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2003 Notre Dame Men's Soccer

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2003 SCHEDULE (10-3-3, 5-3-1)

August

29 Fri. vs. #20 Ala.-Birmingham! T, 0-0
 30 Sat. vs. #11 California! W, 2-1 (2 OT)

September

6 Sat. #13 St. John's* L, 0-3
 12 Fri. Fresno State# W, 2-1 (OT)
 14 Sun. Akron# T, 0-0
 18 Thur. #18 Indiana W, 1-0 (OT)
 21 Sun. West Virginia* W, 1-0
 25 Thur. Bradley W, 2-0
 28 Sun. Georgetown* W, 2-1

October

2 Thur. at Syracuse* T, 1-1
 5 Sun. at Pittsburgh* W, 2-0
 11 Sat. #25 Rutgers L, 2-5
 14 Tues. at Cleveland St. W, 6-0
 18 Sat. at Connecticut* L, 0-1
 22 Wed. at Providence* W, 2-0
 25 Sat. at #9 Va Tech* W, 2-1 (OT)
 31 Fri. #25 Villanova* 7:30 p.m.

November

2 Sun. at Michigan State 1 p.m.
 8 Sat. BIG EAST Quarters TBA
 14 Fri. BIG EAST Semifinal TBA
 16 Sun. BIG EAST Final TBA
 21 Fri. NCAA First Round TBA
 26 Wed. NCAA Second Round TBA
 29 Sun. NCAA Third Round TBA

December

5 Fri. NCAA Quarterfinals TBA
 12 Fri. NCAA College Cup TBA

* - BIG EAST Conference game
 + - exhibition games
 ! - adidas/IU Credit Union Classic
 # - Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament
bold - home game (Alumni Field)
 rankings indicated are based on the Soccer America weekly poll.

#7 Notre Dame vs. #25 Villanova

Friday, Oct. 31 • Alumni Field • Notre Dame, Ind. • 7:30 p.m.

#7 Notre Dame at Michigan State

Sunday, Nov. 2 • Old College Field • East Lansing, Mich. • 1:00 p.m.

Notre Dame needs win over Villanova to assure top-four spot in final BIG EAST standings: The University of Notre Dame men's soccer team (10-3-3, 5-3-1) plays host to a key BIG EAST Conference match on Friday, Oct. 31, at 7:30 p.m. when Villanova (9-6-1, 4-5-0) visits Alumni Field. The Irish currently sit in third place of the BIG EAST Conference standings - knowing that the top four teams in the final regular-season standings play host to quarterfinal games in the conference tournament.

A win over the Wildcats will assure Notre Dame home field advantage in the BIG EAST quarterfinals, but a tie or loss will bring tie breakers into play. The Irish control their own destiny this weekend.

Villanova is in desperate need of a victory on Friday as well. A loss would leave the 25th-ranked Wildcats looking at tie breakers to make the BIG EAST Conference tournament.

Notre Dame also will face a key regional match up with Michigan State at 1 p.m., in East Lansing, on Sunday. The Spartans are ranked seventh in the NSCAA/adidas Great Lakes Regional standings and are currently 10-3-2 on the season.

BIG EAST Championship overview: The eight competitors of the BIG EAST Championship will not be determined until after this weekend's action. St. John's, Rutgers, Notre Dame, Virginia Tech, Seton Hall and Connecticut should all be in the field, while Providence, Villanova and Boston College will battle for the final spot. The top four spots (who play host to quarterfinal matches) will also be determined between Rutgers, Notre Dame, Virginia Tech, Seton Hall and Connecticut.

Series history: Notre Dame and Villanova will be meeting for the 10th time ... the Irish lead the all-time series 7-1-0, including a perfect 4-0-0 record at Alumni Field ... Notre Dame has won the last six meetings, including a 5-0 victory at Villanova last season ... on Sunday, Notre Dame and Michigan State will meet for the 15th time ... the Irish lead the all-time series 8-2-4 ... Notre Dame is 1-2-3 at Old College Field ... the two teams last met in 2002, a 2-0 Notre Dame victory at Alumni Field.

