

2008 Schedule		
Feb.		
11	at #NR/19 Florida	L, 2-3
11	vs. #21/NR South Florida	L, 0-5
12	vs. Coastal Carolina	W, 1-0
12	vs. #21/NR South Florida	W, 5-1
13	at #NR/19 Florida	W, 4-2
18	vs. Utah	W, 3-2
18	vs. #21/18 Fresno State	cancelled
19	vs. #3/4 UCLA	rained out
19	at San Diego State	rained out
20	vs. C. Michigan	rained out
25	vs. Loyola Marymount	3 p.m.
25	vs. #3/4 UCLA	4 p.m.
26	vs. #NR/20 Pacific	5:30 p.m.
26	vs. Arizona State	8 p.m.
27	vs. #5/6 Tennessee	9 a.m.
March		
6	at Loyola Marymount (DH)	12 p.m.
7	at UC Santa Barbara	2 p.m.
9	vs. Campbell	5 p.m.
9	at Hawai'i	7 p.m.
10	vs. Virginia	12 p.m.
11	vs. Nevada	3 p.m.
12	Bracket Play	TBA
19	vs. Marshall	5 p.m.
19	at Ohio State	7 p.m.
20	vs. Oakland	12 p.m.
20	vs. Eastern Michigan	2 p.m.
23	<b>Western Michigan</b>	4 p.m.
30	<b>Valparaiso (DH)</b>	4 p.m.
31	at Loyola-Chicago	5 p.m.
April		
2	*at Rutgers (DH)	12 p.m.
3	*at Villanova (DH)	11 a.m.
5	<b>Eastern Michigan (DH)</b>	3 p.m.
7	<b>Ball State</b>	5 p.m.
9	*at Pittsburgh (DH)	11 a.m.
12	at Purdue (DH)	2 p.m.
14	at Illinois-Chicago	7 p.m.
16	*at Providence (DH)	12 p.m.
17	*at Connecticut (DH)	11 a.m.
19	at DePaul (DH)	3 p.m.
21	<b>Akron (DH)</b>	3 p.m.
22	* <b>St. John's (DH)</b>	4 p.m.
24	* <b>Seton Hall (DH)</b>	11 a.m.
26	<b>Northwestern (DH)</b>	4 p.m.
29	* <b>Boston College (DH)</b>	3 p.m.
May		
1	* <b>Syracuse (DH)</b>	11 a.m.
12	BIG EAST Championship	TBA
13	BIG EAST Champ. Cont.	TBA
14	BIG EAST Champ. Cont.	TBA
19	NCAA Regional	TBA
26	NCAA Super Regional	TBA
31	College World Series	TBA

Rankings listed are *USA Today*/NFCA followed by ESPN.com/USA Softball • all contests are single games, unless designated a doubleheader by (DH) • all home games in bold played at Ivy Field.

#### Friday, Feb. 20

Notre Dame vs. Loyola Marymount, 3:00 p.m. (at Yankee Field)  
 Notre Dame vs. #3/4 UCLA, 8:30 p.m. (at Wrigley Field)

#### Saturday, Feb. 26

Notre Dame vs. #NR/20 Pacific, 5:30 p.m. (at Yankee Field)  
 Notre Dame vs. Arizona State, 8:00 p.m. (at Yankee Field)

#### Sunday, Feb. 27

Notre Dame vs. #5/6 Tennessee, 9:00 a.m. (at Wrigley Field)

Other teams competing this weekend at the tournament site: Long Beach State, Washington, California, Texas, CS Fullerton, Kansas, Oklahoma State, Mississippi State, Long Island, Bethune-Cookman and BYU.

**Irish hope to escape the rain in the desert this weekend:** The Loyola Marymount softball team (4-2), coming off a frustrating rained out weekend in west again this weekend to take part in the Palm Springs Classic for the second weekend. Oregon State serves as the host of the tournament in Palm Springs Field of Dreams Complex.

One of the better fan-oriented softball complexes in the nation, the Field of Dreams features three signature fields - modeled after Yankee Stadium, Wrigley Field and Fenway Park - in addition to several other satellite fields.

Notre Dame took part in the inaugural Palm Springs Classic last season, finishing with a 4-3 record over Utah before losing three straight to Pacific and the U.S. Olympic Team in an exhibition. A matchup with Tennessee will be the final day.

The Irish will get a chance at redemption against Pacific this weekend, as the Tigers appear on Notre Dame's schedule Saturday afternoon (5:30 p.m.). Notre Dame's worst loss of the season last year, drilling the Irish 12-1 in five innings.

This weekend's tournament will be the most challenging of the season, with three games against ranked teams to inclement weather this past weekend. Notre Dame will face #3/4 UCLA (USA Today/NFCA ranking first, followed by ESF #2), #NR/20 Pacific and #5/6 Tennessee this weekend, in addition to Loyola Marymount and Arizona State (which is receiving votes in both national polls).

**Notre Dame quick hits:** What you need to know about the Irish for this weekend:

- Notre Dame will be facing its fifth, sixth and seventh games against Pacific this season. The Irish split a pair of games with #19 Florida and #21 South Florida last weekend out Feb. 10-13.

- Senior RHP Steffany Stenglein, who recently became the third Irish pitcher to record three strikeouts in a career, is averaging 10.2 strikeouts per seven innings this season (19.1 innings pitched).

- Notre Dame is making its second appearance in Palm Springs this weekend, losing four games to inclement weather last weekend, is anxious to just get out there and play softball.

**Frustrating trip to San Diego leaves the Irish four games behind in the season:** Notre Dame's cross-country trip to San Diego for the Campbell-Cartier Classic was a wasted flight last weekend, as the tournament was plagued by heavy rain and problems. The Irish did play their first game of the tournament in on Friday (after a six hour delay), defeating Utah 3-2 behind 11 strikeouts by senior RHP Steve Stenglein. The second game on Friday was scheduled between Fresno State and Notre Dame but was deemed to late to play (approximate starting time would have been 10:30 p.m.).

