



NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S LACROSSE



6 Academic All-Americans • 51 BIG EAST All-Conference Selections
3 NCAA Quarterfinal Appearances (2002, 2006, 2009)



Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record:
1-0 (0-0)
Conference:
BIG EAST
Head Coach:
Christine Halfpenny
Goal Leader:
5 - L. Powell
Assists Leader:
6 - M. Tamasitis
Goalie (Record):
E. Hilling (1-0)
14.00 GAA

#20/15 Notre Dame (1-0)

vs.

Duquesne (1-1)

Notre Dame Leads Series 7-0

Saturday, February 25 • 12:00 p.m. (ET)
Loftus Center • Notre Dame, Ind.

Live Stats: Gametracker on UND.com

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Duquesne Dukes

Record:
1-1 (0-0)
Conference:
Atlantic-10
Head Coach:
Michael Scerbo
Goal Leader:
C. Prince - 5 Goals
Assists Leader:
E. Caldwell - 3 Assists
Goalie (Record):
E. Walker (1-1)
10.09 GAA

2012 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

OVERALL: 1-0
BIG EAST: 0-0
HOME: 1-0
AWAY: 0-0
NEUTRAL: 0-0

February

19 Sun. #6 Stanford W, 17-14
25 Sat. Duquesne 12:00 p.m.

March

4 Sun. at Ohio State 1:00 p.m.
10 Sat. at Boston University 3:00 p.m.
13 Tues. vs. Yale\$ 6:00 p.m.
17 Sat. vs. Cornell# 2:00 p.m.
24 Sat. Louisville* 1:00 p.m.
30 Fri. at Rutgers* 4:00 p.m.

April

1 Sun. at Loyola (Md.)* 1:00 p.m.
5 Thur. Syracuse* 7:00 p.m.
7 Sat. Villanova* 11:00 a.m.
14 Sat. at Connecticut* 11:00 a.m.
18 Wed. Vanderbilt 2:00 p.m.
21 Sat. at Georgetown* 2:30 p.m.
25 Wed. at Northwestern 8:00 p.m.
28 Sat. Cincinnati* 12:00 p.m.

May

3-5 BIG EAST Tournament TBA
12-27 NCAA Championship TBA

Home games in BOLD

* BIG EAST Conference Games

\$ Delray Beach, Fla.

Orlando, Fla.

All Times Eastern

MEET THE TEAM

Probable Starting Lineup

#1	Maggie Tamasitis	A	Sr.
#4	Kaitlyn Brosco	M	So.
#6	Megan Sullivan	M	Sr.
#10	Leah Gallagher	M	Fr.
#13	Jenny Granger	M	Jr.
#14	Jaimie Morrison	A	Jr.
#16	Kate Newall	M	Sr.
#18	Lindsay Powell	A	So.
#22	Margaret Smith	M	So.
#24	Jordy Shoemaker	D	Sr.
#29	Barbara Sullivan	D	Fr.
#33	Ellie Hilling	GK	Jr.

Reserves

#2	Caitlin Gargan	M	Fr.
#3	Shauna Pugliese	M	Fr.
#7	Flannery Nangle	M	Sr.
#9	Grace Dooley	M	So.
#11	Kelly Driscoll	A	Sr.
#12	Betsy Mastropieri	A	Jr.
#15	Kristin DeRespiris	D	Sr.
#16	Kate Newall	M	Sr.
#17	Lauren Sullivan	A	So.
#19	Julia Giorgio	A	So.
#20	Michelle Tremblay	D	Jr.
#21	McKenzie Brown	M	Jr.
#23	Elizabeth Driscoll	A	Fr.
#25	Kristen Cousins	D	So.
#27	Molly Shawhan	M	So.
#28	Emily Conner	D	Jr.
#34	Adele Bruggeman	GK	Jr.
#99	Allie Murray	GK	Fr.

OPENING DRAW

• No. 20 Notre Dame (1-0) welcomes Duquesne (1-0) to the Loftus Center for a Saturday, noon (ET) start. The game will be webcast on UND.com with play-by-play from Chris Palmquist and analysis from P.J. Gaughan. Duquesne started off the season strong with an 18-4 victory over Bucknell before falling to Penn State, 16-5, while Notre Dame looks to capitalize on a season-opening triumph over #6/#17 Stanford, 17-14.

• This will mark the eighth matchup in the two programs' histories, with the Irish holding a 7-0 lead. Beginning in Notre Dame's inaugural varsity season (1997), the teams have played off and on until 2007 where the series has continued annually since. Last season, the foes met in the 'Steel City', Pittsburgh, Pa., with the Irish coming away with a narrow 12-10 decision. In that contest, Shaylyn Blaney led the way for Notre Dame with a six-point game (3g-3a), while Ansley Stewart added 3 goals and Kaitlyn Brosco chipped in another two goals.

NOTRE DAME IN 2012 ...

