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2004 Notre Dame Men's Soccer

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#12/7 Notre Dame at #10/22 St. John's, Saturday, Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m.

2004 SCHEDULE (10-2-1, 5-1-0)

September

3	Fri.	!vs. Oregon State	W, 2-1
5	Sun.	!vs. Boston U.	W, 2-0
10	Fri.	^Evansville	W, 2-1
12	Sun.	^CS Fullerton	T, 0-0 (2OT)
15	Wed.	at #1/1 Indiana	L, 0-2
18	Sat.	*Georgetown	W, 4-1
23	Thurs.	*at West Virginia	L, 0-1
26	Sun.	*at #21/25 Villanova	W, 1-0

October

1	Fri.	*#9/11 Boston College	w, 1-0 (OT)
3	Sun.	Loyola-Chicago	W, 4-0
7	Thurs.	*Pittsburgh	W, 3-0
10	Sun.	*Syracuse	W, 1-0 (2OT)
13	Wed.	#19 Michigan	W, 3-0
16	Sat.	*at #10/22 St. John's	7:30 p.m.
20	Wed.	*at #25 Seton Hall	3:00 p.m.
23	Sat.	*at Rutgers	7:00 p.m.
30	Sat.	*Connecticut	7:30 p.m.

November

2	Tues.	Michigan State	7:00 p.m.
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BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIP

6	Sat.	Quarterfinals (Campus Sites)
12	Fri.	Semifinals (@ Rutgers)
14	Sun.	Final (@ Rutgers)

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

19-	Fri.-	First Round
21	Sun.	
24	Wed.	Second Round
27-	Sat.-	
28	Sun.	Third Round

December

4	Sat.	Quarterfinals
10	Fri.	Semifinals
12	Sun.	Final

* - BIG EAST Conference game
! - adidas/IU Credit Union Classic
^ - Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament
bold - home game (Alumni Field)
rankings are NSCAA/adidas followed by
Soccer America

Irish and Red Storm hook up for first place in the BIG EAST: The University of Notre Dame men's soccer team (10-2-1, 5-1-0 BIG EAST), ranked as high as seventh in the nation (*Soccer America*) begins a crucial Fall Break road trip on Saturday, Oct. 16, with a match at #10/22 St. John's at 7:30 p.m. A rematch of last season's BIG EAST Championship final game, in which the Irish defeated the Red Storm 2-0, Saturday's game will be a battle for first place and the inside track on the conference regular-season title.

Notre Dame enters this weekend's match in unfamiliar territory. A recent six-match win streak (all coming in shutout fashion) has put the Irish in first place in the BIG EAST Conference. The 5-1-0 start the conference slate is the best-ever for Notre Dame and the 10-2-1 start to the season is the best in 16 years (in 1988 Notre Dame started 10-1-2). The Irish have never been in first place in the conference standings this late in the season and are facing St. John's for the first time while sitting above the Red Storm in the conference standings.

The Irish also are entering Belsom Stadium on Saturday, a site in which Notre Dame is 0-5-0 since its first appearance there in 1995.

The last time... Notre Dame faced St. John's was Nov. 16, 2004, in Storrs, Conn., at the BIG EAST Championship .. the Irish and Red Storm locked up in the final match, with the Irish claiming their second conference title (and first since '96) with a 2-0 victory.

What you need to know about Notre Dame this weekend:

- Notre Dame is looking for its first BIG EAST regular-season conference crown and a win over the Red Storm would be a big step forward toward that goal.
- The Irish are 6-0 in their last six matches and have not surrendered a goal since preseason All-American Kevin Goldthwaite returned to the defensive lineup.
- The defense has been playing well in front of GK Chris Sawyer, but when challenged Sawyer has been up for the task. He has seven shutouts this season and brings a 555-minute scoreless minute streak into Saturday's match.

St. John's team overview and series history: Notre Dame and St. John's will be meeting for the 13th time on Saturday ... the Red Storm leads the all-time series 8-2-2, including a 5-0-0 record at home ... Notre Dame's victories in the series came at Alumni Field in 2000 (1-0) and in the BIG EAST Championship final last season (2-0) ... Saturday's match is the first visit to Belsom Stadium for Notre Dame since 2002, a 1-0 loss ... the Red Storm are 6-3-4 on the season, 4-1-2 in the BIG EAST and are coming off a 1-1 tie with Villanova on Wednesday, Oct. 13 ... St. John's is ranked 10th in the NSCAA/adidas rankings and 20th in *Soccer America* ... Andre Schmid has been the offensive star for St. John's this season, leading the team with four goals and five assists ... Bill Gaudette should be in goal for the Red Storm, he has a 0.69 goals-against average and 34 saves in 45 shots on goal.

Megna earns first career BIG EAST award: Junior forward Tony Megna has been named the BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Week for the first time in his career, as announced by the league office on Monday, Oct. 11. Megna scored two of Notre Dame's three goals in its victory over Pittsburgh on Thursday, Oct. 7, and was a constant threat during a 1-0 overtime win against Syracuse.

