

2002 Notre Dame Volleyball

Six-Time BIG EAST Champions • 10 Consecutive NCAA Tournament Appearances

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2002 Schedule

Shamrock Invitational

Aug. 30	UW-Milwaukee	W, 3-0
Aug. 31	Cincinnati	W, 3-0
Sept. 1	Cal Poly	W, 3-0

Loyola Marymount Classic

Sept. 6	at LMU	L, 1-3
Sept. 7	vs. Colorado	L, 0-3
Sept. 7	vs. Saint Louis	W, 3-0
Sept. 10	at Valparaiso	W, 3-0

Golden Dome Invitational

Sept. 13	Northwestern	W, 3-0
Sept. 14	Loyola (Md.)	W, 3-0
Sept. 14	#10 Pepperdine	W, 3-2

Sept. 18	at Purdue	L, 2-3
Sept. 21	Michigan	W, 3-1
Sept. 27	Connecticut*	W, 3-1
Sept. 29	St. John's*	W, 3-1
0ct. 5	at Rutgers*	W, 3-0
0ct. 6	at Seton Hall*	W, 3-0
0ct. 12	at Georgetown*	2 p.m.
0ct. 13	at Villanova*	1 p.m.
0ct. 21	at #2 Hawai'i	7 p.m.
Oct. 22	at #2 Hawai'i	7 p.m.
Oct. 25	Pittsburgh*	7 p.m.
Oct. 27	West Virginia*	2 p.m.
Oct. 29	at Illinois State	7 p.m.
Nov. 1	Providence*	4 p.m.
Nov. 3	Boston College*	1 p.m.
Nov. 9	at Syracuse*	1 p.m.
Nov. 15	at Miami (Fla.)*	7 p.m.
Nov. 17	at Virginai Tech*	1 p.m.

BIG EAST Championship

Nov. 23	BIG EAST semis	TBA
Nov. 24	BIG EAST final	TBA

NCAA Championship

Dec. 1-2 NCAA Championship TBA

* - indicates BIG EAST Conference match.

bold - indicates home matches in the Joyce Center.

Notre Dame (13-3, 4-0) at Georgetown (11-7, 3-1), Saturday, Oct. 12, 2 p.m., McDonough Gym, Washington, D.C.

Notre Dame at Villanova, Sunday, Oct. 13, 1 p.m.

Jake Nevin Fieldhouse, Villanova, Pa.

Notre Dame continues season-long road trip this weekend: The University of Notre Dame volleyball team (13-3, 4-0), in the midst of its six-match road trip, will fly out to the east coast again this weekend to face Georgetown (11-7, 3-1) and Villanova (9-12, 0-4). The Irish will not play at home again this season until Friday, Oct. 25 (Pittsburgh). The road trip will continue during fall break when Notre Dame heads to Hawaii to face the second-ranked Rainbows on Oct. 21 and 22.

Villanova will take on Syracuse Saturday before facing Notre Dame on Sunday.

A number of winning streaks on the line this weekend: The Irish are looking to extend their conference win streaks this weekend. Notre Dame has not lost a regular-season BIG EAST Conference match since a loss at West Virginia on Nov. 15, 1998, a streak of 38 consecutive regular-season wins.

During the regular-season streak, the Irish have lost just one match to a BIG EAST foe, in the 1999 conference championship to Georgetown. Dating back to that setback vs. the Hoyas, Notre Dame has won 31 straight matches against league opponents (including BIG EAST Championship play).

Perhaps the most impressive streak the Irish have compiled is their home court win streak against conference opponents. Since Notre Dame began BIG EAST play in 1995, they have not lost to a BIG EAST team on the Joyce Center floor. That winning streak stands at 45.

Notre Dame also has won 31 consecutive matches at home.

