



Season

In Review



In her second year as a team captain and third as its top setter, Kristen Kinder helped the Irish to a 21-2 start in 2003, highlighted by a 14-match winning streak (the second-longest in school history) that propelled Notre Dame to a season-high 12th in the AVCA national rankings, its highest listing since 1996.

Irish Can't Capitalize on Hot Start in 2003

Various instances of individual and team excellence highlight campaign

The 2003 season for the University of Notre Dame women's volleyball team was one that featured moments of tremendous success, but eventually ended in disappointment. The Irish put together the second-best start in school history, opening the campaign 21-2 and rocketing to 12th in the national rankings (their best listing since 1996), but then struggled late, dropping five of the final seven matches of '03.

The initial weekend of the season offered a glimpse of some of the superlatives to follow. Notre Dame headed to Malibu, Calif., for the Four Points Sheraton Classic and immediately announced its presence on the national scene. In facing #10 Arizona in the first match, the Irish took the first game 30-18 and eventually prevailed in four games to notch an upset of a top-10 squad for the second time in as many seasons.

Notre Dame split a pair of matches the following day, winning the first game against #5 Pepperdine before losing and then beating Eastern Washington in four at night. The impressive opening performance vaulted the Irish into the AVCA national rankings, appearing 21st.

A trip to perennial power Texas the following weekend for the Longhorn Classic continued Notre Dame's rise. The Irish got off to a rocky start against Houston, losing the first two games, but they rebounded to win three in a row and advance to the tournament's title match against the host school. Notre Dame prevailed in straight games against the Longhorns to win the tournament championship.

The Irish opened their home season with a 3-0 victory against Valparaiso that saw a pair of school records broken. Senior Jessica Kinder scrambled for 28 digs, the most-ever by a Notre Dame player in a three-game match, while junior Emily Loomis broke the record for most kills in a match without an error, with 24.

Notre Dame continued its dominance in its own Shamrock Invitational, beating Indiana in

four games and Utah by a 3-2 score to claim the event championship for the sixth time.

A day after outlasting the Utes, Notre Dame fell victim to a hot South Carolina team in a four-game affair on Sept. 14. The next time the Irish would lose would be Nov. 11, following a 14-match winning streak, the second-longest in school history.

During the stretch, the Irish won 42 of 48 games and posted an undefeated mark (8-0) in October, the first-ever unbeaten record in a full month of play in program history. The streak was highlighted by 10 BIG EAST Conference victories and four-game triumphs against Purdue and at perennial power North Carolina.

It was capped by a pair of home wins vs. the only league teams to have defeated the Irish over the previous four seasons: Virginia Tech and Miami. Notre Dame rallied from a 2-1 deficit against the Hokies for a thrilling five-game win (15-13 in the fifth) in a match witnessed by a record crowd of 8,643. Two days later, the Irish beat the '02 BIG EAST runner-up Hurricanes in three games in a match televised live by College Sports Television (CSTV).

In a battle of top-15 teams, Northern Iowa ended Notre Dame's unbeaten streak with a four-game triumph in Cedar Falls that extended the Panthers' home winning streak (second-longest in NCAA history) to 69.

The final weekend of BIG EAST play saw the Irish beat West Virginia in three games to start 11-0 in league play for the eighth time in nine seasons since joining the conference. Pittsburgh denied Notre Dame its seventh unbeaten record in regular-season BIG EAST

2003 Irish Volleyball Award Winners

NCAA Division I Team Blocking Champion

Notre Dame (3.72 per game)

NCAA Division I Individual Blocking Champion

Lauren Brewster (So., MB, 1.78 per game)

AVCA Honorable Mention All-America

Lauren Brewster (So., MB)
Lauren Kelbley (So., MB)
Kristen Kinder (Sr., S)
Emily Loomis (Jr., OPP)

AVCA All-Northeast Region

Lauren Brewster (So., MB)
Lauren Kelbley (So., MB)
Kristen Kinder (Sr., S)
Emily Loomis (Jr., OPP)

BIG EAST Co-Coach of the Year

Debbie Brown

All-BIG EAST

First Team

Lauren Brewster (So., MB)
Lauren Kelbley (So., MB)
Kristen Kinder (Sr., S)

Second Team

Emily Loomis (Jr., OPP)

BIG EAST Player of the Week

Emily Loomis (Sept. 1)
Lauren Kelbley (Sept. 8, Sept. 29)
Lauren Brewster (Oct. 6, Oct. 13, Oct. 27)
Kristen Kinder (Nov. 10)

Four Points Sheraton Classic

All-Tournament Team

Lauren Kelbley (So., MB)
Emily Loomis (Jr., OPP)

Longhorn Classic

Most Valuable Player

Lauren Kelbley (So., MB)

All-Tournament Team

Lauren Kelbley (So., MB)
Emily Loomis (Jr., OPP)

Shamrock Invitational

Most Valuable Player

Lauren Brewster (So., MB)

All-Tournament Team

Lauren Brewster (So., MB)
Jessica Kinder (Sr., OH)
Katie Neff (Sr., OPP)



Meg Henican, who averaged 4.19 digs per game as Notre Dame's libero, led the Irish in digs in 21 of 30 matches in 2003.





Among the highlights of the 2003 season were a 21-2 start, a 14-match winning streak, an 11-0 start in BIG EAST play and a national ranking as high as 12th.

2003 University of Notre Dame Women's Volleyball

Record: 23-7 (Home: 13-2, Away: 7-4, Neutral: 3-1)

BIG EAST: 11-1 (T-1st)/Northeast Region: 13-2 (1st)

AVCA Final Ranking: 24th

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Scores</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Aug. 29	vs. Arizona (10)!	W	30-18, 28-30, 30-20, 30-26	502
Aug. 30	at Pepperdine (5)!	L	30-27, 22-30, 15-30, 23-30	200
Aug. 30	vs. Eastern Washington!	W	37-35, 25-30, 30-22, 30-21	345
Sept. 5	(21) vs. Houston@	W	24-30, 25-30, 30-21, 30-21, 15-11	1288
Sept. 6	(21) at Texas@	W	30-20, 36-34, 30-24	1454
Sept. 9	(15) Valparaiso	W	30-21, 30-17, 32-30	828
Sept. 12	(15) Indiana\$	W	30-24, 30-23, 28-30, 30-19	984
Sept. 13	(15) Utah\$	W	34-32, 16-30, 30-26, 26-30, 15-12	878
Sept. 14	(15) South Carolina\$	L	26-30, 27-30, 30-24, 29-31	712
Sept. 17	(18) Purdue	W	30-23, 30-17, 29-31, 30-20	706
Sept. 26	(17) Villanova*	W	33-35, 30-16, 30-26, 30-15	755
Sept. 28	(17) Georgetown*	W	30-20, 30-23, 30-14	1197
Oct. 4	(17) at St. John's*	W	30-24, 30-24, 30-19	405
Oct. 5	(17) at Connecticut*	W	30-22, 20-30, 30-28, 30-18	265
Oct. 10	(15) Seton Hall*	W	30-22, 30-14, 30-25	706
Oct. 12	(15) Rutgers*	W	30-13, 30-18, 30-22	1012
Oct. 21	(14) at North Carolina	W	30-27, 26-30, 30-21, 30-26	753
Oct. 23	(14) at Rhode Island	W	30-20, 30-23, 30-20	210
Oct. 24	(14) at Boston College*	W	30-26, 30-21, 30-23	250
Oct. 29	(14) Illinois State	W	30-23, 30-18, 30-20	676
Nov. 2	(14) Syracuse*	W	30-16, 30-26, 30-21	1490
Nov. 7	(12) Virginia Tech*	W	30-22, 25-30, 29-31, 30-24, 15-13	8643
Nov. 9	(12) Miami (Fla.)*	W	30-26, 30-24, 30-22	2715
Nov. 11	(12) at Northern Iowa (14)	L	23-30, 28-30, 30-26, 26-30	2052
Nov. 15	(12) at West Virginia*	W	30-22, 30-25, 30-20	350
Nov. 16	(12) at Pittsburgh*	L	30-20, 26-30, 25-30, 30-13, 13-15	463
Nov. 22	(17) Miami (Fla.)#	W	30-19, 30-22, 29-30, 30-20	1290
Nov. 23	(17) Pittsburgh#	L	20-30, 26-30, 23-31	1051
Nov. 29	(20) at Stanford (6)	L	28-30, 24-30, 24-30	1982
Dec. 5	(21) vs. Louisville% (19)	L	30-32, 21-30, 21-30	1623

! Four Points Sheraton Classic (Malibu, CA)

@ Longhorn Classic (Austin, TX)

\$ Shamrock Invitational (Notre Dame, IN)

BIG EAST Championship (Notre Dame, IN)

% NCAA Championship (Champaign, IL)

* - Indicates BIG EAST Conference match

Bold indicates home matches.

