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## 2003 University of Notre Dame Softball

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**Notre Dame vs. St. John's, Doubleheader**

**Friday, April 11, 4 p.m.**

**Notre Dame vs. Seton Hall, Doubleheader**

**Sunday, April 13, 11 a.m.**

**Ivy Field • Notre Dame, Ind.**



### 2003 SCHEDULE (16-11, 2-0)

#### FEBRUARY

##### USF/Wilson Tournament (Tampa, Fla.)

15	Sat.	at South Florida	L, 4-5
15	Sat.	vs. Kent State	W, 5-1
16	Sun.	vs. Jacksonville	W, 2-1
16	Sun.	vs. Hofstra	L, 4-7
17	Mon.	vs. Rhode Island	cancelled

##### 2003 NFCA Leadoff Classic (Columbus, Ga.)

21	Fri.	vs. #4 California	L, 0-6
21	Fri.	vs. Illinois State	W, 1-0 (8)
22	Sat.	vs. #17 Alabama	L, 4-7

##### Louisiana Classic (Lafayette, La.)

28	Fri.	vs. Northwestern State	L, 2-3
28	Fri.	vs. Louisiana-Lafayette	W, 8-5 (9)

#### MARCH

1	Sat.	vs. McNeese State	W, 6-1
1	Sat.	vs. Louisiana-Lafayette	L, 3-5
2	Sun.	vs. Northwestern State	W, 12-7
9	Sun.	at CS Northridge (DH)	L, 4-5, W, 3-1

##### 2003 Kia Klassic (Fullerton, Calif.)

13	Thurs.	vs. Fresno State	W, 3-1
13	Thurs.	vs. #4 Nebraska	L, 3-10
14	Fri.	vs. #13 DePaul	L, 2-11 (6)

23	Sun.	at W. Michigan (DH)	W, 8-5, W, 8-0
26	Wed.	#22 N'western (DH)	L, 2-4, L, 2-3
30	Sun.	at Virginia Tech (DH)*	ppd

#### APRIL

1	Tues.	at Purdue (DH)	W, 7-3, W, 7-1
3	Thurs.	<b>Loyola (DH)</b>	W, 7-1, W, 3-0
9	Wed.	at Pittsburgh (DH)*	W, 5-4, W, 4-1
11	Fri.	<b>St. John's (DH)*</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>
13	Sun.	<b>Seton Hall (DH)*</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>
15	Tues.	at Providence (DH)*	3 p.m.
15	Tues.	at Nebraska (DH)	cancelled
17	Thurs.	<b>IPFW (DH)</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>
19	Sat.	at Syracuse (DH)*	11 a.m.
23	Wed.	<b>Valparaiso (DH)</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>
24	Thurs.	at Illinois-Chicago	6 p.m.
26	Sat.	at Boston College (DH)*	11 a.m.
27	Sun.	at Connecticut (DH)*	11 a.m.
29	Tues.	at #9 DePaul (DH)	4 p.m.

#### MAY

2	Fri.	<b>Villanova (DH)*</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>
4	Sun.	<b>Rutgers (DH)*</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>

##### 2003 BIG EAST Championship (Salem, Va.)

8	Thurs.	First Round	TBA
9	Fri.	Second Round	TBA
10	Sat.	Play continues	TBA
14	Wed.	NCAA Regionals	TBA
20	Tues.	College World Series	TBA

\* - indicates BIG EAST Conference game

**bold** indicates home game • all home games played at Ivy Field on the east side of campus

**Irish carry season-high six-game win streak into crucial BIG EAST Conference weekend:** The University of Notre Dame softball team (16-11, 2-0) finally played its first two BIG EAST Conference games of the season on Wednesday at Pittsburgh, and the Irish came away with two victories (5-4, 4-1). Notre Dame is focused on a full weekend of conference action at Ivy Field, as St. John's (18-18, 5-3) and Seton Hall (19-7, 5-2), the top two teams in the BIG EAST, arrive on campus for two doubleheaders.

**Challenging April schedule will determine the outcome of Notre Dame's season:** It has been an unusual spring across the country this season and the Notre Dame softball team seems to find itself in the wrong place at the wrong time in terms of weather. The Irish have lost at least nine games to inclement weather this season, and it took the team almost two weeks past schedule to get in their first BIG EAST Conference games at Pittsburgh just this last Wednesday.

The weather has forced Notre Dame to adjust their schedule and face a possible 30 games in the month of April. The make up date with Virginia Tech has not yet been announced, but it will fall at some point in the month of April. The two games against the Hokies will give Notre Dame 30 games this month - the second most in the history of the program. Notre Dame played 31 games in April in 1989 - the first year of varsity softball competition.

