

2006 SCHEDULE (41-14-1)

FEBRUARY

* – BIG EAST game

Thur. 23	vs. Indiana St. (Mill., TN)	W, 3-0
<i>Service Academies Classic (Millington, TN)</i>		
Fri. 24	vs. Air Force	W, 8-2
Sat. 25	vs. Memphis	L, 6-7 (10)
Sun. 26	vs. Oklahoma	L, 3-4

MARCH

Minnesota Dairy Queen Classic (Metrodome)

Fri. 3	vs. #4 Nebraska	L, 1-11
Sat. 4	vs. Minnesota	L, 0-8
Sun. 5	vs. Arizona	L, 0-2 (10)

UTSA Express Classic (Wolff Stadium; San Antonio)

Fri. 10	vs. #15 Texas A&M	W, 5-4
Sat. 11	vs. Iowa	W, 16-2
Sun. 12	vs. Illinois	W, 4-2
Mon. 13	vs. Iowa	W, 6-2

Irish Baseball Classic (Wolff Stadium; San Antonio)

Thur. 16	vs. Iowa	W, 7-5
Fri. 17	vs. Southern Illinois	W, 12-2
Fri. 17	vs. Iowa	L, 8-10
Sat. 18	vs. Southern Illinois	W, 4-0
Tues. 21	Wright State	L, 2-4
Wed. 22	Central Michigan	W, 11-9

at Povich Field (Bethesda, MD)

Sat. 25	vs. Georgetown*	L, 3-8; W, 12-2
Sun. 26	vs. Georgetown*	W, 6-3
Tues. 28	Valparaiso	W, 12-0
Wed. 29	Western Michigan	W, 2-0
Fri. 31	Pittsburgh*	W, 6-1

APRIL

Sat. 1	Pittsburgh*	W, 4-3
Sun. 2	Pittsburgh*	W, 9-8
Tues. 4	Chicago State	W, 6-4
Wed. 5	Ball State	W, 6-4
Fri. 7	at South Florida*	W, 9-5
Sat. 8	at South Florida*	W, 10-4
Sun. 9	at South Florida*	W, 10-1
Tues. 11	Oakland	W, 15-1
Wed. 12	Manchester	W, 8-2
Thur. 13	St. John's (DH)* (CSTV)	W, 9-2/13-7
Sat. 15	St. John's*	W, 7-5
Tues. 18	Toledo	W, 8-2
Wed. 19	IPFW (Comcast Local)	W, 4-3 (10)
Fri. 21	Rutgers*	W, 11-5
Sat. 22	Rutgers*	W, 15-3
Sun. 23	Rutgers*	W, 14-12
Tues. 25	Purdue (ESPN-U)	W, 2-1
Wed. 26	Bowling Green	L, 8-11
Sat. 29	at Connecticut (DH)*	W, 7-6, 7-3
Sun. 30	at Connecticut*	T, 1-1 (13)

MAY

Tues. 2	Cleveland State	W, 12-1
Fri. 5	Louisville*	W, 11-3
Sat. 6	Louisville*	L, 4-5
Sun. 7	Louisville*	L, 6-9
Sat. 13	at Seton Hall (DH)*	L, 6-7; W 14-12
Sun. 14	at Seton Hall*	L, 1-2
Tues. 16	vs. Michigan (Comcast Local)	L, 1-3 (5th/3rd Park; Comstock Park, MI)

at Villanova Ballpark (Plymouth Meeting, PA)

Thur. 18	vs. Villanova*	W, 3-1
Fri. 19	vs. Villanova*	W, 6-2
Sat. 20	vs. Villanova*	W, 12-1

BIG EAST Tournament (Clearwater, FL)

Tues. 23	vs. South Florida	8:00
Wed. 24	vs. St. John's or West Virginia	TBA
(rest of schedule is TBA)		

NCAAs: Regionals (June 2-4; campus sites) ...
 Super Regionals (June 9-11; campus sites) ...
 College World Series (June 16-26; Omaha, NE)

2006 NOTRE DAME BASEBALL

BIG EAST Championship Pre-Tournament Notes

(Bright House Networks Field ... Clearwater, Fla. ... May 23-26)

PUSHING ON TO THE POSTSEASON – The Notre Dame baseball team (41-14-1, 21-5-1 BIG EAST), ranked as high as 18th in the nation, looks to extend its unprecedented run of BIG EAST Tournament titles to five this week at Bright House Networks Field in Clearwater, Fla. ... ND in 2003 became just the second team ever to repeat as the BIG EAST Tournament champ before being the first to win three straight in '03 ... the top-seeded Irish will face #8 seed and local team South Florida in the final 1st-round game of the double-elimination tournament on Tuesday, May 23 (8:00 p.m.) ... St. John's and West Virginia (as respective 4th and 5th seeds) will join ND and USF in the same bracket of the eight-team tournament (the winners of the two brackets meet in the May 27 championship game) ... soph. LHP Wade Korpi will start vs. USF while jr. RHP Jeff Samardzija is the game-2 starter on May 24 (vs. WVU or SJU; game will be at 7:00 if ND wins game-1 and at 1:00 if ND loses its opening game) ... the Irish – who have reached 40 wins in 17 of the past 18 seasons – are in the midst of playing in four cities over the span of just 11 days ... ND also won regular-season BIG EAST titles in 1997, '99, 2001, '02, and '04.

AROUND THE HORN

- **COMPETITIVE CREW** – ND has been competitive into the late innings of every game but two this season (losing 11 by 1-3 runs) and has held a lead during eight of its 14 losses (plus the tie at UConn), including late-game leads in five of the losses.
- **RBI BY COMMITTEE** – ND has no players in the BIG EAST's top-10 RBI leaders but seven players sit near the team lead each with 35-43 RBI.
- **FANS FLOCK TO THE ECK** – ND has set an Eck Stadium record for avg. home attendance (2,514), 11th among teams in the May 7 *Baseball America* top-25.
- **SILVER STREAK** – The recent 23-game win streak bested the '91 team (18) for longest (single-season) and topped the 1906-07 teams (21) for the best at any time in ND history (also longest in D-I this season) ... ND owned a .353-.227 batting edge in the streak (2.81 ERA, .972 fielding/24 Es).
- **THREE-PRONGED ATTACK** – ND entered last week ranked 20th nationally in batting avg. (.321, now .318), 30th in ERA (3.61, now 3.46) and 30th in fielding (.971, now .972), with Virginia being the only other in top-30 for all three.
- **WILY VETERANS** – ND's 10 regular position players include 5 seniors, 2 juniors, 2 sophomore and freshman Jeremy Barnes (1,291 combined career starts).
- **HOME BOYS** – The Irish lost their home opener on March 21 but have lost just three other games at Eck Stadium this season (21-4).
- **LOTS-O-LINEUPS** – ND's first 55 games have featured 43 different batting orders, including 32 different orders in the first 32 games.
- **IN THE CLUTCH** – The Irish are batting .338 with runners in scoring pos. (.309 in '05), led by Cooper (.380), Lilley (.377), Dressman (.375) and Lopez (.375)
- **QUICK STARTERS** – ND owns a +28 scoring margin in the 1st inning this season (60-32), outhitting the opponents .349-.295 in the opening frame.
- **BIG INNINGS** – Notre Dame totaled just four "big innings" (5-plus runs) in the first half of the season but has scored 5-plus in 11 of the past 28 games.
- **HBP ... PDQ** – The Irish lead the BIG EAST with 90 times hit-by-pitch (324 over the past three seasons) and feature five players among the top-10 on the ND career HBP charts: Cody Rizzo (1st, 82; 2nd NCAA history), Brett Lilley (2nd, 49), Alex Net-ter (3rd, 40), Greg Lopez (7th, 34) and Craig Cooper (10th, 28).
- **NO-FLY ZONE** – The ND pitchers have allowed just 12 home runs all season (6 at Eck) and had a 25-game stretch without an opp. HR (943 BF).
- **POWER SURGE** – The Irish managed just 10 home runs in the first 30 games of '06 but awoke for 15 HRs in the recent 12-game homestand.
- **LEADOFF LEADER** – Craig Cooper has reached 31-of-47 times (66%) when lead-ing off for ND (4 HR, 7 2B), had a 21-game hit streak and has reached base in all but two of his 50 games played this season.
- **KILLER B's** – The pattern of rotating heroes has included the likes of (Matt) Brans-field, (Ross) Brezovsky, (Jeremy) Barnes and Brett (Lilley).
- **SUPER AT SHORT** – SS Greg Lopez owns a 4-to-1 ratio of RBI (35) to errors (9).

Notre Dame in the BIG EAST Championship

- 24-14 (.632)
- Four-time Champion (2002-05)
- Runner-up in 1996 and '98
- Participant all 11 seasons (1996-2006)

1996 (runner-up: 4-2 ... 32-24 scoring edge)

West Virginia 10	Notre Dame 8
Notre Dame 7	Villanova 3
Notre Dame 4	Providence 2
Notre Dame 4	St. John's 0
Notre Dame 5	West Virginia 2
West Virginia 7	Notre Dame 4

1997 (2-2 ... 21-19 scoring edge)

Villanova 10	Notre Dame 5
Notre Dame 4	Seton Hall 3
Notre Dame 8	West Virginia 1
Villanova 5	Notre Dame 4 (11)

1998 (runner-up: 3-2 ... 23-32 scoring)

Notre Dame 5	West Virginia 4
Notre Dame 3	St. John's 2
Rutgers 7	Notre Dame 6
Notre Dame 9	Providence 7
Rutgers 12	Notre Dame 0

1999 (1-2 ... 14-21 scoring)

Notre Dame 7	West Virginia 2
Seton Hall 11	Notre Dame 3
Providence 8	Notre Dame 4

2000 (1-2 ... 23-17 scoring edge)

Boston College 4	Notre Dame 3
Notre Dame 15	Pittsburgh 7
Boston College 6	Notre Dame 5

2001 (1-2 ... 11-11 scoring)

Virginia Tech 4	Notre Dame 3
Notre Dame 6	Rutgers 2
Virginia Tech 5	Notre Dame 2

2002 (CHAMPION; 3-1 ... 22-13 scoring)

Notre Dame 8	Rutgers 3
Notre Dame 8	Virginia Tech 4
Rutgers 4	Notre Dame 3
Notre Dame 3	Rutgers 2 (10)

2003 (CHAMPION; 3-1 ... 40-22 scoring)

Notre Dame 9	West Virginia 1
Notre Dame 9	Rutgers 3
Rutgers 15	Notre Dame 11
Notre Dame 11	Rutgers 3

2004 (CHAMPION; 3-0 ... 22-9 scoring)

Notre Dame 3	Boston College 2
Notre Dame 9	St. John's 2
Notre Dame 11	Boston College 5

2005 (CHAMPION; 3-0 ... 21-11 scoring)

Notre Dame 6	Boston College 5
Notre Dame 4	Pittsburgh 2
Notre Dame 11	Pittsburgh 4

FOUR-PEAT NO EASY FEAT – Oral Roberts (8, Mid-Continent Conference) is the only team in the nation with a longer active streak of conference tournament titles than Notre Dame's four straight BIG EAST Tournament titles ... Rice won nine straight Western Athletic Conference automatic bids from 1997-2005 (the WAC does not sponsor a tournament and awards its bid to the regular-season champ) ... ORU and Rice are the only teams – among 30 Division I conferences – that are riding a streak of more than four consecutive conference automatic bids ... Notre Dame also owns the record for consecutive wins in BIG EAST tournament play (7, still active).

CAREER BIG EAST TOURNAMENT STATS

Player	GP/GS	AB	R	H	2B/3B/HR	RBI	BB	HBP	K	SAC	SB	AVG
Lopez	9/7	25	2	10	0/0/0	0	0	2	4	1	0-0	.400
Andres	9/7	29	7	10	5/1/1	10	5	2	8	0	0-0	.370
Cooper	9/8	30	10	10	0/0/2	7	5	3	4	1	1-2	.333
Bransfield	6/6	25	3	8	2/1/1	5	1	0	3	0	0-0	.320
Lilley	3/3	13	3	4	0/0/0	2	0	1	5	0	0-0	.308
Rizzo	10/10	36	11	11	0/0/1	6	4	5	10	0	2-3	.306
Gaston	4/2	11	1	3	0/1/0	1	0	0	2	0	0-0	.273
Brezovsky	3/3	11	2	2	1/0/0	1	0	0	1	0	0-0	.182
Nettey	7/3	14	2	2	0/0/0	1	0	1	1	0	0-1	.143
Dressman	4/0	2	0	1	0/0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	.500

Pitcher	G/GS	W-L (SV)	IP	H	R	ER	K/BB	WP/HB	ERA
Dury	2/0	0-0 (1)	3.1	1	0	0	1/2	0/0	0.00
Samardzija	2/1	1-0	7.2	7	2	1	7/3	1/1	1.18
Thornton	3/2	1-0	15.0	16	8	6	8/3	1/2	3.60
Manship	1/0	1-0	3.0	7	3	3	3/2	3/0	9.00

CAREER REGULAR-SEASON STATS vs. BIG EAST TEAMS

Player	GP	AB	R	H	2B/3B/HR	BB	RBI	SB	AVG
Cooper	83	270	83	120	18/2/12	48	63	17	.444
Lilley	51	174	45	66	3/0/2	30	27	5	.379
Lopez	95	311	54	98	17/1/1	20	52	5	.315
Bransfield	79	265	49	82	15/0/7	22	60	2	.309
Gaston	46	139	21	42	6/0/1	15	30	9	.302
Andres	60	144	26	40	10/2/6	36	32	5	.278
Rizzo	97	284	73	78	16/2/8	18	55	16	.275
Brezovsky	45	157	29	42	9/1/1	17	22	3	.268
Dressman	57	164	29	42	9/0/0	22	21	2	.256
Nettey	66	181	35	44	9/2/2	13	20	7	.243

Pitcher	G/GS	W-L (SV)	IP	H	R	ER	K/BB	WP/HB	ERA
Manship	14/13	7-1 (1)	76.0	62	24	23	79/19	2/4	2.72
Stewart	15/0	4-1	21.1	26	9	7	11/7	0/1	2.95
Dury	22/0	1-1 (1)	22.1	18	9	9	12/6	1/3	3.63
Thornton	26/25	12-5	152.2	178	79	70	95/22	5/12	4.13
Samardzija	26/15	13-5	128.2	139	69	62	92/43	4/6	4.34
Korpi	5/2	0-0	9.0	19	10	9	7/4	0/1	9.00

Here's a look at Notre Dame's record in various situations:

ND scores in 1st inning	22-6
Opponent scores in 1st inning	12-4
ND scores first	28-7-1
ND leads after 7th inning	37-2
ND hits a home run	19-1
Opponent hits a home run	7-4
ND does not make an error	12-3-1
ND outhits the opponent	35-5
ND is outhit by the opponent	3-9-1
When collecting double-digit hits	31-5
When allowing 0-5 runs	34-6-1
One-run games	6-5
Extra-inning games	1-2-1

WINNINGEST DIV.-I TEAMS OF THE DECADE

Team	2000-05			2006			Decade ('00-'06)			
	W	L	T	W	L	T	W	L	T	Pct.
Rice	291	102	0	46	10	0	337	112	0	.751
Florida State	312	108	1	39	17	0	351	125	1	.737
Oral Roberts	278	98	0	35	14	0	313	112	0	.737
Notre Dame	279	103	1	41	14	1	320	117	2	.731
Nebraska	288	110	0	39	14	0	327	124	0	.723
Texas	303	113	0	38	18	0	341	131	0	.723
Georgia Tech	276	110	0	42	14	0	318	124	0	.720
South Carolina	301	110	0	36	20	0	337	132	0	.719

BIG EAST TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE (full bracket linked as PDF on und.com) – The first-round games on May 23 include #3 seed Louisville (17-10; 28-28) vs. #6 Rutgers (13-14; 27-26-1) at 10:00 a.m., followed by #2 seed UConn (18-6-1; 38-16-1) vs. #7 Cincinnati (13-14; 32-24) at 1:00 ... the other bracket then will begin play later that day, with #4 St. John's (16-10; 37-17) vs. #5 West Virginia (14-13; 35-20) at 5:00 and then the ND game vs. USF (12-15; 23-33) at 8:00 ... the winners from the ND bracket will meet on Wed., May 24 at 8:00 (the SJU-WVU loser will face the ND-USF loser in a May 24 elimination game at 1:00) ... the teams that go 2-0 in each bracket have a day off (Thur., May 25), with elimination games played that day at 4:00 and 7:00 (ND's bracket) ... the bracket championship games then will be held on Friday, May 26 (the ND bracket title game is at 1:00, with another game at 6:30 if necessary) ... finally, the champs from each bracket will meet in the Sat., May 27 tournament championship game (1:00; live on ESPN-U).

FREQUENT FLYERS – Notre Dame's current stretch of potentially spending 16 of 17 days on the road will produce more than 17,000 miles of total team travel this season (listings indicate roundtrip miles) – the equivalent of traversing more than three-quarters around planet Earth:

Millington, Tenn. (Service Academies Classic).....	1,300
Minneapolis, Minn. (DQ Classic).....	1,008
San Antonio, Texas (UTSA Classic and Irish Classic).....	2,680
Bethesda, Md. (vs. Georgetown).....	1,614
Tampa, Fla. (at USF).....	2,592
Storrs, Conn. (at UConn).....	2,024
South Orange, N.J. (at Seton Hall).....	1,768
Grand Rapids, Mich. (bus).....	236
Plymouth Meeting, Pa. (vs. Villanova).....	1,714
Clearwater, Fla. (originating in South Bend).....	2,422

TOTAL ROUNDTRIP MILES **17,368**

Note: All mileage numbers include bus trips from South Bend to Chicago O'Hare (except final trip to the BIG EAST Tournament).

NOTRE DAME TAKING AIM AT EIGHTH STRAIGHT NCAA TRIP – Notre Dame, which bounced back from a 14-14 start to the 2005 season by going 22-8-1 in the second half, made its seventh straight appearance in the NAAs and eighth of the Paul Mainieri era (since '95) during that 2005 season ... the Irish are part of an elite group of 12 teams that have appeared in the NAAs every year since 1999, with others including: recent NCAA champions Miami, LSU, Texas, Rice and Cal State Fullerton, plus Florida State, Stanford, Clemson, Tulane, East Carolina and Oral Roberts ... ND is part of an even smaller list of seven teams that have advanced to at least the NCAA Regional final every year since 2000 (six straight), with the other six teams including LSU, Miami, Rice, South Carolina, Stanford and Texas.

