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# 2004 Notre Dame Men's Soccer

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## NCAA Men's College Cup Second Round #9/12 Notre Dame (13-2-3) vs. Ohio State (11-6-2)

### 2004 Schedule (13-2-3, 8-1-1)

#### September

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

#### October

1	Fri.	<b>* #9/11 Boston College</b>	<b>W, 1-0 (OT)</b>
3	Sun.	<b>Loyola-Chicago</b>	<b>W, 4-0</b>
7	Thurs.	<b>*Pittsburgh</b>	<b>W, 3-0</b>
10	Sun.	<b>*Syracuse</b>	<b>W, 1-0 (2OT)</b>
13	Wed.	<b>#19 Michigan</b>	<b>W, 3-0</b>
16	Sat.	*at #10/22 St. John's	T, 1-1 (2OT)
20	Wed.	*at #17 Seton Hall	W, 1-0
23	Sat.	*at Rutgers	W, 1-0
30	Sat.	<b>*Connecticut</b>	<b>W, 2-0</b>

#### November

2	Tues.	<b>Michigan State</b>	<b>cancelled</b>
		<b>BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	
6	Sat.	#21 Seton Hall	T, 0-0
		<b>NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	
23	Tues.	Ohio State	7 p.m.
27	Sat.	Third Round	5 p.m.

#### December

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

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

**Irish finally back to action in NCAA Championship:** The University of Notre Dame men's soccer team (13-2-3) will play host to the NCAA Men's College Cup at Alumni Field for the third consecutive year when Big Ten regular season co-champion Ohio State (11-6-2) and the Irish kickoff at 7 p.m.

Notre Dame earned its second consecutive first round bye in the 48-team field this season, earning its highest-ever seed (#5). Ohio State is coming off its first-ever NCAA tournament win 1-0 over #11 Memphis in Columbus on Friday, Nov. 19.

The Irish will not have played a game for 16 days before its matchup with Ohio State on Tuesday. Notre Dame was eliminated from the BIG EAST Championship in the quarterfinals 8-7 on penalty kicks by #21 Seton Hall back on Nov. 6. The BIG EAST Championship ended with an unpredictable outcome this year - proving the difficulty of Notre Dame's league and legitimizing the team's regular-season title. All four lower seeds earned victories on the higher seeds home field in the tournament for the first time since the league shifted to the current tournament form 10 years ago.

**Notre Dame men's soccer live coverage:** Fans unable to attend the match this weekend at Alumni Field will have two options available on www.und.com to monitor the action. Live audio play-by-play will be available to subscribers of the *College Sports Pass*, with Notre Dame student John Welsh providing the commentary. Live statistics will also be available, providing up-to-the-second game situations and statistics.

Both offerings can be found on the right side of the front page on www.und.com.

**NCAA College Cup ticket information:** Tickets for this weekend's NCAA College Cup second round match are on sale now and can be purchased at the ticket windows on game day or by calling the Notre Dame Ticket Office at (574) 631-7356. Ticket prices are 6\$ for adults, 4\$ for youth. The first 100 Notre Dame students will be admitted into the game free of charge. After the first 100 students, all Notre Dame students will be charged 3\$ for admission. Season ticket holders will be required to purchase a ticket to Saturday's match.

**Notre Dame - BIG EAST Champs:** The 2004 season will forever be remembered as the first BIG EAST regular season title for the Notre Dame men's soccer program. While the winner of the BIG EAST Championship tournament is ultimately crowned 'conference champion' and receives the league's automatic berth to the NCAA Championship, the regular season crown is significant - as it proclaims the Irish as the best team in one of the top conferences in the nation.

The Irish completed the conference schedule with a 8-1-1 record, which marks the first time the program has posted eight wins in BIG EAST Conference play. The team won seven games (7-3-0) in 2001.

#### What you need to know about Notre Dame this weekend:

- Notre Dame is hoping to advance to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA College Cup for the second consecutive season.
- The Irish are returning to action after 16 days off - having played its last match on Nov. 6 vs. Seton Hall in the BIG EAST quarterfinals.
- Notre Dame has surrendered one goal and is unbeaten in its last 11 matches and currently leads the nation in goals-against average (0.37).

**The last time...** Notre Dame played an NCAA match at home was Nov. 30, 2003, when the Irish battled Michigan to a 1-1 tie in the third round of the NCAA College Cup ... the Wolverines advanced to the final eight in the NCAA tournament 4-3 on penalty kicks ... the last time Notre Dame faced Ohio State was Sept. 9, 1994, when the Irish posted a 5-0 victory at Alumni Field.