Saturday's action was completely rained out and cancelled Notre Dame's season with UCLA (the Irish and Bruins will play this weekend as well) and Oregon State. Due to Long Beach State's last-minute decision not to attend the tournament, the game was switched to Central Michigan (after some discussion of playing Florida State on Sunday). Central Michigan ended up as the opponent, but another rain game in the fourth inning with the Irish ahead 1-0. Flight status dictated that the game and the field would remain unplayable for the rest of the tournament.

Rain has limited Notre Dame's early-season tournament schedule. Notre Dame's San Diego trip marked the first time since 2002 the Irish have played at least three games in a weekend. In the '02 season, the Aggie Invitational was limited to two games vs. La.-Lafayette and Illinois State.

**Series history vs. opponents:** Here is a quick look at Notre Dame's series history with its weekend's opponents:

Loyola Marymount - The Irish and Lions will be meeting for the sixth time, with Notre Dame winning all five previous meetings. The last game between the two was at LMU in 2000, a 4-0 victory for the Irish.

#3/4 UCLA - One of the traditional powers of collegiate softball, UCLA

2	Brittany Glynn	Fr.	OF	5-3	R/R	Seymour, CT (St. Joseph)	n/a
3	Katie Laing	Fr.	SS/2B	5-4	R/R	Chandler, AZ (Corona del Sol)	.286, 3 2B, 1
4	Carrie Wisen***	Sr.	P	5-7	R/R	Fullerton, CA (Sonora)	0-3 pinch hit
5	Kenya Fuemmeler*	So.	UT/P	5-7	R/R	Salisbury, MO (Salisbury)	2 GP as pinch
8	Liz Hartmann***	Sr.	3B	5-9	R/R	Novato, CA (San Marin)	.235, 1 3B
11	Gessica Hufnagle*	So.	C	5-6	R/R	Middlebury, IN (Northridge)	6 GP, 6 GS
16	Mallorie Lenn**	Jr.	C	5-8	R/R	Garden Grove, CA (Pacifica)	6 GP, 6 GS
20	Nicole Wicks*	Sr.	OF	5-5	R/R	Renton, WA (Hazen)	6 GP, 2 runs
21	Megan Ciolli*** (C)	Sr.	OF	5-9	L/R	Terre Haute, IN (North Vigo)	.400, 3 2B, 5
22	Sara Schoonaert**	Jr.	2B/SS	5-5	R/R	Houston, TX (Clear Lake)	.250, 1 RBI,
24	Stephanie Brown*	So.	OF/2B	5-6	L/R	Chandler, AZ (Corona del Sol)	.235, 1 3B, 2
27	Carissa Jaquish*	So.	C/DP	5-6	R/R	Highland, CA (Redlands E.V.)	1-3 pinch hit
32	Heather Booth**	Jr.	P	5-10	R/R	Riverside, CA (MLK)	2-1, 0.86 ER
34	Sarah Smith	Fr.	OF	5-7	L/R	Oklahoma City, OK (Heritage Hall)	3 GP, 1 AB
44	Kellie Middleton*	Jr.	OF	5-6	R/R	Norcross, GA (Marist)	.316, 1 HR, :
77	Meagan Ruthrauff**	Jr.	1B	5-10	R/R	La Mirada, CA (La Serna)	.200, 1 RBI,

\* - indicates monograms won

#### Staff

Head Coach: Deanna Gumpf (Nebraska '92) - fourth season at Notre Dame

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have met just twice previous to this season, both Bruin victories in 1994 and 1998.

#NR/20 Pacific - Pacific's 12-1 victory over the Irish last season at the Palm Springs Classic was the first meeting between the two teams.

Arizona State - The Irish and Sun Devils will be meeting for the eighth time. ASU leads the all-time series 6-1, including a 3-2 victory in 2002. Notre Dame's lone win in the series was a 5-1 victory over #10 Arizona State on March 17, 2001.

#5/6 Tennessee - The Irish and Volunteers will be meeting for the third time. Notre Dame won the previous two meetings in 1999 (5-0) and 2000 (4-0). Notre Dame and Tennessee have come close to meeting twice the last two years. Both teams were scheduled to play last year at the Palm Springs Classic but the game was rained out. The teams were also part of the same regional last season, but did not meet in the postseason.

**Palm Springs tournament third of six consecutive weekends on the road:** Notre Dame is not the only school in the nation that travels for a large majority of its early-season schedule, but the Irish pride themselves in taking on some of the best teams in the nation during that stretch. This weekend's tournament will mark the third of six consecutive weekends of travel for the team, which began in Gainesville, Fla. (Feb. 11-13), then San Diego, Calif. (Feb. 18-20), followed by Palm Springs, Calif. (Feb. 25-27), the Los Angeles area (March 6-7), to Hawaii (March 9-12) and to Columbus, Ohio (March 19-20).

**Ciolli becomes first Notre Dame NPF draft selection:** National Pro Fastpitch announced its 2005 Senior College Player Selections last week and current Irish senior Megan Ciolli was selected by the Chicago Bandits with the first selection of the second round (seventh overall).

Due to NCAA regulations, an active college player may not sign with her respective franchise until their 2005 college season is finished. Senior selections expire on July 15, 2005.

The NPF officially announced that it will enter the 2005 season with six teams - the Akron Racers, Arizona Heat, Chicago Bandits, New England Riptide, NY/NJ Juggernaut and the Texas Thunder. The California Sunbirds will remain part of the league but will suspend play in 2005 to restructure the franchise.

