

BIG EAST Baseball Doubleheader



Connecticut Huskies (21-11, 4-4)



VS.

Notre Dame Fighting Irish (17-15, 5-4)

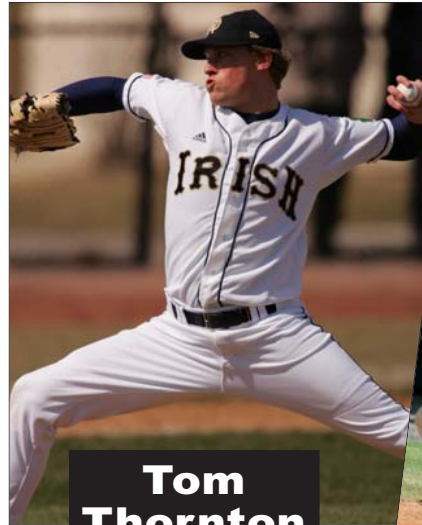
Saturday, April 16, 2005 ... Eck Stadium (Notre Dame, Indiana)



Dan Kapala



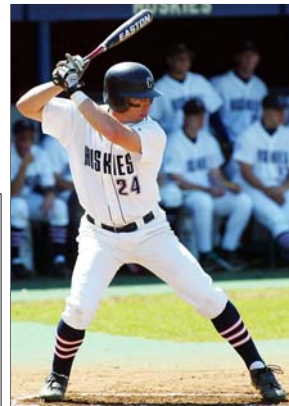
Matt Edwards



Tom Thornton



Brett Lilley



Russ D'Argento

THE TALE OF THE TAPE

	CONNECTICUT		NOTRE DAME	
2004 Final Records	26-29-1, 9-17BIG EAST (9th)		51-13, 20-6 BE (1st)	
Lettermen Ret./Lost	15/5		20/11	
CURRENT STATS (BIG EAST rank in parentheses)				
Overall Batting Average	(6)	.286	(1)	.296
BIG EAST Batting Average	(5)	.276	(7)	.240
Runs Per 9 Innings		6.7		7.5
Home Runs	(9)	10	(4)	24
Slugging Percentage	(6)	.394	(4)	.427
Batters' BB+HBP-K Ratio	+3 (123+37-157)		+17 (120+67-70)	
On-Base Percentage	(4)	.375	(1)	.395
Stolen Bases	(5)	46-70	(6)	35-48
Stolen Base Percentage		.657		.729
Overall Team ERA	(4)	3.38	(6)	4.95
BIG EAST ERA	(7)	4.15	(4)	3.62
Opponent Batting Average	(5)	.274	(10)	.303
Pitchers' K-to-BB Ratio	2.5 (219/87)		1.5 (172/116)	
Pitchers' Ks Per 9 Inn.	(5)	7.2	(9)	5.5
Pitchers' Walks Per 9 Inn.	(1)	2.9	(5)	3.7
Overall Fielding Pct./Errors	(5)	.959/49	(7)	.954/57
BIG EAST Fielding Pct./Es	(2)	.968/9	(8)	.954/15
Double Plays Turned	(4)	23	(1)	33
Home Record	(XX)	5-4	(xx)	8-3
Road Record (incl. neutral)	(XX)	16-7	(xx)	9-12
Record In One-Run Games		2-4		3-4
Extra-Inning Record		1-0		0-3



