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## NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S LACROSSE

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### #14/#13 Irish Look To Improve 4-0 Start With Home Games Versus Lehigh And #16 James Madison

\*\* Notre Dame opens four-game homestand with wins over Ohio University (18-6) and No. 18 Cornell (17-15).

\*\* Crysti Foote is **BIG EAST** offensive player of the week for second consecutive week with 16 points in two games.

### 2006 NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S LACROSSE (4-0/0-0)

#### February

24 Fri. at California W, 23-11  
26 Sun. at -/#20 Stanford W, 12-11 (3 ot)

#### March

3 Thur. **Ohio University** W, 18-6  
5 Sun. **#18 Cornell** W, 17-15  
8 Wed. **Lehigh** 4:00 p.m.  
12 Sun. -/#16 James Madison 12:00 noon  
16 Thur. vs. Loyola \* - CSTV 7:00 p.m.  
(at Wellington, Fla.)  
18 Sun. at Northwestern 1:00 p.m. (CST)  
25 Sat. **Canisius** 1:00 p.m.  
31 Fri. at Connecticut \* 1:00 p.m.

#### April

5 Wed. at Ohio State 4:00 p.m.  
9 Sun. at Duke 1:00 p.m.  
15 Sat. at Georgetown \* 12:00 noon  
23 Sun. at Rutgers \* 12:00 noon  
29 Sat. **Syracuse \*** 1:00 p.m.

#### May

7 Sun. **Vanderbilt** 12:00 noon

\* BIG EAST Conference Game.  
Home game in **bold**  
All times are local to game site.

### 2006 TEAM INFORMATION

#### Head Coach

**Tracy Coyne** (Ohio University, 1983)  
10th season at Notre Dame (76-60, .559)  
Overall 19th season (190-86, .688)

#### Assistant Coaches

**Alissa Moser** (Notre Dame, 2002)  
Second Season at Notre Dame  
**Kateri Linville** (Delaware, 2003)  
First Season at Notre Dame

#### Volunteer Assistant

**Kathryn Lam** (Notre Dame, 2002)  
First Season

#### 2006 Captains

Carol Dixon  
Crysti Foote

#### Probable Starting Lineup

#1	Caitlin McKinney	A	So.
#3	Kristin Hopson	D	Jr.
#4	Jill Byers	A	Fr.
#5	Meghan Murphy	A	Jr.
#9	Kerry Van Shura	D	Sr.
#10	Alicia Billings	M/D	Fr.
#14	Mary Carpenter	M	So.
#16	Becky Ranck	M/D	So.
#18	Crysti Foote	M	Sr.
#23	Meaghan Fitzpatrick	D	Jr.
#31	Kaki Orr	M	Jr.
#34	Carol Dixon	GK	Gr.

• **The Game:** #14/#13 Notre Dame (4-0/0-0) vs. Lehigh (1-1/0-0)  
• **Date/Site/Time:** Wed., March 8, 2006 - 4:00 p.m. - Loftus Center - Notre Dame, Ind.

• **The Game:** #14/#13 Notre Dame (4-0/0-0) vs. -/#16 James Madison (2-0/0-0)  
• **Date/Site/Time:** Sun., March 12, 2006 - 12:00 noon - Loftus Center - Notre Dame, Ind.

**IRISH WRAP UP HOMESTAND VERSUS LEHIGH AND JAMES MADISON:** The Notre Dame Fighting Irish women's lacrosse team will look to continue its' current four-game winning streak with a pair of home games this week versus Lehigh and James Madison. Lehigh will visit the Loftus Center on Wed., March 8 for a 4:00 p.m. game versus the Irish. The Mountain Hawks will be meeting Notre Dame for the first time in women's lacrosse. They bring a 1-1 record to South Bend after winning their season opener at Fairfield (14-13) before dropping an 18-7 decision at home to Drexel on March 3. James Madison will also make its first appearance at Notre Dame on Sunday, March 12 at 12:00 noon. The two teams have met three times in the past, twice at JMU and once on a neutral field. The Dukes are 2-0 on the season with wins over Longwood (22-6) and at Yale (10-9). They will face Virginia Tech on March 8 at Hilton Head, S.C., before traveling to Notre Dame. James Madison received votes in this week's IWLCA poll and were ranked 16th in the *Inside Lacrosse* poll. Notre Dame comes into the week with a 4-0 record after wins versus Ohio University (18-6) and No. 18 Cornell (17-15) last week. The Irish are ranked 14th in the IWLCA poll and 13th by *Inside Lacrosse*.

**IRISH VERSUS MOUNTAIN HAWKS:** Wednesday's game between Notre Dame and Lehigh University will be the first meeting between the two schools.

**NOTRE DAME VERSUS JAMES MADISON:** The Irish and the Dukes have met three times in the past, twice in Harrisonburg, Va., and once at Orlando, Fla. The Irish are 1-2 against James Madison with the lone win coming on March 14, 2004, a 9-7 win at Orlando. Notre Dame has dropped two games at James Madison - March 2, 2001, a 15-4 loss and then last season, on March 13, a 10-5 loss.