Megna, from Middleton, Wis., has developed into one of Notre Dame's top scoring threats this season after a sophomore season in which he started 20 games but did not score a point. He has reversed that trend in 2004 and is currently tied for the team lead in goals scored with five (including two game winners).

The BIG EAST weekly award is the first of his career.

Irish poll watch: Notre Dame debuted this season in both the adidas/NSCAA and

2004 UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME MEN'S SOCCER ROSTER

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School	Pronunc.
0	Justin Michaud	Jr.	GK	6-0	175	Austin, TX/Stephens Ep. School	(Mi-SHOWED)
00	Chris Cahill	So.	GK	6-6	190	Louisville, KY/St. Francis DeSales	
1	Chris Sawyer***	Sr.	GK	6-1	193	Highlands Ranch, CO/Highlands Ranch	
2	Ryan Miller	So.	MF	5-11	160	Barrington, IL/Barrington	
3	Kevin Goldthwaite***	Sr.	MF/D	6-1	173	Sacramento, CA/Christian Brothers	
4	Joe Lapira	Fr.	F/MF	5-8	150	Lake Charles, LA/Saint Louis Cath.	(La-PEER-a)
5	Jorge Schippers	So.	D	5-10	160	Guatemala City, Guatemala	(SHIPP-ers)
6	Greg Dalby*	So.	D	6-0	174	Poway, CA/Poway	(DAHL-bee)
7	Ian Etherington*	So.	F/MF	5-8	125	Temecula, CA/Chaparral	(ETH-er-ring-ton)
8	Luke Boughen***	Sr.	D/MF	5-10	169	SJ Capistrano, CA/Santa Margarita	(BOW-in)
9	Justin McGeeney*	So.	F/MF	5-8	165	Ames, IA/Ames	(Muh-GEE-knee)
10	Jon Mark Thompson*	Jr.	MF	5-11	150	Cape Girardeau, MO/Cape Girardeau	
11	Tony Megna*	Jr.	F	5-11	165	Middleton, WI/Middleton	
12	John Mousinho	Fr.	MF/D	6-1	175	Buckinghamshire, England	(MOO-seen-ho)
13	Jack Stewart***	Sr.	MF	6-1	177	Torrance, CA/South Torrance	
14	John Stephens**	Jr.	MF	5-8	155	Woodbridge, IL/Benet Academy	
15	Kurt Martin	Fr.	F/MF	5-10	160	McAllen, TX/Memorial	
16	Ben Crouse*	Jr.	D	5-11	165	Oak Park, CA/Oak Park	(rhymes with mouse)
17	Christopher High**	Sr.	D	5-11	182	Camarillo, CA/Rio Mesa	
18	Andrew Benton	Fr.	MF/D	6-1	180	Marietta, GA/Kell	
19	Alex Yoshinaga	Fr.	MF	5-10	160	San Diego, CA/Granite Hills	(YO-shin-aga)
20	Nate Norman*	So.	F/MF	6-1	170	Rochester, MI/Rochester Adams	
21	Kyle Dulworth	Fr.	MF	5-9	160	Fort Wayne, IN/Homestead	
22	Dale Rellas*	Jr.	D	6-2	165	Plano, TX/Plano West Senior	
23	John Cavanaugh	Fr.	D	5-10	156	Granger, IN/St. Joseph's	
24	Brian Sheehan	Fr.	D	6-2	190	Denver, CO/Mullen	
25	Brian Murphy	So.	F	6-0	175	Granger, IN/St. Joseph's	

Coaching Staff:

Head Coach: Bobby Clark (Jordanhill College, '67) fourth season at Notre Dame (50-18-8), 203-81-33, 18 years overall

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

Team Trainer: Tricia Matysak (Purdue, '99) Team Manager: Ashly Cumberworth (Notre Dame '05)

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

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

Soccer America polls at #9. The ninth-ranking was the highest preseason ranking for Notre Dame men's soccer in the adidas/NSCAA poll (the Irish were ranked third in the preseason last year by *Soccer America*).

This week the Irish are seventh in the *Soccer America* poll and 12th in the NSCAA rankings.

Two other national polls have been updated as well, with the Irish #9 in the SoccerTimes.com Top 25 and #13 in the College Soccer News.com listing.

Notre Dame reached as high as third in both the adidas/NSCAA and *Soccer America* polls last season - the highest ranking in the program's history.

St. John's will be fifth ranked team Notre Dame will face this season: The Red Storm enter this weekend's contest ranked 10th in the NSCAA/adidas rankings and 22nd in the *Soccer America* poll, making St. John's the fifth ranked opponent on the Irish schedule.

One of Notre Dame's two losses have come to a ranked team, a 2-0 setback at #1 Indiana on Sept. 15. The Irish have posted a win in their three other matchups with ranked teams (1-0 over #21 Villanova, 1-0 over #9 Boston College, 3-0 over #22 Michigan).