The Bandits will be competing in their first season in the NPF and have already signed Olympic Team standout Jennie Finch. The season will run through June 2 through August 28 and will consist of a 48-game regular season schedule for each team, an all-star game, play-offs and a Championship Series. NPF continues to be the Official Development Partner of Major League Baseball and has recently developed a new alliance with ASA/USA Softball and the International Softball Federation (ISF). This alliance will help promote international play by inviting teams from China, China Taipei, Japan, Canada, Puerto Rico, Australia and Venezuela to play against NPF teams. A finalized schedule will be released in March.

**Stenglein records her 500th career strikeout:** In a dominating performance against Utah on Friday, Feb. 18, senior Steffany Stenglein became the third Irish pitcher to reach 500 strikeouts in her career. Pitching six of seven innings against the Utes, Stenglein struck out 11 (her second consecutive double-digit strikeout performance) to push her career total to 508. She trails Terri Kobata (907) and Jennifer Sharron (728) on the all-time list.

**Booth approaching strikeout milestone as well:** Junior Heather Booth has 396 strikeouts to her credit so far in just over two years at Notre Dame and she is looking to become just the fourth Irish pitcher to reach the 400-strikeout plateau (Kobata, Sharron and Stenglein). Booth

## Notre Dame Sports Information

Publicity for Notre Dame softball is coordinated by Assistant Sports Information Director Alan Wasielewski.

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Requests to interview student athletes must be arranged through the Athletic Office and should be made at least two weeks in advance. Credentials for non-student athletes will be obtained by calling Wasielewski.

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

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2. California (7)	485	5-0	2
3. Texas	449	5-0	4
4. <b>UCLA</b>	428	8-2	4
5. Stanford	412	10-1	6
6. La.-Lafayette	396	12-1	5
7. <b>Tennessee</b>	396	13-0	7
8. Alabama	356	15-1	8
9. Michigan	339	8-1	9
10. LSU	294	6-1	10
11. Baylor	290	17-2	12
12. Washington	283	7-3	11
13. Georgia Tech	250	13-0	16
14. Oklahoma	241	9-4	13
15. <b>Florida</b>	229	13-2	14
16. Texa A&M	167	11-1	21
17. Nebraska	118	7-1	23
18. Oregon State	109	6-5	19
19. Fresno State	107	1-1	18
20. <b>Pacific</b>	98	6-1	22
21. Oregon	95	6-4	17
22. Florida State	93	7-5	15
23. Georgia	91	6-6	20
24. Missouri	86	8-1	NR
25. Long Beach St.	46	7-3	24

Others receiving votes: CS Fullerton, **Northwestern**, BYU, San Diego State, Iowa, Florida International, North Carolina, **Arizona State**, Mississippi State, **Syracuse**, Southern Illinois, **Hawaii**.

2005 opponents in **bold**.  
( ) - first place votes

### Notre Dame in the 2005 ESPN.com/USA Softball Top 25

Preseason: ORV (33rd)  
Feb. 8: ORV (41st)  
Feb. 15: ORV (39th)  
Feb. 22: not ranked

3B Liz Hartmann enters the 2005 season with 97 RBI and needs three more to become the eighth Notre Dame player to drive in 100 or more runs a their career.

Hartmann is currently ninth on the all-time RBI list, one behind Elizabeth Perkins (1994-97) in eighth place and 28 behind Andria Bledsoe (2000-03) for seventh place.

**Notre Dame claims first initial weekend tournament title since 2001:** Notre Dame's three consecutive victories in the GRU Classic (Feb. 10-13) in Gainesville, Fla., pushed the Irish through to the tournament title. The first weekend tournament victory marks the first for Notre Dame since the 2001 season, when the Irish swept through the Holiday Inn Invitational at South Florida with a 5-0 record.

**First back-to-back ranked wins since 2001:** Notre Dame's victories over #21 South Florida (5-1) on Saturday, Feb. 12, and #19 Florida on Sunday, Feb. 13, marked the first time since the 2001 season the Irish have posted two consecutive wins over a ranked opponents.

During the 2001 season, the Irish swept a doubleheader from #10 DePaul on April 19. To find the last time the Irish defeated two consecutive different ranked teams, you will fall back to 2000, when Notre Dame defeated #16 La.-Lafayette and #6 Oklahoma on March 18 at the Kia Klassic.

**Five steals vs. South Florida two off the school record:** The Irish were aggressive on the basepaths on Saturday, Feb. 12, in their 5-1 victory over #21 South Florida. The Irish swiped five bases in the contest, led by three from senior OF Megan Ciolli.

The school record for team stolen bases is seven, most recently set in 1996 against Connecticut. Ciolli was one off the individual record of four by Ruth Kmak against Loyola-Chicago in 1990.

**Stenglein hits double-digit strikeout total for sixth and seventh time:** Senior RHP Steffany Stenglein struck out 10 batters in Notre Dame's 5-1 victory vs. #21 South Florida on Saturday, Feb. 12, marking the sixth time in her career she has struck out 10 or more batters. Her career high came last season when she sat down 14 in a six-inning perfect-game performance at Valparaiso.

Stenglein's final stat line vs. USF: 7.0 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 10 K.

She began the Campbell-Cartier Tournament in San Diego last weekend with a similar performance, sitting down 11 Utes in six innings of action (both Utah runs came off reliever Carrie Wisen in the sixth inning).