RADIO, LIVE-STATS, TEXT-MESSAGING UPDATES & HOTLINE – All of Notre Dame's 2006 regular-season and postseason games again will be broadcast by South Bend's ESPN Radio (now on 1490 AM) ... the broadcasts are available online at www.und.com (All-Access subscription) ... und.com provides links to livestats on the website's main page, for all home games and select road games (including all postseason games) ... the BIG EAST also plans to provide live video streaming at www.bigeast.org ... a free text-message service, Irish Alert, now is available (see und.com for details) ... call the ND Sports Hotline at 574-631-3000 for schedule and results of all varsity sports (from main menu, select "4" and then select "1" for baseball information).

MAINIERI'S MILESTONES – ND12th-year head coach Paul Mainieri posted his 500th victory with the Irish in the 6-3 win over Georgetown on March 26 ... his 700th overall coaching win also came vs. Georgetown, on March 29, 2003, at Eck Stadium (13-3).

VETERAN UNIT – Notre Dame's opening-day lineup included six seniors, a junior and two sophomores ... it marked the third time in the 12-year Mainieri era (and only second time since his first season at ND, in '95) that the Irish have not featured at least one freshman position starter from the start (although freshman Jeremy Barnes has emerged as a starter at multiple positions in '06):

Notre Dame Freshman Starters in the Paul Mainieri Era

- '95 – no freshman starters
- '96 – Jeff Wagner (C) and Paul Turco (SS)
- '97 – Brant Ust (2B) and Jeff Felker (1B),
Jeff Perconte (RF platoon)
- '98 – Alec Porzel (LF)
- '99 – Steve Stanley (CF), Paul O'Toole (C)
and Andrew Bushey (3B)
- '00 – Brian Stavisky (RF)
- '01 – Steve Sollmann (2B)
- '02 – Matt Macri (SS, injured)
- '03 – Craig Cooper (LF), Cody Rizzo (RF),
Greg Lopez (3B), Steve Andres (DH)
- '04 – none
- '05 – Brett Lilley (2B/3B), Ross Brezovsky (3B/2B)
- '06 – none (Jeremy Barnes now 47 GS)

LOPEZ JOINS WEEKLY DIARY STAFF FOR COLLEGE BASEBALL INSIDER

Notre Dame senior shortstop and second-year captain Greg Lopez is one of four players in all of Division I baseball who are being featured this season during a weekly diary feature on www.collegebaseballinsider.com ... check the CBI website and look for more on this series at und.com.

BIG EAST AWARDS WRAPUP

NINE IRISH PLAYERS HONORED BY BIG EAST – Notre Dame senior 1B **Craig Cooper** and junior RHP **Jeff Manship** received the top BIG EAST Conference baseball awards for the 2006 season, leading the way as two of nine Notre Dame players who accounted for nearly one-fourth of the 42 total all-BIG EAST honors ... Manship was joined on the first team all-BIG EAST squad by fellow junior RHP **Jeff Samardzija** (plus Cooper) while five Irish players were second-team selections: senior SS **Greg Lopez**, junior OF **Danny Dressman**, sophomore 3B **Brett Lilley**, freshman closer **Kyle Weiland** and freshman DH **Jeremy Barnes** ... senior LF **Matt Bransfield** rounded out the team's all-conference selections, as a member of the third team.

BIG HAUL – Notre Dame's nine all-BIG EAST selections are one shy of the conference's all-time high-water mark set by Notre Dame's record-setting 2001 team that featured 10 all-BIG EAST performers ... those 2001 honorees included five 1st-teamers (3B Andrew Bushey, RHPs Aaron Heilman and Danny Tamayo, CF Steve Stanley and 2B Steve Sollmann), plus three 2nd-teamers (C Paul O'Toole, SS Alec Porzel, RF Brian Stavisky) and the 3rd-team pair of DH Matt Bok and RHP J.P. Gagne.

IRISH COMPLETE RARE SWEEP OF TOP AWARDS – Cooper and Manship's honors mark just the fifth time in the 22-year history of BIG EAST baseball – and first time since 1999 – that the same team has produced the BIG EAST player- and pitcher-of-the-year recipients (for outright awards, excluding co-recipients) ... former ND standouts Brant Ust (3B) and Brad Lidge (RHP) were the third set of teammates ever to earn the BIG EAST top pitcher and top player awards, a feat matched by Providence OF Keith Reed and RHP Marc DeRoches in '99 ... in addition to the five seasons that have featured an outright player- and pitcher-of-the-year from the same team, there also have been three seasons in which players from the same team earned both awards but one was part of a co-recipient – including 2001, when ND's Aaron Heilman was the top pitcher and CF Steve Stanley shared the player-of-the-year award with UConn CF Mike Scott.

TOP PLAYER HISTORY – Notre Dame players now have combined to earn the BIG EAST player-of-the-year honor four times in the past nine seasons, with Cooper joining 3B Brant Ust (1998) and CF Steve Stanley ('01 and '02) in that distinction ... the Irish program also now has produced five BIG EAST pitchers of the year since 1998, with the earlier recipients including current major leaguers Brad Lidge ('98) and Aaron Heilman ('00, '01), plus Chris Niesel in 2003.

DYNAMIC MOUND DUO – Jeff Samardzija and Jeff Manship join an exclusive group of seven pairs of pitchers from the same team who have been first team all-BIG EAST selections in the same season ... since 1992, only two other pairs of starting pitchers from the same team – Notre Dame's 2001 senior duo Aaron Heilman and Danny Tamayo and the 2005 Boston College tandem of Joe Martinez and Mike Wlodarczyk —have been named first team all-BIG EAST.

THREE-TIME HONOREE – Craig Cooper earlier had received all-BIG EAST honors in 2004 (2nd team) and 2005 (3rd team), with his 2006 award making him the sixth ND position player to earn all-BIG EAST recognition in three or more seasons ... DH Jeff Wagner was a four-time all-BIG EAST performer in the late 1990s while Cooper joins infielder Brant Ust, CF Steve Stanley, OF Brian Stavisky and 2B Steve Sollmann as the program's three-time recipients.

POSITION SWITCH POSITIVES – Former 2B/CF Randall Brooks ('96-'97) and Craig Cooper (OF/1B) are the only Notre Dame baseball players ever to receive all-BIG EAST honors at distinctly different positions ... Brant Ust earned his all-BIG EAST honors at three different infield positions (2B, 3B, SS).

FRESHMAN FOCUS – Kyle Weiland and Jeremy Barnes are the eighth and ninth ND freshmen to be named all-BIG EAST, with Lilley being the program's only other freshman all-BIG EAST performer since 2001 ... this marks the first time that multiple ND freshmen have been named to the all-BIG EAST teams while Weiland joins RHP Aaron Heilman (2nd team in '98) as the program's only freshman pitchers to be named all-BIG EAST.

OTHER REPEATERS – In addition to Craig Cooper's repeat appearance on the all-BIG EAST team, Brett Lilley and Greg Lopez were named all-BIG EAST for the second times in their careers ... Lilley was a third team all-BIG EAST selection as a freshman in 2005, when he also was named the conference's rookie of the year ... Lopez also is a two-time all-BIG EAST recipient, after earning third-team honors in 2004.

A REGULAR SEASON TO REMEMBER – Notre Dame’s 2006 regular season featured the longest winning streak (23 games) in 114 seasons of ND baseball, ultimately leading to 41 wins ... the only Irish teams to win more regular-season games: 2004 (46-10), 2001 (45-9-1) and 1990 (44-10).

BIG EAST ELITE – Despite some late-season losses, ND totaled 21 wins in the 2006 BIG EAST season ... that win total has been bested just once in the conference’s history, by ND’s 2001 team that went 22-4 in league play ... the only four teams ever to win 20-plus BIG EAST games all have been ND squads (also 20-5 in 1999 and 20-6 in 2004).

CONTROL FREAKS – Notre Dame’s 2006 pitching staff boasts the best all-around control numbers in the BIG EAST Conference, with the Irish pitchers totaling just 22 wild pitches, 146 walks and 46 hit batters (each of those marks is the fewest by a BIG EAST staff) ... the ND pitchers’ combined control number of 214 (146 BB + 46 HBP + 22 WP) is far-and-away the best among the 12-team BIG EAST, followed by UConn (247), Rutgers (261) and Villanova (270) ... among those four teams, RU has a much higher opponent batting avg. (.314) while VU’s opposing batters are hitting .274 (ND owns a .245 opp. batting avg. and UConn .253) ... the ND pitchers are averaging just 0.39 wild pitches per game, which tie the team record set by the talented 1993 staff.

TOP CONTROL NUMBERS AMONG BIG EAST PITCHING STAFFS

<i>Team</i>	<i>Walks</i>	<i>Hit Batters</i>	<i>Wild Pitches</i>	<i>Control Number (BB+HBP+WP)</i>	<i>Opponent Batting Avg.</i>	<i>Home Runs Allowed</i>
Notre Dame	146	46	22	214	(.246)	12
Connecticut	164	55	28	247	(.253)	20
Rutgers	163	64	34	261	(.314)	51
Villanova	189	46	35	270	(.274)	24
Pittsburgh	204	54	30	284	(.287)	42
St. John’s	200	51	33	284	(.245)	17
Louisville	203	77	45	325	(.268)	29
South Florida	250	47	41	338	(.291)	27
West Virginia	245	59	45	349	(.270)	36
Seton Hall	248	64	46	358	(.297)	17
Cincinnati	280	59	47	386	(.286)	46
Georgetown	262	66	71	399	(.305)	45

NO-FLY ZONE – Another area that showcased the control of the ND pitching staff continues to be the low number of home runs allowed by Irish pitching this season (12) ... the staff allowed an avg. of 0.21 HRs per game in the 2006 regular season, which would rank 2nd in the ND record book and best in more than 30 years (0.16, in ‘75) ... there are 40 BIG EAST pitchers who have met the league minimum for the ERA stat leaders charts (1.0 IP per team game) ... of those 40 pitchers, only five have yielded 0-1 home runs - with three coming from ND (Tom Thornton, Jeff Samardzija and Wade Korpi each have surrendered just one ball over the fences this season) ... until last week’s Michigan game, Korpi held the distinction of being one of three BIG EAST “regulars” who had yet to allow a HR (Seton Hall’s Dan Merklinger and Rob Delaney of St. John’s still have you to be touched for a HR).

WALK IS A FOUR-LETTER WORD – ND pitching coach Terry Rooney has preached the importance of low walk totals since his arrival in the summer of 2003 and his staff nearly ripped through the full 27 innings of the Villanova series without issuing a single walk (Jeff Manship had the staff’s only BB in the three games) ... the ND pitchers now have pushed their season K-to-walk ratio over 3.0 (3.05; 445/156), which would best the team record set by the 2001 staff (2.92) that was fronted by senior standouts Aaron Heilman and Danny Tamayo ... the Irish pitchers are averaging just 2.61 walks per 9.0 IP, which would rank 2nd in the ND record book (behind the 2.48 BB/9 IP in ‘01).

PITCHERS PERFECT – The ND pitching staff enters the postseason on a roll, having allowed just 9 runs (8 earned; 1.67 ERA) in the past five games (1-2 vs. Seton Hall, 1-3 vs. Michigan and then 3-1, 6-2 and 12-1 vs. VU) ... the ND pitchers have held the opponents to a .225 batting avg. in the past five games (34-for-151), with a dominating K-to-walk ratio of better than 9-to-1 (37/4) and nine more innings pitched (43) than hits allowed (34) in those final five games of the regular season.

SCORING STREAK ENDS AT 215 – The second-longest scoring streak in ND baseball history (215 games, dating back to 2002) ended in the early-season loss to the host team Minnesota at the DQ Classic (8-0; followed by a 2-0 loss to Arizona) ... a 2002 shutout loss to Rutgers ended ND’s record scoring streak (231) but the Irish then scored in 215 straight before the loss to the Gophers ... ND now has been shut out just eight times in the 12-year Paul Mainieri era (never more than twice in the same season), scoring in 98.92% of the Mainieri-era games (734 of 742).

CRAIG COOPER NOTES

COOPER CLAIMS BIG EAST CAREER BATTING RECORD – It came down to his final at-bat in the final game of the regular season and ND's Craig Cooper delivered with a ringing single into right field (a 2-run hit, on a 1-2 pitch), completing his 3-for-4 game to claim the BIG EAST record for career batting average in BIG EAST games by finishing at .444 (120-for-270) for the best mark in the 22-year history of BIG EAST baseball.

EARNING THE RECORD – Former Rutgers player Joe Cirrone had held the BIG EAST career batting avg. record of .443 but he totaled just 115 career at-bats (with 51 hits) in his BIG EAST career, five fewer than Cooper's hit total (the BIG EAST min. for the stat is 100 career ABs).

UNPRECEDENTED THREE-TIME BIG EAST BATTING CHAMP – Cooper ended the regular season with a .432 overall batting average while claiming an unprecedented third career BIG EAST batting title (for conference games) ... Cooper won his first BIG EAST batting title in 2004 (.470; 31-for-66) and then hit .403 in 2005 BIG EAST games (27-for-67), joining former Boston College player Kevin Penwell ('95 and '96) as the only repeat batting champs in the history of BIG EAST baseball ... Cooper's BIG EAST career had a modest start in 2003, when he hit "just" .345 (10-for-29) while platooning in the outfield.

CLASSIC RUNAWAY – The race for the 2006 BIG EAST batting title was far from close, as Cooper outdistanced runner-up Todd Frazier of Rutgers (.424) by a whopping 57 batting points ... he could have gone hitless in 14 more at-bats and still claimed his unprecedented third career BIG EAST batting title (would have been 52-for-122/.426) ... Cooper also currently holds a 32-point lead atop the overall BIG EAST batting charts (.432 to .400).

ONE OF THE BEST THERE EVER WAS – Cooper .481 league batting avg. in '06 represents one of the highest averages ever turned in by a BIG EAST batting champ ... since 1989, only four of the previous 16 BIG EAST batting champs – Rutgers SS Darren Fenster (.505, in '99), ND infielder Brant Ust (.493, in '98), UConn CF Mike Scott (.491, in '01) and ND catcher/DH Jeff Wagner (.488, in '97) – have claimed the BIG EAST batting title with a higher avg. than Cooper's .481.

THREE-WAY THREAT – Prior to the 2004 season, former ND standout 3B Brant Ust (in '98) had been the only player ever to lead the league in conference batting avg., slugging pct. and on-base pct. for the same season ... Cooper became the second player to lead all three categories in the '04 season (.470 batting, .573 on-base, .759 slugging) and duplicated the unique feat this season (.481 batting, .573 on-base, .759 slugging).

BIG EAST BEAST – In addition to leading the above three hitting categories, Cooper paced the BIG EAST in OPS (1.332), hits (52), runs (43), home runs (7, tied for lead) and total bases (82) during 2006 conference games, also ranking 7th in walks (19) and 8th in RBI (24) ... he enters the postseason with a 32-point cushion atop the BIG EAST charts for overall batting avg. (.432) while also leading the league in total runs (72) and overall on-base (.529) – plus 2nd in OPS (1,202), 3rd in hits (86), and slugging pct. (.673), 5th in total bases (134), 9th in home runs (9) and 12th in walks (34).

ALWAYS THERE – Cooper's 50 games this season have seen him reach base in all but two (48), with hits in 45 of those games and runs scored in 44.

MVP NO-BRAINER – Cooper completed the regular season having dominated the team stats possibly like no other player in the program's history ... he currently leads the team (or shares the lead) in 15 different categories, with a: .432 batting avg., .673 slugging pct., .529 on-base pct., 1.202 OPS (on-base plus slugging), 86 hits, 3 triples, +27 plate-discipline ratio (BB+HBP-Ks), 9 home runs, 134 total bases, 34 walks, batting vs. both LHPs (.400) and RHPs (.444) – plus key situational stats such as leadoff on-base pct. (.571), batting with runners on (.455) and with them in scoring position (.380) ... Cooper also ranks 2nd on the team in doubles (15), stolen bases (9) and clutch hitting score (1.121; see chart later in release), plus 3rd in RBI (37) and games started (50) and 4th in HBPs (8).

IN THE RECORD BOOKS (also see ND record charts later in release) – In addition to claiming the BIG EAST career batting avg. record, Cooper also finished 6th on the BIG EAST list for career hits (120, one behind former UConn CF Mike Scott) and 8th with 83 career runs (one behind former SHU player Dana Brown) ... Cooper's 52 hits in 2006 BIG EAST action were two shy of that record, set by former Rutgers SS Darren Fenster ... his .432 overall season avg. ranks 5th in ND history (2nd-best since '93), behind Edwin Hartwell (.447), Dan Peltier (.446), Steve Stanley (.439) and Eric Danapilis (.438) ... Cooper's career avg. has climbed to .360 (10th in ND history; 5th in the Mainieri era) ... his season on-base pct. remains at .529, just two points shy of the record set by Danapilis in '91 (Cooper's .460 career on-base is 7th in the ND record book) ... Cooper (284) has moved past Alec Porzel into 10th place in the ND career runs list (Scott Sollmann is next, with 187) ... his 72 runs this season are 9th on that ND list (Scott Sollmann scored 73 in a season) ... Cooper's 254 hits remain 9th in the ND record book, now three behind 1Peltier.

CRAIG COOPER NOTES

LEADOFF LEADER – Cooper has reached a team-best 63% of the time when leading off any inning but his production is even more impressive when leading off for the Irish in the 1st inning ... Cooper has reached base 30-of-47 times (63.8%) when leading off the game for the ND offense, batting 24-for-40 (.600) in his 1st-inning leadoff plate appearances, including 4 leadoff home runs (1.075 slugging pct., 7 doubles, 6 walks, plus a time hit-by-pitch) ... his OPS (on-base plus slugging) is an off-the-charts 1.675 as the 1st-inning leadoff batter this season ... led by Cooper, the Irish are batting .349 as a team this season in the 1st inning while outscoring their opponents 60-32 in the opening frame.

AMONG THE NCAA LEADERS – Cooper entered last week ranked 7th in the nation (tops among players from top-25 teams) with a .431 batting avg. (now .432) and 1st in runs per game (1.46; now 72 total), also checking in at 47th on the slugging pct. charts (.678, now .673) and 39th in “toughest to strike out” (15.3 ABs per K, now 14.2).

TRADING HRs FOR Ks – Cooper’s many impressive stats this season include totaling nearly as many home runs (9) as strikeouts (14) while grounding into just two double plays all season (no GDPs in past 41 games).

HITTING BASEBALLS AND TEXTBOOKS – Craig Cooper has rocketed to the top of most All-America projections and narrowly missed a chance at being considered for 2006 Academic All-America honors, with a 3.197 cumulative GPA as a political science major (min. 3.20) ... Cooper was one of 21 members of the 2006 ND baseball team to post a GPA of 3.0 or higher (3.40) during the 2005 fall semester ... six of his teammates – senior LHP **Tom Thornton**, senior SS **Greg Lopez**, senior LF/DH **Matt Bransfield**, junior C **Sean Gaston**, sophomore 3B **Brett Lilley** and sophomore 2B **Ross Brezovsky** – were potential candidates for the official 2006 Academic All-America honors (as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America).

