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## 2003 University of Notre Dame Softball

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### 2003 NCAA Region VII

May 15-18 • Ann Arbor, Mich.

Thursday, May 15

**Game One – Notre Dame vs. Missouri, 10 a.m.**

**Game Two – DePaul vs. Wright State, 12:30 a.m.**

**Game Three – Michigan vs. Western Michigan, 3 p.m.**

**Game Four – California vs. Oakland, 5:30 p.m.**

**Game Five – Loser game one vs. Loser game two, 8 p.m.**

### 2003 SCHEDULE (36-15)

#### FEBRUARY

#### USF/Wilson Tournament (Tampa, Fla.)

15	Sat.	at South Florida	L, 4-5
15	Sat.	vs. Kent State	W, 5-1
16	Sun.	vs. Jacksonville	W, 2-1
16	Sun.	vs. Hofstra	L, 4-7
17	Mon.	vs. Rhode Island	cancelled

#### 2003 NFCA Leadoff Classic (Columbus, Ga.)

21	Fri.	vs. #4 California	L, 0-6
21	Fri.	vs. Illinois State	W, 1-0 (8)
22	Sat.	vs. #17 Alabama	L, 4-7

#### Louisiana Classic (Lafayette, La.)

28	Fri.	vs. Northwestern State	L, 2-3
28	Fri.	vs. Louisiana-Lafayette	W, 8-5 (9)

#### MARCH

1	Sat.	vs. McNeese State	W, 6-1
1	Sat.	vs. Louisiana-Lafayette	L, 3-5
2	Sun.	vs. Northwestern State	W, 12-7
9	Sun.	at CS Northridge (DH)	L, 4-5, W, 3-1

#### 2003 Kia Klassic (Fullerton, Calif.)

13	Thurs.	vs. Fresno State	W, 3-1
13	Thurs.	vs. #4 Nebraska	L, 3-10
14	Fri.	vs. #13 DePaul	L, 2-11 (6)

23	Sun.	at W. Michigan (DH)	W, 8-5, W, 8-0
26	Wed.	#22 N'western (DH)	L, 2-4, L, 2-3
30	Sun.	at Virginia Tech (DH)*	ppd

#### APRIL

1	Tues.	at Purdue (DH)	W, 7-3, W, 7-1
3	Thurs.	<b>Loyola (DH)</b>	W, 7-1, W, 3-0
9	Wed.	at Pittsburgh (DH)*	W, 5-4, W, 4-1
11	Fri.	<b>St. John's (DH)*</b>	W, 6-1, W, 2-1
13	Sun.	<b>Seton Hall (DH)*</b>	W, 5-0, W, 10-1
15	Tues.	at Providence (DH)*	W, 5-1, W, 10-0
15	Tues.	at Nebraska (DH)	cancelled
17	Thurs.	<b>IPFW (DH)</b>	W, 10-2 (5), W, 9-1 (6)
19	Sat.	at Syracuse (DH)*	W, 10-1, W, 6-4
23	Wed.	<b>Valparaiso (DH)</b>	W, 11-0 (5), W, 15-1 (5)
24	Thurs.	at Illinois-Chicago	W, 3-2
26	Sat.	at Boston College*	W, 11-0 (5)
27	Sun.	at Connecticut (DH)*	L, 1-2, W, 6-3
29	Tues.	at #7 DePaul (DH)	L, 3-4 (9)

#### MAY

2	Fri.	<b>Villanova (DH)*</b>	L, 6-7, W, 3-0
4	Sun.	<b>Rutgers (DH)*</b>	L, 0-2, W, 1-0

#### 2003 BIG EAST Championship (Salem, Va.)

8	Thurs.	vs. Seton Hall	W, 9-0 (5)
9	Fri.	vs. Villanova	W, 9-7
10	Sat.	vs. Villanova	W, 3-2 (9)

#### 2003 NCAA Region VII (Ann Arbor, Mich.)

15	Thurs.	vs. Missouri	10 a.m.
16	Fri.	Regional play continues	TBA
20	Tues.	College World Series	TBA

\* - indicates BIG EAST Conference game

**bold** indicates home game • all home games played at Ivy Field on the east side of campus

**Live statistics coverage:** The University of Michigan will provide live statistics for all of the Region VII tournament games this weekend. You can find the link to the live stats at [www.mgoblue.com](http://www.mgoblue.com).

**Notre Dame making its eighth NCAA regional appearance:** The 2003 BIG EAST Champions, the University of Notre Dame, will be making its eighth appearance in the NCAA Women's Softball Championship this weekend. The Irish earned the number-four seed in Region VII (Ann Arbor, Mich.) and will face fifth-seeded Missouri (31-18) in the first game of the regional on Thursday, May 15, at 10 a.m.

Ann Arbor has been a familiar destination for the Irish softball team over the years. This season will mark fifth time Notre Dame has appeared in an NCAA regional hosted by the University of Michigan. In fact, all of Notre Dame's eight appearances in the NCAA Championship have been hosted by Big Ten Conference members (Indiana, '94, Michigan, '95, '96, '99, '00, '03, Iowa, '01, '02). The Irish are still looking for their first regional title and a trip to the Women's College World Series.

**Irish NCAA tournament quick facts:** Highest seed - No. 1, Iowa City, 2001 ... lowest seed - No. 5, Ann Arbor, 1999 ... all-time record - 10-14 (.416) ... Notre Dame has advanced to play on Sunday in the last two seasons, losing to Iowa ('01) and Nebraska ('02) ... Notre Dame has faced Michigan three times in NCAA regional play, going 1-2 against the Wolverines ... the class of '03 (Andria Bledsoe, Andrea Loman, Alexis Madrid, Lisa Mattison, Jessica Sharron) are the second class to appear in four NCAA regionals during their career at Notre Dame ... the Irish defeated Iowa and eliminated Oregon State in the NCAA Region VII tournament at Iowa City last season.

**Notre Dame vs. Missouri series history and game analysis:** The Irish and Tigers will be meeting for the sixth time on Thursday ... Missouri leads the all-time series 5-0 ... the last two meetings occurred in 2000, when the Tigers defeated Notre Dame 5-4 and 4-3 at the Morning News Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark. ... Missouri is 31-18 this season and finished the challenging Big 12 schedule with a 12-7 record ... Rachel McGinnis and Morgan LeCluyse lead the Tiger offense ... McGinnis is hitting .379 this season with 10 HR and 35 RBI ... LeCluyse is hitting .337 with 18 RBI ... in the circle, Erin Kalka has seen the most time, going 19-12 in 202.2 innings with a 2.21 ERA and 199 Ks.

#### Notre Dame vs. the Region VII tournament field:

DePaul: 14-23-1 (5-8 away, 5-9-1 home, 4-6 neutral)

California: 0-2 (0-2 neutral)

Michigan: 4-5 (0-2 away, 2-0 home, 2-3 neutral)

Oakland: 1-0 (1-0 home)

Wright State: 4-0 (4-0 away)

**Notre Dame in national statistical rankings:** With the regular season complete, it is time to take a look at where Notre Dame has settled in the NCAA statistical rankings (as of May 4). The Irish are among the best in the country defensively, boasting a .976 team fielding percent-

