



# 2010 Notre Dame Men's Tennis

Two NCAA Titles • 16 NCAA Tournaments Since 1991  
18 All-Americans Since 1994 • Seven BIG EAST Titles

BIG EAST Notes • April 23-25, 2010

## 2010 Schedule & Results

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Jan. 22	<b>(30) William &amp; Mary (75)</b>	<b>W, 4-3</b>
Jan. 24	<b>(30) Virginia (2)</b>	<b>L, 7-4</b>
Jan. 24	<b>(30) IUPUI</b>	<b>W, 7-0</b>
Jan. 30	(30) Tulsa <sup>1</sup> (35)	L, 4-3
Jan. 31	(30) New Mexico <sup>1</sup> (51)	W, 4-1
Feb. 7	(34) Duke (21)	L, 7-0
Feb. 13	(35) Michigan (36)	L, 4-3
Feb. 20	(36) Washington (25)	L, 4-3
<b>Feb. 27</b>	<b>(41) Michigan State</b>	<b>W, 6-1</b>
<b>Feb. 28</b>	<b>(41) Wisconsin (31)</b>	<b>W, 4-3</b>
<b>Feb. 28</b>	<b>(41) Toledo</b>	<b>W, 6-1</b>
March 2	(38) Illinois (12)	L, 5-2
March 13	(44) South Florida	L, 4-3
March 14	(44) Florida State (19)	W, 4-3

### 2010 Blue Gray National Classic<sup>2</sup>

March 18	(38) Middle Tennessee State	W, 4-2
March 19	(38) Fresno State (26)	W, 4-3
March 20	(38) Texas Tech (16)	L, 4-0
March 27	(36) Northwestern (45)	W, 5-2
April 3	(36) SMU	W, 5-2
April 5	(36) Texas A&M (12)	L, 6-1
<b>April 7</b>	<b>(36) Ohio State (2)</b>	<b>L, 7-0</b>
<b>April 10</b>	<b>(36) Louisville (16)<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>L, 5-2</b>
<b>April 14</b>	<b>(36) Ball State</b>	<b>W, 5-2</b>
April 17	(36) Navy	W, 7-0

### Postseason

April 23	(38) Georgetown <sup>4</sup>	9:00 a.m.
April 24	BIG EAST Championships <sup>4</sup>	TBA
April 25	BIG EAST Championships <sup>4</sup>	TBA
May 14-16	NCAA Championship <sup>5</sup>	TBA
May 20-31	NCAA Championship <sup>6</sup>	TBA

1 = National Team Indoor qualifier at Ohio State (Columbus, Ohio)

2 = At the Lagoon Park Tennis Center (Montgomery, Ala.)

3 = At Notre Dame's Courtney Tennis Center

4 = Hosted by Notre Dame (Notre Dame, Ind.)

5 = First and Second rounds at campus sites (TBA)

6 = Hosted by the University of Georgia (Athens, Ga.)

All times are local to the site.

Home matches in **BOLD CAPS** held at the Eck Tennis Pavilion (unless noted). All home matches feature live scoring via und.com and admission is free.

(x) - Campbell/ITA Rankings at time of match; number listed before opponent is Notre Dame's ranking, number listed after opponent is its ranking.

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## 2010 BIG EAST Championship

Courtney Tennis Center -- Notre Dame, Ind.

Leeper Park -- South Bend, Ind.

### Friday, April 23

BIG EAST Quarterfinals, 9:00 a.m. (EST) at Leeper Park (South):

#2 Notre Dame (13-11) vs. #7 Georgetown (10-11)

### Saturday, April 24

BIG EAST Semifinals, Noon (EST) at Courtney Courts (North & South)

### Sunday, April 25

BIG EAST Championship, 9:00 a.m. (EST) at Courtney Courts (North)

## BIG EAST Preview

The Notre Dame men's tennis team begins postseason play in pursuit of the program's eighth BIG EAST title at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 23 at Leeper Park in South Bend, Ind. The Irish are serving as the co-hosts of the men's and women's 2010 BIG EAST tournaments along with the BIG EAST conference. Play will take place at both the Courtney Tennis Center on Notre Dame's campus and at South Bend's Leeper Park. Should rain force the action inside, the matches will be played at the Eck Tennis Pavilion and at the South Bend Racquet Club. The Fighting Irish men's team is the second seed in the men's draw.



2010 marks the 14th BIG EAST men's tennis championship. Nine of the 16 members of the BIG EAST Conference field teams in men's tennis, but the league does not require round-robin competition during the season. All nine teams, as seeded by the conference based on national ranking and head-to-head results, earn invitations to the league championship, a single-elimination team tournament with the winner gaining the league's automatic berth in the NCAA Championship. Play begins with eighth-seeded Connecticut taking on ninth-seeded Villanova at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 22 at Leeper Park (South). The winner of that match will face top-seeded Louisville at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 23 at Leeper Park (South). The second-seeded Irish will face seventh-seeded Georgetown in the quarterfinals for the second consecutive season; also at 9:00 a.m. on Friday at Leeper Park. Saturday's

### 2010 BIG EAST Championship Seeds

1. Louisville
2. Notre Dame
3. USF
4. Marquette
5. DePaul
6. St. John's
7. Georgetown
8. Connecticut
9. Villanova

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semifinal matches will be played at noon at the Courtney Tennis Center, while Sunday's Championship will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Courtney Tennis Center as well.

