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2005 Schedule

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

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

2005 Notre Dame Softball

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2005 Campbell-Cartier Tournament (San Diego, Calif.)

Friday, Feb. 18

Notre Dame vs. Utah, 9 a.m., at SDSU Softball Field
Notre Dame vs. #21/18 Fresno State, 4 p.m., at SDSU Softball Stadium

Saturday, Feb. 19

Notre Dame vs. #3/4 UCLA, 4 p.m., at SDSU Softball Stadium
Notre Dame at San Diego State, 6 p.m., at SDSU Softball Stadium

Sunday, Feb. 20

Notre Dame vs. #22/24 Long Beach State, 9 a.m., at SDSU Softball Stadium

Notre Dame Softball Live Audio- Offered Free This Weekend

In cooperation between the University of Notre Dame Sports Information Department and Notre Dame's official website, www.und.com, softball live audio will be presented free of charge this weekend when the Irish take part in the Campbell-Cartier Tournament in San Diego, Calif.

Notre Dame will face #3/4 UCLA, #21/18 Fresno State and #22/24 Long Beach State this weekend, along with traditional regional powers Utah and San Diego State (*USA Today*/NFC A Top 25 followed by ESPN.com/USA Softball Top 25 rankings shown).

This free weekend is a one-time only event for live audio coverage on www.und.com. The games will be offered (weather permitting) with live play-by-play of every pitch as the Irish look to improve on their 3-2 record in 2005.

Free access to College Sports Online's College Sports Pass will give Irish fans a chance to hear the quality of live audio presented on www.und.com. Subscribers to College Sports Pass receive access to all audio and video offerings (press conference, coaches' shows, archived audio) on www.und.com, in addition to thousands of other live games and clips from other universities which offer College Sports Pass. Notre Dame currently offers live audio coverage of football, men's basketball, women's basketball, women's soccer, men's soccer, volleyball, baseball and softball.

You can find more information on the College Sports Pass by visiting the audio/video link on the top of the main page of www.und.com. The cost of the College Sports Pass is \$6.95 per month or \$49.95 for the entire year.

Notre Dame softball live audio will continue this year, on a subscription basis, for all Irish home games plus the Ohio State Tournament on March 19 and 20.

Here is a complete list of the free games offered this weekend (note that all times are LOCAL in San Diego, add three hours for eastern time):

Notre Dame vs. Utah, Friday, Feb. 18, 9 a.m.

Notre Dame vs. #21/18 Fresno State, Friday, Feb. 18, 4 p.m.

Notre Dame vs. #3/4 UCLA, Saturday, Feb. 19, 4 p.m.

Notre Dame vs. San Diego State, Saturday, Feb. 19, 6 p.m.

Notre Dame vs. #22/24 Long Beach State, Sunday, Feb. 20, 9 a.m.

Challenging second weekend lies ahead for the Irish: The University of Notre Dame softball team (3-2) continues the 2005 season this weekend at the challenging Campbell-Cartier Tournament in San Diego, Calif. Hosted by San Diego State, this weekend's tournament will be the first event in the new San Diego State Softball Stadium, with a few other games played at the old San Diego State Softball Field. Notre Dame's first and last game will be played at the softball field, while its middle three games will be in the new stadium.

Notre Dame will face top competition this weekend, with three ranked teams (UCLA, Fresno State, Long Beach State), one receiving votes (San Diego State) and a regional power (Utah). The Irish are coming off the tournament title at the GRU Classic in Gainesville, Fla., last weekend, as the team rallied to win its final three games and defeat the host team, Florida, 4-2 in the championship game. The #16/14 Gators have moved into the top 20 in both national polls this week.

Series history vs. opponents: Here is a quick look at Notre Dame's history against this weekend's opponents:

Utah - The Irish are 2-0 against the Utes (also the alma mater of assistant coach Charmelle Green), with the last meeting coming in 2004, a 4-3 victory by the Irish at the Palm Springs Classic. Notre Dame held on for the victory after building a 4-1 lead - current senior Megan Ciulli had two hits in the game.

#21/18 Fresno State - A Kia Classic rivalry, Notre Dame and Fresno State met for three consecutive seasons at the Fullerton, Calif., tournament from 2001-03. Notre Dame came out ahead 2-1 in the series, but each game went down to the final out. The Irish knocked off #7 Fresno State in 2001 4-2.

#3/4 UCLA - One of the traditional powers of collegiate softball, UCLA and Notre Dame have met just twice previous to this season, both Bruin victories in 1994 and 1998.