Notre Dame completes key road trip with 3-1-0 record: The Irish hit the road for the University's fall break with a tough three-game stretch of games, following a 6-0 victory at Cleveland State on Oct. 14. The trip started with a challenging road match at Connecticut. In front of 4,802 fans, the Huskies came away with a hard-fought 1-0 victory, scoring in the 41st minute.

Notre Dame recovered to grab its eighth shut out of the season at Providence on Oct. 22, cruising to a 2-0 victory. The Irish then headed down to Blacksburg, Va., for a key match up with #9 Virginia Tech. Bolstered by two goals from Justin Detter, the Irish claimed an overtime victory and moved a step closer to finishing in the top four in the final conference standings - giving them a chance to host a BIG EAST Championship quarterfinal match.

Detter steps up to lead the Irish offense: Senior forward Justin Detter has become one of the most dangerous attack players in the nation this season. The White Lake, Mich., native has put the ball in the net eight times so far in 2003 and demands the attention of the opposing defense in each and every contest. His eight goals this season are a career-best for the

2003 UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME MEN'S SOCCER ROSTER

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School	Pronunc.
0	Justin Michaud	So.	GK	6-0	175	Austin, TX/Stephens Ep. School	(Mi-SHOWED)
00	Chris Cahill	Fr.	GK	6-6	190	Louisville, KY/St. Francis DeSales	
1	Chris Sawyer**	Jr.	GK	6-1	193	Highlands Ranch, CO/Highlands Ranch	
2	Ryan Miller	Fr.	MF	5-11	160	Barrington, IL/Barrington	
3	Kevin Goldthwaite**	Jr.	MF/D	6-1	173	Sacramento, CA/Christian Brothers	
4	Greg Martin*** (c)	Sr.	MF	5-8	151	Plano, TX/Plano	
5	Ian Etherington	Fr.	F/MF	5-8	125	Temecula, CA/Chaparral	(ETH-er-ring-ton)
6	Greg Dalby	Fr.	D	6-0	174	Poway, CA/Poway	(DAHL-bee)
7	Justin Detter***	Sr.	F	5-11	189	White Lake, MI/Holly	
8	Luke Boughen**	Jr.	D/MF	5-10	169	SJ Capistrano, CA/Santa Margarita	(BOW-in)
9	Filippo Chillemi***	Sr.	MF	5-10	164	Roswell, GA/Roswell	(chill-EM-ee)
10	Devon Prescod***	Sr.	F	5-7	162	Marietta, GA/Lassiter	
11	Tony Megna	So.	F	5-11	165	Middleton, WI/Middleton	
12	Brian Murphy	Fr.	F	6-0	175	Granger, IN/St. Joseph's	
13	Jack Stewart**	Jr.	MF	6-1	177	Torrance, CA/South Torrance	
14	John Stephens*	So.	MF	5-8	155	Woodbridge, IL/Benet Academy	
15	Jon Mark Thompson*	So.	MF	5-11	150	Cape Girardeau, MO/Cape Girardeau	
16	Ben Crouse	So.	D	5-11	165	Oak Park, CA/Oak Park	(rhymes with mouse)
17	Christopher High*	Jr.	D	5-11	182	Camarillo, CA/Rio Mesa	
18	Justin McGeeney	Fr.	F/MF	5-8	165	Ames, IA/Ames	(mug-IN-knee)
19	Nick Tarnay	So.	D	5-10	160	Fairview Park, OH/St. Ignatius	(TAR-nay)
20	Nate Norman	Fr.	F/MF	6-1	170	Rochester, MI/Rochester Adams	
21	Chad Riley***	Sr.	MF	5-8	163	Houston, TX/Cypress Springs	
22	Dale Rellas*	So.	D	6-2	165	Plano, TX/Plano West Senior	
23	Jorge Schippers	Fr.	D	5-10	160	Guatemala City, Guatemala	(SHIPP-ers)
24	Kevin Richards***	Sr.	D/MF	5-8	147	Warwick, Bermuda/St. Andrews College	
25	Roger Klauer	Sr.	MF	5-8	155	Granger, IN/Marian	(rhymes with hour)

Coaching Staff:

Head Coach: Bobby Clark (Jordanhill College, '67) third season at Notre Dame (34-15-6), 187-79-31, 16 years overall

Assistant Coaches: Mike Avery (Westmont, '90), Brian Wiese (Dartmouth, '95)

Team Trainer: Tricia Matysak (Purdue, '99)

Strength and Conditioning Coach: Lon Record (Lock Haven, '99)

Senior Manager: Sarah Tynan (Saint Mary's, '04)

* - indicates monograms earned, (c) - team captain

Irish forward.