**Rally at Pittsburgh on Wednesday best seventh-inning effort in school history:** Notre Dame achieved a program first on Wednesday. Their five-run inning in the top of the seventh goes down at the best-ever seventh inning rally by the Irish. Since 1989, the first season of softball, the Irish had never rallied from a four-run deficit in the seventh inning to win, or tie the game.

The big hit in the seventh was provided by Andrea Loman, who drilled a bases-loaded double to plate the tying and winning run.

**Make up dates:** The Notre Dame softball team has two make up doubleheaders in BIG EAST play this month. The Providence trip has replaced Notre Dame's previously scheduled trip to Nebraska on April 15. The Irish and Friars will meet in Rhode Island at 3 p.m.

Notre Dame also is working on rescheduling its postponed doubleheader with Virginia Tech. That date and time will be announced as soon as it becomes available.

**April success:** The month of April has traditionally been a successful 30 days in the history of the Notre Dame softball program - especially over the last three seasons. The 2001 Irish team went 23-0 in April, a key portion of its 54-7 season. The '02 team from a season ago matched the '01 team's win total of 23, and suffered just one loss during the month (23-1, .958).

One of Notre Dame's goals this month will be to reach that 23-win plateau. The Irish already have six wins this month and have at least 22 games remaining in April.

Notre Dame's top April performances:

## 2003 University of Notre Dame Softball Roster

No.	Name	Year	Pos.	Ht.	B/T	Hometown (High School)	Key Stats from '03
1	Steffany Stenglein*	So.	RHP	5-10	R/R	Huntington Beach, CA (Marina)	5-4, 3 CG
4	Carrie Wisen*	So.	RHP	5-7	R/R	Fullerton, CA (Sonora)	2.28 ERA, 1 SV
7	Jessica Sharron*	Sr.	RHP	5-8	R/R	Agoura Hills, CA (Thousand Oaks)	first '02 APP vs. Neb.
8	Liz Hartmann*	So.	OF	5-9	R/R	Novato, CA (San Marin)	five HR, 11 RBI
9	Chantal DeAlcuaz	Jr.	C	5-9	R/R	Modesto, CA (Central Catholic)	first career hit
10	Alexis Madrid***(c)	Sr.	2B	5-1	L/R	Temecula, CA (Temecula)	.271, two 2B
14	Nicole deFau**	Jr.	IF/OF	5-9	R/R	Southington, CT (Southington)	one HR, one RBI
16	Mallorie Lenn	Fr.	C	5-8	R/R	Garden Grove, CA (Pacifica)	two HR, 10 RBI
18	Andria Bledsoe*** (c)	Sr.	SS	5-7	R/R	Higley, AZ (Highland)	.301, five HR, 16 RBI
21	Megan Ciolli*	So.	OF	5-9	L/R	Terre Haute, IN (North Vigo)	30 hits, eight RBI
22	Sara Schoonaert	Fr.	IF/OF	5-5	R/R	Houston, TX (Clear Lake)	4-11, nine runs
25	Lisa Mattison***	Sr.	1B/DP	5-10	R/R	Granger, IN (Penn)	two HR, 11 RBI
32	Heather Booth	Fr.	RHP	5-10	R/R	Riverside, CA (MLK)	71 Ks in 83.1 IP
33	Andrea Loman*** (c)	Sr.	3B	5-10	R/R	Riverside, CA (Poly)	.380, 20 RBI, 4 HR
44	Kellie Middleton	Fr.	OF	5-6	R/R	Norcross, GA (Marist)	first career hit = HR
77	Meagan Ruthrauff	Fr.	IF/OF	5-10	R/R	La Mirada, CA (La Serna)	25 hits, 11 RBI

\* - indicates monograms won

(c) - 2003 team captain

### Staff:

Head Coach: Deanna Gumpf (Nebraska '91)

(44-17, second year at Notre Dame)

Assistant Coach: Charmelle Green (Utah '92)

Assistant Coach: Kris Ganefff (Notre Dame '99)

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Bill Roggeman (Ball State '81)

Team Senior Manager: Nichole Boerson (Notre Dame '03)

Team Trainer: Chantal Porter (Iowa State '94)

Strength and Conditioning Coach: Heather Mason (Cincinnati '95)

Sports Information Director: Alan Wasielewski (Notre Dame '00)

2001 - 23-0 (1.000)

2002 - 23-1 (.958)

1996 - 23-2 (.920)

1998 - 23-3 (.885)

**New and improved und.com live stats available this weekend:** Live statistics for Notre Dame softball have been available for the past two seasons, but the Official College Sports Network (OCSN) has taken a leap forward with a new improved design this season.

With the new format, the statistics update quicker and the graphics offered include the opposing defense, runners on base, play by play and complete updated box score statistics. To get to the live statistics page, just go to the main page at [www.und.com](http://www.und.com), look for the appropriate softball game on the right side and click on 'Game Tracker.'

