



Irish

History

A black and white photograph of a Notre Dame hockey player, Benoit Cotnoir, in action on the ice. He is wearing a white jersey with 'NOTRE DAME' printed on the front and a dark helmet with a cage. He is holding a hockey stick and has his right arm raised. The background is blurred, showing other players and spectators.

**Defenseman
Benoit Cotnoir
is one of seven
Notre Dame hockey
players to earn
All-America honors.
His selection came
following the
1998-99 season.**



The Growth of Irish Hockey

From its founding by members of the Notre Dame football program to its first NCAA Tournament appearance in 2004, Irish hockey has enjoyed a storied history.

THE EARLY YEARS

From playing on frozen St. Joseph Lake on the Notre Dame campus, to South Bend's Howard Park Rink, to their own home ice at the Joyce Center and 2004's first-ever visit to the NCAA Tournament, the Notre Dame hockey program has experienced a little bit of everything in its on-again, off-again 94-year history.

While most followers of Notre Dame hockey are aware of the program's history since 1968, there are several earlier chapters that were the building blocks that helped lead the 2003-04 Irish to their first NCAA regional appearance in March of 2004.

Notre Dame first played collegiate hockey in the 1912-13 academic year, playing three games. The inaugural game was played at Culver Military Academy on Feb. 19, 1913 with Notre Dame prevailing, 6-0. That first team went 1-2-0.

After that first season, the program took a seven-year hiatus, returning again in 1919-20 under the guidance of two-time football All-American running back Paul Castner. The football standout served as player-coach from 1919-21 before serving as coach for two more seasons following his graduation.

In four seasons at the helm, Castner's teams were 18-4-0 while playing against the likes of Michigan Tech, Carnegie Tech, Michigan, Michigan State, Wisconsin, Culver Academy, St. Thomas and Assumption.

Castner, however, was not the only football player to play a key role in the early days of the Notre Dame hockey program. All-American offensive lineman Hunk Anderson was the goaltender on the 1920-21 team.

The Notre Dame hockey teams of the 1920s included several well-known members of the school's football team.

The 1920-21 team (pictured at left) featured goaltender Hunk Anderson (seated, second from left), an All-America offensive lineman in 1921 who served as head coach of the Notre Dame football program from 1931-33.

Seated next to Anderson is Paul Castner (second from right), a two-time football All-American as a running back. Castner served as a player/coach for the Notre Dame hockey program from 1919-21 before coaching the team for two more seasons following his graduation. He also was an accomplished baseball player at Notre Dame.

Anderson was followed by one of the most famous of all Irish athletes, Jim Crowley, who gained fame as the halfback in the Four Horseman backfield. Crowley was a freshman goaltender on the 1921-22 team that went 8-1, but his career was put on ice, so to speak, by legendary football coach Knute Rockne. Crowley recorded a pair of shutouts and turned in a stingy 1.33 goals-against average in his lone season between the Irish pipes.

Following Crowley behind the Notre Dame bench was former football All-American Tom Leib. A two-time (1921 and 1922) All-American at right tackle, Leib's teams were 3-8-3 between 1923-26.

The team played one more season in 1926-27 under the guidance of Benjamin Dubois. That team went 3-7-1 before the program, due to lack of a playing venue, ceased competition.

Despite sporadic attempts to revive the program from 1928 through the early 1960's - including one game in which Heisman Trophy winner Angelo Bertelli was reported to have scored four goals - Notre Dame hockey would not see consistent action until the 1963-64 season.

THE CLUB YEARS

This began an era of hockey at Notre Dame that sometimes is forgotten. From 1963, until its return to Division I status for the 1968-69 season, the Irish sponsored a club hockey

program that produced several of the players who would play key roles in the early years of the program in the late 60's.

Around 1960, students organized, and the University recognized, the Notre Dame Hockey Club. Operating as a club sport, the team had a faculty advisor and reported to the director of intramurals and club sports, Dominic Napolitano.

The club began intercollegiate play in the 1963-64 season. Arrangements were made to play on South Bend's artificial rink (Howard Park) and campus-wide tryouts were held. Ralph Cardillo of Guelph, Ont., served as the first captain and Paul Belliveau of Fitchburg, Mass., notched the first goal. Playing club teams from Northwestern, the University of Illinois, the Michigan State junior varsity and other varsity squads from the Midwest, Notre Dame went 0-8-0 in that first season.

In 1964-65, the club program improved to 5-6-0 on the season under the guidance of coach Richard Bressler. The club also started an intramural program to give other students access to the game of hockey.

Prior to the start of the 1965-66 season, the University's administration determined that hockey was to enter a "transition" period and the program was formally designated as a "minor sport." That designation was assigned to help the program in its transition from a club sport to a full varsity sport. The hockey program now came under the





The early days of the Irish hockey program depended on St. Joseph Lake being frozen. This photo from January of 1941 shows Irish hockey players skating on the snow-covered lake after clearing the ice with shovels.

direction of Notre Dame vice-president, Rev. Edmund P. Joyce and athletics director, Edward "Moose" Krause.

The 1965-66 team began to receive funding from the athletic department and continued to play teams from the Midwest (Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio State) and even branched out to the East Coast, participating in a Christmas Tournament at the Boston Garden. Under coach Jerry Paquette, the Irish were 6-9-3.

The program really began to take shape in 1966-67 playing mostly varsity-level programs as a club team. The Irish played in the first-ever collegiate hockey tournament played at Chicago Stadium and hosted by the Blackhawks and the Wirtz family. The Irish lost in the championship game to Ohio State, 6-5.

Notre Dame also won the Air Force Invitational at the Broadmoor World Arena on the way to a 14-5-3 record. The Irish were led offensively by Phil Wittliff (Port Huron, Mich.), Belliveau, alternate captain Tom Heiden (St. Paul, Minn.), captain Jim Haley (Boston, Mass.) and defensemen Eric Norri (Virginia, Minn.) and Frank Manning (Detroit, Mich.). Wittliff (who started his Notre Dame career on the football team), Norri and defenseman Dean Daigler (Tonawanda, N.Y.), would all go on to play on the first varsity team in 1968-69. Leo Collins (Fargo, N.D.) and John Barry (Chicago, Ill.) were the team's goaltenders. Norri and Collins were both members of Notre Dame's 1966 national championship football team playing tackle and linebacker respectively.

In 1967-68, the club team played its' final season before moving to the Division I level.

RETURN TO VARSITY STATUS

The University hired Charles "Lefty" Smith as the program's first coach for the 1968-69 season and the new Athletic and Convocation Center (later named the Joyce Center) opened, giving Notre Dame its first on-campus, indoor rink.

Notre Dame competed as an independent from 1968-71, compiling a record of 50-32-6, providing Smith three seasons to build a competitive program before the Irish became members of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA), beginning with the 1971-72 season.



Lefty Smith coached Notre Dame hockey for the first 19 seasons of the program's modern era.

NOTRE DAME HOCKEY YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS

Informal Team Overall

1912-13	1-2-0
1919-20	2-0-0
1920-21	2-1-0
1921-22	8-1-0
1922-23	6-2-0
1923-24	0-4-0
1924-25	0-2-2
1925-26	3-2-1
1926-27	3-7-1

Modern Era (Independent) Overall

1968-69	16-8-3
1969-70	21-8-1
1970-71	13-16-2

WCHA Overall Finish

1971-72	14-20-0	18th
1972-73	23-14-1	2nd
1973-74	14-20-2	8th
1974-75	13-22-3	7th
1975-76	19-17-2	5th
1976-77	22-13-3	2nd
1977-78	12-24-2	17th
1978-79	18-19-1	5th
1979-80	18-20-1	5th
1980-81	13-21-2	9th

CCHA Overall Finish

1981-82	23-15-2	4th
1982-83	13-21-2	17th

Club Status Overall

1983-84	22-6-1
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Independent Overall

1984-85	11-16-1
1985-86	12-21-1
1986-87	10-19-1
1987-88	27-4-2
1988-89	10-26-2
1989-90	18-15-0
1990-91	16-15-2
1991-92	12-18-1

CCHA Overall Finish

1992-93	7-27-2	10th
1993-94	11-22-5	8th
1994-95	11-25-1	9th
1995-96	9-23-4	19th
1996-97	9-25-1	10th
1997-98	18-19-4	16th
1998-99	19-14-5	4th
1999-00	16-18-8	5th
2000-01	10-22-7	11th
2001-02	16-17-5	17th
2002-03	17-17-6	15th
2003-04	20-15-4	14th

Modern Record

543-642-0 in 36 seasons

Program Totals

568-663-94 in 45 seasons





The Irish struggled to a 10-16-0 record in their first season in the WCHA and barely qualified for the playoffs, but the following year they proved they were capable of skating with the best college hockey teams in the nation

A 31-goal, 65-point effort from Eddie Bumbacco (Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.) led the WCHA in scoring and propelled the Irish to a series sweep of top-ranked Wisconsin. The team's 19-9-0 conference record was good for a second-place finish in 1972-73.