OH-SO-CLOSE – Prior to the 0-for-4 game vs. Purdue that snapped his 21-game hitting streak, Craig Cooper had hits in 30 of his previous 31 games and possibly would have been riding a 31-game hit streak if he could have managed another at-bat or two versus Central Michigan on March 22 (when he went 0-for-1, walked three times and added a sacrifice fly) ... he now has collected at least one hit in 43 of his 49 games played during the 2006 season (reaching base in all but two), with only four hitless games in which he had at least four ABs (also 0-for-4 vs. Memphis and Seton Hall, 0-for-5 at UConn).

EXTENDED ROLL – Including the final 17 games of his junior season, Craig Cooper has collected hits in 59 of his past 67 games (54 of 59 in the regular season) ... he ended the 2005 regular season on a 10-game hitting streak, then hit safely in all three games of the '05 BIG EAST Tournament before enduring a two-game slump at the NCAA Gainesville Regional (he bounced back with hits in ND’s final two games of the '05 NAAs) ... the current stretch of collecting hits in 59 of his past 67 games played spans the only double-digit hitting streaks of Cooper’s four-year ND career (13 and 21 games, plus the 9-game streak that ended with the 0-for-1 game vs. Central Michigan).

HOME & AWAY – Craig Cooper has compiled strong batting marks both at home (.461, 41-for-89) and on the road (.409, 45-for-110) this season.

THE X FACTOR – Notre Dame is 37-8-1 with Cooper batting in the leadoff spot and just 4-5 when another player serves as the leadoff batter ... the Irish dropped four straight games when Cooper was out of the lineup (vs. top opponents Oklahoma, Nebraska, Minnesota and Arizona) but ND now is riding a 39-9-1 extended streak after Cooper’s return to the lineup (he has played in all but two of those games).

PAIR OF LONG HIT STREAKS – Cooper’s 13-game hit streak near the end of the 2005 season and his recent 21-game tear made him the third player in the 12-year Paul Mainieri era to post multiple hit streaks of 13-plus games ... centerfielder Steve Stanley had a 16-game hit streak in 2000 and hit safely in 13 straight games during the 2002 season while another former All-American, second baseman Steve Sollmann, had 13- and 15-game hit streaks during the 2003 season.

NATIONAL PLAYER OF WEEK – The third week of April saw Cooper bat over .500 with a slugging percentage of nearly 1.000 while reaching base 15 times over the course of five games (vs. Toledo and IPFW, plus series with Rutgers) and tying the school record by extending his hitting streak to 21 – all en route to receiving national player-of-the-week honors from both *Collegiate Baseball* magazine and *Rosenblatt Report*, in addition to being named the BIG EAST Conference player of the week for the second time this season and the third time in his career ... the righthanded slugger now has been named a national player of the week twice in his career ... Cooper’s damage in the five victories from April 18-23 included a .526 batting avg. (10-for-19), 13 RBI, 9 runs scored, a .952 slugging pct. (4 home runs, 2 doubles), a .654 on-base pct. (5 walks and a hit-by-pitch) and a lofty 1.606 OPS (on-base plus slugging) ... Cooper joined 1997 catcher Mike Amrhein as the only players in the history of ND baseball who are known to have pushed single-season hit streaks to 21 games ... the week included his first career multi-home run game, in the 11-5 win over Rutgers and 5 RBI (tied career high) in the 14-12 series finale

ND STARTING POSITION PLAYERS (probable order vs. RHP) * = lefthander hitter

Pos.	Player	Yr./Ht./Wt.	Hometown	2006 Statistics
1B	#9 Craig COOPER	Sr./6-2/210	Plainview, NY	.432, 72 R, 37 RBI, 9 HR, 3 3B, 15 2B, .673 slug. 34 BB, 8 HBP, .529 OB (1.202 OPS), 9 SB, 14 Ks
<i>situational – .571 leadoff OB ... .380 batting with RISP ... .306 2-out batting (9 2-out RBI)</i>				
<i>BIG EAST – .481, 24 RBI, 43 R, 7 HR, 2 3B, 5 2B, 19 BB, .573 OB, .759 slug, 1.332 OPS</i>				
<i>career – .360 (214 GP/185 GS) ... 158 RBI, 184 R ... 26 HR, 7 3B, 48 2B (.559 SL) ... 107 BB, 28 HBP, 81 Ks (+54), .460 OB ... 45-62 SB</i>				
3B	#2 Brett LILLEY*	So./5-7/165	North Canton, OH	.349, 38 R, 31 RBI, 2 HR, 4 2B, .406 slug, 23 BB, 19 HP, .466 OB, 13 SAC, 5 SB, 18 K, 8 E/.942
<i>situational – .500 leadoff OB ... .377 batting with RISP ... .381 2-out batting (6 2-out RBI)</i>				
<i>BIG EAST – .419, 25 R, 22 RBI, 2 HR, 2B, 16 BB, 13 HBP, 10 SAC</i>				
<i>career – .352 ... 59 RBI, 94 R ... 9 2B ... 57 BB, 49 HBP, 51 Ks (+55) ... 14-28 SB, 22 SAC ... 22 Es/.947</i>				
DH/2B	#20 Jeremy BARNES	Fr./5-11/185	Garland, TX	.284, 43 RBI, 34 R, 2 HR, 3 3B, 10 2B, .393 slug. 27 BB, 4 HBP, .374 OB, 8 SB, 2 SAC, 33 Ks
<i>situational – .465 leadoff OB ... .359 batting with RISP ... .215 2-out batting (9 2-out RBI)</i>				
<i>BIG EAST – .306, 27 RBI, 19 R, HR, 3 3B, 5 2B, 15 BB</i>				
2B	#7 Ross BREZOVSKY*	So./5-10/170	Naples, FL	.311, 37 RBI, 32 R, 2 HR, 2 3B, 12 2B, .435 slug. 20 BB, 6 HP, .395 OB, 3 SAC, 2 SB, 22 K, 9 E/.953
<i>situational – .404 leadoff OB ... .333 batting with RISP ... .321 2-out batting (13 2-out RBI)</i>				
<i>BIG EAST – .309, 19 RBI, 19 R, 3B, 8 2B, 13 BB</i>				
<i>career – .285 ... 57 RBI, 67 R ... 4 HR, 4 3B, 20 2B ... 37 BB, 10 HBP, 64 Ks (-17) ... 5-8 SB, 9 SAC ... 22 Es (9 in '06)</i>				
RF	#8 Danny DRESSMAN*	Jr./5-9/180	San Jose, CA	.330, 35 RBI, 38 R, 9 2B, 2 3B, .402 slug. 30 BB, 5 HBP, .451 OB, 12 SAC, 5 SB, 15 Ks
<i>situational – .407 leadoff OB ... .375 batting with RISP ... .333 2-out batting (13 2-out RBI)</i>				
<i>BIG EAST – .305, 15 RBI, 18 R, 6 2B, 13 BB</i>				
<i>career – .299 ... 63 RBI, 72 R ... 3 3B, 18 2B ... 53 BB, 6 HBP, 52 Ks (+7) ... 9-17 SB, 21 SAC</i>				
LF	#12 Matt BRANSFIELD	Sr./6-1/200	Englewood, CO	.337, 41 RBI, 33 R, 5 HR, 3B, 18 2B, .518 slug 15 BB, 3 HBP, .394 OB, 4 SAC, 4 SB, 34 Ks
<i>situational – .367 leadoff OB ... .364 batting with RISP ... .329 2-out batting (18 2-out RBI)</i>				
<i>BIG EAST – .323, 19 RBI, 17 R, HR, 7 2B, 7 BB</i>				
<i>career – .318 ... 125 RBI, 104 R ... 17 HR, 4 3B, 39 2B (.491 slug.) ... 50 BB, 22 HBP, 100 Ks (-28) ... 5-10 SB</i>				
C	#11 Sean GASTON*	Jr./6-0/175	Brownsburg, IN	.317, 27 RBI, 23 R, HR, 3B, 7 2B 19 BB, .393 OB, 4 SAC, 4 SB, 10 Ks
<i>situational – .459 leadoff OB ... .294 batting with RISP ... .269 2-out batting (9 2-out RBI)</i>				
<i>BIG EAST – .357, 16 RBI, 14 R, 5 2B, 10 BB</i>				
<i>career – .306 ... 66 RBI, 61 R ... 2 HR, 2 3B, 15 2B ... 29 BB, 4 HBP, 36 Ks (-3) ... 12-14 SB, 11 SAC</i>				
SS	#4 Greg LOPEZ	Sr./6-0/190	Upper Arlington, OH	.317, 35 RBI, 29 R, 3B, 8 2B, .372 slug, 9 E/.959 7 BB, 5 HBP, .352 OB, 6 SAC, 2 SB, 13 Ks
<i>situational – .370 leadoff OB ... .375 batting with RISP ... .263 2-out batting (15 2-out RBI)</i>				
<i>BIG EAST – .347, 18 RBI, 18 R, 5 2B, 4 BB</i>				
<i>career – .296 (223 GP/210 GS) ... 129 RBI, 120 R ... 4 HR, 2 3B, 30 2B ... 36 BB, 34 HBP, 111 K (-41) ... 31 SAC, 60 E/.934</i>				
CF	#16 Alex NETTEY	Sr./6-1/200	Dolton, IL	.293, 41 R, 20 RBI, 2 HR, 2 3B, 6 2B, .390 slug. 12 BB, 21 HBP, .409 OB, 7 SB, 10 SAC, 20 Ks
<i>situational – .451 leadoff OB ... .261 batting with RISP ... .310 2-out batting (7 2-out RBI)</i>				
<i>BIG EAST – .253, 14 RBI, 20 R, HR, 3B, 2 2B, 7 BB, 8 HBP</i>				
<i>career – .276 ... 52 RBI, 105 R, 4 HR, 4 3B, 22 2B ... 33 BB, 40 HBP, 63 Ks (+10) ... 22-32 SB, 20 SAC</i>				
or RF/C	#17 Cody RIZZO	Sr./6-1/195	Temecula, CA	.261, 35 RBI, 36 R, 3 HR, 10 2B, .379 slug. 15 BB, 12 HBP, .365 OB, 13 SB, 3 SAC, 27 Ks
<i>situational – .379 leadoff OB ... .333 batting with RISP ... .264 2-out batting (15 2-out RBI)</i>				
<i>BIG EAST – .222, 12 RBI, 20 R, HR, 4 2B, 7 BB, 6 HBP</i>				
<i>career – .274 (226 GP/201 GS) ... 126 RBI, 169 R ... 17 HR, 3 3B, 34 2B ... 52 BB, 82 HBP, 125 Ks (+9) ... 36-49 SB</i>				

BIG EAST STAT LEADERS

Notre Dame Team Ranks Among BIG EAST Teams (Overall)

1st – .409 on-base pct., 90 HBPs, low batters Ks (245)

2nd – 611 hits

3rd – .318 batting avg., .434 slugging pct.

4th – 396 runs, 15 triples, 60 sac. bunts

5th – 225 walks

6th – 105 doubles

7th – 29 home runs, 62 stolen bases, low GDPs (41)

1st – 445 strikeouts, 41 wins, 6 saves, low walks allowed (146),
low home runs allowed (12), low hit batters (46), low wild pitches (22)

2nd – .246 opp. batting avg., 149 Ks looking, low hits allowed (461)

3rd – 3.46 ERA

6th – 12 pickoffs

1st – .972 fielding pct.

4th – 26 opp. runners caught stealing

7th – 48 double plays turned

Notre Dame Team Ranks Among BIG EAST Teams (Overall)

1st – .423 on-base pct., 216 runs, 7 triples, 42 HBPs, low batters Ks (111)

2nd – .334 batting avg., .444 slugging pct., 319 hits, 49 doubles,
37 sac. bunts, 31 stolen bases

5th – 117 walks, low GDPs (18)

7th – 14 home runs

1st – 207 strikeouts, 21 wins, low walks allowed (70), low HRs allowed (6),
low wild pitches (9)

2nd – 74 Ks looking, 7 saves
low hits allowed (461)

3rd – 3.98 ERA, 5 pickoffs

4th – .274 opp. batting avg., low hit batters (25)

6th – low hits allowed (255)

1st – .974 fielding pct.

4th – 12 opp. runners caught stealing

8th – 25 double plays turned

Notre Dame Players Among BIG EAST Stat Leaders

(see previous pages for **Craig Cooper's** ranks among the league leaders)

Brett Lilley – 5th in sac. bunts (13) and HBPs (19) ... 3rd in BE batting avg. (.419), 10th in BE sac. bunts (10)

Matt Bransfield – 4th in doubles (18)

Jeremy Barnes – 8th in triples (3) ... 4th in BE RBI (27), 2nd in BE 3Bs (3)

Alex Nettey – 2nd in hit-by-pitch (21) ... 1st in BE sac. bunts (10)

Danny Dressman – 6th in sac. bunts (12) ... 4th in BE sac. buntss (8)

Jeff Manship – 1st in wins (9-1) and Ks looking (43), 2nd in Ks (102), 3rd in ERA (2.65), 4th in opp. batting avg. (.212) and IP (88.1), 6th in low walks (19), 9th in starts (13) ... 1st in BE wins (7-1), BE Ks (70) and BE Ks looking (29), 3rd in BE opp. avg. (.226) and IP (63.1), 5th in BE ERA (3.13),

Tom Thornton – 1st in low BB (5), 3rd in low HR all. (1), 8th in wins (6-2)

Wade Korpi – 2nd in ERA (2.20) and low hits allowed (48), 3rd in opp. batting avg. (.207) and low HR all. (1), 7th in Ks (81)

Jeff Samardzija – 4th in wins (7-2), 3rd in low HR all. (1), 9th in starts (13) ... 6th in BE IP (59.2)

Kyle Weiland – 1st in saves (14) and BE saves (6), 3rd in app. (26) and BE app. (14)

Mike Dury – 8th in appearances (24) ... 3rd in BE appearances (14)

20-20 PAIR – **Tom Thornton** (26-11) and **Jeff Samardzija** (20-7) give Notre Dame multiple pitchers with 20-plus career wins ... it marks just the third time in the program's history - and first season since 1993 - that an Irish staff has featured multiple pitchers with 20-plus career victories ... ND's 1992 staff featured four pitchers who owned 20-plus career wins with the Irish: LHP **Chris Michalak** (23-8) and RHPs **David Sinnes** (22-5), **Pat Leahy** (25-7) and **Alan Walania** (25-9) ... **Michalak** (34-13), **Sinnes** (32-8) and **Walania** (30-12) returned in 1993 while **Price** (26-5) also reached 20 career wins that season ... **Samardzija** is one of 16 ND pitchers ever to reach 20 career wins while **Thornton** remains now sits along in 8th place on the ND career wins list, one behind **Piotrowicz**.

IRISH POST FIFTH 3-0 SWEEP OF SEASON – Notre Dame earlier this season posted 3-0 sweeps of Pittsburgh, South Florida, St. John's and Rutgers, in addition to not losing a game (2-0-1) in the show-down series at UConn – with the games vs. Villanova then representing the team's fifth 3-0 BIG EAST sweep of the season ... the 2004 team is the only other ND squad to post five 3-0 BIG EAST sweeps (vs. West Virginia, Villanova, Georgetown, UConn and Rutgers) ... the 2001 team rattled off 3-0 sweeps of Seton Hall, RU, VU and St. John's but failed to close a fifth 3-0 sweep, losing the third games to both UConn and BC.

DEFENSIVE DYNAMOS – Notre Dame is on pace to set the team record for season fielding pct. (.972) and finished the regular season with the special distinction of having no players with double-digit errors (**Greg Lopez** and **Ross Brezovsky** each have 9 Es, **Brett Lilley** 8 and **Jeremy Barnes** 7).

BULLPEN NOTES

BULLPEN BOOST – Notre Dame lost two of its top relief pitchers (junior RHP Dan Kapala/shoulder and sophomore RHP Tony Langford/elbow) before the 2006 season even began but the Irish relievers have responded with a solid season that now includes a 3.57 bullpen ERA, a .241 opponent batting avg., a 2.2 K-to-walk ratio (136/63) and 20 more innings pitched (174) than hits allowed (154) ... the relievers have allowed nearly one-third (33-of-84; 39%) of inherited baserunners to score and steadily have improved versus first batters faced, allowing a .267 batting avg. (27-for-101) with 19 runs scored, 10 walks and 5 hit-batters among those 125 first batters (23 Ks, 2 GDPs):

BULLPEN CHART (IRS indicates inherited runners scored; FB is first batter faced)

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	SV	IP	H	R/ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HB	IRS	FB (H-AB)
Thornton...	0.00	0-0	1	0	2.0	0	0/0	0	1	0	0	0	7	.000	0	0	0-0	0-1
Dury.....	2.42	3-1	24	1-1	26.0	16	8/7	5	14	4	0	0	88	.182	1	2	6-27	2-18, BB, R, SF 4 Ks, 2 GDP, SAC
Elam.....	2.45	0-0	9	0	11.0	7	4/3	6	16	1	0	0	40	.175	0	3	1-4	2-7, BB, HB, 3 R, K
Weiland.....	2.54	2-3	27	14-15	39.0	31	13/11	18	36	2	2	1	137	.226	5	7	9-14	7-23, 3 BB, HB, 5 R, 5 Ks
Stewart.....	2.60	4-2	19	0-0	34.2	38	16/10	9	19	6	1	1	137	.277	1	2	9-19	5-14, BB, 3 R, SF, 2 SAC, K
Graffy.....	2.70	2-0	9	0	23.1	17	7/7	5	11	3	1	0	78	.218	2	2	0-2	3-8, HB, R, K
Gruener....	4.50	0-0	8	0	8.0	8	4/4	3	6	1	1	0	32	.250	1	0	1-3	3-7, BB, R
Phelps.....	6.59	1-0	9	0	13.2	15	13/10	7	13	4	0	0	55	.271	1	2	3-4	2-8, BB, R, 4 Ks
Williamson.	6.75	0-0	17	0	14.2	16	16/11	6	18	2	0	1	55	.294	1	7	3-12	2-14, BB, 2 HB 3 R, 7 Ks
Korpi.....	32.40	0-0	2	0	1.2	6	6/6	4	2	1	0	0	9	.667	1	0	1-1	1-1, BB, R
Totals.....	3.57	12-6	125	16-17	174.0	154	87/69	63	136	24	5	3	638	.241	13	25	33-84	27-101/.267, 19 R (39%) 10 BB, 5 HB, 23 Ks, 2 GDPs

Inherited Runners Scored (IRS) Pct.: Dury 22%, Williamson 27%, Stewart 39%, Weiland 64%

First Batter (FB) Batting Avg.: Dury .111, Williamson .143, Phelps .250, Weiland .304, Stewart .357, Graffy .375, Gruener .429

GIVING BACK THE INHERITANCE – Sophomore RHP **Joey Williamson** has taken the mound with 11 batters on base this season and has allowed just three to score (27%), with junior LHP **Mike Dury** (22%, 6-of-27) owning an even better pct. of inherited runners scored ... both relievers also have been particularly strong versus his first batters faced, with Williamson allowing just 2-for-14 batting (.143) with 7 strikeouts in those situations (BB, 2 HB, 3 R) while Dury's first batters have hit just .111 (2-for-18, BB, R, SF, SAC, 4 Ks, 2 GDP).

