

2000 UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME VOLLEYBALL

September 26, 2000

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2000 NOTRE DAME SCHEDULE		
Shamrock Invitational (Notre Dame, Ind.)		
9/1	#15 BYU vs. Clemson	BYU, 3-0
9/1	Fairfield	W, 3-0
9/2	Clemson vs. Fairfield	Fair., 3-0
9/2	#15 BYU	W, 3-2
9/3	Clemson	W, 3-0
adidas Invitational (Notre Dame, Ind.)		
9/8	#16 Michigan St. vs. #3 UCLA	UCLA, 3-1
9/8	#4 Nebraska	L, 0-3
9/9	#4 Nebraska vs. #16 Michigan St.	Neb., 3-0
9/9	#3 UCLA	L, 0-3
9/10	#3 UCLA vs. #4 Nebraska	Neb., 3-2
9/10	#16 Michigan State	L, 2-3
9/12	at Valparaiso	W, 3-0
Lady Seminole Classic (Tallahassee, Fla.)		
9/15	vs. Florida A&M	W, 3-0
9/15	at Florida State	W, 3-1
9/16	vs. Samford	W, 3-0
9/21	#22 Loyola Mary. (LMU)	W, 3-1
Golden Dome Invitational (Notre Dame, Ind.)		
9/22	#7 Colo. St. vs. #22 LMU	CSU, 3-0
9/22	Wyoming	W, 3-0
9/23	#22 LMU vs. Wyoming	LMU, 3-0
9/23	#7 Colorado State	L, 0-3
9/29	Villanova*	7:00 p.m.
10/1	Georgetown*	2:00 p.m.
10/7	at West Virginia*	11:00 a.m.
10/8	at Pittsburgh*	2:00 p.m.
10/11	at Illinois State	7:00 p.m.
10/18	at #25 Michigan	7:00 p.m.
10/20	Rutgers*	7:00 p.m.
10/22	Seton Hall*	2:00 p.m.
10/28	at St. John's*	2:00 p.m.
10/29	at Connecticut*	2:00 p.m.
11/3	Boston College*	7:00 p.m.
11/4	North Carolina	7:00 p.m.
11/5	Providence*	2:00 p.m.
11/7	St. Louis	7:00 p.m.
11/11	at Syracuse*	1:00 p.m.
BIG EAST Championship (Notre Dame, Ind.)		
11/18	Semifinals	1:00, 3:30 p.m.
11/19	Finals	2:00 p.m.
11/24	at #4 USC	6:00 p.m.
NCAA Championship (Semifinals/Finals in Richmond, Va.)		
11/30 - 12/16 2000 NCAA Volleyball Tournament		

Home matches in **bold** All times local to site
* indicates BIG EAST Conference Matches

WHO: University of Notre Dame, Villanova University and Georgetown University.

WHAT: The start of the 2000 BIG EAST volleyball conference schedule.

WHERE: University of Notre Dame's Joyce Center.

WHEN: #21 Notre Dame vs. Villanova, Friday, Sept. 29, 7:00 p.m.

#21 Notre Dame vs. Georgetown, Sunday, Oct. 1, 2:00 p.m.

Time for BIG EAST Competition: After participating in four weekend tournaments in the month of September, the Notre Dame volleyball team (9-4) begins BIG EAST competition Friday, Sept. 29, when Villanova visits the Joyce Center at 7:00 p.m.

The Irish compiled an 7-4 record in tournament competition in Sept., including capturing the Shamrock Invitational (Sept. 1-3) and Lady Seminole Classic (Sept. 15-16) titles.

Scouting the Wildcats: Villanova (6-9) and the Irish are meeting for the eighth time ... Notre Dame has won all seven previous meetings ... Christi Girton recorded a double-double in the '99 meeting with 16 kills and 11 blocks ... Breen Eddinger leads the Villanova offense in 2000 with 118 kills ... the Wildcats are coming off of a four-game win over Bucknell (15-13, 14-16, 15-4, 15-5) on Saturday, Sept. 23.

Scouting the Hoyas: Georgetown and Notre Dame are meeting for the 10th time ... the Irish will get a chance at redemption, as the Hoyas only win in the series was a 15-11, 15-10, 15-8 upset in the BIG EAST tournament last season ... Georgetown will play Syracuse on Friday, Sept. 29, before making the trip to Notre Dame for Sunday's match ... Kiran Gill leads the Hoyas in hitting this season with 175 kills and a .255 hitting percentage ... Freshman setter Jennifer Ward is averaging 12.63 assists per game in 2000 and was named the BIG EAST Rookie of the Week for the second consecutive time on Sept. 25.

Girton Named Co-BIG EAST Player of the Week: Christi Girton was named the Co-BIG EAST Player of the Week for her performance against Loyola Marymount, Wyoming and Colorado State, Sept. 21-23. In three matches last week, Girton tallied 49 kills (5.44 per game), 34 digs (3.77 per game) and a .318 hitting percentage. She notched a career-high 23 kills in Notre Dame's upset win over #22 Loyola Marymount. In the Irish sweep of Wyoming, she played in only two games recording 10 kills and five digs. She also earned a spot on the Golden Dome Invitational All-Tournament Team with her solid play.

Girton becomes the second Irish player to earn player of the week honors this season. Denise Boylan was given the honor on Sept. 4.

