

notre dame softball

21 consecutive winning seasons • 11 consecutive ncaa tournament appearances • 6 big east conference tournament titles

notre dame fighting irish
(0-0 overall / 0-0 big east)
[und.com • bigeast.org]

creighton blue jays
(0-0 overall / 0-0 missouri valley)
[gocreighton.com • mvc-sports.com]

oregon ducks
(0-0 overall / 0-0 pacific-10)
[goducks.com • pac-10.org]

auburn tigers
(0-0 overall / 0-0 southeastern)
[auburntigers.com • secsports.com]

oregon state beavers
(0-0 overall / 0-0 pacific-10)
[osbeavers.com • pac-10.org]

no. 1 washington huskies
(0-0 overall / 0-0 pacific-10)
[gohuskies.com • pac-10.org]



kajikawa classic
host: arizona state university

feb. 12-14 • tempe, ariz.
feb. 12 • vs. creighton • 9:00 a.m.
feb. 12 • vs. oregon • 11:30 a.m.
feb. 13 • vs. auburn • 4:30 p.m.
feb. 13 • vs. oregon state • 7:00 p.m.
feb. 14 • vs. washington • 10:30 a.m.

live stats: und.com
text alerts: und.com
nd athletics twitter: @und_com
in-game twitter: @ndsoftball

2010 schedule / results

overall: 0-0
at melissa cook stadium: 0-0
on the road: 0-0
neutral sites: 0-0
big east: 0-0
streak: 0-0
longest winning streak: --
longest losing streak: --
last five games: --

2.12 (fri.)	(1) vs. creighton	9:00 a.m.
	(1) vs. oregon	11:30 a.m.
2.13 (sat.)	(1) vs. auburn	4:30 p.m.
	(1) vs. oregon state	7:00 p.m.
2.14 (sun.)	(1) vs. no. 1 washington	10:30 a.m.
2.20 (sat.)	(2) vs. louisiana tech	2:00 p.m.
	(2) at southern miss	7:00 p.m.
2.21 (sun.)	(2) vs. stephen f. austin	9:00 a.m.
	(2) vs. alcorn state	2:00 p.m.
2.26 (fri.)	(3) vs. lehigh	9:00 a.m.
	(3) vs. ohio	11:30 a.m.
2.27 (sat.)	(3) at virginia	4:30 p.m.
	(3) vs. george washington	7:00 p.m.
2.28 (sun.)	(3) vs. lehigh	11:30 a.m.
3.6 (sat.)	(4) vs. ohio state	9:00 a.m.
	(4) vs. east tennessee state	11:30 a.m.
3.7 (sun.)	(4) at uc riverside	11:30 a.m.
3.10 (wed.)	at cal state northridge	--
3.12 (fri.)	(5) vs. buffalo	9:00 a.m.
	(5) vs. san diego	11:15 a.m.
3.13 (sat.)	(5) vs. unlv	3:45 p.m.
	(5) vs. long beach state	6:00 p.m.
3.14 (sun.)	(5) vs. purdue	9:00 a.m.
3.18 (thurs.)	at western michigan	5:00 p.m.
3.23 (tues.)	vs. eastern michigan	4:00 p.m.
3.24 (wed.)	vs. toledo (dh)	4:00 p.m.
3.27 (sat.)	at seton hall* (dh)	12:00 p.m.
3.28 (sun.)	at seton hall*	11:00 a.m.
3.30 (tues.)	at loyola-chicago	4:00 p.m.
4.1 (thurs.)	vs. rutgers*	6:00 p.m.
4.3 (sat.)	vs. rutgers* (dh)	11:00 a.m.
4.7 (wed.)	vs. bowling green (dh)	4:00 p.m.
4.10 (sat.)	vs. usf* (dh)	12:00 p.m.
4.11 (sun.)	vs. usf*	12:00 p.m.
4.14 (wed.)	vs. georgetown* (dh)	4:00 p.m.
4.15 (thurs.)	vs. cleveland state	4:00 p.m.
4.17 (sat.)	at louisville* (dh)	12:00 p.m.
4.18 (sun.)	at louisville*	11:00 a.m.
4.21 (wed.)	vs. valparaiso	4:00 p.m.
4.22 (thurs.)	at depaul* (dh)	1:00 p.m.
4.24 (sat.)	vs. villanova* (dh)	12:00 p.m.
4.25 (sun.)	vs. villanova*	11:00 a.m.
4.29 (thurs.)	vs. wisconsin	4:00 p.m.
5.8 (sat.)	at st. john's* (dh)	12:00 p.m.
5.9 (sun.)	at st. john's*	11:00 a.m.
5.13-15	big east championship	--
5.20-22	ncaa regionals	--
5.27-29	ncaa super regionals	--
5.31-6.6	ncaa world series	--

(1) kajikawa classic – tempe, ariz.
(2) southern miss mizuno classic – hattiesburg, miss.
(3) uva invitational – charlottesville, va.
(4) uc riverside aten construction tournament
riverside, calif.
(5) long beach state invitational – lakewood, calif.
*big east conference game / all times local to site

probable irish starters

pos.	number - name	class	hometown / high school
p	9 - jody valdivia	jr.	anaheim hills, calif. / canyon
			[last defeat from the circle came 3.14.09 against no. 12 arizona]
p	28 - brittany o'donnell	fr.	avon, n.j. / red bank catholic
			[two-time gatorade player of the year (n.j.) ... espn / e.a. sports all-american]
p	15 - jackie bowe	fr.	galesburg, mich. / galesburg-augusta
			[four-time all-state performer (mich.) ... 1,442 prep strikeouts]
c	27 - alexia clay	sr.	rochester, ind. / culver academy
			[3 3b, 5 hr, 25 rbi in 2009]
1b	10 - christine lux	sr.	glendale heights, ill. / glenbard west
			[2009 nfca all-american ... back-to-back 15 home run seasons]
2b	19 - erin marrone	jr.	alexandria, va. / bishop o'connell
			[2009 all-big east ... 2009 nfca all-region]
3b	3 - heather johnson	sr.	los alamos, calif. / mater dei
			[2009 big east all-tournament team ... 82 career rbi]
ss	12 - katie fleury	jr.	san jose, calif. / archbishop mitty
			[three-year starter at shortstop ... one error in last 30 games]
of	24 - brianna jorgensborg	jr.	thousand oaks, calif. / la reina
			[2008 all-big east ... 4 3b, 5 hr in 2009]
of	13 - alexa maldonado	so.	short hills, n.j. / millburn
			[5 2b, 2 3b, 5 assists in 2009]
of	17 - dani miller	so.	huntington beach, calif. / edison
			[set notre dame freshman record with 11 hr in 2009]
dp	7 - sadie pitzenberger	jr.	tomball, texas / tomball
			[returns to lineup after knee injuries in 2008 and 2009]

one-hitters

• notre dame enters its 22nd season of varsity competition with an all-time record of 844-399-3 (.679) ... the program boasts 14 ncaa championship appearances (11 consecutive) and six big east conference tournament titles, the latest coming in 2009.

• last year's season-opener: notre dame head coach deanna gumpf started her coaching career against the nation's top team (no. 1 arizona) nine years ago, and found herself in a similar spot in 2009 at top-ranked alabama ... the irish eventually fell to the crimson tide, 10-1.

• head coach deanna gumpf is 3-5 (.375) in season-openers at notre dame, while the irish are 8-13 (.380) overall in their first game of a new campaign.

• looking ahead to the feb. 14 meeting with no. 1 washington: notre dame is 0-3 against top-ranked teams (lost to no. 1 arizona in 2002 and twice to no. 1 alabama in 2009).

• notre dame is 72-62 (.537) in the month of february, and 65-47 (.580) on neutral turf ... under gumpf, notre dame is 108-77 (.584) at neutral sites.

