

# 2011 notre dame softball

**22 consecutive winning seasons • 12 consecutive ncaa appearances  
6 big east tournament titles (1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2009)**

## gameday central

**notre dame fighting irish**  
(28-7 overall / 5-0 big east)  
[und.com • bigeast.org]

**loyola-chicago ramblers**  
(15-15 overall / 6-3 horizon)  
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**series: notre dame leads, 32-7-1**  
**series streak: loyola, w1**  
**first meeting: 3.31.89 – notre dame, 5-1**  
**last meeting: 3.30.10 – loyola, 8-0 (6)**

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## one-hitters

- the irish have won 11 straight games dating back to a march 31 home win over purdue ... the irish have won 12 of their last 13 overall contests and 28 of the last 29 home affairs.
- the 11-game winning streak is the longest of the season and the first since the team rattled off 11 straight wins from april 24 – may 13 (2010) ... in 2010, notre dame posted streaks of nine, 10, 11 and 12 games won ... to start the 2011 campaign, notre dame won a record nine consecutive games.
- last time out: no. 24 notre dame swept bowling green in commanding fashion tuesday at melissa cook stadium ... notre dame bumped its overall record to 28-7 with a 10-2 six-inning victory to begin the doubleheader and closed the door with an 8-5 non-conference win.
- last meeting with loyola-chicago (march 30, 2010): loyola-chicago sandwiched a two-run fifth inning between outputs of three runs in both the third and sixth frames to hand no. 24 notre dame an 8-0 loss at loyola softball park ... irish pitcher **jody valdivia** suffered her first loss since february, snapping a 17-game winning streak from the circle ... her last defeat came against no. 1 washington in the season's opening week ... **sadie pitzenberger** doubled to right-center in the first to extend her school-record hitting streak to 25 games.
- this is the first of five games on the docket for loyola-chicago this week, four of which will be on the road ... after seeing their offense go into a four-game slump in which it mustered a grand total of 15 hits, the ramblers broke out of the funk in a big way during last week's league series against valparaiso, rapping out 25 hits - 22 of which were singles - in the final two games versus the crusaders.
- with a career record of 407-172-1 (.702), the one tie on head coach **deanna gumpf's** ledger came during a 2008 matchup with loyola-chicago ... notre dame needed eight innings to post a 4-3 win over the visiting ramblers in the opening game of the midweek doubleheader, and game two was called off due to lightning in the south bend area ... the contest ended in a 2-2 tie in the bottom of the seventh with **katie fleury** standing on first after a lead-off single.
- the big east conference honored a pair of notre dame softball players monday as the irish made it a clean sweep of the league's weekly awards ... **heather johnson** was named player of the week for the second time in as many weeks as **laura winter** copped pitcher of the week accolades for the first time in her career
- **johnson** is in the midst of a 15-game hitting streak, behind only **pitzenberger** (26) and **dani miller** (21) on the all-time chart.

## 2011 schedule / results

2.18 (fri.)	(1) vs. miami (ohio)	w, 3-2
	(1) at ucf	w, 5-3
2.19 (sat.)	(1) vs. illinois-chicago	w, 4-1
	(1) vs. delaware	w, 11-1 (5)
2.20 (sun.)	(1) vs. miami (ohio)	w, 4-1
2.26 (sat.)	(2) at college of charleston	w, 2-0
	(2) vs. iowa state	w, 1-0
2.27 (sun.)	(2) vs. marist	w, 10-1
	(2) vs. liberty	w, 6-4
3.4 (fri.)	(3) vs. longwood	l, 0-2
	(3) vs. #1 alabama	l, 1-4
3.5 (sat.)	(3) vs. north carolina	w, 4-3 (8)
	(3) vs. maryland	w, 5-3
3.6 (sun.)	(3) vs. fordham	w, 6-0
3.13 (sun.)	at cal poly	w, 4-1
	at cal poly	w, 2-0
3.16 (wed.)	(4) vs. #9 oklahoma	w, 2-1
	(4) at cal state fullerton	l, 0-10 (5)
3.17 (thurs.)	(4) vs. #19 louisiana-lafayette	l, 1-5
3.18 (fri.)	(4) vs. new mexico	w, 5-0
	(4) vs. #4 washington	l, 4-7
3.19 (sat.)	(4) vs. #5 michigan	l, 4-9
<b>3.25 (fri.)</b>	<b>northern illinois</b>	<b>w, 4-1</b>
<b>3.29 (tues.)</b>	<b>western michigan</b>	<b>l, 2-3</b>
<b>3.31 (thurs.)</b>	<b>purdue</b>	<b>w, 7-5</b>
<b>4.2 (sat.)</b>	<b>providence*</b>	<b>w, 12-4 (5)</b>
<b>4.2 (sat.)</b>	<b>providence*</b>	<b>w, 7-3</b>
<b>4.3 (sun.)</b>	<b>providence*</b>	<b>w, 9-0 (5)</b>
4.5 (tues.)	at wisconsin	w, 9-1 (6)
<b>4.7 (thurs.)</b>	<b>butler</b>	<b>w, 5-0</b>
<b>4.7 (thurs.)</b>	<b>butler</b>	<b>w, 6-1</b>
4.10 (sun.)	at syracuse*	w, 9-2
4.10 (sun.)	at syracuse*	w, 7-4
<b>4.12 (tues.)</b>	<b>bowling green</b>	<b>w, 10-2 (6)</b>
<b>4.12 (tues.)</b>	<b>bowling green</b>	<b>w, 8-5</b>
<b>4.13 (wed.)</b>	<b>loyola-chicago</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>4.16 (sat.)</b>	<b>louisville* (dh)</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>
<b>4.17 (sun.)</b>	<b>louisville*</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>
4.21 (thurs.)	at villanova* (dh)	12:00 p.m.
4.23 (sat.)	at villanova*	11:00 a.m.
4.27 (wed.)	at usf* (dh)	12:00 p.m.
<b>4.30 (sat.)</b>	<b>st. john's* (dh)</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>
<b>5.1 (sun.)</b>	<b>st. john's*</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>5.3 (tues.)</b>	<b>valparaiso</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>5.4 (wed.)</b>	<b>pittsburgh* (dh)</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>
5.7 (sat.)	at connecticut*	4:00 p.m.
5.8 (sun.)	at connecticut* (dh)	11:00 a.m.
5.12-14	big east championship	--
5.20-29	ncaa regionals / super regionals	--
6.2-8	women's college world series	--

