0-0	1.000

2004 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>
2.83	3-1	16	0	0	0	29.2	25	1

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>
2.01	27-9	89	18	6	1	236.2	179	6