**Notre Dame Sports Information and OCSN will offer live audio for all home BIG EAST games:** The Notre Dame Sports Information Office and the Official College Sports Network will offer live audio of all home BIG EAST softball games this season to those fans signed up for the "Fighting Irish Pass" on [www.und.com](http://www.und.com). Assistant sports information director Chris Masters will provide play-by-play and commentary this weekend for both games of the St. John's doubleheader and game one of the match up with Seton Hall.

Live audio will also be available for the following doubleheaders:

Notre Dame vs. Villanova, Friday, May 2, 4 p.m.

Notre Dame vs. Rutgers, Sunday, May 4, 11 a.m.

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**NOTRE DAME  
PROBABLE STARTERS**

C: Mallorie Lenn, Fr., R/R  
1B: Lisa Mattison, Sr., R/R  
2B: Alexis Madrid, Sr., L/R  
SS: Andria Bledsoe, Sr., R/R  
3B: Andrea Loman, Sr., R/R  
OF: Megan Ciolli, So., L/R  
OF: Kellie Middleton, Fr., R/R  
OF: Liz Hartmann, So. R/R  
or Nicole deFau, Jr., R/R  
DP: Meagan Ruthrauff, Fr., R/R  
P: Steffany Stenglein, So., R/R  
or Carrie Wisen, So., R/R  
or Heather Booth, Fr., R/R

**NOTRE DAME  
SPORTS INFORMATION**

Publicity for Notre Dame softball is coordinated by sports information assistant Alan Wasielewski.

Photographs, statistics and feature ideas are available by contacting Wasielewski at (574) 631-7516 or via e-mail at Wasielewski.3@nd.edu.

Requests to interview student-athletes and coaches must be arranged through the SID office and should be made at least 24 hours in advance. Credentials for home games can be obtained by calling Wasielewski.

Statistics, results and weekly releases (typically released on Wednesday of each week of the season) also are readily available on Notre Dame's official athletic site, [www.und.com](http://www.und.com).

If you wish to be added to the Notre Dame softball weekly release distribution list, please send an e-mail to: [Wasielewski.3@nd.edu](mailto:Wasielewski.3@nd.edu)

**Notre Dame vs. St. John's series history and doubleheader preview:** The Irish and Red Storm will be meeting for the 15th and 16th time on Friday, and Notre Dame has won all previous 14 meetings in the series. The Irish also boast a five-game shut out streak against St. John's.

The Red Storm enter Friday's doubleheader with an 18-18 record and 5-3 mark in conference play. St. John's has won four conference games in a row, sweeping Pittsburgh and Virginia Tech at home. They also lost both ends of a doubleheader at Villanova and split a double dip at Rutgers to begin the conference season.

Pitching has been the story for the Red Storm so far this season, with Courtney Fitzgerald logging most of the innings from the circle. Fitzgerald is 15-11 this season with a 1.89 ERA and 115 Ks in 173.2 innings. Meghan Allman is 3-2 with a 1.79 ERA in 31.1 innings.

The offense is led by Megan Oliver (.298, 10 RBI) and power-hitting Alesha Argeras (.277, 10 HR, 19 RBI).

**Notre Dame vs. Seton Hall series history and doubleheader preview:** The Irish and Pirates will be meeting for the 21st and 22nd time on Sunday. Notre Dame leads the all-time series 19-1, with the loss coming to Seton Hall in the 2001 BIG EAST Championship.

Seton Hall is 19-7 this season and sits atop the BIG EAST Conference standings with a 5-2 league record. The have defeated Villanova in a single game, swept a doubleheader at Rutgers and split doubleheaders at home against Virginia Tech and Pittsburgh.

McKenzie Richards is leading the team in hitting with a .337 average. Laura Taylor has provided much of the RBI production, with 24 runs batted in and nine home runs to go along with a .320 average. In the pitching circle Christina Shanko has been most impressive for the Pirates, boasting a 12-2 record, 1.23 ERA and 102 Ks in 102.2 innings.

**Last week's offensive surge puts Irish atop the BIG EAST in hitting:** Notre Dame out-scored its opponents 24-5 last week while posting doubleheader sweeps at Purdue and at home against Loyola (Chicago). The Irish are now hitting .272 as a team, but their .279 mark at the beginning of the week led the BIG EAST ahead of Virginia Tech (.277) and Villanova (.276). Individually, Andrea Loman was sixth in the league in hitting (.370) and slugging percentage (.603). The Irish are also tied for the league lead in fielding percentage (.975) with Boston College.

**Loman proving herself as one of the best in the country:** Notre Dame's season-high six-game win streak has been keyed by the outstanding play from senior third base Andrea Loman. A tri-captain this season (along with classmates Andria Bledsoe and Alexis Madrid), Loman has led Notre Dame to six straight wins with a .474 batting average and six RBI. She also has stole three bases, drawn two walks and provided the winning hit in three of Notre Dame's last eight victories.