- (1) ucf invitational – orlando, fla.  
 (2) cougar classic – mt. pleasant, s.c.  
 (3) diamond 9 events citrus classic – kissimmee, fla.  
 (4) judi garman classic – fullerton, calif.  
 \*big east conference game  
 all times local to site / schedule subject to change





### notre dame fighting irish (28-7)

no.	name	year	position	height	hometown / high school
1	kelsey thornton	so.	outfield	5-6	sugar land, texas / elkins
3	heather johnson	sr.	infield	5-8	los alamos, calif. / mater dei
4	lauren stuhr	fr.	outfield	5-6	huntington beach, calif. / huntington
5	shannon kelly	sr.	pitcher/utility	5-7	pembroke pines, fla. / hollywood christian
6	kasey o'connor	jr.	infield	6-0	yorktown heights, n.y. / yorktown
7	sadie pitzenberger	sr.	infield/outfield	5-7	tomball, texas / tomball
9	jody valdivia	sr.	pitcher	5-8	anaheim hills, calif. / canyon
12	katie fleury	sr.	infield	5-5	san jose, calif. / archbishop mitty
13	alexa maldonado	jr.	outfield	5-6	short hills, n.j. / millburn
14	monica torres	fr.	outfield	5-7	winter springs, fla. / winter springs
15	jackie bowe	so.	pitcher	5-7	galesburg, mich. / galesburg-augusta
17	dani miller	jr.	infield	5-9	huntington beach, calif. / edison
19	erin marrone	sr.	infield/outfield	5-9	alexandria, va. / bishop o'connell
22	kathryn lux	so.	infield	5-10	glendale heights, ill. / glenbard west
24	brianna jorgensborg	sr.	outfield	5-11	thousand oaks, calif. / la reina
27	alexia clay	sr.	catcher	5-6	rochester, ind. / culver academy
28	brittany o'donnell	so.	pitcher	5-9	avon, n.j. / red bank catholic
35	kristina wright	jr.	catcher	5-9	ramona, calif. / ramona
40	amy buntin	so.	catcher/utility	5-8	franklin, tenn. / brentwood
42	chloe saganowich	fr.	infield	5-9	treasure island, fla. / st. petersburg catholic
44	laura winter	fr.	pitcher/infield	6-1	san diego, calif. / rancho bernardo

**head coach:** deanna gumpf (10th season / nebraska '93)

**assistant coaches:** kris ganef (10th season / notre dame '99), lizzy lemire (6th season / notre dame '01)

**volunteer assistant:** dawn austin (6th season / penn state '93)

**athletic trainer:** nicole alexander (3rd season / florida '05)

**student manager:** sean rober (notre dame '11)

### loyola-chicago ramblers (15-15)

no.	name	year	position	height	hometown / high school
1	jenna grim	sr.	catcher	6-0	beeher, ill. / beeher
2	keali engelkens	fr.	pitcher/utility	5-8	milledgeville, ill. / milledgeville
4	seana stillson	jr.	pitcher	5-8	oak park, ill. / oak park river forest
5	lauren arceneaux	jr.	infield	5-9	algonquin, ill. / jacobs
9	carly benford	sr.	outfield	5-6	peoria, ariz. / phoenix college
10	tori spears	so.	outfield	5-5	naperville, ill. / waubonsie valley
11	stevie bradich	jr.	infield/outfield	5-6	chicago, ill. / mother mccauley
12	bridget lally	sr.	infield	5-5	oak park, ill. / fenwick
15	olivia bell	fr.	outfield	5-5	plainfield, ill. / plainfield south
17	brooke andresen	so.	outfield	5-9	woodridge, ill. / downers grove south
18	brittany gardner	fr.	pitcher	5-10	orland park, ill. / sandburg
19	jacqueline grim	sr.	infield	6-0	beeher, ill. / beeher
21	lauren moore	fr.	infield	5-6	antioch, ill. / antioch
22	hannah berris	so.	catcher/utility	5-8	plainfield, ill. / plainfield north
24	lauren zaworski	fr.	infield	5-7	palatine, ill. / fremd
27	emily bentley	fr.	infield	5-10	midland, mich. / midland
28	lauren gonzalez	so.	catcher	5-9	river forest, ill. / oak park river forest

**head coach:** missy beseres (first season / penn state '06)

**assistant coaches:** brittany pascale (nebraska '10), nicole pauly (northwestern '10)