

## 2005 NOTRE DAME BASEBALL – vs. #20 USC (May 18)

**IRISH-TROJANS PART #2** – The Notre Dame baseball team, in the midst of playing eight games in seven days, will look to maintain its momentum in Wednesday night's rematch vs. #20 USC, with the game to be telecast live by Comcast Local throughout Michigan (also live in South Bend on Comcast Cable channel 3 and in northern California on CSN-West; tape-delayed on Comcast-Chicago) ... ND – which won Tuesday's game vs. USC 13-6 (just 24 hours after the 21-1 win at Pittsburgh – will send freshman LHP Wade Korpi to the mound while USC will counter with senior RHP Brett Bannister ... Paul Mainieri, in his 11th season at ND and 23rd overall as a college head coach, heads into the game with an **812-472-3 career** record that includes **481-193-2 with the Irish** ... he recently became the 27th active Div. 1 coach with 800-plus career wins as a college head baseball coach ... in addition to the many noteworthy accomplishments on the field by Mainieri's players, the Irish baseball program also owns a 100% graduation rate during the Mainieri era (63-of-63, among 4-year players, with 11 others who signed professionally as juniors returning to complete/near completion of their degree).

### WADE KORPI'S 2005 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	GS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	BK	HBP	DP	IBB	Score	W-L	SV	ERA
Feb. 19	vs. Florida A&M	*	5.1	7	3	2	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4-3	0-0	0	3.38
Feb. 26	vs. Dayton		2.0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9-13	0-0	0	2.45
Feb. 27	vs. Dayton		2.0	3	2	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10-11	0-0	0	2.89
March 7	vs. Texas State		4.2	5	2	2	3	5	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5-10	0-0	0	3.21
March 12	vs. Southwest Missouri		3.1	7	7	7	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12-11	0-0	0	6.23
March 18	at Evansville		0.0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3-10	0-0	0	6.23
March 22	Cincinnati		1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10-4	1-0	0	5.89
March 24	Georgetown		0.2	6	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8-9	1-0	0	7.58
March 29	Western Michigan	*	5.0	6	3	3	2	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	9-5	2-0	0	7.12
April 5	Toledo	*	6.0	6	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	6-2	3-0	0	6.00
April 13	Central Michigan	*	5.0	4	3	2	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4-10	3-1	0	5.66
April 17	Connecticut		0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9-7	3-1	0	5.66
April 20	Purdue	*	6.0	11	6	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9-7	3-1	0	5.49
April 25	Villanova	*	1.0	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7-7	3-1	0	5.57
April 30	Cleveland State		1.0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	13-3	3-1	0	5.44
May 10	Oakland (MI)	*	4.0	4	1	1	3	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	7-2	4-1	0	5.17
<b>Totals</b>			<b>47.0</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>125-114</b>	<b>4-1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5.17</b>

**Korpi's 2005 Situational Stats** – has allowed RH hitters a .323 batting avg. (.395 by LH hitters) ... has allowed just 40% of leadoff batters to reach base (3.6 per 9 IP) ... .339 opp. batting with runners on, .355 with 2 outs ... his 9-inning averages: 12.5 hits, 5.4 walks, 5.4 Ks, 9.4 groundouts.

**TV, RADIO, LIVE-STATS & HOTLINE** – The USC game will be telecast live in Michigan (Comcast Local), South Bend (Comcast Cable, channel 3) and northern California (CSN-West), plus tape-delayed on Comcast in Chicago (check listings) ... all of Notre Dame's 2005 games again will be broadcast by South Bend-based WDND 1580 AM (and its sister station, WNDV 1490) ... the broadcasts are available via the internet at [www.und.com](http://www.und.com) (College Sports Pass subscription required) ... [und.com](http://und.com) also provides links to livestats on the website's main page, for all home games and most road games ... call the ND Sports Hotline at 574-631-3000 for schedule and result information for all varsity sports currently in season (from the main menu, select "4" and then select "1" for baseball information).

**TUESDAY-NIGHT RECAP (ND 13, USC 6)** – The Irish used another big inning and a 17-hit attack to slug their way past #20 USC, improving to 20-3-1 at home this season ... ND has won its past three games versus the Trojans, including a 15-8 game in Round Rock, Texas, during the 2002 season and last year's 3-1 win at the USC Classic ... USC was held to single-digit hits and lost by one if its largest margins this season, as just four of the Trojans' previous 47 games had seen them lose by more than seven runs ... the visitors scored a run in the first but left the bases loaded, setting up ND for its pivotal five-run 2nd inning ... USC then closed to 5-4 on a Blake Sharpe home run in the 3rd, but the Irish went on to score eight of the game's final 10 runs ... Craig Cooper hit 3-for-5 (2 RBI, R) from the leadoff spot for the second straight game while Tony Langford's 3-for-5 game included a 2-run home run that yielded a 10-5 lead in the bottom of the 4th ... four other Irish players chipped in with two-hit games, with Notre Dame's big offensive night including five doubles, three walks and two hit batters (all nine starters had hits) ... Derik Olvey and four relievers avoided the big inning to help maintain the ND margin ... Olvey came two outs shy of qualifying for the win (4.2 IP), allowing five earned runs (one unearned) on eight hits and two walks with a pair of strikeouts ... Scott Bickford (2-1) came on in the 5th to record the final two outs en route to picking up the victory (1.0 IP, K, HB, 4 BF) ... Ryan Doherty (1.2 IP, BB, 2 Ks), Langford (1.0 IP) and Jeff Manship (1.0 IP) combined with Bickford in allowing just three USC baserunners over the final four innings ... LHP Michael Friedman suffered the loss (2 IP, 5 R/4 ER, 6 H, BB) ... Jeff Clement (3-for-3) was the only USC player with multiple hits ... the only teams to post larger victory margins vs. USC this season are Rice (12-1), Arizona State (17-1), California (9-1) and Arizona (18-4).

<b>Southern California (32-16)</b>	<b>1-0-3</b>	<b>1-1-0</b>	<b>0-0-0</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Notre Dame (30-21-1)</b>	<b>0-5-3</b>	<b>2-0-0</b>	<b>1-2-X</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>

Michael Friedman (L, 2-3), Jon Williams (3), Steve Martlaro (4), Nate Smith (7), Andy Guy (8) and Jeff Clement.

Derik Olvey, Scott Bickford (5; W, 2-1), Ryan Doherty (6), Tony Langford (8), Jeff Manship (9) and Cody Rizzo, Sean Gaston (9).

**Home Runs:** Tony Langford, ND (1 on in 4th; 3rd of season); Blake Sharpe, USC (2 on in 3rd; 4th of season).

**Doubles:** Craig Cooper (ND), Brett Lilley (ND), Rizzo (ND), Alex Nettey (ND), Greg Lopez (ND), Matt Cusick (USC), Billy Hart (USC), Jeff Clement (USC), Baron Frost (USC).

**MIDWEEK MAY MADNESS** – Midweek games in May vs. top national teams have become a recent tradition at Eck Stadium, as USC becomes the fourth national power in the past seven seasons to take on the homestanding Irish in lateseason action ... ND nearly swept eventual national champ Miami in 1999 (3-5, 1-0 in near-no-hitter for the Irish) and beat Arizona State in '02 (9-4; second game rained out) before sweeping Central Florida last season in a pair of mid-May games (4-0, 3-2) ... the first year of the Mainieri era ('95) also saw the Irish split vs. Alabama at Eck Stadium (5-3, 1-9).

**THE SERIES (ND 3, USC 2)** – The Trojans won the first two vs. the Irish, with the first game played on the campus of another USC Classic participant (5-4, at Louisville, in 1961) ... the football rivals went 36 years before the next meeting, a 14-4 USC win at the 1997 Long Beach State Classic ... the Irish rallied to beat USC at the 2002 Round Rock (Texas) Classic (15-8) ... that game featured the freak broken leg suffered by current ND senior 1B Matt Edwards (after a collision with the leftfielder, while chasing a windblown popup) ... USC led that game 8-4 before the Irish rallied to score the final seven runs ... Chris Niesel yielded 8 runs (5 earned) in the first 3.1 innings (5 H, 2 BB, 2 Ks), with half of the USC's runs coming on Travis McAndrews' wind-blown grand slam inside the RF foul pole ... Martin Vergara (3.2 IP, 3 H, 3 BB, 3 Ks) then combined with junior Brandon Vioria (2 IP, 5 BF, save) to keep the Trojans off the scoreboard the rest of the way ... ND held a 14-8 hit edge while the teams combined for nine errors (six by USC) ... five Irish players registered multiple hits, including 3-hit games from Steve Stanley (2 R, RBI, 2B) and Andrew Bushey (3 R, 2 RBI, 2B) ... Brett Bannister started for the Trojans (4 IP, 4 R/2 ER, 4 H, 3 BB, 5 Ks) ... the Irish beat the Trojans again last season at the USC Classic, 3-1 (halted after 7 innings due to rain) ... Tom Thornton (6 IP, 4 H, 2 BB) turned in his first of many primetime performances while the ND offense cashed in three errors by USC (ND was ranked 10th and USC 20th) ... Cody Rizzo's throw to the plate preserved a 2-1 lead in the 6th ... Ryan Doherty picked up the save (3 Ks, 5 BF) ... Cody Rizzo, Matt Macri (RBI double) and Matt Bransfield each hit 2-for-3 while Greg Lopez had the team's other hit ... Bobby Paschal allowed a pair of unearned runs on 7 hits (4.2 IP, 3 Ks) ... Blake Sharpe had an RBI single for USC ... Rizzo is a former teammate of USC's Baron Frost (U.S. U-16 National Team) and Ryan Broderick (club team) ... ND's Jeff Manship and USC's Daniel Pereles were teammates on the U.S. Youth National Team.