NOTE: Number in parentheses to left of opponent is Notre Dame's AVCA national ranking at time of match; number to right of opponent is its AVCA national ranking at time of match.

play a day later. The Irish trailed 2-1 before a dominant 30-13 win in game four sent the match to a fifth frame. The Panthers rebounded for a 15-13 win, handing Notre Dame its lone five-game loss of '03.

The Irish reached the final of the BIG EAST Championship for the ninth straight year, beating Miami 3-1 at the Joyce Center to do so. Notre Dame then lost nine consecutive games to conclude the season, falling first to Pittsburgh in the league title match, then at #6 Stanford, and finally against #19 Louisville in the opening round of the NCAA tournament.

Four Irish players – senior setter Kristen Kinder, Loomis, and sophomore middle blockers Lauren Brewster and Lauren Kelbley – were named honorable mention All-America. Only three other teams in Division I featured a quartet of student-athletes earning All-America accolades.

Kinder, Brewster, and Kelbley were first-team all-BIG EAST honorees, while Loomis was tabbed to the second team. The three hitters notched over 350 kills apiece to become the first trio in school history to do so in the same season.

Notre Dame's recent blocking prowess reached a new level in 2004, as the Irish led Division I in team blocking (3.72 per game) and Brewster won the individual NCAA blocking crown (1.78). Notre Dame has been among the nation's top five blocking teams for three straight years, and Brewster was fourth in the NCAA in blocking as a rookie in 2002. The Irish broke the school record for block average for the second straight year, while Brewster, Kelbley, Loomis, and senior Katie Neff all had at least 100 blocks apiece for the second straight year, reestablishing themselves as the only quartet in school history to accomplish the feat.

Among the other individual highlights were four different Irish student-athletes being named BIG EAST Player of the Week on seven occasions in 12 total weeks. Brewster led the way, gaining the distinction three times in the month of October.

Sophomore Meg Henican was Notre Dame's top libero for much of the season, and she turned in one of the best digging campaigns in Irish history with 419 digs (fourth-best all-time) for an average of 3.84 per game (the third-highest mark). She also was a key factor in Notre Dame setting a school record for low opponent service ace average, surrendering just 0.93 per game.

Notre Dame also set volleyball attendance records for season total (23,643), season average (1,576), total for a single match, and total for a single match not played before a football pep rally (2,715 vs. Miami). The Irish were 16th in Division I in average attendance.





2003 UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME VOLLEYBALL FINAL STATISTICS

Player	GP-MP-MS	K	Avg.	E	TA	Pct.	A	Avg.	BHE	SA	Avg.	SE	Dig	Avg.	RE	BS	BA	Avg.	BE	Pts.	Avg.
Lauren Brewster (So., MB)	104-30-29	372	3.58	106	781	.341	7	0.07	2	27	0.26	42	71	0.68	0	30	155	1.78	18	506.5	4.87
BIG EAST	41-12-12	154	3.76	35	295	.403	3	0.07	2	9	0.22	16	21	0.51	0	13	66	1.93	10	209	5.10
Emily Loomis (Jr., OPP/MB)	109-30-30	387	3.55	123	1015	.260	23	0.21	16	16	0.15	19	173	1.59	3	20	99	1.09	16	472.5	4.33
BIG EAST	42-12-12	158	3.76	50	422	.256	16	0.38	6	10	0.24	9	103	2.45	1	9	45	1.29	6	199.5	4.75
Lauren Kelbley (So., MB/OH)	107-30-30	352	3.29	110	798	.303	6	0.06	1	25	0.23	33	69	0.64	1	24	109	1.24	9	455.5	4.26
BIG EAST	41-12-12	142	3.46	41	297	.340	2	0.05	1	9	0.22	14	24	0.59	0	11	44	1.34	6	184	4.49
Katie Neff (Sr., OPP)	103-30-16	202	1.96	77	602	.208	14	0.14	0	1	0.01	0	28	0.27	0	24	89	1.10	9	271.5	2.64
BIG EAST	38-12-9	78	2.05	23	202	.272	8	0.21	0	1	0.03	0	8	0.21	0	9	34	1.13	4	105	2.76
Jessica Kinder (Sr., OH)	109-30-30	177	1.62	78	536	.185	66	0.61	2	33	0.30	68	354	3.25	29	6	42	0.44	6	237	2.17
BIG EAST	42-12-12	71	1.69	28	204	.211	28	0.67	1	11	0.26	24	131	3.12	8	4	23	0.64	1	97.5	2.32
Kristen Kinder (Sr., S)	109-30-30	88	0.81	32	201	.279	1108	10.17	16	21	0.19	30	242	2.22	0	0	38	0.35	4	128	1.17
BIG EAST	42-12-12	50	1.19	18	113	.283	509	12.12	6	10	0.24	10	100	2.38	0	0	21	0.50	3	70.5	1.68
Meg Henican (So., L/OH)	109-30-9	53	0.49	38	201	.075	66	0.61	1	12	0.11	21	419	3.84	33	5	18	0.21	3	79	0.72
BIG EAST	42-12-0	0	0.00	1	12	-.083	22	0.52	0	0	0.00	0	171	4.07	13	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
Kim Fletcher (Sr., OPP/OH)	24-15-5	40	1.67	23	131	.130	9	0.38	0	0	0.00	5	25	1.04	2	2	10	0.50	2	47	1.96
BIG EAST	14-9-3	21	1.50	12	68	.132	5	0.36	0	0	0.00	2	8	0.57	2	1	5	0.43	1	24.5	1.75
Carolyn Cooper (So., MB/OPP)	49-22-1	20	0.41	9	63	.175	1	0.02	1	3	0.06	2	8	0.16	0	5	20	0.51	1	38	0.78
BIG EAST	25-10-0	8	0.32	3	24	.208	0	0.00	0	1	0.04	1	4	0.16	0	5	12	0.68	1	20	0.80
Danielle Herndon (Fr., DS/L)	99-30-0	0	0.00	1	13	-.077	17	0.17	5	10	0.10	14	212	2.16	21	0	0	0.00	0	10	0.10
BIG EAST	40-12-0	0	0.00	0	0	.000	9	0.22	0	7	0.17	5	72	1.80	3	0	0	0.00	0	7	0.18
Kelly Burrell (So., S)	76-28-0	3	0.04	3	10	.000	206	2.71	4	6	0.08	8	73	0.96	0	0	0	0.00	0	9	0.12
BIG EAST	21-10-0	1	0.05	0	2	.500	19	0.90	1	1	0.05	0	9	0.43	0	0	0	0.00	0	2	0.10
Kelly Corbett (Jr., DS/L)	10-9-0	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	3	0.30	4	13	1.30	5	0	0	0.00	0	3	0.30
BIG EAST	6-5-0	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	3	0.50	2	5	0.83	3	0	0	0.00	0	3	0.50
Lindsay Peterson (So., DS)	3-3-0	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
BIG EAST	3-3-0	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
Totals	109-30-30	1694	15.54	600	4351	.251	1523	13.97	35	157	1.44	246	1687	15.48	103	116	580	3.72	68	2257	20.71
BIG EAST	42-12-12	683	16.26	211	1639	.288	621	14.79	13	62	1.48	83	656	15.62	33	52	250	4.21	32	922	21.95
Opponents	109-30-30	1621	14.87	860	4603	.165	1460	13.39	59	103	0.94	241	1709	15.68	156	60	352	2.17	61	1960	17.98
BIG EAST	42-12-12	580	13.81	346	1745	.134	524	12.48	21	33	0.79	74	616	14.67	62	29	109	1.99	25	696.5	16.58

Games/Points Won By Game

	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Notre Dame	23/885	16/825	21/855	11/434	3/58	74/3057
Opponents	7/739	14/765	9/747	4/344	1/51	35/2646

Notre Dame in 2003...

- ... in three games: 12-3
- ... in four games: 8-3
- ... in five games: 2-1
- ... vs. ranked opponents: 1-4
- ... vs. BIG EAST teams: 12-2
- ... vs. non-conference teams: 11-5
- ... at night: 13-1
- ... during the day: 9-6
- ... in tournament play: 7-4

Lauren Brewster's average of 1.78 blocks per game was the top mark in NCAA Division I in 2003 and ranks as the third-best average in Notre Dame history.



