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2005 Schedule (11-7)

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	5 p.m.	
19	at Ohio State	7 p.m.	
20	vs. Oakland	12 p.m.	
20	vs. Eastern Michigan	2 p.m.	
23	Western Michigan	4 p.m.	
30	Valparaiso (DH)	4 p.m.	
31	at Loyola-Chicago	5 p.m.	
April			
2	*at Rutgers (DH)	12 p.m.	
3	*at Villanova (DH)	11 a.m.	
5	Eastern Michigan (DH)	3 p.m.	
7	Ball State	5 p.m.	
9	*at Pittsburgh (DH)	11 a.m.	
12	at Purdue (DH)	2 p.m.	
14	at Illinois-Chicago	7 p.m.	
16	*at Providence (DH)	12 p.m.	
17	*at Connecticut (DH)	11 a.m.	
19	at DePaul (DH)	3 p.m.	
21	Akron (DH)	3 p.m.	
22	* St. John's (DH)	4 p.m.	
24	* Seton Hall (DH)	11 a.m.	
26	Northwestern (DH)	4 p.m.	
29	* Boston College (DH)	3 p.m.	
May			
1	* Syracuse (DH)	11 a.m.	
12	BIG EAST Championship	TBA	
13	BIG EAST Champ. Cont.	TBA	
14	BIG EAST Champ. Cont.	TBA	
19	NCAA Regional	TBA	
26	NCAA Super Regional	TBA	
31	College World Series	TBA	

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

2005 Notre Dame Softball

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2005 Buckeye Invitational

Friday, March 18

Marshall vs. Oakland, 2 p.m.
Ohio State vs. Ball State, 4 p.m.
Ohio State vs. Eastern Michigan, 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 19

Ball State vs. Marshall, 11 a.m.
Eastern Michigan vs. Ball State, 1 p.m.
Eastern Michigan vs. Oakland, 3 p.m.
Notre Dame vs. Marshall, 5 p.m.
Notre Dame at Ohio State, 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 20

Oakland vs. Ball State, 10 a.m.
Notre Dame vs. Oakland, 12 p.m.
Notre Dame vs. Eastern Michigan, 2 p.m.
Ohio State vs. Marshall, 4 p.m.

* - Live audio coverage will return next week for Notre Dame's planned home opener vs. Western Michigan on Wednesday, March 23 (4 p.m.).

Irish return to Midwest looking to continue Spring Break momentum: The University of Notre Dame softball team (11-7), winners for its last seven games and tournament champion at Hawaii's Spring Fling, return to Midwest and BIG EAST Conference action for the rest of the year this weekend. The Irish will take part in Ohio State's Buckeye Invitational, which also welcomes Ball State, Eastern Michigan, Oakland and Marshall. This weekend's tournament also features two future Notre Dame opponents - though the Irish face just one of them this weekend. Eastern Michigan will appear at Ivy Field (and on CSTV) for a doubleheader Tuesday, April 5 (3 p.m.) and Ball State will pay a visit on Thursday, April 7 for a single game at 5 p.m. The Irish will face EMU this weekend on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Notre Dame headed into its Spring Break trip with a 5-6 record and looking to establish their identity for the season. The trip began with a split at Loyola Marymount, but a plane trip Hawaii for the Spring Fling allowed the team to finally find its hitting streak. During its four-game undefeated run in the tournament, the Irish pounded out 45 hits, scored 25 runs and posted 21 RBI. The Spring Fling is also the second tournament title won by the team in 2005, following up a 3-2 run through the GRU Classic at the University of Florida the first weekend out this season.

Notre Dame quick hits: What you need to know about the Irish for the Buckeye Invitational:

- Senior Megan Ciolli is backing up her All-America nod from 2004 in '05. The Irish team captain is leading the team both on and off the field, and she currently boasts team highs in batting average (.357), hits (20), doubles (5), and slugging percentage (.589). She also is tied with teammate Meagan Ruthrauff for the team lead in home runs with two.

- Junior Kellie Middleton is playing the best softball of her career. After missing 61 games with an injury last season, Middleton is second on the team in batting average (.333) and is a perfect 10 for 10 in stolen bases. She was named the BIG EAST Player of the Week on March 14.

