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2010 NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S LACROSSE

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Irish Women's Lacrosse Heads West Over Spring Break To Face California Golden Bears

- Notre Dame will look to get back on winning track in California after losing 12-8 decision to #20 Dartmouth at home.
- Junior Shaylyn Blaney and senior Gina Scioscia named to 2010 Tewaaronon Trophy Watch List

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February

23 Tue. at Hofstra W, 13-12
27 Sat. Duquesne W, 15-10

March

7 Sun. #20/rv Dartmouth L, 8-12
13 Sat. at California 12:00 p.m. PT
20 Sat. at Boston University 12:00 p.m.
24 Wed. Vanderbilt 2:30 p.m.
27 Sat. Louisville * 3:00 p.m.
30 Tues. at Northwestern 6:00 p.m. CT

April

3 Sat. at Georgetown * 1:00 p.m.
5 Mon. at Loyola (Md.) * 12:00 noon
9 Fri. Villanova * 4:30 p.m.
11 Sun. Syracuse * 1:00 p.m.
17 Sat. Cincinnati * 3:00 p.m.
22 Thur. at Ohio State 5:00 p.m.
24 Sat. at Rutgers * 11:00 a.m.

May

1 Sat. at Connecticut * 12:00 noon
6-8 Fri.-Sun. at BIG EAST Tournament TBA
(at Piscataway, N.J.)

Home games in **BOLD**

* BIG EAST Conference Games
Times local to site

• **The Game:** #11/#10 Notre Dame (2-1) at California (1-3)

• **Date/Time/Site:** Sat., March 13, 2010 • 12:00 noon (PT) • Memorial Stadium • Berkeley, Calif.

• **Internet:** The Notre Dame-California game will have live stats available on the Cal website at calbears.com. California also provides Twitter updates at twitter.com/calwllacrosse.

SPRING BREAK IN CALIFORNIA: The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team opens a two-game road swing this weekend when they travel west to Berkeley, Calif., to face the University of California Golden Bears on Sat., March 13 for a 12:00 noon (PT) contest at Memorial Stadium. The Irish will take a 2-1 record into the game and are coming off a 12-8 home loss to Dartmouth on March 7 at Arlotta Stadium. For California, Saturday's game closes a four-game homestand as the Bears are 1-3 on the season. In their last outing, on March 2, Cal picked up its first win of the year, a 14-9 victory over Davidson. During the current homestand, the Golden Bears have faced Ohio State, Northwestern and Davidson. Following the game with Notre Dame, California has just three more home games during the 2010 campaign. Notre Dame will next be in action on Saturday, March 20 when the Irish travel to Boston, Mass., to face the ninth-ranked Boston University Terriers in a 12:00 noon game.

THE IRISH ALL-TIME: In this the 14th season of the Notre Dame women's lacrosse program, Notre Dame brings a 128-83 all-time record (.607) into the game at California. That record includes a 51-46 road record (.526). At home, the Irish are 63-30 (.677) with a 14-7 all-time ledger on neutral fields.

IRISH VERSUS THE GOLDEN BEARS: Notre Dame and California have met six times in the all-time series with the Irish having won all six previous meetings. Notre Dame is 3-0 at home versus Cal, 2-0 in Berkeley and 1-0 on neutral sites. Last season, the two teams played at Notre Dame's Loftus Sports Center with the Irish taking a 20-4 win. Several members of this year's team played key roles in the win. **Gina Scioscia (Sr., Summit, N.J.)** and **Kailene Abt (Jr., Huntington, N.Y.)** had six-point games with Scioscia scoring a pair and setting up four others. Abt had four lamplighter and chipped in a pair of assists in the win. Sophomore **Kelly Driscoll (Andover, Mass.)** had a pair of goals while **Maggie Tamasitis (So., Boyertown, Pa.)**, **Shaylyn Blaney (Jr., Stony Brook, N.Y.)**, **Meredith Locasto (Jr., Pittsburgh, Pa.)**, **Kaitlin Keena (Jr., Vienna, Va.)** and **Maggie Zentgraf (Sr., Charlottesville, Va.)** each had one goal in the victory. Notre Dame out shot Cal, 38-10 in the game.

TEWAARATON WATCH LIST: Two members of the Notre Dame roster have been selected among a group of 52 players to the 2010 Tewaaronon Trophy Watch Lists. The duo - junior midfielder **Shaylyn Blaney** and senior **Gina Scioscia** - are two of 10 players from the BIG EAST to be named to the Watch List. Blaney was selected to the Watch List last season while this is the first time for Scioscia. Both players were second team IWLCA All-Americans last year. Both were preseason all-BIG EAST selections for 2010 while Scioscia was named by the conference coaches as the preseason offensive player of the year.

ARLOTTA STADIUM OPENER: The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team played its first-ever game at Arlotta Stadium on Sunday, March 7 and the final results weren't quite what the Irish were looking for as they dropped a 12-8 decision to No. 20 Dartmouth. The state-of-the-art facility is named after Notre Dame graduate John Arlotta, president and chief executive officer of Denver-based Coram Inc. He and his wife, Bobbie, pledged the lead gift toward the stadium. The Arlotta children - Mindy, Andy and Jon - also have pledged an additional gift from The Arlotta Family Foundation toward the project. In addition to their generous donation, alumni and friends of the men's and women's lacrosse programs have made significant contributions. The stadium was dedicated on Oct. 17, 2009. The previous afternoon, the Notre Dame men's lacrosse team defeated the Iroquois National Team, 14-8, in the first game played at Arlotta Stadium. The stadium features over 2,000 permanent seats, lights, an artificial-turf field, locker rooms, team lounges, restrooms and concession areas.

