

## 2001 NOTRE DAME BASEBALL

### BIG EAST Tournament Notes – (May 17-19)

The Notre Dame baseball team (45-9-1, 20-3 BIG EAST)—ranked as high as 3rd in the national polls—heads into the postseason looking for its first BIG EAST Tournament championship ... the Irish ran away with the BIG EAST regular season title (ND also won in '99 and had the league's best overall winning pct. in '97, winning the western division) ... ND saw its record-setting, 18-game BIG EAST winning streak end in the recent UConn series before winning two of three last week at BC (8-2, 8-4, 6-7) ... the Irish have bested the ND record for regular-season wins (44, in '90) ... the UConn game marked just the second time this season that ND has lost by more than two runs (also 6-1 to South Florida, in game that was 1-1 in the 8th) ... ND has dropped to 4th in the nation with a 3.02 team ERA (Rice leads at 2.80) ... four ND players have been named to the Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-District V team (see p. 5) and now advance to the national Academic All-American ballot (that team will be announced in mid-June): senior LHP **Mike Naumann**, junior 3B **Andrew Bushey**, sophomore RF **Brian Stavisky** and sophomore RHP **Matt Laird** (ND is the only school with multiple players on the 11-player all-district team) ... seventh-year Irish head coach **Paul Mainieri** reached his 300th win at Notre Dame last weekend at Boston College.

**RADIO COVERAGE**—South Bend's WJVA radio (1580 AM) carries live broadcasts of Notre Dame's entire 56-game schedule in 2001 (plus all postseason action) ... a real-audio link to internet broadcasts of the games may be accessed at [www.und.com](http://www.und.com) while real-time stats for home games—including updated play-by-play—likewise can be accessed at [und.com](http://und.com) (the BIG EAST also may provide real-time stats—check [bigeast.org](http://bigeast.org) or [und.com](http://und.com) on gamedays).

**TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**—ND will play fourth-seeded Virginia Tech (14-11-1) in Thursday's early game at Commerce Bank Park in Bridgewater, N.J. (3:30 eastern), followed by the game between Rutgers (18-8) and Seton Hall (14-11-1) ... the losers of those game's then will meet in Friday's elimination game (noon) and the winner's will meet at 3:30 on Friday, followed by another elimination game on Friday night at 7:00 ... Saturday's championship game is slated for 3:30 p.m. (a second game will follow, if necessary in the double-elimination format) ... the winner of the tournament receives an automatic NCAA bid.

**ND SELECTED AS REGIONAL SITE**—Notre Dame has been selected as one of 16 regional sites for the 55th annual NCAA Baseball Championship and will play host to the four-team, double-elimination regional at Frank Eck Stadium from May 25-27, with two games on Friday, three on Saturday and one or two on Sunday (game times are to be announced ... the entire 64-team tournament field and pairings will be announced live on ESPN, on Monday, May 21, at 2:00 p.m. EST ... the winner of the South Bend regional will advance to the super regional round, which will feature eight best-of-three series on June 1-3 ... the eight Super Regional winners then will advance to the College World Series, to be held June 8-16 in Omaha, Neb. ... ND—which also hosted an NCAA regional in '99—is one of 11 schools to be a multiple host during the past three years ... ND previously played host to NCAA Tournament games in '49 and '59, prior to the current regional format (which began in 1975) ... tickets may be ordered by calling (219) 631-7356.

**REPEAT CUSTOMERS**—Notre Dame and Rutgers—which joined the BIG EAST beginning with the 1996 season (as did West Virginia)—have tied a BIG EAST record by each advancing to their sixth straight BIG EAST Baseball Tournament (1996-2001) ... in 2000, ND and RU became the first to make five straight BETs since Villanova qualified every season from '87-'91 ... the only other team to qualify for five-plus years in a row was the 1985-90 Seton Hall squads ... the three teams that joined the BIG EAST in 1995-96 have made a big impact on the baseball championship, as ND, RU and WVU have combined to make 16 appearances in the conference tournament during the past six years.

**BIG BUGABOO**—Despite repeated success during the BIG EAST regular season, the ND baseball team has yet to solve the BIG EAST Tournament ... ND's first three trips to the tournament each resulted in the Irish being beaten twice by the same team (West Virginia in '96, Villanova in '97, Rutgers in '98) ... ND then opened the '99 tournament with a win over WVU before dropping games to Seton Hall and Providence—and the same team (Boston College) handed ND both of its losses at the 2000 BET.

**ALWAYS NEAR THE TOP**—ND has finished near the top of the BIG EAST regular-season standings or in the postseason tournament during each of its six seasons in the conference ... in 1996, the Irish played their way into the tournament on the last weekend before extending West Virginia to a winner-take-all title game ... in '97, ND posted the best winning pct. in the conference but lost twice to upstart Villanova in the postseason ... in '98, the Irish finished second to Rutgers in both the regular-season standings and the title game ... in '99, ND became the first BIG EAST team ever to win more than 18 conference games (20-5) en route to the regular-season title before finishing 18-7 and tied for second in 2000 (ND went 1-2 in the '99 and 2000 BETs)

#### NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING LINEUP

\* – lefthanded hitter; # – switch hitter

Pos.	Player	Yr.	Ht./Wt.	Hometown	2001 Stats	Notes
CF	*Steve Stanley	Jr.	5-7/150	Upper Arlington, OH	.392, 27 RBI, 67 R, HR, 5 3B, 13 2B, 26 BB, 17 K, 30-37 SB	.359 career avg.; 180 consec. starts at CF
2B	Steve Sollmann	Fr.	5-10/180	Cincinnati, OH	.374, 34 RBI, 49 R, 5 HR, 3B, 9 2B, 26 BB, 26 K, 22-33 SB	Batting .403 with runners in scor. pos.
SS	Alec Porzel	Sr.	6-0/195	Lisle, IL	.291, 50 RBI, 47 R, 6 HR, 2 3B, 25 2B, 24 BB, 20 K, 6-10 SB	ND's first 30-30 man; .333 BE avg.
RF	*Brian Stavisky	So.	6-3/220	Port Allegany, PA	.384, 54 RBI, 37 R, 5 HR, 4 3B, 15 2B, 27 BB, 20 K, 9-10 SB	Has cut his Ks in half (39 in 2000)
C	*Paul O'Toole	Jr.	6-2/215	Lakewood, OH	.310, 31 RBI, 32 R, 2 HR, 3B, 10 2B, 20 BB, 13 K, 8 HBP, 13-22 SB	17.5 PAs per K; 41 career SBs
3B	*Andrew Bushey	Jr.	5-10/190	Boardman, OH	.350, 34 RBI, 31 R, 3 3B, 16 2B, 16 BB, 20 K, 1-5 SB	Hit combined .271 in 1999 and 2000
DH	Ken Meyer	Jr.	6-0/210	Fort Myers, FL	.305, 20 RBI, 15 R, 3 HR, 5 2B, 10 BB, 19 K, 1-1 SB	Beat CMU on 9th-inning grand slam (6-4)
or	#Matt Bok	Jr.	5-10/190	Akron, Ohio	.299, 15 RBI, 12 R, HR, 4 3B, 6 2B, 7 BB, 12 K, 0-1 SB	.333 BIG EAST batting average
LF	#Ben Cooke	Sr.	5-9/175	Bay Village, OH	.350, 8 RBI, 11 R, 4 2B, 4 BB, 10 K, HBP	3-run double in 7-1 win over Villanova
or	Matt Strickroth	Jr.	6-5/230	Mission Viejo, CA	.220, 8 RBI, 5 R, 3 HR, 3B, 2B, 3 BB, 13 K	Hit two towering 1st-pitch HRs at UOP
1B	*Joe Thaman	Fr.	6-4/205	St. Louis, MO	.289, 22 RBI, 26 R, 2 HR, 3B, 14 2B, 9 BB, 28 K, 1-2 SB	.988 fielding pct. (6 Es); 4th on tm in 2Bs

#### RESERVES

3B	Javier Sanchez	Fr.	6-2/190	Miami, FL	9 GP, 2 GS, 0-for-13, BB, 2 K	Attended same HS (Columbus) as Paul Mainieri
C	Soran Leahy	Fr.	6-1/180	Buffalo Grove, IL	.200, 2 R, 3 BB, 4 K	Converted middle infielder

#### Injured (back injury, out indefinitely; dnp 5/6 vs. UConn)

LF	Kris Billmaier	So.	5-9/195	Woodinville, WA	.240, 33 RBI, 32 R, 3 HR, 6 2B, 26 BB, 13 K, 7 HBP, 4-6 SB	Batting .296 w/ runners in scoring pos.
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#### PROBABLE STARTING ROTATION (subject to change)

RHP	Danny Tamayo	Sr.	6-1/240	Miami, FL	2.36, 8-1, 13 GS, 4 CG/3 ShO, 95.1 IP, 91 K/14 BB, .209 opp. avg.	26th in nation for ERA Lefties hitting just .153 vs. him
RHP	Aaron Heilman	Sr.	6-5/225	Logansport, IN	1.50, 13-0, 13 GS, 10 CG/3 ShO, 96 IP, 91 K/26 BB, .168 opp. avg.	3rd Div. I pitcher since '90 w. 40 W/400 K 23-1 last 24 decisions; 6th in nation - ERA 3.78 ERA as starter
RHP	J.P. Gagne	So.	6-0/200	Bloomington, MN	4.45, 5-3, 14 GP/10 GS, CG, 60.2 IP, 41 K/21 BB, .257 opp. avg.	Tossed 5-hit CG in 9-1 win over Michigan
RHP	Peter Ogilvie	So.	6-4/210	Buffalo Grove, IL	1.88, 4-1, 7 GP/6 GS, 43 IP, 25 K/9 BB, .224 opp. avg.	

