



2003 NOTRE DAME VOLLEYBALL

Seven-Time BIG EAST Champions • 11 Consecutive NCAA Tournament Appearances

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NOTRE DAME VOLLEYBALL (12-2, 4-0)

AUGUST

Four Points Sheraton Classic (Malibu, CA)

29	Fri.	vs. Arizona (10)	W, 3-1
30	Sat.	at Pepperdine (5)	L, 1-3
30	Sat.	vs. Eastern Washington	W, 3-1

SEPTEMBER

Longhorn Classic (Austin, TX)

5	Fri.	(21) vs. Houston	W, 3-2
6	Sat.	(21) at Texas	W, 3-0

9	Tue.	(15) Valparaiso	W, 3-0
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Shamrock Invitational (Notre Dame, IN)

12	Fri.	(15) Indiana	W, 3-1
13	Sat.	(15) Utah	W, 3-2
14	Sun.	(15) South Carolina	L, 1-3

17	Wed.	(18) Purdue	W, 3-1
26	Fri.	(17) Villanova	W, 3-1
28	Sun.	(17) Georgetown	W, 3-0

OCTOBER

4	Sat.	(17) at St. John's	W, 3-0
5	Sun.	(17) at Connecticut	W, 3-1
10	Fri.	(15) Seton Hall	7:00
12	Sun.	(15) Rutgers	2:00
21	Tue.	at North Carolina	7:00
23	Thur.	at Rhode Island	7:00
24	Fri.	at Boston College	7:30
29	Wed.	Illinois State	7:00

NOVEMBER

2	Sun.	Syracuse	2:00
7	Fri.	Virginia Tech	4:00
9	Sun.	Miami (Fla.)	6:00
11	Tue.	at Northern Iowa	7:00
15	Sat.	at West Virginia	11:00
16	Sun.	at Pittsburgh	2:00

BIG EAST Championship (Notre Dame, IN)

22	Sat.	Semifinals	TBA
23	Sun.	Final	TBA

29	Sat.	at Stanford	1:00
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DECEMBER

4-7	NCAA 1st/2nd Rounds (campus sites)
11-14	NCAA Regionals (campus sites)
18	NCAA Semifinals (Dallas, TX)
20	NCAA Final (Dallas, TX)

Home matches in **bold** and held in Joyce Center. All times are local.

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

#15 Notre Dame (12-2, 4-0) vs. Seton Hall (14-6, 0-3)

Friday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m. • Joyce Center

- Beach Volleyball Night, sponsored by Outpost Sports

- The first 250 fans will receive an ND volleyball stress ball, sponsored by Outpost Sports

- Chances to win Outpost Sports t-shirts and gift certificates during the match

- Notre Dame's Hawaii Club will be performing an on-court polynesian dance - participate in their hula contest!

#15 Notre Dame (12-2, 4-0) vs. Rutgers (7-10, 1-2)

Sunday, Oct. 12, 2 p.m. • Joyce Center

- Post-match clinic for all Irish Spikers

- Harry Potter Day!

- The first 250 fans will receive a green ND Volleyball six-pack cooler, sponsored by Fazoli's.

- FREE Harry Potter lightning bolt temporary tattoos for the first 1,000 fans!

- Harry Potter look-a-like contest for all kids

- All children are invited to a pre-game magic show!

No. 15 IRISH BACK HOME FOR TWO BIG EAST MATCHES: The 15th-ranked University of Notre Dame volleyball team (12-2, 4-0) returns home for two BIG EAST Conference matches this weekend. The Irish will take on Seton Hall (14-6, 0-3) on Friday at 7 p.m. (EST) before playing host to Rutgers (7-10, 1-2) on Sunday at 2 p.m. Notre Dame holds an 18-0 combined all-time record against the schools, winning 54 of 55 total games.

LIVE STATS AVAILABLE ON www.und.com: Fans and media unable to attend Notre Dame home matches can follow the action via live statistics on the official Irish athletic website. Live stats can be accessed at <http://und.ocsn.com/livestats/w-volley>. Be advised, however, that statistics displayed are not official. For other ways to follow the Irish, see "Keeping Up With ND Volleyball" on page 7 of this release.

SNAPSHOT OF THE IRISH: Notre Dame's women's volleyball program has experienced a wealth of success since the arrival of head coach **Debbie Brown** in 1991. In her 12+ seasons, Brown has guided Notre Dame to a winning record every year, compiling a 312-104 (.750) mark. The Irish have earned 11 consecutive berths to the NCAA Championship, including three trips to the round of 16 (1994, '95, and '97) and a '93 quarterfinal finish. Since joining the BIG EAST Conference in '95, Notre Dame has dominated the league, winning seven regular-season and seven tournament titles in eight years. Overall, the Irish are 91-4 in regular-season BIG EAST play and 16-1 in conference tournament action. Notre Dame is 51-0 in BIG EAST matches in the Joyce Center.

The 2003 Irish team returns 12 monogram winners and six starters from last year's squad that was 24-8 and earned the No. 16 seed in the NCAA Championship, playing host to first- and second-round play. The Irish also finished second in the nation in blocks per game (3.66) with all the players responsible for that number returning to the fold. Notre Dame again ranks second in the nation in blocks this season, at 3.44.

After playing the first 10 matches with a 6-2 rotation, the Irish have returned to their traditional 5-1 offense over the last four matches. Senior S **Kristen Kinder** (the '01 BIG EAST Setter of the Year) orchestrates the Notre Dame attack for the third consecutive season. On the right side, junior OPP/OH **Emily Loomis**, the '02 BIG EAST Championship Most Outstanding Player and a preseason all-conference selection, leads the Irish in kills after doing the same a year ago. She already has set two school records this season: most kills in a match without an error (24, 9/9 vs. Valparaiso) and consecutive matches with 10+ kills (20, current streak dating back to last season). The middle is patrolled by a pair of sophomores named Lauren. MB **Lauren Kelbley**, the '02 BIG EAST and AVCA Northeast Region Rookie of the Year, and MB **Lauren Brewster**, who set the Notre Dame record for block assists (161) last year, return for the Irish after stepping in immediately as freshman starters. They have combined to win three BIG EAST Player of the Week awards already this season (Kelbley-two, Brewster-one), while Brewster leads the BIG EAST and ranks sixth in the nation in blocks (1.61). On the left side, OH **Jessica Kinder**, twin sister

2003 Notre Dame Volleyball Roster

No.	Name	Year	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown	Notes
1	Emily Loomis**	Jr.	OPP/OH	6-1	Fort Wayne, IN	Career-high 17 digs vs. UConn; 10+ kills in 20 straight matches
2	Leah Nedderman**	Jr.	OH	5-10	Grapevine, TX	Ankle injury has sidelined her thus far this season
3	Kelly Burrell*	So.	S	5-11	Phoenix, AZ	Played 46 of 54 games; 3.85 assists & 1.37 digs per game
4	Meg Henican*	So.	L/OH	5-11	New Orleans, LA	20 digs vs. UConn; 12+ digs in 8 of last 9 matches
5	Jessica Kinder***	Sr.	OH	5-10	Fresno, CA	Team leader in digs (183/3.39) and aces (19/0.35)
6	Lauren Kelbley*	So.	MB	6-1	Bascom, OH	Team leader in hitting (.338); 2-time BIG EAST Player of Week
7	Kelly Corbett**	Jr.	DS/MB	6-0	Mountain View, CA	Played in 4 matches; had 6 digs in one game vs. Valpo
8	Kristen Kinder***	Sr.	S	5-9	Fresno, CA	Set Irish to consecutive .355+ hitting matches (GU, SJU)
9	Carolyn Cooper*	So.	MB/OPP	6-3	Houston, TX	Played in 8 matches; had career-high 6 kills vs. Valpo
10	Kim Fletcher***	Sr.	OPP/OH	6-0	St. Louis, MO	Played in 6 matches, starting 3; 11 kills vs. Villanova
11	Danielle Herndon	Fr.	DS/L	5-9	Plant City, FL	10+ digs in 5 of last 7 matches; season-high 20 vs. South Carolina
12	Lauren Brewster*	So.	MB	6-3	Brentwood, TN	BIG EAST Player of the Week; 1st in BE & 6th in NCAA in blocks
15	Katie Neff***	Sr.	OPP	6-4	St. Louis, MO	9+ kills in 8 matches; hitting .293 in BIG EAST matches
16	Lindsay Peterson	So.	DS	6-0	Mt. Carroll, IL	Played in third game vs. Villanova in only action of '03

of Kristen, is one of the hardest hitters and also one of the top defensive players on the team. She set a school record for digs in a three-game match (28) on Sept. 9 vs. Valparaiso. Senior OPP **Katie Neff** was a front-row presence off the bench to start the season before moving into the starting lineup last weekend. L/OH **Meg Henican**, the team leader in digs, is now the starting libero after playing on the left side in the 6-2. DS/L **Danielle Herndon**, the lone freshman on the Irish, started the season at libero, but now is a back-row sub.

LAST TIME ON THE COURT: Notre Dame opened BIG EAST play 4-0 for the eighth time in nine years in the league. In their first road action in nearly a month, the Irish won 3-0 last Saturday vs. St. John's before triumphing in four games on Sunday against Connecticut.

