



Notre Dame Women's Tennis

13 Straight Top-30 Finishes • 12 NCAA Tournaments Since '93 • 18 Conference Titles

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2006 SCHEDULE (16-0)

JANUARY

28 Sat. (22) OHIO STATE W, 7-0
28 Sat. (22) XAVIER W, 7-0

FEBRUARY

11 Sat. (22) at Wake Forest (23) W, 4-3
12 Sun. (22) at North Carolina (10) W, 5-1
15 Wed. (15) at Michigan (30) W, 6-1
18 Sat. (15) TENNESSEE (22) W, 7-0
19 Sun. (15) HARVARD (9) W, 5-2
25 Sat. (7) BYU (20) W, 5-2
26 Sun. (7) WISCONSIN (51) W, 6-1
28 Tue. (5) INDIANA (27) W, 7-0

MARCH

5 Sun. (5) ILLINOIS (49) W, 7-0
10 Fri. (2) W. MICHIGAN (49) W, 7-0
15 Wed. (2) vs. Duke (5) W, 4-3
(Orlando, FL)

18 Sat. (2) at Texas A&M (48) W, 4-3
20 Mon. (2) at Texas (11) W, 4-3

24 Fri. (2) IOWA (39) W, 6-1

29 Wed. at Vanderbilt 2:30 p.m.

31 Fri. EASTERN MICHIGAN 2:30 p.m.

APRIL

2 Sun. at Purdue 11 a.m.

5 Wed. NORTHWESTERN 3:30 p.m.

7 Fri. DePAUL 3:30 p.m.

9 Sun. MARQUETTE Noon

19-22 at BIG EAST Championship (Tampa, FL)

MAY

12-13 NCAA Championship (1st/2nd rounds, campus sites)

18-21 at NCAA Championship (rd. of 16 - final, Stanford, CA)

22-28 at NCAA Singles & Doubles Chps. (Stanford, CA)

Home matches in **BOLD CAPS** held at the Courtney Tennis Center, weather permitting. Otherwise, home matches held in Eck Tennis Pavilion. All times are local.

Notes: Number in parentheses before opponent is Notre Dame's ITA national ranking at time of match; number in parentheses after opponent is its ITA national ranking at time of match.

#2 Notre Dame (16-0) vs. #11 Vanderbilt (15-2)

Wednesday, March 29, 2:30 p.m. (CT) • Brownlee O. Currey, Jr. Tennis Center • Nashville, TN
- [Live Scoring Updates](#): vucommadores.com (also linked on und.com)

Eastern Michigan (6-6) vs. #2 Notre Dame

Friday, March 31, 2:30 p.m. (ET) • Courtney Tennis Center • Notre Dame, IN
- [Live Scoring Updates](#): und.com

#2 Notre Dame vs. #39 Purdue (7-5)

Sunday, April 2, 11 a.m. • Varsity Tennis Courts • West Lafayette, IN

#2 IRISH SET FOR THREE MATCHES THIS WEEK: The second-ranked University of Notre Dame women's tennis team – off to a 16-0 start for the first time in program history – will be busy this week, taking part in three matches. On Wednesday, the Irish will face one of their stiffest remaining tests, traveling to #12 Vanderbilt (15-2) for a 2:30 p.m. (CT) match. Notre Dame will then return home on Friday to play host to Eastern Michigan (6-6) at 2:30 p.m. (CT) at the Courtney Tennis Center (weather permitting) in a match that was added late to the schedule. Then on Sunday, the Irish will head to #33 Purdue (7-5) for an 11 a.m. contest.

ND REMAINS ALL-TIME HIGH OF #2 IN FILA COLLEGIATE TENNIS RANKINGS: After wins against #11 Texas and Iowa last week, the Irish remained at #2 for the fourth consecutive week in the Fila Collegiate Tennis Rankings, determined by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's (ITA) computer formula. It is the highest ITA ranking for Notre Dame since becoming a Division I program in 1985-86. Notre Dame again made up a bit of ground on two-time defending NCAA champion Stanford, as the Irish computer average of 96.40 is 4.80 behind the Cardinal's 101.20 (last week's margin was 5.40). Stanford has won 72 consecutive matches, dating back to the title match of the 2003 NCAA tournament. Rounding out the top five are USC, North Carolina, and Miami. In all, 19 of Notre Dame's 23 regular-season opponents are listed among the 75 teams in this week's rankings, with eight in the top 25: #4 North Carolina (W, 5-1), #6 Northwestern (April 5, home), #11 Vanderbilt (March 29, away), #12 Duke (W, 4-3), #15 Texas (W, 7-0), #17 Wake Forest (W, 4-3), #19 Harvard (W, 5-2), and #22 Tennessee (W, 7-0). Additionally, the Irish lost 4-3 to USC – currently ranked third – during the fall in exhibition action.

IRISH OFF TO BEST START IN PROGRAM HISTORY: Notre Dame has begun the season with 16 consecutive victories for the first time in the 30-year history of the program. The previous best start came in 1983-84, when the Irish began 15-0 before losing 7-2 at home against Michigan on March 27. That team would finish 20-5 and take third place in the NCAA Division II Championship.

ND'S BEST UNDEFEATED STARTS: See below a list of Notre Dame's best runs of consecutive victories to start a season.

| Record | Year | First Loss | Final Record, NCAA Finish |
|-------------|----------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 16-0 | 2005-06 | ????? | ?????? |
| 15-0 | 1983-84 | 3/27 vs. Michigan, 7-2 | 20-5, 3rd (Div. II) |
| 11-0 | 1980-81 | 10/4 vs. N. Illinois (@ Chicago), 5-4 | 20-6, 20th (AIAW Div. II) |
| 10-0 | 1984-85 | 3/22 vs. S. Illinois-Edwardsville, 5-4 | 25-5, 2nd (Div. II) |
| 9-0 | 1981-82 | 10/2 at Northwestern, 9-0 | 13-10, T-6th (AIAW Div. II) |

ND-Vanderbilt Series Information

Overall: Vanderbilt leads 5-1 (VU won last 5)

At Vanderbilt: Vanderbilt leads 1-0

In 4-3/5-4 Matches: Tied 1-1

In Louderback Era: Vanderbilt leads 5-1

Geoff Macdonald vs. Notre Dame: 7-1 (5-1 at VU)

First Meeting: 1996, #16 ND 5, #17 VU 4 (Fed. Insur. Classic @ Minn)

Last Year: 1/23/05 – #6 Vanderbilt 6, #21 Notre Dame 1 (@ ND)

Last ND Win: 1996, #16 ND 5, #17 VU 4 (Fed. Insur. Classic @ Minn)

Last Meeting at VU: 2003, #15 VU 4, #21 ND 1 (NCAA second round)

When Both Teams are in the Top 25: Vanderbilt leads 5-1

When ND is Ranked Higher: Vanderbilt leads 2-1

See pages 3-4 for details of series with Eastern Michigan & Purdue

Last Year's ND-VU Match

#6 Vanderbilt 6, #21 Notre Dame 1

January 23, 2005 – Notre Dame, Indiana (Indoors)

Singles

No. 1: #38 Audra Falk (VU) def. #69 Catrina Thompson (ND) 6-2, 6-0

No. 2: Taka Bertrand (VU) def. #85 Brook Buck (ND) 6-4, 6-2

No. 3: #116 Amanda Fish (VU) def. Christian Thompson (ND) 2-6, 7-6 (2), 6-4

No. 4: Lauren Connelly (ND) def. Annie Menees (VU) 6-7 (5), 6-3, 1-0 (6)

No. 5: *Amanda Taylor (VU) def. Kristina Stastny (ND) 6-4, 6-3

No. 6: Caroline Ferrell (VU) def. Liz Donohue (ND) 7-6 (9-7), 7-5

Order of Finish: 1, 2, 5*, 4, 3, 6

Doubles

No. 1: #2 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. #35 Falk/Menees (VU) 8-6

No. 2: *#20 Bertrand/Fish (VU) def. Buck/L. Connelly (ND) 9-7

No. 3: Ferrell/Taylor (VU) def. Sarah Jane Connelly/Stastny (ND) 8-0

Order of Finish: 3, 1, 2*

* - denotes clinching win; ! - clinching win in final match on court

IRISH MATCH SECOND-LONGEST WINNING STREAK IN PROGRAM HISTORY: Notre Dame's 16-0 start to the spring has tied the second-longest winning streak in the 30-year varsity history of the program. The Irish also won the final match of the 1982-83 season, as well as the first 15 in 1983-84. The longest winning streak in ND history is 20 matches, which included the final nine matches of the 1979 (fall only) season, as well as the first 11 in 1980-81.

LONGEST IRISH WINNING STREAKS: See below a list of the longest winning streaks in the 30-year varsity history of Notre Dame women's tennis.

| Streak | Dates | Loss Ending It |
|--------|-------------------------------|---|
| 20* | Sept. 9, 1979 - Oct. 4, 1980 | 10/4/80 vs. Northern Illinois (@ Chicago), 5-4 |
| 16 | Jan. 28, 2006 - present | ??????? |
| 16# | May 10, 1983 - March 24, 1984 | 3/27/84 vs. Michigan, 7-2 |
| 12 | March 28 - May 15, 1999 | 5/16/99 vs. Iowa (NCAA second round), 5-4 |
| 12! | April 15 - Sept. 29, 1981 | 10/2/81 at Northwestern, 9-0 |
| 11 | March 9 - April 15, 1989 | 4/18/89 at Northwestern, 5-4 |
| 11\$ | May 11, 1984 - March 20, 1985 | 3/22/85 vs. Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, 5-4 |
| 10 | March 30 - May 13, 2001 | 5/17/01 vs. #4 Florida (NCAA R16, Stone Mt., GA), 4-1 |
| 10 | March 18 - April 17, 1993 | 4/18/93 at #11 Indiana, 7-2 |

* - included final nine matches of 1979 and first 11 of 1980-81

- included final match of 1982-83 and first 15 of 1983-84

! - included final three matches of 1980-81 and first nine of 1981-82

\$ - included final match of 1983-84 and first 10 of 1984-85

IRISH 15-0 AT No. 6 SINGLES: Thus far this spring, Notre Dame remains unbeaten at No. 6 singles. Freshman **Katie Potts** (Brookfield, Wis./Divine Savior Holy Angels H.S.) is 12-0 there, while senior captain **Lauren Connelly** (Oklahoma City, Okla./Bishop Gorman H.S.) is 3-0, and senior **Kelly Nelson** (St. Petersburg, Fla./Shorecrest Preparatory School) won there against Xavier.

BOTTOM OF ND LINEUP WINNING 91% OF MATCHES: The key to Notre Dame's 16-0 start this season has been its outstanding depth, as the Irish hold a combined 72-7 (.911) mark in the bottom part of their lineups. Notre Dame is 42-5 (.894) combined at Nos. 4-6 in singles, as well as 30-2 (.938) at Nos. 2-3 doubles.