#### BULLPEN

RHP	Matt Laird	So.	6-0/200	Bellaire, TX	3.21, 4-1, 4 SV, 20 GP, 28 IP, 26 K/12 BB, .216 opp. avg.	15-inn. shutout streak ended vs. Valpo
LHP	Mike Naumann	Sr.	6-0/180	Tucson, AZ	3.13, 3-1, 14 GP/3 GS, CG, 37.1 IP, 11 K/6 BB, .327 opp. avg.	2000 Academic All-American; 10-2 career
RHP	Drew Duff	Jr.	5-10/185	Sevierville, TN	5.16, 2-0, 12 GP/3 GS, 26 K/8 BB, .293 opp. avg.	
RHP	Matt Buchmeier	Jr.	6-0/190	Greenwood, IN	3.61, 1-1, 2 SV, 12 GP/5 GS, 42.1 IP, 28 K/9 BB, .288 opp. avg.	Saves lin April vs. BG, St. John's
RHP	Michael Morgalis	Fr.	6-4/210	Cincinnati, OH	6.75, 0-0, 2 GP, 1.1 IP, K, BB, 3 H	

## NOTRE DAME BASEBALL SCHEDULE & RESULTS

### FEBRUARY

Sat. 17 \$ vs. New Orleans L, 6-7  
 Sat. 17 \$ at Mississippi State W, 7-5  
 Sun. 18 \$ at Mississippi State W, 4-2 (11)  
 Fri. 23 \* vs. Texas-San Antonio W, 8-3  
 Sat. 24 \* vs. Texas-Pan American W, 14-9  
 Sun. 25 \* vs. Sam Houston State W, 7-4

### MARCH

Thur. 1 vs. TB Devil Rays (exhib.) (L, 4-17)  
 Fri. 2 # vs. Florida Atlantic W, 3-0  
 Sat. 3 # vs. South Florida L, 1-6  
 Sun. 4 # vs. W. Michigan rainout  
 Sat. 10 at Univ. of the Pacific W, 5-2  
 Sat. 10 vs. E. Mich. (@UOP) W, 4-3  
 Mon. 12 + vs. New Mexico W, 3-0  
 Tues. 13 + vs. Navy T, 4-4 (10)  
 Wed. 14 + at Fresno State W, 5-4 (10)  
 Thur. 15 + vs. Miami, Ohio W, 3-2 (11)  
 Fri. 16 + vs. Illinois W, 9-5  
 Sat. 17 + vs. Portland W, 7-6  
**Wed. 21 Cleveland State W, 3-0**  
 Fri. 23 • at Pittsburgh (2) W; 3-0, 3-0  
 Sun. 25 • at Virginia Tech (2) L; 2-3, 8-9  
**Tues. 27 Western Michigan rainout**  
**Wed. 28 Toledo W, 6-1**  
**Thur. 29 Hillsdale W, 9-2**  
**Sat. 31 • Seton Hall (2) W; 6-0, 6-1**

### APRIL

**Sun. 1 •Seton Hall W, 15-3**  
**Tues. 3 Ball State L, 3-4**  
**Wed. 4 Dayton W, 8-1**  
 Sat. 7 •at Rutgers (2) W; 10-2, 8-2  
 Sun. 8 •at Rutgers W, 5-4 (11)  
**Tues. 10 Chicago State W, 5-2**  
**Wed. 11 Detroit W, 9-8**  
**Thur. 12 •G'town (2) W; 15-4, 17-10**  
**Sat. 14 •West Virginia (2) W; 4-1, 8-1**  
 Tues. 17 \* vs. Purdue cancelled  
**Thur. 19 Central Michigan W, 6-4**  
**Sat. 21 •Villanova (2) W; 7-1, 15-2**  
**Sun. 22 •Villanova W, 8-3**  
**Tues. 24 Bowling Green W, 5-2**  
**Wed. 25 Valparaiso (2) W/L; 7-3, 2-4**  
 Sat. 28 •at St. John's (2) W; 3-2, 5-0  
 Sun. 29 •at St. John's W, 7-3

### MAY

Tues. 1 ♦ vs. Michigan W, 9-1  
**Wed. 2 Western Michigan L, 6-7**  
**Sat. 5 •UConn (2) W; 6-1, 13-12**  
**Sun. 6 •Connecticut L, 12-19**  
 Sat. 12 •at Boston Coll. (2) W; 8-2, 5-3  
 Sun. 13 •at Boston College L, 6-7  
 ~BIG EAST Tournament  
 Thur. 17 vs. Virginia Tech 3:30  
 Fri. 18 vs. Rutgers or Seton Hall 12/3:30  
 Sat. 19 TBA  
 Fri.-Sun 25-27 NCAA Regionals (TBA) TBA

### JUNE

Fri.-Sun 1-3 NCAA Super Regionals TBA  
 Fri.-Sat. 8-16 College World Series (Omaha, NE)

All listings indicate local starting times  
 Home games (bold) at Frank Eck Stadium  
 \$ - National Bank of Commerce Classic (Starkville, MS; Dudy-Noble Field)  
 \* - Alamo Invitational (San Antonio, TX; Keefe Stadium)  
 # - Devil Rays College Invitational (St. Petersburg, FL; Florida Power Park)  
 - Pepsi/Johnny Quik Classic (Fresno, CA; Beiden Field)  
 • - BIG EAST Conference game  
 ♦ - Coeveski Stadium (South Bend, IN)  
 \* - Old Kent Park (Grand Rapids, MI)  
 ~ - Commerce Bank Ballpark (Bridgewater, NJ)

**LONG TIME COMING** - Prior to this season's games, the ND and Virginia Tech baseball teams had met just once previously, with the Irish winning an 8-5 game at Virginia Tech 46 seasons ago (April 12, 1955).

**SERIE-OUS STUFF** - ND has won 18 of its last 19 BIG EAST series, 26 of the last 29 (one tie) ... the Irish have won 43 of 54 all-time since '96 (5 series ties, 6 series losses) ... ND's series run in the past three seasons includes eight series wins, one loss and one tie in '99 and wins in all nine series of 2000 before winning 9-of-10 series this season (2-3, 8-9 losses at Virginia Tech) ... the Irish have played 28 BIG EAST series at Eck Stadium, winning 24 (plus one tie) ... the Irish have won their last 14 home BIG EAST series, since dropping a series to SJU late in '98.

### ND's BIG EAST SERIES HISTORY (54)

(includes two 1-0 weekends)

	Series wins	Series losses	Series ties
1996	5	2 (WVU, RU)	2 (PC, UConn)
1997	6	1 (SHU)	2 (WVU, Pitt)
1998	6	1 (SJU)	0
1999	8	1 (SJU)	1 (RU)
2000	9	0	0
2001	9	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>

**HARD TO TAKE TWO FROM ND** - The Irish have played 52 all-time BIG EAST doubleheaders, sweeping 31 (18 splits, just 3 opp. sweeps) ... prior to Virginia Tech's pair of wins on March 25 (3-2, 9-8), ND had played 34 consecutive BIG EAST doubleheaders without being swept (since the first BIG EAST weekend of '97 season, at Seton Hall) ... the losses at VT are the only opponent sweep in ND's last 43 league DHS.

### ND's BIG EAST DOUBLEHEADER HISTORY

	ND Sweeps	Splits	Opp. Sweeps
1996	3	4	1 (WVU)
1997	4	3	1 (SHU)
1998	4	3	0
1999	6	4	0
2000	5	4	0
2001	9	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>

**ON A ROLL** - Notre Dame has captured the 2000-01 BIG EAST Conference Commissioner's Trophy for men's athletics as well as the trophy for women's athletics—the fifth consecutive season that the Fighting Irish have earned both trophies and the sixth consecutive for the ND men's program ... the ND women were paced by 1st-place finishes in soccer, volleyball, swimming & diving, tennis, and softball as well as a tie for the regular-season women's basketball title ... the men won the baseball regular-season crown and were helped by a first-place divisional showing in basketball (the Irish men also finished second in tennis and third in indoor track & field) ... ND took at least a share of the title in a league-best eight sports ... in the men's standings, Notre Dame finished 17.5 points ahead of Georgetown (86.5-69) while the ND women tallied 33 more points than second-place Connecticut (111-78) ... the men's trophy was first awarded in 1979-80, the league's inaugural year, while the women's trophy was first awarded in '82-83 ... point totals are based upon regular-season finish when the BIG EAST con-

ducts round-robin competition or on championship finish when there is no in-season play.

**THREE-YEAR SUCCESS** - Prior to the 1999 season, no BIG EAST baseball team ever had posted more than 18 conference wins in a season ... ND became the first team to break the 18-win barrier by going 20-5 in 1999 and then finished 18-7 in 2000 before a record-setting 22-4 mark this season ... that three-year run adds up to 60-16 (.790) and boosts ND's all-time record in six season of BIG EAST regular-season games to 103-33 (.757), the best conference winning pct. by a BIG EAST team during that 1996-2001 span.

**BIG EAST BOOST** - ND posted a .334 team batting average in 2001 BIG EAST regular-season games (.321 overall, up 24 points from 2000) and averaged 9.2 runs per 9 innings in BIG EAST games.

**BYOB(rooms)?** - ND has seen firsthand how challenging it can be to sweep a three-game series on the road despite being the BIG EAST's winningest team since '96 (101-32, .759) ... in their first five seasons, ND managed to sweep just two of 10 three-game series at opposing BIG EAST stadiums: at BC in '98, at Georgetown in '99 ... the brooms were dusted off earlier this season when ND became the first BIG EAST team ever to sweep a 3-game series at Rutgers (10-2, 8-2 and 5-4 in 11 inn.) before doing it again at St. John's (3-2, 5-0, 7-3) and nearly pulling it off at BC (8-4, 8-2, 6-7) ... ND's other three-game BIG EAST road series have included: at GU in '96 (2-1), at Seton Hall in '97 (0-3), at RU in '97 (2-1), at SHU in '98 (2-1), at SJU in '99 (1-2), at 2000 series at Villanova, UConn and West Virginia (all 2-1) ... the Irish never played a three-game series at Providence and have yet to do so at Pittsburgh ... ND's all-time road record in three-game BIG EAST series is 27-12.

**RAIN CHECK** - ND senior RHP Aaron Heilman played a leading role in a bizarre 7-2 BIG EAST Tournament win over West Virginia in 1998, after relieving Tim Kalita in the top of seventh (with the Irish leading 3-0). Heilman gave up a leadoff single before setting down next three batters but the game then was delayed by rain until the next day, with Heilman returning to pitch the eighth while the Irish stretched to 7-0. Mike Naumann took the mound in the ninth but Heilman was moved to first base as a safeguard. After Naumann worked into a jam, Heilman retook the mound with the bases loaded (7-2), serving up a game-ending double play.

**NOT AGAIN!** - Each of ND's last five losses in the BIG EAST Tournament has seen an opposing pitcher turn in a gutsy complete-game effort ... Mike Mundy came back on two days rest and threw 125 pitchers in the 1998 title game, a 12-0 Rutgers win over the Irish ... Seton Hall's Damon Ponce de Leon then handed ND its first loss at the '99 tournament with a 131-pitch complete game of his own (11-3) ... Providence's Rob Carraro followed suit with a 142-pitch complete game that eliminated the Irish from the '99 event (14-2) while BC's Steve Langone (4-3) and Brendan Nolan (6-5) both beat ND with complete games in the 2000 BET.