**IRISH ERUPT FOR BIG WIN AT PITTSBURGH** – Just one day after bringing home only six of 30 baserunners in a doubleheader sweep at the hands of Pittsburgh, the Notre Dame offense responded in stunning fashion by plating 21 of its 28 baserunners in Monday's 21-1 win over the Panthers ... for the second straight day, the teams flipped spots in the BIG EAST standings, with the Irish returning to 3rd and maintaining control of their own postseason fate ... ND hit 11-for-16 with runners in scoring position and launched a season-high 4 home runs in the 18-hit attack ... Jeff Samardzija (6 IP, R, 2 H, 3 BB, 4 Ks) combined with Mike Dury and Joey Williamson for a 2-hitter ... ND held Pittsburgh hitless with runners on base (0-for-11) and with 2-outs (0-for-10) ... the 21 runs are the 3rd-most by and ND team in the 11-year Paul Mainieri era, trailing only two games during the 2002 College World Series season (23-1 vs. Detroit and 25-1 vs. South Alabama in the NCAA Regional) ... it marked the first time the Irish have reached 20 runs in a BIG EAST game (the '98 team had a 19-7 win over Georgetown) and first time they have won a BIG EAST game by more than 15 runs (the '03 team won 18-3 at St. John's) ... top hitters included Ross Brezovsky (4-for-4, RBI, 4 R, HR, BB), Craig Cooper (3-for-5, 5 RBI, 4 R, 2 HR) and Greg Lopez (3-for-5, 3 RBI, R) ... Cody Rizzo homered for the second time in the series (3-run shot) and reached base nine times in the series (5-for-8, BB, 3 HBP, 2 HR).

**MORE THAN JUST STUDENTS OF THE GAME** – Tom Thornton – now 4-1 in his last 5 decisions with the Irish – and junior SS Greg Lopez (3.36 GPA; anthropology and pre-professional science) currently are under consideration for 2005 Academic All-America honors ... Thornton took a 3.46 cumulative GPA into the '05 spring semester as a double major in anthropology and film, television and theater (he earned Academic All-District honors in 2004 and advanced to the Academic All-America ballot).

**IT'S ALL THEIR FAULT** – Notre Dame would be riding an NCAA-record 431-game scoring streak if not for one game, an 11-0 loss to Rutgers, late in the 2002 season ... that game ended ND's team-record scoring streak at 231 (stretching from 2/26/99-5/4/02) but the Irish have scored in every game since that loss (199) for the 2nd-longest scoring streak in the program's history ... ND has scored in virtually every game (all but six) of the 11-year Paul Mainieri era (99.11%; 669 of 675).

**MILESTONE MARKERS** – The following players are approaching (or recently reached) statistical milestones in their ND careers:

Steve Andres.....	100 hits, 89 runs
Craig Cooper.....	102 runs
Greg Lopez.....	94 RBI, 89 runs
Matt Edwards .....	188 RBI, 47 doubles, 98 walks
Cody Rizzo.....	86 RBI

**STENCIL THEM IN** – Two ND players have started all 52 games this season: freshman 2B/3B Brett Lilley and senior Matt Edwards (1B/3B/DH) ... Edwards was the only player to hit in the same spot (3-hole) during the first 50 games before dropping down to cleanup the past two games (with Steve Andres in the 3-hole).

**ROAD HAZARDS** – Notre Dame now owns a 20-3-1 mark in all 2005 home games but is just 10-18 on the road, with a .278 team batting avg., 5.50 staff ERA and .959 fielding pct. ... Ross Brezovsky (.284 batting avg. on the road, .246 at ND's Eck Stadium) and fellow freshman Tony Langford (.378 road; .265 Eck) actually have hit higher away from home this season while their classmate Brett Lilley is a .440 batter at The Eck but just .316 on the road (senior 1B Matt Edwards is hitting at a .427 clip at Eck Stadium this season but just .305 on the road) ... ND is batting .316 at Eck Stadium – 45 points above its road batting avg. – with a 3.35 staff ERA and .961 fielding pct. at The Eck (34 Es in 22 games) ... junior LHP Tom Thornton (2.40 home ERA, .267 opp. avg.) and sophomore RHP Dan Kapala (2.76, .246) both are 3-0 at Eck Stadium in their 2005 decisions.

<b>HOME (20-3-1)</b>	<b>Stat/Player</b>	<b>AWAY (10-17)</b>
.320	Batting Average	.279
8.6	Runs Per 9 Innings	6.6
19	Home Runs	20
.454	Slugging Pct.	.398
.421	On-Base Pct.	.381
+42	Red Ratio (BB+HBP-K)	-5
56	Hit-By-Pitch	57
39	Stolen Bases	21
3.40	Staff ERA	5.44
.272	Opp. Batting Avg.	.310
2.10	Pitchers K/BB Ratio	1.30
7	Home Runs Allowed	17
.960 (39 E)	Fielding Pct.	.962 (41 E)
24	Double-Plays Turned	30
.440, 15 RBI, 2 2B, 15 BB, 8 HBP, 12 Ks, 7 SB	Lilley	.295, 8 RBI, 3 2B, 16 BB, 15 HBP, 13 Ks, 2 SB
.411, 7 HR, 32 RBI, 3B, 9 2B, 19 BB, 2 HBP, 8 Ks	Edwards	.314, 6 HR, 29 RBI, 8 2B, 10 BB, 4 HBP, 16 Ks
.329, HR, 16 RBI, 3B, 6 2B, 2 BB, 11 HBP, 17 Ks	Lopez	.250, HR, 18 RBI, 7 BB, 5 HBP, 19 Ks
.310, 2 HR, 13 RBI, 4 2B, 6 BB, 8 HBP, 12 Ks, 4 SB	Nettey	.272, 7 RBI, 5 2B, 7 BB, 5 HBP, 15 Ks, 4 SB
.310, 3 HR, 27 RBI, 3B, 3 2B, 13 BB, 9 HBP, 4 Ks, 7 SB	Cooper	.327, 4 HR, 22 RBI, 8 2B, 15 BB, 4 HBP, 14 Ks, 6 SB
.286, HR, 11 RBI, 4 2B, BB, 2 HBP, 9 Ks	Langford	.302, 2 HR, 14 RBI, 2 2B, BB, 6 Ks
.258, HR, 9 RBI, 3B, 3 2B, 8 BB, 3 Ks	Andres	.172, 3 HR, 12 RBI, 2 2B, 11 BB, 5 HBP, 13 Ks
.246, HR, 9 RBI, 3 2B, 12 BB, 13 Ks	Brezovsky	.314, HR, 10 RBI, 2 3B, 4 2B, 3 BB, 4 HBP, 23 Ks
.213, HR, 5 RBI, 2 2B, 10 BB, 9 HBP, 7 Ks, 10 SB	Rizzo	.275, 3 HR, 14 RBI, 3B, 4 2B, 12 BB, 9 HBP, 19 Ks, 5 SB
2.40, 3-0, 30 IP, 14 Ks, 4 BB, 31 H (.267)	Thornton	6.12, 2-5, 50 IP, 21 Ks/12 BB, 61 H (.308)
2.76, 3-0, 29.1 IP, 14 Ks/9 BB, 28 H (.246)	Kapala	4.85, 1-3, 29.2 IP, 14 Ks/13 BB, 36 H (.310)
3.04, 2-0, 23.2 IP, 20 Ks/6 BB, 22 H (.247)	Samardzija	5.00, 4-1, 36 IP, 24 Ks/18 BB, 44 H (.297)

**HOT CORNER SWITCH PROVIDES SPARK** – After starting the season 14-14 (18 Es at 3B), the Irish are 16-7-1 since shifting freshman Brett Lilley to 3B and inserting his classmate Ross Brezovsky at 2B, with that 24-game stretch including a .973 team fielding pct. (0-1 Es in 20 games; 26 total Es) ... Lilley is batting .374 since shifting to the hot corner while his fellow leftside infielder, junior SS Greg Lopez, has made just five errors in those 24 games (.959 fielding pct.). ... Lilley played error-free in his first 9 games at 3B and now has totaled just 7 Es in 24 games at the position (four of his teammates combined for 18 Es at 3B in the first 28 games).

**CONFERENCE COMMAND** – Through 10 seasons of play in the BIG EAST, Notre Dame has remained a consistent presence atop the league standings:

- Paul Mainieri owns the top winning pct. in BIG EAST history (.726; 168-63-1, in BIG EAST regular-season games)
- ND's .718 overall win pct. (440-172-2) during the past 10 seasons ('96-'05) is best among any BIG EAST team
- St. John's owns the best BIG EAST Tournament winning pct. during the past 10 seasons (.579; 11-8) but the Irish are next at .563 (21-14)
- ND has totaled 65 BIG EAST series wins, 14 series ties and just 13 series losses
- The Irish have been swept just eight times in 88 all-time BIG EAST doubleheaders (with ND sweeping 50 of them, plus 30 splits)

**FAR AND WIDE** – Notre Dame's 2005 roster includes players from 15 states and Canada, with no more than four players from any state ... the breakdown includes 4 from Indiana, 3 each from California, Florida and Texas, and a pair each from Maryland, Ohio, Virginia and Washington, plus one player each from Alabama, Colorado, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York and Ontario ... the 11-year Paul Mainieri era has featured players from 35 states (plus Canada), those listed above plus: Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Oregon ... the list of all-time ND baseball monogram winners includes players from 44 states (all but Alaska, Idaho, Nevada, New Hampshire, South Carolina and Vermont), plus Canada and Panama.