SUPER SAVER – Closer **Kyle Weiland** (14) easily has bested Aaron Heilman's ND record for saves by a freshman (9, in '98) and last week passed J.P. Gagne's overall record for saves in a season (13, in '03) ... Weiland actually already ranks 4th in the ND record book for career saves, trailing only John Corbin (20; '97-'00), Ryan Doherty (20; '03-'05) and Gagne (19; '00-'03) ... he converted each of his first nine save chances (now 14-of-15) and ranked 7th among last week's NCAA saves leaders (will be updated May 23), 2nd-most among closers from top-25 teams ... Weiland owned a 5.06 ERA after his first 7 appearances (6 ER in 10.2 IP; 9-for-34/.265, 9 BB, 10 Ks) but steadily has lowered his overall ERA to 2.54 (3rd-best on the staff), allowing just 5 earned runs in his past 20 appearances and 28.1 IP (a 1.59 ERA in that span, with a .214 opp. avg./22-for-103, 26 Ks and just 9 walks) ... Weiland typically has done better at the end of his outings, allowing 9-of-14 inherited runners to score (64%) while first batters faced are hitting 7-for-23 (.304) vs. him (2 BB, HBP, 5 R, 5 Ks) ... after the first batters in his outings, Weiland has held opposing hitters to a combined .211 batting avg. (24-for-114) ... he saved the day in the series finale at UConn, logging a season-high 5.0 innings as ND emerged with the 1-1, 11-inning tie (0 R, 2 H, 2 BB, 7 Ks) ... he has picked up wins over St. John's (2.0 IP, 2 R/1 ER, 4 H, BB, K; 7-5) and IPFW (1.2 IP, K; 4-3) while his top saves include shutout outings vs. Texas A&M (2.0 IP, 4 BB, K; 5-4), Illinois (0.1 IP; 4-2), Central Michigan (2.0 IP, 2 H, 3 Ks; 11-9), Ball State (0.2 IP; 6-4), South Florida (1.0 IP, H, 2 Ks; 9-6), Rutgers (2.2 IP, 2 H, 4 Ks; 14-12), Purdue (1.0 IP, H; 2-1) and UConn (0.2 IP; 7-6).

DURY DOES IT – Junior LHP **Mike Dury** currently owns the top ERA in Notre Dame history (min. 60 IP), at 1.90 ... he ultimately could break an ND record that has stood for 45 years, as All-America RHP Nick Palihnich compiled a 2.36 career ERA, from 1959-61 ... Dury – who has allowed just 6-of-26 inherited runners to score (23%) while limiting his first batters faced to .111 batting (2-for-18, BB, 4 Ks, 2 GDP) – had a key midseason outing vs. Ball State as the third of four Irish relievers, retiring five of the six batters he faced (K) in the key comeback win while improving to 5-0 in his Irish career (now 6-1) ... Dury took the mound with two outs and two runners on base in the top of the 7th vs. BSU, inducing a rightside popup off the bat of Kyle Dygert to keep the deficit at 4-3 (won 6-4) ... his 2006 season stats include a 2.42 ERA in 24 appearances and 26 innings (16 H/.182 opp. avg., 14 Ks, 5 BB), with the 1.90 career ERA in 66.1 IP and 59 appearances (41 Ks, 16 BB, 55 H/.229) ... he has been the pitcher of record in 2006 wins over Iowa (1.1 IP, H; 7-5), BSU, and at UConn (0.2 IP, K; 7-6) while saving the second win at UConn (0.1 IP; 7-3) ... he actually pitched in all three games of the UConn series, with a shutout inning in the 1-1, 11-inning series finale (H) ... his other noteworthy 2006 outings have included shutout outings vs. Minnesota (2.1 IP, 2 K, K, WP; 0-8), Illinois (0.2 IP; 4-2), South Florida (2.1 IP, K; 9-6), St. John's (2.0 IP, H, BB, K; 9-2), Rutgers (1.0 IP, K; 15-3), Purdue (1.0 IP, K; 2-1) and two of the wins at Villanova (0.1 IP in 3-1 game; 1.0 IP with a K in 12-1 win).

KEEPING THE BALL IN THE PARK – The Notre Dame relief corps has allowed just three home runs all season (in 174 IP), with one of those long balls coming in the first week of action ... the ND bullpen is averaging 58 innings per home run allowed while the starters are yielding a HR every 37 IP (9) ... Memphis hit a 2-run HR off Kyle Weiland that produced a 7-6, 10-inning win on Feb. 25 ... it then was eight weeks before the next HR allowed by an ND reliever, by Joey Williamson in the April 18 win over Toledo ... Jess Stewart then allowed a home run in the April 23 win over Rutgers ... the ND bullpen has not allowed a HR in the past 14 GP, spanning 51 innings of work.

NOTRE DAME RECORD BOOK

2006 Team Stat Rankings in ND History:

Category	In ND Record Book	In Mainieri Era (since '95)
.318 Batting Average		4th (.334 in '97; .322 in '01; .321 in '02)
7.07 Runs Per Game		5th
10.91 Hits Per Game	3rd (11.35 in '97; 10.92 in '58)	2nd
.409 On-Base Pct.	4th	1st (.407 in '04)
90 Hit-By-Pitch (103 pace)	3rd (130 in '05; 106 in '04)	
7.84 ABs Per K	6th	2nd (7.86 in '01)
0.92 Batters BB/K Ratio		2nd (1.50 in '00)
60 Sacrifice Bunts	2nd (66 in '02)	2nd
3.46 ERA		3rd (3.22 in '01; 3.36 in '04)
.246 Opp. Batting Avg.	(4th-best since 1971)	1st (.246 in '01)
0.21 HRs Allowed Per Game	2nd (0.16, in '75)	1st
0.39 Wild Pitches Per Game	1st (0.39 in '93)	1st
41 Reg.-Season Wins	4th (45 in '01; 46 in '04; 44 in '90)	3rd
.972 Fielding Pct.	1st (.970 in '03)	1st
On Pace For ...		
509 Strikeouts, in 64 games (445)	1st (483 in '02)	1st
18 Saves (16)	1st (18 in '02, '03)	1st
3.05 K/BB Ratio	1st (2.92 in '01)	1st
7.95 Ks per 9 IP		3rd (8.38 in '99, 8.19 in '98)
2.61 BB per 9 IP	2nd (2.48 in '01)	2nd

CRAIG COOPER IN THE NOTRE DAME SINGLE-SEASON RECORD BOOK

Place	Category	64-Game Pace
2nd	.529 on-base pct. (Eric Danapilis .531 in '91)	
5th	.432 batting avg. (2nd in Mainieri era; Steve Stanley .439 in '02)	
	72 runs scored	82 (2nd; Pat Pesavento 88 in '89)
	86 hits	98 (4th; Stanley 119 - '02, 102 - '01; Peltier 115 - '89)
	134 total bases	153 (6th)

CRAIG COOPER IN THE NOTRE DAME CAREER RECORD BOOK

Place	Category	Final Pace
7th	.460 on-base pct. (3rd in Mainieri era; Scott Sollmann .522; Ryan Topham .470)	
9th	45 stolen bases	46 (8th)
9th	254 hits	266 (8th)
10th	.360 batting avg. (6th in Mainieri era)	
10th	184 runs scored	194 (8th)
11th	107 walks	112 (10th)
11th	28 hit-by-pitch	29 (10th)
12th	48 doubles	50 (9th)
	214 games played	222 (11th)
	158 RBI	163 (12th)
	705 at-bats	733 (11th)

IRISH POST 500th WIN OF MAINIERI ERA – The 6-3 win over Georgetown on March 26 was Paul Mainieri's 500th victory in 11-plus seasons at ND (now 529-210-3/.715; 863-489-4/.638 in 24 overall seasons) ... the Mainieri era has included an average of 44-plus wins per season, eight trips to the NAACAs, nine conference titles, 43 players who have been drafted or signed as free-agents, 12 All-America seasons and nine Academic All-America honors (all 71 of his four-year players have graduated and 11 who signed professionally as juniors have returned to complete or near completion of their undergraduate requirements).

PRO BASEBALL REPORT

FORMER NOTRE DAME PLAYERS IN PRO BASEBALL (stats as of May 16)

Craig Counsell, IF (Arizona Diamondbacks)

G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	BB	SO	SB	OBP	SLG	AVG
25	105	21	33	4	2	0	12	41	7	17	3-6	.374	.390	.314

Brian Stavisky, OF (Sacramento River Cats; A's, AAA)

G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	BB	SO	SB	OBP	SLG	AVG
26	86	11	22	5	0	1	7	30	14	18	0-0	.356	.349	.256

Brant Ust, IF (Altoona Curve; Pirates, AA; since April 21)

G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	BB	SO	SB	OBP	SLG	AVG
9	32	4	7	1	0	1	3	11	2	9	0-1	.286	.344	.219

(Lynchburg Hillcats; Pirates, high-A)

G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	BB	SO	SB	OBP	SLG	AVG
7	18	1	3	1	0	0	1	4	4	9	0-0	.375	.222	.167

Matt Macri, IF (Tulsa Drillers; Rockies, AA)

G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	BB	SO	SB	OBP	SLG	AVG
34	117	21	30	6	2	5	20	55	9	24	1-2	.313	.470	.256

Steve Sollmann, IF (Brevard Country Manatees; Brewers, High-A)

G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	BB	SO	SB	OBP	SLG	AVG
33	119	19	39	5	0	1	17	47	12	16	4-4	.420	.395	.328

Javi Sanchez, C (Fort Myers Miracle; High-A) – injured

Brad Lidge, RHP (Houston Astros)

W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R/ER	HR	BB	SO
0-2	5.79	20	0	0	11	18.2	17	13/12	3	16	26

Aaron Heilman, RHP (New York Mets)

W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R/ER	HR	BB	SO
0-1	1.77	16	0	0	0	20.1	18	6/4	0	6	20

Danny Tamayo, RHP (Omaha Royals; Royals, AAA)

W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R/ER	HR	BB	SO
3-1	2.35	6	2	0	0	23.0	17	6/6	3	4	20

Chris Michalak, LHP (Louisville Bats; Reds, AAA)

W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R/ER	HR	BB	SO
4-0	2.88	7	6	0	0	34.1	35	14/11	6	6	12

Grant Johnson, RHP (Daytona Cubs; Cubs high-A)

W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R/ER	HR	BB	SO
3-4	5.40	7	7	0	0	36.2	45	28/22	4	14	20

Chris Niesel, RHP (Kinston Indians; Indians, high-A)

W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R/ER	HR	BB	SO
0-0	6.75	9	0	0	0	17.1	23	14/13	5	10	22

Ryan Doherty, RHP (South Bend Silver Hawks; Diamondbacks, low-A)

W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R/ER	HR	BB	SO
2-0	3.71	10	0	0	0	17.0	15	9/7	1	4	20

SENIOR SALUTE

The May 7 game vs. Louisville marked the final regular-season home game for Notre Dame's eight-member senior class, a group that hails from seven different home states ... the seniors have helped maintain the program's level of excellence, winning 107 more games than they have lost (**175-68-2; .718 win pct.**) during their careers with the Irish ... they have helped Notre Dame win the **2004 and 2006 BIG EAST regular-season titles and three BIG EAST tournaments**, with trips to the NAAs each season ... their sophomore season in 2004 saw the Irish **win a team-record 51 games** while the current season produced another school record with the **23-game winning streak** ... their combined stats with the Irish include nearly 1,300 career games played, more than 1,000 hits and nearly 700 RBI ... all eight graduated on May 21, extending the baseball program's 100% graduation rate among four-year players in the Paul Mainieri era (71 of 71) ... they graduated with a **3.32 combined cumulative GPA** and three – **Matt Bransfield, Greg Lopez and Tom Thornton** – currently are under consideration for academic All-America honors ... the seniors also have been the leading force behind various community service projects that helped the baseball team be recognized with the athletic department's 2005-06 award for outstanding community service activity by a varsity team ... here are updated bio. capsules on the seniors:

#36 STEVE ANDRES (Napa, Calif.) – Joined the Irish as a walk-on in the fall of 2002 and has gone on to be one of the team's top lefthanded hitters while serving as an outfielder and DH ... career stats include 18 home runs, 95 walks and 92 RBI ... as a sophomore, he compiled a team-best 13-game hit streak and earned all-tournament honors at the 2004 NCAA South Bend Regional ... also led team in batting as the Irish won the 2005 BIG EAST Tournament ... a fourth-generation ND student who followed in the footsteps of his great-grandfather William Andres as a baseball player at Notre Dame ... graduated with a 3.18 cumulative GPA, as a finance major.

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#12 MATT BRANSFIELD (Englewood, Colo.) – Third team al-BIG EAST selection who has served as a DH and outfielder while rating as one of the team's top power hitters ... batting .337 this season with 41 RBI and 5 home runs (both 2nd on team), a team-best 18 doubles and one of the top slugging percentages in the BIG EAST (.518) ... as a sophomore, he led the Irish with 12 home runs and 58 RBI while finishing as the big east's RBI leader ... the ND baseball team's 2006 recipient of the Rockne Student-Athlete Award and also is an Academic All-America candidate, with a 3.40 GPA as a sociology major (3.78 in '06 spring semester).

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#9 CRAIG COOPER (Plainview, N.Y.) – BIG EAST player of the year and one of the nation's top players, leading ND in 15 categories while ranking near the top of the BIG EAST and NCAA charts ... compiling one of top seasons in ND history, batting .432 with 37 RBI, 9 home runs, 15 doubles, 34 walks, 9 stolen bases and 72 runs scored – plus a .529 on-base percentage that would challenge the ND season record (.531) ... 10th in Irish history with .360 career batting avg., also ranking among the top-12 with 48 doubles, 45 stolen bases and 107 walks ... a two-time all-BIG EAST selection, he just claimed an unprecedented third career BIG EAST batting title (.481) and owns the top career BIG EAST batting average in the 22-year history of the league, hitting at a .444 clip during BIG EAST play ... a two-time national player of the week whose sparkplug play as the 2006 leadoff batter has included tying the school record with a 21-game hit streak ... closed with an impressive semester in the classroom (3.83 GPA) while graduating with a 3.26 overall GPA as a political science major.

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#4 GREG LOPEZ (Upper Arlington, Ohio) – Second-year captain who is putting final touches on one of the best all-around seasons ever by ND shortstop (2nd team all-BIG EAST), batting .326 with 35 RBI and just 9 errors in 49 games played ... rates as one of team's most clutch hitters, batting .381 with runners in scoring position while totaling 15 RBI with 2-outs ... among BIG EAST leaders with .376 batting avg. in conference play ...has appeared in 221 career games with Irish, compiling 212 career hits while ranking 2nd in ND history with 31 sac. bunts and 5th in fielding assists (551) ... his all-BIG EAST season in 2004 included batting .332, highlighted by 4-hit, 6-RBI game vs. #25 Winthrop ... top Academic All-America candidate ... also has been nominated for prestigious NCAA postgraduate scholarship and already has been accepted into medical school ... carries 3.39 GPA as a double major in pre-professional studies and anthropology.

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#16 ALEX NETTEY (Dolton, Ill.) – First joined program as invited walk-on and played as reserve before winning starting spot in center field the past two seasons ... known for stellar defense and clutch hitting, he ranks 2nd on team with 41 runs scored and is among the team leaders in on-base pct. (.409) ... as a freshman, he singled and scored the winning run in a 13-inning game versus wake forest while collecting four hits and a home run in last season's win over Purdue ... ND fans never will forget his game-ending home run earlier this season versus St. John's ... graduated with a 3.17 GPA, as a management information systems major.

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#17 CODY RIZZO (Temecula, Calif.) – Standout defensive outfielder who also serves as valuable backup catcher ... team's best all-around baserunner, totaling 36 stolen bases, 169 runs, 17 HRs and approaching 200 hits for career (189) ... only player to appear in every game of '06 season ... ranks 8th in ND history for games played (226) ... 2nd in NCAA history with 82 career HBPs ... career highlights include being a top hitter at '03 BIG EAST tournament and career-best 5 RBI vs. Iowa ('06) ... double major in sociology and international peace studies ... one of 21 ND baseball players to post GPA of 3.0-plus in 205 fall semester (one of 25 to do so in '06 spring term).

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#5 EDDIE SMITH (Yakima, Wash.) – Became a member of the Irish program in 2005, after transferring to ND ... valuable member of the infield who has appeared in 37 career games with the Irish ... served as starting shortstop in key win at UCF last season ... joined his teammates in various service activities and was one of two ND baseball players who volunteered their time to assist with Hurricane Katrina relief efforts in New Orleans during the fall semester break ... graduated with a 3.64 GPA (3.67 in '06 spring term) as a Spanish major.

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#30 TOM THORNTON (Middleboro, Mass.) – Joined former basketball great Ruth Riley as only NoDstudent-athletes ever to receive both the Kanaley Award (recognizing ND student-athletes those who are exemplary as students and leaders) and the Zorich Award (excellence in community service) ... 6-2 this season, with 54 strikeouts and just 5 walks in 71.1 innings ... has averaged just 1.7 walks/9 IP in his career while ranking among ND career top-10 with 26 wins, 322 IP and 51 starts – plus 3.75 career ERA ... 9-2 as all-BIG EAST pitcher in 2005 ... his five career BIG EAST pitcher-of-the-week honors are 2nd-most in history of the conference ... top outings include pair of 5-hit shutouts, win at #20 USC and 12 Ks vs. Kent State in '04 NCAA elimination game ... top candidate for Academic All-America honors and NCAA Postgrad Scholarship (3.58 GPA as double major in anthropology and film-television-and-theater; 3.87 in '06 spring).