Notre Dame is 15-10-3 (.589) vs. ranked teams under Bobby Clark.

Clark posts 50th victory at Notre Dame: Bobby Clark won his 50th game at Notre

Notre Dame men's soccer media informa-

tion: Publicity for the 2004 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.

2004 NSCAA/ADIDAS RANKING
OCT. 12, 2004

Team	'04 record	prev.
1. UC Santa Barbara	10-0-1	1
2. UNC-Greensboro	9-0-1	2
3. New Mexico	9-0-0	5
4. Indiana	8-2-1	3
5. Virginia	9-2-0	10
6. SMU	9-3-0	7
7. South Carolina	8-1-1	17
8. Creighton	9-2-0	11
9. Santa Clara	11-1-0	16
10. St. John's	7-3-2	13
11. James Madison	11-0-1	NR
12. NOTRE DAME	9-2-1	15
13. South Florida	7-0-2	14
14. Boston College	7-2-3	12
15. Pennsylvania	6-2-1	NR
16. Duke	11-1-0	4
VCU	7-3-1	6
18. Stanford	6-1-4	20
19. California	8-1-2	7
20. Penn State	5-2-5	9
21. Maryland	7-3-1	NR
22. Michigan	7-2-2	19
23. Hartwick	6-2-3	21
24. UAB	6-4-0	24
25. Washington	9-3-2	NR
Memphis	8-3-0	24
Seton Hall	7-4-1	23

Also receiving votes: Saint Louis, Connecticut

Bold indicates 2004 opponents.

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Notre Dame in the NSCAA/adidas ranking...

Preseason: 9th
Sept. 7: 11th
Sept. 14: 14th
Sept. 21: 17th
Sept. 28: 23rd
Oct. 5: 15th
Oct. 12: 12th

Dame on Wednesday, Oct. 13 vs. #22 Michigan. Clark reaches 50 wins just days after claiming his 200th career collegiate coaching victory vs. Loyola Chicago on Oct. 3.

Clark, the fifth coach in the history of the program, reaches the 50-win barrier faster than all but one of his predecessors.

Notre Dame's first men's varsity soccer coach Rich Hunter needed 64 games to reach 50 wins in 1977-78-79. Clark has reached 50 wins in 71 games.

Six shutouts in six matches: Notre Dame's surge to the lead of the BIG EAST Conference has come via six-straight shutout victories. The string began with a 1-0 victory at #21 Villanova, followed by 1-0 over #9 Boston College, 4-0 over Loyola Chicago, 3-0 over Pittsburgh, 1-0 over Syracuse and 3-0 over #22 Michigan.

The six-match streak is the second-longest of the Bobby Clark Era (since '01) at Notre Dame. The 2001 team won six in a row from Oct. 5 - Oct. 24 to match this recent string, while last season's BIG EAST Championship team won eight straight before being eliminated from the NCAA Championship in the Sweet 16.

Notre Dame fourth in the nation for goals-against Average: Notre Dame's stifling defense over the last five games (entering this week) has pushed the Irish to fourth in the nation in goals-against average (0.48). The Irish also are 11th in shutout percentage (0.58) and 12th in winning percentage (.792).

Individually, senior GK Chris Sawyer is ranked fifth in the nation in goals-against average (0.489).

Notre Dame in the BIG EAST Statistics: With the conference schedule well under way, some statistical trends are starting to develop. The BIG EAST Conference releases statistics in two categories – one set that includes each game and another which factors in conference games only. Here is a look at Notre Dame's ranking in several different categories (as of Oct. 11):

All games – Notre Dame is first in the league in shots with 235 (19.58 per game) ... the Irish are third in goals scored with 20 (1.67) ... they are also third in points with 58 (4.83) and goals per game (1.67) ... the Irish are tied for first with Boston College for goals allowed (six) ... Notre Dame's goals-against average is the best in the league at 0.48 and the team's seven shutouts rank second to

2004 SOCCER AMERICA RANKING
OCT. 12, 2004

Team	'04 record	prev.
1. UC Santa Barbara	10-0-1	2
2. Santa Clara	11-1-0	4
3. New Mexico	9-0-0	5
4. Indiana	8-2-1	6
5. UNC-Greensboro	9-0-1	8
6. Duke	11-1-0	1
7. NOTRE DAME	9-2-1	9
8. South Carolina	8-1-1	10
9. South Florida	7-0-2	11
10. Stanford	6-1-4	7
11. SMU	9-3-0	13
12. Washington	9-3-2	14
13. California	8-1-2	3
14. Creighton	9-2-0	15
15. Virginia	9-2-0	17
16. Wake Forest	5-3-1	18
17. James Madison	11-0-1	NR
18. Penn State	5-2-5	12
19. UCLA	5-2-2	19
20. Akron	7-2-2	16
21. Maryland	7-3-1	24
22. St. John's	7-3-2	20
23. VCU	7-3-1	21
24. William & Mary	7-2-3	23
25. Saint Louis	6-4-1	NR

Bold indicates 2004 opponents.