**OUTFIELD MERRY-GO-ROUND** – Notre Dame entered the 2005 season with a trio of juniors returning as starters in the outfield (LF Steve Andres, CF Craig Cooper and RF Cody Rizzo) but there has been a steady variety of lineups in the OF this season as the Irish look for consistency from that group ... another junior, Alex Nettey, actually has emerged as the starter in CF and is doing a solid job as well batting from the leadoff spot ... freshman Tony Langford, a prep infielder, even has been used significantly as a starter in LF ... here's a breakdown of the OF starting assignments so far in 2005:

**Notre Dame's 2005 Starting Outfielders**

**Left Field:** Tony Langford (17 starts), Craig Cooper (15), Steve Andres (15), Danny Dressman (4), Ross Brezovsky (1)

**Center Field:** Alex Nettey (48), Craig Cooper (4)

**Right Field:** Cody Rizzo (32), Craig Cooper (17), Tony Langford (2), Danny Dressman (1)

**LEFTSIDE LOCKDOWN** – Notre Dame's strong defense on the leftside of the diamond includes a pair of players, junior SS Greg Lopez (39) and freshman 3B Brett Lilley (42), who each have played error-free a combined 81 games this season, with Lilley playing at 2B for the first 28 games ... Lopez opened the '05 season without an error in the first 15 games and saw a 10-game errorless streak end last week vs. Michigan (he actually now has 4 Es in the past 5 games) ... Lopez has only four multi-E games in '05 (none with 3-plus Es) and had 42 E-free games in '04 (for 81 total in '04 and '05) ... Lilley logged an impressive 21-game span without an error (96 fielding chances) from March 24-April 21 (spanning time at 2B and 3B) ... four of Lilley's teammates combined for 18 errors at 3B in the first 28 games of the season but he then turned in nine error-free games to open his stint at the hot corner (in 40 chances) ... Lilley now has totaled 19 error-free games in 24 GP at 3B (7 Es).

**ND SUMMER-BALL PLANS INCLUDE LARGE CAPE-COD CONTINGENT** – Notre Dame's current players again are slated to scatter to some of the top wood-bat leagues during the summer of '05, including five who are set to join the prestigious Cape Cod League (several other ND players also could end up in the '05 CCL, pending the outcome of the MLB draft) ... here's a look at the summer plans for some of the Notre Dame players:

**Notre Dame Baseball 2005 Summer Teams (as of May 1)**

Greg Lopez.....	Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox.....	Cape Cod League
Dan Kapala.....	Falmouth Commodores.....	Cape Cod League
Sean Gaston.....	Cotuit Kettleers.....	Cape Cod League
Jeff Manship.....	Cotuit Kettleers.....	Cape Cod League
Derik Olvey.....	Cotuit Kettleers.....	Cape Cod League
Matt Bransfield.....	Mat-Su Miners.....	Alaska League
Cody Rizzo.....	Mat-Su Miners.....	Alaska League
Alex Nettey.....	Fayetteville (NC) Swampdogs.....	Coastal Plains League
Brett Lilley.....	Delaware (OH) Cows.....	Great Lakes League
Danny Dressman.....	Madison (WI) Mallards.....	Northwoods League
Mike Dury.....	Madison (WI) Mallards.....	Northwoods League
Ross Brezovsky.....	Hays (KS) Larks.....	Jayhawk League
David Gruener.....	Hays (KS) Larks.....	Jayhawk League
Wade Korpi.....	Staunton (VA) Braves.....	Valley League
Joey Williamson.....	Luray (VA) Wranglers.....	Valley League
Tony Langford.....	(team TBA).....	Texas Collegiate League
Eddie Smith.....	(team TBA).....	Central Illinois Collegiate League

**DYNAMIC DUOS** – Notre Dame freshman 3B Brett Lilley (.363, 11th) and senior 1B Matt Edwards (.359, 15th) rank as one of the top hitting combos in the BIG EAST ... Lilley is the only BIG EAST freshman with an overall batting avg. above .360 ... upcoming opponent West Virginia is the only team with three players among the BIG EAST's top-15 hitters ... here's a look at the teams with multiple players among the BIG EAST's top-15 batting avg. leaders:

St. John's.....Greg Thomson (.384, 3rd) and Joe Burke (.367, 6th)  
 Pittsburgh .....Ben Copeland (.391, 2nd) and Jim Negrych (.366, 7th)  
 Rutgers.....Johnny DeFendis (.382, 4th) and Cory Rodriguez (.365, 8th)  
 West Virginia .....Lee Fritz (.380, 5th), Doug Nelms (.364, 9th) and Justin Jenkins (.357, 14th)  
 Connecticut .....Tony Mallozzi (.423, 10th) and Jeff Hourigan (.359, 12th)  
**Notre Dame .....Brett Lilley (.363, 11th) and Matt Edwards (.359, 15th)**

**SEEING RED** – ND assistant coach David "Red" Grewe charts plate discipline with a ratio of BB+HBP-Ks and freshman 3B Brett Lilley now is +29 (31+23-25) while junior OF Craig Cooper is +23 (28+13-18) and senior 1B Matt Edwards has surged to +20 (38+6-24) in that "Red Ratio" ... ND as a team is +39 (161 BB, 97 HBPs, 219 Ks):

**2005 "RED RATIO" CHART**

Player	Walks	Hit-By-Pitch	Strikeouts	"Red Ratio" (BB+HBP-Ks)
Brett Lilley	31	23	25	+29
Craig Cooper	28	13	18	+23
Matt Edwards	38	6	24	+20
Cody Rizzo	22	18	26	+14
Steve Andres	19	5	16	+8
Matt Bransfield	9	6	13	+2
Alex Nettey	13	13	27	-1
Sean Gaston	5	3	15	-7
Danny Dressman	5	1	12	-6
Mike Dury	2	1	11	-8
Ross Brezovsky	15	4	36	-17
Tony Langford	2	2	15	-15
Greg Lopez	9	16	36	-11
Others	3	2	3	+2
<b>TEAM TOTALS</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>+37</b>

**Note:** Lilley, Cooper and Edwards are a combined +72 in the Red Ratio (the rest of the team is -35)

**GREAT GLOVES GALORE** – ND head coach Paul Mainieri traditionally has recruited prep shortstops who then have starred for the Irish at other positions and a quick look at the current ND infield reveals four different HS shortstops manning the positions: senior 1B Matt Edwards, freshman 2B Ross Brezovsky, junior SS Greg Lopez and freshman 3B Brett Lilley ... the '04 team had a similar setup with Edwards, Lopez and 3B Matt Macri, plus a catcher (Javi Sanchez) who had started at SS for most of the '02 College World Series season ... interestingly, the other infielder on the '04 team (2B Steve Sollmann) had completed the rare switch of going from outfield (he was standout prep CF) to middle infield.

**EDWARDS RANKS AMONG BIG EAST'S ALL-AROUND TOP HITTERS** – When looking at the OPS stat that combines on-base and slugging percentages, ND senior 1B Matt Edwards ranks among the BIG EAST leaders at 1.127 (.471+.656):

**BIG EAST Conference 2005 Overall OPS Leaders**

1. Greg Thomson (St. John's) ..... .487 on-base pct. .... .667 slugging pct..... 1.153 OPS
2. Ben Copeland (Pittsburgh) ..... .481 on-base pct. .... .670 slugging pct..... 1.151 OPS
3. Jim Negrych (Pittsburgh) ..... .490 on-base pct. .... .647 slugging pct..... 1.137 OPS
4. **Matt Edwards (Notre Dame)** ..... .471 on-base pct. .... .656 slugging pct..... 1.127 OPS

**HOME-RUN HERO** – Craig Cooper's 12th-inning HR beat Purdue at Coveleski Stadium (9-7) as he became the first ND player to hit a game-ending HR since the 2002 CWS game vs. Rice (when Brian Staviksy won that 5-3 game) ... Cooper's next at-bat produced a 1st-inning grand slam that sparked the 9-8 win over Valparaiso.

**HOMESTAND SECURITY** – Notre Dame's recent 13-1-1 streak included a productive homestand (11-1-1) that saw the Irish sweep UConn and go 2-0-1 vs. Villanova, plus wins over Bowling Green, Purdue (at Coveleski Stadium), Valparaiso, Manchester and Cleveland State (2) and a loss to Central Michigan ... the Irish hit .322 in the homestand – led by freshman 3B Brett Lilley (.449) and junior DH Matt Bransfield (.448) – with a 3.61 staff ERA and .976 fielding pct. (18 Es)

**MAJOR-LEAGUE MAULER** – To put Matt Edwards' 2005 run-producing numbers in perspective (61 RBI, in 52 games), he would be on pace to total 190 RBI in a 162-game Major League season.

**EDWARDS LAUNCHES THREE** – Matt Edwards joined an elite group of ND players with a 3-HR game (6 RBI, 2 IBB) in the 9-5 in over Western Michigan (March 29) ... Edwards became the first ND player to hit 3 HRs in a game since All-America 3B Brant Ust homered vs. three different pitchers in a 1998 game at Seton Hall ... sophomore RHP Derek Schlecker served up two Edwards home runs, the first with 2 outs in the 1st when he left a 1-0 slider up and over (Edwards drove the ball into the wind and over the leftfield fence) ... two innings later, Edwards delivered on another 1-0 pitch, turning on a high fastball and driving it over the leftfield fence for a 2-run shot ... Edwards then greeted senior RHP Tim Bebbler in the 7th, working ahead in the count (2-0) before pulling a belt-high fastball down the leftfield line and out of the park for a booming 3-run shot ... Ust had been the program's only player with three home runs in a game since the early 1990s, when 1B Jon Binkiewicz had 3-HR games vs. Evansville and Michigan in a 12-day stretch of the '91 season ... the 113-year history of Notre Dame baseball now has seen just seven players hit three home runs in a game (total of eight times) – with Edwards, Ust and Binkiewicz the only players to do so in nearly 50 years ... one of the top players for ND's first College World Series team, Jim Morris, had 3 HRs in a game vs. Naval Air Station during that 1957 season ... one must go back 23 seasons before that to find another 3-HR game, by Andy Pilney vs. Chicago in 1934 ... Jake Kline – the Hall of Fame coach who was honored at Eck Stadium in late April (when a bust of the former Irish coach will be unveiled in the stadium concourse area) – was the second ND player ever to hit three home runs in a game, doing so in a 1916 vs. Michigan (Jerry Sheehan is the first known to have a 3-HR game, vs. Hillsdale in 1906).