Smith was named WCHA coach of the year while Bill Nyrop (Edina, Minn.) and Bumbacco became Notre Dame's first hockey All-Americans. The Irish defeated North Dakota 13-3 in a two-game, total-goal WCHA playoff series, but Notre Dame lost to eventual national champion Wisconsin, 8-7, in the second round

The Irish remained competitive in the WCHA over the next eight years but could do no better than another second-place finish during 1976-77. Several Notre Dame players gained national notoriety during that time, most notably Jack Brownschidle (East Amherst, N.Y.), who earned All-America honors in '76 and '77 and remains the Notre Dame hockey program's only two-time All-American. Brian Walsh (Cambridge, Mass.) earned All-America status and was named the 1976-77 WCHA MVP and Greg Meredith (Toronto, Ont.) earned All-America honors in 1979-80.

Four years later, Notre Dame joined Michigan, Michigan State and Michigan Tech as the newest members of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA). In 1981-82, Dave Poulin (Mississauga, Ont.) – a finalist for the Hobey Baker Award – led Notre Dame to a 23-15-2 record, a Great Lakes Invitational championship and a fourth-place finish in the regular-season standings. Following a first-round playoff series win over Michigan, the Irish defeated Bowling Green, 8-5, to advance to the CCHA Championship weekend at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena.

All-Time Notre Dame Hockey Coaches

G.R. Walsh	1912-13
Paul Castner	1919-23
Tom Lieb	1923-26
Benjamin Dubois	1926-27
Charles "Lefty" Smith	1968-87
Ric Schafer	1987-95
Dave Poulin	1995-present



Phil Wittliff got his Irish hockey career started as a member of the football team. After playing one season with the club team, he was the leading scorer on the first Irish hockey team of the modern era (1968-69) and then served as captain in 1969-70 and 1970-71.

Notre Dame fell one win short of the CCHA championship and an NCAA Tournament berth, after a 4-1 loss to Michigan State in the title game. Poulin scored in the semifinal win over Bowling Green before notching the lone goal in the title matchup with Michigan State.

The Irish were unable to sustain that level the next season and struggled to a 13-21-2 record. Following Notre Dame's loss to Bowling Green in a first-round playoff series, the University announced in the spring of 1983 that it would cease sponsoring varsity hockey. After competing as a club sport during 1983-84, varsity hockey returned to Notre Dame the following season (1984-85) when the Irish competed as a non-scholarship independent team.

Smith remained at the helm through the end of the 1986-87 campaign, compiling a 19-year record of 307-320-30. The most impressive statistic from the Smith era is that all 126 players who completed their collegiate eligibility earned their college degrees.

In 1987, Smith turned the program over to Ric Schafer (New Brighton, Minn.), a four-time monogram winner for the Irish from '70-'74 and an assistant coach under Smith from 1975-80.

Notre Dame hockey continued as an independent during the first four seasons of Schafer's tenure, but with each year, the schedule became increasingly difficult and soon was littered with CCHA opponents. Schafer convinced the Notre Dame administration to allocate scholarships as the program continued to grow and his efforts culminated with Notre Dame's return to the CCHA for the 1992-93 season.

Prior to stepping down as head coach following the 1994-95 campaign, Schafer compiled a 112-152-15 record over eight seasons and will be remembered as the coach who returned Notre Dame hockey to a competitive Division I level.

In 1995, Notre Dame turned to its most distinguished hockey alum to take over behind the bench. Dave Poulin returned to his alma mater following a 13-year career in the National Hockey League. During Poulin's nine-year tenure, Notre Dame has made steady improvements and continues to earn national recognition.

In 1998-99, the Irish hosted a first-round CCHA playoff series for the first time since 1982, after spending most of the year ranked in the national top 10. Defenseman Benoit Cotnoir (Rouyn-Noranda, Que.) became the program's seventh All-American.

The following season produced another milestone as the Irish beat Ferris State in the



Bill Nyrop is one of 11 former Notre Dame players who have gone on to careers in the National Hockey League and one of three to play in the Stanley Cup Finals, joining Dave Poulin and Don Jackson in that distinction.





first round of the CCHA playoffs and made their second-ever trip to Joe Louis Arena for the CCHA semifinals.

In 2001-02 and 2002-03, the Irish pulled off playoff upsets and advanced to Joe Louis and the CCHA Super Six. Since 1999-00, the Irish have made it to Joe Louis Arena in four of the last five seasons (2000, 2002, 2003, 2004), a mark passed only by Michigan State and Michigan, who both qualified in all five years.

In 2001-02, the Irish upset higher-seeded Nebraska-Omaha in a series that featured the longest game in Notre Dame history (a 3-2 double-overtime loss to the Mavericks), followed by one-goal wins in games two and three.

In 2002-03, the Irish traveled to higher-seeded Miami (Ohio) and — after dropping the first game, 4-2 — saw Morgan Cey spin back-to-back shutouts (a first in Notre Dame history), winning 1-0 and 5-0 to advance to “the Joe” again.

Last season, the Irish turned in their first 20-win season (20-15-4) since 1987-88 and finished tied for fourth in the league standings with a 14-11-3 record. The Irish hosted regional rival Western Michigan in the best-of-three first round. After splitting the first two games, the Irish won game three in sudden death overtime on a goal by freshman Jason Paige (Saginaw, Mich.).

In each trip to Joe Louis Arena and the CCHA Super Six, the Irish lost in the opening game, falling to Northern Michigan (3-1) in '01-'02 and Ohio State (3-2 and 6-5 in

overtime) in '02-'03 and '03-'04 respectively.

The highly successful 2003-04 season ended with the Irish being selected to participate in their first-ever NCAA tournament on the strength of a 5-1-1 record versus teams ranked in the top five during the regular season.

Notre Dame traveled to Grand Rapids, Mich., to participate in the Midwest Regional. The Irish would face two-time defending NCAA champion, Minnesota, in the opening game at Van Andel Arena.

The Irish quickly showed they belonged as goals by Cory McLean (Fargo, N.D.) and Aaron Gill (Rochester, Minn.) staked Notre Dame to 2-0 first-period lead. The Golden Gophers eventually rallied for a 5-2 win, but Notre Dame had finally arrived on the national level.

Recognition for Notre Dame hockey has continued to grow. In the 36-year history of the program, NHL teams have drafted 44 Irish players. This past June was no different, as three players — Victor Oreskovich (Colorado), Wes O'Neill (New York Islanders) and David Brown (Pittsburgh) — were selected in the 2004 Entry Draft.

Four players from the 2003-04 team signed pro contracts at the end of the season. Neil Komadoski (Chesterfield, Mo.) signed with the Ottawa Senators after they drafted him in 2001. Rob Globke (West Bloomfield, Mich.) inked a deal with the Florida Panthers after they made him the highest drafted Irish player (40th overall) in the 2002 draft. Aaron Gill and Brett Lebda (Buffalo Grove, Ill.) signed free agent contracts with San Jose and

Detroit, respectively.

Notre Dame's most familiar NHL alumni include Poulin, whose 13-year career included three trips to the Stanley Cup finals and three all-star appearances. Eleven other Irish players have worn NHL jerseys, with two of them — Nyrop (three times with Montreal) and defenseman Don Johnston (three times with Edmonton) — drinking from the Stanley Cup.

Two recent Irish players — Mark Eaton and Ben Simon — have seen action in the NHL. Eaton — who played at Notre Dame in 1997-98 — has been a regular on defense for the Nashville Predators. Simon (1996-00) has played parts of the last three seasons with the Atlanta Thrashers and Nashville.

Notre Dame also has made its mark on the international level. Since the birth of the U.S. National Developmental Program, the Irish have seen 13 of their players come from the program, including four on the 2003-04 roster alone.

During the summer of 2004, current Irish assistant coach Andy Slaggert, a Notre Dame grad, served as head coach of the United States Under-17 Select Team that played in the Five Nations Tournament.