Notre Dame turned in its best hitting performance of the season against St. John's, with a 30-24, 30-24, 30-19 win. The Irish offense, under the guidance of S **Kristen Kinder** (Fresno, Calif./Bullard H.S.), hit .369 on the day. Kinder had 45 assists. Leading the way offensively was junior OPP/OH **Emily Loomis** (Fort Wayne, Ind./Bishop Luers H.S.), who hit .500 while leading all players with 16 kills and 18 points. Sophomore MB **Lauren Kelbley** (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.) had 11 kills and just two errors on 21 attempts for a .429 hitting percentage, while senior OPP **Katie Neff** (St. Louis, Mo./Cor Jesu Academy) had 10 kills. Senior OH **Jessica Kinder** (Fresno, Calif./Bullard H.S.) hit well, with eight kills and just one error on a .368 percentage.

The Irish won their fifth in a row on Sunday, 30-22, 20-30, 30-28, 30-18 over Connecticut. Sophomore MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) turned in the best hitting match of her career, matching her career high with 17 kills and setting a new career best with a .596 hitting percentage. She had just one error in 27 attempts and also was in on eight blocks. The Notre Dame defense was a key to the victory. The Irish outdug the best digging team in the conference, finishing with 88 as a team, with five players having 10 or more. Leading the way was sophomore L **Meg Henican** (New Orleans, La./Isidore Newman H.S.), who had 20 digs. Jessica Kinder had 19.

IRISH MOVE UP TO 15TH IN NATIONAL RANKINGS: After running its winning streak to five with a pair of road wins over the weekend, Notre Dame moved up two spots to 15th in this week's *USA Today/AVCA* Division I Coaches Top 25, released Monday. It marks the second time this season the Irish have been 15th (also Sept. 8), and Notre Dame has not been ranked higher than this since Sept. 30, 1996, when it was 12th. The Irish are 14th in the RichKern.com poll and 15th in the RKPI rankings, which are designed to emulate the NCAA's RPI rankings.

Three '03 Irish opponents are listed in the top 10 of this week's AVCA top 25. Stanford (Nov. 29, away) leads the way at fourth, while Pepperdine (L, 1-3) is sixth, and Northern Iowa (Nov. 11, away) is 10th. North Carolina (Oct. 21, away) received votes, but was not in the AVCA top 25.

USA Today/AVCA Division I Coaches Top 25 (Oct. 6)

Team	W-L	LW
1. USC (65)	14-0	1
2. Hawai'i	15-1	2
3. Florida	16-1	3
4. Stanford	12-2	4
5. Georgia Tech	16-0	5
6. Pepperdine	12-2	6
7. Nebraska	14-1	7
8. UCLA	12-2	8
9. California	14-0	9
10. Northern Iowa	14-2	10
11. Penn State	15-1	11
12. Kansas State	14-3	12
13. Washington	11-4	13
14. Santa Clara	11-5	16
15. NOTRE DAME	12-2	17
16. Michigan State	10-4	14
17. Louisville	9-3	18
18. San Diego	13-3	19
19. UC Santa Barbara	8-5	15
20. Loyola Marymount	17-2	21
21. Wisconsin	11-4	20
22. Colorado State	13-4	25
23. Pacific	8-5	23
24. Texas A&M	10-5	22
25. Long Beach State	10-3	NR

Other receiving points and listed on 2+ ballots: San Francisco 62, Missouri 61, Michigan 50, Minnesota 41, BYU 36, Cincinnati 35, Florida A&M 27, Ohio 21, Southwest Missouri 15, Fresno State 11, **North Carolina 9**, Arkansas 5, UC Irvine 3.

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

Irish in the Weekly Rankings

Here's where Notre Dame has been ranked in the weekly polls during the 2003 season:

Week	USA Today/ Rich		RKPI
	AVCA	Kern.com	
preseason	RV	25	no poll
Sept. 2	21	18	no poll
Sept. 8	15	13	no poll
Sept. 15	18	15	22
Sept. 22	17	16	17
Sept. 29	17	16	27
Oct.	15	14	15

Note: RKPI (Rich Kern Percentage Index) is designed to approximate RPI.

Notre Dame 2003 Match Highs

Individual			
<u>Kills</u>	24	Loomis	vs. Valparaiso
4G	18	Loomis	vs. E. Washington
5G	22	Kelbley	vs. Houston
<u>Blocks</u>	13	Brewster	vs. Purdue
3G	7	Brewster	at St. John's
5G	13	Brewster	vs. Utah
<u>Digs</u>	28	J. Kinder	vs. Valparaiso
4G	20	Herndon	vs. South Carolina
	20	Henican	at Connecticut
5G	23	J. Kinder	vs. Utah
<u>TA</u>	47	Loomis	vs. Utah
3G	42	Loomis	vs. Valparaiso
4G	43	Loomis	at Connecticut
<u>Hit %</u>	.706	Kelbley	vs. Georgetown
4G	.593	Brewster	at Connecticut
5G	.476	Brewster	vs. Houston
<u>Asst.</u>	51	K. Kinder	vs. Villanova
3G	45	K. Kinder	at St. John's
5G	29	K. Kinder	vs. Utah
<u>Aces</u>	4	J. Kinder	vs. South Carolina
3G	3	Brewster	vs. Georgetown
5G	3	Burrell	vs. Utah
<u>Points</u>	28.5	Kelbley	vs. Houston
3G	25.5	Loomis	vs. Valparaiso
4G	24.0	Brewster	vs. Purdue
	24.0	Brewster	at Connecticut
Team			
<u>Kills</u>	3G	62	vs. Valparaiso
	4G	67	vs. E. Washington
	5G	68	vs. Houston
<u>Blocks</u>	3G	12	vs. Georgetown
	4G	20	vs. Villanova
	5G	18.5	vs. Utah
<u>Digs</u>	3G	81	vs. Valparaiso
	4G	88	at Connecticut
	5G	80	vs. Utah
<u>TA</u>	3G	167	vs. Valparaiso
	4G	182	vs. South Carolina
	5G	189	vs. Utah
<u>Hit %</u>	3G	.369	at St. John's
	4G	.324	vs. #10 Arizona
	5G	.257	vs. Houston
<u>Asst.</u>	3G	55	vs. Valparaiso
	4G	59	vs. E. Washington
	5G	57	vs. Houston
<u>Aces</u>	3G	7	vs. Valparaiso
	4G	10	vs. South Carolina
	5G	8	vs. Utah
<u>Points</u>	3G	76	vs. Valparaiso
	4G	93	vs. Villanova
	5G	89	vs. Houston

LAUREN BREWSTER NAMED BIG EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK: Sophomore MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) was named a BIG EAST Conference Co-Player of the Week on Monday after helping Notre Dame to a pair of road victories in the second weekend of league play. Brewster, who had 24 kills on .457 hitting to go with 15 blocks in accounting for 35.5 points, continued the Irish domination of the award as the fourth Notre Dame winner in six weeks this season. Also sharing the honor this week was Wendy Hatlestad of Pittsburgh.

The Irish middle blocker turned in the best hitting match of her career in helping Notre Dame to a 3-1 win Sunday at Connecticut. She matched her career high with 17 kills and set a new career best with a .596 hitting percentage, making just one error in 27 attempts. Brewster, the conference leader in the category, also was in on eight blocks. In all, she accounted for 24 points.

In Saturday's straight-game victory at St. John's, Brewster had seven kills and was in on seven of 10 Irish blocks.

BLOCK PARTY: Once again, Notre Dame has one of the best blocking units in the nation. The Irish have 185.5 blocks in 14 matches this season, an average of 3.44 per game, which is good enough for second among Division I teams. Stanford is first at 3.59. Notre Dame leads the BIG EAST Conference, with second-place Connecticut averaging 2.54 blocks. The Irish have been particularly effective of late, averaging 4.44 blocks per game over their last five matches (80 blocks, 18 games).

Sophomore MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) leads the BIG EAST in blocks (79/1.61) and ranks sixth in the nation in the category. Rachel Wagener of Maryland is first at 1.76. Sophomore MB **Lauren Kelbley** (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.) is third in the conference (64/1.21), while junior OPP/OH **Emily Loomis** (Fort Wayne, Ind./Bishop Luers H.S.) and senior OPP **Katie Neff** (St. Louis, Mo./Cor Jesu Academy) also are both averaging over 1.00 block per game. In 2002, the Irish finished second nationally to Nebraska with a school-record average of 3.83 blocks per game.

LOOMIS SETS SECOND SCHOOL RECORD OF SEASON: Junior OPP/OH **Emily Loomis** (Fort Wayne, Ind./Bishop Luers H.S.) has had 10 or more kills in each of the last 20 matches, the longest streak by an Irish player in the history of the program. The second-longest streak of that kind was a 17-match stretch by **Angie Harris** from Oct. 5 to Nov. 28 in 1997. Loomis had 10 kills on Sept. 28 vs. Georgetown to notch her 18th consecutive match with double-digit kills. She has done it in all 14 contests this season, as well as each of the final six in 2002. Loomis also set the Notre Dame record for most kills in a match without an error earlier this season (24, 9/9 vs. Valparaiso).