**THAT WAS NOTHING** ... – The previous time Matt Edwards hit three home runs in a game was when he had a 4-HR game as a 14-year-old at a Virginia AAU state tournament ... in fact, he hit nine home runs and a double in his first 11 at-bats of that tournament, while playing with the Richmond Virginians.

**FIVE-HIT HOME DEBUT** – Brett Lilley turned in a 5-for-5 game vs. Cincinnati on March 22, the first ND freshman ever to produce five hits in a home opener ... Lilley is one of 29 all-time ND players with 5-plus hits in a game (done 31 total times) and just the second to do so in a home opener ... LF Allen Greene needed extra innings to complete the feat during the home opener of his sophomore season in 1997, batting 5-for-6 in an 8-7, 12-inning win over IUPUI ... the 5-foot-7 Lilley joins another short list as one of four ND freshmen ever to post a 5-hit game at any time in their debut season ... current sophomore C Sean Gaston went 5-for-6 early in the 2004 season vs. Florida Memorial (at FAU) while CF Scott Sollmann hit 5-for-6 at Purdue in his freshman season (5/10/94) and 1B Joe Binkiewicz had a 5-for-5 game vs. Dayton as a rookie (5/20/89) ... each of the above four players is a lefthanded hitter – in fact, 10 of the past 17 Irish players to get five-plus hits in a game have been lefthanded or switch-hitters ... starting with Steve Stanley late in the '01 season, five of the past seven to do so have hit from the left side (also Brian Stavisky and Paul O'Toole in '02 and Gaston in '04, plus righthanders Steve Sollmann in '02 and Matt Macri in '04) ... Sollmann (6-for-7 vs. South Alabama, '02 NCAA regionals) and his former teammate Alec Porzel (6-for-6 vs. Pittsburgh, '01) share the ND record for hits in a game.

**BREZOVSKY BREAKS OUT** – Freshman 2B Ross Brezovsky (Naples, Fla.) ended a recent slump by batting 4-for-4 with 5 RBI in the 13-3 win over Cleveland State (BB, 2 R, HR, 2 2B) on April 30 ... Brezovsky entered that game with a sagging .252 season batting average that included just a .160 mark at Eck Stadium ... he had 2 RBI in the season-opening win over Florida A&M but had registered just one other multi-RBI game before knocking in five runs in the final game of the homestand ... Brezovsky also went 2-for-3 with a pair of runs scored on March 19 vs. Oakland (he had been hitless in six of the previous seven games).

**ALL HE DOES IS GET EXTRA-BASE HITS** – Junior LF/DH Steve Andres remains the master of the extra-base hit, as he has totaled two more extra-base hits (10; 4 HR, 3B, 4 2B) than singles (8) in '05 ... Andres hit just one single from April 6-May 16 before his rare single vs. USC ... four of his previous five hits had gone for extra bases (doubles vs. Cleveland State, Purdue and Pitt, and a triple vs. Bowling Green) ... since hitting a single vs. Northern Illinois on March 18, Andres has totaled seven extra-base hits (also 2Bs vs. Seton Hall and Rutgers and a HR vs. Toledo) and just three singles ... he is batting only .202 this season but ranks 3rd on the team in slugging pct. (.416) and home runs (4) while also owning a .368 on-base pct., thanks to 19 walks and 5 HBPs.

**QUICK STARTERS** – Notre Dame has produced consistent first-inning offense, totaling 49 first-inning runs in 52 games while scoring at least one first-inning run in 25 games (11 with multiple 1st-inning runs) ... the Irish struggled with first-inning scoring for much of '04 before a surge in the final month, en route to totaling 75 first-inning runs in 63 games.

**ON A ROLL** – Notre Dame recently compiled the 12th double-digit unbeaten streak (10-0-1; from April 16-30) of the 11-year Paul Mainieri era, with five previous teams posting longer unbeaten streaks: 17 from March 24-April 14, 2003; 16 from April 4-25, 2001, and April 11-May 4, 2002; 13 from April 8-23, 1998; and 12 from April 29-May 21, 2004 ... the Irish have posted a double-digit unbeaten streak every season under Mainieri except 1997 (two in '98, '01 and '04).

**THE DRIVE FOR 30 ... AND 40** – Notre Dame has posted its 18th consecutive season with 30-plus victories but the program's standard has been higher than that for nearly two decades, as the Irish also are riding a 16-year streak of seasons with 40-plus wins ... Florida State and Wichita State are the only Division I teams with longer active streaks of 40-win seasons (each with 27, prior to '05) but the Shockers streak includes several seasons in which they were allowed to play more than 56 games (for exempted games in Hawaii, including the current season) ... the Irish would need to win all of their remaining regular-season games and then add six in the postseason to reach 40 victories ... the previous 10 seasons of the Paul Mainieri era saw the 30th win come, on average, in the 41st game (the 1997 team posted its 30th win in the 45th game of that season).

**HBP HIGHWAY ROLLS ON** – Notre Dame batters were hit-by-pitch nine times in the season opener vs. Florida A&M and the Irish have remained on a record HBP pace all season, as ND has collected at least one HBP in 47 of 52 games this season (including an active streak of 18 games with an HBP) ... the Irish currently have a team-record 113 HBPs in 52 games played ... ND recently became the second team in Division I history to post 100-plus HBPs in back-to-back seasons (also 106 in 2004), with Long Beach State totaling 124 in '98 and 114 in '99 ... ND's current HBP total ranks 7th in the NCAA record book, just one shy of 6th place ... the Irish are averaging 2.17 HBPs per game and are on pace for 122 in the 56-game regular season, which would be just shy of the NCAA record of 125 set by Nevada in 1997 ... of the 18 teams that have totaled 86-plus HBPs in a season, ND owns the highest avg. of HBPs per game ... no previous ND team had more than three players with 12-plus HBPs but the '05 team already has five with 12-plus HBPs: freshman 3B Brett Lilley (23; 2nd in ND history), junior RF Cody Rizzo (18), junior SS Greg Lopez (16), junior OF Craig Cooper (13), and junior CF Alex Nettey (13) ... Lilley, Rizzo (28 in '03, 21 in '04) and Lopez are the only ND players ever to total more than 15 HBPs in a season ... Rizzo has moved into 5th place on the NCAA career HBP list with 67, trailing only Clay Schwartz (68; Wisconsin-Milwaukee, '94-'97), Jeff Ontiveros (74; Texas, '99-'02), Gabe Somarriba (81; Florida Atlantic, '99-'02) and Tony Hurtado (92; San Francisco, '97-'00) ... seven ND players combined for 18 HBPs during the final five games of the recent big homestand – including seven in the Villanova doubleheader and six vs. Manchester – led by six from Cooper (he totaled 6 HBPs in the '03 and '04 seasons combined) ... the first weekend of the season in Orlando included Steve Andres being HBP three times in the opener vs. FAMU and Lilley's 4 HBPs (one shy of the NCAA record) in the 4-2 win over Central Florida ... one previous ND team had three players with 12-plus HBPs (1993): Eric Danapilis (15, record until Rizzo's 28 in '03), Greg Layson (14) and Craig DeSensi (12) ... the past three ND teams have combined for 284 HBPs in 173 games (from '02-'04).

**NCAA RECORD BOOK – SEASON HIT-BY-PITCH**

Team	Year	Gms	HBP	HBP/gm
1. Nevada	1997	60	125	2.08
2. Long Beach State	1998	67	124	1.85
3. College of Charleston	2004	63	122	1.94
4. Cal State Fullerton	2003	66	117	1.77
5. Arizona State	2000	59	115	1.95
6. Long Beach State	1999	60	114	1.90
<b>7. Notre Dame</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>2.17</b>
<b>8. Notre Dame</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>1.68</b>
9. San Jose State	2000	65	105	1.62
10. Cal State Fullerton	1998	64	102	1.59
11. Washington	1998	58	101	1.74
12. Nebraska	2002	68	99	1.46
Oklahoma State	1999	67	99	1.48
Richmond	1997	60	99	1.65
15. Texas	2000	67	88	1.31
16. Southern Mississippi	1997	57	87	1.53
North Carolina	2000	63	86	1.37
Loyola Marymount	1986	65	86	1.32

\* The 2005 Notre Dame team owns the best HBP per game among teams on the above list

\* The Irish now are on pace for 122 HBPs in the 56-game regular season

\* ND has totaled 219 HBPs in the past two seasons, in 114 games (1.92 per game)

\* Teams on the above list more than once include: Long Beach State (124 in '98, 114 in '99), Cal State Fullerton (117 in '03; 102 in '98) and Notre Dame (106 in '04; 113 in '05)

**NCAA DIVISION I CAREER HIT-BY-PITCH LEADERS**

1. 92	Tony Hurtado	San Francisco	1997-2000	221 GP	2.40 games played per HBP
2. 81	Gabe Somarriba	Florida Atlantic	1999-2002	226 GP	2.79 gms/HBP
3. 74	Jeff Ontiveros	Texas	1999-2002	258 GP	3.49 gms/HBP
4. 68	Clay Schwartz	Wisconsin-Milwaukee	1994-1997	180 GP	2.65 gms/HBP
<b>5. 67</b>	<b>Cody Rizzo</b>	<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>2003-active</b>	<b>163 GP</b>	<b>2.43 gms/HBP</b>

