

# 2000-2001 NOTRE DAME HOCKEY

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## Hockey Quick Facts

### Notre Dame Quick Facts

Location .....	Notre Dame, IN 46556
Founded .....	1842
Enrollment .....	10,301
Nickname .....	Fighting Irish
Colors .....	Gold and Blue
Conference .....	Central Collegiate Hockey Association
Facility .....	Joyce Center
Capacity .....	2,667
Ice Surface .....	200 x 85
President .....	Rev. Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C.
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## Website

The Central Collegiate Hockey Association maintains its presence on the internet at [www.ccha.com](http://www.ccha.com), which contains current information on all facets of the CCHA. Standings, notes, schedules, results and statistics are updated on a daily basis.

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 Press box ..... (612) 626-0844

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 Hotel fax ..... (402) 926-4036  
 SID office ..... (402) 554-2140  
 Press box ..... (402) 595-2929

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Hotel phone ..... (513) 563-8330  
 Hotel fax ..... (513) 563-9679  
 SID office ..... (513) 529-4330  
 Press box ..... (513) 529-3924

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 Hotel fax ..... (906) 632-6050  
 SID office ..... (906) 635-2601  
 Press box ..... (906) 635-7501

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 SID office ..... (402) 554-2140  
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 Press box ..... (518) 276-2661

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 SID office ..... (614) 292-6861  
 Press box ..... (614) 688-5330

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## Minneapolis, Minnesota

10/6 Northwest Airlines # 3446, #751  
 South Bend – Detroit (5: 45 p.m. - 7:42 p.m.)  
 Detroit – Minneapolis (8:50 p.m. - 9:46 p.m.)

Radisson City Center Hotel St. Paul  
 411 Minnesota Street  
 St. Paul, MN 55101

10/7 Game vs. Minnesota (6:05 p.m.)

10/8 Northwest Airlines # 762, #3616  
 Minneapolis – Detroit (1:10 p.m. - 4:02 p.m.)  
 Detroit – South Bend (5:00 p.m. - 4:58 p.m.)

## Omaha, Nebraska (Maverick Shootout)

10/12 Travel by chartered bus to Chicago  
 xxx Airlines #1496  
 Chicago – Omaha (8:35 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.)

Best Western Regency  
 907 South 107th Avenue  
 Omaha, NE 68102

10/13 Game vs. Boston College (5:00 p.m.)  
 10/14 Game vs. UNO/Niagara (5:00 or 8:00 p.m.)

10/15 xxx Airlines #1485  
 Omaha – Chicago (11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)  
 Return by chartered bus to South Bend

## Oxford, Ohio

11/2 Depart via chartered bus

Holiday Inn  
 3855 Hauck Road  
 Cincinnati, OH 45241

11/3 Game at Miami (7:05 p.m.)  
 11/4 Game at Miami (7:05 p.m.), return after game

## Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

11/30 Depart via chartered bus

Ojibway Ramada Plaza Motel  
 240 West Portage Avenue  
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

12/1 Game at Lake Superior State (7:05 p.m.)  
 12/2 Game at Lake Superior State (7:05 p.m.)  
 Return after game

## Omaha, Nebraska

12/18 Depart via chartered bus

Doubletree Inn  
 1616 Dodge Street  
 Omaha, NE 68102

12/19 Game at Nebraska Omaha (7:05 p.m.)  
 12/20 Game at Nebraska Omaha (7:05 p.m.)  
 Return after game

## Rensselaer, New York

12/28 US Airways #2148, #540  
 South Bend – Pittsburgh (depart 11:45 a.m.)  
 Pittsburgh – Albany (arrive 3:11 p.m.)

Best Western Rensselaer In  
 1800 Sixth Avenue  
 Troy NY 12180

12/29 Game vs. St. Lawrence (4:30 p.m.)  
 12/30 Game vs. RPI/Northeastern (4:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.)

US Airways #493, #351  
 Albany – Pittsburgh (depart 9:36 a.m.)  
 Pittsburgh - South Bend (arrive 12:50 p.m.)

## Kalamazoo, Michigan

1/13 Depart via chartered bus  
 Game at WMU (7:05 p.m.), return after game

3/2 Depart via chartered bus  
 Game at WMU (7:05 p.m.), return after game

## Ann Arbor, Michigan

1/22 Depart via chartered bus

Sheraton Inn  
 3200 Boardwalk  
 Ann Arbor, MI 48108

1/23 Game at Michigan (7:05 p.m.), return after game

2/15 Depart via chartered bus

Sheraton Inn  
 3200 Boardwalk  
 Ann Arbor, MI 48108

2/16 Game at Michigan (7:35 p.m.), return after game

## New Haven, Connecticut

1/26 xxx Airlines #3580, #1188  
 South Bend - Detroit (6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.)  
 Detroit – Hartford (9:30 p.m. - 11:06 p.m.)

New Haven Hotel  
 229 George Street  
 New Haven, CT 06510

1/27 Game vs. Yale (4:00 p.m.)  
 1/28 Game at Yale (1:00 p.m.)

xxx Airlines #341, #3617  
 Hartford - Detroit (8:00 p.m. - 9:53 p.m.)  
 Detroit – South Bend (10:45 p.m. - 11:36 p.m.)

## Columbus, Ohio

2/1 Depart via chartered bus

University Plaza Hotel  
 3110 Olentangy River Road  
 Columbus, OH 43202

2/2 Game at Ohio State (7:35 p.m.)  
 2/3 Game at Ohio State (7:05 p.m.), return after game

## Fairbanks, Alaska

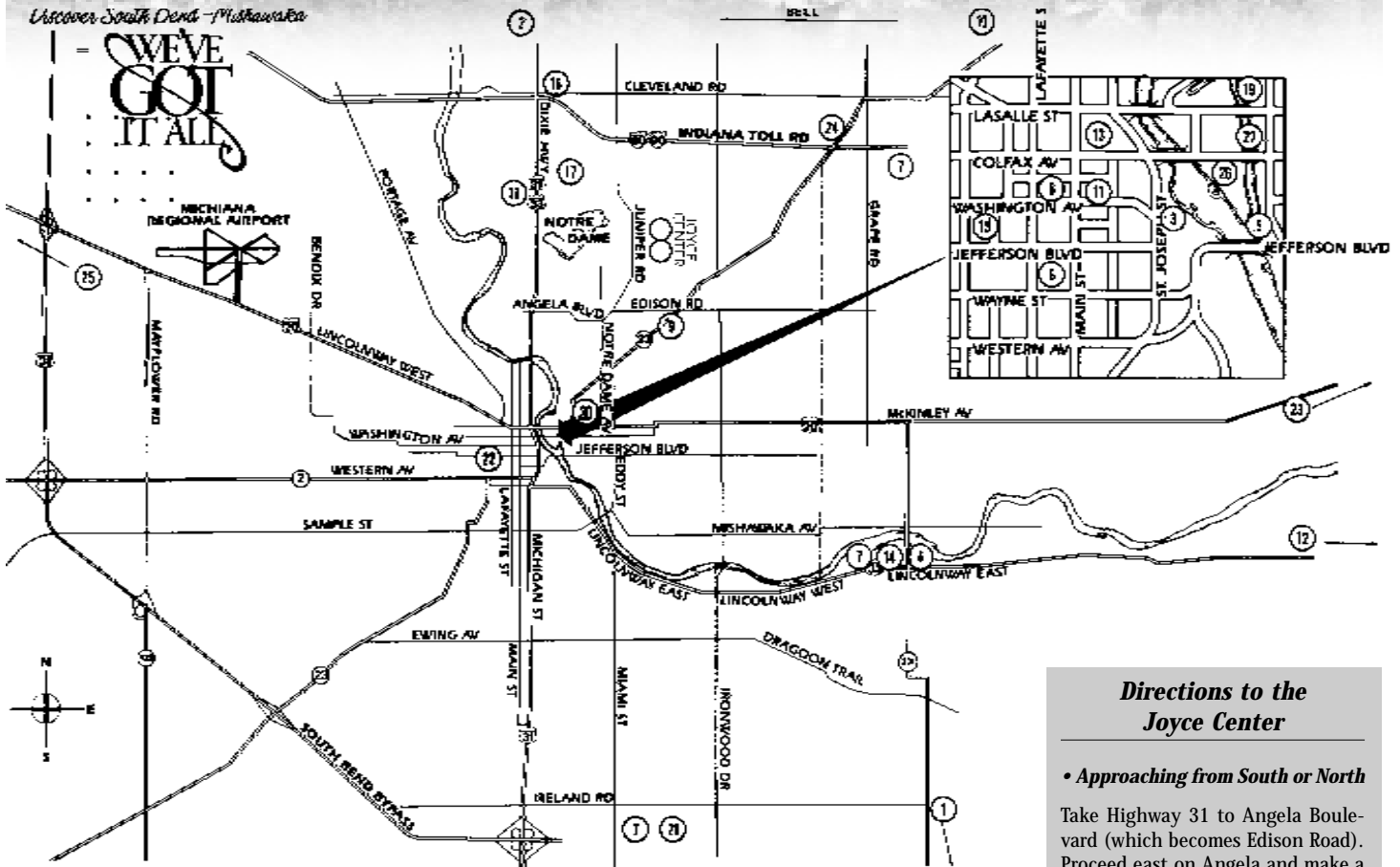
2/22 Flight TBA

Captain Bartlett Inn  
 1411 Airport Way  
 Fairbanks, AK 99707

2/23 Game at Alaska Fairbanks (7:05 p.m.)  
 2/24 Game at Alaska Fairbanks (7:05 p.m.)

