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2003 Schedule (4-1-2, 1-1-0)

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) Sun. Akron# 14 T, 0-0 18 Thur. #18 Indiana W, 1-0 (OT) 21 Sun. West Virginia\* W, 1-0 25 Thur. Bradley 7 p.m. 28 Sun. Georgetown\* 2 p.m. October 2 Thur. at Syracuse\* 7 p.m. Sun. at Pittsburgh\* 5 1 p.m. 11 Sat. **#13 Rutgers** 7:30 p.m. Tues. at Cleveland St. 14 7 p.m. 18 at #16 Connecticut\* Sat. 7 p.m. Wed. at Providence\* 22 2 p.m. at Virginia Tech\* 25 Sat. 7 p.m. Villanova\* 31 Fri. 7:30 p.m. November at Michigan State 2 Sun. 1 p.m. Sat. **BIG EAST Quarters** 8 TBA 14 Fri. **BIG EAST Semifinal** TBA **BIG EAST Final** 16 Sun. TBA 21 Fri. NCAA First Round TBA Wed. NCAA Second Round 26 TBA Sun. NCAA Third Round TBA 29 December TBA 5 Fri. NCAA Quarterfinals 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.

# 2003 Notre Dame Men's Soccer

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### #8 Notre Dame vs. Bradley Thursday, Sept. 25, 2003 • 7:00 p.m. • Alumni Field #8 Notre Dame vs. Georgetown Sunday, Sept. 28, 2003 • 2:00 p.m. • Alumni Field

Notre Dame continues home stand with Bradley and Georgetown this weekend: The University of Notre Dame men's soccer team (4-1-2), ranked as high as eighth in the nation, continues its September home stand this weekend as the Irish play host to the Bradley Braves (4-4-0) on Thursday (7 p.m.) and a BIG EAST Conference match with the Georgetown Hoyas (0-2-0) on Sunday (2 p.m.). Georgetown faces a conference game with Virginia Tech on Wednesday, Sept. 24, before their trip to Notre Dame, Ind.

Notre Dame has been able to compile a four-game streak of impressive performances against some of the top teams in the nation. The Irish earned a momentum-swinging 1-0 victory over visiting Indiana on Thursday, Sept. 18, then followed up with a solid 1-0 win over conference foe West Virqinia.

The Irish have faced four ranked teams already this season, while Akron appeared in the polls just days after participating in the Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament (Notre Dame and Akron tied 0-0).

The last time: Notre Dame lost to Bradley 3-2 last season in Peoria, Ill. ... Notre Dame lost to Georgetown 2-1 in overtime during the BIG EAST Championship last season at Alumni Field.

Series history: Notre Dame and Bradley have met three times, with the Braves holding a 2-1-0 advantage in the series ... Thursday's game will be Bradley's second visit to Alumni Field and the first since 2000 (3-1 Bradley victory) ... the Irish and Braves have met each season since 2000 ... Notre Dame and Georgetown will meet for the 14th time on Sunday ... the series is all even at 6-6-1 ... the Hoyas have won the last two meetings, a 3-2 victory in Washington, DC, and a 2-1 win in the BIG EAST Championship last season ... the series is highlighted by two winning streaks, Notre Dame winning four in a row from 1991-1996, followed by four consecutive wins by the Hoyas from 1996-2000 ... Georgetown is 3-3-0 at Alumni Field.

Home sweet home: Notre Dame continues its seven-match home stand during the month of September on Thursday evening. In fact, Notre Dame will play all of its games during September at Alumni Field. The last time the Irish played host to all of its games during September was in 1978 - the second season of varsity soccer. Notre Dame defeated Florissant Valley, Tri-State, IPFW, St. Joseph's, Valparaiso, Michigan, Indiana Tech, Albion and Purdue to start the season 9-0.

So far, Notre Dame is 3-1-1 on its home stand, losing to St. John's, tying Akron and defeating Fresno State, #18 Indiana and West Virginia.

National rankings update: Notre Dame moved to eighth in the Soccer America national rankings, after defeating #18 Indiana and West Virginia by identical 1-0 scores last week. The Irish moved up to 15th in the NSCAA/ adidas rankings, while College Soccer News puts Notre Dame at 13th and Soccer Times lists the Irish at 14th.

Notre Dame remained at second place in the NSCAA/adidas Great Lakes regional rankings. Oakland moved to first after their victory over Akron last weekend.