(2011 records in parentheses)

Home:	1-0 (4-3)
Away:	0-0 (6-4)
Neutral:	0-0 (0-2)
Indoors:	0-0 (0-2)
Outdoors:	1-0 (10-7)
Vs. ranked opponents:	1-0 (2-6)
Vs. BIG EAST teams:	0-0 (7-3)
Vs. non-con. teams:	1-0 (3-6)
When scoring first:	1-0 (7-6)
When opponent scores first:	0-0 (3-3)
When leading at halftime:	1-0 (9-4)
When trailing at halftime:	0-0 (1-5)
When tied at halftime:	0-0 (0-0)
In overtime:	0-0 (0-2)
One-goal games:	0-0 (1-3)
Two-goal games:	0-0 (1-2)
Three-goal games:	1-0 (2-2)
Four-goal games:	0-0 (0-0)
Five-plus goal games:	0-0 (6-2)
Saturday or Sunday:	1-0 (4-7)
Weekday:	0-0 (6-2)

Fighting Irish Women's Lacrosse Quick Facts

First Varsity Season	1997
All-Time Record	281-147 (.657)
NCAA Tournament Appearances	6 ('02, '04, '06, '08-'10)
Best NCAA Finish	Semifinals (2006)
Head Coach	Christine Halfpenny (Virginia Tech '99)
Record at Notre Dame (Seasons)	1-0 (1.000) (1)
Career Record (Seasons)	44-44 (.500) (6)
Assistant Coach	Sarah Dalton (1st season, Boston University '09)
Assistant Coach	Nick Williams (2nd season, Towson '08)
Conference	BIG EAST
Home Field	Arlotta Stadium (outdoor - turf - 2,500) Loftus Sports Center (indoor - turf)
2011 Overall Record	10-9
2011 BIG EAST Record (finish)	6-2 (T-3rd)
2011 NCAA Tournament	Did Not Participate
Starters Returning/Lost	7/5
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	16/7
2011 Goals Returning/Lost	92/138
2011 Assists Returning/Lost	66/49



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The Duquesne Series

Notre Dame Leads 7-0

Home: 4-0/Away: 3-0/Neutral: 0-0

Date	Location	Result
2-27-11	Pittsburgh, Pa.	W, 12-10
2-27-10	Notre Dame, Ind.	W, 15-10
2-14-09	Pittsburgh, Pa.	W, 22-7
2-17-08	Notre Dame, Ind.	W, 16-4
4-1-07	Notre Dame, Ind.	W, 15-7
3-24-98	Notre Dame, Ind.	W, 17-9
3-29-97	Pittsburgh, Pa.	W, 15-4



Tale of the Tape

Notre Dame		Duquesne
1-0	Record	1-1
0-0	Conference Record	0-0
20/15	USILA/IL Rank	NR/NR
1-0/0-0/0-0	H/A/N Record	1-0/0-1/0-0
17.0	Scoring Offense	11.5
14.0	Scoring Defense	10.0
+3.0	Scoring Margin	+1.5
35.0	Shots/Game	35.5
33.0	Shots Allowed/Game	23.0
34.0	SOG/Game	24.5
24.0	SOG Allowed/Game	20.0
.486	Shot %	.324
.971	SOG %	.690
9.0	Assists/Game	2.5
6.0	Free Position Att./Game	7.0
3.0	FPS goals/Game	2.0
10.0	FPS allowed/Game	4.0
6.0	FPS goals allowed/Game	1.5
25.0	Ground Balls/Game	13.5
14.0	Draws won/Game	13.0
16.0	Turnovers/Game	10.5
10.0	Turnovers Forced/Game	6.5
10.0	Saves/Game	10.0
.417	Save %	.500

2012 Duquesne Women's Lacrosse Alphabetical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Hgt.	Hometown/High School
5	Laura Aeschbacher	M	JR	5-8	Englewood, Colo./Cherry Creek
13	Casey Briglia	D	FR	5-5	West Chester, Pa./Bishop Shanahan
8	Elise Caldwell	A	SR	5-9	Annapolis, Md./Spalding
4	Cailin Colegrove	A	SR	5-8	Cockeysville, Md./Dulaney
20	Casey Denk	M	JR	5-7	Henrietta, N.Y./Rush-Henrietta
15	Taylor Denk	A	FR	5-8	Henrietta, N.Y./Rush-Henrietta
24	Meredith Dunn	M	JR	5-9	Littleton, Colo./Regis Jesuit
3	Amy Gladfelter	M	SR	5-2	Eldersburg, Md./Liberty
12	Aubrey Green	D	JR	5-3	Ellicott City, Md./Mt Hebron
0	Kristen Gregory	GK	SO	5-7	Chester Springs, Pa./Owen J. Roberts
26	Melissa Hanson	D	FR	5-9	Cortlandt Manor, N.Y./Walter Panas
9	Jackie Henke	M	JR	5-4	Wildwood, Mo./Lafayette
2	Clare Hurley	M	FR	5-9	Penfield, N.Y./Penfield
10	Amanda Kidder	M	FR	5-7	Fairport, N.Y./Victor
22	Haley Marafioti	A	SO	5-3	Canandaigua, N.Y./Canandaigua Academy
25	Morgan Matz	M	FR	5-9	Reistertown, Md./Maryvale Prep School
16	Michelle Morris	M	FR	5-5	West Windsor, N.J./West Windsor-Plainsboro
14	Shannon Murphy	D	SO	5-7	Baltimore, Md./Maryvale Prep School
21	Caitlin Prince	M	SO	5-5	Sykesville, Md./Liberty
7	Sarah Pritchard	D	SO	5-7	Pittsford, N.Y./Pittsford-Mendon
1	Liz Walker	GK	SR	5-2	Sewickley, Pa./Quaker Valley