Golden Dome Invitational Recap: #4 Colorado State captured the 2000 Golden Dome

2000 NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

2	Denise Boylan***	Sr.	S	6-1	Lisle, IL	Benet Academy
3	Malinda Goralski**	Jr.	MB	6-1	Missouri City, TX	Clements
4	Kristy Kreher**	Jr.	OPP	6-1	Birmingham, MI	Marian
5	Jessica Kinder	Fr.	OH	5-10	Fresno, CA	Bullard
6	Marcie Bomhack**	Jr.	OH	6-0	Waukesha, WI	Catholic Memorial
7	Christi Girton***	Sr.	OH	6-3	Muncie, IN	Muncie Central
8	Kristen Kinder	Fr.	S	5-9	Fresno, CA	Bullard
9	Jo Jameyson***	Sr.	MB/OH	6-1	Alvin, TX	Alvin
10	Kim Fletcher	Fr.	MB	6-0	St. Louis, MO	Nerinx Hall
11	Keara Coughlin*	So.	DS/OH	5-8	Chicago, IL	Marian Catholic
12	Adrienne Shimmel***	Sr.	DS/OH	5-10	Mission Viejo, CA	Capistrano Valley
13	Christa Moen	Fr.	DS	5-4	San Antonio, TX	Oliver Wendell Holmes
14	Janie Alderete*	So.	DS	5-4	Santa Clara, CA	Archbishop Mitty
15	Katie Neff	Fr.	MB	6-4	St. Louis, MO	Cor Jesu Academy
16	Michelle Graham**	Sr.	S	5-8	Austin, TX	Austin

* - denotes monograms earned

Head Coach: Debbie Brown (Arizona State, '82, 10th season at Notre Dame)

Assistant Coaches: Steve Hendricks (Ball State, '90), Lindsay Rosenthal (Notre Dame, '98)

AVCA/USA Today
Top 25 Poll
September 25, 2000

<u>Rk School ('00 record)</u>	<u>Points (1st)</u>
1. <i>Nebraska</i> (11-0)	1486 (48)
2. Hawaii (10-0)	1446 (10)
3. <i>Colorado State</i> (14-1)	1359
4. <i>USC</i> (9-0)	1328 (2)
5. <i>UCLA</i> (9-3)	1231
6. Minnesota (13-0)	1194
7. Pepperdine (9-2)	1087
8. Arizona (10-1)	1045
9. UC Santa Barbara (8-3)	961
10. Wisconsin (12-1)	925
11. Penn State (11-3)	918
12. Florida (8-3)	848
13. Long Beach State (8-3)	806
14. <i>BYU</i> (9-3)	691
15. Stanford (7-4)	651
16. Utah (10-1)	573
17. Pacific (8-3)	547
18. Santa Clara (11-1)	518
19. Ohio State (12-0)	425
20. <i>Michigan State</i> (8-3)	354
21. NOTRE DAME (9-4)	269
22. Texas A&M (8-3)	250
23. <i>Loyola Marymount</i> (9-3)	121
24. Kansas State (8-3)	114
25. <i>Michigan</i> (8-3)	100
Others receiving 30 or more points: Texas Tech, Cal Poly, Missouri.	
<i>Italics</i> = 2000 Notre Dame opponents	

Volleyball Magazine Poll
September 25, 2000

<u>Rk School</u>	<u>2000 Record</u>
1. <i>USC</i>	9-0
2. Hawaii	10-0
3. <i>Nebraska</i>	11-0
4. <i>Colorado State</i>	14-1
5. Minnesota	13-0
6. Wisconsin	12-1
7. Penn State	11-3
8. Pepperdine	9-2
9. <i>BYU</i>	9-3
10. <i>UCLA</i>	9-3
11. Long Beach State	8-3
12. Arizona	10-1
13. Stanford	7-4
14. UC Santa Barbara	8-3
15. Ohio State	12-0
16. Pacific	8-3
17. Florida	8-3
18. Utah	10-1
19. Santa Clara	11-1
20. <i>North Carolina</i>	12-2
Others: <i>Michigan State, Loyola Marymount, Michigan, NOTRE DAME</i>	
<i>Italics</i> = 2000 Notre Dame opponents	

Invitational title by virtue of victories over #22 Loyola Marymount on Friday, Sept. 22, and 24th-ranked Notre Dame on Saturday, Sept. 23.

Notre Dame finished second in the tournament after defeating Wyoming on Friday night (15-1, 15-5, 15-8) before falling in three games (7-15, 7-15, 16-14) to Colorado State on Saturday. The Irish also beat Loyola Marymount in four games (15-9, 16-14, 15-17, 16-14) on Thursday night, although the match was not part of the Golden Dome Invitational.

Fourteen Notre Dame players saw action in the Wyoming match as the Irish put together a .400 hitting percentage (43 kills, 11 errors, 80 attempts) to sweep the Cowgirls in three games.

Senior setter **Denise Boylan** (Lisle, Ill.) helped the Irish hit an eye-popping .647 in the first game of the match. Notre Dame totaled 11 kills on 17 attempts with no errors to take the first game 15-1.

Junior MB **Malinda Goralski** (Missouri City, Texas) had 10 kills on 12 attempts with no errors (.833 hitting percentage) in the match while senior OH **Christi Girton** (Muncie, Ind.) added 10 kills and five digs.

The Irish faced Colorado State in the title game on Saturday and lost a tough three game match. The Rams used a combination of hard-hitting and defensive prowess to take the first two games of the match before Notre Dame pushed them to the edge in the final game. The Irish had a 14-10 lead in the third game before CSU fought off five game points, then put together six straight points for the win.

Girton was the primary offensive threat for Notre Dame in the match. Scoring 16 kills with 12 digs, she earned a spot on the all-tournament team along with **Goralski** (who posted nine kills in the Colorado State match).