\* At his career avg. pace, Rizzo would need to play in 63 more games to break the NCAA career HBP record

**APRIL AWAKENINGS** – Notre Dame closed the book on yet another successful April, as Paul Mainieri's 11 ND teams now have combined to win 80.3% of their games in the month of April (+158; 209-51-1) compared to winning just 67% of the Feb./March games in the Mainieri era (+75; 167-82-1) ... the Irish were only three games over .500 in Feb./March this season (13-10) before rallying for a 14-5-1 mark (+9) in April, sparked by a 3.18 staff ERA during the month's 20 games ... ND hit just .293 during the month of April, averaging 7.0 runs per 9 innings ... five ND players hit above .275 in April: freshman 3B Brett Lilley (.361, 7 RBI, 19 R, 3 2B, 12 BB, 6 HBP, 8 Ks, SAC, 5-6 SB, 6 Es), senior 1B Matt Edwards (.350, 19 RBI, 17 R, 3 HR, 3B, 7 2B, 10 BB, HBP, 9 Ks, 3-3 SB, 7 Es), junior DH Matt Bransfield (.348, 9 RBI, 8 R, 4 2B, 6 BB, 2 HBP, 7 Ks, E), junior OF Craig Cooper (.321, 20 RBI, 14 R, 2 HR, 3B, 5 2B, 7 BB, 9 HBP, 7 Ks, SAC, 6-6 SB) and sophomore C Sean Gaston (.321, 11 RBI, 6 R, HR, 2 2B, 3 BB, HBP, 7 Ks, 2 SAC, 3-3 SB, 3 Es) ... the Irish pitchers bounced back from a rocky first month to post a 3.81 staff ERA, .281 opp. batting avg. and 2.3 K-to-walk ratio (106/47) in April – compared to a 5.11 ERA, .314 opp. avg. and 1.3 K/BB ratio in Feb./March ... junior LHP Tom Thornton led the staff in April with his 2.68 ERA (3-1. 5 GS, 37 IP, 38 H/.268, 15 Ks/3 BB) while freshman LHP Wade Korpi (3.32 April ERA) and sophomore RHP Jeff Samardzija (3.81) also made key improvements from the first month of the season.

**BONUS BASEBALL** – ND has played to extra-innings five times in the past 20 games, going unbeaten in the first four (before the 6-5 loss, in 10, at St. John's) with wins over UConn (3-2, in 8), Purdue (9-7, in 12) and Cleveland State (7-6, in 13), plus the 7-7 tie vs. Villanova ... the Irish had a rare 0-3 start in extra-innings this season but ND now is 23-9-2 in its past 34 extra-inning games (dating back to 1997), including 3-4-1 in 2005 ... the Irish have suffered nearly as many extra-inning losses this season (4) as in the previous eight seasons (5, from '97-'04).

**GOING THE DISTANCE** – The 13-inning win over Cleveland State (7-6; 3:52 game time) on April 29 ranks as the 3rd-longest in the 11-year history of Eck Stadium, both in terms of innings and time ... the only games at The Eck to see more innings both stretched to the 15th frame: a 5-3 win over West Virginia on May 3, 1998, and the 7-6 win over Ball State on March 23, 2004 ... the two games that have lasted longer in game time were the 1998 WVU game (4:20) and the wild 22-18 loss to Pittsburgh on May 7, 2000 (4:06).

**CLUTCH HITTING KEY COMPONENT** – ND's 2004 team racked up its record-setting 51 wins behind an explosive offense that totaled 69 home runs, 19 triples and 120 doubles for a .479 slugging pct. ... the '05 team has seen that slugging pct. drop 55 points (.424), with just 39 HRs, 10 triples and 84 doubles ... 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 such a dropoff in power numbers, with freshman 3B Brett Lilley proving to be a valuable addition to the 2005 team ... using a formula that combines those three situational hitting numbers, Lilley is the runaway team leader with a "clutch hitting" score of 1.376 ... 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% (based on the fact that the '04 ND team hit .309 but had a .409 on-base; also mirrored by the '05 team's .298 batting and .400 OB), Lilley still checks in as ND's all-around leader in clutch hitting with a 1.258 score (.509 leadoff on-base/.382 adjusted, .407 RISP, .469 with 2-outs) ... Lilley leads the team in batting with RISP and with 2 outs while his leadoff OB ranks 3rd ... as a team, the most consistent part of ND's clutch offense has been leadoff on-base pct. (.424/.318 adjusted), followed by batting with RISP (.312) while the 2-out batting lags behind at .292.

**CLUTCH-HITTING CHART** (team rank listed before each stat)

	<b>Leadoff On-Base Pct.</b>	<b>Batting w/ RISP</b>	<b>2-Out Batting</b>	<b>Clutch-Hitting Score (Adjusted)</b>
Brett Lilley	(3) .509 (.382 adjusted)	(1) .407	(1) .469	1,258
Matt Edwards	(1) .667 (.500)	(4) .351	(5) .303	1,154
Matt Bransfield	(2) .650 (.488)	(5) .344	(4) .310	1,142
Craig Cooper	(6) .436 (.327)	(2) .406	(2) .370	1,103
Ross Brezovsky	(5) .457 (.343)	(6) .340	(8) .250	933
Sean Gaston	(7) .417 (.313)	(7) .286	(8) .250	849
Tony Langford	(11) .265 (.199)	(3) .362	(3) .311	872
Greg Lopez	(9) .400 (.300)	(9) .267	(6) .288	855
Alex Nettey	(8) .412 (.309)	(10) .260	(12) .227	796
Cody Rizzo	(4) .469 (.352)	(12) .188	(11) .229	769
Steve Andres	(10) .269 (.202)	(11) .212	(7) .276	690
Danny Dressman	(13) .200 (.150)	(7) .286	(10) .250	686
Mike Dury	(12) .250 (.188)	(13) .182	(13) .167	537
<b>TEAM</b>	<b>.424 (.318)</b>	<b>.312</b>	<b>.292</b>	<b>928</b>

**GOOD FOR ONE** – Notre Dame has extended the program's 2nd-longest scoring streak to 199 games (also 430 of the last 431 and 669 of 675/99.11% in the Mainieri era).



**BIG BOPPER** – Senior 1B Matt Edwards has hit 13 of ND's 39 home runs in the 2005 season (33%) while his 61 RBI are 12 more than the next-highest run producer on the team (Craig Cooper, who has surged to 49) ... Edwards, who started the first 50 games this season batting in the 3-hole (last two as cleanup), has made 93 straight starts with the Irish while missing a total of just three games in the past three seasons ... he remains 6th in ND history for career RBI (now 188, in 185 games) and suddenly is only 33 shy of the record held by '93 grad. Eric Danapilis (221) ... others on that list include Alec Porzel (211; '98-'01), Dan Peltier (202; '87-'89), Mike Amrhein (202; '94-'97) and Jeff Wagner (189; '96-'99) ... Edwards also ranks 7th in ND history with 13 career home runs and 17th with a .346 career batting avg.

**LUCKY NUMBERS** – The Irish are 24-2 this season when leading at the end of the 6th inning (just 4-17 when trailing at the end of the 6th), with one of the late losses coming recently at St. John's (led 5-2 after 6; lost 6-5 in 10) ... ND also is 18-3-1 when outhitting the opponent (recent losses to Michigan and in game-1 at Pitt), 19-3 when limiting the opponent to 0-3 runs (3-2, 3-1 losses at SJU) and 6-3 when playing error-free ball (both losses at SJU, loss at Pitt).

**MOUND MANEUVERING** – Notre Dame's 2005 pitching staff has been slowed by injuries to several key veterans, as senior RHP John Axford and sophomore RHP Jeff Manship both are returning from 2004 reconstructive elbow surgery while sophomore RHP Jess Stewart was sidelined for most of April with a knee injury ... Manship and Axford also have suffered midseason setbacks, as Manship injured a finger on his throwing hand in the first inning of the April 17 game vs. UConn while Axford has been sidelined with a recent shoulder injury that could hold him out until mid-May ... Manship returned to throw one inning out of the bullpen vs. Cleveland State (April 30) and then logged 4.0 as the game-3 starter at St. John's before throwing the final inning in the 13-6 win over USC ... Manship (15.0), Axford (1.2) and Stewart (13.2) have combined to throw only 30.1 innings this season, representing just 6.5% of the staff's workload in the 2005 season ... their absence has been magnified due to the fact that the Irish lost three key pitchers – top starters Grant Johnson and Chris Niesel (respectively 2nd- and 9th-round MLB draft picks) and lefthander setup man Joe Thaman – from the 2004 staff that finished 9th in the nation with a 3.36 season ERA.

**FIT TO BE TIED** – The 7-7 game vs. Villanova is just the second tie in Paul Mainieri's 11 seasons at Notre Dame and his third in 23 seasons as a college head coach ... ND's 2001 team played to a tie with Navy at the Fresno State Classic, with time limits set on those games to keep that eight-team tournament schedule on pace.