The Notre Dame hockey program came full circle on March 27, 2004 when the Irish faced the University of Minnesota in their first-ever NCAA tournament. The game was played at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids, Mich. The results weren't quite what Notre Dame hoped for as Minnesota won, 5-2.





Notre Dame's 1969-70 hockey team compiled a 12-1-1 record at home while posting an .888 save percentage – sixth-best in Irish history – and an 86.1 percent penalty-killing unit, best ever by a Notre Dame varsity team. The '69-'70 squad ranks sixth all-time among varsity teams for season goals-against-average (3.60) while ranking second in goals per game (6.20) and goal margin (+2.60/gm).

Year-by-Year Team Statistics

Year	Record	Win Pct.	Home	Road	One-Goal Games	Overtime Record	GF-GA
03-04	20-15-4	.564	14-2-2	5-10-2	6-3	1-3-4	108-99
02-03	17-17-6	.500	7-7-3	10-9-2	8-4	0-0-5	122-123
01-02	16-17-5	.487	6-8-2	10-8-3	7-6	2-1-5	117-113
00-01	10-22-7	.346	5-11-2	5-8-4	4-4	1-1-7	104-150
99-00	16-18-8	.476	11-7-3	5-11-5	8-4	2-0-8	103-119
98-99	19-14-5	.566	12-3-3	7-11-2	7-6	0-1-5	114-100
97-98	18-19-4	.488	6-8-4	12-11-0	6-10	2-4-4	127-115
96-97	9-25-1	.271	5-12-1	4-13-0	3-12	1-2-1	92-131
95-96	9-23-4	.306	5-10-3	4-13-1	3-5	1-2-3	109-157
94-95	11-25-1	.311	7-7-1	4-18-0	4-6	1-1-1	121-168
93-94	11-22-5	.355	5-8-3	6-14-2	7-8	2-2-5	113-165
92-93	7-27-2	.222	4-9-1	3-18-1	3-7	0-1-2	100-179
91-92	12-18-1	.403	6-10-0	6-8-1	6-2	1-0-1	107-142
90-91	16-15-2	.515	13-3-1	3-12-1	7-5	0-1-2	134-144
89-90	18-15-0	.545	10-6-0	8-9-0	4-2	0-0-0	151-155
88-89	10-26-2	.289	6-11-0	4-15-2	2-4	0-0-2	127-189
87-88	27-4-2	.848	18-2-0	9-2-2	6-0	0-0-2	222-114
86-87	10-19-1	.350	6-8-0	4-11-1	3-7	1-4-1	103-122
85-86	12-21-1	.368	8-3-1	4-18-0	4-3	0-1-1	157-212
84-85	11-16-1	.411	10-5-0	1-11-1	3-5	2-0-1	162-170
83-84 (club)	22-6-1	.776	12-3-0	10-3-1	4-2	0-0-1	194-89
82-83	13-21-2	.389	6-9-1	7-12-1	4-7	1-0-2	155-206
81-82	23-15-2	.600	13-7-0	10-8-2	6-7	1-1-1	203-167
80-81	13-21-2	.389	4-12-1	9-9-1	4-9	2-3-2	139-166
79-80	18-20-1	.474	6-9-0	12-11-1	5-8	1-0-1	202-199
78-79	18-19-1	.487	10-7-0	8-12-1	11-4	1-1-1	184-196
77-78	12-24-2	.342	8-9-0	4-15-2	3-4	1-1-1	137-186
76-77	22-13-3	.618	11-5-2	11-8-1	5-9	0-0-3	191-147
75-76	19-17-2	.526	10-6-2	9-11-0	5-7	2-0-2	171-173
74-75	13-22-3	.382	5-9-2	8-13-1	3-4	2-1-3	141-187
73-74	14-20-2	.417	10-9-0	4-11-2	1-5	0-0-2	159-154
72-73	23-14-1	.618	13-4-1	10-10-0	3-2	0-1-1	199-174
71-72	14-20-0	.412	7-6-0	7-14-0	3-4	2-2-0	164-160
70-71	13-16-2	.452	6-6-1	7-10-1	5-3	1-2-2	116-137
69-70	21-8-1	.717	12-1-1	9-7-0	3-4	0-1-1	186-108
68-69	16-8-3	.648	8-5-1	8-3-2	4-0	1-0-1	149-117



Year-by-Year Team Statistics (cont.)

Year	Goal Differential	Goals Per Game	Goals-Against Average	Save Pct.	Pen.-Kill Percentage	Penalties Per Game	Power-Play Percentage
03-04	+0.23	2.77	2.48	.922	.876	6.26	.178
02-03	-0.25	3.05	3.04	.910	.824	6.72	.163
01-02	+0.18	3.08	2.90	.907	.807	7.61	.150
00-01	-1.17	2.67	3.78	.883	.767	8.82	.113
99-00	-0.38	2.45	2.78	.895	.828	7.69	.176
98-99	+0.37	3.00	2.60	.899	.832	8.39	.191
97-98	+0.29	3.10	2.75	.898	.843	6.37	.176
96-97	-1.11	2.63	3.73	.882	.813	8.69	.127
95-96	-1.33	3.03	4.36	.861	.773	11.33	.173
94-95	-1.27	3.27	4.52	.858	.795	11.59	.220
93-94	-1.37	2.97	4.28	.852	.733	9.24	.154
92-93	-2.19	2.77	4.98	.833	.812	8.58	.169
91-92	-1.13	3.45	4.81	.840	.708	8.39	.241
90-91	-0.30	4.06	4.28	.870	.833	7.94	.211
89-90	-0.12	4.58	4.69	.874	.777	7.03	.266
88-89	-1.63	3.34	4.92	.875	.807	7.42	.182
87-88	+3.27	6.73	3.40	.876	.808	6.36	.283
86-87	-0.63	3.43	3.86	.877	N/A	7.37	N/A
85-86	-1.62	4.62	6.18	.823	N/A	8.79	N/A
84-85	-0.29	5.79	6.07	.834	.720	10.75	.329
83-84 (club)	+3.62	6.69	3.07	.876	.916	9.90	.333
82-83	-1.42	4.31	5.72	.844	.709	9.47	.209
81-82	+0.90	5.08	4.18	.872	.758	9.25	.303
80-81	-0.75	3.86	4.61	.869	.749	9.00	.218
79-80	+0.08	5.18	5.10	.861	.750	8.62	.300
78-79	-0.32	4.84	5.16	.848	.737	7.39	.216
77-78	-1.29	3.61	4.89	.876	.749	6.55	.199
76-77	+1.16	5.03	4.00	.891	.817	6.89	.316
75-76	-0.05	4.50	4.55	.877	.802	8.32	.199
74-75	-1.21	3.71	4.92	.880	.852	8.35	.184
73-74	+0.14	4.42	4.28	.879	.752	4.42	.259
72-73	+0.66	5.24	4.21	.873	.785	7.16	.285
71-72	+0.12	4.82	4.71	.870	.777	6.89	.316
70-71	-0.68	3.74	4.30	.882	.835	7.84	.152
69-70	+2.60	6.20	3.60	.888	.861	7.43	.153
68-69	+1.19	5.52	4.30	.880	N.A.	5.26	N.A.

Top Seasons

Winning Percentage

1. 1987-88.....	.848 (27-4-2)
2. *1983-84.....	.776 (22-6-1)
3. 1969-70.....	.717 (21-18-1)
4. 1968-69.....	.648 (16-8-3)
5. 1976-77.....	.618 (22-13-3)
1972-73.....	.618 (23-14-1)

Victories

1. 1987-88.....	27
2. 1981-82.....	23
1972-73.....	23
4. *1983-84.....	22
1976-77.....	22

Home Winning Percentage

1. 1987-88.....	.900 (18-2-0)
2. 1969-70.....	.892 (12-1-1)
3. 2003-04.....	.833 (14-2-2)
4. *1983-84.....	.800 (12-3-0)
5. 1990-91.....	.794 (13-3-1)

Road Winning Percentage

1. 1987-88.....	.769 (9-2-2)
2. *1983-84.....	.750 (10-3-1)
3. 1968-69.....	.692 (8-3-2)
4. 1976-77.....	.575 (11-8-1)
5. 1969-70.....	.563 (9-7-0)

One-Goal Game Winning Pct.

1. 1987-88.....	1.000 (6-0)
2. 1968-69.....	1.000 (4-0)
3. 1991-92.....	.750 (6-2)
4. 1978-79.....	.733 (11-4)
5. 2002-03.....	.667 (8-4)
1999-00.....	.667 (8-4)
2003-04.....	.667 (6-3)

Overtime Winning Pct.

