

2010 NOTRE DAME BASEBALL



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2010 Schedule/Results		
FEBRUARY		
19	at Mississippi Valley State	W, 12-4
20	vs. Mississippi Valley State!	W, 8-3
21	vs. Mississippi Valley State!	W, 19-3
26	vs. Illinois @ (JRS)	4:30 p.m.
27	vs. Ohio State @ (BHNF)	4:00 p.m.
28	vs. Penn State @ (NC)	10:00 a.m.
MARCH		
6	vs. Harvard #	11:00 a.m.
6	vs. Kansas State #	3:00 p.m.
7	at Stetson #	4:00 p.m.
9	at Texas Pan-American	6:00 p.m.
10	at Texas Pan-American	6:00 p.m.
11	vs. Bradley \$	4:00 p.m.
12	vs. Pacific \$	3:00 p.m.
13	vs. Gonzaga \$	Noon
14	vs. TBA \$	tba
20	Michigan State (2)	12:05 p.m.
21	Michigan State	1:05 p.m.
23	Ball State	5:05 p.m.
24	Illinois-Chicago	5:05 p.m.
26	at USF *	7:00 p.m.
27	at USF *	7:00 p.m.
28	at USF *	1:00 p.m.
APRIL		
1	at Georgetown *	1:00 p.m.
2	at Georgetown *	3:30 p.m.
3	at Georgetown *	Noon
5	at South Bend Silverhawks	5:30 p.m.
6	Oakland	5:05 p.m.
7	Western Michigan	5:05 p.m.
9	Rutgers *	5:05 p.m.
10	Rutgers *	1:05 p.m.
11	Rutgers *	12:05 p.m.
13	Chicago State	6:05 p.m.
14	IPFW	6:05 p.m.
16	at Seton Hall *	6:00 p.m.
17	at Seton Hall *	1:00 p.m.
18	at Seton Hall *	12:00 p.m.
20	at Michigan	6:35 p.m.
21	Michigan	6:05 p.m.
23	Cincinnati *	6:05 p.m.
24	Cincinnati *	6:05 p.m.
25	Cincinnati *	1:05 p.m.
27	Toledo	6:05 p.m.
28	vs. Valparaiso %	7:00 p.m.
30	St. John's *	6:05 p.m.
MAY		
1	St. John's *	1:05 p.m.
2	St. John's *	12:05 p.m.
8	at West Virginia * (2)	2:00 p.m.
9	at West Virginia *	1:00 p.m.
11	Bowling Green	6:05 p.m.
12	Central Michigan	6:05 p.m.
14	at Villanova *	3:45 p.m.
15	at Villanova *	1:15 p.m.
16	at Villanova *	12:15 p.m.
20	Louisville *	6:05 p.m.
21	Louisville *	6:05 p.m.
22	Louisville *	1:05 p.m.
26-30	BIG EAST Tournament	Clearwater, Fla.

1 Greenville, Miss. (Legion Field) • @ Big Ten/BIG EAST Challenge
 # Stetson Tournament (Deland, Fla.) • \$ Irish Classic (San Antonio, Texas)
 % Gary, Ind. (U.S. Steel Yard) • * BIG EAST Conference game
 all times local to the site • home games in bold

IN THE BATTERS BOX — Notre Dame will compete in the second annual Big Ten/BIG EAST Challenge this weekend. The Irish will play Illinois (Fri., 4:30 p.m., Jack Russell Stadium, Clearwater), Ohio State (Sat., 4:00 p.m., Bright House Networks Field, Clearwater) and Penn State (Sun., 10:00 a.m., Naimoli Complex, St. Petersburg). All three games can be heard on WHME 103.1 FM and UND.com.

BIG TEN/BIG EAST CHALLENGE INSIDER — In addition to Notre Dame, nine other BIG EAST schools will participate, including USF, UConn, West Virginia, Seton Hall, Rutgers, Cincinnati, St. John's, Louisville and Villanova. Each of the Big Ten's baseball-playing institutions will compete in the second-annual event, including Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota, Northwestern, Ohio State, Penn State and Purdue.

The Big Ten/BIG EAST Baseball Challenge will be similar in format to the popular conference collegiate basketball challenges that have emerged over the past decade, with participating teams competing against schools from the opposing conference. However, this tournament is unique in that it provides teams from two northern-based conferences with an opportunity to travel to Florida and compete against one another in professional-quality venues located in a warm climate.

WARMING UP IN FLORIDA — The Irish own a 72-61-1 all-time record (.541) in the state of Florida, but found the Sunshine State to be an especially welcome home-away-from-home site between 2000-07, racking up a 41-14 record (.732). Notre Dame struggled in Florida during the 2008 season, posting a 4-9 mark, including five straight losses to close the season, but rebounded with a 5-3 mark a year ago.

Big Ten/BIG EAST Challenge

The Matchup

2010 Big Ten/BIG EAST Challenge
 February 26-28

vs. Illinois (Jack Russell Stadium, Clearwater, Fla.)
 vs. Ohio State (Bright House Networks Field, Clearwater, Fla.)
 vs. Penn State (Naimoli Complex, St. Petersburg, Fla.)

Probable Pitchers

vs. Illinois, Fri., Jack Russell Stadium (4:30 p.m.)
 RHP Cole Johnson (1-0, 3.38 ERA) vs. RHP Will Strack (6-1, 3.84 ERA)*

vs. Ohio State, Sat., Bright House Networks Field (4:00 p.m.)
 RHP Brian Dupra (0-0, 6.23 ERA) vs. RHP Dean Wolosiansky (0-0, 3.86 ERA) or RHP Brett McKinney (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

vs. Penn State, Sun., Naimoli Complex (10:00 a.m.)
 RHP Eric Maust (0-0, 0.00 ERA) vs. LHP Calvin Grumley (2-3, 9.14 ERA)*

* stats from 2009 season

Live Game Coverage

Audio: WHME 103.1 FM (Chuck Freeby, pbp); UND.com
Video: CollegeBaseball360.com
Gametracker: UND.com

Series History

All-Time Series: Notre Dame leads the all-time series with Ohio State, 26-19, and Penn State, 8-3, but trails the all-time series with Illinois, 37-24.

2009 Results: The Irish played both the Buckeyes and Illini in last year's challenge. Notre Dame lost to Ohio State, 2-0, but upended Illinois the next day, 14-7.

Series Notes: The Irish and Buckeyes have met only once (2009) since the 2002 NCAA Regional in South Bend. Notre Dame and Penn State last played one another in 2004 and the Irish were victorious in each game. Notre Dame and Illinois have met twice once (2006, 2009) since the 2001 campaign.

Weather Report

Friday, February 26 Sunny High 60, Low 45		Saturday, February 27 Thunderstorms High 58, Low 44		Sunday, February 28 Sunny High 60, Low 51	
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Notre Dame's Projected Lineup

Starters By Position											
Pos.	#	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	B/T	Avg.	2B	HR	RBI	Notes
C	28	Cameron McConnell	6-1	205	Jr.	R/R	.400	0	0	2	Threw out 26 base stealers in '09; led BIG EAST
1B	38	Casey Martin	6-4	250	Sr.	R/R	.500	1	2	7	Reigning BIG EAST Player of the Week
2B	15	Greg Sherry	5-10	180	Jr.	R/R	.286	1	0	1	Has started 100 games over his career
SS	26	Mick Doyle	6-1	200	Jr.	R/R	.111	1	0	1	Co-captain; led BE, tied ND record with nine SF in '09
3B	1	Adam Norton	6-1	175	Fr.	R/R	.286	0	0	1	Indiana State High School Player of the Year
LF	10	Ryan Connolly	5-11	190	Sr.	R/R	.111	0	1	2	Two-time captain; 4 HR, 10 RBI in 32 BE at bats
CF	12	Brayden Ashdown	6-2	180	Sr.	R/R	.250	0	0	2	Walkoff RBI single to knock off UConn (5.3.09)
RF	5	David Mills	5-9	175	Sr.	L/L	.300	1	0	4	2008 first team all-BIG EAST
DH	44	David Casey	6-4	240	Jr.	L/L	.500	0	0	2	PH HRs in consecutive days vs. UL to give ND lead in '09
Top Reserves											
DH/C	14	Matt Scioscia	6-1	240	Jr.	R/R	.500	0	0	0	Son of current LA Angels manager Mike Scioscia
INF	29	Ryne Intlekofer	5-9	165	Sr.	R/R	.222	1	1	3	Hit .320 with runners on base in 2009
INF	35	Frank Desico	5-10	185	Fr.	R/R	.333	0	0	0	Similar player to former all-BIG EAST SS Brett Lilley
OF	2	Alex Robinson	6-0	170	So.	B/R	.000	0	0	0	Grange range in CF; can hit at top or bottom of lineup
C	4	Joe Hudson	6-1	190	Fr.	R/R	.500	0	0	2	Great footwork, strong and accurate throwing arm
OF	8	Matt Grosso	5-10	175	Sr.	L/L	.600	0	0	2	Shortened swing to improve overall contact in the fall



2010 Notre Dame Baseball
Statistics Summary for Notre Dame (as of Feb 21, 2010)
(All games)

Record: 3-0 Home: 0-0 Away: 1-0 Neutral: 2-0 BIG EAST: 0-0

Date	Opponent	Score	Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	bb	hbp	so	sb-att
2/19	at Miss. Valley State	w 12-4	38 MARTIN, Casey	.500	3-3	16	4	8	1	0	2	7	0	1	2	0-0
2/20	vs Miss. Valley State	w 8-3	28 MCCONNELL, Camero	.400	2-2	10	3	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	0-0
2/21	vs Miss. Valley State	w 19-3	5 MILLS, David	.300	3-3	10	2	3	1	0	0	4	3	0	0	4-4
			1 NORTON, Adam	.286	3-2	7	4	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0-0
			15 SHERRY, Greg	.286	3-2	7	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	0-0
			12 ASHDOWN, Brayden	.250	2-2	8	1	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	0-1
			29 INTLEKOFER, Ryne	.222	2-2	9	3	2	1	0	1	3	1	0	2	0-0
			26 DOYLE, Mick	.111	3-3	9	4	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	3	0-0
			10 CONNOLLY, Ryan	.111	2-2	9	1	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	2	0-0

			20 MARKSON, Charlie	.667	3-0	3	2	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0-0
			8 GROSSO, Matt	.600	3-2	5	3	3	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0-0
			4 HUDSON, Joe	.500	2-1	4	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0-0
			44 CASEY, David	.500	2-2	4	3	2	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	0-0
			14 SCIOSCIA, Matt	.500	3-0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0-0
			17 BOOCKFORD, Billy	.500	1-0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
			35 DESICO, Frank	.333	1-0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0-0
			2 ROBINSON, Alex	.000	3-1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0-0
			30 HARFORD, Will	.000	1-0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
			13 PETZOLD, Herman	.000	1-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0-0
			33 ADAMS, Ty	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0-0
			45 HUDGINS, Will	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
			41 WARRENDER, Bill	.000	3-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0-0
Totals				.319	3	116	39	37	6	1	4	33	22	4	19	4-5
Opponents				.202	3	94	10	19	6	0	0	6	7	7	22	4-5

LOB - Team (30), Opp (20). DPs turned - Team (3).