## NOTRE DAME'S BIG EAST TOURNAMENT HISTORY

### 1996 – Dodd Stadium (Norwich, Conn.)

West Virginia 10	Notre Dame 8
Notre Dame 7	Villanova 3
Notre Dame 4	Providence 2
Notre Dame 4	St. John's 0
Notre Dame 5	West Virginia 2
West Virginia 7	Notre Dame 4

### 1997 – Dodd Stadium (Norwich, Conn.)

Villanova 10	Notre Dame 5
Notre Dame 4	Seton Hall 3
Notre Dame 8	West Virginia 1
Villanova 5	Rutgers 4 (11)

### 1998 – Dodd Stadium (Norwich, Conn.)

West Virginia 5	Notre Dame 4
Notre Dame 3	St. John's 2
Rutgers 7	Notre Dame 6 (10)
Notre Dame 9	Providence 7
Rutgers 12	Notre Dame 0

### 1999 – Waterfront Stadium (Trenton, N.J.)

Notre Dame 7	West Virginia 2
Seton Hall 11	Notre Dame 3
Providence 8	Notre Dame 4

### 2000 – Somerset Ballpark (Bridgewater, N.J.)

Boston College 4	Notre Dame 3
Notre Dame 15	Pittsburgh 7
Boston College 6	Notre Dame 5

**GOTTA SWING THE BATS** – Improved hitting could make the difference if the Irish are to finally break through at the BIG EAST Tournament, as ND's team batting averages at the previous five conference tournaments included: .276 in 1996 (35 strikeouts in 6 games), .280 in '97 (32 Ks in 4 games), .247 in '98 (41 Ks in 5 games), .238 in '99 (18 Ks in 3 games) and then a surge to .295 in 2000 (13 Ks) ... current senior SS **Alec Porzel's** first two trips to the conference tournament yielded a .276 batting avg. (8-for-29), but three of his eight hits were home runs at last year's event (tying a tournament record) ... Porzel's other career stats at the BET include 9 RBI, 6 runs, 5 walks and 6 Ks ... all of the remaining ND veterans with more than two career ABs at the BET are hitting below .275.

## ND-VT DOUBLEHEADER RECAP (2-3, 8-9; March 25, @VT)

VT turned in a pair of three-run rallies in the late innings handing ND a doubleheader sweep for just the third time in its six-year BIG EAST membership (first since '97) ... ND was three outs away from posting a team-record fourth straight shutout in the opener before VT rallied in the 7th ... the Irish then surged to an 8-6 lead with four runs in the 8th inning of the nightcap only to see the Hokies answer with three scores in the bottom of that inning ... the first game spoiled a stellar six-inning effort for J.P. Gagne (0-2), who headed into the seventh inning with just two hits and one walk allowed.

The teams combined for 35 hits (19 by the Hokies) in the nightcap (4 HR, 2 3B, 11 2B) ... ND's four-run effort in the 8th was sparked by Steve Stanley's leadoff triple and Alec Porzel's double, followed by Kris Billmaier's 1-out HR (his second solo shot of the game), Joe Thaman's 2B down the LF line and Andrew Bushey's RBI single through the right side ... Jed English supplied what proved to be the winning hit moments later, sending a two-out single up the middle after the Irish had issued an intentional walk to Chris Hutchinson ... Christian Simmers' second double of the game sparked the two-out rally for the Hokies.

ND's only runs in the opener came with some help from Hokies 2B Marc Tugwell, after Steve Sollmann had drawn a full-count, one-out walk and Stanley had placed a bunt single past the pitcher ... Tugwell's errant throw on the bunt allowed Sollmann to score, with Stanley scooting to third and scoring on Paul O'Toole's rightside groundout ... VT rallied with one out in the 7th, fueled by Addison Bowman's single up the middle and Kevin Bice's blooper to right ... Hutchinson then laid down a weak bunt and the catcher O'Toole threw errantly to third, loading the bases ... Brad Bauder tied the game with a 1-2, two-run single that landed a few feet inside the rightfield line and Tugwell ended the game with a first-pitch single through a drawn-in right side of the infield.

## NOTRE DAME CAREER BIG EAST TOURNAMENT STATS

Player	G/GS	AB	R	H	2B/3B/HR	BB/K	RBI	SB	AVG.
Brian Stavisky	3/3	13	3	6	2/0/0	0/0	2	2-2	.462
Ben Cooke	8/4	14	5	5	0/0/1	1/5	3	0-0	.357
1998	3/0	1	1	0	0/0/0	1/1	0	0-0	.000
1999	3/3	10	2	3	0/0/1	0/3	2	0-0	.300
2000	2/1	3	2	2	0/0/0	0/1	1	0-0	.667
Ken Meyer	5/3	17	4	6	0/0/1	0/2	2	0-0	.353
1999	2/0	2	1	1	0/0/0	0/0	0	0-0	.500
2000	3/3	15	3	5	0/0/1	0/2	2	0-0	.333
Steve Stanley	6/6	23	4	8	1/0/0	3/2	1	0-3	.348
1999	3/3	12	0	3	1/0/0	1/2	0	0-1	.250
2000	3/3	11	4	5	0/0/0	2/0	1	0-2	.455
Kris Billmaier	3/0	3	0	1	0/0/0	0/0	0	0-0	.333
Alec Porzel	11/11	42	9	11	1/0/4	6/7	13	2-4	.262
1998	5/5	18	2	5	0/0/0	4/4	4	0-2	.278
1999	3/3	11	4	3	0/0/3	1/2	5	1-1	.273
2000	3/3	13	3	3	1/0/1	1/1	4	1-1	.231
Paul O'Toole	6/6	25	7	6	1/0/1	1/3	6	4-4	.240
1999	3/3	12	4	2	1/0/1	1/1	2	3-3	.167
2000	3/3	13	3	4	0/0/0	0/2	4	1-1	.308
Andrew Bushey	6/6	22	2	3	1/0/0	2/4	2	1-1	.136
1999	3/3	12	0	1	0/0/0	0/1	0	0-0	.083
2000	3/3	10	2	2	1/0/0	2/3	2	1-1	.200
Matt Strickroth	4/3	10	1	1	0/0/0	1/4	1	0-0	.100
1999	3/3	9	1	1	0/0/0	1/4	1	0-0	.111
2000	1/0	1	0	0	0/0/0	0/0	0	0-0	.000

Player	G/GS	W-L (SV)	IP	H	R	ER	K/BB	WP/HB	ERA
J.P. Gagne	1/1	0-0 (0)	6.0	7	1	1	5/2	0/0	1.50
Matt Buchmeier	1/0	0-0 (0)	2.0	3	1	1	1/0	0/0	4.50
Aaron Heilman	6/1	1-1 (3)	15.2	16	9	9	14/3	2/4	5.17
1998	4/0	1-1 (2)	6.2	4	2	2	5/1	1/2	2.70
1999	1/0	0-0 (1)	2.2	1	0	0	4/0	0/0	0.00
2000	1/1	0-0 (0)	6.1	11	7	7	5/2	1/2	9.95
Drew Duff	2/0	0-0 (0)	4.2	4	4	3	4/4	3/0	5.79
1999	1/0	0-0 (0)	3.0	3	4	3	3/1	2/0	9.00
2000	1/0	0-0 (0)	1.2	1	0	0	1/3	1/0	0.00
Danny Tamayo ('00)	1/1	0-1 (0)	6.0	12	6	6	6/2	1/0	9.00
Mike Naumann	3/0	0-0 (0)	1.2	8	2	2	1/0	0/0	10.80
1999	2/0	0-0 (0)	0.2	7	2	2	1/0	0/0	27.00
2000	1/0	0-0 (0)	1.0	1	0	0	0/0	0/0	0.00

## Notre Dame Career Stats vs. Virginia Tech

Player	G/GS	AB	R	H	2B/3B/HR	BB/K	RBI	SB	AVG.
Steve Stanley	2/2	8	3	5	0/1/0	1/1	0	0-1	.625
Andrew Bushey	2/2	7	0	4	1/0/0	0/0	1	0-0	.571
Steve Sollmann	2/2	6	1	3	0/0/0	1/1	1	0-1	.500
Joe Thaman	2/2	7	2	3	1/0/0	0/0	0	0-0	.429
Kris Billmaier	2/2	8	2	3	0/0/2	0/2	2	0-0	.375
Alec Porzel	2/2	8	1	2	2/0/0	0/1	2	1-1	.250
Brian Stavisky	2/2	8	0	2	0/0/0	0/2	0	0-0	.250
Ken Meyer	2/2	8	1	1	0/0/1	0/1	1	0-0	.125
Paul O'Toole	2/1	4	0	0	0/0/0	0/1	1	0-0	.000
Ben Cooke	1/1	2	0	0	0/0/0	0/0	0	0-0	.000
Matt Strickroth	1/0	1	0	0	0/0/0	0/0	0	0-0	.000

Player	G/GS	W-L (SV)	IP	H	R	ER	K/BB	WP/HB	ERA
Matt Laird	1/0	0-0 (0)	1.2	4	0	0	3/0	0/0	0.00
J.P. Gagne	1/1	0-1 (0)	6.0	6	3	2	6/1	0/0	3.00
Matt Buchmeier	1/1	0-0 (0)	4.0	8	4	4	5/1	0/0	9.00
Mike Naumann	1/0	0-0 (0)	1.1	3	2	2	0/1	0/0	13.50
Brandon Vilorio	1/0	0-1 (0)	1.0	4	3	3	0/1	0/0	27.00

<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>0-0-2</b>	<b>0-0-0</b>	<b>0 -</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Virginia Tech</b>	<b>0-0-0</b>	<b>0-0-0</b>	<b>3 -</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>

J.P. Gagne (0-2) and Paul O'Toole. Chip Runyon (1-0) and Kevin Bice.

<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>1-0-1</b>	<b>0-0-0</b>	<b>2-4-0 -</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Virginia Tech</b>	<b>0-1-0</b>	<b>3-1-1</b>	<b>0-3-X -</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>

Matt Buchmeier, Mike Naumann (5), Matt Laird (7), Brandon Vilorio (8; L, 3-1) and Andrew Bushey, Paul O'Toole (7).  
 Ian Oslunder, Anthony Miller (8), Joe Saunders (8; W, 4-2), Seth Bandy (9; SV-1) and Jed English.  
 Home Runs: Spencer Harris, VT; Ken Meyer, ND; Kris Billmaier, ND 2.  
 Triples: Steve Stanley (ND), Hutchinson (VT).  
 Doubles: Alec Porzel 2 (ND), Joe Thaman (ND), Andrew Bushey (ND), Christian Simmers 2 (VT), John West (VT), Kevin Bice (VT), Chris Hutchinson (VT) and Marc Tugwell 2 (VT).