**STEVE ANDRES (LF/DH/C, Jr., Bats: Left, 5-10/200 ... Napa, CA ... 2004 NCAA Regional All-Tournament Team)**

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	E
2003	.269	43-29	104	26	28	2	2	4	22	46	.442	19	9	27	3	.415	3	0	2-3	1
2004	.320	57-49	169	38	54	13	4	8	39	99	.586	44	6	44	0	.471	2	1	4-9	4
2005	.202	34-22	89	25	18	5	1	4	21	37	.416	19	5	16	0	.368	0	0	0-0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>.276</b>	<b>134-100</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>.503</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>.430</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6-12</b>	<b>5</b>

**Post-Finals Stats** – batting .118 (2-for-17) with 4 RBI, 3 R, 2B, 3 BB, HBP

**A Little Extra** – has totaled two more extra-base hits (10; 4 HR, 3B, 5 2B) than singles (8) in the 2005 season ... his career totals includes 57 singles and 43 extra-base hits (16 HR, 7 3B, 20 2B)

**Milestone Watch** – registered the 100th hit of his ND career in 13-6 win over USC

**13-Game Homestand** – hit .308 (4-for-13) in 6 GP/3 GS (5 RBI, 5 R, 3B, 2 2B, 5 BB)

**Monthly Checkup** – compiled .269 batting avg. in month of April (7-for-26, 8 RBI, 8 R, HR, 3B, 3 2B, 7 BB, 4 Ks)

**Lineup Notes** – his 20 starts include 15 in LF, 6 as DH, 1 at C ... has batted 13 times in cleanup spot (4 in 5-hole, 2 in 3-hole, 2 in 7-hole, 1 in 8-hole)

**Top '05 Games** (prior to Michigan game) – his leadoff single preceded Greg Lopez HR as ND scored three times in 9th to tie series finale vs. Villanova (ended in 7-7 tie) ... repeated as all-tournament selection at Alamo City Irish Baseball Classic (.500, 5-for-10, 4 RBI, 4 R, 2 HR, 3 BB, 2 Ks) ... homered at ACIBC vs. Oral Roberts and in 3rd-place game vs. Southwest Missouri (2 RBI, 2 R in both games, added 2 BB vs. SMS) ... hit HR in 2nd AB of season, vs. Florida A&M ... had RBI double and scored in 5-run, 9th-inning comeback that tied game-2 at Rutgers ... hit HR to dead-center field vs. Toledo

**MATT BRANSFIELD (DH/1B/C, Jr., Bats: Right, 6-1/205 ... Englewood, CO ... 2004 BIG EAST RBI Champion)**

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	E
2003....	.310	33-17	71	13	22	3	0	0	10	25	.352	3	3	19	1	.354	2	1	0-0	0
2004....	.306	59-54	206	44	63	12	3	12	58	117	.568	22	9	30	0	.388	5	1	0-3	0
2005....	.321	27-25	81	13	26	4	0	0	16	30	.370	9	6	13	0	.418	2	2	1-1	1
<b>TOTAL...</b>	<b>.310</b>	<b>119-96</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>.480</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.389</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1-4</b>	<b>1</b>

**Post-Finals Stats** – batting .286 (6-for-21), 5 RBI, 2 R, BB, 3 HBP, 5 Ks, SAC, SB

**13-Game Homestand** – ranked 2nd on team (.448 batting avg., just behind Brett Lilley's .449) after hitting 13-for-29 in 10 GP/8 GS (8 RBI, 3 R, 4 2B, 3 BB, 2 HBP, 6 Ks, E)

**Lineup Notes** – his 25 starts include 17 at DH, 6 at C, 2 at 1B; 10 starts batting cleanup, 10 in the 6-hole, 5 in 5-hole

**Summer Ball** – slated to join teammate Cody Rizzo as member of the Mat-Su Miners of the Alaska League during the summer of 2005 (ND's Matt Edwards played for Mat-Su in the summer of '04) ... previously has played summer ball with the Colorado Sox of the Rocky Mountain League ('03) and the Waynesboro (Va.) Generals of the Valley League ('04)

**Top '05 Games** (prior to Michigan game) – had leadoff pinch-hit single and scored as ND rallied to force extra-innings in 3-2 win over UConn ... scored 3 times in series finale at Rutgers (H, BB) ... had RBI groundout and run-scoring single to help beat Cleveland State in 7-6 game ... plated 3 runs in 9-8 win over Valparaiso

**ROSS BREZOVSKY (3B, Fr., Bats: Left, 5-10/170 ... Naples, FL)**

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	E
2005....	.285	45-42	151	30	43	7	2	2	19	60	.397	15	4	36	9	.356	4	6	3-4	13

**Post-Finals Stats** – 4th on team with .321 batting (9-for-28), plus 3 RBI, 8 R, HR, 3 BB, HBP, 12 Ks, 2 SAC, SB

**Recent Trends** – has collected hits in 5 of previous 6 games (.421; 9-for-19, 3 RBI, 8 R, HR, 3 BB)

**13-Game Homestand** – hit .256 (11-for-43) in 12 GS (7 RBI, 11 R, HR, 3 2B, 7 BB, 7 Ks, 3 SAC, 2 SB, E)

**Monthly Checkup** – batted .232 during April (13-for-56, 9 RBI, 12 R, HR, 4 2B, 8 BB, 10 Ks, 3 SAC, 2 SB, 2 Es)

**Lineup Notes** – his 42 starts include 15 at 3B, 23 at 2B (all in last 24 games) and 3 at SS (plus a single start at LF) ... has hit mostly in 7-hole (12 games) and 8-hole (17), plus 4 as leadoff hitter and 9 in 9-hole

**Summer Ball** – slated to join classmate David Gruener as member of Hays (Kan.) Larks in Jayhawk League, during summer of '05 ... several Mainieri-era players have been on previous Larks teams, including current players Craig Cooper ('03), Cody Rizzo ('03, injured) and Tyler Jones ('02) ... other recent ND players who have been on Hays teams include Javi Sanchez ('02), Ryan Kalita ('02), J.P. Gagne ('01), Joe Thaman ('01), Andrew Bushey ('00), Matt Buchmeier ('00), Drew Duff ('99-'00), Paul O'Toole ('99), Mike Carlin ('98), Ben Cooke ('98-'99), Jeff Felker ('98-'99) and Pat Davis (also later was Hays assistant coach)

**Top '05 Games** (prior to Michigan game) – drove in 5 runs vs. Cleveland State on April 30 (13-3; 4-for-4, HR, 2B, BB) for his first multi-RBI game since opening week ... scored 3 times in 5-2 win over Villanova (2-for-3, SB) ... plated Alex Nettey with groundrule double to end 4-3 win over Florida A&M ... closed Dayton series with 3-for-4 game (2 R, HBP; 10-11) ... hit 3-for-5 vs. Oral Roberts (R) en route to earning all-tournament spot at Alamo City Irish Baseball Classic (.357, 5-for-14, 3 R, 3B, 2 Ks, E)

**CRAIG COOPER (OF, Jr., Bats: Right, 6-2/220 ... Plainview, NY ... 2nd Team All-BIG EAST in 2004)**

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	E
2003....	.303	46-31	122	22	37	6	2	0	15	47	.385	15	4	23	3	.397	0	2	10-13	1
2004....	.360	58-46	175	42	63	13	1	10	48	108	.617	25	2	22	0	.441	2	4	12-17	2
2005....	.320	49-47	169	38	54	11	1	7	49	88	.521	28	13	18	6	.450	1	4	13-15	2
<b>TOTAL...</b>	<b>.330</b>	<b>153-124</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>.521</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>.433</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>35-46</b>	<b>5</b>

**Post-Finals Stats** – batting team-best .375 (12-for-32) with 10 RBI, 7 R, 2 HR, 3 2B, 5 BB, 5 Ks, 2 SAC

**Recent Trends** – batting at a .458 clip (11-for-24) with 10 RBI and 20 total bases in his current 6-game hitting streak (5 R, 2 HR, 3 2B, 2 BB)

**Milestone Watch** – collected 100th career RBI vs. Cleveland State (4/30) ... recently scored 100th career run

**13-Game Homestand** – hit .250 (11-44) with team-best 18 RBI in 13 GS (12 R, 2 HR, 3B, 2 2B, 6 BB, 8 HBP, 3 Ks, 5 SB; just one multiple-hit game)

**Monthly Checkup** – ranked 4th on team with .321 batting avg. and team-best 20 RBI while helping team go 14-5-1 in April (17 GS, 14 R, 2 HR, 3B, 5 2B, 7 BB, 9 HBP, 7 Ks, SAC, 6-6 SB)

**Lineup Notes** – 47 starts include 15 in LF, plus starts at RF (17), 1B (9), CF (4) and DH (2); his 6 starts as leadoff batter include past 5 games, also batting in the 5th (8), 6th (7), 7th (3) and leadoff (1) spots

**Top '05 Games** (prior to Michigan game) – hit ND's first game-ending HR (9-7 vs. Purdue; April 20) since '02 CWS (Brian Stavisky; 5-3 vs. Rice) and then hit grand slam in next AB, vs. Valparaiso (9-8; 5 RBI) ... hit 2-for-4 in loss at Central Florida (1-2) before helping beat Knights in 4-2 game (3-for-4, 2 RBI, R, BB, SB) ... 3-for-4 in first win over Southwest Missouri (2 RBI, 2 R, HR) ... HR vs. South Dakota State (2 RBI, 3 R, 2 BB) and Cincinnati (1-for-3, 2 R, BB, SB) ... helped avert loss to Cleveland State (7-6; 3-for-4, 3 RBI, 2 R, 3B, BB, 2 SB) before adding 3 RBI next day in 13-3 win over Vikings (H, R, SB) ... hit .333 with 5 RBI and 2 HR on spring break trip (6-for-18, 6 R, 5 BB, 3 Ks)

## MATT EDWARDS (1B, Sr., Bats: Right ... Mechanicsville, VA ... First Team All-BIG EAST in 2003)

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	E
2002....	.290	9-8	31	3	9	1	0	0	4	10	.323	3	1	6	1	.371	0	0	1-1	6
2003....	.376	62-62	229	40	86	16	2	8	69	130	.568	25	4	39	0	.439	4	0	2-5	9
2004....	.310	61-59	216	48	67	13	1	12	54	118	.546	32	9	40	0	.414	4	3	5-6	5
2005....	.359	52-52	195	52	70	17	1	13	61	128	.656	38	6	24	5	.471	3	0	5-6	11
<b>TOTAL...</b>	<b>.346</b>	<b>184-181</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>.575</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>.438</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13-18</b>	<b>31</b>