**MANSHIP, SAMARDZIJA
AMONG NATION'S TOP PROSPECTS**

• *Baseball America* released its annual preseason list of college baseball's top-100 prospects for the 2006 Major League baseball draft and Notre Dame was one of six teams in the nation to feature two starting pitchers among those top-100 prospects – as **Jeff Manship** was slotted at No. 75 on that list (now #41) while fellow junior righthander **Jeff Samardzija** was listed 94th (now 40th) ... the other teams with two starting pitchers among the preseason top-100 prospects were UNC, Missouri, Cal Poly, Washington and San Diego (ND, UNC and Missouri are the only ones currently with two starting pitchers among the top-50 prospects).

• *BA's* college preview listed ND senior 1B **Craig Cooper** and sophomore B **Brett Lilley** on its preseason all-BIG EAST team ... *BA* cited Lilley, senior SS **Greg Lopez** and junior catcher **Sean Gaston** as the BIG EAST's best defensive players at their positions while tabbing Lilley as the BIG EAST batter with the "best strike-zone discipline," **Samardzija** as the BIG EAST's best athlete, **Manship** as the league's pitcher with the best breaking ball and senior LHP **Tom Thornton** as the BIG EAST pitcher with the best control.

• *BA's* preseason rankings had Manship 4th and Samardzija 6th among the BIG EAST's prospects (Cooper was 44th among the nation's top senior prospects).

LIDGE NAMED TO USA's WBC TEAM

– Former Notre Dame ace pitcher and current Houston Astros all-star closer **Brad Lidge** ('96-'98) was one of 16 college baseball products named to the United States original 30-man roster for the World Baseball Classic, a 16-nation tournament held March 3-20 in Japan, Puerto Rico and the U.S. ... former Notre Dame standout and current Arizona Diamondbacks infielder **Craig Counsell** ('92) was not named to the team but was one of 22 players who remained on the provisional roster ... all 10 of the relief pitchers originally named to the team are former college baseball players, as is Astros starting pitcher Roger Clemens (Texas) and five position players on the USA roster ... Lidge saved the 2-0 win over Canada in the WBC and was the pitcher of record in the 4-3 win over eventual champion Japan.

THAT WAS THEN ... THIS IS NOW:

(note: number in parentheses is projected total)

Category	2005	2006	Improvement	Dropoff
Record	38-24-1	41-14-1	+3	
BIG EAST Record	14-9-1	21-5-1	+7	
One-Run Games	7-7/E	6-5/+1	+1	
Two-Run Games	5-2/+3	10-4/+6	+3	
Wins By 5-Plus	14	18	+4	
Losses By 5-Plus	11	3	+8	
Big Innings (5+ Runs)	11	15	+4	
Batting Average	.295	.318	+0.023	
Runs Per Game	6.7	7.1	+0.4	
Extra-Base Hits	158	149 (170)	(+12)	
Slugging Pct.	.416	.434	+0.018	
Home Runs	43	29 (33)		(-10)
Triples	11	15	+4	
Doubles	104	105 (122)	+1 (+18)	
Walks	227	225 (257)	(+30)	
Hit-By-Pitch	130	90 (103)		(-27)
Batter Strikeouts	342	245 (280)	(-62)	
BB+HBP-Ks	+15	+70	+55	
On-Base Pct.	.393	.409	+0.016	
Stolen Bases	69	61 (70)	(+1)	
Errors	97	62 (71)	-35 (-26)	
Fielding %	.960	.972	+0.012	
ERA	4.41	3.46	-0.95	
Walks Allowed	204	146 (167)	-58 (-37)	
Walks Per 9 IP	3.29	2.61	-0.68	
Strikeouts Thrown	342	445 (509)	+103 (+167)	
Strikeouts Per 9 IP	5.52	7.95	+2.43	
K/BB Ratio	1.68	3.05	+1.37	
Opp. Batting Average	.290	.246	+0.044	
Hits Allowed	640	461 (531)	-179 (-109)	
Wild Pitches	25	22	-3	
Hit Batters	74	46	-28	
Home Runs Allowed	31	12	-19	

MILESTONE MARKERS – The following individuals are approaching (or recently reached) statistical milestones in their Notre Dame careers:

Brett Lilley.....	49 hit-by-pitch, 94 runs scored
Craig Cooper.....	48 doubles, 45 stolen bases, 107 walks
Steve Andres	97 runs, 95 walks, 92 RBI
Cody Rizzo	189 hits, 201 starts
Tom Thornton	200 strikeouts, 51 starts
Jeff Samardzija.....	150 strikeouts
Cody Rizzo	201 starts
Ross Brezovsky.....	104 hits, 180 hits
Matt Bransfield	104 runs
Sean Gaston	94 starts
Alex Nettey.....	105 runs
Danny Dressman.....	106 hits
Paul Mainieri.....	529 wins (at ND)

ATTENDANCE NOTES

RECORD-SETTING ATTENDANCE PLACES ECK STADIUM AMONG NATIONAL LEADERS – The 3,185 tickets sold for the series finale vs. Louisville (May 7) completed an impressive regular season at ND's Eck Stadium while pushing the total attendance over 60,000 (60,334) and the ag. attendance over 2,500 for the 24 home dates (2,514) – with both the total and average attendance numbers representing the highest in the stadium's 13-year history ... a check around the country also revealed that Notre Dame ranks among the national attendance leaders ... the final three-day attendance figure for the Louisville series pushed above 8,000 (8,048) while the team's avg. attendance in the final two BIG EAST series (also 10,003 vs. Rutgers) numbered 3,009 for those six games ... the seven largest attendance numbers in Eck Stadium history – and 14 of the 20 biggest crowds – have come in '06 (see sidebar) ... a quick look at home attendance for teams among the May 7 *Baseball America* top-25 revealed that Notre Dame owned the 11th-best average home attendance (2,514) among those 25 elite teams (the teams in that May 7 *BA* poll with a higher avg. attendance included four from the SEC, two Big-12, two ACC, a CUSA and a Pac-10):

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| 1. Arkansas – 7,030 (#10 in May 7 <i>BA</i> poll) | 7. Nebraska – 4,232 (#5) |
| 2. Texas – 5,441 (#8) | 8. South Carolina – 3,834 (#19) |
| 3. Clemson – 4,502 (#10) | 9. Rice – 3,042 (#1) |
| 4. Florida State – 4,497 (#21) | 10. Arizona State – 2,724 (#18) |
| 5. Alabama – 4,458 (#12) | 11. Notre Dame – 2,514 (#11) |
| 6. Mississippi – 4,282 (#22) | |

The Irish had a higher average attendance than 14 other teams in the May 7 *BA* top-25: North Carolina, Cal State Fullerton, Oregon State, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Virginia, Houston, Georgia Tech, Georgia, Pepperdine, College of Charleston, Miami, Oklahoma State and Old Dominion ... complete Division I attendance rankings typically are not calculated until after the season but it appears likely that Notre Dame will finish among the top-25 – as the team's current home attendance average would have ranked 23rd on the 2005 national attendance average list.

In a May 7th sampling of 69 noteworthy teams (see full list below), Notre Dame ranked 22nd in average attendance for the 2006 season (through games played on May 7) ... those 69 teams sampled met at least one of the three following criteria: currently receiving votes in a national poll; among the top-25 leaders in 2005 avg. attendance; or from the ACC, SEC, Big-12 or Pac-10 ... other teams of note that entered the week of May 7 with a lower avg. home attendance than Notre Dame include: Tennessee, Auburn, Stanford, USC, N.C. State, Vanderbilt, Ohio State, UCLA, California, Fresno State and Washington (others are listed below).

Attendance Average Leaders Sampling (as of games through May 7)

sampling includes 69 teams that meet at least one of the following three criteria: receiving votes in a May 7 national poll; among the top-25 leaders in 2005 average attendance; or from the ACC, SEC, Big-12 or Pac-10

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| LSU – 7,288 | Washington – 485 | Oklahoma – 1,047 |
| Arkansas – 7,030 | California – 469 | Kansas State – 1,030 |
| Mississippi State – 6,922 | Old Dominion – 450 | South Alabama – 821 |
| Texas – 5,441 | Maryland – 417 | Arizona – 807 |
| Texas A&M – 4,548 | Duke – 387 | Missouri – 793 |
| Clemson – 4,502 | Fresno State – 2,160 | UC Irvine – 748 |
| Florida State – 4,497 | Ohio State – 2,068 | Michigan – 726 |
| Alabama – 4,459 | Cal State Fullerton – 1,955 | Winthrop – 654 |
| Mississippi – 4,282 | Stanford – 1,781 | UNC Wilmington – 613 |
| Nebraska – 4,232 | Miami – 1,781 | College of Charleston – 593 |
| South Carolina – 3,834 | Tennessee – 1,724 | Washington State – 586 |
| Wichita State – 3,697 | Georgia – 1,682 | Wake Forest – 568 |
| Florida – 3,537 | Georgia Tech – 1,649 | UCLA – 534 |
| Southern Miss – 3,133 | Vanderbilt – 1,464 | USC – 529 |
| Rice – 3,042 | Kentucky – 1,383 | Pepperdine – 373 |
| Baylor – 3,039 | Oregon State – 1,320 | Jacksonville – 371 |
| Tulane – 2,372 | Virginia – 1,238 | Elon – 350 |
| East Carolina – 2,855 | Troy – 1,216 | Virginia Tech – 320 |
| Arizona State – 2,724 | North Carolina – 1,181 | Boston College – 264 |
| Texas Tech – 2,569 | N.C. State – 1,174 | Connecticut – 249 |
| Hawaii – 2,558 | Houston – 1,169 | Kent State – 233 |
| NOTRE DAME – 2,514 | Oklahoma State – 1,169 | St. John's – 192 |
| Auburn – 2,437 | Kansas – 1,129 | San Francisco – 189 |

PACKING THE ECK

The crowd for the Louisville series finale on May 7 (2,514) ranks as the 4th-highest attendance number in ND's Eck Stadium history, behind the '06 Rutgers series (3,507, 3,221 and 3,275, from April 21-23) ... other top attendance numbers in '06 include 3,101 for the series finale vs. St. John's on April 15, the doubleheader two days earlier vs. SJU (3,052; counted as one attendance number) and the Friday-night opener of the Pittsburgh series on March 31 (3,028; first of four record-setting attendance numbers in '06) ... a high number of tickets were sold for the second game of the Louisville series (2,714, on March 6), ranking 10th in Eck Stadium history behind the 2,900 for the 2002 game vs. Arizona State.

There have been 20 Eck Stadium attendance numbers of 2,300-plus and 14 have come in 2006, the eight listed above plus: 2,569 vs. Bowling Green (April 26), 2,568 vs. Purdue (April 24), 2,517 vs. Cleveland State (May 2), 2,443 vs. Toledo (April 18), 2,320 vs. IPFW (April 19) and 2,305 vs. Ball State (April 5).

Largest Attendance Numbers in Eck Stadium History (1994-2006)

1. **3,507** ... **4/21/06** Rutgers (gm 1; Fri. night
..... before football Blue-Gold)
2. **3,275** ... **4/23/06** ... Rutgers (gm 3)
3. **3,221** ... **4/22/06** Rutgers (gm 2)
..... football Blue-Gold day)
4. **3,185** ... **5/7/06** Louisville (gm 3)
5. **3,101** ... **4/15/06** St John's (gm 3)
6. **3,052** ... **4/13/06** St John's (Thursday DH)
7. **3,028** ... **3/31/06** Pittsburgh (Friday night)
8. 2,900 ... **4/26/02** Arizona State (Friday night
..... before football Blue-Gold)
9. 2,816 ... **4/26/03** Connecticut (DH;
..... football Blue-Gold day)
10. **2,714** ... **5/6/06** Louisville (gm 2)
11. 2,606 ... **5/10/05** .. Oakland (senior week)
12. **2,569** ... **4/26/06** .. Bowling Green
..... (“turn back the clock” night)
13. **2,568** ... **4/24/06** .. Purdue
14. **2,517** ... **5/2/06** Cleveland State
15. 2,497 ... **5/17/05** .. USC
16. 2,443 ... **4/18/06** .. Toledo
17. 2,396 ... **5/21/05** .. West Virginia (gm 3)
18. 2,382 ... **5/16/04** .. Rutgers (graduation day)
19. **2,320** ... **4/19/06** .. IPFW
20. **2,305** ... **4/5/06** Ball State

* Note – ND also sold 2,421 tickets for the game vs. Purdue on April 20, 2005, that was played in downtown South Bend at Coveleski Stadium.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

• The Notre Dame baseball team traditionally has matched its stellar play on the field with strong performances in the classroom and that continued to be the case in the 2005 fall semester – as the 32 players combined for a 3.17 team GPA during the semester.

• The NCAA's recently-released Graduation Success Rate (GSR) data also reinforced the Notre Dame baseball program's elite academic standing, as the Irish were one of 17 teams among 268 in Division I – but one of only two teams from that group that also currently are in the national top-25 polls – to compile a 100% graduation rate, during a four-year sample of classes entering from 1995-98.

• The Irish also own a 100% graduation rate (63-of-63) among four-year players throughout the tenure of head coach Paul Mainieri ('95-present), with 12 others who signed professionally prior to their senior season returning to complete or near completion of their degree requirements.

• Twenty-one of the ND baseball players posted a GPA of 3.0-plus during the 2005 fall semester, with 11 checking in at 3.4 or higher ... the ND players also have combined for an impressive 3.10 cumulative team GPA over the course of their college careers.

• Notre Dame boasts several strong Academic All-America candidates in 2006, most notably: senior LHP **Tom Thornton** (3.54 cumulative GPA; double major in anthropology and film-television-and-theater), sophomore 3B **Brett Lilley** (3.64; accounting), senior SS **Greg Lopez** (3.39; pre-professional studies and anthropology), senior LF/DH **Matt Bransfield** (3.36; sociology), junior catcher **Sean Gaston** (3.36; political science and history) and sophomore 2B **Ross Brezovsky** (3.26; economics) ... Notre Dame's unmatched Academic All-America history includes 20 honorees since 1992.

• The senior class led the way for the Irish during the 2005 fall semester, averaging a 3.54 semester GPA that included seven players above a 3.4 and all eight posting a semester GPA of 3.05 or higher.

NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT SHINES AGAIN – Craig Cooper previously earned a national honor at the end of the 2005 regular season, when the National Collegiate Baseball Writers named him national hitter of the week ... Cooper batted 13-for-22 (.565) in that May 16-21, 2005, stretch that included one game at Pittsburgh, two vs. #17 USC and a three-game series with West Virginia (13 RBI, 8 R, 2 HR, 3 2B, 2 BB, HBP, SB, 2 Ks), as the Irish closed 5-1 to roll into the post-season ... five other recent ND players have received national weekly honors:

• RHP **Aaron Heilman** was named the *Collegiate Baseball* national pitcher of the week twice during his junior season in 2000, after a 12-K game in a 6-4 win over Georgia (March 9, at the Metrodome) and an 18-K game in a 3-1, 10-inning win at West Virginia (April 15),

• RF **Brian Stavisky** opened his sophomore season in '01 season by batting .692 (9-for-13) and reaching base 10 consecutive times at the Mississippi State Classic, earning the weekly hitter honor from the NCBWA and *CB's* national player-of-the-week award.

• The 25-1 win over South Alabama in the '02 NAAs resulted in then-sophomore 2B **Steve Sollmann** (6-for-7, 7 RBI, 6 R, HR, 2 3B) and then-freshman RHP **Grant Johnson** (1-hitter, 8 Ks, BB, HBP, 30 BF) earning the respective player/hitter and pitcher-of-the-week awards from the NCBWA and *CB*.

• Current junior catcher **Sean Gaston** earned NCBWA hitter-of-the-week after opening his career by batting 10-for-12 during '04 games played in Boca Raton, Fla., vs. Winthrop, Florida Memorial and Minnesota (6 RBI, 7 R, 3 2B, 2 SB).

AWARDS PILE UP – ND players combined for three 2006 BIG EAST player-of-the-week awards (3) and two pitcher weekly awards from the BIG EAST this season ... Craig Cooper's first BIG EAST weekly award of the 2006 season came on April 10, after ND's 5-0 week that included wins over Chicago State and Ball State, plus the 3-0 sweep at South Florida (he hit 12-for-20 that week, with 5 RBI, 10 R, HR, 3B, 2 2B, 3 BB, 2 SB, K) ... junior OF **Danny Dressman** earned the March 13th honor after opening the Spring Break trip in San Antonio by batting 7-for-12 in wins over Texas A&M, Iowa and Illinois (8 RBI, 2 R) ... senior LHP **Tom Thornton** has been named BIG EAST pitcher of the week twice this season, after beating Indiana State on Feb. 23 (3-0, in Millington, Tenn.; 7 IP, 5 H, 0 BB, 5 Ks) and then hurling a 5-hit shutout vs. Southern Illinois on March 19, in San Antonio (2 Ks, 0 BB, 84 pitches).

THREE-TIME HONOREE – Craig Cooper's three career BIG EAST player-of-the-week honors tie him for second-most in BIG EAST history (four former ND standouts also collected three weekly player honors from the BIG EAST) ... in addition to his pair of 2006 weekly honors, Cooper was BIG EAST player of the week for the final week of the 2005 regular season (the same stretch that earned him national honors) ... former Boston College OF Jason Delaney holds the record for most career BIG EAST player-of-the-week honors (5), while former Virginia Tech 2B Marc Tugwell totaled three awards, as did four former ND greats: OF Brian Stavisky (4/24/00, 2/19/01, 4/2/01), SS Alec Porzel (5/0/00, 4/15/01, 5/7/01), 2B Steve Sollmann (2/24, 3/17 and 5/19 in '03) and SS/3B Matt Macri (4/21/03, 4/5/04, 5/17/04) ... Sollmann is the only position player in BIG EAST history to receive three weekly awards in the same season ... a total of 20 Notre Dame players – including current junior catcher Sean Gaston (3/1/04) and current senior SS Greg Lopez (4/19/04) – have combined to earn 34 BIG EAST baseball player-of-the-week awards, since ND joined the BIG EAST in '95-'96 ... the ND program has produced 31 total BIG EAST pitcher-of-the-week recipients, including five honors for current senior LHP Tom Thornton (2nd-most all-time, behind 10 by former ND ace Aaron Heilman) ... ND's previous all-time BIG EAST player-of-the-week recipients include the five three-time honorees (Stavisky, Porzel, Sollmann, Macri and Cooper), plus five two-time recipients: catcher Jeff Wagner (4/7/97, 5/5/97), SS/3B Brant Ust (4/3/98, 3/29/99), 1B Jeff Felker (4/15, 5/12), catcher Paul O'Toole (5/13/00, 4/1/02) and CF Steve Stanley (2/26, 4/23) ... the other seven ND position players who have received weekly BIG EAST honors: catcher Mike Amrhein (3/17/97), OF Allen Greene (4/28/97), SS J.J. Brock (3/16/98), catcher Mike Knecht (5/4/98), 3B/C Andrew Bushey (2/25/02), 1B Joe Thaman (5/13/02) and 3B Matt Edwards (4/7/03).