Notre Dame 2003 Team Match Highs

Kills	3G	62	vs. Valparaiso
	4G	67	vs. Eastern Washington
	5G	83	vs. Virginia Tech
Blocks	3G	19	at Boston College
	4G	20	vs. Villanova
	5G	22.5	at Pittsburgh
Digs	3G	81	vs. Valparaiso
	4G	88	at Connecticut
	5G	80	vs. Utah
TA	3G	167	vs. Valparaiso
	4G	182	vs. South Carolina
	5G	196	vs. Virginia Tech
Hit %	3G	.436	vs. Seton Hall
	4G	.324	vs. Arizona
	5G	.291	vs. Virginia Tech
Asstists	3G	55	vs. Valparaiso
	4G	61	vs. Miami (BIG EAST semis)
	5G	79	vs. Virginia Tech
Aces	3G	7	vs. Valparaiso & Syracuse
	4G	10	vs. South Carolina
	5G	8	vs. Utah
Points	3G	76	vs. Valparaiso
	4G	93	vs. Villanova
	5G	100	vs. Virginia Tech



Match	Kills	Pct.	Digs	Blocks	Assists#	Aces	Points
vs. Arizona	16-Kelbley	.522-Loomis	10-Henican/J. Kinder	6-Kelbley	26	2-J. Kinder	20-Kelbley
at Pepperdine	17-Brewster	.483-Brewster	13-Henican	4-Loomis/Brewster	26	1-J. Kinder/Burrell	19-Brewster
vs. E. Wash.	18-Loomis	.412-Loomis	10-Henican	5-Loomis	29	3-J. Kinder/Kelbley	21.5-Loomis
vs. Houston	22-Kelbley	.476-Brewster	12-Henican	8-Kelbley	27	2-J. Kinder/Kelbley	28.5-Kelbley
at Texas	16-Loomis	.412-Kelbley	12-Burrell (1)	6-Kelbley	23	2-K. Kinder	18.5-Loomis
vs. Valparaiso	24-Loomis	.571-Loomis	28-J. Kinder	5-Brewster	34	2-Henican (1)/Kelbley/Cooper (1)	25.5-Loomis
vs. Indiana	16-Loomis	.375-Neff	13-Henican	7-Kelbley	28	3-Kelbley	18.5-Loomis
vs. Utah	13-Kelbley	.261-Neff	23-J. Kinder	13-Brewster	29	3-Burrell (2)	15.5-Kelbley
vs. S. Carolina	15-Brewster	.310-Kelbley	20-Herdon	6-Kelbley	29	4-J. Kinder	18.5-Brewster
vs. Purdue	15-Loomis	.429-Brewster	15-Henican	13-Brewster	35	3-Brewster	24-Brewster
vs. Villanova	17-Loomis	.412-Loomis	14-Henican	9-Kelbley	51	3-Loomis	23.5-Loomis
vs. Georgetown	16-Brewster	.706-Kelbley	12-Henican	4-Three players	39	3-Brewster	21-Brewster
at St. John's	16-Loomis	.500-Loomis (5)	14-J. Kinder	7-Brewster	45	2-K. Kinder/Herdon	18-Loomis
at UConn	17-Brewster	.593-Brewster	20-Henican	8-Brewster	46	2-J. Kinder/Brewster	24-Brewster
vs. Seton Hall	13-Brewster	.684-Brewster	12-Henican	7-Brewster	40	2-Kelbley	17.5-Brewster
vs. Rutgers	16-Brewster	.560-Brewster	13-Henican	7-Kelbley	39	2-J. Kinder/Kelbley	20.5-Brewster
at N. Carolina	20-Brewster	.361-Brewster	24-J. Kinder	10-Brewster	50	2-Loomis/K. Kinder	27-Brewster
at Rhode Island	10-Kelbley	.412-Brewster	11-J. Kinder	6-Brewster	30	3-J. Kinder	14-Kelbley
at B.C.	11-Loomis	.353-Brewster	10-Henican	11-Brewster	27	1-Loomis/Kelbley (7)	16.5-Loomis
vs. Illinois St.	11-Kelbley/ Brewster	.524-Brewster	17-Henican	6-Kelbley	29	3-Brewster	17-Brewster
vs. Syracuse	19-Loomis	.625-K. Kinder	12-Henican	8-Kelbley	24	3-J. Kinder	22-Loomis
vs. Va. Tech	22-Kelbley/ Brewster	.429-Brewster	18-Loomis (1)	6-Brewster	68	3-Herdon (2)	25.5-Kelbley/Brewster
vs. Miami	15-Kelbley	.462-Brewster	15-Henican	4-Three players	44	1-Loomis/J. Kinder	17-Kelbley (6)
at N. Iowa	14-Brewster	.385-Brewster	17-Henican	9-Brewster	49	2-K. Kinder (4)	19.5-Brewster
at West Virginia	12-Brewster	.625-Kelbley	20-J. Kinder	6-Cooper (1)	35	2-Loomis	15-Brewster
at Pittsburgh	21-Brewster	.275-Brewster	25-Henican	10-Brewster	51	2-Loomis (8)	26.5-Brewster
vs. Miami	16-Brewster	.500-Brewster (15)/K. Kinder	16-J. Kinder (8)/Henican	11-Brewster	47	1-Three players	22.5-Brewster
vs. Pittsburgh	14-Loomis (10)	.368-Neff (3)	21-Henican	5-Neff (3)/Kelbley	38	1-Three players	16-Loomis (9)
at Stanford	10-Kelbley (8)	.556-K. Kinder (3)	10-Henican	5-Brewster (17)/ K. Kinder (1)	34	1-J. Kinder (12)/Brewster	12.5-Brewster
vs. Louisville	16-Brewster (14)	.233-Kelbley (5)	17-Henican (21)	4-Loomis(4)/Kelbley (12)	35	2-Brewster (8)	19-Brewster (16)

- Kristen Kinder led Notre Dame in assists in every match

Note: Numbers in parentheses are number of times player led Irish in that category in 2003.



Did You Know?

Lauren Brewster led Notre Dame in kills 14 times in 2003, more than any other Irish player, after not doing it at all as a rookie in 2002. At one point in the middle of '03, she was Notre Dame's team leader in 10 of 14 matches.

During the 2003 campaign, Emily Loomis led the Irish in kills on 10 occasions, in points nine times, in service aces eight times, in hitting percentage on five occasions, four times in blocks and once in digs.





2003 BIG EAST CONFERENCE AWARDS

Player of the Year
Wendy Hatlestad, Sr., MH, Pittsburgh

Tournament MVP
Megan Miller, Jr., OH, Pittsburgh

Rookie of the Year
Katherine Whitney, OH, Seton Hall

Libero of the Year
Megan McGrane, So., Pittsburgh

Coaches of the Year
Debbie Brown, Notre Dame
Chris Beerman, Pittsburgh

All-BIG EAST First Team
Jackie Ahlers, So., MH, St. John's
Lauren Brewster, So., MB, Notre Dame
Wendy Hatlestad, Sr., OH, Pittsburgh
Lauren Kelbley, So., MB, Notre Dame
Kristen Kinder, Sr., S, Notre Dame
Megan Miller, Jr., MH, Pittsburgh

All-BIG EAST Second Team
Jamie Hadenfeldt, Jr., OH, Connecticut
Emily Loomis, Jr., OPP, Notre Dame
Leyre Santaella Sante, Sr., OH, Miami
Annie Spicer, Jr., OH, Virginia Tech
Kerri Sullivan, Jr., MB, Villanova
Valeria Tipiana, Jr., RS, Miami

All-BIG EAST Honorable Mention
Sara Albert, Jr., MB, Georgetown
Shayla Bush, Sr., OH, Rutgers
Katie Esbrook, Fr., MH, Virginia Tech
Melissa Markowski, So., S, Virginia Tech
Megan McGrane, So., L, Pittsburgh
Sarah Rollman, Sr., OH, Pittsburgh

Multiple-Time Players of the Week
3 Lauren Brewster, So., MB, Notre Dame
3 Jackie Ahlers, So., MH/OH, St. John's
2 Lauren Kelbley, So., MB, Notre Dame
2 Wendy Hatlestad, Sr., OH, Pittsburgh
2 Megan Miller, Jr., MH, Pittsburgh

Multiple-Time Rookies of the Week
4 Jill Robinson, S, Miami
3 Katherine Whitney, OH/RS, Seton Hall
2 Alison Shepp, MB, Boston College

2003 BIG EAST Standings

School	Conf.	%	Overall	%
1. *#Pittsburgh	11-1	.917	26-6	.813
1. *#Notre Dame	11-1	.917	23-7	.767
3. *Miami	9-3	.750	22-9	.710
4. *Villanova	7-5	.583	14-15	.483
4. St. John's	7-5	.583	26-9	.743
4. Virginia Tech	7-5	.583	13-14	.482
7. Connecticut	6-6	.500	20-12	.625
8. Rutgers	5-7	.417	11-17	.393
9. Syracuse	4-8	.333	17-16	.515
10. Boston College	3-9	.250	17-12	.586
10. Georgetown	3-9	.250	9-19	.321
10. Seton Hall	3-9	.250	20-13	.606
13. West Virginia	2-10	.167	6-21	.222

* - BIG EAST Championship participant
- regular-season co-champions
% - tournament champion

2003 BIG EAST Championship

(at Notre Dame)

Semifinals
#1 Pittsburgh def. #4 Villanova 30-24, 30-26, 30-25
#2 Notre Dame def. #3 Miami 30-19, 30-22, 23-30, 30-20
Final
#1 Pittsburgh def. #2 Notre Dame 30-20, 30-26, 31-29

