

notre dame volleyball

20 consecutive winning seasons • 17 ncaa tournament appearances • 9 big east conference tournament titles

2010 shamrock invitational

• *friday, aug. 27*

4:30 p.m. - arizona vs. cal poly
7:00 p.m. - notre dame vs. marshall
• *saturday, aug. 28*
12:00 p.m. - cal poly vs. marshall
5:00 p.m. - marshall vs. arizona
7:30 p.m. - notre dame vs. cal poly
• *sunday, aug. 29*
1:00 p.m. - notre dame vs. arizona

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notre dame fighting irish

0-0 overall / 0-0 big east
[und.com • bigeast.org]

marshall thundering herd
0-0 overall / 0-0 conference usa
[herdzone.com • conferenceusa.com]

cal poly mustangs
0-0 overall / 0-0 big west
[gopoly.com • bigwest.org]

arizona wildcats
0-0 overall / 0-0 pacific-10
[arizonawildcats.com • pac-10.org]

2010 schedule / results

shamrock invitational – notre dame, ind.

8.27	marshall	7:00 p.m.
8.28	cal poly	7:30 p.m.
8.29	arizona	1:00 p.m.

nevada invitational – reno, nev.

9.3	vs. belmont	4:00 p.m.
9.4	vs. weber state	10:00 a.m.
9.4	at nevada	7:00 p.m.

pioneer classic – denver, colo.

9.10	vs. gonzaga	4:00 p.m.
9.11	vs. jacksonville state	2:00 p.m.
9.12	at denver	1:00 p.m.

notre dame invitational – notre dame, ind.

9.17	vs. delaware	7:00 p.m.
9.18	vs. santa clara	7:00 p.m.
9.19	dayton	2:00 p.m.

9.24	west virginia*	4:00 p.m.
9.26	pittsburgh*	2:00 p.m.
10.1	at usf*	7:00 p.m.
10.3	at georgetown*	2:00 p.m.
10.9	at louisville*	2:00 p.m.
10.10	at cincinnati*	5:00 p.m.
10.15	depaul*	7:30 p.m.
10.19	at western michigan	7:00 p.m.
10.23	syracuse*	2:00 p.m.
10.24	marquette*	2:00 p.m.
10.30	st. john's*	10:00 a.m.
10.31	connecticut*	2:00 p.m.
11.5	at villanova*	7:00 p.m.
11.7	northern iowa	2:00 p.m.
11.13	at rutgers*	10:00 a.m.
11.14	at seton hall*	2:00 p.m.

11.19-21	big east tournament	--
11.26	at long beach state	7:00 p.m.

12.3-18	ncaa tournament	--
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all times local to site • schedule subject to change
*big east conference contest

bump, set, spike

• entering its 31st season of varsity action, the notre dame volleyball team carries an overall record of 629-356 (.636) into the 2010 campaign ... the irish seek an 18 ncaa championship appearance while aiming towards a 20th consecutive winning season.

• head coach debbie brown will direct the irish on the hardwood for the 20th straight season ... brown is 445-170 (.724) at the helm of the notre dame program and 562-253 (.690) in 26 seasons as a head coach.

• the irish are receiving votes (21) in the avca top 25 preseason poll released aug. 17 ... notre dame received votes in the final poll of the 2009 season after peaking at no. 23 during the regular season.

• the 2010 edition of the shamrock invitational marks the 16th time notre dame will host the event ... the irish first held the tournament in 1993 and hold an all-time record of 37-7 (.841) in the showcase after posting two wins and one loss against last year's field consisting of denver (w, 3-0), no. 5 stanford (w, 3-0) and lsu (l, 0-3) ... the win over no. 5 stanford (aug. 29) was the second win for the irish over a top-five opponent, and the first since 1993.

series notes

marshall [series history: first meeting]

• marshall returns four starters from its 2009 team that went 22-9 (10-6 conference usa) while placing fifth in the league play ... notre dame is 9-5 all-time against conference usa programs, as debbie brown is 8-1 against the league (6-0 at notre dame).

cal poly [series history: caly poly leads, 2-1]

• series streak: caly poly, w1
• first meeting: sept. 1, 2002 – notre dame, 3-0 / last meeting: sept. 12, 2008 – caly poly, 3-1
• trailing 2-0 to the sixteenth-ranked team in the nation, notre dame staged a late rally but fell to cal poly, 3-1, on the opening day of the 2008 minnesota diet coke classic when the two teams last faced off.

arizona [series history: notre dame leads, 2-1]

• series streak: notre dame, w1
• first meeting: sept. 9, 1988 – notre dame, 3-0 / last meeting: aug. 29, 2003 – notre dame, 3-1
• this will be the fourth time notre dame and arizona have met on the court, and the first since 2003 ... the two teams first met in 1988, with the irish pulling out a 3-0 win at the saluki invitational in carbondale, ill. ... debbie brown is 8-7 against the wildcats, with 13 of those contests coming during her tenure as head coach at arizona state (1-1 at notre dame, 7-6 at arizona state).

a day in the life of notre dame volleyball

monday, aug. 23	tuesday, aug. 24	wednesday, aug. 25	thursday, aug. 26	friday, aug. 27	saturday, aug. 28	sunday, aug. 29
practice - rolfs center (3:00-5:30 p.m.) lift - the gug (5:30 p.m.)	off (first day of classes)	lift - the gug (3:15 p.m.) practice - joyce center (4:00-6:00 p.m.) meet the team dinner (6:30 p.m.)	practice - joyce center (2:30-5:30 p.m.)	game - vs. marshall (7:00 p.m.)	game - vs. cal poly (7:30 p.m.)	game - vs. arizona (2:00 p.m.)
monday, aug. 30 off	tuesday, aug. 31 practice - rolfs center (2:30-5:00 p.m.) lift - gug (5:00-5:30 p.m.)	wednesday, sept. 1 practice - rolfs center (3:15-5:45 p.m.) lift - gug (5:45-6:15 p.m.)	thursday, sept. 2 travel day fly to reno	friday, sept. 3 game - vs. belmont (4:00 p.m.)	saturday, sept. 4 game - vs. weber state (10:00 a.m.) game - at nevada (7:00 p.m.)	sunday, sept. 5 travel day fly to south bend

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quick facts

location.....notre dame, ind. 46556
 founded..... 1842
 enrollment.....8,352 (undergraduate) / 11,603 (total)
 nicknamefighting irish
 colors..... gold and blue
 school fight song.....notre dame victory march
 conference big east
 facility purcell pavilion at the joyce center (9,149)
 president rev. john i. jenkins, c.s.c.
 provost..... thomas g. burish
 executive vice president john affleck-graves
 ncaa faculty representative..... don pope-davis
 director of athletics jack swarbrick
 deputy director of athletics / volleyball..... missy conboy

head coach.....debbie brown (arizona state '82)
 assistant coachmatt botsford (tri-state '98)
 assistant coachrobin davis (northern arizona '79)
 volunteer assistantleah johnson (missouri state '04)
 volleyball operations intern.....alisha ewing (bethel '05)

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looking behind

• notre dame posted a 21-7 overall record with a flawless 14-0 mark in big east play to secure the program's 25th overall – and 19th consecutive – winning season in 2009 ... the irish made their 17th trip to the ncaa tournament as the big east regular season championships received an at-large bid ... notre dame was ranked as high as no. 23 and received votes in the final avca top 25 poll.

• the avca named rightside hitter serinity phillips an all-american ... phillips, a senior from valley center, calif., earned third-team honors ... phillips became the 13th irish volleyball player since 1993 to earn all-america status.

• meeting in the big east championship for the fifth time in as many seasons, top-seeded notre dame and fourth-seeded louisville went head-to-head and put on a show in the semifinals of the 2009 big east volleyball championship ... louisville upset the fighting irish, 3-2, eliminating notre dame from the tournament for the fourth time in five years ... no. 23 notre dame saw its 15-match winning streak snapped ... the streak tied for second all-time in program history and was the longest since 2005

• debbie brown was named the big east conference volleyball coach of the year ... a trio of irish seniors – christina kaelin, serinity phillips and jamel nicholas – earned first-team all-big east honors while junior kellie sciacca was named to the second team.