Notre Dame vs. Georgetown series notes: Traditionally two of the top teams in the BIG EAST Conference, the Irish and Hoyas will be meeting for the 13th time ... Georgetown is the last BIG EAST team to hand the Irish a loss, knocking off Notre Dame in the 1999 BIG EAST Championship match in three games ... Notre Dame leads the all-time series 11-1, including two victories during the 2001 season ... the Irish defeated the Hoyas in four games during the regular season (after dropping the first game), then posted a five-game victory in the BIG EAST Championship match ... Emily Loomis enjoyed a stellar effort in the BIG EAST Championship match, posting 19 kills, 10 digs and three blocks ... Hoya setter Jennifer Ward had 59 assists, 13 digs and three blocks in that same match ... Notre Dame is 4-0 in McDonough Gym ... Georgetown is led on offense by Lauren Warner (4.57 kills per game) and Sara Albert (2.35 kill per game, .365 hitting) ... Anna Kleinsorge (2.31 kills per game, .374 hitting) is expected to return to the Hoya lineup this weekend after missing a handful of matches due to injury ... Georgetown is currently (as of Oct. 10) in fourth place in the BIG EAST standings, while the Irish are in first as the only team undefeated in league play.

Notre Dame vs. Villanova series notes: The Irish and Wildcats will be meeting for the 11th time ... Notre Dame is 10-0 in the all-time series ... the two teams met in the 1997 BIG EAST Championship match, a four-game comefrom-behind victory for the Irish ... Kim Fletcher posted seven kills, five digs and four blocks in the 2001 meeting ... Leah Mathews had five kills and seven digs for Villanova ... Notre Dame is 4-0 at Jake Nevin Fieldhouse ... Villanova's offense is keyed by Kerri Sullivan (3.75 kills per game) and Leah Mathews (2.94 kills per game).

2002 Notre Dame Volleyball Roster

No.	Name	Year	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown	Notes
1	Emily Loomis*	So.	ОН	6-1	Fort Wayne, IN	Co-BIG EAST Player of the Week Sept. 30
2	Leah Nedderman*	So.	OH	5-10	Grapevine, TX	Valuable player for the Irish off bench
3	Kelly Burrell	Fr.	S	5-11	Phoenix, AZ	Has shown ability to lead Irish offense
4	Meg Henican	Fr.	OH	5-11	New Orleans, LA	Career best nine kills, 14 digs vs. UConn
5	Jessica Kinder**	Jr.	OH	5-10	Fresno, CA	Has seen time at libero as well as OH
6	Lauren Kelbley	Fr.	MB	6-1	Bascom, OH	BIG EAST Co-Rookie of the Week on Sept. 2
7	Kelly Corbett*	So.	MB	6-0	Mountain View, CA	Played significant time vs. Valpo and Loy.
8	Kristen Kinder**	Jr.	S	5-9	Fresno, CA	As she goes, so does the Irish offense
9	Carolyn Cooper	Fr.	MB	6-3	Houston, TX	Talented rookie is strong at the net
10	Kim Fletcher**	Jr.	MB/OPP	6-0	St. Louis, MO	Preseason all-BIG EAST selection
11	Keara Coughlin***	Sr.	DS	5-8	Chicago, IL	Third on the team with 130 digs
12	Lauren Brewster	Fr.	MB	6-3	Brentwood, TN	Already has 76 blocks this season
13	Christa Moen**	Jr.	DS	5-4	San Antonio, TX	Gives the Irish some energy off the bench
14	Janie Alderete***	Sr.	DS	5-2	Santa Clara, CA	Has excelled on defense with 163 digs
15	Katie Neff**	Jr.	MB/OPP	6-4	St. Louis, MO	Golden Dome Invitational MVP
16	Lindsay Peterson	Fr.	OH	6-0	Mt. Carroll, IL	Provides depth on the outside for Irish

Loomis is on a tear: Over a five-match stretch this season, sophomore outside hitter Emily Loomis scored 22, 21, 15, 20 and 20 kills, respectively. She hit over .358 in those matches (vs. Pepperdine, at Purdue, vs. Michigan, vs. Connecticut and vs. St. John's) and is currently averaging over a block per game (1.15).