NCAA LEADERS
INDIVIDUAL

Hitting Percentage
1. Jayli Jackson, Florida A&M473

Kills
1. Aline Pereira, George Mason6.66

Assists
1. Kele Eveland, Georgia Tech14.93

Blocks
1. Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame1.78
2. Liz Mikos, Valparaiso1.77

Digs
1. Sarah Gascon, Southeastern Louisiana6.66

Aces
1. Stephanie Cisneros, Hampton1.23

TEAM
Hitting Percentage
1. Florida A&M364
47. Notre Dame251

Kills
1. Georgia Tech18.26

Assists
1. Georgia Tech17.05

Aces
1. Hampton3.41

Blocks
1. Notre Dame3.72
2. Cornell3.52

Digs
1. Southeastern Louisiana21.11

USA Today/AVCA Division I
Coaches Top 25 (Final)

Team	Pre-Volleyball				RPI
	W-L	Season	Mag.		
1. USC (65)	35-0	1	1	1	
2. Florida	36-2	3	2	2	
3. Hawai'i	36-2	2	3	3	
4. Minnesota	26-11	6	4	10	
5. UCLA	24-9	13	6	14	
6. Pepperdine	27-3	5	9	4	
7. Penn State	31-5	11	8	8	
8. Georgia Tech	34-4	12	7	5	
9. Washington	23-9	RP	5	24	
10. Stanford	25-7	4	10	9	
11. Kansas State	30-5	15	14	7	
12. California	25-7	24	12	12	
13. Nebraska	28-5	7	11	6	
14. Colorado State	30-5	RP	13	11	
15. Illinois	26-7	—	15	13	
16. Texas A&M	23-10	RP	16	16	
17. Loyola Marymount	26-7	RP	RV	29	
18. Northern Iowa	28-6	8	17	21	
19. Santa Clara	20-11	14	RV	25	
20. Louisville	25-6	22	19	15	
21. Wisconsin	22-11	17	RV	37	
22. UC Santa Barbara	19-9	9	RV	23	
23. Utah	22-9	RP	RV	39	
24. NOTRE DAME	23-7	RP	RV	17	
25. Maryland	27-8	—	RV	18	

Other receiving points and listed on 2+ ballots:
Pittsburgh (18th VB Mag.), Kansas (20th VB Mag.), Arkansas, Ohio, Florida A&M, Brigham Young, UC Irvine, Michigan, San Francisco, Arizona, Dayton.

Bold indicates 2003 Notre Dame opponent. () - first-place votes

BIG EAST Leaders —
All Matches

INDIVIDUAL

Hitting Percentage
1. Megan Miller, Pittsburgh361
4. Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame ..341

Kills
1. Jackie Ahlers, St. John's5.02

Assists
1. Lindsey Macke, Pittsburgh13.20
7. Kristen Kinder, Notre Dame10.17

Aces
1. Katherine Whitney, Seton Hall0.62

Blocks
1. Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame ..1.78
2. Ashleigh Young, Rutgers1.27
3. Lauren Kelbley, Notre Dame1.24
7. Katie Neff, Notre Dame1.10
8. Emily Loomis, Notre Dame1.09

Digs
1. Megan McGrane, Pittsburgh5.36
4. Meg Henican, Notre Dame3.84

Points
1. Jackie Ahlers, St. John's5.69
4. Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame ..4.87

TEAM

Hitting Percentage
1. St. John's259
3. Notre Dame251

Opponent Hitting Percentage
1. Connecticut161
3. Notre Dame165

Assists
1. Pittsburgh15.40
4. Notre Dame13.97

Kills
1. Pittsburgh16.70
4. Notre Dame15.54

Blocks
1. Notre Dame3.72
2. Pittsburgh2.62

Aces
1. Boston College2.02
8. Notre Dame1.44

Digs
1. Connecticut18.29
5. Notre Dame15.48

Notre Dame listings in bold

BIG EAST Leaders —
Conference Matches

INDIVIDUAL

Hitting Percentage
1. Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame ..403
2. Katie Esbrook, Virginia Tech362
4. Lauren Kelbley, Notre Dame340

Kills
1. Jackie Ahlers, St. John's4.95
10. Emily Loomis, Notre Dame3.76

Assists
1. Shawn McDonald, Seton Hall12.53
4. Kristen Kinder, Notre Dame12.12

Aces
1. Basak Karamehmet, Georgetown0.56
10. Jessica Kinder, Notre Dame0.26

Blocks
1. Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame ..1.93
2. Sara Albert, Georgetown1.38
3. Lauren Kelbley, Notre Dame1.34
4. Emily Loomis, Notre Dame1.29

Digs
1. Xaimara Coss, Connecticut5.13
5. Meg Henican, Notre Dame4.07

Points
1. Wendy Hatlestad, Pittsburgh5.52
5. Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame ..5.10
8. Emily Loomis, Notre Dame4.75

TEAM

Hitting Percentage
1. Notre Dame288
2. Miami245

Opponent Hitting Percentage
1. Notre Dame134
2. Pittsburgh162

Assists
1. Miami15.17
2. Notre Dame14.79

Kills
1. Miami16.34
2. Notre Dame16.26

Blocks
1. Notre Dame4.21
2. Pittsburgh2.76

Aces
1. Georgetown2.05
2. Notre Dame1.48

Digs
1. Connecticut18.33
6. Notre Dame15.62





Kim Fletcher

#10 • 6-0 • OPP/OH/MB • 2004 Graduate

Majors: Anthropology, Computer Applications
Final GPA: 3.688

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Second Team All-BIG EAST (2001)
BIG EAST All-Rookie Team (2000)

Versatile player was a key performer for the Irish at different times throughout her career ... played all three front row positions, posting .270 career hitting percentage ... one of the best all-around athletes on the team ... superb student finished her career with four consecutive 4.000 GPA semesters ... graduated magna cum laude with a 3.688 GPA and six straight Dean's List appearances ... joined the Peace Corps in July 2004 and will spend the next two years in the west African nation of The Gambia, teaching computer literacy in schools.

AS A SENIOR: Key contributor at times for Irish frontline in 2003 ... played in 15 matches, mostly at opposite, starting five times ... averaged 2.36 kills, 1.45 digs, and 0.64 blocks as a starter ... started at outside hitter vs. Eastern Washington and at opposite vs. Villanova, Georgetown, Rhode Island, and Boston College ... had 11 kills on career-high 32 attempts, as well as four digs and three blocks, vs. Wildcats ... had seven kills and six digs vs. Rams ... Irish were victorious in all five of her starts, dropping just two of 17 games ... Notre Dame hit .258 in those matches, with 15.65 kills and 4.24 blocks per game ... hit .283 with 1.89 kills and 0.78 blocks per game in helping Irish to undefeated record in October.

AS A JUNIOR: Appeared in 16 matches and 31 games during the 2002 season ... notched double-digit kills vs. Colorado (10) and Connecticut (11) ... played a key role in Notre Dame's victory over UConn, coming up with five blocks, 11 kills, and an ace in three games ... utilized off the bench during the '02 season ... scored five kills against Loyola College and Providence.

AS A SOPHOMORE: All-BIG EAST second-team selection in 2001 ... one of Notre Dame's top middle blockers (25 of 29 starts), appearing in 99 of the team's 103 games ... accumulated nine double-digit kill matches ... had a spectacular first weekend of competition, earning the Shamrock Invitational Most Valuable Player award after leading the team to three victories in the tournament ... had 13 kills on 19 attempts (no errors) for a .684 hitting percentage against Southwest Texas State in the season opener ... came back for eight kills, seven digs and four blocks the next day against Florida Atlantic ... stepped up in the Shamrock Invitational championship match, recording the first double-double of her career with 14 kills (on .448 hitting) and 10 digs vs. Cal Poly ... struggled on offense against Georgetown in the regular-season matchup against the Hoyas, but broke out for nine blocks ... posted 14 kills, four digs and seven blocks at Toledo ... one of the top performers in Notre Dame's four-game victory at Connecticut, scoring 14 kills and seven blocks ... hit 14 kills for the third time in five matches against Rutgers ... just missed a second double-double with 11 kills and nine digs at Kentucky ... second career double-double came in the BIG EAST championship match against Georgetown with 10 kills and 10 blocks (also four digs) ... ended the season as Notre Dame's top performer in the NCAA tournament matchup against #20 Michigan State in Madison, Wis., with 16 kills (on .355 hitting).