## 2003 University of Notre Dame Softball Roster

No.	Name	Year	Pos.	Ht.	B/T	Hometown (High School)	Key Stats from '03
1	Steffany Stenglein*	So.	RHP	5-10	R/R	Huntington Beach, CA (Marina)	10-4, 3.76 ERA
4	Carrie Wisen*	So.	RHP	5-7	R/R	Fullerton, CA (Sonora)	1.78 ERA, 2 SV
7	Jessica Sharron*	Sr.	RHP	5-8	R/R	Agoura Hills, CA (Thousand Oaks)	8 APP, 1.24 ERA, 1 SV
8	Liz Hartmann*	So.	OF	5-9	R/R	Novato, CA (San Marin)	eight HR, 26 RBI
9	Chantal DeAlcuaz	Jr.	C	5-9	R/R	Modesto, CA (Central Catholic)	12 GP, 3 GS
10	Alexis Madrid*** (c)	Sr.	2B	5-1	L/R	Temecula, CA (Temecula)	.270, four 2B, 10 RBI
14	Nicole deFau**	Jr.	IF/OF	5-9	R/R	Southington, CT (Southington)	.276, five RBI
16	Mallorie Lenn	Fr.	C	5-8	R/R	Garden Grove, CA (Pacifica)	five HR, 23 RBI
18	Andria Bledsoe*** (c)	Sr.	SS	5-7	R/R	Higley, AZ (Highland)	.348, six HR, 32 RBI
21	Megan Ciolli*	So.	OF	5-9	L/R	Terre Haute, IN (North Vigo)	.384, four HR, 24 RBI
22	Sara Schoonaert	Fr.	IF/OF	5-5	R/R	Houston, TX (Clear Lake)	5-15, 16 runs
25	Lisa Mattison***	Sr.	1B/DP	5-10	R/R	Granger, IN (Penn)	.311, six HR, 30 RBI
32	Heather Booth	Fr.	RHP	5-10	R/R	Riverside, CA (MLK)	1.86 ERA, 19-8
33	Andrea Loman*** (c)	Sr.	3B	5-10	R/R	Riverside, CA (Poly)	.408, 40 RBI, 8 HR
44	Kellie Middleton	Fr.	OF	5-6	R/R	Norcross, GA (Marist)	.214, 3 HR, 9 RBI
77	Meagan Ruthrauff	Fr.	IF/OF	5-10	R/R	La Mirada, CA (La Serna)	.312, 10 2B, 27 RBI

\* - indicates monograms won

(c) - 2003 team captain

### Staff:

Head Coach: Deanna Gumpf (Nebraska '91)

(44-17, second year at Notre Dame)

Assistant Coach: Charmelle Green (Utah '92)

Assistant Coach: Kris Ganefff (Notre Dame '99)

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Bill Roggeman (Ball State '81)

Team Manager: Melanie Ball (Notre Dame '04)

Team Trainer: Chantal Porter (Iowa State '94)

Sports Information Director: Alan Wasielewski (Notre Dame '00)

age with is tied for third in the nation. Notre Dame is also ranked 14th as a team in hitting (.301) and 15th in team scoring (5.25 runs per game).

Individually, senior Andrea Loman is 48th in the nation in batting average (.397).

**Quick season recap:** Notre Dame enters this weekend's tournament with a 36-15 overall record, highlighted by a 20-game win streak from April 1 - April 26. That 20-game streak is the second-longest in school history, behind the 33-game run the 2001 team put together on their way to a 54-7 overall record. Connecticut broke the streak on April 26.

Notre Dame's early-season story was filled with injury, illness and inclement weather. The Irish lost eight games during the season to rain or snow, depriving the team of some important developmental opportunities. The team also was forced to battle through the Kia Klassic as a case of strep throat ravaged most of the team, effecting many of the players and forcing three starters out of the contests against Nebraska and DePaul.

Most recently, Notre Dame swept through the BIG EAST Championship, winning all three games over a three-day stretch. The Irish blew out Seton Hall 9-0 in five innings in game one, then defeated Villanova 9-7 and 3-2 (9) for the conference title. The 2003 BIG EAST Championship marks the second time Notre Dame has won the league title back-to-back (1999 & 2000) and is the fourth overall BIG EAST Championship in the program's history.

**Loman proving herself as one of the best in the country:** Notre Dame's performance this season has been keyed by the outstanding play from senior third base Andrea Loman. A tri-captain this season (along with classmates

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**NOTRE DAME  
PROBABLE STARTERS**

C: Mallorie Lenn, Fr., R/R  
 1B: Lisa Mattison, Sr., R/R  
 2B: Alexis Madrid, Sr., L/R  
 SS: Andria Bledsoe, Sr., R/R  
 3B: Andrea Loman, Sr., R/R  
 OF: Megan Ciolli, So., L/R  
 OF: Kellie Middleton, Fr., R/R  
 OF: Liz Hartmann, So. R/R  
 or Nicole deFau, Jr., R/R  
 DP: Meagan Ruthrauff, Fr., R/R  
 or Carrie Wisen, So., R/R  
 P: Heather Booth, Fr., R/R  
 or Carrie Wisen, So., R/R

**NOTRE DAME  
SPORTS INFORMATION**

Publicity for Notre Dame softball is coordinated by sports information assistant Alan Wasielewski.

Photographs, statistics and feature ideas are available by contacting Wasielewski at (574) 631-7516 or via e-mail at Wasielewski.3@nd.edu.

Requests to interview student-athletes and coaches must be arranged through the SID office and should be made at least 24 hours in advance. Credentials for home games can be obtained by calling Wasielewski.

Statistics, results and weekly releases (typically released on Wednesday of each week of the season) also are readily available on Notre Dame's official athletic site, [www.und.com](http://www.und.com).

If you wish to be added to the Notre Dame softball weekly release distribution list, please send an e-mail to: Wasielewski.3@nd.edu

Andria Bledsoe and Alexis Madrid), Loman has led Notre Dame to 36-15 record with a .408 batting average and 40 RBI.

Loman became the fourth-straight Irish player to be named the BIG EAST Player of the Year in 2003, leading Notre Dame to a 14-3 record and the league championship. She validated her player of the year award with an outstanding effort at the BIG EAST Championship, hitting over .500 in the tournament with five RBI, a double and a solo walk-off home run to win the championship game over Villanova in nine innings.

She was the catalyst for the Irish winning streak in the month of April, going 34-75 at the plate (.453) with four home runs, five doubles and 20 RBI. She also was 8-10 stealing bases during April, posted a .523 on-base percentage and scored a team-high 23 runs.

Loman also has established three career records at Notre Dame, while chasing down numerous others. She is the all-time leader in runs scored with 162 (breaking Jenny Kriech's mark of 158 from 1999-2002), broke Jarrah Myer's career walks record earlier this season – Loman currently has 84 career base-on-balls and broke Katie Marten's (1994-97) stolen base mark with her 59th theft during the BIG EAST Championship last weekend. Loman is 17-19 in stolen bases this season and has matched her career season mark of 17 thefts in 2000 (that mark ranks fourth on the single-season list at Notre Dame).

**Loman second BIG EAST player to win back-to-back tournament outstanding player awards:** With her championship-winning walk-off solo home run to lead off the bottom of the ninth against Villanova, Andrea Loman cemented the BIG EAST Championship Most Outstanding Player Award for the second-straight season. She joins Bridget McCaffery from Connecticut (1995, 1996) as the only BIG EAST players to land the tournament's top individual award in consecutive seasons. McCaffery, Janna Venice (UConn) and Loman are the only three players to win the award twice.

**Booth steps up at the BIG EAST Championship:** Heather Booth has steadily developed into one of the top pitchers in the BIG EAST Conference this season, but her performance at the league championship last weekend established herself as one of the top hurlers in the country. Booth won all three games for the Irish in the tournament, pitching 17.1 innings, giving up 13 hits, three earned runs and striking out 14.

Her championship game performance was equally masterful, as she went all nine innings, scattering six hits, giving up two runs (one earned) and striking out seven.

Earlier last week, Booth was named the 2003 BIG EAST Rookie of the Year.

**Bledsoe ending her Notre Dame career with a stellar season:** Andria Bledsoe has never been overlooked for the Irish, playing four seasons at two of the most demanding defensive positions (third base and short stop). Her defensive abilities have been recognized, but her senior offensive season has been outstanding.

The Higley, Ariz., native has hit the 30-plus RBI barrier for the third straight season, giving her 124 in her career. She has hit six home runs this season (one off her career-high from last season) and is currently hitting .348, which is over .34 points more than her career average.

By the time her season is finished, Bledsoe will be among the Irish career leaders in home runs, RBI, doubles and games played.

Madrid lands first-team Academic All-District honors: Senior second base Alexis Madrid, who received the Byron Kanaley Award from the University this season, landed a spot on the 2002 Verizon Academic All-District V University Division Softball Team on May 8. Madrid, who also is the team's Knute Rockne Scholar-Athlete Awardwinner, boasts a 3.591 GPA with an economics major. She is one of four infielders on the district ballot and, with her selection to the

first team, moves to the national ballot for Academic All-American consideration.