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Notre Dame in the Soccer America ranking...

Preseason: 9th
Sept. 7: 4th
Sept. 14: 5th
Sept. 21: 9th
Sept. 28: 14th
Oct. 5: 9th
Oct. 12: 7th

2004 BIG EAST**WEEKLY AWARDS AWARDS**Offensive Player of the Week

Sept. 6 - Mark Pedreiras, Seton Hall
 Sept. 13 - Andre Schmidt, St. John's
 Sept. 20 - Jerrod Laventure, Seton Hall
SEPT. 27 - JUSTIN McGEENEY, NOTRE DAME
 Jarrod Smith, West Virginia
 Oct. 4 - Ricky Schramm, Georgetown
OCT. 11 - TONY MEGNA, NOTRE DAME

Defensive Player of the Week

SEPT. 6 - JACK STEWART, NOTRE DAME
 Sept. 13 - Pat Haggerty, Boston College
 Sept. 20 - Moshe Shalchon, Connecticut
 Sept. 27 - Guy Melamed, Boston College
OCT. 4 - KEVIN GOLDTHWAITE, NOTRE DAME
 Oct. 11 - Bart Koffeman, Rutgers

Goalkeeper of the Week

Sept. 6 - Issey Maholo, Boston College
 Sept. 13 - Issey Maholo, Boston College
 Sept. 20 - Bill Gaudette, St. John's
 Sept. 27 - Issey Maholo, Boston College
 Nick Noble, West Virginia
OCT. 4 - CHRIS SAWYER, NOTRE DAME
 Oct. 11 - Lubos Ancin, Rutgers

Rookie of the Week

Sept. 6 - Charlie Davies, Boston College
 Sept. 13 - Bonginkosi Macala, Connecticut
 Sept. 20 - Dan DeMasters, Villanova
 Sept. 27 - Charlie Davies, Boston College
 Oct. 4 - Chukwudi Chijindu, Connecticut

2004 BIG EAST MEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS (AS OF OCT. 13)

Rnk	Team	BIG EAST	Points	Overall	Streak
1.	Notre Dame	5-1-0	15	10-2-1	Won 6
2.	St. John's	4-1-2	14	7-3-3	Tied 1
3.	Boston College	4-3-0	12	8-3-0	Won 1
4.	Georgetown	4-2-0	12	8-5-0	Won 5
5.	Villanova	3-2-2	11	5-3-4	Tied 2
6.	Seton Hall	3-3-0	9	8-4-1	Won 2
7.	Rutgers	2-2-2	8	5-5-3	Lost 1
8.	Connecticut	2-1-1	7	6-4-2	Won 1
9.	West Virginia	2-4-0	6	7-6-0	Won 1
10.	Pittsburgh	1-2-1	4	3-4-3	Lost 2
11.	Syracuse	0-4-0	0	2-9-0	Lost 6
12.	Providence	0-5-0	0	0-10-0	Lost 10

St. John's with eight ... the Irish are second in the league in home attendance with an average of 1,269 ... Notre Dame also is second in the league in overall attendance, averaging 1,566.

All games, individual – Justin McGeeney is second in shots per game with 3.67, followed closely by teammate Tony Megna with 3.00 ... Megna is seventh in the league in points with 10 ... McGeeney leads the league in game-winning goals with four ... Chris Sawyer's 0.49 goals-against average is the best in the BIG EAST.

Conference only – Notre Dame leads the league in shots per game with 18.67 – almost 40 more than St. John's in second place ... the Irish also lead the league in goals scored (10), points (28), goals per game (1.67) and goals-against average (0.32).

Conference only, individual – Megna is tied for first in shots per game with 3.00 É he is also third in points with six and second in goals with three ... Ian Etherington has two assists in conference play, good for sixth (five players have posted three assists in league play) ... McGeeney is tied for first in game-winning goals with two (at #21 Villanova, vs. #9 Boston College) ... Sawyer is second in shutouts with four.

Snapshot of the Irish: Notre Dame graduated 35 of its 38 goals scored last season and was expected to spend the beginning of the '04 campaign searching for a dedicated scoring threat. While the goal scoring issue was in doubt for a portion of the year, Notre Dame has recently found its stride and rattled off six straight shutout victories - including three over ranked opponents (1-0 vs. #21 Villanova, 1-0 vs. #9 Boston College, 3-0 vs. #22 Michigan).

The one factor which changed for Notre Dame from the West Virginia loss to the Villanova victory (followed by five more wins) was the return of senior D Kevin Goldthwaite to the left side of the Irish defense. A preseason All-America selection by *Soccer America*, Goldthwaite injured his knee in practice before Notre Dame's first regular-season contest and missed the first seven matches of the season. Since his return to the lineup, he has provided two assists and the Notre Dame defense has not allowed a single goal.

Notre Dame's two forwards, sophomore Justin McGeeney and junior Tony Megna, are starting to play like veterans - never mind the fact that neither scored a goal before this season.