• one week after securing the no. 1 seed for the upcoming big east conference championship, notre dame powered past georgetown (nov. 13) to clinch the league's regular-season title for the 11th time in program history ... it was the first outright title for the irish since 2004 after tying for first in 2005 ... notre dame received 12 kills from kellie sciacca and overcame deficits in each of the three periods to sweep the hoyas for the eighth consecutive time ... the irish improved to 14-0 against big east opponents and extended the nation's fifth-longest winning streak to 14 matches with a 3-1 win over usf (nov. 15) ... notre dame became the second team in league history to win each of its 14 regular-season conference contests as st. john's accomplished the feat in 2006, the first season in which the big east extended the league slate to 14 games ... now with seven undefeated big east regular-season efforts under its belt, notre dame last went unscathed in big east play in 2001 (12-0) ... the victory also earned the program its 18th 20-win season in 30 years of varsity competition.

• notre dame posted a 3-1 win over seton hall (oct. 31) in the opening match of the newly renovated purcell pavilion at the joyce center ... kristen dealy had 18 digs and accounted for 18.0 points with 16 kills (.483), two blocks and a service ace to open the match ... the win gave notre dame a 7-0 record in the month of october ... the sixth big east sweep of the season for notre dame came against rutgers (nov. 1) as the irish sent the scarlet knights home with a 3-0 defeat and held the visitors without a service ace ... it was the 17th consecutive win over rutgers and the 100th win for notre dame on its home floor against league opponents.

in the polls

avca coaches poll (aug. 17)		richkern.com poll (aug. 27)	
rank	school	rank	school
1	penn state (40)	1	nebraska
2	nebraska (16)	2	penn state
3	texas (4)	3	illinois
4	stanford	4	stanford
5	hawaii	5	texas
6	illinois	6	hawaii
6	minnesota	7	minnesota
8	washington	8	usc
9	iowa state	9	iowa state
10	usc	10	washington
11	california	11	florida
12	michigan	12	california
13	florida	13	colorado state
14	kentucky	14	michigan
15	florida state	15	kentucky
16	ucla	16	arizona
17	colorado state	17	ohio state
18	arizona	18	northern iowa
19	tennessee	19	florida state
20	oregon	20	dayton
21	dayton	21	tennessee
22	san diego	22	saint mary's
23	lsu	23	oklahoma
24	northern iowa	24	san diego
25	st. mary's	25	ucla
		26	oregon
		27	baylor
		28	lsu
		29	cincinnati
		39	notre dame

rv: long beach state 132; baylor 122; ohio state 120;
 texas a&m 117; oklahoma 69; duke 63; cincinnati
 53; uc santa barbara 51; utah 34; pepperdine 24; uc
 irvine 24; **notre dame** 21; ohio 18; saint louis 18;
 new mexico 15; new mexico state 14; san diego
 state 14; georgia tech 13; rice 8; michigan state 5;
 santa clara 5; wisconsin 5; wichita state 4; florida
 international 3; missouri state 2

the big east conference

2010 standings (thru aug. 26)					2010 big east preseason poll			
	big east	pct.	overall	pct.	2009 big east	2009 overall	2009 finish	
cincinnati	0 - 0	.000	0 - 0	.000	1. cincinnati	12-2	19-11	t-2nd
connecticut	0 - 0	.000	0 - 0	.000	2. louisville	10-4	21-11	4th
depaul	0 - 0	.000	0 - 0	.000	3. notre dame	14-0	21-7	1st
georgetown	0 - 0	.000	0 - 0	.000	4. marquette	6-8	18-12	t-8th
louisville	0 - 0	.000	0 - 0	.000	5. pittsburgh	12-2	20-11	t-2nd
marquette	0 - 0	.000	0 - 0	.000	6. usf	9-5	18-10	t-5th
notre dame	0 - 0	.000	0 - 0	.000	7. seton hall	6-8	12-19	t-8th
pittsburgh	0 - 0	.000	0 - 0	.000	8. syracuse	9-5	21-11	t-5th
rutgers	0 - 0	.000	0 - 0	.000	9. connecticut	7-7	14-17	7th
seton hall	0 - 0	.000	0 - 0	.000	10. st. john's	2-12	9-21	4th
st. john's	0 - 0	.000	0 - 0	.000	11. villanova	5-9	16-13	11th
usf	0 - 0	.000	0 - 0	.000	12. georgetown	4-10	14-16	12th
syracuse	0 - 0	.000	0 - 0	.000	13. west virginia	6-8	17-13	t-8th
villanova	0 - 0	.000	0 - 0	.000	14. rutgers	3-11	10-19	13th
west virginia	0 - 0	.000	0 - 0	.000	15. depaul	0-14	6-23	15th

notre dame was picked to finish third in 2010 big east conference regular season play, according to a vote of the league's 15 head coaches ... for the first time since joining the big east in 2005, cincinnati emerged as the favorite in the big east volleyball preseason coaches poll ... since the inception of round-robin play in 1990, 19 of the last 20 preseason favorites have advanced to the finals of the big east championship. of those favorites, 15 have captured the tournament championship and advanced to the ncaa championship, while 13 have taken the regular-season title ... however, the last team to be selected first in the preseason poll and win the regular-season crown was notre dame in 2004 ... first-round action of the big east volleyball championship begins nov. 19 in pittsburgh, pa.

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roster breakdown

class

seniors (4).....	megan dunne angela puente kellie sciacca stephanie slatt
juniors (2).....	kristen dealy frenchy silva
sophomores (3).....	hilary eppink marie roof christina theofilos
freshmen (6).....	maggie brindock sam brown sammie brown andrea mchugh andie olsen nicole smith

height

6-3	sam brown
6-2	hilary eppink andie olsen
6-1	marie roof kellie sciacca nicole smith
6-0	kristen dealy stephanie slatt
5-11	maggie brindock
5-10	sammie brown andrea mchugh
5-6	angela puente
5-4	megan dunne frenchy silva christina theofilos

position

outside hitter (5).....	kristen dealy andrea mchugh marie roof stephanie slatt nicole smith
middle blocker (4).....	sam brown hilary eppink andie olsen kellie sciacca
setter (2).....	maggie brindock sammie brown
libero / ds (4).....	megan dunne angela puente frenchy silva christina theofilos

state

california (6).....	sammie brown kristen dealy andrea mchugh andie olsen angela puente frenchy silva
colorado (1).....	kellie sciacca
florida (1).....	christina theofilos
illinois (1).....	megan dunne
indiana (1).....	hilary eppink
michigan (1).....	marie roof
new mexico (1).....	sam brown
tennessee (1).....	nicole smith
texas (1).....	maggie brindock
washington (1).....	stephanie slatt

pro-non-see-ay-shuns

megan dunne.....	done
hilary eppink	epp-pink
andrea mchugh.....	mick-hew
angela puente.....	pwenn-tay
kellie sciacca.....	shock-uh
frenchy silva	sill-vuh
christina theofilos	thee-off-oh-luss

the numbers game ...