San Diego State - The Irish and Aztecs have met four times, with Notre Dame posting

2005 Notre Dame Softball Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Year	Pos.	Ht.	B/T	Hometown (High School)	'05 Stats
1	Steffany Stenglein***	Sr.	P	5-10	R/R	Huntington Beach, CA (Marina)	1-1, 2.70 ERA, 17 K
2	Brittany Glynn	Fr.	OF	5-3	R/R	Seymour, CT (St. Joseph)	n/a
3	Katie Laing	Fr.	SS/2B	5-4	R/R	Chandler, AZ (Corona del Sol)	.273, 3-11, 3 2B
4	Carrie Wisen***	Sr.	P	5-7	R/R	Fullerton, CA (Sonora)	0-3 pinch hitting
5	Kenya Fuemmeler*	So.	UT/P	5-7	R/R	Salisbury, MO (Salisbury)	2 GP as pinch runner
8	Liz Hartmann***	Sr.	3B	5-9	R/R	Novato, CA (San Marin)	.267, 4-15, 1 3B
11	Gessica Hufnagle*	So.	C	5-6	R/R	Middlebury, IN (Northridge)	5 GP, 5 GS
16	Mallorie Lenn**	Jr.	C	5-8	R/R	Garden Grove, CA (Pacifica)	5 GP, 5 GS as DP
20	Nicole Wicks*	Sr.	OF	5-5	R/R	Renton, WA (Hazen)	5 GP, 2 runs scored
21	Megan Ciolli***(C)	Sr.	OF	5-9	L/R	Terre Haute, IN (North Vigo)	.353, 6-17, 3 RBI, 3 SB
22	Sara Schoonaert**	Jr.	2B/SS	5-5	R/R	Houston, TX (Clear Lake)	.200, 2-10, 1 RBI
24	Stephanie Brown*	So.	OF/2B	5-6	L/R	Chandler, AZ (Corona del Sol)	.133, 2-15, 2 RBI
27	Carissa Jaquish*	So.	C/DP	5-6	R/R	Highland, CA (Redlands E.V.)	1-2 pinch hitting, RBI
32	Heather Booth**	Jr.	P	5-10	R/R	Riverside, CA (MLK)	2-1, 0.86 ERA, 13 K
34	Sarah Smith	Fr.	OF	5-7	L/R	Oklahoma City, OK (Heritage Hall)	3 GP, 1 AB
44	Kellie Middleton*	Jr.	OF	5-6	R/R	Norcross, GA (Marist)	.313, 5-16, 1 HR, 1 SB
77	Meagan Ruthrauff**	Jr.	1B	5-10	R/R	La Mirada, CA (La Serna)	.250, 3-12, 5 BB

* - indicates monograms won

Staff

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

Assistant Coaches: Charmelle Green (Utah '91), Kris Ganef (Notre Dame '99)

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Bill Roggeman • Team Trainer: Chantal Porter • Team Senior Manager: Jason Koralewski

victories in all four previous meetings (the most recent in 1995).

#22/24 Long Beach State - Notre Dame has faced "The Beach" five times, holding a 3-2 lead in the series. The last two meetings occurred at Long Beach State - 2-0 and 3-2 victories for the Irish.

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

- Notre Dame will be facing its fifth, sixth and seventh games against a ranked team this season. The Irish split a pair of games with #19 Florida and #21 South Florida last weekend.
- After a rough first day at the GRU Classic, Notre Dame's pitchers rebounded to hold their opponents to just 10 hits in 21 innings en route to three consecutive victories.
- Although the Irish have made several appearances in Southern California, this weekend marks the team's first tournament in San Diego, Calif.

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

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

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

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

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

Irish pitchers closing in on strikeout milestones: Notre Dame starting pitchers senior Steffany Stenglein and junior Heather Booth have an opportunity to reach two unique strikeout milestones this weekend. Stenglein enters the Campbell-Cartier Tournament with 497 career strikeouts, just three away from becoming the third Irish pitcher to strikeout 500 batters in her career (Terri Kobata, 907; Jennifer Sharron, 728). Booth has 396 strikeouts to her credit so far in just over two years and she is looking to become just the fourth Irish pitcher to reach the 400-strikeout plateau (Kobata, Sharron and Stenglein).

Hartmann closing in on 100 RBI: Senior 3B Liz Hartmann enters the 2005 season with

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

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

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

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

**2005 ESPN.com/USA Softball
Top 25 - Feb. 15**

Rnk-Team, Points, '05 Record, last ranking			
1. Arizona (12)	491	6-0	1
2. California (8)	488	1-0	2
3. Texas	443	3-0	4
4. UCLA	425	7-2	3
5. La.-Lafayette	416	8-0	5
6. Stanford	400	6-1	6
7. Tennessee	391	8-0	9
8. Alabama	333	11-0	13
9. Michigan	316	3-1	11
10. LSU	297	1-1	7
11. Washington	295	4-3	8
12. Baylor	283	9-1	15
13. Oklahoma	213	5-4	12
14. Florida	206	11-1	19
15. Florida State	205	3-3	10
16. Georgia Tech	193	8-0	20
17. Oregon	172	5-3	14
18. Fresno State	152	0-0	18
19. Oregon State	131	4-3	17
20. Georgia	121	5-5	16
21. Texas A&M	113	5-0	23
22. Pacific	79	5-1	24
23. Nebraska	75	2-1	22
24. Long Beach St.	71	7-3	21
25. CS Fullerton	41	2-2	25