**Team features five capable base stealers:** The 2003 Irish squad has stolen 78 bases this season, which ties the team for third-all time behind the 2001 (78) and 1996 (112) seasons. The '03 team does boast a unique accomplishment, however, as it is the first team to feature five players with 10 or more stolen bases (the '01 and '96 teams had four players over 10 steals).

Andrea Loman leads the way with 17 steals, followed by Kellie Middleton, Alexis Madrid, and Andria Bledsoe with 13. Megan Ciolli has stolen 10 bases this season.

**'03 team boasts seven 20-plus RBI producers:** The 2003 Irish team might be trailing the 2002 (278) and 2000 (271) teams in terms of total RBI with 231, but this year's team is the first Notre Dame group to have seven players reach the 20 RBI plateau. Led by Andrea Loman (40), Andria Bledsoe (32), Lisa Mattison (30), Meagan Ruthrauff (27), Liz Hartmann (26), Megan Ciolli (24) and Mallorie Lenn (23) have all drove in more than 20 runs.

That eclipses the school mark of six players who drove in 20 or more runs in 2001 and 2002.

**Irish cart away numerous trophies at the BIG EAST awards banquet:** Notre Dame players landed two major awards and seven all-BIG EAST honors at the conference awards banquet on Thursday, May 8. Senior third base Andrea Loman became the fourth-straight Irish player to be named the BIG EAST Player of the Year, joining Jarrah Myers ('02), Lizzy Lemire ('01) and Melanie Alkire ('00, '99). Loman ended up hitting .383 in conference play with 21 hits, two home runs and 15 RBI. She ranked among the league's top five in stolen bases, hits, RBI and slugging percentage.

Freshman Heather Booth walked off the podium with the conference rookie of the year award. Booth finished up BIG EAST play with a 5-3 record and 1.65 ERA, pitching six complete games and earning three shut outs. She is the fifth Irish player (and fourth in the last five years) to earn the conference's rookie of the year award.

Booth and Loman were both on the all-BIG EAST first team, along with Lisa Mattison (.383, 7 RBI), Megan Ciolli (.360, 13 RBI) and Meagan Ruthrauff (.327, nine RBI). Mallorie Lenn (.295, 3 HR, 7 RBI) and Andria Bledsoe (.364, 10 RBI) earned second team honors as well. Booth, Lenn and Ruthrauff also were named to the all-rookie team.

**Notre Dame team members chasing down career records this season:** There are a number of Irish team members ascending the career record charts this season. The senior-captain trio of Alexis Madrid, Andria Bledsoe and Andrea Loman are all approaching the career games played record. Madrid has appeared in 232 career games, Bledsoe 230 and Loman 229. Combined with any post season contests, all three Irish players should break into the top-five in game played this weekend (232).

Loman, a top player on the Irish team in all her years with Notre Dame, is threatening a number of career marks. She broke Jenny Kriech's (1999-2002) mark for the runs scored record with 162. Loman and Bledsoe are both about to appear on the top five in all-time doubles, as Loman has 44 and Bledsoe 40. In fifth-place is Lizzy Lemire with 43 and Melanie Alkire holds the all-time record with 49.

Loman, Bledsoe and Liz Hartmann are all moving up the career home run record list:

1. Jarrah Myers (1999-2002), 36
2. Melanie Alkire (1998-2001), 30
- Andrea Loman, 30
4. Sara Hayes (1992-95), 26

**NOTRE DAME STATISTICAL LEADERS**

<u>Batting Average</u>	
Andrea Loman .....	.408
Megan Ciolli .....	.384
Andria Bledsoe .....	.348
<u>Hits</u>	
Andrea Loman .....	64
Megan Ciolli .....	63
Andria Bledsoe .....	55
<u>Doubles</u>	
Andrea Loman .....	12
Lisa Mattison .....	11
Meagan Ruthrauff .....	10
<u>Triples</u>	
Andria Bledsoe .....	3
Andrea Loman .....	2
Megan Ciolli .....	2
<u>Home Runs</u>	
Andrea Loman .....	8
Liz Hartmann .....	8
Andria Bledsoe .....	6
Lisa Mattison .....	6
<u>RBI</u>	
Andrea Loman .....	40
Andria Bledsoe .....	32
Lisa Mattison .....	30
<u>Slugging Percentage</u>	
Andrea Loman .....	.662
Andria Bledsoe .....	.538
Megan Ciolli .....	.537
<u>On Base Percentage</u>	
Andrea Loman .....	.466
Megan Ciolli .....	.430
Andria Bledsoe .....	.416
<u>Stolen Bases</u>	
Andrea Loman .....	17
Kellie Middleton .....	13
Alexis Madrid .....	13
Andria Bledsoe .....	13
<b>PITCHING</b>	
<u>ERA</u>	
Carrie Wisen .....	1.78
Heather Booth .....	1.86
Steffany Stenglein .....	3.76
<u>Strikeouts</u>	
Heather Booth .....	147
Steffany Stenglein .....	77
Carrie Wisen .....	38
<u>Complete Games</u>	
Heather Booth .....	11
Steffany Stenglein .....	3
<u>Appearances</u>	
Heather Booth .....	34
Carrie Wisen .....	27
Steffany Stenglein .....	26

**NOTRE DAME TEAM GAME HIGHS**Runs

15 vs. Valparaiso, 4-23-03

Hits

17 vs. Valparaiso, 4-23-03

RBI

12 vs. Valparaiso, 4-23-03

Doubles

5 vs. Loyola, 4-3-03

Home Runs

5 vs. La.-Lafayette, 2-28-03

Total Bases

26 vs. Valparaiso, 4-23-03

Stolen Bases

5 vs. Providence, 4-15-03

Innings Pitched

9.2 vs. CS Northridge, 3-9-03

Strikeouts

10 vs. Jacksonville, 2-16-03

10 vs. #17 Alabama, 2-23-03

**INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS**Runs

4 - Ciolli vs. Valparaiso (4-23-03)

Hits

4 - Ciolli vs. Valparaiso (4-23-03)

RBI

5 - Loman vs. Seton Hall (4-13-03)

Doubles

2 - Loman vs. NW State (2-28-03)

2 - Loman at Syracuse (4-19-03)

2 - Mattison vs. IPFW (4-17-03)

Home Runs

2 - Bledsoe vs. ULL (2-28-03)

2 - Hartmann vs. ULL (2-28-03)

Total Bases

8 - four times

Walks

3 - Madrid vs. Providence (4-15-03)

3 - Bledsoe vs. IPFW (4-17-03)

Stolen Bases

2 - five times

Innings Pitched

9.0 - Booth vs. Villanova (5-10-03)

Strikeouts

9 - Stenglein vs. #17 Alabama (2-23-03)

5. Meghan Murray (1994-97), 15

Liz Hartmann, 15

Andria Bledsoe, 14

Loman has already broken the career walks record with 84, eclipsing Jarrah Myers's 76.

See page nine of this notes package for a complete breakdown of Notre Dame's current players threatening career and single-season marks.

**Team single-season home run record in jeopardy again?:** The 2002 team belted 54 home runs a year ago, a record that might fall again in 2003. This season Notre Dame has bashed 45 home runs as of May 1, led by sophomore Liz Hartmann and senior Andrea Loman with eight.

**Home run analysis:** Ten different Irish players hit home runs in 2002, setting another record which has already been met this season. Andrea Loman, Megan Ciolli, Meagan Ruthrauff, Andria Bledsoe, Lisa Mattison, Nicole deFau, Liz Hartmann, Mallorie Lenn and Kellie Middleton have all hit home runs in 2003.

Mattison hit her career-best sixth of the season during the BIG EAST Championship last weekend. Ciolli matched last season's total of four home runs with a three-run bomb against Connecticut on Sunday. Hartmann has already surpassed her rookie record of seven from a year ago.