Flight TBA (fly out after game)

# SOUTH BEND DIRECTORY



## Directions to the Joyce Center

### • Approaching from South or North

Take Highway 31 to Angela Boulevard (which becomes Edison Road). Proceed east on Angela and make a left turn at the second light, onto Juniper Road. Proceed north on Juniper to the next light and turn right into the Joyce Center Fieldhouse parking area (Moose Krause Drive). The Joyce Center is located on the southeast side of the intersection of Juniper and Krause, while Notre Dame Stadium is situated to the southwest of that intersection.

### • Approaching from West or East

Exit Indiana Toll Road at Notre Dame exit 77. Follow access road and turn right (south) onto U.S. 31 before following the above north/south directions.

## Contacts

Notre Dame Athletic Department ..... (219) 631-6107  
 Notre Dame Athletic Ticket Office ..... (219) 631-7356  
 Notre Dame Sports Information ..... (219) 631-7516

## South Bend Area Hotels and Motels

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425 U.S. 31/33  
 (219)-277-7700

### Carlton Lodge

420 W. University Dr., Mishawaka  
 (219)-271-2520

### Courtyard by Marriott

4825 North Main, Mishawaka  
 (219)-273-9900

### Days Inn Motel

52757 U.S. 31/33  
 (219)-277-0510

Nationwide Toll-Free Reservations  
 (800)-329-7466

### Fairfield Inn

425 W. University Dr., Mishawaka  
 (219)-273-2202

### Hampton Inn and Suites

52709 U.S. 31/33  
 (219)-277-9373

### Hampton Inn

445 W. University Dr., Mishawaka  
 (219)-273-2309

### Marriott Residence Inn

716 North Niles Ave  
 (219)-289-5555

### Holiday Inn Downtown

213 West Washington  
 (219)-232-3941

### Holiday Inn Express

6701 North Main, Granger  
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### Holiday Inn University

515 U.S. 31/33  
 (219)-272-6600

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130 U.S. 31/33  
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53993 U.S. 31/33  
 (219)-232-4000

### Jamison Inn

1404 Ivy Road  
 (219)-277-9682

### Knights Inn

236 U.S. 31/33  
 (219)-277-2960

### Marriott

123 North St. Joseph  
 (219)-234-2000

Nationwide Toll-Free Reservations  
 800-228-9290

### The Morris Inn

On the Notre Dame campus  
 (219)-631-2000

### Ramada Inn

52890 U.S. 31/33  
 (219)-272-5220

### Signature Inn

215 U.S. 31/33  
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(219) 235-6161  
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**Blue & Gold Illustrated**  
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South Bend, IN 46634  
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Fax (219) 631-2916

**WSBT-TV / Radio (CBS/Bill Pikus)**  
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South Bend, IN 46601  
(219) 233-3141  
Fax (219) 288-6630

**WSJV-TV (FOX/Dean Huppert)**  
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Elkhart, IN 46514  
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Media may contact coach Dave Poulin directly on weekdays by calling (219) 631-5050.

Credentials for home games can be obtained by contacting the Sports Information Office 24 hours prior to game time.

Radio stations wishing to broadcast from the Joyce Center must inform the SID office two weeks in advance. As per CCHA guidelines, one courtesy radio line is provided for visiting CCHA opponent radio stations.

Additional phone lines can be made available by calling Carolyn Rush of the Notre Dame telecommunications office, at (219) 631-6014.

## ***Irish Hockey on WJVA 1580 AM***

Notre Dame hockey games will be broadcast during the 2000-2001 season by South Bend's WJVA 1580 AM, with live internet broadcasts also available via the Notre Dame Athletic Department's official website ([www.und.com](http://www.und.com)).

The voice of Notre Dame hockey again will be Dave Mager, whose play-by-play experience includes stints with two Division I programs: Colgate University and Merrimack College.

A native of Middletown, N.J., Mager is a 1992 graduate of Syracuse University's highly-respected broadcast journalism program.

He was the winner of the 1992 Bob Costas award, which recognizes the top graduating sportscaster at Syracuse.

While at Syracuse, Mager also served as sports director of the school's nationally-regarded campus station, WAER-FM. He then worked as a sportscaster and producer at WBZ radio in Boston, while also pursuing his college hockey play-by-play experience at Colgate and then Merrimack.

Mager moved to the Midwest in 1997, when he joined CBS Radio's WBBM (AM 780) in Chicago. He continues on WBBM as an afternoon drive sportscaster and as the station's primary reporter covering the Chicago Bears and Notre Dame football.

In addition to the live broadcasts, archived versions of the 2000-2001 games may be accessed through the Notre Dame website.

*Dave Mager*

## ***FOX Sports Detroit and the CCHA***

The Central Collegiate Hockey Association and FOX Sports Net Detroit were nearing finalization (as of mid-September) of a 22-game schedule for the 2000-2001 season. All 12 CCHA teams will appear on FOX Sports Net Detroit, including at least one game featuring Notre Dame.

FOX Sports Net Detroit, which reaches 2.4 million homes in Michigan and Northwest Ohio, will carry complete coverage of the Great Lakes Invitational and four CCHA Tournament games, including the CCHA Championship semifinals and final from Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.

The CCHA package also will be made available to FOX Sports Net affiliates across the nation and internationally. During the past two seasons, CCHA games were broadcast over five other FOX Sports Net affiliates: New England, Ohio, South, the Sunshine Network, and West 2 - with a combined subscription base of 24 million households.

"FOX Sports Net Detroit is proud to continue its association with the great tradition of the CCHA and its member schools," said Tom MacLean, Vice President and General Manager of Fox Sports Net Detroit.

"We are delighted to be able to provide outstanding college hockey to fans throughout this region, as well as those watching around the country on other FOX Sports Net affiliated networks and via satellite."

# PRESEASON POLLS

## Final 1999-2000 Hockey Polls

### U.S. College Hockey Online Poll

Team (Firsts)	Record	Pts
1. Wisconsin (27)	31-9-1	382
2. No. Dakota (9)	32-8-5	356
3. Maine (3)	27-8-5	330
4. Boston Univ.	25-10-7	235
5. St. Lawrence	27-8-2	232
6. Boston College	29-12-1	195
7. New Hampshire	23-9-6	171
8. Michigan St. (1)	27-11-4	150
9. Michigan	27-10-4	96
10. Colgate	24-9-2	45

Others receiving votes: Niagara 3, St. Cloud State 2, Minnesota State Mankato 1, Nebraska Omaha 1, Rensselaer 1.

### USA TODAY/American Hockey Magazine Coaches Poll

Team (Firsts)	Record	Pts
1. No. Dakota (15)	32-8-5	225
2. Boston College	29-12-1	210
3. Maine	27-8-5	189
4. St. Lawrence	27-8-2	186
5. Wisconsin	31-9-1	165
6. Boston Univ.	25-10-7	150
7. Michigan	27-10-4	135
8. Niagara	30-8-4	119
9. Colgate	24-9-2	106
10. Michigan State	27-11-4	84

Others receiving votes: New Hampshire 81, St. Cloud State 60, Rensselaer 40, Minnesota 30, Minnesota State Mankato 14.

## 2000-2001 National Hockey Polls

While preseason polls from U.S. College Hockey Online and USA Today had yet to be released as of late September, the following preseason poll gives an indication of the challenging schedule that faces Notre Dame in 2000-01 (teams on Notre Dame's schedule are in italics).

### Hockey Digest 1999-2000 Record

1. North Dakota	32-8-5
2. Michigan State	27-11-4
3. Boston College	29-12-1
4. Boston University	25-10-7
5. Wisconsin	31-9-1
6. Michigan	27-10-4
7. St. Lawrence	27-8-2
8. Minnesota	20-19-2
9. Maine	27-8-5
10. New Hampshire	23-9-6
11. St. Cloud State	23-14-3
12. Colorado College	18-18-3
13. Clarkson	17-15-3
14. Cornell	16-14-2
15. Lake Superior State	18-16-4
16. Colgate	24-9-2
17. Harvard	11-17-2
18. Nebraska Omaha	16-19-7
19. Northeastern	12-19-5
20. Quinnipiac	27-6-3

## 2000-2001 CCHA Polls

In the fall of 1999, the Central Collegiate Hockey Association coaches correctly predicted the regular-season finishes of Michigan (1st), Michigan State (2nd), Northern Michigan (3rd, ended tied for 3rd), Miami (9th, ended tied for 9th), Western Michigan (10th, ended tied for 9th) and Alaska Fairbanks (12th) while the CCHA media poll correctly predicted the finishes of NMU, Notre Dame (5th), Miami, WMU and UAF.

Heading into 2000-2001, the polls both have picked Michigan and Michigan State to repeat at the top spots. Michigan received 11 of 12 first-place votes in the coaches poll but the Spartans garnered 19 first-place votes and 467 voting points in the media poll to edge Michigan (which had 20 first-place votes and 460 points).