A two-time all-BIG EAST selection, Detter has launched a team-high 64 shots this season, including 32 on goal. Dangerous both in the air and on the ground with the ball, Detter has shown the ability to beat constant double teams – and has set his teammates up for numerous scoring chances (he has four assists this season).

Riley moves into second on the all-time assist list: Senior MF Chad Riley has passed Sami Kahale for second on the all-time assist ranking at Notre Dame. With his assist on Oct. 14 at Cleveland State, Riley now has eight on the season, giving the Houston, Texas, native 32 in his career.

Notre Dame career assists leaders:

1. Randy Morris ('85-'88), 40
2. CHAD RILEY ('00-), 32
3. Sami Kahale ('78-'81), 30
4. Bill Lanza ('92-'95), 25
5. Richard Herdegen ('81-'84), 23

Riley has led Notre Dame in assists for all three previous seasons with the Irish. He is currently (Oct. 27) ranked 30th in the nation in assists per game

Notre Dame men's soccer media information: Publicity for the 2003 Notre Dame men's soccer team is organized by assistant sports information director Alan Wasielewski (Wasielewski.3@nd.edu). The Notre Dame sports information office is always interested in assisting members of the media in coverage of Irish soccer.

For men's soccer interviews, please contact Wasielewski at (574) 631-3397. All interviews of coaches and student-athletes must be arranged through the sports information office.

To receive all releases, including weekly updates on the Irish team, via e-mail, please send a request to Wasielewski at: Wasielewski.3@nd.edu.

2003 NSCAA/ADIDAS RANKING
Oct. 27, 2003

Team	'03 record	prev.
1. UCLA	14-1-0	1
2. Maryland	14-1-0	2
3. Wake Forest	11-3-0	5
4. Old Dominion	14-0-0	4
5. St. John's	12-4-1	9
6. North Carolina	11-2-3	NR
7. NOTRE DAME	10-3-3	15
8. Saint Louis	9-3-2	5
9. Santa Clara	11-2-3	21
10. VCU	12-4-0	13
11. Brown	8-3-1	14
12. Fairleigh Dick.	9-3-1	8
13. Florida Int'l	9-3-2	10
14. Indiana	8-3-4	NR
15. Oregon State	10-4-0	17
16. Creighton	9-3-3	NR
17. Hartwick Coll.	11-2-1	20
18. Coastal Carolina	12-2-0	22
19. Cincinnati	8-2-4	19
20. UCSB	11-2-1	7
21. UAB	8-3-5	22
22. Drake	10-3-3	NR
23. Virginia Tech	11-4-1	18
23. Columbia	8-3-1	NR
25. Michigan	12-5-0	11
25. Akron	11-4-1	NR
25. Washington	9-2-2	NR
25. Villanova	9-6-1	NR
25. Connecticut	7-7-2	22

Bold indicates 2003 opponents.

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Notre Dame in the NSCAA/adidas ranking...

Aug. 18 (preseason): 12th
 Sept. 1: ninth
 Sept. 8: 18th
 Sept. 15: 18th
 Sept. 22: 15th
 Sept. 29: 8th
 Oct. 6: 6th
 Oct. 13: 12th
 Oct. 20: 15th
 Oct. 27: 7th

(0.50).

Sawyer outstanding in goal: Junior goalkeeper Chris Sawyer has held Notre Dame's opposition to one or zero goals in 14 of 16 games this season. Take away the five-goal aberration against Rutgers, and the Highlands Ranch, Colo., native allowed nine goals over 15 games.

Sawyer's goals against average stands at 0.85 right now, which stands fourth in the BIG EAST Conference. His seven shut outs rank first in the conference as well.

Statistical domination: While Notre Dame has faced several top teams this season, it has been consistently outperforming its rivals on the statistical end.