Challenging schedule continues evolving into one of the toughest slates in the nation: No one can accuse the Irish team of ducking the

Dame Men's Soccer Roster

No.	<u>Name</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	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)	
Coac	hing Staff:						

#### **Coaching Staff:**

Head Coach: Bobby Clark (Jordanhill College, '67) third season at Notre Dame (28-14-5), 181-77-30, 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

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 currently) and Michigan. The regular season began with a 0-0 tie with #20 Alabama-Birmingham (currently 12th in the nation) and a 2-1 overtime victory over #11 California (now ranked 18th).

Notre Dame then suffered its first loss of the season to St. John's, which has moved as high as fifth in the current national rankings. Last weekend, 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 14th.

Last week, Notre Dame grabbed a hard-fought 1-0 victory over in-state rival #18 Indiana in double overtime.

Several ranked teams for Notre Dame as well. #16 Connecticut and #13 Rutgers are on the 2003 schedule, along with regionally-ranked Michigan State.

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 studentathletes 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 Sept. 22, 2003

	<u>Team</u>	<u>'03 reco</u>	<u>rd prev.</u>
1.	Maryland	7-0-0	1
2.	UCLA	5-1-0	2
3.	Saint Louis	6-0-0	3
4.	Old Dominion	6-0-0	6
5.	Santa Clara	6-0-2	7
6.	St. John's	5-2-0	9
7.	UAB	5-0-2	11
8.	North Carolina	5-1-1	4
9.	SMU	5-1-1	8
10.	Rutgers	5-1-0	16
11.	South Carolina	7-0-0	15
12.	Oakland	4-0-2	NR
13.	Brown	3-1-0	17
14.	UCSB	5-0-1	14
15.	NOTRE DAME	4-1-2	18
16.	Wake Forest	4-2-0	5
17.	Seton Hall	3-1-2	23
18.	Virginia	4-3-0	NR
19.	Tulsa	6-2-0	20
20.	Hartwick Coll.	5-1-0	19
21.	Coastal Carolina	5-1-0	21
22.	Washington	4-0-1	NR
23.	Akron	4-2-1	10
		3-1-1	NR
25.	Boston College	3-3-0	NR
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Also receiving votes: CS Northridge

Bold indicates 2003 opponents.

#### **POLL TRACKER**

Notre Dame in the NSCAA/adidas ranking...

Aug. 18 (preseason): 12th Sept. 1: ninth Sept. 8: 18th Sept. 15: 18th Sept. 22: 15th Highly-aggressive offense yet to pay huge dividends: After a challenging opening month schedule puts Notre Dame among the best in the country with a 4-1-2 record, the Irish could be in even better shape if the bounces would go in their favor.

Notre Dame has dominated its opponents on the offensive and defensive ends of the field this season. In seven games, the Irish have unleashed 106 shots (15.1 per game) while holding their opponents to 67 shots (6.7 per game). Notre Dame's aggressive offense is even better in the second half, getting off 54 shots compared to just 26 for its opponents in the second 45 minutes.

The Irish have forced their opponents to make 41 saves, while starting Notre Dame goal keeper Chris Sawyer has been asked to make just 17. Notre Dame also has dominated in the corner kick department, getting off 36 kicks compared to just 21 for their opponents.

**Goldthwaite nabs two weekly awards:** Kevin Goldthwaite, a junior defender, earned two weekly awards on Monday, Sept. 22, after a great week of soccer during Notre Dame's two victories last week. He was named the BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Week, as well as landing a spot on the College Soccer News National Team of the Week.

Goldthwaite notched the game-winning goal during double overtime in Notre Dame's 1-0 victory over in-state rival #18 Indiana. The junior from Sacramento, Calif., dominated his side of the field against Indiana and West Virginia (Notre Dame's other 1-0 victory last week). Moving up to attack at selected times, Goldthwaite managed five shots (tied for tops on the team last week) including a header and a shot off the crossbar against West Virginia.

Goldthwaite also played a hand in Notre Dame's game-winning goal over West Virginia. His throw-in deep into the Mountaineer penalty box bounced around until teammate Devon Prescod corralled the ball and eventually scored his fourth goal of the season.

The BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Week award is the second of Goldthwaite's career and third BIG EAST

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25.	Seton Hall	3-1-2	NR
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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

# 2003 BIG EAST

WEEKLY AWARDS AWARDS

<u>Offensive Player of the Week</u>
Sept. 1 - Devon Prescod, ND
Sept. 8 - Josh Gros, RU
Sept. 15 - Ryan Kelly, SJU
Sept. 22 - Josh Gros, RU
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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

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

### Rookie of the Week Sept. 1 - Ricky Schramm, GU Sept. 8 - Nick Noble, WVU Sept. 15 - Marcelo Rodriquez, VU Sept. 22 - Jarryd Goldberg, BC Sept. 22 - Ashley Kozicki, SJU Sept. 22 - Sacha Kljestan, SHU

	2003	BIG EA	ST Men's Socc	er Standing	S
<u>Rnk</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>'03 BIG EAST</u>	<u>'03 Overall</u>	<u>date vs. ND</u>
1.	St. John's	12	4-0-0	5-2-0	L, 0-3
2.	Rutgers	9	3-0-0	5-1-0	home - 0ct. 11
3.	Seton Hall	5	1-0-2	3-1-2	not scheduled
4.	Virginia Tech	3	1-0-0	6-1-1	away - Oct. 25
5.	NOTRE DAME	3	1-1-0	4-1-2	
6.	West Virginia	3	1-1-0	4-3-0	W, 1-0
7.	Boston College	3	1-1-0	3-3-0	not scheduled
8.	Pittsburgh	3	1-2-0	2-5-0	away - Oct. 5
9.	Syracuse	1	0-1-1	2-3-2	away - Oct. 2
10.	Connecticut	1	0-1-1	2-3-1	away - Oct. 18
11.	Providence	0	0-1-0	2-4-0	away - Oct. 22
12.	Georgetown	0	0-2-0	2-3-2	home - Sept. 28
13.	Villanova	0	0-3-0	3-4-1	home - 0ct. 31

weekly award in the last three seasons (he earned defensive honors on Sept. 9, 2002, and rookie of the week accolades on Nov. 5, 2001). He earns a spot on the College Soccer News Team of the Week for the second time in his career, after earning the award on Nov. 4, 2002.

Goldthwaite and the entire Notre Dame defense have posted three consecutive shut outs entering the team's next contest against Bradley (Thursday, Sept. 25, 7 p.m., Alumni Field). The Irish allowed just five shots on goal last week and Notre Dame goalkeeper Chris Sawyer was asked to make just five saves.

**Chris Sawyer on three-game shut out streak:** Junior Chris Sawyer, the 2003 BIG EAST Preseason Goalkeeper of the Year, has lived up to that billing so far this season. The Highlands Ranch, Colo., native has posted three-straight shut outs to lower his goals-against average to 0.636 - one of the best averages in the BIG EAST Conference and a mark that ranks him 27th in the country.

Sawyer has a total of four shut outs this season, blanking UAB, Akron, Indiana and West Virginia. The Blazers, Zips and Hoosiers are all currently ranked in the top 25 in the nation. Going back to the Fresno State game, the last contest in which Sawyer surrendered a goal, the Irish keeper has kept Notre Dame's opponents scoreless for 348 minutes of action.

**Devon Prescod on course for 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 four goals. His scores against #11 California and West Virginia 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 four goals this season already eclipses his three from a year ago. Named the BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Week on Sept. 1, Prescod is first on the team in points with eight and second in shots on goal with 10.

**Notre Dame's defensive line is a tough one to break:** The Notre Dame defensive line of junior Kevin Goldthwaite, junior Jack Stewart, freshman Greg Dalby and senior Kevin Richards has meshed into one of the best in the country early in the 2003 season. In fact, the Irish are rated 24th in the nation according to team goals-against average (0.64).

Just a glance at Notre Dame's team statistics show how well the Irish defense has played this season. Notre Dame's opponents have managed just 22 shots on goal (3.14 per game) and have taken only 21 corner kicks (3.0 per game). Starting goalkeeper Chris Sawyer has been asked to make just 17 saves his season as well.

Notre Dame's defensive intensity steps up in overtime as well. While the

# Notre Dame Statistical Leaders 2003 - As of Sept. 24

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Justin Detter 27
Devon Prescod 15
Kevin Goldthwaite 11
<u>Shots on Goal</u>
Justin Detter 14
Devon Prescod 10
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<u>Goals</u>
Devon Prescod4
Justin Detter 1
Kevin Goldthwaite1
<u>Assists</u>
Justin Detter 2
Chad Riley2
Kevin Goldthwaite1
Greg Martin1
<u>Points</u>
Devon Prescod8
Justin Detter 4
Kevin Goldthwaite3
Game-Winning Goals
Devon Prescod vs. #11 California
Justin Detter vs. Fresno State
Kevin Goldthwaite .vs. #18 Indiana
Devon Prescod vs. West Virginia
Saves
Chris Sawyer 17
Goals Allowed
Chris Sawyer5
Goals-Against Average
Chris Sawyer 0.68
<u>Shut Outs</u>
Chris Sawyer4
Goalkeeper Record(s)
Chris Sawyer 4-1-2

Irish offense has uncorked 18 shots in both overtime periods this season, Notre Dame's opponents have posted just 10 - including four in the first overtime period.