McGeeney leads the team with five game winners - including two straight at #21 Villanova and vs. #9 Boston College. Megna was on fire recently vs. Loyola Chicago and Pittsburgh - scoring four goals in the two matches - but was sidelined vs. Michigan with a leg injury. He is considered day-to-day at this point.

Another player who has emerged as a spark for the Irish is sophomore MF Ian Etherington. Capable of scoring on his own, setting up teammates or dropping in a perfect free kick, Etherington has two goals and four assists this season.

Senior MF Luke Boughen also has been strong of late and is tied for the team lead with four assists. He scored his first goal of the year vs. #22 Michigan.

2004 SOCCERTIMES.COM TOP 25
OCT. 11, 2004

Team	'04 record	prev.
1. UC Santa Barbara	10-0-1	1
2. UNC Greensboro	9-0-1	3
3. New Mexico	9-0-0	6
4. Indiana	8-2-1	3
5. Santa Clara	11-1-0	7
6. Duke	11-1-0	2
7. South Florida	7-0-2	10
8. California	8-1-2	4
9. NOTRE DAME	9-2-1	9
10. Creighton	9-2-0	11
11. SMU	9-3-0	12
12. Virginia	9-2-0	14
13. Stanford	6-1-4	13
14. Washington	9-3-2	16
15. South Carolina	8-1-1	18
16. St. John's	7-3-2	19
17. Michigan	7-2-2	14
18. Penn State	5-2-5	8
19. Maryland	7-3-1	22
20. James Madison	11-0-1	NR
21. Boston College	7-3-0	17
22. UCLA	5-2-2	21
23. Wake Forest	5-3-1	24
24. VCU	7-3-1	20
25. William & Mary	7-2-3	23

Also receiving votes: Pennsylvania, Old Dominion, Memphis, Tulsa, Saint Louis, CS Northridge, Akron, **Seton Hall**, Butler, Denver, Loyola Marymount, Oakland, San Francisco, SW Missouri State.

Bold indicates 2004 opponents.

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Notre Dame in the Soccer Times.Com ranking...

Preseason: 9th
Sept. 7: 7th
Sept. 14: 5th
Sept. 20: 8th
Sept. 27: 18th
Oct. 4: 9th
Oct. 11: 9th

Preseason All-Americans Jack Stewart (middle defender) and Chris Sawyer (goalkeeper) have lived up to the hype as well. Stewart has been masterful in defense for the Irish and carried the team with two goals in the first weekend at the IU Credit Union Classic.

Sawyer has a 0.45 goals-against average this season, seven shutouts and carries a 555-minute scoreless streak into this weekend's match with St. John's.

Sawyer and Stewart named to the 2004 Hermann Trophy watch list: Two Notre Dame men's soccer players have been named to the 2004 Hermann Trophy Watch List, the most prestigious honor in intercollegiate soccer. Senior goalkeeper Chris Sawyer and senior central defender Jack Stewart joined 23 other players from across the country to be considered among the top talents in the nation and ones to watch for outstanding play during the '04 season.

Sawyer and Stewart were two of four BIG EAST Conference players on the list, joining St. John's Matt Groenwald and Boston College's Guy Melamed. With two players on the watch list, Notre Dame joins defending national champion Indiana, North Carolina and UCLA as the only four teams in the nation to have two players on the Hermann list. Sawyer and Stewart also become the first Notre Dame players in school history to be named to the men's Hermann Watch List.

Sawyer matched the school record for shutouts last season with 12, including an impressive three straight in the BIG EAST Championship, helping the Irish secure the program's first conference title since 1996. Sawyer was named the BIG EAST Championship Most Outstanding Defensive Player after the tournament, a trophy that fit well next to his BIG EAST Goalkeeper of the Year award.

Compiling a 485-minute scoreless minute streak early in the 2003 season, Sawyer eventually played all but 10 minutes of Notre Dame's matches last season. He held Notre Dame's opponents to one or zero goals in 20 of 23 matches. Sawyer was also named the 2004 Preseason BIG EAST Goalkeeper of the Year.

Playing just a few yards in front of Sawyer last year, Stewart anchored the Irish defense as a central defender and will continue in that role for 2004. Known through-

2004 COLLEGE SOCCER NEWS.COM
TOP 30 - OCT. 11, 2004

Team
1. UC Santa Barbara
2. Indiana
3. Santa Clara
4. New Mexico
5. UNC Greensboro
6. Virginia
7. Creighton
8. California
9. South Florida
10. Duke
11. SMU
12. Stanford
13. NOTRE DAME
14. South Carolina
15. James Madison
16. Washington
17. Penn State
18. Maryland
19. St. John's
20. UCLA
21. Wake Forest
22. VCU
23. Michigan
24. Boston College
25. Old Dominion
26. Akron
27. William & Mary
28. CS Northridge
29. Tulsa
30. Butler

Also receiving votes: **Rutgers**, Saint Louis, UAB, Hartwick, **Seton Hall**, Memphis, Pennsylvania, Loyola Marymount, Kentucky, Charleston.