Colorado State's Angela Knopf was named the tournament MVP. CSU's Summer Jennings and Allison Peckham were named to the all-tournament team along with Sarah McFarland from Loyola Marymount and Melody Frieauf from Wyoming. CSU's Kathryn Pettit earned the distinction as the top defensive specialist in the tournament.

Notre Dame vs. Loyola Marymount Recap: Notre Dame and #22 Loyola Marymount engaged in a four-game thriller at the Joyce Center Thursday, Sept. 21. After two hours and 40 minutes, the Irish came away with a hard-fought match victory (15-9, 16-14, 15-17, 16-14) over the visiting Lions. The victory is the second the Irish have enjoyed over a ranked opponent in the Joyce Center this season. Notre Dame knocked off #15 BYU in five games Sept. 2.

The Joyce Center crowd witnessed a number of Notre Dame and personal records fall. Irish junior opposite **Kristy Kreher** (Birming-

ham, Mich.) set the university record for kills in a four-game match with 32, eclipsing the 31 Jaimie Lee totaled in 1997 versus Wisconsin in the 1997 NCAA tournament.

Denise Boylan, who helped the Irish post a .368 hitting percentage in the final game, set a new Notre Dame record for assists in a four-game match with 84. That total also surpasses **Boylan's** career-high of 83 assists versus Illinois State in 1997.

The match began with the Irish earning a 15-9 game-one victory. Senior **Jo Jameyson** (Alvin, Texas) started her evening off with a kill and three blocks in the opening game. She would tally 11 kills and seven blocks in the match. **Jameyson** was just one of five Irish players with double-figure kills in the match.

The Irish and Lions fought back-and-forth throughout game two and the rest of the match. Notre Dame built a 10-6 lead on the strength of four kills from **Kreher**, but LMU came roaring back with eight straight points. Lion OH Sarah McFarland, who hails from nearby Michigan City, Ind., had three of her match-high 45 kills in the point streak.

Loyola had the Irish at game point, but two kills from junior **Marcie Bomhack** (Waukesha, Wis.) and a block by **Jameyson** earned a game-two victory for the Irish 16-14.

Game three played out much the same way as its predecessors, but this time LMU built a 13-9 lead, only to see the Irish come back to tie the game at 14-14. Both teams would have an opportunity at game-point, but an ace by LMU's setter Nicole Oelhman gave the Lions the game three victory 16-14.

The deciding game became a test of wills for both teams. LMU built a 13-8 lead and a fifth game under rally-scoring rules seemed likely, but the Irish dug deep to rally back and earn the match victory. The Notre Dame defense played the biggest part in the rally, scoring three blocks by four different players. **Christi Girton** and **Bomhack** also combined for three kills to close out the victory.

Five Irish players ended up tying or setting personal-bests in the match. **Kreher's** 32 kills and 27 digs are both career-highs. It is also the third game of the season **Kreher** has totaled over 20 kills (23 vs. BYU, 21 vs. Michigan State). **Bomhack's** 25 digs, **Girton's** 23 kills, and **Boylan's** 84 assists were all career marks as well. Junior MB **Malinda Goralski** tied a career-high with 15 kills.

Head Coach Debbie Brown: Now entering her 10th season as head coach, **Debbie Brown** has led the Notre Dame volleyball team to victory in nearly 75 percent of its matches, going 237-84 (.738) since she joined the program in 1991. That success came after six years as head coach at Arizona State (1983-88), giving her a 353-167 record over 15 seasons.

Probable Notre Dame Starters

Setter

Denise Boylan, Sr. 6-1 (Lisle, Ill.)

Outside Hitters

Marcie Bomhack, Jr., 6-0
(Waukesha, Wis.)

Christi Girton, Sr., 6-3
(Muncie, Ind.)

Opposite

Kristy Kreher, Jr., 6-1
(Birmingham, Mich.)

Middle Blockers

Jo Jameyson, Sr., 6-1
(Alvin, Texas)

Malinda Goralski, Jr., 6-4
(Missouri City, Texas)

Defensive Specialists

Janie Alderete, So., 5-4
(Santa Clara, Calif.)

Keara Coughlin, So., 5-7
(Chicago, Ill.)

Notre Dame Sports Information

Publicity for Notre Dame volleyball is coordinated by sports information assistant Alan Wasielewski. Photographs, statistics and feature ideas are available to the media by contacting Wasielewski at (219) 631-3397. Requests to interview student-athletes should be arranged through the SID office and should be made at least 24 hours in advance.

Media may contact head coach Debbie Brown directly on weekdays at (219) 631-6307. Credentials for home games can be obtained by calling Wasielewski.

Come Join the Fun at the Joyce Center

The Notre Dame Promotions Department is supporting a number of new and exciting promotional events at the Notre Dame volleyball games in 2000.

A free youth volleyball clinic is available from 4:30-5:15 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 29. Irish coaches and players will demonstrate volleyball skills and lead participants in various drills.

The event is open to kids 13 and under. Call 219-631-8393 to register.

All clinic participants will receive FREE ADMISSION to that evening's match versus Villanova. The first 250 fans will also receive a free autograph book that can be used in the autograph session schedule with the team after the match.

Brown has coached teams that have qualified for the NCAA tournament 13 times and have won nine conference championships. The Irish have won four of five regular-season conference titles since they began BIG EAST play in 1995 and also have won four of five BIG EAST tournament titles. An NCAA berth at the end of the 2000 season would give **Brown** her 14th consecutive post-season coaching opportunity.