1. 1984-85.....	.833 (2-0-1)
2. 1975-76.....	.750 (2-0-2)
1968-69.....	.750 (1-0-1)
4. 1999-00.....	.600 (2-0-8)
5. 1974-75.....	.583 (2-1-3)

Goal Differential

1. *1983-84.....	+3.62
2. 1987-88.....	+3.27
3. 1969-70.....	+2.60
4. 1968-69.....	+1.19
5. 1976-77.....	+1.16

Goals Per Game

1. 1987-88.....	6.73
2. *1983-84.....	6.69
3. 1969-70.....	6.20
4. 1984-85.....	5.79
5. 1968-69.....	5.52

Goals-Against Average

1. 2003-04.....	2.48
2. 1998-99.....	2.60
3. 1997-98.....	2.74
4. 1999-00.....	2.78
5. 2001-02.....	2.90

Save Percentage

1. 2003-04.....	.922
2. 2002-03.....	.910
3. 2001-02.....	.907
4. 1998-99.....	.899
5. 1997-98.....	.898

Penalty-Kill Percentage

1. *1983-84.....	.916
2. 2003-04.....	.876
3. 1969-70.....	.861
4. 1974-75.....	.852
5. 1997-98.....	.843

Power-Play Percentage

1. *1983-84.....	.333
2. 1984-85.....	.329
3. 1971-72.....	.325
4. 1976-77.....	.321
5. 1981-82.....	.303

Note: The 1983-84 team competed under club status but statistics are recorded for the sake of continuity.





Eddie Bumbacco

**Wing • Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
1973 All-American**

In the Notre Dame record book:

- Third all-time leading scorer (220 points)
- Second in career goals (103)
- Fourth in career assists (117)
- Tied for first in career hat tricks (7)
- Owns season record for points (90) and goals (43), tied for season assist record (47, all during 1972-73 season)
- Named first team all-WCHA (1972-73)

Career Stats

GP	G	A	Pts	PPG	GWG
133	103	117	220	21	7



Bill Nyrop

**Defenseman • Edina, Minnesota
1973 All-American**

In the Notre Dame record book:

- Helped Notre Dame post a 3.60 goals-against-avg. in 1969-70 (currently eighth-best in Irish history)
- Led Notre Dame to a 23-14-1 record in 1972-73
- Named second team all-WCHA (1972-73)
- Notre Dame rookie of the year (1970-71)
- Played professionally with the Montreal Canadiens
- Named to WCHA's Top 50 Players in 50 years (2002)

Career Stats

GP	G	A	Pts
119	17	72	89



Jack Brownschidle

**Defenseman • East Amherst, New York
1976, 1977 All-American**

In the Notre Dame record book:

- Notre Dame's only two-time All-American
- Shares record for assists in a game (5)
- Named first team all-WCHA (1975-76, 1976-77)
- Notre Dame most valuable player (1975-76)
- Ranks as fourth-highest scoring defenseman in Notre Dame history, with 109 career points (31 goals, 78 assists)
- Named to WCHA's Top 50 Players in 50 years (2002)

Career Stats

GP	G	A	Pts
142	31	78	109



Brian Walsh

**Center • Cambridge, Massachusetts
1977 All-American**

In the Notre Dame record book:

- First in career points (234)
- Tied for first in career assists (145)
- Tied for fifth in career goals (89)
- Tied for first in career hat tricks (8)
- Tied for first in season assists (47; 1975-76, 1976-77)
- Second-most points in a season (77; 1976-77)
- WCHA most valuable player (1976-77)

Career Stats

GP	G	A	Pts	PPG
140	89	145	234	24





**Right Wing • Toronto, Ontario
1980 All-American**

In the Notre Dame record book:

- First in career goals (104)
- Seventh in career points (192)
- First in career power-play goals (43)
- Tied for fifth in career game-winning goals (10)
- Fourth-most points in a season (71)
- Second-most goals in a season (40)
- Notre Dame Kanaley leadership award (1980)



Greg Meredith

Career Stats

GP	G	A	Pts	PPG	GWG
149	104	88	192	43	10



**Forward • Trenton, Michigan
1983 All-American**

In the Notre Dame record book:

- Ninth in career goals (76)
- Tied for seventh-most points in a season (63, 1982-83)
- Tied for fifth in career power-play goals (25)
- Seventh in career game-winning goals (9)
- Tied for sixth in career hat tricks (5)
- Named second team all-CCHA (1982-83)



Kirt Bjork

Career Stats

GP	G	A	Pts	PPG	GWG
141	76	82	158	25	9



**Defenseman • Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec
1999 All-American**

In the Notre Dame record book:

- Ended his career as the ninth-highest scoring defenseman in Notre Dame history, with 88 career points (28 goals, 60 assists)
- Named first team all-CCHA (1998-99)
- Finalist for CCHA "top offensive defenseman" award ('98-'99)
- Helped Irish post top two season goals-against averages in Notre Dame history (2.74 in 1997-98, 2.60 in '98-'99)



Benoit Cotnoir

Career Stats

GP	G	A	Pts	PPG	GWG
141	28	60	88	11	3



CoSIDA Academic All-Americans

Selected in voting by members of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Student-athlete must have a 3.2 grade-point average or better to be nominated. Hockey players are selected to the fall and winter at-large team.

2000-01	Dan Carlson (3rd Team at-large)
1999-00	Andy Jurkowski (3rd Team at-large)
1998-99	Forrest Karr (2nd Team at-large)
1997-98	Steve Noble (1st Team at-large)
1996-97	Steve Noble (2nd Team at-large)

Terry Flanagan Award

1996-97	Steve Noble
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Notre Dame Monogram Club Team MVP

2003-04	Aaron Gill
2002-03	John Wroblewski
2001-02	Connor Dunlop
2000-01	Dan Carlson
1999-00	Dan Carlson
1998-99	Forrest Karr
1997-98	Matt Eisler
1996-97	Matt Eisler
1995-96	Jamie Ling
1994-95	Matt Eisler
1993-94	Matt Osiecki
1992-93	Jamie Ling
1991-92	Lou Zadra
1990-91	Greg Louder
1989-90	Lance Madson
1988-89	Lance Madson
1987-88	Mike McNeill
1986-87	Mike McNeill
1985-86	Mike McNeill
1984-85	Brent Chapman
1983-84	Brent Chapman
1982-83	Kirt Bjork
1981-82	Dave Poulin
1980-81	Jeff Logan
1979-80	Greg Meredith
1978-79	Greg Meredith
1977-78	Terry Fairholm, Geoff Collier
1976-77	Brian Walsh
1975-76	Jack Brownschidle
1974-75	Len Moher
1973-74	Mark Kronholm
1972-73	Eddie Bumbacco
1971-72	Paul Regan
1970-71	Dick Tomasoni
1969-70	John Noble
1968-69	Dick Tomasoni

Central Collegiate Hockey Association

All-Conference, First-Team

1998-99	Benoit Cotnoir (Sr., D)
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All-Conference, Second-Team

2003-04	Aaron Gill (Sr., C) Rob Globke (Sr., RW) Brett Lebda (Sr., D)
1998-99	Ben Simon (Sr., C)
1982-83	Kirt Bjork (Sr., F)
1981-82	Dave Poulin (Sr., C) John Schmidt (Sr., D)

All-Conference Honorable Mention

2001-02	Connor Dunlop (Jr., C) David Inman (Sr., RW)
2000-01	Dan Carlson (Sr., LW)
1998-99	Brian Urick (Sr., F)

All-Conference Special Mention

1999-00	Dan Carlson (Jr., LW) Ben Simon (Sr., C)
1998-99	Aniket Dhadphale (Sr., LW) Forrest Karr (Sr., G)
1997-98	Benoit Cotnoir (Jr., D) Aniket Dhadphale (Jr., LW) Mark Eaton (Fr., D) Ben Simon (So., C)
1996-97	Matt Eisler (Jr., G)
1995-96	Matt Eisler (So., G)
1994-95	Garry Gruber (Jr., D) Jay Matushak (Jr., RW) Jamie Ling (Jr., C)
1993-94	Garry Gruber (So. D) Jay Matushak (So. RW)
1992-93	Dan Marvin (Sr., LW)
1981-82	Kirt Bjork (Jr., F) Jeff Perry (Sr., W)

Rookie of the Year

1997-98	Mark Eaton (D)
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All-Rookie Team

2000-01	Brett Lebda (D)
1998-99	David Inman (C)
1997-98	Mark Eaton (D)
1996-97	Joe Dusbabek (RW)
1992-93	Jamie Ling (C)