• christine lux, a third-team all-american in 2009, headlines a returning irish cast which includes 13 monogram winners ... the irish return three nfca all-region performers (lux, erin marrone and dani miller) ... lux and miller were each first-team all-big east selections last season, with jody valdivia and marrone earning second-team nods.

quick facts

university

location..... notre dame, ind. 46556
 founded..... 1842
 enrollment..... 8,371 (undergraduate) / 11,733 (total)
 nickname..... fighting irish
 colors..... gold and blue
 fight song..... notre dame victory march
 conference..... big east
 facility..... melissa cook stadium (850)
 dimensions..... 200-220-200
 president..... rev. john i. jenkins, c.s.c.
 provost..... thomas g. burish
 executive vice president..... john affleck-graves
 ncaa faculty representative..... don pope-davis
 director of athletics..... jack swarbrick (notre dame '76)
 office..... 574.631.6107
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coaching staff

head coach..... deanna gumpf (nebraska '93)
 record at notre dame..... 332-153-1 (.684) / 8 seasons
 overall career record..... 332-153-1 (.684) / 8 seasons
 assistant coach..... kris ganef (notre dame '99)
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 office..... 574.631.9125
 assistant coach..... lizzy lemire (notre dame '01)
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program history

first season..... 1989 / 21 seasons
 overall record..... 844-399-3 (.679) / 21 seasons
 ncaa championship appearances..... 14 (11 consecutive)
 ncaa championship overall record..... 21-28
 big east regular season record..... 225-43 (.840) / 14 seasons
 big east regular season titles..... 10 (last in 2006)
 big east tournament record..... 30-15 (.667) / 14 seasons
 big east tournament titles..... 6 (last in 2009)
 winning seasons..... 21 (21 consecutive)
 ncaa all-america honorees..... 17
 most recent: christine lux (2009)
 ncaa all-region honorees..... 57
 last: bargar, lux, marrone, miller, northway (2009)
 cosida academic all-american of the year..... 1
 jarrah myers (2002)
 cosida academic all-america honorees..... 17
 most recent: stephanie brown (2007)
 all-big east accolades..... 93 (since 1996)
 big east player of the year awards..... 8
 big east pitcher of the year awards..... 6
 big east rookie of the year awards..... 5
 big east coaching staff of the year awards..... 5
 notre dame byron v. kanaley award winners..... 5

in the polls

usa today / nfca top 25 preseason poll (jan. 26)

rank	school
1	washington (30)
2	alabama
3	florida
4	michigan
5	arizona state
6	arizona
7	georgia
8	ucla
9	missouri
10	stanford
11	oklahoma
12	california
13	georgia tech
14	ohio state
15	northwestern
16	tennessee
17	baylor
18	lsu
19	north carolina
20	massachusetts
21	depaul
22	louisville
23	florida state
24	louisiana-lafayette
25	fresno state

rv: north dakota st. 44, jacksonville st. 38, cal poly 37, nevada 31, nebraska 28, texas 23, **notre dame** 21, cal st. fullerton 17, san diego st. 15, iowa 11, kentucky 11, purdue 10, hawaii 8, mississippi st. 7, southern illinois 7, cal st. northridge 6, texas a&m 6, tula 6, creighton 4, byu 3, houston 3, oklahoma st. 3.

espn.com / usa softball top 25 preseason poll (jan. 26)

rank	school
1	washington (17)
2	alabama (1)
3	michigan
4	arizona (1)
5	florida
6	ucla (1)
7	arizona state
8	georgia
9	missouri
10	oklahoma
11	california
12	stanford
13	lsu
14	georgia tech
15	baylor
16	ohio state
17	northwestern
18	tennessee
19	florida state
20	depaul
21	louisville
22	north carolina
23	louisiana-lafayette
24	fresno state
25	massachusetts

rv: kentucky 26, jacksonville state 17, auburn 14, north dakota state 14, nevada 12, oregon 11, oklahoma state 10, texas 8, cal poly 7, **notre dame** 7, nebraska 6, texas a&m 5, ball state 4, byu 4, san diego state 4, long beach state 3, purdue 2, new mexico state 1, virginia tech 1, western michigan 1.

the big east conference

2010 standings

(thru feb. 11)

	big east	pct.	overall	pct.
connecticut	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
depaul	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
georgetown	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
louisville	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
notre dame	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
pittsburgh	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
providence	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
rutgers	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
seton hall	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
st. john's	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
syracuse	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
usf	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
villanova	0-0	.000	0-0	.000

2010 big east preseason poll

	2009		league regular season
	overall record	record		finish
1. louisville	48-11	19-5	3rd
2. depaul	39-14	18-3	1st
3. notre dame	43-17	19-4	2nd
4. usf	34-22	12-10	5th
5. syracuse	30-21	12-10	4th
6. st. john's	25-26	11-13	7th
7. connecticut	29-22	11-12	6th
8. pittsburgh	25-24	9-15	10th
9. providence	17-34	9-14	9th
10. georgetown	17-20	8-14	11th
t11. seton hall	24-31	10-14	8th
villanova	23-26	6-18	12th
13. rutgers	23-33	6-18	13th

the irish were tabbed third in the big east preseason coaches' poll, receiving two first-place votes for 125 total points ... louisville will host the 2010 big east championships (may 13-15) at ulmer stadium for the third consecutive season ... the league's regular-season format differs for the 2010 season, as most meetings will consist of three-game series instead of the previous two-game format utilized in the past.

big east

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roster breakdown

class

seniors (3).....clay, johnson, c. lux
 juniors (6)..... fleury, jorgensborg,
 kelly, marrone, pitzenberger,
 valdivia
 sophomores (4) maldonado,
 miller, o'connor, wright
 freshmen (5)bowe, buntin,
 k. lux, o'donnell, thornton

position

pitcher (4)bowe, kelly,
 o'donnell, valdivia
 catcher (3) buntin, clay, wright
 infield (8)fleury, johnson,
 c. lux, k. lux,
 marrone, miller, o'connor
 outfield (5) jorgensborg,
 maldonado, marrone,
 pitzenberger, thornton
 utility (2)..... buntin, kelly

state

california (6).....fleury, johnson,
 jorgensborg, miller, valdivia,
 wright
 florida (1)kelly
 illinois (2)..... c. lux, k. lux
 indiana (1) clay
 michigan (1)bowe
 new jersey (2) maldonado,
 o'donnell
 new york (1)..... o'connor
 tennessee (1)..... buntin
 texas (2).....pitzenberger,
 thornton
 virginia (1) marrone

pronunciations

jackie bowe..... jackie bo
 amy buntin..... bunne-tin
 katie fleuryflurry
 kris ganeff..... gann-eff
 brianna jorgensborg bree-ann-uh
 lizzy lemire..... leh-meer
 christine lux.....lucks
 kathryn luxlucks
 alexa maldonado ...mal-done-ah-doe
 erin marrone..... muh-roan
 sadie pitzenberger ... pitt-sin-burger
 jody valdivia..... val-dee-vee-uh

notre dame roster

alphabetical

no.	name	year	position	height	b / t	hometown / high school
15	jackie bowe	fr.	pitcher	5-7	r/r	galesburg, mich. / galesburg-augusta
40	amy buntin	fr.	catcher / utility	5-8	r/r	franklin, tenn. / brentwood
27	alexia clay	sr.	catcher	5-6	r/r	rochester, ind. / culver academy
12	katie fleury	jr.	infield	5-5	r/r	san jose, calif. / archbishop mitty
3	heather johnson	sr.	infield	5-8	r/r	los alamos, calif. / mater dei
24	brianna jorgensborg	jr.	outfield	5-11	r/r	thousand oaks, calif. / la reina
5	shannon kelly	jr.	pitcher / utility	5-7	r/r	pembroke pines, fla. / hollywood christian
10	christine lux	sr.	infield	5-11	l/r	glendale heights, ill. / glenbard west
22	kathryn lux	fr.	infield	5-10	r/r	glendale heights, ill. / glenbard west
13	alexa maldonado	so.	outfield	5-6	l/l	short hills, n.j. / millburn
19	erin marrone	jr.	infield / outfield	5-9	r/r	alexandria, va. / bishop o'connell
17	dani miller	so.	infield	5-9	r/r	huntington beach, calif. / edison
6	kasey o'connor	so.	infield	6-0	r/r	yorktown, n.y. / yorktown
28	brittany o'donnell	fr.	pitcher	5-9	r/r	avon, n.j. / red bank catholic
7	sadie pitzenberger	jr.	infield / outfield	5-7	l/r	tomball, texas / tomball
1	kelsey thornton	fr.	outfield	5-6	l/r	sugar land, texas / elkins
9	jody valdivia	jr.	pitcher	5-8	r/r	anaheim hills, calif. / canyon
35	kristina wright	so.	catcher	5-9	r/r	ramona, calif. / ramona