**Ohio State series history and team analysis:** The Irish and Buckeyes will be meet-

## 2004 UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME MEN'S SOCCER ROSTER

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

**Coaching Staff:**

Head Coach: Bobby Clark (Jordanhill College, '67) fourth season at Notre Dame (53-18-10), 206-81-35, 18 years overall

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

Team Manager: Ashly Cumberworth (Notre Dame '05)

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

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

ing for the ninth time ... Notre Dame leads the all-time series 7-0-1, but the two teams have not met since 1994 ... Ohio State won its first-ever NCAA tournament match on Friday, Nov. 19, defeating #11 Memphis 1-0 in Columbus ... OSU won a share of the Big Ten regular season title this season and shutout Memphis for just the fourth time in '04 last weekend ... Justin Cook led the team with 11 goals this season ... Ray Burse has been outstanding in goal, allowing nine scores this season (0.76 per game) and making 40 saves ... Ohio State is 0-5 at Alumni Field.

**Stewart and Goldthwaite among MAC Hermann Trophy semifinalists:** Two Notre Dame players are among the 15 semifinalists for the 2004 Missouri Athletic Club's Hermann Trophy, the official National Soccer Coaches Association of America Player of the Year award for Division I. Seniors Jack Stewart (Torrance, Calif.) and Kevin Goldthwaite (Sacramento, Calif.), the backbone of Notre Dame's outstanding defense, will be in the running for the three finalist positions – which will be announced at the 2004 Men's College Cup in December.

Stewart was on the original watch list for the award in the preseason, while Goldthwaite appeared as a new addition – a remarkable accomplishment considering that the left back missed the first seven matches of the season due to a knee injury.

**Notre Dame men's soccer media information:**

Publicity for the 2004 Notre Dame men's soccer team is organized by assistant sports information director Alan Wasielewski (Wasielewski.3@nd.edu). The Notre Dame sports information office is always interested in assisting members of the media in coverage of Irish soccer.

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

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

**2004 NSCAA/ADIDAS RANKING**  
**Nov. 16, 2004**

	Team	'04 record	prev.
1.	UC Santa Barbara	17-2-1	1
2.	SMU	15-3-1	3
3.	UNC Greensboro	18-2-1	2
	Virginia	17-4-0	8
	New Mexico	16-1-1	6
6.	<b>Indiana</b>	14-4-1	4
7.	Maryland	15-5-1	5
8.	UCLA	13-3-2	13
9.	NOTRE DAME	13-2-3	7
10.	Wake Forest	13-5-1	9
11.	Memphis	15-3-1	11
12.	Penn State	10-4-7	12
13.	<b>St. John's</b>	10-5-4	16
14.	<b>Connecticut</b>	11-7-3	22
15.	<b>Boston College</b>	12-4-2	10
16.	Charleston	16-5-1	20
	Creighton	13-4-1	17
	Hartwick	13-3-2	14
19.	Old Dominion	13-5-2	NR
20.	San Fransisco	14-4-1	NR
21.	<b>Seton Hall</b>	12-6-3	18
22.	VCU	11-5-2	15
23.	Northwestern	14-5-2	NR
	UAB	12-7-0	23
	California	12-3-3	25

Also receiving votes: Duke, James Madison, Washington

**Bold** indicates 2004 opponents.

Stewart and Goldthwaite have helped the Irish hold their opponents to just seven goals in 18 matches this season. Notre Dame currently leads the nation in goals-against average (0.37) and has shutout 12 opponents this season.

The Irish are currently ranked as high as ninth in the country with a 13-2-3 overall record.

Stewart has been an anchor for the Irish team all season. He carried Notre Dame through the first weekend of the year, scoring two goals (including the game winner against Boston University) and capturing the BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Week Award. Highly effective in the air, Stewart demands the attention of the entire opposing team when moving forward to attack and spends a great deal of his time limiting the opposing team's top scoring options. In fact, Stewart has helped hold Notre Dame's opponents to just 163 shots (only nine per contest).

Goldthwaite had an immediate impact on the Irish team when he returned to the lineup this season. One off the top attacking defenders in the nation, his return to the pitch at #21 Villanova sparked Notre Dame to back-to-back victories over teams above them in the BIG EAST standings (the Irish defeated Villanova 1-0 and #9 Boston College 1-0).

Since Goldthwaite made his comeback, Notre Dame is unbeaten (9-0-2) and the team has surrendered just one goal (at #10 St. John's) in those 11 games.

**Notre Dame nabs three BIG EAST major awards:** Notre Dame earned three major awards at the 2004 BIG EAST Men's Soccer Championship Awards Banquet on Thursday, Nov. 11, led by senior goalkeeper Chris Sawyer who earned his second-straight Goalkeeper of the Year award. Classmate Jack Stewart was named the Defensive Player of the Year while the Coaching Staff of the Year Award went to Notre Dame as well. The Irish also landed six players on the three all-BIG EAST teams.