Boylan Earns Player of the Week Honors: Senior setter **Denise Boylan** was named the BIG EAST Player of the Week on Monday, Sept. 4, for her performance during the Shamrock Invitational (Sept. 1-3). She led the team to three victories, including a come-from-behind upset over #15 BYU. **Boylan's** statistics over the course of the Shamrock tournament: 136 assists (12.36 avg), 27 digs, 10 blocks, 10 kills and five aces.

Twenty Years in the Making: The Notre Dame volleyball team is celebrating its first 20 years of varsity status this season. One of the university's first varsity sports for women founded in 1980, the volleyball program is one of the most successful in school history. Of the 593 matches the Irish have played, they have been victorious in 413 of them for an impressive .700 winning percentage.

Preseason Honors: Notre Dame senior setter **Denise Boylan** was chosen as the BIG EAST preseason player of the year on Aug. 8. **Boylan** earned first-team all-BIG EAST honors in 1999 after leading the Irish with 1,132 assists and 35 aces. Her career marks of 3,291 assists and 11.84 assist per game average are both second in school history.

Boylan was joined on the preseason all-BIG EAST team by fellow senior **Christi Girton**. **Girton** had previously earned second team all-BIG EAST accolades after the 1998 and 1999 seasons. She led the team in kills (333) and digs (201) last season and ranks 10th on the career hitting percentage list with a .254 mark.

1999 Review: Notre Dame earned its eighth consecutive NCAA tournament bid after going 20-9 overall and 11-0 in conference play to capture the BIG EAST regular season title. It was Notre Dame's fourth regular season title since they began league play in 1995.

Senior middle blocker **Mary Leffers** earned the 1999 BIG EAST player-of-the-year award, becoming the third Notre Dame player to be so honored (**Jaimie Lee '96, '97** and **Jen Birkner '95**).

Notre Dame returns five starters in 2000 from the '99 team, including all-BIG EAST first-team selection **Denise Boylan** and second-team selections **Christi Girton** and junior **Kristy Kreher**.

Top Hitters Return: Even after the loss of **Mary Leffers**, the top career percentage hitter in school history, Notre Dame boasts two of its

2000 BIG EAST Standings (Sept. 25)

Standings	'00 Overall	BE
1. St. John's	14-3	0-0
2. Rutgers	11-3	0-0
3. Pittsburgh	12-4	0-0
4. Notre Dame	9-4	0-0
5. Providence	11-5	0-0
6. Syracuse	11-5	0-0
7. Georgetown	9-5	0-0
8. Connecticut	8-5	0-0
9. Seton Hall	6-7	0-0
10. Villanova	6-9	0-0
11. West Virginia	3-8	0-0
12. Boston College	3-9	0-0

2000 Preseason All-BIG EAST Team

Denise Boylan, Notre Dame
Christi Girton, Notre Dame
Dama Fiume, Syracuse
Kiran Gill, Georgetown
Sarah Katinger, Providence
Yulia Vtyurina, Georgetown

Preseason Player of the Year Denise Boylan, Notre Dame



top all-time ball strikers on its 2000 roster.

Kristy Kreher put together one of the best hitting percentage seasons ever in 1999, recording 272 kills on 592 attempts with only 85 errors (.316 percentage). **Kreher** has moved up the career charts as well, ranking second in hitting percentage with a .294 mark entering the 2000 season. In 13 matches this season, she has a .310 percentage (172 kills, 59 errors on 364 attempts).

Senior **Christi Girton** also had an impressive 1999 season with 333 kills and just 111 errors for a .302 mark, which is tied for the 10th-best season mark in Irish history. **Girton** boasts a .243 percentage in 2000 (150 kills, 62 errors on 362 attempts).

Home Court Advantage To Be Tested: The Irish continued their traditional success at home in 1999 with a 10-2 Joyce Center record. Notre Dame is 165-64 all-time in the Joyce Center and the **Debbie Brown** era (1991-current) is even better. Since 1991,

2000 Golden Dome Invitational All-Tournament Team

Tournament MVP:

Angela Knopf, MB, Junior, Colorado St.

Christi Griton, OH, Senior, Notre Dame
Malinda Goralski, MB, Junior, Notre Dame
Summer Jennings, MB, Senior, Colorado St.
Allison Peckham, S, Junior, Colorado St.
Sarah McFarland, OH, Junior, Loyola Mary.
Melody Frieauf, MB, Junior, Wyoming
Defensive Specialist:
Kathryn Pettit, DS, Senior, Colorado St.

Lady Seminole Classic Results:

Colorado State over Loyola Marymount, 3-0
Notre Dame over Wyoming, 3-0
Loyola Marymount over Wyoming, 3-0
Colorado State over Notre Dame, 3-0

Notre Dame Statistical Leaders

<u>Kills:</u>	Kristy Kreher	172
	Christi Girton	150
	Malinda Goralski	109
<u>Attack Attempts:</u>	Kristy Kreher	364
	Christi Girton	362
	Marcie Bomhack	364
<u>Hitting Percentage:</u>	Malinda Goralski	.382 (109 kills, 26 errors, 217 att.)
	Kristy Kreher	.310 (172, 59, 364)
	Denise Boylan	.297 (44, 14, 101)
<u>Assists per game:</u>	Denise Boylan	12.65
	Kristen Kinder	6.88
	Kristy Kreher	0.78
<u>Aces:</u>	Marcie Bomhack	13
	Denise Boylan	13
	Janie Alderete	11
<u>Digs:</u>	Kristy Kreher	106
	Marcie Bomhack	104
	Christi Girton	97
<u>Blocks:</u>	Malinda Goralski	47
	Denise Boylan	28
	Jo Jameyson	28

Notre Dame has won 111 of 131 home matches for a stellar .847 winning percentage.