WIN STREAK WRAPUP

23-GAME WIN STREAK OVERVIEW – The Irish hit .353 during their record-setting 23-game win streak (longest in nation this season) from March 25-April 25, averaging 8.6 runs per game with a .499 team slugging pct. (20 HR, 6 3B, 44 2B), a .442 on-base pct. (106 BB, 31 HBP, 88 Ks), 30 stolen bases and 32 sac. bunts ... the ND pitchers owned a 2.81 staff ERA during the win streak (79 total runs allowed/3.43 per game), with a .227 opp. batting avg., a 3-to-1 K-to-walk ratio (192/62) and 36 more innings pitched (208) than hits allowed (172, with just 5 HR) ... ND had a .972 fielding pct. in the win streak (24 Es) ...

top hitters in the win streak included:

Craig Cooper476, 40-for-84, 27 RBI
9 HR, 3B, 8 2B, 32 R, 12 BB, 3HBP, 5 Ks, 6 SB
Greg Lopez440, 33-for-75, 20 RBI, 17 R
3B, 4 2B, 4 BB, 3 HBP, 4 K, 2 SAC, 2 SB
Brett Lilley418, 28-for-67, 12 RBI, 15 R,
2 2B, 3 3B, 6 2B, 5 SAC, 2 SB

top pitchers in the win streak included:

Wade Korpi – 0.26 ERA, 4-0, 5 GS, 34.2 IP, 44 K, 10 BB, 14 H/.125 opp. avg.
Jess Stewart – 1.12, 3-0, 8 GP, 16 IP, 9 K, 3 BB 16 H/.262
Kyle Weiland – 1.93, 2-0, 10 GP, 6 SV, 14 IP, 10 K, 5 BB, 13 H/.245

The streak included 12 blowout wins (by 5-plus runs) and the Irish scored 14 times in the first inning ... ND totaled 0-1 errors in 18 of the games during the win streak ... the Irish outhit the opponents in 20 of the 23 games during the streak, reached on 48% of the time when leading off the inning and batted .366 with runners in scoring position ... ND dominated the middle innings during the win streak, with a 104-12 scoring edge from the 4th to the 6th innings (37-3, 37-2, 30-7) .. the win streak spanned 31 days and was part of 19 straight wins at Eck Stadium (18 in the streak).

TOP WIN STREAKS IN ND SPORTS HISTORY (also see sidebar)

Other ND team-based sports top win streaks (see sidebar for others)

Volleyball – 17 (Oct. 24-Nov. 22, 1986)

Hockey – 14 (Dec. 11, 1987 - Feb. 13, 1988)

Women's Lacrosse - 14 (April 22, 2003 - April 17, 2004)

Men's Lacrosse - 9 (April 1-May 26, 2001 and March 18-May 1, 1992)
(see sidebar for other team-based sports, including football and basketball)

Top winning streaks for ND sports with individual-based competition

• **Men's Fencing** has totaled 15 all-time win streaks of 20-plus dual matches (10 of 24 or better): 122 ('75-'80), 98 ('84-'88), 90 ('00-'04), 50 ('90-'93), 46 ('89-'90), 37 ('97-'98), 37 ('93-'95), 31 ('67-'68), 26 ('73-'74), 25 ('57-'59), 23 ('99-'00), 23 ('81-'82), 22 ('83-'84), 22 ('04-'05) and 21 ('81).

• **Women's Fencing** has seven all-time win streaks of 20-plus (five above 23): 75 ('93-'96), 42 ('86-'88), 41 ('03-'04), 38 ('97-'98), 35 ('90-'92), 26 ('05-'06) and 21 ('89-'90).

• **Men's Tennis** had a 29-match win streak (May 5, 1965 - April 29, 1967) and a 23-match streak from March 28, 1971 - April 9, 1972.

• **Women's Swimming** had a 16-match win streak from Nov. 4, 2000 – Oct. 30, 2002.

• **Women's Tennis:** 20 (Sept. 9, 1979 – Oct. 4, 1980)

• **Men's Swimming:** 11 Feb. 23, 1974 – Feb. 15, 1975

Note: no win streak data for teams that don't typically compete head-to-head (cross country, track and field, golf, rowing)

Longest Winning Streaks in Notre Dame Athletics History

(sports with team-based competition)

33 – Softball
(March 28-May 10, 2001)
ranked #8, ended with 2-1 loss to Seton Hall in BIG EAST Tournament opener

26 – Men's Soccer
(Sept. 20, 1977 – Oct. 3, 1978)
first two seasons,
several games vs. non-Div. I teams

24 – Women's Soccer
(Aug. 27-Nov. 24, 2000)
earned #1 rank early in season,
lost 2-1 to UNC in NCAA semifinals

23 – **BASEBALL**
(March 25-April 26, 2006)
ranked as high as #8,
ended with 11-8 loss to Bowling Green

23 – Women's Basketball
(Nov. 11, 2000-Feb. 17, 2001)
ranked #1,
ended with 54-53 loss at #11 Rutgers

23 – Football (Sept. 10, 1988 – Nov. 25, '89)
ranked #1,
lost 27-10 at #7 Miami in final game of regular season

22 – Men's Basketball
(final 11 games in '32-'33, first 11 in '33-'34)

22 – Men's Basketball
(1908-09)

21 – Football
(Nov. 16, 1946 – Dec. 4, 1948)

20 – Softball
(April 1-27, 2003)

20 – Women's Basketball
(Dec. 11, 1999-Feb. 26, 2000)

20 – Football
(Oct. 5, 1929 – Oct. 10, 1931)

20 – Football
(Oct. 4, 1919 – Oct. 8, 1921)

see other streaks listed at left

ND BASEBALL AND ECK STADIUM FEATURED IN EA SPORTS GAME

The Notre Dame baseball program and Eck Stadium are prominent elements in the newly-released EA Sports home video game MVP 06 NCAA Baseball ... the revolutionary game features Notre Dame and 127 other Division I teams while Eck Stadium is one of 19 stadiums featured in the popular new release ... EA Sports – the makers of the highest-rated and top-selling baseball game of the past three years – has created a completely new baseball experience: MVP 06 NCAA® Baseball. Inspired by the spirit and emotion of collegiate athletics, MVP 06 NCAA Baseball is the first-ever college baseball game.

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON – Five current Irish players are second-generation college baseball players: senior IF Eddie **Smith** (Ed Smith, Gonzaga), junior LHP/1B Mike **Dury** (John Dury, N.C. State), junior RHP Jeff **Manship** (John Manship, Arizona), freshman IF Evan **Sharpley** (Tom Sharpley, Spring Arbor) and freshman C **Mike Many** (Bob Many, Northern Illinois).

PLAYING THE FIELD – Notre Dame faced three Big 12 Conference teams earlier this season (Oklahoma, Nebraska and Texas A&M), continuing a long trend that has seen the Irish face teams from all over the nation ... Big 12 team Oklahoma State is one of just a handful of teams from the nation's top conferences that Notre Dame never has faced (as are Kansas, also of the Big 12, and ACC team Maryland) ... ND baseball has faced 285 opponents in its 115-year history, including 177 of 283 teams (63%) that played on the Div. I level in 2005 (many of the teams ND has not faced are from the smaller conferences) ... other teams of note that ND has yet to face include emerging programs such as the College of Charleston, Virginia Commonwealth, Coastal Carolina, Louisiana-Lafayette, East Carolina and Southern Miss.– plus west-coast teams such as Cal Poly, San Jose State, UNLV and Utah.

IN-STATE BATTLES – After the season-opening win over Indiana State and the ensuing wins over Valparaiso, Ball State, Manchester, IPFW and Purdue, Notre Dame now owns a 54-10 record (.841) vs. fellow Indiana-based schools during the Paul Mainieri era (since '95), with games versus: Valparaiso (11-1), Butler (7-0), Manchester (7-0), Purdue (7-2), IUPUI (5-0), Indiana Tech (4-1), Indiana (3-0), IPFW (3-0), Indianapolis (2-0), Indiana St. (2-1), Ball State (3-4) and Evansville (1-1).

ND TEAM QUICK NOTES – Since the start of the current decade (2000-06), ND owns the 4th-best win pct. among nearly 300 D-I teams (.731; 320-117-2), trailing only Rice (.751; 337-112), Florida State (.737; 351-125-1) and O4al Roberts (.737; 303-112) ... ND, FSU, Georgia Tech, Clemson and Wichita State are the only teams to post 35-plus wins every season since 1989 (the '89-'04 ND teams all won 40-plus), with LSU (34-22) the only other that could join that group with 35-plus wins every year since '89 ... ND and Virginia were remain the only teams in the nation ranked last week among the top-30 for batting avg. (ND 20th at .321, now .318), staff ERA (30th at 3.46, now 3.60) and fielding pct. (30th at .971, now .972) ... ND is 21-4 at home this season (36-5-1 in the past 42 games at "The Eck") ... ND has totaled 15 "big innings" (5-plus runs) this season (5 in the 4th) ... the Irish own a 67-14 overall scoring edge in the 4th inning ... ND has totaled 36 games with double-digit hits ... ND saw several streaks end recently: Craig Cooper's 21-game hit streak (tied ND record) ended vs. Purdue; the team's 23-game win streak (ND record) was halted by Bowling Green and also ended an 18-game home win streak; and the team's 16-game BIG EAST win streak (two shy of the BIG EAST record) ended in the 1-1 tie with UConn ... the Irish also tied the BIG EAST record for unbeaten streak (18) in league games (ND's '01 team had a 18-0 stretch in BIG EAST play) ... the 23-game win streak was one of the longest in ND athletics history, ranking alongside streaks by the softball (33), women's soccer (24), football (23), women's basketball (23) and men's basketball (22) teams ... the two wins at UConn gave ND its best-ever BIG EAST start (16-1; the '98 team started 14-1) ... since the start of the win streak on March 25, ND has erased 22 of 29 deficits it has faced ... the seven largest attendance numbers in Eck Stadium history have come this season (record 3,507 for opener vs. Rutgers) ... ND had totaled just 11 HRs in its first 30 games but has 17 HRs in the past 26 games ... Alex Nettey's 2-run blast vs. St. John's (9-7) was ND's 12th game-ending home run in the Mainieri era (first at Eck Stadium since '01) ... the Irish reached 30 wins (30-8) quicker than all but the '04 (30-5) and '01 (30-5-1) Irish teams ... ND's 10 regular position players are a veteran group, combining for nearly 1,300 career starts ... the Irish staff has allowed just 12 HRs all season and recently went 25 games (943 batters faced) without allowing a HR ... ND rapped out 49 hits in the sweeps of both USF and Rutgers, the most hits for the Irish in a BIG EAST series since 50 vs. Georgetown in '98 ... ND's 56 games this season have featured 43 different batting orders.

SILVER STREAKS – Notre Dame now has totaled 11 double-digit win streaks in the Paul Mainieri era ... all but three (1997, 2000, '05) of the 12 Mainieri-era seasons have featured at least one double-digit winning streak (with two in both '98 and '04) ... the recent 23-game win streak began on March 25, within a day of the starting point in four of the 10 previous double-digit streaks (March 24 in '96, '03 and '04; March 26 in '98):

Longest Single-Season Win Streaks in Notre Dame Baseball History

23	2006 (March 25 – April 25) ... overall record was 21 from 1906-07
18	1991 (April 7-28, 1991)
17	2003 (March 24 – April 14) and 1907 (April 20 – May 21)
16	2002 (April 11 – May 4), 2001 (April 4-25) and 1988 (April 24 – May 20)
15	1910 (May 4 – June 7)

Double-Digit Win Streaks in the Mainieri Era

23	2006 (March 25 – April 25)
17	2003 (March 24 – April 14); 3rd-longest in ND history (18, in '91)
16	2002 (April 11 – May 4); tied for 5th-longest in ND history
16	2001 (April 4-25); tied for 5th-longest in ND history
13	1998 (April 8-23)
12	2004 (April 29 – May-21)
11	2004 (March 24 – April 7) ... 1995 (April 13-23)
10	'99 (March 10-28), '98 (March 26 – April 4) and '96 (March 24 – April 6)

VETERAN LINEUP	Avg	GP/GS	AB	R	H	2B/3B/HR	RBI	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	OB%	SH	SB	E
Cody Rizzo (Sr., RF/C)	.274	226/201	690	169	189	34/3/17	126	.406	52	82	125	.387	6	36-49	21
Greg Lopez (Sr., SS)	.296	223/210	719	120	213	30/2/4	129	.360	36	34	111	.352	31	7-15	60
Craig Cooper (Sr., 1B)	.360	214/185	705	184	254	48/7/26	158	.559	107	27	81	.460	10	45-62	9
Matt Bransfield (Sr., LF)	.318	176/151	566	104	180	39/4/17	125	.491	50	22	100	.387	8	5-10	5
Alex Nettey (Sr., CF)	.276	172/127	474	105	131	22/4/4	52	.365	33	40	63	.372	20	22-32	7
Danny Dressman (Jr., OF)	.299	131/85	355	72	106	18/3/0	63	.366	53	6	52	.395	21	9-17	2
Sean Gaston (Jr., C)	.302	119/93	358	59	108	15/2/2	65	.372	27	4	35	.353	11	11-13	6
Brett Lilley (So., 3B)	.352	113/113	389	94	137	9/0/2	59	.391	57	49	51	.486	22	14-28	22
Ross Brezovsky (So., 2B)	.285	105/102	365	67	104	20/4/4	57	.395	37	10	64	.361	9	5-8	22
Jeremy Barnes (Fr., DH/IF)	.284	51/48	201	34	57	10/3/2	43	.393	27	4	33	.372	2	8-13	7
TOTALS	.303	1,501/1,291	4,894	1,025	1,481	245/32/79	879	.414	480	279	717	.388	140	163-248	164

OUTFIELD OLD-TIMERS – Notre Dame’s current four veteran outfielders – the senior trio of LF **Steve Andres**, CF **Alex Nettey** and RF **Cody Rizzo**, plus junior **Danny Dressman** – have combined to make 413 outfield starts in their Notre Dame careers ... that total does not include the 115 career outfield starts by senior **Craig Cooper** (who has shifted to first base in 2006) or the 43 starts by senior **Matt Bransfield** (most in LF this season), who served mostly as a DH in 2003-06 (the above six players have combined for 571 career outfield starts):

Career OF Starts	LF	CF	RF	Total
Cody Rizzo	13	34	108	155
Alex Nettey	4	116	2	122
<i>Craig Cooper (1B in '06)</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>115</i>
Danny Dressman	10	31	30	71
Steve Andres	62	0	3	65
Matt Bransfield (DH in '03-'05)	42	0	1	43
Totals	181	189	201	571

NCAA STAT LEADERS – **Craig Cooper** entered last week ranked 7th in the nation for batting avg. (.432), 1st in runs/gm (1.46; 67 total, now 72/1.44), 47th in slugging (.678, now .673) and 39th in “toughest to strike out” (15.3 ABs per K, now 14.3), with the updated NCAA stats yet to be released ... **Greg Lopez** was 32nd on the toughest-to-K list (15.6, now 13.9) and **Sean Gaston** 44th (14.9, now 14.2) ... **Danny Dressman** and **Brett Lilley** (now 13) ranked 26th nationally in sac. bunts (12), with **Alex Nettey** 9th in HBPs per game (21 total) ... two ND pitchers ranked among the national ERA leaders: **Wade Korpi** (23rd; 1.97, now 2.20) and **Jeff Manship** (99th; 2.79, now 2.65), with Korpi 14th in Ks per 9 IP (11.2) and Manship 24th (10.7 Ks/9 IP, now 10.4) ... **Kyle Weiland**’s last week ranked 7th in the nation with 13 saves (now 14, besting tying J.P. Gagne’s ND record).

ND PLAYER QUICK NOTES – **Cody Rizzo**’s 82 career HBPs are 2nd in NCAA history, 12 back of the record ... **Greg Lopez** has an impressive combination for a shortstop, with a high RBI total (35) and low errors (9) for nearly a 4-to-1 ratio of RBI to errors ... **Wade Korpi** four weeks ago had two strong 7-inning starts (vs. Purdue and UConn; 16 Ks, 3 BB, 7 H) en route to taking over the BIG EAST overall ERA lead (1.53) ... **Paul Mainieri** is 529-210-3 at ND, 860-489-4 overall (in 25 years) ... **Jeff Samardzija** (40th) and **Jeff Manship** (41st) recently were upgraded to top-50 status on *Baseball America*’s list of top college prospects for the ’06 MLB draft (UNC and Missouri are the only other teams with two starting pitchers among the top-50) ... **Craig Cooper** (.380), **Brett Lilley** (.377), **Lopez** (.375) and **Danny Dressman** (.375) are ND’s top batters with runners in scoring position.

NOTRE DAME BASEBALL 2006 QUICK FACTS

Location	Notre Dame, IN 46556
Founded	1842
First Season of Baseball	1892
Undergraduate Enrollment	8,311
Nickname	Fighting Irish
Colors	Gold and Blue
Conference	BIG EAST
Athletic Director	Kevin White
Stadium (cap.)	Eck Stadium (2,500)
Surface, Dim.	Grass, 331-401--331
Head Coach	Paul Mainieri (Fla. Int'l '80)
Career Record	869-489-4 (25th season)
Record at ND	529-210-3 (13th season)
Asst. Coach	Terry Rooney (Radford '96)
Asst. Coach	Cliff Godwin (ECU '01)
Vol. Asst.	John Gumpf (CS San Bernadino '97)
Letterwinners Ret./Lost	21/7
Position Starters Ret./Lost	8/1
Letterwinning Pitchers Ret./Lost	10/5
Total Returners	21 (13 pos./10 pitchers)
Newcomers	11
2005 Record	38-24-1
2004 BIG EAST Record/Finish ..	14-9-1/3rd
Postseason	2-2 NCAA Gainesville Reg.
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NOTRE DAME BASEBALL 2006 ROSTER BREAKDOWN

Position Starters Returning ('05 Avg/HR/RBI)

1B – Craig Cooper (Sr.; .325/7/58; 14 SB)
 3B – Brett Lilley* (So.; .355/0/28; 30 HBP)
 SS – Greg Lopez (Sr.; .274/2/34; 7 SAC)
 C – Sean Gaston* (Jr.; .293/1/28; 27 R)
 RF – Cody Rizzo (Sr.; .252/6/24; 17 SB)
 LF – Matt Bransfield (Sr.; .313/0/16; 6 2B)
 CF – Alex Nettey (Sr.; .288/2/24; 44 R)
 2B – Ross Brezovsky* (So.; .261/2/20; 35 R)
 DH/LF – Steve Andres* (Sr.; .232/5/25; 21 BB)

Position Starter Lost ('05 Avg/HR/RBI)

1B – Matt Edwards (.353/14/68; 21 2B, 46 BB)

* Notes: stats for '05 season ... asterisks indicate lefthanded hitters ... no other position players lost from the 2005 team that had more than 5 at-bats ... Cooper started in the outfield during the 2003-05 seasons ... Bransfield was injured for part of '05 and previously has been a DH and reserve catcher with the Irish.

