

NOTRE DAME BASEBALL GAMEDAY NOTES

SUN., FEB. 18, 2007 – VS. TEXAS STATE

IRISH LOOK FOR SPLIT WITH BOBCATS – The Notre Dame baseball team (1-1) returns to Wolff Stadium today looking for a split with Texas State, after suffering a 2-1 loss on Saturday ... sophomore LHP **Sam Elam** will draw the start for the Irish, with his classmate **Brett Graffy** (RHP) following as the primary relief ... the Bobcats will counter with sophomore RHP **Kyle Gemblor** ... the Irish opened earlier on Saturday with a 15-8 win over Prairie View A&M.

RARE CHALLENGE IN DOUBLEHEADER OPENER – Notre Dame originally was scheduled to play Northwestern this weekend in a three-game series at Wolff Stadium but the Wildcats pulled out of the series, with the Irish able to get replacement opponents in Prairie View A&M and Texas State ... this was just the 19th time in 115 seasons of ND baseball that the team has faced the challenge of playing twice on opening day (with a 20-18 record in those games) ... the Irish have struggled most in the second games of those doubleheader openers, going 8-11 in game-2 of season-opening double dips ... ND now is just 3-7 when playing D-I teams from the south in a season-opening doubleheader ... the Irish had played just two season-opening doubleheaders in the previous 14 seasons (and none since '01): in 1999 (8-4 win over James Madison and 14-1 loss to Florida International, both at FIU) and in 2001 (7-6 loss to Mississippi State and 7-5 win over New Orleans, both at MSU).

FREEBIES UPDATE – Dave Schrage's tailored stat of "freebies" takes into account walks, hit batters, wild pitches, errors, double plays and stolen bases ... based on the formula, Notre Dame finished with a positive freebie ratio (+11) during the season-opening double header:

	<u>Walks</u>	<u>Hit Batters</u>	<u>Wild Pitches</u>	<u>Errors</u>	<u>Double Plays Hit Into</u>	<u>Stolen Bases All.</u>	<u>Total</u>
ND	5	4	1	2	1	8	21
PV/TXST	13	4	6	4	1	4	32

Totals – ND finishes day at +11

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ND	171	51	24	69	68	67	450
Opp.	247	100	40	108	56	62	613

Totals – ND finished season at +163 (avg. of +2.6 per game)

ND POSTS SIXTH STRAIGHT SEASON-OPENING WIN – The win over Prairie View marked the sixth straight season that the Irish have opened with a win ... ND also is 9-1 in its past 10 season openers ... the Irish have outscored their opposition 43-12 in the past four season openers (also 7-1 vs. San Diego State, 18-3 vs. Florida A&M and 3-0 vs. Indiana State).

SCHRAGE POSTS RARE HIGH SCORING WIN IN DEBUT – Dave Schrage became just the second ND baseball coach since 1924 to win his debut game with the Irish ... the 15 runs scored vs. Prairie View are the most for Notre Dame in the debut game of a head coach in nearly 100 years, dating back to 1908 when the team posted a 19-0 win over Winona in the first game under coach Harry Curtis.

FRESHMEN DELIVER OUT OF THE GATE – The Irish received a strong showing in the opener from members of the freshman class, as 3B **A.J. Pollock** (3-run to left-center) and LF **Michael Wright** (solo to right) both homered in the second inning while RF **Billy Boockford** later added a key two-run triple (after the Panthers had closed the margin to 8-6) ... Pollock and Wright are believed to be the only Notre Dame freshmen ever to hit home runs in a season opener.

EARLY POWER SURGE – Senior DH **Mike Dury**'s 8th-inning solo shot vs. Prairie View gave the Irish three home runs in a season opener for the first time since 1993.

PLENTY-O-RUNS IN OPENER – The 15 runs vs. the Bobcats represent the 2nd-most for the Irish in an opener in nearly 45 years (since a 20-3 win at Indiana to start the 1963 season) ... the 2005 ND team opened with an 18-3 win over Florida A&M, at Central Florida ... the 15 runs also are the 8th-highest run total in an opener, spanning 115 seasons of Notre Dame varsity baseball.