On the season, Loman boasts a .380 batting average with four home runs, 20 RBI, nine stolen bases and a .608 slugging percentage.

**Loman also boasts 11-game hit streak:** With her hit in the second game at Pittsburgh on Wednesday, Andrea Loman extended her season-high hit streak to 11 games (dating back to DePaul on March 14). During the streak Loman has gone 15-34 (.441) with two home runs, one double, 11 RBI and five stolen bases.

**Heather Booth developing into a force:** Freshman Heather Booth has hit her stride over the last 10 games. During the string, she has gone 4-1 in five appearances with two combined shut outs and 25 strike outs in 30.0 IP. Opponents have scored four runs off her, but only two of them were earned.



Booth is pushing to get her ERA under the 2.00 barrier, carrying a 2.02 ERA into this weekend's doubleheader action. She is 10-5 this season with five complete games, 71 Ks and three shut outs (two combined, one solo).

**Notre Dame team members chasing down career records this season:** There are a number of Irish team members ascending the career record charts this season. The senior-captain trio of Alexis Madrid, Andria Bledsoe and Andrea Loman are all approaching the career games played record. Madrid has appeared in 208 career games, Bledsoe 206 and Loman 205. Notre Dame has 30 games remaining on the regular-season schedule this year. Combined with any post season contests, and all three Irish players have a shot at the career games played record of 245, held by Jarrah Myers (1999-2002).

Loman, a top player on the Irish team in all her years with Notre Dame, is threatening a number of career marks. She is third in runs scored (140) behind Jenny Kriech (1999-2002). She is creeping up the most hits list with 195, needing a strong finish to get in the top five (243). Loman and Bledsoe are both about to appear on the top five in all-time doubles, as Loman has 38 and Bledsoe 35. In fifth-place is Lizzy Lemire with 43 and Melanie Alkire holds the all-time record with 49.

Loman, Bledsoe and Hartmann are all moving up the career home run record list:

1. Jarrah Myers (1999-2002), 36
2. Melanie Alkire (1998-2001), 30
3. Sara Hayes (1992-95), 26  
Andrea Loman, 26
5. Meghan Murray (1994-97), 15  
Liz Hartmann, 13  
Andria Bledsoe, 12

Loman is also within reach of the career walks record (needing just one more to break Jarrah Myers' career mark of 76) and stolen bases mark (Loman has 51, needing eight more this season to break Katie Marten's record of 58 from 1994-97).

**Notre Dame single-game home run record has even more company:** Notre Dame's original single-game home run record was set in 1990 when Sheri Quinn hit two home runs against Loyola-Chicago. Since that day on March 24, 1990, the feat has been matched 14 times. Andria Bledsoe and Liz Hartmann hit two home runs each in Notre Dame's game against Louisiana-Lafayette on Feb. 28. Hartmann was already a member of the record-holding club after hitting two bombs against Oakland in 2002.

In all, five current Notre Dame players are among the nine in school history who have hit two home runs in one game. Jarrah Myers (1999-2002) is the only Notre Dame player to hit two home runs in a game three times in her career - against Virginia Tech (4-30-02), Seton Hall (4-30-00) and CS Northridge (3-11-01).

**Bledsoe enjoys first career grand slam:** Even as senior short stop Andria Bledsoe closes in on the top five all-time in career home runs, she has never hit one with the bases loaded until Tuesday's doubleheader at Purdue. Bledsoe liked the second pitch she saw in her second at bat on Tuesday, blasting a bases loaded grand slam for her fourth home run of the season. The Higley, Ariz., native had hit a grand slam in the fall exhibition season of 2001.

**New national poll:** USA Softball, in conjuncture with ESPN.com and the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) have formed a new national

**NOTRE DAME STATISTICAL LEADERS**

<u>Batting Average</u>	
Andrea Loman .....	.380
Megan Ciolli .....	.330
Megan Ruthrauff .....	.318
<u>Hits</u>	
Megan Ciolli .....	30
Andrea Loman .....	30
Megan Ruthrauff .....	28
<u>Doubles</u>	
Megan Ruthrauff .....	9
Andrea Loman .....	6
Megan Ciolli .....	5
<u>Triples</u>	
Alexis Madrid .....	1
Megan Ciolli .....	1
Lisa Mattison .....	1
<u>Home Runs</u>	
Liz Hartmann .....	5
Andria Bledsoe .....	5
Andrea Loman .....	4
<u>RBI</u>	
Andrea Loman .....	20
Andria Bledsoe .....	16
three with .....	11
<u>Slugging Percentage</u>	
Andrea Loman .....	.608
Andria Bledsoe .....	.494
Liz Hartmann .....	.480
<u>On Base Percentage</u>	
Andrea Loman .....	.432
Megan Ciolli .....	.378
Andria Bledsoe .....	.370
<u>Stolen Bases</u>	
Andrea Loman .....	9
Megan Ciolli .....	6
Kellie Middleton .....	6
<b>PITCHING</b>	
<u>ERA</u>	
Heather Booth .....	2.02
Carrie Wisen .....	2.28
Steffany Stenglein .....	4.54
<u>Strikeouts</u>	
Heather Booth .....	71
Steffany Stenglein .....	57
Carrie Wisen .....	19
<u>Complete Games</u>	
Heather Booth .....	5
Steffany Stenglein .....	3
<u>Appearances</u>	
Heather Booth .....	17
Steffany Stenglein .....	14
Carrie Wisen .....	13
Jessica Sharron .....	3