GOOD START: Notre Dame opened BIG EAST Conference play 4-0 for the eighth time in nine years since joining the league in 1995. The Irish have posted six undefeated conference seasons and also started last year 11-0 in BIG EAST matches. The only year Notre Dame did not win at least its first 11 league matches was 1998, when the Irish lost at Connecticut in their third league match of the year.

CLASS OF THE CONFERENCE: Since Notre Dame joined the BIG EAST Conference in 1995, the Irish have experienced incredible success in league play. Overall, Notre Dame is 91-4 in conference regular-season matches and 16-1 in the BIG EAST Championship. In eight seasons, the Irish have won seven regular-season titles and seven tournament titles. Notre Dame is 51-0 at home in BIG EAST matches.

HOME, SWEET HOME: Playing in the Joyce Center has been a nightmare for opponents, especially since head coach **Debbie Brown** took over the Irish program in 1991. In that span, Notre Dame is 152-22 (.874) at home, including a school-record 36-match winning streak from 2000-02. In addition to holding a 51-0 all-time mark at home in BIG EAST matches, the Irish have had incredible success against unranked teams. In the Brown era, Notre Dame is 145-5 (.967) against unranked foes in the Joyce Center, with the losses coming to Santa Clara in 1993, Ball State in '96, Oral Roberts in '98, Michigan State in the

2003 BIG EAST Standings

School	Conf.	%	(as of 10/7)		Preseason	Notre Dame vs.
			Overall	%		
1. Notre Dame	4-0	1.000	12-2	.857	1st	-
2. Pittsburgh	3-0	1.000	13-3	.813	3rd	A - Nov. 16
2. Miami	3-0	1.000	13-4	.765	2nd	H - Nov. 9
4. Virginia Tech	2-1	.667	8-9	.471	4th	H - Nov. 7
5. Boston College	2-2	.500	12-5	.706	12th	A - Oct. 24
5. Syracuse	2-2	.500	13-8	.619	10th	H - Nov. 2
7. St. John's	1-1	.500	19-5	.792	8th	W, 3-0
7. Connecticut	1-1	.500	11-7	.611	6th	W, 3-1
9. Rutgers	1-2	.333	7-10	.412	7th	H - Oct. 12
10. Georgetown	1-3	.250	6-12	.333	5th	W, 3-0
10. Villanova	1-3	.250	4-12	.250	9th	W, 3-1
12. Seton Hall	0-3	.000	13-6	.684	11th	H - Oct. 10
12. West Virginia	0-3	.000	3-13	.188	13th	A - Nov. 15

'02 NCAA tournament, and South Carolina in '03. Each of the first three defeats came in five games. The loss to MSU snapped the 36-match overall home streak and a 52-match home winning streak against unranked teams.

BIG EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK DOMINANCE: Notre Dame has dominated the BIG EAST Player of the Week award this season, gaining at least a share of it four times in six weeks. Junior OPP/OH **Emily Loomis** (Fort Wayne, Ind./Bishop Luers H.S.) won the initial honor of the season, on Sept. 1. She led the Irish with 42 kills and 14 blocks in the opening weekend of play, while posting a .365 hitting percentage. Against #10 Arizona, she had 14 kills and only two errors for a .522 attack percentage. In the Eastern Washington match, she hit .412, registering 18 kills. Overall, she was responsible for 51 points.

Sophomore MB **Lauren Kelbley** (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.) was named a BIG EAST Co-Player of the Week Sept. 8 after her tournament-MVP performance in the Longhorn Classic, in which she slammed 30 kills, while making just five errors for a .446 attack percentage. In addition, she was in on a team-high 14 blocks. Against Houston, Kelbley registered a career-high 22 kills on .462 hitting to go along with eight blocks in helping the Irish to a come-from-behind 3-2 victory. She hit .412 vs. host Texas, while notching eight kills (with only one error) and six blocks.

Kelbley won her second award of the season on Sept. 29 after helping Notre Dame to a pair of convincing victories in the opening weekend of league play. She had 26 kills on .478 hitting to go with 12 blocks. On Sept. 28 vs. Georgetown, she registered 12 kills and no errors on 17 attempts for a .706 attack percentage.

Sophomore MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) was named a BIG EAST Conference Co-Player of the Week on Oct. 6 after helping Notre Dame to a pair of road victories in the second weekend of league play. Brewster had 24 kills on .457 hitting to go with 15 blocks in accounting for 35.5 points. She turned in the best hitting match of her career vs. Connecticut, matching her career high with 17 kills and setting a new career best with a .596 hitting percentage. Brewster also had eight blocks and 24 points.

SCHOOL RECORD I -- JESS DIG IT: On Sept. 9 vs. Valparaiso, Notre Dame senior co-captain OH **Jessica Kinder** (Fresno, Calif./Bullard H.S.) set a Notre Dame record with 28 digs, the most ever by an Irish player in a three-game match. Her performance, which featured 10 digs in the first game, three in the second, and 15 in the final frame, bettered the previous record by three. **Tracey Shelton** scrambled for 25 digs in a three-game win over Butler on Oct. 25, 1989. Other than Shelton and Kinder, no other Irish players have ever had more than 21 digs in a straight-game match. Kinder's previous career high was 22 vs. Pepperdine last September in a five-game affair. She came into Tuesday having registered 40 digs over the first five matches of the season. Kinder's 28 were the most in any length match for an Irish player since October 25, 1993, when **Christy Peters** had 31 at Arizona State in a four-game contest.

BIG EAST Leaders -- All Matches(as of 10/6)
INDIVIDUAL**Hitting Percentage**

1. Megan Miller, Pittsburgh	.396
5. Lauren Kelbley, Notre Dame	.338
6. Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame	.333
9. Emily Loomis, Notre Dame	.325

Kills

1. Jackie Ahlers, St. John's	5.21
8. <i>Shayla Bush, Rutgers</i>	3.92
9. <i>Jenna Meyers, Seton Hall</i>	3.88
10. Emily Loomis, Notre Dame	3.83

Assists

1. Lindsey Macke, Pittsburgh	14.05
2. <i>Shawn McDonald, Seton Hall</i>	11.89
5. <i>Abbey Martin, Rutgers</i>	11.33

Aces

1. <i>Katherine Whitney, Seton Hall</i>	0.80
2. <i>Shayla Bush, Rutgers</i>	0.48

Blocks

1. Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame	1.61
2. Katie Allen, Syracuse	1.27
3. Lauren Kelbley, Notre Dame	1.21
4. <i>Ashleigh Young, Rutgers</i>	1.17

Digs

1. Megan McGrane, Pittsburgh	5.71
8. Jessica Kinder, Notre Dame	3.39
9. <i>Katherine Whitney, Seton Hall</i>	3.38
10. Meg Henican, Notre Dame	3.35

Points

1. Jackie Ahlers, St. John's	5.98
6. <i>Katherine Whitney, Seton Hall</i>	4.69
8. Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame	4.59
10. <i>Shayla Bush, Rutgers</i>	4.59

TEAM**Hitting Percentage**

1. St. John's	.271
4. Notre Dame	.249
5. <i>Seton Hall</i>	.235
8. <i>Rutgers</i>	.205

Opponent Hitting Percentage

1. Connecticut	.151
4. Notre Dame	.165
9. <i>Seton Hall</i>	.197
13. <i>Rutgers</i>	.251

Assists

1. Pittsburgh	15.18
4. Notre Dame	13.70
5. <i>Seton Hall</i>	13.69
6. <i>Rutgers</i>	13.21

Kills

1. Pittsburgh	16.87
4. Notre Dame	15.56
5. <i>Seton Hall</i>	15.17
6. <i>Rutgers</i>	14.79

Blocks

1. Notre Dame	3.44
2. Connecticut	2.54
4. <i>Rutgers</i>	2.35
9. <i>Seton Hall</i>	1.86

Aces

1. <i>Seton Hall</i>	2.34
6. <i>Villanova</i>	1.75
8. Notre Dame	1.63

Digs

1. Connecticut	18.57
5. Notre Dame	15.43
9. <i>Seton Hall</i>	14.52
13. <i>Rutgers</i>	12.95

Notre Dame listings in **bold**; this week's opponents' listings in *italics*.