As of Oct. 29, Notre Dame has outshot its opponents 244-138, an almost 2-1 ratio (15.2 per game vs. 8.6 per game). The Irish have unleashed 130 shots in the second half, compared to just 63 for all opponents.

Continuing a look at the statistics, Notre Dame's opponents have been forced to make 107 saves, while Irish goalkeeper Chris Sawyer has been asked to make just 43 stops. Notre Dame also leads in corner kicks 94-47 and has committed 28 less fouls than its competitors.

Challenging schedule continues evolving into one of the toughest slates in the nation: No one can accuse the Irish team of ducking the competition this season. The BIG EAST Conference is recognized as one of the toughest in the nation, but even with a challenging conference schedule set for the 2003 season, Notre Dame has faced a number of highly-ranked non-conference opponents.

The exhibition season alone saw Notre Dame face Saint Louis (ranked as high as third in the nation this season) and Michigan (currently ranked 25th). The regular season began with a 0-0 tie with #20 Alabama-Birmingham (currently 21st in the nation) and a 2-1 overtime victory over #11 California (now unranked).

Notre Dame then suffered its first loss of the season to St. John's, which is currently ranked fifth. During the Mike

2003 SOCCER AMERICA RANKING
Oct. 27, 2003

Team	'03 record	prev.
1. UCLA	14-1-0	1
2. Old Dominion	14-0-0	2
3. Maryland	14-1-0	3
4. Wake Forest	11-3-0	5
5. Santa Clara	11-2-3	8
6. St. John's	12-4-2	11
7. North Carolina	11-2-3	4
8. Washington	9-2-2	12
9. NOTRE DAME	10-3-3	13
10. Florida Int'l	9-3-2	6
11. Indiana	8-3-4	24
12. Saint Louis	9-3-2	7
13. VCU	12-4-0	17
14. Oregon State	10-4-0	14
15. Virginia Tech	11-4-1	9
16. Akron	11-4-1	19
17. UCSB	11-2-1	10
18. Cincinnati	8-2-4	21
19. San Diego	11-2-2	22
20. SMU	10-5-1	23
21. Coastal Carolina	12-2-0	NR
22. Brown	8-3-1	NR
23. Creighton	9-3-3	NR
24. Kentucky	11-4-1	NR
25. San Jose State	9-3-2	NR

Bold indicates 2003 opponents.



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Notre Dame in the Soccer America ranking...

Aug. 25 (preseason): third
 Sept. 1: fourth
 Sept. 8: 16th
 Sept. 15: 13th
 Sept. 22: 8th
 Sept. 29: 4th
 Oct. 6: 5th
 Oct. 13: 9th
 Oct. 20: 13
 Oct. 27: 9th