## Career Record Book

### Batting Average

8. Mike Amrhein (1994-97) .....	.361
9. Steve Stanley (1999- ) .....	.359

### Hits

1. Pat Pesavento (1986-89) .....	296
2. Eric Danapilis (1990-93) .....	295
3. J.J. Brock (1994-98) .....	272
4. Mike Amrhein (1994-97) .....	269
5. Alec Porzel (1998- ) .....	267
6. Dan Peltier (1987-89) .....	257
7. Jeff Felker (1997-2000) .....	246
8. Steve Stanley (1999- ) .....	250
9. Brant Ust (1997-99) .....	243
10. Scott Sollmann (1994-96) .....	239

### Runs Batted In

1. Eric Danapilis (1990-93) .....	221
2. Alec Porzel (1998- ) .....	207
3. Dan Peltier (1987-89) .....	202
4. Mike Amrhein (1994-97) .....	202

### Games Started (since 1989)

1. J.J. Brock (1994-98) .....	238
2. Alec Porzel (1998- ) .....	226
3. Craig Counsell (1989-92) .....	223

### Games Played

1. J.J. Brock (1994-98) .....	238
2. Craig Counsell (1989-92) .....	236
3. Mike Coss (1988-91) .....	235
4. Alec Porzel (1998- ) .....	231

### At-Bats

1. J.J. Brock (1994-98) .....	860
2. Alec Porzel (1998- ) .....	859
3. Pat Pesavento (1986-89) .....	806

### Home Runs

1. Jeff Wagner (1996-99) .....	49
2. Brant Ust (1997-99) .....	46
3. Frank Jacobs (1989-91) .....	37
4. Mike Amrhein (1994-97) .....	37
5. Alec Porzel (1998- ) .....	35

### Triples

6. Paul Failla (1992-94) .....	13
7. Ryan Topham (1993-95) .....	13
8. Alec Porzel (1998- ) .....	12

### Doubles

1. Alec Porzel (1998- ) .....	75
2. Eric Danapilis (1990-93) .....	61
3. Dan Peltier (1987-89) .....	60

### Runs

6. Scott Sollmann (1994-96) .....	187
7. Alec Porzel (1998- ) .....	177
8. Brant Ust (1997-99) .....	174
9. Steve Stanley (1999- ) .....	170

### Stolen Bases

1. Scott Sollmann (1994-96) .....	101
2. Pat Pesavento (1986-89) .....	94
3. Steve Stanley (1999- ) .....	83
4. Greg Layson (1991-94) .....	80
5. Dan Bautch (1990-92) .....	68
6. Eric Danapilis (1990-93) .....	46
7. Paul O'Toole (1999- ) .....	40

### Earned Run Average

1. Nick Palihnich (1959-61) .....	2.36
2. Aaron Heilman (1998- ) .....	2.47

### Strikeouts Thrown

1. Aaron Heilman (1998- ) .....	405
2. David Sinnes (1990-93) .....	315
3. Tom Price (1991-94) .....	276

### Innings Pitched

1. Tom Price (1991-94) .....	390.0
2. Aaron Heilman (1998- ) .....	375.2
3. Chris Michalak (1990-93) .....	372.2

### Victories

1. Aaron Heilman (1998- ) .....	41-7
2. Tom Price (1991-94) .....	40-10
3. Chris Michalak (1990-93) .....	34-13

### Appearances

1. Chris Michalak (1990-93) .....	90
2. Aaron Heilman (1998- ) .....	81

### Saves

1. John Corbin (1997-2000) .....	20
2. Aaron Heilman (1998- ) .....	12

### Winning Pct. (min. 16 decisions)

1. Herb Kelly ('12-'14) .....	.917 (22-2)
2. Frank Scanlan ('07-'09) .....	.864 (19-3)
3. Hugh Mageveney ('22-'24) .....	.857 (18-3)
4. Aaron Heilman ('98- ) .....	.854 (41-7)

### Complete Games

1. Norwood Gibson (1896-00) .....	28
2. Tom Price (1991-94) .....	24
3. Aaron Heilman (1998- ) .....	24

### Shutouts

1. Jean Dubuc (1907-08) .....	7
2. Frank Scanlan (1907-09) .....	7
3. Chris Michalak (1991-93) .....	7
4. Aaron Heilman (1998- ) .....	6

**40-SOMETHING** – ND owns 13th straight seasons with 40-plus wins, including 48 in '89 and '92, 46 in '90, '93, '94 and '00, 45 wins in '91 and '01 and 44 in '95 ... ND's active streak of seasons with 40-plus wins ranks 4th in Division I, trailing three others: Florida State (24; currently 40-15), Wichita State (24; 41-22, with more than 56 GP due to a Hawaii trip exemption) and Clemson (nearing 15; 37-18).

**+30 ... AND BEYOND** – The Irish are 30-plus games over .500 (+36) for the 4th season in ND history (first ever prior to May) ... the '89 team was the first to do it, winning five straight to claim the MCC title and push its record to 47-17-1 (May 20) ... the '90 Irish swelled to 40-10 on May 6 (with a 14-4 win over Xavier) before topping out at +35 in the MCC Tournament (45-10, 46-11) ... the '92 Irish pushed their record to 43-13 with a 10-1 win over Dayton in the MCCs and surged as high as +34 (48-14) thanks to wins in the NCAAAs over Miami, Delaware and South Carolina ... ND tied the '90 team's mark of +35 with the 9-1 win over Michigan and fell back after the 7-6 loss to WMU before becoming the first Irish team ever to reach +36 with the DH sweep of UConn (6-1, 13-12).

**RACKING UP THE Ws** – 2001 marks the sixth time that an ND baseball team has reached 41 wins in the regular season but only one previous ND squad (44-10, '90) headed into the postseason with more than 41 wins ... the four previous ND teams that finished the regular season with 41 Ws were '89, '91, '92 and '00 ... the Irish set the team record for regular-season wins (45) with the pair of victories at BC.

**SPRINT TO 20-30-40** – ND reached 20 wins (20-4-1) faster than any of the program's previous 92 teams, dating back to the 20-1 start in 1908 ... the 2000 Irish squad tied the ND record for quickest to 30 wins (30-9) set by three previous teams, with the 2001 ND team then besting that record by reaching 30 wins in 36 games (30-5-1) ... finally, the Irish reached 40 wins (40-6-1) three games sooner than the program's previous best (40-10, in 1990).

**ANOTHER WINNING SEASON** – ND needed just 36 games (30-5-1) to clinch the 78th winning season in the program's 109-year history, including 14 straight winning seasons (the '87 team was 15-29).

**WIN STREAK HITS 16** – ND pushed its winning streak to 16 games during a three-week stretch in April—matching the 3rd-longest single-season streak in the program's history, behind an 18-game run in 1991 and a 17-game winning streak by the 1907 team (as part of a 21-game overall streak from 1906-07) ... the 2001 ND squad also became the quickest Irish team ever to reach the 30-win plateau, opening 30-5-1 (the '90, '94, '99 and 2000 teams all started 30-9) ... the longest previous winning streak of the Paul Mainieri era (since '95) was a 13-game run from April 8-23, 1999 while the 16-game streak matched a late-season run by the 1988 ND team.

**WORKING O.T.** – ND is 9-0-1 in its last 10 extra-inning games, since losing 10-7 to Boston College on April 17, 1999 (7-inning game that ended in the 8th) ... that streak includes a rare happening of three consecutive extra-inning games at the Pepsi/Johnny Quik Classic, with the Irish tying Navy (4-4 in 10) before beating Fresno State (5-4 in 10) and Miami of Ohio (3-2 in 11) ... in addition to the 11-inning win earlier this season at Mississippi State (4-2) and the

recent 11-inning win at Rutgers (5-4), the extra-inning streak includes wins over Oakland (7-6 in 10; 4/30/99), Villanova (7-3 in 10; 3/25/00), West Virginia (3-1 in 7-inn. game extended to 10; 4/15/00), Michigan (5-4 in 11; 4/26/00) and Pittsburgh (11-8 in 10; 5/6/00) ... the VU and WVU games were on the road, the Michigan win was at Old Kent Park (Grand Rapids, Mich.).

**SO MANY STRONG STARTS** – Senior RHPs Aaron Heilman and Danny Tamayo and sophomore RHP J.P. Gagne will be looking to extend the impressive performances by ND starting pitchers in 2001, as the Irish starters combined for a 2.43 ERA regular-season ERA (1.96 before the UConn series) ... the bulk of those starts (26) have come from the lethal combination of Heilman (1.50, 6th in the nation) and Tamayo (2.36, 26th) while Gagne (4.45, 3.78 as starter) has turned in solid efforts in nine of his 10 starts ... sophomore Peter Ogilvie (1.15, 4-1 in six starts) has evolved into a strong No. 4 starter while junior Matt Buchmeier (3.81) logged five decent starts during the first half of the season ... other ND starters in 2001 have included senior LHP Mike Naumann (1.90), sophomore RHP Ryan Kalita (1.13) and junior RHP Drew Duff (5.79) ... other combined stats for ND starting pitchers: 37-5 in 344.2 IP (93 earned runs), with 285 Ks, 79 walks and 27 hits allowed (for 9-inning averages of 7.4 Ks, 2.1 BBs and 7.2 hits) ... ND's overall 3.02 team ERA includes a 4.58 by the bullpen—led by sophomore RHP Matt Laird (3.21, 4-1, 4 SV).

Starter (GS)	ER/IP	ERA	K/BB	H	W-L
Heilman (12)	16/96.0	1.50	91/26	57	13-0
Tamayo (12)	25/90.1	2.36	91/14	72	8-1
Gagne (10)	22/52.1	3.78	38/18	47	5-2
Ogilvie (6)	5/39.0	1.15	22/5	28	4-1
Buchmeier (5)	11/26.0	3.81	20/6	30	1-0
Naumann (3)	4/19.0	1.90	7/3	21	2-1
Duff (3)	9/14.0	5.79	10/4	16	2-0
Kalita (2)	1/8.0	1.13	6/3	6	2-0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>93/344.2</b>	<b>2.43</b>	<b>285/79</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>37-5</b>

**9-inning averages: 7.4 Ks, 2.1 BB, 7.2 H**

**ROAD WARRIORS** – ND was 24-5-1 away from home during the regular season (21-4 at Eck Stadium) ... ND's 14-3 record on the opponent's field nearly was 17-0 (the Irish suffered two late-inning losses at Virginia Tech, 3-2 and 9-8, and another at BC, 7-6).

**THE FRIENDLY SKIES** – The spring break trip to Northern California completed a string of four straight roadtrips for the Irish, covering some 10,000 miles: Starkville, Miss. (1,436 miles roundtrip), San Antonio, Texas (2,532), St. Petersburg, Fla. (2,310) and Fresno, Calif. (4,264) ... all told, ND has the equivalent of more than 4/5ths the earth's circumference (20,655 of 24,000 miles)—the equivalent of travelling from Miami to Seattle ... the long way! ... despite the travel challenges, the ND players missed just five total class days this spring while the 33-member squad combine for a 3.19 team GPA last fall (four just were named to the 82-player Academic All-America ballot, tops nationwide).

### ROUNDRIP MILEAGE OF 2001 ND TRIPS

Starkville, Miss. ....	1,598
San Antonio, Texas .....	2,584
St. Petersburg, Fla. ....	2,580
Fresno, Calif. ....	4,643
Pittsburgh, Pa./Blacksburg, Va. ....	1,448
Piscataway, N.J. ....	1,750
Jamaica, N.Y. ....	1,482
Grand Rapids, Mich. ....	244
Boston, Mass. ....	1,964
Bridgewater, N.J. ....	1,362
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>20,655</b>

**THE SKIPPER REACHES 300** – Seventh-year ND head coach **Paul Mainieri** owns a 632-399-1 (.613) record in 19 college seasons ... in addition to his 300-120-1 (.714) mark at ND, Mainieri's teams were 180-121 in six seasons at St. Thomas (Fla.) and 152-158 in six seasons at Air Force ... his 300 wins rank 3rd all-time at ND, behind Pat Murphy (318, '88-'94) and Jake Kline (558, '34-'75) ... Mainieri has seen 24 of his Irish players go on to pro baseball (16 via the draft), with RHP Christian Parker being the first to reach the Majors (he earned a spot as the N.Y. Yankees No. 5 starter and made his debut vs. Toronto on April 6 at Yankees Stadium—with Mainieri and others from ND watching on) ... 15 of his players at St. Thomas went on to pro ball, including three—Joe Klink, Dane Johnson and Dan Rohrmeier—who have played in the major leagues ... Mainieri and his father Demie are the only known father-son combo in college baseball history to top 500 wins ... Demie won 1,018 in 30 years at Miami-Dade North CC.