[program]

all-time record.....	629-356 (.639)
big east regular season.....	162-21 (.885)
big east home record.....	89-7 (.927)
big east tournament.....	28-6 (.824)
ncaa tournament	14-17
first season.....	1980 / 30 seasons
winning seasons.....	23 (19 consecutive)
ncaa championship appearances.....	17
highest avca ranking.....	5th (10.31.05)
highest avca poll finish.....	12th (1994 / 2005)
all-american accolades.....	18
academic all-americans.....	3
big east championship titles.....	9
big east championship mvp	9
big east coach-of-the-year awards.....	6
big east player-of-the-year awards.....	6
big east setter-of-the-year awards.....	2
all-big east accolades	54 (since 1995)

[head coach debbie brown]

overall career record	562-253 (.690)
record at notre dame.....	445-170 (.724)
at the joyce center.....	220-43 (.837)
conference.....	189-21 (.900)
conference at home.....	101-7 (.935)
conference championship.....	38-6 (.864)
big east regular-season at home....	87-7 (.926)
big east championship	28-6 (.824)
• awards and honors	
1 ncaa silver anniversary award (2003)	
1 notre dame honorary monogram (1999)	
5-time avca regional coach of the year	
11-time conference coach of the year	
president, avca (1995-96)	
assistant coach, u.s. national team (1988-90)	
usc all-time great (2008)	
• at notre dame and beyond	
1 ncaa blocking title (lauren brewster, 2003)	
1 ncaa championship quarterfinal (1993)	

4 united states national team invitees
3 cosida academic all-americans
5 united states olympic festival participants
6 ncaa tournament round of 16 appearances
7 players in the professional ranks
8 byron v. kanaley award winners
9 conference players of the year
12 conference tournament mvp's
13 avca national top-25 finishes
13 conference tournament championships (9 big east, 4 midwestern collegiate)
15 regular-season conference championships (11 big east, 4 midwestern collegiate)
15 all-american accolades (at notre dame)
15 consecutive ncaa tournament appearances (1992-2006)
18 seasons with 20+ wins (14 at notre dame)
21 ncaa tournament appearances
20 finishes among ncaa statistical leaders

notre dame roster

no.	name	year	pos.	ht.	hometown	high school / club team
1	christina theofilos	so.	l / ds	5-3	tampa, fla.	berkeley / tampa bay juniors
2	marie roof	so.	oh	6-1	muskegon, mich.	mona shores / inside out
3	andrea mchugh	fr.	oh	5-10	yorba linda, calif.	el dorado / laguna beach
4	sam brown	fr.	mb	6-3	albuquerque, n.m.	st. pius x / new mexico juniors
5	andie olsen	fr.	mb	6-2	oakland, calif.	bishop o'dowd / golden bear
6	maggie brindock	fr.	s	5-11	rockwall, texas	rockwall / dallas premier
7	kellie sciacca	sr.	mb	6-1	monument, colo.	lewis-palmer / colorado juniors
8	frenchy silva	jr.	l / ds	5-4	laguna niguel, calif.	dana hills / laguna beach
9	nicole smith	fr.	oh	6-1	franklin, tenn.	fred page / impact
11	angela puente	sr.	l / ds	5-6	redondo beach, calif.	bishop montgomery / south bay
13	megan dunne	sr.	l / ds	5-4	palos heights, ill.	mother mcauley / celtic force
14	hilary eppink	so.	mb	6-2	westfield, ind.	westfield / team indiana
15	kristen dealy	jr.	oh	6-0	santa barbara, calif.	santa barbara / santa barbara
16	sammie brown	fr.	s	5-10	santa barbara, calif.	dos pueblos / santa barbara
17	stephanie slatt	sr.	oh	6-0	burien, wash.	john f. kennedy / puget sound

head coach: debbie brown (20th season / arizona state '82)

assistant coaches: matthew botsford (3rd season / tri-state '98)

robin davis (7th season / northern arizona '79)

volunteer assistant coach: leah johnson (1st season / missouri state '04)

volleyball operations intern: alisha ewing (3rd season / bethel '05)

athletic trainer: chantal porter (14th season / iowa state '94)

media information

[media credentials] credentials are only issued to accredited members of the working media ... admission will be granted to media members holding a notre dame volleyball credential only ... spouses, children and guests are not permitted in the press row area ... work space on press row can be limited and passes will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis ... requests for credentials should be directed to alan george of the notre dame sports information office ... media passes will be left at the joyce center volleyball ticket center.

[in-season interview policy] all requests for notre dame player or coach interviews must be made through alan george at 574.631.3397 ... please provide at least 24 hours notice for all interview requests and be aware that the student-athlete's academic obligations will always take precedence ... interviews may also be done in person before or after practice ... since practice times vary, please contact alan george for an updated schedule ... on game days, no interviews will be granted prior to competition.

[purcell pavilion at the joyce center] notre dame plays all of its home games at the purcell pavilion at the joyce center on the university of notre dame campus.

[post-game press conferences] notre dame head coach debbie brown and players, along with the visiting head coach and players, will be available to the media following a 10-minute "cooling off" period ... media members should submit player requests for post-match interviews to alan george within an appropriate time frame.

[photo credentials] photo passes will be issued by alan george to accredited members of the media and those individuals on special assignment ... all requests must be made at least 24 hours prior to each match ... during live action photographers are not allowed to shoot while stationed in front of or behind team benches, the scorer's table or press row ... photographers wishing to use strobes must contact alan george at least 72 hours prior to each match to obtain approval.

[radio broadcasts] visiting radio stations planning to originate from the joyce center must contact alan george at least 72 hours prior to each match in order to obtain approval for the broadcast and proper credentials ... additional broadcast lines should be ordered through notre dame telecommunications (carolyn rush - 574.631.7205) ... und.com provides live audio for selected home matches.

career records

sets played

1. janelle karlan (1990-93).....	491
2. jenny birkner (1993-96).....	473
3. maureen shea (1985-88).....	472

matches played

1. janelle karlan (1990-93).....	145
2. molly stark (1990-93).....	141
3. jenny birkner (1993-96).....	140

hitting percentage

1. malinda goralski (1998-01).....	.361
2. kellie sciacca (2007-current).....	.343
3. lauren brewster (2002-05).....	.314

kills

1. christy peters (1991-94).....	1683
2. angie harris (1994-97).....	1577
3. lauren brewster (2002-05).....	1485

kill average

1. angie harris (1994-97).....	3.97
2. christy peters (1991-94).....	3.82
3. zanette bennett (1985-88).....	3.44

attack attempts

1. christy peters (1991-94).....	4471
2. angie harris (1994-97).....	3905
3. adrianna stasiuk (2004-07).....	3682

double-doubles (kills / digs)

1. christy peters (1991-94).....	64
2. adrianna stasiuk (2004-07).....	62
3. jessica fiebelkorn (1989-92).....	42

assists

1. janelle karlan (1990-93).....	5197
2. ashley tarutis (2004-07).....	4761
3. denise boylan (1997-00).....	4687

assist average

1. denise boylan (1997-00).....	12.37
2. carey may (1994-97).....	12.09
3. julie bremner (1988).....	11.45

service aces

1. angie harris (1994-97).....	239
2. alicia turner (1989-92).....	135
3. adrianna stasiuk (2004-07).....	128

ace average

1. angie harris (1994-97).....	.602
2. nicole coates (1991-94).....	.383
3. jessica kinder (2000-03).....	.359

digs

1. meg henican (2002-05).....	1783
2. christy peters (1991-94).....	1640
3. adrianna stasiuk (2004-07).....	1489

dig average

1. meg henican (2002-05).....	4.18
2. christy peters (1991-94).....	3.72
3. adrianna stasiuk (2004-07).....	3.39
4. frenchy silva (2008-current).....	2.97
8. kristen dealy (2008-current).....	2.86

solo blocks

1. mary kay waller (1985-88).....	185
2. maureen shea (1985-88).....	129
3. lauren brewster (2002-05).....	124

block assists

1. lauren brewster (2002-05).....	610
2. mary leffers (1996-99).....	516
3. mary kay waller (1985-88).....	514

total blocks

1. lauren brewster (2002-05).....	734
2. mary kay waller (1985-88).....	699
3. mary leffers (1996-99).....	579

notre notes

on the heels of winning the 2005 big east conference regular season and tournament titles, notre dame entered the offseason with several unanswered questions and a few gaps in the roster: the departure of five seniors – including a pair of all-americans in lauren brewster and lauren kelbley – who steered the irish that season to the round of 16 in the ncaa tournament was offset by a six-person freshman class touted by volleyball magazine as the third-best in the nation.

fast forward four years.

the irish find themselves in a similar spot entering the 2010 campaign. after capturing the 2009 big east regular season crown adding another ncaa tournament trip to the program's resume, notre dame once will once again lose a bundle of experience in six seniors – which also includes a pair of all-american in christina kaelin and serinity phillips – but welcomes six freshmen to the program.