Bold indicates 2004 opponents.

POLL TRACKER

Notre Dame in the College Soccer News.com ranking...

Preseason: 14th
Sept. 6: 13th
Sept. 13: 17th
Sept. 20: 18th
Sept. 27: 21st
Oct. 4: 14th
Oct. 11: 13th

out collegiate soccer as one of the best defenders in the nation, Stewart excels in the air and is one of the most physical and intense players on the team. The Torrance, Calif., native has moved up from his defensive position to score two goals and dish off two assists in his career.

A list of 15 semifinalists will be announced in November, with three finalists selected in early December. A winner will be announced at the Missouri Athletic Club in St. Louis, Mo., on Jan. 8, 2005.

Preseason All-America honors: Notre Dame has landed three preseason All-America honors by College Soccer News.com and *Soccer America*. College Soccer News.com named GK Chris Sawyer to its preseason All-America first team, while D Jack Stewart was named to the third team. Soccer America picked defender Kevin Goldthwaite for its preseason All-America team.

Bobby Clark quick biography: Notre Dame head coach Bobby Clark is in his fourth season at Notre Dame. He has led the Irish to at least 12 wins each season and the 2003 BIG EAST Championship. Overall, he is 50-18-8 at Notre Dame (.710) and helped the Irish qualify for the NCAA Championship tournament for an unprecedented third-straight season in '03.

Winning has been synonymous with Clark's teams where ever he has coached. His Dartmouth teams (1985-93) posted an 82-42-13 (.646) record over nine years and three Ivy League Championships. At Stanford, Clark put up an 82-42-13 (.646) mark in nine years and finished second in the NCAA Championship in 1998.

Overall, Clark has compiled a 203-81-33 collegiate record (.692) and has landed seven teams in the final national rankings.

The Irish established their motto of 'Making History' early in the 2003 season and that goal was achieved in remarkable fashion. Notre Dame earned its highest-ever preseason ranking in 2003 (third in the *Soccer America* ranking) and highest-ever in-season ranking in both major polls (third in both polls). Notre Dame also earned its first-ever bye in the NCAA Championship and qualified for the NCAA tournament for the third-straight season - another unprecedented achievement.

Clark recently reached a coaching milestone when the Irish head man earned his 200th collegiate coaching victory with a 4-0 win over Loyola-Chicago on Sunday, Oct. 3. He also grabbed his 50th victory at Notre Dame in just four seasons on Oct. 13, 2004, against #22 Michigan.

Please see p. 12-15 of the 2003 Notre Dame men's soccer media guide for a more detailed historical biography on Clark.

Keep up with the Irish via the Notre Dame hotline: The Notre Dame athletic department hotline has realigned its menu offerings for the 2004 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

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2004 ADIDAS/NSCAA

GREAT LAKES REGIONAL POLL

OCT. 12, 2004

	Team	'04 Record	Pvs
1.	Indiana	8-2-1	1
2.	NOTRE DAME	9-2-1	2
3.	Michigan	7-2-2	3
4.	Akron	7-2-2	4
5.	Michigan State	7-3-0	6
6.	Butler	9-3-0	8
7.	Northwestern	7-3-2	9
8.	Oakland	7-2-1	5
9.	Kentucky	7-4-2	7
10.	Ohio State	5-4-1	NR

also receiving votes: Dayton

bold indicates 2004 opponents

2004 NOTRE DAME GOALS

- **Jack Stewart** (1) vs. Oregon State
assist(s): Alex Yoshinaga (1)
- **Justin McGeeney** (1) vs. Oregon State (GW)
assist(s): Nate Norman (1)
- **Jack Stewart** (2) vs. Boston U. (GW)
assist(s): John Stephens (1)
- **Nate Norman** (1) vs. Boston U.
unassisted
- **Christopher High** (1) vs. Evansville
assist(s): John Stephens (2)
- **Justin McGeeney** (2) vs. Evansville (GW)
assist(s): Brian Murphy (1)
- **Alex Yoshinaga** (1) vs. Georgetown
assist(s): Greg Dalby (1)
- **Joe Lapira** (1) vs. Georgetown (GW)
assist(s): Brian Murphy (2)
- **Alex Yoshinaga** (2) vs. Georgetown
assist(s): Ian Etherington (1), Luke Boughen (1)
- **Tony Megna** (1) vs. Georgetown
assist(s): Ian Etherington (2)
- **Justin McGeeney** (3) vs. Villanova (GW)
unassisted
- **Justin McGeeney** (4) vs. Boston College (GW)
unassisted
- **Tony Megna** (2) vs. Loyola Chicago (GW)
assist(s): Ian Etherington
- **Ian Etherington** (1) vs. Loyola Chicago
assist(s): Kevin Goldthwaite
- **Tony Megna** (3) vs. Loyola Chicago
assist(s): Nate Norman, Kevin Goldthwaite
- **Alex Yoshinaga** (3) vs. Loyola Chicago
assist(s): Justin McGeeney
- **Tony Megna** (4) vs. Pittsburgh (GW)
unassisted
- **Christopher High** (2) vs. Pittsburgh
assist(s): Luke Boughen
- **Tony Megna** (5) vs. Pittsburgh
assist(s): Luke Boughen, Joe Lapira
- **Ian Etherington** (2) vs. Syracuse (GW)
unassisted
- **Justin McGeeney** (5) vs. Michigan (GW)
assist(s): Ian Etherington
- **Luke Boughen** (1) vs. Michigan
assist(s): Joe Lapira
- **Nate Norman** (2) vs. Michigan
assist(s): Luke Boughen