### NOTRE DAME TEAM GAME HIGHS

#### Runs

12 vs. NW State, 3-2-03

#### Hits

14 vs. Western Michigan, 3-23-03

#### RBI

9 vs. NW State, 3-2-03

#### Doubles

5 vs. Loyola, 4-3-03

#### Home Runs

5 vs. La.-Lafayette, 2-28-03

#### Total Bases

25 vs. La.-Lafayette, 2-28-03

#### Stolen Bases

4 vs. NW State, 3-2-03

4 vs. Western Michigan, 3-23-03

#### Innings Pitched

9.2 vs. CS Northridge, 3-9-03

#### Strikeouts

10 vs. Jacksonville, 2-16-03

10 vs. #17 Alabama, 2-23-03

### INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

#### Runs

3 - Bledsoe vs. ULL (2-28-03)

3 - Ciolli vs. NW State (3-2-03)

#### Hits

3 - six times

#### RBI

4 - Hartmann vs. ULL (2-28-03)

4 - Bledsoe vs. Purdue (4-1-03)

#### Doubles

2 - Loman vs. NW State (2-28-03)

#### Home Runs

2 - Bledsoe vs. ULL (2-28-03)

2 - Hartmann vs. ULL (2-28-03)

#### Total Bases

8 - Bledsoe vs. ULL (2-28-03)

8 - Hartmann vs. ULL (2-28-03)

#### Walks

2 - Lenn vs. Hofstra (2-16-03)

#### Stolen Bases

2 - Bledsoe vs. W. Michigan (3-23-03)

2 - Middleton vs. Purdue (4-1-03)

#### Innings Pitched

8.0 - Booth vs. Illinois St. (2-22-03)

#### Strikeouts

9 - Stenglein vs. #17 Alabama (2-23-03)

poll. See page seven of this notes package for both the ESPN/USA Softball poll and the *USA Today*/NFCA top 25.

**Notre Dame head coach Deanna Gumpf in her second season:** Irish head coach Deanna Gumpf led her team to a 44-17 record in 2002 – her first season as the program's leader. A former assistant at Notre Dame and player at Nebraska ('92), Gumpf and her staff landed the BIG EAST Conference Coaching Staff of the Year award and shared the NFCA Mid-east Region Coaching Staff of the Year award with Wisconsin last season.

Among Notre Dame's many accomplishments in 2002, the Irish advanced to the final day of competition at the NCAA regionals for the second-consecutive season, won the BIG EAST regular-season and tournament titles and set school records for home runs (54) and fielding percentage (.971).

**California girls:** Just a quick glance at the 2003 Notre Dame softball roster can beg the question; is the Notre Dame campus located on the west coast?

In all, 10 Irish players call California home – that is over 50% of the roster. Add in head coach Deanna Gumpf (La Palma) and the Notre Dame softball team has a distinctive Golden State flavor.

The California girls: Steffany Stenglein (Huntington Beach), Carrie Wisen (Fullerton), Jessica Sharron (Agoura Hills), Liz Hartmann (Novato), Chantal DeAlcuaz (Modesto), Alexis Madrid (Temecula), Mallorie Lenn (Garden Grove), Heather Booth (Riverside), Andrea Loman (Riverside) and Meagan Ruthrauff (La Mirada).

**Notre Dame preseason favorite to win the BIG EAST Conference:** The BIG EAST Conference has released its 2002 preseason softball poll and the University of Notre Dame softball team ended up as the top choice, as voted on by the league's coaches, to win the 2003 league championship. The Irish received 99 points in the conference's preseason release, ahead of Syracuse in second place (85) and Villanova (75) in third. Notre Dame received nine first-place votes, while Villanova and Virginia Tech each received one.