2010 TEAM INFORMATION

Head Coach

Tracy Coyne (Ohio University, 1983)
14th season at Notre Dame (128-83, .607)
Overall 22nd season (242-109, .689)

Assistant Coaches

Kateri Linville (Delaware, 2003)
Fifth Season at Notre Dame

Meredith Simon (Notre Dame, 2004)
Third Season at Notre Dame

Probable Starting Lineup (Subject to change)

#1	Maggie Tamasitis	A	So.
#3	Jackie Doherty	D	Jr.
#5	Ansley Stewart	A	Jr.
#6	Megan Sullivan	M	So.
#8	Kaitlin Keena	M	Jr.
#12	Gina Scioscia	A	Sr.
#16	Kate Newall	M	So.
#19	Rachel Guerrera	D	Sr.
#23	Kailene Abt	M	Jr.
#26	Lauren Fenlon	D	Jr.
#29	Shaylyn Blaney	M	Jr.
#33	Ellie Hilling	GK	Fr.

Key Reserves

#7	Flannery Nangle	M/A	So.
#13	Jenny Granger	M	Fr.
#17	Maggie Zentgraf	M	Sr.
#24	Jordy Shoemaker	M/D	So.
#28	Emily Conner	D	Fr.

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HEAD COACH TRACY COYNE: Tracy Coyne is in her 14th season at Notre Dame and her 23rd year in collegiate lacrosse. Coyne brings a 242-109 (.689) career record into this week's game. As the only head coach in the Notre Dame program's history, Coyne is 128-83 (.607) and has guided the Irish to five NCAA tournaments (2002, 2004, 2006, 2008 and 2009) where her teams have advanced to the Final Four once (2006) and the quarterfinals twice (2002, 2009). The Irish have been in all three BIG EAST Tournaments to date, beginning in 2007 and they recorded their first BIG EAST title last season with wins over Syracuse (16-10) and Georgetown (12-10). A 1983 Ohio University graduate, Coyne was 23-5 in two seasons at Denison (1988-89), 91-21 in seven years at Roanoke (1990-96) and 128-83 in this, her 14th season at Notre Dame. The Pittsburgh, Pa., native led Denison (1988) and Roanoke (1990, 1991, 1992, 1994, 1996) to the NCAA Division III tournament during stops at those schools. Coyne also has coached on the international level as the head coach for the Canadian women's lacrosse national team from 1999-2005. In June of 2005, she led Team Canada to a fourth-place finish at the 2005 World Cup, her second, fourth-place finish (2001) as Canada's field boss. Coyne is 6-0 versus California during her coaching career.

DARTMOUTH RECAP: The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team ran into a red-hot Dartmouth squad on Sunday, March 7 at Arlotta Stadium, dropping a 12-8 decision to the Big Green. Kristen Goldberg paced the Dartmouth attack with five goals while Greta Meyer and Sarah Parks had two each in the victory. Erin Massimi, Kat Collins and Hilary Smith had one each. Notre Dame was paced on offense by junior **Kailene Abt (Jr., Huntington, N.Y.)** who had three goals and an assist in the loss. Sophomore **Maggie Tamasitis (Boyertown, Pa.)** had two goals and an assist while **Ansley Stewart (Jr., Alexandria, Va.)**, **Gina Scioscia** and **Jackie Doherty (Jr., Ellicott City, Md.)** had one goal each. The Irish scored just one goal in the first half and trailed Dartmouth, 4-1, at halftime with the Big Green having a 14-6 shot advantage. Notre Dame got off to a fast start in the second half as Tamasitis and Abt scored 38 seconds apart at 29:52 and 29:14 to make it a 4-3 game. Dartmouth then ran off five unanswered goals for a 9-3 advantage with 13:04 left in the game. The teams traded goals over the next 10 minutes so that the Irish trailed, 12-6, with 2:31 left in the game. Abt and Zentgraf closed the Irish scoring for the 12-8 final score. Dartmouth finished with a 30-23 shot advantage. Julie Wadland finished with 12 saves for the Big Green while **Ellie Hilling (Fr., Rochester, N.H.)** had nine saves for Notre Dame.

SLOW START: Notre Dame's one goal in the first half of the 12-8 loss to Dartmouth was the fewest goals scored by the Irish in a half since April 9, 2008 when they were held scoreless (11-0) in the first half of a 16-2 loss at North-western.

2010 Notre Dame Personnel Breakdown

Top Returnees (yr., pos., ht./wt. ... 2008 stats)

Rachel Guererra (Sr., D, 33 GB, 22 CT, 20 GP)	Leader of Irish defensive unit; preseason all-BIG EAST choice
Gina Scioscia (Sr., A, 53-43-96, 21 GP)	Top returning scorer; preseason BIG EAST offensive player of year
Maggie Zentgraf (Sr., M, 6-1-7, 21 GP)	Versatile player; strong on draws; team leader on and off field
Kailene Abt (Jr., M, 46-9-55, 21 GP)	Had break out season in '09; has the tools to be a dominant player
Shaylyn Blaney (Jr., M, 44-3-47, 21 GP)	Second team All-American; preseason all-BIG EAST selection
Jackie Doherty (Jr., M/D, 9-12-21, 21 GP)	Key player in the midfield; plays at both ends of the field
Lauren Fenlon (Jr., D, 0-0-0, 21 GP)	Tough, physical defender who makes life tough in front
Kaitlin Keena (Jr., M, 19-15-34, 21 GP)	Fastest player on the team; key midfielder in transition game
Ansley Stewart (Jr., A, 30-12-42, 21 GP)	Had break out year; talented goal scorer who is strong around the cage
Kelly Driscoll (So., A, 3-0-3, 11 GP)	Moves from defense to attack to take advantage of speed and stick skills
Kate Newall (So., M/D, 0-1-1, 14 GP)	Tough, tenacious player; has excellent speed and is strong on defense
Jordy Shoemaker (So., M/D, 0-0-0, 5 GP)	Will play a key role off the bench on Notre Dame defense
Megan Sullivan (So., M, 4-1-4, 21 GP)	Quick, midfield defender who is strong in transition
Maggie Tamasitis (So., A, 15-20-35, 21 GP)	Talented playmaker who can also score