AS A FRESHMAN: BIG EAST All-Rookie team selection in 2000 ... provided a spark with some powerful and accurate hitting ... recorded her first career kill and block in the Fairfield match ... had three kills and a block in the upset of #15 BYU ... had two kills, four blocks, and three kills vs. Clemson ... notched three kills, four digs, and two blocks against #3 UCLA ... totaled five kills and four blocks against #16 Michigan State ... posted seven kills against Stanford ... had six kills and two blocks vs. Wyoming ... had five blocks at West Virginia ... played a major role in the Irish victory at Pittsburgh with eight kills (8-1-11) for a .636 hitting percentage ... scored a kill in 16 of 17 matches ... helped the Irish post two impressive conference victories over the weekend of Oct. 28-29 ... had six kills, three digs and three blocks at St. John's ... notched four kills and six blocks at Connecticut ... had five kills vs. Boston College and Saint Louis and four against Providence ... one of the Irish stars of the five-game match at #3 USC ... came off the bench to score a season-high 10 kills vs. the Trojans on .321 hitting ... also had three blocks, three digs, and two aces, including a solo block to earn a game-three victory for the Irish against the Trojans.

PREP AND PERSONAL: Named to the "Fab 50" by Volleyball and the "Super 75" by All-Stater ... two-sport star (also track and field) at Nerinx Hall High School in Webster's Grove, Mo. ... named team MVP as a junior and senior ... earned all-conference and all-metro honors her final three years ... started all four years at middle blocker ... led the team in kills (764/9.43) and blocks (117/1.44) in 81 games played her senior season, the third straight year she led the team in both categories ... led Nerinx to the conference and district titles in 1999, the first season in which the school competed at the 4A district level ... team finished fifth in the state that year ... earned all-tournament recognition in 1999 at the Crossroads Classic in Effingham, Ill., leading Nerinx to first place in the silver division ... competed in club-level volleyball since 1994, when she was named an AAU All-American (12-under) while a member of the St. Charles Volleyball Club ... St. Charles finished third at the United States Junior Nationals that season ... participated for St. Charles in the Davis Volleyball Festival in 1996, helping them finish 19th out of 211 teams ... along with future Irish teammate Katie Neff, competed for St. Louis Elite

CAREER HIGHS

- Kills:** 16 vs. Michigan State, 11-30-01
- Digs:** 10 vs. Idaho, 9-1-01
- Blocks:** 10 vs. Georgetown, 11-18-01
- Assists:** 3 vs. Idaho, 9-1-01
- Aces:** 2 on three occasions
- TA:** 32 vs. Villanova, 9-26-03
- Hitting %:**
 - 3G - .684 (13-0-19) vs. Southwest Texas St., 8-31-01
 - 4G - .455 (14-4-22) at Connecticut, 10-7-01
 - 5G - .471 (10-2-17) vs. Georgetown, 11-18-01

Volleyball Club from 1997-99 ... earned USJN all-tournament honors in the 16 open division in 1998, with her team taking first in the silver division ... repeated her all-tournament status in 1999, leading her team to first place again ... also a standout in the discus, triple jump, high jump, shot put and 4x400 relay as a three-year member of the Nerinx track and field team ... set the school record for the high jump in 1999 ... earned all-conference honors in track and field while helping Nerinx win the conference title ... her mother, Karen, played basketball for the University of Missouri-St. Louis ... has a brother Tim and two sisters, Val and Laura ... daughter of Karen and Chuck Fletcher ... born June 1, 1982, in St. Louis, Mo. ... finished collegiate career with four consecutive 4.000 GPA semesters ... named to Dean's List six times en route to 3.688 final GPA ... a member of Notre Dame's Academic Honors Program for Student-Athletes ... four times named a BIG EAST Conference Academic All-Star ... graduated magna cum laude in May 2004 from the College of Arts and Letters as an anthropology and computer applications double major.

Fletcher's Career Statistics

Year	GP/MP/MS	K	Avg.	E	TA	Pct.	A	Avg.	BHE	SA	Avg.	SE	Dig	Avg.	RE	BS/BA	Avg.	BE	Pts. Avg.	
2000	58/25/0	88	1.52	32	206	.272	8	0.14	1	8	0.14	0	36	0.62	10	2/37	0.67	0	116.5	2.01
2001	99/29/25	252	2.55	89	534	.305	17	0.17	7	12	0.12	12	109	1.10	15	11/107	1.19	7	328.5	3.32
2002	31/16/1	52	1.68	22	113	.265	8	0.26	0	3	0.10	3	17	0.55	0	3/17	0.65	1	66.5	2.15
2003	24/15/5	40	1.67	23	131	.130	34	0.22	0	0	0.00	5	25	1.04	2	2/10	0.50	2	47.0	1.96
Career	212/85/31	432	2.04	166	984	.270	42	0.19	2	23	0.11	20	187	0.88	17	18/171	0.89	10	558.5	2.63





Kristen Kinder

#8 • 5-9 • S • 2004 Graduate

Majors: Sociology, Computer Applications
Final GPA: 3.75

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- AVCA Honorable Mention All America (2003)
- BIG EAST Setter of the Year (2001)
- AVCA All-Northeast Region (2001, 2003)
- First Team All-BIG EAST (2003)
- AVCA Honorable Mention All-Northeast Region (2002)
- Second Team All-BIG EAST (2001, 2002)
- Team MVP (2002, 2003)
- Rockne Student-Athlete Award (2002, 2003)
- Byron V. Kanaley Award
- Co-Captain (2002, 2003)

One of just three players in school history to be Notre Dame's starting setter for three consecutive seasons ... helped Irish to 67-22 (.753) record as a starter, as well as a .257 hitting percentage over past three campaigns, highlighted by two finishes among the NCAA leaders and a pair BIG EAST hitting percentage titles ... finished career third on Irish all-time assists list (3,652) and fourth in assist average (10.84) ... named AVCA honorable mention All-America as a senior, becoming just second Irish setter ever to garner any type of All-America accolades ... two-time all-Northeast Region selection and three-time all-conference honoree, becoming third Notre Dame player to be tabbed all-BIG EAST three times ... named BIG EAST Setter of the Year in 2001 (an award no longer given) ... led Notre Dame to .286 hitting percentage in league matches, leading the BIG EAST in each of her years as a starter ... won both team MVP and team's Rockne Student-Athlete Award in each of final two seasons, becoming first Irish player ever to win both honors multiple times ... honored with the Byron V. Kanaley Award, the most prestigious honor afforded to Irish student-athletes, which is presented to senior monogram winners who have been most exemplary as both students and leaders ... served as team captain in 2002 and '03 ... a vocal leader both on and off the court.

AS A SENIOR: Orchestrated Irish offense for third consecutive season, leading Notre Dame to .251 hitting percentage (47th in NCAA Division I) ... named AVCA honorable mention All-America ... also garnered all-Northeast Region accolades and first-team all-BIG EAST mention ... is just the third player in Irish history to earn all-BIG EAST honors three times ... named team MVP and squad's Rockne Student-Athlete, both for second year in a row ... started all 30 matches and played in all 109 games ... served as second-year co-captain along with twin sister Jessica, leading Irish to one of most successful seasons in history ... combined with Kelly Burrell in 6-2 rotation for first 10 matches before becoming full-time setter in 5-1 ... led team in assists (1,108/10.17) and ranked seventh in BIG EAST, due largely to splitting time in first 10 matches ... in league matches only, was fourth in assists (509/12.12) ... among team leaders in conference matches, placed Irish first in hitting percentage (.288) and second in kills (16.26) and assists (14.79) ... ranked third on team in hitting percentage (.279) and digs (242/2.22) and fourth in service aces (21/0.19) ... in addition to leading team in assists in all 30 matches, also was tops in aces four times ... as full-time setter, helped Irish hit .263, with 15.84 kills and 14.41 assists per game after Notre Dame had a .231 attack percentage and 15.02 kills and 13.23 assists per game in the 6-2 ... also had 83 kills on .317 hitting in the 5-1 ... set Irish to hitting percentages over .250 11 times in 20 matches in the 5-1, including five marks over .350 ... named BIG EAST Player of the Week for second time in career on 11/1, setting Irish to .305 hitting percentage in beating Miami and Virginia Tech, while averaging 14.00 assists per game and adding 13 kills on .333 hitting ... helped Notre Dame to .324 hitting percentage in upsetting #10 Arizona in opener ... had season-high 14 digs vs. Utah ... set Irish to .311 attack percentage vs. Purdue ... helped team to .350+ hitting marks four times in five-match stretch: vs. Georgetown (.358), St. John's (.369), Seton Hall (.436), and Rutgers (.352) ... the mark against the Pirates was the best for Notre Dame since 2001 ... had five kills on .667 hitting herself in that match ... took part in season-high five blocks vs. North Carolina ... had five kills on .625 hitting vs. Syracuse to go along with 10 digs ... posted career-high 68 assists in helping Irish to .291 hitting percentage in five-game win over Virginia Tech ... it was the most for a Notre Dame player since Denise Boylan had 86 in 2000 ... had 44 assists and six kills on .455 hitting in leading Irish to .326 mark and victory against Miami ... set Notre Dame to .358 attack percentage at West Virginia, adding five kills on .444 hitting ... had season-high 15 digs vs. Pittsburgh ... had eight kills on .500 hitting to go along with 15 digs vs. Miami in BIG EAST semifinals ... had five kills on .556 hitting at #6 Stanford ... led Irish with nine double-doubles to finish with 27 in her career ... had 10 or more digs nine times ... instrumental in Notre Dame's 14-match winning streak (second-longest in school history), leading the Irish to a .286 hitting percentage and 16.25 kills and 14.60 assists per game ... helped Irish hit .288 in BIG EAST matches and .283 against the Northeast Region, with Notre Dame averaging 16.15 kills and 14.67 assists vs. the latter group ... became an extremely effective offensive threat over the final half of the season, posting a .365 individual attack percentage in the final 16 matches.