All-Rookie Team Honorable Mention

2003-04	Wes O'Neill (D)
2001-02	Morgan Cey (G)
1999-00	Tony Zasowski (G)
1996-97	Nathan Borega (D) Tyson Fraser (D)
1995-96	Benoit Cotnoir (D) Aniket Dhadphale (LW)
1993-94	Ben Nelsen (D)
1992-93	Jeremy Coe (D)

All-Tournament Team

1981-82	Dave Poulin (Sr., C)
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Terry Flanagan Award

1996-97	Steve Noble (Sr., C)
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All-Academic Team

2003-04	Rob Globke (Sr., RW)
2001-02	David Inman (Sr., RW)
2000-01	Dan Carlson (Sr., LW)
1999-00	Andy Jurkowski (Sr., LW)
1998-99	Aniket Dhadphale (Sr., LW) Forrest Karr (Sr., G)
1997-98	Steve Noble (Sr., C)
1996-97	Steve Noble (Jr., C)
1995-96	Garry Gruber (Sr., D)
1992-93	Curtis Janicke (Sr., F) Carl Picconatto (Sr., G)

Mike & Marian Ilitch Humanitarian Award

2003-04	Neil Komadoski (Sr., D))
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Bold indicates current players.



Defenseman Mark Eaton was named the CCHA rookie of the year following the 1997-98 season, becoming the second Notre Dame hockey player ever named conference rookie of the year.

CCHA Honorable Mention All-Academic Team

2003-04	T.J. Mathieson (Sr., D))
2000-01	David Inman (Jr., C)
1998-99	Benoit Cotnoir (Sr., D) Andy Jurkowski (Jr., LW)
1997-98	Lyle Andrusiak (Sr., C) Aniket Dhadphale (Jr., LW) Forrest Karr (Jr., G)
1995-96	Chris Bales (Sr., LW) Jamie Ling (Sr., C) Jay Matushak (Sr., RW) Steve Noble (So., C)
1994-95	Garry Gruber (Jr., D) Jamie Ling (Jr., C) Jay Matushak (Jr., RW)
1993-94	Garry Gruber (So., D) Jamie Ling (So., C)
1992-93	Dan Marvin (Sr., LW)
1982-83	Kirt Bjork (Sr., F)
1981-82	Jeff Perry (Sr., W) John Schmidt (Sr., D)

Western Collegiate Hockey Association

All-Conference, First-Team

1979-80	Greg Meredith (Sr., RW)
1976-77	Jack Brownschidle (So., D) Brian Walsh (Sr., C)
1975-76	Jack Brownschidle (Jr., D)
1972-73	Eddie Bumbacco (Jr., W)

All-Conference, Second-Team

1976-77	John Peterson (Jr., G)
1973-74	Ray DeLorenzi (Jr., W)
1972-73	Ian Williams (Jr., W) Bill Nyrop (Jr., D)

All-Conference, Honorable Mention

1979-80	Dave Poulin (So., C)
1976-77	Len Moher (Jr., G)
1975-76	Clark Hamilton (Jr., W)

Most Valuable Player

1976-77	Brian Walsh (Sr., C)
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Freshman of the Year

1973-74	Brian Walsh (C/D)
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Top 50 Players in 50 Years (selected in 2001-02)

Jack Brownschidle (D) 1973-77
Bill Nyrop (D) 1973-77



Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley Rockne Student-Athlete Award

2003-04	T.J. Mathieson
2002-03	T.J. Mathieson
2001-02	T.J. Mathieson
2000-01	Dan Carlson
1999-00	Andy Jurkowski
1998-99	Forrest Karr
1997-98	Steve Noble
1996-97	Steve Noble
1995-96	Steve Noble
1994-95	Jay Matushak
1993-94	Jay Matushak
1992-93	Carl Picconatto
1991-92	Carl Picconatto
1990-91	Carl Picconatto, Scott Vickman
1989-90	Scott Vickman
1988-89	Bob Herber
1987-88	John Welsch
1986-87	Tim Lukenda
1985-86	Marc Guay
1984-85	Dave Waldbillig
1983-84	Tony Bonadio
1982-83	Mark Doman
1981-82	Jeff Perry
1980-81	Scott Cameron
1978-79	Tom Michalek

Notre Dame Rookie of the Year

2003-04	David Brown
2002-03	Matt Amado
2001-02	Morgan Cey
2000-01	Aaron Gill Rob Globke
1999-00	Tony Zasowski
1998-99	David Inman
1997-98	Mark Eaton
1996-97	Joe Dusbabek
1995-96	Brian Urick
1994-95	Matt Eisler

1993-94	Ben Nelsen
1992-93	Jamie Ling
1991-92	Brent Lamppa
1990-91	Greg Louder
1989-90	Dan Sawyer
1988-89	Dave Bankoske
1987-88	Rob Bankoske
1986-87	Lance Madson
1985-86	Roy Bemiss
1984-85	Tom Mooney
1983-84	Dave Waldbillig
1982-83	Mark Benning
1981-82	Sean Regan
1980-81	Tony Bonadio
1979-80	Kirt Bjork
1978-79	Dave Poulin
1977-78	Jeff Brownschidle
1976-77	Greg Meredith
1975-76	Steve Schneider
1974-75	Don Fairholm
1973-74	Brian Walsh
1972-73	Pat Novitzki
1971-72	John Campbell
1970-71	Bill Nyrop
1969-70	John Noble
1968-69	Dick Tomasoni

Chris Zorich Award

2003-04	Neil Komadoski
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Notre Dame Most Improved Player

2003-04	Mike Walsh Jason Paige Cory McLean
2002-03	John Wroblewski
2001-02	John Wroblewski
2000-01	T.J. Mathieson
1999-00	Jay Kopischke
1998-99	Ryan Dolder
1997-98	John Dwyer
1996-97	Andy Jurkowski
1995-96	Scott Giuliani, Brian McCarthy
1994-95	Chris Bales



1993-94	Carey Nemeth
1992-93	Jeff Hasselman
1991-92	Curtis Janicke
1990-91	Scott Vickman
1989-90	Lou Zadra
1988-89	Tim Kuehl
1987-88	Bob Bilton
1986-87	Rob Bankoske
1985-86	Bob Herber
1984-85	John Nickodemus
1983-84	Tim Reilly
1982-83	Steve Whitmore
1981-82	Joe Bowie
1980-81	Mark Doman
1979-80	Bill Rothstein
1978-79	John Friedmann
1977-78	Don Jackson
1976-77	Dick Howe
1975-76	Don Fairholm
1974-75	Geoff Collier
1973-74	Don Smith
1972-73	Ray DeLorenzi
1971-72	Pat Conroy
1970-71	Jim Cordes
1969-70	Paul O'Neil
1968-69	Jim Cordes

Bold indicates current players.



Byron V. Kanaley Award

The most prestigious honor awarded to a Notre Dame student-athlete, the Byron V. Kanaley Award, has been presented each year since 1927 to the senior monogram athletes who have been most exemplary as both students and leaders.

The awards, presented by the Faculty Board on Athletics, are named in honor of a 1904 Notre Dame graduate who was a member of the Notre Dame baseball team as an undergraduate. Kanaley went on to a successful banking career in Chicago and served the University as a lay trustee from 1915 until his death in 1960.

Five members of the Notre Dame hockey team have received the award, including: Kevin Hoene (1972), Mark Kronholm (1974), Greg Meredith (1980), Tom Michalek (1980), and Steve Noble (1998).



Kevin Hoene
1972



Mark Kronholm
1974



Greg Meredith
1980



Tom Michalek
1980



Steve Noble
1998



Since 1972, the Notre Dame hockey program has sent 77 of its former players on to careers in professional hockey. Listed below are the 11 players who have spent time in the National Hockey League along with their career statistics. The years listed next to each player's name are the years they played at Notre Dame.