Top Players Lost (yr., pos., 2009 stats)

Shannon Burke (Gr., M/D, 3-4-7, 21 GP)	Team captain; first team all-BIG EAST and IWLCA All-American
Jillian Byers (Gr., A, 82-28-111, 21 GP)	Team captain; four-time All-American; Tewaaraton finalist
Erin Goodman (Gr., GK, 16-5, 11.11, .426 sv%)	ND's all-time leader in games, minutes and wins
Beth Koloup (Gr., D, 3-1-4, 21 GP)	Speedy defender who finished career with three monograms

Top Newcomers (all freshmen)

McKenzie Brown	M	5-10	Greenwood Village, Colo./Cherry Creek
Emily Conner	D	5-9	Alexandria, Va./St. Stephen's & St. Agnes
Francie Crowell	M/D	5-7	Seal Beach, Calif./Los Alamitos
Jenny Granger	M	5-9	East Setauket, N.Y./Ward Melville
Ellie Hilling	GK	5-2	Rochester, N.Y./Brighton
Betsy Mastropieri	A	5-2	Richmond, Va./Collegiate School
Jaime Morrison	A	5-7	Yorktown Heights, N.Y./Yorktown
Michelle Tremblay	D	5-7	Tonka Bay, Minn./The Blake School

ABT TO SCORE: Junior **Kailene Abt** has carried the hot hand for Notre Dame over the last two games, notching seven goals and one assists in the win over Duquesne and the loss to Dartmouth. The talented midfielder scored four goals in the 15-10 win over Duquesne and then had three goals and an assist in the loss to Dartmouth. After three games, Abt leads the Irish in scoring with eight goals and one assist for nine points.

CHANGING ROLES: Sophomore **Maggie Tamasitis** got her second season off to a fast start with six assists in her first two games. On Sunday against Dartmouth, she put on her goal-scoring shoes as she scored twice and added an assist for a three-point game. She is tied with Abt for the team lead in scoring with two goals and seven assists for nine points. In 23 career games, Tamasitis already has 27 career assists.

STREAKING IRISH: With a second-half free-position goal against Dartmouth, **Gina Scioscia** extended her point streak to 22 games. Here are the current Irish scoring streaks:

Gina Scioscia - 22 games (55g, 41a, 96 pts)
Kailene Abt - 18 games (40g, 9a, 45 pts)
Kaitlin Keena - 9 games (10g, 6a, 16 pts)
Ansley Stewart - 9 games (10g, 4a, 14 pts)
Maggie Tamasitis - 3 games (2g, 7a, 9 pts)

A WINNING LEGACY: Notre Dame's 16 wins in 2009 are the most in a single season for the Irish, surpassing the mark of 15-4 set in 2006. Since the start of the 2006 season, the Irish are 56-23 (.709).

ROAD WARRIORS: Notre Dame picked up where it left off last season on the road with the 13-12 win over Hofstra on Feb. 23. The Irish finished the 2009 season with a 6-3 record on the road. The six road wins equal the most the Irish have ever won on the road in the program's 14-year history. In 2008, Notre Dame was 6-3 in nine road games. The Irish also were 2-0 in neutral site games for a total of eight wins away from Alumni Field and the Loftus Center. The three road losses came at Syracuse (14-13) and at Vanderbilt (18-11) in the regular season and at North Carolina (16-10) in the NCAA Tournament. Notre Dame is 0-5 on the road in NCAA Tournament games in five trips to the tournament.

FOR OPENERS: Notre Dame's win over Duquesne improved the Irish to 9-5 in home openers in the 14 years of the program. The win at Hofstra (Feb. 23) improved the Irish to 12-2 all-time in opening games. In road openers, the Irish are 13-1.

IN THE GOAL: Freshman **Ellie Hilling (Rochester, N.Y.)** has started each of Notre Dame's first three games. The 5-2 goalkeeper is the lone goalie on the Notre Dame roster this season and owns a 2-1 record with an 11.33 goals-against average and a .370 save percentage. She recorded a career-high nine saves in the loss to Dartmouth on March 7. A two-time honorable mention high school All-American, Hilling was a four-year starter at Brighton High School where she guided her team to a pair of state championship games.

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AWINNING LEGACY: Notre Dame's 16 wins in 2009 are the most in a single season for the Irish, surpassing the mark of 15-4 set in 2006. Since the start of the 2006 season, the Irish are 56-23 (.709).

VERSUS THE BEST: Notre Dame's 12-8 loss to No. 20 Dartmouth was the team's first loss to a ranked squad this season. After going 8-5 a year ago against ranked teams, the Irish are 0-1 this season.

IRISH FIRSTS: Four members of the Notre Dame lacrosse team recorded college firsts in the win over Duquesne. Sophomore midfielder **Kate Newall (Middlesex, England)** scored the first goal of her career and added an assist for her first multiple-point game. Freshman midfielder **Jenny Granger (East Setauket, N.Y.)** recorded the first goal of her career and then added a second goal for her first multi-goal game of her career. Freshman **Betsy Mastropieri (Richmond, Va.)** scored the first goal of her career in her first game and sophomore **Flannery Nangle (Auburn, N.Y.)** picked up her first career assist in the win. Against Dartmouth junior **Jackie Doherty (Ellicott City, Md.)** scored her first goal of the 2010 season.