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0	Kristen Gregory	GK	SO	5-7	Chester Springs, Pa./Owen J. Roberts
1	Liz Walker	GK	SR	5-2	Sewickley, Pa./Quaker Valley
2	Clare Hurley	M	FR	5-9	Penfield, N.Y./Penfield
3	Amy Gladfelter	M	SR	5-2	Eldersburg, Md./Liberty
4	Cailin Colegrove	A	SR	5-8	Cockeysville, Md./Dulaney
5	Laura Aeschbacher	M	JR	5-8	Englewood, Colo./Cherry Creek
7	Sarah Pritchard	D	SO	5-7	Pittsford, N.Y./Pittsford-Mendon
8	Elise Caldwell	A	SR	5-9	Annapolis, Md./Spalding
9	Jackie Henke	M	JR	5-4	Wildwood, Mo./Lafayette
10	Amanda Kidder	M	FR	5-7	Fairport, N.Y./Victor
12	Aubrey Green	D	JR	5-3	Ellicott City, Md./Mt Hebron
13	Casey Briglia	D	FR	5-5	West Chester, Pa./Bishop Shanahan
14	Shannon Murphy	D	SO	5-7	Baltimore, Md./Maryvale Prep School
15	Taylor Denk	A	FR	5-8	Henrietta, N.Y./Rush-Henrietta
16	Michelle Morris	M	FR	5-5	West Windsor, N.J./West Windsor-Plainsboro
20	Casey Denk	M	JR	5-7	Henrietta, N.Y./Rush-Henrietta
21	Caitlin Prince	M	SO	5-5	Sykesville, Md./Liberty
22	Haley Marafioti	A	SO	5-3	Canandaigua, N.Y./Canandaigua Academy
24	Meredith Dunn	M	JR	5-9	Littleton, Colo./Regis Jesuit
25	Morgan Matz	M	FR	5-9	Reistertown, Md./Maryvale Prep School
26	Melissa Hanson	D	FR	5-9	Cortlandt Manor, N.Y./Walter Panas

2012 Duquesne Women's Lacrosse Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Michael Scerbo (SUNY Oswego '95) • 55-49 record at Duquesne (7th season)
Assistant Coaches: Gina Oliver (Ohio State '05), Lisa Vacca (Pittsburgh '02)

2012 Duquesne Women's Lacrosse Statistical Leaders

Goals:	5-Caitlin Prince	Assists:	3-Elise Caldwell
Points:	5-C. Prince	Shots:	11-C. Prince, Meredith Dunn, Clare Hurley
Saves:	14-Liz Walker	Save Perc.:	.667-Kristen Gregory

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4	Kaitlyn Brosco	M	SO	5-6	Shoreham, NY/Shoreham Wading River
21	McKenzie Brown	M	JR	5-10	Greenwood Village, CO/Cherry Creek
34	Adele Bruggeman	GK	JR	5-7	Cincinnati, OH/Mariemont
28	Emily Conner	D/M	JR	5-9	Alexandria, VA/St. Stephen's & St. Agnes
25	Kristen Cousins	D	SO	5-11	Glen Ridge, NJ/Glen Ridge
15	Kristin DeRespiris	D	SR	5-9	Locust Valley, NY/Our Lady of Mercy
9	Grace Dooley	M	SO	5-9	Chicago, Ill./Loyola Academy
23	Elizabeth Driscoll	A	FR	5-8	Westport, Ct./Staples High School
11	Kelly Driscoll	A	SR	5-6	Andover, MA/Andover
10	Leah Gallagher	M	FR	5-5	Radnor, Pa./Radnor High School
2	Caitlin Gargan	M	FR	5-8	Rocky Point, N.Y./Rocky Point High School
19	Julia Giorgio	A	SO	5-5	Greenwich, CT/St. Anthony's
13	Jenny Granger	M	JR	5-9	East Setauket, NY/Ward Melville
33	Ellie Hilling	GK	JR	5-2	Rochester, NY/Brighton
12	Betsy Mastropieri	A	JR	5-2	Richmond, VA/Collegiate School
14	Jaimie Morrison	A	JR	5-7	Yorktown Heights, NY/Yorktown
99	Allie Murray	GK	FR	5-5	Exton, Pa./Downingtown East
7	Flannery Nangle	M/A	SR	5-5	Auburn, NY/Auburn
16	Kate Newall	M	SR	5-5	Middlesex, England/St. Catherine's
18	Lindsay Powell	M/A	SO	5-3	Honeoye Falls, NY/Honeoye Falls-Lima
3	Shauna Pugliese	M	FR	5-5	Webster, N.Y./Webster Schroeder NY
27	Molly Shawhan	M	SO	5-6	Fulton, MD/Our Lady of Good Counsel
24	Jordy Shoemaker	M/D	SR	5-7	Andover, MA/Andover
22	Margaret Smith	M	SO	5-7	Westminster, MD/McDonogh School
29	Barbara Sullivan	D	FR	5-10	Garden City, NY/Garden City High School
17	Lauren Sullivan	A	SO	5-5	Winchester, MA/Winchester
6	Megan Sullivan	M/D	SR	5-6	Winchester, MA/Winchester
1	Maggie Tamasitis	A	SR	5-3	Boyetown, PA/Boyetown
20	Michelle Tremblay	D	JR	5-7	Tonka Bay, MN/The Blake School