Player	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sh	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	
16 MAUST, Eric	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	3.0	1	0	0	0	1	
52 SABATINO, Steve	0.00	1-0	1	1	0	0	0	3.0	0	0	0	3	5	
37 JOHNSON, Cole	3.38	1-0	1	1	0	0	0	5.1	5	2	2	0	2	
6 DUPRA, Brian	6.23	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	4.1	4	3	3	1	3	
45 HUDGINS, Will	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	2.0	1	0	0	0	2	
19 MILLER, Todd	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0	1	2.0	3	0	0	1	2	
18 MAZUR, Steven	0.00	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	2.0	0	1	0	0	2	
17 BOOCKFORD, Billy	0.00	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	1.2	0	0	0	1	1	
21 SPANO, Joe	0.00	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	1.1	0	0	0	1	2	
23 RICHTER, Ryan	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	
34 SHARPLEY, Ryan	18.00	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	1.0	2	2	2	0	2	
5 MILLS, David	27.00	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0.2	3	2	2	0	0	
Totals			3.00	3-0	3	3	0	1	27.0	19	10	9	7	22
Opponents			10.33	0-3	3	3	0	0	27.0	37	39	31	22	19

PB - Team (1), HUDSON,J 1. SBA/ATT - MCCONNELL,C (3-4), HUDGINS,W (2-2), RICHTER,R (1-1), HUDSON,J (1-1), JOHNSON,C (0-1), SABATINO,S (1-1).

Score by innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Notre Dame	1	11	1	7	4	5	5	2	3	39
Opponents	0	1	0	0	2	4	0	2	1	10

Win-loss breakouts: Day 3-0; Night 0-0; vs Left 0-0; vs Right 3-0;

1-run games 0-0; 2-run games 0-0; 5+run games 3-0; Extra inns 0-0; Shutouts 0-0.

Current streak: Won 3; Longest winning streak: 3; Longest losing streak: 0.

Attendance: Home 0 (avg 0); Away 2662 (avg 887); Total 2662 (avg 887).

Notre Dame's Record When...

NOTRE DAME

Record:	3-0 (0-0 BIG EAST)
Rankings:	Baseball America (nr) Collegiate Baseball (nr) ESPN/Sports Weekly (nr) NCBWA (rv)
Head Coach:	Dave Schrage
Career Record:	576-625-1 (23rd year)
ND Record:	100-72-1 (4th year)

ILLINOIS

Record:	34-20 (16-8 Big 10)
Rankings:	Baseball America (nr) Collegiate Baseball (nr) ESPN/Sports Weekly (nr) NCBWA (nr)
Head Coach:	Dan Hartleb
Career Record:	125-101 (5th year)
Illinois Record:	125-101 (5th year)

OHIO STATE

Record:	3-0 (0-0 Big 10)
Rankings:	Baseball America (nr) Collegiate Baseball (13) ESPN/Sports Weekly (21) NCBWA (23)
Head Coach:	Bob Todd
Career Record:	1000-536-2 (27th year)
Ohio State Record:	876-454-2 (23rd year)

PENN STATE

Record:	25-26 (8-16 Big 10)
Rankings:	Baseball America (nr) Collegiate Baseball (nr) ESPN/Sports Weekly (nr) NCBWA (nr)
Head Coach:	Robbie Wine
Career Record:	131-146 (6th year)
Penn State Record:	131-146 (6th year)

THE ENEMY CAMP

A look at how Notre Dame's opponents are doing in 2010:

Opponent	W-L	RPI	ESPN	CB
Mississippi Valley State	0-5	170	--	--
Illinois	0-0	--	--	--
Ohio State	3-0	21	21	14
Penn State	0-0	--	--	--
Harvard	0-0	--	--	--
Kansas State	2-1	40	RV	--
Stetson	3-1	177	--	--
Texas Pan-American	0-0	--	--	--
Bradley	0-0	--	--	--
Pacific	2-1	182	--	--
Gonzaga	2-1	40	RV	--
Michigan State	2-1	53	--	--
Ball State	1-2	196	--	--
Illinois-Chicago	1-3	106	--	--
USF	0-3	33	--	35
Georgetown	2-1	12	--	--
Oakland	0-0	--	--	--
Western Michigan	0-0	--	--	--
Rutgers	0-3	217	--	--
Chicago State	0-0	--	--	--
IPFW	0-3	56	--	--
Seton Hall	0-3	205	--	--
Michigan	2-2	52	--	--
Cincinnati	1-2	196	--	--
Toledo	0-0	--	--	--
Valparaiso	0-3	205	--	--
St. John's	3-0	140	RV	--
West Virginia	0-3	105	--	--
Bowling Green	0-3	56	--	--
Central Michigan	0-0	--	--	--
Villanova	3-0	147	--	--
Louisville	4-0	78	20	16

NOTRE DAME IN THE SUNSHINE STATE — The Notre Dame baseball team has made regular visits to Florida, totaling a 72-61-1 record against various top teams in games played in Boca Raton, Ft. Myers, DeLand, Gainesville, Homestead, Jacksonville, Miami, Orlando, Santaluces, St. Petersburg, Tallahassee, Winter Park, Tampa and Clearwater. In addition to this week's Big Ten/BIG EAST Challenge, the Irish will return to DeLand and next weekend's Stetson Classic, as well as Clearwater and Bright House Networks Field for the 2010 BIG EAST Tournament in May.

► Notre Dame took two of three games in last season's BIG EAST/Big Ten Challenge. The Irish dropped their season opener to Ohio State, 2-0, but rebounded with victories over Illinois, 14-7, and Purdue, 9-4. Notre Dame returned to the Sunshine State for the 2009 BIG EAST Tournament. The Irish went 3-2 and fell just one game shy of the championship game.

► In 2008, Notre Dame took part in the Winning Inning Invitational (Clearwater) and Palm Beach Challenge (Santaluces). The Irish posted a 4-4 mark in those tournaments. Notre Dame dropped five straight to close the season -- all played in the State of Florida (three at USF, two at the 2008 BIG EAST Tournament).

► In 2007, Notre Dame participated in the Stetson Invitational (DeLand), Clearwater Classic and Florida Gulf Coast Classic (Ft. Myers). The Irish posted a 6-5 record in those tournaments, including a 16-6 victory over #7 Nebraska on March 4.

► The 2006 team swept a series at then-BIG EAST newcomer South Florida (9-6, 10-4, 10-1) and then won the program's fifth straight BIG EAST Tournament title by going 4-1 in action at Brighthouse Networks Field, in Clearwater.

► The 2005 team opened 3-1 in games played at Central Florida (18-3 vs. Florida A&M, 1-2 vs. UCF, 4-3 vs. FAMU, 4-2 vs. UCF) and then ended its season at the NCAA regional played at the University of Florida (1-5 vs. North Carolina, 7-4 vs. Stetson, 3-0 vs. UNC and 3-23 vs. UF).

► In addition to participating in the 2000 (7-1 record) and 2003 (6-1) Kennel Club Classics, the Irish recently have played three series at Miami (1-2 in 1992 and 1995, 0-3 in 1998) while participating in the first ACC/Disney Blast in Orlando (1998; 1-2 with win over FSU) and winning the 2004 Florida Atlantic Classic.

► Notre Dame nearly advanced to the 1992 and 1993 College World Series, after competing in NCAA regionals at Miami and Florida State (the Irish upset the host schools and reached the final day of competition in both years). The 2002 Irish team won their NCAA Super Regional series at Florida State to earn a College World Series spot (Florida native Chris Niesel picked up the decisive win over FSU).

► The program's first Florida trip came in 1956 (2-5 in games around the Tallahassee area). Other early Notre Dame trips to Florida included a 5-2 loss at FSU in 1958, three wins at Rollins in 1967, tournaments at Miami in 1970 (1-5) and Rollins in 1978 (3-5-1), seven games around the state in 1979 (2-5) and six games played at Rollins and Miami in 1989 (4-2).

FLORIDA NATIVES — The 2010 Notre Dame baseball roster includes one player from Florida. Freshman C Joe Hudson (Odessa/Tampa Jesuit H.S.) hails from the Sunshine State.

► The Irish baseball program's list of all-time monogram winners includes 18 Florida natives, among them Academic All-America first baseman and Tampa native Henry Valenzuela (Jesuit H.S.; 1979-82, hit .314 with 15 HR, 123 RBI) ... recent pitching ace Chris Niesel (Plantation; 2002-04, 3.21 ERA, 21-4, 2 SV, 233 Ks and just 57 BB in 272. IP) joined other noteworthy RHPs such as Mike Pasilla (Windemere/Bishop Moore H.S.; 1987-89), David Sinnes (Miami/Palmetto H.S.; 1990-93, 2.91 career ERA, 32-8 record, 315 Ks in 297.1 IP), closer John Corbin (Hollywood Hills H.S.; 1998-00, 20 saves) and Danny Tamayo (Miami/Ransom Everglades H.S.; 1998-01, 3.27 ERA, 141 Ks in 160 IP) ... Sinnes held ND record for career win pct. and Ks (bested by Aaron Heilman in 2001) while Corbin is the Irish career saves leader and Tamayo formed a potent 1-2 punch with Heilman ... other noteworthy ND players from Florida have included: SS Daniel Cunha (St. Petersburg; 1933-35), IF Joe LaRocca (Ft. Lauderdale/Gibbons H.S.; 1970-72), OF Mike Galloway (Cocoa Beach H.S.; 1975-77), DH Ken Meyer (Ft. Myers/Verot H.S.; 1999-02), catcher Javi Sanchez (Miami/Columbus H.S.), RHP Joey Williamson (Lantana/Santaluces H.S.; 2005-07), OF Ross Brezovsky (Naples/Collier H.S.) and LHP Wade Korpi (Lake Worth/Santaluces H.S.).

RECAPPING THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE SERIES — The Notre Dame baseball team opened its season with a three-game series sweep of Mississippi Valley State this past weekend. The Irish outscored the Delta Devils, 39-10, along the way and secured their first 3-0 start to a season since 2004. In fact, it is the first ever three-game series sweep away from home to open a season in the 118-year history of Irish baseball.

Notre Dame came into the season with the mantra, "898 committed to win ... one team rock solid." The coaching staff generated the number 898 by adding up every player's jersey number on the roster. The message being pushed by the coaches and players since the opening of practice has been it will take contributions from every player to have a winning season. Well, the Irish mantra was in full effect this weekend.

Notre Dame used 32 players this weekend in the series sweep, including 12 pitchers. The Irish had seven different players with at least one hit in each of the first two victories and then topped that total in the series finale when 11 different players had base hits in the 19-3 rout of Mississippi Valley State. In fact, Notre Dame also had 15 separate players account for its 19 runs scored. The team effort was also evident with the Irish pitching staff. Those 12 pitchers combined to make 14 appearances and nine of which were scoreless outings.