CLOSE ONES: Notre Dame's one-goal win over Hofstra was the 33rd game in the program's history to be decided by one goal. In those games, the Irish are 16-17 all-time. During the 2009 season, they were 0-1 with a 14-13 loss at Syracuse. Here's a year-by-year breakdown:

1997:	0-0
1998:	1-1
1999:	1-0
2000:	1-1
2001:	1-0
2002:	1-2
2003:	1-3
2004:	1-2
2005:	0-2
2006:	4-2
2007:	3-1
2008:	1-2
2009:	0-1
2010:	1-0
Total:	16-17

SCOSCIA BY THE NUMBERS: Senior **Gina Scioscia** is quickly making her way up the Notre Dame scoring charts as she enters her final year. She enters the game at California ranked among the all-time leaders in goals, assists and points.

Goals	
1. Jillian Byers (2006-09)	262
2. Crysti Foote (2003-06)	161
3. Caitlin McKinney (2005-08)	152
4. Danielle Shearer (2000-03)	130
5. Lael O'Shaughnessy (1998-01)	122
6. Meredith Simon (2001-04)	109
7. Shaylyn Blaney (2007-)	95
8. Gina Scioscia (2006-)	83
9. Kerry Callahan (1997-99)	83
10. Natalie Loftus (1999-02)	76

2010 BIG EAST Coaches Preseason Poll

School	Points	2009 Records		2009 Finish	
		BIG EAST	Overall	Regular Season	
Georgetown (4)	59	6-1	13-6		1st
Syracuse (3)	57	6-1	14-5		2nd
Notre Dame (2)	54	5-2	16-5		3rd
Loyola (Md.)	43	3-4	11-6		6th
Louisville	34	3-4	10-7		4th
Rutgers	32	3-4	7-9		5th
Connecticut	21	2-5	3-13		7th
Cincinnati	16	0-7	7-10		8th
Villanova	8			First year in league	

2010 Preseason All-BIG EAST Team

Shaylyn Blaney, Notre Dame, Jr., M

Brooke Cantwell, Rutgers, Sr., M

Christina Dove, Syracuse, Sr., M *

Cara Filippelli, Loyola (Md.), Jr., D

Bergan Foley, Louisville, Jr., A

Molly Ford, Georgetown, Sr., A *

Grace Gavin, Loyola (Md.), Jr., M *

Rachel Guerrera, Notre Dame, Sr., D

Liz Hogan, Syracuse, Jr., G *

Ashby Kaestner, Georgetown, Sr., M

Halley Quillinan, Syracuse, Sr., A/M

Lindsay Rogers, Syracuse, Sr., D

Gina Scioscia, Notre Dame, Sr., A *

* - unanimous selection

Preseason Offensive Player of the Year

Gina Scioscia, Notre Dame, Sr., A

Preseason Defensive Player of the Year

Lindsay Rogers, Syracuse, Jr., D

Assists

1. Gina Scioscia (2007-)	83
2. Caitlin McKinney (2005-08)	80
3. Crysti Foote (2003-06)	76
4. Jillian Byers (2006-)	74
5. Lael O'Shaughnessy (1998-01)	68
6. Danielle Shearer (2000-03)	66
7. Kerry Callahan (1997-99)	63
8. Meredith Simon (2001-04)	49
9. Heather Ferguson (2005-08)	35
10. Natalie Loftus (1999-02)	33

Points

1. Jillian Byers (2006-09)	336
2. Crysti Foote (2003-06)	237
3. Caitlin McKinney (2005-08)	232
4. Danielle Shearer (2000-03)	196
5. Lael O'Shaughnessy (1998-01)	190
6. Gina Scioscia (2007-)	166
7. Meredith Simon (2001-04)	158
8. Kerry Callahan (1997-99)	146
9. Natalie Loftus (1999-02)	109
10. Shaylyn Blaney (2008-)	107

Nationally, she is third among active NCAA players in career assists (83). She is 16th among active players with 166 points.

THE CAPTAINS:

Four members of the 2010 Notre Dame women's lacrosse team will serve as captains this season. Three seniors - **Gina Scioscia, Rachel Guerrera (Wantagh, N.Y.)** and **Maggie Zentgraf (Charlottesville, Va.)** - will have leadership roles with the Irish. They will be joined by junior **Shaylyn Blaney**. All four are in their first season as captains.

SCORING MACHINE:

Notre Dame finished the 2009 season with a school record 321 goals (15.29 per game) and records for assists and points. As a team, the Irish had five players with 30 or more goals (a first for the program) and seven players with 15 or more. While losing four-time All-American **Jillian Byers '09'** 83 goals, the Irish return its next six top scorers. **Gina Scioscia** is the top returnee with 53 goals and is followed by **Kailene Abt** with 46. **Shaylyn Blaney** was third with 44 while **Ansley Stewart** had 30. Fellow junior **Kaitlin Keena** had 19 goals and sophomore **Maggie Tamasitis** rounds out the group with 15.

