

T A L E O F T H E T A P E

KENT STATE NOTRE DAME

2004 Records	35-25, 14-10 MAC (7th seed)	49-10, 20-6 BIG EAST (1st)
2003 Records	36-18, 20-4 MAC (1st seed)	45-18, 16-7 BIG EAST (3rd)
Lettermen Returning/Lost	14/10	21/7
Overall Batting Average	.297	.313
Conference Batting Avg.	.296	.319
Runs Per 9 Innings (Runs)	7.0 (412)	8.6 (471)
Home Runs	45	63
Slugging Percentage	.437	.482
Batters' BB + HBP - Ks	-117 (205+71-393)	+39 (261+104-326)
On-Base Percentage	.375	.412
Stolen Bases	60-80	66-96
Stolen-Base Percentage	.750	.688
Overall Team ERA	3.94	3.36
Conference ERA	3.73	3.51
Complete Games	3	3
Saves	14	14
Pitchers' K-to-BB Ratio	2.7 (460/169)	2.6 (404/154)
Pitchers' Ks Per 9 Innings	7.9	7.0
Pitchers' Walks Per 9 Innings	2.9	2.7
Opponent Batting Average	.272	.247
Overall Fielding Pct./Errors	.961/89	.967/76
Conf. Fielding Pct./Errors	.958/40	.968/31
Double Plays Turned	41	58
Record in One-Run Games	8-9	9-3
Extra-Inning Record	2-2	4-0
Last 10 Games	7-3	9-1
Top Three Hitters	Chad Kinyon (1B/OF, Sr.) (.373, 15 HR, 64 RBI, 40 BB, 1 SB) Andrew Davis (2B, So.) (.331, HR, 41 RBI, 11 BB, 8 SB) Chuck Moore (OF, Sr.) (.326, 3 HR, 37 RBI, 25 BB, 3 SB)	Matt Macri (3B, Jr.) (.380, 14 HR, 56 RBI, 38 BB, 12 SB) Craig Cooper (RF, So.) (.377, 9 HR, 44 RBI, 23 BB, 12 SB) Greg Lopez (SS, So.) (.346, 2 HR, 34 RBI, 14 BB, 3 SB)
Top Three Starters	Andy Sonnanstine (RHP, Jr.) (2.67, 10-4, 118 IP, 110 Ks/19 BB, .253) Jason Brunke (RHP, Jr.) (4.71, 6-7, 86 IP, 70 Ks, 36 BB, .271) Evan Smith (RHP, Fr.) (3.95, 3-3, 54.2 IP, 44 Ks/18 BB, .283)	Grant Johnson (RHP, Jr.) (1.54, 5-0, 52.2 IP, 47 Ks/23 BB, .176) Chris Niesel (RHP, Jr.) (3.71, 8-2, 94.2 IP, 80 Ks/19 BB, .310) Tom Thornton (LHP, So.) (4.14, 8-2, 91.1 IP, 65 Ks/22 BB, .261)
Closer	Chad Wagler (RHP, So.) (4.63, 4-1, 6 SV, 44.2 IP, 44 Ks/7 BB, .303)	Ryan Doherty (RHP, So.) (2.45, 5-1, 11 SV, 33 IP, 44 Ks/11 BB, .157)

Notre Dame Baseball – By The Numbers

2004 TEAM

17,255 travel mileage logged (air and land)
2,382 Eck Stadium attendance vs. Rutgers (5/16/04)
207 games missed by 7 top players due to injury
.831 win pct. (2nd in nation, as are 49 wins)
46 regular-season wins (team record)
+39 current games over .500 (team record)
27-5 record away from home
22-5 record at Eck Stadium
26 wins by 5-plus runs
22 players who posted 3.0-plus GPA in '04 spring
19 home states on current 35-man roster
16-1 current streak (prior to NCAAs)
12 win streak (April 29-May 21)
11 win streak (March 23-April 6)
9-3 record in 1-run games
8 wins by 10-plus runs
7-0 record vs. top-25 teams
5 highest national ranking entering NCAAs
3.15 team GPA during '03 fall and '04 spring sem.
3 infielders at new pos. from '03 (1B, SS, 3B)

NCAAs

38-37 all-time NCAA record (11-7 from '01-'03)
25-1 win over top seed South Alabama ('02 Reg.)
8-1 record vs. 2004 NCAA field
6 straight trips to the NCAAs
4 times hosted in the last six years
3 times hosted in last three years
1 opp. ranking in '02 wins over FSU, Rice

ND BASEBALL PROGRAM

3,269 all-time ND varsity baseball games
1892 first varsity baseball season
816 all-time monogram winners
779 Paul Mainieri's career wins (449 L, 2 T)
447 Mainieri's wins at ND (170 L, 1 T)
283 all-time ND opponents (UCI would be #284)
192 career wins for senior class (ND record)
145 active scoring streak (2nd in ND history)
81 winning seasons (out of 112)
72.3 team winning pct. during 1990s
43 states rep. among all-time letterwinners
36 players' home states in 10-year Mainieri era
34 states played in by the Irish (since 1957)
16 consec. 40-win seasons (3rd in nation)
1 national ranking during 2001 season
1 national ranking of 2002 freshman class