Sawyer, who has been the preseason goalkeeper of the year and eventual end of the season awardwinner the last two years, currently leads the nation with a 0.37 goals-against average. He collected seven shutouts in 10 league games and boasted a 0.29 goals-against average in conference play. Sawyer also earned first-team all-BIG EAST

**2004 SOCCER AMERICA RANKING**  
**Nov. 15, 2004**

	Team	'04 record	prev.
1.	New Mexico	16-1-1	2
2.	SMU	15-3-1	3
3.	UCLA	13-3-2	4
4.	Virginia	16-4-0	11
5.	UC Santa Barbara	17-2-1	7
6.	California	12-3-3	6
7.	UNC Greensboro	18-2-1	1
8.	Maryland	15-5-1	5
9.	Michigan State	12-6-1	NR
10.	<b>Indiana</b>	14-4-1	10
11.	<b>Connecticut</b>	11-7-3	NR
12.	NOTRE DAME	13-2-3	12
13.	Wake Forest	13-5-1	8
14.	Memphis	16-3-1	20
15.	Washington	11-6-2	9
16.	Creighton	13-4-1	13
17.	Duke	14-4-0	14
18.	James Madison	15-3-1	15
19.	San Fransisco	15-3-1	NR
20.	Santa Clara	15-5-0	20
21.	<b>Boston College</b>	12-4-2	16
22.	South Carolina	12-6-1	NR
23.	Fia International	11-6-0	21
24.	VCU	11-5-2	22
25.	Charletson	16-5-1	NR

**Bold** indicates 2004 opponents.



**POLL TRACKER**

Notre Dame in the NSCAA/adidas ranking...

- Preseason: 9th
- Sept. 7: 11th
- Sept. 14: 14th
- Sept. 21: 17th
- Sept. 28: 23rd
- Oct. 5: 15th
- Oct. 12: 12th
- Oct. 19: t-5th
- Oct. 26: 5th
- Nov. 2: 4th
- Nov. 9: 7th
- Nov. 16: 9th

**POLL TRACKER**

Notre Dame in the *Soccer America* ranking...

- Preseason: 9th
- Sept. 7: 4th
- Sept. 14: 5th
- Sept. 21: 9th
- Sept. 28: 14th
- Oct. 5: 9th
- Oct. 12: 7th
- Oct. 19: 12th
- Oct. 26: 11th
- Nov. 2: 11th
- Nov. 9: 12th
- Nov. 15: 12th (final poll)

**2004 BIG EAST**

**WEEKLY AWARDS AWARDS**

Offensive Player of the Week

- Sept. 6 - Mark Pedreiras, Seton Hall
- Sept. 13 - Andre Schmidt, St. John's
- Sept. 20 - Jerrod Laventure, Seton Hall
- SEPT. 27 - JUSTIN McGEENEY, NOTRE DAME**  
Jarrod Smith, West Virginia
- Oct. 4 - Ricky Schramm, Georgetown
- OCT. 11 - TONY MEGNA, NOTRE DAME**
- Oct. 18 - Charlie Davies, Boston College
- OCT. 25 - JOE LAPIRA, NOTRE DAME**
- Nov. 1 - Andrei Gotsmanov, St. John's

Defensive Player of the Week

- SEPT. 6 - JACK STEWART, NOTRE DAME**
- Sept. 13 - Pat Haggerty, Boston College
- Sept. 20 - Moshe Shalchon, Connecticut
- Sept. 27 - Guy Melamed, Boston College
- OCT. 4 - KEVIN GOLDTHWAITE, NOTRE DAME**
- Oct. 11 - Bart Koffeman, Rutgers
- Oct. 18 - Julius James, Connecticut
- Oct. 25 - Ezra Prendergast, Syracuse
- Nov. 1 - Jeff Curtin, Georgetown

Goalkeeper of the Week

- Sept. 6 - Issey Maholo, Boston College
- Sept. 13 - Issey Maholo, Boston College
- Sept. 20 - Bill Gaudette, St. John's
- Sept. 27 - Issey Maholo, Boston College  
Nick Noble, West Virginia
- OCT. 4 - CHRIS SAWYER, NOTRE DAME**
- Oct. 11 - Lubos Ancin, Rutgers
- Oct. 18 - Issey Maholo, Boston College
- OCT. 25 - CHRIS SAWYER, NOTRE DAME**
- Nov. 1 - Andrew Keszler, Georgetown

Rookie of the Week

- Sept. 6 - Charlie Davies, Boston College
- Sept. 13 - Bonginkosi Macala, Connecticut
- Sept. 20 - Dan DeMasters, Villanova
- Sept. 27 - Charlie Davies, Boston College
- Oct. 4 - Chukwudi Chijindu, Connecticut
- Oct. 18 - Jarrod Evans, West Virginia
- Oct. 25 - Brad Peetoom, Syracuse
- NOV. 1 - JOHN MOUSINHO, NOTRE DAME**
- Nov. 1 - Bonginkosi Macala, Connecticut