**Hartmann notches first triple of her career:** Senior 3B Liz Hartmann entered the 2005 season with 43 career extra base hits, but never posted a triple in her career until last weekend. In Notre Dame's 5-1 victory over #21 South Florida, Hartmann tripled down the

2. Arizona (4)	67
3. <b>UCLA</b>	62
4. Stanford	61
5. <b>Tennessee</b>	56
6. La.-Lafayette	55
7. Alabama	52
8. Michigan	50
9. Texas	47
10. LSU	45
11. Baylor	43
12. Washington	37
13. Oklahoma	32
14. <b>Florida</b>	31
15. Georgia Tech	30
16. Georgia	25
17. Nebraska	23
18. Oregon	17
19. Texas A&M	16
20. Fla. International	13
21. Florida State	12
22. Oregon State	11
23. Long Beach State	10
24. Missouri	76
25. Fresno State	61

Others receiving votes: **Northwestern**, BYU, Te Christi, **Arizona State**, Iowa, **Syracuse**, Illinois, I

2005 opponents in **bold**.  
( ) - first place votes

### Notre Dame in USA Today, Division I I

Preseason: ORV (27th)  
Feb. 16: ORV (35th)  
Feb. 23: not ranked

NOTRE DAME	0-0	4-2	.667	0-0	1-1	3-1	n/a
Syracuse	0-0	4-2	.667	0-0	0-1	4-1	H - 5-1-05
Boston College	0-0	6-6	.500	0-0	2-2	4-4	H - 4-29-05
St. John's	0-0	2-2	.500	0-0	0-2	2-0	H - 4-22-05
Villanova	0-0	3-3	.500	0-0	0-0	3-3	A - 4-3-05
Seton Hall	0-0	1-3	.250	0-0	0-1	1-2	H - 4-24-05
Pittsburgh	0-0	1-4	.200	0-0	0-1	1-3	A - 4-9-05
Providence	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	A - 4-16-05
Connecticut	0-0	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	A - 4-17-05
Rutgers	0-0	0-5	.000	0-0	0-1	0-4	A - 4-2-05

**Note:** The standings above reflect the 2005 BIG EAST Coaches Preseason Poll. As voted by the head softball coaches, the softball standings will be determined by a 2/1 points system. Two points will be awarded for a conference win, one point for points for a loss. Conference competition began the weekend of April 2-3. H - indicates home doubleheader at Ivy Field. A - doubleheader on the road. The top four teams qualify for the 2005 BIG EAST Championship in South Bend, Ind.

## BIG EAST Weekly Awardwinners

### Player of the Week

Sheri Donley, SS, Villanova

### Pitcher of the Week

Courtney Mosch, Syracuse

rightfield line for the first three-bagger of her career.

Hartmann now has 24 career home runs, 19 career doubles and one triple.

**Cioli looks to continue her climb up the career charts:** Along with Cioli, Hartmann, 2004 third-team All-American and BIG EAST Player of the Year Meaghan has been a three-year starter since stepping on campus in 2001-02. Batting at the top of the lineup for a majority of her career (second freshman season, first sophomore and junior season), Cioli has established herself as one of the top offensive players on the Irish uniform.

Her current career rankings include second in batting average (.368 entering this season), fourth in stolen bases (46), seventh in runs scored (120), eighth in hits (212), ninth in home runs (10) and 10th in triples (seven). She also is poised to break into the top 10 in games played and doubles this season. A complete list of current Notre Dame softball threatening career records appear on page seven of this notes package.

**Cioli on USA Softball Player of the Year watchlist:** The Amateur Softball Association (ASA), the National Governing Body of Softball in the United States, has announced its initial watch list for the fourth-annual USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year. Senior centerfielder Megan Cioli (Terre Haute, Ind.) was among the 40 players on the list, which will eventually be pared down to proclaim the collegiate player of the year in 2005.

Other candidates for the Heisman Trophy of collegiate softball, past winners of the award include UCLA's Stacey Nuveman, Texas pitcher Cat Osterman and Florida State's Jes Lindeman.

Cioli appears on the initial watch list for the second consecutive season. In 2004, Cioli hit a team-high .397 with 81 hits, 22 home runs and 10 stolen bases. The '04 BIG EAST Player of the Year, Cioli compiled an outstanding season, finishing third on the all-time single season list for hits and second for runs scored. Her .367 career batting average currently ranks third all-time at Notre Dame.

Named team captain by a vote of her teammates earlier this semester, Cioli has helped lead the Irish to a record-setting season. She currently ranks ninth all-time in hits (212), ninth in home runs (10) and fourth in stolen bases (43).

A list of 25 candidates for the award will be released on April 5, with another list of candidates following on May 10. Three finalists will be announced on May 31 with the winner to be crowned at the 2005 NCAA Women's College World Series in Oklahoma City.

**Irish boast a veteran group in 2005:** In just one season, Notre Dame has assembled a somewhat inexperienced team (an entirely new infield took the field in '04) that boasts 761 games started in the senior and junior classes. In those classes, Liz Hartmann (178 GP, 176 GS), Megan Cioli (181 GP, 180 GS), Mallorie LeBlanc (120 GS) and Meaghan Ruthrauff (123 GP, 122 GS) have been every-day starters. In the freshman class, Sara Schoonaert (117 GP, 71 GS), Kellie Middleton (55 GP, 55 GS) and Nicole Wicks (67 GP, 60 GS) have all seen a significant amount of starts. A total of 991 games started by senior pitchers Steffany Stenglein and Carrie Wisen, along with 991 combined career games started by junior Heather Booth, and the Irish junior and senior classes.

**Snapshot of the Irish:** After just six games this season, it is difficult to get a true look of the Irish softball team this season. Starting pitchers senior Steffany Stenglein (1.86 ERA) and junior Heather Booth (2-1, 0.86 ERA) have been dominant at the

Laing .....	200
Hits	
Ciolti .....	8
Middleton .....	6
Three with .....	4
RBI	
Ciolti .....	5
Middleton .....	3
Brown.....	2
Home Runs	
Middleton .....	1
Stolen Bases	
Ciolti .....	3-3
Wicks .....	3-5
Four others with .....	1
Slugging Percentage	
Ciolti .....	.550
Middleton .....	.526
Laing .....	.500
On Base Percentage	
Ciolti .....	.400
Ruthrauff .....	.400
Brown.....	.350
Pitching Record	
Booth.....	2-1
Stenglein .....	2-1
ERA	
Booth.....	0.86
Stenglein .....	1.86
Strikeouts	
Stenglein .....	28
Booth.....	13
Innings Pitched	
Booth.....	21.0
Stenglein .....	19.1
Appearances	
Booth.....	4
Stenglein .....	3

usual dependable game, going 6-17 last week-end with three RBI and three stolen bases. She followed up that performance by going two for three with two doubles in Notre Dame's 3-2 win over Utah on Feb. 18.