These numbers are being challenged in 2000 as the Irish have played #1 Nebraska, #4 Colorado State, #7 UCLA, #15 BYU #17 Michigan State and #22 Loyola Marymount in the first two weeks of the 2000 season. Notre Dame also will play host the 2000 BIG EAST volleyball championship Nov. 18-19.

A Highly-Rated Group of Freshmen: The class of 2004 that features **Kim Fletcher**, **Jessica Kinder** (Fresno, Calif.), **Kristen Kinder** (Fresno, Calif.), **Katie Neff** (St. Louis, Mo.) and **Christa Moen** (San Antonio, Texas) was ranked the ninth-best recruiting class in the nation by *Volleyball Magazine*. **Fletcher** and **Kristen Kinder** were members of *Volleyball Magazine's* "Fab 50" list of the top senior high school volleyball players in the country.

Freshmen Contribute Early in the Season: The 2000 freshmen class has made some significant contributions in the first seven matches of the year. OH **Jessica Kinder** and MB **Kim Fletcher** have been in and out of the rotation for the Irish in the first three weeks of the season. **Fletcher** has played in 27 of the 45 games this season, scoring 39 kills, 16 digs and 16 blocks. **Jessica Kinder** has come off the bench with an effective jump-serve to score 10 aces and also has 16 kills and 37 digs.

MB **Katie Neff** and S **Kristen Kinder** were in the starting line up of the third game versus Valparaiso. **Kristen Kinder** set the Irish to a .409 hitting percentage in the decisive game and added three kills. **Neff** had two kills and a block in the game. **Kristen Kinder** also saw action in the Florida A&M match, playing two games and totalling four kills, 15 assists, three aces and nine digs.

Freshman DS **Christa Moen** has seen action in 16 games this season, tallying 18 digs.

A Record Number of Home Matches?: The Irish have 17 home matches scheduled in 2000. If Notre Dame qualifies for the BIG EAST tournament (the top four teams in the conference will make up the tournament field) it will have an opportunity to play the most home matches in the program's history. Notre Dame played 18 home matches in 1992 and 1996.

Freshmen Connections: Four of the five Notre Dame freshmen enjoy two different bonds. **Jessica** and **Kristen Kinder** will be the first pair of twins to take the court for the Irish. Classmates **Katie Neff** and **Kim Fletcher** are both from the St. Louis, Mo., area and played on the same club team, the St. Louis Elite.

Neff and **Fletcher** will get a chance to play hometown St. Louis University when the Billikens visit the Joyce Center Nov. 7. The **Kinders**, who call Fresno, Calif., home, will get to return to the west coast when the Irish travel to USC Nov. 24.

California Dreaming: When the Irish travel to Los Angeles, Calif., for their final regular season match up versus USC, a number of players will get a chance to play in their home state. The Golden State is home to four players on the 2000 roster: Senior **Adrienne Shimmel** (Mission Viejo), sophomore **Janie Alderete** (Santa Clara) and freshmen **Jessica** and **Kristen Kinder** (Fresno).

Texas Representation: Texas also boasts four players on the 2000 Irish roster. Seniors **Jo Jameyson** (Alvin) and **Michelle Graham** (Austin), junior **Malinda Goralski** (Missouri City) and freshman **Christa Moen** (San Antonio) will compete with California for state bragging rights in the Irish locker room. Assistant coach **Lindsay Rosenthal** (Austin) also hails from the Lone Star State.

Shimmel Off the Bench: Senior OH **Adrienne Shimmel** has provided the Irish quite a boost off the bench this season. She set career-highs in kills (six), attack attempts (16) and blocks (three) in the Irish victory over Samford.

Shimmel's 16 kills on the season has her poised to eclipse her career total of 17 entering the 2000 campaign.

Toughest Schedule? Notre Dame has faced one of the toughest schedules in the nation this year. According to the AVCA/USA Today Sept. 25, rankings, the Irish have faced three of the top five teams in the nation (#1 Nebraska, #3 Colorado State and #5 UCLA) in the month of September. The Irish will also meet current-#4 USC on Nov. 24, in Los Angeles.

Eight teams in the top 25 appear on the Notre Dame schedule this season. The Irish have knocked off #15 BYU (now ranked 14th) and #22 Loyola Marymount (now 23rd).