BIG EAST CONFERENCE

20-6 regular-season conference record in '04
9 BIG EAST Tournament appearances (in 9 yrs)
9-2 record at BE Tournament last three years
3 consec. BE Tourn. titles (unprecedented)

OFFENSE

104 times hit-by-pitch in '04 (6th NCAA history)
63 home runs in '04 (31 in '03)
56-11 2nd-inning scoring edge (72-29 in 1st)
+39 margin of BB+HBP-Ks in '04 (-61 in '03)
34 games with double-digit hits
19 games with double-digit runs
13 Steve Andres hit streak (March 24-April 12)
12 players with home runs in 2004
9 games with 1st-inning runs during last 12 GP
8.0 runs per game (17th in nation)
3 players with 10-plus HRs

PITCHING & DEFENSE

48-11 comb. career record of Niesel, Johnson, Thornton
32 low error total of regular starting IF
24 error-free games in 2004 (.967 overall fielding pct.)
13'8" combined ht. of Ryan Doherty, Tom Thornton
12.0 Doherty's 2004 Ks per 9 IP
11 Doherty's saves in '04 (12 chances)
3.36 staff ERA (11th in nation)
4 consec. shutouts in series openers (May 9-21)
3 teams in national ERA top-20 from '00-'04 (Notre Dame, Texas and Rice)
2.7 Staff's low walk total per nine innings
1.54 Grant Johnson's season ERA (would rank 2nd in nation but 6.1 IP shy of min.)
1-of-17 Doherty's inherited runners scored

STEVE SOLLMANN

297 career hits (2nd ND history)
90 career multi-hit games
.487 career NCAA batting avg.
.360 overall career batting avg.
208 career runs (4th ND history)
83 career stolen bases
32-4 ND's 2004 record with him in lineup
15-6 ND's '04 record when he was out with injury
7 RBI vs. South Alabama in 2002 NCAA Reg.
6 hits vs. South Alabama in 2002 NCAA Reg.
4.0 GPA in 2004 spring semester
3.74 cumulative GPA (marketing major)
2 errors in 2004 season

CHRIS NIESEL

.875 career win pct. (21-3), 2nd in ND history
12 career-best strikeouts (vs. Ball State, '04)
4.09 career K-to-BB ratio (ND record)

MATT MACRI

1.179 "OBS" (combined on-base and slugging pct.)
.701 slugging pct. in '04 (26th in nation)
14 home runs in 2004
10 low 2004 error total
7 triples in 2004
1 double plays grounded into

ND'S BIG EAST LEADERS (conf. games)

Offensive Team Stats

1st in batting average (.319)
1st in on-base percentage (.404)
1st in slugging percentage (.489)
1st in runs scored (188)
1st in home runs (26)
1st in doubles (54)
1st in hits (273)
3rd in triples (7)
3rd in walks (98)
4th in stolen bases (36)

Pitching Team Stats

1st in strikeouts (179)
1st in low walk avg. (2.73/9 IP)
2nd in ERA (3.51)
2nd in strikeout avg. (7.40/9 IP)
3rd in opponent batting avg. (.258)
3rd in saves (6)

Fielding Team Stats

1st in double plays (28)
3rd in .968 fielding pct. (.968)

Craig Cooper (RF, So.)

1st in batting avg. (.470, BC's Delaney 2nd at .429)
1st in on-base pct. (.545, SHU's Seratelli 2nd at .515)
1st in slugging pct. (.712, ND's Matt Macri 2nd at .703)
1st in "OBS" (1.257, Macri 2nd at 1.174)
9th in runs (20)

Matt Macri (3B, Jr.)

1st in hits (38, Pitt.'s Spamer 2nd at 37)
1st in home runs (7)
1st in runs (36, Pitt.'s Copeland 2nd at 23)
1st in triples (3)
1st in total bases (71, Pitt.'s Hiser 2nd at 64)
2nd in slugging pct. (.703)
3rd in "OBS" (1.174)
5th in batting avg. (.376)
6th in on-base pct. (.471)

Matt Bransfield (DH, So.)

1st in RBI (33, BC's Delaney 2nd at 30)
3rd in runs (22)
4th in home runs (6)
4th in total bases (53)

Steve Andres (LF, So.)

6th in slugging pct. (.595)

Greg Lopez (SS, So.)

3rd in doubles (8)
12th in batting avg. (.353)

Javi Sanchez (C, Sr.)

3rd in doubles (8)

Steve Sollmann (2B, Sr.)

3rd in stolen bases (11, in 13 GP)

Grant Johnson (RHP, Jr.)

1st in ERA (1.91, VT's Biber 2nd at 2.49)
1st in low opp. batting (.169, SHU's Scott 2nd at .175)
2nd in wins (5-0, Pitt.'s Evangelista 1st at 6-1)

Tom Thornton (LHP, Fr.)