Nebraska-Omaha was picked third by the coaches, followed by Lake Superior, Notre Dame, Miami, Ferris State, Northern Michigan, Bowling Green, and Ohio State—while Western Michigan and Alaska-Fairbanks were predicted to finish out of the playoffs.

The media poll tabbed Lake Superior and Northern Michigan in third and fourth, followed by UNO, which received one first-place vote. Notre Dame, Bowling Green and Ferris State were next in the media poll, followed by Miami (which also received a first-place ballot), OSU, WMU and UAF.

### CCHA Coaches Poll (1st-place votes) Points

1. Michigan (11)	143
2. Michigan State (1)	132
3. Nebraska-Omaha	106
4. Lake Superior	97
5. Notre Dame	92
6. Miami	79
7. Ferris State	74
8. Northern Michigan	71
9. Bowling Green	49
10. Ohio State	44
11. Western Michigan	34
12. Alaska-Fairbanks	15

### CCHA Media Poll (1st-place votes) Points

1. Michigan State (19)	467
2. Michigan (20)	460
3. Lake Superior	350
4. Northern Michigan	343
5. Nebraska-Omaha (1)	315
6. Notre Dame	270
7. Bowling Green	222
8. Ferris State	202
9. Miami (1)	183
10. Ohio State	163
11. Western Michigan	153
12. Alaska-Fairbanks	70

'99-'00 CCHA Standings	Overall	CCHA	Points	Letterwinners Ret.	Letterwinners Lost
1. Michigan	27-10-4	19-6-3	41	21 (12 F, 6 D, 3 G)	5 (3 F, 2 D, 0 G)
2. Michigan State	27-11-4	18-8-3	38	18 (12 F, 4 D, 2 G)	5 (1 F, 3 D, 1 G)
3. Lake Superior	18-16-2	17-9-2	36	19 (10 F, 7 D, 2 G)	5 (3 F, 2 D, 0 G)
Northern Michigan	22-13-4	16-8-4	36	16 (9 F, 6 D, 1 G)	8 (5 F, 2 D, 1 G)
5. Notre Dame	16-18-8	11-10-7	29	17 (11 F, 3 D, 3 G)	8 (4 F, 4 D, 0 G)
6. Ferris State	21-16-2	13-13-2	28	18 (10 F, 6 D, 2 G)	5 (4 F, 1 D, 0 G)
7. Nebraska Omaha	16-19-7	10-12-6	26	21 (12 F, 8 D, 1 G)	5 (3 F, 1 D, 1 G)
8. Bowling Green	17-19-1	12-15-1	25	16 (9 F, 5 D, 2 G)	6 (4 F, 2 D, 0 G)
9. Miami	13-20-3	10-15-3	23	19 (12 F, 6 D, 1 G)	6 (3 F, 1 D, 2 G)
Western Michigan	12-21-3	10-15-3	23	17 (11 F, 5 D, 1 G)	5 (3 F, 2 D, 0 G)
11. Ohio State	13-19-4	9-16-3	21	14 (8 F, 5 D, 1 G)	7 (5 F, 1 D, 1 G)
12. Alaska Fairbanks	6-25-3	4-22-2	10	14 (8 F, 5 D, 1 G)	6 (4 F, 1 D, 1 G)



# **HOCKEY SEASON PREVIEW**



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***Senior left wing Dan Carlson is one of the top returning scorers in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association, for a Notre Dame team that returns 17 letterwinners from its 1999-2000 CCHA semi-finalist team.***

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## Coaching Staff and Support Staff

- **Head Coach**  
Dave Poulin (Notre Dame '82)
- **Poulin's Record at Notre Dame**  
71-99-12 (5 years)
- **Assistant Coaches**  
Andy Slaggert (Notre Dame '89)  
John Micheletto (Dartmouth '90)  
Craig Brown (Western Michigan)
- **Athletic Trainer**  
John Whitmer
- **Equipment Manager**  
Dave Gilbert
- **Senior Student Manager**  
Doug Booi
- **Hockey Sports Info. Director**  
Tim Connor

## Team Information

- **1999-2000 Record**  
16-18-8 overall, 11-10-7 CCHA
- **Letterwinners Returning**  
17 (11 F, 3 D, 3 G)
- **Letterwinners Lost**  
8 (4 F, 4 D, 0 G)
- **2000-2001 Captain**  
Ryan Dolder (Sr., RW)
- **2000-2001 Alternate Captains**  
Dan Carlson (Sr., LW)  
Chad Chipchase (Sr., F)
- **Other Returning Players**  
Ryan Clark (Sr., D)  
Kyle Kolquist (Sr., G)  
Jay Kopsichke (Sr., LW)  
Matt Van Arkel (Sr., RW)  
Sam Cornelius (Jr., D)  
Brett Henning (Jr., C)  
David Inman (Jr., C/LW)  
Jeremiah Kimento (Jr., G)  
Michael Chin (So., RW)  
Connor Dunlop (So., C)  
Paul Harris (So., D)  
Evan Nielsen (So., D)  
Jake Wiegand (So., F)  
John Wroblewski (So., RW)  
Tony Zasowski (So., G)

## 2000-01 Notre Dame Personnel Breakdown

### Top Returnees (yr., pos., ht./wt. ... 1999-2000 stats)

Dan Carlson (Sr., LW, 5-9/180; 17-18-35, 42 GP) ..... Notre Dame's top scorer in 1999-2000; career: 35-55-90, 119 GP  
 Ryan Dolder (Sr., RW, 6-0/195; 10-14-24, 42 GP) ..... Former walk-on now team captain; career: 18-18-36, 103 GP  
 David Inman (Jr., C/LW, 6-1/205; 13-7-20, 32 GP) ..... 1999 second-round draft pick (N.Y. Rangers)  
 Tony Zasowski (So., G, 5-11/195; 13-9-6, 2.56, .901) ... Set Irish GAA record; allowed 0-2 goals in 17 of 27 starts  
 Evan Nielsen (So., D, 6-2/210; 4-10-14, 41 GP) ..... 2000 eighth-round NHL draft pick (Atlanta)  
 Connor Dunlop (So., C, 5-10/180; 3-13-16, 35 GP) ..... Member of 1999-2000 USA Junior National Team  
 Ryan Clark (Sr., D, 6-4/230; 1-3-4, 36 GP) ..... 6-4, 230 pounds; 88 career games played  
 Michael Chin (So., RW, 6-2/210; 6-7-13, 37 GP) ..... Recorded 4G-5A in final 15 games of 1999-2000 season  
 Chad Chipchase (Sr., LW, 6-0/200; 0-0-0, 15 GP) ..... Junior season hampered by knee injury, career: 15-8-23, 94 GP

### Top Players Lost (Yr., Pos., 1999-2000 Stats)

Ben Simon (Sr., C/LW; 13-19-32) ..... ND's second-leading career scorer since '92 (44-86-130, 144 GP)  
 Tyson Fraser (Sr., D; 3-11-14) ..... Key PP component; alternate captain; career: 8-49-57, 131 GP  
 Joe Dusbabek (Sr., RW; 8-19-27) ..... Career: 26-49-75, 127 GP  
 Sean Molina (Sr., D; 1-8-9) ..... 148 career GP (4th in ND history)  
 Nathan Borega (Sr., D; 1-3-4) ..... 6-2, 225 pounds ... 140 career GP

### Top Newcomers (all freshmen, except for Maruk-junior)

Neil Komadoski .... D .... 6-1/215 ..... Chesterfield, MO/USA Under-18 National Team  
 Rob Globke ..... RW .... 6-2/200 ..... West Bloomfield, MI/USA Under-18 Nat'l Team  
 Tom Galvin ..... D .... 5-9/185 ..... Miller Place, NY/Waterloo Blackhawks (USHL)  
 Aaron Gill ..... C .... 6-0/170 ..... Rochester, MN/Rochester Mustangs (USHL)  
 Brett Lebda ..... D .... 5-10/195 ..... Buffalo Grove, IL/USA Under-18 National Team  
 Jon Maruk ..... LW .... 5-9/180 ..... Eden Prairie, MN/Twin City Vulcans (USHL)/Alaska Anchorage

**Ryan Dolder**

**ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS** – Notre Dame is the nation's only Division I hockey program to produce a GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-American during each of the past four seasons (as part of the fall-winter at-large program), with center **Steve Noble** earning second-team honors in 1996-97 and first-team honors in '97-'98, followed by goaltender **Forrest Karr** in '98-'99 (second team) and left wing **Andy Jurkowski** in 1999-2000 (third team).

**BALANCE OVER BIG SHOT** – While Notre Dame has produced just a handful of recent 20-goal scorers, the Irish featured one of the CCHA's top-scoring fivesomes in 1999-2000, as five ND players were bunched among the CCHA's top-50 scorers heading into the final week: junior LW **Dan Carlson** (finished with 17G-18A), senior RW **Joe Dusbabek** (8G-19A), junior RW **Ryan Dolder** (10G-14A), senior C **Ben Simon** (13G-19A) and sophomore LW/C **David Inman** (13G-7A, 32 GP). Only Michigan (9) headed into March with more players at 20-plus points.