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1	Maggie Tamasitis	A	SR	5-3	Boyetown, PA/Boyetown
2	Caitlin Gargan	M	FR	5-8	Rocky Point, N.Y./Rocky Point High School
3	Shauna Pugliese	M	FR	5-5	Webster, N.Y./Webster Schroeder NY
4	Kaitlyn Brosco	M	SO	5-6	Shoreham, NY/Shoreham Wading River
6	Megan Sullivan	M/D	SR	5-6	Winchester, MA/Winchester
7	Flannery Nangle	M/A	SR	5-5	Auburn, NY/Auburn
9	Grace Dooley	M	SO	5-9	Chicago, Ill./Loyola Academy
10	Leah Gallagher	M	FR	5-5	Radnor, Pa./Radnor High School
11	Kelly Driscoll	A	SR	5-6	Andover, MA/Andover
12	Betsy Mastropieri	A	JR	5-2	Richmond, VA/Collegiate School
13	Jenny Granger	M	JR	5-9	East Setauket, NY/Ward Melville
14	Jaimie Morrison	A	JR	5-7	Yorktown Heights, NY/Yorktown
15	Kristin DeRespiris	D	SR	5-9	Locust Valley, NY/Our Lady of Mercy
16	Kate Newall	M	SR	5-5	Middlesex, England/St. Catherine's
17	Lauren Sullivan	A	SO	5-5	Winchester, MA/Winchester
18	Lindsay Powell	M/A	SO	5-3	Honeoye Falls, NY/Honeoye Falls-Lima
19	Julia Giorgio	A	SO	5-5	Greenwich, CT/St. Anthony's
20	Michelle Tremblay	D	JR	5-7	Tonka Bay, MN/The Blake School
21	McKenzie Brown	M	JR	5-10	Greenwood Village, CO/Cherry Creek
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33	Ellie Hilling	GK	JR	5-2	Rochester, NY/Brighton
34	Adele Bruggeman	GK	JR	5-7	Cincinnati, OH/Mariemont
99	Allie Murray	GK	FR	5-5	Exton, Pa./Downingtown East

2012 Notre Dame Women's Lacrosse Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Christine Halfpenny (Virginia Tech '99) • 1-0 record at Notre Dame (1st season)
Assistant Coaches: Sarah Dalton (Boston University '09), Nick Williams (Towson '08)

2012 Notre Dame Women's Lacrosse Statistical Leaders

Goals: 5-Lindsay Powell **Assists:** 6-Maggie Tamasitis
Points: 7-M. Tamasitis **Shots:** 11-L. Powell
Saves: 10-Ellie Hilling **Save Perc.:** .416-E. Hilling

2012 IWLCA Rankings

(Preseason)

No.	Team	2011 Record	Points
1.	Northwestern (17)	21-2	397
2.	Maryland (3)	21-2	376
3.	North Carolina	15-6	355
4.	Florida	16-4	339
5.	Duke	15-5	331
6.	Stanford	16-3	254
7.	Loyola	17-3	239
8.	Princeton	12-7	218
9.	James Madison	15-4	201
10.	Virginia	9-9	197
11.	Pennsylvania	11-6	191
12.	Syracuse	10-8	167
13.	Boston College	12-7	163
14.	Dartmouth	11-5	143
15.	Georgetown	9-8	119
16.	Albany	18-1	111
17.	Penn State	10-8	91
18.	Ohio State	10-7	82
19.	Vanderbilt	8-8	69
20.	Notre Dame	10-9	57

Receiving Votes: Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Boston University

2012 deBeer/Inside Lacrosse Poll

(Feb. 20th)