BIG EAST Leaders -- Conference Matches
(as of 10/6)
INDIVIDUAL

Hitting Percentage

1.	Julie Erbez, Connecticut	419
2.	Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame	.396
4.	Lauren Kelbley, Notre Dame	.383
8.	Katherine Whitney, Seton Hall	.318

Kills

1.	Katherine Whitney, Seton Hall	6.00
5.	Jenna Meyers, Seton Hall	4.75

Assists

1.	Shawn McDonald, Seton Hall	13.50
3.	Kristen Kinder, Notre Dame	12.93
7.	Abbey Martin, Rutgers	11.17

Aces

1.	Basak Karamehmet, Georgetown	0.57
2.	Katherine Whitney, Seton Hall	0.91
3.	Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame	0.46
9.	Kristen Kinder, Notre Dame	0.36

Blocks

1.	Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame	1.92
2.	Robin Lewullis, Miami	1.67
4.	Lauren Kelbley, Notre Dame	1.43
7.	Ashleigh Young, Rutgers	1.33

Digs

1.	Xaimara Coss, Connecticut	6.00
3.	Jessica Kinder, Notre Dame	3.93
4.	Meg Henican, Notre Dame	3.86
10.	Shayla Bush, Rutgers	3.25

Points

1.	Katherine Whitney, Seton Hall	6.75
5.	Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame	5.46
6.	Jenna Meyers, Seton Hall	5.25
9.	Dawn Christjaener, Rutgers	4.88
10.	Emily Loomis	4.86

TEAM**Hitting Percentage**

1.	Notre Dame	.297
2.	Miami	.278
6.	Seton Hall	.206
8.	Rutgers	.200

Opponent Hitting Percentage

1.	Notre Dame	.131
2.	Miami	.161
10.	Rutgers	.235
12.	Seton Hall	.253

Assists

1.	Miami	15.40
3.	Seton Hall	15.08
4.	Notre Dame	15.07
5.	Rutgers	14.17

Kills

1.	Notre Dame	17.07
2.	Miami	16.50
5.	Seton Hall	16.00
7.	Rutgers	15.50

Blocks

1.	Notre Dame	4.36
2.	Syracuse	2.94
4.	Rutgers	2.92
13.	Seton Hall	1.42

Aces

1.	Notre Dame	1.79
2.	Georgetown	1.50
4.	Rutgers	1.33
6.	Seton Hall	1.25

Digs

1.	Connecticut	18.50
2.	Notre Dame	17.50
7.	Seton Hall	14.00
13.	Rutgers	12.50

Notre Dame listings in **bold**; this week's opponents' listings in *italics*.

SCHOOL RECORD II -- LETHAL LOOMIS: In the Sept. 9 Valparaiso match, junior OPP/OH **Emily Loomis** (Fort Wayne, Ind./Bishop Luers H.S.) set a Notre Dame record for most kills in a match without an error (24), while falling just shy of the school record for kills in a three-game match. The previous mark for most kills without an error was 23, done by **Jaimie Lee** on September 8, 1995 at Indiana in a five-game victory. Just seven days after that match, **Angie Harris** had 25 kills in a three-game win against Colorado, setting the record for kills in a 3-0 decision. Loomis joined **Christy Peters** in the 24-kill club in three-game matches. Peters turned the trick in a straight-game defeat against Long Beach State in Chicago on September 11, 1993. Against Valpo, Loomis had 42 attack attempts for a .571 attack percentage.

IRISH AMONG THE BIG EAST LEADERS: A number of Irish players are among the BIG EAST Conference statistical leaders through six weeks of play. Sophomore MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) leads the league in blocks (1.61) and is sixth in hitting percentage (.333) and eighth in points (4.59), while sophomore MB **Lauren Kelbley** (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.) is among the top five in two categories: blocks (1.21) and hitting percentage (.338). Junior OPP/OH **Emily Loomis** (Fort Wayne, Ind./Bishop Luers H.S.) is ninth in hitting percentage (.325) and 10th in kills (3.83). In digs, senior OH **Jessica Kinder** (Fresno, Calif./Bullard H.S.) is eighth (3.39) and sophomore OH **Meg Henican** (New Orleans, La./Isidore Newman H.S.) is 10th.

In the team statistics, Notre Dame leads the conference in blocks, at 3.44 per game. The Irish are in the top five in five other categories: hitting percentage (4th, .249), opponent hitting percentage (4th, .165), assists (4th, 13.70), and kills (4th, 15.56).

Notre Dame is dominating in the leaders counting only conference matches. The Irish are first in five of the seven categories and second and fourth in the other two. Notre Dame leads the BIG EAST in hitting percentage (.297), opponent hitting percentage (.131), kills (17.07), blocks (4.36), and aces (1.79) and is second in digs (17.50) and fourth in assists (15.07).

In the individual leaders in conference matches, Brewster is first in blocks (1.92), second in hitting percentage (.396), third in aces (0.46), and fifth in points (5.46). Kelbley is fourth in hitting percentage (.383) and blocks (1.43), while Jessica Kinder (3.93) and Henican (3.86) are third and fourth in digs. In addition, Loomis is 10th in points (4.86), while senior S **Kristen Kinder** (Fresno, Calif./Bullard H.S.) is ninth in aces (0.36).

PRESEASON BIG EAST FAVORITES: Once again Notre Dame is the favorite in the BIG EAST Conference. The Irish, who have captured seven regular-season and seven tournament crowns in their eight years in the league, garnered nine first-place votes and were chosen as the favorite in the preseason volleyball poll of conference head coaches. Miami gained four first-place votes and was picked second with 136 points. The teams will meet in the Joyce Center on November 9 in a match televised by College Sports Television (CSTV) in its *Sunday Night Spike* national match-of-the-week package.

Two Irish players, junior OPP/OH **Emily Loomis** (Fort Wayne, Ind./Bishop Luers H.S.) and sophomore middle blocker **Lauren Kelbley** (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.), were selected to the preseason all-BIG EAST team. Loomis was the Most Outstanding Player in the '02 BIG EAST Championship, while Kelbley was the conference rookie of the year.

FIVE IN A ROW (AGAIN): Notre Dame had a six-match winning streak earlier this season and currently has won five straight. In each of the last 13 seasons -- every year under head coach **Debbie Brown** -- the Irish have put together at least one winning streak of five or more. The Irish had three in 2002, winning five straight in mid-September, seven in a row to end that month and begin October, and six in a row to end October and begin November.

JUST TRY TO GET IT PAST US: Notre Dame is giving up just 0.98 aces per game this season. The Irish are on pace to set a school record for fewest aces surrendered per game. The best mark in school history is 1.11, which was done in 1996. This weekend Notre Dame faces the top serving team in the league, Seton Hall, which is averaging 2.34 aces per game. In addition, the top two servers in the conference -- Seton Hall's Katherine

2003 BIG EAST Awards**Preseason Player of the Year**

Valeria Tipiana, Miami

Preseason All-BIG EAST Team

Mallory James, Jr., S, Miami

Valeria Tipiana, Jr., OH, Miami

Lauren Kelbley, So., MB, Notre Dame**Emily Loomis, Jr., OPP/OH, Notre Dame**

Megan Miller, Jr., MH, Pittsburgh

Shayla Bush, Sr., OH, Rutgers

Players of the WeekSept. 1**Emily Loomis, Jr., OPP/OH, Notre Dame**Sept. 8**Lauren Kelbley, So., MB, Notre Dame**

Gini Ullery, Jr., OH, Pittsburgh

Sept. 15

Robin Lewullis, So., MH, Miami

Jackie Ahlers, So., MH/OH, St. John's

Sept. 22

Wendy Hatlestad, Sr., OH, Pittsburgh

Jackie Ahlers, So., MH/OH, St. John's

Sept. 29**Lauren Kelbley, So., MB, Notre Dame**Oct. 6**Lauren Brewster, So., MB, Notre Dame**

Wendy Hatlestad, Sr., OH, Pittsburgh

Rookies of the WeekSept. 1

Katherine Whitney, OH, Seton Hall

Allie Kupec, MH, Virginia Tech

Sept. 8

Alison Shepp, MB, Boston College

Sept. 15

Jill Robinson, S, Miami

Sept. 22

Katherine Whitney, OH/RS, Seton Hall

Sept. 29

Jill Robinson, S, Miami

Oct. 6

Katherine Whitney, OH/RS, Seton Hall

NCAA Leaders**(as of 10/6)****INDIVIDUAL****Hitting Percentage**

1. Sherri Williams, Florida 486

Kills

1. Kim Willoughby, Hawaii 6.76

Assists

1. Laura Lauder, Cincinnati 14.92

Blocks

1. Rachel Wagener, Maryland 1.76

6. **Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame** 1.61**Digs**

1. Sarah Gascon, Southeastern La. 6.03

Aces

1. Stephanie Cisneros, Hampton 1.43

6. *Katherine Whitney, Seton Hall* 0.80**TEAM****Hitting Percentage**

1. Georgia Tech 360

Kills

1. Georgia Tech 18.23

Assists

1. Georgia Tech 16.89

Aces

1. Hampton 3.58

17. *Seton Hall* 2.34**Blocks**

1. Stanford 3.59

2. **Notre Dame** 3.44**Digs**

1. Southeastern Louisiana 20.55

Whitney (0.80) and Rutgers' Shayla Bush (0.48) -- will be in the Joyce Center this weekend.

HIGH AS A KITE: A number of Irish players have registered career highs already this season. Some of the more notable performances are highlighted below.

Sophomore MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) set a number of career bests in the matches vs. #5 Pepperdine and UConn. Against the Waves, she had career highs with 17 kills and 29 attempts for a .483 attack percentage (her best in a four-game match). Brewster matched her total of 17 kills against the Huskies, while hitting .593, her best-ever percentage. Brewster also matched her career-high of six digs against Texas and set a new best in hitting percentage in a five-game match with a .476 mark vs. Houston. More recently, she had a career-best 13 blocks vs. Utah and Purdue.