numerical

no.	name	year	position	height	b / t	hometown / high school
1	kelsey thornton	fr.	outfield	5-6	l/r	sugar land, texas / elkins
3	heather johnson	sr.	infield	5-8	r/r	los alamos, calif. / mater dei
5	shannon kelly	jr.	pitcher / utility	5-7	r/r	pembroke pines, fla. / hollywood christian
6	kasey o'connor	so.	infield	6-0	r/r	yorktown, n.y. / yorktown
7	sadie pitzenberger	jr.	infield / outfield	5-7	l/r	tomball, texas / tomball
9	jody valdivia	jr.	pitcher	5-8	r/r	anaheim hills, calif. / canyon
10	christine lux	sr.	infield	5-11	l/r	glendale heights, ill. / glenbard west
12	katie fleury	jr.	infield	5-5	r/r	san jose, calif. / archbishop mitty
13	alexa maldonado	so.	outfield	5-6	l/l	short hills, n.j. / millburn
15	jackie bowe	fr.	pitcher	5-7	r/r	galesburg, mich. / galesburg-augusta
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19	erin marrone	jr.	infield / outfield	5-9	r/r	alexandria, va. / bishop o'connell
22	kathryn lux	fr.	infield	5-10	r/r	glendale heights, ill. / glenbard west
24	brianna jorgensborg	jr.	outfield	5-11	r/r	thousand oaks, calif. / la reina
27	alexia clay	sr.	catcher	5-6	r/r	rochester, ind. / culver academy
28	brittany o'donnell	fr.	pitcher	5-9	r/r	avon, n.j. / red bank catholic
35	kristina wright	so.	catcher	5-9	r/r	ramona, calif. / ramona
40	amy buntin	fr.	catcher / utility	5-8	r/r	franklin, tenn. / brentwood

head coach: deanna gumpf (9th season / nebraska '93)

assistant coaches: kris ganeff (9th season / notre dame '99), lizzy lemire (5th season / notre dame '01)

volunteer assistant: dawn austin (5th season / penn state '93)

athletic trainer: nicole alexander (2nd season / florida '05)

student manager: john whitty (notre dame '10)

media information

[media credentials] credentials are only issued to accredited members of the working media ... admission will be granted to media members holding a notre dame softball credential only ... spouses, children and guests are not permitted in the pressbox area ... work space in the pressbox can be limited and passes will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis ... requests for credentials should be directed to alan george of the notre dame sports information office ... media passes will be left at the melissa cook stadium ticket center.

[in-season interview policy] all requests for notre dame player or coach interviews must be made through alan george at 574.631.3397 ... please provide at least 24 hours notice for all interview requests and be aware that the student-athlete's academic obligations will always take precedence ... interviews may also be done in person before or after practice ... since practice times vary, please contact alan george for an updated schedule ... on game days, no interviews will be granted prior to competition.

[melissa cook stadium] notre dame plays all of its home games at melissa cook stadium on the university of notre dame campus.

[post-game press conferences] notre dame head coach deanna gumpf and players, along with the visiting head coach and players, will be available to the media following a 10-minute "cooling off" period ... media members should submit player requests for post-game interviews to alan george within an appropriate time frame.

[photo credentials] photo passes will be issued by alan george to accredited members of the media and those individuals on special assignment ... all requests must be made at least 24 hours prior to each game.

[radio broadcasts] visiting radio stations planning to originate from melissa cook stadium must contact alan george at least 72 hours prior to each game in order to obtain approval for the broadcast and proper credentials ... additional broadcast lines should be ordered through notre dame telecommunications (carolyn rush - 574.631.7205) ... und.com provides live audio for selected home matches.

[stats] box score and statistics will be posted on und.com immediately after each game.

career records

games played

1. meagan ruthrauff (2003-06)	247
2. jarrah myers (1999-2002)	245
3. stephanie brown (2004-07)	242
megan ciolli (2002-05)	242
jenny krieche (1999-2002)	242

at-bats

1. jenny krieche (1999-2002)	790
2. stephanie brown (2004-07)	778
3. meagan ciolli (2002-05)	771

batting average (min. 100 at-bats)

1. meghan murray (1994-97)	.380 (254/669)
2. meagan ciolli (2002-05)	.368 (284/771)
3. katie marten (1994-97)	.367 (209/570)
10. sadie pitzenberger (active)	.337 (60/178)

runs

1. stephanie brown (2004-07)	166
2. andrea loman (2000-03)	164
3. meagan ciolli (2002-05)	161

hits

1. meagan ciolli (2002-05)	284
2. stephanie brown (2004-07)	277
3. jenny krieche (1999-2002)	268

doubles

1. katie laing (2005-08)	55
2. meagan ruthrauff (2003-06)	49
melanie alkire (1998-2001)	49

triples

1. jenny krieche (1999-2002)	19
2. katie marten (1994-97)	13
3. meghan murray (1994-97)	12

home runs

1. jarrah myers (1999-2002)	36
2. christine lux (active)	33
3. meagan ruthrauff (2003-06)	31
andrea loman (2000-03)	31

rbi

1. jarrah myers (1999-2002)	174
2. melanie alkire (1998-2001)	167
3. meagan ruthrauff (2003-06)	162
12. christine lux (active)	112

total bases

1. jarrah myers (1999-2002)	409
2. melanie alkire (1998-2001)	403
3. sara hayes (1992-95)	387

walks

1. meagan ruthrauff (2003-06)	112
2. linda kohan (2006-2009)	90
3. andrea loman (2000-2003)	87
11. christine lux (active)	49

stolen bases

1. meagan ciolli (2002-05)	76
2. andrea loman (2000-03)	60
3. katie marten (1994-97)	58

putouts

1. jarrah myers (1999-2002)	1,337
2. mallorie lenn (2003-06)	1,309
3. christine lux (active)	1,276

assists

1. katie laing (2005-2008)	483
2. ruth kmak (1989-92)	467
3. christy connoyer (1991-94)	393

notre notes

the defending 2009 big east tournament champions may have lost five seniors heading into this year's campaign, but head coach deanna gumpf has taken the momentum from the back half of last year's drive to the league title into what could be a breakout venture for the notre dame softball program. six returning all-big east performers including all-american slugger christine lux provide the irish with one of the league's most decorated returning nuclei.

"we are a very experienced and talented team with an unparalleled blend of young, yet mature, student-athletes," gumpf said. "this is a group of young ladies who approach the game with a plan. even though the core of our lineup from last season returns to the field in 2010, this is a completely different team. things that worked last year won't necessarily work this year. things that we are doing differently this year, we would never have done last year. our strengths are different, and this team is deeper position by position."

while the 2009 team set single-season school records for home runs (66), rbi (282), total bases (748), slugging percentage (.501) and walks (152), gumpf truly believes that the irish could trump any or all of those accolades this year.

"our approach this year is to give our best shot to every team we play," gumpf said. "we are playing a lot of teams from different regions around the nation, and they are going to be gunning for us. but regardless of whom we play, our team has one thing in mind – to win games.

"we did lose some big bats in the lineup, but i am expecting some of our youngsters to step up in those positions," gumpf said. "there is a lot of flexibility on our roster. a bit of our slugging is gone but we're gaining so much speed.

"losing a pair of all-big east players in beth northway and linda kohan takes away two big bats, but we're getting back a seasoned dani miller and a healthier heather johnson, who has gotten better every year. and of course, lux will be a threat every time she steps into the batter's box. in that regard, we have a lot of veteran power which will fill the gaps."

miller cemented herself as one of the top freshmen in the big east in 2009 and was the lone league rookie to earn first-team all-big east honors. her 11 home runs set a notre dame freshman record, bettered only by lux's total of 15. miller should see time at second base while lux and johnson - who will have another year of eligibility after her senior season - are slated to take care of the corners of the infield. kathryn lux will play behind her older sister at first base and kasey o'connor could see time at second base.

johnson's batting average has progressively improved since her freshman year when she hit at a .306 rate. an injury halted her sophomore year (.250) as she bounced back to hit .356 with 14 doubles and 39 rbi in 2009, starting each of the team's 60 contests.

"the mainstays in the corners will be christine lux and johnson, who combined to start almost every game last year in those spots," gumpf said. "they are quick on their feet and not much gets past them. they are veterans and do a great job of predicting the game. they are both big playmakers that are quick and agile."

rounding out the infield is junior katie fleury, an all-big east selection as a freshman in 2008. fleury will be a fixture at shortstop, where she has been a starter since her first game with the irish. fleury's experience and instincts will be counted on to anchor the middle infield.