No.	Team	2011 Record	Points
1.	Northwestern (9)	21-2	120
2.	Maryland	21-2	118
3.	North Carolina	16-4	104
4.	Florida	15-5	102
5.	Duke	15-6	101
6.	Virginia	12-7	77
7.	Princeton	17-3	73
7.	Boston College	11-6	73
9.	Pennsylvania	11-5	58
10.	Vanderbilt	12-7	57
11.	Dartmouth	9-9	56
12.	Syracuse	10-8	45
13.	Loyola (Md.)	9-8	41
14.	Ohio State	15-4	37
15.	Notre Dame	10-9	36
16.	Albany	18-1	35
17.	Georgetown	16-3	30
18.	James Madison	10-8	24
19.	Harvard	17-3	23
20.	Johns Hopkins	10-7	22

Irish in the Polls

	IWLCA	Inside Lacrosse
Preseason	20	NR
Week 1	20	15
Week 2		
Week 3		
Week 4		
Week 5		
Week 6		
Week 7		
Week 8		

Irish Career Records Watch

Goals

1.	Jillian Byers (2006-09)	262
2.	Shaylyn Blaney (2008-11)	162
3.	Crysti Foote (2003-06)	161
4.	Caitlin McKinney (2005-08)	152
5.	Danielle Shearer (2000-03)	130
6.	Lael O'Shaughnessy (1998-01)	122
7.	Gina Scioscia (2007-10)	116
8.	Meredith Simon (2001-04)	109
9.	Kailene Abt (2008-11)	108
10.	Kerry Callahan (1997-99)	83
--	Maggie Tamasitis (2009-)	55

Assists

1.	Gina Scioscia (2007-10)	106
2.	Maggie Tamasitis (2009-)	98
3.	Caitlin McKinney (2005-08)	80
4.	Crysti Foote (2003-06)	76
5.	Jillian Byers (2006-09)	74
6.	Lael O'Shaughnessy (1998-01)	68
7.	Danielle Shearer (2000-03)	66
8.	Kerry Callahan (1997-99)	63
9.	Meredith Simon (2001-04)	49
10.	Kaitlin Keena (2008-11)	43

Points

1.	Jillian Byers (2006-09)	336
2.	Crysti Foote (2003-06)	237
3.	Caitlin McKinney (2005-08)	232
4.	Gina Scioscia (2007-10)	222
5.	Danielle Shearer (2000-03)	196
6.	Lael O'Shaughnessy (1998-01)	190
7.	Shaylyn Blaney (2008-11)	188
8.	Meredith Simon (2001-04)	158
9.	Maggie Tamasitis (2009-)	153
10.	Kerry Callahan (1997-99)	146

Games Played

1.	Shaylyn Blaney (2008-11)	77
2.	Jillian Byers (2006-09)	76
	Kaitlin Keena (2008-11)	76
4.	Kailene Abt (2008-11)	75
5.	Jackie Doherty (2008-11)	73
6.	Gina Scioscia (2008-11)	72
7.	Shannon Burke (2006-09)	70
	Caitlin McKinney (2005-08)	70
	Heather Ferguson (2005-08)	70
10.	Becky Ranck (2005-08)	66
	Crysti Foote (2003-06)	66
	Lauren Fenlon (2008-11)	66
--	Megan Sullivan (2009-)	59
--	Maggie Tamasitis (2009-)	59
--	Kate Newall (2009-)	52

Saves

1.	Carol Dixon (2002-06)	486
2.	Erin Goodman (2006-09)	477
3.	Jen White (2000-03)	432
4.	Carrie Marshall (1998-00)	309
5.	Ellie Hilling (2010-)	272

Goalkeeper Wins

1.	Erin Goodman (2006-09)	39
2.	Jen White (2000-03)	31
3.	Carol Dixon (2002-06)	30
4.	Ellie Hilling (2010-)	22
5.	Carrie Marshall (1998-00)	16

Minutes Played (Goalkeeper)

1.	Erin Goodman (2006-09)	3,366:18
2.	Carol Dixon (2002-06)	3,157:36
3.	Jen White (2000-03)	2,789:15
4.	Ellie Hilling (2010-)	2,284:47
5.	Carrie Marshall (1998-00)	1,502:55

A (HALF)PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

•The 2012 season marks a new era in Notre Dame women's lacrosse, as **Christine Halfpenny** takes the reigns as just the second head coach in program history since the team earned varsity status back in 1997. The former standout for the Virginia Tech Hokies lacrosse team comes to the Irish after a five-year stint as head coach at William & Mary where she compiled 43 victories, including reaching double-digit wins in each of her final four seasons. Additionally, her teams garnered the Colonial Athletic Association regular-season league title in both '08 and '09, while she copped CAA Coach-of-the-Year honors in '08.

•While team success has been noticed under Halfpenny's watch, her players' individual successes have also been abundant. During her stay with the Tribe, she saw two players tabbed IWLCA All-Americans, while helping 26 to all-conference citations and 10 to all-region honors. Her 2011 campaign also saw history made, as William & Mary captured player of the year, defensive player of the year and rookie of the year, marking the first time in CAA history that one school claimed all three top honors in the same season.