2003 BIG EAST**WEEKLY AWARDS AWARDS**Offensive Player of the Week**Sept. 1 - Devon Prescod, ND**

Sept. 8 - Josh Gros, RU

Sept. 15 - Ryan Kelly, SJU

Sept. 22 - Josh Gros, RU

Sept. 29 - David O'Donnell, VU

Sept. 29 - Justin Detter, ND

Oct. 6 - Neil Krause, BC

Oct. 13 - Keeyan Young, UP

Oct. 13 - Josh Gros, RU

Oct. 20 - Ryan McGowna, SHU

Oct. 27 - Kirk Johnson, SU

Oct. 27 - Jerrod Laventure, SHU

Defensive Player of the Week

Sept. 1 - Dan Gargan, GU

Sept. 1 - Clay Haflich, UP

Sept. 8 - Chris Wingert, SJU

Sept. 15 - Ryan McGowan, SHU

Sept. 22 - Kevin Goldthwaite, ND**Sept. 29 - Kevin Richards, ND**

Oct. 6 - Chris Wingert, SJU

Oct. 13 - Chris Wingert, SJU

Oct. 20 - Dan Gargan, GU

Oct. 27 - Colin Raws, VU

Goalkeeper of the Week

Sept. 1 - Justin Lowery, UP

Sept. 8 - Boris Pardo, SHU

Sept. 8 - Alim Karim, SU

Sept. 15 - Boris Pardo, SHU

Sept. 15 - Guy Hertz, SJU

Sept. 22 - Scott Conway, RU

Sept. 29 - Jeff Newman, PC

Oct. 6 - Mike Cardenas, BC

Oct. 13 - Craig Bald, VU

Oct. 20 - Mike Cardenas, BC

Oct. 27 - Graig Bald, VU

Rookie of the Week

Sept. 1 - Ricky Schramm, GU

Sept. 8 - Nick Noble, WVU

Sept. 15 - Marcelo Rodriguez, VU

Sept. 22 - Jarryd Goldberg, BC

Sept. 22 - Ashley Kozicki, SJU

Sept. 22 - Sacha Kljestan, SHU

Sept. 29 - Sacha Kljestan, SHU

Sept. 29 - Scott Spangler, VT

Oct. 6 - Steve Sealy, UC

Oct. 13 - Ashley Kozicki, SJU

Oct. 20 - Ricky Schramm, GU

Oct. 27 - Richard Asante, SU

2003 BIG EAST MEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS (AS OF OCT. 28)

Rnk	Team	Points	'03 BIG EAST	'03 Overall	date vs. ND
1.	x-St. John's	21	7-2-0	12-4-1	L, 0-3
2.	x-Rutgers	18	5-2-3	8-4-3	L, 2-5
3.	x-NOTRE DAME	16	10-3-3	5-3-1	
4.	x-Virginia Tech	15	5-3-0	11-4-1	W, 2-1 (OT)
5.	x-Seton Hall	15	4-2-3	7-4-4	not scheduled
6.	Connecticut	14	4-3-2	7-7-2	L, 0-1 (OT)
7.	Providence	13	4-4-1	6-7-2	W, 2-0
8.	Villanova	12	4-5-0	9-6-1	home - Oct. 31
9.	Boston College	11	3-4-2	6-6-3	not scheduled
10.	Georgetown	9	3-6-0	6-8-2	W, 2-1
11.	Pittsburgh	7	2-5-1	5-10-1	W, 2-0
12.	Syracuse	7	1-4-4	4-7-5	T, 1-1
13.	West Virginia	6	1-5-3	4-9-3	W, 1-0

Berticelli Memorial Tournament, the Irish defeated Fresno State 2-1, then took on an unranked Akron team. Notre Dame and Akron fought to a 0-0 scoreless tie, but the Zips, by virtue of their win over Indiana that same weekend, jumped to 10th in the Sept. 15 NSCAA poll and first in the Great Lakes Region. Akron is currently ranked 12th.

The Irish also defeated #18 Indiana during the Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament. The Hoosiers have reappeared at 14th in the latest NSCAA/adidas top 25.

Notre Dame's second loss of the season at home to #25 Rutgers last week marked the fifth ranked team the Irish have faced this season.

Connecticut was ranked through out the season, and Notre Dame defeated #9 Virginia Tech in Blacksburg last weekend.

Friday, Notre Dame will face #25 Villanova.

Devon Prescod enjoying a career season: Senior forward Devon Prescod is making the most of his final season with the Irish. After struggling through a series of leg injuries last season, Prescod is healthy and leading the Irish in scoring this season with nine goals. His scores against #11 California, West Virginia, Georgetown and Cleveland State proved to be the game winners, as well.

Prescod came into the 2003 season with 10 career goals after scoring six as a sophomore in 2001. His nine goals this season far eclipses his three from a year ago. Named the BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Week on Sept. 1, Prescod is second on the team in points with 18 and second in shots on goal with 18.

Overtime warriors: Perhaps the Notre Dame players enjoy playing soccer a little too much. The Irish have played extra time in seven of 16 games this season, posting a record of 4-0-3 in those contests. The first weekend of the season, Notre Dame tied UAB 0-0, then defeated California 2-1 in two overtime periods. The Irish eventually defeated Fresno State and Indiana in OT, while tying Akron and Syracuse.

Notre Dame has matched the team record of seven overtime contests in 1985 (compiling a 1-2-4 record). The Irish have posted several seasons with six overtime contests (1981, '97, '98, '02). Notre Dame is 30-21-16 all-time in overtime contests (.567).