Tim Norton

Probable Pitching Rotations

Saturday – Game 1

UConn – Tim Norton (Jr., RHP)
4.21, 1-0, 25.2 IP, 22 Ks, 11 BB, 18 H, .194

ND – Dan Kapala (So., RHP)
4.32, 1-1, 25 IP, 13 Ks, 10 BB, 29 H, .279

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Saturday – Game 2

UConn – Rich Sirois (So., LHP)
2.06, 5-2, 43.2 IP, 32 Ks, 9 BB, 45 H, .266

ND – Tom Thornton (Jr., LHP)
4.72, 3-4, 47.2 IP, 23 Ks, 15 BB, 51 H, .277

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Sunday – Game 3

UConn – Brendan McGinn (Jr., LHP)
3.63, 3-3, 39.2 IP, 33 Ks, 4 BB, 38 H, .247

ND – Jeff Manship (So., RHP)
4.32, 0-1, 8.1 IP, 5 Ks, 4 BB, 11 H, .324



Rich Sirois

BIG EAST LEADERS**Batting Average**

1. Jared McGuire, BC	.431
4. Tony Mallozzi, UConn	.384
5. Matt Edwards, ND	.373
15. Brett Lilley, ND	.333

BIG EAST Batting Average

1. Jim Negrych, Pitt	.438
4. Russ D'Argento, UConn	.417

Overall Home Runs

1. Matt Edwards, ND	11
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BIG EAST Home Runs

1. Ryan Craft, GU	3
2. Jeff Hourigan, UConn	2
Tony Langford, ND	2

Overall RBI

1. Matt Edwards, ND	44
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BIG EAST RBI

1. Todd Frazier, RU	10
Ryan Craft, BC	10
Jim Negrych, Pitt	10
4. Matt Edwards, ND	8
Tony Langford, ND	8

Slugging Pct.

1. Matt Edwards, ND	.737
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On-Base Pct.

1. Jim Negrych, Pitt	.500
2. Brett Lilley, ND	.496
5. Craig Cooper, ND	.461
6. Matt Edwards, ND	.453

Stolen Bases

1. Ben Copeland, Pitt	20
6. Russ D'Argento, UConn	12
7. Austin Wasserman, UConn	11

Triples

1. Will Vogl, SJU	4
Johnny Defendis, RU	4
Tyler Kuhn, WVU	4

Doubles

1. Jim Negrych, Pitt	13
5. Matt Edwards, ND	10
7. Tony Mallozzi, UConn	9

Walks

1. Jim Negrych, Pitt	24
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Runs Scored

1. Matt Edwards, ND	33
8. Austin Wasserman, UConn	26

Hits

1. Jared McGuire, BC	47
2. Matt Edwards, ND	44

Total Bases

1. Matt Edwards, ND	87
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Overall ERA

1. Ted Aust, VU	0.90
4. Rich Sirois, UConn	2.06
14. Brendan McGinn, UConn	3.63

BIG EAST ERA

1. David Erickson, UConn	0.00
10. Rich Sirois, UConn	1.69
14. Tom Thornton, ND	3.00

Opponent Batting Average

1. Nate Jeanes, BC	.165
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Wins

1. Mike Wlodarczyk, BC	6-1
2. Rich Sirois, UConn	5-2

Strikeouts

1. Anthony Varvaro, SJU	75
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Saves

1. Mike Grodecki, VU	6
3. Ryan Doherty, ND	4
6. Ted Garry, UConn	3

Appearances

1. Michael Halloran, GU	16
Dan Kapala, ND	16
Craig Hansen, SJU	16
7. Ted Garry, UC	12

Innings

1. Eduardo Pena, GU	59.0
6. Tom Thornton, ND	47.2
9. Rich Sirois, UC	43.2

BIG EAST Conference Baseball Standings

1. St. John's	7-1	(.875)	21-9
2. Boston College	7-3	(.700)	21-10
3. Rutgers	6-3	(.667)	18-12
4. Villanova	6-4	(.600)	20-8-1
5. Notre Dame	5-4	(.556)	17-15
6. Connecticut	4-4	(.500)	20-11
7. West Virginia	4-6	(.400)	15-19
8. Georgetown	3-7	(.300)	18-17
Pittsburgh	3-7	(.300)	17-13
10. Seton Hall	2-8	(.200)	8-21

This Weekend's Other BIG EAST Series

Boston College at Rutgers ... Georgetown at Seton Hall...
Villanova at Pittsburgh ... St. John's at West Virginia

Last Week's Results

Notre Dame won 2-of-3 vs. BC (2-8, 3-2, 3-0; in Brockton)
St. John's swept Georgetown (13-2, 5-2, 8-2)
West Virginia won 2-of-3 vs. Rutgers, 3-11, 12-3, 6-4
Villanova won 2-of-3 vs. Seton Hall, 8-2, 3-11, 7-2
Pittsburgh won 2-of-3 at Connecticut (1-2, 8-7, 9-6)

TODAY'S GAME – ND and UConn face off in a key BIG EAST series that will help determine the four teams that qualify for the BIG EAST Tournament (note that some games are lost due to rainouts and final standings are based on win pct., not "games back," i.e. 18-6 would finish ahead of 19-7) ... the Irish will be looking to extend their tradition of strong play at Eck Stadium in BIG EAST games, as ND has lost just three all-time home BIG EAST series out of 45 (winning 35, with 7 splits).