**Notre Dame single-game home run record has even more company:** Notre Dame's original single-game home run record was set in 1990 when Sheri Quinn hit two home runs against Loyola-Chicago. Since that day on March 24, 1990, the feat has been matched 14 times. Andria Bledsoe and Liz Hartmann hit two home runs each in Notre Dame's game against Louisiana-Lafayette on Feb. 28. Hartmann was already a member of the record-holding club after hitting two bombs against Oakland in 2002.

In all, five current Notre Dame players are among the nine in school history who have hit two home runs in one game. Jarrah Myers (1999-2002) is the only Notre Dame player to hit two home runs in a game three times in her career - against Virginia Tech (4-30-02), Seton Hall (4-30-00) and CS Northridge (3-11-01).

**Rally at Pittsburgh on April 9 best seventh-inning effort in school history:** Notre Dame achieved a program first on April 9. Their five-run inning in the top of the seventh goes down at the best-ever seventh inning rally by the Irish. Since 1989, the first season of softball, the Irish had never rallied from a four-run deficit in the seventh inning to win or tie the game.

The big hit in the seventh was provided by Andrea Loman, who drilled a bases-loaded double to plate the tying and winning run.

**New national poll:** USA Softball, in conjuncture with ESPN.com and the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) have formed a new national poll. See page eight of this notes package for both the ESPN/USA Softball poll and the *USA Today*/NFCA top 25.

**Notre Dame head coach Deanna Gumpf in her second season:** Irish head coach Deanna Gumpf led her team to a 44-17 record in 2002 - her first season as the program's leader. A former assistant at Notre Dame and player at Nebraska ('92), Gumpf and her staff landed the BIG EAST Conference Coaching Staff of the Year award and shared the NFCA Midwest Region Coaching Staff of the Year award with Wisconsin last season.

Among Notre Dame's many accomplishments in 2002, the Irish advanced to the final day of competition at the NCAA regionals for the second-consecutive season, won the BIG EAST regular-season and tournament titles and set school records for home runs (54) and fielding percentage (.971).

**California girls:** Just a quick glance at the 2003 Notre Dame softball roster can beg the question; is the Notre Dame campus located on the west coast?

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## 2003 BIG EAST Conference Final Standings



Team	BIG EAST					OVERALL					Streak	vs. ND (regular season)
	W-L	Pts.	H	A	W-L-T	Pct.	H	A	N			
<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>14-3</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>8-2</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>36-15-0</b>	<b>.706</b>	<b>12-4</b>	<b>14-4</b>	<b>10-7</b>	<b>Won 4</b>	-	
Boston College	14-5	28	7-4	7-1	33-20-0	.623	10-4	15-5	8-10	Lost 1	W, 11-0 (5)	
Villanova	13-7	26	8-2	5-5	34-15-1	.690	16-4	14-5-1	4-6	Lost 1	L, 7-6, W, 3-0	
Seton Hall	13-7	26	7-3	6-4	37-14-0	.725	15-3	14-6	8-5	Lost 2	W, 5-0, W, 10-1	
Connecticut	12-8	24	9-1	3-7	24-23-1	.510	13-4	6-10	5-9-1	Won 1	L, 2-1, W, 6-3	
St. John's	9-11	18	7-5	2-6	30-28-0	.517	17-5	5-15	8-8	Lost 1	W, 6-1, W, 2-1	
Rutgers	8-12	16	3-5	5-7	26-23-0	.531	10-6	11-12	5-5	Lost 1	L, 0-2, W, 1-0	
Pittsburgh	7-13	14	5-7	2-6	24-31-0	.436	13-9	6-10	5-12	Lost 1	W, 5-4, W, 4-1	
Syracuse	7-13	14	4-4	3-9	17-25-0	.405	8-5	3-13	6-7	Won 1	W, 10-1, W, 6-4	
Virginia Tech	6-12	12	3-5	3-7	21-29-0	.420	10-7	5-10	6-12	Won 1	cancelled	
Providence	4-16	8	1-7	3-9	20-24-0	.455	9-9	4-11	7-4	Lost 1	W, 5-1, W, 10-1	

**Note:** As voted by the head softball coaches, the BIG EAST softball standings will now be determined by a 2/1 points system. Two points will be awarded for a conference win, one point for a tie and no points for a loss. Conference competition began the weekend of March 23-24.

## 2003 BIG EAST AWARDS

*All-BIG EAST First Team*

P - Kim Ryan, Boston College  
 P - Heather Booth, Notre Dame  
 C - Nikki Childress, Rutgers  
 IF - Lisa Fischer, Boston College  
 IF - Andrea Loman, Notre Dame  
 IF - Lisa Mattison, Notre Dame  
 IF - Ricci Lugo, Villanova  
 OF - Erin Mackey, Boston College  
 OF - Megan Ciolli, Notre Dame  
 OF - Lisa Krueger, Villanova  
 UT - Francesca DiMaria, Pittsburgh  
 DP - Meagan Ruthrauff, Notre Dame

*All-BIG EAST Second Team*

P - Tekae Malandris, Boston College  
 P - Christina Shanko, Seton Hall  
 P - Theresa Hornick, Villanova  
 C - Mallorie Lenn, Notre Dame  
 IF - Mandy Schettini, Connecticut  
 IF - Maggie Arbogast, Connecticut  
 IF - Andria Bledsoe, Notre Dame  
 IF - Alesha Argeras, St. John's  
 OF - Jacqui Goodchild, Boston College  
 OF - Jo Sherlock, St. John's  
 OF - Tanya Rose, Syracuse  
 UT - Barb Cook, Connecticut  
 DP - Rachel Pacheco, Virginia Tech

## 2003 BIG EAST

## Weekly Awards

Pitcher(s) of the Week

Feb. 16 - Rachel Pacheco, Va. Tech  
 Feb. 24 - Christina Shanko, SHU  
 Feb. 24 - Tara DiMaggio, Syracuse  
 Mar. 3 - none  
 Mar. 10 - Courtney Fitzgerald, SJU  
 Mar. 17 - Christina Shanko, SHU  
 Mar. 24 - Nikki Gasti, Pittsburgh  
 April 1 - Kim Ryan, Boston College  
 Theresa Hornick, Villanova  
 April 8 - Courtney Fitzgerald, SJU  
 April 14 - **Heather Booth, ND**  
 Kim Ryan, BC  
 April 21 - Kim Ryan, BC  
 April 28 - Kim Ryan, BC  
 Shannon Williams, Vill.  
 May 5 - Tekae Malandris, BC

Player(s) of the Week

Feb. 16 - Lisa Fischer, Boston College  
 Feb. 24 - Rachel Park, Syracuse  
**Mar. 3 - Andrea Loman, Notre Dame**  
 Mar. 3 - Mandy Schettini, UConn  
 Mar. 10 - none  
 Mar. 17 - Laura Taylor, Seton Hall  
 Mar. 24 - Cara Blumfield, BC  
 Kelly Hulpa, Pittsburgh  
 April 1 - Cara Blumfield, BC  
 Laura Taylor, Seton Hall  
 April 8 - Alesha Argeras, St. John's  
 Alexis Switenko, Syracuse  
 April 14 - **Meagan Ruthrauff, ND**  
 Erin Mackey, BC  
 April 21 - **Lisa Mattison, ND**  
 April 28 - Maggie Arbogast, UConn  
 May 5 - Erin Mackey, BC  
 Laura Taylor, Seton Hall

*BIG EAST All-Rookie Team*

Kim Castner, C, Connecticut  
 Heather Booth, P, Notre Dame  
 Mallorie Lenn, C, Notre Dame  
 Meagan Ruthrauff, DP, Notre Dame  
 Francesca DiMaria, UT, Pittsburgh  
 Megan Oliver, IF, St. John's  
 Jo Sherlock, OF, St. John's  
 Katie Pierce, IF, Seton Hall  
 Alexis Switenko, IF, Syracuse  
 Kelly Brown, OF, Virginia Tech

*BIG EAST Player of the Year*  
Andrea Loman, IF, Notre Dame*BIG EAST Pitcher of the Year*  
Kim Ryan, Boston College*BIG EAST Rookie of the Year*  
Heather Booth, Notre Dame*BIG EAST Coaching Staff of the Year*  
Boston College