"katie is getting better and better every year and she is expecting more from herself, which is good," gumpf said. "she is a lot more mature than last year. she is learning how to slow the game down. katie can get to any ball, and now we are focusing on her defensive mechanics. i expect her to have a great year and really lead the way for the infield."

junior erin marrone has played several positions throughout her career – catcher, outfield, first base and second base – and offers a versatile force for the lineup wherever she is situated. marrone went from hitting .196 in 55 games as a freshman to a .355 average in 2009, which helped earn her all-league and all-region citations. the coaching staff should be confident putting her anywhere in the park as she also boasts a very respectable .994 fielding percentage.

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big-time playmakers in brianna jorgensborg, sadie pitzenberger and alexa maldonado will provide a stable corps of outfielders. also in contention will be freshman kelsey thornton, a slasher from the heart of texas.

“having a healthy pitzenberger, who has missed the bulk of the last two seasons with injuries, back in the lineup will be essential,” gumpf said.

pitzenberger will make the transition from the middle infield to the outfield for the irish this season, also bringing a solid stick to the plate with speed to burn. maldonado, a lefty slapper at the plate, raised eyebrows across the nation last year after making a number of spectacular plays in centerfield. jorgensborg’s slugging percentage of .509 in 2009 provides an insight to what should be a promising junior campaign. she earned all-big east honors in 2008. marrone and miller could also spend time in both the infield and outfield.

losing a dominant tosser in brittney bargar to graduation will certainly have an impact on the irish pitching staff, as bargar left as the program’s all-time leader in appearances (172), games started (137), complete games (99), and innings pitched (931.0) and ranked second with 92 wins. however, notre dame is in great hands with junior jody valdivia, a right-hander who did not drop a big east conference game in 2009 (10-0). in fact, valdivia was victorious in each of the last 17 decisions of her sophomore campaign.

“jody definitely found her swagger last year,” gumpf said. “she definitely gained the knowledge and ability to know exactly how to beat teams. she is stronger and smarter than she was a year ago, and last year she was again stronger and smarter than the year before. jody keeps getting better and i expect some dominant innings from her this year. she is able to do everything on the mound.”

joining valdivia in the rotation are freshmen jackie bowe and brittany o’donnell, a pair that combined for 2,689 strikeouts during their high school careers. shannon kelly will also see time in the circle for the irish.

“although our pitching staff is younger this year as a whole, they are much more well-rounded,” gumpf said. “having shannon back in the mix is good. also with the two freshmen, i think they bring a lot to the table, and their styles are so different which gives us more options.

“brittany is a down-pitcher, but she’s been working her corners better in the last few months and finding the college strike zone. jackie is 100 percent pure competitor. bringing shannon back to the game after her injury provides a fourth dimension for us. shannon will keep hitters on their toes and teams won’t know what to expect from her. i like what she brings to the table and she’ll be an excellent closer for us.

“with all of our new pitchers, teams really won’t know how to scout us unless they saw jody last year. and now jody is different pitcher than she was last year.”

calling the shots behind the plate for any of the four pitchers will be senior alexia clay, sophomore kristina wright and freshman amy buntin.

“having the addition of amy has been very helpful for alexia and kristina, and each of the three have different strengths,” gumpf said. “alexia does a great job of being a general on the field. she is very calming for the pitchers and does a great job of keeping things very calm, collected and cool. she does a great job of receiving. kristina has grown a lot from her freshman year. she has been able to take a deep breath and just play the game. when she does that she will be very helpful from behind the plate because she has such a great arm. amy has great physical tools and just needs to get her feet wet and get some experience back there. she will be the catcher who will continue to get better every time she is back there. all three will see plenty of action throughout the season.”

leading the irish on and off the field is a trio of team captains in johnson, fleury and christine lux.

“the captains have done a great job after being chosen by their teammates,” gumpf said. “they have done a great job of embracing their position, not only in the sense of the position, but also

career records

fielding percentage (minimum 150 chances)

1. christine lux (active)995 (1323/1330)
2. erin marrone (active)..... .994 (176/177)
3. mallorie lenn (2003-06)..... .992 (1407/1418)
amy folsom (1989-92)..... .992

appearances

1. brittney bargar (2006-09).....172
2. heather booth (2003-06).....167
3. steffany stenglein (2002-05).....154

games started

1. brittney bargar (2006-09).....137
2. heather booth (2003-06).....135
3. steffany stenglein (2002-05).....132

wins

1. heather booth (2003-06).....96
2. brittney bargar (2006-09).....92
3. jennifer sharron (1998-2001).....88

complete games

1. brittney bargar (2006-09).....99
2. heather booth (2003-06).....87
3. jennifer sharron (1998-2001).....76
- t7. jody valdivia (active).....48

shutouts

1. terri kobata (1993-96).....42
2. jennifer sharron (1998-2001).....38
3. heather booth (2003-06).....32

combined shutouts

1. steffany stenglein (2002-05).....18
2. carrie wisen (2002-05).....14
3. heather booth (2003-06).....11

innings pitched

1. brittney bargar (2006-09).....931.0
2. heather booth (2003-06).....901.1
3. jennifer sharron (1998-2001).....772.1

winning percentage (min. 15 decisions)

1. kristin schmidt (2001)900 (27-3)
2. terri kobata (1993-96)..... .840 (79-15)
3. melanie alkire (1998-2001)..... .783 (18-5)
9. jody valdivia (active)..... .692 (27-12)

earned run average (min. 150.0 innings)

1. kristin schmidt (2001) 0.55 (16/204.0)
2. terri kobata (1993-96)..... 0.63 (57/630.1)
3. jennifer sharron (1998-2001).. 1.22 (135/772.1)

strikeouts

1. terri kobata (1993-96).....907
2. heather booth (2003-06).....845
3. brittney bargar (2006-09).....819
9. jody valdivia (2008-current).....294

strikeouts/7.0 innings (min. 150.0 innings)

1. terri kobata (1993-96).....10.07 (907/630.1)
2. kristin schmidt (2001)8.48 (247/204.0)
3. michelle moschel (1999-00)....7.78 (202/181.2)
4. jody valdivia (active).....7.65 (294/269.0)

strikeout-to-walk ratio (min. 150.0 innings)

1. terri kobata (1993-96).....6.43 (907/141)
2. kristin schmidt (2001)5.88 (247/42)
3. staci alford (1990-93)5.59 (369/66)
8. jody valdivia (active).....2.97 (294/99)

single-game records

hits

- 5jenn giampaolo – vs. cleveland state (4.22.95)
kathy vernetti – vs. saint louis (4.22.90)

rbi

- 7christine lux – vs. eastern michigan (4.9.08)
meagan ruthrauff – vs. pittsburgh (4.9.06)
6dani miller - vs. providence (4.30.09)
liz hatmann - vs. oakland (4.30.02)
jarrah meyers – vs. cal state northridge (3.11.02)
melanie alkire – vs. san diego state (3.12.00)

at-bats

- 7sadie pitzenberger – vs. st. john's (4.5.08)
katie marten – vs. loyola-chicago (4.13.95)
amy folsom – vs. loyola-chicago (4.25.92)
lisa miller – vs. loyola-chicago (4.25.92)
stephanie pinter – vs. loyola-chicago (4.25.92)

runs

- 4sadie pitzenberger – vs. toledo (3.18.09)
megan ciolli - vs. valparaiso (4.23.03)
jarrah myers – vs. new mexico state (2.16.02)
liz goetz – vs. robert morris (3.11.94)
ruth kmak – vs. loyola-chicago (4.16.90)

doubles

- 3heather johnson – vs. seton hall (3.25.07)
sara hayes – vs. missouri-kansas city (4.12.92)

triples

- 2nicole wicks – vs. syracuse (4.10.04)
jenny krieche
*twice, last vs. boston college (4.29.01)
lisa tully – vs. st. john's (4.19.98)
lizzy lemire – vs. canisius (2.27.98)
katie marten – vs. providence (4.6.97)
megan murray – vs. seton hall (4.28.96)
sara hayes – vs. butler (5.11.94)
mia faust – vs. butler (3.27.89)