WE'VE GOT THE POWER

•In the first edition of their 2012 'Power Rankings,' InsideLacrosse.com gives the Irish a top-10 ranking, coming in at seventh, the highest of all BIG EAST teams. InsideLacrosse.com justifies the ranking because of the stellar start the Irish got to the season with the 17-14 victory over #17 Stanford, the health of offensive threat **Lindsay Powell** and the performance of **Maggie Tamasitis**.

ASSAULT ON THE RECORD BOOK

•Leading the Irish attack is senior tri-captain, **Maggie Tamasitis**. With her stellar performance so far this season (1 goal, 6 assists, 7 points) combined with her play in her first three seasons on campus, Tamasitis is climbing the Irish record books in many statistical categories including goals (55), assists (98, 2nd), points (153, 9th) and games played (59).

•Tamasitis' opening-game performance in 2012 against the Cardinal also placed her in the single-game annals, setting a new single-game record for assists in a half with five helpers in the first half against Stanford, while tying the single-game record for assists in a game with six.

TAMASITIS ON TEWAARATON RADAR

•Senior attacker **Maggie Tamasitis** continues to garner recognition heading into her final campaign with the Irish. The Boyertown, Pa., native was named to the 2012 Tewaaron Award Watch List, as announced Feb. 15. Tamasitis joins a group of 53 fellow women's lacrosse players, including 48 from Division I schools and eight from other BIG EAST institutions. This list, along with additional names added throughout the season, will be trimmed down to 25 who have been chosen as Tewaaron Trophy Nominees before a final five is selected as finalists come seasons end. Six Irish players have been named nominees over the programs history, with Jillian Byers representing the only two-time recipient. Here is a listing of all the past Irish nominees:

Year	Name
2009	Shaylyn Blaney
2009	Jillian Byers**
2008	Jillian Byers
2008	Caitlin McKinney
2006	Crysti Foote**
2004	Meredith Simon

** - named Tewaaron Trophy Finalist

RELIABILITY IN THE CAGE

•Junior goalkeeper **Ellie Hilling** found herself between the pipes last year in over 96% of the possible game minutes she could have played. While in net, Hilling led the Irish to a 10-9 record, allowing 9.67 goals per game.

•Hilling burst on to the scene in her freshman campaign (2010) where she led the team to an 11-7 record while stopping 131 shots in over 1,110 minutes of action including registering the only shutout of her career and the first in BIG EAST conference history in a win over Villanova (4/9/2010).

DON'T SLEEP ON THE IRISH

•Despite coming off of a 10-9 season that saw the Irish fail to reach the NCAA Tournament and graduate several key senior contributors from the 2011 campaign, InsideLacrosse.com warns, "don't sleep on the Irish." According to the online story on ilwomen.com, the Irish have been declared the sleeper team in the BIG EAST Conference to claim the league title with the re-

turn of offensive weapons, senior **Maggie Tamasitis** (54g-92a-146 pts.) and sophomore **Kaitlyn Brosco** (32g-8a-40 pts.) as well as junior **Ellie Hilling** (21-16, 9.68 GAA, 262 saves) manning the net for the third straight season.

TRI-CAPTAINS TO LEAD IRISH

•The triumvirate of midfielders **Jordy Shoemaker** and **Megan Sullivan** and attacker **Maggie Tamasitis** have been selected as the Notre Dame women's lacrosse captains for the 2012 campaign. The three captains have played in a combined 143 games, helped their team to 38 wins, scored 89 goals and have added 107 assists.

NOTRE DAME'S GOLDEN GIRLS

•Joining the fold for the Irish this season are a pair of touted freshmen: goalkeeper **Allie Murray** (Exton, Pa.) and defender **Barbara Sullivan** (Garden City, N.Y.), who gained invaluable experience during the summer of 2011 as members of the U.S. U-19 squad at the Women's Lacrosse World Championship. In addition to helping the U.S. win the crown for the fourth consecutive year, Sullivan anchored a stingy American defense that allowed a championship-best 5.38 goals per game and Murray appeared in six of eight contests, recording one win along with 20 saves.

PROTECT THIS HOUSE

•Since Arlotta Stadium opened its doors on March 7, 2010, the Irish women's lacrosse team has found a growing comfort in their new confines. After starting with a pair of losses to open the new building, Notre Dame has proceeded to capture wins in nine of their next ten home jaunts. Here is a year-by-year breakdown of the Irish at Arlotta Stadium:

Year	Record	Percentage
2010	4-2	.667
2011	4-1	.800
2012	1-0	1.00
Career	9-3	.750

SISTER ACT

•The Notre Dame women's lacrosse program has a long history of sisters playing for the blue and gold. This season is no different as Notre Dame senior midfielder **Megan Sullivan** (Winchester, Mass.) and her younger sister, **Lauren Sullivan**, a sophomore on this year's roster, are the ninth set of siblings to play for the Irish 'Laxers'. The Sullivans join eight other sister duos to play at Notre Dame - Maggie '10 and Lena Zentgraf '07, twin sisters Heather and Lindsey Ferguson '08; Julie '08 and Crysti Foote '06; Lauren '09 and Meghan deMello '06; Kelly and Kristen Gaudreau '04; Carol '06 and Angela Dixon '03 and Annemarie '09 and Mary McGrath '06. The sisters who started the tradition are Amy '98 and Mara Grace '98. They played in 1997 and 1998, the first two years of the program.