**2004 BIG EAST MEN'S SOCCER FINAL REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS (AS OF NOV. 19)**

Rnk	Team	BIG EAST	Points	Overall	Streak
1.	Notre Dame <sup>^*</sup>	8-1-1	25	13-2-3	Tied 3
2.	St. John's <sup>^</sup>	6-1-3	21	10-5-4	Lost 1
3.	Boston College <sup>^</sup>	6-3-1	19	12-4-2	Lost 1
4.	Villanova <sup>^</sup>	5-3-2	17	7-5-6	Tied 2
5.	Georgetown	5-4-1	16	11-8-2	Lost 1
6.	Connecticut	5-4-1	16	11-7-3	Tied 1
7.	West Virginia	5-4-1	16	12-7-1	Lost 1
8.	Seton Hall	5-5-0	15	12-6-3	Tied 1
9.	Pittsburgh	3-6-1	10	6-8-3	Won 1
10.	Syracuse	3-7-0	9	5-12-0	Won 1
11.	Rutgers	2-5-3	9	6-8-4	Tied 1
12.	Providence	0-10-0	0	0-16-0	Lost 16

<sup>^</sup> - clinched BIG EAST quarterfinal home match \* - BIG EAST Regular Season Champs

**2004 BIG EAST Awardwinners**

**Offensive Player of the Year**

Ricky Schramm, Georgetown

**Midfielder of the Year**

Guy Melamed, Boston College

**Defensive Player of the Year**

Jack Stewart, Notre Dame

**Goalkeeper of the Year**

Chris Sawyer, Notre Dame

**Rookie of the Year**

Charlie Davies, Boston College

**Coaching Staff of the Year**

Bobby Clark, Mike Avery, Brian Wiese (Notre Dame)

**All-BIG EAST First Team**

Chris Sawyer, Notre Dame, GK  
 Charlie Davies, Boston College, F  
 Kevin Goldthwaite, Notre Dame, D  
 Matt Groenwald, St. John's, MF  
 Pat Haggerty, Boston College, D  
 Sacha Kljestan, Seton Hall, MF  
 Jerrod Laventure, Seton Hall, F  
 Guy Melamed, Boston College, MF  
 Simone Salinno, St. John's, MF  
 Ricky Schramm, Georgetown, F  
 Jack Stewart, Notre Dame, D

**All-BIG EAST Second Team**

Issey Maholo, Boston College, GK  
 Sam Brill, Boston College, D  
 Jeff Curtin, Georgetown, D  
 Greg Dalby, Notre Dame, MF  
 Dan Gargan, Georgetown, MF  
 Jason Hernandez, Seton Hall, D

Julius James, Connecticut, D  
 Nick LaBrocca, Rutgers, MF  
 Jon Lopuski, Villanova, MF  
 Mpho Molo, Connecticut, MF  
 Keeyan Young, Pittsburgh, F

**All-BIG EAST Third Team**

Jeff Carroll, St. John's, D  
 Chukwudi Chijindu, Connecticut, F  
 Chris Corcoran, St. John's, D  
 Dan DeMasters, Villanova, F  
 Ian Etherington, Notre Dame, MF  
 Willis Forko, Connecticut, D  
 Andrei Gotsmanov, St. John's, F  
 Chris Karcz, Rutgers, F  
 Justin McGeeney, Notre Dame, F  
 Steven Old, St. John's, D  
 Aaron Pitchkolan, West Virginia, D  
 Andre Schmid, St. John's, F



**2004 SOCCERTIMES.COM TOP 25**  
**Nov. 16, 2004**

Team	'04 record	prev.
1. SMU	15-3-1	3
2. UC Santa Barbara	17-2-1	5
3. Virginia	17-4-0	10
4. <b>Indiana</b>	14-4-1	1
5. UCLA	13-3-2	7
6. New Mexico	16-1-1	6
7. UNC Greensboro	18-2-1	2
8. NOTRE DAME	13-2-3	4
9. Maryland	15-5-1	8
10. Wake Forest	13-5-1	9
11. California	12-3-3	11
12. Creighton	13-4-1	12
13. Memphis	16-3-1	17
14. <b>St. John's</b>	14-4-0	19
15. Duke	14-5-0	14
16. <b>Boston College</b>	12-4-2	15
17. Santa Clara	15-5-0	21
18. VCU	11-5-2	16
19. Penn State	10-4-7	20
20. Washington	11-6-2	3
San Francisco	14-4-1	23
22. Old Dominion	13-5-2	NR
23. James Madison	15-3-1	24
24. Northwestern	14-5-2	NR
25. <b>Connecticut</b>	11-7-3	NR

Also receiving votes: Charleston, CS Northridge, **Seton Hall**, UAB, Michigan State, Tulsa, Loyola Marymount, South Carolina, North Carolina, Hartwick, Kentucky, **Ohio State**, Western Illinois, Akron, Portland, Hofstra, UNC Wilmington, Denver.

**Bold** indicates 2004 opponents.

**POLL TRACKER**

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

Preseason: 9th	Nov. 9: 4th
Sept. 7: 7th	Nov. 16: 8th
Sept. 14: 5th	
Sept. 20: 8th	
Sept. 27: 18th	
Oct. 4: 9th	
Oct. 11: 9th	
Oct. 18: 5th	
Oct. 25: 2nd	
Nov. 1: 2nd	

honors – giving him four all-conference honors in his career.