The Irish pitching staff also displayed significant improvement in control. Notre Dame averaged just over 3.8 walks per nine innings in 2009, the highest by an Irish staff since 1999. Notre Dame's pitchers walked just seven batters in 27.0 innings of work over the weekend -- good for just 2.3 walks per nine innings.

ILLINOIS INSIDER — The Fighting Illini will open their season against the Fighting Irish after their season-opening series against Bradley in Champaign was cancelled due to snow. Illinois finished 34-20 a year ago under head coach Dan Hartleb, including a 16-8 mark in Big Ten action (fourth place).

► The Illini batted .316 and plated 7.46 runs per contest last season, drawing 211 walks while striking out just 277 times (fewest strikeouts and best walk-to-strikeout ratio in the Big Ten). Illinois also led the conference in stolen bases with 79 in 122 tries and ranked 20th in the nation with 22 triples.

► The top hitter in terms of batting average for Illinois returns in junior Pete Cappetta, who hit .384 with a .475 on-base percentage and drove in 30 runs last season. 2009 Freshman All-American Willie Argo smacked 12 home runs to go along with 47 RBI and a .355 average, while infielder Josh Parr batted .337 with 30 RBI and 13 thefts. First baseman Matt Dittman hit .278 in 151 at bats a year ago, but walked 24 times

for a .389 on-base percentage. Senior catcher Aaron Johnson registered a .333 average with 10 home runs and 52 RBI, reached base 15 times via hit by pitch (fourth in the Big Ten), and tossed out 18 of 50 baserunners (second-best percentage in the conference). Also back for Illinois is left fielder Casey McMurray, who started every game last season and knocked in 43 runs while hitting .289.

► Illinois pitchers recorded a 5.32 ERA in 2009, yielding 559 hits and 201 walks in 473.1 innings with 11 saves. Sophomores Bryan Roberts and Will Strack will likely anchor the weekend rotation; Roberts went 5-4 with a 6.72 ERA and 57 strikeouts in 10 starts (69.2 innings) in 2009, while Strack notched a 6-1 record and a 3.84 ERA in nine starts. Much of the Illini bullpen returns, led by John Anderson (1-2, 4.10), Nick Chmielewski (3-2, 7.97), Lee Zerrusen (2-1, 5.44), and Corey Kimes (2-1, 6.04). As a club in 2009, the Fighting Illini committed 62 errors for a .970 fielding percentage, second in the Big Ten to Minnesota.

OHIO STATE INSIDER — The Buckeyes opened up the 2010 campaign with three wins in Jacksonville over North Florida, Florida A&M, and Richmond, outscoring the competition 40-12. This comes after Ohio State finished 42-19 last season, winning the Big Ten regular season title (18-6) and advancing to the NCAA Tournament under skipper Bob Todd. The win over Richmond marked Todd's 1000th career victory.

► Ohio State is batting .364 in 2010 after hitting .328 a year ago with 26 triples (8th nationally), 480 runs scored (7.87 per game), and 66 home runs (all stats were Big Ten bests). Only 12 Division I teams had more hits than Ohio State's 720 (11.80 per game) in 2009.

► The Buckeyes return eight starters to the lineup in 2010 (five seniors, three juniors). Remarkably, five of the eight starters (outfielder Ryan Dew, catcher Dan Burkhart, outfielder Zach Hurley, outfielder Michael Stephens, and second baseman Cory Kovanda) notched a .340 average or better and at least 56 starts, 48 runs, 74 hits, and 38 RBI. Dew hit .388 (fourth in Big Ten) with 42 RBI and just 12 strikeouts in 219 at bats. Burkhart batted at a .354 clip with 10 dingers and 62 RBI and threw out 21 of 60 would-be base-stealers, while Hurley led the conference in triples (6) while ranking second in hits (89) and fourth in runs scored (58). Stephens was in the top five in the Big Ten in runs (61, third), triples (5, second), home runs (14, fifth), RBI (63, fourth), and times hit by pitch (16, second), and Kovanda batted .341 and recorded the highest on-base percentage of the group (.431) as a consequence of his 33 walks.

► The Buckeyes rode their bats a year ago, as the pitching staff recorded a 6.39 ERA, but they have notched a 2.33 ERA so far this season. The staff is led by righty Alex Wimmers, who earned Big Ten Pitcher of the Week Honors for the first week of this season after going 9-2 with a 3.27 ERA and 136 strikeouts (conference-best) in 104.2 innings last season. Dean Wolosiansky returns after starting 16 games a season ago and ranking third in the Big Ten in wins (11-2, 6.04), while lefty starter Eric Best (7-4, 5.95) is also back. In the bullpen, Ohio State's returners include juniors Drew Rucinski (12-2, 5.54), Jared Strayer (0-2, 10.55), and Theron Minium (0-2, 16.47). Rucinski tied for the league lead in wins despite not starting a single game. The Buckeyes committed 84 errors in 2009 for a .963 fielding clip.

PENN STATE INSIDER — The Nittany Lions will open their season at the Big Ten/BIG EAST Challenge in 2010 after their opening weekend at Longwood University was snowed out. Penn State went 25-26 in 2009, including an 8-16 Big Ten mark, under head coach Robbie Wine.

► Penn State recorded a .294 average with a Big Ten-low 29 home runs in 2009. The Nittany Lions averaged 6.39 runs per contest while yielding 6.71.

► Sophomore third baseman Jordan Steranka leads Penn State's offensive attack after batting .365 with six long balls and 42 RBI as a freshman in 2009, earning him third team all-conference honors. Junior backstops Bobby Jacobs and Ben Heath split the time almost exactly behind the plate last season (Jacobs started 27 games while Heath started 26) and will likely do so again; the duo had nearly identical statistics as well, as Jacobs hit .298 with two home runs and 18 driven in and threw out 8 of 28 runners (.286) attempting to steal, while Heath batted .289 with three homers and 20 RBI and tossed out 9 of 32 runners (.281). Second baseman Louie Picconi started 34 games a year ago and hit .257 in 113 at bats. Michael Glantz will also see time in the infield; the junior batted .229 and scored 20 times in 2009 but also committed 20 errors in 30 games. With the injury to outfielder Blake Lynd that will cause him to miss the season, the Nittany Lions are minus eight players who started at least 24 games a year ago.

► Penn State's hurlers compiled a 5.86 ERA in 2009, allowing 532 hits in 451.2 innings. T.J. Macy (13 starts), Mike Lorentson (12), and Scott Kelley (10) started the most games for PSU last season, but none return in 2010. The Nittany Lions will now count on redshirt senior Mike Wanamaker, who missed the 2009 season due to injury but went 6-5 with a 3.41 ERA two seasons ago, and junior lefty Calvin Grumley (2-3, 9.14 ERA in 2009) to lead the starting staff. Highlighting the bullpen are left-hander David Lutz (4-2, 3.38 in 2009), right-hander Jesse Alfreno (1-0, 4.44), and right-hander Ryan Ignas (5-1, 5.31). PSU committed 70 errors last season for a .965 fielding percentage.

TALE OF THE TAPE (2010 STATS)

	Notre Dame	+Illinois	Ohio State	+Penn State
Batting Average	.319	.316	.364	.294
Runs Per Game	13.0	7.46	13.3	6.39
Home Runs	4	42	3	29
Slugging Percentage	.491	.460	.521	.404
Batters' BB+HBP-SO Margin	+7	-14	+8	-153
On-Base Percentage	.432	.394	.480	.371
Stolen Bases	4-5	79-122	4-4	57-84
Team ERA	3.00	5.32	2.33	5.78
Opponent Batting Average	.202	.298	.254	.300
Pitchers' SO-BB Ratio	3.14	1.48	4.71	1.55
Pitchers' SO Per 9 Innings	7.33	5.65	11.0	6.75
Pitchers' BB Per 9 Innings	2.33	3.82	2.33	4.36
Fielding Pct. (Errors)	.969 (4)	.970 (62)	.894 (13)	.964 (72)
Double Plays Turned	3	58	2	66
Record at Home	0-0	15-7	0-0	10-11
Record on Road (including neutral)	3-0	19-13	3-0	15-15
Record in One-Run Games	0-0	6-4	0-0	4-7
Record in Extra Innings	0-0	1-2	0-0	1-3

***2009 stats**

**Notre Dame vs.
The Conferences**

Atlantic Sun	0-0 (.000)
Stetson	0-0 (.000)
BIG EAST	0-0 (.000)
Cincinnati	0-0 (.000)
Georgetown	0-0 (.000)
Louisville	0-0 (.000)
Rutgers	0-0 (.000)
Seton Hall	0-0 (.000)
St. John's	0-0 (.000)
USF	0-0 (.000)
Villanova	0-0 (.000)
West Virginia	0-0 (.000)
Big Ten	0-0 (.000)
Illinois	0-0 (.000)
Michigan	0-0 (.000)
Michigan State	0-0 (.000)
Ohio State	0-0 (.000)
Penn State	0-0 (.000)
Big 12	0-0 (.000)
Kansas State	0-0 (.000)
Big West	0-0 (.000)
Pacific	0-0 (.000)
Great West	0-0 (.000)
Chicago State	0-0 (.000)
Texas-Pan American	0-0 (.000)
Horizon League	0-0 (.000)
Illinois-Chicago	0-0 (.000)
Valparaiso	0-0 (.000)
Ivy League	0-0 (.000)
Harvard	0-0 (.000)
Mid-American	0-0 (.000)
Ball State	0-0 (.000)
Bowling Green	0-0 (.000)
Central Michigan	0-0 (.000)
Toledo	0-0 (.000)
Western Michigan	0-0 (.000)
Missouri Valley	0-0 (.000)
Bradley	0-0 (.000)
Southwestern Athletic	3-0 (1.000)
Mississippi Valley State	3-0 (1.000)
Summit League	0-0 (.000)
IPFW	0-0 (.000)
Oakland	0-0 (.000)
West Coast	0-0 (.000)
Gonzaga	0-0 (.000)



National Polls

ESPN/USA Today

Team	Record	Final
1. Texas (18)	50-16-1	2
2. LSU (10)	56-17	1
3. Cal State Fullerton (2)	47-16	7
4. Virginia (1)	49-15-1	5
5. Florida State	45-18	10
6. Rice	43-18	9
7. UC Irvine	45-15	16
8. Arizona State	51-14	3
9. Florida	42-22	13
10. Georgia Tech	38-19-1	18
11. North Carolina	48-18	4
12. TCU	40-18	12
13. Miami, Fla.	38-22	20
14. Oregon State	37-19	NR
15. Clemson	44-22	14
16. Arkansas	41-24	6
17. Mississippi	44-20	11
18. East Carolina	46-20	15
19. Coastal Carolina	47-16	23
20. Louisville	47-18	17
21. Ohio State	42-19	NR
22. Oklahoma	43-20	19
23. San Diego	29-25	NR
24. Southern Mississippi	40-26	8
25. Stanford	30-25	NR

Receiving votes: South Carolina (40-23) 75; Vanderbilt (37-27) 75; UCLA (27-29) 73; Texas A&M (37-24) 51; Georgia (38-24) 48; Minnesota (40-19) 48; Arizona (30-25) 33; Kansas (39-24) 24; **Kansas State (43-18-1) 19**; Wichita State (30-27) 19; Oral Roberts (33-15) 18; Pepperdine (31-23) 15; Middle Tennessee (44-18) 13; Fresno State (32-30) 9; Missouri (35-27) 9; Oklahoma State (34-24) 9; Alabama (37-21) 6; UNC Wilmington (31-23) 6; Boston College (34-26) 5; Florida Gulf Coast (36-18) 5; James Madison (30-24) 5; Kentucky (28-26) 4; Long Beach State (25-29) 4; Cal Poly (37-21) 3; **Gonzaga (36-18) 3**; **St. John's (30-22) 3**; Florida International (34-23) 2; Jacksonville (37-22) 1; Nebraska (25-28) 1; Western Kentucky (42-20) 1.