Sophomore MB **Lauren Kelbley** (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.) set career-high marks in kills twice already this season, most recently with 22 vs. Houston. Against Georgetown, she had a career-best .706 hitting percentage.

Senior OH **Jessica Kinder** (Fresno, Calif./Bullard H.S.) set a pair of personal bests against Houston, dishing out 10 assists and hitting .368, her best career mark in a five-game match. In addition, she had a career-high 28 digs vs. Valparaiso, in setting an Irish record for digs in a three-game match. She had a career-best six blocks vs. UConn.

Sophomore S **Kelly Burrell** (Phoenix, Ariz./Xavier Preparatory School) had a career-best 12 digs vs. Texas and delivered three service aces vs. Utah after never having multiple aces previously in her career.

Senior OPP **Katie Neff** (St. Louis, Mo./Cor Jesu Academy) had a career-high nine blocks vs. Utah and hit .375 against Indiana, her top career mark in a four-game match.

Sophomore OH **Meg Henican** (New Orleans, La./Isidore Newman H.S.) had a big Shamrock Invitational, hitting career highs in each match. Against Indiana, she had five blocks. In the Utah match, she had 31 attack attempts and a .226 hitting percentage (her best in a five-game affair). After matching her career high in the final match of the Shamrock, Henican then set a new high mark with six assists vs. Purdue.

Junior OPP/OH **Emily Loomis** (Fort Wayne, Ind./Bishop Luers H.S.) posted a career-best 24 kills vs. Valparaiso and had 17 digs at UConn. Also in the Valpo match, junior DS/MB **Kelly Corbett** (Mountain View, Calif./St. Francis H.S.) had a career-high six digs and sophomore MB/OPP **Carolyn Cooper** (Houston, Texas/Lutheran South Academy) posted personal bests with six kills and two aces.

IRISH vs. PIRATES: Seton Hall comes to the Joyce Center with a 14-6 (0-3 BIG EAST) record, just one win shy of matching its total from last season. The Pirates opened 4-0 then lost all three matches in the Coors Invitational, to California, Colorado State, and Cal State Northridge. After an eight-match winning streak to put SHU at 12-3 heading into league play, the Pirates have struggled, losing in BIG EAST play to Miami (3-0), Virginia Tech (3-1), and Rutgers (3-2). Most recently, Seton Hall beat Siena on Tuesday on the road.

Seton Hall was 15-18 (5-8 BIG EAST) in 2002, tying for sixth in the BIG EAST. Three starters return from that team, including senior OH Jenna Meyers, who leads the team in kills (252/3.88) and ranks ninth in the BIG EAST. Freshman OH/RS Katherine Whitney has made an immediate impact. She is second on the team in kills (242/3.78) and leads the conference in aces (51/0.80), while ranking sixth in points (300/4.69) and ninth in digs (216/3.38). The pair has been especially effective since BIG EAST play started, both ranking among the top four in the league in kills. Junior S Shawn McDonald orchestrates the Pirates attack and is second in the conference in assists (11.89).

Head coach Rich Pickrell is in his sixth year at Seton Hall, with a 67-69 (.493) record.

Notre Dame and Seton Hall will meet for the ninth time, with every meeting coming since the Irish joined the BIG EAST in 1995. The Irish have taken all 24 games played by the teams, with the closest being a 30-26 game-one triumph in 2001. No team has played Notre Dame more without taking a game. This is Seton Hall's fifth trip to the Joyce Center.

On Oct. 6, 2002, the Irish and Pirates met in South Orange, N.J. The Irish were strong offensively, hitting .362 on the setting of **Kristen Kinder**. Notre Dame had 14 players see action and seven hit .345 or better. The Irish, which hit .565 in the opening frame, were led

by **Emily Loomis**, who had 14 kills. **Lauren Kelbley** had eight kills on .571 hitting to go along with three aces. and seven different players hit .340 or better. Seton Hall got 10 kills from Meyers.

IRISH vs. SCARLET KNIGHTS: Rutgers enters the weekend with a 7-10 (1-2 BIG EAST) record, scheduled for a match at Syracuse on Friday night. The Scarlet Knights played in the Gator Invitational to open the season, dropping three matches. After that, they won six of their next eight contests before losing five of their next six. In league play, Rutgers has beaten Seton Hall (3-2) and lost to Virginia Tech (3-0) and Miami (3-1).

In 2002, Rutgers was 17-11 (6-7 BIG EAST) and finished tied for eighth in the BIG EAST. The Knights return three starters, including senior OH Shayla Bush and junior OH Dawn Christjaener, who are the top offensive threats. Bush leads the team in kills (247/3.92), digs (211/3.35), and aces (30/0.48). She ranks second in the league in aces, eighth in kills, and 10th in points. Christjaener is second in kills (234/3.77) and digs (177/2.85).

Head coach Ann Leonard-House is in her 10th year at Rutgers with a 150-132 (.532) and 17th year overall 331-220 (.601).

Notre Dame and Rutgers will meet for the 11th time, with all but one coming since the Irish joined the BIG EAST in 1995. Notre Dame has won all 10 previous meetings, taking 30 of 31 total games. The only time Rutgers won a game against the Irish was 1998, when the Scarlet Knights got a 17-15 triumph in game three to prolong the match. This will be the sixth trip to the Joyce Center for Rutgers, including for a conference semifinal match in 2000. The pre-BIG EAST meeting came in 1986 in the Hackerman Showcase in Houston, Texas.

In 2002, the teams played on Oct. 5 in Piscataway, N.J., with Notre Dame winning 30-16, 30-24, 30-19. The Irish were outstanding offensively, with 48 kills and just 10 errors for a .418 hitting percentage, powered by the setting of **Kristen Kinder**, who assisted on 35 of the kills. **Emily Loomis** led Notre Dame with 13 kills on .600 hitting, while **Lauren Kelbley** had 11 on .579 hitting, and **Jessica Kinder** had six on .750 hitting. **Keara Coughlin** had 16 digs. For Rutgers, Bush had 16 kills to lead all players. Dawn Christjaener led the Knights with 10 digs.

HEAD COACH DEBBIE BROWN: Irish head coach **Debbie Brown** is in her 13th season at the helm of the Notre Dame program. She has led the Irish to a 312-104 (.750) mark, while holding a 429-187 (.696) overall record. Brown's Notre Dame teams have earned 11 consecutive NCAA tournament berths, advancing to the regional finals in 1993 and the regionals in '94, '95, and '97. An eight-time conference coach of the year (4 MCC, 3 BIG EAST, 1 Pac-10), she has coached four Irish players to All-America honors, while 20 have gained all-BIG EAST mention since 1995. The Irish also have claimed 11 regular-season conference titles (4 Midwestern Collegiate, 7 BIG EAST) and 11 league tournament crowns (4 MCC, 7 BIG EAST). The captain of the 1980 U.S. Olympic volleyball team after winning a pair of national championships and earning All-America honors twice playing at USC, Brown graduated from Arizona State in 1982 and coached her alma mater from 1983-88, helping the Sun Devils to five NCAA tournaments.

"NOTRE DAME PRIMETIME" AIRING ON CSTV & WHME-TV: Among the new fall programming for College Sports Television (CSTV) is "Notre Dame Primetime," a weekly one-hour show dedicated entirely to Notre Dame athletics. It airs on Sundays at 8:30 p.m. (EDT) and can now be seen in the South Bend area on Mondays at 7 p.m. (EST) on WHME-TV. A number of Irish volleyball personalities already have been featured on "Notre Dame Primetime," including head coach **Debbie Brown**, OPP/OH **Emily Loomis**, and OH **Jessica Kinder**.

KEEPING UP WITH ND VOLLEYBALL: For the fastest results of Notre Dame volleyball matches, call the Notre Dame Sports Hotline at (574) 631-3000 and choose #5 and #1. The hotline provides schedules and result information for varsity sports and serves as a supplement to the match recaps and weekly releases provided on the official athletic website at www.und.com. The hotline is the first medium updated with results of each Notre Dame volleyball match.

2003 Notre Dame Statistical Leaders

Kills

Emily Loomis	207 (3.83)
Lauren Kelbley	181 (3.42)
Lauren Brewster	165 (3.37)

Hitting %

Lauren Kelbley338
Lauren Brewster333
Emily Loomis325

Assists

Kristen Kinder	468 (8.67)
Kelly Burrell	177 (3.85)
Jessica Kinder	31 (0.57)

Digs

Jessica Kinder	183 (3.39)
Meg Henican	181 (3.35)
Danielle Herndon	123 (2.67)

Blocks

Lauren Brewster	79 (1.61)
Lauren Kelbley	64 (1.21)
Emily Loomis	56 (1.04)

Aces

Jessica Kinder	19 (0.35)
Lauren Brewster	15 (0.31)
Lauren Kelbley	14 (0.26)

Points

Emily Loomis	244
Lauren Kelbley	231
Lauren Brewster	225

Irish Double-Doubles

Lauren Brewster -- Season: 1, Career: 4

13 kills, 13 blocks vs. Purdue

Kelly Burrell -- Season: 1, Career: 2

20 assists, 12 digs at Texas

Kim Fletcher -- Season: 0, Career: 1

Meg Henican -- Season: 1, Career: 2

11 kills, 14 digs vs. Utah

Jessica Kinder -- Season: 0, Career: 7

Kristen Kinder -- Season: 5, Career: 23

29 assists, 14 digs vs. Utah

29 assists, 10 digs vs. South Carolina

35 assists, 13 digs vs. Purdue

39 assists, 10 digs vs. Georgetown

46 assists, 10 digs at Connecticut

Emily Loomis -- Season: 2, Career: 10

17 kills, 11 digs vs. Villanova

12 kills, 17 digs at UConn

Notre Dame in 2003...