LEFT STRANDED – The Texas State game featured plenty of baserunners but only three of them crossed home plate, with the Irish leaving 10 on base while the Bobcats stranded 11.

TOUGH-LUCK LOSS – Texas State tied Saturday's game on a solo home run and later scored the eventual gamewinning run in the 8th, as a untimely catcher's interference play led to that unearned run (scored on a sac. fly).

BREZOVSKY STARTS FAST – Junior 2B **Ross Brezovsky** played a lead role in the opening win, batting 3-for-3 with an RBI and three runs scored while facing a Prairie View team that already had played 12 games.

BIG-INNING BONANZA – Notre Dame broke open the opener with six runs in the 6th, with the big inning including a walk by Brett Lilley, Danny Dressman's bunt single, an opposite-field single to right by Jeremy Barnes (RBI) and Billy Boockford's two-run triple to deep center.

OPENING-WEEK LONG BALLS – Mike Dury has just five career home runs with the Irish but two of them have come in opening-week games (also in 2006, vs. Oklahoma).

DEFENSIVE GEMS – Notre Dame made several impressive defensive plays in the Texas State game, most notably a 1-6-3 double play from Jeremy Barnes to Brett Lilley to David Phelps ... 3B A.J. Pollock and Lilley added some strong plays on the left side of the infield and CF Danny Dressman hauled in David Wood's deep flyout late in the game.

TEXAS TWO-STEP – Notre Dame is 30-10 in its past 40 games played in the state of Texas (dating back to 1999) and 10-2 in its past 12 games at Wolff Stadium.

SAM ELAM'S 2006 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (11 appearances)

Date	Opponent	GS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	Score	W-L	ERA
Feb 26, 2006	vs Oklahoma		1.0	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3-4	0-0	0.00
Mar 04, 2006	at Minnesota		0.1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-8	0-0	0.00
Mar 11, 2006	vs Iowa		2.0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16-2	0-0	0.00
Mar 17, 2006	vs Southern Illinois		1.0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	12-2	0-0	0.00
Mar 25, 2006	at Georgetown-1		1.2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3-8	0-0	0.00
Mar 28, 2006	Valparaiso		1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12-0	0-0	0.00
Apr 11, 2006	Oakland		3.0	3	1	1	1	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	15-1	0-0	0.90
Apr 21, 2006	Rutgers		0.0	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11-5	0-0	2.70
May 02, 2006	Cleveland State		1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12-1	0-0	2.45
May 26, 2006	vs ST. JOHN'S-1		1.0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-10	0-0	2.25
Jun 03, 2006	Kentucky		0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4-10	0-0	2.19
Totals		0	12.1	8	4	3	6	19	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	89-51	0-0	2.19

ELAM'S 2006 SITUATIONAL PITCHING STATS

Situation	B/Avg	AB	H	BF	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	HBP	WP	BK	SH	SF	GDP	Fly	Gnd	BB/G	SO/G
vs left.....	.095	21	2	23	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	5	13	0.0	2.6
vs right.....	.288	73	21	83	6	11	3	1	0	1	2	0	2	1	2	20	24	2.7	5.0
vs leadoff.....	.304	23	7	27	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	9	3.4	3.4
with runners.....	.250	40	10	46	2	6	2	1	0	0	2	0	2	2	3	12	16	1.4	4.2
w/runners & 2-out...	.263	19	5	20	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	7	5	1.8	3.6
rnrs in scoring pos.	.273	22	6	24	0	3	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	7	8	0.0	4.3
scoring pos & 2-out.	.364	11	4	11	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	3	0.0	0.0
bases empty.....	.241	54	13	60	4	7	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	13	21	2.6	4.6
bases loaded.....	1.000	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0

BRETT GRAFFY'S 2006 GAME-BY-GAME STATS (11 appearances)