## 2003 Game Results - Winning RBI/Hit - Winning Run

Date	Opposing Team	Score	Outcome	R/H/E - R/H/E	Pitcher of Record	GW H/RBI	GW Run
2-15-03	!at South Florida	4-5	L	4/9/2 - 5/6/0	Booth (L, 0-1)	-	-
2-15-03	!vs. Kent State	5-1	W	5/7/2 - 1/6/1	Booth (W, 1-1)	Ruthrauff	Schoonaert
2-16-03	!vs. Jacksonville	2-1	W	2/5/0 - 1/5/0	Booth (W, 2-1)	Lenn	Schoonaert
2-16-03	!vs. Hofstra	4-7	L	4/6/2 - 7/5/0	Stenglein (L, 0-1)	-	-
2-22-03	#vs. #4 California	0-6	L	0/3/2 - 6/4/0	Stenglein (L, 0-2)	-	-
2-22-03	#vs. Illinois State	1-0 (8)	W	1/4/0 - 0/2/1	Booth (W, 3-1)	Ciolti	Hartmann
2-23-03	#vs. #17 Alabama	4-7	L	4/10/1 - 7/12/3	Booth (L, 3-2)	-	-
2-28-03	@vs. NW State	2-3	L	2/8/0 - 3/8/1	Wisn (L, 0-1)	-	-
2-28-03	@at La.-Lafayette	8-5 (9)	W	8/8/2 - 5/7/3	Booth (W, 4-2)	Hartmann	Bledsoe
3-1-03	@vs. McNeese State	6-1	W	6/8/0 - 1/3/1	Stenglein (W, 1-2)	Mattison	Bledsoe
3-1-03	@at La.-Lafayette	3-5	L	3/11/1 - 5/9/0	Booth (L, 4-3)	-	-
3-2-03	@vs. NW State	12-7	W	12/10/0 - 7/6/3	Stenglein (W, 2-2)	Mattison	Loman
3-9-03	at CS Northridge	4-5 (10)	L	4/12/0 - 5/10/3	Wisn (L, 0-2)	-	-
3-9-03	at CS Northridge	3-1	W	3/5/0 - 1/1/0	Booth (W, 5-3)	Mattison	Bledsoe
3-13-03	%vs. Fresno State	3-1	W	3/6/0 - 1/2/0	Booth (W, 6-3)	Ruthrauff	deFau
3-13-03	%vs. #3 Nebraska	3-10	L	3/9/2 - 10/14/1	Stenglein (L, 2-3)	-	-
3-14-03	%vs. #14 DePaul	2-11	L	2/5/2 - 11/9/2	Booth (L, 6-4)	-	-
3-23-03	at Western Mich.	8-5	W	8/11/0 - 5/7/2	Stenglein (W, 3-3)	Loman	Ciolti
3-23-03	at Western Mich.	8-0	W	8/14/0 - 0/4/3	Booth (W, 7-4)	Loman	Ciolti
3-26-03	#22 Northwestern	2-4	L	2/4/0 - 4/5/1	Stenglein (L, 3-4)	-	-
3-26-03	#22 Northwestern	2-3	L	2/5/1 - 3/9/1	Booth (L, 7-5)	-	-
4-1-03	at Purdue	7-3	W	7/7/2 - 3/7/2	Stenglein (W, 4-4)	Hartmann	Schoonaert
4-1-03	at Purdue	7-1	W	7/11/1 - 1/6/0	Booth (W, 8-5)	Bledsoe	Loman
4-3-03	Loyola (Chicago)	7-1	W	7/10/1 - 1/3/1	Stenglein (W, 5-4)	Lenn	Lenn
4-3-03	Loyola (Chicago)	3-0	W	3/8/0 - 0/2/1	Booth (W, 9-5)	Mattison	Hartmann
4-9-03	*at Pittsburgh	5-4	W	5/4/0 - 4/5/2	Wisn (W, 1-2)	Loman	Lenn
4-9-03	*at Pittsburgh	4-1	W	4/6/1 - 1/1/1	Booth (W, 10-5)	Ruthrauff	Loman
4-11-03	*St. John's	6-1	W	6/8/0 - 1/5/2	Booth (W, 11-5)	Ruthrauff	Loman
4-11-03	*St. John's	2-1	W	2/5/0 - 1/3/1	Wisn (W, 2-2)	Bledsoe	Ruthrauff
4-13-03	*Seton Hall	5-0	W	5/10/1 - 0/1/4	Booth (W, 12-5)	Loman	Loman
4-13-03	*Seton Hall	10-1 (6)	W	10/10/2 - 1/1/1	Stenglein (W, 6-4)	Ruthrauff	Ruthrauff
4-15-03	*at Providence	5-1	W	5/11/1 - 1/4/0	Booth (W, 13-5)	Bledsoe	Loman
4-15-03	*at Providence	10-1	W	10/10/3 - 1/3/3	Stenglein (W, 7-4)	Ciolti	deFau
4-17-03	IPFW	10-2 (5)	W	10/12/1 - 2/3/2	Booth (W, 14-5)	Mattison	Loman
4-17-03	IPFW	9-1 (6)	W	9/14/0 - 1/1/2	Stenglein (W, 8-4)	Ruthrauff	Loman
4-19-03	*at Syracuse	10-1 (6)	W	10/11/0 - 1/2/1	Wisn (W, 3-2)	Ciolti	deFau
4-19-03	*at Syracuse	6-4	W	6/11/0 - 4/6/1	Wisn (W, 4-2)	Mattison	Bledsoe
4-23-03	Valparasio	11-0 (5)	W	11/12/1 - 0/1/1	Booth (W, 15-5)	Loman	Ciolti
4-23-03	Valparaiso	15-1 (5)	W	15/17/0 - 1/1/5	Wisn (W, 5-2)	Ruthrauff	Madrid
4-24-03	at UIC	3-2	W	3/9/0 - 2/8/3	Wisn (W, 6-2)	-	Ruthrauff
4-26-03	*at Boston College	11-0	W	11/11/0 - 0/1/2	Booth (W, 16-5)	-	Madrid
4-27-03	*at Connecticut	1-2	L	1/3/0 - 2/6/1	Booth (L, 16-6)	-	-
4-27-03	*at Connecticut	6-3	W	6/11/0 - 3/10/2	Wisn (W, 7-2)	Ciolti	Lenn
4-29-03	at #7 DePaul	3-4 (9)	L	3/5/3 - 4/8/2	Wisn (L, 7-3)	-	-
5-2-03	*Villanova	6-7	L	6/9/0 - 7/14/2	Booth (L, 16-7)	-	-
5-2-03	*Villanova	3-0	W	3/4/1 - 0/2/1	Stenglein (W, 9-4)	Loman	Ciolti
5-4-03	*Rutgers	0-2	L	0/5/1 - 2/5/1	Booth (L, 16-8)	-	-
5-4-03	*Rutgers	1-0	W	1/5/0 - 0/2/1	Stenglein (W, 10-4)	Bledsoe	Madrid
5-8-03	+Seton Hall	9-0	W	9/12/0 - 0/3/1	Booth (W, 17-8)	Ciolti	Mattison
5-9-03	+Villanova	9-7	W	9/12/1 - 7/7/1	Booth (W, 18-8)	Ruthrauff	Loman
5-10-03	+Villanova	3-2 (9)	W	3/12/2 - 2/6/1	Booth (W, 19-8)	Loman	Loman

! - USF/Wilson Tournament (Tampa, Fla.)

# - NFCA Leadoff Classic (Columbus, Ga.)

@ - Louisiana Classic (Lafayette, La.)

% - Kia Klassic (Fullerton, Calif.)

\* - BIG EAST Conference game

+ - BIG EAST Championship (Salem, Va.)