COLLEGIATE BASEBALL

Team	Record	Pvs.
1. Louisiana State	492	2
2. Arizona State	490	5
3. Georgia Tech	488	6
4. Texas	487	1
5. Virginia	486	3
6. Cal State Fullerton	484	4
7. Florida State	483	7
8. UC Irvine	482	8
9. Florida	479	9
10. Oregon State	476	10
11. Miami, Fla.	473	12
12. North Carolina	471	13
13. Ohio State	469	14
14. TCU	465	15
15. Clemson	464	16
16. Louisville	461	19
17. UCLA	459	20
18. Stanford	457	26
19. New Mexico	454	-
20. Oklahoma	451	25
21. Coastal Carolina	449	17
22. East Carolina	447	18
23. South Carolina	444	28
24. San Diego	443	24
25. Oregon	441	-
26. Southern Mississippi	435	21
27. Wichita State	430	27
28. Mississippi	429	22
29. Texas A&M	427	29
30. Arkansas	425	23

CAREER STATS VS. ILLINOIS

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HBP	SF	SH	SB
Mick Doyle	.750	1-1	4	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0-1
Cameron McConnell	.667	1-1	3	1	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	1	0-0
Matt Grosso	.400	1-1	5	1	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0-0
David Mills	.400	1-1	5	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0-0
Greg Sherry	.333	1-1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0-0
Brayden Ashdown	.000	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Ryne Intlekofer	.000	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Casey Martin	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0

Player	ERA	W-L	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R-ER	BB-SO	B/AVG
Steven Mazur	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.0	0	0-0	0-2	.000
Cole Johnson	3.00	1-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	3.0	2	1-1	1-2	.182
Eric Maust	5.40	0-0	1	1	0	0/0	0	5.0	4	6-3	3-1	.200

ILLINOIS CAREER STATS VS. COLE JOHNSON

Player	AVG	AB	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	SF	SH	SB
Matt Dittman	.500	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Pete Cappetta	.500	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Josh Parr	.000	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0-0
Craig Lutes	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Aaron Johnson	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Casey McMurray	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0-0

ILLINOIS CAREER STATS VS. ERIC MAUST

Player	AVG	AB	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	SF	SH	SB
Josh Parr	.500	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Aaron Johnson	.000	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0-0
Craig Lutes	.000	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Pete Cappetta	.000	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Matt Dittman	.000	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Casey McMurray	.000	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0

ILLINOIS CAREER STATS VS. STEVEN MAZUR

Player	AVG	AB	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	SF	SH	SB
Daniel Parker	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0-0

ILLINOIS CAREER STATS VS. NOTRE DAME

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HBP	SF	SH	SB
Pete Cappetta	.250	1-1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Matt Dittman	.250	1-1	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Josh Parr	.250	1-1	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Aaron Johnson	.000	1-1	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0-0
Craig Lutes	.000	1-1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0-0
Casey McMurray	.000	1-1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0-0
Daniel Parker	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0

NOTRE DAME CAREER STATS VS. BILLY BARRETT

Player	AVG	AB	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	SF	SH	SB
Matt Grosso	1.000	2	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
David Mills	1.000	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Mick Doyle	.000	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0-0
Cameron McConnell	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0-0
Greg Sherry	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0

NOTRE DAME CAREER STATS VS. COREY KIMES

Player	AVG	AB	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	SF	SH	SB
Mick Doyle	1.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Casey Martin	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0-0
Cameron McConnell	.000	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0-0

NOTRE DAME CAREER STATS VS. KEVIN MANSON

Player	AVG	AB	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	SF	SH	SB
Mick Doyle	1.000	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-1
Cameron McConnell	1.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0-0
David Mills	.333	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Matt Grosso	.000	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Greg Sherry	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0-0

NOTRE DAME CAREER STATS VS. MIKE STERK

Player	AVG	AB	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	SF	SH	SB
Greg Sherry	1.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Cameron McConnell	1.000	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0

CAREER STATS VS. OHIO STATE

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HBP	SF	SH	SB
Billy Boockford	.500	1-1	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
David Mills	.250	1-1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
David Casey	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Ryne Intelkofer	.000	1-1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Matt Scioscia	.000	1-1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0-0
Greg Sherry	.000	1-1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0-0

Player ERA W-L G GS CG SHO SV IP H R-ER BB-SO B/AVG

Todd Miller	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.2	0	0-0	1-2	.000
Brian Dupra	2.84	0-1	1	1	0	0/0	0	6.1	6	2-2	1-2	.250

OHIO STATE CAREER STATS VS. BRIAN DUPRA

Player	AVG	AB	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	SF	SH	SB
Cory Kovanda	.500	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0-0
Cory Rupert	.333	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Dan Burkhardt	.333	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Ryan Dew	.333	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Michael Stephens	.000	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0-0
Zach Hurley	.000	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Brian Delucia	.000	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0-0

OHIO STATE CAREER STATS VS. TODD MILLER

Player	AVG	AB	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	SF	SH	SB
Brian Delucia	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Dan Burkhardt	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Zach Hurley	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Michael Stephens	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0-0
Cory Kovanda	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0

OHIO STATE CAREER STATS VS. NOTRE DAME

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HBP	SF	SH	SB
Cory Kovanda	.500	1-1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0-0
Cory Rupert	.333	1-1	3	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0-0
Ryan Dew	.333	1-1	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0-0
Dan Burkhardt	.250	1-1	4	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Zach Hurley	.000	1-1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Michael Stephens	.000	1-1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Brian Delucia	.000	1-1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0

NOTRE DAME CAREER STATS VS. ALEX WIMMERS

Player	AVG	AB	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	SF	SH	SB
Mick Doyle	1.000	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-1
Cameron McConnell	1.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0-0
David Mills	.333	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Matt Grosso	.000	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Greg Sherry	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0-0

National Polls

NCBWA

Team	Record	Pvs.
1. LSU	3-0	2
2. Florida State	3-0	6
3. Virginia	2-1	3
4. UC Irvine	3-0	7
5. Georgia Tech	3-0	9
6. Arizona State	3-0	8
7. Florida	3-0	10
8. Texas	1-2	1
9. TCU	3-0	11
10. Miami, Fla.	3-0	12
11. Cal State Fullerton	1-2	4
12. North Carolina	3-0	13
13. Clemson	3-0	14
14. Rice	0-3	5
15. Louisville	3-0	19
16. Arkansas	2-1	15
17. Stanford	3-0	30
18. South Carolina	3-0	21
19. Coastal Carolina	2-1	17
20. Oregon State	2-1	18
21. East Carolina	1-2	16
22. Oklahoma	4-0	25
23. Ohio State	3-0	23
24. Mississippi	2-1	20
25. San Diego	3-1	24
26. Southern Mississippi	2-1	22
27. UCLA	3-0	27
28. Texas A&M	3-0	28
29. Kentucky	3-0	-
30. Vanderbilt	3-0	29

Receiving votes (listed alphabetically): Alabama (2-0), Army (2-1), Baylor (3-1), Boston College (2-1), **Connecticut (0-0)**, Dallas (3-0), Elon (3-0), Florida Gulf Coast (3-0), Florida International (3-0), Fresno State (3-0), Georgia (2-2), James Madison (0-0), Kansas (0-0), Lamar (3-0), Middle Tennessee (1-1), Mississippi State (3-0), New Mexico (2-1), **NOTRE DAME (3-0)**, Old Dominion (3-0), Oral Roberts (0-0), Oregon (2-1), Pepperdine (2-1), **South Florida (0-3)**, **St. John's (3-0)**, Tennessee (3-0), Texas State (3-0), Texas Tech (4-0), UC Riverside (3-0), UCF (3-0), UNC Wilmington (2-1), Washington State (2-0), Western Kentucky (2-1), Wichita State (0-0), Winthrop (3-0).

BASEBALL AMERICA

Team	Record	Pvs.
1. Virginia	2-1	2
2. Louisiana State	3-0	3
3. Texas	1-2	1
4. Georgia Tech	3-0	6
5. Florida	3-0	7
6. UC Irvine	3-0	8
7. Florida State	3-0	9
8. Cal State Fullerton	1-2	4
9. Rice	0-3	5
10. South Carolina	3-0	10
11. Texas Christian	3-0	11
12. Coastal Carolina	2-1	12
13. Louisville	3-0	13
14. Arizona State	3-0	14
15. Clemson	3-0	15
16. Miami	3-0	16
17. Arkansas	2-1	17
18. Stanford	3-0	NR
19. San Diego	3-1	19
20. North Carolina	3-0	20
21. Southern Mississippi	2-1	21
22. East Carolina	1-2	18
23. UCLA	3-0	23
24. Mississippi	2-1	24
25. Oregon State	2-1	25



Notre Dame's Quick Facts

Name of School	University of Notre Dame
City / Zip	Notre Dame, Ind. / 46556
Founded	1842
Enrollment	8,371 (undergraduate)
Nickname	Fighting Irish
School Colors	Gold & Blue
Home Facility	Frank Eck Stadium / 2,500
Surface / Dimensions	Natural Grass LF - 380, CF - 400, RF - 380
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	BIG EAST
President	Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.
Athletic Director	Jack Swarbrick
Athletic Department Phone	574.631.6107
Ticket Office Phone	574.631.7356

HISTORY

First Year of Baseball	1892
All-Time Record	2,252-1,331-20 (.628)
College World Series Appearances	2 (1957, 2002)
NCAA Tournament Appearances	21 (1949, '56-'59, '60, '63, '70, '89, '92-'94, '96, '99-'06)
NCAA Tournament Record	41-44
Regular-Season Conference Titles	13 (MCC: '87, '88, '90, '92-'95; BIG EAST: '97, '99, '01, '02, '04, '06)
Conference Tournament Titles	10 (MCC: '89, '91-'94; BIG EAST: '02-'06)

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Athletic Trainer	Scott Stansbury

TEAM INFORMATION

2009 Overall Record	36-23
Home Record	16-9
Away Record	6-7
2009 BIG EAST Record	15-12
Home Record	9-6
Away Record	6-6
Monogram Winners Returning/Lost	16/4
Position Starters Returning/Lost	6/3
Pitchers Returning/Lost	12/1
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NOTRE DAME CAREER STATS VS. DREW RUCINSKI

Player	AVG	AB	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	SF	SH	SB
Greg Sherry	1.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Cameron McConnell	1.000	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0

ON DECK — After Notre Dame returns from this weekend's Big Ten/BIG EAST Challenge in Florida, the Irish hit the road again the following weekend (March 6-7) for the Stetson Tournament. Notre Dame opens tournament action with a doubleheader on Saturday, March 6 against Harvard (11:00 a.m. ET) and Kansas State (3:00 p.m. ET). The Irish then close the weekend against the host Hatters on Sunday, March 7 at 4:00 p.m. ET. Notre Dame will remain on the road and fly out for Texas and its spring break trip. The Irish will play a two-game series at Texas-Pan American on March 9-10 before hosting the 2010 Irish Baseball Classic in San Antonio at Wolff Stadium on March 11-14. Notre Dame will play Bradley (Thursday, March 11, 4:00 p.m. CT), Pacific (Friday, March 12, 3:00 p.m. CT) and Gonzaga (Saturday, March 13, 12:00 p.m. CT).