Others receiving votes: Missouri, **Northwestern**, Southern Illinois, **San Diego State**, BYU, Illinois, **Arizona State**, South Carolina, North Carolina, Iowa, Oklahoma State, Florida International, Mississippi State, Hofstra, NOTRE DAME, **Syracuse**.

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

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

Preseason: ORV (33rd)
Feb. 8: ORV (41st)
Feb. 15: ORV (39th)

97 RBI and needs three more to become the eighth Notre Dame player to drive in 100 or more RBI in their careers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ciolli looks to continue her climb up the career charts: Along with classmate Liz Hartmann, 2004 third-team All-American and BIG EAST Player of the Year Megan Ciolli has been a three-year starter since stepping on campus in 2001-02. Batting at the top of the lineup for a majority of her career (second

**2005 USA Today/NFCA
Division I Top 25 - Feb. 16**

Rnk-Team, Points, '05 Record, last ranking			
1. California (19)	642	1-0	1
2. Arizona (6)	628	6-0	3
3. UCLA (1)	578	7-2	2
4. Stanford	560	6-1	6
5. La.-Lafayette	497	8-0	9
6. Alabama	488	11-0	12
7. Tennessee	473	8-0	14
8. Michigan	434	3-1	8
9. LSU	406	1-1	5
10. Texas	404	3-0	15
11. Baylor	390	11-1	17
12. Washington	337	5-3	11
13. Georgia	311	5-5	7
14. Oklahoma	290	5-4	4
15. Oregon	239	5-3	13
16. Florida	230	11-1	NR
17. Georgia Tech	219	8-0	23
18. Florida State	188	3-3	10
19. Nebraska	175	2-1	18
20. Oregon State	174	4-3	16
21. Fresno State	158	0-0	19
22. Long Beach St.	99	7-3	20
23. Texas A&M	98	5-0	NR
24. Fla. International	54	11-2	NR
Illinois	54	6-4	22

Others receiving votes: **Pacific**, **Northwestern**, **Arizona State**, Iowa, Auburn, Southern Illinois, CS Fullerton, BYU, Hofstra, NOTRE DAME, Missouri, **South Florida**, Louisville, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, North Carolina, **San Diego State**.

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

**Notre Dame in the 2004
USA Today/NFCA
Division I Top 25**

Preseason: ORV (27th)
Feb. 16: ORV (35th)

2005 BIG EAST Conference Standings

Team	BIG EAST (2005)				OVERALL (2005)				vs. ND	
	W-L	Pts.	H	A	W-L-T	Pct.	H	A		N
NOTRE DAME	0-0				3-2					n/a
Seton Hall	0-0				0-0					H - 4-24-05
Villanova	0-0				0-0					A - 4-3-05
Boston College	0-0				0-0					H - 4-29-05
Syracuse	0-0				0-0					H - 5-1-05
St. John's	0-0				0-0					H - 4-22-05
Providence	0-0				0-0					A - 4-16-05
Connecticut	0-0				0-0					A - 4-17-05
Rutgers	0-0				0-0					A - 4-2-05
Pittsburgh	0-0				0-0					A - 4-9-05

Note: The standings above reflect the 2005 BIG EAST Coaches Preseason Poll. As voted by the head softball coaches, the BIG EAST softball standings will be determined by a 2/1 points system. Two points will be awarded for a conference win, one point for a tie and no points for a loss. Conference competition began the weekend of April 2-3. H - indicates home doubleheader at Ivy Field. A - Indicates doubleheader on the road. The top four teams qualify for the 2005 BIG EAST Championship in South Bend, Ind.

BIG EAST Weekly Awardwinners

Player of the Week

Pitcher of the Week

freshman season, first sophomore season, third junior season), Ciolli has established herself as one of the top offensive players to ever don an Irish uniform.

Her current career rankings include second in batting average (.367 entering the season), fourth in stolen bases (46), seventh in runs scored (120), ninth in hits (218), ninth in home runs (10) and 10th in triples (seven). She also is poised to break into the top 10 in games played and doubles this season. A complete list of current Notre Dame players threatening career records appear on page seven of this notes package.

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

Considered the Heisman Trophy of collegiate softball, past winners of the award include UCLA's Stacey Nuveman, Texas pitcher Cat Osterman and Florida State's Jessica Van der Linden.