**BATTLE-TESTED** – Notre Dame prevailed in its 2000 CCHA playoff series with Ferris State, after a frantic regular season that saw the Irish post a 7-4 record in one-goal games while playing 10 overtime games (eight in final nine weeks). The current senior class has acquired plenty of experience in pressure-packed playoff action, as the Irish

were extended to a decisive third game in the first round of the CCHA playoffs each of the past three seasons.

**BLOODLINES** – Four current members of the Notre Dame hockey program—junior center **Brett Henning**, junior left wing **Jon Maruk**, sophomore center **Connor Dunlop** and freshman defenseman **Neil Komadoski**—hold a unique connection, as each of their fathers enjoyed a lengthy career in the National Hockey League (see p. 39 for photos from their playing days).

**Lorne Henning** played nine seasons with the New York Islanders ('72-'81) and has spent the past 15 years as an assistant and head coach in the NHL. An original member of the Islanders, Henning compiled 73G-111A as a forward over his 543-game career and played a major role in a four-year Stanley Cup dynasty ('80-'83). Henning served as an assistant with the Islanders from '80-84 and '87-'94, as head coach for the Minnesota North Stars ('85-'87) and the Islanders ('94-'95), and as a Chicago Blackhawks assistant from '95-'98 before returning in '98-'99 to the Islanders, as associate coach.

**Dennis Maruk** played 14 NHL seasons—with the California Seals ('75-'76), Cleveland Barons ('76-'78), Minnesota North Stars ('78-'79, '83-'88) and the Washington Capitals ('78-'83)—and finished as the NHL's fourth-leading scorer in 1982 (60G-76A) while compiling 878 career points (356G-522A) in 888 games.

**Blake Dunlop** played 11 seasons in pro hockey ('73-'84), including NHL stints with the Minnesota North Stars ('73-'77), Philadelphia Flyers ('77-'79), St. Louis Blues ('79-'84) and Detroit Red Wings ('83-'84), while totaling 130G-274A in 550 career NHL games.

Rounding out the quartet is **Neil Komadoski, Sr.**, who played eight NHL seasons as a defenseman with the Los Angeles Kings ('72-'78) and the St. Louis Blues ('77-'80), totaling 16G-76A and 632 penalty minutes in 501 career games.

**Connor Dunlop (left) and Neil Komadoski, Jr., during their days with the St. Louis Junior Blues.**



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**CASTNER, PAUL** – Notre Dame two-time football All-America running back **Paul Castner** was one of the skilled leaders of the Notre Dame hockey program during the early 1920s. Several other football players also dabbled on the ice but Castner (a native of St. Paul, Minn.) clearly was the most naturally-gifted hockey player among that trailblazing group. Castner, who also was a potent lefthanded pitcher on the Notre Dame baseball team, served as a player-coach with the Notre Dame hockey team before spending two seasons as the program's official coach.

**CCHA ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM** – Notre Dame 2000 graduate and former left wing **Andy Jurkowski** (Madison, Wis.) was named to the prestigious eight-player CCHA All-Academic Team for 1999-2000, making Notre Dame the CCHA's only school to produce an All-Academic honoree each of the last five seasons. Jurkowski—who received the second-most All-Academic team votes—made a valuable contribution at left wing in his final season, after moving up from the defenseman position he held the previous two seasons. An eight-time Dean's List student, he posted four 4.0 semesters and graduated with a 3.86 cumulative GPA as a finance major. Notre Dame has produced seven previous first team CCHA All-Academic selections since rejoining the CCHA in '92-'93: **Curtis Janicke** and **Carl Picconatto** ('92-'93), **Garry Gruber** ('95-'96), **Steve Noble** ('96-'97, '97-'98) and **Forrest Karr** and **Aniket Dhadphale** ('98-'99). During that eight-year span, only Western Michigan (9) has produced more CCHA All-Academic selections than Notre Dame's eight.

**CENTURY MEN** – Senior left wing **Dan Carlson** is on the verge of becoming the fourth Notre Dame hockey player in the last three seasons to reach 100 career points, entering his final season with 90 points (35G-55A). Right wing **Brian Urick** (57G-69A) and left wing **Aniket Dhadphale** (61G-44A) each reached 100 points in the 1998-99 season while center **Ben Simon** (44G-86A) reached the milestone in 1999-2000. Carlson needs 15 goals in his final season to join Urick and center **Jamie Ling** (1992-96) as the third Irish player since 1993—and 28th overall—to reach 50 goals and 50 assists in his career.

**CLOSING THE DEAL** – Notre Dame quietly has laid claim to a lengthy streak, as the Irish head into the 2000-01 season with an unbeaten record in

their previous 40 games when holding a lead at the second intermission (34-0-6, including 11-0-3 in 1999-2000). The last time Notre Dame lost after holding a second-intermission lead was Jan. 9, 1998, in the second of three games at Alaska Fairbanks. UAF's Sean Fraser tied the game (2-2) with a power-play goal in the third minute of the final period before Chris Kirwan converted a breakaway with 0:45 left in overtime.

The Irish also are 22-2-3 during the past two seasons when leading at the first intermission (10-1-1 in 1999-2000).

**CLUSTER CLUTTER** – Notre Dame's experience with the CCHA's new cluster scheduling format during the 1999-2000 season yielded just a handful of weekend sweeps, as just four of the 14 series saw one team emerge with a pair of wins. Three of those sweeps featured at least one close game, with Michigan sweeping the Irish in the opening week (5-3 with an empty-netter 6-1) and Ferris State doing the same two weeks later (4-1, 4-2). Notre Dame then needed a pair of one-goal wins to sweep Alaska Fairbanks (1-0, 3-2) before rallying to beat Western Michigan in overtime (4-3, followed by a 4-1 win).

**CROWLEY, JIM** – While gaining fame as the halfback in the Four Horsemen backfield on Notre Dame's 1924 football team, Crowley—a.k.a. "Sleepy Jim"—also was a stellar goaltender for the Notre Dame hockey squads of that era (he posted a 1.33 goals-against average in nine games during the 1921-22 season).

**DISCIPLINED PLAY** – Since ranking as the CCHA's most-penalized team in 1995-96 (11.31 penalties per game), Notre Dame consistently has ranked as the conference's least-penalized squad. The Irish averaged the fewest penalties per game by any CCHA team in both 1996-97 (8.69) and '97-'98 (6.37) before ranking as the CCHA's third-least penalized in '98-'99 (8.40). Notre Dame again was the CCHA's least-penalized team in 1999-2000, averaging just 7.69 penalties (16.59 PIM), leading to just 5.67 opponent power-play chances per game. Over the course of the past four seasons, Notre Dame has averaged an impressive 7.74 penalties per game.

**DOUBLE (OT) DIP** – Current Irish senior **Dan Carlson** turned in a rare feat

**Current Irish junior center David Inman—pictured with Notre Dame head coach Dave Poulin—was a second-round draft pick of the New York Rangers in 1999.**

during a three-week stretch of the 1999-2000 season, as the speedy left wing scored in overtime to beat both Western Michigan (4-3) and Ohio State (2-1). That marked just the second time—and the first in 28 years—that a Notre Dame player has scored two overtime goals in the same season, as then-junior winger **Paul Regan** scored overtime goals in 1971-72 versus Michigan Tech (6-5) and Cornell (5-4).

**FEELING A DRAFT** – Notre Dame and Boston College both had four players selected in the 1997 National Hockey League draft, most by any Division I school. The drafted players included a pair of forwards who graduated in 2000—**Ben Simon** (5th round, Chicago Blackhawks) and **Joe Dusbabek** (7th round, San Jose Sharks)—plus current seniors **Jay Kopischke** (8th round, Los Angeles Kings) and **Ryan Clark** (9th round, New York Islanders). Four Notre Dame players have been selected in the first nine rounds of the same NHL draft just once previously, in 1975.

**FANTASTIC FIVE** – The 2000-01 Notre Dame hockey team includes five players that have been selected in the National Hockey League draft. In addition to **Clark** and **Kopischke** (see above note), Notre Dame's drafted players include a pair of junior centers who were selected in the 1999 NHL draft—**David Inman** (2nd round, New York Rangers) and **Brett Henning** (9th round, New York Islanders)—plus sophomore defenseman **Evan Nielsen** (8th round, Atlanta Thrashers, 2000). Just two other teams in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association—Michigan (7) and Michigan State (6)—have more draft picks on their 2000-2001 rosters than Notre Dame.

**GREAT GUEST:** NHL legend **Wayne**

## Academics Job One

In addition to serving as one of the top upcoming programs in the nation, the Notre Dame hockey team also has excelled in the classroom.

- The hockey team posted a 3.15 team grade-point-average in the spring of 2000 semester while the program held a 2.97 cumulative team GPA at the end of the 2000 spring semester.

- Ten players on the 1999-2000 team posted at least one Dean's List semester (3.4 grade-point-average or higher), including three who made the Dean's List in both the fall of '99 and the spring of 2000. The two returning players who turned in Dean's List semesters in 1999-2000 are junior **David Inman** (both semesters) and senior **Dan Carlson** (spring '99)

- The eight-member class of 2000 closed with a strong semester in the classroom, with an average semester GPA of 3.04.