**MAINIERI'S MILESTONES** – Paul Mainieri—who posted his 300th career victory at Notre Dame in the DH sweep at BC—reached the 500-win milestone in ND's Feb. 27, 1999, win at New Orleans (14-11) before reaching his 600th win this season in memorable fashion: on St. Patrick's Day in the 7-6 win over Portland in the title game of the Fresno State Pepsi/Johnny Quik Classic (the Irish wore special green jerseys) ... Mainieri experienced two noteworthy homecomings in '99, making his third return with the Irish to UNO (where he played) and his third return as the ND coach to his hometown of Miami ... Mainieri coached his 800th career game on Feb. 20, 1998, at the University of Miami, after a Feb. 15 game at UNO was rained out ... he notched his 499th career win in the '99 season opener vs. James Madison, in Miami at Fla. International (Feb. 19) ... Mainieri picked up his 200th win at ND in the 7-6 win over Oakland on April 30, 1999 ... he coached his 900th college game in the opener at Georgetown on May 8, 1999, and his 1,000th this season vs. Hillsdale College (March 29).

**NOTRE DAME WEEKLY IN THE NATIONAL POLLS**

	BA	CB	USA TODAY
Preseason	9	14	13
2/5	9	14	13
2/12	12	14	13
2/19	11	12	12
2/26	11	11	10
3/5	12	12	11
3/12	11	8	10
3/19	10	8	9
3/26	14	13	13
4/2	7	6	8
4/9	7	4	6
4/16	5	2	6
4/23	2	1	4
4/30	1	1	2
5/7	4	2	5

(BA-Baseball America; CB-Collegiate Baseball; USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll)

**POLL NOTES** – Nine different teams have been ranked No. 1 in at least one of three major polls during the 2001 season—with the past four weeks seeing five (ND, Nebraska, LSU, Cal State Fullerton and Miami) get ranked No. 1 for the first time in 2001 (USC was No. 1 in the second week before returning to a top spot in a national poll this week) ... ND is one of five teams that have totaled three or more No. 1 weekly rankings this season (once in BA, twice in CB), with the others being Georgia Tech, Stanford, Rice and Miami ... ND also earned rare distinction by being top-ranked in the CB and BA polls during the same week (Georgia Tech and Stanford are the only other schools that can make that claim in 2001).

**THEN & NOW (ND regular-season stats)**

Statistic	2000	2001
Batting Average	.298	.321
Runs Scored	7.2 (364)	7.5 (376)
Home Runs	46	31
Batters' Ks	227	230
Slugging Pct.	.455	.466
On-Base Pct.	.360	.393
Stolen Bases	62	89
Top Batter	.361	.393
Team ERA	3.68	3.02
Pitchers' Ks	420	368
Pitchers K/BB	2.73	2.75
Opponent Batting Avg.	.270	.238
Fielding Pct.	.965	.961

**ND'S TOP SITUATIONAL HITTERS**

**Two-Out Batting Average**

1. Brian Stavisky	.418
2. Steve Sollmann	.370
3. Alec Porzel	.351
4. Matt Bok	.333
5. Steve Stanley	.327
6. Paul O'Toole	.321
Team Average	.288
7. Andrew Bushey	.288
8. Joe Thaman	.273
9. Ken Meyer	.243
10. Kris Billmaier	.237

(2000 team avg. was .276)

**Two-Out RBI**

1. Alec Porzel	19
2. Brian Stavisky	18
3. Steve Sollmann	16
4. Andrew Bushey	15
5. Paul O'Toole	14
6. Kris Billmaier	10

**Runners Advanced**

1. Paul O'Toole	27
2. Alec Porzel	19
3. Steve Sollmann	18
4. Steve Stanley	18
5. Joe Thaman	17
6. Kris Billmaier	17

**Batting with Runners in Scoring Pos.**

1. Steve Sollmann	403
2. Andrew Bushey	397
3. Brian Stavisky	383
4. Paul O'Toole	367
5. Steve Stanley	333
6. Alec Porzel	333
7. Kris Billmaier	296
8. Matt Bok	294
Team Average	258
9. Ken Meyer	258
10. Joe Thaman	164

(2000 team avg. was .313)

**Leadoff On-Base Percentage**

1. Ken Meyer	.611
2. Steve Stanley	.529
3. Steve Sollmann	.500
4. Brian Stavisky	.462
5. Paul O'Toole	.459
6. Kris Billmaier	.452
Team Average	.441
7. Alec Porzel	.353
8. Matt Bok	.346
9. Joe Thaman	.326
10. Andrew Bushey	.324

('00 team avg. was .376)

**\*Plate Appearances Per K (pre-BC)**

1. Paul O'Toole	17.55
2. Steve Stanley	16.00
3. Kris Billmaier	15.77
4. Alec Porzel	14.38
5. Matt Bok	10.22
6. Brian Stavisky	9.61
Steve Sollmann	9.61
Team Average	9.59
8. Andrew Bushey	9.55
9. Joe Thaman	7.00
10. Ken Meyer	5.53

\* AB, BB, HP, SF, SH / Ks  
(2000 team avg.: 9.26)

**#Best Double Play Ratios (pre-BC)**

1. Ken Meyer	45 ABs (0)
2. Steve Stanley	78.0 (1)
3. Alec Porzel	55.0 (2)
4. Matt Bok	44.0 (1)
5. Brian Stavisky	33.7 (3)
6. Steve Sollmann	30.3 (3)
7. Joe Thaman	29.3 (3)
Team Average	28.3 (32)
8. Andrew Bushey	23.3 (4)
9. Paul O'Toole	22.8 (4)
10. Kris Billmaier	15.2 (6)

# Lowest grounded into DP ratio, vs. ABs with runners on base  
(2000 team avg. – 50.5)

**National Polls**

**BASEBALL AMERICA TOP 25**

Team	W-L	Prev.
1. Miami	41-12	3
2. USC	35-16	5
3. Nebraska	41-14	1
4. Cal St. Fullerton	39-14	2
5. <b>NOTRE DAME</b>	<b>45-9-1</b>	<b>4</b>
6. Tulane	45-9	6
7. Stanford	39-14	7
8. Central Florida	45-11	8
9. Georgia	40-16	12
10. East Carolina	44-11	10
11. Pepperdine	39-15	14
12. LSU	37-18-1	9
13. Florida State	40-15	15
14. Tennessee	41-15	16
15. Clemson	37-18	17
16. Rice	40-17	11
17. Georgia Tech	39-16	13
18. Arizona State	33-16-1	19
19. South Carolina	41-15	24
20. UC Santa Barbara	37-13	25
21. Texas Tech	39-16	NR
22. Wake Forest	37-15	23
23. Rutgers	40-13	NR
24. Ohio State	41-14	NR
25. Middle Tennessee St.	38-14	NR

**COLLEGIATE BASEBALL TOP 30**

Team	W-L	Pts (Prev.)
1. USC	35-16	466 (3)
2. Miami	41-12	465 (4)
3. <b>NOTRE DAME</b>	<b>45-9-1</b>	<b>463 (2)</b>
4. Stanford	39-14	460 (6)
5. Nebraska	41-14	458 (5)
6. Cal State Fullerton	39-14	457 (1)
7. Florida State	40-15	453 (7)
8. Tulane	45-9	449 (10)
9. Georgia	40-16	445 (11)
10. East Carolina	44-11	444 (9)
11. LSU	37-18-1	440 (8)
12. Central Florida	45-11	436 (18)
13. Clemson	37-18	434 (13)
14. Pepperdine	39-15	430 (17)
15. Arizona State	33-16-1	428 (15)
16. Rice	40-17	425 (12)
17. Tennessee	41-15	422 (16)
18. Wake Forest	37-15	418 (24)
19. Georgia Tech	39-16	417 (14)
20. UC Santa Barbara	37-13	416 (23)
21. Texas Tech	39-16-1	414 (25)
22. Mississippi State	32-21	411 (NR)
23. Mississippi	36-19-1	410 (20)
24. South Carolina	41-15	408 (21)
25. Baylor	35-20	406 (22)
26. California	33-23	403(29)
27. Ohio State	40-14	401(27)
28. Delaware	41-13	398 (28)
29. Middle Tennessee	38-14	395 (NR)
30. Rutgers	40-13	390 (NR)

**USA TODAY/ESPN COACHES POLL**

Team (1st)	W-L	Pts (Prev.)
1. Miami (29)	41-12	996 (1)
2. USC (9)	35-16	977 (3)
3. Stanford	39-14	897 (6)
4. <b>NOTRE DAME (1)</b>	<b>45-9-1</b>	<b>867 (5)</b>
5. Nebraska (1)	41-14	854 (2)
6. Cal State Fullerton	39-14	793 (4)
7. Tulane (1)	45-9	771 (8)
8. Florida State	40-15	663 (11)
9. LSU	37-18-1	620 (7)
10. Rice	40-17	612 (9)
11. Central Florida	45-11	568 (13)
12. East Carolina	44-10	519 (12)
13. Tennessee	41-15	491 (14)
14. Georgia	40-16	485 (18)
15. Georgia Tech	39-16	478 (10)
16. South Carolina	41-15	439 (15)
17. Clemson	37-18	433 (16)
18. Arizona State	33-16-1	313 (19)
19. Pepperdine	39-15	311 (22)
20. Baylor	35-20	196 (17)
21. Texas Tech	39-16-1	139 (NR)
22. UC Santa Barbara	37-13	134 (NR)
23. Wake Forst	37-15	129 (24)
24. Ohio State	41-14	126 (25)
25. South Alabama	39-16	71 (21)

**Others receiving votes:** Rutgers (62), Setson (58), Oklahoma St. (38), Auburn (37), Wichita State (34), Mississippi (32), Long Beach St. (32), Mississippi State (27), Fresno State (22), Middle Tennessee (21), Fla. Int'l (16), Oral Roberts (15), Cal (14), San Jose St. (11), Winthrop (7), Wisconsin-Milwaukee (6), SW Missouri St. (4), Campbell (2), Minnesota (2), Purdue (1), Jacksonville (1), Evansville (1).