Senior central defender Jack Stewart becomes the first Notre Dame player to earn the BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year Award since the Irish joined the league in 1995. Respected as one of the best in the nation at his position, Stewart has helped the Irish to a recent 11 match unbeaten streak which includes 10 shutouts. He and his defensive teammates have preformed brilliantly this season, as the Irish have allowed just seven goals and lead the nation in goals-against average (0.37). Stewart is a semifinalist for the MAC Hermann Trophy this season (collegiate soccer's player of the year award).

Head coach Bobby Clark and his assistants, Mike Avery and Brian Wiese, land the group's first coaching staff of the year award since 2001 – their first season at Notre Dame. The Irish finished the BIG EAST regular season 8-1-1, recording eight wins in league play for the first time in the program's history. In addition, the team earned its first-ever regular-season title and has been ranked as high as fourth in the country this season.

Joining Sawyer and Stewart on the all-BIG EAST first team was classmate Kevin Goldthwaite. Notre Dame's left back has keyed Notre Dame's defensive surge this season, as his return to the lineup after missing the first seven matches of the year with an injury marked the turning point of the season. Since Goldthwaite has joined the Irish lineup, the team has surrendered just one goal and has an 11-match unbeaten streak. Along with Stewart, Goldthwaite is a semifinalist for the MA Hermann Trophy.

Sophomore Greg Dalby, a central midfielder, earned all-BIG EAST second team honors for his first career all-conference accolade. Sophomore midfielder Ian Etherington, second on the team in scoring with 11 points (three goals, five assists) earned all-BIG EAST third team honors along with classmate forward Justin McGeeney, who leads the team with 12 points (five goals, two assists).

**Christopher High earns academic all-district honors:** Senior central defender Christopher High (Camarillo, Calif.) has been named to the CoSIDA District V Academic All-District Team and will move on to the na-

**2004 COLLEGE SOCCER NEWS.COM**  
**TOP 30 - Nov. 16, 2004**

Team
1. UC Santa Barbara
2. SMU
3. New Mexico
4. Virginia
5. NOTRE DAME
6. UCLA
7. UNC Greensboro
8. <b>Indiana</b>
9. Maryland
10. Memphis
11. Wake Forest
12. California
13. Creighton
14. San Fransisco
15. VCU
16. <b>Boston College</b>
17. <b>St. John's</b>
18. Santa Clara
19. James Madison
20. Charleston
21. Washington
22. Duke
23. CS Northridge
24. Northwestern
25. Florida International
26. Penn State
27. UW-Milwaukee
28. Hartwick
29. <b>Connecticut</b>
30. <b>Ohio State</b>

Also receiving votes: Akron, South Carolina, LMU, Kentucky, Seton Hall, Michigan State, North Carolina, UAB, Portland, Old Dominion, American, Tulsa, Coastal Carolina, Dartmouth

**Bold** indicates 2004 opponents.

**POLL TRACKER**

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

Preseason: 14th	Oct. 25: 6th
Sept. 6: 13th	Nov. 2: 4th
Sept. 13: 17th	Nov. 9: 4th
Sept. 20: 18th	Nov. 16: 5th
Sept. 27: 21st	
Oct. 4: 14th	
Oct. 11: 13th	
Oct. 18: 8th	

tional ballot and consideration for Academic All-America honors.

High has played a key role in Notre Dame's defensive dominance this season, starting all 18 matches for the ninth-ranked Irish this season. He has helped the Irish defensive unit shutout 12 of its opponents and the team currently leads the nation in goals-against average (0.37).

In addition, High has scored the first two goals of his career in 2004. His goal against Evansville early in the season helped Notre Dame to a 2-1 victory, while his header vs. Pittsburgh ended up part of a 3-0 Irish win.

High also was a key factor in Notre Dame's late-season surge to the BIG EAST Championship in 2003. As a late-season injury substitution, High helped Notre Dame post three consecutive shutouts during the BIG EAST Championship and eventually end up advancing to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Championship for the first time in school history.

A finance major in the Mendoza College of Business, High is set to graduate in May of 2005 and boasts a 3.21 grade-point average.

**Dominating 11-match run:** Notre Dame boasts a 11-match unbeaten streak entering Tuesday's match with Ohio State. In fact, the Irish have given up just one goal in that streak (at #10 St. John's in a 1-1 tie) - giving the team 10 shutouts in the last 11 games.

Many of Notre Dame's accomplishments this season have been linked to the 1988 season, as the Irish began the season with their best-ever start since that '88 campaign. The 11-match unbeaten streak matches Notre Dame's best since the '88 season. Notre Dame began that year with a 12-match unbeaten streak.

To find a more dominating defensive streak, the record book retreats 21 years to 1983. In '83, the Irish shutout 12 of their first 14 opponents. Notre Dame's six-straight shutouts (Sept 26 - Oct. 13) this season are also the second-best ever behind the '83 team's seven.