THE SERIES – ND swept the previous two series vs. UConn (3-2, 11-4, 6-3 at ND in '03; 4-0, 11-4, 16-8 at UConn in '04) to take a 14-6 lead in the series ... Steve Sollmann (2-for-5 in doubleheader, 2 BB, HBP, RBI, R, 3 SB) returned to action for the '04 series after missing a month with a fractured jaw, while Matt Macri just missed hitting for the cycle in game-2 (4-for-5, HR, 2 2B, BB, 2 RBI, 4 R) ... Chris Niesel won game-1 (7 IP, 6 H, 6 Ks, BB) while Jeff Hourigan took the loss (7 IP, 7 H, 3 ER, 2 BB, 4 Ks) ... Matt Edwards hit 3-for-7 in the doubleheader (HR in game-2) while Grant Johnson had the win (5 IP, 3 R/1 ER, 4 H, 3 BB, 6 Ks) ... Mike James took the game-2 loss (5.1 IP, 10 H, 9 R/7 ER, 2 BB, K) ... ND erupted for 10 hits (3 HRs) and 10 runs in the 1st inning of the series finale ... Matt Bransfield (3-for-6, 5 RBI), Craig Cooper and Matt Edwards all hit 1st-inning home runs, with the early 10-hit explosion also including 2-run singles from Sollmann (3-for-5, 3 RBI, 3 R) and Cooper ... Bransfield added a 2-run double in the 2nd as ND extended to a 13-2 cushion ... the win allowed ND to become the first team ever to sweep three 3-game BIG EAST road series in the same season (also at WVU and GU) ... Tim Norton's relief pitching (6 IP, H) helped UConn post a midgame rally but Macri's 3-run blast capped the scoring ... Tom Thornton was not his sharpest but picked up the game-3 win (5.21 IP, 8 R, 10 H, 3 BB, HB, 4 Ks) ... Brendan McGinn took the loss (0.2 IP, 8 H, 9 R/5 ER. K).

SERIES STATS – Several ND hitters have put up big numbers in their careers vs. UConn: Greg Lopez (.579, 11-for-19, 5 RBI, 3 R, 3 2B), Craig Cooper (.500, 6-for-12, 6 RBI, 4 R, HR, 2B, BB, SB), Matt Edwards (.435, 10-for-23, 8 RBI, 5 R, 2 HR, 2 2B, 2 BB, 2 SB) and Matt Bransfield (.400, 8-for-20, 4 RBI, 4 R, HR, 2B) ... today's game-1 starter Dan Kapala pitched in relief during the 6-8 win at UConn last season (1.1 IP, 3 Ks) ... Ryan Doherty has not allowed a run in two previous appearances vs. the Huskies (3.1 IP, 3 H, 3 Ks, 2 HB) ... Tom Thornton won game-3 at UConn last season (stats above).

HUSKIES NOTES – UConn returned 15 of 20 letterwinners from its 2004 team that went 26-29 and finished 9th in the BIG EAST (9-17) ... the Huskies entered the week ranked 21st in the nation with a 3.25 staff ERA ... UConn and ND have faced two common opponents this season – with the Huskies beating Central Michigan (10-9) and losing to Bowling Green (3-8; both in Bradenton, Fla.) while the Irish had the opposite results last week at Eck Stadium (14-2 vs. BG, 4-10 vs. CMU) ... UConn last played in the BIG EAST Tournament in 2000 (the final year under the six-team tournament format).