RANKINGS — Notre Dame is receiving votes in the NCBWA poll. Ohio State is ranked 21st by ESPN/USA Today, 13th by Collegiate Baseball and 23rd by NCBWA. Penn State and Illinois are unranked in all four polls.

SEASON OPENERS — Notre Dame owns a record of 17-6 in season openers dating back to the 1988 season. The Irish are 10-3 in their last 13 openers.

2.19.10	Miss. Valley State	W, 12-4	Itta Bena, MS	1.30.98	Florida State	W, 10-1	Orlando, FL
2.20.09	Ohio State	L, 0-2	Dunedin, FL	2.21.97	Long Beach State	L, 8-10	Long Beach, CA
2.22.08	Liberty	L, 6-2	Clearwater, FL	2.17.96	Georgia Tech	L, 12-4	Atlanta, GA
2.17.07	Prairie View	W, 15-8	San Antonio, TX	2.24.95	Texas	L, 10-6	Fullerton, CA
2.23.06	Indiana State	W, 3-0	Millington, TN	3.5.94	Tulane	W, 8-2	New Orleans, LA
2.18.05	Florida A&M	W, 18-3	Orlando, FL	3.8.93	Arizona State	W, 11-4	Tempe, AZ
2.20.04	San Diego State	W, 7-1	Los Angeles, CA	2.28.92	Army	W, 2-1	Millington, TN
2.21.03	Dayton	W, 10-9	Tempe, AZ	2.21.91	Dartmouth	W, 4-2	Phoenix, AZ
2.22.02	Missouri	W, 7-6 (10)	New Orleans, LA	2.5.90	Goshen	W, 3-0	Notre Dame, IN
2.17.01	New Orleans	L, 7-6	Starkville, MS	2.23.89	Trinity (TX)	W, 12-2	Trinity, TX
2.24.00	Air Force	W, 6-0	Millington, TN	2.25.88	Duke	W, 14-11	Durham, NC
2.19.99	James Madison	W, 8-4	Tampa, FL				

RECENT SEASON OPENERS — The Irish have captured 10 of their last 13 season openers. Notre Dame suffered a tight loss to New Orleans in the 2001 season opener (7-6 at Mississippi State) and 2008 and 2009 in Florida (6-2 vs. Liberty in Clearwater; 2-0 vs. Ohio State in Dunedin), but have opened season with victories in 1998 (10-1 vs. Florida State in Orlando), 1999 (8-4 vs. James Madison at FIU), 2000 (6-0 vs. Air Force in Millington, Tenn.), 2002 (7-6 vs. Missouri at New Orleans), 2003 (10-9 vs. Dayton at Arizona State), 2004 (7-1 vs. San Diego State at USC), 2005 (19-8 vs. Florida A&M at UCF), 2006 (3-0 vs. Indiana State in Millington, Tenn.), 2007 (15-8 vs. Prairie View in San Antonio) and 2010 (12-4 at Mississippi Valley State).

► The 2001-03 openers each produced one-run games (the Missouri game in 2002 went 10 innings), but Notre Dame won the 2004-07 opening games by a combined 44-17 margin. The 19-8 rout of Florida A&M in 2005 was Notre Dame's largest margin of victory and most runs in a season opener since the 1963 squad won 20-3 at Indiana. The Irish were nearly as dominant in the 2010 opener, routing Mississippi Valley State, 12-4, in Itta Bena.

SEASON-OPENING SITES — This year marked the 77th season and 20th straight that Notre Dame opened its season away from home. The 1990 Irish team played a rare Feb. 5 home game against Goshen to open the year.

► Florida (nine) is the site of the second-most season-opening games in the history of Notre Dame baseball. Tennessee ranks third with seven games and Texas and Georgia are tied for the fourth-most common site for an Irish season-opener (six). Other states that have been the site of multiple Irish openers include: Kentucky and Louisiana (five), California (four), Arizona, Arkansas, Illinois, Ohio, Oklahoma and Mississippi (all with three), Alabama, Michigan, Missouri and North Carolina (two). Obviously, Indiana leads all states with 13.

► The most common sites for a Notre Dame road season opener have included: Indiana University (six), Purdue (four), Georgia Tech (three) and USA Baseball Stadium in Millington, Tenn. (three)

OPENING-DAY HOME RUNS — Three members of the 2007 team (A.J. Pollock, Michael Wright and Mike Dury) smacked home runs in the '07 season opener vs. Prairie View A&M. Pollock (3-run) and Wright (solo) homered two batters apart in the second inning (their first career ABs with the Irish) and are believed to be the first Notre Dame freshmen ever to homer in a season opener. Since 1989, Notre Dame players now have combined for 19 HRs on opening day. The Prairie View A&M game was the first time since 1993 that the Irish have hit three home runs in an opener (Craig DeSensi, Paul Failla and Eric Danapilis all homered in the '93 opener, a 11-4 win at Arizona State). Notre Dame players had homered in six straight season openers before failing to do so in the 2008 opener against Liberty. The previous six opening day home runs included Matt Bok in 2002 (vs. Missouri, at University of New Orleans), Kris Billmaier in 2003 (vs. Dayton, at Arizona State), Matt Edwards in 2004 (vs. San Diego State, at USC), Steve Andres and Edwards in 2005 (vs. Florida A&M, in Orlando), Matt Bransfield in 2006 (vs. Indiana State, in Millington, Tenn.) and the above listed trio in 2007. Edwards is the only player among those listed below to hit multiple opening-day homers in his Notre Dame career. Of the program's 19 opening-day home runs in the past 20 seasons, 10 have come from seniors, five from juniors, two from sophomores (none since 1993, when DeSensi and Failla did it) and two from freshmen. The 19 have also included four first basemen (Edwards twice) and four leftfielders, three DHs, plus two catchers, two shortstops, a centerfielder, a rightfielder, a third baseman and a second baseman.

Notre Dame Opening-Day Home Runs Since 1989

Ed Lund (Jr., C, '89) – at Trinity (12-2)
 Craig DeSensi (So., DH, '93) – at Arizona State (11-4)
 Paul Failla (So., SS, '93) – at Arizona State (11-4)
 Eric Danapolis (Sr., CF, '93) – at Arizona State (11-4)
 Bob Lisanti (Sr., C, '96) – at Georgia Tech (4-12)
 Dan Leatherman (Jr., 1B, '98) – vs. Florida St., Orlando (10-1)
 Brant Ust (Jr., SS, '99) – vs. James Madison, Miami (8-4)
 Matt Bok (Sr., DH, '02) – vs. Missouri, New Orleans (7-6)
 Kris Billmaier (Sr., RF, '03) – vs. Dayton, Tempe (10-9)
 Matt Edwards (Jr., 1B, '04) – vs. San Diego State, Los Angeles (7-1)

Steve Andres (Jr., LF, '05) – vs. Florida A&M, Orlando (18-3)
 Matt Edwards (Sr., 1B, '05) – vs. Florida A&M, Orlando (18-3)
 Matt Bransfield (Sr., LF, '06) – vs. Indiana State, Millington, TN (3-0)
 Michael Wright (Fr., LF, '07) – vs. Prairie View A&M, San Antonio (15-8)
 A.J. Pollock (Fr., 3B, '07) – vs. Prairie View A&M, San Antonio (15-8)
 Mike Dury (Sr., DH, '07) – vs. Prairie View A&M, San Antonio (15-8)
 Ryne Intlekofer (Sr., 2B, '10) – at Mississippi Valley State (12-4)
 Ryan Connolly (Sr., LF, '10) – at Mississippi Valley State (12-4)
 Casey Martin (Sr., 1B, '10) – at Mississippi Valley State (12-4)

OPENING-WEEKEND LONG BALLS — Notre Dame players combined to hit 38 opening-weekend home runs during the past 16 seasons (1995-08). Five players in that span hit multiple opening-week homers: infielder Brant Ust (two; 1998 and 1999), RF Kris Billmaier (three, in 2003), 1B Matt Edwards (two; 2004, 2005), LF/DH Steve Andres (two; 2003, 2005) and current senior 1B Casey Martin (two; 2010). Billmaier is the only Notre Dame player among those listed below who had a multi-HR game during the opening weekend (vs. Newman, at Arizona State). A.J. Pollock (vs. Prairie View A&M, in San Antonio in 2007) is one of six from this list to homer during the opening week of their freshman season, as did Michael Wright (vs. Prairie View A&M, in San Antonio in 2007), Andres (at Arizona State in 2003), Ed Golom (as a pinch-hitter, at Florida International in 1999), OF Brian Stavisky (at Memphis, in 2000) and RF Cody Rizzo (in the second 2003 game at Arizona State). The position breakdown of the opening-weekend home run hitters since 1995 is as follows: 1B (6), RF (6), DH (5), SS (5), LF (5), C (3), 3B (3), CF (2), 2B (2) and PH (1).