ND WINNING 90% OF DOUBLES MATCHES THIS SPRING: Notre Dame has been nearly unbeatable in partnered play this spring, going 43-5 (.896), winning the doubles point in all 16 matches. The Irish are 13-3 at No. 1 and 15-1 at both Nos. 2 and 3. In 28 of those contests (58%), the Irish have lost just three games or fewer. On the season, Notre Dame teams have combined for a 75-17 (.815) record in doubles. Junior All-America twins **Catrina Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.) and **Christian Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.), ranked third nationally after giving ND its first-ever grand slam title at the Riviera/ITA All-American Championships, stand 16-3 on the season (7-2 vs. ranked teams), while the No. 2 tandem of sophomore **Brook Buck** (Yukon, Okla./Oklahoma Christian School) and freshman **Kelcy Tefft** (Enid, Okla./Chisholm H.S.) – who were reunited this season after pairing to win five USTA super national titles in juniors play – are ranked 29th and sporting a 24-4 record (they had an 11-match winning streak snapped on Feb. 26). Seniors **Lauren Connelly** (Oklahoma City, Okla./Bishop Gorman H.S.) and **Kristina Stastny** (St. Louis, Mo./St. Joseph's Academy) began the spring with a 15-match winning streak and are now 15-1, as well as 26-5 overall (3-1 against ranked teams). They fell out of the national rankings after peaking at 45th. In all, the players on Notre Dame's roster combined for 29 USTA super national gold balls in the juniors.

SUPER SENIORS: Notre Dame's three seniors that have seen action this spring – **Kelly Nelson** (St. Petersburg, Fla./Shorecrest Preparatory School), **Kristina Stastny** (St. Louis, Mo./St. Joseph's Academy) and team captain **Lauren Connelly** (Oklahoma City, Okla./Bishop McGinness H.S.) – have combined for a 50-4 (.926) record in dual action. Stastny leads the way at 14-2 in singles (mostly at No. 5) and 15-1 in doubles, all with Connelly (mostly at No. 3). The Irish captain is 4-0 in singles, with Nelson adding a win in both singles and doubles.

FABULOUS FROSH: Notre Dame's two freshmen – **Kelcy Tefft** (Enid, Okla./Chisholm H.S.) and **Katie Potts** (Brookfield, Wis./Divine Savior Holy Angels H.S.) – have not had a difficult transition to the collegiate game, as they have combined for a 45-5 (.900) record this spring. Tefft leads the way at 12-2 in singles (mostly at No. 4), as well as 14-2 in doubles (mostly at No. 2), while Potts is 15-1 in singles (mostly at No. 6) and a 4-0 record at No. 3 doubles.

ND BOASTING 14-MATCH WINNING STREAK AT HOME: Notre Dame has won 14 consecutive matches at home – four against top-25 opponents – since falling 4-3 to #13 Texas in the Eck Tennis Pavilion on Feb. 26, 2005. It is the longest winning streak since a 14-match stretch from Feb. 19, 1993 - Feb. 8, 1994, and there have been just two longer home winning streaks in Irish history. The longest home winning streak ever for Notre Dame was a stretch of 25 matches from Sept. 12, 1979 - Sept. 22, 1982, while the Irish also won 24 straight from April 9, 1988 - Feb. 24, 1991.

LONGEST IRISH HOME WINNING STREAKS: See below a list of the longest home winning streaks in the 30-year varsity history of Notre Dame women's tennis.

File ITA National Rankings

(March 28; next: April 4)

| No. | School | Avg. | Last |
|-----|-----------------------|--------------|-----------|
| 1. | Stanford | 101.20 | 1 |
| 2. | NOTRE DAME | 96.40 | 2 |
| 3. | USC | 83.52 | 3 |
| 4. | North Carolina | 82.22 | 5 |
| 5. | Miami (Fla.) | 81.58 | 7 |
| 6. | Northwestern | 79.64 | 4 |
| 7. | Florida | 79.41 | 6 |
| 8. | Pepperdine | 76.04 | 8 |
| 9. | Baylor | 75.79 | 11 |
| 10. | California | 74.74 | 9 |
| 11. | Vanderbilt | 72.24 | 12 |
| 12. | Duke | 70.00 | 10 |
| 13. | Arizona State | 67.72 | 17 |
| 14. | Georgia Tech | 67.02 | 13 |
| 15. | Texas | 63.62 | 15 |
| 16. | UCLA | 63.40 | 14 |
| 17. | Wake Forest | 58.31 | 16 |
| 18. | VCU | 57.80 | 21 |
| 19. | Harvard | 53.87 | 19 |
| 20. | Long Beach State | 51.89 | 18 |
| 21. | William & Mary | 50.78 | 20 |
| 22. | Tennessee | 48.63 | 24 |
| 23. | TCU | 47.00 | 22 |
| 24. | Clemson | 45.22 | 32 |
| 25. | Georgia | 43.00 | 30 |

Bold indicates 2005-06 Irish opponent

Other Notre Dame Opponents

| | | | |
|-----|-------------------------|-------|----|
| 26. | Indiana | 38.28 | 35 |
| 27. | Brigham Young | 38.15 | 27 |
| 32. | Michigan | 33.24 | 27 |
| 39. | Purdue | 24.10 | 33 |
| 40. | Iowa | 23.71 | 39 |
| 43. | South Florida | 22.33 | 41 |
| 51. | Texas A&M | 14.94 | 57 |
| 68. | Western Michigan | 8.44 | 67 |
| 69. | Ohio State | 8.41 | 66 |
| 70. | Illinois | 8.38 | 59 |
| 72. | Louisville | 8.13 | 69 |
| 73. | DePaul | 8.08 | 71 |
| -- | Eastern Michigan | -- | -- |
| -- | Marquette | -- | -- |
| -- | Wisconsin | -- | -- |
| -- | Xavier | -- | -- |

Notre Dame Quick Facts

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Location | Notre Dame, IN 46556 |
| Founded | 1842 |
| Enrollment | .8,380 (undergrad), 11,311 (total) |
| Nickname | .Fighting Irish |
| Colors | .Gold and Blue |
| Conference | .BIG EAST |
| Director of Athletics | .Kevin White |
| Head Coach | .Jay Louderback |
| | .(Wichita State '76) |
| Record at ND | .298-146 (.671)/17th year |
| Career Record | .502-324 (.608)/27th year |
| Asst. Coach | .Michelle Dasso (ND '01) |
| Vol. Asst. Coach | .Liz Balanis (Wake F. '94) |
| Eck Tennis Pavilion Phone | .(574) 631-6929 |
| Tennis SID | .Bo Rottenborn |
| | .(574) 631-8642/rottenborn.2@nd.edu |
| Sports Information Fax | .(574) 631-7941 |
| Irish Sports Hotline | .(574) 631-3000 |
| Website | .www.und.com |
| 2004-05 Record | .15-10 |
| 2004-05 Final ITA National Ranking | ...24th |
| 2005 BIG EAST Championship | ...1st |
| 2005 NCAA Championship | ...round of 32 |
| Starters Returning/Lost | ...6/1 |
| Monogram Winners Returning/Lost | ...9/1 |

| Streak | Dates | Loss Ending It |
|-----------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 25 | Sept. 12, 1979 - Sept. 22, 1982 | 9/25/82 vs. Purdue, 7-0 |
| 24 | April 9, 1988 - Feb. 24, 1991 | 2/24/91 vs. LSU, 6-2 |
| 14 | Feb. 27, 2005 - present | ??????? |
| 14 | Feb. 19, 1993 - Feb. 8, 1994 | 2/11/94 vs. #15 Kansas, 8-1 |
| 14 | Sept. 7, 1985 - April 6, 1986 | 9/12/86 vs. Illinois, 5-3 |
| 13 | Feb. 4, 2001 - Jan. 26, 2002 | 2/2/02 vs. #24 Kentucky, 4-3 |
| 12 | Jan. 29 - May 14, 2000 | 1/21/01 vs. #4 Duke, 4-3 |
| 12 | March 11, 1995 - April 12, 1996 | 4/15/96 vs. #7 Wisconsin, 4-3 |

ND ONE OF FOUR REMAINING UNBEATENS IN DI: Of the 311 teams that sponsor Division I women's tennis, only four remain unbeaten this spring. See below details on the undefeateds:

| School | Record | Rank | This Week |
|-------------------|-------------|------------|--|
| Stanford | 16-0 | 1st | W-@ #8 Pepperdine, F-@ #37 Oregon |
| Notre Dame | 16-0 | 2nd | W-@ #12 Vanderbilt, F-Eastern Michigan, Su-@ #33 Purdue |
| VCU | 19-0 | 21st | T-@ Richmond |
| Fordham | 3-0 | -- | Su-@ Fairfield |

NOTRE DAME MATCHES HIGHEST-RANKED WIN vs. #5 DUKE: When Notre Dame beat #5 Duke 4-3 on March 15 in Orlando, Fla., it matched the highest-ranked team ever defeated by the Irish. ND, ranked eighth at the time, won 5-4 at #5 Texas on April 4, 1996.

IRISH BOAST THREE TOP-10 WINS FOR JUST SECOND TIME IN PROGRAM HISTORY: After having not beaten a top-10 team since Feb. 7, 2002 (4-3 against #7 USC), Notre Dame knocked off #10 North Carolina (5-1) on Feb. 12, beat #9 Harvard (5-2) on Feb. 19, and topped #5 Duke (4-3) on March 15 in Orlando, Fla. The 2005-06 Irish squad is just the second in the 30-year history of the program to beat three or more top-10 teams in a single season. The 1995-96 team – which reached the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament – had wins against #5 Texas (5-4), #6 California (5-4), #9 Brigham Young (5-0), and #9 Tennessee (5-2).

TOP ALL-TIME IRISH WINS: See below a list of Notre Dame's 17 all-time victories against top-11 teams since becoming a Division I program in 1985-86, ordered by opponent ranking.

| Rk. | School | Date | Location | ND Rk. | Score |
|-----------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| 5 | Duke | 3/15/06 | Orlando, FL | 2 | 4-3 |
| 5 | Texas | 4/4/96 | Away | 8 | 5-4 |
| 6 | California | 2/24/96 | Team Indoor consolation (Madison, WI) | 16 | 5-4 |
| 7 | USC | 2/7/02 | Team Indoor 1st round (Madison, WI) | 13 | 5-2 |
| 7 | Pepperdine | 2/17/01 | Team Indoor consolation (Madison, WI) | 11 | 6-1 |
| 8 | Wake Forest | 2/10/01 | Home | 11 | 5-0 |
| 9 | Harvard | 2/19/05 | Home | 15 | 5-2 |
| 9 | William & Mary | 4/11/99 | Home | 15 | 5-4 |
| 9 | Wake Forest | 3/6/99 | Home | 16 | 7-2 |
| 9 | Brigham Young | 5/18/96 | NCAA round of 16 (Tallahassee, FL) | 10 | 5-0 |
| 9 | Tennessee | 2/15/96 | Home | 16 | 5-2 |
| 10 | North Carolina | 2/12/05 | Away | 22 | 5-1 |
| 10 | Wake Forest | 4/9/98 | Away | 17 | 8-1 |
| 10 | Wisconsin | 2/27/97 | Away | 11 | 4-3 |
| 10 | Kansas | 2/11/95 | Williamsburg, VA | 15 | 6-3 |
| 10 | Arizona | 3/5/94 | Team Indoor consolation (Madison, WI) | 17 | 5-2 |
| 11 | Texas | 3/20/06 | Away | 2 | 7-0 |
| 11 | Pepperdine | 3/16/95 | Away | 16 | 7-2 |

ND 9-0 AGAINST TOP-30 TEAMS: Notre Dame's 16-0 start has seen the Irish take on nine squads ranked in the national top 30 at the time of the match. The Irish have wins against #23 Wake Forest (4-3), #10 North Carolina (5-1), #30 Michigan (6-1), #22 Tennessee (7-0), #9 Harvard (5-2), #20 Brigham Young (5-2), #27 Indiana (7-0), #5 Duke (4-3), and #11 Texas (7-0). During a 15-day stretch from Feb. 11-25, Notre Dame played six matches, with all of them against top-30 teams.