Junior OF Kellie Middleton has been steady in her first action after coming back from an injury last season, going 6-19 at the plate with the team's only home run of the season. Freshman SS Katie Laing was also impressive at the plate, banging out three doubles in six.

Sophomore Gessica Hufnagle has stepped in at catcher this season has been excellent on defense, throwing out three of eight base stealers so far in 2005.

**Position changes will be a key for the 2005 team:** Two big position switches will be developed by the Irish during the early-season tournament schedule. Junior Sara Schoonaert has switched to second base, with freshman Katie Laing taking over at shortstop.

Schoonaert's shift to second has pushed sophomore Stephanie Brown to rightfield, giving the Irish another great athlete in the outfield to pair with the speedy Megan Ciolti (center) and Kellie Middleton (left).

In addition, junior Mallorie Lenn's knee problems have ended her career at catcher, but sophomore Gessica Hufnagle has impressed the Irish coaches with her improvement during the offseason. Hufnagle won the starting catchers job in the preseason and performed well during Notre Dame's first six games.

**South Bend plays host to the 2005 BIG EAST Championship:** For the third time in the last four years, the BIG EAST Softball Championship will be held in a neutral/off-campus site in 2005.

After Salem, Va., served as the tournament's site in 2002 and 2003, the City of South Bend, Ind., will welcome the 2005 BIG EAST Softball Championship to the Belleville Complex on the far west side of town.

The Belleville Complex is one of the best softball-only facilities in Indiana and served as host to over 3,000 fans when the U.S. Olympic Team played an exhibition doubleheader in July of 2005.

**Irish picked to finish first in the BIG EAST:** The University of Notre Dame softball team has been picked to win its 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive BIG EAST Conference regular-season crown by the league's coaches, as announced by the conference on office on Tuesday, Jan. 11. The conference's 10 head coaches rank every team except their own, with Notre Dame garnering all nine possible first place votes.

The Irish will return a veteran team in 2005, led by '04 All-American senior CF Megan Ciolti and two of the top pitchers in the nation – senior Steffany Stenglein and junior Heather Booth. Ciolti was named the '04 BIG EAST Player of the Year while Stenglein

RBI	2	Middleton (
	2	Ciolti (vs. FI
	2	Ciolti (vs. U
2B	2	Laing (vs. F
	2	Ciolti (vs. U
3B	1	Hartmann (
	1	Brown (vs. I
HR	1	Middleton (
TB	5	Middleton (
BB	2	Ruthrauff (t
SB	3	Ciolti (vs. U
PO	11	Ruthrauff (v
	11	Hufnagle (v
Ass.	4	three times
IP	7.0	four times
SO	11	Stenglein (v

Team		
AB	30	vs. #21 S. F
Runs	5	vs. #21 S. F
Hits	9	vs. #19 Flor
RBI	4	vs. #19 Flor
2B	3	vs. Coastal
3B	1	vs. #21 S. F
	1	vs. Utah (Fe
HR	1	vs. #21 S. F
TB	13	vs. #21 S. F
BB	3	vs. #19 Flor
SB	5	vs. #21 S. F
PO	21	four times
Ass.	13	vs. #21 S. F
IP	7.0	four times
SO	12	vs. Utah (Fe

## Miscellaneous

### Multiple Hit (

Ciolti  
Ruthrauff  
Middleton  
Hartmann  
Laing  
Schoonaert  
Brown

### Multiple RBI (

Ciolti  
Middleton

### Hitting Str

Ciolti (current)  
Middleton (current)  
Hartmann

**RF:**  
#24, Stephanie Brown  
bench (for all OF spots): #20, Nicole Wicks  
#34, Sarah Smith  
#2, Brittany Glynn  
#27, Carissa Jaquish

**CF:**  
#21, Megan Ciolli

**LF:**  
#44, Kellie Middleton

**1B:**  
#77, Meagan Ruthrauff  
bench: #16, Mallorie Lenn

**2B:**  
#22, Sara Schoonaert  
bench: #24, Stephanie Brown

**3B:**  
#8, Liz Hartmann  
bench: #77, Meagan Ruthrauff

**SS:**  
#3, Katie Laing  
bench: #22, Sara Schoonaert

**C:**  
#11, Gessica Hufnagle  
bench: #27, Carissa Jaquish

**DP:**  
#16, Mallorie Lenn  
bench: #4, Carrie Wisen  
#27, Carissa Jaquish

**SP:**  
#1, Steffany Stenglein  
OR  
#16, Heather Booth  
bench: #4, Carrie Wisen  
#5, Kenya Fuemmeler

### Pronunciation Guide:

Megan *Ciolli*: See-oh-lee

Kenya *Fuemmeler*: Fimm-lure

Carissa *Jaquish*: Jay-kwish

Meagan *Ruthrauff*: Ruth-roff

Sara *Schoonaert*: Skoon-ert

Steffany *Stenglein*: Steng-line

Kris *Ganef*: Gann-eff

Seton Hall, who bested the Irish in four games late last season, was picked second in the league, followed by Villanova, Boston College and Syracuse.

The league falls to 10 teams in 2005 with the movement of Virginia Tech to conference will bounce back in 2006, however, as it welcomes DePaul, Louisville and Florida into the league – three of the top programs in the nation.