Jim Brown (1978-82)

Season	Team (League)	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
1982-83	New Haven (AHL)	75	3	12	15	120
	Los Angeles (NHL)	3	0	1	1	5
1983-84	New Haven (AHL)	39	2	4	6	18
	NHL Totals	3	0	1	1	5

Jack Brownschidle (1973-77)

Season	Team (League)	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
1977-78	Salt Lake City (CHL)	25	4	12	16	0
	St. Louis (NHL)	40	2	15	17	23
1978-79	Salt Lake City (CHL)	11	0	10	10	0
	St. Louis (NHL)	64	10	24	34	14
1979-80	St. Louis (NHL)	77	12	32	44	8
1980-81	St. Louis (NHL)	71	5	23	28	12
1981-82	St. Louis (NHL)	80	5	33	38	26
1982-83	St. Louis (NHL)	72	1	22	23	30
1983-84	St. Louis (NHL)	51	1	7	8	19
	Hartford (NHL)	13	2	2	4	10
1984-85	Binghamton (AHL)	56	4	17	21	8
	Hartford (NHL)	17	1	4	5	5
1985-86	Binghamton (AHL)	58	5	26	31	18
	Hartford (NHL)	9	0	0	0	4
1986-87	Rochester (AHL)	74	8	22	30	13
	NHL Totals	494	39	162	201	151

Jeff Brownschidle (1977-81)

Season	Team (League)	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
1981-82	Binghamton (AHL)	52	4	23	27	24
	Hartford (NHL)	3	0	1	1	2
1982-83	Binghamton (AHL)	64	9	18	27	52
	Hartford (NHL)	4	0	0	0	0
1983-84	Salt Lake City (CHL)	11	1	7	8	12
	Binghamton (AHL)	30	2	7	9	50
	NHL Totals	7	0	1	1	2

Mark Eaton (1997-98)

Season	Team (League)	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
1998-99	Philadelphia (AHL)	74	9	27	36	38
1999-00	Philadelphia (AHL)	47	9	17	26	6
	Philadelphia (NHL)	27	1	1	2	8
2000-01	Milwaukee (IHL)	34	3	12	15	27
	Nashville (NHL)	34	3	8	11	14
2001-02	Nashville (NHL)	58	3	5	8	24
2002-03	Milwaukee (AHL)	3	1	0	1	2
	Nashville (NHL)	50	2	7	9	22
2003-04	Nashville (NHL)	75	4	9	13	26
	NHL Totals	244	13	30	43	94

Don Jackson (1974-78)

Season	Team (League)	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
1977-78	Minnesota (NHL)	2	0	0	0	2
1978-79	Oklahoma City (CHL)	73	8	23	31	108
	Minnesota (NHL)	5	0	0	0	2
1979-80	Oklahoma City (CHL)	33	5	9	14	54
	Minnesota (NHL)	10	0	4	4	18
1980-81	Oklahoma City (CHL)	59	5	33	38	67
	Minnesota (NHL)	10	0	3	3	19
1981-82	Wichita (CHL)	71	7	37	44	116
	Edmonton (NHL)	8	0	0	0	18
1982-83	Birmingham (CHL)	4	1	4	5	8
	Edmonton (NHL)	71	2	8	10	136
1983-84	Edmonton (NHL)	64	8	12	20	120
1984-85	Edmonton (NHL)	78	3	17	20	141
1985-86	Edmonton (NHL)	45	2	8	10	93
1986-87	N.Y. Rangers (NHL)	22	1	0	1	91
	NHL Totals	315	16	52	68	640

Don Jackson (1974-78) - Coaching Record in NHL

Season	Team (League)	Type	GP	W	L	T
1989-90	Knoxville (ECHL)	Head Coach	†			
1990-91	Knoxville (ECHL)	Head Coach	64	46	13	0
1992-93	Quebec (NHL)	Ass't. Coach				
1993-94	Quebec (NHL)	Ass't. Coach				
1994-95	Cincinnati (IHL)	Head Coach	81	49	22	0
1995-96	Wichita (CHL)	Head Coach	64	22	39	3
1996-97	Kansas City (IHL)	Head Coach	82	38	29	0
1997-98	Pittsburgh (NHL)	Ass't. Coach				
1998-99	Pittsburgh (NHL)	Ass't. Coach				
1999-00	Pittsburgh (NHL)	Ass't. Coach				
2000-01	Chicago (NHL)	Ass't. Coach				
2001-02	Ottawa (NHL)	Ass't. Coach				
2002-03	Ottawa (NHL)	Ass't. Coach				

† Midseason replacement

Mike McNeill (1984-88)

Season	Team (League)	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
1988-89	Fort Wayne (IHL)	75	27	35	62	12
	Moncton (AHL)	1	0	0	0	0
1989-90	Indianapolis (IHL)	74	17	24	41	10
1990-91	Indianapolis (IHL)	33	16	9	25	19
	Chicago (NHL)	23	2	2	4	6
	Quebec (NHL)	14	2	5	7	4
1991-92	Halifax (AHL)	30	10	8	18	20
	Quebec (NHL)	26	1	4	5	8
1992-93	Milwaukee (IHL)	75	17	17	34	34
1993-94	Milwaukee (IHL)	78	21	25	46	40
1994-95	Milwaukee (IHL)	80	23	15	38	30
1995-96	Milwaukee (IHL)	64	8	9	17	32
1996-97	Milwaukee (IHL)	74	18	26	44	24
1997-98	Milwaukee (IHL)	81	10	18	28	58
1998-99	Revier (DEL)	46	8	16	24	10
1999-00	Revier (DEL)	22	1	7	8	6
	NHL Totals	63	5	11	16	18

Greg Meredith (1976-80)

Season	Team (League)	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
1980-81	Birmingham (CHL)	39	17	10	27	36
	Tulsa (CHL)	10	6	4	10	12
	Calgary (NHL)	3	1	0	1	0
1981-82	Oklahoma City (CHL)	80	10	23	33	64
1982-83	Colorado (CHL)	36	16	10	26	14
	Calgary (NHL)	35	5	4	9	8
1983-84	Colorado (CHL)	54	23	20	43	39
	NHL Totals	38	6	4	10	8

Bill Nyrop (1970-74)

Season	Team (League)	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
1974-75	Nova Scotia (AHL)	75	2	22	24	76
1975-76	Nova Scotia (AHL)	52	3	25	28	30
	Montreal (NHL)	19	0	3	3	8
1976-77	Montreal (NHL)	74	3	19	22	21
1977-78	Montreal (NHL)	72	5	21	26	37
1981-82	Minnesota (NHL)	42	4	8	12	35
1982-83	Cologne EC (GBun)	19	3	2	5	8
	NHL Totals	207	12	51	63	101



Alex Pirus was the first Notre Dame player to play in the National Hockey League when he laced them up for the Minnesota North Stars for the 1976-77 season. Pirus had 20 goals and 17 assists in his rookie season.

Alex Pirus (1973-76)

Season	Team (League)	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
1976-77	Minnesota (NHL)	79	20	17	37	47
1977-78	Fort Worth (CHL)	18	9	6	15	4
	Minnesota (NHL)	61	9	6	15	38
1978-79	Oklahoma City (CHL)	51	16	16	32	33
	Minnesota (NHL)	15	1	3	4	9
1979-80	Oklahoma City (CHL)	62	23	23	46	49
	Detroit (NHL)	4	0	2	2	0
1980-81	Indianapolis (CHL)	79	25	46	71	78
	NHL Totals	159	30	28	58	94

Dave Poulin (1978-82)

Season	Team (League)	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
1982-83	Rogle (Sweden)	32	35	27	62	64
	Maine (AHL)	16	7	9	16	2
	Philadelphia (NHL)	2	2	0	2	2
1983-84	Philadelphia (NHL)	73	31	45	76	47
1984-85	Philadelphia (NHL)	73	30	44	74	59
1985-86	Philadelphia (NHL)	79	27	42	69	49
1986-87	Philadelphia (NHL)	75	25	45	70	53
1987-88	Philadelphia (NHL)	68	19	32	51	32
1988-89	Philadelphia (NHL)	69	18	17	35	49
1989-90	Philadelphia (NHL)	28	9	8	17	12
	Boston (NHL)	32	6	19	25	12
1990-91	Boston (NHL)	31	8	12	20	25
1991-92	Boston (NHL)	18	4	4	8	18
1992-93	Boston (NHL)	84	16	33	49	62
1993-94	Washington (NHL)	63	6	19	25	52
1994-95	Washington (NHL)	29	4	5	9	10
	NHL Totals	724	205	325	530	482

Ben Simon (1996-2000)

Season	Team (League)	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2000-01	Orlando (IHL)	77	8	1		

Since 1969, the Notre Dame hockey program has seen 47 of its players drafted by National Hockey League team, while one other player has signed as a free agent following his collegiate career at Notre Dame.