PUTTING THEM AWAY FAST: Not only has Notre Dame won all of its dual matches this spring, but it has put most of them away early, going up 4-0 in 12 of the 16 contests. The Irish won in the final match on court for 4-3 wins against #23 Wake Forest (Feb. 11), #5 Duke (March 15), and Texas A&M (March 18). The other contest in which ND did not clinch the match before the other side scored a point was on Feb. 25 against #20 Brigham Young, when the Irish clinched it at 4-1.

LOUDERBACK REGISTERS 500th CAREER WIN, TWO AWAY FROM 300th AT ND: Notre Dame head coach **Jay Louderback** - in his 17th season with the Irish and his 27th overall as a head coach - became just the 10th collegiate women's tennis coach ever to register 500 career victories, when the Irish won 4-3 at Texas A&M on March 18. He is now just two victories away from his 300th since taking over the reins of the Notre Dame program in 1989-90. Louderback holds a 502-324 (.608) overall record, including 298-146 (.671) at Notre Dame. He

ITA National Rankings

(March 21; next: April 4)

SINGLES

| No. | Name, School | Avg. |
|------|--------------------------------|-------|
| 1. | Kristi Miller, Georgia Tech | 59.38 |
| 2. | Daniela Bercek, Duke | 58.33 |
| 3. | Audra Cohen, Miami | 52.50 |
| 4. | Diana Srebrovic, Florida | 51.36 |
| 5. | Alice Barnes, Stanford | 50.51 |
| 6. | Theresa Logar, Stanford | 48.89 |
| 7. | Amanda Fink, USC | 48.42 |
| 8. | Zuzana Zemenova, Baylor | 44.29 |
| 9. | Cristelle Grier, Northwestern | 43.98 |
| 10. | Zsuzsanna Fodor, California | 40.78 |
| 30. | Catrina Thompson, Notre Dame | 20.15 |
| 33. | Meg Racette, Iowa | 19.62 |
| 74. | Christian Thompson, Notre Dame | 7.17 |
| 110. | Kelcy Tefft, Notre Dame | 4.73 |

DOUBLES

| No. | Names, School | Avg. |
|-----------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. | Barnes/Yelsey, Stanford | 74.66 |
| 2. | Gersic/Kovacek, New Mexico | 65.97 |
| 3. | Thompson/Thompson, ND | 59.49 |
| 4. | Anderson/O'Riain, Harvard | 55.23 |
| 5. | Sainz/Winterhalter, Fresno State | 50.83 |
| 6. | Anundsen/Long, North Carolina | 45.87 |
| 7. | Grier/Prousis, Northwestern | 45.06 |
| 8. | Robinson/Basu, Georgia | 38.78 |
| 9. | Salge/Van Adrichem, Clemson | 35.31 |
| 10. | Applebaum/Cohen, Miami | 32.57 |
| 29. | Buck/Tefft, Notre Dame | 15.96 |

ND-EMU Match-by-Match

| Year | Rank | W/L | Score | Place |
|------|------|-----|-------|--------|
| 1976 | | L | 4-5 | A |
| 1983 | | W | 5-4 | H |
| 1986 | | W | 6-3 | H |
| 1987 | | L | 3-6 | A |
| 1988 | | W | 6-3 | H |
| 1989 | | W | 8-1 | H |
| 1990 | | W | 8-1 | A |
| 2001 | 8- | W | 4-0 | H/NCAA |

Note: Rank column has ND's ITA national ranking at time of match followed by EMU's.

Last Year's ND-Purdue Match

#29 Notre Dame 5, #61 Purdue 2

March 22, 2005 – Notre Dame, Indiana (Indoors)

Singles

- No. 1: *#44 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. #74 Hala Sufi (P) 2-6, 6-3, 7-5
- No. 2: #100 Brook Buck (ND) def. Stephanie Wooten (P) 6-3, 6-2
- No. 3: Lauren Connelly (ND) def. Shawna Zuccarini (P) 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-2
- No. 4: Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Alyssa Rodriguez (P) 6-2, 6-3
- No. 5: Brooke Beier (P) def. Jennifer Smith (ND) 6-3, 6-0
- No. 6: Amy Walgenbach (P) def. Liz Donohue (ND) 3-6, 6-4, 6-0

Order of Finish: 2, 5, 4, 6, 1*, 3

Doubles

- No. 1: Stastny/Ca. Thompson (ND) def. Lara Burgarello/Zuccarini (P) 8-6
- No. 2: *Buck/L. Connelly (ND) def. Beier/Wooten (P) 8-5
- No. 3: Sarah Jane Connelly/Smith (ND) def. Rodriguez/Sufi (P) 8-2

Order of Finish: 3, 2*, 1

* - denotes clinching win; ! - clinching win in final match on court

also was 122-94 (.565) in seven years (1980-86) at Wichita State and 82-84 (.494) in three seasons (1986-89) coaching both men's and women's tennis at Iowa State.

IRISH HEAD COACH: Jay Louderback is in his 17th season at Notre Dame with a 298-147 (.671) record and his 26th year as a collegiate coach with a 502-325 (.608) mark. He ranks seventh among active NCAA Division I coaches in career victories and became just the 10th collegiate women's coach ever to register 500 wins (4-3 win at Texas A&M on March 18). Louderback's Irish have finished in the national top 30 in each of the last 13 seasons and have won 12 conference titles. Since the preseason of the 1992-93 season, Louderback's teams have been in the national top 30 in 212 of 214 sets of ITA rankings and reached an all-time high of #2 this spring. After taking over a program looking for its first NCAA tournament appearance, Louderback has helped Notre Dame to the NAAs 12 times in the last 13 years (which only 10 other schools have done), including five appearances in the round of 16 and a 1996 quarterfinal finish. Louderback, a four-time Midwest Region coach of the year, has been honored as his conference's top coach on eight occasions, including five times in 10 years in the BIG EAST. In his time at Notre Dame, Louderback's players have earned All-America honors 15 times, won four national ITA awards, and earned 20 invitations to the NCAA Singles Championship and 12 to the NCAA doubles tournament. In the fall, he delivered the first individual title in an ITA grand slam event, when junior twins **Catrina Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.) and **Christian Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.) won the doubles crown in the Riviera/ITA All-American Championships. His players have dominated the University awards during Louderback's tenure, leading all sports in both Byron V. Kanaley awards (six) and Francis Patrick O'Connor awards (six). His family was honored with the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Tennis Family of the Year Award for 2002. The Arkansas City, Kan., native, and 1976 graduate of Wichita State arrived at Notre Dame prior to the 1989-90 season after coaching for seven years at his alma mater and three years (men and women) at Iowa State.

STREAKS: The following streaks are active:

Team

- Notre Dame is 16-0 this season. [last loss: 5/14/05 at #6 Northwestern, 4-0, NCAA second round]
- Notre Dame has won 14 consecutive home matches. [last loss: 2/26/05 vs. #13 Texas, 4-3]
- Notre Dame has won six consecutive 4-3 matches. [last loss: 3/29/05 at Wisconsin]
- Notre Dame has lost five in a row against Vanderbilt. [last win: 1/20/96 in Federated Insurance Court Classic in Minneapolis, Minn., 5-4]
- Notre Dame has won four in a row against Eastern Michigan. [last loss: 4/12/87 in Ypsilanti, Mich., 6-3]

Singles

- Notre Dame has won at No. 6 singles in 20 consecutive matches. [last loss: 4/10/05, Indiana's Cecile Pertone def. Sarah Jane Connelly 6-1, 1-6, 6-3]
- Notre Dame has won 26 consecutive dual matches when winning at No. 3 singles. [last loss: 4/21/04 at #61 Purdue, 4-3, Katrina Thompson def. Amy Walgenbach 6-2, 6-1 at No. 3]
- **Brook Buck** has won 10 consecutive singles matches against Midwest Region opponents. [last loss: 10/22/05 vs. Michigan's Debra Streifler 7-5, 6-1]
- **Kristina Stastny** has won nine consecutive singles matches against Midwest Region opponents. [last loss: 11/4/05 vs. Illinois' Brianna Knue 6-0, 6-1]
- **Katie Potts** has won 17 consecutive singles matches indoors. [last loss: 10/22/05 vs. Northwestern's Nazlie Ghazal 7-5, 6-4]
- **Katie Potts** has won 11 consecutive singles matches against Midwest Region opponents. [last loss: 10/22/05 vs. Northwestern's Nazlie Ghazal 7-5, 6-4]
- **Katie Potts** has won 10 consecutive singles matches at home (10-1 record). [only loss: 10/14/05 vs. USC's Luana Magnani 6-1, 6-3]
- **Katie Potts** is 19-0 as a collegian when winning the first set.
- **Lauren Connelly** has won seven consecutive singles matches. [last loss: 10/23/05 vs. #50 Alexis Prousis of Northwestern, 6-0, 6-2]
- **Lauren Connelly** has won 13 consecutive sets in singles. [last loss: 11/4/05 vs. Illinois' Emily Wang, 6-2 in second set]

Doubles

- Notre Dame has won the doubles point in all 16 matches this season. [last doubles-point loss: 5/14/05 vs. #6 Northwestern, lost at Nos. 2 and 3]
- **Catrina Thompson/Christian Thompson** have been ranked higher than their opponents in 21 consecutive matches. [last playing higher ranked team: 5/14/05 vs. #2 Audra Cohen/Cristelle Grier of Northwestern, #6 Thompsons won 8-3]
- **Catrina Thompson/Christian Thompson** have been nationally-ranked heading into 57 consecutive matches. [last time unranked: 4/4/04 vs. Miami's #22 Melissa Applebaum/Megan Bradley, won 8-6]
- **Catrina Thompson/Christian Thompson** have been ranked in the top 10 heading into 49 consecutive matches. [last time ranked below 10th: 5/26/04 vs. William & Mary's Megan Muth/Amy Wei, Thompsons ranked 36th]
- **Lauren Connelly/Kristina Stastny** are 15-0 against lower-ranked teams.
- **Kristina Stastny** is 4-0 in her career as the final match remaining with the doubles point still undecided.
- **Katie Potts** has won seven consecutive doubles matches. [last loss: 10/21/05 vs. Ohio State's Ruzimovsky/DiPastina 8-6]

MOST WINS VS. ONE TEAM: See below the list of schools Notre Dame has defeated most in its 30 seasons of varsity women's tennis.