## Following The Irish At The Championship

Daily recaps will be posted at und.com, while complete results and updated matchups will be posted on www.bigeast.org, where fans can also access updated tournament draws.

## The Georgetown Matchup

The Irish have played the Hoyas of Georgetown on eight occasions dating back to 1958, with the Irish holding a 7-1 series lead. The teams first met in 1958 in the finals of the Cherry Blossom Tournament in Washington, D.C. The Irish won that match, 8-1. Georgetown's lone win in the series came in 1962, with the Hoyas earning a 5-4 win, also in the Cherry Blossom Tournament. The teams squared off in the quarterfinals of the 2006 BIG EAST tournament in Tampa, Fla., with Notre Dame recording a 4-0 win on that day. Last season, the Irish and Hoyas met in the BIG EAST quarterfinals, with Notre Dame coming away with a 4-0 win on April 17.

### April 17, 2010 – Tampa, Fla. // BIG EAST Quarterfinals

#28 Notre Dame 4, Georgetown 0  
USF Varsity Courts

#### Singles competition

1. Brett Helgeson (UND) def. Michael Clarke (GU) 6-2, 6-1
2. Stephen Havens (UND) def. Andrew Bruhn (GU) 6-4, 6-3
3. Casey Watt (UND) vs. David Tillem (GU) 6-4, 5-2, unf.
4. Daniel Stahl (UND) vs. Adam Gross (GU) 6-3, 4-2, unf.
5. David Anderson (UND) def. Kevin Walsh (GU) 6-1, 6-1
6. Tyler Davis (UND) vs. Kenneth Wong (GU) 6-1, 5-2, unf.

#### Doubles competition

1. B. Helgeson/Tyler Davis (UND) def. Andrew Bruhn/Mieszko Tomczyk (GU) 8-1
2. S. Havens/Casey Watt (UND) vs. Michael Clarke/David Tillem (GU) 6-1, unf.
3. Santiago Montoya/Daniel Stahl (UND) def. Adam Gross/Kevin Walsh (GU) 8-1

#### Match Notes

Georgetown 4-19  
Notre Dame 12-10; National ranking #28  
Order of finish: Doubles (3,1); Singles (5,1,2)

## Scouting The Hoyas

The Hoyas enter the championship with a 10-11 overall record. Most recently, Georgetown earned a 5-2 home win over Navy on April 14 at the McDonough Outdoor Tennis Complex. The match against Navy, which Notre Dame defeated by the score of 7-0 on April 17, represents one of two common opponents the Hoyas and Irish faced this season. In addition to Navy, Georgetown dropped a 7-0 decision to Virginia on March 5, while Notre Dame fell to the Cavaliers, 7-4, on Jan. 24.

The win over Navy marked Georgetown's third victory in a row, which also includes wins over BIG EAST foes Villanova (5-2) and Connecticut (4-3). All told, the Hoyas have won four of their last five matches, with the fourth win (7-0) coming versus Howard on April 6. Their lone loss in that stretch was a 4-3 defeat at

James Madison on April 7. The Hoyas are coached by **Gordon M. Ernst**.

## BIG EAST Championship History

The BIG EAST men's tennis tournament dates back to the 1979 season when Boston College captured the inaugural championship, besting runner-up Georgetown, 16-14. From 1979-1994, the tournament was decided on an individual point-scoring basis, with players earning points towards the overall team score.

Following the 1994 season, the tournament switched to the current team championship format. This season's contest marks the first time the championship will be held in Notre Dame, Ind., and the first time in six seasons that the tournament will be contested outside of Tampa, Fla.

## Irish Conference Dominance

Since becoming a member of the BIG EAST Conference in the 1995-96 season, the Irish have reached the title match of the league tournament every season except one and have claimed seven titles. Nine members of the BIG EAST Conference - Connecticut, DePaul, Georgetown, Louisville, Marquette, Notre Dame, South Florida, St. John's, and Villanova - field teams in men's tennis, but the league does not require round-robin competition during the season. ND has an all-time record of 105-9 (.921) against those nine teams. Prior to joining the BIG EAST, the Irish won seven Midwestern Collegiate Conference titles from 1988-89 through 1994-95. All told, Notre Dame has earned 14 conference titles.

### 2010 – BIG EAST Awards

**BIG EAST Men's Tennis Player of the Week**  
Casey Watt (March 7)  
Stephen Havens (March 10)  
Samuel Keeton (March 17)  
Stephen Havens (March 31)

## Notre Dame At The BIG EAST

Notre Dame faced Miami in eight straight BIG EAST finals (1996-2003), before upsetting top-seeded Virginia Tech in 2004 and beating Rutgers in the '05 title match. The Irish won three times (1996, '99, 2002) against the Hurricanes (who hosted the event until leaving the conference after the 2003-04 season). The 2003 final was rained out in progress, with conference policy awarding the NCAA automatic berth to the top-seeded Hurricanes. In 19 early-round matches (first round though semifinals), Notre Dame has sustained only one loss and the Irish have registered 18 shutouts. The Irish have been the top seed heading into the tournament ten times, while they were the No. 2 seed in 2000, '04, '09 and 2010. Notre Dame was the No. 3 seed in 2003.