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2010 Notre Dame Women's Lacrosse Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Birthdate	Hometown/High School
1	Maggie Tamasitis	A	5-3	So.	2-3-90	Boyertown, Pa./Boyertown
2	Meredith Locasto	A	5-6	Jr.	12-19-89	Pittsburgh, Pa./Mt. Lebanon
3	Jackie Doherty	M/D	5-6	Jr.	12-21-88	Ellicott City, Md./Mt. Hebron
5	Ansley Stewart	A	5-8	Jr.	7-10-89	Alexandria, Va./Episcopal
6	Megan Sullivan	M	5-6	So.	11-2-89	Winchester, Mass./Winchester
7	Flannery Nangle	M/A	5-7	So.	3-5-90	Auburn, N.Y./Auburn
8	Kaitlin Keena	M	5-5	Jr.	12-2-88	Vienna, Va./Stone Ridge
9	Amelia Bernier	M	5-10	So.	9-6-89	Strafford, Pa./Conestoga
10	Janel Carey	M/D	5-2	So.	4-16-89	Pittsburgh, Pa./Peters Township
11	Kelly Driscoll	A	5-6	So.	4-16-90	Andover, Mass./Andover
12	Gina Scioscia	A	5-4	Sr.	4-16-88	Summit, NJ/Summit
13	Jenny Granger	M	5-9	Fr.	7-25-91	East Setauket, N.Y./Ward Melville
14	Jaimie Morrison	A	5-7	Fr.	5-21-91	Yorktown Heights, N.Y./Yorktown
15	Kristin DeRespiris	D	5-9	So.	4-3-90	Locust Valley, N.Y./Our Lady of Mercy
16	Kate Newall	M/D	5-4	So.	2-27-89	Middlesex, England/St. Catherine's
17	Maggie Zentgraf	M	5-6	Sr.	8-24-88	Charlottesville, Va./Charlottesville
19	Rachel Guerrero	D	5-7	Sr.	3-30-88	Wantagh, N.Y./Wantagh
20	Michelle Tremblay	D	5-7	Fr.	3-12-91	Tonka Bay, Minn./The Blake School
21	McKenzie Brown	M	5-10	Fr.	7-18-91	Greenwood Village, Colo./Cherry Creek
23	Kailene Abt	M	5-11	Jr.	5-5-89	Huntington, N.Y./Huntington
24	Jordy Shoemaker	M/D	5-7	So.	9-28-89	Andover, Mass./Andover
26	Lauren Fenlon	D	5-10	Jr.	5-23-89	Dayton, Md./Good Counsel
28	Emily Conner	D	5-9	Fr.	12-7-90	Alexandria, Va./St. Stephen's & St. Agnes
29	Shaylyn Blaney	M	5-4	Jr.	6-11-89	Stony Brook, N.Y./Ward Melville
31	Francie Crowell	M/D	5-7	Fr.	5-10-91	Seal Beach, Calif./Los Alamitos
32	Betsy Mastropieri	A	5-2	Fr.	9-12-90	Richmond, Va./Collegiate School
33	Ellie Hilling	GK	5-2	Fr.	12-27-90	Rochester, N.Y./Brighton

Head Coach: Tracy Coyne (Ohio '83)

Assistant Coach: Kateri Linville (Delaware '03)

Assistant Coach: Meredith Simon (Notre Dame '04)

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Kassen Delano (Notre Dame '04)

Athletic Trainer: Chantal Porter

Senior Manager: Patrick O'Hearn

2010 IRISH AWARDS & HONORS

Preseason All-BIG EAST

Shaylyn Blaney, Jr., M

Rachel Guerrero, Sr., D

Gina Scioscia, Sr., A

Preseason BIG EAST Offensive Player

Gina Scioscia, Sr., A

BIG EAST Honor Roll

Shaylyn Blaney, Jr., M - March 1

Kailene Abt, Jr., M - March 8

BIG JUMPS: Three members of the Notre Dame offensive attack had huge jumps in their scoring totals from the 2008 season to the 2009 campaign. Leading the way was midfielder **Kailene Abt** who saw a +46 improvement from her freshman year to last year. As a rookie, she had nine points and saw the number jump to 55 (46g, 9a) a year ago. Her 46-point increase is the biggest in the program's history, just one behind **Gina Scioscia's** 47-point increase from her freshman to sophomore year. Behind Abt was junior **Ansley Stewart** who had a 42-point improvement, going from 0 points as a freshman to 42 (30g, 12a) last season. Making her second appearance on the list is Scioscia, who saw her numbers jump 41 points as she went from 55 as a sophomore to 96 (53g, 43a) last season.

PRESEASON HONORS: Three members of the Notre Dame women's lacrosse team were selected to the BIG EAST preseason team in voting by the league's coaches. Senior attack standout **Gina Scioscia** was a unanimous selection to the all-BIG EAST preseason team and was named the preseason offensive player of the year. Senior defender **Rachel Guerrero** and junior midfielder **Shaylyn Blaney** join Scioscia on the team. The Irish were selected to finish third by the coaches, getting two first-place votes behind Georgetown and Syracuse.

VERSUS THE RANKED: As of March 10, eight teams that are ranked in the IWLC A coaches' poll are ranked nationally in the top 20. This season, the Irish will face: No. 1 ranked Northwestern followed by No. 5 Georgetown, No. 7 Syracuse and No. 9 Boston University among top 10 teams. That group is followed by No. 16 Dartmouth, No. 17 Loyola (Md.), No. 19 Vanderbilt and No. 20 Rutgers. Two other teams - Hofstra and Ohio State - are receiving votes. Going into this week's rankings, a total of five BIG EAST teams are ranked in the top 20 in the coaches' poll. A year ago, Notre Dame played 13 games versus ranked teams and was 8-5 on the season.