**HEAD COACH TRACY COYNE:** Notre Dame head coach **Tracy Coyne** is in her 10th season as the head coach of the Irish and is the only coach in the program's Division I history. Coyne owns a 76-60 (.559) record at Notre Dame and is 190-86 (.688) in her 19-year coaching career. Last season, Coyne's squad was 3-12 on the year and 1-4 in BIG EAST play. The Irish lost seven games by three goals or less, including four, one-goal decisions. The year before, 2004, Coyne led the Irish to a 12-5 overall record and second place in the BIG EAST with a 4-2 record. She was selected the 2004 BIG EAST coach of the year. Notre Dame advanced to the NCAA tournament for the second time in the program's history, dropping a 10-8 decision at Northwestern. The Pittsburgh, Pa., native led Denison (1988) and Roanoke (1990, 1991, 1992, 1994, 1996) to the NCAA Division III tournament during stops at those schools. A 1983 graduate of Ohio University, Coyne has coached on the international level as the head coach for the Canadian women's lacrosse national team since 1999. Last year, she led Team Canada to a fourth-place finish at the 2005 World Cup, her second fourth-place finish (2001) as Canada's field boss. Coyne is 0-0 all-time versus Lehigh and 1-2 against James Madison in her coaching career.

**BACK AT IT:** Senior captain **Crysti Foote (Suffern, N.Y.)** was named the BIG EAST offensive player of the week for the second consecutive week by the conference office. Last week, Foote collected nine goals and seven assists for 16 points in wins over Ohio University and Cornell. In the 18-6 win over Ohio, Foote had four goals and four assists for eight points. She followed that with eight points (5g, 3a), all in the first half, in the 17-15 win over Cornell. In four games this season, Foote leads the Irish in scoring with 21 goals and 10 assists for 31 points or 7.75 points per game.

**HONOR ROLL:** Junior defensive standout **Meaghan Fitzpatrick (Farmingdale, N.Y.)** was named to the BIG EAST honor roll for her play on the defensive side of the ball last week. She had seven ground balls, three draw controls and five caused turnovers in the two Irish wins.

**FAST START:** Notre Dame's 4-0 start is the best for the Irish since starting the 2004 season with a 10-game winning streak. The Irish finished that year with a 12-5 overall record.

**GOAL-SCORING RAMPAGE:** Through the first four games of the 2006 season, Notre Dame has scored 70 goals for a 17.50 goals per game average. The Irish record for goals per game in a season is 13.56 and was set in the program's first season, 1997.

**BOBCAT BASHING:** Notre Dame broke open a close game in the second half, scoring nine of the final 10 goals of the game to defeat Ohio University, 18-6. The Irish led 8-4 at halftime and then 9-5 early in the second before scoring nine times in the last 20 minutes. **Crysti Foote** led the attack with four goals and four assists. **Jill Byers (Fr., Northport, N.Y.)** added three goals and two assists while **Brittany Fox (Sr., Annapolis, Md.)** also had three goals in the game. **Caitlin McKinney (So., Lafayette Hill, Pa.)** had two goals and two assists and **Meghan Murphy (Jr., Centennial, Colo.)** also had a two-goal game. **Carol Dixon (Sr., Pennsauken, N.J.)** made 15 saves in the win as **Tracy Coyne** ran her record versus her alma mater to 7-0 all-time.

**BIG RED WIN:** Notre Dame handed No. 18 Cornell its first loss of the season on Sunday with a 17-15 win. The Irish let this one get closer than necessary as they built a 17-11 lead before surrendering the final four goals of the game. Foote again led the way with five goals and three assists while McKinney and sophomore **Mary Carpenter (Rochester, N.Y.)** each had three goals. **Jill Byers** and **Heather Ferguson (So., Newtown Square, Pa.)** each scored twice in the win. Dixon was credited with 14 saves in the game as Cornell out shot the Irish, 35-33 in the game.

**TERRIFIC TRIUMVIRATE:** Notre Dame's high-scoring trio of **Crysti Foote**, **Jill Byers** and **Caitlin McKinney** have had the hot hand for the Irish in the first four games of the season. The trio has now combined for 46 goals and 26 for 72 points in those games. Foote leads the way with 21 goals and 10 assists. Byers is second with 15 tallies and six assists for 21 points while McKinney is one point off that pace with 10 goals and 10 assists for 20 points. Foote picked up the game-winning goal versus California and Byers had the sudden-death game winner against Stanford.

**MILESTONE GOAL:** When **Crysti Foote** scored just 34 seconds into the game with Ohio University, marked the 100th goal of her Notre Dame career, making her just one of four players in school history with 100 goals. Going into the game against Lehigh, Foote currently ranks fourth in goals (108) - one behind **Meredith Simon '04** for third; fifth in assists (46) - three behind Simon for fourth; and fourth in points (154) - four behind Simon for third all-time.