**Post-Finals Stats** – hitting .308 (8-for-76) with 7 RBI, 8 R, HR, 2 2B, 15 BB, 8 Ks, SB

**Recent Trends** – has hits in five of previous six games (.471; 8-for-17, 7 RBI, HBP)

**Milestone Watch** – needs four doubles to become 10th player in ND history with 50 2Bs in his career

**Among BIG EAST Stat Leaders** – owns league-best totals in RBI (61) and home runs (13), also 2nd in walks (38) and total bases (128), 3rd in slugging pct. (.656), 4th in OPS (1.127) and runs (52), 5th in doubles (17), 7th in hits (70) and 12th in batting avg. (.359)

**St. John's Series** – suffered his only 3-game hitless streak of the season (0-for-9, 2 R, 4 BB, 5 Ks) while seeing his streak without an RBI extend to five games (ended with HR vs. Michigan)

**13-Game Homestand** – hit .353 (18-for-51) in 13 GS (10 RBI, 11 R, HR, 3B, 5 2B, 9 BB, HBP, 5 Ks, SB, 2 Es)

**Monthly Checkup** – 2nd on team with .350 batting in month of April (28-for-30, 19 RBI, 17 R, 3 HR, 3B, 7 2B, 10 BB, HBP, 9 Ks, 3 SB, 7 Es)

**Old Reliable** – has logged 93 consecutive starts with the Irish and has played in 175 of 176 games during the past three seasons (starting 173), since returning from broken leg that halted his freshman season early in '02

**Lineup Notes** – his 52 starts include 41 at 1B, 10 at 3B (DH in gm-3 vs. UConn) ... made first 50 starts batting in 3-hole before shifting to cleanup role the past two games

**Top '05 Games** (prior to Michigan game) – first ND player since '98 to hit 3 HR in game (vs. Western Michigan, 6 RBI, 2 IBB) ... homered in opener vs. Florida A&M (RBI, 4 R, 2B, BB, HBP) ... his 8-for-17 Dayton series included HR in 10-2 win (2 RBI, 3 R) ... launched grand slam vs. Texas-San Antonio and homered next day vs. Southwest Missouri, as part of his all-tournament performance at the Alamo City Irish Baseball Classic ... added HRs at Evansville and in game-2 vs. Georgetown ... hit 2-for-4 in home opener vs. Cincinnati (3 RBI, 2B) ... his 5-for-11 series vs. UConn included HR to dead-center field in series finale ... helped secure 7-7 tie in season finale vs. Villanova (3-for-5, 3 RBI, R, 2 2B, BB)

### CAREER HOME RUNS

1. Jeff Wagner ('96-'99)	49
2. Brant Ust ('97-'99)	46
3. Frank Jacobs ('89-'91)	37
Mike Amrhein ('94-'97)	37
Alec Porzel ('98-'01)	37
6. Ryan Topham ('93-'95)	34
7. Joe Binkiewicz ('89-'92)	33
Brian Stavisky ('00-'02)	33
<b>Matt Edwards ('02- )</b>	<b>33</b>

### CAREER RBI

1. Eric Danapilis ('90-'93)	221
2. Alec Porzel ('98-'01)	211
3. Dan Peltier ('87-'89)	202
Mike Amrhein ('94-'97)	202
5. Jeff Wagner ('96-'99)	189
<b>6. Matt Edwards ('02- )</b>	<b>188</b>
7. Joe Binkiewicz ('89-'92)	176

### CAREER BATTING AVG.

1. Dan Peltier ('87-'89)	.406
2. Eric Danapilis ('90-'93)	.405
3. Jim Morris ('57-'58)	.390
4. Steve Stanley ('99-'02)	.384
5. Scott Sollmann ('94-'96)	.372
6. Robbie Kent ('93-'94)	.368
Brant Ust ('97-'99)	.368
8. Pat Pesavento ('86-'89)	.367
9. Randall Brooks ('94-'97)	.364
10. Mike Amrhein ('94-'97)	.361
11. Steve Sollmann ('01-'04)	.360
12. James Sass ('88-'89)	.357
13. Shaun Fitzmaurice ('63-'64)	.355
Brian Stavisky ('00-'02)	.355
15. Edwin Hartwell ('90-'93)	.354
16. Rich Gonski ('62-'64)	.353
<b>17. Matt Edwards ('02- )</b>	<b>.346</b>

**SEAN GASTON (C, So., Bats: Left, 6-0/185 ... Brownsburg, IN)**

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	E
2004....	.316	23-12	57	11	18	3	0	0	11	21	.368	5	0	9	0	.365	1	0	4-4	1
2005....	.283	41-37	138	24	39	4	0	1	23	46	.333	5	3	15	3	.320	1	6	4-4	4
<b>TOTAL...</b>	<b>.292</b>	<b>64-49</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>.344</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>.333</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8-8</b>	<b>5</b>

**Recent Trends** – back injury has limited him to just one post-finals start (gm-1 at Pitt; 0-for-2, K), also coming off bench in game-3 at Pitt and vs. USC

**13-Game Homestand** – 4th on team with .350 batting (14-40, 12 GP/10 GS, 9 RBI, 6 R, HR, 2B, 2 BB, 5 Ks, SAC, 2 SB)

**Monthly Checkup** – 5th on team with .321 batting in April (17-53, 11 RBI, 6 R, HR, 2 2B, 3 BB, HBP, 7 Ks, 2 SAC, 3 SB, 3 Es)

**Lineup Notes** – has made all 37 of his starts at catcher while batting all over the lineup, with 8 starts each in the 6-, 8- and 9-holes, plus starts in the 2nd (2), 4th (2), 5th (4) and 7th (5) spots

**Summer Ball** – set to join classmates Jeff Manship and Derik Olvey as members of the Cape Cod League's Cotuit Kettleers during summer of '05 (at least two other ND players also are set to play in the '05 Cape) ... played with the Waterloo (Iowa) Bucs of the Northwoods League during the summer of '04

**Top '05 Games** – went 4-for-8 in doubleheader vs. Villanova (5 RBI, 2 R, BB, 3-run HR) ... hit 9th-inning single prior to Greg Lopez's 3-run HR as ND tied series finale vs. VU (ended 7-7) ... singled for key hit in comeback win over UConn (3-for-4, SB) ... 4-for-6 in 13-9 loss to Dayton (RBI, R) ... 3-for-4 in second win over Southwest Missouri (RBI, 3 R, HBP) and 3-for-5 in comeback vs. Northern Illinois (RBI, 3 R, 2B) ... lead role in win over Bowling Green (3-for-4, 2 RBI, 2 R, 2B)

**TONY LANGFORD (OF/DH, Fr., Bats: Right, 5-11/175 ... Fort Worth, TX)**

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	E
2005....	.292	41-32	130	14	38	6	0	3	25	53	.408	2	2	15	5	.311	1	1	1-1	1

**Post-Finals Stats** – batting .250 (7-for-28), 7 RBI, 4 R, HR, 4 Ks

**Recent Trends** – hit vs. Oakland halted his 1-for-16 slump

**13-Game Homestand** – hit .231 (9-for-39) in 11 GP/10 GS (5 RBI, 4 R, 2 2B, 2 HBP, 6 Ks, SAC)

**Monthly Checkup** – compiled .266 batting avg. in April (17-for-64, 11 RBI, 6 R, 2 HR, 3 2B, BB, 2 HBP, 8 Ks, SAC, E)

**Lineup Notes** – his 32 starts include 17 in LF, 13 at DH and 2 in RF while batting mostly in 5-hole (13) and 7-hole (9), plus starts in the 6th (8), 8th (1) and cleanup (1) spots

**Summer Ball** – slated to play in the Texas Collegiate League (team TBA) during the summer of '05

**Top '05 Games** (prior to Michigan game) – hit 3-for-4 in his first start, vs. Southwest Missouri (3 RBI, R, BB), followed by 2-for-4 game vs. Evansville (2B) and 2-for-5 vs. South Dakota State (RBI) ... added 3-for-6 effort in game-2 vs. Georgetown (RBI, 2 R, 2B) ... homered twice to fuel late comeback in extra-inning loss at Rutgers ... hit 3-for-4 in win over Bowling Green (RBI, 2 R, 2B, SAC)

**BRETT LILLEY (2B, Fr., Bats: Left, 5-7/165 ... North Canton, OH ... Freshman All-America Candidate)**

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	E
2005....	.363	52-52	179	48	65	5	0	0	23	70	.391	31	23	25	2	.509	1	6	9-16	12

**Post-Finals Stats** – 3rd on team with .324 batting (11-for-34), 4 RBI, 9 R, 2B, 4 BB, 3 HBP, 8 Ks, E

**Recent Trends** – batting 5-for-13 in past 3 games (6 R, 2 RBI, 2B) after rare 0-for-8 slump

**Great Glove Man** – has 41 error-free games, including 21-game span without an error (96 fielding chances) from March 24-April 21 (spanning time at 2B and 3B) ... four teammates combined for 18 errors at 3B in first 28 games of the season but he then turned in 9 error-free games to open his stint at the hot corner (40 chances) ... has 19 error-free games in 24 GP at 3B (7 Es)

**In the Record Books** – his 23 HBP rank 2nd in ND history (behind Cody Rizzo's 28 in '03) while his .509 on-base pct. would rank 6th and would tie the ND freshman record set by Eric Danapilis in '90 ... on pace to break the ND record for OB pct. by a freshman (.509, by Danapilis in '90) while his .363 batting would rank 4th-best ever by ND freshman