NEW HOME: Notre Dame will begin play this season at its new on-campus stadium - **Arlotta Stadium**. The "Lot" will be the home of the men's and women's teams at Notre Dame and was completed in the fall and dedicated on Oct. 17, 2009. The stadium is a 2,000-seat, lighted stadium that includes an artificial-turf field, locker rooms, restrooms and concession areas. The state-of-the-art facility is named after Notre Dame graduate John Arlotta, president and chief executive officer of Denver-based Coram Inc. He and his wife, Bobbie, pledged the lead gift toward the stadium to be built to the east of the Joyce Center as part of the University's new athletics quadrangle. The Arlotta children - Mindy, Andy and Jon - also have pledged an additional gift

from The Arlotta Family Foundation toward the project. In addition to their generous donation, alumni and friends of the lacrosse programs have donated over two million dollars. The new stadium replaces Moose Krause Stadium where the Irish women's team played for the first 12 years of the program along with indoors at the Loftus Sports Center. Some games will still be played in Loftus Center due to weather conditions.

NORTH OF THE BORDER: Irish assistant coach **Kateri Linville** will serve as an assistant coach for Canada's Under-19 team that will compete in the World Cup in Hannover, Germany in August of 2011. She was named to the position in January. She will serve as an assistant to Canisius head coach Scott Teter. A 2003 graduate of the University of Delaware, Linville is in her fifth season as an assistant at Notre Dame.

HOMECOMING: Five members of the Notre Dame women's lacrosse team made a trip home to Long Island for Notre Dame's game at Hofstra (2/23). Senior defender **Rachel Guerrero (Wantagh, N.Y.)**, juniors **Kailene Abt (Huntington, N.Y.)** and **Shaylyn Blaney (Stony Brook, N.Y.)**, sophomore **Kristin DeRespiris (Locust Valley, N.Y.)** and freshman **Jenny Granger (East Setauket, N.Y.)** make up the Irish Long Island contingent.

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NEW KIDS: Head coach **Tracy Coyne** announced in November that seven student-athletes had signed national letters-of-intent to attend Notre Dame in the fall of 2009. Here are the seven players who will join the Irish next season.

Name	Pos.	Ht.
Hometown/High School		
Kaitlyn Brosco	M	5-2
<i>Shoreham, N.Y./Shoreham Wading River</i>		
Kristin Cousins	D	5-11
<i>Glen Ridge, N.J./Glen Ridge</i>		
Grace Dooley	M	5-9
<i>Chicago, Ill./Loyola Academy</i>		
Lindsay Powell	M/A	5-3
<i>Honeoye Falls, N.Y./Honeoye Falls-Lima Sr.</i>		
Molly Shawhan	M	5-8
<i>Fulton, Md./Our Lady of Good Counsel</i>		
Margaret Smith	M	5-7
<i>Westminster, Md./McDonogh School</i>		
Lauren Sullivan	A	5-5
<i>Winchester, Mass./Winchester</i>		

ALL-AMERICANS: The 2009 season saw four members of the Notre Dame women's lacrosse team achieve All-American status. **Jillian Byers '09** and defender **Shannon Burke '09** were selected first team IWLCA All-Americans. They were joined on the second team by **Gina Scioscia** and **Shaylyn Blaney** who along with Burke were first-time selections. Byers finished her career as a four-time All-American, being named second team in 2006, 2007 and 2008 and then first team last season. Burke, Scioscia and Blaney give Notre Dame 12 different players that have been named IWCLA All-Americans.

- 2009 - Shannon Burke (first team)
- 2009 - Jillian Byers (first team)
- 2009 - **Shaylyn Blaney (second team)**
- 2009 - **Gina Scioscia (second team)**
- 2008 - Caitlin McKinney (first team)
- 2008 - Jillian Byers (second team)
- 2007 - Jillian Byers (second team)
- 2007 - Caitlin McKinney (second team)
- 2006 - Crysti Foote (first team)
- 2006 - Jillian Byers (second team)
- 2006 - Caitlin McKinney (third team)
- 2005 - Crysti Foote (third team)
- 2004 - Meredith Simon (first team)
- 2004 - Andrea Kinnik (second team)
- 2004 - Abby Owen (third team)
- 2003 - Jen White (third team)
- 2002 - Kathryn Lam (second team)
- 2002 - Danielle Shearer (second team)

SEASON-BY-SEASON: Notre Dame women's lacrosse in its first 14 seasons.

	Overall	BIG EAST
1997	5-4	----
1998	7-6	----
1999	9-6	----
2000	5-10	----
2001	10-5	4-2, tie 2nd
2002	13-5	5-1, 2nd
2003	8-7	4-2, 3rd
2004	12-5	4-2, 2nd
2005	3-12	1-4, 4th
2006	15-4	4-1, 2nd
2007	11-6	3-2, 4th
2008	12-7	4-1, 2nd
2009	16-5	5-2, 3rd
2010	2-1	0-0
Totals	128-83, .607	34-17, .667

BLANEY-MANIA: Junior midfielder **Shaylyn Blaney** scored at least one goal in 19 of Notre Dame's 21 games last season. A first team all-BIG EAST selection and second team IWLCA All-American, Blaney was fourth on the team in goals with a career-high 44 scores. Fourteen of her 44 goals came off free-position shots. Blaney has been consistent in her first two seasons as she had 43 goals with nine assists for 52 points as a freshman. That was the second-best total for a Notre Dame freshman, trailing just **Jill Byers' '09** 78-point campaign (52g, 24a) in 2006. Her 44 goals are the 10th best single-season output for the Irish. She already has 95 goals and 12 assists for 107 points in her career. The 95 goals rank her eighth all-time at Notre Dame and the 107 points are 10th on the all-time list. She also is ninth all-time with 94 draw controls in just two full seasons with the Irish. In her first game of the 2010 campaign, Blaney set a personal best with six goals in the 13-12 win at Hofstra. She leads Notre Dame in goals this season with eight in the first three games.