2006 Notre Dame Personnel Breakdown

**Top Returnees (yr., pos., ht./wt., ... 2005 stats)**

Carol Dixon (Gr., GK, 3-12, 11.04, .447) ..... Team captain; all-BIG EAST candidate; backbone of Irish defense  
 Crysti Foote (Sr., M/A, 34-16-50, 15 GP) ..... Top returning scorer; preseason all-BIG EAST; all-America candidate  
 Brittany Fox (Sr., A, 18-5-23, 14 GP) ..... Quality reserve who comes through in the clutch off the bench  
 Kerry Van Shura (Sr., D, 2-0-2, 15 GP) ..... Lone senior on defense; big-play defender with good speed  
 Lena Zentgraf (Sr., M/D, 11-8-19, 15 GP) ..... Outstanding all-around athlete who returns to lineup in 2006  
 Meaghan Fitzpatrick (Jr., D, 0-0-0, 164GP) ..... Top match-up defender for the Irish; all-BIG EAST candidate in 2006  
 Kristin Hopson (Jr., D, 0-0-0, 15 GP) ..... Quick, physical defender who will move into a starting role in 2006  
 Megan Murphy (Jr., A, 6-1-7, 3 GP) ..... Making comeback from knee injury; smart, intelligent playmaker  
 Kaki Orr (Jr., M, 11-1-12, 15 GP) ..... Fast, physical midfielder who provides energy to the ND lineup  
 Mary Carpenter (So., M, 6-3-9, 15 GP) ..... Quick, hard-working midfielder who should be a key contributor  
 Heather Ferguson (So., A, 4-5-9, 15 GP) ..... Talented attack player who will push for more playing time in 2006  
 Caitlin McKinney (So., M/A, 28-12-40, 15 GP) ... Speedy scorer; preseason all-BIG EAST; all-America candidate  
 Becky Ranck (So., D, 0-0-0, 11 GP) ..... Big, physical defender; will be a major contributor on Irish backline

**Top Players Lost (yr., pos., 2005 stats)**

Jackie Bowers (Sr., A, 10-9-19, 15 GP) ..... Three-year monogram winner; 27g-21a-48 pts in 42 GP  
 Maura Costello (Sr., M/D, 0-0-0, 3 GP) ..... Reserve midfielder  
 Bridget Higgins (Gr., D, 0-0-0, 15 GP) ..... Fifth-year defender; three-time monogram winner  
 Mary McGrath (Jr., A, 7-4-11, 11 GP) ..... Three-time monogram winner; scored 27g-13a-40 pts in 42 GP  
 Jess Mikula (Sr., D, 1-1-2, 15 GP) ..... Team captain; two-time all-BIG EAST selection on defense  
 Lindsay Shaffer (Sr., M/D, 7-1-8, 15 GP) ..... Team captain; solid defensive midfielder; won two monograms

**Top Newcomers (all freshmen)**

Alicia Billings	M/D	5-7	Potomac, MD/Georgetown Visitation
Shannon Burke	D	5-9	Baltimore, MD/Roland Park Country School
Jill Byers	M/A	5-7	Northport, NY/Northport
Lauren deMello	A	5-5	Manlius, NY/Christian Brothers Academy
Kelly Gaudreau	M/A	5-8	Annapolis, MD/St. Mary's
Erin Goodman	GK	5-10	Cortlandt Manor, NY/Lakeland
Beth Koloup	M/D	5-7	Phoenix, PA/Notre Dame Prep
Annemarie McGrath	M/D	5-4	Wayne, PA/Radnor
Jane Stoeckert	M	5-9	Mendham, NJ/West Morris Mendham
Mary Veith	A	5-7	Silver Spring, MD/Georgetown Visitation

**CARPENTER WATCH:** Sophomore midfielder **Mary Carpenter** turned in the first three-goal game of her career and first four-point game in the 17-15 win over Cornell. She is fourth on the team in scoring with five goals and three assists for eight points and leads the Irish in ground balls with 13 and is second in draw controls with 12. She is in her first season as a starter for the Irish.

**BEST IN THE NATION:** Notre Dame's freshman class was rated No. 1 in the nation by *Inside Lacrosse* magazine in its November, 2005 issue. The story had this to say about the 10-player class: "Coming off a disappointing 3-12 season, the Fighting Irish have high hopes for 2006 with **Jill Byers (Northport, N.Y.)** leading a powerful class that includes immediate contributors **Jane Stoeckert (Mendham, N.J.)**, **Mary Veith (Silver Springs, Md.)** and **Alicia Billings (Potomac, Md.)**. Goalie **Erin Goodman (Cortlandt Manor, N.Y.)** adds strength for the future." As part of the story, the magazine's list of "Blue Chip" recruits listed Jill Byers and Jane Stoeckert among its top 10 incoming freshmen.

**THE KIDS ARE ALRIGHT:** Notre Dame's freshman class has lived up to its early-season billing in 2006. **Jill Byers** has led the way with 15 goals and six assists for 21 points in four games, including a sudden-death overtime game winner versus Stanford. **Jane Stoeckert** has three goals and two assists for five points, col-

lecting the game-winning goal against Cornell. **Alicia Billings** has two goals on the year and has been a force in the midfield. **Shannon Burke (Baltimore, Md.)** has seen action on defense in two games as has **Kelly Gaudreau (Annapolis, Md.)**. **Annemarie McGrath (Wayne, Pa.)** has played in one game so far this year.

**FOR STARTERS:** Freshman **Jill Byers** took a long time to adapt to the college game after an outstanding high school career at Northport (NY). It took less than two minutes (1:59) for her to get her first assist and then less than six minutes to score her first two career goals. In her first game versus California, the lightning-quick Byers set Irish records for goals in a first game by a freshman (5) and points in a first game with 8. She finished her first weekend as a collegiate player with 10 goals and 3 assists for 13 points. She was selected by *womenslacrosse.com* as their player and rookie of the week for Feb. 28.