home runs

- 3meagan ruthrauff – vs. pittsburgh (4.9.06)
2dani miller – vs. providence (4.30.09)
christine lux - *twice, last vs. valparaiso (4.9.09)
linda kohan – vs. wisconsin (4.16.08)
katie laing – vs. seton hall (4.6.08)
liz hartmann
*three times, last vs. louisiana-lafayette (2.28.03)
andria bledsoe – vs. louisiana-lafayette (2.28.03)
jarrah meyers
*three times, last vs. virginia tech (4.30.02)
lisa mattison – vs. providence (4.29.02)
melanie alkire - *twice, last vs. connecticut (4.7.00)
andrea loman – vs. texas (3.17.00)
elizabeth perkins – vs. rutgers (5.4.97)
sara hayes - *twice, last vs. wright state (4.15.95)

stolen bases

- 4ruth kmak – vs. loyola-chicago (4.16.90)

walks

- 4mia faust – vs. bethel (4.12.89)

innings pitched

- 13.0.....staci alford – vs. saint louis (4.22.90)

strikeouts

- 19stefany stenglein – vs. seton hall (4.25.05)

putouts

- 21stephanie pinter – vs. loyola-chicago (4.25.92)

assists

- 14terri kobata – vs. michigan (2.24.95)

notre notes

the job behind it. they are working very hard to make their team different than before, but better than before, and take care of business off the field and on the field.”

the three captains will be counted on to lead the irish back to the big east tournament title in 2010, as the irish were tabbed third in the big east preseason coaches' poll. the irish received two first-place votes for 125 total points. four squads received first-place votes and topped 110 points in the poll. furthermore, notre dame received votes in the nfca / usa today top 25 preseason poll.

louisville was named the favorite to win the big east title this season, as 2009 big east player of the year melissa roth leads a group of six returning players for the cardinals who were all-big east selections last season. louisville garnered six first-place votes and 137 total points to earn top billing in 2010.

depaul was second with six fewer points than louisville. the blue demons received four first-place votes and 131 points.

the final first-place vote was awarded to usf, who entered last year's big east finale as the no. 5 seed and upset no. 4 syracuse before falling to top-seeded depaul in the semifinals.

notre dame opens the 2010 season against creighton on feb. 12 as part of the kajikawa classic in tempe, ariz., tipping off a schedule which features trips to 10 different states and includes 16 home dates.

“like every other season, we want to play the best teams across the nation,” gumpf said. “and as the big east conference continues to improve every year, we have to prepare ourselves for league play by putting together a solid non-conference schedule. this schedule has it all, from the defending national champion (washington) to a number of last year's conference champions.”

notre dame begins the season at the kajikawa classic hosted by arizona state. the irish will face creighton (feb. 12), oregon (feb. 12), auburn (feb. 13), oregon state (feb. 13) and washington (feb. 14) in tempe, ariz. in fact, the matchup against the huskies will mark the eighth time in the last 10 seasons the irish have been slated to face the defending national champion (notre dame was scheduled to play arizona in 2008 but the game was called off due to rain).

from feb. 20-21, notre dame will take part in the southern miss mizuno classic in hattiesburg, miss., where the irish will square off with louisiana tech, stephen f. austin, alcorn state and the host golden eagles.

the university of virginia invitational in charlottesville, va., will feature matchups against lehigh (feb. 26, feb. 28), ohio (feb. 26), george washington (feb. 27) and the host cavaliers (feb. 27).

nine days in california will feature nine contests against teams from around the nation. the uc riverside aten construction tournament (march 6-7) and the long beach state invitational (march 12-14) will sandwich a non-conference meeting at cal state northridge.

the home portion of the schedule begins march 23 against eastern michigan with a double-header versus toledo one day later.

big east conference play gets going at seton hall (march 27-28), with the first home league series april 1-3 against rutgers. that will start an 11-game homestand – including series with usf (april 10-11) and georgetown (april 14) – which ends april 15 against cleveland state.

notre dame travels to louisville (april 17-18), depaul (april 22) and st. john's (may 8-9) in the regular-season's closing weeks.

louisville will host the big east championship (may 13-15) at ulmer stadium for the third consecutive season. the league's regular-season format differs for the 2010 season, as most meetings will consist of three-game series instead of the previous two-game format utilized in the past.

the ncaa tournament starts may 20 and culminates with the women's college world series (may 31-june 6) in oklahoma city, okla.

notre dame will play each of its home games at melissa cook stadium.



alexia clay • 27
senior • catcher • r / r
rochester, ind. • culver academy

as a senior (2010): posted an exceptional first season with the irish in 2009 ... started 41 of team's 60 games ... expected to be a strong force for the irish at - and behind - the dish ... her experience and maturity has been great for notre dame's young pitchers ... a true leader on the field with a calming presence.

career single-game highs

2010 single-game highs

ab [4] at connecticut (4.11.09).....	.....
r [2] three times, last at villanova (4.18.09).....	.....
h [3] vs. valparaiso (4.9.09).....	.....
rbi [4] at connecticut (4.11.09).....	.....
2b [1] vs. valparaiso (4.9.09).....	.....
3b [1] three times, last vs. st. john's (5.7.09).....	.....
hr [1] five times, last at villanova (4.18.09).....	.....
bb [1] seven times, last vs. miami (ohio) (5.16.09).....	.....
sb [1] vs. valparaiso (4.9.09).....	.....
multi-hit games [6] last vs. st. john's (5.7.09).....	.....
multi-rbi games [8] last vs. st. john's (5.7.09).....	.....
longest hitting streak [5] (4.9.09-4.14.09).....	.....

career statistics

year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hbp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb	att	po	a	e	fld%
2009	.271	50	41	118	14	32	1	3	5	25	54	.458	7	4	19	0	.331	1	1	1	1	225	29	3	.988
2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
total	.271	50	41	118	14	32	1	3	5	25	54	.458	7	4	19	0	.331	1	1	1	1	225	29	3	.988



katie fleury • 12
junior • shortstop • r / r
san jose, calif. • archbishop mitty

as a junior (2010): will be counted on to lead the irish infield ... third year in her starting role at shortstop ... packs a powerful punch at the plate ... very smooth in the field with a good arm ... great decision-making ... good hands, very athletic ... very fundamental at the plate with the ability to put together a good small-ball game to keep the defense on its toes ... team co-captain.

career single-game highs

2010 single-game highs

ab [6] at st. john's (4.5.08).....	.....
r [3] twice, last vs. kent state (5.16.08).....	.....
h [3] three times, last vs. valparaiso (4.9.09).....	.....
rbi [3] at charleston southern (3.14.08).....	.....
2b [1] 14 times, last vs. st. john's (5.7.09).....	.....
3b [1] three times, last vs. kent state (5.16.08).....	.....
hr [1] 10 times, last vs. northern illinois (4.1.09).....	.....
bb [2] three times, last vs. wisconsin (4.16.08).....	.....
sb [2] at purdue (4.22.08).....	.....
multi-hit games [24] last vs. louisville (5.3.09).....	.....
multi-rbi games [10] last vs. cleveland state (5.15.09).....	.....
longest hitting streak [12] (4.24.08-5.16.08).....	.....

career statistics

year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hbp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb	att	po	a	e	fld%
2008	.295	61	61	176	44	52	7	3	4	26	77	.438	31	5	33	1	.415	0	9	10	10	66	109	23	.884
2009	.240	58	57	171	28	41	7	0	6	21	66	.386	16	1	19	2	.305	2	5	7	9	78	104	14	.929
2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
total	.268	119	118	347	72	93	14	3	10	47	143	.412	47	6	52	3	.363	2	14	17	19	144	213	37	.906



heather johnson • 3
senior • third base • r / r
los alamitos, calif. • mater dei

as a senior (2010): will anchor the infield at third base ... started each of team's 60 games in 2009 ... consistent performer at the plate, reflected by her .356 batting average, .419 on-base percentage and .486 slugging percentage as a junior in 2009 ... tremendous hands and ball control on the defensive side of the game ... team co-captain.

career single-game highs

ab [4] 25 times, last vs. louisville (5.3.09)	2010 single-game highs
r [3] vs. valparaiso (4.9.09) .....	.....
h [4] vs. sacramento state (2.21.09) .....	.....
rbi [4] four times, last vs. sacramento state (2.21.09) .....	.....
2b [3] vs. seton hall (3.25.07) .....	.....
3b .....	.....
hr [1] six times, last at michigan (5.16.09) .....	.....
bb [2] six times, last vs. pittsburgh (4.4.09) .....	.....
sb [1] twice, last at wisconsin (4.14.09) .....	.....
multi-hit games [23] last vs. miami (ohio) (5.16.09) .....	.....
multi-rbi games [22] last vs. louisville (5.3.09) .....	.....
longest hitting streak [9] (5.6.07-2.16.08) .....	.....