Series history vs. opponents and team analysis: Here is a quick look at Notre Dame's series history, as well as quick overview, of this weekend's opponents:

Marshall - The Irish and Thundering Herd will be meeting for the first time ... Marshall is 11-8 in 2005 ... Rachel Folden leads the offense with a .417 batting average ... Randi Nielson has seen a majority of the innings in the circle, going 6-4 with a 3.75 ERA and two shutouts.

Ohio State - The Irish and Buckeyes will be meeting for the seventh time ... the series is all tied up at 3-3 ... OSU is 11-6 in 2005 and is hitting .310 as a team ... Ashley Cutcliff paces the offense with a .429 batting average ... Megan Schwab (14) and Liz Caputo (12) have provided the RBI ... Jamee Juarez looks to the OSU's number one pitcher, going 7-4 with a 1.75 ERA and 58 K in 60.0 IP.

Oakland - The Irish and Grizzlies will be meeting for the second time ... Notre Dame defeated Oakland 16-0 on April 30, 2002 ... OU is 1-8 in 2005 and has struggled on offense (.197 team batting average) ... Laura Chomokos has seen a majority of the innings pitched for the Grizzlies (25.0 IP, 0-4, 5.60 ERA).

Eastern Michigan - The Irish and Eagles will meet for the first of three games this season on Sunday ... the two teams are meeting for the sixth time on Sunday, with the Irish holding a 4-1 advantage in the series ... Notre Dame swept a doubleheader from EMU last season at Ivy Field on March 20 ... the Eagles are 5-12 in 2005 ... Kelli Jeziorski leads the offense with a .326 batting average ... four pitchers see significant time in the circle for EMU, led by Amy Brownfield's 4.78 ERA.

Snapshot of the Irish: Notre Dame has struggled 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

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)	4-4, 2.00 ERA, 64 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)	.293, 3 2B, 2 RBI
4	Carrie Wisen***	Sr.	P/DP	5-7	R/R	Fullerton, CA (Sonora)	.316, 3 RBI, 4 APP
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)	.224, 1 3B, 3 RBI
11	Gessica Hufnagle*	So.	C	5-6	R/R	Middlebury, IN (Northridge)	.182, 2 RBI, 2-2 SB
16	Mallorie Lenn**	Jr.	C	5-8	R/R	Garden Grove, CA (Pacifica)	.226, 2 SH
20	Nicole Wicks*	Sr.	OF	5-5	R/R	Renton, WA (Hazen)	16 GP, 4 R
21	Megan Ciolli***(C)	Sr.	OF	5-9	L/R	Terre Haute, IN (North Vigo)	.357, 2 HR, 10 RBI
22	Sara Schoonaert**	Jr.	SS/2B	5-5	R/R	Houston, TX (Clear Lake)	.200, 3 RBI, 1-1 SB
24	Stephanie Brown*	So.	OF/2B	5-6	L/R	Chandler, AZ (Corona del Sol)	.255, 3 RBI, 3 SH
27	Carissa Jaquish*	So.	C/DP	5-6	R/R	Highland, CA (Redlands E.V.)	.200, 3-15, 1 RBI
32	Heather Booth**	Jr.	P	5-10	R/R	Riverside, CA (MLK)	7-3, 1.30 ERA, 48 K
34	Sarah Smith	Fr.	OF	5-7	L/R	Oklahoma City, OK (Heritage Hall)	11 GP, 1 R, 3 AB
44	Kellie Middleton*	Jr.	OF	5-6	R/R	Norcross, GA (Marist)	.333, 10 R, 5 RBI
77	Meagan Ruthrauff**	Jr.	1B	5-10	R/R	La Mirada, CA (La Serna)	.306, 2 HR, 12 RBI

* - indicates monograms won

Staff

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

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

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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 (.357, 20 H, 5 2B, 2 HR, 10 RBI, 8 SB) has led from the front since the team took the field this season. Juniors Kellie Middleton (.333, 18 H, 5 RBI, 10 SB) and Meagan Ruthrauff (.306, 4 2B, 12 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 (7-3, 1.30 ERA) has turned in just one sub-par start (vs. Pacific) and has two shutouts and eight complete games to her credit. Senior Steffany Stenglein (2.00 ERA, 64 K in 49.0 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 .161 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 played great, while freshman Katie Laing has moved over to second base and been outstanding as well.