**California girls:** While three trips to the west coast gives the Irish an opportunity several of the top teams in the country this season, Notre Dame's appearances (Feb. 18-20), Palm Springs (Feb. 25-27) and the Los Angeles area (March provide the seven California natives on the team will a chance to play in their I

Heather Booth (Riverside), Liz Hartmann (Novato), Carissa Jaquish (High Lenn (Garden Grove), Meagan Ruthrauff (La Mirada), Steffany Stenglein (Hunt and Carrie Wisen (Fullerton) are the seven California natives on the '05 Irish r

**Incoming freshman class of 2006:** University of Notre Dame head softball coach Gumpf has announced the signing of seven student-athletes to national letter week, landing one of the top recruiting classes in the nation.

Brittney Bargar (Corona, Calif.), Christine Farrell (La Habra, Calif.), Erin Gla City, Ill.), Linda Kohan (Westminster, Calif.), Alexandra Kotcheff (Beverly Hills, Cal Mola (Naples, Fla.) and Beth Northway (Kentwood, Mich.) will make up the cla

"This is one of the best recruiting classes I have seen in my career and I feel i the country," Gumpf says of the group.

"The quality and diversity of this class is second to none. The entire staff is e this group of players join the Notre Dame family."

The class hails from across the country with four California natives, plus playe gan, Illinois and Florida. The group also is made up of two pitchers (Bargar, Fan (Glasco), an infielder (Kohan), two outfielders (Kotcheff, Mola) and an infie (Northway) – giving the class excellent balance at all positions.

**BIG EAST loses one team before gaining three in 2006:** With the shift of V the ACC for the '05 season, the BIG EAST drops down to 10 teams this seas panding to 13 teams next year when DePaul, South Florida and Louisville jc (Marquette and Cincinnati do not compete in softball).

With the addition of three traditional powers, the BIG EAST Conference w come one of the best softball conferences east of the Mississippi.

**High school teammates:** Sophomore Stephanie Brown and freshman K: just the third combination of high school teammates to play for the Irish since began. Both Brown and Laing played for Corona del Sol in the Chandler, Ariz their prep careers. Debbie Boulac and Stephanie Pinter, both from South Benc Joseph High School, played together from 1990-93. Jennifer Sharron and Jes the first second set of sisters to play for the Irish, were on the Notre Dame ros 2000 and 2001.

Sisters Debbie and Diane Boulac both played for the Irish, but were not on tl together.

**Schedule adjustment:** The Notre Dame - Loyola-Chicago game, scheduled has been previously released as a home game for the Irish. The game will Chicago on Loyola's campus.

**Schedule adjustment II:** There has been another shift in the Irish schedu ously scheduled home game vs. Illinois-Chicago on April 14 has been shifte contest at UIC for 7 p.m. The road game at UIC on April 27 has been cancell

**Notre Dame Nabs Top Spot In Directors' Cup Standings:** Notre Dame sta final set of fall sports standings released in the 2004-05 United States Sports / sion I Directors' Cup all-sports competition sponsored by the National Associ giate Directors of Athletics (formerly known as Sears Directors' Cup). This mark in the 12-year history of the all-sports program that Notre Dame has ranked surpassing a second ranking in the 2004-05 second set of fall standings.

Fall NCAA competition earned the Irish 337 points based on their NCAA tit soccer (100 points), their fourth-place finish in women's cross country (80), 11' in men's cross country (57) and second-round NCAA appearances in men's sc leyball (50 each).

Michigan (333 points) stands second, followed by Stanford (332), Duke (3: (297).

The current standings include results from NCAA fall competition in volleybal men's water polo, men's and women's cross country, and men's and women football. In previous years in which the Directors' Cup competition has been helk has finished 11th in '93-'94, 30th in '94-'95, 11th in '95-'96, 14th in '96-'97, 31st i in '98-'99, 21st in '99-'00, 11th in '00-'01, 13th in '01-'02 and '02-'03 and 19th in

2-12	vs. Coastal Carolina	W	2-0	2-3-1/0-2-0	7	1-2	0-0	Booth (W, 1-1)	Midgrett
2-12	vs. #21 South Florida	W	5-1	5-7-1/1-3-3	7	2-2	0-0	Stenglein (W, 1-1)	Hartmar
2-13	at #19 Florida	W	4-2	4-9-1/2-5-0	7	3-2	0-0	Booth (W, 2-1)	Schoon
2-18	vs. Utah	W	3-2	3-8-2/2-3-2	7	4-2	0-0	Stenglein (W, 2-1)	Brown/A
2-18	vs. Fresno State		cancelled						
2-19	vs. UCLA		rained out						
2-19	at San Diego State		rained out						
2-20	vs. Central Michigan		rained out						
2-25	vs. Loyola Marymount		3 p.m.						
2-25	vs. #xx/4 UCLA		8:30 p.m.						
2-26	vs. #xx/20 Pacific		5:30 p.m.						
2-26	vs. Arizona State		8 p.m.						
2-27	vs. #xx/6 Tennessee		9 a.m.						

1.	Jarrah Myers.....	245
10.	Elizabeth Perkins .....	231
-	<b>Megan Ciolli.....</b>	187
-	<b>Liz Hartmann .....</b>	184
At Bats		
1.	Jenny Kriech .....	790
10.	Jenn Giampaolo.....	654
-	<b>Megan Ciolli.....</b>	598
Batting Average		
1.	Meghan Murray.....	380
2.	<b>Megan Ciolli.....</b>	368
3.	Katie Marten.....	367
4.	Jarrah Myers.....	350
Runs Scored		
1.	Andrea Loman .....	164
2.	Jenny Kriech .....	158
3.	Jarrah Myers.....	153
4.	Katie Marten.....	137
5.	Meghan Murray.....	135
6.	Melanie Alkire.....	129
7.	<b>Megan Ciolli.....</b>	120
8.	Andria Bledsoe.....	117
Most Hits		
1.	Jenny Kriech .....	268
2.	Melanie Alkire.....	260
3.	Meghan Murray.....	254
4.	Jarrah Myers.....	250
5.	Sara Hayes .....	243
6.	Lizzy Lemire.....	239
7.	Andrea Loman .....	233
8.	<b>Megan Ciolli.....</b>	220
9.	Jenn Giampaolo.....	218
Doubles		
1.	Melanie Alkire.....	49
9.	Jarrah Myers.....	35
-	<b>Megan Ciolli.....</b>	29
Triples		
1.	Jenny Kriech .....	19
4.	Three players with.....	11
7.	Three players with.....	8
10.	<b>Megan Ciolli.....</b>	7
Home Runs		
1.	Jarrah Myers.....	36
2.	Andrea Loman .....	31
3.	Melanie Alkire.....	30
4.	Sara Hayes .....	26
5.	<b>Liz Hartmann .....</b>	24
6.	<b>Megan Ruthrauff .....</b>	19
7.	Meghan Murray.....	15
8.	Andria Bledsoe.....	14
9.	<b>Megan Ciolli.....</b>	10
	<b>Mallorie Lenn.....</b>	10
RBI		
1.	Jarrah Myers.....	174
2.	Melanie Alkire.....	167
3.	Andrea Loman .....	148