Name	Team	Year	Round	Pick
Ian Williams	Pittsburgh Penguins	1971	6th	74
Bill Green	Vancouver Canucks	1971	7th	87
Bill Nyrop	Montreal Canadiens	1972	4th	66
D'arcy Keating	Pittsburgh Penguins	1972	7th	104
Eddie Bumbacco	Montreal Canadiens	1972	9th	142
John Campbell	New York Rangers	1973	3rd	46
Len Moher	Buffalo Sabres	1975	10th	174
Alex Pirus	Minnesota North Stars	1975	3rd	41
Clark Hamilton	Detroit Red Wings	1975	3rd	50
Jack Brownschidle	St. Louis Blues	1975	6th	99
Paul Clarke	Montreal Canadiens	1975	9th	158
Kevin Nugent	Boston Bruins	1975	10th	171
Roger Bourque	Montreal Canadiens	1975	14th	208
Don Jackson	Minnesota North Stars	1976	3rd	39
John Peterson	Chicago Blackhawks	1976	6th	99
Greg Meredith	Atlanta Flames	1978	6th	97
Don Lucia	Philadelphia Flyers	1978	10th	168
Scott Cameron	New York Islanders	1978	10th	169
Jim Brown	Los Angeles Kings	1979	5th	92
John Schmidt	Montreal Canadiens	1980	9th	187
John Devoe	Montreal Canadiens	1982	4th	69
Greg Hudas	Detroit Red Wings	1982	7th	128
Mike McNeill	St. Louis Blues (supplemental)	1988	1st	14
Dan Sawyer	Calgary Flames	1989	10th	210
Greg Louder	Edmonton Oilers	1990	5th	101
Chris Tschupp	Calgary Flames	1990	6th	125
John Rushin	New York Rangers	1991	7th	147
Davide Dal Grande	New York Rangers	1992	6th	144
Wade Salzman	St. Louis Blues	1992	11th	259
Tim Harberts	Pittsburgh Penguins	1993	9th	234
Steve Noble	St. Louis Blues	1994	8th	198
Aniket Dhadphale	San Jose Sharks	1994	10th	245
Brian Urick	Edmonton Oilers	1996	5th	114
Ben Simon	Chicago Blackhawks	1997	5th	110
Joe Dusbabek	San Jose Sharks	1997	7th	163
Jay Kopischke	Los Angeles Kings	1997	8th	193
Ryan Clark	New York Islanders	1997	9th	222
*Mark Eaton	Philadelphia Flyers	1998	free agent	
David Inman	New York Rangers	1999	2nd	59
Brett Henning	New York Islanders	1999	9th	255
Evan Nielsen	Atlanta Thrashers	2000	8th	242
Neil Komadoski	Ottawa Senators	2001	3rd	81
Rob Globke	Florida Panthers	2002	2nd	40
Mike Walsh	New York Rangers	2002	5th	143
Yan Stastny	Boston Bruins	2002	8th	259
Victor Oreskovich	Colorado Avalanche	2004	2nd	55
Wes O'Neill	New York Islanders	2004	4th	115
David Brown	Pittsburgh Penguins	2004	8th	228

Bold indicates current players

*Note: Freshman defenseman Mark Eaton signed as a free agent with the Philadelphia Flyers following the 1997-98 season, foregoing his final three years of college eligibility.

Jack Brownschidle was one of four Irish players selected in the 1975 NHL draft, a number that went unmatched until four members of the Irish program were drafted in June of 1997. Brownschidle, a sixth-round choice of the St. Louis Blues, played in 494 career games with St. Louis and the Hartford Whalers while totaling 201 points in his nine-year career as an NHL defenseman.

ND Irish in the

NHL Draft



Bill Nyrop became the third Notre Dame player to be selected in the NHL draft, when the Montreal Canadiens made the defenseman their fourth-round pick in 1972. Nyrop went on to enjoy a seven-year NHL career with Montreal and the Minnesota North Stars, totaling 207 career games played and 63 career points.





Forward Joe Dusbabek has played most of his career with the East Coast Hockey League's Roanoke Express. In 234 games over four seasons, the 2000 grad has 64 goals and 106 assists for 170 career points.



Defenseman Evan Nielsen started his professional career following the 2002-03 season with the AHL's Chicago Wolves. In 2003-04, the two-time captain of the Irish split time between the Wolves and the East Coast League's Gwinnett Gladiators.

Michael Chin (2003-)	Cincinnati (ECHL), Dayton (ECHL), Greenville (ECHL)
Connor Dunlop (2003-)	Cincinnati (ECHL)
Yan Stastny (2003-)	Nuremberg (DEL)
John Wroblewski (2003-)	Fresno (ECHL)
Tom Galvin (2004-)	Atlantic City (ECHL)
Aaron Gill (2004-)	Cleveland (AHL)
Neil Komadoski (2004-)	Binghamton (AHL)
Brett Lebda (2004-)	Grand Rapids (AHL)

NOTRE DAME IN PRO HOCKEY ADMINISTRATION

The following Notre Dame hockey players moved on to positions in professional hockey coaching and management when their playing careers ended.

Name (Years)	Teams Played For
Phil Wittliff (1979 -)	Milwaukee (IHL) – Head coach, Executive VP and General Manager
Bob McNamara (1987-88, 92-)	Milwaukee (IHL) – Player-assistant coach, Cleveland (IHL) – Assistant General Manager; Grand Rapids (IHL and AHL) – General Manager, Interim Head coach
Don Jackson (1989-03)	Knoxville (ECHL) – Head coach, Quebec (NHL) – Ass't. Coach, Cincinnati (IHL) – Head coach, Wichita (CHL), Head coach, Kansas City (IHL) – Head coach, Pittsburgh (NHL) – Ass't. coach, Chicago (NHL) – Ass't. coach, Ottawa (NHL) – Ass't. coach
Bill Nyrop (1991-93)	Knoxville (ECHL) – Head coach, West Palm Beach (SuHL) – Head coach
Jamie Ling (2000-01, 03-)	Dayton (ECHL) – Player-assistant coach, Head Coach
Tim Reilly (2002-)	Dayton (ECHL) – Team President

Players and coaches in bold and italics active through 2003-04 season

IHL - International Hockey League, ECHL - East Coast Hockey League, WHA - World Hockey Association, CoHL - Colonial Hockey League, CnHL - Continental Hockey League, AHL - American Hockey League, BHL - British Hockey League, WPHL - Western Professional Hockey League, CHL - Central Hockey League, GerBun - Germany - Bundesliga, DEL - Deutsche Eishockey League (Germany), WHA2 - World Hockey Association 2, SuHL - Sunshine Hockey League

Since 1972, the Notre Dame hockey program has sent 80 of its former players on to playing careers in professional hockey. The years below denote the years each player played professionally along with the teams they played for.