**2003 USA TODAY/NFCA  
Top 25 (5-5-03)**

School	2003 Record	Pts.	LW
1. Arizona (22)	47-4	550	1
2. UCLA	43-5	528	2
3. Texas	43-7	506	3
4. <b>DePaul</b>	43-5-1	467	6
5. Oklahoma	42-12	461	4
6. CS Fullerton	36-13	430	7
7. Georgia	54-10	412	8
8. Washington	40-13-1	408	5
9. <b>California</b>	40-15	379	9
10. Florida State	43-9	337	12
11. <b>Nebraska</b>	36-15	313	11
12. LSU	45-14	308	10
13. Oklahoma St.	37-13	289	14
14. Michigan	39-12	239	13
15. Arizona State	30-20	233	16
16. <b>Alabama</b>	41-19	212	17
17. Stanford	36-23	109	15
18. Oregon	30-16	173	21
19. <b>South Florida</b>	51-15	151	19
20. South Carolina	37-16	150	18
21. <b>La.-Lafayette</b>	40-8	111	22
22. Texas A&M	35-20	96	20
23. Iowa	37-13	45	23
24. S. Illinois	36-9	34	25
25. Florida	38-21	28	NR

Others receiving votes: Illinois (20), NOTRE DAME (17), Michigan State (10), Hawaii (8), **Northwestern** (7), Oregon State (4), Texas-Arlington (4), College of Charleston (3).

Notre Dame 2003 opponents in **bold**.

In all, 10 Irish players call California home – that is over 50% of the roster. Add in head coach Deanna Gumpf (La Palma) and the Notre Dame softball team has a distinctive Golden State flavor.

The California girls: Steffany Stenglein (Huntington Beach), Carrie Wisen (Fullerton), Jessica Sharron (Agoura Hills), Liz Hartmann (Novato), Chantal DeAlcuaz (Modesto), Alexis Madrid (Temecula), Mallorie Lenn (Garden Grove), Heather Booth (Riverside), Andrea Loman (Riverside) and Meagan Ruthrauff (La Mirada).

**April success:** The month of April has traditionally been a successful 30

**2003 ESPN.COM/USA SOFTBALL  
Top 25 (5-5-03)**

School	2003 Record	Pts.	LW
1. Arizona (18)	47-4	450	1
2. UCLA	43-5	432	2
3. Texas	43-7	414	3
4. Oklahoma	43-11	383	5
5. <b>California</b>	40-15	360	6
6. <b>DePaul</b>	43-5-1	358	7
7. Washington	40-13-1	338	4
8. CS Fullerton	35-13	335	8
9. Georgia	54-10	323	9
10. Florida State	43-9	249	13
11. <b>Nebraska</b>	36-15	239	10
12. Oklahoma St.	35-13	234	14
13. LSU	45-14	233	11
14. Stanford	35-20	229	12
15. Arizona State	30-20	222	15
16. <b>Alabama</b>	41-19	174	17
17. Michigan	39-12	167	16
18. Oregon	30-16	154	19
19. South Carolina	37-16	123	18
20. Texas A&M	35-20	94	20
21. <b>South Florida</b>	51-15	82	21
22. <b>La.-Lafayette</b>	40-8	68	22
23. Iowa	38-13	67	23
24. Florida	38-21	59	24
25. Michigan State	35-15	20	NR

Others receiving votes: Oregon State (14), Missouri (10), Massachusetts (6), Illinois (6), Southern Illinois (2), Wichita State (1), **Northwestern** (1), Texas Arlington (1), Marshall (1), Hawaii (1).

Notre Dame 2003 opponents in **bold**.

days in the history of the Notre Dame softball program - especially over the last three seasons. The 2001 Irish team went 23-0 in April, a key portion of its 54-7 season. The '02 team from a season ago eclipsed the '01 team's win total with 24, and suffered just one loss during the month (24-1, .960).

Notre Dame finished the 2003 month of April with a 21-2 mark, the fourth-best April record in school history. Head coach Deanna Gumpf is now 45-3 (.938) in the month of April.

Notre Dame's top April performances:  
2001 - 23-0 (1.000)  
2002 - 24-1 (.960)  
1996 - 23-2 (.920)

**Softball fans have a new national poll to track:** The Amateur Softball Association (ASA), the national governing body of softball in the United States, has announced its first ESPN.com/USA Softball Collegiate Top 25 poll.

The ESPN.com/USA Softball Collegiate Top 25 poll is voted on by NCAA Division I coaches representing 15 different ASA regions and 12 different collegiate conferences. The poll is also voted on by selected softball media members.

The USA Today/National Fastpitch Coaches Association Division I Top 25 is voted on by 21 NCAA Division I coaches representing all regions.

Notre Dame in the 2003  
USA Today/NFCA Top 25:

Preseason: 17  
February 18: 23  
February 25: also receiving votes  
March 4: not ranked  
March 11: also receiving votes  
March 18: not ranked  
March 25: not ranked  
April 1: not ranked  
April 8: not ranked  
April 14: not ranked  
April 22: also receiving votes  
April 29: also receiving votes  
May 5: also receiving votes

Notre Dame in the 2003 ESPN.com/  
USA Softball Top 25:

February 25: also receiving votes  
March 4: not ranked  
March 11: not ranked  
March 18: not ranked  
March 25: not ranked  
April 1: not ranked  
April 8: not ranked  
April 14: not ranked  
April 21: not ranked  
April 29: also receiving votes  
May 5: not ranked



2003 - 21-2 (.913)

1998 - 23-3 (.885)

**Mallorie Lenn wins gold medal with the U.S. Junior National team:** Freshman Mallorie Lenn landed a spot on the U.S. Junior National team that eventually won the First Junior Women's Pan American Championship in Hermosillo, Mexico.

Lenn, from Garden Grove, Calif., was one of the starting catchers on the U.S. team that did not surrender a single run during the tournament. The team was potent on offense as well, dispatching Netherlands Antilles 21-0, Guatemala 20-0 and Jamaica 20-0.

The U.S.'s main competition in the tournament was Canada, and in the first match up during round-robin play Lenn provided the game-winning RBI in her team's 1-0 victory. Lenn also served as the catcher for the gold-medal game against Canada (a 2-0 U.S. victory).

The victory provided the USA with a berth in the 2003 International Softball Federation Junior Women's World Championships in Nanjin, China, during the summer of 2003.

**All-Time Record:** Entering the 2003 season, Notre Dame softball has posted 556 wins in 14 seasons (almost 40 wins per season). The Irish have won 67% of their games and have never posted a losing season.

**Notre Dame wins eighth-straight BIG EAST regular-season crown:** Notre Dame has won a BIG EAST Conference regular-season title each season it has competed in the conference. The Irish joined the BIG EAST for softball in 1996 and won the south division title with a 19-1 record.

The division format continued for the next two seasons as well, with the Irish winning the south with a 16-4 record in 1997 and a 13-3 mark in 1998.

The divisions were joined in 1999, when Notre Dame finished 16-0 to take the league regular-season title. The Irish followed up with a 14-2 record in 2000, 20-0 record in 2001 and 18-2 record in 2002.

In 2003, Notre Dame finished 14-3 and actually shared the regular-season

title with Boston College - due to the conference's unusual point system (two for a win, one for a tie). The Eagles finished 14-5 in league play and lost head-to-head with Notre Dame 11-0 in five innings.

Notre Dame followed up their regular-season titles in 1999, 2000, 2002 and 2003 with a BIG EAST tournament championship.