**BIG EAST Stat Leader** – owns league-best .509 on-base pct. and 23 HBP, also 10th in batting avg. (.363), 6th in walks (31), 7<sup>th</sup> in tuns (48) and 8th in hits (65)

**St. John's Series** – hit 5-for-10 (RBI, R, 3 BB, 2 Ks)

**13-Game Homestand** – hit team-best .449 (22-for-49) in 13 GS (7 RBI, 15 R, 2B, 11 BB, 4 HBP, 6 Ks, SAC, 4 SB, 6 Es)

**Monthly Checkup** – team-best .361 batter in April (26-for-72, 7 RBI, 19 R, 3 2B, 12 BB, 6 HBP, 8 Ks, 5 SB, 6 Es)

**Lineup Notes** – made first 28 starts at 2B before starting past 24 games at 3B, with the Irish going 16-7-1 in that stretch ... has hit mostly in the 2-hole (45, plus 7 early-season starts at leadoff)

**Top '05 Games** (prior to Michigan game) – became first ND freshman ever to post 5-hit game in home opener (vs. Cincinnati, 2 RBI, R, 2 SB) ... hit-by-pitch 4 times (one shy of tying NCAA record) in 4-2 win over Central Florida (1-for-1, R) ... had 9-for-11 stretch vs. Central Michigan (2-for-3, R, BB) and then in doubleheader vs. UConn: 2-for-3 in opener (R, BB) and 4-for-4 in nightcap (R) ... hit 3-for-5 with 2 RBI in series finale vs. Villanova (7-7) ... hit .368 on spring-break trip (7-for-19, 2 RBI, 6 R, 4 BB, 5 HBP, 4 Ks)

**GREG LOPEZ (SS, Jr., Bats: R, 6-0/190; Upper Arlington, OH ... 3rd Team All-BIG EAST in '04; Academic All-America Candidate in '05)**

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	E
2003....	.250	50-40	132	17	33	1	0	0	26	34	.258	4	4	22	5	.289	2	8	1-5	8
2004....	.332	59-57	199	39	66	14	0	2	34	86	.432	14	9	32	0	.396	3	10	4-5	20
2005....	.289	52-51	173	33	50	6	1	2	34	64	.370	9	16	36	1	.366	7	4	0-2	17
TOTAL...	.296	161-148	504	89	149	21	1	4	94	184	.365	27	29	90	6	.358	12	22	5-12	45

**Post-Finals Stats** – 2nd on team with .355 batting (11-for-31), 5 RBI, 4 R, 2B, 2 BB, 3 HBP, 4 Ks, 4 Es

**Recent Trends** – his current 6-game hitting streak includes a .500 avg. (10-for-20) and no Ks (4 RBI, 4 R, 2B, 2 BB, 3 HBP)

**For Glove of the Game** – his 39 error-free games in '05 include 15 to open season and 1 E in 19 games prior to Michigan game (now has Es in 4 of past 5 games) ... has only 4 multi-E games in '05 (none 3-plus) ... 42 E-free games in '04 (81 in '04-'05)

**Hitting Ball & Books** – candidate for Academic All-America honors (3.36 GPA; anthropology/pre-professional science major)

**Milestone Watch** – needs 6 more RBI for the 100th of his ND career

**13-Game Homestand** – hit .311 (14-for-45) in 13 GS (10 RBI and 13 R/both 2nd on team, HR, 3B, 2 2B, 8 HBP, 8 Ks, E)

**Monthly Checkup** – hit .254 in month of April (17-for-67, 10 RBI, 15 R, HR, 3B, 2B, 2 BB, 11 HBP, 15 Ks, 5 Es)

**Lineup Notes** – had made 48 starts at SS (plus 3 at 3B, in midseason) while batting in the 9th (28), 8th (21) and 7th (2) spots

**Summer Ball** – one of several ND players slated to play in Cape Cod League (Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox) during summer of '05 ... played for Delaware (Ohio) Cows of Great Lakes League in summer of '04

**Top '05 Games** (prior to Michigan game) – tied series finale vs. Villanova with 3-run HR in 9th (ended 7-7; 3-for-5, HBP) ... hit 3-for-3 in 11-10 loss to Dayton (4 RBI, R, SAC, SF) ... had 3 RBI in comeback win over Northern Illinois (1-for-3, R, SF) ... hit 3 doubles in gm-2 vs. Georgetown (2 RBI, R, BB) ... led 7-1 win over UConn (3-for-4, 2 RBI, 2 R, 2B)

**ALEX NETTEY (OF, Jr., Bats: Right, 6-1/200 ... Dolton, IL)**

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	E
2003....	.229	30-9	48	11	11	2	0	0	3	13	.271	3	1	9	1	.288	0	1	2-2	0
2004....	.194	27-9	36	9	7	3	0	0	5	10	.278	4	3	5	0	.326	0	0	1-1	0
2005....	.292	49-48	192	39	56	9	2	2	20	75	.391	13	13	27	5	.374	1	5	8-14	4
<b>TOTAL...</b>	<b>.268</b>	<b>106-66</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>.355</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>.354</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11-17</b>	<b>4</b>

**Post-Finals Stats** – batting .250 (9-for-36) with 3 RBI, 8 R, 3 2B, 4 BB, HBP, 7 Ks, 2 SB

**Recent Trends** – saw his 7-game hit streak (10-for-30) end vs. Oakland (0-for-4, BB, 2 R)

**13-Game Homestand** – 5th on team with .333 batting (19-57, 5 RBI, 12 R, HR, 2 2B, 2 BB, 4 HBP, 7 Ks, 2 SB, 2 Es)

**Monthly Checkup** – hit .274 in month of April (23-for-84, 6 RBI, 14 R, HR, 3B, 3 2B, 3 BB, 5 HBP, 11 Ks, 2 SB, 3 Es)

**Lineup Notes** – has made all 48 starts in CF, batting mostly leadoff (33), plus starts in 9th (6), 2nd (2), 5th (4), 7th (2) and 8th (1)

**Summer Ball** – slated to return to Fayetteville (N.C.) Swamp Dogs of Coastal Plains League during summer of '05

**Top '05 Games** (prior to Michigan game) – snapped 1-for-18 slump vs. Purdue at Coveleskt Stadium (4-for-6, HR, SB) ... hit 3-for-6 in series finale vs. Villanova (7-7) .. doubled and scored game-ending run vs. Florida A&M (4-3; 2-for-3) ... hit 3-for-4 vs. Oral Roberts (RBI, R, 2B) as all-tournament pick at Alamo City Irish Baseball Classic (.385, 5-for-13, 2 RBI, 2 R, 2B, 3 BB, HBP, 1-2 SB) ... had 2-run HR for only hit in game-2 vs. Georgetown (1-for-7, SAC) ...hit 3-for-4 vs. Bowling Green

**CODY RIZZO (OF, Jr., Bats: Right, 6-1/200 ... Temecula, CA)**

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	E
2003....	.314	58-56	191	53	60	11	1	4	38	85	.445	11	28	33	0	.425	3	1	1-2	4
2004....	.263	52-51	175	39	46	5	1	4	29	65	.371	4	21	30	0	.348	4	1	5-6	5
2005....	.252	49-40	127	37	32	6	1	4	19	42	.409	22	18	26	4	.426	2	1	15-19	2
<b>TOTAL...</b>	<b>.280</b>	<b>159-147</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>.410</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.399</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>21-27</b>	<b>11</b>

**Post-Finals Stats** – 5th on team with .310 batting (9-for-29), plus 5 RBI, 8 R, 2 HR, 2B, 2 BB, 5 HBP, 2 Ks, 4-5 SB

**Recent Trends** – riding 5-game hit streak (.438, 7-for-16, 4 RBI, 7 R, 2 HR, 2B, 2 BB, 3 HBP, 2 SB)

**On the Move** – ranks 8th among BIG EAST players with 15 stolen bases, after totaling just 6 SBs in first two seasons

**Walking Tall** – has overcome subpar batting season by getting on base via walks (22) and HBP (18; 4th in ND history) – for .426 on-base pct. (despite hitting just .252), also swiping 15 bases ... first two seasons featured total of just 15 walks (4 in '04) and 6 stolen bases

**Plunksville** – already ranks 5th in the NCAA record book with 67 career times hit-by-pitch (record is 92)

**13-Game Homestand** – hit .192 (5-for-26) in 12 GP/7 GS (3 RBI, 8 R, HR, 2B, 4 BB, 3 HBP, 6 Ks, 3-5 SB)

**Monthly Checkup** – hit .205 in month of April (8-for-39, 5 RBI, 11 R, HR, 2 2B, 5 BB, 4 HBP, 10 Ks, 3-5 SB, E)

**Lineup Notes** – 32 starts in RF while starting 8 recent games behind the plate (all-state catcher as a prep but previously just 4 starts at C with the Irish, in '03) ... has been batting mostly in the 5th (12), 6th (12) and 7th (14) spots, plus 2 in 8th

**Summer Ball** – slated to join teammate Matt Bransfield on Mat-Su Miners of Alaska League in summer of '05 (ND's Matt Edwards played for Mat-Su in '04) ... saw his '03 summer with Hays Larks (Jayhawk League) cut short due to injury ... dnp in summer of '04 due to wrist injury

**Top '05 Games** (prior to Michigan game) – smacked 2-run HR and hit 3-for-3 to help complete sweep of UConn (3 R, HBP, 2 SB) ... hit 3-for-5 in 13-9 loss to Dayton (RBI, 2 R, HR, 2B, SB) ... helped rally past NIU (2-for-2, RBI, 2 R, 3B, BB, HBP) ...hit .111 on spring break (2-for-18, 2 R, 3 BB, HBP, 6 Ks, SB)