Ciolli appears on the initial watch list for the second consecutive season in 2005. The catalyst for the Irish offense in 2004, Ciolli hit a team-high .397 with 81 hits, 23 RBI and 20 stolen bases. The '04 BIG EAST Player of the Year, Ciolli compiled an outstanding offensive season, finishing third on the all-time single season list for hits and second for stolen bases. Her .367 career batting average currently ranks third all-time at Notre Dame.

Named team captain by a vote of her teammates earlier this semester, Ciolli will continue her climb up the career offensive charts in 2005. She currently ranks ninth all-time in career hits (212), ninth in home runs (10) and fourth in stolen bases (43).

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

Irish boast a veteran group in 2005: In just one season, Notre Dame has moved from a somewhat inexperienced team (an entirely new infield took the field in '04) to a veteran group that boasts 761 games started in the senior and junior classes. In those two classes, Liz Hartmann (178 GP, 176 GS), Megan Ciolli (181 GP, 180 GS), Mallorie Lenn (120 GP, 120 GS) and Meagan Ruthrauff (123 GP, 122 GS) have been every-day starters since they joined the team, while Sara Schoonaert (117 GP, 71 GS), Kellie Middleton (55 GP, 32 GS) and Nicole Wicks (67 GP, 60 GS) have all seen a significant amount of starts. Add in the 164 games started by senior pitchers Steffany Stenglein and Carrie Wisen, along with the 66 career starts by junior Heather Booth, and the Irish junior and senior classes have a whopping 991 combined career games started.

Snapshot of the Irish: After just five games this season, it is difficult to get a complete look of the Irish softball team this season. Starting pitchers senior Steffany Stenglein (1-1, 2.70 ERA) and junior Heather Booth (2-1, 0.86 ERA) have been dominate at times - including 10 strikeouts thrown by Stenglein against #21 South Florida.

The Irish offense did not wake up until the end of the GRU Classic last weekend, but All-American senior OF Megan Ciolli brought her usual dependable game, going 6-17 last weekend with three RBI and three stolen bases.

Junior OF Kellie Middleton was steady in her first action after coming back from an injury last season, going 5-16 at the plate with the team's only home run of the weekend. Fresh-

Notre Dame Statistical Leaders

Batting Average	
Ciolti .....	.353
Middleton .....	.313
Laing .....	.273
Hits	
Ciolti	6
Middleton	5
Hartmann	4
RBI	
Ciolti	3
Middleton	2
Brown.....	2
Home Runs	
Middleton	1
Stolen Bases	
Ciolti	3-3
Wicks	3-4
three others with.....	1
Slugging Percentage	
Middleton .....	.563
Laing .....	.545
Ciolti .....	.412
On Base Percentage	
Ruthrauff .....	.471
Ciolti .....	.353
Middleton .....	.313
Pitching Record	
Booth.....	2-1
Stenglein	1-1
ERA	
Booth.....	0.86
Stenglein	2.70
Strikeouts	
Stenglein	17
Booth.....	13
Innings Pitched	
Booth.....	21.0
Stenglein	13.1
Appearances	
Booth.....	4
Stenglein	2

man SS Katie Laing was also impressive at the plate, banging out three doubles in five games.

Sophomore Gessica Hufnagle stepped in at catcher last weekend and was excellent defensively, throwing out two base runners and knocking down every pitch that hit the dirt.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Head coach Deanna Gumpf's team graduated just one player last season, first-team all-BIG EAST pick OF Nicole deFau. The Irish are expected to be back at full strength, however, with senior 3B Liz Hartmann, junior C Mallorie Lenn and junior OF Kellie Middleton all back to full strength after dealing with an assortment of injuries over the past offseason.

Seton Hall, who bested the Irish in four games late last season, was picked to finish

Notre Dame Season Bests

Individual		
Hits	2	six times
Runs	2	three times
RBI	2	Middleton (vs. USF, Feb. 12)
	2	Ciolti (vs. Florida, Feb. 13)
2B	2	Laing (vs. Florida, Feb. 13)
3B	1	Hartmann (vs. USF, Feb. 12)
HR	1	Middleton (vs. USF, Feb. 12)
TB	5	Middleton (vs. USF, Feb. 12)
BB	2	Ruthrauff (twice)
SB	3	Ciolti (vs. USF, Feb. 12)
PO	11	Ruthrauff (vs. USF, Feb. 11)
Ass.	4	three times
IP	7.0	four times
SO	10	Stenglein (vs. USF, Feb. 12)
Team		
AB	30	vs. #21 S. Florida (Feb. 12)
Runs	5	vs. #21 S. Florida (Feb. 12)
Hits	9	vs. #19 Florida (Feb. 13)
RBI	4	vs. #19 Florida (Feb. 13)
2B	3	vs. Coastal Carolina (Feb. 12)
3B	1	vs. #21 S. Florida (Feb. 12)
HR	1	vs. #21 S. Florida (Feb. 12)
TB	13	vs. #21 S. Florida (Feb. 12)
BB	3	vs. #19 Florida (Feb. 13)
SB	5	vs. #21 S. Florida (Feb. 12)
PO	21	four times
Ass.	13	vs. #21 S. Florida (Feb. 11)
IP	7.0	four times
SO	10	vs. #21 S. Florida (Feb. 12)