2004 Notre Dame Player Bio Updates

* - please see the Notre Dame men's soccer media guide for more information on Notre Dame players.

#1 Chris Sawyer Sr. GK 6-1 193

2004 Awards: Hermann Trophy Watch List selection ... BIG EAST Preseason Goalkeeper of the Year ... preseason all-BIG EAST selection ... adidas/IU Credit Union Classic all-tournament team ... College Soccer News.com preseason All-American ... BIG EAST Goalkeeper of the Week (10-04-04).

2004 Accomplishments: Carries a 555 scoreless minute streak into this weekend's games ... has helped shutdown #21 Villanova (1-0), #9 Boston College (1-0), Loyola Chicago (4-0), Pittsburgh (3-0), Syracuse (1-0) and #22 Michigan (3-0) ... recorded first shutout of the year vs. Boston University in the adidas/IU Credit Union Classic (2-0 Irish victory) ... did not allow a goal to CS Fullerton in as Notre Dame and the Titans battled to a 0-0 score-

less tie in two overtimes ... has faced 34 shots on goal this season, making 25 saves and allowing six goals (0.45 goals-against average) ... has 27 shutouts in his career currently, closing in on Bert Bader's career record of 32 from 1991-94.

#2 Ryan Miller So. D 5-11 160

2004 Accomplishments: Notre Dame's starting right back ... third on the team in minutes played with 1148.

#3 Kevin Goldthwaite Sr. D 6-1 173

2004 Awards: Soccer America Preseason All-America ... BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Week (10-04-04) ... Soccer America Team of the Week (10-06-04).

2004 Accomplishments: Returned to the lineup full time against Villanova on Sept. 26 after missing the first seven matches of the season with an injury ... has helped Notre Dame post six shutouts in the first six matches he has played this year ... nabbed two assists in Notre Dame's 4-0 victory over

Loyola-Chicago, pushing his career total to 23, good for fifth on the all-time list at Notre Dame (Randy Morris is the career leader with 40, Bill Lanza is fourth with 25).

#4 Joe Lapira Fr. F 5-8 150

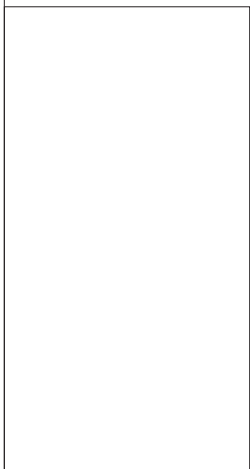
2004 Accomplishments: Scored the first goal of his career, the game winner, against Georgetown in his first career BIG EAST contest... provides a spark off the bench for the Irish offense ... may move into the starting lineup with junior Tony Megna possibly sidelined with an injury.

#6 Greg Dalby So. MF 6-0 174

2004 Awards: Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament all-tournament selection.

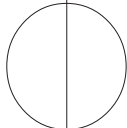
2004 Accomplishments: Has been a steady influence in the Irish midfield ... contributed first assist of the season (and his career) on Alex Yoshinaga's first goal against Georgetown ... has the ability to move back to central defense and also become an attacking midfielder ... increased his aggress-

2004 Notre Dame Probable Starting Lineup...



F Tony Megna
Jr. • 5 G • 18 sog
OR
F Joe Lapira
Fr. • 1 G • 2 A

F Justin McGeeney
So. • 5 G • 19 sog



MF Nate Norman
So. • 2 G • 2 A
OR
MF Alex Yoshinaga
Fr. • 3 G • 1 A

MF Luke Boughen
Sr. • 1 G • 4 A

MF Greg Dalby
So. • 1107 min. • 1 A

MF Ian Etherington
So. • 4 A • 2 G

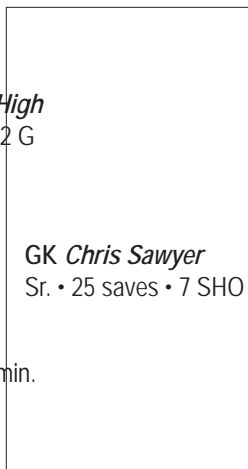
D Ryan Miller
So. • 1148 min.

D Christopher High
Sr. • 1142 min. • 2 G
OR
D Dale Rellas

D Jack Stewart
Sr. • 2 G • 1213 min.