career statistics

year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hbp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb	att	po	a	e	fld%
2007	.306	56	56	147	12	45	13	0	2	35	64	.435	17	1	18	1	.377	2	5	0	0	23	111	9	.937
2008	.250	11	11	24	2	6	1	0	1	8	10	.417	5	0	7	0	.355	2	1	0	0	26	6	1	.970
2009	.356	60	60	177	21	63	14	0	3	39	86	.486	20	2	14	1	.419	4	5	2	2	36	134	6	.966
2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
total	.328	127	127	348	35	114	28	0	6	82	160	.460	42	3	39	2	.397	8	11	2	2	85	251	16	.955



brianna jorgensborg • 24
junior • outfield • r / r
thousand oaks, calif. • la reina

as a junior (2010): all-big east performer as a freshman in 2008 ... reliable outfielder ... very fundamental with great technique on defense ... can hit the long ball very well, while showing flashes of a steady short game in her first two seasons with the irish.

career single-game highs

ab [5] at st. john's (4.5.08)	2010 single-game highs
r [3] at louisville (4.19.08) .....	.....
h [3] vs. connecticut (4.27.08) .....	.....
rbi [3] twice, last vs. seton hall (4.5.09) .....	.....
2b [1] five times, last vs. miami (ohio) (5.16.09) .....	.....
3b [1] four times, last vs. miami (ohio) (5.16.09) .....	.....
hr [1] seven times, last at connecticut (4.11.09) .....	.....
bb [2] vs. villanova (4.13.08) .....	.....
sb [1] eight times, last vs. louisville (5.3.09) .....	.....
multi-hit games [11] last vs. miami (ohio) (5.16.09) .....	.....
multi-rbi games [9] last vs. miami (ohio) (5.16.09) .....	.....
hitting streak [9] (4.2.08-4.13.08) .....	.....

career statistics

year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hbp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb	att	po	a	e	fld%
2008	.256	61	52	129	20	33	2	0	2	13	41	.318	10	4	26	0	.326	1	3	3	5	37	1	3	.927
2009	.269	47	43	108	18	29	3	4	5	19	55	.509	8	2	27	0	.328	1	4	5	5	36	1	1	.974
2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
total	.262	108	95	237	38	62	5	4	7	32	96	.405	18	6	53	0	.327	2	7	8	10	73	2	4	.949



shannon kelly • 5
junior • pitcher / utility • r / r
pembroke pines, fla. • hollywood christian

as a junior (2010): returns to the field after missing her sophomore campaign due to injury ... will make the transition to pitcher ... likely to be used primarily as a closer.

career single-game highs

2010 single-game highs

innings pitched -.....	.....
fewest hits (min. 5.0 ip) -.....	.....
fewest runs (min. 5.0 ip) -.....	.....
fewest earned runs (min. 5.0 ip) -.....	.....
fewest walks (min. 5.0 ip) -.....	.....
strikeouts -.....	.....
consecutive scoreless innings -.....	.....
consecutive innings w/o earned run -.....	.....
shutouts -.....	.....
combined shutouts -.....	.....
no-hitters -.....	.....
longest winning streak -.....	.....

career statistics

year	era	w	l	app	gs	cg	sho	cbo	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	bf	b/avg	wp	hbp	sfa	sha	bk
2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



christine lux • 10
senior • first base • l / r
glendale heights, ill. • glenbard west

as a senior (2010): returning third-team all-american ... nfca all-region ... first-team all-big east ... one of the most dominating sluggers in school history ... with 33 career home runs, needs four more to set school record ... tied her own school record as a junior in 2009 with 15 home runs ... steady fielder at first base with just one error in 2009 ... school's all-time best defender (statistically) ... joined by younger sister, kathryn, on this year's squad ... team co-captain.

career single-game highs

2010 single-game highs

ab [5] at st. john's (4.5.08).....	.....
r [3] twice, last vs. valparaiso (4.9.09).....	.....
h [3] four times, last vs. depaul (4.8.09).....	.....
rbi [7] vs. eastern michigan (4.9.08).....	.....
2b [2] twice, last vs. toledo (3.18.09).....	.....
3b [1] four times, last vs. syracuse (4.26.09).....	.....
hr [2] twice, last vs. valparaiso (4.9.09).....	.....
bb [2] seven times, last at providence (4.30.09).....	.....
sb [2] at villanova (4.18.09).....	.....
multi-hit games [28] last vs. louisville (5.3.09).....	.....
multi-rbi games [27] last vs. louisville (5.3.09).....	.....
longest hitting streak [8] (4.1.09-4.8.09).....	.....

career statistics

year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hbp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb	att	po	a	e	fld%
2007	.245	45	41	106	8	26	9	0	3	19	44	.415	9	3	26	2	.319	1	7	0	1	370	6	3	.992
2008	.277	59	59	166	33	46	8	2	15	42	103	.620	16	10	50	0	.373	1	3	2	3	463	24	3	.994
2009	.329	60	59	164	40	54	11	2	15	51	114	.695	24	7	35	1	.429	3	3	2	2	443	17	1	.998
2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
total	.289	164	159	436	81	126	28	4	33	112	261	.599	49	20	111	3	.382	5	13	4	6	1276	47	7	.995



kathryn lux • 22
freshman • infield • r / r
glendale heights, ill. • glenbard west

as a freshman (2010): led glenbard west (ill.) to a pair of softball and basketball conference and regional titles ... softball team mvp as a junior ... three-time all-conference and all-city selection ... prep team's 2008 softball offensive player of the year ... led team in batting average and rbi as a junior ... hit over .400 as a sophomore and junior ... missed bulk of senior season with injury ... joins older sister, christine, on irish roster.

career single-game highs

2010 single-game highs

ab -
 r -
 h -
 rbi -
 2b -
 3b -
 hr -
 bb -
 sb -
 multi-hit games -
 multi-rbi games -
 longest hitting streak -

career statistics

year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hbp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb	att	po	a	e	fld%
2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



alexa maldonado • 13
sophomore • outfield • l / l
short hills, n.j. • millburn

as a sophomore (2010): tremendous outfielder with speed to burn ... covers a large area in center field and beyond ... lefty slapper with good instincts on the basepaths ... started 50 games for the irish as a freshman, tacking on five assists from the outfield ... strong and accurate arm.

career single-game highs

2010 single-game highs

ab [4] three times, last at rutgers (4.19.09).....
 r [2] twice, last vs. toledo (3.18.09).....
 h [2] four times, last vs. north dakota state (4.22.09).....
 rbi [2] at villanova (4.18.09).....
 2b [2] vs. depaul (4.8.09).....
 3b [1] twice, last at stanford (2.21.09).....
 hr -
 bb [2] three times, last vs. valparaiso (4.9.09).....
 sb [2] vs. uc santa barbara (3.7.09).....
 multi-hit games [4] last vs. north dakota state (4.22.09).....
 multi-rbi games [1] at villanova (4.18.09).....

career statistics

year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hbp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb	att	po	a	e	fld%
2009	.207	54	50	116	22	24	5	2	0	7	33	.284	12	2	26	0	.288	2	8	6	8	41	5	3	.939
2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
total	.207	54	50	116	22	24	5	2	0	7	33	.284	12	2	26	0	.288	2	8	6	8	41	5	3	.939



erin marrone • 19
junior • infield / outfield • r / r
alexandria, va. • bishop o'connell

as a junior (2010): grittiest player on the team ... has played a plethora of positions throughout her career (catcher, first base, second base, third base, outfield), excelling at each ... all-big east choice in 2009 ... will likely see playing time both in the infield and outfield.

career single-game highs

ab [5] at st. john's (4.5.09)
 r [2] nine times, last vs. louisville (5.3.09)
 h [2] 10 times, last vs. louisville (5.3.09)
 rbi [4] vs. seton hall (4.5.09)
 2b [1] 11 times, last vs. louisville (5.3.09)
 3b -
 hr [1] five times, last vs. miami (ohio) (5.15.09)
 bb [2] twice, last vs. north dakota state (4.22.09)
 sb [2] at wisconsin (4.14.09)
 multi-hit games [10] last vs. louisville (5.3.09)
 multi-rbi games [3] last vs. seton hall (4.5.09)
 hitting streak [6] (4.26.09-5.3.09)