*Italics – Notre Dame 2001 opponent.*

## ND's BIG EAST OFFENSIVE STATISTICAL LEADERS

### Junior CF Steve Stanley

• 1st in runs scored .....	67
• 1st in BIG EAST runs scored .....	38
• 1st in BIG EAST triples .....	5
• 1st in hits .....	86
• 2nd in stolen bases .....	30
• Tied for 2nd in BIG EAST stolen bases ..	12
• 3rd in batting average .....	.393
• 4th in BIG EAST hits .....	38
• 3rd in BIG EAST on-base pct. ....	.479
• 6th in BIG EAST batting average .....	.384
• 5th in total bases .....	112
• Tied for 1st in BIG EAST walks .....	18
• 5th in on-base percentage .....	.452

### Sophomore RF Brian Stavisky

• Tied for 2nd in triples .....	4
• 3rd in RBI .....	54
• Tied for 2nd in BIG EAST RBI .....	27
• 2nd in on-base percentage .....	.469
• 4th in slugging percentage .....	.599
• 5th in BIG EAST slugging pct. ....	.598
• Tied for 7th in BIG EAST doubles .....	8
• 5th in batting average .....	.384
• 9th in total bases .....	106
• 4th in BIG EAST on-base pct. ....	.462
• 11th in hits .....	68

### Freshman 2B Steve Sollmann

• Tied for 2nd in BIG EAST runs scored ....	26
• 4th in stolen bases .....	22
• 5th in runs scored .....	49
• 5th in hits .....	74
• 9th in on-base percentage .....	.443
• 8th in batting average .....	.375

### Senior SS Alec Porzel

• 1st in doubles .....	25
• 1st in BIG EAST doubles .....	13
• 1st in BIG EAST RBI .....	35
• Tied for 1st in BIG EAST total bases .....	63
• Tied for 2nd in BIG EAST runs scored ....	26
• 2nd in BIG EAST slugging pct. ....	.636
• 4th in RBI .....	50
• Tied for 3rd in BIG EAST home runs .....	5
• 9th in runs scored .....	47
• 7th in total bases .....	109
• 11th in BIG EAST hits .....	33

### Junior 3B Andrew Bushey

• 2nd in BIG EAST doubles .....	10
• 2nd in BIG EAST batting average .....	.425
• Tied for 2nd in BIG EAST RBI .....	27
• 4th in BIG EAST slugging pct. ....	.600

### Junior C Paul O'Toole

• Tied for 8th in BIG EAST stolen bases .....	8
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### Sophomore LF Kris Billmaier

• Tied for 9th in BIG EAST walks .....	15
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### Junior DH/OF Matt Bok

• Tied for 2nd in triples .....	4
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## PORZEL RANKS AMONG BIG EAST'S

**ALL-TIME BESTS** – Irish senior SS **Alec Porzel** steadily has infiltrated the BIG EAST record book and is the only player currently ranked among the BIG EAST's all-time top 10 for each of the following categories in conference games: RBI (1st, 102), doubles (2nd, 33), at-bats (T-1st, 345), hits (6th, 108), home runs (9th, 79), games played (4th, 93) and runs (8th, 79) ... Porzel's 16 RBI during the last 12 BIG EAST games sent him well past the previous BIG EAST career RBI record (89, by Rutgers 1B/OF Pete Zoccolillo) ... Porzel tied former Rutgers SS Darren Fenster atop the BIG EAST career ABs list and was one 2B shy of tying Fenster atop that list (Porzel would have been 1st team all-BIG EAST in 2000 but Fenster had a player-of-the-year season) ... his 14 doubles in BIG EAST games this season were one shy of the BIG EAST record (UConn's Billy Rich had 14 in '97) ... ND junior CF **Steve Stanley** ranks 7th on the BIG EAST career runs list (80) and is tied with Porzel for 6th in hits (108).

**GAPS IN HIS BAT** – Porzel hit 24 doubles as a junior and already has gone one better this season, with his 25 two-baggers ranking third in the nation (Southern University's Michael Woods and Ohio University's Ryan Keyes both have 27) ... Porzel's 0.48 2Bs/gm rank 7th nationally ... Dan Peltier (32, '89) is the only previous ND player to hit 25-plus 2Bs in a season ... Porzel (75) is ND's runaway leader for career 2Bs (Eric Danapilis was the previous recordholder, with 61 from '90-'93).

**IN THE ND RECORD BOOKS** – In addition to already ranking as ND's leader in career doubles (75), **Alec Porzel** is the only player presently ranked in the Irish career top 10 for home runs, triples and doubles ... here's where he ranks in the Irish career record book, heading into the BIG EAST Tournament (see p. 3 of release for updated career record book):  
 \* 1st in doubles (75)  
 \* 2nd in ABs (859; 1 back of J.J. Brock's record 860 from '94-'98)  
 \* 2nd in games started (226; 12 shy of Brock's record 238)  
 \* 2nd in RBI (207; 14 behind Eric Danapilis' 221 from 1990-93)  
 \* 4th in games played (231; 7 shy of J.J. Brock's record 238)  
 \* 5th in hits (268; 28 behind Pat Pesavento's record 296, '86-'89)  
 \* 5th in HRs (35; 14 back of Jeff Wagner's record 49 from '96-'99)  
 \* 7th in runs scored (177; 69 behind Pesavento's record 246)  
 \* 9th in 3Bs (12; 12 behind Scott Sollmann's record 24, '94-'96)

**30-30** – Senior SS **Alec Porzel** smacked what proved to be a valuable 2-run home run in the 9-8 win over Detroit on April 11 and in the process became the first ND player ever to reach 30 home runs (now 35) and 30 stolen bases (now 32) in his career, doing so in his 205th career game played ... junior C Paul O'Toole (18 HR, 41 SB, 165 GP) also has a shot at the 30-30 distinction.

## PENCIL HIM IN, OR USE PEN – Junior

**Steve Stanley** has started all 180 games of his ND career (all in center field) while logging all but 14 innings in CF his three seasons ... from 1999-2001 seasons, the familiar #2 has patrolled center field for the Irish in **99.1 percent of the innings** (1,521 of 1,535)—including all but two out of 513.2 as a freshman (his classmate Paul O'Toole played the final two innings in a 20-10 loss at Northwestern on April 6, 1999) ... Stanley then played in CF for the final 267.2 innings of '99 and the first 497 of his sophomore season—a span of 764.2 consecutive innings in CF—before being replaced by current senior Ben Cooke for the final five innings of the 8-1 NCAA Tournament loss at Mississippi State (the Irish fell into an early 7-0 hole and Stanley reluctantly left the game due to illness) ... this season, he has patrolled center in all but seven of 478 innings—with Mike Naumann inserted into CF for the final inning vs. Texas-Pan American (a 14-9 win) while John Heintz played the position for the final four innings vs. Hillsdale (a 9-2 win) and for the final two innings of the 15-3 win over Seton Hall ... Naumann—who had OF experience as a prep—turned in a play during that brief stint vs. UTPA that Stanley would be proud of, sprinting to the warning track and crashing into the wall while holding on to a flyout off the bat of Caleb Schmidt (who homered earlier in the game) ... here's a breakdown of Stanley's innings played in center field:

1999:	511.2 of 513.2 (final 267.2)
2000:	539 of 544 (497 consecutive to start)
2001:	469.1 of 477.1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,520 of 1,534 (99.09 percent)</b>

**THE MEN OF IRON** – Stanley has moved past former teammate **Brant Ust** (179; '97-'99) into 2nd place on the ND all-time list for consecutive starts (180) ... Ust's three-year career saw him split starts at 3B, 2B and SS in '97 before playing primarily 3B in '98 and SS in '99 ... the Irish record for consecutive starts is held by another former SS, as **Pat Pesavento** started 204 consecutive from '86-'89 (starting with the final 31 games of '86)—one of the longest starting streaks in Division I history.

**VETERAN CORE OF FOUR** – Senior SS **Alec Porzel** combines with a junior trio—CF **Steve Stanley**, 3B **Andrew Bushey** and C **Paul O'Toole**—to form the veteran core of ND's position players ... those four have combined for 728 games played, 712 starts, 845 hits in 2,633 at-bats (.321), 173 doubles, 470 RBI, 162 stolen bases and 204 walks.

**HE KEEPS GOING ... AND GOING** – Junior CF **Steve Stanley** has moved into 3rd place in the ND career stolen bases list, with 83 ... the top two on the list are Scott Sollmann (101, '94-'96) and Pat Pesavento (94; '86-'89) ... Stanley has been caught stealing just six times this season (30-for-37, .811) and is 83-for-109 in his career (.762; 24-for-32 in 1999, 29-for-40 in 2000).

## NOTRE DAME CAREER STATISTICS

Name	GP/GS	AB	R	H	HR-3B-2B	RBI	BB	HP	K	SF/SH	SB	AVG
Billmaier	84/71	249	50	69	7-0-9	52	34	8	23	4/2	4-8	.277
Bok	108/73	261	47	72	3-5-16	44	28	11	40	3/4	4-8	.276
at ND	75/52	172	32	48	1-4-10	29	19	6	27	2/4	1-3	.279
Bushey	152/151	516	77	154	5-5-34	74	51	9	47	8/6	6-12	.298
Cooke	168/74	300	57	81	1-0-13	39	20	4	92	3/14	21-31	.270
Meyer	107/69	293	57	88	7-5-21	46	19	8	52	4/0	3-3	.300
O'Toole	165/156	562	136	174	18-5-35	109	56	22	63	7/6	41-56	.310
Porzel	231/226	859	177	267	35-12-75	207	82	12	104	20/1	32-48	.311
Stanley	180/180	696	170	250	1-8-29	80	85	3	54	11/22	83-109	.359
Stavisky	114/113	425	87	142	19-9-30	99	45	5	59	3/0	14-20	.334
Strickroth	105/62	231	41	53	7-1-11	40	22	12	68	3/0	3-6	.229

  

Name	GP/GS	CG/Shut	IP	H	R/ER	BB	K	WP	HB	BK	AVG (AB)	HR	W-L	SV	ERA
Buchmeier	40/8	0/0	105.0	125	68/58	34	73	12	7	0	.294 (417)	15	5-3	4	4.97
Duff	48/11	0/0	111.2	144	96/79	46	91	8	4	0	.326 (443)	10	10-4	2	6.37
Gagne	33/23	1/0	133.1	159	75/66	46	85	4	6	0	.302 (531)	12	12-4	0	4.46
Heilman	81/42	24/6	375.2	282	135/103	111	405	36	34	1	.199 (1,410)	12	41-7	12	2.47
Laird	35/9	0/0	75.0	76	42/30	28	60	10	13	0	.291 (264)	3	9-3	4	3.60
Naumann	64/8	0/0	120.1	178	80/55	30	57	5	4	1	.373 (475)	4	10-2	1	4.11
Tamayo	28/18	4/3	142.2	115	59/49	41	126	9	3	1	.220 (523)	7	12-3	1	3.09
Viloria	21/1	0/0	34.2	35	14/12	6	22	1	3	0	.278 (126)	1	3-1	2	3.12

**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE:** The ND baseball squad posted a 3.19 team GPA in the 2000 fall semester—the program's best term in the seven-year tenure of coach Paul Mainieri ... 11 players turned in a Dean's List semester (3.4 or higher) in the fall, with 21 at 3.0 or higher ... Irish baseball players have earned GTE Academic All-America honors 13 times since '82, including a pair in 2000: 2B **Jeff Perconte** (3.76 cumulative GPA, double major in economics and government; now attending ND Law School) and current senior LHP **Mike Naumann** (3.92, pre-professional science; three 4.0 semesters; already accepted into and plans to attend Baylor Medical School) ... ND was one of seven Division I baseball teams with multiple Academic All-Americans in 2000 and only two of those schools—ND and North Carolina—participated in the 2000 NAAs ... four current ND players recently were named to the 11-player Academic All-District V team (no other school had multiple players on the team) and now advance to the national Academic All-America ballot: Naumann, junior 3B **Andrew Bushey** (3.33, finance), sophomore RF **Brian Stavisky** (3.69, business) and sophomore RHP **Matt Laird** (3.59, business).