Home cooking serves the Irish well: Notre Dame completed a seven-game homestand during the month of September with a 5-1-1 record, finishing up with a four-game win streak over #18 Indiana, West Virginia, Bradley and Georgetown.

The 2003 September marked just the second time in the program's history the Irish spent the entire month at home. In 1978, the second season of var-

**NOTRE DAME STATISTICAL LEADERS
2003 - AS OF OCT. 28**

<u>Shots</u>	
Justin Detter	64
Devon Prescod	31
Kevin Goldthwaite	26
<u>Shots on Goal</u>	
Justin Detter	32
Devon Prescod	18
Greg Martin	12
<u>Goals</u>	
Devon Prescod	9
Justin Detter	8
Greg Martin	4
<u>Assists</u>	
Chad Riley	8
Kevin Goldthwaite	5
Justin Detter	4
<u>Points</u>	
Justin Detter	20
Devon Prescod	18
Greg Martin	11
<u>Game-Winning Goals</u>	
Devon Prescod vs. #11 California	
Justin Detter vs. Fresno State	
Kevin Goldthwaite . vs. #18 Indiana	
Devon Prescod vs. West Virginia	
Greg Martin vs. Bradley	
Devon Prescod vs. Georgetown	
Justin Detter at Pittsburgh	
Devon Prescod ... at Cleveland State	
Greg Martin at Providence	
Justin Detter at #9 Virginia Tech	
<u>Saves</u>	
Chris Sawyer	42
Justin Michaud	1
<u>Goals Allowed</u>	
Chris Sawyer	14
Justin Michaud	1
<u>Goals-Against Average</u>	
Chris Sawyer	0.85
Justin Michaud	0.00
<u>Shut Outs</u>	
Chris Sawyer	7
<u>Goalkeeper Record(s)</u>	
Chris Sawyer	10-3-3

sity soccer, Notre Dame defeated Florissant Valley, Tri-State, IPFW, St. Joseph's, Valparaiso, Michigan, Indiana Tech, Ablion and Purdue to start the season 9-0.

Irish home attendance on the rise: Notre Dame men's soccer has developed a solid following in the local South Bend market over the past six seasons. In 2003, the Irish are averaging 1,228 fans for each home contest – a mark that would have placed Notre Dame 14th in the final attendance figures for the nation last season.

Here is a look at Notre Dame's home attendance over the last six seasons:

2003: 1,228 (as of Oct. 29)

2002: 803

2001: 886

2000: 810

1999: 587

1998: 491

Notre Dame's 1-0 victory over Indiana was attended by 2,131 fans, the largest crowd this season at Alumni Field.

Notre Dame in the NCAA statistical rankings: Notre Dame's rankings in the NCAA statistical lists -

Scoring Offense: 84th (1.56)

Team Goals Against Average: 26th (0.82)

Shut out Percentage: 15th (0.50)

Won-Lost-Tied Percentage: 25th (0.719)

Etherington logs first career goal vs. Rutgers: Lost in the aftermath of Notre Dame's 5-2 defeat at the hands of #25 Rutgers was freshman Ian Etherington's first goal of his career. Etherington has seen significant minutes this season on the right side of the Irish midfield, appearing in all 16 games and 765 minutes. He made his first start of the season at Cleveland State.

Etherington's first career goal came at the 66:05 mark, a header off a cross from Chad Riley.

Class of 2007 earns top-five recruiting class status: University of Notre Dame men's soccer coach Bobby Clark has announced the signing of seven highly-regarded prep standouts to national letters of intent. Three of those players have been members of the U.S. national team program and are current members of the under-18 national squad. Joining the Irish program beginning in the fall of 2003 will be goalkeeper Chris Cahill (Louisville, Ky./St. Francis DeSales) central defender Greg Dalby (Poway, Calif./Poway), midfielder Ian Etherington (Temecula, Calif./Chaparral HS), forward Justin McGeeney (Ames, Iowa/Ames), midfielder Ryan Miller (Barrington, Ill./Barrington), forward Brian Murphy (Granger, Ind./St. Joseph's) and forward/midfielder Nate Norman (Rochester, Mich./Rochester Adams).