(2002 totals in parentheses)

... at home: 6-1 (14-1)

... away: 3-1 (7-6)

... on neutral courts: 3-0 (3-1)

... in three games: 4-0 (13-4)

... in four games: 6-2 (9-1)

... in five games: 2-0 (1-2)

... vs. ranked opponents: 1-1 (1-2)

... vs. BIG EAST teams: 4-0 (11-2)

... vs. non-con. teams: 8-2 (10-5)

... at night: 6-0 (8-5)

... during the day: 6-2 (15-2)

... in tournament play: 6-2 (9-2)

The last time...

Team

... Notre Dame won 5 in a row – 2003, won 5 straight from 9/17-present
 ... Notre Dame won 10 in a row - 2000, won 11 straight from 10/20-11/19
 ... Notre Dame won 15 in a row - 1986, won 17 straight from 10/24-11/21
 ... Notre Dame lost 5 in a row - 1990, lost 7 straight from 10/23-11/3
 ... Notre Dame lost 10 in a row - 1983, lost 10 straight from 9/2-9/8
 ... Notre Dame lost the first game in a win – 9/26/03, vs. Villanova
 ... Notre Dame lost the first 2 games in a win – 9/5/03, vs. Houston (@ Austin, TX)
 ... Notre Dame won the first game in a loss – 8/30/03, at #5 Pepperdine
 ... Notre Dame won the first 2 games in a loss – 9/18/02, at Purdue
 ... Notre Dame lost at home in a BIG EAST match - Never
 ... Notre Dame beat a ranked opponent - 8/29/03, vs. #10 Arizona (3-1)
 ... Notre Dame beat a top-10 opponent - 8/29/03, vs. #10 Arizona (3-1)
 ... Notre Dame beat a top-5 opponent - 9/25/93, vs. #3 Nebraska (3-1)

Kills

... 5 Notre Dame players had 10+ kills - 9/14/02, vs. Pepperdine (W, 3-2), Emily Loomis (22), Katie Neff (21), Lauren Brewster (14), Jessica Kinder (13), & Lauren Kelbley (12)
 ... 3 Notre Dame players had 15+ kills - 11/24/02, vs. Miami (W, 3-1/BIG EAST), Emily Loomis (21), Lauren Kelbley (15), & Lauren Brewster (15)
 ... a Notre Dame player had 20+ kills – 9/9/03, vs. Valparaiso (W, 3-0), Emily Loomis (24)
 ... a Notre Dame player had 20+ kills with 0 errors -- 9/9/03, vs. Valparaiso (W, 3-0), Emily Loomis (24)
 ... 2 Notre Dame players had 20+ kills - 9/14/02, vs. Pepperdine (W, 3-2), Emily Loomis (22) & Katie Neff (21)
 ... a Notre Dame player had 25+ kills – 10/29/00, at Connecticut (W, 3-2), Christi Girton (31)
 ... a Notre Dame player had 30+ kills – 10/29/00, at Connecticut (W, 3-2), Christi Girton (31)
 ... a Notre Dame player had 20+ kills and 20+ digs - 9/21/00, vs. Loyola Marymount (W, 3-1), Kristy Kreher (32 kills, 27 digs)

Digs

... 5 Notre Dame players had 10+ digs - 10/4/03, at Connecticut (W, 3-1), Meg Henican (20), Jessica Kinder (19), Emily Loomis (17), Danielle Herndon (14), Kristen Kinder (10)
 ... 3 Notre Dame players had 15+ digs - 10/4/03, at Connecticut (W, 3-1), Meg Henican (20), Jessica Kinder (19), Emily Loomis (17)
 ... a Notre Dame player had 20+ digs – 10/4/03, at Connecticut (W, 3-1), Meg Henican (20)
 ... 2 Notre Dame players had 20+ digs - 12/7/02, vs. Charleston (W, 3-1/NCAA), Meg Henican (23) & Jessica Kinder (21)
 ... a Notre Dame player had 25+ digs - 9/9/03, vs. Valparaiso (W, 3-0), Jessica Kinder (28)
 ... a Notre Dame player had 30+ digs - 10/25/93, at Arizona State (L, 1-3), Christy Peters (31)
 ... a Notre Dame player had 35+ digs - 9/18/92, at Purdue (W, 3-1), Jessica Fiebelkorn (35)
 ... Notre Dame had 100+ digs - 11/14/01, vs. Illinois State (W, 3-2), 108

Blocks

... a Notre Dame player had 10+ blocks - 9/17/03, vs. Purdue (W, 3-1), Lauren Brewster (13)
 ... Notre Dame had 20+ blocks - 9/26/03, vs. Villanova (W, 3-1), 20

Aces

... a Notre Dame player had 5+ aces - 10/12/01, at Kentucky (W, 3-2), Kristen Kinder (5)
 ... Notre Dame had 10+ aces - 9/13/03, vs. South Carolina (L, 1-3)

Hitting Percentage

... a Notre Dame player hit over .500 (min. 4 attacks/game) - 10/5/03, at Connecticut (W, 3-1), Lauren Brewster (17-1-27, .593)
 ... a Notre Dame player hit over .600 (min. 4 attacks/game) - 9/28/03, vs. Georgetown (W, 3-0), Lauren Kelbley (12-0-17, .706)
 ... a Notre Dame player hit over .700 (min. 4 attacks/game) - 9/28/03, vs. Georgetown (W, 3-0), Lauren Kelbley (12-0-17, .706)
 ... Notre Dame hit over .400 as a team - 10/5/02, at Rutgers (W, 3-0), .418
 ... Notre Dame hit over .500 as a team - 11/13/99, vs. Villanova (W, 3-0), .510
 ... Notre Dame held an opponent under .100 team hitting - 9/28/03, vs. Georgetown (W, 3-0), .079
 ... Notre Dame held an opponent under .000 team hitting - 11/9/01, vs. St. John's (W, 3-0), -.101
 ... Notre Dame hit less than .200 - 9/14/03, vs. South Carolina (L, 1-3), .165
 ... Notre Dame hit less than .100 - 10/17/01, vs. Northern Iowa (L, 1-3), .037
 ... Notre Dame hit less than .200 & won - 9/13/03, vs. Utah (3-2), .138

Assists

... a Notre Dame player had 60+ assists – 9/18/02, at Purdue (L, 2-3), Kristen Kinder (60)

Notre Dame 2003 Bio Updates

#1 Emily Loomis

Jr. • OPP/OH • 6-1 • Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Season Highs

Kills: 24 vs. Valparaiso, 9-9

Digs: 17 at Connecticut, 10-5

Blocks: 7 vs. Villanova, 9-26

Points: 25.5 vs. Valparaiso, 9-9

Assists: 3 vs. Purdue & UConn

Aces: 3 vs. Villanova, 9-26

AT: 47 vs. Utah, 9-13

Hitting %:

3G - .571 (24-0-42) vs. Valparaiso, 9-9

4G - .522 (14-2-23) vs. #10 Arizona, 8-29

5G - .333 (13-2-33) vs. Houston, 9-5

Career Highs

Kills: 24 vs. Valparaiso, 9-9-03

Digs: 17 at Connecticut, 10-5-03

Blocks: 9 vs. UW-Milwaukee, 8-30-02

Assists: 4 vs. Charleston, 12-7-02

Aces: 3 vs. Michigan '02 & Villanova '03

AT: 64 vs. #10 Pepperdine, 9-14-02

Hitting %:

3G - .636 (14-0-22) vs. BC, 11-3-02

4G - .522 (14-2-23) vs. #10 Arizona, 8-29-03

5G - .471 (21-5-34) at Purdue, 9-18-02

Preseason All-BIG EAST selection ... leads team in kills (207/3.83) and is 10th in BIG EAST ... also ninth in conference in hitting percentage (.325) ... third on team in blocks (56/1.04) and a major reason the Irish rank second in the nation in the category (185.5/3.44) ... named first '03 BIG EAST Player of the Week on Sept. 1 (12 GP, 42 K, .365, 14 B, 4 BS, 3 D, 51 pts.) after helping Irish to upset of #10 Arizona ... earned mention on all-tournament teams for Four Points Sheraton Classic (see above stats) and Longhorn Classic (8 GP, 29 K, .368, 7 B, 5 D, 33 pts.) ... set school record for most kills without an error, with 24 on .571 hitting in three games vs. Valparaiso ... previous record was 23 by Jaimie Lee in 1995 ... missed ND record for kills in a three-game match by one ... performance was the sixth time in her career she registered 20+ kills, a total matched by only nine other players in Irish history ... has had 10+ kills in school-record 20 consecutive matches, dating back to last season ... has hit .400 or better in seven of 14 matches this season ... started all 14 matches in 2003 at opposite ... led Irish in kills in seven matches ... in season opener,

hit .522 (14-2-23) in helping Irish to upset of #10 Arizona ... had 18 kills on .412 hitting (18-4-34) vs. Eastern Washington ... hit .400 (16-2-35) in three-game win over Texas ... had 15 kills and no errors on .405 hitting vs. Purdue ... notched first double-double of season vs. Villanova (17 kills, 11 digs) ... had 16 kills on .500 hitting vs. St. John's ... posted second double-double at UConn, with 12 kills and career-high 17 digs ... has 10 career double-doubles ... the only player in Notre Dame athletic history to earn all-conference honors in two distinctly different sports (excluding cross country and track and field) ... recorded the top vertical reach measurement in Irish volleyball history as a freshman and earned all-BIG EAST honors at the '02 conference indoor and outdoor track and field meets in the high jump.