9.	<b>Liz Hartmann .....</b>	97
10.	Jenn Giampaolo.....	87
-	<b>Megan Ruthrauff .....</b>	82
-	<b>Megan Ciolli.....</b>	76
Walks		
1.	Andrea Loman .....	87
2.	Jarrah Myers.....	76
3.	Jenny Kriech .....	66
	Sara Hayes .....	66
5.	Melanie Alkire.....	61
6.	<b>Megan Ruthrauff .....</b>	54
7.	Ruth Kmak .....	52
Stolen Bases		
1.	Andrea Loman .....	60
2.	Katie Marten.....	58
3.	Jenny Kriech .....	55
4.	<b>Megan Ciolli.....</b>	46
5.	Jarrah Myers.....	43
6.	Jenn Giampaolo.....	41
7.	Alexi Madrid .....	39
	Danielle Klayman.....	39
	Meghan Murray.....	39
10.	Lisa Miller.....	38
-	<b>Kellie Middleton .....</b>	21
Pitching Appearances		
1.	Jennifer Sharron .....	134
2.	Angela Bessolo.....	125
3.	Missy Linn.....	122
4.	Kelly Nichols .....	116
	Staci Alford.....	116
	<b>Steffany Stenglein.....</b>	116
7.	Joy Battersby .....	99
8.	<b>Heather Booth .....</b>	79
Games Started		
1.	Jennifer Sharron .....	117
2.	<b>Steffany Stenglein.....</b>	107
6.	Joy Battersby .....	83
7.	<b>Heather Booth .....</b>	69
8.	Staci Alford.....	62
9.	<b>Carrie Wisen .....</b>	60
Wins		
1.	Jennifer Sharron .....	88
2.	Terri Kobata.....	79
3.	Missy Linn.....	63
4.	<b>Steffany Stenglein.....</b>	60
5.	Angela Bessolo.....	53
6.	Stacie Alford.....	48
	<b>Heather Booth .....</b>	48
Shutouts		
1.	Terri Kobata.....	42
2.	Jennifer Sharron .....	38
3.	Missy Linn.....	29
4.	Angela Bessolo.....	15
	Staci Alford.....	15
	<b>Heather Booth .....</b>	15
7.	<b>Steffany Stenglein.....</b>	12

7.	Joy Battersby .....
8.	<b>Heather Booth .....</b>
Strikeouts	
1.	Terri Kobata.....
2.	Jennifer Sharron .....
3.	<b>Steffany Stenglein.....</b>
4.	Angela Bessolo.....
5.	<b>Heather Booth .....</b>

One of Notre Dame's top two pitchers (along with senior Stenari Stengren) ... a veteran who brings consistency to the ... has worked on a variety of additional pitches during the offseason.

2005: Pitched a gutsy game against #19 Florida in the championship of the GRU Classic, avoiding damage from five walk scatter five hits and allow two runs (one earned) ... allowed two hits in a complete-game victory (2-0) over Coastal C Classic.

2005 Statistics -

<u>ERA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>APP</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SV</u>
0.86	2-1	4	3	3	1	21.0	13	0

Career Statistics -

<u>ERA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>APP</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SV</u>
2.07	48-20	79	69	46	15	451.1	396	1

**Brown, Stephanie • #24 • 5-8 • So. • OF/2B • L/R • Chandler, Ariz. (Corona del Sol)**

Makes a position switch from second base (69 starts in '04) to rightfield in 2005 ... a versatile athlete capable of making gr and possesses an accurate outfield arm ... an outstanding offensive force at the plate, capable of bunting, slapping or hitti the freshman record for home runs in a season in 2004 with seven ... was Notre Dame's leadoff hitter in 2004.

2005: Two for two with two runs scored an her first career triple in a 3-2 victory over Utah.

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.235	.353	.350	3	4	0	1	0	2	1	0-0	1.000

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.296	.432	.346	50	72	10	1	7	32	12	11-18	.954

**Ciulli, Megan • #21 • 5-9 • Sr. • OF • L/R • Terre Haute, Ind. (North Vigo)**

2005 Team Captain ... will look to repeat her '04 All-America honors with a stellar final season ... a consistent offensive ... her .367 career batting average ranks second all-time ... batted third in '04 after hitting leadoff in '03 and second in '0 several career offensive marks (see "Irish On Career Charts" note in this package).

2005: Ended up two for three with two RBI and two doubles in Notre Dame's 3-2 victory over Utah ... led the team in hit GRU Classic, going six for 17 (.353) with three RBI (including the game-winner vs. #19 Florida) ... two for four with two victory over #19 Florida ... one for three with three stolen bases in 5-1 victory over #21 South Florida ... broke up no-hit Danielle Urbanik in the bottom of the seventh with a solid single to centerfield in 5-0 USF victory on Feb. 11.