### 2002 BIG EAST

#### Preseason Softball Poll

Rank, team, (first place votes), points, '02 record

1. Notre Dame (9), 99 pts., 44-17
2. Syracuse, 85 pts., 25-21
3. Villanova (1), 75 pts., 45-15
4. Virginia Tech (1), 71 pts., 42-18
5. Seton Hall, 69 pts., 29-17
6. Boston College, 63 pts., 26-26
7. St. John's, 36 pts., 23-30-1
8. Rutgers, 35 pts., 22-25
9. Connecticut, 31 pts., 5-15
10. Pittsburgh, 30 pts., 21-33
11. Providence, 11 pts., 5-15

**Mallorie Lenn wins gold medal with the U.S. Junior National team:** Freshman Mallorie Lenn landed a spot on the U.S. Junior National team that eventually won the First Junior Women's Pan American Championship in Hermosillo, Mexico.

Lenn, from Garden Grove, Calif., was one of the starting catchers on the U.S. team that did not surrender a single run during the tournament. The team was potent on offense as well, dispatching Netherlands Antilles 21-0, Guatemala 20-0 and Jamaica 20-0.

**2003 BIG EAST Conference Standings  
(through April 10)**



Team	BIG EAST				OVERALL					Streak	vs. ND
	W-L	Pts.	H	A	W-L-T	Pct.	H	A	N		
Seton Hall	5-2	10	2-2	3-0	19-7-0	.731	4-2	7-2	8-3	Won 1	Sunday, 11 a.m.
St. John's	5-3	10	4-0	1-3	18-18-0	.500	8-0	2-10	8-8	Won 4	Friday, 4 p.m.
Villanova	3-2	6	2-1	1-1	10-8-1	.526	6-3	2-1	2-4	Won 1	May 2 - home
Boston College	3-1	6	3-1	0-0	14-13-0	.519	5-1	2-4	7-8	Lost 1	April 26 - away
Syracuse	3-3	6	0-0	3-3	9-15	.375	0-1	3-7	6-7	Won 2	April 19 - away
Pittsburgh	3-5	6	2-2	0-2	17-21-0	.447	10-4	2-5	5-12	Lost 2	W, 5-4, W, 4-1
<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>16-11-0</b>	<b>.593</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>4-3</b>	<b>6-6</b>	<b>Won 6</b>	-
Connecticut	2-0	4	2-0	0-0	13-13-1	.481	5-1	3-4	5-8-1	Won 3	April 27 - away
Virginia Tech	2-4	4	1-1	1-3	14-20-0	.412	7-2	3-6	4-12	Lost 3	TBA - away
Rutgers	1-5	2	1-3	0-2	15-12-0	.555	5-3	5-4	5-5	Lost 2	May 4 - home
Providence	0-4	0	0-2	0-2	8-10-0	.444	1-3	0-3	7-4	Lost 5	April 5 - away

**Note:** As voted by the head softball coaches, the BIG EAST softball standings will now be determined by a 2/1 points system. Two points will be awarded for a conference win, one point for a tie and no points for a loss. Conference competition begins the weekend of March 23-24.

The U.S.'s main competition in the tournament was Canada, and in the first match up during round-robin play Lenn provided the game-winning RBI in her team's 1-0 victory. Lenn also served as the catcher for the gold-medal game against Canada (a 2-0 U.S. victory).

The victory provided the USA with a berth in the 2003 International Softball Federation Junior Women's World Championships in Nanjin, China, during the summer of 2003.

**All-Time Record:** Entering the 2003 season, Notre Dame softball has posted 556 wins in 14 seasons (almost 40 wins per season). The Irish have won 67% of their games and have never posted a losing season.

**Road Warriors:** February isn't the best time to play softball in Northern Indiana, so the Notre Dame softball team hits the road exclusively during the first two months of the season to take on some of the best teams in the nation. In just the last five years, Notre Dame has visited Arizona, Georgia, California, Texas, Florida, Arkansas, Tennessee, Nevada, Hawaii and Oklahoma in early-season tournament action. This year, the Irish have already visited Tampa, Fla., for the USF/Wilson Tournament and Columbus, Ga., for the NFCA Leadoff Classic, Lafayette, Louisiana for the Louisiana Classic and Fullerton, Calif., for the Kia Klassic.

**Irish will not back down from the best in the country:** In what has become an annual tradition for the Notre Dame softball team, the Irish spent the first two month of the season crisscrossing the country and taking on the best teams in the nation.

Notre Dame began the year on Feb. 15, 16 and 17 at the USF/Wilson Tournament in Tampa, Fla., facing traditional power South Florida and several NCAA east regional teams, including Hofstra and Rhode Island. South Florida has recently debuted in the national top 25 at #24.

Three weeks ago Notre Dame was at the challenging NFCA Leadoff Classic taking on defending national champion #4 California, Illinois State and #17 Alabama. The Irish also went to the west coast for the 2003 Kia Klassic in Fullerton, Calif. Notre Dame faced Fresno State, #4 Nebraska and #13 DePaul at the Kia this year.

Notre Dame's regular-season schedule also features the Blue Demons later this month (April 29).