2000 Individual Match Highs			Team Match Highs			BIG EAST Weekly Honors		
Kills:	Kristy Kreher	32	Kills:	vs. LMU	97	Players of the Week:		
	vs. LMU			vs. Michigan State	83	Sept. 4:	<i>Denise Boylan, Notre Dame</i>	
	Christi Girton	23		vs. BYU	65	Sept. 11:	Dana Fiume, Syracuse	
	vs. LMU		Attack Attempts:	vs. LMU	250	Sept. 18:	Dana Fiume, Syracuse Kiran Gill, Georgetown	
	Kristy Kreher	23		vs. Michigan State	212	Sept. 25:	Dana Fiume, Syracuse <i>Christi Girton, Notre Dame</i>	
	vs. BYU			vs. BYU	190	BIG EAST Conference Leaders (as of Sept. 25)		
	Kristy Kreher	21	Hitting Percentage:	vs. Clemson	.408	Hitting Percentage:		
	vs. Michigan State			(63 attempts, 14 errors, 120 att.)		Player	School	
Attack Attempts:	Kristy Kreher	60		vs. Wyoming	.400	<i>Goralski, M.</i>	<i>ND</i>	<i>.382</i>
	vs. LMU			(43, 11, 80)		Miller, A.	SJU	.370
	Marcie Bomhack	58		vs. Florida A&M	.363	Nickels, J.	UP	.338
	vs. LMU		Aces:	vs. Michigan State	7	Troller, M.	GU	.329
	Christi Girton	57		vs. UCLA	7	Dykema, J.	UC	.315
	vs. LMU			vs. Fairfield	7	Assists/Game:		
Hitting Percentage:	Malinda Goralski	.833	Assists:	vs. LMU	93	<i>Boylan, D.</i>	<i>ND</i>	<i>12.65</i>
	(10 kills, 0 error, 12 att.)			vs. Michigan State	72	Ward, J.	GU	12.41
	vs. Wyoming			vs. Clemson	61	Norris, C.	UP	11.87
	Marcie Bomhack	.526	Aces:	vs. Florida A&M	13	Fanning, S.	PC	11.46
	(11, 1, 19)			vs. Valparaiso	8	Carroll, N.	SU	11.24
	vs. Florida A&M			vs. Michigan State	7	Blocks/Game:		
	Malinda Goralski	.464		vs. UCLA	7	Venarchik, L.	RU	1.37
	(15, 2, 28)			vs. Fairfield	7	Bach, R.	BC	1.22
	vs. MSU		Digs:	vs. LMU	105	Legan, N.	BC	1.19
Assists:	Denise Boylan	84		vs. Fairfield	67	Stevens, K.	GU	1.17
	vs. LMU			vs. Michigan State	66	Dykema, J.	UC	1.16
	Denise Boylan	66	Blocks:	vs. LMU	15	Kills/Game:		
	vs. Michigan State			vs. Michigan State	12	Fiume, D.	SU	4.53
	Denise Boylan	51		vs. Clemson	11	Renick, S.	UP	4.43
	at Florida State			vs. BYU	11	Gill, K.	GU	4.31
Aces:	Marcie Bomhack	5	Notre Dame vs. Opponents			Roudovski, O.	SJU	4.25
	vs. Florida A&M					Carter, K.	RU	4.20
	Janie Alderete	4				<i>Kreher, K.</i>	<i>ND</i>	<i>4.20</i>
	at Valparaiso		Attack:	UND	OPP	Aces/Game:		
	Janie Alderete	3				Mullen, M.	GU	0.61
	vs. BYU		Kills:	716	655	Kiriakou, M.	RU	0.59
	Jessica Kinder	3	Errors:	275	290	Vtyurina, Y.	GU	0.55
	vs. Nebraska		Total Attacks:	1737	1686	Neely, J.	SHU	0.53
Digs:	Kristy Kreher	27	Attack Percentage:	.254	.216	Skelly, M.	SU	0.52
	vs. LMU		Kills/Game:	15.9	14.6	Digs/Game:		
	Marcie Bomhack	25				Cella, A.	PC	4.26
	vs. LMU		Set:			Schwer, L.	BC	4.05
	Christi Girton	17	Assists:	654	591	Kathinger, S.	PC	3.88
	vs. LMU		Assists/Game:	14.5	13.1	Hardy, N.	WVU	3.62
	Kristy Kreher	17				Mercein, K.	SJU	3.49
	vs. BYU		Serve:					
Blocks:	Malinda Goralski	7	Aces:	80	68			
	vs. BYU, Wyoming		Errors:	96	97			
	Jo Jameyson	7	Aces/Game:	1.8	1.5			
	vs. LMU							
	Marcie Bomhack	6	Serve Receptions:					
	vs. LMU		Errors:	69	80			
	Malinda Goralski	6	Errors/Game:	1.5	1.8			
	vs. LMU							

BIG EAST Team Leaders

Hitting Percentage:

Team	Games	
Notre Dame	45	.254
Pittsburgh	53	.252
Rutgers	44	.251
St. John's	59	.238
Georgetown	49	.233

Assists:

Connecticut	44	15.11
Notre Dame	45	14.53
Georgetown	49	13.88
Pittsburgh	53	13.23
Providence	57	12.91

Blocks:

Connecticut	44	2.73
Rutgers	44	2.60
Boston College	50	2.57
Syracuse	60	2.56
Seton Hall	40	2.53

Opponent Hitting Percentage:

St. John's	59	.131
Rutgers	44	.136
Providence	57	.159
Boston College	50	.163
Connecticut	44	.164

Kills:

Connecticut	44	16.91
Notre Dame	45	15.91
Pittsburgh	53	15.70
Georgetown	49	15.59
St. John's	59	14.51

Service Aces:

Georgetown	49	2.39
Syracuse	60	2.30
St. John's	59	2.00
Rutgers	44	1.98
Seton Hall	40	1.98

Digs:

Boston College	50	17.10
Providence	57	17.05
West Virginia	41	16.00
St. John's	59	15.36
Connecticut	44	14.93

Notre Dame Bio Updates:

Janie Alderete #14
Sophomore • DS • 5-3 • Santa Clara, Calif.

Has played in 37 of the team's 45 games played in 2000 ... had a career-high 15 digs in the first match of the year vs. Fairfield during the Shamrock Invitational ... had six digs vs. #16 Michigan State in the adidas Invitational ... had a career-best four aces at Valparaiso in two games ... also had five digs versus

the Crusaders ... tallied three aces versus Florida A&M in the Lady Seminole Classic in Tallahassee, Fla. ... named the "Best Defensive Specialist" in the Lady Seminole Classic Tournament ... had nine digs in the Irish win over #22 Loyola Marymount.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
37	56	1.51	11	0.30

Marcie Bombach #6
Junior • OH • 6-0 • Waukesha, Wis.