School

Record vs.

Series Information

Notre Dame-Eastern Michigan Series

Overall: Notre Dame leads 6-2 (ND won last 4)
At Notre Dame: Notre Dame leads 4-0
In 4-3/5-4 Matches: Tied 1-1
In Louderback Era: Notre Dame leads 2-0
Craig Capelli vs. Notre Dame: 0-0
First Meeting: 1976, Eastern Michigan 5, Notre Dame 4 (@ EMU)
Last Meeting: 2001, #8 ND 4, EMU 0 (NCAA first round @ ND)
Last EMU Win: 1987, Eastern Michigan 6, Notre Dame 3 (@ EMU)
Last Regular-Season Match: 1990, ND 8, EMU 1 (@ EMU)
When ND is Ranked Higher: Notre Dame leads 1-0

Notre Dame-Purdue Series

Overall: Notre Dame leads 18-6 (home team won last 5)
At Purdue: Purdue leads 4-3 (Purdue won last 2)
In 4-3/5-4 Matches: Purdue leads 2-1
In Louderback Era: Notre Dame leads 12-2
Mat landolo vs. Notre Dame: 2-10 (2-10 at Purdue)
First Meeting: 1982-83 fall, Purdue 7, Notre Dame 0 (@ ND)
Last Year: 3/22/05 – #29 Notre Dame 5, #61 Purdue 2 (@ ND)
Last Purdue Win: 2004, #61 Purdue 4, #27 Notre Dame 3 (@ Purdue)
Last ND Win at Purdue: 2000, #14 Notre Dame 9, #57 Purdue 0
Last Five: Notre Dame 3-2
Last 10: Notre Dame 8-2
When Both Teams are Ranked: Notre Dame leads 4-2
When ND is Ranked Higher: Notre Dame leads 11-2

ND-Purdue Matches in Fall 2005

ITA All-American Championships, Pacific Palisades, CA (Outdoors)
#27 Katrina Thompson (ND) d. #73 Hala Sufi (P) 6-2, 6-3 - qualifying consolation SF
ITA Midwest Championships, East Lansing, MI (Indoors)
Randi Schuler (P) d. Kelcy Tefft (ND) 6-2, 6-3 - first round

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| Purdue | 18-6 |
| Illinois | 18-9 |
| Michigan | 16-8 |
| Ohio State | 14-3 |
| Wisconsin | 14-7 |
| Iowa | 13-1 |
| Boston College | 12-0 |
| Western Michigan | 12-4 |
| Miami (Fla.) | 11-6 |

MOST-COMMON OPPONENTS: See below the list of schools Notre Dame has played most in its 30 seasons of varsity women's tennis.

| <u>School</u> | <u>Matches</u> | <u>Record vs.</u> |
|------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Northwestern | 28 | 8-20 |
| Illinois | 26 | 17-9 |
| Purdue | 25* | 18-6 |
| Michigan | 24 | 16-8 |
| Wisconsin | 21 | 14-7 |
| Indiana | 20 | 10-10 |
| Ohio State | 17 | 14-3 |
| Miami (Fla.) | 17 | 11-6 |
| Wake Forest | 17 | 8-9 |
| Tennessee | 17 | 5-12 |
| Western Michigan | 16 | 12-4 |
| William & Mary | 15 | 8-7 |

* - includes this week's match

LONGEST WINNING STREAKS: See below the longest winning streaks against a single opponent in the 30 seasons of Notre Dame varsity women's tennis.

| <u>Opponent</u> | <u>Streak</u> | <u>Dates</u> |
|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Purdue | 12 | 1988-2001 |
| Boston College | 11 | 1991-present |
| Ohio State | 11 | 1991-present |
| Illinois | 11 | 1993-2003 |
| Western Michigan | 10 | 1988-present |
| Drake | 9 | 1985-present |
| Iowa | 9 | 2000-present |
| Michigan | 9 | 1995-2003 |
| Kansas State | 8 | 1986-present |
| Saint Mary's | 8 | 1979-present |

MOST WINS IN LOUDERBACK ERA: See below the list of schools Notre Dame has defeated most since head coach **Jay Louderback** began his tenure in 1989-90.

| <u>School</u> | <u>Record vs.</u> |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Illinois | 14-3 |
| Michigan | 14-3 |
| Wisconsin | 14-5 |
| Purdue | 12-2 |
| Boston College | 11-0 |
| Iowa | 11-1 |
| Ohio State | 11-1 |
| Miami (Fla.) | 10-5 |
| Indiana | 10-7 |

LONGEST LOSING STREAKS: See below the longest losing streaks against a single opponent in the 30 seasons of Notre Dame varsity women's tennis.

| <u>Opponent</u> | <u>Streak</u> | <u>Dates</u> |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Duke | 12 | 1993-2005 |
| Northwestern | 11 | 1976-91 |
| Indiana | 8 | 1985-95 |
| Northwestern | 7 | 2000-present |
| Stanford | 6 | 1993-present |
| Tennessee | 6 | 1999-2005 |
| Florida | 5 | 1996-present |
| Georgia | 5 | 1993-present |
| North Carolina | 5 | 2002-05 |
| Vanderbilt | 5 | 1997-present |

LARGEST DEFICIT IN ALL-TIME SERIES: See below the list of teams that hold the largest leads in the all-time series against Notre Dame.

| <u>School</u> | <u>Record vs. ND</u> | <u>ND Deficit</u> |
|---------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Northwestern | 20-8 | -12 |
| Duke | 12-1 | -11 |
| Tennessee | 12-5 | -7 |
| Stanford | 6-0 | -6 |
| Texas | 8-3 | -5 |
| Florida | 5-0 | -5 |

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| Georgia | 5-0 | -5 |
| Vanderbilt | 5-1 | -4 |
| UCLA | 4-0 | -4 |

IRISH WINNING STREAKS: Notre Dame has seen its players fashion four winning streaks of 10 or more matches this season. In singles, freshman **Katie Potts** (Brookfield, Wis./Divine Savior Holy Angels H.S.) won 16 consecutive singles matches from Oct. 22-March 10, the longest singles winning streak for a Notre Dame player since **Marisa Velasco** won the first 16 matches of her collegiate career, first losing on Feb. 17, 1996. Fellow rookie **Kelcy Tefft** (Enid, Okla./Chisholm H.S.) won 10 in a row from Feb. 18-March 20. In doubles, seniors **Lauren Connelly** (Oklahoma City, Okla./Bishop McGuinness H.S.) and **Kristina Stastny** (St. Louis, Mo./St. Joseph's Academy) began the spring with 15 consecutive victories (Jan. 28-March 20), which was the longest winning streak by a Notre Dame doubles team since **Becky Varnum** and current assistant coach **Michelle Dasso** won 21 in a row from Feb. 17-May 13, 2001. Tefft and sophomore **Brook Buck** (Yukon, Okla./Oklahoma Christian School) won 11 in a row from Nov. 4-Feb. 25.

CONNELLY REACHES 100 CAREER DOUBLES WINS: Against #11 Texas on March 20, senior captain **Lauren Connelly** (Oklahoma City, Okla./Bishop McGuinness H.S.) became the sixth player in program history to post 100 career victories in doubles. She holds a 100-37 mark and is just nine wins away from the Irish record for career doubles wins, which is held by current assistant coach **Michelle Dasso**, who was 109-42 during her career. Against Western Michigan on March 10, Connelly became the 10th player in program history to post 100 career combined (singles and doubles) victories in dual-match play.

CONNELLY BREAKS SISTER'S RECORD FOR CAREER DOUBLES-POINT CLINCHING WINS: On March 20 at #11 Texas, senior captain **Lauren Connelly** (Oklahoma City, Okla./Bishop McGuinness H.S.) clinched the doubles point for the 23rd time in her career. That broke the Irish record of 22 done by her sister, 2005 graduate **Sarah Jane Connelly**. The younger Connelly's current doubles partner, fellow senior **Kristina Stastny** (St. Louis, Mo./St. Joseph's Academy), has 22 career clinching wins to her credit. Note that the scoring format was changed to include a doubles point in 2001, which is when the statistic debuted.

THOMPSONS GIVE ND FIRST-EVER GRAND SLAM TITLE: Junior All-America twins **Catrina Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.) and **Christian Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.) fought off two match points and finally prevailed in a tiebreaker to give the University of Notre Dame its first-ever title in an Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) national championship, winning 9-8 (9-7) over Spaniard Lucia Sainz and German Kathrina Winterhalter from Fresno State in the final of the Riviera/ITA All-American Championships, the first grand slam of the 2005-06 season. Both teams had two match points in the contest, which is the closest doubles final in All-American Championships history since the current pro-set format was adopted in 2001. The Thompsons are the first team from any school to reach the title match of the ITA All-American Championships in consecutive years and come away with a title. Each of the three previous back-to-back finalists had gone winless in both attempts. Notre Dame - which knocked off three top-seven teams to reach the final - lost just 16 total games in the tournament, the second-fewest ever by a doubles champion, behind only the 11 surrendered by Sarah Riske and Aleke Tsoubanos of Vanderbilt in 2002. The Irish opened with an 8-0 victory over the seventh-ranked team of Gabrielle Duch and Neyssa Etienne of South Florida. The twins beat #6 Alice Barnes/Anne Yelsey of Stanford 9-7 in the quarters and came back with an 8-1 triumph against #3 Iva Gersic/Maja Kovacek of New Mexico in the semifinals. Katrina and Christian are the second set of twins from any school - and the first in the All-Americans - ever to win an ITA national championship, following Tami and Teri Whitlinger of Stanford, who won the 1989 ITA National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships. The Thompsons - who have been among the final four teams remaining in three of the last four grand slams - improved to 11-4 in their careers in grand slam events. They are now 7-1 in the All-American Championships after Irish competitors had been just 2-5 in its doubles main draw prior to that.

THOMPSONS START SPRING AT #1: Notre Dame junior All-America twins **Catrina Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.) and **Christian Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.) became the top-ranked doubles team in college tennis following the fall portion of the 2005-06 season when the Jan. 10 rankings were released. It was the second time that the Thompson sisters (as well as any ND duo) had been ranked #1 in the nation. They achieved that listing on Feb. 22, 2005, but it was short-lived, as the twins were defeated in their first match after that and fell to #2 in the next of rankings before finishing 2004-05 at fifth. This season, the Thompsons went 5-1 while being ranked #1, but fell to second in the Feb. 22 rankings. They remain only the second set of twin sisters ever to be ranked #1 by the ITA (Tami and Teri Whitlinger of Stanford in 1989). Stanford twins Mike and Bob Bryan - currently ranked #1 in the ATP's world rankings - also were #1 in 1998.