AS A JUNIOR: All-BIG EAST second-team selection in 2002 ... honorable mention AVCA All-Northeast Region ... named the 2002 team Monogram Club MVP ... also took home the team's Knute Rockne Student-Athlete award ... helped the Irish hit .265 as a team ... that mark ranked fifth all-time in Notre Dame volleyball history ... set career

True Student-Athletes

The Class of 2004 may go down as, academically, the top class in the history of Notre Dame volleyball. All four graduated with honors, posting a combined 3.669 grade-point average. The group combined for 26 Dean's List semesters (out of a possible 32), highlighted by seven 4.000 GPAs. Kim Fletcher (3.688, anthropology/computer applications) finished her collegiate career with four consecutive 4.000 semesters, while Katie Neff (3.692, American studies) was named to the Dean's List in all eight of her semesters. Kristen Kinder (3.725, sociology/computer applications), twice honored with the Rockne Student-Athlete Award, was a seven-time Dean's List student who earned 4.000s on two occasions, while Jessica Kinder (3.569, psychology/sociology) was on the Dean's List five times.

marks for kills (120), hitting percentage (.271) and blocks (61) ... set a then-career mark for assists in a match with 67 during Notre Dame's upset of #10 Pepperdine in the Golden Dome Invitational ... posted back-to-back 60-assist matches with 60 at Purdue (a 3-2 loss to the Boilermakers) ... improved on offense, posting 11 matches with more than five kills ... appeared on three all-tournament teams during the season ... named Shamrock Invitational Most Outstanding Player after helping the Irish defeat UW-Milwaukee, Cincinnati and Cal Poly to claim the tournament title ... also named to the Loyola Marymount Classic and Golden Dome Invitational all-tournament teams ... led the team in double-double performances with eight (34 assists, 11 digs vs. Cincinnati • 32 assists, 11 digs at Valparaiso • 67 assists, 10 digs vs. #10 Pepperdine • 39 assists, 11 digs vs. Michigan • 45 assists, 12 digs vs. Pittsburgh • 52 assists, 10 digs at Illinois State • 55 assists, 14 digs at Miami (Fla.) • 50 assists, 11 digs vs. Connecticut).

AS A SOPHOMORE: BIG EAST Setter of the Year in 2001 ... combined with '00 graduate Denise Boylan to win the first two setter-of-the-year awards offered by the conference ... 2001 all-BIG EAST second-team selection ... started all 29 matches and played in all 103 games ... helped the Irish hit .256 as a team for the season ... also helped the team hit .261 in BIG EAST Conference matches ... posted 10 double-doubles during the season and surpassed the 1,000-assist barrier ... one of the best all-around players on the team with 100 kills (sixth on the team), a .240 hitting percentage (fifth), 38 aces (first), 242 digs (first) and 56 blocks (tied for fifth) ... flirted with a triple-double three times during the season against Georgetown (42 assists, 11 digs, six blocks), Providence (36 assists, 10 digs, six blocks) and Saint

CAREER HIGHS

- Kills:** 8 at Miami, 11-15-02
- Digs:** 17 vs. Illinois State, 11-14-01
- Blocks:** 6 vs. G'town, 9-30-01; at Providence, 10-28-01
- Assists:** 68 vs. Virginia Tech, 11-7-03
- Aces:** 4 vs. Syracuse, 9-22-01
- TA:** 20 vs. Miami, 11-15-02
- Hitting %:**
- 3G - .750 (6-0-8) at Valparaiso, 9-10-02
- 4G - .417 (6-1-12) vs. Pittsburgh, 10-25-02
- 5G - .350 (8-1-20) at Miami, 11-15-02





AS A FRESHMAN: Played in 20 games during the 2000 season ... saw her first collegiate action against Clemson and tallied six assists and a dig ... had three kills and five assists in one game at Valparaiso ... best match of the season came vs. Samford ... posted four kills, 15 assists, three aces and nine digs against the Bulldogs ... totaled 16 assists vs. Wyoming, including setting the Irish to a .286 hitting percentage in the match ... played in one and a half games vs. Villanova, with 16 assists while adding five digs and two kills ... had 13 assists, five digs and one block in one game at West Virginia ... started games two and three vs. Seton Hall ... had 17 assists, two kills, two digs and a block against the Pirates ... played two games against Boston College, notching 16 assists and four digs ... set a career-mark for assists with 21 vs. Providence ... also had three digs, two kills and a block vs. the Friars.

PREP AND PERSONAL: A three-sport athlete at Bullard High School ... earned four letters as a setter on the Bullard volleyball team, two letters in track and field and one in cross country ... named co-player of the year in 1999 by the Fresno Bee, sharing the honor with her

twin sister ... also earned an Academic Athlete Award all four years ... named to the Blocks and Kills Super Squad in 1999 ... led team to four years of undefeated play in North Yosemite League, compiling a 40-0 record ... Bullard was ranked third in California and 11th nationally in 1999 ... played for the Fresno Red Volleyball Club from 1998-2000 ... was also a member of the USA Volleyball Youth National Beach team in 1997 ... earned All-America honors at the 1999 and 2000 junior beach volleyball nationals ... named MVP of running events for the track team in 1997 ... helped Bullard track and field take the league championship in 1997 and '98 ... boasted a 4.32 GPA and graduated *summa cum laude*, sharing valedictorian honors with her sister ... awarded a lifetime membership to the California Scholastic Federation ... member of the Bullard High School Leadership Group ... father, Bruce, and mother, Denise, are both registered nurses ... combined with twin sister, Jessica, to become just the third set of twin sisters to earn monograms in the same sport at Notre Dame ... born April 6, 1982, in Fresno, Calif. ... named to Dean's List in each of final seven semesters en route to a team-high 3.725 final GPA ... twice posted 4.000 GPAs, in fall of 2002 and spring '04 ... recipient of Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley Rockne Student-Athlete Award as a junior and senior ... CoSIDA Academic All-America nominee in 2001, '02, and '03 ... four times named a BIG EAST Conference Academic All-Star ... graduated *magna cum laude* in May 2004 from the College of Arts and Letters as a sociology and computer applications double major.

Louis (37 assists, 12 digs, seven kills) ... helped the team to some outstanding match hitting performances, including a .495 team hitting percentage at Pittsburgh (third-best all-time in a three-game match at the time) ... also led the team to a .400 hitting mark against St. John's ... contributed at least 30 assists in each match during the year ... established a then-career high with 65 assists (five games) vs. Illinois State ... three-game-match high assists was 46 (vs. Seton Hall and Rutgers) ... four-game-match high assists was 56 at Connecticut ... double-doubles included 35 assists, 10 digs vs. Florida Atlantic; 36 assists, 11 digs vs. Syracuse; 42 assists, 11 digs vs. Georgetown; 56 assists, 16 digs at Toledo; 30 assists, 11 digs vs. #16 Northern Iowa; 54 assists, 14 digs at Kentucky; 37 assists, 12 digs at Saint Louis; 36 assists, 10 digs at Providence; 65 assists, 17 digs vs. Illinois State; 44 assists, 14 digs vs. Georgetown in the BIG EAST Championship match ... led the team in aces with 38, including a career-high five at Kentucky ... also had four aces against Syracuse.