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

Two Irish players earn BIG EAST weekly awards: Juniors Heather Booth and Kellie Middleton earned weekly honors from the BIG EAST Conference on Monday after helping the University of Notre Dame softball team finish its Spring Break trip with a 6-1 record, including five-straight wins to end the week. The conference player of the week is the first BIG EAST award for Middleton, while Booth earns the third pitcher of the week accolade in her career.

Booth finished last week with a 3-0 record, making four appearances while allowing just two earned runs and striking out 16. She earned her second shutout of the season at UC Santa Barbara on March 7, keeping the Gauchos at bay as the Irish earned a 1-0 victory.

She also picked up two victories and a save during Notre Dame's 4-0 run through the Spring Fling at the University of Hawai'i. She earned victories over the host team and Nevada, going the distance in both games and allowing just seven hits. Booth also earned her second career save against Virginia, entering the game with the bases loaded with one out in the bottom of the seventh. She recorded a pop out and strike out to end the game.

For the week, Booth compiled a 0.71 ERA, allowing just 13 hits in 19.2 innings pitched.

Middleton served as the catalyst for the Irish offense, which exploded during last week's Spring Break action. Notre Dame pounded out 45 hits and 25 runs during the Spring Fling and Middleton came out with the best overall statistical line from all the Irish starters.

The junior, who is back to full strength after missing 61 games last season with an injury, hit .563 in Notre Dame's five games last week. She was unstoppable on the basepaths, swiping six bases in six attempts. No stolen base was bigger than her theft at UC Santa

Notre Dame Sports Information

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

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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 15**

Rnk-Team, Points, '05 Record, last ranking			
1. Arizona (20)	500	19-0	1
2. California	473	22-2	2
3. Stanford	450	18-2	3
4. Michigan	433	21-1	5
5. Texas	419	18-3	4
6. Tennessee	388	29-4	7
7. UCLA	377	16-5	6
8. La.-Lafayette	354	21-2	8
9. Baylor	352	27-3	9
10. Texas A&M	315	23-2	11
11. Oklahoma	313	27-4	12
12. Alabama	300	25-6	10
13. Georgia	234	19-7	15
14. Washington	204	14-7	14
15. LSU	184	17-5	13
16. Florida	180	21-6	16
17. Oregon State	155	14-6	18
18. Missouri	148	20-2	21
19. Nebraska	133	17-5	19
20. Georgia Tech	117	23-6	20
21. Fresno State	107	13-5	17
22. Arizona State	98	22-4	NR
23. Iowa	67	19-4	24
24. Florida State	63	19-9	22
25. Northwestern	40	13-6	23

Others receiving votes: Long Beach State, BYU, Southern Illinois, Creighton, Illinois State, Oklahoma State, **Pacific**, **Syracuse**, Auburn, South Carolina, Oregon, Virginia Tech, 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

Barbara. She got on base with a bunt single, moved to second on a steal and scored on an RBI double by teammate Sara Schoonaert – the only run of the game.

Middleton was also hot in Notre Dame's tournament action in Hawaii, going seven for 11 at the plate with two RBI and four stolen bases. She shared this week's award with Providence's Shannon Garvin.

Wisén posts second three-hit game of her career: Carrie Wisén's three for three, two RBI performance at Hawaii on March 9 was the second two-hit game of the senior P/DP's career. She also had three hits and two RBI against St. John's on May 9, 2004.

Ciulli becomes first Notre Dame NPF draft selection: National Pro Fastpitch announced its 2005 Senior College Player Selections last week and current Irish senior Megan Ciulli 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 544, 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 431 Ks to her credit and is the fourth Irish pitcher to clear that objective - joining Stenglein, Sharron and Kobata.