Not surprisingly, Loomis was named co-BIG EAST Player of the Week on Sept. 30, and leads the team in kills this season.

The sophomore from Fort Wayne, Ind., has hit for double-digit kills in 11 of 16 matches this season and led the team in kills for the last seven matches.

Loomis also excelling on defense: While Emily Loomis might be attracting all the attention with her offensive exploits, her defense at the net has been outstanding this season as well. The all-BIG EAST high jumper is well-known for her vertical jump measurement, which was the highest ever posted by a Notre Dame volleyball player (approx. 10-6).

Playing outside hitter for the Irish this season, Loomis leads the team with 18 solo blocks (she has 62 blocks overall). In the latest NCAA statistics released on Oct. 6, many of the players ranked for block average do not have 18 solo blocks to their credit. The NCAA ranks 30 players for block average (Lauren Brewster is ranked 12th), but of those 30 (many of which are middle blockers), only six have recorded more solo blocks than Loomis.

Kelbley enjoys great hitting weekend: Freshman middle blocker Lauren Kelbley recovered from two sub-par hitting matches against Connecticut and St. John's to hit .575 in Notre Dame's two matches last weekend at Rutgers and Seton Hall. The rookie took 33 swings last weekend and did not commit and error, scoring 19 kills. She also had seven digs and four blocks in the two matches.

Notre Dame in the BIG EAST statistical rankings: As a team, the Irish are second in league hitting percentage (.265), first in blocks (3.79 - a whole 1.18 ahead of Connecticut in second place), third in assists (13.68), third in opponent hitting percentage (.153) and third in kills (15.41).

As individuals, Lauren Brewster, who is ranked 12th in the country in blocks per game, leads the conference with a 1.52 average. Emily Loomis is eighth in the conference with a 1.15 average. Jessica Kinder is second in the conference in aces (0.48).

Notre Dame leads the country in blocks per game: With a dominating blocking performance against St. John's last Sunday, the Irish jumped back

Irish earn academic award: The University of Notre Dame volleyball team was one of 47 Division I programs honored with the American Volleyball Coaches Associaton/Molten Team Academic Award for the 2001-02 season. The award honors college and high school teams that displayed excellence in the classroom by maintaining at least a 3.30 cumulative team gradepoint average on a 4.00 scale (or 4.10 on 5.0 scale) during the school year.

The Irish finished the 2001-02 school year with a 3.33 team grade-point average and were one of the 27 Division I teams honored by the AVCA to compete in the 2001 NCAA Tournament. Fellow BIG EAST Conference member Syracuse also was in the Division I list.

The AVCA/Molten award was distributed to a record 177 volleyball programs this year. The college ranks produced 120 schools (47 Division I, 20 Division II, 32 Division III, 12 NAIA and nine junior/community colleges). A total of 57 high school programs earned the distinction.



USA Today/AVCA Top 25 (Oct. 7, 2002)

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<u>Team</u>	Pts.	Record
1. USC (59)	1619	12-0
2. Hawai'i (6)	1547	12-0
3. Florida	1469	14-1
4. Stanford	1430	13-2
5. Nebraska	1400	13-1
6. Minnesota	1265	17-2
7. UC Santa Barbara	1257	15-0
8. Long Beach	1161	13-1
9. Penn State	1112	14-1
10. Northern Iowa	989	15-2
11. North Carolina	972	15-1
12. Pepperdine	829	9-5
13. UCLA	756	10-6
14. Santa Clara	725	13-2
15. Wisconsin	661	11-4
16. Washington State	651	13-2
17.E. Washington	615	17-0
18. Michigan State	459	11-3
19. Utah	386	13-4
20. Arizona	336	7-6
21. Georgia Tech	259	18-3
22. Arizona State	212	7-3
23. Missouri	192	14-2
24.0hio State	187	6-7
25.Texas A&M	158	11-4

Other receiving votes and listed on two or more ballots: South Carolina (136), Pacific (61), San Diego (60), Texas (52), California (46), Illinois (24), Louisville (21), Fresno State (18), NOTRE DAME (17), Kansas (8), Michigan (2).

bold - indicates 2002 Notre Dame opponents.