"people look at what we lost, and losing six seniors is huge, but we have a really strong core of players returning," irish head coach debbie brown said. "each of our upperclassmen have had different roles on the team and bring tremendous leadership to the court. they all have experience and have made significant contributions in the past, which will help us throughout 2010.

"it will be both fun and challenging with the six newcomers. having that much youth on the team is going to be a positive thing for our team. they are a top-15 class and very, very talented."

three-time all-avca northeast region performer kellie sciacca will be counted on to help harness that youth during her senior season. already one of the most efficient hitters in program history with a .343 career average, sciacca is the lone all-big east returner and one of the most experienced players on the roster. taking part in 323 sets through 87 matches played, sciacca has seen action in every contest since stepping on campus in 2007. her familiarity with the program will be dividends to a pair of towering freshmen middle blockers in sam brown (6-3) and andie olsen (6-2). sophomore hilary eppink, who showed flashes of brilliance in her first year with the irish, could give the team flexibility by playing on the outside while complementing the frontline.

senior liberos megan dunne and angela puente have combined with junior frenchy silva and sophomore christina theofilos to scoop over 1,400 shots on the defensive end of the net. dunne's consistent passing kept the offense in tact throughout 2009 and silva led the irish with 3.40 digs/set while ranking ninth among big east players with 3.93 digs/set in league play. she was also an alternate for the 2010 united states women's national a2 volleyball team.

"these returning players have worked really hard during the offseason and have embraced the idea of making this a great year," brown said. "our liberos and defensive specialists are some of the most experienced players on the team and in the league."

the pipes will be patrolled by five outside hitters who have a combined 644 career kills, as the team is lost starters kaelin, phillips and megan fesi to graduation. junior kristen dealy has accounted for 641 of those converted attacks, and the third-year starter will be once again be relied upon to be a six-rotation player. sophomore marie roof and senior stephanie slatt could get some looks on the edges, while stall will also continue her role as a serving specialist. freshman andrea mcugh, a member of the 2009 u.s. youth national team and a prepvolleyball.com all-american, could mirror dealy as an all-around threat on the court. fellow freshman and 2008 tennessee gatorade player of the year nicole smith will also be a threat to shoulder the offensive load.

setting duties will be divided between a pair of highly accomplished freshmen. maggie brindock was a prepvolleyball.com top 100 senior ace and was named to the avca all-american watch list in 2009. classmate sammie brown earned a spot on the usa girls youth national beach training team in 2009 and 2010 and participated in the 2009 world championships in blackpool, england, with the usa u21 youth national beach volleyball team. both setters look to fill the void left by jamel nicholas, who ranked fifth on the program's all-time assists list with 3,094. nicholas was the lone setter in 2009, accounting for 1,136 of the team's 1,293 assists (and 1,107 of 1,406 in 2008).

"compared from our first match on august 27 to the end of november and into december, we're going to see a team that is remarkably better," brown said. "that's part of the challenge we are looking forward to – seeing the team's growth throughout the season and its final product.

"we're counting on the upperclassmen to bring the freshmen along and teach them the ropes of the program. with the renewed energy the underclassmen bring, nothing is stale or boring to them. so from that angle, it will be a very positive experience. the practice gym will be very competitive because we will be so deep in every position. that provides a better atmosphere because the players know they have to be on top of their game in every practice and every match.

notre dame volleyball team was picked to finish third in 2010 big east conference regular season play, according to a vote of the league's 15 head coaches. for the first time since joining the big east in 2005, cincinnati emerged as the favorite in the big east volleyball preseason coaches poll. the bearcats were unanimously selected, receiving 196 points and all 14 first-place votes. louisville, the defending tournament champion, was picked second.

"i'm not too surprised by the poll and feel like we're in a good spot by being picked third," brown said. "losing six seniors from last season will leave a few questions unanswered. we're excited about competing this season and we're going to do all we can do to defend our regular season title while capturing the tournament crown as well."

since the inception of round-robin play in 1990, 19 of the last 20 preseason favorites have advanced to the finals of the big east championship. of those favorites, 15 have captured the tournament championship and advanced to the ncaa championship, while 13 have taken the regular-season title. however, the last team to be selected first in the preseason poll and win the regular-season crown was notre dame in 2004.

notre notes

after registering a perfect 14-0 mark in the regular season in 2009, notre dame and brown, the reigning big east coach of the year, placed dealy and sciaccia on the all-big east preseason team and will be counted on to shoulder the irish into the postseason. sciaccia led the conference in league play with a .429 hitting percentage in 2009.

notre dame starts the 2010 campaign by hosting the shamrock invitational at the purcell pavilion at the joyce center. marshall (aug. 27), cal poly (aug. 28) and arizona (aug. 29) will join the irish to open the season.

"we're excited to have the schedule completed, and we think it will be a very manageable yet competitive schedule for our program this season," brown said. "we like what we've done outside of conference play to help prepare us for what has been a big east slate that improves each season."

the irish will be on the road for the next two weeks with four-team invitationals at nevada (sept. 3-4) and denver (sept. 10-12). the wolfpack also welcomes belmont and weber state while notre dame join gonzaga and jacksonville state in colorado's mile high city.

the notre dame / adidas invitational marks the home return and final tune-up for big east play with matches versus delaware (sept. 17), santa clara (sept. 18) and dayton (sept. 19).

"with a young squad going into the season, we'll be tested early, and that will be a good indication as to where we stand and where we need to improve," brown said.

west virginia (sept. 24) and pittsburgh (sept. 26) will visit notre dame to conclude a five-match homestand and kickoff the big east portion of the schedule before a four-contest roadswing to usf (oct. 1), georgetown (oct. 3), louisville (oct. 9) and cincinnati (oct. 10).

depaul (oct. 15) will be the second of three home matches that coincide with home football games, follow by a mid-week tilt with western michigan (oct. 19).

five of the next six matches will be played at home with a single road trip to villanova (nov. 5) in store to begin the final month of the regular season.

a break in the conference schedule will come in the form of a nov. 7 match with northern iowa, as a twinbill at rutgers (nov. 13) and seton hall (nov. 14) wraps up action before the big east tournament (nov. 19-21), which will be hosted by pittsburgh. the top eight finishers in the big east regular season standings based on winning percentage will advance to the tournament. the event spans three days and is single elimination. espnu will televise the championship game on nov. 21. the tournament champion will receive the league's automatic bid to the ncaa's 30th annual division i women's volleyball championship.

the irish will travel to long beach state (nov. 26) for the second time in three seasons to prep for the ncaa championship (dec. 3-18).

six teams (arizona, cincinnati, dayton, jacksonville state, long beach state and louisville) on the 2010 slate participated in last year's postseason showdown.

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wide openers ...

notre dame is 23-7 (18-1 under head coach debbie brown) in home openers ... the irish are 18-8 (.692) in the month of august and 16-5 (.762) at home in august.

incoming class regarded by prepvolleyball.com ...

notre dame's six-person incoming freshman class – maggie brindock, sam brown, sammie brown, andrea mchugh, andie olsen and nicole smith – was tabbed by prepvolleyball.com as the nation's 13th-best recruiting class ... the newcomers will help replace six departing seniors which led the irish to the 2009 big east conference regular-season title and a national ranking ... notre dame received the highest ranking of any big east member ... usc, penn state and stanford held the top three spots, respectively, in the rankings ... notre dame's out-going six-person class was ranked fifth by prepvolleyball.com in 2006.

big east conference vs. non-conference ...

big east conference teams ended the 2009 season with a total record of 130-99 (.568) against non-conference opponents, the best winning percentage since 2005 when big east teams combined for a .627 winning percentage ... notre dame registered a win against the highest ranked team in 2009 when they beat no. 5 stanford on the opening weekend of play.