**2003 BIG EAST  
Weekly Awards**

**Player(s) of the Week**

Feb. 16 - Lisa Fischer, Boston College  
 Feb. 24 - Rachel Park, Syracuse  
**Mar. 3 - Andrea Loman, Notre Dame**  
 Mar. 3 - Mandy Schettini, UConn  
 Mar. 10 - none  
 Mar. 17 - Laura Taylor, Seton Hall  
 Mar. 24 - Cara Blumfield, BC  
 Kelly Hulpa, Pittsburgh  
 April 1 - Cara Blumfield, BC  
 Laura Taylor, Seton Hall  
 April 8 - Alesha Argeras, St. John's  
 Alexis Switenko, Syracuse

**Pitcher(s) of the Week**

Feb. 16 - Rachel Pacheco, Va. Tech  
 Feb. 24 - Christina Shanko, SHU  
 Feb. 24 - Tara DiMaggio, Syracuse  
 Mar. 3 - none  
 Mar. 10 - Courtney Fitzgerald, SJU  
 Mar. 17 - Christina Shanko, SHU  
 Mar. 24 - Nikki Gasti, Pittsburgh  
 April 1 - Kim Ryan, Boston College  
 Theresa Hornick, Villanova  
 April 8 - Courtney Fitzgerald, SJU

2003 Game Results - Winning RBI/Hit - Winning Run

Date	Opposing Team	Score	Outcome	R/H/E - R/H/E	Pitcher of Record	GW H/RBI	GW Run
2-15-03	!at South Florida	4-5	L	4/9/2 - 5/6/0	Booth (L, 0-1)	-	-
2-15-03	!vs. Kent State	5-1	W	5/7/2 - 1/6/1	Booth (W, 1-1)	Ruthrauff	Schoonaert
2-16-03	!vs. Jacksonville	2-1	W	2/5/0 - 1/5/0	Booth (W, 2-1)	Lenn	Schoonaert
2-16-03	!vs. Hofstra	4-7	L	4/6/2 - 7/5/0	Stenglein (L, 0-1)	-	-
2-22-03	#vs. #4 California	0-6	L	0/3/2 - 6/4/0	Stenglein (L, 0-2)	-	-
2-22-03	#vs. Illinois State	1-0 (8)	W	1/4/0 - 0/2/1	Booth (W, 3-1)	Ciolti	Hartmann
2-23-03	#vs. #17 Alabama	4-7	L	4/10/1 - 7/12/3	Booth (L, 3-2)	-	-
2-28-03	@vs. NW State	2-3	L	2/8/0 - 3/8/1	Wisn (L, 0-1)	-	-
2-28-03	@at La.-Lafayette	8-5 (9)	W	8/8/2 - 5/7/3	Booth (W, 4-2)	Hartmann	Bledsoe
3-1-03	@vs. McNeese State	6-1	W	6/8/0 - 1/3/1	Stenglein (W, 1-2)	Mattison	Bledsoe
3-1-03	@at La.-Lafayette	3-5	L	3/11/1 - 5/9/0	Booth (L, 4-3)	-	-
3-2-03	@vs. NW State	12-7	W	12/10/0 - 7/6/3	Stenglein (W, 2-2)	Mattison	Loman
3-9-03	at CS Northridge	4-5 (10)	L	4/12/0 - 5/10/3	Wisn (L, 0-2)	-	-
3-9-03	at CS Northridge	3-1	W	3/5/0 - 1/1/0	Booth (W, 5-3)	Mattison	Bledsoe
3-13-03	%vs. Fresno State	3-1	W	3/6/0 - 1/2/0	Booth (W, 6-3)	Ruthrauff	deFau
3-13-03	%vs. #3 Nebraska	3-10	L	3/9/2 - 10/14/1	Stenglein (L, 2-3)	-	-
3-14-03	%vs. #14 DePaul	2-11	L	2/5/2 - 11/9/2	Booth (L, 6-4)	-	-
3-23-03	at Western Mich.	8-5	W	8/11/0 - 5/7/2	Stenglein (W, 3-3)	Loman	Ciolti
3-23-03	at Western Mich.	8-0	W	8/14/0 - 0/4/3	Booth (W, 7-4)	Loman	Ciolti
3-26-03	#22 Northwestern	2-4	L	2/4/0 - 4/5/1	Stenglein (L, 3-4)	-	-
3-26-03	#22 Northwestern	2-3	L	2/5/1 - 3/9/1	Booth (L, 7-5)	-	-
4-1-03	at Purdue	7-3	W	7/7/2 - 3/7/2	Stenglein (W, 4-4)	Hartmann	Schoonaert
4-1-03	at Purdue	7-1	W	7/11/1 - 1/6/0	Booth (W, 8-5)	Bledsoe	Loman
4-3-03	Loyola (Chicago)	7-1	W	7/10/1 - 1/3/1	Stenglein (W, 5-4)	Lenn	Lenn
4-3-03	Loyola (Chicago)	3-0	W	3/8/0 - 0/2/1	Booth (W, 9-5)	Mattison	Hartmann
4-9-03	*at Pittsburgh	5-4	W	5/4/0 - 4/5/2	Wisn (W, 1-2)	Loman	Lenn
4-9-03	*at Pittsburgh	4-1	W	4/6/1 - 1/1/1	Booth (W, 10-5)	Ruthrauff	Loman

! - USF/Wilson Tournament (Tampa, Fla.)