Miscellaneous Stats

<u>Multiple Hit Games</u>	
Ruthrauff	1
Middleton	1
Hartmann	1
Laing	1
Ciolti	1
Schoonaert	1
<u>Multiple RBI Games</u>	
Middleton	1
Ciolti	1
<u>Hitting Streaks</u>	
Ciolti (current)	5
Hartmann (current)	3
Middleton (current)	3
Brown	2

Projected Starting Lineup for Notre Dame:

RF:

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

CF:

#21, Megan Ciolli

LF:

#44, Kellie Middleton

1B:

#77, Meagan Ruthrauff
bench: #16, Mallorie Lenn

2B:

#22, Sara Schoonaert
bench: #24, Stephanie Brown

3B:

#8, Liz Hartmann
bench: #77, Meagan Ruthrauff

SS:

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

C:

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

DP:

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

SP:

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

Pronunciation Guide:

Megan *Ciolli*: See-oh-lee

Kenya *Fuemmeler*: Fimm-lure

Carissa *Jaquish*: Jay-kwish

Meagan *Ruthrauff*: Ruth-roff

Sara *Schoonaert*: Skoon-ert

Steffany *Stenglein*: Steng-line

Kris *Ganeff*: Gann-eff

second in the league, followed by Villanova, Boston College and Syracuse.

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

California girls: While three trips to the west coast gives the Irish an opportunity to face several of the top teams in the country this season, Notre Dame's appearances in San Diego (Feb. 18-20), Palm Springs (Feb. 25-27) and the Los Angeles area (March 6-7) also will provide the seven California natives on the team will a chance to play in their home state.

Heather Booth (Riverside), Liz Hartmann (Novato), Carissa Jaquish (Highland), Mallorie Lenn (Garden Grove), Meagan Ruthrauff (La Mirada), Steffany Stenglein (Huntington Beach) and Carrie Wisen (Fullerton) are the seven California natives on the '05 Irish roster.

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

Brittney Bargar (Corona, Calif.), Christine Farrell (La Habra, Calif.), Erin Glasco (Johnston City, Ill.), Linda Kohan (Westminster, Calif.), Alexandra Kotcheff (Beverly Hills, Calif.), Stephanie Mola (Naples, Fla.) and Beth Northway (Kentwood, Mich.) will make up the class of 2009.

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

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

The class hails from across the country with four California natives, plus players from Michigan, Illinois and Florida. The group also is made up of two pitchers (Bargar, Farrell), a catcher (Glasco), an infielder (Kohan), two outfielders (Kotcheff, Mola) and an infielder/outfielder (Northway) – giving the class excellent balance at all positions.

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

With the addition of three traditional powers, the BIG EAST Conference will quickly become one of the best softball conferences east of the Mississippi.

High school teammates: Sophomore Stephanie Brown and freshman Katie Laing are just the third combination of high school teammates to play for the Irish since the program began. Both Brown and Laing played for Corona del Sol in the Chandler, Ariz., area during their prep careers. Debbie Boulac and Stephanie Pinter, both from South Bend, Ind., and St. Joseph High School, played together from 1990-93. Jennifer Sharron and Jessica Sharron, the first second set of sisters to play for the Irish, were on the Notre Dame roster together in 2000 and 2001.

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

Schedule adjustment: The Notre Dame - Loyola-Chicago game, scheduled for March 31, has been previously released as a home game for the Irish. The game will be played in Chicago on Loyola's campus.

Schedule adjustment II: There has been another shift in the Irish schedule. The previously scheduled home game vs. Illinois-Chicago on April 14 has been shifted to an away contest at UIC for 7 p.m. The road game at UIC on April 27 has been cancelled.

Notre Dame Nabs Top Spot In Directors' Cup Standings: Notre Dame stands first in the final set of fall sports standings released in the 2004-05 United States Sports Academy Division I Directors' Cup all-sports competition sponsored by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (formerly known as Sears Directors' Cup). This marks the first time in the 12-year history of the all-sports program that Notre Dame has ranked number one, surpassing a second ranking in the 2004-05 second set of fall standings.

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

Michigan (333 points) stands second, followed by Stanford (332), Duke (327) and UCLA (297).