**Notre Dame NCAA records:** Here is quick look at some Notre Dame records in the NCAA Championship:

Team:

	Hits in a game:
16 ... vs. Illinois-Chicago .....	5-20-95
	Most runs in a game:
8 ... vs. Illinois-Chicago .....	5-20-95
8 ... vs. Western Illinois .....	5-17-01
8 ... vs. DePaul .....	5-19-01
	Most runs allowed:
15 ... vs. Michigan .....	5-21-95
	Most hits allowed:
13 ... vs. Michigan .....	5-21-95
13 ... vs. Central Michigan ...	5-18-96

Individual:

	Hits:
4 ... Andrea Keys vs. UIC .....	5-20-95
	RBI:
4 ... Mel. Alkire vs. W. Illi. .	5-17-01
	Strike outs:
11 ... K. Schmidt vs. Illi. St. .	5-18-01
	Walks:
7 ... Jen. Sharron vs. Iowa .	5-19-01

**NOTRE DAME IN THE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP**

1994 • Midwest Regional  
Bloomington, IN • #4 seed

May 20 – ND 4, Indiana 1

May 21 – UIC 1, ND 0

May 21 – Indiana 8, ND 0

1995 • Region I  
Ann Arbor, MI • #2 seed

May 19 – ND 5, UIC 2

May 20 – Michigan 2, ND 0

May 20 – ND 8, UIC 5

May 21 – Michigan 15, ND 6

1996 • Region II  
Ann Arbor, MI • #3 seed

May 17 – South Carolina 3, ND 0

May 18 – Central Michigan 9, ND 3

1999 • Region VI  
Ann Arbor, MI • #5 seed

May 20 – Nebraska 2, ND 0

May 21 – ND 1, Michigan 0

May 22 – Nebraska 4, ND 3 (8)

2000 • Region VIII  
Ann Arbor, MI • #3 seed

May 18 – ND 2, UIC 0

May 19 – DePaul 1, ND 0

May 20 – Central Michigan 2, ND 1

2001 • Region VII  
Iowa City, IA • #1 seed

May 17 – ND 8, W. Illinois 0

May 18 – ND 2, Illinois State 1

May 19 – Iowa 6, ND 0

May 19 – ND 8, DePaul 1

May 20 – Iowa 6, ND 2

2002 • Region VII  
Iowa City, IA • #3 seed

May 16 – ND 3, Iowa 2

May 17 – Oregon State 2, ND 0

May 18 – ND 2, Oregon State 0

May 19 – Nebraska 5, ND 3

A number of Irish players are threatening career and single-season records in 2003. Here is a breakdown of each record that is within reach. The current Irish player is in italics, followed by their current ranking on the all-time or single-season list.

**CAREER RECORDS**

Games Played

245, Jarrah Myers, 1999-2002  
 232, *Madrid, fifth*  
 230, *Bledsoe*  
 229, *Loman*

Runs Scored

158, Jenny Kriech, 1999-2002  
 162, *Loman, first*

Doubles

49, Melanie Alkire, 1998-2001  
 44, *Loman, fourth*  
 40, *Bledsoe*

Home Runs

36, Jarrah Myers, 1999-2002  
 30, *Loman, second*  
 15, *Hartmann, fourth*  
 14, *Bledsoe, fifth*

RBI

174, Jarrah Myers, 1999-2002  
 146, *Loman, third*  
 124, *Bledsoe, sixth*

Walks

76, Jarrah Myers, 1999-2002  
 84, *Loman, first*

47, *Bledsoe, sixth*

Stolen Bases

58, Katie Marten, 1994-97  
 59, *Loman, first*  
 38, *Madrid, sixth*  
 32, *Bledsoe*

**SEASON RECORDS**

Batting Average

.422, Meghan Murray, 1997  
 .408, *Loman, second*

Doubles

17, Lizzy Lemire, 1999 and Jenn Giampaolo, 1996  
 12, *Loman, sixth*  
 11, *Bledsoe, seventh*

Home Runs

13, Jarrah Myers, 2002, and Melanie Alkire, 2000  
 8, *Hartmann, fourth*  
 9, *Loman, fifth*

Stolen Bases

21, Katie Marten, 1996  
 17, *Loman, fourth*

**NOTRE DAME PLAYER  
 BIOGRAPHY UPDATES**

#1 • Steffany Stenglein • So. • RHP

2003: Former Irish number-one starter who has struggled at times in her second year on the team ... capable of dominating pitching performances but has given up big hits this year (20 HR in 26 APP) ... picked up both victories in the last weekend of the regular season which led to Notre Dame securing the #1 seed in the BIG EAST Championship.

Career: First-team all-BIG EAST selection in 2002 ... NCAA Region VII all-tournament selection ... set Notre Dame single season-record for appearances

(54) and wins (27) in 2002.

Key 2003 statistics: 10-4, 3.76 ERA, 77 K, 106.0 IP, 3 CG, 2 CBO.

Career statistics: 37-16, 3.18 ERA, 293 K, 356.2 IP, 16 CG, 6 SHO, 11 CBO

#4 • Carrie Wisen • So. • RHP

2003: Has stepped up to lead the team in ERA as an effective reliever and part-time starting pitcher ... is able to change speeds and move the ball around the strike zone ... has a solid change up, enabling her to force many ground-ball outs ... has seen a drop in IP due to the emergence of freshman Heather Booth, but has responded with more consistent performances when called upon ... the best defensive

pitcher on the Irish team, is perfect on 82 career defensive chances.

Career: BIG EAST all-rookie selection in 2002 ... started 14 games last season and recorded six complete game performances ... allowed only three earned runs in BIG EAST competition last season.

Key 2003 statistics: 7-3, 1.78 ERA, 38 K, 63.0 IP, 4 GS, 2 CBO

Career statistics: 24-8, 1.93 ERA, 154 K, 203.0 IP, 18 GS, 1 SHO, 9 CBO

#7 • Jessica Sharron • Sr. • RHP

2003: Continued her role as a spot reliever, making eight appearances and compiling a 1.24 ERA ... picked up first career save in her final home game at Ivy Field, recording the last out of Notre Dame's 1-0 victory over Rutgers ... has played a part in three combined shut outs this season.

Key 2003 statistics: 0-0, 1.24 ERA, one K, 11.1 IP, 3 CBO

Career statistics: 0-0, 1.77 ERA, 19 K, 35.2 IP

#8 • Liz Hartmann • So. • OF

2003: Has continued her role as Notre Dame's premier power hitter, leading the team with eight home runs ... continues to struggle with her batting average (.234), but produces runs at the bottom of Notre Dame's batting order (26 RBI, fourth on the team) ... her eight home runs this season are a career-best ... has been solid defensively as Notre Dame's starting leftfielder, committing just two errors this season ... has the best arm on the team, capable of throwing out advancing runners at any base.

Career: Has already had an impact on the all-time top-five for home run hitters at Notre Dame ... is currently fifth on the list with 15 ... set a freshman record with seven home runs in 2002 ... is still remembered for her game-

winning three-run home run against #4 Nebraska in Lincoln last season ... did not play in the Fall of 2002, recovering from hip surgery ... played most of the 2002 season with that injury, hitting seven home runs with 37 RBI.

Key 2003 statistics: .234 BA, 34 H, 145 AB, 5 2B, 8 HR, 26 RBI, .434 SI%, .273 OB%, .957 Fld%

Career statistics: .234 BA, 67 H, 286 AB, 7 2B, 15 HR, 63 RBI, .416 SI%

#9 • Chantal DeAlcuaz • Jr. • C

2003: Made first three career starts this season in relief of starting catcher Mallorie Lenn ... started against Providence and both games of the double-header vs. IPFW ... recorded her first career hit and RBI against McNeese State earlier this season ... plays a key role in Notre Dame's pitcher readiness as the bullpen catcher ... also recorded her first career pick off this season.

Key 2003 statistics: 12 GP, 3 GS, 11 AB, 1 H, 1 RBI

Career statistics: 43 GP, 3GS, 25 AB, 4 R, 1 H, 1 RBI, 4 BB

#10 • Alexis Madrid • Sr. • 2B

**2003 Verizon District V  
All-Academic Team**

2003: Has started 49 out of 51 games this season ... those two games she missed (to attend an employment interview) are the only games in which she has not started her entire career ... will soon break into the top five all-time in games played (see page nine) ... has occupied the second spot in the Irish batting order 41 out of 49 games this season ... hit ninth in six games this season and led off for two games ... leads the team in walks with 17, which matches her career total before the 2003 season ... third on the team with 13 stolen bases, setting a career high.

Career: As mentioned, will be among the top-five all-time in games played before the season is complete ... an outstanding leader both on and off the field, serves as team tri-captain this season ... earned first-team Verizon Academic All-District V honors this season ... selected by her peers as the president of the Notre Dame Student-Athlete Advisory Council ... was a recipient of the Byron V. Kanaley Award in 2003, the highest honor bestowed upon student-athletes at the University of Notre Dame.