IRISH NOTES – ND 11th-year head coach Paul Mainieri enters today's action just two wins shy of his 800th victory in 23 seasons as a college head coach (798-468-2; 467-187-1 at ND) ... ND players who entered the week among the NCAA stat leaders include Matt Edwards (9th with 11 HRs and 44 RBI, 16th with .730 slugging pct.) and Brett Lilley (2nd with 16 HBPs) while ND as a team ranked 28th with 32 double plays turned ... junior LHP Tom Thornton just picked up his third career BIG EAST pitcher-of-the-week award after a complete-game win over Boston College (3-2; 8 H, 2 ER, 5 Ks, 0 BB, 34 BF, 96 pitches) ... just three previous pitchers in BIG EAST history have collected more weekly awards from the conference office (former ND great Aaron Heilman was a 10-time honoree while two pitchers from other teams had four each in their careers) ... junior OF Craig Cooper's .456 career batting avg. in BIG EAST regular-season games in on pace to break the record held by former Rutgers player Joe Cirone (.443; '97, '99-'00) ... Edwards is one pace for 19 HRs in the 56-game regular season (the ND record is 20, by Frank Jacobs in 1991) ... Edwards also is on pace for 77 RBI in the regular season, which would rank 6th in ND history and most since 1995 ... freshman Brett Lilley started the first 29 games at 2B before shifting to 3B (where three others also have started this season) ... next week's game vs. Purdue (April 20) will be telecast by Comcast Local, the first of eight upcoming ND games to be telecast by various networks (check und.com soon for full details) ... the ND batters have been hit-by-pitch 67 times this season, putting them on pace for 117 in the regular season (the NCAA record is 125, by Nevada in 1997) ... the Irish are riding the 2nd-longest scoring streak in the program's history (179 games; also 409 of the last 410) ... Cody Rizzo's 59 career HBP rank 9th in NCAA history ... ND owns a 29-28 scoring edge in the 1st inning (74-60 in the 1st-3rd) but the opponents have owned the key middle innings (28-21 in the 5th, 39-23 in the 6th) ... three pitchers coping with rehab and injuries – John Axford, Jeff Manship and Jess Stewart – have combined to log just 20 innings this season.

NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH * – lefthanded hitter; # – switch hitter

NO	NAME	CL	POS	HT/WT	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
2	*Brett Lilley	Fr.	2B/3B	5-7/165	North Canton, OH (Hoover HS)
3	Tony Langford	Fr.	RHP/OF/IF	5-11/175	Fort Worth, TX (Fort Worth Country Day HS)
4	Greg Lopez	Jr.	SS	6-0/190	Upper Arlington, OH (Upper Arlington HS)
5	*Eddie Smith	Jr.	IF	5-11/165	Olympia, WA (North Thurston HS/Centralic JC)
6	*Danny Dressman	So.	OF	5-9/180	San Jose, CA (Archbishop Mitty HS)
7	*Ross Brezovsky	Fr.	IF	5-10/170	Naples, FL (Collier HS)
9	Craig Cooper	Jr.	OF	6-2/220	Plainview, NY (Chaminade HS)
11	*Sean Gaston	So.	C	6-0/185	Brownsburg, IN (Brownsburg HS)
12	Matt Bransfield	Jr.	DH/C/1B	6-1/205	Englewood, CO (Cherry Creek HS)
13	Wade Korpi	Fr.	LHP	5-10/190	Lake Worth, FL (Santaluces HS)
14	Matt Edwards	Sr.	1B/3B	6-2/225	Mechanicsville, VA (Lee-Davis HS)
16	Alex Netzey	Jr.	OF	6-1/200	Dolton, IL (Thornridge HS)
17	Cody Rizzo	Jr.	OF	6-1/200	Temecula, CA (Chapparal HS)
18	Brent Weiss	Sr.	DH	6-1/190	Cockeysville, MD (St. Paul's HS)
20	Derik Olvey	So.	RHP	6-2/205	Pelham, AL (Pelham HS)
22	Dan Kapala	So.	RHP	6-5/225	Royal Oak, MI (Shrine Catholic HS)
25	Nick Mainieri	Jr.	C	5-11/180	South Bend, IN (St. Joseph's HS)
29	*David Gruener	Fr.	LHP	6-2/210	Gig Harbor, WA (Live Christian Academy)
30	Tom Thornton	Jr.	LHP	6-6/220	Middleboro, MA (Middleboro HS)
32	Jess Stewart	So.	RHP	6-3/215	Manassas, VA (Osborn City HS)
33	Scott Bickford	Sr.	LHP	6-5/170	Owings, MD (Northern HS)
34	Jeff Manship	So.	RHP	6-1/195	San Antonio, TX (Reagan HS)
36	*Steve Andres	Jr.	DH/LF/C	5-10/220	Napa, CA (Justin Siena HS)
38	Tyler Jones	Sr.	RHP	6-4/210	Arlington, TX (James Martin HS)
44	#Mike Dury	So.	LHP/1B	6-5/230	Indianapolis, IN (Bishop Chatard HS)
45	Jeff Samardzija	So.	RHP	6-5/215	Valparaiso, IN (Valparaiso HS)
47	Ryan Doherty	Jr.	RHP	7-1/255	Toms River, NJ (Toms River East HS)
49	John Axford	Sr.	RHP	6-6/190	Port Dover, Ontario (Assumption College HS)
51	Joey Williamson	Fr.	RHP	6-1/190	Lantana, FL (Santaluces HS)