() - first-place votes.

into the lead for blocks per game average in the country on Sept. 30. The team maintained its position last weekend with 12 blocks at Rutgers and nine at Seton Hall (only the second time this season the Irish have not posted at least 10.0 team blocks in a match).

Notre Dame enters this weekend's action averaging 3.79 blocks per game, ahead of Nebraska (3.69) and Stanford (3.64).

Freshman middle blocker Lauren Brewster has 76 total blocks this season, which ranks her 12th in the nation as of Sept. 30.

Accurate hitting weekend moves Irish into the nation's top-30 in hitting percentage: The Notre Dame offense put together two of its best performances of the season at Rutgers and Seton Hall last weekend. The .418 team hitting mark from the Rutgers match is the best the team has posted in a three-game match this season and the .362 reached against Seton Hall was another outstanding effort. The two matches moved Notre Dame's overall team hitting percentage for the 2002 season to .265, which is currently ranked 30th in the nation as of Oct. 6.

In both matches last weekend, the Notre Dame hitters committed just 23 attack errors on 185 swings.

Bench plays large role in victory over UConn: Dropping the first game to Connecticut on Friday prompted a few mid-match lineup changes from Irish head coach Debbie Brown. Freshmen Kelly Burrell and Meg Henican saw their most significant playing time of the season and preseason all-BIG EAST middle blocker Kim Fletcher continued her push toward more time in the rotation with a solid performance.

Burrell relieved starting setter Kristen Kinder in game two against UConn. Kristen Kinder had been working through a knee injury over the past week and the limited practice time might have caught up with her. Burrell ended up with 35 assists, four digs and five blocks in the match.

Henican came in on the outside to give the Husky defense a different look and responded with nine kills and 14 digs – both career highs.

Fletcher, arguably playing the best volleyball on the team at the end of the 2001 season, has been working her way into the rotation with a burst of energy off the bench. Against UConn, the junior middle came through with a season-high 11 kills and added five blocks.

<u>Irish sets a new standard for consecutive home victories in memorable fashion:</u> Notre Dame's victory over #10 Pepperdine extended the Irish home court winning streak to 28 matches. Notre Dame has moved that total to 31 with three victories since their upset of the Waves. The 31-match streak is the longest in school history, eclipsing the previous mark of 27 matches from Sept. 9, 1993 through Sept. 2, 1995.

The Irish have not lost in the Joyce Center since a three-game setback to #7 Colorado State on Sept. 23, 2000.

During the Irish winning streak at home, they have dropped just eight games while winning 23 matches 3-0. Notre Dame also has won four tournament titles during the streak, including the 2000 BIG EAST Championship, the 2001 and 2002 Shamrock Invitational titles and the 2002 Golden Dome Invitational.

Irish set school records during classic victory over #10 Pepperdine: The victory over the visiting Waves on Saturday, Sept. 14, was more than just Notre Dame's first victory over a top-10 opponent since 1995. The win stretched the Irish home court winning streak to a record 28 matches and provided Notre Dame its second home tournament title of the season (combined with the Shamrock Invitational).