Class of 2004 Notes

- Posted a .766 four-year winning percentage (109-31)
- Advanced to the NCAA tournament all four years, winning opening-round contests in 2000 and '02
- Compiled 45-3 (.938) regular-season record in BIG EAST Conference play, helping the Irish to league titles every season
- Won BIG EAST tournament championships in 2000, '01, and '02 before falling in the final in '03
- Registered 52-7 (.881) record in matches in the Joyce Center
- Claimed four Shamrock Invitational titles, while also winning the 2000 Lady Seminole Classic, '02 Golden Dome Invitational, and '03 Longhorn Classic
- Delivered wins against #10 Pepperdine (3-2 in '02), #10 Arizona (3-1 in '03), #15 BYU (3-2 in '00), and #22 Loyola Marymount (3-1 in '00)
- Helped the Irish set 16 team school records over the past four seasons
- Visited 22 states and the District of Columbia during the 2000-03 Irish volleyball seasons, including Hawaii, North Carolina, Nebraska, Texas, and several cities throughout California and Florida

Kristen Kinder's Career Statistics

Year	GP/MP/MS	K	Avg.	E	TA	Pct.	A	Avg.	BHE	SA	Avg.	SE	Dig	Avg.	RE	BS/BA	Avg.	BE	Pts.	Avg.
2000	20/13/0	18	0.90	10	45	.178	142	7.10	4	3	0.15	8	39	1.95	1	0/5	0.25	2	23.5	1.18
2001	103/29/29	100	0.97	40	250	.240	1215	11.80	26	38	0.37	44	242	2.35	2	8/48	0.54	9	170.0	1.65
2002	105/30/30	120	1.14	41	291	.271	1187	11.30	13	18	0.17	31	218	2.08	0	5/56	0.58	15	171.0	1.63
2003	109/30/30	88	0.81	32	201	.279	1108	10.17	16	21	0.19	30	242	2.22	0	0/38	0.35	4	128.0	1.17
Career	337/102/89	326	0.97	123	787	.258	3652	10.84	59	80	0.24	113	741	2.20	3	13/147	0.47	30	492.5	1.46





Jessica Kinder

#5 • 5-9 • OH • 2004 Graduate

Majors: Psychology, Sociology
Final GPA: 3.569

Fresno, CA • Bullard H.S.
Fresno Red VBC

Co-Captain (2003)

Two-year starter for Irish at outside hitter was one of team's top all-around players throughout final half of her career ... powerful jump serve was responsible for 122 aces during her career, third-most in school history ... also ranks third with 0.359 ace average ... her 2002 season (53 aces, 0.50 per game) was the top serving campaign ever by an Irish player other than career aces leader Angie Harris ... had 673 digs in final two seasons for 3.12 average ... set Irish record for digs in a three-game match with 28 against Valparaiso on Sept. 9, 2003 ... arguably the top athlete on the team ... could dominate both defensively and offensively ... an expert at the rollshot and able to cover much of the court on defense ... could attack the ball and hit harder than any other offensive player on the team ... served as team captain in 2003 with her twin sister, Kristen.

AS A SENIOR: Provided a boost in all facets of Irish game as second-year starter at outside hitter, ranking among top five on team in six categories ... served as co-captain with twin sister Kristen, leading Irish to one of most successful seasons in history ... started all 30 matches and played in all 109 games ... led team in service aces (33/0.31) for second straight year ... ranked 10th in league leaders counting BIG EAST matches only (11/0.26) ... second on Irish in digs (354/3.25), tied for third in assists (66/0.61), and fifth in kills (177/1.62), points (237/2.17), and blocks (48/0.44) ... her dig total tied for the eighth-highest in school history, while her average also ranks eighth ... combined with Meg Henican to be fourth-most prolific digging duo in Irish history (773 digs) ... set Notre Dame record for digs in a three-game match vs. Valparaiso (28) with 10 in the first game, three in the second and 15 in the third ... previous record was 25 by

Tracey Shelton against Butler in 1989, and no player other than Shelton and Kinder has had more than 21 digs in a three-game match ... also posted fifth-best digging performance in a three-game match, with 20 at West Virginia ... named to Shamrock Invitational all-tournament team, notching a team-high 47 digs (3.62), while adding 17 kills, seven aces, five assists, and three blocks ... a major reason Notre Dame shattered the school record for fewest service aces allowed per game (0.94 in '03, previous record was 1.11) ... key to the unit that held BIG EAST opponents to a .134 hitting percentage, the best mark in the league ... had 10+ digs on 17 occasions, including four matches of 20 or more ... led Irish in digs eight times ... had a service ace in 20 of 30 matches, leading team in category 12 times ... served up four aces against South Carolina, the top performance by a Notre Dame player in '03 ... had 23 digs, six kills, three blocks, and two aces vs. Utah ... registered 19 digs, eight kills, six blocks, two assists, and two aces vs. UConn ... turned in 24 digs and seven kills at North Carolina ... her dig total was the highest in a four-game match for an Irish player since Kristy Kreher had 27 in 2000 against Loyola Marymount ... had identical lines of eight kills and one error on 19 attempts (.368) vs. Houston and St. John's ... notched six kills on .500 hitting vs. Rutgers ... had nine kills vs. Villanova and Illinois State, hitting .412 vs. Redbirds ... registered seventh career double-double vs. Virginia Tech, with 10 kills and 10 digs ... had nine kills on .318 hitting to go along with nine digs vs. Miami ... had top offensive match of season vs. Hurricanes in BIG EAST semifinals, with 13 kills on .345 hitting ... also had 16 digs, six assists, and four blocks ... in the Joyce Center, averaged 1.87 kills, 3.44 digs, and 0.48 blocks, while hitting .227 ... hit .246 with 1.88 kills, 3.85 digs, and 0.62 blocks in helping Irish to 8-0 month of October.

AS A JUNIOR: Moved into a starting role for the Irish at outside hitter ... appeared in all 32 matches (starting 31 of them) and 107 of a possible 113 games ... led the team in aces with a career-best 53 (0.50 per game) ... her ace average ranked second in the BIG EAST Conference ... her 53 aces was the highest single-season mark since Angie Harris posted 59 aces in 1997 ... those 53 aces also rank fourth on the all-time single-season list ... ended up with a career-best 12 double-digit kill matches ... set a career-best for kills (15) twice (at Purdue, vs. Connecticut in the BIG EAST Championship) ... enjoyed a great three-match stretch from 10-25 to 10-29, hitting for 14, 14 and 12 kills against Pittsburgh, West Virginia and Illinois State, respectively ... flashed her outstanding ability on defense by putting up five matches with more than 15 digs ... finished the season with a seven-match streak of double-digit dig performances ... reached a then-career high in digs (22) during Notre Dame's upset of #10 Pepperdine during the Golden Dome Invitational ... also reached the 20-dig plateau against Charleston (21) and Michigan State (20) during the NCAA Championship ... second on the team in double-double performance with seven (10 kills, 11 digs vs. Cincinnati • 12 kills, 10 digs at Loyola Marymount • 14 kills, 12 digs vs. Loyola College • 13 kills, 22 digs vs. #10 Pepperdine • 14 kills, 10 digs vs. Pittsburgh • 12 kills, 16 digs at Illinois State • 15 kills, 13 digs vs. Connecticut in the BIG EAST Championship).

AS A SOPHOMORE: Saw a significant increase in playing time, appearing in 78 of the team's 103 games ... made first career start during the first weekend of competition against Florida Atlantic during the Shamrock Invitational ... established a career-high for kills (seven) three times ... had two double-digit dig performances ... had seven kills with 10 digs and a block in Notre Dame's four-game loss to #7 Florida ... posted 10 digs in four-game victory at Connecticut ... broke out for a career-best five aces, as

well as five kills and five digs against Villanova ... had three blocks twice (vs. Idaho and at Providence) ... had one of her best matches of the season against the Friars, scoring seven kills, eight digs and an ace, in addition to three blocks.

AS A FRESHMAN: Wielded a powerful jump-serve used as a weapon off the bench ... one of the team leaders in aces with 12 in 2000 ... recorded her first career kill on her first attempt in the Fairfield match ... gave the Irish a huge spark off the bench in the upset of #15 BYU with two kills, three aces, a career-high eight digs and a block ... had three aces, three digs and a block against #4 Nebraska ... had four kills vs. #3 UCLA ... posted three kills, three digs and two aces vs. Stanford ... notched a career-high seven kills to go along with seven digs vs. Villanova ... notched three kills and six digs at West Virginia ... had three kills and three digs in one game at Michigan ... played two games against Rutgers, scoring three kills and four digs ... had four kills on career-best .571 hitting vs. Boston College ... posted two kills and a dig in one game at Syracuse.

PREP AND PERSONAL: One of the "Super 75" in the *All Stater Sports* class of 2000 ... three-sport athlete at Bullard High School ... named to the North Yosemite League all-star team all four years ... earned NYL player-of-the-year honors as a sophomore and senior ... named to the Fresno Bee all-Valley team from 1997-99 and shared player-of-the-year honors with sister in 1999 ... member of the Blocks and Kills Super Squad in 1999 ... helped lead Bullard to a four-year undefeated run in NYL conference play, compiling a 40-0 record ... named an All-American by *Student Sport* in 1999 ... earned an Academic Athlete Award all four years ... named the top senior female athlete at Bullard in 2000 ... was the volleyball team MVP as a sophomore and junior ... led the team to the Valley championship in 1999 after finishing second in '98 ... Bullard was ranked third in California in 1999 and 11th nationally ... member of the Fresno Red Volleyball Club that finished fifth at the 1999 and 2000 junior nationals ... played on the USA Volleyball youth national beach team in 1997 and was an alternate in 1998 ... earned All-America honors at the USA junior nationals in 1999 ... a member of the two-time ('97 and '98) league champion Bullard track and field team ... also ran cross country in '96, helping the team win the league title ... boasted a 4.32 GPA at Bullard, graduating *summa cum laude* and sharing valedictorian honors with sister ... daughter of Denise and Bruce Kinder, who are both registered nurses ... combined with twin sister, Kristen, to become just the third set of twin sisters to earn monograms in the same sport at Notre Dame ... born April 6, 1982, in Fresno, Calif. ... named to Dean's List on five occasions en route to a 3.569 final GPA ... four times named a BIG EAST Conference Academic All-Star ... graduated *cum laude* in May 2004 from the College of Arts and Letters as a psychology and sociology double major.