The current standings include results from NCAA fall competition in volleyball, field hockey, men's water polo, men's and women's cross country, and men's and women's soccer and football. In previous years in which the Directors' Cup competition has been held, Notre Dame has finished 11th in '93-'94, 30th in '94-'95, 11th in '95-'96, 14th in '96-'97, 31st in '97-'98, 25th in '98-'99, 21st in '99-'00, 11th in '00-'01, 13th in '01-'02 and '02-'03 and 19th in '03-'04.

2005 Notre Dame Softball Results

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>		<u>Score</u>	<u>RHE-RHE</u>	<u>Inn.</u>	<u>Overall-BIG EAST</u>		<u>Pitcher</u>	<u>GW Run/GW RBI</u>
2-11	at #19 Florida	L	2-3	2-4-0/3-3-1	7	0-1	0-0	Stenglein (L, 0-1)	-
2-11	vs. #21 South Florida	L	0-5	0-1-3/5-6-1	7	0-2	0-0	Booth (L, 0-1)	-
2-12	vs. Coastal Carolina	W	2-0	2-5-1/0-2-0	7	1-2	0-0	Booth (W, 1-1)	Middleton/Ciolti
2-12	vs. #21 South Florida	W	5-1	5-7-1/1-3-3	7	2-2	0-0	Stenglein (W, 1-1)	Hartmann/Jaquish
2-13	at #19 Florida	W	4-2	4-9-1/2-5-0	7	3-2	0-0	Booth (W, 2-1)	Schoonaert/Ciolti
2-18	vs. Utah		9 a.m.						
2-18	vs. #18 Fresno State		4 p.m.						
2-19	vs. #4 UCLA		4 p.m.						
2-19	at San Diego State		6 p.m.						
2-20	vs. #24 Long Beach St.		9 a.m.						

Current Irish Players on the Career Charts:

Games Played

1. Jarrah Myers.....	245
10. Elizabeth Perkins	231
- Megan Ciolli	186
- Liz Hartmann	183

At Bats

1. Jenny Kriech	790
10. Jenn Giampaolo.....	654
- Megan Ciolli	595

Batting Average

1. Meghan Murray.....	.380
2. Megan Ciolli.....	.367
Katie Marten.....	.367
4. Jarrah Myers.....	.350

Runs Scored

1. Andrea Loman	164
6. Melanie Alkire.....	129
7. Megan Ciolli	120
8. Andria Bledsoe.....	117

Most Hits

1. Jenny Kriech	268
7. Andrea Loman	233
8. Jenn Giampaolo.....	218
9. Megan Ciolli	218

Doubles

1. Melanie Alkire.....	49
9. Jarrah Myers.....	35
- Megan Ciolli	27

Triples

1. Jenny Kriech	19
4. Three players with.....	11
7. Three players with.....	8
10. Megan Ciolli	7

Home Runs

1. Jarrah Myers.....	36
2. Andrea Loman	31
3. Melanie Alkire.....	30
4. Sara Hayes	26
5. Liz Hartmann	24
6. Megan Ruthrauff	19
7. Meghan Murray.....	15
8. Andria Bledsoe.....	14
9. Megan Ciolli	10

RBI

1. Jarrah Myers.....	174
7. Andria Bledsoe.....	125
8. Elizabeth Perkins	98
9. Liz Hartmann	97
10. Jenn Giampaolo.....	87
- Meagan Ruthrauff	82

Walks

1. Andrea Loman	87
5. Melanie Alkire.....	61
6. Meagan Ruthrauff	54
7. Ruth Kmak	52

Stolen Bases

1. Andrea Loman	60
2. Katie Marten.....	58
3. Jenny Kriech	55
4. Megan Ciolli	46
10. Lisa Miller.....	38
- Kellie Middleton	21

Pitching Appearances

1. Jennifer Sharron	134
2. Angela Bessolo.....	125
3. Missy Linn.....	122
4. Kelly Nichols	116
Staci Alford.....	116
6. Steffany Stenglein	115
8. Joy Battersby	99
9. Heather Booth	79

Games Started

1. Jennifer Sharron	117
2. Steffany Stenglein	106
6. Joy Battersby	83
7. Heather Booth	69
8. Staci Alford.....	62
9. Carrie Wisen	60

Wins

1. Jennifer Sharron	88
3. Missy Linn.....	63
4. Steffany Stenglein	59
5. Angela Bessolo.....	53
6. Stacie Alford.....	48
Heather Booth	48

Shutouts

1. Terri Kobata.....	42
2. Jennifer Sharron	38
3. Missy Linn.....	29
4. Angela Bessolo.....	15
Staci Alford.....	15
Heather Booth	15
7. Steffany Stenglein	12

Innings Pitched

1. Jennifer Sharron	772.1
4. Staci Alford.....	571.2
5. Angela Bessolo.....	562.2
6. Steffany Stenglein	561.2
7. Joy Battersby	491.0
8. Heather Booth	451.1