Hartmann reaches 100 career RBI, Ruthrauff closing in on milestone as well:

**2005 USA Today/NFCA
Division I Top 25 - March 16**

Rnk-Team, Points, '05 Record, last ranking			
1. Arizona (25)	649	19-0	1
2. California (1)	616	22-2	2
3. Stanford	595	18-2	3
4. UCLA	542	16-5	4
5. Michigan	537	21-1	6
6. Tennessee	531	29-4	4
7. La.-Lafayette	484	21-2	7
8. Oklahoma	456	27-4	9
9. Alabama	432	25-6	8
10. Baylor	428	30-3	10
11. Texas	413	18-3	11
12. Texas A&M	347	23-2	11
13. Georgia	339	19-7	13
14. Washington	272	14-7	15
15. LSU	267	17-5	12
16. Florida	241	21-6	17
17. Oregon State	218	13-6	NR
18. Nebraska	206	17-5	18
19. Missouri	181	20-2	20
20. Georgia Tech	173	23-6	19
21. Arizona State	140	22-4	24
22. Florida State	87	19-9	21
23. Northwestern	81	13-6	23
24. Fresno State	66	13-4	22
25. Auburn	35	27-6	NR

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

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**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

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
Providence	0-0				10-4	.714	0-0	3-1	7-3	A - 4-16-05
Syracuse	0-0				9-4	.692	0-0	3-3	6-1	H - 5-1-05
Villanova	0-0				17-9	.654	0-0	0-0	17-9	A - 4-3-05
NOTRE DAME	0-0				11-7	.579	0-0	4-2	7-5	n/a
St. John's	0-0				10-11	.476	0-0	1-5	9-6	H - 4-22-05
Seton Hall	0-0				4-5	.444	0-0	0-1	4-4	H - 4-24-05
Boston College	0-0				8-11	.421	0-0	4-4	4-7	H - 4-29-05
Pittsburgh	0-0				7-13	.350	0-0	1-3	6-10	A - 4-9-05
Connecticut	0-0				3-9	.250	0-0	1-4	2-5	A - 4-17-05
Rutgers	0-0				0-11	.000	0-0	0-2	0-9	A - 4-2-05

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

BIG EAST Weekly Awardwinners

Player of the Week

- Feb. 21 - Sheri Donley, SS, Villanova
- Feb. 28 - Sarah Wall, 3B, Villanova
- March 7 - Shawna Norris, 2B, Syracuse
- March 14 - **Kellie Middleton, OF, Notre Dame**
- Shannon Garvin, SS, Providence

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**

Senior 3B Liz Hartmann drove in three runs last week during Hawaii's Spring Fling, become the eighth Irish player to post 100 career RBI. She is now 25 behind Andria Bledsoe for seventh on the all-time list and will soon be joined by teammate and junior Meagan Ruthrauff, who has drove in 93 runs during her career.

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 at South Florida with a 5-0 record.

Irish own three wins over ranked teams in 2005: Notre Dame is 11-7 this season and three of those 11 victories have come against ranked teams. The Irish defeated #21 South Florida and #19 Florida on their first weekend out (Feb. 12-13), then knocked off #5/6 Tennessee last weekend in Palm Springs.

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

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

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

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 third in batting average (.366 entering the weekend), fourth in stolen bases (51), seventh in runs scored (126), eighth in hits (232), ninth in home runs (12) and seventh in triples (eight). She also is poised to break into the top 10 in games played and doubles this season. A complete list of current Notre Dame players threatening career records appear on page eight of this notes package.

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

Notre Dame Statistical Leaders

Batting Average	
Ciolti	357
Middleton	333
Ruthrauff	306
Hits	
Ciolti	20
Middleton	18
Ruthrauff	15
RBI	
Ruthrauff	12
Ciolti	10
Middleton	5
Home Runs	
Ruthrauff	2
Ciolti	2
Middleton	1
Stolen Bases	
Middleton	10-10
Ciolti	8-8
Wicks	4-7
Slugging Percentage	
Ciolti	589
Ruthrauff	510
Middleton	426
On Base Percentage	
Ciolti	400
Ruthrauff	400
Brown.....	356
Pitching Record	
Booth.....	7-3
Stenglein	4-4
ERA	
Booth.....	1.30
Stenglein	2.00
Strikeouts	
Stenglein	64
Booth.....	48
Wisn	5
Innings Pitched	
Booth.....	64.2
Stenglein	49.0
Wisn	6.2
Fuemmeler.....	1.0
Appearances	
Booth.....	12
Stenglein	10
Wisn	4
Fuemmeler.....	1

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.