The match against the Waves also set two team records. The 30-32, 30-24, 29-31, 30-25 and 15-10 game scores matched the team record for points in a match (134) from Notre Dame's five-game victory over Illinois State in 2001. The Notre Dame - Pepperdine match also is the longest in the Joyce Center

	2002 BIG EAST Standings (as of Oct. 6)							
	<u>School</u>	BIG EAST	<u>%</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>%</u>	vs. Notre Dame		
1.	Notre Dame	4-0	1.000	13-3	.813	_		
2.	Miami	3-1	.750	15-1	.938	A - Nov. 15		
3.	Pittsburgh	3-1	.750	13-5	.722	H - Oct. 25		
4.	Georgetown	3-1	.750	11-7	.611	A - Oct. 12		
5.	Virginia Tech	3-1	.750	10-8	.556	A - Nov. 17		
6.	Connecticut	3-1	.750	7-9	.438	H - Sept. 27		
7.	Syracuse	2-2	.500	13-6	.684	H - Nov. 9		
8.	St. John's	2-2	.500	13-9	.591	H - Sept. 29		
9.	West Virginia	1-3	.333	5-12	.294	H - Oct. 27		
10	. Rutgers	0-2	.000	11-6	.647	A - Oct. 10		
11	. Seton Hall	0-2	.000	8-12	.400	A - Oct. 6		
12	. Boston College	e 0-2	.000	7-10	.412	H - Nov. 3		
13	. Providence	0-2	.000	2-16	.111	H - Nov. 1		
14	. Villanova	0-4	.000	9-12	.429	A - Oct. 13		

under the new rally scoring rules, as the match ended two hours, 28 minutes after it began (surpassing the Illinois State match by six minutes).

Another team record was set earlier in the tournament, when Notre Dame defeated Loyola College 30-16, 30-16 and 30-14 to win by 44 points, the largest winning margin for the Irish under the new rally scoring method.

Notre Dame utilizing its front row strength to dominate at the net: The 2001 Irish team posted a 3.42 blocks-per-game average, second to just the '85 (3.51) and '88 (3.57) teams.

Entering the match with St. John's, the Irish are averaging 3.79 blocks per game this season - a mark which leads the nation as of Oct. 6.

Front row specialists Malinda Goralski, Kristy Kreher and Marcie Bomhack graduated last season, but a talented freshman class, combined with some experienced front line players, have shown the ability to improve the Irish defense at the net. In the first 14 matches of the 2002 season, Notre Dame dominated at the net to collect 191 team blocks and have failed to post more than 10 team blocks in just one match this season (vs. Colorado).

Try to hit through this front line: Notre Dame's blocking prowess has been well documented this season, but the Irish have some rotations that defy opposing teams to get a shot through. At certain times during a match, **Katie Neff** (6-5), **Lauren Brewster** (6-3) and **Lauren Kelbley** (6-2) are patrolling the net for the Irish defense. Add in 6-1 all-BIG EAST high jumper **Emily Loomis** and the Irish defensive wall becomes even more impressive.

Neff (55 blocks), Brewster (76), Kelbley (53) and Loomis (62) play a large role in Notre Dame's 3.79 blocks-per-game average, which ranked first in the nation as of Oct. 6.

Debbie Brown coaching is in her 12th year as the mentor of the Irish volleyball program: Debbie Brown has guided the program throughout the 90's and into the new century, developing the Irish into a volleyball power in the BIG EAST and one of the best programs in the nation. Brown is 289-96 (.749) and has earned numerous coach-of-the-year accolades throughout her 11 full years with the Irish, including the 2000 and 2001 BIG EAST Coach of the Year awards.

Notre Dame picked by league coaches to win its third-straight and seventh-overall BIG EAST Championship: Notre Dame has been picked to win its third-straight league title this year, as voted by the conference head coaches. The Irish received 10 of 13 first-place votes, finishing ahead of Pittsburgh and Rutgers.