Name (Years Played Pro)	Teams Played For
Phil Wittliff (1971-77)	Jersey (EHL), Port Huron (IHL), Milwaukee (USHL)
John Campbell (1973-78)	Providence (AHL), Richmond (AHL), Winston-Salem (SHL), Preston (CSAHL)
Mark Steinborn (1973-74)	Port Huron (IHL), Oklahoma City (CHL)
Steve Curry (1974-75)	Maine (NAHL), Cape Cod (NAHL)
Ray DeLorenzi (1974-76)	Tulsa (CHL), Vancouver (WHA), Johnstown (NAHL), Calgary (WHA)
Larry Israelson (1974-77)	Tulsa (CHL), Vancouver (WHA), Springfield (AHL), Calgary (WHA), Tidewater (SHL), Erie (NAHL)
Ric Schafer (1975-76)	Switzerland
Roger Bourque (1979-80)	Hull (QMJHL)
Paul Clarke (1978-81)	Flint (IHL), Chicago (CnHL)
Clark Hamilton (1977-80)	Kansas City (CHL), Erie (EHL), Cincinnati (CHL)
Brian Walsh (1976-79)	Calgary (WHA), San Francisco (PHL), New Hampshire/Cape Cod (NEHL)
Dan Byers (1978-80)	Johnstown (NEHL), Fort Wayne (IHL)
Geoff Collier (1978-80)	Milwaukee (IHL), Netherlands Elite League
Kevin Nugent (1978-79)	Dallas (CHL), Indianapolis (WHA)
Kevin Humphreys (1982-83)	Switzerland
Kirt Bjork (1983-85)	Adirondack (AHL), Italian Elite League
Bob McNamara (1983-88)	Peoria (IHL), Milwaukee (IHL), Rochester (AHL), Mohawk Valley (ACHL)
Greg Hudas (1985-86)	Flint (IHL)
Bob Thebeau (1986-87)	Virginia (ECHL)
Steve Whitmore (1986-87)	The Netherlands
Frank O'Brien (1988-89)	Sweden
Lance Patten (1988-89)	Sweden
Bob Bilton (1988-89)	Indianapolis (IHL)
Tim Caddo (1988-91)	SHT Seinajoki (Sweden Div. II)
Tim Kuehl (1989-90)	Sweden
Lance Madson (1990-92)	Louisville (ECHL), Columbus (ECHL), Springfield (AHL)
Andy Slaggert (1989-90)	Wurzburg ESV (Germany)
Kevin Patrick (1992-93)	Green Bay (AHA), St. Thomas (CoHL), New Haven (AHL)
Lou Zadra (1992-93)	Green Bay (AHA), Daytona Beach (SuHL)
Eric Gregoire (1993-94)	Erie (ECHL)
Carl Picconatto (1993-94)	Flint (CoHL), Muskegon (CoHL)
Dan Sawyer (1993-95)	Utica (CoHL), Huntington (ECHL), Johnstown (ECHL)
Dave Bankoske (1993-95)	Romford (BHL), Toledo (ECHL)
Greg Louder (1994-95)	Wheeling (ECHL), Cape Breton (AHL)
Matt Osiecki (1994-00)	Tallahassee (ECHL), Alexandria (WPHL)
Jamie Ling (1996-03)	Milwaukee (IHL), Mobile (ECHL), Hershey (AHL), Baton Rouge (ECHL), Chesapeake (ECHL), Dayton (ECHL), Dayton (ECHL), Cincinnati (IHL), Kansas City (IHL), Indianapolis (IHL), Cleveland (AHL)
Brett Bruininks (1996-99)	Philadelphia (AHL), Johnstown (ECHL), Indianapolis (IHL), Florida (ECHL)
Garry Gruber (1996-99)	Tallahassee (ECHL), Louisville (ECHL), Huntington (ECHL), Peoria (ECHL), Augusta (ECHL), Charlotte (ECHL)
Brian McCarthy (1998-99)	Bad Nauheim EC (GerBun)
Ben Nelsen (1996-98)	Charlotte (ECHL), Richmond (ECHL)
Matt Eisler (1998-00)	Saint John (AHL), Johnstown (ECHL), Greensboro (ECHL)
Steve Noble (1998-99)	Fort Worth (CHL)
Benoit Cotnoir (1999-)	Mobile (ECHL), Richmond (ECHL), Pont Rouge (QSPHL), Basingstoke (BNL), Augusta (ECHL), Macon (WHA2), Greensboro (ECHL), Roanoke (ECHL), Trenton (ECHL), Providence (AHL), Macon (ECHL), Lanshut EV (GerBun), Fassa HC (Italy)
Forrest Karr (1999-00)	Jacksonville (ECHL), South Carolina (ECHL)
Brian Urick (1999-01)	Tallahassee (ECHL), Hamilton (AHL)
Nathan Borega (2000-02)	Louisiana (ECHL), Pensacola (ECHL), Reading (ECHL)
Joe Dusbabek (2000-)	Roanoke (ECHL), Bridgeport (AHL)
Sean Molina (2000-02)	Trenton (ECHL), Lowell (AHL), Cleveland (AHL), Cincinnati (ECHL)
Sean Seyferth (2000-01)	Dayton (ECHL), Wheeling (ECHL)
Dan Carlson (2001-)	Saint John (AHL), Roanoke (ECHL), Lowell (AHL)
Chad Chipchase (2001-02)	HYC Herentals (Belgium)
Ryan Clark (2001-03)	Mississippi (ECHL)
Ryan Dolder (2001-02)	Mississippi (ECHL)
Jay Kopischke (2001-03)	South Carolina (ECHL), Charlotte (ECHL), Augusta (ECHL)
Matt Van Arkel (2001-02)	Pee Dee (ECHL), Trenton (ECHL), Fort Wayne (UHL)
David Inman (2002-)	Charlotte (ECHL), Hartford (AHL), Lowell (AHL)
Jon Maruk (2002-03)	Bossier-Shreveport (CHL)
Evan Nielsen (2002-)	Chicago (AHL), Gwinnett (ECHL)
Tony Zasowski (2002-03)	Dayton (ECHL)
Jake Wiegand (2002-)	Dayton (ECHL)



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Jack Brownschidle
Junior National Team
1976-77, 1978-79



Ben Simon
Junior National Team
1996-97, 1997-98



Brett Henning
Under-18 Team
1997-98
Junior National Team
1999-00



Joe Dusbabek
Junior National Team
1997-98



Michael Chin
Under-18 Team
1997-98



Connor Dunlop
Under-18 Team
1997-98, 1998-99
Junior National Team
1999-00, 2000-01



Paul Harris
Under-18 Team
1997-98, 1998-99



John Wroblewski
Under-18 Team
1997-98, 1998-99



Dan Carlson
Junior
National Team, 1998-99



Three Notre Dame players, including senior Connor Dunlop, skated on the USA's 1999-2000 World Junior Championship team (each pictured in second row): Brett Henning (fourth from left), David Inman (fifth from right) and Connor Dunlop (third from right).

**USA Hockey Looks To Notre Dame for
Helping Hand at World Junior Championships**

The Notre Dame hockey program has played a leading role in the United States Hockey junior national program in recent years. After concluding his Notre Dame career, All-American defenseman Jack Brownschidle was a member of the USA Hockey team in 1976-77 and '78-'79. Twenty-six years later, a total of 18 Irish players have been a part of USA Hockey, with the junior national team or under-18 developmental program. During the 2000-01 and 2001-02 seasons, the Irish had two representatives on the U.S. Junior National team. Connor Dunlop '03, served as captain of the '00-'01 team and was joined by Rob Globke. The following season, Globke made his second appearance along with defenseman Brett Lebda.

Notre Dame Players on the U.S. Junior National Team

- Jack Brownschidle — 1976-77, 1978-79
- Ben Simon — 1996-97, 1997-98
- Joe Dusbabek — 1997-98
- Dan Carlson — 1998-99
- Connor Dunlop — 1999-00, 2000-01
- Brett Henning — 1999-00
- David Inman — 1999-00
- Rob Globke — 2000-01, 2001-02
- Brett Lebda — 2001-02



Left wing Dan Carlson played for Team USA at the 1998-99 World Junior Championship.



Center Connor Dunlop a 2003 graduate, came through the U.S. Developmental program and went on to play twice for the U.S. Junior National Team. His first trip came in 1999-2000 when he joined teammates Brett Henning and David Inman on the squad.





USA Hockey Under-18 Stars Sign On With Irish

The 2004-05 Notre Dame hockey team includes four players who are products of the USA Hockey National Team Developmental Program (NTDP) which began in 1997-98. Junior right wing Tim Wallace joined the Irish lineup in 2002-03, becoming the 10th member of the program to play at Notre Dame. He was joined in 2003-04 by current sophomores – defenseman Noah Babin and forwards Michael Bartlett and Josh Sciba. That gives Notre Dame a total of 13 former U.S. Under-18 team members on the all-time roster.



Defenseman Noah Babin played for the U.S. Under-18 team in 2001-02 with current Irish sophomore Tim Wallace. He spent the 2002-03 season with the Green Bay Gamblers of the United States Hockey League. Babin was a member of the 2002 Under-18 team that captured the gold medal at the Under-18 World Championship. He had three goals and nine assists for 12 points in 62 games that season.



Michael Bartlett became the 13th member of the U.S. Under-18 program to join the Notre Dame roster when he committed to the Irish in April of 2003. Bartlett had seven goals and 13 assists last season. He also was a member of the gold medal-winning team at the Under-17 Challenge along with Josh Sciba in 2001-02.



Josh Sciba joins the Notre Dame lineup after playing two seasons with the U.S. Developmental Program. With the Under-17 team in 2001-02, he was a member of the team that won the gold medal at the Under-17 Challenge. In his final season, Sciba finished fourth on the team in scoring with 12 goals and 19 assists for 31 points in 53 games.



Notre Dame's USA Hockey Alumni



Brett Lebda
Under-18 Team
1998-99, 1999-00
Junior National Team
2001-02



Neil Komadoski
Under-18 Team
1998-99, 1999-00



Rob Globke
Under-18 Team
1999-2000
Junior National Team
2000-01, 2001-02



David Inman
Junior National Team
1999-00



Derek Smith
Under-18 Team
2000-01



Tim Wallace
Under-18 Team
2001-02



Noah Babin
Under-18 Team
2001-02



Michael Bartlett
Under-18 Team
2002-03



Josh Sciba
Under-18 Team
2002-03