what returned from 2009

- 43% of kills (600 of 1409)
- 41% of attacks (1457 of 3585)
- 9.7% of assists (126 of 1293)
- 55% of aces (64 of 116)
- 59% of digs (828 of 1397)
- 58% of solo blocks (37 of 64)
- 35% of block assists (124 of 351)
- 43% of points (763 of 1764.5)

tracking milestones

player	has	needs	milestone
kristen dealy	641 k	109 k	750 career kills
megan dunne	451 d	49 d	500 career digs
angela puente	377 d	123 d	500 career digs
kellie sciaccia	790 k	210 k	1000 career kills

single-season records

sets played

1. marilyn cragin (1991)	139/140
2. maureen shea (1987)	138/144
3. katie kavanaugh (1991)	137/140

hitting percentage

1. mary kay waller (1986)	.395
2. malinda goralski (2001)	.379
3. malinda goralski (2000)	.380
6. kellie sciaccia (2009)	.359
8. kellie sciaccia (2007)	.343
10. kellie sciaccia (2008)	.332

kills

1. zanette bennett (1987)	548
2. christy peters (1993)	524
3. angie harris (1997)	492

kill average

1. christy peters (1994)	4.59
2. jaimie lee (1997)	4.55
3. christi girton (2000)	4.35

attack attempts

1. christy peters (1993)	1377
2. zanette bennett (1987)	1217
3. angie harris (1997)	1210
11. kristen dealy (2008)	987

double-doubles (kills / digs)

1. christy peters (1993)	26
2. alicia turner (1989)	22
3. adrianna stasiuk (2007)	21

assists

1. ashley tarutis (2005)	1573
2. carey may (1995)	1536
3. janelle karlan (1991)	1451

assist average

1. denise boylan (2000)	13.82
2. carey may (1995)	13.47
3. ashley tarutis (2005)	12.69

service aces

1. angie harris (1994)	75
2. angie harris (1995)	67
3. angie harris (1997)	59

ace average

1. angie harris (1996)	0.68
2. angie harris (1994)	0.66
3. angie harris (1995)	0.61

digs

1. meg henican (2005)	628
2. danielle herndon (2006)	582
3. meg henican (2004)	553

dig average

1. danielle herndon	5.11
2. meg henican (2005)	5.06
3. meg henican (2004)	4.94

solo blocks

1. mary kay waller (1988)	61
2. maureen shea (1986)	51
3. lauren brewster (2005)	50

block assists

1. lauren brewster (2002)	161
2. lauren brewster (2003)	155
jessica fiebelkorn (1991)	155

total blocks

1. mary kay waller (1988)	206
2. lauren brewster (2005)	202
3. jessica fiebelkorn (1991)	186

1 • christina theofilos • sophomore • libero • 5-3 • tampa, fla.



single-match career highs

assists [3] at depaul (10.23.09) [3] at depaul (10.23)
 aces [2] vs. miami (9.19.09) [2] vs. miami (9.19)
 receptions without an error [4] at depaul (10.23.09) [4] at depaul (10.23)
 digs [5] twice, last at depaul (10.23.09) [5] twice, last at depaul (10.23)
 matches without reception error [2] [2]

2009 season

/ extraordinary competitor with a priceless court personality for the irish / expects to win every point / very fundamental as a setter, passer and defensive player / great feet and speed / solid from behind the serving stripe /

as a freshman (2009): came off the bench primarily in serving situations ... played in 24 sets across 11 matches ... had an ace with two digs in her first career match versus michigan (sept. 6) ... returned to her home state and aced miami (sept. 19) twice while scooping five shots to help ensure the irish victory in five sets ... recorded an ace in each of her next two matches ... one ace and one dig against cincinnati (oct. 10) ... three digs at west virginia (oct. 18) ... three assist and five digs at depaul (oct. 23) ... had a pair of assists in a home win over rutgers (nov. 1) ... totaled six assists, five aces and 18 digs.

career statistics

season	sp	mp	k	k/s	e	ta	pct.	a	a/s	sa	sa/s	se	dig	d/s	re	bs	ba	tb	b/s	be	bhe	points	pts/s
2009	24	11	0	0.00	0	0	.000	6	0.25	5	0.21	10	18	0.75	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	2	5.0	0.21
total	24	11	0	0.00	0	0	.000	6	0.25	5	0.21	10	18	0.75	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	2	5.0	0.21

2 • marie roof • sophomore • outside hitter • 6-1 • muskegon, mich.



single-match career highs

kills [1] vs. rutgers (11.1.09) [1] vs. rutgers (11.1)
 attempts [1] twice, last vs. rutgers (11.1.09) [1] twice, last vs. rutgers (11.1)
 assists [3] at depaul (10.23.09) [3] at depaul (10.23)
 block assists [1] at wvu (10.18.09) [1] at wvu (10.18)
 total blocks [1] at wvu (10.18.09) [1] at wvu (10.18)
 points [0.5] at wvu (10.18.09) [0.5] at wvu (10.18)
 hitting pct. - 3s [.000] (0-0-1) at depaul (10.23.09) [.000] (0-0-1) at depaul (10.23)
 4s - -
 5s - -

2009 season

/ great attacker and blocker / has the ability to play all the way around the court / gifted athlete and fundamentally sound / strong competitive drive / passing and defense improved tremendously throughout her first season with the irish /

as a freshman (2009): played in seven matches on the season, seeing time at outside hitter and setter ... totaled 10 sets played with eight assists ... dished out three assists at depaul (oct. 23) ... recorded first career block at west virginia (oct. 18) ... slammed first kill against rutgers (nov. 1) ... saw action against louisville (nov. 21) during the big east tournament.

career statistics

season	sp	mp	k	k/s	e	ta	pct.	a	a/s	sa	sa/s	se	dig	d/s	re	bs	ba	tb	b/s	be	bhe	points	pts/s
2009	10	7	1	0.10	0	2	.500	8	0.80	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	1	1	0.10	0	0	1.5	0.10
total	10	7	1	0.10	0	2	.500	8	0.80	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	1	1	0.10	0	0	1.5	0.10

3 • andrea mchugh • freshman • outside hitter • 5-10 • yorba linda, calif.



/ outstanding all-around player / good ball control, passer and defender / plays well out of the back row / great court sense and understanding of the game /

the mchugh file: one of the most improved players in the nation ... crafty and powerful hitter ... member of the 2009 u.s. youth national team ... played in the 2009 fivb world youth championships in thailand ... ranked 76th among prepvolleyball.com's senior aces ... 2009 prepvolleyball.com all-american ... avca all-american watch list in 2009 ... first team all-cif division i, all-orange county, and century league mvp in 2009 ... led el dorado high school to the league championship in 2008 and 2009 ... el dorado was ranked 40th in the nation by prepvolleyball.com and 12th in california by maxpreps.com ... all-century league second team as el dorado high school also won the century league championship in 2007 ... all-tournament team at the dave mohs orange county championship, leading her team to a third-place finish ... all-tournament team at the las vegas durango fall classic ... all-tournament team at the redondo beach power classic ... one of prepvolleyball.com's top 150 sophomores ... two-time team captain ... set school records for single-season kills/set (2.42), digs (373) ... all-time leader in kills (1,019) and digs (793) ... also lettered in track as a high jumper ... full name is andrea lynn mchugh ... born aug. 18, 1992, in

long beach, calif. ... parents are jeff and lori mchugh ... father played basketball at stanford from 1975-1978 and one year professionally in switzerland ... has two siblings, matthew and lauren ... grandfather, jim hanna, played basketball and baseball at usc ... brother, matt, plays basketball at azusa pacific ... president of fellowship of christian athletes ... member of california scholarship federation ... enrolled in the first year of studies.

4 • sam brown • freshman • middle blocker • 6-3 • albuquerque, n.m.



/ accomplished multi-sport performer at the prep level / outstanding athlete with an amazing vertical jump / eager to learn more about the game / great size and stature for a first-year player /

the brown file: played volleyball, basketball and ran track during her prep career at st. pius x (n.m.) ... led the state in hitting pct. as a junior (.592) while playing in the north/south all-star contest ... guided her squad to three conference titles, a regional championship and was a three-time all-conference performer ... twice named all-city and all-state ... st. pius x finished second in the volleyball state tournament during brown's junior and senior campaigns ... daughter of carol and greg brown ... member of the national honor society and the saint sebastian club ... enrolled in the first year of studies.