### Notre Dame's All-Time BIG EAST Finishes

1996 - 1st  
1997 - 2nd  
1998 - 2nd  
1999 - 1st  
2000 - 2nd  
2001 - 2nd  
2002 - 1st  
2003 - Finalist  
2004 - 1st  
2005 - 1st  
2006 - 2nd  
2007 - 1st  
2008 - 1st  
2009 - 4th

\* - Championship match suspended due to rain, Miami declared champion due to BIG EAST conference policy.

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## 2008 BIG EAST Championship Recap

Last year, Notre Dame downed the Hoyas in quarterfinal action but then fell to eventual champion USF in the semifinals, 4-1. Playing at the No. 3 position, **Casey Watt** came up with the lone Irish point versus the Bulls. Then, in the third place match, the Irish were edged by Louisville, 4-3, to finish fourth.

In the third place match versus UofL, the Irish scored points on singles wins from Watt (at No. 3), **David Anderson** (No. 5) and **Tyler Davis** (No. 6).

## 700 ... And Counting

With Notre Dame's 4-2 win over Middle Tennessee State on March 18 in the opening round of the 2010 Blue Gray Tennis Classic, Fighting Irish head coach **Bobby Bayliss** reached the 700-career wins milestone. Bayliss is now one of just four active Division I men's coaches with at least 700 career wins. In a career that has now reached 41 seasons, Bayliss has amassed a to-date record of 705-308-1 (.696), including a 414-205 mark in his 23 seasons leading the Notre Dame Fighting Irish program. Bayliss ranks eighth on the all-time men's tennis collegiate coaching wins list, and is fourth among active coaches.

## Last Time Out

The Irish closed out the regular season on a two-match winning streak. After downing Ball State (5-2) in their last regular season home match on April 14, the Irish travelled to Annapolis, Md. for just the second time in program history. Notre Dame came away with a 7-0 win on April 17 in a match played at Navy's Hooper Brigade Sports Complex Outdoor Courts.

The Irish set the tone early with a doubles sweep, improving to 10-1 on the year when winning the doubles point. Fifty-first ranked **Stephen Havens** and **Casey Watt** earned the first doubles win at the No. 1 position and, at No. 3 doubles, **David Anderson** and **Daniel Stahl** secured the point with an 8-4 win.

The Irish took a 2-0 lead when **Tyler Davis** won in straight sets at No. 6 singles, pushing his dual season singles record to 4-1 with the win. At No. 3 singles, 93rd-ranked Stahl made the score 3-0 and Havens then clinched the win for the Irish with a victory at the No. 2 position. **Samuel Keeton** and Anderson added wins at fourth and fifth singles, respectively, before Watt closed out the match with a win at the No. 1 position.

Prior to the match, Bayliss was honored for his historic career, which recently saw him eclipse the 700-win plateau. Bayliss began his career at Navy, where he served as the Navy head coach for 15 years (1970-84). During that time span with Navy, Bayliss compiled an overall record of 248-50 and a 15-0 mark against Army.

## One Tough Slate

Notre Dame has played a challenging schedule throughout the 2010 dual season. All told, the Irish have played 16 matches against ranked opponents (out of a possible 24). Notre Dame has also faced nine top-25 foes on the year and played against five of the ITA's current top-15 teams in #2 Virginia, #4 Ohio State, #10 Texas A&M, #14 Illinois and #15 Louisville.

Notre Dame's best win of the season in terms of beating a ranked opponent came on March 14 when the Irish knocked-off then 19th-ranked Florida State, 4-3, in a dramatic come from behind road win.

## Notre Dame In The 2009-10 ITA National Rankings

### Team Rankings

Date	Rank
1/5/10	30
1/26/10	30
2/4/10	34
2/12/10	35
2/18/10	36
2/23/10	41
3/2/10	38
3/9/10	44
3/16/10	38
3/23/10	36
3/30/10	36
4/6/10	36
4/13/10	36
4/20/10	38

### Singles Rankings

Date	Rank	Name
9/4/09	90	Casey Watt
	98	Stephen Havens
1/5/10	18	Casey Watt
	74	Blas Moros
	93	Stephen Havens
	95	Daniel Stahl
2/18/10	28	Casey Watt
	101	Daniel Stahl
	105	Blas Moros
	123	Stephen Havens
3/2/10	19	Casey Watt
	72	Daniel Stahl
3/16/10	27	Casey Watt
	86	Daniel Stahl
3/30/10	29	Casey Watt
	91	Daniel Stahl
4/13/10	44	Casey Watt
	93	Daniel Stahl
4/20/10	47	Casey Watt
	110	Daniel Stahl

### Doubles Rankings

Date	Rank	Team
3/16/10	61	Watt/Havens
4/13/10	51	Watt/Havens
4/20/10	88	Watt/Havens