Opening-Week Home Runs Since 1995

Rowan Richards (Jr., CF, '95) – game 3 vs. Pepperdine (14-5)
 Ryan Topham (Jr., RF, '95) – game 3 vs. Pepperdine (14-5)
 Bob Lisanti (Sr., C, '96) – game 1 at Georgia Tech (4-12)
 Justin Scholl (Sr., RF, '97) – game 2 vs. USC (4-14)
 Dan Leatherman (Sr., 1B, '98) – game 1 vs. Florida State (10-1)
 Brant Ust (So., 3B, '98) – game 2 vs. NC State (8-10)
 Jeff Wagner (Jr., C, '98) – game 2 vs. NC State (8-10)
 Brant Ust (Jr., SS, '99) – game 1 vs. James Madison (8-4)
 Ed Golom (Fr., PH, '99) – game 2 at Florida International (1-14)
 Alec Porzel (Jr., SS, '00) – game 3 at Memphis (4-3)
 Brian Stavisky (Fr., RF, '00) – game 3 at Memphis (4-3)
 Matt Bok (Sr., DH, '02) – game 1 vs. Missouri (7-6)
 Andrew Bushey (Sr., C/3B, '02) – game 2 at New Orleans (7-8)
 Kris Billmaier (Sr., RF, '03) – game 1 vs. Dayton (10-9)
 Kris Billmaier (Sr., RF, '03) – 2 HRs in game 2 vs. Newman (15-5)
 Steve Andres (Fr., DH, '03) – game 3 at Arizona State (3-16)
 Matt Macri (So., SS, '03) – game 4 at Arizona State (8-14)

Cody Rizzo (Fr., CF, '03) – game 4 at Arizona State (8-14)
 Matt Edwards (Jr., 1B, '04) – game 1 vs. San Diego State (7-1)
 Steve Andres (Jr., LF, '05) – game 1 vs. Florida A&M (18-3)
 Matt Edwards (Sr., 1B, '05) – game 1 vs. Florida A&M (18-3)
 Matt Bransfield (Sr., LF, '06) – game 1 vs. Indiana State (3-0)
 Ross Brezovsky (So., 2B, '06) – game 2 vs. Air Force (8-2)
 Mike Dury (Jr., 1B, '06) – game 4 vs. Oklahoma (3-4)
 Michael Wright (Fr., LF, '07) – game 1 vs. Prairie View (15-8)
 A.J. Pollock (Fr., 3B, '07) – game 1 vs. Prairie View (15-8)
 Mike Dury (Sr., DH, '07) – game 1 vs. Prairie View (15-8)
 Brett Lilley (Sr., SS, '08) – game 2 vs. Iowa (14-13, 10 innings)
 Jeremy Barnes (Sr., SS, '09) – game 2 vs. Illinois (14-7)
 Matt Grosso (Jr., DH, '09) – game 2 vs. Illinois (14-7)
 Ryne Intlekofer (Sr., 2B, '10) – game 1 at Miss. Valley State (12-4)
 Ryan Connolly (Sr., LF, '10) – game 1 at Miss. Valley State (12-4)
 Casey Martin (Sr., 1B, '10) – game 1 at Miss. Valley State (12-4)
 Casey Martin (Sr., 1B, '10) – game 2 at Miss. Valley State (8-3)

RECENT OPENING-WEEK TEAM STATISTICS

Yr. (24-26)	Avg. (H-AB)	Runs (R/gm)	TB (2B-3B-HR/Slug)	On-Base	SB	BB/K
1995 (1-2)	.352 (38-108)	23 (7.7)	60 (10-3-2/.556)	.450	2-4	18/25
1996 (0-2)	.246 (17-69)	8 (4.0)	28 (8-0-1/.406)	.316	1-2	4/22
1997 (0-3)	.297 (33-111)	17 (5.7)	46 (6-2-1/.414)	.350	1-1	8/25
1998 (1-2)	.260 (27-104)	19 (6.3)	39 (1-1-3/.375)	.353	2-3	14/21
1999 (1-3)	.197 (25-127)	11 (2.8)	38 (7-0-2/.299)	.270	4-4	10/36
2000 (2-1)	.279 (24-86)	14 (4.8)	40 (6-2-2/.465)	.304	2-2	4/16
2001 (2-1)	.302 (35-116)	17 (5.7)	46 (7-2-0/.397)	.385	6-9	13/22
2002 (1-2)	.257 (29-111)	16 (5.3)	43 (6-1-2/.387)	.415	6-10	8/15
2003 (2-2)	.367 (54-147)	36 (9.0)	86 (10-2-6/.585)	.428	2-2	10/24
2004 (2-0)	.310 (18-58)	10 (5.0)	23 (2-0-1/.397)	.388	5-5	6/17
2005 (3-1)	.274 (34-124)	27 (6.8)	46 (6-0-3/.371)	.421	3-9	16/21
2006 (2-2)	.250 (31-124)	20 (5.0)	43 (3-0-3/.347)	.333	2-5	13/16
2007 (1-2)	.200 (18-90)	15 (5.3)	30 (1-1-3/.333)	.354	4-6	17/21
2008 (1-2)	.282 (31-110)	20 (6.7)	43 (7-1-1/.391)	.398	3-4	19/19
2009 (2-1)	.355 (39-110)	23 (7.7)	50 (3-1-2/.455)	.409	1-3	13/21
2010 (3-0)	.319 (37-116)	39 (13.0)	57 (6-1-4/.491)	.432	4-5	22/19
Totals	.286 (490-1711)	315 (6.3)	718 (89-17-36/.420)	.382	48-74	195/340

Per-Game Avg: 3.9 BB, 6.8 Ks, 1.0 SBs, 2.84 extra-base hits (0.72 HRs)

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Media Guides

Media guides will be available to working press only and may be purchased by fans. Press guides will not be distributed to fans from the press box or the media relations office. The 2010 Notre Dame Baseball Media Guide is also available online at UND.com in .pdf format.

Game Notes and Statistics

Game notes and statistics will be distributed to all working media and scouts on game days at Frank Eck Stadium. Copies will also be made available in the press box. The statistics are for working press, scouts and coaches only. A complete statistical book containing box score, play-by-play and game notes will also be available in the press box for working media following each home game. All information will be made available to fans through UND.com.

Live Stats/GameTracker

While every Irish game can be accessed by radio either through the internet or in the greater Michiana area, every home game and nearly every road games can be tracked through live statistical updates on UND.com.



Notre Dame Double-Digit Hit Streaks (since '95)

22 – Ross Brezovsky (2008; Sr., OF)
 21 – Craig Cooper (2006; Sr., 1B)
 21 – Mike Amhein (1997; Sr., C)
 18 – Jeff Felker (1999; Jr., 1B)
 16 – Steve Stanley (2000; So., CF)
 15 – Alex Nettey (2005; Jr., CF)
 15 – Steve Sollmann (2003; Jr., 2B)
 15 – Jeff Wagner (1997; Sr., C/DH)
 15 – Brant Ust (1997; Fr., 2B/SS)
 14 – Steve Andres (2004; So., LF)
 14 – Brian Stavisky (2000; Fr., RF)
 14 – Matt Nussbaum (1999; Jr., LF)
 13 – David Mills (2008; So., DH)
 13 – Craig Cooper (2005; Jr., LF)
 13 – Steve Sollmann (2003; Jr., 2B)
 13 – Steve Stanley (2002; Sr., CF)
 13 – Andrew Bushey (2001; Jr., 3B)
 13 – Allen Greene (1997; So., LF)
 12 – Matt Bransfield (2006; Sr., LF)
 12 – Javi Sanchez (2002; SS, So.)
 12 – Steve Stanley (1999; Cf, Fr.)
 12 – Jeff Wagner (1998; Jr., C)
11 – Mick Doyle (2009; So., 3B)
 11 – Golden Tate (2009; So., LF)
 11 – Jeremy Barnes (2009; Sr., SS)
 11 – A.J. Pollock (2008; So., OF)
 11 – Ryan Smith (2007; Fr., C/DH)
 11 – Jeremy Barnes (2007; So., 2B)
 11 – Matt Bransfield (2006; Sr., OF/DH)
 11 – Danny Dressman (2006; Jr., OF)
 11 – Ross Brezovsky (2006; So., 2B)
 11 – Steve Stanley (2002; Cf, Sr.)
 11 – Brian Stavisky (2002; Jr., LF)
 11 – Allen Greene (1998; Jr., CF)
 11 – Scott Sollmann (1996; Jr., CF)
 10 – A.J. Pollock (2009; Jr., CF)
 10 – A.J. Pollock (2009; Jr., CF)
 10 – Jeremy Barnes (2008; Jr., 2B)
 10 – Jeremy Barnes (2008; Jr., 2B)
 10 – Brett Lilley (2008; Sr., SS)
 10 – Danny Dressman (2007; Sr., CF)
 10 – Matt Edwards (2005; Sr., 1B)
 10 – Matt Macri (2004; Jr., 3B)
 10 – Matt Edwards (2004; Jr., 1B)
 10 – Matt Edwards (2003; So., 3B)
 10 – Steve Stanley (2002; Sr., CF)
 10 – Steve Sollmann (2002; So., 2B)
 10 – Steve Stanley (2001; Jr., CF)
 10 – Ken Meyer (2001; Jr., DH)
 10 – Steve Sollmann (2001; Fr., 2B)
 10 – Steve Stanley (2000; So., CF)
 10 – Brian Stavisky (2000; Fr., RF)
 10 – Steve Stanley (1999; Fr., CF)
 10 – Brant Ust (1998; So., 3B)
 10 – J.J. Brock (1997; Sr., 3B)
 10 – Randall Brooks (1996; Jr., 2B)
 10 – J.J. Brock (1996; Jr., 3B)

Most Double-Digit Hit Streaks (since '95)

8 – Steve Stanley
 4 – Steve Sollmann, Jeremy Barnes
 3 – Brian Stavisky, Matt Edwards, A.J. Pollock
 2 – Brant Ust, Allen Greene, Jeff Wagner,
 J.J. Brock, Craig Cooper, Danny Dressman, A.J.
 Pollock

Year (24-26)	R/ER	IP	ERA	K/BB	H-AB	AVG	Slug. (HR)	WP/HB	FINAL ERA
1995 (1-2)	35/30	25.0	10.80	18/20	39-102	.382	.559 (2)	7/9	4.53
1996 (0-2)	21/18	16.0	10.13	11/11	26-72	.361	.556 (3)	1/2	3.87
1997 (0-3)	35/24	25.0	8.64	17/21	34-107	.318	.486 (3)	7/5	4.51
1998 (1-2)	14/11	25.0	3.96	22/14	24-90	.267	.345 (0)	2/4	4.02
1999 (1-3)	33/28	33.0	7.64	29/15	42-141	.298	.560 (10)	6/2	5.15
2000 (2-1)	8/5	22.0	2.05	23/7	19-79	.241	.354 (2)	0/1	3.93
2001 (2-1)	14/7	29.0	2.17	13/8	26-106	.245	.292 (0)	0/8	3.22
2002 (1-2)	20/19	27.2	6.18	22/9	37-112	.330	.473 (3)	2/4	3.57
2003 (2-2)	44/34	32.0	9.56	11/28	46-136	.338	.544 (4)	7/5	3.35
2004 (2-0)	2/1	16.0	0.57	18/5	9-53	.170	.208 (0)	1/2	3.43
2005 (3-1)	10/7	35.0	1.80	17/19	37-129	.287	.357 (1)	1/5	4.41
2006 (2-2)	13/8	36.0	2.00	38/10	30-129	.233	.333 (2)	1/4	3.52
2007 (1-2)	16/12	27.0	4.00	23/7	28-101	.277	.347 (1)	1/7	3.97
2008 (1-2)	31/26	28.0	8.36	24/18	37-114	.325	.500 (3)	3/5	4.38
2009 (2-1)	13/9	27.0	3.00	12/15	19-97	.196	.268 (0)	3/4	5.36
2010 (3-0)	10/9	27.0	3.00	22/7	19-94	.202	.266 (0)	3/7	--
Totals	319/248	430.2	5.33	320/214	472-1662	.284	.388 (34)	45/70	