5 • andie olsen • freshman • middle blocker • 6-2 • tampa, fla.



/ very strong middle blocker / attended notre dame's summer camp / extremely versatile / can play the middle and hits a great high ball on either side of the net / brings power to the middle blocker position /

the olsen file: four-time conference champion and three-time regional champion ... twice named to the all-conference team ... led prep squad to the north coast sectional title in 2008 ... junior national silver medalist in 2009 and 2010 ... recipient of the golden hammer athlete of the year award in 2008 and 2009 ... daughter of sharon and john olsen ... born aug. 7, 1992, in berkeley, calif. ... has one sister, emma ... enrolled in the first year of studies.

6 • maggie brindock • freshman • setter • 5-11 • rockwall, texas



/ relatively new to the setter position, but possesses enough athleticism to contribute all around the court / improves with each set / tremendous upside to her game / very experienced beach player /

the brindock file: earned four varsity letters at rockwall (texas) ... team mvp and team captain ... also captained club team ... ranked among program's leaders in aces and kills ... prepvolleyball.com top 100 senior ace ... dallas morning news all-area team and district 10-4a mvp as a senior ... named district's top setter in 2008 ... avca all-american watch list in 2009 ... qualified for junior olympics with dallas premier vbc ... named district's setter of the year ... led team to first-place finish at 2008 avpnxt wilson south central zone championships ... three-time academic all-district ... also earned all-america honors in gymnastics in 2007 and 2008 ... member of national honor society, national charity league and student council ... daughter of marguerite and andrew brindock ... has one sister, tess, who played volleyball at angelo state ... born aug. 18, 1992, in dallas, texas ... enrolled in the first year of studies.

7 • kellie sciacca • senior • middle blocker • 6-1 • monument, colo.



/ continues to climb the irish record book with her high hitting averages / smart blocker with great timing and leaping ability / good touch with soft shots / hits well off the slide /

single-match career highs

kills [20] at usf (9.26.08).....	[16] vs. ohio (12.4)
attempts [31] vs. western michigan (9.21.08)	[34] vs. ohio (12.4)
aces [3] three times, last vs. syracuse (10.14.07)	-
solo blocks [3] twice, last at marquette (11.6.09)	[3] twice, last at marquette (11.6)
block assists [1] vs. villanova (9.30.07)	[6] twice, last vs. seton hall (10.31)
total blocks [1] vs. villanova (9.30.07).....	[7] twice, last vs. cincinnati (10.10)
points [22.5] vs. syracuse (11.1.08).....	[19.0] vs. miami (9.19)
hitting pct. - 3s [.632] (14-2-19) vs. louisville (11.17.07)	[.588] (12-2-17) vs. georgetown (11.13)
4s [.643] (20-2-28) at usf (9.26.08).....	[.600] (7-1-10) vs. wisconsin (9.11)
5s [.625] (16-1-24) at santa clara (9.16.07)	[.500] (10-1-18) vs. cincinnati (10.10)
double-doubles (kills / blocks) [1].....	-
matches with 10+ kills [32].....	[8]
matches with 10+ blocks [3].....	-

2009 season

honors and awards: 2010 - preseason all-big east ... 2009 - avca all-northeast region / second team all-big east / preseason all-big east ... 2008 - avca all-northeast region / second team all-big east / shamrock invitational all-tournament team / diet coke classic all-tournament team / big east player of the week (sept. 29) ... 2007 - avca northeast region freshman of the year / big east freshman of the week (sept. 17, oct. 22, nov. 12) /

as a junior (2009): avca all-northeast region choice ... second team all-big east ... preseason all-big east selection ... climbed the irish record books with another impressive campaign ... ranked second in program history after her junior season with a career hitting pct. of .343 ... her .359 single-season clip recorded in 2009 is sixth all-time, and 31st nationally, giving her three of the top 11 marks on the list ... led the big east in league play with a .429 hitting pct. and was 10th with 1.21 blocks/set ... totaled 2.32 kills/set and 0.94 blocks/set ... accumulated 223 kills and 90 blocks (62 solo, 22 block assists) ... hit over .400 in each of the season's first two matches ... closed out the season with 16 kills on 34 swings (.382) in a five-set defeat to ohio (dec. 4) in the ncaa tournament ... eight matches with 10+ kills ... 12 matches with 4.0+ blocks ... totaled 279.0 points, fourth-best among irish players ... ranked second in blocks.

career statistics

season	sp	mp	k	k/s	e	ta	pct.	a	a/s	sa	sa/s	se	dig	d/s	re	bs	ba	tb	b/s	be	bhe	points	pts/s
2007	110	28	283	2.57	87	571	.343	5	0.05	24	0.22	45	48	0.44	0	11	111	122	1.11	12	2	373.5	3.39
2008	117	31	284	2.43	90	585	.332	5	0.04	12	0.10	40	38	0.32	0	17	87	104	0.89	10	1	356.5	3.04
2009	96	28	223	2.32	59	457	.359	1	0.01	0	0.00	10	15	0.16	0	22	68	90	0.94	6	0	279.0	2.91
total	323	87	790	2.45	236	1613	.343	11	0.03	36	0.11	95	101	0.31	0	50	266	316	0.98	28	3	1009.0	3.12

8 • frenchy silva • junior • libero • 5-4 • laguna niguel, calif.



single-match career highs

assists [7] vs. miami (9.19.09).....	[7] vs. miami (9.19)
aces [3] vs. cal poly (9.12.08).....	[2] vs. wisconsin (9.11)
receptions without an error [35] at syracuse (11.8.09).....	[35] at syracuse (11.8)
digs [23] at xavier (9.4.09).....	[23] at xavier (9.4)
matches with 10+ digs [27].....	[16]
matches with 20+ digs [4].....	[3]
matches without reception error [23].....	[9]

2009 season

/ one of the most athletic liberos in the big east / has the quickness to cover a large chunk of the court / energetic and plays with a lot of emotion / strong court leader / alternate for the 2010 united states women's national a2 volleyball team /

as a sophomore (2009): led the irish with 3.40 digs/set ... scooped 323 shots in 95 sets ... ranked ninth among big east players with 3.93 digs/set in league play ... second on the team with 0.68 assists/set while totaling 65 dimes ... fielded .947 of the serves that came her way, finishing nine matches without an error (including 35 of 35 at syracuse on nov. 8) ... dished out nine assists in a five-set win versus miami (sept. 19) ... posted a season-high 23 digs at xavier (sept. 4), one of three matches with 20+ digs ... had 21 digs against both wvu (oct. 18) and marquette (nov. 8) ... went six straight matches with 10+ digs (sept. 19-oct. 4) and closed the season with double-digit dig totals in seven of the final eight contests ... delivered an ace in the first match of the season with denver (aug. 28) ... two aces dropped in a four-setter with wisconsin (sept. 11) ... six assists and 14 digs at florida state (sept. 20) ... 18 digs against villanova (oct. 4) ... 17 digs against louisville (nov. 21) in the big east tournament ... three matches with 20+ received serves without an error ... totaled three kills and 10 aces for 13.0 points on the season.

career statistics

season	sp	mp	k	k/s	e	ta	pct.	a	a/s	sa	sa/s	se	dig	d/s	re	bs	ba	tb	b/s	be	bhe	points	pts/s
2008	94	27	4	0.04	1	9	.333	51	0.54	6	0.06	31	239	2.54	16	0	0	0	0.00	0	1	10.0	0.11
2009	95	27	3	0.03	0	4	.750	65	0.68	10	0.11	38	323	3.40	30	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	13.0	0.14
total	189	54	7	0.04	1	13	.462	116	0.61	16	0.08	69	562	2.97	46	0	0	0	0.00	0	1	23.0	0.12

9 • nicole smith • freshman • outside hitter • 6-1 • franklin, tenn.