**FIRST TIMERS:** Three sophomores - **Julie Foote (Suffern, N.Y.)**, **Caitlin Lucas (Baldwin, N.Y.)** and **Lindsey Ferguson (Newtown Square, Pa.)** saw their first career action in the win over Ohio University on March 2. Foote

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scored the first goal of her career in the game off an assist from Lucas.

**IRISH STREAKS:** Several Notre Dame players have scoring streaks going into the game with Lehigh on Wednesday. Some carry over from last season, the others just started in 2006:

**Crysti Foote** - 14-game streak (47-22-69)

**Caitlin McKinney** - 7-game streak (18-11-29)

**Mary Carpenter** - 7-game streak (8-4-12).

**Meghan Murphy** scored in three straight games last season before going out with a knee injury on March 6, and has scored in all four games this year for a seven-game streak (10-3-13).

**Jill Byers** - 4 games (15-6-21)

**Jane Stoeckert** - 4 games (3-2-5)

**Heather Ferguson** - 2 games (3-1-4)

**GETTING BETTER EVERY DAY:** Sophomore **Caitlin McKinney (Lafayette Hill, Pa.)** burst on the scene in 2005 as a freshman at Notre Dame and turned in one of the best seasons ever by an Irish rookie. McKinney started the year with four goals against Ohio University and never looked back on her way to 28 goals and 12 assists for 40 points. That point total put her one off the Notre Dame freshman record for points in a season that is held by Lael O'Shaughnessy (27g, 14a) and Courtney Calabrese (38g, 3a) as both scored 41 points in their first year at Notre Dame in 1998, the second year of the program. McKinney was a second team all-BIG EAST selection, the lone freshman on that team, and was a second-team all-Mid-Atlantic region choice. Following the season, the speedster was named to the U.S. National Developmental Team. In four games this season, McKinney already has half her point total of a year ago with 10 goals and 10 assists for 20 points.

**ALL-AMERICANS:** Senior captain **Crysti Foote** was Notre Dame's lone All-American in 2005 taking third-team Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) honors. Foote led the Irish in scoring with 34 goals and 16 assists for 50 points. She became the seventh player in the program's history to be named All-American. The list includes:

2004 - Meredith Simon (first team)

2004 - Andrea Kinnik (second team)

2004 - Abby Owen (third team)

2003 - Jen White (third team)

2002 - Kathryn Lam (second team)

2002 - Danielle Shearer (second team)

Simon, Kinnik, Owen, Lam and Shearer (twice) also have been named to the Inside Lacrosse All-American team while Simon and Kinnik (twice) have taken womenslacrosse.com honors in the past.

**IRISH GOAL MARK:** Notre Dame's 23-goal outburst versus California on Feb. 24, set a school record for goals in a game for the Irish. The previous mark was 22 and was done twice in the past. On March 10, 2000, the Irish scored 22 goals in a 22-3 home win versus Ohio Uni-

### 2006 BIG EAST Women's Lacrosse Coaches' Preseason Poll

No.	Team (First-place votes)	BE Record/Overall	Points
1.	Georgetown (5)	5-0/13-5	25
2.	Syracuse (1)	4-1/12-5	20
3.	Loyola (Md.)	--/5-11	17
4.	<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>1-4/3-12</b>	<b>10</b>
	Connecticut	3-2/12-5	10
6.	Rutgers	1-4/6-10	8

### 2006 Preseason All-BIG EAST Team

Chloe Asselin, Georgetown *	Jr.	Defense
Katie Batiuk, Rutgers	So.	Midfield
Shannon Burke, Connecticut *	Jr.	Midfield
Jill DePetris, Syracuse	Jr.	Defense
Caitlyn Dragon, Syracuse *	Sr.	Attack
<b>Crysti Foote, Notre Dame *</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>Midfield/Attack</b>
Sydney Greene, Loyola	Sr.	Attack
Anne Marchitello, Rutgers	Jr.	Midfield
Katie McHarg, Loyola *	So.	Attack
<b>Caitlin McKinney, Notre Dame *</b>	<b>So.</b>	<b>Midfield/Attack</b>
Meghan O'Connell, Syracuse	Sr.	Midfield
Coco Stanwick, Georgetown *	Jr.	Attack
<b>Lena Zentgraf, Notre Dame</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>Midfield</b>
Stephanie Zodtner, Georgetown	Sr.	Defense

\* - unanimous selection

### Preseason Offensive Player of the Year

Coco Stanwick (Georgetown)	Jr.	Attack
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### Preseason Defensive Player of the Year

Chloe Asselin (Georgetown)	Jr.	Defense
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versity. They followed that with a 22-11 win on May 1, 2003 at Vanderbilt.

**THE CAPTAINS:** Fifth-year senior goalkeeper **Carol Dixon (Pennsauken, N.J.)** and senior **Crysti Foote** were named team captains by coach **Tracy Coyne** prior to the start of the season in California. For Dixon, it marks the second year that she has served as one of Notre Dame's team captains. For Foote, it's her first season in that leadership role.