Starter at outside hitter for the Irish ... has played in 39 of the team's 45 games this season ... had 13 kills, eight digs and three blocks vs. Clemson ... had seven kills and five digs vs. #4 Nebraska ... posted a double-double with 13 kills and 15 digs vs. #16 Michigan State ... tallied five kills on nine attempts with no errors (.556 hitting percentage) at Valparaiso ... had a team-high 11 kills vs. Florida A&M in the first round of the Lady Seminole Classic volleyball tournament in Tallahassee, Fla. ... set a career-mark for aces in a match with five vs. the Rattlerettes ... totaled 13 kills at Florida State ... was named to the Lady Seminole Classic all-tournament team ... notched a double-double vs. Loyola Marymount with 13 kills and 25 digs ... the 25 digs is a career-best total ... also had six blocks against the Lions ... had six kills and five digs vs. #4 Colorado State.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
39	104	2.67	13	0.33

Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
21	103	2.64	.188	8

Denise Boylan #2
Senior • S • 6-1 • Lisle, Ill.

BIG EAST Preseason Player of the Year ... Notre Dame team co-captain and starting setter ... has played in 40 of the team's 45 games this season ... has played a large part in the Irish hitting .254 as a team ... had 37 assists, 10 digs, three blocks and two aces in the first match of the year vs. Fairfield during the Shamrock Invitational ... tallied 50 assists, 10 digs and three blocks in the Irish upset of 15th-ranked BYU ... set Notre Dame to a .421 hitting percentage in the fifth game of the BYU match ... helped the Irish post a .408 (season-high) hitting percentage in the Clemson match ... named the 2000 Shamrock Invitational Most Valuable Player ... named BIG EAST Player of the Week on Sept. 4, for her performance over the course of the Shamrock Invitational ... had a season-high 11 digs versus #4 Nebraska ... tallied six kills, 66 assists, six digs, three blocks and two aces vs. #16 Michigan State ... named to the adidas Invitational all-tournament team ... had 51 assists, nine digs and three blocks at Florida State ... named to the Lady Seminole Classic all-tournament team, the third all-tournament selection on the year ... set the Notre Dame record for assists in a four-game match with 84 against #22 Loyola Marymount

... combined with freshman setter Kristen Kinder to lead Notre Dame to a .400 hitting percentage in the match against Wyoming.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Assists	Assists/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
40	506	12.65	13	0.32

Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Digs
28	44	1.10	.297	77

Keara Coughlin #11
Sophomore • DS • 5-8 • Chicago, Ill.

Has played in 38 of the team's 45 games in 2000 ... one of the team's best defensive specialists ... had three digs and two aces in the first match of the year vs. Fairfield ... tallied a eight digs against #3 UCLA ... notched seven digs and an ace vs. #16 Michigan State ... totaled six digs, two kills and two aces vs. Florida A&M ... had six digs at Florida State ... had a season-high nine digs to along with two aces vs. #22 Loyola Marymount ... tallied seven digs against #4 Colorado State.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
38	61	1.61	10	0.26

Kim Fletcher #10
Freshman • MB • 6-0 • St. Louis, Mo.

Used to spell both Malinda Goralski and Jo Jameyson off the bench ... provides a spark with some powerful and accurate hitting ... recorded her first career kill and block in the Fairfield match ... had three kills and a block in the upset of #15 BYU ... had two kills, four blocks and three kills vs. Clemson ... notched three kills, four digs and two blocks against #3 UCLA ... totaled five kills and four blocks against #16 Michigan State ... posted a career-high seven kills against Samford ... had six kills and two blocks vs. Wyoming ... has scored a kill in 13 of 14 career matches.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
27	16	0.59	1	0.04

Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
15	39	1.44	.267	4

Christi Girton #7
Senior • OH • 6-3 • Muncie, Ind.

Preseason all-BIG EAST team member ... starter at outside hitter for the Irish ... has played in 41 of the team's 45 games this season ... posted double-digit kills in eight of the 13 Irish matches this season ... second on the team in kills with 150 ... began the season vs. Fairfield with 14 kills, eight digs and four blocks ... had 18 kills and eight digs in the Irish upset of #15 BYU ... scored six kills and two blocks in the deciding fifth game of the BYU match ... named to the 2000 Shamrock Invitational all-tournament

team ... had a double-double with 19 kills and 16 digs against #16 Michigan State ... added five blocks against the Spartans ... one of four Irish players with double-digit kills (10) at Florida State ... had a career-high 23 kills vs. #22 Loyola Marymount ... also had 17 digs vs. the Lions ... had 10 kills in two games vs. Wyoming ... tallied a double-double against #4 Colorado State with 16 kills and 12 digs ... named to the 2000 Golden Dome Invitational all-tournament team ... named Co-BIG EAST Player of the Week on Sept. 25, for her performance vs. LMU, Wyoming and Colorado State.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
41	97	2.37	7	0.17
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
23	150	3.66	.243	11