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.400	.550	.400	1	8	3	0	0	5	0	3-3	1.000

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.368	.490	.406	120	220	29	7	10	76	22	46-56	.956

**Fuemmeler, Kenya • #5 • 5-7 • So. • P • R/R • Salisbury, Mo. (Salisbury)**

Will see increased time in the circle this season ... also one of the team's top options at pinch runner ... scored 11 runs

Career Statistics -

<u>ERA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>APP</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SV</u>
10.50	0-0	1	0	0	0	0.2	0	0

**Glynn, Brittany • #2 • 5-3 • Fr. • OF • R/R • Seymour, Conn. (St. Joseph)**

Freshman player will give the team added depth in the outfield ... also provides increased options at pinch runner.

runs in the sixth inning or later during her career.

2005: Two for four, including first career triple in 5-1 victory over #21 South Florida on Feb. 12.

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.235	.353	.278	1	4	0	1	0	0	1	0-0	.889

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.248	.430	.292	61	126	19	1	24	97	29	5-7	.953

**Hufnagle, Gessica • #11 • 5-6 • So. • C • R/R • Middlebury, Ind. (Northridge)**

Provides the team valuable and talented depth at catcher ... will see an increase in playing time in '05.

2005: Has stepped in as the starting catcher ... had been solid on defense, throwing out two of five base stealers in '05.

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.000	.000	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	.959

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.094	.094	.121	6	3	0	0	0	2	1	2-2	.963

**Jaquish, Carissa • #27 • 5-9 • So. • C • R/R • Highland, Calif. (Redlands East Valley)**

Gives the Irish talented depth at catcher, along with the ability to play the outfield ... capable of driving in runs and hitting for average's top option at DP in '04.

2005: Posted pinch-hit double (first hit of the year) in 5-1 victory over #21 South Florida on Feb. 12.

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.333	.667	.333	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0-0	n/a

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.216	.290	.266	17	35	5	2	1	15	10	5-5	.977

**Laing, Katie • #3 • 5-4 • Fr. • SS/2B • R/R • Chandler, Ariz. (Corona del Sol)**

Will step in as Notre Dame's starting shortstop in her rookie season ... has excellent range and a strong arm from the left side

2005: Two for two with two doubles and two runs scoring in 4-2 victory over #19 Florida on Feb. 13 ... first career hit was a double (eventually scoring on a ground out) in 2-0 victory over Coastal Carolina.

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.286	.500	.286	3	4	3	0	0	0	0	1-1	.938

**Lenn, Mallorie • #16 • Jr. • 5-8 • DP • R/R • Garden Grove, Calif. (Pacifica)**

Will be limited to designated player duties this season, due to offseason knee surgery.

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.059	.059	.059	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1-1	n/a

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.253	.395	.307	26	89	18	1	10	56	23	4-4	.988

first two seasons have been home runs (in '03, her first hit was a bunt, followed by a home run).

2005: Drove in the game-winning run with an RBI single in Notre Dame's 3-2 victory over Utah ... hit first home run of the season, a two-run shot, in 5-1 victory over #21 South Florida on Feb. 12.

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.316	.526	.316	4	6	1	0	1	3	0	1-1	1.000

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.272	.465	.298	25	31	7	0	5	16	4	21-23	.951

**Ruthrauff, Meagan • #77 • Jr. • 5-8 • 1B • R/R • La Mirada, Calif. (La Serna)**

Powerful RBI producer in the middle of Notre Dame's lineup ... drove in 54 runs in '04, the second-highest total in school history ... focused on raising her batting average this season.

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.200	.471	.400	0	3	1	0	0	1	5	0-0	1.000

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.297	.471	.397	51	109	19	0	15	82	54	2-2	.996

**Schoonaert, Sara • #22 • Jr. • 5-3 • 2B/SS • R/R • Houston, Texas (Clear Lake)**

Makes a switch from SS to 2B this season ... is expected to shine at 2B, bringing SS range and hands to the position ... developing her offense during the offseason.

2005: Posted first two hits of the season against #19 Florida, including driving in the winning run with a single in the fifth inning.

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.250	.250	.250	2	3	0	0	0	1	0	1-1	.941

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.214	.286	.271	43	41	8	3	0	18	14	10-16	.956

**Smith, Sarah • #34 • Fr. • 5-7 • OF • L/R • Oklahoma City, Okla. (Heritage Hall)**

Rookie role player who will provide depth in the outfield and speed on the basepaths ... also gives the coaching staff a player to watch on the bench.

2005: Posted her second-consecutive 10-plus strikeout performance in 3-2 victory over Utah, working 6.0 innings, striking allowing just two hits ... posted a complete-game three-hitter, allowing one run and striking out 10.

2005 Statistics -

<u>ERA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>APP</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SV</u>
1.86	2-1	3	3	1	0	19.1	28	0

Career Statistics -

<u>ERA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>APP</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SV</u>
2.66	60-27	116	104	1	0	19.1	508	0

**Wicks, Nicole • #20 • Sr. • 5-5 • OF • R/R • Renton, Wash. (Hazen)**

Excellent baserunner will be the first option off the bench in the outfield ... streaky hitter capable of putting together bunc possibly Notre Dame's best baserunner who figures out a way to score when on base.

2005: Team's top option at pinch runner .. already three for five in stolen base opportunities.

Career Statistics at Notre Dame -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.229	.389	.291	32	36	10	3	3	14	13	15-20	.981

**Wisn, Carrie • #4 • Sr. • 5-7 • P • R/R • Fullerton, Calif. (Sonora)**

Will see an increase in innings pitched this season ... one of the best defensive players on the team ... also an effective pinch option.

2005: Has been used for three pinch hitting appearances ... made her first pitching appearance of the year vs. Utah.

Career Offensive Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.201	.315	.234	11	30	8	0	3	20	7	0-0	1.000

Career Pitching Statistics -

<u>ERA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>APP</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SV</u>
2.65	27-9	90	18	6	1	237.2	180	6