# - NFCA Leadoff Classic (Columbus, Ga.)

@ - Louisiana Classic (Lafayette, La.)

% - Kia Klassic (Fullerton, Calif.)

\* - BIG EAST Conference game



**2003 USA Today/NFCA  
Top 25 (4-8-03)**

School	2003 Record	Pts.	LW
1. Arizona (23)	37-3	575	2
2. UCLA	32-4	551	1
3. Washington	34-5-1	529	3
4. Oklahoma	32-6	495	4
5. Texas	29-7	470	5
6. <b>California</b>	32-9	460	7
7. <b>Nebraska</b>	28-9	448	6
8. CS Fullerton	25-12	406	9
9. <b>DePaul</b>	24-4	394	10
10. Georgia	39-7	377	8
11. LSU	29-11	340	11
12. Arizona State	26-12	308	12
13. Michigan	21-8	276	15
14. Florida State	30-9	250	16
15. South Carolina	28-10	243	14
16. Stanford	28-14	234	13
17. <b>Alabama</b>	32-13	205	18
18. Texas A&M	28-13	181	19
19. Oklahoma St.	27-9	177	17
20. Florida	31-11	149	24
21. <b>La.-Lafayette</b>	24-5	106	25
22. Oregon	18-11	83	21
23. <b>South Florida</b>	41-12	52	22
24. Illinois	24-8	50	NR
25. Ohio State	17-12	34	20

Others receiving votes: Southern Illinois (20), Tennessee (15), Oregon State (12), **Northwestern** (7), Kansas (6), Texas-Arlington (5), Massachusetts (4), Missouri (4), SW Texas (3), Iowa (3), Florida Atlantic (2).  
Notre Dame 2003 opponents in **bold**.

**2003 ESPN.com/USA Softball  
Top 25 (4-8-03)**

School	2003 Record	Pts.	LW
1. Arizona (17)	37-3	449	2
2. UCLA (1)	32-4	433	1
3. Washington	34-5-1	408	4
4. Oklahoma	32-6	391	3
5. <b>California</b>	32-9	376	6
6. Texas	29-7	363	5
7. <b>Nebraska</b>	28-9	348	7
8. CS Fullerton	25-12	320	8
9. <b>DePaul</b>	24-4	307	10
10. Georgia	39-7	283	9
11. LSU	29-11	255	13
12. Arizona State	26-12	251	12
13. Stanford	28-14	225	11
14. Florida State	30-9	200	16
15. South Carolina	28-10	196	14
16. Michigan	21-8	185	17
17. <b>Alabama</b>	31-13	154	18
18. Oklahoma State	27-9	143	15
19. Texas A&M	28-13	141	19
20. Oregon	18-11	96	20
21. Florida	31-11	82	NR
22. <b>South Florida</b>	41-12	43	22
<b>La.-Lafayette</b>	24-5	43	NR
24. Oregon State	25-18	36	24
25. Iowa	25-8	30	21

Others receiving votes: Ohio State (27), Missouri (15), Massachusetts (15), **Northwestern** (9), Tennessee (8), Kansas (4), Southern Illinois (4), Illinois (4), Minnesota (4), Pacific (2).  
Notre Dame 2003 opponents in **bold**.

**Softball fans have a new national poll to track:** The Amateur Softball Association (ASA), the national governing body of softball in the United States, has announced its first ESPN.com/USA Softball Collegiate Top 25 poll.

The ESPN.com/USA Softball Collegiate Top 25 poll is voted on by NCAA Division I coaches representing 15 different ASA regions and 12 different collegiate conferences. The poll is also voted on by selected softball media members.

The USA Today/National Fastpitch Coaches Association Division I Top 25 is voted on by 21 NCAA Division I coaches representing all regions.

Notre Dame in the 2003  
USA Today/NFCA Top 25:

Preseason: 17  
February 18: 23  
February 25: also receiving votes  
March 4: not ranked  
March 11: also receiving votes  
March 18: not ranked  
March 25: not ranked  
April 1: not ranked  
April 8: not ranked

Notre Dame in the 2003 ESPN.com/  
USA Softball Top 25:

February 25: also receiving votes  
March 4: not ranked  
March 11: not ranked  
March 18: not ranked  
March 25: not ranked  
April 1: not ranked  
April 8: not ranked