/ strong attacker with a good vertical / has worked hard to develop her overall game / enters the program with an impressive prep resume / will add depth to the outside hitter position /

the smith file: led fred page (tenn.) to four conference and regional titles ... four-time team mvp, all-conference, all-city and all-state performer ... totaled 1,989 kills during her high school career, with 570 recorded during her senior season ... also had 244 blocks and 383 aces ... played in the 2010 tennessee all-star match ... earned all-america recognition as a sophomore ... 2008 tennessee gatorade player of the year ... john maher scholar-athlete candidate ... part of prepvolleyball.com's top 100 seniors list in 2008 ... class aa state runner-up in 2009 while serving as team captain ... two-time district mvp ... three-time regional mvp ... named to prepvolleyball.com's top freshmen, sophomore and junior lists in those respective seasons ... named to all-tournament team and mvp at 2008 junior olympics ... team won the national event in 2008 and 2006 ... all-tournament member at the junior olympics in 2006 ... participated in the 2008 usva a2 training camp in tucson, ariz. ... tennessee volleyball all-star match participant ... set school's track and field records in high jump (state champion in 2008), long jump (state champion in 2008), hurdles and pentathlon (state runner-up in 2007) ... on the ball magazine track athlete of the

year in 2008 ... daughter of sharon and scott smith ... mother played basketball and volleyball at ferris state ... has two brothers, aaron and austin ... born march 9, 1992, in grand rapids, mich. ... hails from same area – and played on same club team – as irish all-american lauren brewster ... member of national honor society, national english honor society, national science honor society and mu alpha theta ... enrolled in the first year of studies.

11 • angela puente • senior • libero • 5-6 • redondo beach, calif.



single-match career highs

assists [3] twice, last at louisville (10.4.08)..... [1] four times, last vs. rutgers (11.1) aces [2] twice, last vs. rutgers (11.1.09)..... [2] vs. rutgers (11.1) receptions without an error [34] at tennessee (11.23.07)..... [9] vs. rutgers (11.1) digs [18] twice, last vs. usf (11.4.07) [11] vs. tennessee (9.5)

2009 season

matches with 10+ digs [18]..... [1] matches without reception error [33]..... [10]

/ solid defensive player who gives team flexibility and depth / talented and smooth passer / great communicator / also has tremendous leaping and hitting skills / studied aboard in spain during summer of 2010 /

as a junior (2009): totaled 40 sets played with 34 digs ... dished out four assists and landed six aces ... added a pair of kills to her resume ... completed 10 matches without a reception error, including 22 straight over a two-affair stretch from oct. 31-nov. 1 ... recorded a kill and an ace with two digs in a 3-0 sweep of stanford (aug. 29) on the opening weekend of the season ... four digs in three sets at xavier (sept. 4) ... posted a season-high 11 digs with an ace and one kill versus tennessee (sept. 5) ... aced st. john's (sept. 27) during a three-set road win ... recorded an ace with three digs against seton hall (oct. 31) and notched two more aces one day later in a 3-0 sweep of rutgers (nov. 1) ... saw playing time in the big east championship against louisville (nov. 21) ... cleanly received each serve that came her way during a five-set match with ohio (dec. 4) in the ncaa tournament.

career statistics

season	sp	mp	k	k/s	e	ta	pct.	a	a/s	sa	sa/s	se	dig	d/s	re	bs	ba	tb	b/s	be	bhe	points	pts/s
2007	98	26	2	0.02	2	8	.000	18	0.18	4	0.04	18	276	2.82	26	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	6.0	0.06
2008	50	23	0	0.00	1	4	-.250	14	0.28	2	0.04	16	67	1.34	7	0	1	1	0.02	0	1	2.5	0.04
2009	40	18	2	0.05	4	10	-.200	4	0.10	6	0.15	9	34	0.85	5	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	8.0	0.20
total	188	67	4	0.02	7	22	-.136	36	0.19	12	0.06	43	377	2.01	38	0	1	1	0.01	0	1	16.5	0.09

13 • megan dunne • senior • libero • 5-4 • palos heights, fla.



single-match career highs

assists [6] vs. western michigan (9.21.08).....	[3] twice, last at pittsburgh (10.18)	2009 season
aces [2] twice, last vs. new mexico state (9.13.09).....	[2] vs. new mexico state (9.13)	
receptions without an error [30] vs. st. john's (11.22.08).....	[21] vs. rutgers (11.1)	
digs [23] at lsu (10.23.07).....	[12] twice, last vs. rutgers (11.1)	
matches with 10+ digs [17].....	[2]	
matches with 20+ digs [3].....	-	
matches without reception error [40].....	[17]	

/ worked her way into the lineup as the go-to libero during her sophomore campaign and continued her emergence as a significant contributor in 2009 / high-energy player / one of the best passers on the team / exceptional technique / a defensive cog on the floor for the irish / father ('73), brother ('08) and cousin ('06) each graduated from notre dame / father was captain of cross country team /

as a junior (2009): fifth on the squad with 1.49 digs/set after playing in 84 sets ... scooped 125 shots including two 12-dig performances ... posted a serve-receive clip of .972 with eight errors in 288 attempts to lead the team ... lasted 15 matches without a reception error ... scratched out five aces, 20 assists and three kills ... had seven digs and three assists against michigan (sept. 6) ... dropped two aces against new mexico state (sept. 13) in the notre dame / adidas invitational ... fielded 45 serves without an error across three matches from oct. 4-oct. 11 ... had seven digs against villanova (oct. 4), cincinnati (oct. 10) and pittsburgh (oct. 17) ... went six straight matches (oct. 18-nov. 8) with a reception error while accomplishing the feat in 10 of the last 12 contests to close the season ... had 12 digs in back-to-back matches with seton hall (oct. 31) and rutgers (nov. 1) ... passed a season-high 21 serves without an error in the former match against the pirates ... one kill with eight digs in the home closer with usf (nov. 15) ... totaled 11 digs and 26 receptions without an error in the big east tournament (nov. 20-21) ... eight digs against ohio (dec. 4) in the ncaa tournament.

career statistics

season	sp	mp	k	k/s	e	ta	pct.	a	a/s	sa	sa/s	se	dig	d/s	re	bs	ba	tb	b/s	be	bhe	points	pts/s
2007	57	23	2	0.04	0	5	.400	12	0.21	0	0.00	0	90	1.58	16	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	2.0	0.04
2008	84	25	1	0.01	0	6	.167	43	0.51	7	0.08	17	236	2.81	17	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	8.0	0.10
2009	84	25	3	0.04	1	5	.400	20	0.24	5	0.06	13	125	1.49	8	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	8.0	0.10
total	225	73	6	0.03	1	16	.312	75	0.33	12	0.05	30	451	2.00	41	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	18.0	0.08

14 • hilary eppink • sophomore • middle blocker • 6-2 • westfield, ind.



single-match career highs

kills [8] vs. michigan (9.6.09).....	[8] vs. michigan (9.6)	2009 season
attempts [16] vs. michigan (9.6.09).....	[16] vs. michigan (9.6)	
aces [1] twice, last at wvu (10.18.09).....	[1] twice, last at wvu (10.18)	
solo blocks [2] at depaul (10.23.09).....	[2] at depaul (10.23)	
block assists [8] at marquette (11.6.09).....	[8] at marquette (11.6)	
total blocks [8] at marquette (11.6.09).....	[8] at marquette (11.6)	
points [9.5] twice, last at depaul (10.23.09).....	[9.5] twice, last at depaul (10.23)	
hitting pct. - 3s [1.000] (3-0-3) at st. john's (9.27.09).....	[1.000] (3-0-3) at st. john's (9.27)	
4s [571] (4-0-7) at marquette (11.6.09).....	[571] (4-0-7) at marquette (11.6)	
5s [333] (4-1-9) vs. miami (9.19.09).....	[333] (4-1-9) vs. miami (9.19)	