**SISTER ACTS:** Notre Dame has seven sets of sisters in the program's history and has an eighth on the way next season. Currently, the Irish have three sets of sisters on this year's team. Heading the group are twin sisters, sophomores **Heather** and **Lindsey Ferguson (Newtown Square, Pa.)**. They are joined by senior **Crysti Foote** and sophomore **Julie Foote** and senior **Meghan deMello** and her sister freshman, **Lauren**. Three other members of this year's team have had sisters play at Notre Dame. Fifth-year senior goalkeeper **Carol Dixon** played two seasons ('01-'03) with her sister, **Angela ('03)**. Freshmen **Annemarie McGrath (Radnor, Pa.)** and **Kelly Gaudreau (Annapolis, Md.)** were preceded by sisters **Mary McGrath ('06)** and **Kristen Gaudreau ('04)**. Gaudreau also served as a volunteer assistant coach in 2005. Joining the sister act next season will be the Zentgrafs.

**Lena Zentgraf**, currently a senior at Notre Dame with one more year of eligibility, could see action with her sister, **Maggie Zentgraf**, who signed a national letter-of-intent to attend Notre Dame in the fall of 2006. The sisters that started the tradition are **Amy ('98)** and **Mara ('98) Grace**. They each played in the first two seasons of the program.

**SLAMMING THE DOOR:** Fifth-year senior goalkeeper **Carol Dixon** took over as Notre Dame's top goalkeeper in 2004 and has now started 36 consecutive games between the pipes for the Irish. In those 36 games, she has played over the last two seasons, she has played 2,172:04 of a possible 2,185:24 minutes, missing just 13:20 of playing time. Last season, Dixon was 3-12 with an 11.04 goals-against average and a .447 save percentage. For her career, Dixon has played in 41 games and is 19-17 with a 9.98 goals-against average and a .497 save percentage. Last season, she led the team with 38 ground balls and added eight caused turnovers. This season, Dixon is 4-0 with a 10.42 goals-against average and a .517 save percentage.

**FOR OPENERS:** Notre Dame is now 8-2 all-time in season openers after defeating California on Feb. 24. The Irish are 8-2 in road openers and 6-4 in home openers after defeating Ohio

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**2006 Notre Dame Women's Lacrosse Roster**

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Birthdate	Hometown/High School
1	Caitlin McKinney	M/A	5-1	So.	1-29-85	Lafayette Hill, PA/Germantown Acad.
2	Brittany Fox	A	5-7	Sr.	9-22-84	Annapolis, MD/St. Mary's
3	Kristin Hopson	D	5-8	Jr.	9-10-84	Rosemont, PA/Radnor
4	Jill Byers	M/A	5-7	Fr.	8-3-87	Northport, NY/Northport
5	Meghan Murphy	A	5-6	Jr.	7-6-84	Centennial, CO/Cherry Creek
6	Heather Ferguson	A	5-5	So.	7-22-86	Newtown Square, PA/Archbishop Carroll
7	Lindsey Ferguson	M/D	5-5	So.	7-22-86	Newtown Square, PA/Archbishop Carroll
8	Lena Zentgraf	M	5-4	Sr.	5-7-84	Charlottesville, VA/Charlottesville
9	Kerry Van Shura	D	5-6	Sr.	9-24-84	Bel Air, MD/John Carroll
10	Alicia Billings	M/D	5-7	Fr.	11-17-86	Potomac, MD/Georgetown Visitation
11	Caitlin Lucas	M/A	5-8	So.	1-5-86	Baldwin, NY/Oceanside
12	Katie Killeen	D	5-4	Sr.	7-15-84	Manhasset, NY/Manhasset
13	Julie Foote	A	5-6	So.	7-14-86	Suffern, NY/Suffern
14	Mary Carpenter	M	5-6	So.	11-8-85	Rochester, NY/Our Lady of Mercy
15	Lauren deMello	A	5-5	Fr.	8-5-87	Manlius, NY/Christian Brothers Acad.
16	Becky Ranck	D	5-8	So.	3-25-86	Radnor, PA/Radnor
17	Meghan deMello	D	5-5	Sr.	7-19-84	Manlius, NY/Christian Brothers Acad.
18	Crysti Foote "C"	M/A	5-6	Sr.	4-17-84	Suffern, NY/Suffern
19	Annamarie McGrath	M/D	5-4	Fr.	11-20-86	Wayne, PA/Radnor
20	Kelly Gaudreau	M/A	5-8	Fr.	11-15-87	Annapolis, MD/St. Mary's
21	Shannon Burke	D	5-9	Fr.	3-22-87	Baltimore, MD/Roland Park Country Sc
22	Beth Koloup	M/D	5-7	Fr.	3-21-87	Phoenix, MD/Notre Dame Prep
23	Meaghan Fitzpatrick	D	5-8	Jr.	2-9-85	Farmingdale, NY/St. Anthony's
24	Mary Veith	A	5-7	Fr.	6-8-87	Silver Spring, MD/Georgetown Visitation
27	Jane Stoeckert	M	5-9	Fr.	2-26-87	Mendham, NJ/West Morris Mendham
31	Kaki Orr	M	5-6	Jr.	3-29-85	Darien, CT/Choate Rosemary Hall
33	Erin Goodman	GK	5-10	Fr.	11-15-87	Cortlandt Manor, NY/Lakeland
34	Carol Dixon "C"	GK	5-8	Gr.	12-27-82	Pennsauken, NJ/Moorestown Friends

Head Coach: Tracy Coyne (Ohio '83)

Assistant Coach: Alissa Moser (Notre Dame '02) and Kateri Linville (Delaware '03)

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Kathryn Lam (Notre Dame '02)

"C" - denotes captain

University on March 2.