"These seven players comprise a fabulous recruiting class for us," Clark says. "All the individuals we identified early on in the recruiting process decided to come to Notre Dame. We were looking for players who would come in and give up depth as well as have an impact immediately. We're very excited to have all of them join our program.

"I think we've been very successful with our recruiting efforts the past two seasons. This year's class adds tremendous depth to our team and continues to move the program in the direction that we want to go."

The group ended up ranked fifth in the country by Soccer America and third by College Soccer News.com.

Notre Dame leads the nation in student-athlete graduation rate: The University of Notre Dame compiled the nation's highest overall graduation rate for Division I-A student-athletes to take top honors in the 2003 USA Today/NCAA Academic Achievement Awards announced today.

Ninety-two percent of the Fighting Irish student-athletes who enrolled in

2003 NOTRE DAME GOALS

- vs. #11 California
 • Devon Prescod (80:07)
 assist(s): Justin Detter
- vs. #11 California
 • Devon Prescod (101:10) GW
 assist(s): Kevin Goldthwaite
- vs. Fresno State
 • Devon Prescod (26:48)
 assists(s): Justin Detter
 Greg Martin
- vs. Fresno State
 • Justin Detter (99:08) GW
 assist(s): Chad Riley
- vs. #18 Indiana
 • Kevin Goldthwaite (107:12) GW
 assist(s): Chad Riley
- vs. West Virginia
 • Devon Prescod (39:14) GW
 unassisted
- vs. Bradley
 • Greg Martin (56:42) GW
 unassisted
- vs. Bradley
 • Justin Detter (87:11)
 unassisted
- vs. Georgetown
 • Justin Detter (27:55)
 assist(s): Kevin Richards
 Chad Riley
- vs. Georgetown
 • Devon Prescod (57:16) GW
 assist(s): Chad Riley
 Greg Martin
- at Syracuse
 • Jack Stewart (73:40)
 assist(s): Chad Riley
- at Pittsburgh
 • Justin Detter (3:21)
 assist(s): Chad Riley
 Kevin Goldthwaite
- at Pittsburgh
 • Chad Riley (71:49)
 assist(s): Kevin Richards
 Greg Martin
- vs. #25 Rutgers
 • Greg Martin (51:54)
 assist(s): Kevin Goldthwaite
 Justin Detter

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1996 earned a degree from the University, three percentage points higher than second-place Tulsa University. Duke and Wisconsin finished third at 88 percent, followed by Northwestern, 87; Boston College, 86; Stanford, 84; Western Michigan, 83; Michigan, 82; and Syracuse, Rice and Utah State, 81.

In addition to the overall rate, Academic Achievement Awards are presented to the institutions with the best student-athlete graduation rates in comparison to the overall student body and to those that show the most improvement from the previous year.

Now in their third year, the awards include a \$20,000 prize for the top institutions in each category. They are based on federally compiled figures submitted by NCAA member institutions.

The NCAA bases graduation rates on the raw percentage of student-athletes who entered an institution and graduated within six years. Students who leave or transfer, regardless of academic standing, are considered non graduates. Notre Dame's graduation rate for student-athletes who complete all four years of athletic eligibility is 99 percent.

See Irish men's soccer action on CSTV's "Notre Dame Primetime": College Sports Television (CSTV) has launched "Notre Dame Primetime" on Sunday evenings. Those with Direct TV can catch the show, hosted by former Irish football player Derrick Mayes. "Notre Dame Primetime" recaps all of Notre Dame's athletic action over the past week, features interviews with student-athletes and highlights from all of the Irish athletic teams.

"Notre Dame Primetime" is on each Sunday evening at 8:30 p.m. (EDT). Local Irish sports fans can catch a rebroadcast of "Notre Dame Primetime" at 7:00 p.m. Monday evenings on WHME-TV 46 (cable channel 11).

CSTV is currently available nationwide to more than 15 million cable and satellite homes. To find out where CSTV is available in your area, log on to www.CSTV.com, or call your local cable or satellite operator.

Keep up with the Irish via the Notre Dame hotline: The Notre Dame athletic department hotline has realigned its menu offerings for the 2003 fall sports season.

The hotline provides schedule and results information for varsity sports and serves as a supplement to the live coverage and game recaps already provided on the official athletic website at www.und.com.