- The six-member class of 1999 graduated with an average cumulative GPA of 3.30, led by **Forrest Karr**'s Academic All-America showing (3.70 cumulative GPA) and **Aniket Dhadphale**'s 3.43. Both Karr and Dhadphale were named to the prestigious six-player CCHA all-academic team.

- Notre Dame hockey players have combined to post 11 perfect 4.0 semesters during the past six years, including five by 1998 graduate **Steve Noble**, three by 2000 graduate **Andy Jurkowski** (including both terms of his senior year), one by '99 graduate **Karr** and two by former player **Ryan Engle**.

- Notre Dame is the nation's only Division I hockey program to produce a GTE Academic All-American in each of the past four seasons: **Noble** in 1996-97 and '97-'98, **Karr** in '98-'99 and **Jurkowski** in 1999-2000 ... top Academic All-America candidates for 2000-2001 include **Carlson** (3.42 cumulative GPA) and **Inman** (3.60).

- **Noble** graduated in '98 with a 3.956 cumulative GPA (five 4.0 semesters; 34 A's, three A-'s, one B+) as a finance major—ranking second in the College of Business Administration—and he was first runner-up for the 1998 national Hockey Humanitarian Award.

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## Notre Dame Hockey By The Numbers

**6,901**

Career minutes played by goaltender Lance Madson (1986-90)

**1968**

First varsity hockey season of the modern era

**1912**

First varsity hockey season

**1580**

WJVA radio (AM) is scheduled to broadcast most of the 2000-01 Notre Dame hockey season

**724**

Career games played in the NHL by Irish head coach Dave Poulin

**307**

Career coaching wins by Lefty Smith, in 19 seasons at Notre Dame

**152**

Notre Dame record for career games played, set by defenseman John Schmidt (1978-82)

**130:36**

Shutout streak posted by Tony Zasowski, spanning 1999-2000 games versus New Hampshire and Michigan State (2)

**104**

ND record for career goals, set by Greg Meredith (1976-80) after scoring twice in his final game to best (see new note) ...

**103**

Previous Irish career goals record, set by Eddie Bumbacco (1970-74)

**86**

Consecutive games played by Andy Jurkowski, from 1998-2000

**79**

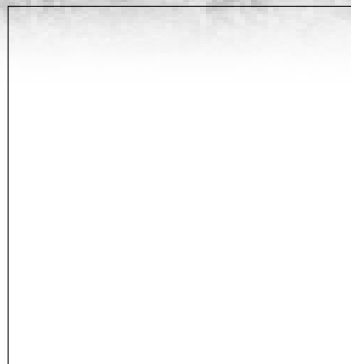
All-time Notre Dame hockey letterwinners from the state of Minnesota

**59**

Pick used by New York Rangers to select Notre Dame's David Inman in second round of 1999 NHL Draft

**47**

Saves posted by Matt Eisler in 3-0 win over Ohio State on Oct. 25, 1996 (most ever in a Notre Dame shutout)



**Gretzky** (pictured above) was one of the biggest hits during the pep rallies held prior to Notre Dame home football games in the 1999 season. Gretzky—who addressed the Oct. 15 pep rally (on the Friday night before the USC game)—was a huge fan favorite at the Joyce Center that night and was presented with a No. 99 Notre Dame football jersey. He brought the crowd to its feet when informing them that he would have attended Notre Dame if not for the early track to his professional career, in Canadian junior hockey.

**HOMETOWNS** – The 2000-01 Notre Dame hockey team features players from nine states and Ontario. The program's eight Minnesota natives will have the chance to play in their home state during the 2000-01 season opener, when the Irish face Minnesota in the Hall of Fame game at XCel Energy Center (Notre Dame played at Mankato State in '96-'97 and at the University of Minnesota's Mariucci Classic in '97-'98). In the six-year tenure of head coach Dave Poulin, the Notre Dame hockey letterwinners have hailed from 20 different states and provinces—those listed below, plus: Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia, Delaware, Massachusetts, New Jersey, North Dakota, Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Saskatchewan.

### 2000-01 NOTRE DAME HOCKEY – BY STATE OR PROVINCE:

**Minnesota (8):** Dan Carlson, Sam Cornelius, Kyle Dolder, Ryan Dolder, Aaron Gill, Kyle Kolquist, Jay Kopischke, Jon Maruk

**Illinois (6):** Michael Chin, Jeremiah Kimento, Brett Lebda, Evan Nielsen, Matt Van Arkel, Tony Zasowski

**Michigan (2):** Rob Globke, Jake Wiegand

**Missouri (2):** Connor Dunlop, Neil Komadoski

**New York (2):** Tom Galvin, Brett Henning

**Ontario (2):** Chad Chipchase, David

Inman

**Colorado (1):** Ryan Clark

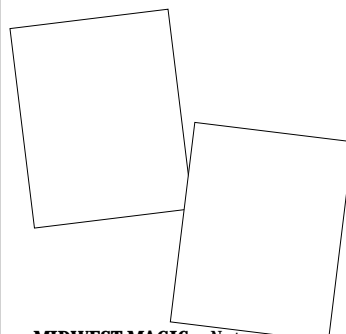
**Connecticut (1):** Paul Harris

**Maryland (1):** T.J. Mathieson

**Wisconsin (1):** John Wroblewski

**LIEB, TOM** – The 2000 Summer Olympic Games prompted a search into the Notre Dame archives for a list of all-time Olympians with Notre Dame connections. Former Notre Dame hockey player coach **Tom Lieb** (Faribault, Minn.) showed up on that list, as a bronze medal winner at the 1924 Olympic discus competition in Paris. Lieb was a goaltender with the Notre Dame hockey program in the early 1920s and served as the team's coach from 1923-26. Lieb also was a right tackle on Knute Rockne's 1921-22 Notre Dame football teams, helping them compile an 18-2-1 record during that span.

**MEDIA GUIDE AWARDS** – The Notre Dame hockey guide recently has ranked among the best in the nation, based on annual judging coordinated by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). The 1998-99 Irish hockey guide was judged second-best in the nation while the 1999-2000 edition was tabbed as best in the nation according to the CoSIDA judges.



**MIDWEST MAGIC** – Notre Dame continues to reap the benefits of the rapidly-improving youth hockey programs in the lower Midwest (namely Illinois and Missouri), as one-third of the current roster includes players from Illinois (6) or Missouri (2). Four of those players also are products of the USA Hockey National Team Development Program (NTDP): sophomore right wing **Michael Chin** (Urbana, Ill.), sophomore center **Connor Dunlop** (St. Louis, Mo.) and first-year defensemen **Brett Lebda** (Buffalo Grove, Ill.) and **Neil Komadoski** (Chesterfield, Mo.). Sophomore D **Evan Nielsen** (Evanston, Ill.) was invited to join the NTDP but returned for his senior year at The Taft School.

Notre Dame's other Illinois natives in-

clude the team's top two returning goaltenders—junior **Jeremiah Kimento** (Palos Hills) and **Tony Zasowski** (Darien)—plus senior right wing **Matt Van Arkel** (Richton Park). Prior to 1995, the Notre Dame hockey program had produced just eight total letterwinners from Illinois and two from Missouri.

**MINNESOTA PIPELINE** – The Notre Dame hockey program has a longstanding tradition of being led by players from Minnesota, dating back to the leaders of the program's first varsity era during the 1920s—notably St. Paul native **Paul Castner** and goaltender **Tom Lieb**, who also coached the Irish during those early seasons. Since the program returned to varsity status in 1969, the Irish have seen 79 Minnesota natives earn varsity hockey letters (see p. 27).

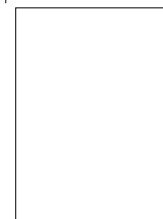
The current Irish squad includes eight Minnesota natives (see p. 11) while the more noteworthy former Irish players from Minnesota have included 1973 All-American defenseman and Bill Nyrop (Edina), goaltender Dick Tomasoni ('68-'72, Chisholm), winger Don Jackson ('74-'78, Bloomington), defenseman John Friedmann ('76-'80, St. Paul) and John Schmidt ('78-'82, St. Cloud) and right wing Brian Urick ('95-'99, Minnetonka).

**MONOGRAM CLUB** – Two former Notre Dame hockey players currently serve on the administrative level with the Notre Dame National Monogram Club, an organization of former Irish varsity letterwinners that sponsors a number of wide-ranging programs that benefit former and current Notre Dame student-athletes.

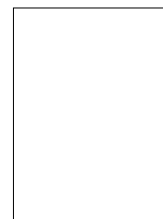
Former Irish winger **Pat Novitzki** (Farmington, Minn.) has served as the longtime treasurer of the Monogram Club, assuming that duty shortly after his graduation in 1976.

Another former winger from the mid-1970s, **Ray DeLorenzi** (Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario), is completing the final year of his three-year term as a member of the Club's board of directors.

**PATRIOTIC GROUP** – Notre Dame's

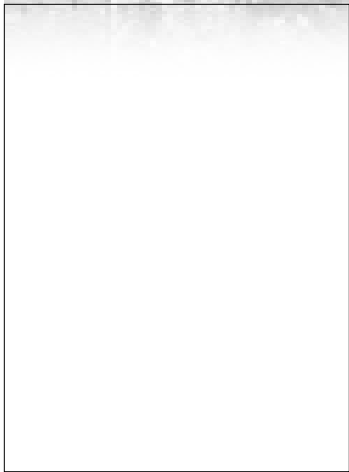


**Pat Novitzki**



**Ray DeLorenzi**

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and a return journey to Fairbanks, Alaska (ND's third trip to UAF in the last four seasons).