TWO DECISIVE TIEBREAKERS GIVE USC 4-3 EXHIBITION WIN OVER ND: After nearly 10 hours of play (due to playing concurrent to a men's match), the exhibition match between the Notre Dame and USC - which began the spring ranked fifth in the nation - on Oct. 14 came down to a single tiebreaker at No. 2 singles, where Dianne Matias prevailed 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 (7-5) over Irish junior **Christian Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.) to hand the Women of Troy a 4-3 victory. USC's victory also was keyed by a tiebreaker victory in the final doubles match on court.

ND ONE OF FIVE SCHOOLS TO HAVE ENTIRE LINEUP IN REGIONAL RANKINGS: When the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) released its regional rankings at the end of the fall portion of the season, Notre Dame was one of only five Division I schools - along with Stanford, USC, Baylor, and California - to have its entire lineup earn regional ranks. In addition to having six players among the top 30 in the Midwest Region, three of the top five doubles teams in the region belong to the Irish; junior twins **Catrina Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.) and **Christian Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.) were #1, while sophomore **Brook Buck** (Yukon, Okla./Oklahoma Christian School) and freshman **Kelcy Tefft** (Enid, Okla./Chisholm H.S.) came in fourth, and seniors **Lauren Connelly** (Oklahoma City, Okla./Bishop McGuinness H.S.) and **Kristina Stastny** (St. Louis, Mo./St. Joseph's Academy) were fifth. Only one other school (Northwestern) had even multiple squads among the 15 Midwest Region doubles teams listed. In singles, Katrina Thompson led the way at third, while Christian Thompson was 10th, Buck came in 14th, Tefft was 18th, Connelly was 25th, and Stastny was 27th. The last time ND had the top doubles team in the Midwest Region rankings was at the conclusion of the 2000-01 campaign, when current assistant coach **Michelle Dasso** and **Becky Varnum** held that spot. Katrina Thompson is the highest-ranked ND singles player in the regional rankings since **Alicia Salas** concluded her career at #2 in 2003-04.

IRISH DEPTH ON DISPLAY AT ITA MIDWEST CHAMPIONSHIPS: Notre Dame's depth was evident at the ITA Midwest Championships - the annual indoor tournament of the top players in the Midwest Region. The Irish were one of just two schools (along with Northwestern) to have three players - senior captain **Lauren Connelly** (Oklahoma City, Okla./Bishop McGuinness H.S.) and juniors **Catrina Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.) and **Christian Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.) - among the final 16 in singles. Katrina Thompson reached the semis before falling. ND and the Wildcats also were the only squads to have multiple doubles teams in the quarterfinals: Connelly and fellow senior **Kristina Stastny** (St. Louis, Mo./St. Joseph's Academy) plus sophomore **Brook Buck** (Yukon, Okla./Oklahoma Christian School) and freshman **Kelcy Tefft** (Enid, Okla./Chisholm H.S.). The Thompsons - who were ranked #2 nationally at the time - did not compete in doubles in the tournament.

IRISH ADD MARCH 31 HOME MATCH WITH EASTERN MICHIGAN: Notre Dame has added another match to its spring slate, as the Irish will play host to Eastern Michigan on Friday, March 31 at 2:30 p.m. (EST). Notre Dame's originally-scheduled match at Tulane on April 15 has been cancelled, since the Green Wave program was suspended in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. That changed freed up a date for the Irish to schedule another match.

IRISH A PERENNIAL TOP-30 TEAM: Not only has Notre Dame finished in the top 30 of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) national rankings in each of the last 13 seasons, but the Irish also have been a near-constant presence. Since the preseason rankings of the 1992-93 season, Notre Dame has been among the top 30 teams in the country in 212 of 214 (99.1%) sets of rankings. The first exception came in late March of 2003, when the transition to the computer rankings moved the Irish from 15th to 27th to 48th and then back to 27th (despite going 6-2 during that time). The second slip out of the top 30 came on April 5 of 2004-05, when ND fell three spots to 31st before moving back to up 26th the following week.

CAPTAIN CONNELLY, THE SEQUEL: Senior **Lauren Connelly** (Oklahoma City, Okla./Bishop McGuinness H.S.) will serve as Notre Dame's sole captain during the 2005-06 season. She took over the mantle from her sister, **Sarah Jane Connelly**, who was Notre Dame's sole senior in 2004-05. The Connellys are the first sisters to serve as captains of the Irish women's tennis team, as well as just the fifth sister captain duo in Notre Dame athletics history, following Kathy and Susan Valdiserri (fencing), Julie and Tracy Melby (golf), Carol and Maggie Lally (basketball), and Jessica and Kristen Kinder (volleyball).

THOMPSONS FEATURED IN "SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ON CAMPUS" A LIST: Junior All-America twins **Catrina Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.) and **Christian Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.) were two of the 14 student-athletes featured on the "A List" of elite collegiate performers across all sports in the October 13 issue of *Sports Illustrated On Campus*. In the words of SI On Campus: "Think of the A List this way: the coolest, the hottest, the most of-the-moment, the cream of the crop. Here are 14 faces SIOC would usher to the front of just about any line, no questions asked." The Thompsons were the only tennis players featured among the group, which also includes the likes of football Heisman Trophy winners Matt Leinart of USC and Vince Young of Texas, as well as Connecticut basketball standout Rudy Gay.

WOMEN'S TENNIS "GOLD GAME" SET FOR APRIL 5 vs. #4 NORTHWESTERN: Notre Dame's matchup with #4 Northwestern on Wednesday, April 5 at 3:30 p.m. (EDT) has been designated as this season's women's tennis "Gold Game," a distinction created by the Student-Athlete Advisory Council to encourage the entire Notre Dame community to attend particular contests. The match will feature the two teams that have been consistently the top squads in the Midwest Region over the past decade. Northwestern has won the last seven matches in the series – with three of those coming by 4-3 scores – after the Irish had won six straight prior to that. In the Wildcats' last visit, NU won a third-set tiebreaker in the decisive match to win 4-3.

ND SIGNS TRIO OF TOP RECRUITS, INCLUDING NATION'S #1 PLAYER: Notre Dame women's tennis head coach **Jay Louderback** announced that three stars of prep and junior tennis – **Cosmina Ciobanu** (Brea, Calif./Troy H.S.), **Kali Krisik** (Arkansas City, Kan./Arkansas City H.S.), and **Colleen Rielley** (Overland Park, Kan./Bishop Miege H.S.) – signed national letters of intent in the early period and will join the Irish in the fall of 2006. At the time of announcement (Nov. 15, 2005), Rielley was #1 in the United States Tennis Association's (USTA) 18-and-under girls' singles national rankings, while Ciobanu was 17th, and Krisik – a two-time Kansas state champion (2002 and '03) – was 76th. Ciobanu won the Southern California Sectional singles championship in 2005 and also reached the singles final of a USTA National Open last year. She was ranked as high as 15th nationally in singles in '05. Krisik is Louderback's niece, and she is part of the first mother-daughter combination ever to play for the longtime Irish mentor. Louderback's sister, Jan, was his first recruit when he began his head coaching career at Wichita State in 1980. Krisik will join both her uncle and her cousin, current sophomore **Bailey Louderback** (South Bend, Ind./Penn H.S.), in the Irish program. Rielley is the first Notre Dame signee ever to have been ranked #1 in the USTA girls' 18s. A three-time prep state champ (Missouri in '03, Kansas in '04 and '05), she won the singles title in the 2004 USTA Winter National Championships, took third in the '05 National Clay Courts, and also is ranked fourth nationally in doubles.

WE ARE FAMILY: Notre Dame women's tennis has long featured members of the same family on its teams. For the fourth consecutive season, Notre Dame will have a set of sisters on its roster: junior twins **Catrina Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.) and **Christian Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.). They last year became the first set of Irish sisters — and first twins of either sex — to both become All-Americans. The previous three seasons had featured two pairs of sisters on each Irish roster, but that has changed with the graduation of **Maggie Donohue** in 2003 and **Sarah Jane Connelly** last spring. Another family connection was added last season, as head coach **Jay Louderback's** daughter, **Bailey Louderback** (South Bend, Ind./Penn H.S.), joined the team. He became the 11th Notre Dame coach — just the second in a women's sport (along with softball's Brian Boulac) — to have coached his son or daughter with the Irish. Next year, Louderback's niece, **Kali Krisik** (Arkansas City, Kan./Arkansas City H.S.) will join the Irish roster.

DAVID DiLUCIA NOW PERSONAL COACH FOR LINDSAY DAVENPORT: A five-time All-American during his four-year career at Notre Dame (1988-92), **David DiLucia**, left his job with the United States Tennis Association (USTA) in December 2005 to become the personal coach of the world's #1 player, Lindsay Davenport. DiLucia was ranked #1 in both singles and doubles during his collegiate career and then went on to play in the singles main draw in all four professional grand slams before retiring in 2002. During his pro career, DiLucia earned wins over players such as Gustavo Kuerten, Yevgeny Kafelnikov, Mark Philippoussis, and David Wheaton.

ND #1 IN NACDA DIRECTORS' CUP: Notre Dame is in first place in the most-recent set of standings in the 2005-06 United States Sports Academy Directors' Cup all-sports competition sponsored by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA), which were released on Jan. 12 and included results from all fall sports. Fall NCAA competition earned the Irish 412 points based on their third-place finish in men's cross country (85 points), their seventh-place finish in women's cross country (69 points), their quarterfinal appearance in women's soccer (73), their third-round appearance in men's soccer (64), their regional semifinal appearance in women's volleyball (64) and their 11th-place finish in football based on the final *USA Today* poll (57). This marks the second straight year Notre Dame has ranked atop the final fall standings – and its 412 points are its highest-ever fall total. Penn State (308.5 points) ranks second, Stanford (282) is third, and Duke (280) and Wisconsin (277) round out the top five. Notre Dame finished 16th in 2004-05, its fifth consecutive top-20 placing, and has three times finished an all-time high of 11th (1993-94, '95-96, 2000-01). Duke posted its all-time best finish of fifth in 2004-05.

CHANGES TO THE ITA RANKINGS: The Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) recently announced some changes to its national rankings for the 2005-06 season: (1) It will use one set of points for wins and also a tighter set of points, with less gaps. This set of points will be the same set that has been used for the season's first computer rankings in the past; (2) There will be bonus points awarded for road wins; (3) The rankings that are run at the time of NCAA Championship selections will be run twice and the second run of the rankings will be the published ranking; (4) There will be expanded, unpublished rankings (and values for opponents): 76-125 for team, 126-175 for singles, and 61-90 for doubles; (5) The first computer rankings (for team) will take place 2 weeks earlier on March 8; (6) The singles and doubles rankings from Fall results will go back to being a computer ranking; it had been done by committee vote the past three years.

KEEPING UP WITH NOTRE DAME TENNIS: For the fastest results of Notre Dame tennis matches, call the Notre Dame sports hotline at (574) 631-3000 and choose #8. The hotline provides schedule and results information for varsity sports and serves as a supplement to the game recaps and weekly releases provided on the official athletic website at www.und.com. The hotline is the first medium updated with the results of each Notre Dame tennis match. In addition, media members and fans may be added to the sports information e-mail release list by contacting Bo Rottenborn at Rottenborn.2@nd.edu, who also can provide any information about the Irish tennis program.