2010 single-game highs

career statistics

year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hbp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb	att	po	a	e	fld%
2008	.196	55	48	138	16	27	5	0	0	10	32	.232	5	1	21	1	.228	1	3	6	7	128	15	0	1.000
2009	.355	44	35	93	24	33	6	0	5	14	54	.581	11	5	17	0	.450	0	1	4	4	31	2	1	.971
2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
total	.260	99	83	231	40	60	11	0	5	24	86	.372	16	6	38	1	.323	1	4	10	11	159	17	1	.994



dani miller • 17
sophomore • infield / outfield • r / r
huntington beach, calif. • edison

as a sophomore (2010): the league's only freshman named first-team all-big east in 2009 ... nfca all-region choice ... used sparingly the first eight games of her career ... exploded in her first career start against toledo (3.18) with a home run, double and three rbi ... enjoyed a school-record 21-game hitting streak, the longest of any big east player in 2009 ... can play second base and outfield ... will likely see time at both spots throughout the 2010 season.

career single-game highs

ab [4] 11 times, last vs. louisville (5.3.09)
 r [2] four times, last at providence (4.30.09)
 h [2] eight times, last at louisville (5.8.09)
 rbi [6] at providence (4.30.09)
 2b [1] 13 times, last at michigan (5.17.09)
 3b -
 hr [2] at providence (4.30.09)
 bb [2] twice, last at providence (4.30.09)
 sb [1] vs. northern illinois (4.1.09)
 multi-hit games [8] last at louisville (5.8.09)
 multi-rbi games [11] last at providence (4.30.09)
 hitting streak [21] (3.25.09-4.19.09)

2010 single-game highs

career statistics

year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hbp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb	att	po	a	e	fld%
2009	.324	50	42	136	22	44	13	0	11	46	90	.662	11	3	22	1	.384	1	5	1	1	33	7	1	.976
2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
total	.324	50	42	136	22	44	13	0	11	46	90	.662	11	3	22	1	.384	1	5	1	1	33	7	1	.976



jody valdivia • 9
junior • pitcher • r / r
anaheim hills, calif. • canyon

as a junior (2010): the go-to pitcher for the irish as a junior ... crafty right-hander with a great variety of pitches ... carries a 17-game winning streak into the 2010 season ... second-team all-big east choice in 2009 ... ranked seventh on the single-season charts with 8.23 strikeouts-per-7.0 innings as a freshman in 2008, while her career mark (7.65) is fourth all-time ... holds a 2.97 lifetime strikeout-to-walk ratio.

career single-game bests

innings pitched [7.0] 18 times, last vs. st. john's (5.7.09).....
 fewest hits (min. 5.0 ip) [1] three times, last vs. seton hall (4.5.09).....
 fewest runs (min. 5.0 ip) [0] seven times, last vs. north dakota state (4.22.09).....
 fewest earned runs (min. 5.0 ip) [0] 12 times, last vs. cleveland state (5.15.09).....
 fewest walks (min. 5.0 ip) [0] seven times, last vs. louisville (5.3.09).....
 strikeouts [14] twice, last vs. pittsburgh (4.4.09).....
 consecutive scoreless innings [10.2] (3.26.08-3.30.08).....
 consecutive innings w/o earned run [15.1] (3.3.09-3.16.09).....
 shutouts [6] last vs. north dakota state (4.22.09).....
 combined shutouts [1].....
 no-hitters -.....
 longest winning streak [17] (3.18.09-current).....

2010 single-game bests

career statistics

year	era	w	l	app	gs	cg	sho	cbo	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	bf	b/avg	wp	hbp	sfa	sha	bk
2008	3.13	8	7	26	22	7	3	1	0	109.2	107	65	49	48	129	24	2	11	506	.251	6	15	2	14	0
2009	2.28	19	5	32	26	18	3	0	1	159.1	126	67	52	51	165	22	4	22	679	.212	10	22	1	10	0
2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
total	2.63	27	12	58	48	25	6	1	1	269.0	233	132	101	99	294	46	6	33	1185	.228	16	37	3	24	0



kristina wright • 35
sophomore • catcher • r / r
ramona, calif. • ramona

as a sophomore (2010): steady and reliable for the irish behind the plate ... one of the most improved players on the roster ... gained lots of confidence in the batter's box after a solid offseason.

career single-game highs

ab [3] five times, last vs. depaul (4.8.09).....
 r [1] twice, last vs. toledo (4.18.09).....
 h [1] four times, last vs. pittsburgh (4.4.09).....
 rbi [2] vs. pittsburgh (4.4.09).....
 2b [1] twice, last vs. pittsburgh (4.4.09).....
 3b -.....
 hr -.....
 bb [2] vs. seton hall (4.5.09).....
 sb -.....
 multi-hit games -.....
 multi-rbi games [1] vs. pittsburgh (4.4.09).....
 longest hitting streak -.....

2010 single-game highs

career statistics

year	avg	gp	gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hbp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb	att	po	a	e	fld%
2009	.108	22	20	37	2	4	2	0	0	2	6	.162	5	4	11	0	.283	0	1	0	0	118	13	1	.992
2010	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
total	.108	22	20	37	2	4	2	0	0	2	6	.162	5	4	11	0	.283	0	1	0	0	118	13	1	.992

notre dame head coach deanna gumpf

through only eight seasons as the head softball coach at notre dame, deanna gumpf has already established herself as one of the premiere college coaches in the nation.

under her tutelage, the irish have claimed four big east tournament titles and eight trips to the ncaa tournament. even more, notre dame staked the big east's regular-season championship during her first four seasons on the bench to extend its dominance over league opponents.

in fact, gumpf enters her ninth season as the irish head coach with a record of 332-153-1 (.684) for the highest victory average of any big east skipper.



gumpf and the irish enter 2010 on the heels of a landmark 2009 campaign in which notre dame posted its 21st winning season in as many years with a 43-17 record. it was the 11th 40-win campaign in program history and fifth under gumpf. notre dame also advanced to the ncaa tournament for the 11th straight year and was ranked 25th in the final regular season nfca top 25 poll. the ranking was a first since 2004 and the first to end the season since 2002.

a number of top single-season team marks were set during 2009 including: runs (2nd - 310), doubles (3rd - 90), home runs (1st - 66), rbi (1st - 282), total bases (1st - 748), slugging pct. (1st - .501), walks (1st - 152), on-base pct. (2nd - .371) and complete games (3rd - 46). that season also saw christine lux earn third-team nfca all-america accolades, becoming the 17th irish player to cop the honor. over the course of the 60-game season, lux amassed a .329 batting average while also tallying 15 home runs, a number that ties the program's single-season mark for home runs that she herself set in 2008. notre dame beat three teams - st. john's, no. 17 louisville and no. 19 depaul - without allowing an earned run en route to claiming the program's sixth big east tournament title. and not only did notre dame hand louisville just its second home loss of the season, but the irish became the only team to blank the cardinals on the year. it was the first time notre dame beat ranked opponents in two consecutive contests since 2005 and the first time the irish beat a pair of top-20 teams on consecutive tries since 2000. bargar, who was named the tournament's most outstanding player, earned two shutout wins while giving up eight hits. and for the second season in a row the irish placed seven players on respective all-big east conference squads. northway, lux and miller were each named to the first team and both irish pitchers jody valdivia and bargar sat on the second team with linda kohan. marrone was voted to the third team.

when assuming control of the irish program in july of 2001 from her mentor and close friend, liz miller, gumpf inherited a team that was fresh off a school-best 54-7 record one season prior. without missing a beat, the irish once again advanced to the final day of competition at the ncaa regional tournament and in the process smashed the school record for home runs in a season. notre dame also came through with a dramatic run in the 2002 big east championship, rallying from a first-day loss to hand virginia tech a pair of defeats on the final day to claim the league title.

the la palma, calif., native played at nebraska from 1989-92 while earning a degree in business management. gumpf was an all-big eight conference second-team selection in 1991 and an honorable mention pick in both 1989 and 1990. gumpf and her husband, john, reside in south bend with son, brady and daughter, tatum.