The 1999-2000 campaign also included trips to Omaha and Fairbanks, plus a pair of visits to tournaments in Denver, Colo., a Thanksgiving tournament at New Hampshire and an upper-peninsula visit to Northern Michigan.

Here's a breakdown of the 2000-01 Notre Dame hockey trips, based on average roundtrip land mileage:

Minneapolis, Minn. ....	1,022
Omaha, Neb. ....	1,108
Oxford, Ohio ....	420
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. ....	870
Omaha, Neb. ....	1,108
Troy, N.Y. ....	1,736
Kalamazoo, Mich. ....	150
Ann Arbor, Mich. ....	354
New Haven, Conn. ....	1,552
Columbus, Ohio ....	530
Ann Arbor, Mich. ....	354
Fairbanks, Alaska ....	7,290
Kalamazoo, Mich. ....	150
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>16,644</b>

current roster includes 10 players who have past experience with USA Hockey, as members of the National Team Development Program (NTDP) and/or the National Junior Team (see pp. 120-121). Notre Dame's current total of eight NTDP alums is the most at any Division I school. That group includes junior center **Brett Henning** and four members of the sophomore class—right wings **Michael Chin** and **John Wroblewski**, center **Connor Dunlop** and defenseman **Paul Harris**—plus a trio of freshmen: right wing **Rob Globke** and defensemen **Neil Komadoski** and **Brett Lebda** (pictured above). Senior left wing **Dan Carlson** played with Team USA at the 1998-99 World Junior Championship while Henning, Dunlop and junior center **David Inman** played with the USA at the 1999-2000 World Juniors. Four Irish players—Dunlop, Globke, Komadoski and Wroblewski—remain among the top candidates for the USA's 2000-01 National Junior Team while a pair of 2000 Irish graduates—center **Ben Simon** and right wing **Joe Dusbabek**—played for the USA at the World Juniors in 1996-97 (Simon) and '97-'98 (Simon and Dusbabek).

**ROAD TRIPPERS** – The Notre Dame hockey program again will travel plenty of miles during the 2000-01 season, as the Irish are slated to traverse the equivalent of nearly 17,000 miles in the upcoming season—after travelling nearly 18,000 in 1999-2000 (17,907, or close to three-quarters of the Earth's diameter). The longer trips of the 2000-01 campaign include the season-opening game versus Minnesota in Minneapolis, a trip to Omaha, Nebraska for the Maverick Stampede tournament (plus a later series with Nebraska Omaha), an upper-peninsula visit to Lake Superior State, the RPI Christmas Tournament in Troy, N.Y., a pair of games versus Yale in New Haven, Conn.,

**ROAD WARRIORS** – Despite a 5-9-6 road record in 1999-2000 (3-6-6 on opponent ice), Notre Dame finished 3-4-3 in its final 10 road games and has turned in its share of big road wins during the past few seasons. In fact, the Irish have posted wins in 22 different road arenas during the first five seasons of the Dave Poulin era (20 in the past three seasons). The '97-'98 and '98-'99 seasons saw the Irish post road wins over all 10 CCHA opponents, including a 4-2 CCHA playoff win at Michigan and wins over Ohio State at the OSU Ice Arena and the off-campus Columbus Fairgrounds Coliseum (the Irish last season added a win over OSU at yet an-

other Columbus venue, with the 2-1 OT win at Value City Arena).

Notre Dame also owns three road wins over Wisconsin during the Poulin era, at different sites: Milwaukee's Bradley Center, the Dane County Coliseum and the Kohl Center dedication game. The Irish own road wins in the Poulin era at Mankato State, St. Cloud State, Northeastern and North Dakota—plus a 5-5 tie at Boston College and a pair of 2-2 ties last season at the Omaha Civic Auditorium and Northern Michigan's Berry Events Center.

Finally, Notre Dame has posted recent neutral-site wins at the University of Minnesota (vs. Brown), the University of Denver (vs. Union) and the University of New Hampshire (vs. Vermont).

**TURNAROUND** – Notre Dame's 1997-98 squad made a 15-point jump in the CCHA standings (from 6-20-1/13 points in '96-'97 to 12-14-4/28 points in '97-'98), ranking as the sixth-best single-season turnaround by a CCHA team during the 1990s. The Irish then climbed six more points in 1998-99 (15-11-4/34 points) to finish fourth in the CCHA standings.

**UPWARDLY MOBILE** – Excluding the early losses to Michigan and Ferris State, Notre Dame in 1999-2000 posted a solid record of 8-5-4 when heading into a game versus teams situated above or tied with the Irish in the CCHA standings: 1-0-1 vs. Miami, 1-3-1 vs. Michigan State, 1-0-1 vs. Lake Superior, 0-1-1 vs. Northern Michigan, 2-0-0 vs. Western Michigan, 1-0-0 vs. Nebraska Omaha and 2-1-0 vs. Ferris State.

## Notre Dame Hockey "By The Numbers"

**32**

Consecutive seasons spent working with the Notre Dame hockey program by current athletic trainer John Whitmer (covering all but the first season of the program's modern era)

**20**

States and provinces represented among list of letterwinners during six-year tenure of head coach Dave Poulin (1995-present)

**+15**

Improvement in CCHA standings by Notre Dame from the 1996-97 to '97-'98 seasons

**15**

Jersey number worn by noteworthy Irish players such as Paul Regan, Eddie Bumbacco, Dave Poulin and Brian Urick

**10**

Players on current Notre Dame roster who have played with USA Hockey (on the National Team Development Program or World Junior Championship team)

**9**

Jersey number worn by noteworthy Irish players such as Don Fairholm, Steve Schneider, Bill Rothstein, Curtis Janicke and Ankiet Dhadphale

**6'6"**

Tallest player in Notre Dame hockey history—defenseman Davide dal Grande (1992-96)

**6:50**

Quickest hat trick in Notre Dame history, by Sterling Black in 1973

**5**

Number of NHL draft picks on 2000-01 Notre Dame roster

**4.0**

Semester GPA posted 11 times by Notre Dame hockey players during past six years

**2.56**

Tony Zasowski's Irish record season goals-against-average (1999-2000)

**0**

Combined goals scored by Notre Dame and Miami on Dec. 10, 1994—the first scoreless tie in CCHA history

*Notre Dame's 2000-01 season will open versus Minnesota in the Hall of Fame Game, to be held at the new Xcel Energy Center (home of the first-year NHL franchise Minnesota Wild).*

# NUMERICAL ROSTER

## 2000-2001 University of Notre Dame Hockey Roster

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>R/L</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Previous Team</u>
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14	Chad Chipchase (A)	LW	6-0	200	Sr.	L	3/8/79	Clinton, ONT	Waterloo Siskins (MWJHL)
17	Ryan Clark	D	6-4	230	Sr.	L	10/30/77	Littleton, CO	Lincoln (NE) Stars (USHL)
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### Pronunciation Guide

18	Rob GLOBE-key	13	Jay Kuh-PISH-key	23	John Ro-BLU-skee
12	David In-mun	10	Brett Leb-duh	28	Jake WEE-gund
40	Jeremiah Kuh-MEN-tow	9	Jon Muh-ruke	1	Tony Zass-OW-skee
29	Kyle COAL-quist	3	T.J. MATH-uh-sun	head coach Dave POOH-lin	
20	Neal Kohm-uh-DOSS-key	21	Ev-un NEEL-sun	assistant coach John Mick-uh-LET-o	
				assistant coach Andy SLAG-urt	

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### By Position

**Centers (5)** ..... Dunlop, Gill, Henning, Inman, K. Dolder

**Left Wing (5)** ..... Carlson, Chipchase, Kopischke, Maruk, Wiegand

**Right Wing (5)** .... Chin, R. Dolder, Globke, Van Arkel, Wroblewski

**Defensemen (8)**... Clark, Cornelius, Galvin, Harris, Komadoski, Lebda, Mathieson, Nielsen

**Goaltenders (3)**... Kimento, Kolquist, Zasowski

### By Class

**Seniors (7)** ..... Carlson, Chipchase, Clark, R. Dolder, Kolquist, Kopischke, Van Arkel

**Juniors (5)** ..... Cornelius, Henning, Inman, Kimento, Maruk

**Sophomores (7)**... Chin, Dunlop, Harris, Nielsen, Wiegand, Wroblewski, Zasowski

**Freshmen (7)** ..... K. Dolder, Galvin, Gill, Globke, Komadoski, Lebda, Mathieson

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## Left Wings

### Dan Carlson

Sr. ... 5-9 ... 180  
17G-18A, 9 PPG, 3 GWG in '99-'00

### Chad Chipchase

Sr. ... 6-0 ... 200  
15 GP in '99-'00 (knee injury)

### Jay Kopischke

Sr. ... 6-3 ... 210  
6G-5A in '99-'00

### Jon Maruk

Jr. (transfer) ... 5-9, 180

### Jake Wiegand

So. ... 6-2 ... 215  
1G-0A, 26 GP in '99-'00

## Centers

### Connor Dunlop

So. ... 5-10 ... 180  
3G-13A in '99-'00

### Aaron Gill

Fr. ... 6-0 ... 170

### Brett Henning

Jr. ... 6-0 ... 205  
3G-7A in '99-'00

### David Inman

Jr. ... 6-1 ... 205  
3G-18A, 5 PPG, 32 GP in '99-'00

## Right Wings

### Michael Chin

So. ... 6-2 ... 210  
6G-7A in '99-'00

### Ryan Dolder

Sr. ... 6-0 ... 195  
10G-14A in '99-'00

### Rob Globke

Fr. ... 6-2 ... 220

### Matt Van Arkel

Sr. ... 6-0 ... 200  
4G-1A, 26 GP in '99-'00

### John Wroblewski

So. ... 6-1 ... 190  
0G-4A, 30 GP in '99-'00

## Stepping Up To The Plate

*Foundation laid for continuing success in Notre Dame hockey program.*

Step by step has been the theme of the Notre Dame hockey program during its first five seasons under head coach Dave Poulin, with the most recent step seeing the Irish advance in 2000 to Joe Louis Arena and the Central Collegiate Hockey Association semifinals for the first time since Poulin's senior season at Notre Dame (1981-82).