2005-06 Notre Dame Women's Tennis (16-0)

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| Sept. 23-25 | Fri.-Sun. | at Maryland Invitational (College Park, MD) | NTS |
| Sept. 30-Oct. 2 | Fri.-Sun. | at Hoosier Classic (Bloomington, IN) | NTS |
| Oct. 1-2, 4-9 | Sat.-Sun. | at Riviera/ITA All-American Championships (Pacific Palisades, CA) | NTS |
| Oct. 14 | Friday | SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (exhibition) | L, 3-4 |
| Oct. 20-25 | Thurs.-Sun. | at ITA Midwest Championships (East Lansing, MI) | NTS |
| Nov. 3-6 | Thurs.-Sun. | at ITA National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships (Columbus, OH) | NTS |
| Nov. 4-6 | Fri.-Sun. | at Midwest Blast VII (Urbana, IL) | NTS |

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| | | | | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> |
| 1/28 | Sat. | (22) OHIO STATE | W, 7-0 | W | W* | W | W | W | W | W | W* | W |
| 1/28 | Sat. | (22) XAVIER | W, 7-0 | W | W | W | W | W* | W | W | W | W* |
| 2/11 | Sat. | (22) at Wake Forest (23) | W, 4-3 | L | L | L | W | W | W! | W | W* | W |
| 2/12 | Sun. | (22) at North Carolina (10) | W, 5-1 | W | W* | L | Aban. | W | W | L | W | W! |
| 2/15 | Wed. | (22) at Michigan (30) | W, 6-1 | W | W | W | L | W | W* | W* | W | W |
| 2/18 | Sat. | (15) TENNESSEE (22) | W, 7-0 | W | W | W* | W | W | W | W | W* | W |
| 2/19 | Sun. | (15) HARVARD (9) | W, 5-2 | W | L | W | W* | L | W | W | W | W* |
| 2/25 | Sat. | (7) BRIGHAM YOUNG (20) | W, 5-2 | L | W | L | W | W* | W | W | W | W* |
| 2/26 | Sun. | (7) WISCONSIN (51) | W, 6-1 | L | W | W | W | W | W* | L | W* | W |
| 2/28 | Tue. | (5) INDIANA (27) | W, 7-0 | W* | W | W | W | W | W | W | W | W* |
| 3/5 | Sun. | (5) ILLINOIS (49) | W, 7-0 | W | W | W | W | W* | W | L | W* | W |
| 3/10 | Fri. | (2) WESTERN MICHIGAN (49) | W, 7-0 | W | W | W | W | W | W* | W* | W | W |
| 3/15 | Wed. | (2) vs. Duke (5) (Orlando, FL) | W, 4-3 | W | L | W! | L | L | W | W | W | W* |
| 3/18 | Sat. | (2) at Texas A&M (48) | W, 4-3 | L | L | L | W | W | W! | W | L | W* |
| 3/20 | Mon. | (2) at Texas (11) | W, 7-0 | W | W | W | W | W* | W | W | W | W* |
| 3/24 | Fri. | (2) IOWA (39) | W, 6-1 | W* | W | W | L | W | W | W | W* | L |
| 3/29 | Wed. | at Vanderbilt | | | | | | | | 2:30 p.m. CST | | |
| 3/31 | Fri. | EASTERN MICHIGAN | | | | | | | | 2:30 P.M. EST | | |
| 4/2 | Sun. | at Purdue | | | | | | | | 11 a.m. EST/CDT | | |
| 4/5 | Wed. | NORTHWESTERN | | | | | | | | 3:30 p.m. EDT | | |
| 4/7 | Fri. | DePAUL | | | | | | | | 3:30 p.m. EDT | | |
| 4/9 | Sun. | MARQUETTE | | | | | | | | Noon EDT | | |
| 4/19-22 | | at BIG EAST Championship (Tampa, FL) | | | | | | | | TBA | | |
| 5/12-13 | | NCAA Championship (first & second Rounds, campus sites) | | | | | | | | TBA | | |
| 5/18-21 | | at NCAA Championship (round of 16-final; Stanford, CA) | | | | | | | | TBA | | |
| 5/22-28 | | at NCAA Singles & Doubles Championships (Stanford, CA) | | | | | | | | TBA | | |

Home matches in **BOLD CAPS** held at the Courtney Tennis Center, weather permitting. Otherwise, home matches held in Eck Tennis Pavilion. All times are local. * - clinching victory; ! - clinching victory in final match on court

IRISH RECORD WHEN ...

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| playing a BIG EAST team:0-0 | playing a lower-ranked team: .14-0 | winning at No. 1 doubles: . . .13-0 |
| playing a Midwest Region team: .8-0 | winning the doubles point: . . .16-0 | winning at No. 2 doubles: . . .15-0 |
| playing at home:10-0 | losing the doubles point:0-0 | winning at No. 3 doubles: . . .15-0 |
| playing in the Eck Pavilion: . .10-0 | the final score is 4-3:3-0 | losing at No. 1 singles:4-0 |
| playing at the Courtney Center: 0-0 | match is decided by 3-setters: .3-0 | losing at No. 2 singles:4-0 |
| playing on opponents' courts: .5-0 | the match is tied, 3-3:3-0 | losing at No. 3 singles:4-0 |
| playing on neutral courts:1-0 | winning at No. 1 singles: . . .12-0 | losing at No. 4 singles:3-0 |
| playing indoors:13-0 | winning at No. 2 singles: . . .12-0 | losing at No. 5 singles:2-0 |
| playing outdoors:3-0 | winning at No. 3 singles: . . .12-0 | losing at No. 6 singles:0-0 |
| playing a ranked team:14-0 | winning at No. 4 singles: . . .12-0 | losing at No. 1 doubles:3-0 |
| playing a top-25 team:7-0 | winning at No. 5 singles: . . .14-0 | losing at No. 2 doubles:1-0 |
| playing a higher-ranked team: .2-0 | winning at No. 6 singles: . . .16-0 | losing at No. 3 doubles:1-0 |

2005-06 Notre Dame Women's Tennis Statistics

Singles

| <i>Player</i> | <i>Open</i> | <i>Dual</i> | <i>Overall</i> | <i>Career</i> | <i>Region</i> | <i>In 3 Sets</i> | <i>Match TB</i> | <i>Streak</i> |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Brook Buck | 6-3 | 10-5 | 16-8 | 39-20 | 10-2 | 0-2 | 1-0 | W2 |
| Lauren Connelly | 8-6 | 4-0 | 12-6 | 71-50 | 7-3 | 2-2 | 0-2 | W7 |
| Liz Donohue | 0-1 | | 0-1 | 30-25 | 0-1 | | | L1 |
| Bailey Louderback | 0-5 | | 0-5 | 0-13 | 0-3 | | 0-1 | L13 |
| Kelly Nelson | 11-2 | 1-0 | 12-2 | 34-14 | 5-1 | 1-1 | 1-0 | W4 |
| Katie Potts | 6-3 | 15-1 | 21-4 | 21-4 | 12-2 | 3-1 | 4-1 | W3 |
| Jennifer Smith | | | | 13-14 | | | | L2 |
| Kristina Stastny | 9-4 | 14-2 | 23-6 | 79-54 | 10-2 | 2-0 | 4-2 | W3 |
| Kelcy Tefft | 8-1 | 12-2 | 20-3 | 20-3 | 9-3 | 1-0 | 0-1 | L1 |
| Catrina Thompson | 10-5 | 11-3 | 21-8 | 65-33 | 11-1 | 2-5 | 2-0 | W2 |
| Christian Thompson | 7-3 | 11-4 | 18-7 | 56-30 | 9-3 | 1-3 | 2-0 | W2 |
| Totals | 65-33 | 78-17 | 143-50 | 428-260 | 73-21 | 12-14 | 14-7 | |

| <i>Player</i> | <i>#1</i> | <i>#2</i> | <i>#3</i> | <i>#4</i> | <i>#5</i> | <i>#6</i> | <i>Dual</i> | <i>Career Dual</i> | <i>Clinch Wins</i> | <i>With Match Tied 3-3</i> |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Brook Buck | | 2-1 | 8-4 | | | | 10-5 | 23-14 | 1 | |
| Lauren Connelly | | | | | 1-0 | 3-0 | 4-0 | 40-32 | 2 | |
| Liz Donohue | | | | | | | | 8-10 | | |
| Kelly Nelson | | | | | | 1-0 | 1-0 | 1-0 | | |
| Katie Potts | | | | 1-0 | 2-1 | 12-0 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 3 | 2-0 |
| Jennifer Smith | | | | | | | | 5-5 | | |
| Kristina Stastny | | | 1-0 | 2-1 | 11-1 | | 14-2 | 50-34 | 3 | |
| Kelcy Tefft | | | 3-0 | 9-2 | | | 12-2 | 12-2 | 2 | 1-0 |
| Catrina Thompson | 11-3 | | | | | | 11-3 | 40-21 | 2 | |
| Christian Thompson | 1-1 | 10-3 | | | | | 11-4 | 34-20 | 2 | |
| Totals | 12-4 | 12-4 | 12-4 | 12-3 | 14-2 | 16-0 | 78-17 | 228-139 | 16 | 3-0 |

Doubles

| <i>Player</i> | <i>Open</i> | <i>Dual</i> | <i>Overall</i> | <i>Career Dual</i> | <i>Region</i> | <i>Tiebreakers</i> | <i>Streak</i> |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Brook Buck | 10-2 | 14-2 | 24-4 | 51-16 | 30-11 | 14-2 | 1-2 |
| Lauren Connelly | 11-5 | 15-1 | 26-6 | 100-38 | 64-22 | 12-4 | 1-1 |
| Liz Donohue | 2-1 | | 2-1 | 18-16 | | 2-0 | |
| Bailey Louderback | 2-3 | | 2-3 | 5-8 | | | |
| Kelly Nelson | 5-4 | 1-0 | 6-4 | 18-12 | 1-0 | 4-1 | 0-2 |
| Katie Potts | 5-4 | 4-0 | 9-4 | 9-4 | 4-0 | 6-1 | 0-2 |
| Jennifer Smith | | | | 24-19 | 13-13 | | |
| Kristina Stastny | 11-5 | 15-1 | 26-6 | 87-44 | 51-27 | 12-4 | 1-1 |
| Kelcy Tefft | 10-2 | 14-2 | 24-4 | 24-4 | 14-2 | 14-2 | 1-2 |
| Catrina Thompson | 6-1 | 11-2 | 17-3 | 69-27 | 44-17 | 4-1 | 2-0 |
| Christian Thompson | 6-1 | 12-2 | 18-3 | 68-27 | 43-17 | 6-1 | 2-0 |

| <i>Team</i> | <i>#1</i> | <i>#2</i> | <i>#3</i> | <i>Dual</i> | <i>Open</i> | <i>Overall</i> | <i>Career</i> | <i>As Last Clinching Wins</i> | <i>Match On Court</i> |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Buck/Tefft | 3-1 | 11-1 | | 14-2 | 10-2 | 24-4 | 24-4 | 6 | |
| Connelly/Stastny | | 4-0 | 11-1 | 15-1 | 11-5 | 26-6 | 26-6 | 7 | 1-0 |
| Nelson/Potts | | | 1-0 | 1-0 | 5-4 | 6-4 | 6-4 | 1 | |
| Potts/Ca. Thompson | | | 1-0 | 1-0 | | 1-0 | 1-0 | 1 | |
| Potts/Ch. Thompson | | | 2-0 | 2-0 | | 2-0 | 2-0 | | |
| Thompson/Thompson | 10-2 | | | 10-2 | 6-1 | 16-3 | 66-27 | 1 | |
| Totals | 13-3 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 43-5 | 32-12 | 75-17 | 125-41 | 16 | 1-0 |