2010 BIG EAST STANDINGS				
Team	BIG EAST	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
Louisville	0-0	.000	4-0	1.000
Rutgers	0-0	.000	4-0	1.000
Villanova	0-0	.000	4-0	1.000
Connecticut	0-0	.000	4-1	.800
Syracuse	0-0	.000	3-1	.750
Notre Dame	0-0	.000	2-1	.667
Cincinnati	0-0	.000	1-1	.500
Georgetown	0-0	.000	1-1	.500
Loyola (Md.)	0-0	.000	2-3	.400

2010 IWLCA RANKINGS (March 8, 2010)

No.	Team (1st place votes)	Points	Last Week	
1.	Northwestern (17)	4-0	397	1
2.	Maryland (3)	4-0	383	2
3.	North Carolina	6-0	360	4
4.	Pennsylvania	2-1	322	3
5.	Georgetown	1-1	319	5
6.	Duke	5-1	301	6
7.	Syracuse	2-1	271	7
8.	Virginia	3-2	266	19
9.	Boston University	3-0	217	12
10.	Stanford	4-2	172	15
11.	Notre Dame	2-1	158	8
12.	Towson	2-0	136	17
13.	Princeton	1-2	131	19
14.	Penn State	3-2	125	13
15.	New Hampshire	4-0	97	19
16.	Dartmouth	2-1	96	20
17.	Loyola (Md.)	2-3	90	11
18.	William & Mary	2-2	88	16
19.	Vanderbilt	1-3	85	14
20.	Rutgers	4-0	59	NR

Also receiving votes: Hofstra, James Madison, Ohio State.

Teams in **bold** on 2010 Notre Dame schedule.

2010 Inside Lacrosse Magazine Poll (March 8, 2010)

No.	Team (1st place votes)	Points	Last Week	
1.	Northwestern (9)	5-0	218	1
2.	Maryland (2)	4-0	211	2
3.	North Carolina	6-0	196	4
4.	Pennsylvania	2-1	173	3
5.	Duke	5-1	172	8
6.	Georgetown	1-2	158	5
7.	Boston University	4-0	147	11
8.	Syracuse	3-1	136	10
9.	Virginia	3-2	136	12
10.	Notre Dame	2-1	101	6
11.	Towson	2-0	96	17
12.	New Hampshire	4-1	90	14
	Dartmouth	2-1	90	NR
14.	Penn State	3-2	68	13
15.	Stanford	4-2	67	15
16.	Princeton	1-2	63	7
17.	Louisville	2-3	34	19
18.	Loyola (Md.)	2-3	31	9
19.	Rutgers	4-0	22	NR
	Vanderbilt	1-3	22	16

Receiving Votes: William & Mary, 14, Hofstra 13, James Madison, 10; Denver, 9, Johns Hopkins, 7; Navy, 5; Drexel, 2, Cornell, 1; Lehigh, 1; Boston College, 1.

Teams in **bold** on 2010 Notre Dame schedule

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2010 Women's Lacrosse Results (2-1, 0-0 in BIG EAST)

Date	Opponent	Result	Goals	Assists
Feb. 23	at Hofstra	W, 13-12	<u>Blaney (6)</u> , Scioscia (3), Sullivan (2), Abt, Stewart	Tamasitis (2), Keena, Scioscia
Feb. 27	#20/rv Duquesne	W, 15-10	<u>Abt (4)</u> , Granger (2), Scioscia (2), <u>Blaney (2)</u> , Stewart, Sullivan, Newall, <u>Keena</u> , Mastropieri	Tamasitis (4), Nangle, Newall, Stewart, Sullivan
March 7	Dartmouth	L, 8-12	Abt (3), Tamasitis (2), Stewart, Scioscia, Doherty	Abt, Tamasitis, Keena, Stewart, Zentgraf
March 13	at California	12:00 noon PT		
March 20	at Boston University	12:00 noon		
March 24	Vanderbilt	2:30 p.m.		
March 27	Louisville *	3:00 p.m.		
March 30	at Northwestern	6:00 p.m. CT		
Apr. 3	at Georgetown *	1:00 p.m.		
Apr. 5	at Loyola (Md.) *	12:00 noon		
Apr. 9	Villanova *	4:30 p.m.		
Apr. 11	Syracuse *	1:00 p.m.		
Apr. 17	Cincinnati *	3:00 p.m.		
Apr. 22	at Ohio State	5:00 p.m.		
Apr. 24	at Rutgers *	11:00 a.m.		
May 1	at Connecticut	12:00 noon		
May 6	at BIG EAST Semifinals	TBA		
May 8	at BIG EAST Championship	TBA		

HOME GAMES IN BOLD

* BIG EAST Conference Game

Winning goal is underlined

2010 Notre Dame Women's Lacrosse Box Scores

GAME 1

Notre Dame 13
Hofstra 12

February 23, 2010 • Hempstead, N.Y.

#8 Notre Dame (1-0) 7 6 - 13
Hofstra (0-2) 7 5 - 12

Scoring (goal-assist)

Notre Dame: Blaney (6-0), Scioscia (3-1), Sullivan (2-0), Tamasitis (0-2), Abt (1-0), Stewart (1-0), Keena (0-1).

Hofstra: O'Connor (3-0), Gandolfi (2-1), Rice (2-0), Falco (2-0), Jones (1-1), Vanaman (1-1), Kellogg (1-0).