#2 Leah Nedderman

Jr. • OH • 5-10 • Grapevine, Texas

Career Highs

Kills: 14 vs. Providence, 11-1-02

Digs: 3 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02

Blocks: 2 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02

Assists: 1 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02

Aces: 1 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02

AT: 33 vs. Providence, 11-1-02

Hitting %:

3G - .242 (14-6-33) vs. Prov., 11-1-02

4G - NA

5G - NA

Nedderman missed all of fall practice with an ankle injury, which continues to sideline her.

#3 Kelly Burrell

So. • S • 5-11 • Phoenix, Ariz.

Season Highs

Kills: 1 vs. Houston & Texas

Digs: 12 at Texas, 9-6

Points: 3.0 vs. Utah, 9-13

Assists: 23 vs. South Carolina, 9-14

Aces: 3 vs. Utah, 9-13

AT: 1 on seven occasions

Career Highs

Kills: 3 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02

Digs: 12 at Texas, 9-6-03

Blocks: 5 vs. Connecticut, 9-27-02

Assists: 39 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02

Aces: 3 vs. Utah, 9-13-03

AT: 6 three times

Burrell was an integral part of Notre Dame's 6-2 rotation, which was utilized in the first 10 matches ... second on team in assists (177/3.85) ... helped team hit .324 in upsetting #10 Arizona in season opener ... had 20 assists to go with team-leading and career-high 12 digs vs. Texas ... double-double was second of her career ... set Irish to .311 attack percentage in four-game win against Purdue ... has come off the bench in all 14 matches.

#4 Meg Henican

So. • OH • 5-11 • New Orleans, La.

Season Highs

Kills: 11 vs. Utah, 9-13

Digs: 20 at Connecticut, 10-5

Blocks: 5 vs. Indiana, 9-12

Points: 14.5 vs. Utah, 9-13

Assists: 6 vs. Purdue, 9-17

Aces: 2 on five occasions

AT: 31 vs. Utah, 9-13

Hitting %:

3G - .231 (3-0-13) vs. Valparaiso, 9-9

4G - .182 (8-4-22) vs. Purdue, 9-17

5G - .226 (11-4-31) vs. Utah, 9-13-03

Career Highs

Kills: 13 vs. Providence, 11-1-02

Digs: 23 vs. Charleston, 12-7-02

Blocks: 5 vs. Indiana, 9-13-03

Assists: 6 vs. Purdue, 9-17-03

Aces: 3 vs. Connecticut, 9-27-02

AT: 31 vs. Utah, 9-13-03

Hitting %:

3G - .409 (13-4-22) vs. Prov., 11-1-02

4G - .158 (7-4-19) vs. #10 Arizona, 8-29-03

5G - .226 (11-4-31) vs. Utah, 9-13-03

Henican is one of the top all-around players for the Irish ... started nine matches this season at outside hitter and has been top libero in five, including each of last four ... has had nine or more digs in every match in 2003, including 12+ in eight of last nine ... ranks second on team and 10th in BIG EAST in the category (181/3.35) ... in league matches only, is fourth in conference in digs (54/3.86) ... had second career double-double vs. Utah, with 11 kills and 14 digs ... had season-high 20 digs at Connecticut, her

second career match with 20+ digs ... led Irish in digs in nine of 14 matches.

#5 Jessica Kinder

Sr. • OH • 5-10 • Fresno, Calif.

Season Highs

Kills: 9 vs. Villanova, 9-26
Digs: 28 vs. Valparaiso, 9-9
Blocks: 6 at Connecticut, 10-5
Points: 14.0 at Connecticut, 10-5
Assists: 10 vs. Houston, 9-5
Aces: 4 vs. South Carolina, 9-14
AT: 27 vs. Purdue, 9-17
Hitting %:
3G - .368 (8-1-19) at St. John's, 10-4
4G - .280 (9-2-25) vs. Villanova, 9-26
5G - .368 (8-1-19) vs. Houston, 9-5

Career Highs

Kills: 15 at Purdue '02 & vs. UConn '02
Digs: 28 vs. Valparaiso, 9-9-03
Blocks: 6 at Connecticut, 10-5-03
Assists: 10 vs. Houston, 9-5-03
Aces: 4 on four occasions
AT: 37 at Purdue, 9-18-02
Hitting %:
3G - .522 (14-2-23) vs. Loyola, 9-14-02
4G - .391 (14-5-23) vs. WVU, 10-27-02
5G - .368 (8-1-19) vs. Houston, 9-5-03

Jessica Kinder has started all 14 matches at outside hitter ... leads Irish in digs (183/3.39) and service aces (19/0.35) ... in BIG EAST matches only, ranks third (55/3.93) in conference in digs ... listed eighth in overall league leaders ... has had eight or more digs in 13 of 14 matches this season ... 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 in 1989 and no player other than Shelton and Kinder have had more than 21 digs in a three-game match ... 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 ... her jump serve leads the Irish in aces ... had best hitting match of season vs. Houston (8-1-19, .368) ... has had eight or more kills in four of last five matches ... led Irish in digs on four occasions ... has seven career double-doubles.

#6 Lauren Kelbley

So. • MB • 6-1 • Bascom, Ohio

Season Highs

Kills: 22 vs. Houston, 9-5
Digs: 5 at Connecticut, 10-5
Blocks: 9 vs. Villanova, 9-26
Points: 28.5 vs. Houston, 9-5
Assists: 1 on four occasions
Aces: 3 vs. E. Washington & Indiana
AT: 45 vs. Utah, 9-13
Hitting %:
3G - .706 (12-0-17) vs. Georgetown, 9-28
4G - .424 (16-2-33) vs. #10 Arizona, 8-29
5G - .462 (22-4-39) vs. Houston, 9-5

Career Highs

Kills: 22 vs. Houston, 9-5-03
Digs: 5 at Connecticut, 10-5-03
Blocks: 12 vs. St. John's, 9-29-02
Assists: 1 on 14 occasions
Aces: 4 vs. Saint Louis, 9-7-02
AT: 45 vs. Utah, 9-13-03
Hitting %:
3G - .706 (12-0-17) vs. Georgetown, 9-28-03
4G - .462 (15-3-26) at ISU, 10-29-02
5G - .481 (13-0-27) at Miami, 11-15-02

2003 Preseason All-BIG EAST selection ... leads team in hitting percentage (.338) and is second in kills (181/3.42) and blocks (64/1.21) and third in points (231/4.36) ... ranks fifth in BIG EAST in hitting percentage and third in blocks ... in conference matches only, ranks fourth in hitting (.383) and blocks (20/1.43) ... major reason Irish are second nationally in block average (185.5/3.44) ... two-time BIG EAST Player of the Week honored on 9/8 after hitting .446 in Longhorn Classic and on 9/29 after hitting .478 with 26 kills and 12 blocks in opening weekend of league play ... Longhorn Classic MVP (8GP, 30 K, .446, 14 B, 40.5 pts.) ... named to all-tournament teams in Four Points Sheraton Classic (12 GP, 39 K, .360, 12 B, 4 SA, 5 D, 49.5 pts.) and Longhorn Classic (see above stats) ... has hit over .300 in 11 of 14 matches this season, including seven matches of .400+ hitting ... had career-high 22 kills on .462 hitting vs. Houston ... hit .524 vs. Valparaiso, converting 11 kills on 21 tries with no errors ... had career-high .706 hitting percentage (12-0-17) vs. Georgetown ... has started all 14 matches at middle blocker ... led Irish in kills vs. Arizona, Houston, and Utah.

#7 Kelly Corbett

Jr. • MB/DS • 6-0 • Mountain View, Calif.

Season Highs

Digs: 6 vs. Valparaiso, 9-9
Aces: 1 vs. Villanova, 9-26
Points: 1.0 vs. Villanova, 9-26

Career Highs

Kills: 5 twice
Digs: 6 vs. Valparaiso, 9-9
Blocks: 6 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02
Assists: 2 vs. Providence, 11-1-02
Aces: 3 vs. Providence, 11-1-02
AT: 11 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02
Hitting %:
3G - .500 (5-0-10) vs. Prov., 11-1-02
4G - NA
5G - NA

Corbett has seen action in four matches this season at libero ... notched career-high six digs in one game vs. Valparaiso ... also played against Purdue, Villanova, and Georgetown ... saw action in two games vs. Wildcats.