Top Returning Pitchers ('05 stats)

Tom Thornton* (Sr.; 4.69 ERA, 6-6, 40 Ks)
 Jeff Samardzija (Jr.; 3.89 ERA, 8-1, 56 Ks)
 Jeff Manship (Jr.; 3.97 ERA, 2-1, SV, 20 Ks)
 Mike Dury* (Jr.; 1.38 ERA, 1-0, 2 SV, 17 Ks)
 Wade Korpi* (So.; 5.47 ERA, 4-3, 32 Ks)

Top Pitcher Lost ('05 stats)

Ryan Doherty (3.79 ERA, 1-3, 7 SV, 44 Ks)

* Note: asterisks indicate LHPs

Key Freshmen (stats for 2005)

Kyle Weiland (RHP; Albuquerque, NM)
 First team all-state
 (5.20 ERA, 4-1, 2 SV, 53 Ks, 19 BB, 35 IP)

Jeremy Barnes (RHP/IF; Garland, TX)
 All-state shortstop
 (.430, 4 HR ... team-record 1.31 ERA in '04)

David Phelps (RHP; Hazelwood, MO)
 First team all-state
 (1.56 ERA, 6-2, 88 Ks, 18 BB, 25 H, 54 IP)

Sam Elam (LHP; Mesquite, TX)
 Led team to regional championship
 (2.50 ERA, 9-3, 72 Ks, 35 IP)

Eddy Mendiola (3B/C; Miami, FL)
 All-county honors
 (.390, 3 HR, 6 2B, 14 RBI, 20 BB, 14 SB)

HBP NOTES

HBP HIGHWAY RETURNS – The Notre Dame batters were hit-by-pitch just six times in the first 7 GP of '06 but now are averaging 1.6 HBPs per game (90 in 56 GP) ... senior CF **Alex Nettey** leads all BIG EAST players with 21 HBPs (9th in nation this season and 3rd in ND history; with his 40 career HBPs 3rd all-time at ND) ... senior RF/C **Cody Rizzo** (12 HBP in '06) ranks 2nd in NCAA history with 812 career HBPs ... sophomore 3B **Brett Lilley** (19 HBP in '06) already is 2nd in ND history with 49 career HBPs ... senior SS **Greg Lopez** (34), senior 1B **Craig Cooper** (28) and senior LF/DH **Steve Andres** (24) rank 7th, 10th and 13th on the ND career HBP list ... ND's six fourth-year senior position players have combined for 229 career HBPs (also 22 for LF **Matt Bransfield**) ... ND players have posted 15-plus HBPs 10 times in a season (8 by current players).

NCAA RECORD BOOK CAREER HIT-BY-PITCH

1. 92	Tony Hurtado (San Francisco; '97-'00)	221 GP	2.40 gms/HBP
2. 82*	Cody Rizzo (Notre Dame; '03-)	226 GP	2.76 gms/HBP
3. 81	Gabe Somarriba (Florida Atlantic; '99-'02)	226 GP	2.79 gms/HBP
4. 74	Jeff Ontiveros (Texas; 1999-2002)	258 GP	3.49 gms/HBP

NCAA RECORD BOOK PLAYER SEASON HIT-BY-PITCH

1. 33	Andrew Slater (Richmond, '97)
2. 32	Gary Morris (Elon, '05)
32	Steve Dembrowski (Fairleigh Dickinson, '79)
4. 30	Brett Lilley (Notre Dame, '05)
5. 29	Ryder Mathias (Wake Forest, '05)
29	Chris Nelson (Southern Utah, '02)
29	Jonah Martin (Arizona State, '00)
29	Corky Miller (Nevada, '98)
10. 28	Cody Rizzo (Notre Dame, '03)

Note: Lilley and Rizzo are the only players from the same school on the above top-10 list (28-plus HBPs in a season)

NCAA RECORD BOOK TEAM SEASON HIT-BY-PITCH

Team	Yr.	Games	HBP (per gm)
1. Notre Dame	2005	63	130 (2.06)
2. Nevada	1997	60	125 (2.08)
3. Long Beach St.	1998	67	124 (1.85)
Coll. Charleston	2004	63	122 (1.94)
5. Cal St. Fullerton	2003	66	117 (1.77)
6. Arizona State	2000	59	115 (1.95)
Long Beach St.	1999	60	114 (1.90)
8. Notre Dame	2004	63	106 (1.68)
– NOTRE DAME	2006	56	90 (1.61)

Notes: ND is on pace for 103 HBPs this season (in 64 GP) ... the Irish have averaged 1.79 HBPs/game in the past three seasons (326, in 182 games from '04-'06) ... the 2005 Notre Dame team owns the 2nd-best HBP per game among teams on the above list ... ND (106 in '04; 130 in '05) and Long Beach State (124 in '98, 114 in '99) are the only teams ever to post 106-plus HBPs in multiple seasons.

NOTRE DAME CAREER HBP

1. Cody Rizzo (2003-)	82
2. Brett Lilley (2005-)	49
3. Alex Nettey (2003-)	40
4. Craig DeSensi (1992-95).....	38
5. Dan Bautch (1990-92).....	36
Greg Layson (1991-94).....	36
7. Greg Lopez (2003-)	34
8. Ed Lund (1988-90)	32
Eric Danapilis (1990-93).....	32
10. Craig Cooper (2003-)	28
Paul O'Toole (1999-2002)	28
12. Javi Sanchez (2001-04).....	27
13. Steve Andres (2003-)	24
– Matt Bransfield (2003-)	22

NOTRE DAME SEASON HBP

1. Brett Lilley (2005)	30
2. Cody Rizzo (2003)	28
3. ALEX NETTEY (2006)	21
Cody Rizzo (2004)	21
Cody Rizzo (2005)	21
6. BRETT LILLEY (2006)	19
7. Greg Lopez (2005)	16
8. Alex Nettey (2005)	15
Eric Danapilis (1993).....	15
Javi Sanchez (2004).....	15
11. Craig Cooper (2005)	14
(four others).....	14
– CODY RIZZO (2006)	12

FAR & WIDE – Notre Dame's top-10 position player starters hail from seven states, including two outfielders from **California** (jr. RF Danny Dressman and sr. RF/C Cody Rizzo) and two leftside infielders from **Ohio** (sr. SS Greg Lopez and soph. 3B Brett Lilley), plus one each from **New York** (sr. 1B Craig Cooper), **Colorado** (sr. LF Matt Bransfield), **Indiana** (jr. C Sean Gaston), **Florida** (soph. 3B Ross Brezovsky), **Illinois** (sr. CF Alex Nettey) and **Texas** (fr. DH/2B Jeremy Barnes).

STATE ROLL CALL – The Notre Dame list of all-time monogram winners includes players from **44 home states** ... pitchers Brandon Vioria (Wailuku, Hawaii) in 2000 and Cody Wilkins (Hudson, N.C.) in 2004 became the first players from their respective states ever to monogram with the Irish baseball program ... the only states that have not produced ND baseball letterwinners include Alaska, Idaho, Nevada, New Hampshire, South Carolina and Vermont ... the 12-year Paul Mainieri era has featured players from 36 states, including 15 states on the 2006 roster (see list below):

Florida (4) – Ross Brezovsky (Naples), Wade Korpi (Lake Worth), Eddy Mendiola (Miami), Joey Williamson (Lantana)

Indiana (4) – Mike Dury (Indianapolis), Sean Gaston (Brownsburg), Jeff Samardzija (Valparaiso), John Seabaugh (Granger)

Texas (4) – Jeremy Barnes (Garland), Sam Elam (Mesquite), Tony Langford (Fort Worth), Jeff Manship (San Antonio)

California (3) – Steve Andres (Napa), Danny Dressman (San Jose), Cody Rizzo (Temecula)

Illinois (3) – Brett Graffy (Homer Glen), Mike Many (Naperville), Alex Nettey (Dolton)

Michigan (2) – Dan Kapala (Royal Oak), Evan Sharpley (Marshall)

New York (2) – Ryan Connolly (Binghamton), Craig Cooper (Plainview)

Ohio (2) – Brett Lilley (North Canton), Greg Lopez (Upper Arlington)

Washington (2) – David Gruener (Gig Harbor), Eddie Smith (Olympia)

Colorado (1) – Matt Bransfield (Englewood)

Massachusetts (1) – Tom Thornton (Middleboro)

Missouri (1) – David Phelps (Hazelton)

New Jersey (1) – Chris Soriano (Randolph)

New Mexico (1) – Kyle Weiland (Albuquerque)

Virginia (1) – Jess Stewart (Manassas)

CLUTCH HITTING KEY COMPONENT – Three stats that measure clutch offensive production – leadoff on-base pct., batting with runners in scoring position and 2-out batting – show that clutch hitting can overcome a team's dropoff in power numbers ... using a formula that combines those three situational hitting numbers, **Brett Lilley** was the 2005 team's runaway team leader with a "clutch hitting" score of 1,402) ... that number can be skewed a bit by the on-base pct. (which has the benefit of including walks and HBPs and thus is higher than the batting avg. stats) ... using an adjustment whereby the leadoff on-base pct. is multiplied by 75%, Lilley still checked in as ND's all-around leader in 2005 clutch hitting with a 1,273 score (.515 leadoff on-base/.386 adjusted, .448 RISP, .439 with 2-outs) ... the 2005 team's overall clutch-hitting score was 908 but the 2006 team has gone well beyond that, checking in at 955 thanks to a big jump in leadoff on-base pct. (.406 to .449) and batting with runners in scoring position (.309 to .338) ... senior 1B **Craig Cooper** (1,123; just behind Lilley;s 2006 team-best 1,126) is above his 2005 CH score this season (1,117), with a 152-point jump in leadoff OB (.419 to .571) ... junior OF **Danny Dressman** owns a 1,021 clutch-hitting score – almost 350 points above his 673 in '05, with huge jumps in all three categories (up 225 points in leadoff OB, 89 in batting with RISP and 83 in 2-out hitting) ... senior SS **Greg Lopez** owns a 913 CH score that is 127 points higher than his 2005 mark, mostly due to a 133-point rise in his batting with RISP (.375) ... Lilley led the '05 team in 2-out batting and batting with RISP while ranking 3rd in leadoff OB (better than his overall team-leading .502 OB pct.) ... Cooper was 2nd overall in 2005 with a 1,117 clutch-hitting score that included the team's 2nd-best batting averages with 2-outs (.439) and with runners in scoring position (.448).

CLUTCH-HITTING CHART (team rank in parentheses)

	<i>Leadoff On-Base Pct.</i>	<i>Batting w/ RISP</i>	<i>2-Out Batting</i>	<i>Clutch Hit Tot.</i>
Brett Lilley	(2) .500 (.368)	(2) .377	(1) .381	(1) 1,126
(2005)	(3) .515 (.386)	(1) .448	(1) .439	(1) 1,273
Craig Cooper	(1) .571 (.437 adjust.)	(1) .380	(6) .306	(1) 1,123
(2005)	(5) .419 (.314)	(2) .434	(2) .369	(2) 1,117
Danny Dressman	(6) .407 (.313)	(3) .375	(2) .333	(3) 1,021
(2005)	(13) .182 (.137)	(8) .286	(9) .250	(10) 673
Matt Bransfield	(10) .367 (.279)	(5) .364	(3) .329	(4) 972
(2005)	(2) .542 (.407)	(6) .314	(6) .286	(4) 1,007
Ross Brezovsky	(7) .404 (.313)	(7) .333	(4) .321	(5) 967
(2005)	(10) .298 (.224)	(7) .288	(10) .246	(9) 758
Jeremy Barnes	(3) .465 (.349)	(6) .359	(10) .215	(6) 923
Greg Lopez	(9) .370 (.275)	(3) .375	(9) .263	(7) 913
(2005)	(8) .353 (.265)	(10) .242	(7) .279	(7) 786
Alex Nettey	(5) .451 (.332)	(10) .261	(5) .310	(8) 903
(2005)	(6) .418 (.314)	(9) .273	(12) .219	(6) 806
Sean Gaston	(4) .459 (.330)	(9) .294	(7) .269	(9) 893
(2005)	(7) .357 (.268)	(4) .322	(5) .302	(5) 892
Cody Rizzo	(10) .379 (.249)	(7) .333	(8) .264	(10) 846
(2005)	(4) .436 (.327)	(12) .190	(10) .246	(8) 763
TEAM	.449 (.335)	.338	.282	955
(2005)	.406 (.311)	.309	.294	908

LORDS OF DISCIPLINE – The 2006 Notre Dame offense owns a +70 plate-discipline ratio (walks + hit-by-pitch - strikeouts) that is better than four times the 2005 team's PDR (+17) and is on pace for +80 over 64 games ... the Irish batters have boosted their walks (3.5/gm in '05 to 4.0/gm in '06) while hitting at a .318 clip (23 points higher than in '05) ... the ND offense also is averaging nearly one fewer K per game this season (4.4) than in 2005 (5.2) ... the biggest improvements in PDR have been seen by junior OF Danny **Dressman** (up 26; from -6 to +20), sophomore 2B Ross **Brezovsky** (25; from -20 to +5), senior SS Greg **Lopez** (16; from -17 to -1), senior CF Alex **Nettey** (15; from -2 to +13) and junior C Sean **Gaston** (16; from -7 to +9) ... senior 1B **Craig Cooper** (+28) is on pace for a +32, which would surpass Brett Lilley's team-best +29 in from the 2005 season (Lilley has surged to a +24 in '06):

PLATE-DISCIPLINE CHART

<i>Player</i>	<i>Walks</i>	<i>Hit-By-Pitch</i>	<i>Strikeouts</i>	<i>Plate Discipline (BB+HBP-Ks)</i>
Craig Cooper ('06)	34	8	14	+28
(2005)	32	14	22	+24
Brett Lilley ('06)	23	19	18	+24
(2005)	34	27	32	+29
Danny Dressman ('06)	30	5	15	+20
(2005)	5	1	12	-6
Alex Nettey ('06)	12	21	20	+13
(2005)	13	14	29	-2
Sean Gaston ('06)	19	0	10	+9
(2005)	5	4	16	-7
Ross Brezovsky ('06)	20	6	22	+4
(2005)	16	4	40	-20
Cody Rizzo ('06)	15	12	27	Even
(2005)	22	21	35	+8
Greg Lopez ('06)	7	5	14	-1
(2005)	10	16	43	-17
Jeremy Barnes ('06)	27	4	33	-2
Steve Andres ('06)	11	2	16	-3
(2005)	21	6	20	+7
Matt Bransfield ('06)	15	3	34	-16
(2005)	10	7	14	+3
TEAM TOTALS	225	90	245	+70
(2005)	220	125	328	+17

* Lilley, Cooper and Matt Edwards (+17) were a combined +70 in '05 (rest of team -53)

Double-Digit Hit Streaks in the Paul Mainieri era (since '95)

21 – Craig Cooper (2006; Sr., 1B)

21 – Mike Amhein (1997; Sr., C)
18 – Jeff Felker (1999; Jr., 1B)
16 – Steve Stanley (2000; So., CF)

15 – Alex Nettey (2005; Jr., CF)

15 – Steve Sollmann (2003; Jr., 2B)
15 – Jeff Wagner (1997; Sr., C/DH)
15 – Brant Ust (1997; Fr., 2B/SS)

14 – Steve Andres (2004; So., LF)

14 – Brian Stavisky (2000; Fr., RF)
14 – Matt Nussbaum (1999; Jr., LF)

13 – Craig Cooper (2005; Jr., LF)

13 – Steve Sollmann (2003; Jr., 2B)
13 – Steve Stanley (2002; Sr., CF)
13 – Andrew Bushey (2001; Jr., 3B)
13 – Allen Greene (1997; So., LF)

12 – Matt Bransfield (2006; Sr., LF)

12 – Javi Sanchez (2002; SS, So.)
12 – Steve Stanley (1999; CF, Fr.)
12 – Jeff Wagner (1998; Jr., C)

11 – Danny Dressman (2006; Jr., OF)

11 – Ross Brezovsky (2006; So., 2B)

11 – Steve Stanley (2002; CF, Sr.)
11 – Brian Stavisky (2002; Jr., LF)
11 – Allen Greene (1998; Jr., CF)
11 – Scott Sollmann (1996; Jr., CF)

10 – Matt Edwards (2005; Sr., 1B)

10 – Matt Macri (2004; Jr., 3B)

10 – Matt Edwards (2004; Jr., 1B)

10 – Matt Edwards (2003; So., 3B)

10 – Steve Stanley (2002; Sr., CF)

10 – Steve Sollmann (2002; So., 2B)

10 – Steve Stanley (2001; Jr., CF)

10 – Ken Meyer (2001; Jr., DH)

10 – Steve Sollmann (2001; Fr., 2B)

10 – Steve Stanley (2000; So., CF)

10 – Brian Stavisky (2000; Fr., RF)

10 – Steve Stanley (1999; Fr., CF)

10 – Brant Ust (1998; So., 3B)

10 – J.J. Brock (1997; Sr., 3B)

10 – Randall Brooks (1996; Jr., 2B)

10 – J.J. Brock (1996; Jr., 3B)

Most Double-Digit Hit Streaks in the Mainieri Era

8 – Steve Stanley

4 – Steve Sollmann

3 – Brian Stavisky, Matt Edwards

2 – Brant Ust, Allen Greene,

Jeff Wagner, J.J. Brock, Craig Cooper

Note: Craig Cooper's earlier 9-game hitting streak ended this season after going 0-for-1 with 3 walks and a sac. fly vs. Central Michigan on March 22.