The Irish also are threatening the school record for goals allowed in a season. The '83 squad allowed 15, while the Irish have surrendered just seven goals so far in 2004 and currently lead the nation with a 0.37 average.

**Notre Dame vs. ranked teams in 2004:** Notre Dame has faced seven ranked teams this season so far and has suffered a loss just one time, a 2-0 setback at #1 Indiana on Sept. 15. The Irish have posted a win and two ties in their six other matchups with ranked teams (1-0 over #21 Villanova, 1-0 over #9 Boston College, 3-0 over #22 Michigan, 1-1 at #10/22 St. John's, 1-0 at #17 Seton Hall and 0-0 vs. #21 Seton Hall).

Notre Dame is 16-10-5 (.597) vs. ranked teams under Bobby Clark.

**Bobby Clark brings home 12 wins for fourth consecutive year:** Notre Dame head coach Bobby Clark has won at least 12 games with the Irish since his arrival on campus in 2001.

Clark's first Notre Dame team won 12 games in '01, followed up by another 12 in '02 and 16 wins last season. The Irish are currently 13-2-2 in '04.

That four-season run of victories (53) is the best for the program since the '86 (13-7-2), '87 (17-3-1), '88 (17-4-2) and '89 (10-7-3) teams posted 57 wins.

**Snapshot of the Irish:** Notre Dame graduated 35 of its 38 goals scored last season and was expected to spend the beginning of the '04 campaign searching for a dedicated scoring threat. While the goal scoring issue was in doubt for a portion of the year, Notre Dame found its stride and posted a 11-game unbeaten streak which included six straight shutout victories - three over ranked opponents (1-0 vs. #21 Villanova, 1-0 vs. #9 Boston College, 3-0 vs. #22 Michigan).

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

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

McGeeney leads the team with five game winners - including two straight at #21 Villanova

## 2004 ADIDAS/NSCAA

### GREAT LAKES REGIONAL POLL

Nov. 16, 2004

Team	'04 Record	Pvs
1. <b>Indiana</b>	14-4-1	1
2. NOTRE DAME	13-2-3	2
3. Northwestern	14-5-2	4
4. Akron	13-4-1	6
Kentucky	11-5-3	5
6. <b>Ohio State</b>	10-6-2	3
7. Michigan State	12-6-1	NR
8. UW-Milwaukee	13-4-3	7
9. Oakland	11-5-3	8
10. Detroit Mercy	14-6-0	NR

also receiving votes: Michigan  
**bold** indicates 2004 opponents

## 2004 BIG EAST

### CHAMPIONSHIP

#### RESULTS

Saturday, Nov. 6

#5 Georgetown 1, at #4 Villanova 1 (2OT)  
GU advances on penalty kicks 4-3

#8 Seton Hall 1, at #1 Notre Dame 1 (2OT)  
SHU advances on penalty kicks 8-7

#7 West Virginia 1, at #2 St. John's 0

Sunday, Nov. 7

#6 Connecticut 1, at #3 Boston College 0

Friday, Nov. 12

#6 Connecticut 1, #7 West Virginia 0  
#8 Seton Hall 1, #5 Georgetown 0 (OT)

Sunday, Nov. 14

#6 Connecticut 0, #8 Seton Hall 0 (2OT)  
UConn wins on penalty kicks 5-3

and vs. #9 Boston College. Megna was on fire vs. Loyola Chicago and Pittsburgh - scoring four goals in the two matches - but was sidelined vs. Michigan with a leg injury. He will be back in Notre Dame's lineup for the NCAA Championship.

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

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

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

Sawyer has a 0.37 goals-against average this season, 11 shutouts and posted a 623 scoreless minute streak in '04.

**Bobby Clark quick biography:** Notre Dame head coach Bobby Clark is in his fourth season at Notre Dame. He has led the Irish to at least 12 wins each season and the 2003 BIG EAST Championship. Overall, he is 53-18-10 at Notre Dame (.716) and helped the Irish qualify for the NCAA Championship tournament for an unprecedented fourth-straight season in '04.

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

Overall, Clark has compiled a 206-81-35 collegiate record (.694) and has landed seven teams in the final national rankings.

The Irish established their motto of 'Making History' early in the 2003 season and that goal was achieved in remarkable fashion. Notre Dame earned its highest-ever preseason ranking in 2003 (third in the *Soccer America* ranking) and highest-ever in-season ranking in both major polls (third in both polls). Notre Dame also has earned two consecutive first-round byes in the NCAA Championship and qualified for the NCAA tournament for the fourth-straight season in '04 - another unprecedented achievement.