Goalkeepers (min.; goals against; saves)

Notre Dame: Hilling (60:00; 12 goals, 7 saves)

Hofstra: Pandolf (39:11, 11 goals, 8 saves)
Cuddihy (20:49, 2 goals, 2 saves)

Team Statistics	ND	HOF
Total Shots.....	30	26
Free Position Shots	5	8
Shots on Goal.....	23	19
Draw Control.....	16	11
Ground Balls.....	18	23
Caused Turnovers.....	8	9

GAME 2

Duquesne 10
Notre Dame 15

February 27, 2010 • Notre Dame, Ind.

Duquesne (0-3) 6 4 - 10
#8 Notre Dame (2-0) 11 4 - 15

Scoring (goal-assist)

Duquesne: Rekart (3-1), Frederick (3-0), Colegrove (2-0), McNish (1-1), Denk (1-0).

Notre Dame: Abt (4-0), Tamasitis (0-4), Granger (2-0), Scioscia (2-0), Blaney (2-0), Newall (1-1), Stewart (1-1), Sullivan (1-1), Keena (1-0), Mastropieri (1-0), Nangle (0-1).

Goalkeepers (min.; goals against; saves)

Duquesne: Beckstead (60:00; 15 goals, 19 saves)

Notre Dame: Hilling (60:00, 10 goals, 4 saves)

Team Statistics	DU	ND
Total Shots.....	17	44
Free Position Shots	0	7
Shots on Goal.....	14	34
Draw Control.....	13	14
Ground Balls.....	6	12
Caused Turnovers.....	3	9

GAME 3

Dartmouth
Notre Dame

March 7, 2010 • Notre Dame, Ind.

#20 Dartmouth (2-1) 4 8 - 12
#8 Notre Dame (2-1) 1 7 - 8

Scoring (goal-assist)

Dartmouth: Goldberg (5-0), Meyer (2-3), Massimi (1-2), Parks (2-0), Collins (1-1), Plumb (0-2), Smith (1-0).

Notre Dame: Abt (3-1), Tamasitis (2-1), Stewart (1-1), Scioscia (1-0), Doherty (1-0), Keena (0-1), Zentgraf (0-1).

Goalkeepers (min.; goals against; saves)

Dartmouth: Wadland (60:00; 8 goals, 12 saves)

Notre Dame: Hilling (60:00, 12 goals, 9 saves)

Team Statistics	DC	ND
Total Shots.....	30	23
Free Position Shots	6	4
Shots on Goal.....	21	20
Draw Control.....	9	13
Ground Balls.....	27	15
Caused Turnovers.....	12	6

GAME 4

Notre Dame
California

March 13, 2010 • Berkeley, Calif.

**2010 Notre Dame Women's Lacrosse
Notre Dame Combined Team Statistics
All games (as of Mar 11, 2010)**

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	2-1	1-1	1-0	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	2-1	1-1	1-0	0-0

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
Feb 23	at Hofstra	w	13-12	171
Feb 27	DUQUESNE	w	15-10	414
Mar 07	#20 DARTMOUTH	L	8-12	128

TEAM STATISTICS

	ND	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	36-97	34-73
Goals scored per game	12.00	11.33
Shot pct.	.371	.466
Shots on goal-Attempts	77-97	54-73
SOG pct.	.794	.740
Shots/Game	32.3	24.3
Assists	17	13
Free position made-Att	6-16	6-14
Free position pct.	.375	.429
GOAL BREAKDOWN		
Total Goals	36	34
Free-position	6	6
Unassisted	19	21
Overtime	0	0
Goals scored average	12.00	11.33
GROUND BALLS		
	45	56
DRAW CONTROLS		
	43	33
TURNOVERS		
	50	57
CAUSED TURNOVERS		
	23	24
ATTENDANCE		
Total	542	171
Dates/Avg Per Date	2/271	1/171
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	

## PLAYER	GP	G	A	Pts	Sh	Gw	GB	DC	TO	CT
23 ABT, Kailene	3	8	1	9	19	0	5	7	6	3
1 TAMASITIS, Maggi	3	2	7	9	11	0	1	0	7	0
29 BLANEY, Shaylyn	3	8	0	8	17	1	3	6	4	1
12 SCIOSCIA, Gina	3	6	1	7	18	0	3	4	9	1
5 STEWART, Ansley	3	3	2	5	7	0	1	1	4	1
6 SULLIVAN, Megan	3	3	1	4	6	0	5	2	1	2
8 KEENA, Kaitlin	3	1	2	3	3	1	4	5	2	1
13 GRANGER, Jenny	3	2	0	2	9	0	2	3	1	0
16 NEWALL, Kate	3	1	1	2	1	0	5	4	2	5
3 DOHERTY, Jackie	3	1	0	1	3	0	5	8	3	6
32 MASTROPIERI, Betsy	2	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
17 ZENTGRAF, Maggi	3	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	0
7 NANGLE, Flannery	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
33 HILLING, Ellie	3	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	3	0
28 CONNER, Emily	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26 FENLON, Lauren	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1
24 SHOEMAKER, Jord	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19 GUERRERA, Rache	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0
11 DRISCOLL, Kelly	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3	36	17	53	97	2	45	43	50	23
Opponents	3	34	13	47	73	1	56	33	57	24

## Goalie	GP	Min.	GA	GAAvg	Save	Pct	W-L-T
33 HILLING, Ellie	3	180:00	34	11.33	20	.370	2-1-0
Total	3	180:00	34	11.33	20	.370	2-1-0
Opponents	3	180:00	36	12.00	41	.532	1-2-0

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	Total
Notre Dame	19	17	36
Opponents	17	17	34

Saves by Period	1st	2nd	Total
Notre Dame	12	8	20
Opponents	16	25	41

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	Total
Notre Dame	41	56	97
Opponents	42	31	73

Shots on Goal	1st	2nd	Total
Notre Dame	35	42	77
Opponents	29	25	54