Here's how the hotline is aligned (as of Aug. 28):

*Dial (574) 631-3000

*Select any of the following subgroups:

- (1) Upcoming schedule and recent results of ALL varsity sports currently in action (select cells 3-9 for the most updated results for specific sports).
- (2) Football schedules for the 2003, '04, '05, '06 and '07 seasons.
- (3) Basketball information (then press 1 for men's basketball and 2 for women's basketball)
- (4) Soccer information (then press 1 for men's soccer and 2 for women's soccer).
- (5) Women's volleyball (press 1) and men's ice hockey (press 2) information.
- (6) Men's and women's cross country information.
- (7) Men's and women's swimming and diving information (then press 1 for men's swimming and 2 for women's swimming).
- (8) Tennis information (then press 1 for men's tennis and 2 for women's tennis) and men's and women's fencing information (press 3).
- (9) Women's golf (press 1), men's golf (press 2) and women's rowing (press 3) information.

Other national polls: There are several polls supported by various magazines and websites that rank the Irish. Here is a look at the Soccer Times and College Soccer News polls.

Soccer Times: 1. UCLA, 2. Maryland, 3. Old Dominion, 4. Wake Forest, 5. St.

vs. #25 Rutgers
 • Ian Etherington (66:05)
 assist(s): Chad Riley
 at Cleveland State
 • Devon Prescod (25:45) - GW
 assist(s): Chad Riley
 at Cleveland State
 • Justin Detter (29:19)
 assist(s): Kevin Richards
 at Cleveland State
 • Devon Prescod (41:40)
 assist(s): Justin Detter
 at Cleveland State
 • Greg Martin (57:44)
 unassisted
 at Cleveland State
 • Justin Detter (62:52)
 unassisted
 at Cleveland State
 • Devon Prescod (71:00)
 assist(s): Filippo Chillemi
 at Providence
 • Greg Martin (1:40) GW
 assist(s): Kevin Goldthwaite
 at Providence
 • Devon Prescod (78:00)
 unassisted
 at Virginia Tech
 • Justin Detter (6:40)
 assist(s): Kevin Goldthwaite
 at Virginia Tech
 • Justin Detter (96:01) GW
 unassisted

John's, 6. Santa Clara, 7. North Carolina, 8. Washington, 9. UCSB, 10. NOTRE DAME, 11. Saint Louis, 12. San Diego, 13. Coastal Carolina, 13. Florida International, 15. Indiana, 16. CS Northridge, 17. Akron, 18. Tulsa, 19. Virginia Tech, 20. Hartwick College, 21. Oregon State, 22. Rutgers, 23. VCU, 24. Fairleigh Dickinson, 25. Creighton.
 College Soccer News: 1. UCLA, 2. Maryland, 3. Old Dominion, 4. St. John's, 5. Wake Forest, 6. North Carolina, 7. Florida International, 8. Washington, 9. Santa Clara, 10. San Diego, 11. Coastal Carolina, 12. UCSB, 13. Saint Louis, 14. NOTRE DAME, 15. VCU, 16. Hartwick College, 17. Rutgers, 18. Akron, 19. Fairleigh Dickinson, 20. Indiana, 21. Virginia Tech, 22. Tulsa, 23. Oregon State, 24. Brown, 25. Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 26. CS Northridge, 27. Creighton, 28. Kentucky, 29. Michigan, 30. Dayton.

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1. NOTRE DAME	10-3-3	2
2. Indiana	8-3-4	5
3. Cincinnati	8-2-4	3
4. Akron	11-4-1	9
5. Michigan	12-5-0	1
Kentucky	11-4-1	6
7. Michigan State	10-3-2	6
8. Louisville	10-5-2	10
9. Dayton	10-3-2	4
10. Wis.-Milwaukee	12-4-1	8

bold indicates 2003 opponent

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Notre Dame in the NSCAA/adidas Regional Rankings:
 Sept. 1: 2nd
 Sept. 8: 3rd
 Sept. 15: 2nd
 Sept. 22: 2nd
 Sept. 29: 1st
 Oct. 6: 1st
 Oct. 13: 2nd
 Oct. 20: 2nd
 Oct. 27: 1st