8th in strikeouts (34)

Chris Niesel (RHP, Jr.)

6th in strikeouts (39)
9th in innings (49.1)

Ryan Doherty (RHP, Jr.)

1st in saves (6)
1st in appearances (12)

Joe Thaman (LHP, Sr.)

4th in appearances (11)

Dan Kapala (RHP, Fr.)

4th in appearances (11)

ND'S BIG EAST LEADERS (all games)

Craig Cooper (RF, So.)

4th in batting avg. (.377, RU's Jeff Frazier 1st at .382)
4th in slugging pct. (.612) ... 4th in "OBS" (1.060)
7th in on-base pct. (.457) ... 8th in home runs (9)

Matt Macri (3B, Jr.)

1st in triples (7, tied with Pitt.'s Ben Copeland)
1st in runs (72/11th in nation, Copeland 2nd with 63)
1st in hits (84, RU's Jeff Frazier 2nd with 79)
1st in total bases (155, Pitt.'s PJ Hiser 2nd with 150)
2nd in batting avg. (.380, Frazier 1st at .382)
2nd in slugging (.701/26th nation, Hiser 1st at .758)
2nd in on-base pct. (.478, RU's Graig Bader 1st at .502)
2nd in "OBS" (1.149, Hiser 1st at 1.188)
2nd in home runs (14, Hiser 1st with 21)
3rd in walks (38) and doubles (16) ... 4th in RBI (56)

Matt Bransfield (DH, So.)

3rd in RBI (57, Pitt.'s PJ Hiser 1st with 67)
3rd in home runs (13, Hiser 1st with 21)
6th in slugging pct. (.590) and total bases (115)
6th in triples (3)

Steve Andres (LF, So.)

2nd in walks (42, RU's Graig Badger 1st with 44)
4th in triples (4) ... 6th in on-base pct. (.462)

Greg Lopez (SS, So.)

15th in batting avg. (.346) ... 10th in doubles (14)

Steve Sollmann (2B, Sr.)

10th in stolen bases (16, in 33 GP)

Matt Edwards (1B, Jr.)

5th in RBI (52) ... 6th in home runs (10)
8th in walks (32)

Javi Sanchez (C, Sr.)

10th in doubles (14)

Grant Johnson (RHP, Jr.)

*1st in ERA (1.54, 6.1 IP shy of min.)
*1st in low opponent batting avg. (.176)
14th in wins (5-0)

Tom Thornton (LHP, Fr.)

1st in wins (8-2, tied with 4 others)
7th in strikeouts (65) ... 4th in innings (91.1)
8th in low opp. batting avg. (.261)
12th in ERA (4.14)

Chris Niesel (RHP, Jr.)

1st in wins (8-2, tied with 4 others)
1st in innings (94.2)
2nd in strikeouts (80, BC's Chris Lambert 1st with 107)
8th in ERA (3.71)

Ryan Doherty (RHP, Jr.)

1st in saves (11, also 12th in nation) and app. (29)
14th in wins (5-1)

Joe Thaman (LHP, Sr.)

5th in appearances (26)

Dan Kapala (RHP, Fr.)

5th in appearances (26)

Jeff Samardzija (RHP, Fr.)

*2nd in ERA (2.45, 0.1 IP shy of minimum)
*2nd in low opp. batting avg. (.200)
14th in wins (5-3)

Jess Stewart (RHP, Fr.)

7th in wins (7-1)

* Note: others who are shy of min. IP for ERA/opp. avg. leaders are Doherty (2.45, .157), Kapala (2.72, .255), Stewart (3.38, .265) and Thaman (3.43, .207)

ND TEAM AMONG BIG EAST LEADERS (all games)

Offensive Team Stats

1st in on-base pct.
(.412, Pittsburgh 2nd at .400)

1st in runs scored
(471, Pitt. 2nd at 410)

1st in doubles
(114, Pitt. 2nd at 109)

1st in hits
(631, Pitt./SJU 2nd at 591)

1st in walks (261, BC 2nd at 226)

1st in home runs (63, Pitt 2nd at 61)

1st in "OBS" (.894, Pitt 2nd at .891)

2nd in slugging percentage
(.482, Pitt. 1st at .495)

2nd in triples
(19, Pitt 1st at 22)

3rd in batting average
(.313, Pitt. 1st at .315)

6th in stolen bases
(66, Pitt. 1st at 149)

Pitching Team Stats

1st in ERA
(3.36, SJU 2nd at 3.88)

1st in low opponent batting avg.
(.247, BC 2nd at .253)

1st in low walk avg.
(2.67/9 IP, VT 2nd at 3.19)

2nd in saves
(13, SJU 1st at 17)

3rd in strikeouts
(404, BC 1st at 438)

4th in strikeout avg.
(7.00/9 IP, BC 1st at 7.86)

Fielding Team Stats

2nd in double plays
(58, VT 2nd at 55)

3rd in fielding pct.
(.967, Pitt. 1st at .972)