NOTRE DAME BASEBALL 2006 STARTS – By Batting Order

Opp.	Leadoff	2-hole	3-hole	Cleanup	5-hole	6-hole	7-hole	8-hole	9-hole
Ind.St.	Lilley	Gaston	Cooper	Andres	Lopez	Bransfield	Brezovsky	Nettey	Rizzo
AFA	Barnes	Dressman	Cooper	Andres	Lopez	Bransfield	Brezovsky	Dury	Rizzo
MEM	Nettey	Lilley	Cooper	Bransfield	Lopez	Gaston	Barnes	Brezovsky	Rizzo
OKLA	Nettey	Lilley	Andres	Bransfield	Gaston	Lopez	Brezovsky	Dury	Rizzo
NEB	Nettey	Lilley	Andres	Bransfield	Gaston	Lopez	Brezovsky	Rizzo	Dressman
MINN	Lilley	Dressman	Gaston	Bransfield	Andres	Dury	Brezovsky	Lopez	Nettey
ARIZ	Lilley	Dressman	Bransfield	Nettey	Barnes	Mendiola	Brezovsky	Lopez	Rizzo
A&M	Cooper	Dressman	Lilley	Gaston	Barnes	Bransfield	Brezovsky	Nettey	Lopez
IOWA	Cooper	Dressman	Lilley	Bransfield	Barnes	Andres	Nettey	Lopez	Rizzo
ILL	Cooper	Dressman	Lilley	Gaston	Barnes	Andres	Brezovsky	Nettey	Rizzo
IOWA	Cooper	Dressman	Lilley	Gaston	Barnes	Bransfield	Brezovsky	Lopez	Rizzo
IOWA	Cooper	Dressman	Lilley	Barnes	Gaston	Bransfield	Nettey	Lopez	Rizzo
SIU	Cooper	Dressman	Barnes	Bransfield	Gaston	Nettey	Brezovsky	Lopez	Rizzo
IOWA	Cooper	Dressman	Lilley	Bransfield	Brezovsky	Nettey	Sharpley	Lopez	Rizzo
SIU	Cooper	Dressman	Lilley	Bransfield	Gaston	Brezovsky	Nettey	Lopez	Rizzo
Wr.St.	Cooper	Dressman	Gaston	Bransfield	Brezovsky	Nettey	Lilley	Lopez	Rizzo
CMU	Cooper	Lilley	Barnes	Gaston	Bransfield	Nettey	Brezovsky	Lopez	Rizzo
GU	Cooper	Lilley	Dressman	Gaston	Bransfield	Brezovsky	Nettey	Lopez	Rizzo
GU	Barnes	Lilley	Barnes	Gaston	Bransfield	Nettey	Brezovsky	Lopez	Rizzo
GU	Cooper	Lilley	Dressman	Barnes	Bransfield	Gaston	Brezovsky	Lopez	Rizzo
VALPO	Lilley	Dressman	Barnes	Bransfield	Brezovsky	Nettey	Dury	Lopez	Rizzo
WMU	Cooper	Lilley	Barnes	Dressman	Brezovsky	Bransfield	Gaston	Lopez	Rizzo
PITT	Cooper	Lilley	Barnes	Bransfield	Dressman	Nettey	Gaston	Lopez	Rizzo
PITT	Cooper	Lilley	Barnes	Dressman	Brezovsky	Bransfield	Gaston	Lopez	Nettey
PITT	Cooper	Dressman	Barnes	Bransfield	Brezovsky	Gaston	Lilley	Lopez	Nettey
Chi St.	Cooper	Dressman	Barnes	Gaston	Brezovsky	Andres	Nettey	Mendiola	Rizzo
BSU	Cooper	Dressman	Barnes	Bransfield	Brezovsky	Nettey	Lilley	Lopez	Rizzo
USF	Cooper	Lilley	Dressman	Barnes	Brezovsky	Bransfield	Gaston	Lopez	Nettey
USF	Cooper	Lilley	Dressman	Barnes	Brezovsky	Bransfield	Gaston	Lopez	Rizzo
USF	Cooper	Lilley	Dressman	Barnes	Bransfield	Brezovsky	Nettey	Lopez	Rizzo
OAK	Cooper	Dressman	Barnes	Brezovsky	Bransfield	Gaston	Nettey	Lopez	Rizzo
MAN	Cooper	Lilley	Dressman	Barnes	Brezovsky	Andres	Dury	Nettey	Rizzo
SJU	Cooper	Lilley	Dressman	Barnes	Brezovsky	Bransfield	Gaston	Lopez	Nettey SJU
Cooper	Lilley	Dressman	Barnes	Bransfield	Gaston	Nettey	Lopez	Rizzo	
SJU	Cooper	Lilley	Dressman	Barnes	Bransfield	Brezovsky	Nettey	Lopez	Rizzo
TOL	Cooper	Dressman	Barnes	Brezovsky	Bransfield	Gaston	Nettey	Lopez	Rizzo
IPFW	Cooper	Dressman	Barnes	Bransfield	Lopez	Gaston	Nettey	Mendiola	Rizzo
RU	Cooper	Lilley	Dressman	Barnes	Brezovsky	Bransfield	Gaston	Lopez	Nettey
RU	Cooper	Lilley	Dressman	Barnes	Bransfield	Brezovsky	Nettey	Lopez	Rizzo
RU	Cooper	Lilley	Dressman	Barnes	Gaston	Bransfield	Nettey	Lopez	Rizzo
PUR	Cooper	Lilley	Dressman	Barnes	Gaston	Bransfield	Nettey	Lopez	Rizzo
BG	Cooper	Lilley	Dressman	Barnes	Gaston	Bransfield	Brezovsky	Nettey	Rizzo
UConn	Cooper	Lilley	Dressman	Barnes	Brezovsky	Bransfield	Gaston	Lopez	Nettey
UConn	Cooper	Lilley	Dressman	Barnes	Bransfield	Brezovsky	Nettey	Lopez	Rizzo
UConn	Cooper	Lilley	Dressman	Barnes	Brezovsky	Bransfield	Gaston	Lopez	Rizzo
ClevSt	Cooper	Lilley	Dressman	Barnes	Brezovsky	Bransfield	Nettey	Lopez	Rizzo
LOU	Cooper	Lilley	Dressman	Barnes	Bransfield	Brezovsky	Nettey	Lopez	Rizzo
LOU	Cooper	Lilley	Dressman	Barnes	Brezovsky	Bransfield	Gaston	Lopez	Nettey
LOU	Cooper	Lilley	Dressman	Barnes	Brezovsky	Bransfield	Gaston	Lopez	Rizzo
SHU	Cooper	Lilley	Dressman	Barnes	Bransfield	Brezovsky	Nettey	Lopez	Rizzo
SHU	Cooper	Lilley	Dressman	Barnes	Brezovsky	Gaston	Bransfield	Lopez	Nettey_SHU
Cooper	Lilley	Barnes	Bransfield	Brezovsky	Lopez	Gaston	Nettey	Rizzo	
MICH	Cooper	Lilley	Barnes	Brezovsky	Dressman	Gaston	Bransfield	Lopez	Nettey
VILL	Cooper	Lilley	Barnes	Brezovsky	Dressman	Andres	Nettey	Lopez	Rizzo
VILL	Cooper	Lilley	Barnes	Brezovsky	Dressman	Andres	Nettey	Lopez	Rizzo
VILL	Cooper	Lilley	Barnes	Brezovsky	Gaston	Andres	Bransfield	Sharpley	Nettey

Batting Order and Position Combination Notes

- The first 32 games featured **32 different batting orders** (now **43** in 56) ... ND is 37-9-1 with Cooper at leadoff spot (4-5 with others).
- The first 32 games featured **25 different position combinations** (excluding pitchers), now **31** different position combos in 56 GP.
- The top four spots thus far have included: **four** different **leadoff** batters (Brett Lilley, Jeremy Barnes, Alex Nettey and Craig Cooper) ... **three** players in the **2-hole** (Sean Gaston, Danny Dressman and Lilley) ... **seven** in the ever-important **#3 spot** (Cooper, Steve Andres, Gaston, Matt Bransfield, Lilley, Barnes, Dressman) ... and **seven cleanup** batters as well (Andres, Bransfield, Nettey, Gaston, Barnes, Dressman and Ross Brezovsky)
- **11** different ND players have hit as the **DH** this season: Steve Andres, Mike Dury, Jeremy Barnes, Eddy Mendiola, Brett Lilley, Sean Gaston, Danny Dressman, Evan Sharpley, Ross Brezovsky, Matt Bransfield and Greg Lopez.
- The Irish are **39-7-1 when Barnes has started**, including a 23-4 combined record when he has started in the middle infield (12-3 at 2B, 5-1 at SS) or at third base (6-0), plus 2-1 with him at first base and 14-3-1 as the DH ... ND is **17-4** when **Rizzo has started at catcher** (he has caught **8 games by Manship**, **5 by Samardzia**, 5 by Gruener, 2 by Phelps and a single game by Korpi).
- The **DH** spot has hit **just .249** this season (46-for-185), with most of the hits from Bransfield (9-for-17, .529) or Barnes (17-for-62, .274) ... those two are batting a combined .329 as the DH while the other nine who have DH'd are 20-for-106 (.189) ... **Dressman is hitting .362 as an outfielder** (54-for-149, 33 RBI, 33 R) but is 0-for-16 as the DH (0 RBI, R) while Brezovsky is 8-for-29 (.276) as the DH, Gaston 2-for-15 (.153), Andres 3-for-19 (.158) and Dury 2-for-13 (.154) ... **Barnes is batting just 5-for-29 (.172) at SS (.302/52-for-172 at other positions).**

NOTRE DAME BASEBALL 2006 STARTS – By Position

Opp.	Catcher	1st Base	2nd Base	Shortstop	3rd Base	Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	DH	Pitcher
Ind.St.	Gaston	Cooper	Brezovsky	Lopez	Lilley	Bransfield	Nettey	Rizzo	Andres	Thornton
AFA	Rizzo	Cooper	Brezovsky	Lopez	Barnes	Bransfield	Dressman	Andres	Dury	Samardzija
MEM	Gaston	Cooper	Brezovsky	Lopez	Lilley	Bransfield	Nettey	Rizzo	Barnes	Korpi
OKLA	Gaston	Dury	Brezovsky	Lopez	Lilley	Bransfield	Nettey	Rizzo	Andres	Manship
NEB	Gaston	Bransfield	Brezovsky	Lopez	Lilley	Dressman	Nettey	Rizzo	Andres	Thornton
MINN	Gaston	Bransfield	Brezovsky	Lopez	Lilley	Dressman	Nettey	Andres	Dury	Samardzija
ARIZ	Rizzo	Barnes	Brezovsky	Lopez	Lilley	Bransfield	Nettey	Dressman	Mendiola	Manship
A&M	<i>Gaston</i>	<i>Cooper</i>	<i>Brezovsky</i>	<i>Lopez</i>	<i>Lilley</i>	<i>Bransfield</i>	<i>Nettey</i>	<i>Dressman</i>	<i>Barnes</i>	Samardzija
IOWA	Rizzo	Cooper	Barnes	Lopez	Lilley	Bransfield	Nettey	Dressman	Andres	Manship
ILL	Gaston	Cooper	Brezovsky	Barnes	Lilley	Dressman	Nettey	Rizzo	Andres	Thornton
IOWA	Gaston	Cooper	Brezovsky	Lopez	Barnes	Bransfield	Dressman	Rizzo	Lilley	Korpi
IOWA	Rizzo	Cooper	Barnes	Lopez	Lilley	Bransfield	Nettey	Dressman	Gaston	Samardzija
SIU	Gaston	Cooper	Brezovsky	Lopez	Barnes	Bransfield	Nettey	Rizzo	Dressman	Manship
IOWA	Rizzo	Cooper	Brezovsky	Lopez	Lilley	Bransfield	Nettey	Dressman	Sharpley	Phelps
SIU	Gaston	Cooper	Brezovsky	Lopez	Lilley	Bransfield	Nettey	Rizzo	Dressman	Thornton
Wr.St.	Gaston	Cooper	Brezovsky	Lopez	Lilley	Bransfield	Nettey	Rizzo	Dressman	Korpi
CMU	Gaston	Cooper	Brezovsky	Lopez	Lilley	Bransfield	Nettey	Rizzo	Barnes	Phelps
GU	Gaston	Cooper	Brezovsky	Lopez	Lilley	Bransfield	Nettey	Rizzo	Dressman	Manship
GU	Rizzo	Barnes	Brezovsky	Lopez	Lilley	Bransfield	Nettey	Dressman	Andres	Samardzija
GU	Gaston	Cooper	Brezovsky	Lopez	Lilley	Bransfield	Rizzo	Dressman	Barnes	Thornton
VALPO	Rizzo	Barnes	Brezovsky	Lopez	Lilley	Bransfield	Nettey	Dressman	Dury	Gruener
WMU	Gaston	Cooper	Barnes	Lopez	Lilley	Bransfield	Rizzo	Dressman	Brezovsky	Thornton
PITT	Gaston	Cooper	Barnes	Lopez	Lilley	Dressman	Nettey	Rizzo	Bransfield	Samardzija
<i>PITT</i>	<i>Gaston</i>	<i>Cooper</i>	<i>Brezovsky</i>	<i>Lopez</i>	<i>Lilley</i>	<i>Bransfield</i>	<i>Nettey</i>	<i>Dressman</i>	<i>Barnes</i>	Manship
<i>PITT</i>	<i>Gaston</i>	<i>Cooper</i>	<i>Brezovsky</i>	<i>Lopez</i>	<i>Lilley</i>	<i>Bransfield</i>	<i>Nettey</i>	<i>Dressman</i>	<i>Barnes</i>	Thornton
Chi St.	Rizzo	Cooper	Brezovsky	Barnes	Mendiola	Andres	Nettey	Dressman	Gaston	Gruener
BSU	Rizzo	Cooper	Brezovsky	Lopez	Lilley	Bransfield	Nettey	Dressman	Barnes	Korpi
USF	<i>Gaston</i>	<i>Cooper</i>	<i>Brezovsky</i>	<i>Lopez</i>	<i>Lilley</i>	<i>Bransfield</i>	<i>Nettey</i>	<i>Dressman</i>	<i>Barnes</i>	Samardzija
USF	Gaston	Cooper	Barnes	Lopez	Lilley	Bransfield	Rizzo	Dressman	Brezovsky	Thornton
USF	Rizzo	Cooper	Brezovsky	Barnes	Lilley	Bransfield	Nettey	Dressman	Lopez	Manship
OAK	Gaston	Cooper	Brezovsky	Lopez	Barnes	Dressman	Nettey	Rizzo	Bransfield	Korpi
MAN	Rizzo	Cooper	Brezovsky	Barnes	Lilley	Andres	Nettey	Dressman	Dury	Phelps
SJU	Gaston	Cooper	Barnes	Lopez	Lilley	Bransfield	Nettey	Dressman	Brezovsky	Samardzija
SJU	Gaston	Cooper	Barnes	Lopez	Lilley	Dressman	Nettey	Rizzo	Bransfield	Thornton
SJU	Rizzo	Cooper	Brezovsky	Lopez	Lilley	Bransfield	Nettey	Dressman	Barnes	Manship
TOL	Gaston	Cooper	Brezovsky	Lopez	Barnes	Dressman	Nettey	Rizzo	Bransfield	Korpi
IPFW	Rizzo	Cooper	Barnes	Lopez	Mendiola	Bransfield	Nettey	Dressman	Gaston	Gruener
RU	Gaston	Cooper	Barnes	Lopez	Lilley	Bransfield	Nettey	Dressman	Brezovsky	Samardzija
RU	Rizzo	Cooper	Brezovsky	Lopez	Lilley	Bransfield	Nettey	Dressman	Barnes	Manship
RU	Gaston	Cooper	Barnes	Lopez	Lilley	Dressman	Nettey	Rizzo	Bransfield	Thornton
PUR	Gaston	Cooper	Barnes	Lopez	Lilley	Bransfield	Nettey	Rizzo	Dressman	Korpi
BG	Rizzo	Cooper	Brezovsky	Barnes	Lilley	Bransfield	Nettey	Dressman	Gaston	Gruener
UConn	Gaston	Cooper	Barnes	Lopez	Lilley	Bransfield	Nettey	Dressman	Brezovsky	Samardzija
UConn	Rizzo	Cooper	Brezovsky	Lopez	Lilley	Bransfield	Nettey	Dressman	Barnes	Manship
UConn	Gaston	Cooper	Brezovsky	Lopez	Lilley	Bransfield	Rizzo	Dressman	Barnes	Korpi
ClevSt	Rizzo	Cooper	Brezovsky	Lopez	Barnes	Bransfield	Nettey	Dressman	Lilley	Gruener
LOU	Rizzo	Cooper	Brezovsky	Lopez	Lilley	Bransfield	Nettey	Dressman	Barnes	Manship
LOU	Gaston	Cooper	Barnes	Lopez	Lilley	Bransfield	Nettey	Dressman	Brezovsky	Samardzija
LOU	Gaston	Cooper	Brezovsky	Lopez	Lilley	Bransfield	Nettey	Rizzo	Barnes	Thornton
SHU	Rizzo	Cooper	Barnes	Lopez	Lilley	Bransfield	Nettey	Dressman	Brezovsky	Samardzija
SHU	Gaston	Cooper	Brezovsky	Lopez	Lilley	Bransfield	Nettey	Dressman	Barnes	Manship
SHU	Gaston	Cooper	Barnes	Lopez	Lilley	Bransfield	Nettey	Rizzo	Brezovsky	Thornton
MICH	Gaston	Cooper	Brezovsky	Lopez	Lilley	Bransfield	Nettey	Dressman	Barnes	Korpi
VILL	Rizzo	Cooper	Brezovsky	Lopez	Lilley	Andres	Nettey	Dressman	Barnes	Samardzija
VILL	Rizzo	Cooper	Brezovsky	Lopez	Lilley	Andres	Nettey	Dressman	Barnes	Manship
VILL	Gaston	Cooper	Brezovsky	Barnes	Lilley	Bransfield	Nettey	Andres	Sharpley	Thornton

Player	GS	p	c	1b	2b	3b	ss	lf	cf	rf	of	dh	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
12 Matt Bransfield..	51	.	.	2	.	.	.	44	.	.	.	5	.	.	1	15	13	19	3	.	.
4 Greg Lopez.....	51	.	.	.	.	.	50	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	4	3	.	43	1
9 Craig Cooper.....	50	.	.	50	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	47	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.
16 Alex Nettey.....	50	.	.	.	.	.	.	50	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	1	.	7	22	6	11
2 Brett Lilley.....	50	.	.	.	.	48	.	.	.	.	.	2	4	36	7	.	.	.	3	.	.
6 Danny Dressman...	49	.	.	.	.	.	.	8	2	34	.	5	.	19	23	2	4	.	.	.	1
7 Ross Brezovsky...	49	.	.	.	41	.	.	.	.	.	.	8	.	.	.	7	19	9	13	1	.
20 Jeremy Barnes....	48	.	.	3	15	6	6	.	.	.	.	18	2	.	18	22	5	.	1	.	.
17 Cody Rizzo.....	44	.	21	.	.	.	.	.	4	19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	43
11 Sean Gaston.....	39	.	35	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	.	1	2	6	10	9	11	.	.