ITA Rankings

Brook Buck
 Preseason: 54
 January 10: --
 February 22: --
 March 7: --
 March 21: --

Kelcy Tefft
 January 10: --
 February 22: --
 March 7: --
 March 21: 110

Catrina Thompson
 Preseason: 27
 January 10: 24
 February 22: 27
 March 7: 32
 March 21: 30

Christian Thompson
 Preseason: --
 January 10: 44
 February 22: 32
 March 7: 48
 March 21: 74

Connelly/Stastny
 Preseason: --
 January 10: 45
 February 22: 49
 March 7: 46
 March 21: --

Buck/Tefft
 Preseason: 60
 January 10: 35
 February 22: 29
 March 7: 39
 March 21: 29

Thompson/Thompson
 Preseason: 2
 January 10: 1
 February 22: 2
 March 7: 4
 March 21: 3

Note: Freshmen and all-freshman doubles teams were not eligible for the preseason rankings.

Southern California 4, Notre Dame 3
October 14, 2005 -- Notre Dame, IN (Indoors)

Exhibition Match

Singles

No. 1: #27 Catrina Thompson (ND) d. #28 Anca Anastasiu (USC) 6-2, 6-0
No. 2: #60 Dianne Matias (USC) d. Christian Thompson (ND) 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 (5)
No. 3: Amanda Fink (USC) d. #54 Brook Buck (ND) 6-4, 6-0
No. 4: #74 Luana Magnani (USC) d. Katie Potts (ND) 6-1, 6-3
No. 5: Kristina Stastny (ND) d. #91 Carine Vermeulen (USC) 6-2, 1-6, 6-2
No. 6: Kelcy Tefft (ND) d. Judy DeVera (USC) 6-2, 6-2

Doubles

No. 1: #2 Thompson/Thompson (ND) d. Nelson/Vermeulen (USC) 8-3
No. 2: Fink/Magnani (USC) d. #60 Buck/Tefft (ND) 9-8 (7-5)
No. 3: DeVera/Matias (USC) d. Connelly/Stastny (ND) 9-7

#22 Notre Dame 7, Ohio State 0

January 28, 2006 -- Notre Dame, IN (Indoors)

Singles

No. 1: #24 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. Caitlin O'Keefe (OSU) 6-2, 6-3
No. 2: #44 Christian Thompson (ND) def. Angela DiPastina (OSU) 6-2, 6-1
No. 3: Brook Buck (ND) def. Sonia Ruzimovsky (OSU) 6-2, 6-2
No. 4: Kelcy Tefft (ND) def. Julie Blackmore (OSU) 6-2, 6-1
No. 5: Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Kristin Messmer (OSU) 6-2, 6-3
No. 6: Katie Potts (ND) def. Ciara Finucane (OSU) 6-3, 6-0

Doubles

No. 1: #1 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. Blackmore/O'Keefe (OSU) 8-1
No. 2: #35 Buck/Tefft (ND) def. DiPastina/Ruzimovsky (OSU) 8-2
No. 3: #45 Lauren Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Finucane/Messmer (OSU) 8-5

#22 Notre Dame 7, Xavier 0

January 28, 2006 -- Notre Dame, IN (Indoors)

Singles

No. 1: #24 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. Kristen Clary (X) 6-0, 6-0
No. 2: #44 Christian Thompson (ND) def. Jackie Vilines (X) 6-1, 6-0
No. 3: Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Kara Courtney (X) 6-2, 6-2
No. 4: Katie Potts (ND) def. Alicia Papa (X) 6-0, 6-0
No. 5: *Lauren Connelly (ND) def. Annie Diedalis (X) 6-0, 6-0
No. 6: Kelly Nelson (ND) def. Sarah Potts (X) 6-3, 6-3

Doubles

No. 1: #35 Brook Buck/Kelcy Tefft (ND) def. Clary/Courtney (X) 8-3
No. 2: #45 Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Papa/Vilines (X) 8-1
No. 3: *Nelson/Potts (ND) def. Kate Lohner/Potts (X) 8-3

#22 Notre Dame 4, #23 Wake Forest 3

February 11, 2006 -- Winston-Salem, NC (Indoors)

Singles

No. 1: #42 Alexandra Hirsch (WF) def. #24 Catrina Thompson (ND) 7-5, 6-3
No. 2: #64 Ashlee Davis (WF) def. #44 Christian Thompson (ND) 6-2, 6-1
No. 3: Ana Jerman (WF) def. Brook Buck (ND) 7-5, 6-3
No. 4: Kelcy Tefft (ND) def. Christian Tara (WF) 6-3, 6-4
No. 5: Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Jenna Loeb (WF) 6-0, 6-2
No. 6: !Katie Potts (ND) def. Sierra Poske (WF) 7-6 (7-2), 4-6, 6-4

Doubles

No. 1: #1 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. Davis/Hirsch (WF) 8-1
No. 2: #35 Buck/Tefft (ND) def. Jerman/Tara (WF) 8-3
No. 3: #45 Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Poske/Christine Simpson (WF) 8-6

#22 Notre Dame 5, #10 North Carolina 1

February 12, 2006 -- Chapel Hill, NC (Indoors)

Singles

No. 1: #24 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. #28 Jenna Long (UNC) 7-5, 6-4
No. 2: #44 Christian Thompson (ND) def. #46 Caitlin Collins (UNC) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4
No. 3: Sara Anundsen (UNC) def. Brook Buck 6-3, 3-6, 6-2
No. 4: Kelcy Tefft (ND) led Austin Smith (UNC) 3-6, 6-4, 5-3, aban.
No. 5: Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Tanja Markovic (UNC) 7-5, 7-6 (2)
No. 6: Katie Potts (ND) def. Charlotte Tansill (UNC) 6-2, 6-0

Doubles

No. 1: #11 Anundsen/Long (UNC) def. #1 Thompson/Thompson (ND) 8-3
No. 2: #35 Buck/Tefft (ND) def. Collins/Markovic (UNC) 8-4
No. 3: #45 Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. #50 Meg Fanjoy/Smith (UNC) 8-6

#15 Notre Dame 6, #30 Michigan 1

February 15, 2006 -- Ann Arbor, MI (Indoors)

Singles

No. 1: #24 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. Kara Delicata (M) 6-2, 6-1
No. 2: #44 Christian Thompson (ND) def. #48 Nina Yaftali (M) 6-4, 7-5
No. 3: Brook Buck (ND) def. Chisako Sugiyama (M) 6-1, 6-0
No. 4: #76 Debra Streifler (M) def. Kelcy Tefft (ND) 3-6, 7-6 (4), 1-0 (3)
No. 5: Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Elizabeth Exon (M) 6-1, 4-6, 1-0 (5)
No. 6: *Katie Potts (ND) def. Allie Shafner (M) 6-0, 6-4

Doubles

No. 1: #1 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. Delicata/Shafner (M) 8-3
No. 2: #35 Buck/Tefft (ND) def. Streifler/Sugiyama (M) 8-6
No. 3: #45 Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Lindsey Howard/Yaftali (M) 8-3

#15 Notre Dame 7, #22 Tennessee 0

February 18, 2006 -- Notre Dame, IN (Indoors)

Singles

No. 1: #24 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. Victoria Jones (T) 6-1, 6-2
No. 2: #44 Christian Thompson (ND) def. Blakeley Griffith (T) 5-7, 7-6 (3), 1-0 (3)
No. 3: *Brook Buck (ND) def. Melissa Schaub (T) 6-4, 6-0
No. 4: Kelcy Tefft (ND) def. Ghizela Schutte (T) 6-3, 6-4
No. 5: Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Stephanie Harris (T) 6-3, 6-1
No. 6: Katie Potts (ND) def. Samantha Orlin (T) 7-5, 5-7, 1-0 (12-10)

Doubles

No. 1: #1 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. Schaub/Schutte (T) 8-1
No. 2: #35 Buck/Tefft (ND) def. Griffith/Jones (T) 8-3
No. 3: #45 Lauren Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Harris/Orlin (T) 8-3

#15 Notre Dame 5, #9 Harvard 2

February 19, 2006 -- Notre Dame, IN (Indoors)

Singles

No. 1: #24 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. Eva Wang (H) 6-4, 3-6, 1-0 (1)
No. 2: Elsa O'Riain (H) def. #44 Christian Thompson (ND) 7-5, 7-5
No. 3: Brook Buck (ND) def. Melissa Anderson (H) 7-6 (7-4), 6-0
No. 4: *Kelcy Tefft (ND) def. #67 Preethi Mukundan (H) 6-3, 6-2
No. 5: Stephanie Schnitter (H) def. Kristina Stastny (ND) 7-6 (5), 3-6, 1-0 (5)
No. 6: Katie Potts (ND) def. Cindy Chu (H) 6-1, 6-2

Doubles

No. 1: #1 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. #6 Anderson/O'Riain (H) 9-8 (5)
No. 2: #35 Buck/Tefft (ND) def. Schnitter/Wang (H) 8-1
No. 3: #45 Lauren Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Chu/Mukundan (H) 8-1

#7 Notre Dame 5, #20 Brigham Young 2

February 25, 2006 -- Notre Dame, IN (Indoors)

Singles

No. 1: #17 Olga Boulytcheva (BYU) def. #27 Catrina Thompson (ND) 6-1, 6-1
No. 2: #32 Christian Thompson (ND) def. #98 Lauren Jones (BYU) 6-4, 6-2
No. 3: Anastasia Sourkova (BYU) def. Brook Buck (ND) 7-6 (2), 7-6 (5)
No. 4: Kelcy Tefft (ND) def. Sofia Holden (BYU) 6-1, 6-4
No. 5: *Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Dolly Chang (BYU) 6-4, 6-1
No. 6: Katie Potts (ND) def. Jennifer Miccoli (BYU) 6-3, 6-4

Doubles

No. 1: #2 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. Miccoli/Sourkova (BYU) 8-3
No. 2: #29 Buck/Tefft (ND) def. Boulytcheva/Holden (BYU) 8-3
No. 3: #49 Lauren Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Chang/Jones (BYU) 8-3

#7 Notre Dame 6, #51 Wisconsin 1

February 26, 2006 -- Notre Dame, IN (Indoors)