9-Inn. Avg.: 6.7 Ks, 4.5 BB, 9.9 hits, 0.7 HRs, 0.9 wild pitches, 1.4 hit batters

Year (24-26)	Errors	Chances	Pct.	UE Runs	DPs	FINAL Fld. %
1995 (1-2)	6	97	.938	5	0	.960
1996 (0-2)	4	73	.945	3	1	.953
1997 (0-3)	12	118	.898	11	1	.942
1998 (1-2)	4	121	.967	3	4	.962
1999 (1-3)	9	149	.940	5	0	.954
2000 (2-1)	3	102	.971	3	2	.965
2001 (2-1)	4	129	.969	7	3	.964
2002 (1-2)	4	127	.969	1	5	.961
2003 (2-2)	8	160	.950	10	3	.970
2004 (2-0)	1	64	.984	1	0	.967
2005 (3-1)	7	163	.957	3	10	.960
2006 (2-2)	4	148	.973	5	4	.972
2007 (1-2)	5	124	.960	4	1	.962
2008 (1-2)	2	114	.982	5	6	.973
2009 (2-1)	3	118	.975	4	1	.966
2010 (3-0)	4	128	.969	1	3	--
Totals	80	1,935	.959	71	44	

Per-Game Averages: 1.6 errors, 1.4 unearned runs, 0.9 double plays

NOTRE DAME VETERAN PLAYERS' OPENING-WEEK CAREER STATS

Player (Year)	H-AB	RBI	R	2B-3B-HR	BB/K	SB	AVG
Charlie Markson (2010)	2-3	3	2	1-0-0	0/0	0-0	.667
Joe Hudson (2010)	2-4	2	1	0-0-0	0/0	0-0	.500
Cameron McConnell (2008-10)	7-16	5	6	0-0-0	0/5	0-0	.438
Mick Doyle (2008-10)	8-21	8	8	1-0-0	6/4	0-1	.381
Casey Martin (2008-10)	10-27	7	7	1-0-2	1/6	0-0	.370
Frank Desico (2010)	1-3	0	1	0-0-0	1/1	0-0	.333
Billy Boockford (2007-10)	8-25	2	5	2-1-0	2/4	0-0	.320
Matt Grosso (2009-10)	5-16	4	4	0-0-1	3/2	0-0	.313
Greg Sherry (2008-10)	4-13	2	2	1-0-0	3/4	0-0	.308
Brayden Ashdown (2007-10)	4-13	5	3	0-1-0	0/3	0-1	.308
David Mills (2007-10)	6-20	5	3	1-0-0	3/2	4-4	.300
Adam Norton (2010)	2-7	1	4	0-0-0	1/2	0-0	.286
Matt Scioscia (2008-10)	2-9	0	0	0-0-0	4/2	0-0	.222
Ryne Intlekofer (2007-10)	4-19	4	3	1-0-1	1/3	0-0	.211
Ryan Connelly (2006-10)	2-11	3	2	1-0-1	2/2	0-0	.182
David Casey (2008-10)	2-10	2	4	0-0-0	3/3	0-0	.000
Ty Adams (2008-10)	0-3	0	0	0-0-0	1/2	0-0	.000
Alex Robinson (2009-10)	0-3	0	2	0-0-0	1/0	0-0	.000

NOTRE DAME VETERAN PLAYERS' OPENING-WEEK CAREER STATS

Player (Year)	H-AB	RBI	R	2B-3B-HR	BB/K	SB	AVG
Will Harford (2010)	0-2	0	1	0-0-0	0/0	0-0	.000
Herman Petzold (2010)	0-1	0	1	0-0-0	1/0	0-0	.000
Will Hudgins (2010)	0-1	0	0	0-0-0	0/0	0-0	.000
Bill Warrender (2010)	0-0	1	1	0-0-0	1/0	0-0	.000
Combined	69-227	54	60	9-2-5	33/45	4-6	.304

NOTRE DAME VETERAN PITCHERS' OPENING-WEEK CAREER STATS

Pitcher (Year)	ERA	W-L	G-GS	IP	H	R-ER	BB-SO
Will Hudgins (2009-10)	0.00	0-0	2-0	3.1	1	0-0	0-2
Joe Spano (2009-10)	0.00	0-0	3-0	2.0	0	0-0	2-3
Ryan Richter (2010)	0.00	0-0	1-0	0.2	0	0-0	0-0
Steve Sabatino (2010)	0.00	1-0	1-1	3.0	0	0-0	3-5
Billy Boockford (2010)	0.00	1-0	1-0	1.2	0	0-0	1-1
Todd Miller (2008-10)	1.69	0-0	3-0	5.1	5	1-1	2-4
Steve Mazur (2007-10)	2.16	1-0	7-0	8.1	3	4-2	1-6
Eric Maust (2007-10)	3.14	0-0	4-1	14.1	9	8-5	3-7
Cole Johnson (2008-10)	3.24	2-0	2-1	8.1	7	3-3	1-4
Ryan Sharpley (2008-10)	6.00	0-0	2-0	3.0	3	2-2	0-5
Evan Danieli (2008-09)	7.11	0-0	2-1	6.1	6	5-5	6-6
David Mills (2007-10)	7.71	0-0	3-0	2.1	6	3-2	2-1
Brian Dupra (2008-10)	7.90	0-2	3-3	13.2	19	13-12	5-6
Combined	3.98	5-2	34-7	72.1	59	39-32	26-50

TOP RECENT OPENING-WEEK HITTERS (since '95; min. 8 AB)

Player (Year)	H-AB	RBI	R	2B-3B-HR	BB/K	SB	AVG
Brian Stavisky (2001)	9-13	3	3	2-2-0	3/2	1-1	.692
Andrew Bushey (2002)	6-9	3	1	1-0-1	0/2	0-1	.667
Cody Rizzo (2003)	5-8	5	3	1-0-1	0/1	0-0	.625
Rowan Richards (1995)	6-11	5	5	1-0-1	2/2	1-2	.545
Steve Sollmann (2001)	7-13	2	1	1-0-0	1/3	2-3	.538
Mike Amrhein (1997)	7-13	3	3	1-0-0	1/1	0-0	.538
Mike Amrhein (1995)	7-13	2	2	2-0-0	1/3	0-0	.538
Casey Martin (2010)	8-16	7	4	1-0-2	0/2	0-0	.500
Golden Tate (2009)	7-14	2	4	2-0-0	1/2	0-0	.500
Brett Lilley (2008)	5-10	5	4	0-0-1	4/1	0-0	.500
Jeff Wagner (1997)	7-14	0	2	0-0-0	0/2	0-0	.500
Ross Brezovsky (2007)	4-8	1	3	0-0-0	4/1	0-0	.500
Ryan Topham (1995)	6-13	8	4	4-1-1	2/4	0-0	.462
Paul O'Toole (2000)	5-11	5	1	0-1-0	0/1	0-0	.455
Craig DeSensi (1995)	5-11	1	4	1-0-0	2/1	0-0	.455
Jeff Wagner (1998)	5-11	4	3	0-0-1	3/1	0-0	.455

TOP RECENT OPENING-WEEK STARTERS (since '88; min. 3 IP)

Pitcher (Year)	R/ER	IP	K/BB	W-L	ERA
Chris Michalak (1992 v. Army)	1/0	9.0	2/1	1-0	0.00
Tom Thornton (2006 vs. Indiana State)	0/0	7.1	5/0	1-0	0.00
Scott Cavey (2000 vs. Air Force)	0/0	6.0	6/1	1-0	0.00
Jess Stewart (2005 at UCF)	1/0	5.1	1/3	1-0	0.00
Wade Korpi (2006 vs. Memphis)	0/0	5.0	7/0	0-0	0.00
Alex Shilliday (1998 vs. Florida State)	0/0	5.0	6/4	1-0	0.00
Matt Buchmeier (2001 at Mississippi State)	0/0	4.0	1/1	0-0	0.00
Chris McKeown (1999 v. James Madison)	0/0	4.0	4/2	0-0	0.00
Danny Tamayo (1998 v. Duke)	0/0	4.0	0/1	0-0	0.00
Chris McKeown (1998 vs. Florida State)	0/0	3.0	3/1	0-0	0.00
David Sinnes (1991 vs. Dartmouth)	2/0	3.0	4/3	0-0	0.00
Alan Walania (1990 vs. Goshen)	0/0	3.0	2/0	0-0	0.00
Steve Sabatino (2010 vs. Miss. Valley State)	0/0	3.0	5/3	1-0	0.00
Jeff Samardzija (2006 vs. Air Force)	2/2	5.0	8/2	1-0	1.50
Tom Thornton (2004 at USC)	1/1	6.0	4/2	1-0	1.50
Aaron Heilman (2001 at Mississippi State)	5/1	6.0	6/2	1-0	1.50
David Phelps (2007 vs. Texas State)	1/1	5.0	7/2	0-0	1.80
Jeff Samardzija (2005 vs. Florida A&M)	1/1	5.0	1/3	1-0	1.80
Tom Thornton (2005 at UCF)	1/1	5.0	3/3	0-0	1.80

Notre Dame Home Runs

Date	Player	Opp.	On Base	Inn	Count	Score
2.19	Ryne Intlekofer	MVSU	2	4	2-0	3-0
2.19	Ryan Connolly	MVSU	1	4	2-2	6-0
2.19	Casey Martin	MVSU	0	8	1-0	11-4
2.20	Casey Martin	MVSU	0	9	2-2	7-3

**Notre Dame's Opponent
Home Runs**

Date Player Opp. On Base Inn Count Score

TOP RECENT OPENING-WEEK STARTERS (since '88; min. 3 IP)

Pitcher (Year)	R/ER	IP	K/BB	W-L	ERA
Peter Ogilvie (2003 at Arizona State)	5/1	5.0	2/2	0-1	1.80
Chris Niesel (2002 vs. Southern Illinois)	1/1	5.0	10/0	0-0	1.80
Tom Price (1994, at Tulane)	2/2	9.0	5/0	1-0	2.00
Chris McKeown (1997 at Long Beach State)	1/1	4.0	5/3	0-0	2.25
Alex Shilliday (1999 vs. James Madison)	3/2	7.0	8/1	1-0	2.57
Tim Kraus (1995 vs. Pepperdine)	1/1	3.1	2/2	1-0	2.70

Note: Michalak also won in relief vs. Dartmouth in the opening week of 1991 (5.1 shutout IP, 4 Ks, BB, 2 H) and won the 1993 opener at Arizona State (9 IP, 8 H, 4 R, 3 BB, 4 Ks).

JOHNSON NAMED PRESEASON ALL-BIG EAST FIRST TEAM — Notre Dame placed junior RHP Cole Johnson on the preseason All-BIG EAST squad. Johnson, who earned second-team all-BIG EAST in 2009, went 7-3 with a 4.56 ERA last season. He struck out 64 in 94.2 innings of work and opponents batted just .252 against him.

IRISH PICKED FIFTH BY BIG EAST COACHES — The University of Notre Dame baseball team was picked to finish fifth in the 2010 BIG EAST preseason baseball poll as determined by a vote of the league's 12 head coaches, who were not permitted to vote for their own teams. The Irish received a total of 84 points.