**OVERTIME NUMBERS:** The Irish wasted little time this season in getting an overtime game under their belt. In this the 10th season of the Notre Dame women's lacrosse program, the Irish played their 10th overtime game on Feb. 26, a 12-11 triple overtime game at Stanford. The win improves the Irish to 4-6 all-time in overtime. Last season, they were 0-2 with a pair of 10-9 losses to Vanderbilt and Boston College. Five of the 10 overtime contests have ended with 10-9 scores.

**VERSUS THE BEST:** The Fighting Irish will face eight teams this season that started the season ranked in the top 20 in the IWLCA preseason polls. The Irish will face the preseason No. 1 and No. 2 teams in the nation when they face Northwestern and Duke. They also have Georgetown (No. 10), Syracuse (No. 13), Loyola (No. 14), Vanderbilt (No. 15), James Madison (No. 17) and Cornell (No. 18). Notre Dame finished the 2005 season with the ninth-toughest schedule in the nation and played six teams that finished in the top 20 including national champion, Northwestern. So far this season, the Irish have one win versus No. 18 Cornell. They are 16-38 versus top-20 teams.

**WELCOME BACK:** Junior **Meghan Murphy** returned to action this season after missing the

final 11 games with a knee injury suffered at Cornell last season in the third game of the year. She has moved to attack and in the first four games has four goals and two assists while taking 12 shots on goal.

**NEW FACES:** Head coach **Tracy Coyne** has two additions to her coaching staff for the 2006 season. **Kateri Linville** joins the Irish staff as assistant coach after two years as a volunteer assistant coach at the University of Virginia where she pursued a masters degree in sports psychology. During her two years at Virginia, the Cavaliers won a national title in 2004 and advanced to the title game in 2005. A 2003 graduate of the University of Delaware, Linville will work with the defense at Notre Dame. Also joining the Irish staff as a volunteer assistant is former Irish All-American **Kathryn Lam ('02)**. Lam will work with the defense while she is working on here MBA at Notre Dame.

**PRESEASON HONORS:** Three Notre Dame players were selected by the BIG EAST coaches as preseason all-BIG EAST team members. Making the list were seniors **Crysti Foote** and **Lena Zentgraf (Charlottesville, Va.)** and sophomore **Caitlin McKinney (Lafayette Hill, Pa.)**. Foote and McKinney were unanimous choices. All three were all-BIG EAST selections in 2005. Foote was a first-team choice after scoring 34 goals with 16 assists for 50 points,

**2006 BIG EAST STANDINGS**

Team	BIG EAST	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>4-0</b>	<b>1.000</b>
Georgetown	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000
Syracuse	0-0	.000	2-1	.667
Loyola (Md.)	0-0	.000	2-1	.667
Rutgers	0-0	.000	2-1	.667
Connecticut	0-0	.000	0-1	.000

**2006 STX Lacrosse/IWLCA RANKINGS (Mar. 6)**

No.	Team (1st place votes)	Points	Last Week	
1.	<b>Northwestern (15)</b>	<b>(4-0)</b>	300	1
2.	<b>Duke</b>	<b>(4-0)</b>	285	2
3.	North Carolina	(3-0)	265	5
4.	Johns Hopkins	(2-0)	244	8
	Maryland	(3-2)	244	6
6.	Princeton	(0-1)	226	4
7.	Penn State	(2-0)	203	10
8.	<b>Georgetown</b>	<b>(2-0)</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>11</b>
9.	Dartmouth	(1-1)	176	3
10.	Virginia	(3-1)	172	7
11.	Boston University	(1-1)	134	9
12.	<b>Loyola (Md.)</b>	<b>(2-1)</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>14</b>
13.	<b>Syracuse</b>	<b>(2-1)</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>13</b>
14.	<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>(4-0)</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>17</b>
	Richmond	(1-2)	93	NR
16.	Towson	(2-0)	75	15
17.	<b>Cornell</b>	<b>(1-1)</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>18</b>
18.	Pennsylvania	(3-0)	42	NR
19.	William & Mary	(2-0)	38	NR
20.	<b>Stanford</b>	<b>(3-2)</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>NR</b>

Receiving Votes: **James Madison, 25**; George Washington, 6.

Teams in **bold** on 2006 Notre Dame schedule.

**2006 Bounce Entertainment/Inside Lacrosse Magazine Poll (March 6)**

No.	Team (1st place votes)	Points	Last Week	
1.	<b>Northwestern (14)</b>	<b>(4-0)</b>	318	1
2.	<b>Duke (2)</b>	<b>(4-0)</b>	306	2
3.	North Carolina	(3-0)	284	4
4.	Johns Hopkins	(2-0)	264	6
	Maryland	(3-2)	264	5
6.	Princeton	(0-1)	238	3
7.	Dartmouth	(1-1)	202	8
8.	<b>Georgetown</b>	<b>(2-0)</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>12</b>
9.	Virginia	(3-1)	184	7
10.	Penn State	(2-0)	178	10
11.	<b>Loyola (Md.)</b>	<b>(2-1)</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>11</b>
12.	Towson	(2-0)	126	15
13.	<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>(4-0)</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>18</b>
14.	<b>Syracuse</b>	<b>(2-1)</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>14</b>
15.	Boston University	(1-1)	112	9
16.	<b>James Madison</b>	<b>(2-0)</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>17</b>
17.	<b>Cornell</b>	<b>(1-1)</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>16</b>
18.	Richmond	(1-2)	58	NR
19.	Pennsylvania	(3-0)	46	20
20.	<b>Stanford</b>	<b>(3-2)</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>NR</b>

Receiving Votes: **Vanderbilt, 18**; William & Mary, 14; Albany, 6; UMBC, 4; Temple 4; Colgate, 2; **Rutgers, 2**.