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

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

## Notre Dame NCAA History

### 1988 First Round

at Dallas, Texas

SMU 2, Notre Dame 0

\* first NCAA game for Notre Dame

### 1993 First Round

at Madison, Wisconsin

Wisconsin 3, Notre Dame 1

\* first NCAA goal scored for Notre Dame by Bill Lanza

### 1994 First Round

at Bloomington, Indiana

Indiana 1, Notre Dame 0 (OT)

\* first NCAA overtime game for Notre Dame

### 1996 Second Round

at Charlotte, North Carolina

UNC Charlotte 1, Notre Dame 0

\* first time Notre Dame received a bye in the tournament

### 2001 First Round

at College Park, Maryland

Maryland 1, Notre Dame 0

### 2002 First Round

at Notre Dame, Indiana

Notre Dame 3, Akron 1

\* first Notre Dame NCAA tournament victory

\* first Notre Dame NCAA home match

### 2002 Second Round

at Bloomington, Indiana

Indiana 1, Notre Dame 0

### 2003 NCAA Second Round

at Notre Dame, Indiana

Notre Dame 4, UW-Milwaukee 1

\* first Notre Dame advancement to the third round

### 2003 NCAA Third Round

at Notre Dame, Indiana

Michigan 1, Notre Dame 1

Michigan advances 4-3 on penalty kicks

## 2004 Notre Dame Player Bio Updates

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

**#1 Chris Sawyer Sr. GK 6-1 193**

2004 Awards: Hermann Trophy Watch List selection ... BIG EAST Goalkeeper of the Year ... first team all-BIG EAST selection ... adidas/IU Credit Union Classic all-tournament team ... College Soccer News.com preseason All-American ... BIG EAST Goalkeeper of the Week (10-04-04) and (10-25-04) ... *Soccer America* Team of the Week (10-25-04) ... College Soccer News.com Team of the Week (10-25-04).

2004 Accomplishments: Currently leads the country with a 0.37 goals-against average ... recently completed a 623 scoreless minute streak ... has helped shutdown #21 Villanova (1-0), #9 Boston College (1-0), Loyola Chicago (4-0), Pittsburgh (3-0), Syracuse (1-0), #22 Michigan (3-0), #17 Seton Hall (1-0), Rutgers (1-0), Connecticut (2-0) and #21 Seton Hall (0-0) ... recorded first shut-out of the year vs. Boston University in the adidas/IU Credit Union Classic (2-0 Irish victory) ... has allowed more than one goal just once this season (at #1 Indiana) ... has faced 49 shots on goal this season, making 38 saves and allowing just

seven goals (0.40 goals-against average) ...

Career Notes: Has 31 shutouts in his career currently, closing in on Bert Bader's career record of 32 from 1991-94 ... two-time BIG EAST Goalkeeper of the Year ('03 and '04) ... own for all-BIG EAST selections, including first team honors in '03 and '04.

**#2 Ryan Miller So. D 5-11 160**

2004 Accomplishments: Notre Dame's starting right back ... third on the team in minutes played with 1548.

**#3 Kevin Goldthwaite Sr. D 6-1 173**

2004 Awards: MAC Hermann Trophy semifinalist ... first team all-BIG EAST selection ... *Soccer America* Preseason All-America ... BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Week (10-04-04) ... *Soccer America* Team of the Week (10-06-04).

2004 Accomplishments: Returned to the lineup full time against Villanova on Sept. 26 after missing the first seven matches of the season with an injury ... helped Notre Dame post six shutouts in the first six matches he played this year ... nabbed two assists in Notre Dame's 4-0 victory over Loyola-Chicago, pushing his career total to 23, good for fifth on the all-time list at Notre Dame

(Randy Morris is the career leader with 40, Bill Lanza is fourth with 25) ... Notre Dame has allowed just one opponent goal (at #10 St. John's) since his return to the lineup and has not lost a match in 11 games.

**#4 Joe Lapira Fr. F 5-8 150**

2004 Awards: BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Week (10-25-04)

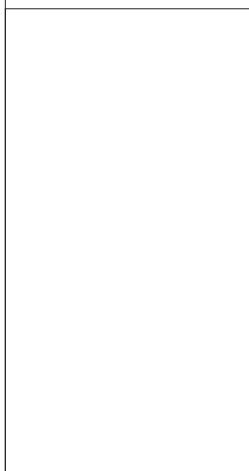
2004 Accomplishments: Scored the first goal of his career, the game winner, against Georgetown in his first career BIG EAST contest... has moved into the starting lineup due to an injury (Tony Megna) ... responded during his first three career starts (at #10 St. John's, at #17 Seton Hall and at Rutgers) with the game-winning goal at Seton Hall in the game's final 10 minutes ... the score against the Pirates was his second BIG EAST game-winner of the year.

**#6 Greg Dalby So. MF 6-0 174**

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

2004 Accomplishments: Has been a steady influence in the Irish midfield ... contributed first assist of the season (and his career) on Alex

### 2004 Notre Dame Probable Starting Lineup...



**F Tony Megna**

Jr. • 5 G • 18 sog

OR

**F Joe Lapira**

Fr. • 3 G • 2 A

**F Justin McGeeney**

So. • 5 G • 2 • 22 sog

third team all-BIG EAST

**MF Nate Norman**

So. • 2 G • 2A

OR

**MF Alex Yoshinaga**

Fr. • 3 G • 2A

**MF Luke Boughen**

Sr. • 2 G • 4A

**MF Greg Dalby**

So. • 1397 min. • 1A

second team all-BIG EAST

**MF Ian Etherington**

So. • 5A • 3 G

third team all-BIG EAST

**D Ryan Miller**

So. • 1548 min.