Team	Points	2009 Overall	2009 BIG EAST
1. Louisville (9)	119	47-18	19-7
2. USF (3)	113	37-18	18-9
3. Connecticut	94	36-24	14-13
4. St. John's	87	30-22	16-11
5. Notre Dame	84	36-23	15-12
6. West Virginia	79	37-18	17-10
7. Cincinnati	53	29-29	13-14
8. Rutgers	49	22-31	8-19
9. Pittsburgh	44	28-21	13-13
10. Seton Hall	32	24-24	13-14
11. Villanova	23	22-28	6-20
12. Georgetown	15	17-34	8-18

PLENTY OF WAYS TO FOLLOW THE IRISH — Notre Dame baseball fans will have several options for tracking the 2010 season on a game-by-game basis, through live streaming video (Notre Dame home games only), live-audio broadcasts, GameTracker live stats, free Irish Alert text messages and the Notre Dame Twitter page.

► Live radio broadcasts are available in the South Bend area on WHME 103.1 FM (Notre Dame baseball is part of a small percentage of programs in the nation with its entire season airing live on a commercial station). All games are streamed live on und.com, with the links posted on the lower left corner of the und.com main page. The online broadcasts are free of charge, as part of a quick signup with Fighting Irish All-Access (which includes archives or all audio and video content). See All-Access signup link via the multimedia gold button at the top of each und.com page

► Irish ALERT free text-message updates (three per game) are available to your cell phone or other mobile devices. See link on the right side blue sidebar on the baseball page at und.com.

► GameTracker live stats are provided for all home games and most road games (based on phone-line availability). When Notre Dame is on the road, the home team typically provides the live stats — with bonus GameTracker stats also provided by the Notre Dame SID office for select road games.

► Complete coverage of each and every Irish home game through live streaming video.

2010 Notre Dame
Baseball Roster Information

ALPHABETICAL			NUMERICAL								
No.	Name	Pos	No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	D.O.B	Hometown/Previous School
33	Ty Adams	1B/OF	1	Adam Norton	FR	RHP/INF	R/R	6-1	175	11/29/90	Highland, IN (Andean)
12	Brayden Ashdown	OF	2	Alex Robinson*	SO	OF	B/R	6-0	170	1/25/90	Dallas, TX (First Baptist Academy)
17	Billy Boockford	OF/RHP	4	Joe Hudson	FR	C/INF	R/R	6-1	190	5/21/91	Odessa, FL (Tampa Jesuit)
44	David Casey	1B/OF	5	David Mills**	SR	OF/LHP	L/L	5-9	175	12/16/87	Battle Creek, MI (Lakeview)
11	Tommy Chase	INF	6	Brian Dupra** (C)	JR	RHP	R/R	6-3	200	12/15/88	Rochester, NY (Greece Athena)
10	Ryan Connolly	INF/OF	7	Dustin Ispas*	SO	LHP	L/L	6-1	190	2/10/90	Rancho Cucamonga, CA (Los Osos)
22	Evan Danieli	RHP	8	Matt Grosso*	SR	OF	L/L	5-10	175	6/22/88	Marlborough, CT (RHAM/Maine/UCConn)
35	Frank Desico	INF	10	Ryan Connolly** (C)	SR	INF/OF	R/R	5-11	190	5/3/87	Binghamton, NY (Binghamton)
26	Mick Doyle	INF	11	Tommy Chase*	SO	INF	R/R	5-10	165	10/28/89	Cohasset, MA (Boston College HS)
6	Brian Dupra	RHP	12	Brayden Ashdown****	SR	OF	R/R	6-2	180	4/14/88	Tucson, AZ (Catalina Foothills)
8	Matt Grosso	OF	13	Herman Petzold	SR	INF	R/R	5-8	175	9/7/88	Saint Clair Shores, MI (De LaSalle)
30	Will Harford	INF/C	14	Matt Scioscia**	JR	C/1B	R/R	6-1	240	9/20/88	Westlake Village, CA (Encino Crespi Carmelite)
45	Will Hudgins	RHP	15	Greg Sherry**	JR	INF	R/R	5-10	180	10/6/88	Mendham, NJ (Delbarton)
4	Joe Hudson	C/INF	16	Eric Maust***	SR	RHP	R/R	6-1	185	1/19/88	Alpharetta, GA (Blessed Trinity)
29	Ryne Intlekofer	INF	17	Billy Boockford****	SR	OF/RHP	R/R	6-1	195	6/6/87	Glen Ellyn, IL (Glenbard West)
7	Dustin Ispas	LHP	18	Steven Mazur**	SR	RHP	R/R	6-0	195	1/29/88	Round Rock, TX (Stony Point)
37	Cole Johnson	RHP	19	Todd Miller**	JR	RHP	R/R	6-3	200	8/22/88	Franklin, TN (Montgomery Bell Academy)
25	Matt Katich	C	20	Charlie Markson	FR	OF	R/R	6-2	180	2/6/91	Whitefish Bay, WI (Whitefish Bay)
20	Charlie Markson	OF	21	Joe Spano*	SO	LHP	L/L	5-11	165	10/27/89	Verona, NJ (Seton Hall Prep)
38	Casey Martin	1B	22	Evan Danieli**	JR	RHP	R/R	6-7	230	8/12/89	East Hanover, NJ (Seton Hall Prep)
16	Eric Maust	RHP	23	Ryan Richter*	SO	LHP	L/L	6-3	205	9/1/89	South Bend, IN (St. Joseph's)
18	Steven Mazur	RHP	24	Patrick Veerkamp	FR	RHP	R/R	6-2	180	8/18/90	Fort Wayne, IN (Homestead)
28	Cameron McConnell	C	25	Matt Katich	JR	C	R/R	6-2	225	3/17/89	New Castle, PA (Mohawk)
19	Todd Miller	RHP	26	Mick Doyle** (C)	JR	INF	R/R	6-1	200	2/11/89	LaGrange Park, IL (Benet Academy)
5	David Mills	OF/LHP	28	Cameron McConnell**	JR	C	R/R	6-1	205	2/18/89	Bannockburn, IL (Deerfield)
1	Adam Norton	RHP/INF	29	Ryne Intlekofer****	SR	INF	R/R	5-9	165	1/27/88	Moorpark, CA (Moorpark)
13	Herman Petzold	INF	30	Will Harford*	SR	INF/C	R/R	6-0	180	12/31/86	Chicago, IL (Kent School (CT))
23	Ryan Richter	LHP	33	Ty Adams	JR	1B/OF	R/R	6-6	225	1/20/88	Indianapolis, IN (Brebeuf Jesuit)
2	Alex Robinson	OF	34	Ryan Sharpley*	JR	RHP	R/R	6-4	210	9/15/89	Marshall, MI (Marshall)
52	Steve Sabatino	LHP	35	Frank Desico	FR	INF	R/R	5-10	185	12/31/90	Cleveland, OH (St. Ignatius)
14	Matt Scioscia	C/1B	37	Cole Johnson** (C)	JR	RHP	R/R	6-3	200	10/6/88	Hudson, OH (Hudson)
34	Ryan Sharpley	RHP	38	Casey Martin**	SR	1B	R/R	6-4	250	6/9/86	Chesterton, IN (Chesterton)
15	Greg Sherry	INF	41	Bill Warrender*	SR	OF	R/R	6-1	190	1/10/88	Collegeville, PA (LaSalle Collegiate)
21	Joe Spano	LHP	43	Joe Spizzirri	JR	LHP	L/L	6-2	185	3/17/88	San Juan Capistrano, CA (JSerra Catholic)
43	Joe Spizzirri	LHP	44	David Casey*	JR	1B/OF	L/L	6-4	240	2/16/89	Whitefish Bay, WI (Whitefish Bay)
24	Patrick Veerkamp	RHP	45	Will Hudgins*	SO	RHP	R/R	6-3	180	2/12/90	Richmond, VA (Douglas Freeman)
41	Bill Warrender	OF	52	Steve Sabatino*	SO	LHP	L/L	6-2	200	3/8/90	Lockport, IL (Lockport Township)

* – monograms won (C) – captains

Head Coach: #3 Dave Schrage (Creighton '83, 4th season at Notre Dame)

Associate Head Coach: #9 Scott Lawler (Simpson '00, 4th season)

Assistant Coach: #36 Dave Dangler (Western Oregon '72, 1st season)

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Billy BOOK-furd	Eric MAHst (rhymes with cost)
Evan Duh-NELL-ee	Steven MAY-zer (rhymes with razor)
Frank Duh-SECKO	Herman PET-zold
Brian Do-PRAY	Ryan RICK-ter
Matt GRAH-so	Matt SO-shuh
Will HUH-gins	Dave SHRAG (rhymes with bag)
Ryan IN-till-coff-err	Joe Spuh-ZEER-ee
Dustin IS-pis	Patrick VEAR-camp
Matt KAY-titch	Bill WAR-enn-derr

Pitchers (17)

No.	Name	Yr.	B-T
1	Adam Norton	FR	R/R
5	David Mills	SR	L/L
6	Brian Dupra	JR	R/R
7	Dustin Ispas	SO	L/L
16	Eric Maust	SR	R/R
17	Billy Boockford	SR	R/R
18	Steven Mazur	SR	R/R
19	Todd Miller	JR	R/R
21	Joe Spano	SO	L/L
22	Evan Danieli	JR	R/R
23	Ryan Richter	SO	L/L
24	Patrick Veerkamp	FR	R/R
34	Ryan Sharpley	JR	R/R
37	Cole Johnson	JR	R/R
43	Joe Spizzirri	JR	L/L
45	Will Hudgins	SO	R/R
52	Steve Sabatino	SO	L/L

Infielders (12)

No.	Name	Yr.	B-T
1	Adam Norton	FR	R/R
4	Joe Hudson	FR	R/R
11	Tommy Chase	SO	R/R
13	Herman Petzold	SR	R/R
15	Greg Sherry	JR	R/R
26	Mick Doyle	JR	R/R
29	Ryne Intlekofer	SR	R/R
30	Will Harford	SR	R/R
33	Ty Adams	JR	R/R
35	Frank Desico	FR	R/R
38	Casey Martin	SR	R/R
44	David Casey	JR	L/L

Outfielders (9)

No.	Name	Yr.	B-T
2	Alex Robinson	SO	B/R
5	David Mills	SR	L/L
8	Matt Grosso	SR	L/L
10	Ryan Connolly	SR	R/R
12	Brayden Ashdown	SR	R/R
17	Billy Boockford	SR	R/R
20	Charlie Markson	FR	L/R
33	Ty Adams	JR	R/R
41	Bill Warrender	SR	R/R

Catchers (6)

No.	Name	Yr.	B-T
4	Joe Hudson	FR	R/R
10	Ryan Connolly	SR	R/R
14	Matt Scioscia	JR	R/R
25	Matt Katich	JR	R/R
28	Cameron McConnell	JR	R/R
30	Will Harford	SR	R/R