the deanna gumpf file

year	school	w	l	pct.	postseason
1996	assistant / pitching coach long beach state	36	22	.621	big west champion / ncaa tournament
1997	long beach state	44	20	.687	big west champion / ncaa tournament
1998	assistant / pitching coach notre dame	34	22	.607	big east south division champion
1999	notre dame associate head coach	42	20	.677	big east tournament and regular-season champion / ncaa tournament
2000	notre dame	47	14	.770	big east tournament and regular-season champion / ncaa tournament
2001	notre dame head coach	54	7	.885	big east regular-season champion / ncaa tournament
2002	notre dame	44	17	.721	big east tournament and regular-season champion / ncaa tournament
2003	notre dame	38	17	.667	big east tournament and regular-season champion / ncaa tournament
2004	notre dame	49	20	.710	big east regular-season champion / ncaa tournament
2005	notre dame	46	15	.754	big east regular-season champion / ncaa tournament
2006	notre dame	42	21	.670	big east tournament champion / ncaa tournament
2007	notre dame	32	24	.571	big east tournament runner-up / ncaa tournament
2008	notre dame	38	22	.631	ncaa tournament
2009	notre dame	43	17	.717	big east tournament champion / ncaa tournament
overall (as head coach)		332	153	.684	8 ncaa tournaments
8 seasons				*1 tie in 2008	4 big east regular-season championships
					4 big east tournament championships

Notre Dame Softball
Statistics Summary for Notre Dame (as of May 17, 2009)
(All games)

Record: 43-17 Home: 17-5 Away: 14-8 Neutral: 12-4 BIG EAST: 19-4

Date	Opponent	Score	Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	bb	hbp	so	sb-att
12/13	at #1 Alabama	L 1-10	14 NORTHWAY, Bet	.356	55-40	132	35	47	13	1	5	16	25	5	16	7-10
12/14	vs East Carolina	w 2-1	3 JOHNSON, Heath	.356	60-60	177	21	63	14	0	3	39	20	2	14	2-2
12/14	at #1 Alabama	L 0-10	19 MARRONE, Erin	.355	44-35	93	24	33	6	0	5	14	11	5	17	4-4
12/15	vs Wisconsin	L 0-2	10 LUX, Christine	.329	60-59	164	40	54	11	2	15	51	24	7	35	2-2
@2/20	vs Sacramento State	w 4-1	7 PITZENBERGER,	.329	23-23	73	9	24	2	0	0	5	3	1	5	2-5
@2/20	at #5 Stanford	L 0-2	17 MILLER, Dani	.324	50-42	136	22	44	13	0	11	46	11	3	22	1-1
@2/21	at #5 Stanford	L 2-5	21 KOHAN, Linda	.310	57-57	171	29	53	13	0	11	36	9	1	20	0-0
@2/21	vs Sacramento State	w 11-0	27 CLAY, Alexia	.271	50-41	118	14	32	1	3	5	25	7	4	19	1-1
#3/7	vs Texas Tech	w 7-0	24 JORGENSENBORG,	.269	47-43	108	18	29	3	4	5	19	8	2	27	5-5
#3/7	vs UC Santa Barbara	w 5-2	12 FLEURY, Katie	.240	58-57	171	28	41	7	0	6	21	16	1	19	7-9
#3/8	vs Texas Tech	w 5-0	13 MALDONADO, AI	.207	54-50	116	22	24	5	2	0	7	12	2	26	6-8
#3/8	at UNLV	L 3-5	-----													
3/10	at #5 UCLA	L 1-3	23 MOLA, Stephani	.207	27-13	29	5	6	0	0	0	1	1	0	6	0-0
\$3/12	vs Penn State	L 0-1	6 O'CONNOR, Kase	.200	35-0	5	18	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1-2
\$3/12	vs #9 Oklahoma	w 4-3	35 WRIGHT, Kristin	.108	22-20	37	2	4	2	0	0	2	5	4	11	0-0
\$3/13	vs Pacific	w 7-3	8 BARGAR, Brittne	.000	42-34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
\$3/14	vs #12 Arizona	L 1-10	9 VALDIVIA, Jody	.000	32-26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
\$3/15	vs #6 Arizona State	L 0-3	18 FARRELL, Christi	.000	54-0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13-15
3/18	TOLEDO	w 15-0	Totals	.297	60	1530	310	455	90	12	66	282	152	37	238	51-64
3/18	TOLEDO	w 9-1	Opponents	.216	60	1478	153	319	46	7	36	130	115	34	340	44-60
*3/22	ST. JOHN'S	L 3-4														
*3/22	ST. JOHN'S	w 5-4	LOB - Team (343), Opp (326). DPs turned - Team (20), Opp (20). TPs turned - Team													
3/24	BALL STATE	w 5-1	(1). CI - Team (2), Clay 2. IBB - Team (12), Lux 4, Northway 2, Miller 2,													
3/25	WESTERN MICHIGAN	w 6-1	Pitzenberger 2, Fleury 1, Jorgensborg 1, Opp (3). Picked off - Lux 1, Pitzenberger													
3/25	WESTERN MICHIGAN	w 8-1	1.													
*3/28	at Georgetown	w 6-4														
*3/28	at Georgetown	w 8-2	Player	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sh	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
*3/29	at USF	w 3-2	8 BARGAR, Brittne	1.72	24-12	42	34	28	10	1	236.2	193	86	58	64	175
*3/29	at USF	w 6-4	9 VALDIVIA, Jody	2.28	19-5	32	26	18	3	1	159.1	126	67	52	51	165
4/1	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	w 11-4	Totals	1.94	43-17	60	60	46	13	2	396.0	319	153	110	115	340
*4/4	PITTSBURGH	L 2-5	Opponents	4.59	17-43	60	60	27	6	4	379.1	455	310	249	152	238
*4/4	PITTSBURGH	w 7-1														
*4/5	SETON HALL	w 9-0	PB - Team (13), Clay 10, Wright 3, Opp (13). Pickoffs - Team (0), Opp (2). SBA/ATT													
*4/5	SETON HALL	w 13-0	- Clay (29-39), Bargar (29-34), Valdivia (15-26), Wright (15-21).													
*4/8	#22 DEPAUL	L 7-8														
*4/8	#22 DEPAUL	w 5-2	Score by innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total			
4/9	VALPARAISO	w 11-0	Notre Dame	53	34	43	56	47	40	37	0	0	310			
4/9	VALPARAISO	w 17-9	Opponents	20	17	18	33	16	17	30	1	1	153			
*4/11	at Connecticut	w 12-4														
4/14	at Wisconsin	w 5-0	Win-loss breakouts: Day 41-17; Night 2-0; vs Left 5-3; vs Right 38-14;													
4/14	at Wisconsin	w 4-2	1-run games 6-6; 2-run games 5-4; 5+run games 20-3; Extra inns 0-2; Shutouts 13-6.													
*4/18	at Villanova	w 3-0	Current streak: Lost 1; Longest winning streak: 10; Longest losing streak: 3.													
*4/18	at Villanova	w 7-1	Attendance: Home 8974 (avg 407); Away 23083 (avg 607); Total 32057 (avg 534).													
*4/19	at Rutgers	w 4-1														
*4/19	at Rutgers	w 4-3														
4/22	NORTH DAKOTA STATE	L 1-2														
4/22	NORTH DAKOTA STATE	w 5-0														
*4/26	SYRACUSE	w 4-0														
*4/26	SYRACUSE	w 6-3														
*4/30	at Providence	w 9-1														
*4/30	at Providence	w 7-1														
*5/3	#18 LOUISVILLE	L 5-6														
*5/3	#18 LOUISVILLE	w 7-4														
%5/7	vs St. John's	w 5-1														
%5/8	at #17 Louisville	w 3-0														
%5/9	vs #19 DePaul	w 1-0														
^5/15	vs Cleveland State	w 3-1														
^5/16	at #7 Michigan	L 1-2														
^5/16	vs Miami (Ohio)	w 5-3														
^5/17	at #7 Michigan	L 0-4														

! - Bama Bash / Tuscaloosa, Ala.
@ - Nike Invitational / Stanford, Calif.
- UNLV Invitational / Las Vegas, Nev.
\$ - Judi Garman Classic / Fullerton, Calif.
% - BIG EAST Conference Championship / Louisville, Ky.
^ - NCAA Regional / Ann Arbor, Mich.