Head Coach: # 1 Paul Mainieri (St. Thomas '82, 11th season at Notre Dame)

Assistants: #19 David Grewe (Dayton '98), #26 Terry Rooney (Radford '96), John Gumpf (CS San Bernadino '97)

CONNECTICUT HUSKIES * – lefthanded hitter; # – switch hitter

NO	NAME	CL	POS	HT/WT	HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOLS)
□ 2	Josh Moore	So.	RHP	6-3/210	Worcester, MA (Holy Name HS)
3	*Ted O'Reilly	Fr.	OF	5-9/170	Arlington, MA (Arlington HS)
4	Josh Farkes	So.	OF	6-2/205	Boston, MA (Univ. of Richmond)
5	Steven Malinowski	Jr.	C/RHP	6-2/205	Kensington, CT (Wake Forest Univ./Berlin HS)
6	#Austin Wasserman	Jr.	IF	5-9/175	Nashua, N.H. (Univ. of New Orleans/Nashua HS)
7	*Tony Mallozzi	Sr.	OF	5-10/175	Westboro, MA (Cushing Academy)
8	David Muscatello	Fr.	IF	5-9/165	Hopkinton, MA (Hopkinton HS)
9	Dennis Donovan	So.	IF	6-2/180	Center Moriches, N.Y. (Center Moriches HS)
10	Pat Maguire	So.	RHP	6-5/215	Chelmsford, MA (Chelmsford HS)
11	*Brendan McGinn	Jr.	LHP	6-1/205	Tolland, CT (Tolland HS)
12	Ben Greenspan	So.	C	6-2/200	West Point, NY (Salisbury Prep)
13	*Matt Untiet	So.	IF	6-1/190	Berlin, CT (Berlin HS)
15	*Tim Dempsey	Jr.	OF	5-11/195	Lexington, MA (Lexington HS)
18	John Slusarz	Jr.	RHP	6-3/180	Farmington, CT (UConn-Avery Point/Farmington HS)
19	Nick Tucci	Jr.	RHP	6-3/205	Medford, MA (Medford HS)
20	Kyle Henry	Fr.	RHP	6-3/215	Brattleboro, VT (Brattleboro Union HS)
21	*Rich Sirois	So.	LHP	6-1/210	Ipswich, MA (St. John's Prep)
22	Pat Mahoney	Fr.	IF	6-0/195	Des Moines, IA (Des Moines Lincoln HS)
23	Joe Smeraglino	Jr.	RHP	6-2/205	Shelton, CT (Shelton HS)
24	Russ D'Argento	Sr.	OF	6-0/180	Marlboro, MA (Ashland HS)
25	*Matt Karl	Fr.	LHP/IF	6-1/210	Wallingford, CT (Sheehan HS)
26	Jeff Hourigan	Sr.	RHP/IF	6-1/210	Beacon Falls, CT (Clemson Univ.)
27	Larry Day	So.	C	6-0/210	Amesbury, MA (St. John's Prep)
30	David Bodge	Fr.	RHP	6-3/200	Taunton, MA (Coyle-Cassidy HS)
31	*Ted Garry	So.	LHP	6-0/170	Rochester, MN (Rochester Lourdes HS)
32	*Bryan Maler	Jr.	OF	5-11/205	Ansonia, CT (Notre Dame HS)
33	Joshua MacDonald	Jr.	RHP	6-3/245	Milford, CT (Notre Dame HS)
40	David Erickson	Fr.	RHP	6-0/170	Stratford, CT (Fairfield Prep)
41	Mike Tarsi	Fr.	LHP	6-8/180	Danbury, CT (Danbury HS)
43	Vin DiFazio	Fr.	C	6-1/195	Hampton, NJ (The Pennington School)
45	Tim Norton	Jr.	RHP	6-5/230	Pascoag, RI (Suffield Academy)