Singles

No. 1: #28 Caitlin Burke (W) def. #32 Christian Thompson (ND) 6-4, 6-4
No. 2: Brook Buck (ND) def. Nicole Beck (W) 6-1, 6-1
No. 3: Kelcy Tefft (ND) def. Chelsea Nusslock (W) 6-1, 6-3
No. 4: Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Elizabeth Carpenter (W) 6-3, 4-6, 1-0 (9)
No. 5: Katie Potts (ND) def. Erin Jobe (W) 6-1, 6-1
No. 6: *Lauren Connelly (ND) def. Morgan Tuttle (W) 6-1, 6-0

Doubles

No. 1: #30 Beck/Burke (W) def. #29 Buck/Tefft (ND) 8-7 (7-1)
No. 2: #49 Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Carpenter/Nusslock (W) 8-3
No. 3: Potts/Ch. Thompson (ND) def. Lexi Goldin/Tuttle (W) 8-1

#5 Notre Dame 7, #27 Indiana 0**February 28, 2006 – Notre Dame, IN (Indoors)**Singles

- No. 1: *#27 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. Sarah Batty (I) 6-3, 6-4
 No. 2: #32 Christian Thompson (ND) def. Laura McGaffigan (I) 6-3, 6-1
 No. 3: Brook Buck (ND) def. Brianna Williams (I) 6-1, 6-0
 No. 4: Kelcy Tefft (ND) def. Alba Berdala (I) 6-2, 6-4
 No. 5: Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Sigrid Fischer (I) 4-6, 6-3, 1-0 (10-7)
 No. 6: Katie Potts (ND) def. Cecile Perton (I) 6-3, 6-3

Doubles

- No. 1: #2 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. Batty/McGaffigan (I) 8-4
 No. 2: #29 Buck/Tefft (ND) def. Fischer/Williams (I) 8-2
 No. 3: *#49 Lauren Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Berdala/Perton (I) 8-2

#5 Notre Dame 7, #49 Illinois 0**March 5, 2006 – Notre Dame, IN (Indoors)**Singles

- No. 1: #27 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. Macall Harkins (I) 6-4, 6-3
 No. 2: #32 Christian Thompson (ND) def. Momei Qu (I) 6-0, 6-3
 No. 3: Brook Buck (ND) def. Brianna Knue (I) 6-0, 6-2
 No. 4: Kelcy Tefft (ND) def. Emily Wang (I) 6-2, 6-4
 No. 5: *Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Alejandra Meza Cuadra (I) 6-1, 6-0
 No. 6: Katie Potts (ND) def. Shivani Dave' (I) 6-4, 6-1

Doubles

- No. 1: Harkins/Wang (I) def. #2 Thompson/Thompson (ND) 8-4
 No. 2: *#29 Buck/Tefft (ND) def. Knue/Meza Cuadra (I) 8-4
 No. 3: #49 Lauren Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Dave'/Qu (I) 8-3

#2 Notre Dame 7, #49 Western Michigan 0**March 10, 2006 – Notre Dame, IN (Indoors)**Singles

- No. 1: #48 Christian Thompson (ND) def. Carrie Jeanmaire (WMU) 6-0, 6-3
 No. 2: Brook Buck (ND) def. Reedhina Parekh (WMU) 6-1, 6-0
 No. 3: Kelcy Tefft (ND) def. Rattiya Hiranrat (WMU) 7-6 (7-3), 6-2
 No. 4: Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Priyanka Parekh (WMU) 7-5, 7-5
 No. 5: Katie Potts (ND) def. Kerstin Pahl (WMU) 6-2, 6-2
 No. 6: *Lauren Connelly (ND) def. Noriko Saruta (WMU) 6-3, 6-0

Doubles

- No. 1: *#39 Buck/Tefft (ND) def. Jeanmaire/Malena Remyse (WMU) 8-4
 No. 2: #46 Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Pahl/R. Parekh (WMU) 8-3
 No. 3: Potts/Ch. Thompson (ND) def. Hiranrat/Surata (WMU) 8-3

#2 Notre Dame 4, #5 Duke 3**March 15, 2006 – Orlando, FL (Outdoors)**Singles

- No. 1: #32 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. #1 Daniela Bercek (D) 4-4, ret.
 No. 2: #19 Jackie Carleton (D) def. Brook Buck (ND) 6-7 (5-7), 6-0, 6-1
 No. 3: !Kelcy Tefft (ND) def. #62 Tara Iyer (D) 7-5, 5-7, 6-3
 No. 4: #122 Melissa Mang (D) def. Kristina Stastny (ND) 6-1, 7-6 (7-2)
 No. 5: Kristin Cargill (D) def. Katie Potts (ND) 6-2, 4-6, 6-4
 No. 6: Lauren Connelly (ND) def. Clelia Deltour (D) 6-2, 7-5

Doubles

- No. 1: #39 Buck/Tefft (ND) def. #11 Bercek/Jessi Robinson (D) 8-5
 No. 2: #46 Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Cargill/Carleton (D) 7-6 (7-5)
 No. 3: *Katie Potts/Ca. Thompson (ND) def. #53 Mang/Jennifer Zika (D) 9-7

#2 Notre Dame 4, #48 Texas A&M 3**March 18, 2006 – College Station, TX (Outdoors)**Singles

- No. 1: #66 Anna Lubinsky (A&M) def. #32 Catrina Thompson (ND) 6-3, 6-4
 No. 2: Sarah Foster (A&M) def. #48 Christian Thompson (ND) 6-2, 5-7, 6-2
 No. 3: Anna Blagodarova (A&M) def. Brook Buck (ND) 6-4, 7-5
 No. 4: Kelcy Tefft (ND) def. Nicki Mechem (A&M) 6-3, 6-2
 No. 5: Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Tiffany Clifford (A&M) 6-2, 6-2
 No. 6: !Katie Potts (ND) def. Marisa Druss (A&M) 6-7 (6-8), 7-5, 6-2

Doubles

- No. 1: #4 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. Blagodarova/Foster (A&M) 8-2
 No. 2: #55 Lubinsky/Mechem (A&M) def. #39 Buck/Tefft (ND) 8-5
 No. 3: *#46 Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Clifford/Druss (A&M) 8-5

#2 Notre Dame 7, #11 Texas 0**March 20, 2006 – Austin, Texas (Outdoors)**Singles

- No. 1: #32 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. #71 Mia Marovic (T) 7-5, 4-6, 1-0 (9)
 No. 2: #48 Christian Thompson (ND) def. #57 Petra Dizdar (T) 7-5, 7-5
 No. 3: Brook Buck (ND) def. Kendra Strohm (T) 7-6, 6-3
 No. 4: Kelcy Tefft (ND) def. #125 Courtney Zauft (T) 6-2, 6-2
 No. 5: *Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Kelly Baritot (T) 1-6, 6-2, 6-4
 No. 6: Katie Potts (ND) def. Ristine Olson (T) 6-0, 6-7, 6-4

Doubles

- No. 1: #4 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. Marovic/Zauft (T) 8-3
 No. 2: #39 Buck/Tefft (ND) def. Baritot/Strohm (T) 8-4
 No. 3: *#46 Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Dizdar/Marija Milic (T) 8-2

#2 Notre Dame 6, #39 Iowa 1**March 24, 2006 – Notre Dame, Indiana (Indoors)**Singles

- No. 1: *#30 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. #33 Meg Racette (I) 6-1, 6-3
 No. 2: #74 Christian Thompson (ND) def. Hillary Mintz (I) 6-1, 5-7, 1-0 (5)
 No. 3: Brook Buck (ND) def. Milica Veselinovic (I) 2-6, 6-4, 1-0 (10-3)
 No. 4: Jacqueline Lee (I) def. #110 Kelcy Tefft (ND) 6-4, 7-5
 No. 5: Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Krissy Dowlin (I) 6-3, 6-1
 No. 6: Katie Potts (ND) def. Merel Beelen (I) 6-1, 6-2

Doubles

- No. 1: #3 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. Lee/Racette (I) 8-2
 No. 2: *#29 Buck/Tefft (ND) def. Kayla Berry/Mintz (I) 8-4
 No. 3: Dowlin/Veselinovic (I) def. Lauren Connelly/Stastny (ND) 8-7 (7)

* - clinching victory; ! - clinching victory in last match on court

Note: Numbers preceding teams and players are ITA national rankings at time of match; numbers in brackets are team's tournament seeding.

2005-06 UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME MEN'S TENNIS ROSTER

| Player | Ht. | Wt. | Yr. | Born | Hometown/High School |
|--------------------------|------|-----|-----|------|--|
| * Irackli Akhvlediani £ | 5-7 | 145 | Jr. | GEO | Vienna, Austria/Vienna International School |
| ** Stephen Bass | 5-11 | 165 | Jr. | THA | Bronxville, NY/Iona Preparatory School |
| *** Patrick Buchanan (c) | 5-7 | 140 | Sr. | USA | Fullerton, CA/Servite H.S. |
| Brett Helgeson | 6-4 | 180 | Fr. | USA | Overland Park, KS/Blue Valley West H.S. |
| ** Ryan Keckley | 6-1 | 160 | Jr. | USA | South Bend, IN/St. Joseph's H.S. |
| ** Barry King | 6-4 | 186 | Jr. | IRE | Dublin, Ireland/Gonzaga College |
| *** Eric Langenkamp | 6-1 | 174 | Sr. | USA | Scarsdale, NY/Scarsdale H.S. |
| Santiago Montoya | 6-1 | 165 | Fr. | COL | Scottsdale, AZ/St. Stephen's Episcopal School [TX] |
| * Sheeva Parbhu | 5-11 | 150 | So. | USA | Omaha, NE/Millard North H.S. |
| Brandon Pierpont | 6-1 | 170 | So. | USA | St. Petersburg, FL/Tampa Preparatory School |
| Andrew Roth £ | 5-9 | 160 | So. | USA | Houston, TX/Tenney School |
| Yuichi Uda | 5-8 | 130 | So. | JPN | Wesley Chapel, FL/Laurel Springs School [CA] |

Head Coach: Bob Bayliss (19th season, Richmond '66)

Associate Head Coach: Todd Doebler (4th season, Bloomsburg '96)

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Dr. Hugh Page (11th season, Hampton '77)

Senior Manager: Rona de la Vega (2nd season, Saint Mary's '06)

Junior Manager: Megan McBride (1st season, Saint Mary's '07)

Racket Technician: Jamie Rowland (2nd season, Notre Dame '08)

* – denotes monograms earned c – denotes captain £ – indicates left-handed player

Pronunciation Guide

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| Irackli Akhvlediani | ih-RACK-lee auk-vhled-ee-AWN-ee |
| Helgeson | HELL-guh-sin |
| Sheeva Parbhu | SHEE-vuh PAR-boo |
| Yuichi Uda | you-EE-chee EWW-duh |
| Doebler | DOUGH-bler |

Roster Breakdown By Class

Seniors (2): Buchanan, Langenkamp

Juniors (4): Akhvlediani, Bass, Keckley, King

Sophomores (4): Parbhu, Pierpont, Roth, Uda

Freshmen (2): Helgeson, Montoya