Two Irish players landed on the preseason all-BIG EAST squad. Junior setter **Kristen Kinder**, the 2001 BIG EAST Setter of the Year, and junior middle blocker

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2002 Notre Dame				
Statistical Leaders				
<u>Kills</u>				
E. Loomis				
K. Neff				
J. Kinder 127				
Attack %				
K. Fletcher				
E. Loomis				
K. Neff				
<u>Assists</u>				
K. Kinder 551				
K. Burrell 93				
J. Alderete 32				
<u>Digs</u>				
J. Alderete 163				
J. Kinder				
K. Coughlin				
<u>Blocks</u>				
L. Brewster				
E. Loomis				
K. Neff 55				
Solo Blocks				
E. Loomis				
K. Neff11				
J. Kinder9				
Aces				
J. Kinder26				
E. Loomis				
K. Kinder 14				
K. Kilder Kills/Game				
E. Loomis 3.89				
K. Neff				
J. Kinder				
L. Kelbley 2.33				
L. Brewster				

Notre Dame Sports Information: Notre Dame volleyball information is readily available on the world wide web at www.und.com and by contacting Assistant Sports Information Director Alan Wasielewski at 574-631-7516.

A weekly release is usually available on Wednesday during the regular season, as well as other special releases when required. Complete meet recaps are posted on www.und.com.

If you are interested in receiving information on Notre Dame volleyball via e-mail, please let Wasielewski know at Wasielewski.3@nd.edu.

Player interviews and game credentials should be arranged through Wasielewski at least 24 hours in advance.

Notre Dame Match Highs					
<u>Individual</u>					
Kills 1	5 Loc	omis vs. Saint Louis			
4G 2	0 Loc	omis vs. UConn			
2	0 Loc	omis vs. St. John's			
5G 2	2 Loc	omis vs. Pepp.			
Blocks 1	0 Bre	wster vs. Cincinn			
4G 1		bley vs. St. John's			
5G 1	0 Bre	wster vs. Pepp.			
Digs 1	9 Ald	erete vs. Cincinn			
4G 1	9 Ald	erete vs. Michigan			
5G 2	2 J. I	Kinder vs. Pepp.			
<u>TA</u> 3	4 Loc	omis vs. Cal Poly			
4G 4	5 Loc	omis vs. UConn			
5G 6	4 Loc	omis vs. Pepp.			
Hit % .6	600 Kel	bley vs. Cincinn			
4G .4	142 Loc	omis vs. St. John's			
5G .4	171 Loc	omis vs. Purdue			
<u>Ass.</u> 3	9 Bui	rrell vs. Loyola			
4G 3	9 K.	Kinder vs. Michigan			
3	9 K.K	inder vs. St. John's			
5G 6	7 K.	Kinder vs. Pepp.			
Aces 4	Kel	bley vs. S. Louis			
4G 3	Loc	omis vs. Michigan			
3	Hei	nican vs. UConn			
3	K	Kinder vs. St. John's			
3	Bre	wster vs. St. John's			
5G 4		Kinder vs. Purdue			
		<u>[eam</u>			
Kills 3		vs. Cincinn			
4		vs. UConn			
5		vs. Pepperdine			
Blocks 3		twice			
4		vs. St. John's			
5		vs. Pepperdine			
Digs 3		vs. Cincinn			
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5		vs. Pepperdine			
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Kim Fletcher made Notre Dame the only conference team represented by two players on the preseason all-BIG EAST team.

Pittsburgh's Wendy Hatlestad was named the Preseason BIG EAST Player of the Year.

The top four teams in the conference (which includes 13 teams with the addition of Miami) will qualify for the 2002 BIG EAST Championship in Pittsburgh, Pa., on Nov. 23-24.

Notre Dame has won the last two conference championships, including last season's showcase in Pittsburgh (defeating Georgetown in five games). The Irish have won their last 27 matches against BIG EAST Conference teams and have posted 34 straight wins in regular-season league action. Notre Dame also is 43-0 at home against BIG EAST Conference opponents.

The Irish are currently 4-0 in the BIG EAST Conference this season.

Libero: The NCAA Women's Volleyball Rules Committee has introduced another rule change that will have a large effect on how the game is played. After the introduction rally scoring in 2001, the 2002 season marks the beginning of the libero era in women's collegiate volleyball.

A libero (designated back row player) will be allowed in the lineup for the 2002 season. A defensive specialist that does not count toward the team's substitutions, the libero can freely replace any player that has rotated to the back row. Unlike traditional substitutions that are administered by the referee, the libero can enter the match any time there is a dead ball.