DOUBLE-DIGIT WINS

•Notre Dame's 10-win season in 2011 gives the Irish six consecutive seasons with double-digit wins for the first time in the program's 16-year history. Over the last six seasons, the Irish are 75-38 (.664).

SHOES TO FILL

•While 2012 ushers in a new era in Notre Dame women's lacrosse on the coaching staff, the Irish also see a changing-of-the-guard on the field with the graduation of a pair of IWLCA All-Americans: Shaylyn Blaney and Jackie Doherty. Blaney, a three-time, second-team selection, finished her career as the all-time Irish leader in games played (77), while finishing second in goals (162) and seventh in total points (188). Doherty, meanwhile, was a defensive stalwart for the Notre Dame back line, earning first-team All-America billing in both '10 and '11 and finishing her career tied for second in groundballs (177) and leading the way in caused turnovers (117).

BIG EAST ANNOUNCES PRESEASON RANKINGS, AWARDS

•Despite losing over 415 goals and 140 assists to graduation, the Irish were picked to finish fourth in the BIG EAST Preseason Coaches' Poll due in large part to their two preseason All-BIG EAST team selections, midfielder **Kaitlyn Brosco** and attacker **Maggie Tamasitis**.

•The Irish also are one of four BIG EAST teams ranked in one of the two national polls. Notre Dame is ranked 20th in the IWLCA poll along with conference foes Loyola (Md.) (7), Syracuse (12) and Georgetown (15). The Irish were left off the deBeer/Inside Lacrosse preseason poll, while Loyola (Md.) (7), Syracuse (12) and Georgetown (13) again represented the BIG EAST in the national rankings.



Standings

(as of Feb 23)

	BIG EAST	Overall
Connecticut	0-0	1-0
Notre Dame	0-0	1-0
Syracuse	0-0	1-0
Cincinnati	0-0	1-1
Villanova	0-0	0-0
Georgetown	0-0	0-0
Louisville	0-0	0-1
Loyola (Md.)	0-0	0-1
Rutgers	0-0	0-1

Weekly BIG EAST Awards

(Feb. 20)

Offensive Player of the Week:

Maggie Tamasitis - Notre Dame

Defensive Player of the Week:

Brittney Testa - Connecticut

Weekly Honor Roll:

Justine Donodeo - Villanova
 Shawna Giust - Villanova
 Kylie Ramsland - Cincinnati
 Hannah Schmitt - Loyola (Md.)
 Kiersten Tupper - Connecticut

2012 BIG EAST Preseason Coaches' Poll

Team (1st-place votes)	Points
1. Georgetown (5)	60
2. Syracuse (3)	59
3. Loyola (Md.) (1)	51
4. Notre Dame	44
5. Rutgers	34
6. Connecticut	27
7. Louisville	26
8. Villanova	12
9. Cincinnati	11

2012 Irish Honors & Awards

Kaitlyn Brosco

Preseason All-BIG EAST Team

Maggie Tamasitis

Preseason All-BIG EAST Team

BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Week (Feb. 20)



What Defines A Leader: Christine Halfpenny's journey through the college coaching ranks

"The task of the leader is to get his people from where they are to where they have not been."

When Nobel Peace Prize recipient Henry Kissinger uttered those words, he could not have predicted their direct correlation to sport. In today's athletics landscape, however, achieving what has yet to be achieved is what every great team, athlete and, in this case, coach strives to accomplish.

Christine Halfpenny, the newest addition to the University of Notre Dame coaching family, has exemplified leadership not only in her previous stints as a collegiate coach, but starting even before that as a student-athlete on the Virginia Tech women's lacrosse team.

Entering her freshman season with the Hokies in 1996, the program was embarking on only its second season of existence at the varsity level, coming off a 2-7 campaign. After battling to an 11-17 combined record in her first two years in Blacksburg, Va., Halfpenny and her fellow upperclassmen teammates helped guide Virginia Tech to unprecedented heights.

In 1999, on the heels of - at the time - the worst season in program history, Halfpenny and Virginia Tech pieced together the most victories in single-season school history up to that point - eight. The momentum continued the following season and in the first year as a member of the Atlantic 10 Conference the Hokies won a program-best 11 games on the way to claiming the A-10 Tournament Championship.

"I vividly remember during practice, my sophomore year, that this was something I wanted to be a part of for a long time," Halfpenny recalls. "My college coach was teaching crease defense and I just realized right then and there that I wanted to teach this sport and compete at the highest possible level. I was fortunate enough to win a conference championship my senior year and that certainly motivated me to pass along my experience to the next generation by being a coach at the Division I level."