That most recent accomplishment certainly qualified as a major step, capping a 16-18-8 season that included a fifth-place showing in the CCHA standings. The Irish have progressed by slowly building a foundation that now includes a succession of five consecutive highly-regarded freshman classes.

With the next logical step including a trip to the CCHA title game and a spot in the NCAA Tournament, the Irish—led by five NHL draft picks and 10 players who have participated with various USA Hockey teams—will look to parlay their growing talent base into greater consistency and a higher victory total ... in hopes of securing the program's first-ever NCAA appearance.

The Irish bid farewell to an accomplished eight-player senior class that included two of the 1999-2000 team's top three scorers and three of the top seven: center Ben Simon (13G-19A-32 points), right wing Joe Dusbabek (8-19-27) and defenseman Tyson Fraser (3-11-14). That threesome also played key roles on the Irish power-play unit, thus opening the door for several veterans and newcomers to become key cogs in the 2000-01 man-up offense. All told, Notre Dame's 15 returning skaters ac-

counted for two-thirds of the goals and 60 percent of the total offense in 1999-2000.

"Our offense clearly needs more consistency and a wider range of dependable goalscorers," says Poulin, whose squad returns just three players who posted more than six goals last season.

"We have the talent to achieve those goals and things will revolve around four players—**Dan Carlson, Ryan Dolder, David Inman and Connor Dunlop**—with several others capable of stepping up with big years."

Many college hockey powers have retained their status through the efforts of a consistently potent goalscorer.

While several recent Notre Dame players have shown flashes of that type of dominance, no Irish player has come close to the 30-goals-in-a-season plateau since 1990 (Aniket Dhadphale had 25 in 1997-98).

In short, the Irish are due for a benchmark season from at least one of their highly-touted forwards.

Much of the team's scoring punch revolves around what could be one of the deepest group of centers in the Poulin era, led by the highly-touted

**Inman**—a 1999 second-round pick of the New York Rangers whose 13 goals in 1999-2000 trailed only Carlson's 17. A strong skater with a devastating shot, the 6-1, 205-pound Toronto native is known for his strong talent upside and could develop into one of the CCHA's more dominant players in 2000-01.

"Anybody who has seen David play knows the depth of his potential and consistency is simply one of the fundamen-

*Junior David Inman (left) and sophomore Connor Dunlop give Notre Dame two of the top young centers in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association.*

*Ryan Dolder's unlikely rise from unheralded walk-on to Notre Dame captain is a testament to his inner drive and evolving leadership.*

tal things that has held him back during the past two seasons," said Poulin of Inman, whose sophomore season was interrupted by the World Junior Championship and ended due to a bout with mononucleosis.

"We do lose Ben Simon from the center position but we expect our three veterans to elevate their games significantly as they face greater challenges and heightened responsibility. We also have a promising freshman in **Aaron Gill** whose transition should be made easier due to the veterans around him at the center position."

Inman—who had 10G-10A as a freshman—will be hoping to be the latest in a recent trend of Notre Dame forwards who have made huge goalscoring jumps in their junior seasons, with that group including Dhadphale (18 combined goals in his first two seasons, 25 as a junior), Simon (13 in first two years, 18 as a junior) and Carlson (18 in first two seasons, 17 as a junior).

The speedy and highly-skilled **Dunlop** (St. Louis, Mo.) again should be Notre Dame's top faceoff man and will be looking to boost his goalscoring, after lighting the lamp just three times as a rookie (plus 13 assists). Dunlop was banged up for much of his rookie season but is coming off a strong offseason in which he competed with the 31-player USA Summer Challenge squad.

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Junior **Brett Henning** (Huntington, N.Y.)—who joined Inman and Dunlop as members of last year's USA National Junior Team—could see his role expand after playing mostly a defensive role in 1999-2000 (when he had 3G-7A) while **Gill** (Rochester, N.Y.) brings strong all-around skills to the center position.

The firepower on the wings is for the most part unproven, with the obvious exception of **Carlson**—who ranks as the CCHA's No. 6 returning scorer from 1999-2000 (when he nearly reached a 20-20 season, with 17 goals and 18 assists).

Carlson (Edina, Minn.) reported for his senior season in the best shape of his Irish career and will be the squad's leader on the ice in all situations. The 5-9, 180-pound fireplug is one of the team's strongest players and combines that power with his speed and nose for the goal to rank as one of the CCHA's most potent goalscorers for 2000-01.

"I can remember watching Danny play during his high school days and he would just do some amazing things—usually at the most important times," says Poulin of Carlson, whose five game-winning goals in 1999-2000 included four that came in one-goal games and two clutch scores in overtime sessions.

"We saw those same types of plays from him last season and there's no reason to think he can't crank it up a few notches during what should be a great final season for him."

Other veteran left wings include seniors **Chad Chipchase** (Clinton, Ont.) and **Jay Kopischke** (Alexandria, Minn.), who combined with Carlson to form a veteran trio at that position. Chipchase was selected as an alternate captain

(along with Carlson) despite missing most of his junior season with a knee injury and his defensive play could be crucial as the Irish adjust to their young group of defensemen.

Kopischke—an eighth-round draft pick of the Los Angeles Kings—is a physical presence at 6-3, 210 pounds and turned in some big plays as a junior (6G-5A), hinting at even greater contributions from him in the coming season.

The presence of junior transfer **Jon Maruk** (Eden Prairie, Minn.) and sophomore **Jake Wiegand** (Northville, Mich.) gives Notre Dame's left wing position an impressive 12 combined seasons of Division I experience.

Maruk is known for his gritty play and spent two seasons at Alaska Anchorage before helping the United States Hockey League's Twin City Vulcans win the 2000 national junior-A hockey title. He also is one of four current Irish players who possess the added intangible factor of being the sons of former National Hockey League players (his father Dennis Maruk played 12 NHL seasons, primarily with the Minnesota North Stars).

**Dolder**—whose steady improvement included 10 goals and 14 assists as a junior—has fashioned an inspiring story that has seen him rise from a last-minute walk-on from Hutchinson, Minn., to Notre Dame's team leader and senior captain.

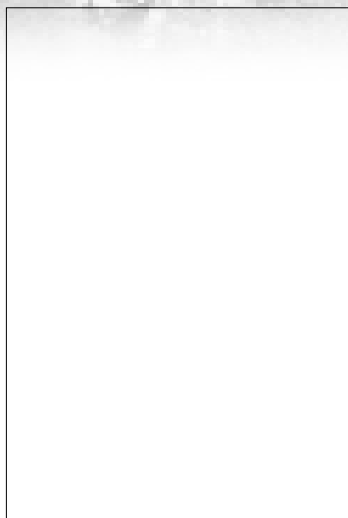
"Ryan Dolder is simply one of those players who keeps striving and striving. He wasn't even thinking that he'd be playing college hockey but—once he had the chance—he's definitely made the most of it," says Poulin.

"His leadership was a crucial part of our success in the second half of last season, because he clearly showed that he was capable of leading in both good and bad situations."

Senior **Matt Van Arkel** (4G-1A in 1999-2000) and sophomores **Michael Chin** (6G-7A) and **John Wroblewski** (0G-4A) provide more experience on the right wing while 6-2, 200-pound freshman **Rob Globke** brings his highly-touted offensive skills to the Irish program, after ranking as the third-leading scorer on the U.S. Under-18 National Team (15G-21A).

Van Arkel (Richton Park, Ill.) is one of the team's quickest skaters and a crafty goalscorer who will be looking for greater production in the second half of the season while the 6-2, 210-pound chin (Urbana, Ill.)—who was a big-time scorer at the junior hockey level—will be looking to build off his strong finish to the 1999-2000 campaign.

Wroblewski's value goes beyond the



**Sophomore right wing Michael Chin is looking to resume his late-season surge from the 1999-2000 season.**

stat sheet, as the former USA Under-18 National Team member and Neenah, Wis., native is the squad's consummate student of the game who "does so many little things that make us a better team," according to Poulin.