**D Christopher High**

Sr. • 1542 min. • 2 G

academic all-district

**D Jack Stewart**

Sr. • 2 G • 1568 min.

BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year

first team all-BIG EAST

**D Kevin Goldthwaite**

Sr. • 914 min. • 2 A

first team all-BIG EAST

**GK Chris Sawyer**

Sr. • 41 saves • 1 SHO

BIG EAST Goalkeeper of

the Year • first team all-BIG

EAST



Yoshinaga's first goal against Georgetown ... has the ability to move back to central defense and also become an attacking midfielder ... increased his aggressiveness this season, taking 19 shots so far (including three on goal).

**#7 Ian Etherington So. MF 5-8 125**

2004 Awards: Third team all-BIG EAST selection.

2004 Accomplishments: Has appeared at both left and right midfield ... scored the team's lone goal at #10/22 St. John's on a corner kick ... leads the team with five assists ... assisted on the third and fourth goals of Notre Dame's 4-1 victory over Georgetown in the BIG EAST opener for Notre Dame ... scored the second goal of his career against Loyola-Chicago, putting the Irish up 2-0 in an eventual 4-0 victory ... notched the overtime goal on a free kick in Notre Dame's 1-0 victory over Syracuse ... assisted on Luke Boughen's game winner at Rutgers ... has scored at least one point in five of Notre Dame's last eight matches.

**#8 Luke Boughen Sr. MF 5-10 169**

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

**#9 Justin McGeeney So. D 6-1 173**

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

2004 Accomplishments: Expected to be a goal scorer for the Irish in '04 and has delivered with his first five career goals ... carded the game-winner in Notre Dame's victory at #21 Villanova, scoring just two minutes into the second half ... came right back the next match to log another game winner vs. #9 Boston College, scoring just two minutes into overtime in a 1-0 Irish victory ... leads the team in shots with 61, including 22 on goal ... scored the game winning goal vs. Oregon State and Evansville ... leads the team with five game-winning goals.

**#11 Tony Megna Jr. F 5-11 165**

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

2004 Accomplishments: Posted his first career two-goal game vs. Loyola-Chicago, scoring the game winner and adding another to put the Irish up 3-0 ... followed up with another two-goal performance vs. Pittsburgh (3-0 Irish victory) and earn the BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Week award ... one of Notre Dame's starting forwards ... scored his first career goal in Notre Dame's 4-1 victory over Georgetown ... has the ability to attack and put pressure on the opposing defense ... has missed the last five matches with a knee injury but is expected back at full strength for the NCAA tournament.

**#12 John Mousinho Fr. MF/F6-1 175**

2004 Awards: Co-BIG EAST Rookie of the Week (Nov. 1).

2004 Accomplishments: Has been used at both midfield and forward this season ... has seen a majority of his action at forward, providing depth due to an injury for starter Tony Megna ... scored his first career goal vs. Connecticut, providing insurance in Notre Dame's 2-0 victory.

**#13 Jack Stewart Sr. D 6-1 177**

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

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

**#14 John Stephens Jr. MF 5-8 155**

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

**#16 Ben Crouse Jr. D 5-11 165**

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

**#17 Christopher High Sr. D 5-11 182**

2004 Awards: CoSIDA Academic All-District selection.

2004 Accomplishments: Picked up in '04 where he left off in '03, filling in for an injury in the central defense ... scored his first career goal in Notre Dame's 2-1 victory over Evansville ... second goal of the season came on a great header against Pittsburgh ... has shown an increased aggressiveness in 2004 and has moved up for 12 shots, including four on goal.

**#19 Alex Yoshinaga Fr. MF 5-10 160**

2004 Accomplishments: Has scored on three of his eight shots on goal ... scored twice in his first career BIG EAST game vs. Georgetown, tying the game at 1-1, then putting the Irish up 3-1 in an eventual 4-1 victory ... scored his third career goal in Notre Dame's 4-0 victory over Loyola-Chicago ... assisted on Jack Stewart's goal vs. Oregon State - the first of the year for the Irish ... also assisted on classmate Joe Lapira's game-winning goal at #17 Seton Hall.

**#20 Nate Norman So. MF 6-1 170**

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

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

**#22 Dale Rellas Jr. D 6-2 165**

2004 Accomplishments: Projected starter for the Irish sidelined for the second time in his career for a foot injury ... returned for the final four minutes of Notre Dame's victory at #22 Michigan ... has also seen action at Seton Hall and at Rutgers ... expected back for the NCAA tournament.