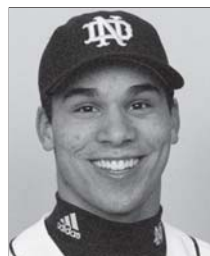
Head Coach: Jim Penders (2nd season as UConn head coach)

Assistants: Dave Turgeon, Chris Podeszwa

2005 NOTRE DAME BASEBALL TEAM



#2 Brett Lilley
Fr., IF • No. Canton, OH



#3 Tony Langford
Fr., OF/RHP • Ft. Worth, TX



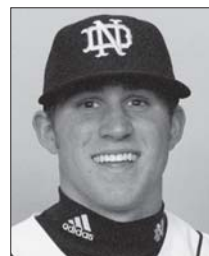
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Jr., SS • Upper Arlington, OH



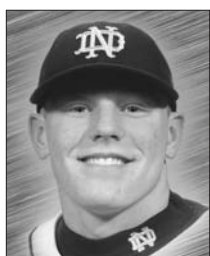
#5 Eddie Smith
Jr., IF • Olympia, WA



#6 Danny Dressman
So., OF • San Jose, CA



#7 Ross Brezovsky
Fr., IF • Naples, FL



#9 Craig Cooper
Jr., OF • Plainview, NY



#11 Sean Gaston
So., C • Brownsburg, IN



#12 Matt Bransfield
Jr., DH/C • Englewood, CO



#13 Wade Korpi
Jr., LHP • Lake Worth, FL



#14 Matt Edwards
Sr., 1B/3B • Mechanicsville, VA



#16 Alex Nettey
Jr., OF • Dolton, IL



#17 Cody Rizzo
Jr., OF • Temecula, CA



#18 Brent Weiss
Sr., DH • Cockeysville, MD



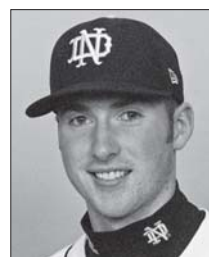
#20 Derik Olvey
So., RHP • Pelham, AL



#22 Dan Kapala
So., RHP • Royal Oak, MI



#25 Nick Mainieri
Jr., C • South Bend, IN



#29 David Gruener
Fr., LHP • Gig Harbor, WA



#30 Tom Thornton
Jr., LHP • Middleboro, MA



#32 Jeff Stewart
So., RHP • Masassas, VA



#33 Scott Bickford
Sr., LHP • Owings, MD



#34 Jeff Manship
So., RHP • San Antonio, TX



#36 Steve Andres
Jr., DH/LF/C • Napa, CA



#38 Tyler Jones
Sr., RHP • Arlington, TX



#44 Mike Dury
So., LHP/DH • Indianapolis



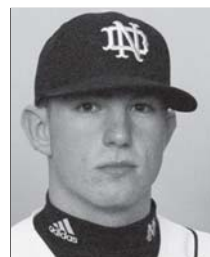
#45 Jeff Samardzija
So., RHP • Valparaiso, IN



#47 Ryan Doherty
Jr., RHP • Toms River, NJ



#49 John Axford
Sr., RHP • Port Dover, ONT



#51 Joey Williamson
Fr., RHP • Lantana, FL