Strikeouts

1. Terri Kobata.....	907
2. Jennifer Sharron	728
3. Steffany Stenglein	497
4. Angela Bessolo.....	445
5. Heather Booth	396

2005 Notre Dame Softball Player Biography Updates (alphabetical order) -

Booth, Heather • #32 • 5-10 • Jr. • P • R/R • Riverside, Calif. (Martin Luther King)

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

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

2005 Statistics -

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

Career Statistics -

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

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

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

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.133	.133	.235	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0-0	1.000

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.290	.419	.338	48	70	10	0	7	32	11	11-18	.954

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

2005 Team Captain ... will look to repeat her '04 All-America honors with a stellar final season ... a consistent offensive force at the plate ... her .367 career batting average ranks second all-time ... batted third in '04 after hitting leadoff in '03 and second in '02 ... threatens several career offensive marks (see "Irish On Career Charts" note in this package).

2005: Led the team in hitting during the GRU Classic, going six for 17 (.353) with three RBI (including the game-winner vs. #19 Florida) ... two for four with two RBI singles in 4-2 victory over #19 Florida ... one for three with three stolen bases in 5-1 victory over #21 South Florida ... broke up no-hit bid by USF's Danielle Urbanik in the bottom of the seventh with a solid single to centerfield in 5-0 USF victory on Feb. 11.

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.353	.412	.353	1	6	1	0	0	3	0	3-3	1.000

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.366	.486	.405	120	218	27	7	10	74	22	46-56	.956

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

Will see increased time in the circle this season ... also one of the team's top options at pinch runner ... scored 11 runs in 2004.

Career Statistics -

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

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

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

Hartmann, Liz • #8 • 5-9 • Sr. • IF (3B) • R/R • Novato, Calif. (San Marin)

Every day starter at 3B in '04 returns for her senior season ... streaky hitter capable of putting together monster RBI games ... has hit two home runs in a single game three times in her career ... has a flair for the dramatic home run as well, smashing four game-winning home runs in the sixth-inning or later during her career.

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

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.267	.400	.267	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0-0	.875

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.249	.432	.291	61	126	19	1	24	97	28	5-7	.952

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

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

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

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.000	.000	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	.971

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.100	.100	.129	6	3	0	0	0	2	1	2-2	.971

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

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

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

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.500	1.000	.500	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0-0	n/a

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.217	.292	.267	17	35	5	2	1	15	10	5-5	.977

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

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

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

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.273	.545	.273	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	1-1	.933

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

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

2004 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.281	.422	.333	8	54	13	1	4	31	13	0-0	.988

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.263	.412	.319	26	88	18	1	10	56	23	3-3	.988

Middleton, Kellie • #44 • Jr. • 5-6 • OF • R/R • Norcross, Ga. (Marist)

Returns to the full time line up after missing 61 games last season with an injury ... a potential all-star candidate in the outfield with exceptional speed on defense and the basepaths ... also has pop in her bat, hitting five home runs in 111 AB in her career ... first hit of her first two seasons have been home runs.

2005: Hit first home run of the season for Notre Dame, a two-run shot, in 5-1 victory over #21 South Florida on Feb. 12.

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.313	.563	.313	3	5	1	0	1	2	0	1-1	1.000

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.270	.468	.297	24	30	7	0	5	15	4	21-23	.951

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

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

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.250	.333	.471	0	3	1	0	0	1	5	0-0	1.000

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.299	.475	.400	51	109	19	0	15	82	54	2-2	.996

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

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

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

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.200	.200	.200	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	1-1	.966

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.211	.284	.268	43	40	8	3	0	18	14	10-16	.959

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

Rookie role player who will provide depth in the outfield and speed on the basepaths ... also gives the coaching staff a left-handed bat on the bench.

Stenglein, Steffany • #1 • Sr. • 5-10 • P • R/R • Huntington Beach, Calif. (Marina)

Veteran starting pitcher looking to cap her career with another outstanding season ... became the second pitcher from Notre Dame to earn the BIG EAST Pitcher of the Year award in 2005 (Jennifer Sharron won four straight from 1998-2001) ... capable of dominating performances in the pitching circle.

2005: Pitched best game of the young season in 5-1 victory over #21 South Florida on Feb. 12 ... posted a complete-game three-hitter, allowing one run and striking out 10.

2005 Statistics -

<u>ERA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>APP</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SV</u>
2.70	1-1	2	2	1	0	13.1	17	0

Career Statistics -

<u>ERA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>APP</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SV</u>
2.69	59-27	115	103	39	12	561.2	497	0

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

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

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

Career Statistics at Notre Dame -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.229	.389	.291	32	36	10	3	3	14	13	15-19	.981

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

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

2005: Has been used for three pinch hitting appearances.