Malinda Goralski #3
Junior • MB • 6-1 • Missouri City, Texas

Starter for the Irish at middle blocker ... has improved each week of the season and leads the team in hitting percentage with a .382 mark ... has played the most games of any player on the Irish roster this season (43) ... also leads the team in blocks with 47 ... had a career-high ten digs in the first match of the year vs. Fairfield ... notched seven blocks in the Irish upset of #15 BYU ... posted a career-high 15 kills vs. #16 Michigan State ... had eight kills and four blocks at Valparaiso ... notched 10 kills and six blocks at Florida State ... named to the Lady Seminole Classic all-tournament team ... tied her career-high with 15 kills against #22 Loyola Marymount ... had 10 kills on 12 attempts with no errors vs. Wyoming ... also had seven blocks against the Cowgirls ... had nine kills vs. #4 Colorado State ... named to the 2000 Golden Dome Invitational all-tournament team ... her kill and block production so far in 2000 already surpasses her previous two years combined.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Blocks	Blocks/Game	Assists	Assists/Game
43	47	1.09	6	0.14
Aces	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Solo Blocks
0	109	2.53	.382	8

Michelle Graham #16
Senior • DS/S • 5-8 • Austin, Texas

Backup setter who has been used as a defensive specialist this season ... has played in five games ... has two assists and two aces in 2000.

Jo Jameyson #9
Senior • MB/OPP • 6-1 • Alvin, Texas

Provides depth behind Malinda Goralski at MB and is also used at opposite ... tied with Denise Boylan for second on the team in blocks with 28 ... notched six kills and four blocks in the first match of the year vs. Fairfield ... had five blocks against Clemson ... posted six kills and three digs against #4 Nebraska ... tallied five kills and four blocks versus #16 Michi-

gan State ... had season highs with 11 kills and seven blocks against #22 Loyola Marymount.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Blocks	Blocks/Game	Assists	Assists/Game
33	28	0.85	4	0.12
Aces	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Solo Blocks
0	48	1.45	.230	3

Jessica Kinder #5
Freshman • OH • 5-10 • Fresno, Calif.

One of five talented freshman on the roster that have received significant playing time ... has played in 33 of the team's 45 games this season ... possesses a powerful jump-serve that head coach Debbie Brown uses as a weapon off the bench ... third on the team in aces with 10 ... has scored an ace in 50% of the matches she has appeared in (6 of 12) ... recorded her first career kill on her first attempt in the Fairfield match ... gave the Irish a huge spark off the bench in the upset of #15 BYU with two kills, three aces, a career-high eight digs and a block ... had three aces, three digs and a block against #4 Nebraska ... had a career-high four kills vs. #3 UCLA ... posted three kills, three digs and two aces vs. Samford ... had five digs vs. Wyoming.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
33	37	1.12	10	0.26
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
5	16	0.48	-.015	5

Kristen Kinder #8
Freshman • S • 5-9 • Fresno, Calif.

The future for the Irish at the setter position ... has received some playing time behind senior setter Denise Boylan ... has played in eight games this season ... saw her first collegiate action against Clemson and tallied six assists and a dig ... had three kills and five assists in one game at Valparaiso ... posted two kills, 13 assists and five digs vs. Florida A&M ... best match of the young season came vs. Samford ... posted four kills, 15 assists, three aces and nine digs against the Bulldogs ... totaled a career-high 16 assists vs. Wyoming, including setting the Irish to a .286 hitting percentage in the match.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Assists	Assists/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
8	55	6.88	3	0.38

Kristy Kreher #4
Junior • OPP • 6-1 • Birmingham, Mich.

The top offensive performer for the Irish so far in 2000 ... leads the team in kills (172) and digs (106) ... scored double-digit kills in seven of the team's 13 matches on the year ... in nine matches this season, she has posted a hitting percentage better than .320, including two matches where she posted a .429 mark ... has three 20-plus kill matches against ranked teams

(23 vs. #15 BYU, 21 vs. #16 Michigan State, 32 vs. #22 Loyola Marymount) ... began the season with 11 kills and nine digs vs. Fairfield ... notched first double-double of the season in Notre Dame's upset of #15 BYU (23 kills, 17 digs) ... led the team in kills with 16 vs. Clemson ... had 15 kills and nine digs against #3 UCLA ... had second 20-plus kill match of the vs. #16 Michigan State (21) ... scored 19 kills at Florida State to earn the Lady Seminole Classic Most Valuable Player award ... had a great match vs. #22 Loyola Marymount with 32 kills and 27 digs - both career-high numbers ... the 32 kills also set a school record for the most kills in a four-game match ... had nine kills and nine digs vs. #4 Colorado State.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
41	106	2.59	7	0.17
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
18	172	4.20	.310	32

Christa Moen #13
Freshman • DS • 5-4 • San Antonio, Texas

Provides quality depth for the Irish at the defensive specialist position ... has played in 16 games this season ... saw her first collegiate action off the bench in the upset of #15 BYU, tallying six digs and an ace ... had four digs and an ace vs. Clemson ... scored her first career kill against Samford.

Katie Neff #15
Freshman • MB • 6-4 • St. Louis, Mo.

Tallest player on the Irish roster ... has seen limited playing time behind Malinda Goralski and Jo Jameyson ... saw her first collegiate action against Clemson, recording a kill ... had two kills on four attempts and one block at Valparaiso ... posted a kill and a block against Samford ... had career-highs with three kills and three blocks against Wyoming.

Adrienne Shimmel #12
Senior • OH • 5-10 • Mission Viejo, Calif.

Has provided some energy off the bench for the Irish in 2000 ... has played in seven games this season ... first action of the season came vs. Clemson where she scored three kills ... had a career-high six kills against Samford ... also had three blocks vs. the Bulldogs ... notched four kills against Wyoming.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
7	11	1.57	0	0.00
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
4	16	2.29	.143	2