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finishing sixth in overall scoring in the conference. Zentgraf had a break out season for the Irish in 2005. She finished fourth in team scoring with 11 goals and eight assists for 19 points. She also added 27 ground balls (tied for fourth), 12 draw controls and 12 caused turnovers on the year. McKinney was the lone freshman selected to either of the BIG EAST all-star teams and the first Notre Dame freshman ever selected all-BIG EAST. She joined the Irish starting lineup in game one and went on to score 26 goals with 14 assists for 40 points to rank 11th among BIG EAST scorers.

**CLOSE ONES:** In a 2005 season the Irish would like to forget, Notre Dame lost seven games by a total of three goals or fewer. Four of those games were one-goal losses and two came in overtime. Notre Dame lost a pair of 10-9 overtime games at Vanderbilt and Boston College. The third 10-9 loss came at Johns Hopkins where the Jays scored with three seconds left. The fourth one-goal loss was by a 6-5 margin to Stanford. Three of the team's other losses came by three goals - 11-8 at Cornell, 13-10 to Connecticut and 11-8 to Duke. In seven of the 12 losses, the Irish lost by a combined 13 goals (1.86 goals per game) and in the 12 losses for the season, they were out scored by a total of 42 goals (3.50 per loss).

**LOW-SCORING AFFAIR:** When Notre Dame and Stanford combined for 11 goals in their April 10th game, it tied the Irish record for fewest goals combined in a game. On April 28, 2002, the Irish combined with Rutgers to score 11 goals (a 9-2 Notre Dame win).

**DEFENSIVE DEMONS:** Notre Dame's defense will be led by one senior, two juniors and a sophomore this season. **Kerry Van Shura (Sr., Bel Air, Md.), Meaghan Fitzpatrick (Jr., Farmingdale, N.Y.), Kristin Hopson (Jr., Radnor, Pa.)** and **Becky Ranck (So., Radnor, Pa.)** will start the season as the top four defenders for the Irish. Van Shura has 10 career starts, Fitzpatrick has 13, Hopson has 10 and Ranck none. Fitzpatrick was among the team leaders in ground balls and caused turnovers last season. Hopson and Ranck have played together before - at Radnor High School - where they were teammates on two Pennsylvania state championship teams (2001 and 2003).

**WELCOME TO THE BIG EAST:** BIG EAST Commissioner Michael Traghese announced in December of 2004 that Loyola College will join the BIG EAST Conference as an associate member in women's lacrosse effective with the 2005-06 academic year. The Greyhounds join the conference replacing Boston College as the BIG EAST's sixth team, allowing the conference to keep its automatic NCAA tournament berth. Loyola brings a strong tradition to the BIG EAST and just two years ago, was ranked No. 3 in the nation and participated in the NCAA Tournament. The Greyhounds have advanced to the NCAA Championship in nine of the last 10 seasons and have earned 12 berths all-time.

**NCAA APPEARANCES:** Notre Dame has made two appearances in the NCAA Women's Lacrosse Tournament in the 10-year history of the program. In 2004, the Irish lost in the first round at Northwestern by a 10-8 score. In 2002, the Irish advanced for the first time, defeating Ohio State at Moose Krause Stadium, 11-7, before losing to top-ranked Princeton, 11-5, in the

**SEASON-BY-SEASON:** Notre Dame women's lacrosse in its first 10 seasons.

	<b>Overall</b>	<b>BIG EAST</b>
1997	5-4	----
1998	7-6	----
1999	9-6	----
2000	5-10	----
2001	10-5	4-2, tie 2nd
2002	13-5	5-1, 2nd
2003	8-7	4-2, 3rd
2004	12-5	4-2, 2nd
2005	3-12	1-4, 4th
2006	4-0	0-0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>76-60, .559</b>	<b>18-11, .621</b>

NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S LACROSSE - The Lehigh and James Madison Games - March 8 and 12, 2006