Date	Opponent	GS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	Score	W-L	ERA
Mar 11, 2006	vs Iowa		1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16-2	--	0.00
Mar 25, 2006	at Georgetown-2		1.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12-2	--	0.00
Mar 28, 2006	Valparaiso		2.0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12-0	--	0.00
Apr 04, 2006	Chicago State		5.1	3	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6-4	W	0.96
Apr 12, 2006	Manchester		1.0	2	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8-2	--	2.61
Apr 26, 2006	Bowling Green		4.0	6	2	2	0	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	8-11	--	3.14
May 02, 2006	Cleveland State		3.0	0	1	1	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	12-1	W	3.12
May 13, 2006	at Seton Hall-1		5.0	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6-7	--	2.82
May 20, 2006	at Villanova		1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	12-1	--	2.70
May 26, 2006	vs ST. JOHN'S-1		3.0	5	4	4	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-10	2-0	3.76
Jun 03, 2006	Kentucky		0.1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4-10	--	3.71
Totals		0	26.2	23	11	11	6	13	4	1	0	2	0	2	0	97-50	--	3.71

GRAFFY'S 2006 SITUATIONAL PITCHING STATS

Situation	B/Avg	AB	H	BF	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	HBP	WP	BK	SH	SF	GDP	Fly	Gnd	BB/G	SO/G
vs left.....	.387	31	12	37	4	6	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	9	5	5.4	8.1
vs right.....	.237	76	18	88	6	17	4	0	0	4	2	1	1	1	1	13	28	2.7	7.7
vs leadoff.....	.360	25	9	27	2	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	6	3.4	8.4
with runners.....	.360	50	18	65	7	10	5	0	0	5	2	2	1	2	1	11	12	5.4	7.7
w/runners & 2-out...	.421	19	8	22	3	4	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	2	7.4	9.8
rnrs in scoring pos.	.400	40	16	49	4	7	5	0	0	3	1	1	0	2	1	9	8	4.3	7.6
scoring pos & 2-out.	.500	16	8	18	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	6.8	10.1
bases empty.....	.211	57	12	60	3	13	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	21	1.8	7.8
bases loaded.....	.222	9	2	10	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	1	0.0	10.1

2006 TEAM SITUATIONAL PITCHING STATS

Situation	B/Avg	AB	H	BF	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	HBP	WP	BK	SH	SF	GDP	Fly	Gnd	BB/G	SO/G
vs left.....	.245	669	164	774	65	154	26	5	7	18	7	4	13	8	8	156	202	3.3	7.9
vs right.....	.250	1467	367	1651	106	350	62	5	11	33	17	3	38	7	36	316	444	2.4	8.0
vs leadoff.....	.248	516	128	573	43	123	16	3	3	14	0	0	0	0	110	146	3.1	8.8	
with runners.....	.276	960	265	1130	78	225	47	4	9	25	24	7	51	15	44	201	308	2.5	7.3
w/runners & 2-out...	.248	404	100	446	37	103	19	0	6	4	11	2	0	0	79	116	3.1	8.7	
rnrs in scoring pos.	.275	582	160	695	63	143	29	2	4	19	18	5	16	15	20	124	171	3.6	8.1
scoring pos & 2-out.	.259	270	70	306	32	72	14	0	2	4	7	2	0	0	54	70	4.3	9.6	
bases empty.....	.226	1176	266	1295	93	279	41	6	9	26	0	0	0	0	271	338	2.8	8.5	
bases loaded.....	.213	47	10	53	1	14	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	5	4	12	16	0.6	7.9

MIKE DURY 2006 SITUATIONAL PITCHING STATS

Situation	B/Avg	AB	H	BF	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	HBP	WP	BK	SH	SF	GDP	Fly	Gnd	BB/G	SO/G
vs left.....	.268	41	11	49	5	7	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	10	13	4.0	5.6
vs right.....	.167	60	10	65	2	10	3	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	3	17	23	1.0	5.1
vs leadoff.....	.154	26	4	28	1	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	8	7	1.3	7.7	
with runners.....	.217	46	10	55	4	7	1	0	0	2	1	0	2	1	5	11	20	2.4	4.2
w/runners & 2-out...	.200	20	4	24	3	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	7	4.8	6.4	
rnrs in scoring pos.	.214	28	6	34	4	4	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	6	12	4.0	4.0
scoring pos & 2-out.	.214	14	3	18	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	5	6.8	6.8	
bases empty.....	.200	55	11	59	3	10	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	16	16	1.9	6.4	
bases loaded.....	.000	3	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	18.0