The defensive line play is even more impressive when it is considered that sophomore Dale Rellas, who started every game in the middle back for Notre Dame last season, has been sidelined with a foot injury. Rellas is expected back shortly, which will move Stewart up to the midfield for Notre Dame and give the Irish another strong offensive weapon on the field.

Another key to Notre Dame's defensive performance has been the outstanding play Kevin Richards and Kevin Goldthwaite on the outside. Both have consistently dominated their section of the field and moved up at crucial times to provide Notre Dame with an additional scoring punch. Goldthwaite is third on the team in shots (11), while Richards has tormented opposing teams with his quickness down the sidelines.

**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 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.

2003 Notre Dame Men's Soccer • Contact: Alan Wasielewski • Wasielewski.3@nd.edu • 574-631-7516 • Page 6 Keep up with the Irish via the Notre Dame hotline: The Notre Dame 2003 NOTRE DAME GOALS athletic department hotline has realigned its menu offerings for the 2003 fall vs. #11 California sports season. • Devon Prescod (80:07) The hotline provides schedule and results information for varsity sports and assist(s): Justin Detter serves as a supplement to the live coverage and game recaps already provided vs. #11 California on the official athletic website at www.und.com. • Devon Prescod (101:10) GW Here's how the hotline now is realigned (as of Aug. 28): assist(s): Kevin Goldthwaite \*Dial (574) 631-3000 vs. Fresno State \*Select any of the following subgroups: • Devon Prescod (26:48) (1) Upcoming schedule and recent results of ALL varsity sports currently in assists(s): Justin Detter action (select cells 3-9 for the most updated results for specific sports). Greg Martin (2) Football schedules for the 2003, '04, '05, '06 and '07 seasons. vs. Fresno State (3) Basketball information (then press 1 for men's basketball and 2 for women's • Justin Detter (99:08) GW basketball) assist(s): Chad Riley (4) Soccer information (then press 1 for men's soccer and 2 for women's socvs. #18 Indiana cer). • Kevin Goldthwaite (107:12) GW (5) Women's volleyball (press 1) and men's ice hockey (press 2) information. assist(s): Chad Riley (6) Men's and women's cross country information. vs. West Virginia (7) Men's and women's swimming and diving information (then press 1 for • Devon Prescod (39:14) GW men's swimming and 2 for women's swimming). unassisted (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 qolf (press 1), men's qolf (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. Maryland, 2. UCLA, 3. Saint Louis, 4. Old Dominion, 5. SMU, 6. St. John's, 7. South Carolina, 8. UAB, 8. Santa Clara, 10. North Carolina, 11. NSCAA/ADIDAS REGIONAL Wake Forest, 12. Rutgers, 13. UCSB, 14. NOTRE DAME, 15. Coastal Carolina, 16. Akron, 17. Virginia, 18. Penn State, 19. Washington, 20. Oakland, 20. Tulsa, **RANKINGS - GREAT LAKES** 22. Florida International, 23. Connecticut, 24. Brown, 25. CS Northridge. SEPT. 22, 2003 College Soccer News: 1. Maryland, 2. UCLA, 3. Saint Louis, 4. SMU, 5. St. Team '03 record prev. John's, 6. Old Dominion, 7. UAB, 8. North Carolina, 9. Santa Clara, 10. UCSB, Oakland 1. 4-0-2 4 11. South Carolina, 12. Wake Forest, 13. NOTRE DAME, 14. Rutgers, 15. Wash-2. NOTRE DAME 4-1-2 2 ington, 16. Penn State, 17. Coastal Carolina, 18. Virginia, 19. Oakland, 20. 3. Akron 4-2-1 1 Akron, 21. Tulsa, 22. Connecticut, 23. Hartwick College, 24. Indiana, 25. Cali-4. Davton 4-1-0 5 fornia, 26. Florida International, 27. Clemson, 28. CS Northridge, 29. Dayton, Michigan State 8 5. 3-2-1 30. Farleigh Dickinson. 6. Michigan 5-3-0 6 7. Kentucky 4-1-1 7

**bold** indicates 2003 opponent

Cincinnati

Louisville

10. Wright State

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Notre Dame in the NSCAA/adidas Regional Rankings:

Sept. 1: 2nd Sept. 8: 3rd Sept. 15: 2nd Sept. 22: 2nd

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