2006 Notre Dame Women's Lacrosse  
 Notre Dame Lacrosse Statistics  
 All games

Overall: 4-0-0 Conf: 0-0-0 Home: 2-0-0 Away: 2-0-0 Neut: 0-0-0

##	Name	GP-GS	G	A	Pts	Sh	Shot%	SOG	SOG%	GW	FPG-FPS	GB	DC	T/O	CT	Fouls	RC	YC	GC
18	FOOTE, Crysti	4-4	21	10	31	44	.477	37	.841	1	2-10	6	14	10	5	8	0	0	0
4	BYERS, Jill	4-4	15	6	21	27	.556	23	.852	1	1-1	5	8	11	3	8	0	1	0
1	McKINNEY, Caitlin	4-4	10	10	20	22	.455	17	.773	0	0-3	4	2	5	1	9	0	0	0
14	CARPENTER, Mary	4-4	5	3	8	13	.385	10	.769	1	0-2	13	12	7	5	10	0	0	0
5	MURPHY, Meghan	4-4	4	2	6	12	.333	11	.917	0	0-2	2	4	4	1	2	0	0	0
6	FERGUSON, Heather	4-0	4	2	6	8	.500	7	.875	0	2-2	2	1	6	5	4	0	0	0
27	STOCKERT, Jane	4-0	3	2	5	7	.429	5	.714	1	0-1	6	6	2	2	4	0	0	0
2	FOX, Brittany	2-0	3	2	5	3	1.000	3	1.000	0	1-1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
31	ORR, Kaki	4-4	2	1	3	7	.286	6	.857	0	0-2	5	4	11	0	10	0	0	0
10	BILLINGS, Alicia	4-4	2	0	2	6	.333	4	.667	0	0-0	7	4	5	3	2	0	0	0
13	FOOTE, Julie	1-0	1	0	1	1	1.000	1	1.000	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
23	FITZPATRICK, Meaghan	4-4	0	1	1	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	12	1	0	6	9	0	0	0
11	LUCAS, Caitlin	1-0	0	1	1	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	DIXON, Carol	4-5	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	9	0	5	2	1	0	0	0
21	BURKE, Shannon	2-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	3	0	1	2	1	0	0	0
20	GAUDREAU, Kelly	2-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	McGRATH, Annemarie	1-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	deMELLO, Meghan	1-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	RANCK, Becky	4-4	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	3	5	3	7	10	0	1	0
12	KILLEEN, Katie	4-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	2	2	0	2	4	0	0	0
9	VAN SHURA, Kerry	4-4	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	7	4	3	2	5	0	0	0
7	FERGUSON, Lindsey	1-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	HOPSON, Kristin	4-4	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	5	4	2	3	7	0	1	0
Total.....		4	70	40	110	151	.464	124	.821	4	6-24	92	72	77	49	100	0	3	0
Opponents.....		4	43	11	54	116	.371	89	.767	0	13-28	67	48	78	35	121	1	9	0

##	Name	GP-GS	-GOAL AVERAGE-			-SAVES-		-RECORD-			Shots		
			Minutes	GA	GA/Avg	Saves	Pct	W	L	T	Faced		
34	DIXON, Carol	4-4	247:34	43	10.42	46	.517	4	0	0	115		
Total.....		4	247:34	43	10.42	46	.517	4	0	0	115		
Opponents.....		4	247:34	70	16.97	54	.435	0	4	0	151		

GOALS BY PERIOD	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	OT3	Total
Notre Dame.....	32	35	1	1	1	70
Opponents.....	23	18	1	1	0	43

SHOTS BY PERIOD	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	OT3	Total
Notre Dame.....	72	71	2	3	3	151
Opponents.....	58	55	2	1	0	116

SHOTS ON GOAL BY PRD	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	OT3	Total
Notre Dame.....	58	61	1	2	2	124
Opponents.....	46	40	2	1	0	89

SAVES BY PERIOD	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	OT3	Total
Notre Dame.....	23	22	1	0	0	46
Opponents.....	26	26	0	1	1	54

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY	ND	OPP
Total.....	649	102
Dates/Avg Per Date.....	2/324	2/51
Neutral Site #/Avg.....	0/0	

CLEARs: Notre Dame 43-57 .754, Opponents 49-62 .790.

**2006 Women's Lacrosse Results (4-0, 0-0 in BIG EAST)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Goals</b>	<b>Assists</b>
Feb. 24	at California	W, 23-11	<u>C. Foote (9)</u> , Byers (5), McKinney (3), Orr (2), H. Ferguson, Billings, Stoeckert, Murphy	McKinney (3), Byers (2), C. Foote (2), Carpenter (2), Fox (2), H. Ferguson
Feb. 26	at Stanford	W, 12-11 (ot)	<u>Byers (5)</u> , C. Foote (3), McKinney (2), Carpenter, Murphy	McKinney (3), Byers, C. Foote, Stoeckert
<b>March 2</b>	<b>OHIO UNIVERSITY</b>	<b>W, 18-6</b>	<b>C. Foote (4), Byers (3), Fox (3), McKinney (2), Murphy (2), H. Ferguson, <u>Carpenter</u>, Stoeckert, J. Foote</b>	<b>C. Foote (4), Byers (2), McKinney (2), H. Ferguson, Lucas, Orr</b>
<b>March 5</b>	<b>#18 CORNELL</b>	<b>W, 17-15</b>	<b>Foote (5), McKinney (3), Carpenter (3), Byers (2), H. Ferguson (2), <u>Stoeckert</u>, Billings</b>	<b>Foote (3), McKinney (2), Byers, Carpenter, Fitzpatrick, Murphy, Stoeckert</b>

**March 8 LEHIGH**  
**March 12 JAMES MADISON**  
 March 16 vs. Loyola (Md.) \*  
 (at Wellington, Fla.)  
 March 19 at Northwestern  
**March 25 CANISIUS**  
 March 31 at Connecticut \*  
 April 5 at Ohio State  
 April 9 at Duke  
 April 15 at Georgetown \*  
 April 23 at Rutgers \*  
**April 29 SYRACUSE \***  
**May 7 VANDERBILT**

**HOME GAMES IN BOLD**

\* BIG EAST Conference Game

Winning goal is underlined