Ciolti appears on the initial watch list for the second consecutive season in 2005. The catalyst for the Irish offense in 2004, Ciolti hit a team-high .397 with 81 hits, 23 RBI and 20 stolen bases. The '04 BIG EAST Player of the Year, Ciolti compiled an outstanding offensive season, finishing third on the all-time single season list for hits and second for stolen bases. Her .366 career batting average currently ranks third all-time at Notre Dame.

Named team captain by a vote of her teammates earlier this semester, Ciolti will continue her climb up the career offensive charts in 2005. She currently ranks eighth all-time in career hits (232 - and should become the all-time leader this season), ninth in home runs (12) and fourth in stolen bases (51).

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 Ciolti and two of the top pitchers in the nation - senior Steffany Stenglein and junior Heather Booth. Ciolti was named the '04 BIG EAST Player of the Year while Stenglein earned the league's pitcher of the year award last season.

Head coach Deanna Gumpf's team graduated just one player last season, first-team all-BIG EAST pick OF Nicole deFau. The Irish are expected to be back at full strength, how-

Notre Dame Season Bests

Individual		
Hits	3	four times
Runs	2	seven times
RBI	3	Ruthrauff - three times
2B	2	Laing (vs. Florida, Feb. 13)
	2	Ciolti - twice
3B	1	four times
HR	1	five times
TB	5	Middleton (vs. USF, Feb. 12)
		Ruthrauff (vs. Tenn., Feb. 27)
		Ciolti (at Hawaii, March 9)
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)
2B	3	vs. Coastal Carolina (Feb. 12)
		at Hawaii (March 9)
3B	1	four times
HR	1	five times
TB	16	vs. Campbell (March 9)
		at Hawaii (March 9)
BB	4	at Loy. Mary. (March 6)
SB	5	vs. #21 S. Florida (Feb. 12)
PO	21	14 times
Ass.	13	vs. #21 S. Florida (Feb. 11)
IP	7.0	14 times
SO	12	vs. Utah (Feb. 18)

Miscellaneous Stats

<u>Multiple Hit Games</u>	
Middleton	5
Ciolti	5
Brown	4
Ruthrauff	4
Laing	4
Len	4
Hartmann	2
<u>Multiple RBI Games</u>	
Ruthrauff	3
Ciolti	2
Wisn	1
Middleton	1
<u>Hitting Streaks</u>	
Ciolti	8
Middleton (current)	5
Len (current)	5
Hufnagle (current)	3

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

ever, with senior 3B Liz Hartmann, junior C Mallorie Lenn and junior OF Kellie Middleton all back to full strength after dealing with an assortment of injuries over the past offseason.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2005 Notre Dame Softball Results

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	5 p.m.					
3-19	at Ohio State	7 p.m.					
3-20	vs. Oakland	12 p.m.					
3-20	vs. E. Michigan	2 p.m.					

Current Irish Players on the Career Charts:

Games Played

1. Jarrah Myers.....	245
10. Elizabeth Perkins	231
- Megan Ciolli	199
- Liz Hartmann	196

At Bats

1. Jenny Kriech	790
10. Jenn Giampaolo.....	654
- Megan Ciolli	634

Batting Average

1. Meghan Murray.....	.380
2. Katie Marten.....	.367
3. Megan Ciolli366
4. Jarrah Myers.....	.350

Runs Scored

1. Andrea Loman	164
2. Jenny Kriech	158
3. Jarrah Myers.....	153
4. Katie Marten.....	137
5. Meghan Murray.....	135
6. Melanie Alkire.....	129
7. Megan Ciolli	126
8. Andria Bledsoe.....	117

Most Hits

1. Jenny Kriech	268
2. Melanie Alkire.....	260
3. Meghan Murray.....	254
4. Jarrah Myers.....	250
5. Sara Hayes	243
6. Lizzy Lemire.....	239
7. Andrea Loman	233
8. Megan Ciolli	232
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	24
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	100
9. Elizabeth Perkins	98
10. Meagan Ruthrauff	93
11. Jenn Giampaolo.....	87
- Megan Ciolli	81

Walks

1. Andrea Loman	87
2. Jarrah Myers.....	76
3. Jenny Kriech	66
Sara Hayes	66
5. Melanie Alkire.....	61
6. Meagan Ruthrauff	58
7. Ruth Kmak	52