D Kevin Goldthwaite
Sr. • 514 min. • 2 A

GK Chris Sawyer
Sr. • 25 saves • 7 SHO



siveness this season, taking 16 shots so far (including two on goal).

#7 Ian Etherington So. MF 5-8 125

2004 Accomplishments: Has appeared at both left and right midfield ... tied for lead on the team with four assists ... assisted on the third and fourth goals of Notre Dame's 4-1 victory over Georgetown in the BIG EAST opener for Notre Dame ... scored the second goal of his career against Loyola-Chicago, putting the Irish up 2-0 in an eventual 4-0 victory ... notched the overtime goal on a free kick in Notre Dame's 1-0 victory over Syracuse ... has scored at least one point in three of Notre Dame's last four matches.

#8 Luke Boughen Sr. MF 5-10 169

2004 Accomplishments: One of Notre Dame's starting central midfielders ... logged his first assist of the season on Alex Yoshinaga's second goal vs. Georgetown ... has been a playmaker in Notre Dame's last three matches ... posted two assists in a 3-0 victory over Pittsburgh ... also scored a goal and an assist in a 3-0 win over #22 Michigan.

#9 Justin McGeeney So. D 6-1 173

2004 Awards: BIG EAST Co-Offensive Player of the Week (Sept. 29) ... adidas/IU Credit Union Classic all-tournament team selection.

2004 Accomplishments: Expected to be a goal scorer for the Irish in '04 and has delivered with his first five career goals ... carded the game-winner in Notre Dame's victory at #21 Villanova, scoring just two minutes into the second half ... came right back the next match to log another game winner vs. #9 Boston College, scoring just two minutes into overtime in a 1-0 Irish victory ... leads the team in shots with 47, including 19 on goal ... scored the game winning goal vs. Oregon State and Evansville ... leads the team with five game-winning goals.

#11 Tony Megna Jr. F 5-11 165

2004 Awards: BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Week (10-11-04).

2004 Accomplishments: Posted his first career two-goal game vs. Loyola-Chicago, scoring the game winner and adding another to put the Irish up 3-0 ... followed up with another two-goal performance vs. Pittsburgh (3-0 Irish victory) and earn the BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Week award ... one of Notre Dame's starting forwards ... scored his first career goal in Notre Dame's 4-1 victory over Georgetown ... has the ability to attack and put pressure on the opposing defense ...

#13 Jack Stewart Sr. D 6-1 177

2004 Awards: Hermann Trophy Watch List selection ... *Soccer America* Team of the Week (Sept. 9) ... preseason all-BIG EAST selection ... adidas/IU Credit Union Classic all-tournament team ... Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament all-tournament team ... BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Week (Sept. 6).

2004 Accomplishments: An anchor for Notre Dame's back line defense and catalyst for several Irish scoring opportunities ... led Notre Dame to a 2-0 record at the adidas/IU Credit Union Classic with two goals in two games during the tournament ... has scored on two of his seven shots on goal ... posted the game-winning goal vs. Boston University.

#14 John Stephens Jr. MF 5-8 155

2004 Accomplishments: Used as relief in the midfield for the Irish ... has recorded the first two assists of his career in 2004 ... keyed Notre Dame's winning play vs. #9 Boston College with a great set piece free kick into the box, setting up Justin McGeeney's rebound goal in the 1-0 Irish victory.

#16 Ben Crouse Jr. D 5-11 165

2004 Accomplishments: Has stepped in to fill the role of injured left back Kevin Goldthwaite ... has moved forward well, getting off seven shots ... fits well into Notre Dame's system of attacking defenders.

#17 Christopher High Sr. D 5-11 182

2004 Accomplishments: Picked up in '04 where he left off in '03, filling in for an injury in the central defense ... scored his first career goal in Notre Dame's 2-1 victory over Evansville ... second goal of the season came on a great header against Pittsburgh ... has shown an increased aggressiveness in 2004 and has moved up for 11 shots, including four on goal.

#19 Alex Yoshinaga Fr. MF 5-10 160

2004 Accomplishments: Has scored on three of his eight shots on goal ... scored twice in his first career BIG EAST game vs. Georgetown, tying the game at 1-1, then putting the Irish up 3-1 in an eventual 4-1 victory ... scored his third career goal in Notre Dame's 4-0 victory over Loyola-Chicago ... assisted on Jack Stewart's goal vs. Oregon State - the first of the year for the Irish.

#20 Nate Norman So. MF 6-1 170

2004 Awards: Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament all-tournament team selection.

2004 Accomplishments: Has one goal and two assists this season ... an excellent one-on-one player capable of dribbling past defenders ... can create dangerous scoring chances off the dribble ... had two goals and two assists this season and has shown the ability to move up to forward and be productive (scored a goal vs. #22 Michigan at forward).

#22 Dale Rellas Jr. D 6-2 165

2004 Accomplishments: Projected starter for the Irish sidelined for the second time in his career for a foot injury ... returned for the final four minutes of Notre Dame's victory at #22 Michigan.