Key 2003 statistics: .270 BA, 37 H, 137 AB, 4 2B, 1 3B, 10 RBI, .359 OB%, 13-17 SB, .971 Fld%

Career statistics: .253 BA, 145 H, 572 AB, 10 2B, 3 3B, 39 RBI, 38-46 SB

#14 • Nicole deFau • Jr. • OF

2003: Has stepped up as the starting rightfielder for the Irish this season ... will platoon at times with freshman Kellie Middleton ... has responded to the increase in playing time with a career-high in hits ... hit her second career home run against Northwestern State at the Louisiana Classic.

Key 2003 statistics: .276 BA, 24 H, 17 R, 1 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR, 5 RBI, .345 SI%, .344 OB%, 5-8 SB, .900 Fld%

Career statistics: .234 BA, 39 H, 167 AB, 43 R, 3 2B, 1 3B, 2 HR, 15 RBI, 12-21 SB

#16 • Mallorie Lenn • Fr. • C

**2003 All-BIG EAST Second Team  
2003 BIG EAST All-Rookie Team**

2003: Stepped in immediately as the Irish starting catcher this season ... has started 48 of 51 games this season behind the plate ... has struggled with her batting average, but has produced 18 RBI from either the seventh or eighth spot in the batting order ... her solid bunting ability and prowess of moving runners over has seen her move

around the Irish batting order ... has hit sixth six times, seventh four times, eighth 26 times, third one time and second nine times ... leads the team in sacrifices with nine ... is three for three in stolen bases ... has hit five home runs during her rookie season ... solid behind the plate in her first year, committing just three errors, four passed balls and throwing out four base stealers ... has developed a solid pick off move to first, picking off seven runners this season ... member of the US Junior National Softball Team during the summer of 2002.

Key 2003 statistics: .233 BA, 29 H, 120 AB, 5 2B, 4 HR, 18 RBI, .375 SI%, .301 OB%, .989 Fld%

#18 • Andria Bledsoe • Sr. • SS

**2003 All-BIG EAST Second Team**

2003: Continues as one of the most dependable players on the Irish roster ... one of only two Notre Dame players to start all 51 games this season (Lisa Mattison) ... capable of making extremely tough plays at short stop ... possesses great range and is especially adept at moving into the outfield to take away hits ... is an offensive force at the plate, putting up 30 or more RBI for the third-straight season ... has set career highs this season for stolen bases (13-14), walks (16) ... currently hitting .348, .043 points above her career average.

Career: Will go down among the all-time best in doubles, home runs, runs and RBI by the time her career is finished (see page nine) ... three time all-BIG EAST selection (2002 - first team, 2000 & 2003 - second team) ... clutch hitter who earned NCAA Region VII all-tournament honors in 2001 and provided several key hits in Notre Dame's push toward the 2002 BIG EAST Championship.

Key 2003 statistics: .348 BA, 55 H, 158 AB, 38 R, 6 2B, 3 3B, 6 HR, 32 RBI, .538 SI%, 16 BB, .416 OB%, 13-14 SB,

.960 Fld%

Career statistics: .314 BA, 207 H, 659 AB, 116 R, 40 2B, 7 3B, 14 HR, 124 RBI, 47 BB, 33-36 SB

#21 • Megan Ciolli • So. • OF

**2003 All-BIG EAST First Team**

2003: Has taken over as the starting centerfielder for the Irish after playing rightfield as a freshman in 2002 ... recovered from a rough start to become dependable defensive presence in the outfield ... committed four of her five errors during the first four weeks of the season ... has been the Irish lead off hitter for all of her 48 game starts ... one of the top RBI producers on the team from her lead off spot ... a triple threat at the plate, able to bunt for a hit, slap for a hit and hit away (eight career home runs).

Career: Has established herself as one of Notre Dame's best all-time hitters so far in her career, compiling a .363 batting average as of this May 14 ... that mark ranks third-all time on the Irish career lists.

Key 2003 statistics: .384 BA, 63 H, 164 AB, 37 R, 9 2B, 2 3B, 4 HR, 24 RBI, .537 Sl%, .430 OB%, 10-12 SB

Career statistics: .363 BA, 130 H, 358 AB, 81 R, 14 2B, 7 3B, 8 HR, 48 RBI, 21-27 SB

#22 • Sara Schoonaert • Fr. • IF

2003: The top pinch runner for Notre Dame this season ... also has made two starts at second base ... will be a key player in Notre Dame's infield next season ... has scored 16 runs this season and managed five hits in 15 AB (.333 BA) ... perfect in all 23 defensive chances.

Key 2003 statistics: .333 BA, 5 H, 15 AB, 2 2B, 1 RBI, 1-3 SB, 1.000 Fld%

#25 • Lisa Mattison • Sr. • 1B

**2003 All-BIG EAST First Team**

2003: Has developed into a dependable offensive and defensive force for Notre Dame this season ... third on the team in RBI with 30 ... one of only two Irish players to appear in all 51 Notre Dame games this season (Andria Bledsoe) ... has reached career highs in most offensive categories this season, including doubles (11), home runs (6) and RBI (30) ... has been solid at first base for Notre Dame, committing just five errors.

Key 2003 statistics: .311 BA, 50 H, 161 AB, 11 2B, 6 HR, 30 RBI, .503 Sl%, .351 OB%, .986 Fld%

Career statistics: .309 BA, 134 H, 434 AB, 43 R, 28 2B, 2 3B, 10 HR, 69 RBI

#32 • Heather Booth • Fr. • RHP

**2003 All-BIG EAST First Team  
2003 BIG EAST All-Rookie Team**

2003: Has stepped up to become the top pitcher on the Irish staff this season ... leads the team in wins (16), innings pitched (148.1) and strike outs (133) ... has picked up 10 complete games, three shut outs and four combined shut outs ... opponents are hitting just .188 against her.

Key 2003 statistics: 19-8, 1.86 ERA, 147 K, 165.2 IP, 11 CG, 3 SHO, 5 CBO

#33 • Andrea Loman • Sr. • 3B

**2003 BIG EAST Player of the Year  
2003 BIG EAST Championship  
Most Outstanding Player  
2003 All-BIG EAST First Team**

2003: Leads Notre Dame in most offensive categories, including batting average (.408), runs (41), hits (64), doubles (12), RBI (40), slugging percentage (.662) and stolen bases (17) ... has missed just two games this season due to an illness during the Kia Klassic ... has compiled 19 multiple-hit games, 10 multiple-RBI games and

a team-best 15-game hit streak from April 13 - April 29 ... ranks in the top-five all-time in several offensive categories (see page nine) and holds career records in runs scored, stolen bases and walks.

Career: Three-time first-team all-BIG EAST selection (2000-02) ... 2002 BIG EAST Championship Most Outstanding Player ... 2002 Louisville Slugger/NFCA Second-Team All-American ... 2000 BIG EAST Rookie of the Year ... serves as team tri-captain with classmates Alexis Madrid and Andria Bledsoe.

Key 2003 statistics: .408 BA, 64 H, 157 AB, 41 R, 12 2B, 2 3B, 8 HR, 40 RBI, .662 Sl%, 15 BB, .466 OB%, 17-19 SB, .968 Fld%

Career statistics: .347 BA, 229 H, 659 AB, 162 R, 44 2B, 6 3B, 30 HR, 146 RBI, 84 BB, 59-73 SB

#77 • Meagan Ruthrauff • Fr. • DP

**2003 All-BIG EAST First Team**

2003: Has immediately made an impact on the Irish roster ... appeared in 49 of 50 games this season, most of which were at designated player ... also filled in for Andrea Loman at third base when the Irish senior was forced out of the line up due to an illness ... played short stop in an emergency role earlier this season as well ... hot-hitting earlier in the season put her into the clean up spot in the batting order ... responded with 27 RBI this season.

Key 2003 statistics: .312 BA, 49 H, 157 AB, 10 2B, 4 HR, 27 RBI, .452 Sl%, 11 BB, .368 OB%, 1.000 Fld%