The Notre Dame defense will look to continue the success of the program's 1999-2000 blueliners, four of whom have moved on to pursue their options in professional hockey. **Ryan Clark** (Englewood, Colo.) is the unit's only senior and the 6-4, 230-pounder again will be expected to set the physical tone.

"This is Ryan's defense now and it's a big shift for him and the team, after having four seniors run the show last year, but Ryan made some great strides while being surrounded by those players and he'll do an excellent job as our most experienced defenseman," says Poulin.

Junior **Sam Cornelius** (Edina, Minn.) and sophomore **Paul Harris** (ridgefield, Conn.) could emerge into key roles among the regular starting six—after playing limited roles on the deep Irish defense last season. In fact, Cornelius—who saw time in 36 of 38 games as a freshman but just 16 last season—could prove to be one of the surprises of Notre Dame's 2000-01 season and may be a key member of both special-teams units.

**Senior Ryan Clark is suddenly the veteran member of a Notre Dame defense that included four senior starters a year ago.**

### Roster By Height

<b>6-4:</b>	Ryan Clark
<b>6-3:</b>	Jay Kopischke
<b>6-2:</b>	Michael Chin Rob Globke Paul Harris Evan Nielsen Jake Wiegand
<b>6-1:</b>	David Inman Neil Komadoski John Wroblewski
<b>6-0:</b>	Chad Chipchase Ryan Dolder Aaron Gill Brett Henning Matt Van Arkel
<b>5-11:</b>	Sam Cornelius Jeremiah Kimento Tony Zasowski
<b>5-10:</b>	Connor Dunlop Kyle Kolquist Brett Lebda
<b>5-9:</b>	Dan Carlson Tom Galvin Jon Maruk

**Senior left wing Dan Carlson could emerge as one of the most electrifying scorers in college hockey.**

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## Defensemen

### Ryan Clark

Sr. ... 6-4 ... 230  
1G-3A, 60 PIM, 36 GP in '99-'00

### Sam Cornelius

Jr. ... 5-11 ... 190  
0G-1A, 10 PIM, 16 GP in '99-'00

### Tom Galvin

Fr. ... 5-9, 185

### Paul Harris

So. ... 6-2 ... 210  
0G-0A, 9 GP in '99-'00 (illness)

### Neil Komadoski

Fr. ... 6-1, 215

### Brett Lebda

Fr. ... 5-10, 195

### Evan Nielsen

So. ... 6-2 ... 210  
4G-10A, 54 PIM, 41 GP in '99-'00

## Goaltenders

### Jeremiah Kimento

Jr. ... 5-11 ... 180  
2.92 GAA, .885 save % in '99-'00

### Kyle Kolquist

Sr. ... 5-11 ... 170  
4.00 GAA, .840 save % in '99-'00

### Tony Zasowski

So. ... 5-11 ... 190  
2.56 GAA, .901 save % in '99-'00

Harris has a solid hockey background as a product of the USA Under-18 national program but his freshman season was disrupted by midseason surgery to remove a cyst.

Sophomore **Evan Nielsen** (Evanston, Ill.)—Notre Dame's top-scoring defenseman as a rookie (4G-10A) and an eighth-round draft pick of the Atlanta Thrashers—could shoulder many of the roles held by 2000 graduate Fraser, including a possible role as the power-play point man to take advantage of his strong skating and offensive skills.

Freshman **Neil Komadoski** (Chesterfield, Mo.) could help replace the imposing presence of graduated Nathan Borega (whose 6-2, 225-pound frame likely won't be missed by opposing CCHA forwards). The 6-1, 215-pound Komadoski—whose father, Neil Sr., played eight seasons in the NHL—made a name for himself as the top enforcer on the USA Under-18 National Team and is considered one of the nation's top prospects for the 2001 NHL draft.

Two other first-year players—**Brett Lebda** (Buffalo Grove, Ill.) and **Tom Galvin** (Miller place, N.Y.)—also should see valuable ice time on the blue line. Lebda, who played alongside Komadoski with the USA program, is known for his smooth skating and offensive ability while Galvin is a steady performer with strong all-around skills.

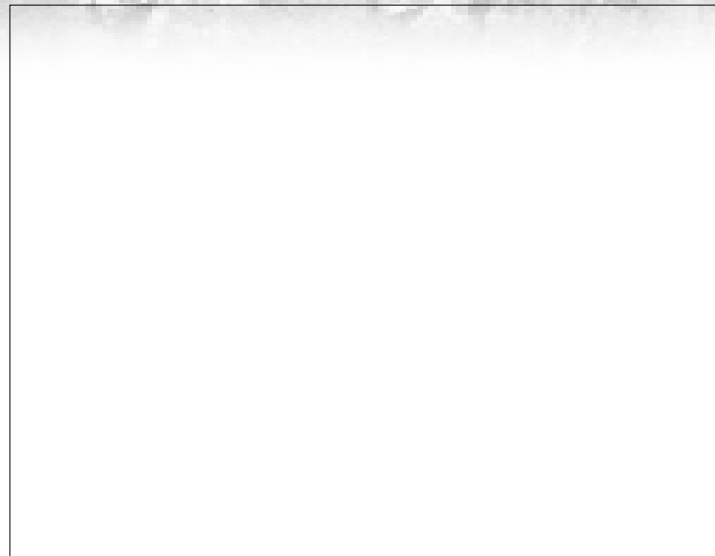
Sophomore goaltender **Tony Zasowski** (Darien, Ill.) seized the starting job as a rookie, when his poise and consistency led to the best goals-against average (2.56) in Irish history, plus a .901 save percentage (second-best since '71).

Junior **Jeremiah Kimento** (Palos Hills, Ill.) has reported in excellent condition and has the competitive nature to push Zasowski for ice time while senior Kyle Kolquist rounds out the veteran group of Irish netminders.

"We have a lot of confidence in our goaltenders and there should be healthy competition time," says Poulin.

Notre Dame's schedule includes a return to the Hall of Fame game (the Irish beat Wisconsin in the '98 opening game at the Kohl Center), this time with a matchup against Minnesota on Oct. 7 at Xcel Energy Center (home to the NHL expansion Minnesota Wild).

The rotating CCHA cluster schedule has yielded four games for the Irish in 2000-01



**Tony Zasowski's poise and consistency as a freshman in 1999-2000 yielded the best season goals-against average (2.56) in Notre Dame history.**

versus Western Michigan, Ohio State and Miami—with two vs. the other eight squads in the 28-game schedule.

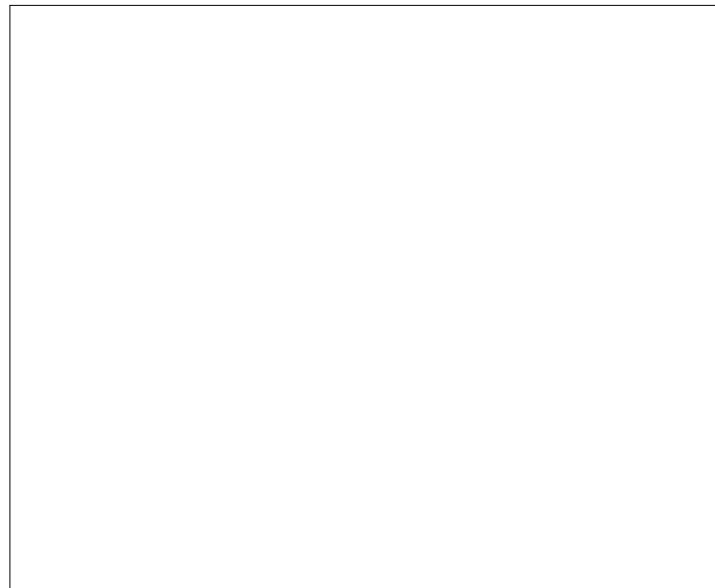
The Irish jetsetters will be back in full force, after a 1999-2000 season that saw Notre Dame traverse nearly 18,000 miles. In addition to tournaments in Omaha, Neb., and Troy, N.Y., the Irish also will play two games versus Yale in New Haven, Conn., while making long CCHA trips to Omaha and Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. (Lake Superior State)—plus the program's third trip to Fairbanks, Alaska, in the last four seasons.

"The schedule has plenty of challenges—both within the CCHA and in the non-conference portion," says Poulin,

whose squad will renew its growing rivalry with Boston College by facing the Eagles twice in the first five weeks of the season.

"We certainly learned last year that the college hockey season has plenty of ebb and flow to it but we clearly want to perform well in many of these non-conference games and will look to play well within our cluster," says Poulin.

"When it all comes down to it, your best players have to consistently turn in high-caliber performances and everything else will take care of itself. With experienced players at every position, we feel confident with this group to drop the puck and get the season started."



**Jeremiah Kimento's competitive fire and two years of experience with the Irish make him a strong option to tend the nets for the Irish in 2000-01.**

**Sophomore defenseman Evan Nielsen likely will shoulder a bigger role in 2000-01, including point duty on the Irish power play.**





# THE PLAYERS



*Seniors*

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*18-31*

*Juniors*

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*32-39*

*Sophomores*

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*40-47*

*Freshmen*

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*48-50*

*Junior center David Inman—a second-round selection of the New York Rangers—is one of five National Hockey League draft picks on Notre Dame's 2000-01 roster.*