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 15 at Purdue, 9-18-02; vs. UConn, 9-27-02

Digs: 28 vs. Valparaiso, 9-9-03

Blocks: 6 at Connecticut, 10-5-03

Assists: 10 vs. Houston, 9-5-03

Aces: 5 vs. Villanova, 10-12-01

TA: 37 at Purdue, 9-18-02

Hitting %:

3G - .522 (14-2-23) vs. Loyola, 9-14-02

4G - .391 (14-5-23) vs. West Virginia, 10-27-02

5G - .368 (8-1-19) vs. Houston, 9-5-03

Jessica Kinder's Career Statistics

Year	GPMP/MS	K	Avg.	E	TA	Pct.	A	Avg.	BHE	SA	Avg.	SE	Dig	Avg.	RE	BS/BA	Avg.	BE	Pts.	Avg.
2000	46/22/0	43	0.93	29	141	.099	8	0.17	0	12	0.26	26	66	1.43	4	0/8	0.17	1	59.0	1.28
2001	78/29/1	62	0.79	41	183	.115	8	0.10	2	24	0.31	54	97	1.24	9	2/12	0.18	1	94.0	1.21
2002	107/32/31	255	2.38	123	698	.189	38	0.36	1	53	0.50	68	319	2.98	15	17/52	0.64	10	351.0	3.28
2003	109/30/30	177	1.62	78	536	.185	66	0.61	2	33	0.30	68	354	3.25	29	6/42	0.44	6	237.0	2.17
Career	340/113/62	537	1.58	271	1558	.171	120	0.35	5	122	0.36	216	836	2.46	57	25/114	0.41	18	741.0	2.18





Katie Neff

#15 • 6-4 • OPP/MB • 2004 Graduate

Majors: American Studies
Final GPA: 3.692

St. Louis, MO
Cor Jesu Academy
St. Louis Elite VBC

One of the tallest players in Irish history was a regular at opposite over the last half of her career ... averaged 2.17 kills per game with a .251 career hitting percentage ... one of the most prolific blocking non-middles in Notre Dame history, averaging 1.00 block per game throughout her career (the second-highest block average for a non-middle blocker and 12th overall) ... a major reason Notre Dame finished in the top five in Division I in blocking in three straight years, culminating in '03 NCAA team blocking crown ... hits the ball at a very high point and unusual angles ... outstanding student was named to Dean's List in all eight collegiate semesters, highlighted by a 4.000 grade-point average in spring of 2002 ... graduated *magna cum laude* with a 3.692 GPA ... Jennifer Rouse (1994-96) and Majenica Rupe (1992), both 6-5, are only taller players in 24-year history of Irish varsity volleyball.

AS A SENIOR: Played in every match at opposite in 2003, starting 16 times, including each of the final 11 matches ... ranked third on team in block average (113/1.10) and fourth in both kills (202/1.96) and points (271.5/2.63) ... a major reason Notre Dame led the nation in team blocking (3.72) and set a school record for the second straight season ... one of four Irish players averaging over 1.00 block per game ... combined with Lauren Brewster, Lauren Kelbley, and Emily Loomis as the only quartet in Notre Dame history to have 100 blocks apiece in the same season ... the foursome first accomplished the feat in 2002 and duplicated it in '03 ... posted 51 kills (2.83) on .292 hitting (51-11-137) over final five matches ... named to the Shamrock Invitational all-tournament team, registering 30 kills and 14 blocks and posting the highest Irish hitting percentage (.244) ... had four or more blocks 16 times ... drilled season-high 15 kills on .368 hitting vs. Eastern Washington ... posted 11 kills on .375 hitting vs. Indiana ... led Irish in hitting percentage in consecutive matches vs. Hoosiers and Utah ... had 10 kills vs. South Carolina and St. John's ... registered career-high nine blocks vs. Utah, the highest total for a non-middle blocker all season ... shared team lead in blocks vs. Georgetown and Miami and in the BIG EAST final against Pittsburgh ... had nine kills on .333 hitting vs. Hurricanes ... posted nine kills and no errors on .429 hitting mark at West Virginia ... had seven kills on nine errorless swings for .368 attack percentage to go along with five blocks in the league title match ... in BIG EAST play, averaged 2.05 kills and 1.13 blocks while hitting .272 ... Irish posted 11-5 record in matches she started, including .261 hitting percentage and 3.92 block average ... opponents managed just .181 hitting in those matches.

AS A JUNIOR: Quickly established herself as one of the top offensive players on the team after seeing limited action during her first two seasons ... moved from middle blocker to opposite for the 2002

CAREER HIGHS

- Kills:** 21 vs. Pepperdine, 9-14-02
- Digs:** 4 at Miami, 11-15-02
- Blocks:** 9 vs. Utah, 9-13-03
- Assists:** 5 vs. Connecticut, 11-23-02
- Aces:** 2 vs. Connecticut, 11-23-02
- TA:** 44 vs. Pepperdine, 9-14-02
- Hitting %:**
 - 3G - .529 (11-2-17) vs. Saint Louis, 9-7-02
 - 4G - .375 (11-2-24) vs. Indiana, 9-12-03
 - 5G - .409 (21-3-44) vs. Pepperdine, 9-14-02

season ... appeared in 31 of 32 matches, making 20 starts ... finished second on the team with 303 kills (2.89 per game) ... named BIG EAST Player of the Week for the first time in her career on Sept. 16 ... earned the conference award after walking off with tournament MVP honors at the Golden Dome Invitational ... helped the Irish defeat #10 Pepperdine in the tournament finale, posting a career-best 21 kills and performing a solo block for the winning point ... notched 19 double-digit kill performances ... posted a team high for kills in five matches ... compiled a five-match streak of double-digit kill performances from Sept. 14 - Sept. 29 (21 vs. #10 Pepperdine, 12 at Purdue, 13 vs. Michigan, 10 vs. Connecticut, 14 vs. St. John's) ... able to hit over .350 in 12 matches during the year, including a .529 mark (11-2-17) vs. Saint Louis and .409 mark (13-4-22) at Georgetown.

AS A SOPHOMORE: Appeared in 24 games for the Irish in 2001 ... used off the bench in special defensive situations ... played in three games vs. Valparaiso, scoring three kills on nine attempts ... enjoyed a four-match streak with at least one block (at West Virginia, vs. St. John's, vs. Illinois State, vs. LSU) ... had a season-high four kills at Providence.

AS A FRESHMAN: Gained her first career start against Seton Hall (Oct. 22) ... saw her first collegiate action against Clemson, recording a kill ... had two kills on four attempts and one block at Valparaiso ... posted a kill and a block against Samford ... had three kills and three blocks against Wyoming ... tallied four blocks and three kills at West Virginia ... had two kills and four blocks vs. Seton Hall ... notched four kills and four blocks vs. Boston College ... had a season-best five kills vs. Providence ... had three assists and four blocks vs. the Friars.

PREP AND PERSONAL: One of the most dominant two-sport athletes in Cor Jesu Academy history ... upon graduation, held 12 volleyball

school records and ranked in the top three in five other categories ... had 390 kills, 136 blocks and 25 aces as a senior middle blocker in 1999 ... had 977 kills and .262 hitting mark for her career, both of which were school records ... earned all-conference, all-district and all-metro honors her senior year in both volleyball and basketball ... also an all-state selection in volleyball and basketball her final two

Tallest Players in Notre Dame History

- 6-5**
Jennifer Rouse (1994-96)
Majenica Rupe (1992)
- 6-4**
Mary Leffers (1996-99)
Katie Neff (2000-03)
- 6-3**
Lauren Brewster (2002-present)
Christi Girton (1997-2000)

Neff's Career Statistics

Year	GP/MP/MS	K	Avg.	E	TA	Pct.	A	Avg.	BHE	SA	Avg.	SE	Dig	Avg.	RE	BS/BA	Avg.	BE	Pts.	Avg.
2000	18/11/1	25	1.39	12	60	.217	4	0.22	1	1	0.06	2	6	0.33	0	2/21	1.28	5	38.5	2.14
2001	24/18/0	13	0.54	3	34	.294	2	0.08	1	1	0.04	0	4	0.17	0	0/5	0.21	1	16.5	0.69
2002	105/31/20	303	2.89	80	784	.284	33	0.31	3	5	0.05	10	42	0.40	0	19/90	1.04	5	372.0	3.54
2003	103/30/16	202	1.96	77	602	.208	14	0.14	0	1	0.01	0	28	0.27	0	24/89	1.10	9	271.5	2.63
Career	250/90/37	543	2.17	172	1480	.251	53	0.21	5	8	0.03	12	80	0.32	0	45/205	1.00	20	698.5	2.79



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