Since the libero is a defensive player, a certain restrictions have been established on the libero's offensive capabilities. A libero only plays in the back row and cannot serve or attempt to block a shot. The libero cannot attack the ball above the net, nor can the libero set the ball with an overhead finger pass in the attack zone.

Once the libero comes out of the match, the player must wait at least one point before reentering.

Here is a quick look at Notre Dame's last 31 match victories at Notre Dame in the USA Today/ AVCA Top 25 this season: Preseason: 25

Sept. 2: NR, Irish first in 'also receiving votes category after winning the 2002 Shamrock Invitational.

Sept. 9: NR, Irish remain in 'also receiving votes' category

Sept. 16: NR, Irish move up in 'also receiving votes' category after knocking off #10 Pepperdine (90 pts.)

Sept. 23: NR, Irish continue to be mentioned in the 'also receiving votes' category after a 1-1 week

Sept. 30: NR, 2-0 after BIG EAST Conference competition begins

Oct. 7: NR, continue to receive notice in 'also receiving votes' category

0ct. 14:

Oct. 21:

Oct. 28:

Nov. 4:

Nov. 11:

Nov. 18:

Nov. 25:

Dec. 2:

Dec. 9:

Final:

Player(s) of the Week
Sept. 2 Valeria Tipiana, Miami
Sept. 9 Anna Kleinsorge, G'Town Carrie Norris, Pittsburgh
Sept. 16 Katie Neff, Notre Dame
Sept. 23 Megan Miller, Pittsburgh
Sept. 30 Emily Loomis, Notre Dame Megan Miller, Pittsburgh
Oct. 7 Jamie Hadenfeldt, UConn Sara Albert, Georgetown
Rookie(s) of the Week
Sept. 2 . Lauren Kelbley, Notre Dame Julie Hockenson, West Virginia
Sept. 9 Sandra Nunner, Rutgers
Sept. 16 Margie Young, Miami Melissa Markowski, Virginia Tech
Sept. 23 Madelyn Egan, Pittsburgh
Sept. 30Karla Johnson, Miami Melissa Markowski, Virginia Tech
Oct. 7 Kristen Conway, Syracuse
Irish double-doubles in '02
Lauren Brewster
14 kills, 10 blocks vs. Pepp.
Jessica Kinder
10 kills, 11 digs vs. Cincinn.
12 kills, 10 digs vs. LMU
14 kills, 12 digs vs. Loyola
13 kills, 22 digs vs. Pepp.
Kristen Kinder
34 assists, 11 digs vs. Cincinn.
32 assists, 11 digs vs. Valpo
67 assists, 10 digs vs. Pepp.
39 assists, 11 digs vs. Michigan

Emily Loomis

21 kills, 10 digs

20 kills, 13 digs

20 kills, 10 digs

at Purdue

vs. UConn

vs. St. John's

2002 BIG EAST Weekly Awards

home: 2000 -Sept. 29, Villanova, W, 3-0 Oct. 1, Georgetown, W, 3-0 Oct. 20, Rutgers, W, 3-0 Oct. 22, Seton Hall, W, 3-0 Nov. 3, Boston College, W. 3-0 Nov. 4, North Carolina, W, 3-0 Nov. 7, Saint Louis, W. 3-0 Nov. 18, Connecticut, W, 3-0* Nov. 19, Rutgers, W, 3-0* 2001 -Aug. 31, SW Texas St., W, 3-0 Sept. 1, Florida Atlantic, W, 3-0 Sept. 1, Idaho, W, 3-1 Sept. 18, Valparaiso, W, 3-0 Sept. 22, Syracuse, W, 3-0 Sept. 28, Virginia Tech, W, 3-0 Sept. 30, Georgetown, W, 3-1 Oct. 12, Villanova, W, 3-0 Oct. 14, Rutgers, W, 3-0 Nov. 9, St. John's, W, 3-0 Nov. 11, Seton Hall, W. 3-0 Nov. 14, Illinois State, W. 3-2 2002 -Aug. 30, UW-Milwaukee, W, 3-0 Aug. 31, Cincinnati, W, 3-0 Sept. 1, Cal Poly, W, 3-0