After assistant coaching stops at Brown University (2000-02) and her alma mater Virginia Tech (2003), Halfpenny further realized her dream of teaching the game to the younger generation when she landed a job with Duke University as an assistant for three seasons (2004-06) under long-time Blue Devils head coach Kerstin Kimel.

On the field, Halfpenny and the staff entered into a stretch of tremendous success. Over the three-year span, her teams combined for a 48-13 record that saw them claim the Atlantic Coast Conference regular season crown in each of those seasons, including the ACC tournament title in '05.

Accolades poured in from every direction, both team and individually oriented. The team reached the NCAA Tournament all three years, including back-to-back appearances in the NCAA semifinals in '05 and '06, the first such accomplishment in program history. Megan Huether, the goalkeeper for the Blue Devils in '05, was named IWLCA/U.S. Lacrosse Goalie of the Year and earned first team All-America billing under the direction of Halfpenny. Three players copped IWLCA/U.S. Lacrosse All-America distinction in '04 with Halfpenny's guidance as offensive coordinator.

It was what transpired off the field and in the classroom, however, that brings the most pride to Halfpenny in her time in Durham, N.C. In each of her first two campaigns with Duke, Halfpenny, serving as the team's academic coordinator, helped the team post the highest grade-point average amongst all Division I women's lacrosse teams in '04 (3.46) before posting the second-highest mark in '05 (3.416), a true testament to Halfpenny's objective of balancing the competitive drive on the field toward excelling in the classroom ranks.

"Duke was a great platform for me to assert myself as a leader," Halfpenny states. "It was also a great opportunity for me to start helping these 18-to-22-year old women, because as much as they may be dropped off to college as adults they are still young. I think especially with the rigors of being at such a prestigious academic institution I felt that I really had the opportunity to assert myself a little bit more and help the girls individually as both players and student-athletes. I helped them to balance their lives of academics while helping to cultivate their own leadership during their four-year experience.

"It was awesome," Halfpenny continues. "I was there with the resurgence of their program; getting back to the final four in '05 and '06. It really was something special, not only to see those girls achieve their goals but also to see them getting jobs prior to graduating. I thought that was outstanding."

These high standards did not go unnoticed, as in July of 2006 Halfpenny realized her head coaching dream when she was named to that position at The College of William & Mary.

Over her five-year tenure in Williamsburg, Va., Halfpenny helped navigate the Tribe to four consecutive 10-win seasons (2008-2011) while also claiming Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) regular season titles in both '08 and '09. Individually, her impact was recognized as she was named both the '08 CAA Coach of the Year as well as the VaSID (Virginia Sports Information Directors) Coach of the Year.

Again, however, Halfpenny did not stop at mentoring her athletes simply on the playing field, doing so in their studies as well. Over a four-year span from '07-'10, Halfpenny helped guide 59 of her players to CAA Commissioner's Academic Award recognition, including 16 who earned the distinction in '10.

"There's those pressures and obstacles and adversities that people don't see on a daily basis both in the classroom and on the field," Halfpenny says. "I have kind of implemented a lot of programs beginning with my time and Duke and continuing at William and Mary that have really helped to transition these young women to a college setting and then build for their time after college, as far

as leadership goes. I would say my greatest accomplishment are the girls who land jobs before we even start our senior year and the young women that are getting in contact with me when they are out there in the real world. Those are probably the neatest things that have happened in my last eight years of leading these highly talented and achieved women."

Improvement among her student-athletes is not the only objective of Halfpenny. She also takes great pride in providing a coaching example to each coach that works under her direction.

"This was my first and only year working under Christine," says Shannon Burke, a former player with the Irish lacrosse team and first-year assistant coach at William and Mary. "I think within that year, she really taught me that in order to keep growing as a coach that you are never finished developing as a mentor to the players. We as coaches are never finished developing them as players and people, and likewise we are never finished developing as coaches. She has really taught me that no matter how good you are or how good you think you can be, you can always be better. She has always pushed our team in that direction. She has always taught me to be that way in the office and has always told me to ask questions."

In her newest endeavor, Halfpenny enters into a situation ripe with opportunity to thrive both athletically and academically at the University of Notre Dame. A talented crop of players has been assembled from all across the nation. This group has accrued a 37-21 record over the past three seasons, including back-to-back berths to the NCAA tournament in '09 and '10.

"It is an incredible honor to be named head coach of the Notre Dame women's lacrosse program," Halfpenny says. "I am extremely excited and proud to represent all that the University of Notre Dame embodies: excellence, education, tradition, faith, and community. I believe in these core values and each has helped to shape my life and bring me to this opportunity. I would especially like to thank (University Vice President and Director of Athletics) Jack Swarbrick and (Assistant Athletics Director) Juli Schreiber for this amazing opportunity."

Most certainly, a dream has been realized for Halfpenny as she prepares to embark on her journey as the leader of the Fighting Irish women's lacrosse program.