#8 Kristen Kinder

Sr. • S • 5-9 • Fresno, Calif.

Season Highs

Kills: 2 vs. Purdue, 9-17
Digs: 14 vs. Utah, 9-13
Blocks: 4 at St. John's, 10-4
Points: 8.0 at St. John's, 10-4
Assists: 51 vs. Villanova, 9-26
Aces: 2 on four occasions
AT: 11 at Connecticut, 10-5

Career Highs

Kills: 8 at Miami (Fla.), 11-15-02
Digs: 17 vs. Illinois State, 11-14-01
Blocks: 6 twice
Assists: 67 vs. #10 Pepperdine, 9-14-02
Aces: 4 vs. Syracuse, 9-22-01
AT: 20 vs. Miami (Fla.), 11-15-02
Hitting %:
3G - .750 (6-0-8) at Valpo, 9-10-02
4G - .417 (6-1-12) vs. Pitt., 10-25-02
5G - .350 (8-1-20) at Miami, 11-15-02

Kristen Kinder has started all 14 matches at setter in 2003 ... combined with Kelly Burrell in 6-

2 rotation for first 10 matches before becoming full-time setter in 5-1 ... in BIG EAST matches only, ranks third in assists (181/12.93) and ninth in aces (5/0.36) ... in league play, Irish are leaders in hitting percentage (.297) and kills (17.07), due largely to her setting ... leads team in assists (468/8.67) ... helped Notre Dame to .324 hitting percentage in upsetting #10 Arizona ... set Irish to .311 attack percentage vs. Purdue ... helped team to consecutive .355+ hitting matches vs. Georgetown (.358) and St. John's (.369) ... leads Irish with five double-doubles this season ... has 23 in her career.

#9 Carolyn Cooper

So. • MB • 6-3 • Houston, Texas

Season Highs

Kills: 6 vs. Valparaiso, 9-9
Digs: 1 on three occasions
Blocks: 4 vs. Villanova, 9-26
Points: 8.5 vs. Valparaiso, 9-9
Assists: 1 vs. Houston, 9-5
Aces: 2 vs. Valparaiso, 9-9
AT: 17 vs. Valparaiso, 9-9
Hitting %:
3G - .294 (6-1-17) vs. Valparaiso, 9-9
4G - NA
5G - NA

Career Highs

Kills: 6 vs. Valparaiso, 9-9-03
Digs: 5 vs. West Virginia, 10-27-02
Blocks: 9 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02
Assists: 3 at Valparaiso, 9-10-02
Aces: 2 vs. Valparaiso, 9-9-03
AT: 17 vs. Valparaiso, 9-9-03
Hitting %:
3G - .571 (4-0-7) vs. Loyola, 9-14-02
4G - NA
5G - NA

Cooper has seen action in eight matches at middle blocker ... made her first career start vs. Houston in the Longhorn Classic, playing in her home state for the first time as a collegiate player ... registered career-high six kills vs. Valparaiso ... had four blocks vs. Villanova.

#10 Kim Fletcher

Sr. • OPP/OH • 6-0 • St. Louis, Mo.

Season Highs

Kills: 11 vs. Villanova, 9-26

Digs: 7 vs. Valparaiso, 9-9
Blocks: 3 vs. Villanova, 9-26
Points: 13.0 vs. Villanova, 9-26
Assists: 2 vs. Valparaiso & Georgetown
AT: 32 vs. Villanova, 9-26

Career Highs

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

Fletcher has seen front-row action in six matches this season ... started vs. Eastern Washington, Villanova, and Georgetown ... had 11 kills on career-high 32 attempts, as well as four digs and three blocks vs. Wildcats.

#11 Danielle Herndon

Fr. • L • 5-9 • Plant City, Fla.

Season Highs

Digs: 20 vs. South Carolina, 9-14
Assists: 2 vs. #10 Arizona, 8-29
Aces: 2 at St. John's, 10-4
AT: 2 vs. #10 Arizona & #5 Pepperdine

Herndon, the lone freshman on the Irish team, was the team's starting libero in nine of the first 10 matches before becoming a backrow specialist off the bench in the last four ... ranks third on team in digs (121/2.24)... led Irish with season-high 20 digs vs. South Carolina ... had 42 digs (3.23) in Shamrock Invitational ... has had nine or more digs in each of last four matches.

#12 Lauren Brewster

So. • MB • 6-3 • Brentwood, Tenn.

Season Highs

Kills: 17 at #5 Pepperdine & at UConn
Digs: 6 at Texas, 9-6
Blocks: 13 vs. Utah & Purdue
Points: 24.0 vs. Purdue & at UConn
Assists: 2 vs. Utah & at UConn
Aces: 3 vs. Purdue & Georgetown
AT: 35 vs. South Carolina, 9-14
Hitting % -

3G - .464 (16-3-28) vs. Georgetown, 9-28
4G - .593 (17-1-27) at UConn, 10-5
5G - .476 (13-3-21) vs. Houston, 9-5

Career Highs -

Kills: 17 at #5 Pepperdine '03 & UConn '03
Digs: 6 on two occasions
Blocks: 13 vs. Utah '03 & Purdue '03
Assists: 2 on three occasions
Aces: 3 vs. St. John's '02 & Purdue '03
AT: 35 vs. South Carolina, 9-14-03
Hitting % -
3G - .556 (10-0-18) vs. UW-Mil., 8-30-02
4G - .593 (17-1-27) at UConn, 10-5-03
5G - .476 (13-3-21) vs. Houston, 9-5-03

Brewster leads the BIG EAST Conference in blocks (79/1.61) and ranks sixth in the nation ... is a major reason the Irish are second nationally in block average (185.5/3.44) ... she also is among conference leaders in hitting percentage (6th, .339) and points (8th, 4.59) ... leads team in points and blocks and is second in hitting percentage and service aces (15/0.31) and third in kills (165/3.37) ... in conference matches, ranks first in blocks (25/1.92), second in hitting percentage (.396), third in aces (6/0.46), and fifth in points (71/5.46) ... tournament MVP of the Shamrock Invitational, delivering 33 kills and 22 blocks (1.69), while accounting for a team-high 48.5 points ... named BIG EAST Player of the Week on 10/6 after second weekend of league play (24 K, .457, 15 B, 35.5 pts.) ... was in on career-high 13 blocks twice in three-match stretch earlier this season (vs. Utah and Purdue) ... prior to that, no Notre Dame player had been in on 13 blocks in a match since Molly Stark had 15 on October 2, 1993 in a four-game win vs. Western Michigan ... had 13 kills to go along with 13 blocks vs. Purdue, in registering fourth career double-double ... has hit .300 or better in eight matches ... had a career-high 17 kills vs. #5 Pepperdine ... matched the total vs. UConn, while making just one error for .593 attack percentage ... has started 13 matches at middle blocker for Notre Dame ... missed the first two games vs. Houston with the flu before slamming 13 kills on .476 hitting in the final three ... led Irish in kills on four occasions ... set Notre Dame record for block assists in a season (161) as a freshman.

#15 Katie Neff

Sr. • OPP • 6-4 • St. Louis, Mo.

Season Highs

Kills: 15 vs. E. Washington, 8-30

Digs: 2 vs. #10 Arizona & Indiana

Blocks: 9 vs. Utah, 9-13

Points: 16.0 vs. E. Washington, 8-30

Assists: 1 on four occasions

Aces: 1 vs. Villanova, 9-26

AT: 38 vs. E. Washington, 8-30

Hitting % -

3G - .375 (9-3-16) vs. Georgetown, 9-28

4G - .375 (11-2-24) vs. Indiana, 9-12

5G - .261 (9-3-23) vs. Utah, 9-13

Career Highs

Kills: 21 vs. #10 Pepperdine, 9-14-02

Digs: 4 at Miami, 11-15-02

Blocks: 9 vs. Utah, 9-13-03

Assists: 5 vs. UConn, 11-23-02

Aces: 2 vs. UConn, 11-23-02

AT: 44 vs. #10 Pepperdine, 9-14-02

Hitting % -

3G - .529 (11-2-17) vs. STL, 9-7-02

4G - .375 (11-2-24) vs. Indiana, 9-12

5G - .409 (21-3-44) vs. Pepp., 9-14-02

Neff has been a key player at opposite, coming off the bench for the first 12 seasons before starting vs. St. John's and UConn ... is a major reason the Irish are second nationally in block average (185.5/3.44) ... named to the Shamrock Invitational all-tournament team registering 30 kills and 14 blocks, while posting the highest Irish hitting percentage (.244) ... had 15 kills on .368 hitting vs. Eastern Washington ... posted 11 kills on .375 hitting vs. Indiana ... had career-high nine blocks vs. Utah.

#16 Lindsay Peterson

So. • OH • 6-0 • Mt. Carroll, Ill.

Career Highs

Kills: 1 vs. Providence, 11-1-02

Digs: 1 vs. Providence, 11-1-02

Saw first action of season in fourth game vs. Villanova.