Sept. 14, Loyola College, W, 3-0 Sept. 14, Pepperdine, W, 3-2 Sept. 21, Michigan, W, 3-1 Sept. 27, Connecticut, W, 3-1

Sept. 13, Northwestern, W. 3-0

Sept. 29, St. John's, W, 3-1

* - 2000 BIG EAST Championship

Notre Dame ready to broadcast volleyball matches on www.und.com: The University of Notre Dame athletic department, in conjuncture with the Official College Sports Network (OCSN), will provide live broadcast of Notre Dame volleyball matches this season. OCSN offers the Fighting Irish Pass, which is a subscription service that allows those involved access to all audio available on www.und.com, including football games, press conferences and interviews.

Notre Dame Assistant Sports Information Director Chris Masters (who worked color commentary for Western Kentucky women's basketball and volleyball before coming to Notre Dame) will do the play-by-play of the Irish matches this weekend, while Liz Muir, Notre Dame's Director of Equipment Operations, will step in for color commentary from time to time during the season.

Liz Muir was a three-time all-ACC and all-region selection at North Carolina. She also was a member of the ACC 50th anniversary volleyball team.

Simply click on the "listen" link on the front page of Notre Dame's official site, www.und.com, for access to the live audio coverage.

Follow all Irish home matches via live statistics on the official athletic web site: The University of Notre Dame official web site, www.und.com, will provide live statistics for all Irish **HOME** volleyball matches this season.

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2002 University of Notre Dame VolleyballRecord: 13-3 (Home: 9-0, Away: 3-2, Neutral: 1-1, BIG EAST 4-0)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	Result	Score	Game Scores	<u>Tournament</u>	<u>High Kills</u>
Aug.						
30	Wisconsin-Milwaukee	W	3-0	30-26, 30-17, 30-26	Shamrock Invitational	Kelbley (12)
31	Cincinnati	W	3-0	30-19, 30-24, 30-23	Shamrock Invitational	Kelbley (12)
Sept.						
1	Cal Poly	W	3-0	30-26, 30-28, 30-23	Shamrock Invitational	Neff (11)
6	at Loyola Marymount	L	1-3	30-26, 16-30, 23-30, 24-30	LMU Classic	Neff, J. Kinder (12)
7	vs. Colorado	L	0-3	25-30, 24-30, 26-30	LMU Classic	Fletcher (10)
7	vs. Saint Louis	W	3-0	30-25, 30-13, 30-19	LMU Classic	Loomis (15)
10	at Valparaiso	W	3-0	30-22, 30-24, 30-18		Loomis (11)
13	Northwestern	W	3-0	30-28, 30-26, 30-21	Golden Dome Invitational	Loomis (12)
14	Loyola College	W	3-0	30-16, 30-16, 30-14	Golden Dome Invitational	J. Kinder (14)
14	#10 Pepperdine	W	3-2	30-32, 30-24, 29-31, 30-25, 15-10	Golden Dome Invitational	Loomis (22)
18	at Purdue	L	2-3	30-18, 31-29, 27-30, 26-30, 6-15		Loomis (21)
21	Michigan	W	3-1	30-22, 30-24, 23-30, 30-20		Loomis (15)
27	Connecticut*	W	3-1	28-30, 33-31, 30-18, 31-29		Loomis (20)
29	St. John's*	W	3-1	30-26, 25-30, 30-20, 31-29		Loomis (20)
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5	at Rutgers*	W	3-0	30-16, 30-24, 30-19		Loomis (13)
6	at Seton Hall*	W	3-0	30-14, 30-19, 30-25		Loomis (14)

^{*-}indicates BIG EAST Conference match