JESS STEWART'S 2006 SITUATIONAL PITCHING STATS

Situation	B/Avg	AB	H	BF	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	HBP	WP	BK	SH	SF	GDP	Fly	Gnd	BB/G	SO/G
vs left.....	.291	55	16	60	2	9	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	13	17	1.4	6.4
vs right.....	.240	96	23	108	8	12	5	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	3	25	37	2.7	4.1
vs leadoff.....	.147	34	5	36	2	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	12	1.9	5.6	
with runners.....	.348	69	24	78	3	8	5	0	0	1	1	0	3	2	3	12	27	1.6	4.2
w/runners & 2-out...	.333	33	11	36	3	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	10	3.7	4.9	
rnrs in scoring pos.	.356	45	16	53	3	8	3	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	1	8	16	2.5	6.8
scoring pos & 2-out.	.409	22	9	25	3	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	6.2	8.3	
bases empty.....	.183	82	15	90	7	13	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	26	27	2.9	5.4	
bases loaded.....	.000	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0.0	0.0

2006 STATS FROM GAMES PLAYED AT WOLFF STADIUM

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT
06 Danny Dressman...	.400	8-8	30	7	12	1	1	0	13	15	.500	4	3	3	0	.514	0	2	2-4
7 Ross Brezovsky...	.333	6-6	21	4	7	1	0	0	3	8	.381	1	2	4	0	.417	0	2	0-0
2 Brett Lilley....	.240	7-7	25	4	6	2	0	0	6	8	.320	2	2	3	1	.345	0	2	1-1
20 Jeremy Barnes....	.217	7-6	23	5	5	3	0	0	3	8	.348	4	2	5	1	.379	0	0	2-2
44 Mike Dury.....	.500	5-0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	2.000	0	0	1	0	1.000	0	0	0-0
14 Eddy Mendiola....	.333	2-0	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	.333	0	0	1	0	.333	0	0	0-0
8 Evan Sharpley....	.250	3-1	4	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	.200	1	1	0	0	.429	0	0	0-0
27 Chris Soriano....	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0
Totals.....	.346	8-8	272	62	94	23	3	2	60	129	.474	30	21	33	6	.445	3	10	11-18
Opponents.....	.205	8-8	258	27	53	9	2	0	21	66	.256	23	6	49	4	.285	1	8	18-24

Fielding - ND .969, opp. .974 (8 Es).

Notre Dame Errors (8) - Barnes 3, Brezovsky 2, Lilley

LOB - Team (73), Opp (53). DPs turned - Team (5), Opp (6). IBB - Team (1), Opp (2). Picked off - ND 2.

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP
24 Sam Elam.....	0.00	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	3.0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	9	.000	0
44 Mike Dury.....	0.00	1-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	2.2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	6	.167	0
32 Jess Stewart.....	1.04	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	1	8.2	5	4	1	3	3	0	1	0	31	.161	1
13 Wade Korpi.....	3.60	1-0	1	1	0	0/0	0	5.0	6	2	2	1	7	1	1	0	20	.300	0
35 David Phelps.....	13.50	1-0	2	1	0	0/0	0	2.2	5	4	4	1	2	2	0	0	13	.385	1
21 Brett Graffy.....	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	.000	0
51 Joey Williamson..	27.00	0-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	1.0	1	3	3	1	2	1	0	0	4	.250	0
Totals.....	2.50	7-1	8	8	1	1/0	4	72.0	53	27	20	23	49	9	2	0	258	.205	5
Opponents.....	8.19	1-7	8	8	0	0/0	1	67.0	94	62	61	30	33	23	3	2	272	.346	11

Hit Batters (6) - Elam, Stewart, Korpi, Phelps, Williamson; opp. 21

Wild Pitches (5) - Stewart, Phelps; opp. 11

PB - Team (1), Opp (1). Pickoffs - Team (2), Opp (2). SBA/ATT - Jess Stewart (2-2), Mike Dury (0-2), Williamson (1-1), Wade Korpi (0-1).