/ comes off a solid freshman campaign with the irish and adjusted well to the college game / strong middle blocker with the ability to play from the outside / moves very well around the net /

as a freshman (2009): participated in 20 matches for the irish in her first collegiate campaign ... played in 39 sets ... hit .317 while leading all freshmen in kills (51), total blocks (39) and points (76.0) ... recorded both a kill and a block against denver (aug. 28) in her first career match ... recorded match-high hitting percentage (.438) in a tussle against michigan (sept. 6) while slapping a season-best eight kills ... tallied six blocks, three kills, two digs and an ace at florida state (sept. 20) ... in her first big east contest, slammed five kills with three digs at connecticut (sept. 25) ... lambasted seven kills while leading the irish in hitting percentage (.750) in a big east clash at depaul (oct. 23) ... led team with four blocks in 3-0 win over rutgers (nov. 1) ... season-high eight blocks came during a 3-1 victory over marquette (nov. 8) ... five kills on eight swings and four blocks highlighted her cameo at syracuse (nov. 8) ... sent back three seton hall attacks in her first big east tournament appearance on nov. 20.

career statistics

season	sp	mp	k	k/s	e	ta	pct.	a	a/s	sa	sa/s	se	dig	d/s	re	bs	ba	tb	b/s	be	bhe	points	pts/s
2009	39	20	51	1.31	18	104	.317	0	0.00	2	0.05	8	9	0.23	1	7	32	39	1.00	4	0	76.0	1.95
total	39	20	51	1.31	18	104	.317	0	0.00	2	0.05	8	9	0.23	1	7	32	39	1.00	4	0	76.0	1.95

15 • kristen dealy • junior • outside hitter • 6-0 • santa barbara, calif.



/ established herself in 2009 as one of the region's top all-around players / one of the league's hardest hitters from anywhere on the court / possesses the ability to play a number of positions / great demeanor on the court along /

single-match career highs

kills [23] vs. louisville (11.21.09) [23] vs. louisville (11.21)
 attempts [56] at villanova (10.25.08)..... [54] vs. louisville (11.21)
 assists [3] five times, last vs. villanova (10.4.09)..... [3] vs. villanova (10.4)
 aces [4] vs. wvu (10.11.08)..... [3] twice, last vs. louisville (10.11)
 receptions without an error [52] vs. marquette (11.2.08)..... [39] vs. louisville (10.11)
 digs [20] at connecticut (9.25.09) [20] at connecticut (9.25)
 solo blocks [4] at long beach (10.21.08)..... [2] at marquette (11.6)
 block assists [7] vs. western michigan (9.21.08)..... [4] vs. cincinnati (10.10)
 total blocks [7] twice, last vs. st. john's (11.14.08) [5] vs. cincinnati (10.10)
 points [25.0] vs. louisville (11.21.09)..... [25.0] vs. louisville (11.21)
 hitting pct. - 3s [538] (8-1-13) vs. liberty (9.19.08)..... [412] (7-0-17) vs. seton hall (11.20)
 4s [483] (16-2-29) vs. seton hall (10.31.09)..... [483] (16-2-29) vs. seton hall (10.31)
 5s [296] (23-7-54) vs. louisville (11.21.09)..... [296] (23-7-54) vs. louisville (11.21)

2009 season

double-doubles (kills / digs) [21] [9]
 matches with 10+ kills [36] [15]
 matches with 20+ kills [2] [2]
 matches with 10+ digs [31] [16]
 matches without reception error [23] [10]

honors and awards: 2009 - big east championship all-tournament team / big east player of the week (sept. 14) / cvu.com top performer (nov. 3) / notre dame invitational mvp / shamrock invitational all-tournament team ... 2008 - big east championship all-tournament team / big east freshman of the week (nov. 17) /

as a sophomore (2009): steadied notre dame by finishing second on the team in kills/set (3.23), digs/set (2.94) and points/set (3.68) ... led the irish with 875 attempts, 24 aces and 616 received serves ... fifth with 31.0 blocks and 22 assists ... hit .202 with 317 kills, one of two players with 300+ converted attacks.

career statistics

season	sp	mp	k	k/s	e	ta	pct.	a	a/s	sa	sa/s	se	dig	d/s	re	bs	ba	tb	b/s	be	bhe	points	pts/s
2008	116	31	324	2.79	149	987	.177	23	0.20	30	0.26	44	325	2.80	30	10	53	63	0.54	5	2	390.5	3.36
2009	98	28	317	3.23	140	875	.202	22	0.22	24	0.24	34	288	2.94	27	8	23	31	0.32	11	0	360.5	3.67
total	214	59	641	3.00	289	1862	.189	45	0.21	54	0.25	78	613	2.86	57	18	76	94	0.44	16	2	751.0	3.51

16 • sammie brown • freshman • setter • 5-10 • santa barbara, calif.



/ brings tremendous experience to the setter position / great all-around player / good blocker / versatile sand volleyball player / her knowledge of the game will bring added value to the roster /

the brown file: member of usa girls youth national beach training team in 2009 and 2010 ... participated in the 2009 world championships in blackpool, england, with the usa u21 youth national beach volleyball team ... three-year varsity starter and team mvp as a senior ... led team to channel league titles in 2008 and 2009 ... 2008 cif 1a finalist ... team finished first in 2009 californian challenge ... californian challenge all-tournament team member ... first team all-channel league in 2008 and a second-team choice in 2007 ... led club team to a silver medal at the 2008 and 2009 junior olympics ... member of the 2008 and 2009 junior olympics all-tournament team ... gold medalist winner at the 2006 junior olympics ... three-time all-conference and all-city selection ... daughter of tina and patrick brown ... mother (volleyball) and father (football) earned varsity letters as cal poly slo ... sister, kessie, is currently a senior setter at cal state los angeles ... born march 26, 1992 ... member of national honor society ... ap scholar ... played for same club team as current irish outside hitter kristen dealy ... enrolled in the first year of studies.

17 • stephanie slatt • senior • outside hitter • 6-0 • burien, wash.



single-match career highs

2009 season

kills [1] three times, last vs. marquette (11.2.08).....	-
attempts [3] vs. depaul (10.19.07).....	-
assists [1] vs. seton hall (9.29.07).....	-
aces [4] vs. new mexico state (9.13.09).....	[4] vs. new mexico state (9.13)
receptions without an error [3] vs. seton hall (9.2.07).....	-
digs [2] five times, last at florida (11.28.09).....	[2] four times, last at florida (11.28)
block assists [1] vs. rutgers (10.6.07).....	-
total blocks [1] vs. rutgers (10.6.07).....	-
points [4.0] vs. new mexico state (9.13.09).....	[4.0] vs. new mexico state (9.13)
hitting pct. - 3s [1.000] (1-0-1) vs. georgetown (11.2.07).....	-
matches without reception error [2].....	[2]

/ reliable server and extremely efficient from behind the stripe / continues to improve upon all aspects of her game as her career progresses / her athleticism and agility helps provides depth to the irish squad /

as a junior (2009): punched in number of clutch aces throughout the season off the stroke of a tremendous float serve ... tossed up 203 serves with 12 aces ... four of those aces came against new mexico state (sept. 13) ... recorded at least one ace in eight different affairs ... completed 10 matches with a service error ... totaled 16 digs with four multi-dig efforts to aid the irish defense ... twice aced connecticut (sept. 25) to open the big east portion of the schedule ... saw action in each of the frames played against louisville (nov. 21), florida (nov. 28) and ohio (dec. 4) to close the season ... played in 76 sets.

career statistics

season	sp	mp	k	k/s	e	ta	pct.	a	a/s	sa	sa/s	se	dig	d/s	re	bs	ba	tb	b/s	be	bhe	points	pts/s
2007	11	8	2	0.18	1	6	.167	1	0.09	0	0.00	3	3	0.27	0	0	1	1	0.09	0	0	2.5	0.18
2008	33	15	0	0.00	1	2	-.500	1	0.03	5	0.15	12	3	0.09	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	5.0	0.15
2009	76	26	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	12	0.16	22	16	0.21	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	1	12.0	0.16
total	120	49	2	0.02	2	8	.000	2	0.02	17	0.14	37	22	0.18	0	0	1	1	0.01	0	1	19.5	0.16