Career Offensive Statistics -

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

Career Pitching Statistics -

<u>ERA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>APP</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SV</u>
2.01	27-9	89	18	6	1	236.2	179	6

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Overall Statistics for Notre Dame (as of Jan 12, 2005)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

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

Player	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%
21 CIOLLI, Megan....	.353	5-5	17	1	6	1	0	0	3	7	.412	0	0	1	0	.353	0	0	3-3	3	0	0	1.000
44 MIDDLETON, Kellie	.313	5-5	16	3	5	1	0	1	2	9	.563	0	0	1	0	.313	0	1	1-1	3	0	0	1.000
3 LAING, Katie.....	.273	5-5	11	3	3	3	0	0	0	6	.545	0	0	1	0	.273	0	1	1-1	9	5	1	.933
8 HARTMANN, Liz....	.267	5-5	15	1	4	0	1	0	0	6	.400	0	0	0	0	.267	0	0	0-0	2	12	2	.875
77 RUTHRAUFF, Meagan	.250	5-5	12	0	3	1	0	0	1	4	.333	5	0	2	0	.471	0	0	0-0	35	0	0	1.000
22 SCHOONAERT, Sara	.200	5-5	10	2	2	0	0	0	1	2	.200	0	0	0	0	.200	0	0	1-1	15	13	1	.966
24 BROWN, Stephanie.	.133	5-5	15	1	2	0	0	0	2	2	.133	0	2	1	0	.235	0	0	0-0	4	0	0	1.000
16 LENN, Mallorie...	.000	5-5	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0	.000	0	2	0-0	0	0	0	.000
11 HUFNAGLE, Gessica	.000	5-5	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	2	0-0	30	4	1	.971

27 JAQUISH, Carissa.	.500	2-0	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	1.000	0	0	0	0	.500	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
4 WISEN, Carrie....	.000	4-0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	1	0	.250	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
34 SMITH, Sarah.....	.000	3-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
20 WICKS, Nicole....	.000	5-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	3-4	0	0	0	.000
5 FUEMMELEER, Kenya.	.000	2-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Totals.....	.210	5-5	124	13	26	7	1	1	10	38	.306	6	2	10	0	.258	0	6	9-10	103	41	6	.960
Opponents.....	.162	5-5	117	11	19	3	1	2	8	30	.256	14	3	30	0	.269	0	7	5-7	102	49	5	.968

LOB - Team (23), Opp (27). DPs turned - Team (1), Opp (1).

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
32 BOOTH, Heather...	0.86	2-1	4	3	3	1/0	0	21.0	13	7	2	8	13	2	1	0	73	.178	1	1	0	0	5
1 STENGLIN, Steffa	2.70	1-1	2	2	1	0/0	0	13.1	6	4	4	6	17	1	0	2	44	.136	1	2	0	0	2
Totals.....	1.57	3-2	5	5	4	1/0	0	34.1	19	11	6	14	30	3	1	2	117	.162	2	3	0	0	7
Opponents.....	2.65	2-3	5	5	3	1/0	0	34.0	26	13	10	6	10	7	1	1	124	.210	2	2	0	0	6

PB - Team (0), Opp (1). SBA/ATT - HUFNAGLE (5-7), BOOTH (4-5), STENGLIN (1-2).

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Overall Statistics for Notre Dame (as of Jan 12, 2005)
(All games Sorted by Fielding pct)

Player	C	PO	A	E	FLD%	DPs	SBA	CSB	SBA%	PB	CI
77 RUTHRAUFF, Meagan	35	35	0	0	1.000	1	0	0	---	0	0
24 BROWN, Stephanie.	4	4	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
21 CIOLLI, Megan....	3	3	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
44 MIDDLETON, Kellie	3	3	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
1 STENGLEIN, Steffa	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	1	1	.500	0	0
11 HUFNAGLE, Gessica	35	30	4	1	.971	0	5	2	.714	0	0
22 SCHOONAERT, Sara.	29	15	13	1	.966	1	0	0	---	0	0
3 LAING, Katie.....	15	9	5	1	.933	1	0	0	---	0	0
32 BOOTH, Heather...	9	2	6	1	.889	0	4	1	.800	0	0
8 HARTMANN, Liz....	16	2	12	2	.875	0	0	0	---	0	0
5 FUEMMELE, Kenya.	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
16 LENN, Mallorie...	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
4 WISEN, Carrie....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
34 SMITH, Sarah.....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
27 JAQUISH, Carissa.	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
20 WICKS, Nicole....	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Totals.....	150	103	41	6	.960	1	5	2	.714	0	0
Opponents.....	156	102	49	5	.968	1	9	1	.900	1	0

Hitting minimums - 5 AB

Pitching minimums - 2 Games