Stolen Bases

1. Andrea Loman	60
2. Katie Marten.....	58
3. Jenny Kriech	55
4. Megan Ciolli	51
5. Jarrah Myers.....	43
6. Jenn Giampaolo.....	41
7. Alexi Madrid	39
Danielle Klayman.....	39
Meghan Murray.....	39
10. Lisa Miller.....	38
- Kellie Middleton	30

Pitching

Appearances

1. Jennifer Sharron	134
2. Angela Bessolo.....	125
3. Steffany Stenglein	123
4. Missy Linn.....	122
5. Kelly Nichols	116
Staci Alford.....	116
7. Joy Battersby	99
8. Carrie Wisen	93
9. Heather Booth	87

Games Started

1. Jennifer Sharron	117
2. Steffany Stenglein	110
6. Joy Battersby	83
7. Heather Booth	75
8. Staci Alford.....	62

Wins

1. Jennifer Sharron	88
2. Terri Kobata.....	79
3. Missy Linn.....	63
4. Steffany Stenglein	62
5. Angela Bessolo.....	53
Heather Booth	53
6. 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	597.1
5. Staci Alford.....	571.2
6. Angela Bessolo.....	562.2
7. Joy Battersby	491.0
8. Heather Booth	495.0

Strikeouts

1. Terri Kobata.....	907
2. Jennifer Sharron	728
3. Steffany Stenglein	544
4. Angela Bessolo.....	445
5. Heather Booth	431

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: 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 victory (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>
1.30	7-3	12	9	8	2	64.2	48	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>
1.61	53-22	87	75	51	16	495.0	431	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: 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 and her first career triple in a 3-2 victory over Utah.

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.255	.294	.356	9	13	0	1	0	3	6	1-2	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>
.292	.412	.348	56	81	10	1	7	33	17	12-20	.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 ... boasts a .455 batting average in the third spot this season.

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

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.357	.589	.400	7	20	5	1	2	10	2	8-8	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>
.366	.497	.406	126	232	31	8	12	81	24	51-61	.959

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: 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 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>
.224	.265	.264	1	11	0	1	0	3	2	0-0	.936

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>
.246	.418	.290	61	133	19	1	24	100	30	5-7	.954

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>
.182	.182	.217	2	4	0	0	0	2	1	2-2	.969

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>
.159	.159	.196	8	7	0	0	0	4	2	4-4	.969

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

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

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

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.200	.267	.250	0	3	1	0	0	1	1	0-0	1.000

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.213	.282	.263	17	37	5	2	1	15	11	5-5	.980

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

Has seen action as Notre Dame's starting shortstop in her rookie season ... has excellent range and a strong arm from the left side hole ... has struggled with her throwing consistency so far in her first season ... has been solid since a switch to second base for Spring Break.

2005: 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>
.293	.366	.326	6	12	3	0	0	2	2	2-2	.957

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

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

2005: 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>
.226	.245	.255	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>
.258	.389	.310	30	100	19	1	10	56	25	4-4	.988

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

Returns to the full time line up after missing 61 games last season with an injury ... a potential all-star candidate in the outfield with exceptional speed on defense and the basepaths ... 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: 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>
.333	.426	.345	10	18	2	0	1	5	0	10-10	.941

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>
.289	.443	.312	31	43	8	0	5	18	4	30-32	.945

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: 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	.510	.400	3	15	4	0	2	12	9	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>
.302	.484	.397	54	121	22	0	17	93	58	2-2	.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>
.200	.275	.220	5	8	1	1	0	3	1	1-1	.933

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>
.209	.286	.263	46	46	9	4	0	20	15	10-16	.952

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

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

2005 - Has made 11 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.

2005: Has failed to post six or more strikeouts in only one starting appearance this season (vs. Tennessee) ... 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>
2.00	4-4	10	9	3	0	49.0	64	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	62-30	123	110	41	12	597.1	544	0

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

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

2005: Team's top option at pinch runner .. already 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	4	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	34	36	10	3	3	14	13	16-22	.982

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.

2005: Has been used for three pinch hitting appearances ... has also made two starts at DP ... 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>
.316	.368	.350	0	6	1	0	0	3	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>
.218	.327	.247	11	36	9	0	3	23	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