**JUNIOR JUMP** – One of the hidden keys to ND's success in 2001 has been the play of junior 3B **Andrew Bushey**, who has provided solid offense batting mostly in the No. 7 hole (he is 4th on the team with a .350 batting avg., plus 16 doubles, 3 triples and a .475 slugging pct.) ... Bushey's batting avg. is up 79 points from his combined avg. in 1999 and 2000 (.271) while his slugging is up 94 points (.381 first two seasons) ... his 3 triples are more than the previous 2 seasons combined (2) while he hit just 18 combined doubles in 1999 and 2000 ... his .425 BIG EAST average ranks 3rd among the conference's players, behind a pair of OFs: UConn's Mike Scott (.451) and Billy McCarthy of Rutgers (.419).

**THE MASK FACTOR?** – Bushey's sudden jump in batting average brings back memories of another recent Irish player—**Mike Amrhein** ('97)—who made the switch to catcher prior to making big strides at the plate (Bushey began training as classmate Paul O'Toole's backup last fall and has made 10 starts behind the plate in 2001) ... Amrhein—who credited his experience as a catcher with improving his abilities to see the ball as a hitter and understand the strategy of opposing pitchers (Bushey has expressed similar observations)—was a 99th-round draft choice of the N.Y. Yankees before returning for his senior season in '97 ... after playing mostly OF and 3B his first three seasons, Amrhein split catching duties with Jeff Wagner in '97 and responded with a monster season that included a 21-game hit streak ... Amrhein entered that season with a .346 career batting avg. but hit nearly 50 points higher than that in '97 (.394) while amassing 91 hits, 14 HRs, three triples, 13 doubles, 71 RBI, 33 walks and just 17 Ks (nearly matching his HR total) ... Amrhein's final season prompted the Chicago Cubs to select him in the 10th round of the '97 draft (only three ND seniors ever have been drafted higher) and he is in the midst of his 5th season within the Cubs organization (he was a non-roster invitee at Cubs spring training each of the past two seasons and currently is playing with the West Tennessee Diamond Jaxx in the double-A Southern League).

**MORE HITS, MORE Ks** – Andrew Bushey (62) has surpassed his 2000 hit total (58) but his improved batting avg. has included a surprising rise in his strikeout total, as Bushey K'd just 12 times as a sophomore but has 20 strikeouts in 2001 (his on-base pct. has jumped 50 points, from .352 in 2000 to .402 this season).

**BUSTING OUT** – Despite major early-season struggles with scoring 1st and 2nd-inning runs, the Irish stunningly now hold a 53-8 season scoring edge in the 1st inning (23-18 in the

2nd) ... much of that 1st-inning domination came in BIG EAST play, with ND pushing across 37 runs in the 1st inning of 23 league games while allowing just one ... the Irish scored just three 1st-inning runs in the first 13 games of the season before plating two in the 9-5 win over Illinois ... prior to the March 31 Seton Hall DH, the Irish still had managed just eight 1st-inning runs in 24 games before scoring five in the DH with the Pirates ... ND's highest-scoring 1st inning of 2001 came in a big game and helped secure momentum in the sweep at Rutgers, with ND scoring five times in the 1st inning of the second game of that series en route to an 8-2 win.

**CUTTING THE Ks** – Sophomore RF **Brian Stavisky** continues to made strides as an all-around offensive force, as the dangerous power hitter has struck out just 20 times in 207 plate appearances (10.35 PAs per K)—a considerable improvement from his 2000 average of 6.95 ... Stavisky's strikeout numbers were more impressive within BIG EAST play, as he K'd just eight times in 104 BIG EAST plate appearances (13.0 PAs/K) ... Stavisky had K'd just once in the previous 17 games before striking out in his final two ABs during the loss to WMU.

**YOU THE MANN ... SORRY THE MAN** – You'll have to forgive those close to the ND baseball program for causing confusion over the proper spelling of Irish freshman 1B **Joe Thaman's** last name ... Thaman's last name is of the one-n variety—putting him in the lofty company of three-time All-America pitcher **Aaron Heilman** but leaving him another "n" short of his rightside infield partner (freshman 2B **Steve Sollmann**) and senior LHP **Mike Naumann** ... three other regulars in the Irish lineup have similarities to their last names: junior DH **Ken Meyer**, junior RHP **Matt Buchmeier** and sophomore LF **Kris Billmaier**.

## HEILMAN AND TAMAYO REACH STATUS AS ONE OF NATION'S TOP PITCHING TANDEMMS

### Irish dynamic duo owns 21-1 combined record and 1.93 combined ERA for nation's third-ranked team.

Notre Dame senior righthanders **Aaron Heilman** (Logansport, Ind.) and **Danny Tamayo** (Miami, Fla.) have emerged as one of the top pitching tandems in college baseball for the 2001 season, both ranking among the NCAA top 30 for season ERA while helping Notre Dame rank 4th in the nation in team ERA (3.02). ... The three-time All-American Heilman—who led the nation in ERA as a freshman in 1998 (1.61)—currently checks in at 6th on the list with a 1.50 season ERA while Tamayo—who has completed an impressive comeback from 1999 “Tommy John” reconstructive elbow surgery—is 29th at 2.36 (coming off his only subpar outing of the season), with the NCAA list limited to pitchers who have logged at least one inning per team game played. ... Heilman also joined Michael Rogers (Oral Roberts) as the current NCAA pitching leaders in winning percentage, with each owning a season record of 13-0 (four others have 13 wins, with at least one loss, while Pepperdine's Noah Lowry is 13-1). ... The mid-April issue of *Baseball America* listed its version of the nation's top seven pitching tandems, heading into action the week of April 16-22. Of those pitching duos, Heilman and Tamayo own the 3rd-best combined ERA (1.93, just behind 1.57 by Central Florida's Justin Pope and Jason Arnold and the 1.88 by USC's Mark Prior and Rik Currier) and have the best winning pct. (21-1, .955), the fewest combined walks per nine innings (1.88) and the fewest combined hits allowed per 9 IP (6.07). Heilman and Tamayo own a 4.55 K-to-walk ratio, ranking behind only USC's Prior and Currier (5.67) and Central Florida's Pope and Arnold (5.46) from the below list. ... Here's an updated look at BA's list of the nation's top pitching tandems, sorted by combined ERA (heading into this week's action):

PITCHERS, SCHOOL (NATIONAL ERA RANK)	W-L	ERA	IP	ER	Ks (K/9 IP)	BB (BB/9 IP)	K/BB	H (H/9 IP)
Justin Pope (T2)/Jason Arnold (11), UCF	25-3	1.57	206.0	36	262 (11.45)	48 (2.10)	5.46	147 (6.42)
Mark Prior (T2)/Ric Currier (28), USC	22-2	1.88	191.0	40	244 (11.50)	43 (2.03)	5.67	144 (6.79)
<b>Aaron Heilman (6)/Danny Tamayo (29), ND</b>	<b>21-1</b>	<b>1.93</b>	<b>191.1</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>182 (8.56)</b>	<b>40 (1.88)</b>	<b>4.55</b>	<b>129 (6.07)</b>
Daniel Haren (32)/Noah Lowry (8), Pepperdine	23-4	2.03	217.1	49	215 (8.90)	65 (2.69)	3.31	170 (7.04)
Kenny Baugh (9)/Jon Skaggs (41), Rice	19-5	2.08	208.0	48	219 (9.48)	84 (3.63)	2.61	150 (6.49)
Jon Smith/Kirk Saarloos (19), Cal State Fullerton	22-4	2.54	212.1	60	199 (8.43)	53 (2.25)	3.75	162 (6.87)
Jeremy Guthrie (44)/Jeffrey Bruksch, Stanford	17-7	2.87	206.2	66	195 (8.49)	56 (2.44)	3.48	174 (7.58)

### ND's BIG EAST PITCHING STATISTICAL LEADERS

#### Senior RHP Aaron Heilman

- 1st in ERA ..... 1.50
- 1st in BIG EAST ERA ..... 1.40
- 1st in wins ..... 13-0
- 1st in BIG EAST wins ..... 8-0
- Tied for 1st in strikeouts ..... 91
- 3rd in BIG EAST strikeouts ..... 56
- 1st in opponent batting average ... 168
- 1st in BIG EAST opp. bat. avg. .... 152
- Tied for 1st in shutouts ..... 3
- Tied for 1st in BIG EAST shutouts .... 2
- 1st in complete games ..... 10
- 1st in BIG EAST complete games .... 8
- 2nd in innings pitched ..... 97.0
- 4th in BIG EAST innings ..... 58.0

#### Senior RHP Danny Tamayo

- 1st in BIG EAST strikeouts ..... 59
- Tied for 1st in shutouts ..... 3
- Tied for 1st in BIG EAST shutouts .... 2
- 4th in ERA ..... 2.36
- Tied for 2nd in wins ..... 8-1
- Tied for 2nd in BIG EAST wins .... 6-0
- Tied for 1st in strikeouts ..... 91
- 3rd in innings pitched ..... 95.1
- Tied for 1st in BIG EAST innings . 60.2
- 3rd in opponent batting avg. .... 209
- 4th in BIG EAST ERA ..... 2.52
- Tied for 8th in complete games ..... 4
- 6th in BIG EAST opp. bat. avg. .... 225

#### Sophomore RHP Matt Laird

- Tied for 7th in saves ..... 4
- 8th in appearances ..... 20

#### Sophomore RHP J.P. Gagne

- Tied for 4th in BIG EAST wins ..... 5-2
- 7th in BIG EAST opp. bat. avg. .... 241

**DOUBLE (HEADER) TROUBLE** – Heilman and Tamayo teamed up on seven BIG EAST doubleheaders this season, sparked by a pair of 3-0 shutouts at Pittsburgh on March 23 (Tamayo started the opener that day, with Heilman opening every other series; J.P. Gagne threw game 2 at Rutgers so he could come back the next Thursday vs. Georgetown) ... Heilman and Tamayo's combined stats in BIG EAST doubleheaders this season: 13-0, 104.2 IP, 10 complete games, 4 shutouts, 105 Ks, 21 walks and 69 hits –plus a 95-27 combined scoring edge for the Irish ... in their seven doubleheaders, Heilman (11-for-60, .183) and Tamayo (8-for-74, .108) have combined to allow just .142 batting from lefthanded hitters ... they also have beared down big-time with runners on base, allowing just 15-for-100 batting (.150) with runners on during those 6 DHs (Heilman is 3-for-48/.063, Tamayo 12-for-52/.231) ... they likewise have an impressive .160 (16-for-100) opp. 2-out batting avg. in the 7 DHs (Tamayo .167, Heilman .152) ... their individual stat lines from the first five DHs are nearly identical and now are:

**Heilman** - 7-0, 51 IP, 50 Ks, 16 BB, 27 H

**Tamayo** - 6-0, 53.2 IP, 55 Ks, 5 BB, 42 H

\* Here's how their individual and combined stats shake out for the entire season:

**HEILMAN** – 13-0, 1.50 ERA, 13 GS, 10 CG, 3 solo shutouts, 96 IP, 57 H, 16 ER, 26 BB, 91 Ks (3.5 K/BB), 9 2B, 2 HR, .168 opp. avg. (.212 slugging), 8 WP, 9 HB, 126 groundouts, 381 BF

**TAMAYO** – 8-1, 2.36 ERA, 13 GS, 4 CG, 3 solo shutouts, 95.1 IP, 72 H, 25 ER, 14 BB, 91 Ks (6.5 K/BB), 9 2B, 2 3B, 3 HR, .209 opp. avg. (.264 slugging), 4 WP, 3 HB, 98 groundouts, 370 BF

**Combined** – 21-1, 1.83 ERA, 26 GS, 14 GC, 6 shutouts, 201.1 IP, 129 H, 40 BB, 182 Ks (4.6 K/BB), 18 2B, 2 3B, 5 HR, .189 opp. avg. (.245 slug.), 12 WP, 12 HB, 224 groundouts, 751 BF

**Combined 9-inning Averages:** 5.8 H, 1.8 BB, 8.1 Ks, 10.0 groundouts, 33.6 batters faced

#### Situationally

**HEILMAN** – .183 opp. batting by lefties, .159 batting with runners on, .136 with 2 outs

**TAMAYO** – .153 opp. batting by lefties, .236 batting with runners on, .144 with 2 outs

**BETTER GET TO HIM EARLY** – Aaron Heilman has allowed just five earned run during the 5th-7th innings this season (37 IP), with the equivalent of an 1.29 ERA in those innings plus 37 Ks, just 7 walks and a .137 opp. batting avg. (16-for-117). ... **DIFFERENT STORY** – Prior to last week, Danny Tamayo had been virtually untouchable in the first four innings this season, now allowing 10 runs (six by UConn) in those 52 IP (the equivalent of an 1.73 ERA), plus 55 Ks, just 9 walks and a .192 opp. batting avg. (35-for-182) ... in his first 13 starts, Tamayo has yet to allow a run or a walk in the 1st inning while posting 15 Ks and a .136 opp. avg. (6-for-46).

**NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE YARD** – Heilman has allowed just 12 home runs (two in 2001, to match Tamayo—with both giving one up vs. Villanova) in 376 career innings pitched ... that factors out to 118 opponent at-bats and 31.3 innings pitched per HR allowed by Heilman in his career.

**"CINCO TAMAYO" NOT SO FESTIVE** – Tamayo's outing versus UConn on May 5 was one that he quickly erased from his memory, as it stands in stark contrast to the rest of his 2001 season ... UConn touched Tamayo for eight runs and 14 hits over five innings—which equates to a 14.4 ERA and 25.2 hits per nine innings (his averages in the first 11 starts were a 1.42 ERA and 5.8 hits allowed per 9 IP) ... he rebounded last week at BC by allowing just four runs and seven hits in eight innings of an 8-4 win.

**PAYBACK PLAN:** Heilman owns a 10-1 career record when facing a team that beat him earlier in his career, the loss coming to Rutgers late in 2000 (16-6; after losing 7-6 in 10 inn. to RU at the '98 BIG EAST Tournament) ... Heilman avenged that second loss to the Knights this season with a 10-2 win at RU on April 7 ... after losing an 11-9, 10-inn. game to West Virginia on May 2, 1998, Heilman posted a 5-0 record vs. WVU in his next six appearances—with two relief wins and three complete-game wins (highlighted by an 18-K performance in 2000) ... Heilman beat St. John's last season (8-3; his first decision vs. SJU since a 6-5 loss in '98) and beat the Red Storm again this season (3-2) ... he avenged his '99 loss to BC (10-7) by beating the Eagles in 2000 (10-6) and again last week (8-2) ... he has pitched 15 previous games vs. teams that owned a rare win vs. the Irish ace, with the following stats in those games: 10-1, 2.68 ERA, 70.2 IP, 57 H (7.4/9 IP), 19 walks (2.4/9 IP), 84 Ks (10.7/9 IP) and a 4.3 K-to-BB ratio ... Heilman is 17-2 in his career vs. non-BIG EAST teams (both losses in first outings of season) but has not had the chance to avenge his '99 loss to Florida International or his 2000 loss to Ohio State.



**HEILMAN ONE OF 20 SEMIFINALISTS FOR HOWSER AWARD** – ND senior RHP Aaron Heilman (Logansport, Ind.) has been named one of 20 semifinalists for the 2001 Dick Howser Trophy, a player-of-the-year award presented by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association ... Heilman (12-0, 1.42 ERA) was one of seven pitchers on the list, the others: Rice's Kenny Baugh, Dewon Brazelton of Middle Tennessee St., Stanford's Jeff Bruksch, BYU's Nate Fernley, USC's Mark Prior and Cal St. Fullerton's Kirk Saarloos ... the others included two catchers—ASU's Casey Myers and Baylor's Kelly Shappach—and six infielders: Clemson 3B Jeff Baker, Tennessee SS Chris Burke, Tulane 3B Jake Gautreau, Nebraska 1B Dan Johnson, Ga. Tech 2B Richard Lewis and Memphis 2B Daniel Uggla—plus Ken State DH John Vanbenschoten and four OFs: UCLA's Brian Baron, Stetson's Frank Corr, Florida State's John Ford-Griffin and Wake Forest's Cory Sullivan ... Heilman enters the postseason in stride with Prior and Central Florida's Justin Pope as the only pitchers in the nation with 13-plus wins and an ERA of 1.5 or lower ... Heilman and Michael Rogers of Oral Roberts (also 13-0) sit atop the NCAA charts for season winning pct. while just five others have 13-plus wins: Pepperdine's Noah Lowry (13-1), Prior (12-1), Pope (12-1), BYU's Nate Fernley (12-2) and Saarloos (12-2) ... Heilman's 2.47 career ERA ranks 2nd in ND history and best in the aluminum bat era (Nick Palihnich had a 2.36 in 149 IP from 1959-61; Heilman has 375.2 IP) ... his 1.50 season ERA ranks 6th in ND history, 2nd-best since 1962 (David Sinnes had a 1.05 in 1990) ... Heilman has allowed opponents just a .168 batting avg. this season (2nd-best at ND since stat first kept in 1991) while his career opponent batting avg. is .200.

**FRESHMAN-YEAR FLASHBACK** – Heilman could become the first Div. I player to lead the nation in ERA twice (he did so as a freshman closer, with 1.61 in 1998), since the NCAA began tracking national ERA leaders in '57 ... Heilman (1.50) is 6th in this week's rankings, behind SE Missouri's Todd Pennington (0.81), USC's Mark Prior (1.34), UCF's Justin Pope (1.34), Jacksonville's Casey Shumaker (1.46) and Brown's Jonathon Stern (1.49) ... it would mark the third time in the last four years that a player from a BIG EAST school topped the ERA charts (BC's Steve Langone had a 1.54 in 2000).

**40-400 A RARE BREED** – Heilman's final two outs of the UConn win clinched the BIG EAST regular-season title while landing the All-American on 40 career wins and 400 Ks in dramatic fashion ... he is one of three pitchers to reach both of those milestones since schedule limits were imposed in 1990 ... here's the current 40-400 list (Heilman has the 4th best win pct. and 5th-best K/9 IP among the 14 members of the 40-4000 club):

Aaron Heilman, ND ('98- )	41-7 (.854)	405 Ks (375 IP)	9.72 Ks/9 IP	Mike Loynd, Florida State ('83-'86)	45-10 (.818)	417 Ks (395.1 IP)	9.49 Ks/9 IP
Kip Bouknight, S. Carolina ('98- )	43-10 (.811)	431 Ks (448 IP)	8.66 Ks/9 IP	John Hoover, Fresno St. ('81-'84)	44-17 (.721)	411 Ks (494 IP)	7.49 Ks/9 IP
John Powell, Auburn ('90-'94)	43-20 (.683)	602 Ks (477 IP)	11.36 Ks/9 IP	Derek Tatsuno, Hawaii ('77-'79)	40-6 (.870)	541 Ks (402.1 IP)	12.10 Ks/9 IP
Doug Creek, Ga. Tech ('88-'91)	41-19 (.683)	458 Ks (472 IP)	8.73 Ks/9 IP	Richard Wortham, Texas ('73-'76)	50-7 (.877)	481 Ks (456.2 IP)	9.48 Ks/9 IP
Kirk Dressendorfer, Texas ('88-'90)	45-8 (.849)	462 Ks (429.2 IP)	9.68 Ks/9 IP	Eddie Bane, Arizona St. ('71-'73)	40-4 (.909)	505 Ks (379.1 IP)	11.98 Ks/9 IP
Brian Barnes, Clemson ('86-'89)	44-10 (.815)	513 Ks (475.1 IP)	9.71 Ks/9 IP	Craig Swan, Arizona St. ('69-'72)	47-9 (.839)	459 Ks (457.2 IP)	9.03 Ks/9 IP
Greg Swindell, Texas ('84-'86)	43-8 (.843)	501 Ks (440 IP)	10.25 Ks/9 IP	Rich Troedson, Santa Clara ('69-'72)	40-12 (.769)	445 Ks (437 IP)	9.17 Ks/9 IP

**HE LOVES THE ROAD** – Heilman has posted some impressive stats outside the friendly confines of Eck Stadium, with a 24-3 career record away from home (including neutral sites) ... Heilman's career road numbers are better than his equally-impressive home numbers in each of the following: winning pct. (.889 road, .810 home), ERA (2.14, 2.91), hits/9 IP (6.6, 7.0) and BB/9 IP (2.3, 3.0) ... Heilman has averaged more Ks at home (10.3) than on the road (9.3) while averaging nearly 32.1 IP per home run allowed at home (30.7 on the road) ... Heilman's road numbers in 2001—highlighted by BIG EAST wins at Pittsburgh, Rutgers and St. John's—include a 9-0 record and 1.xx ERA, plus 62 Ks, 17 BB and 42 H in 68 IP ... Heilman has won his last 16 decisions away from home—dating back to the 5-4 loss to Ohio State on Feb. 25, 2000, at the Service Academies Classic in Millington, Tenn. ... his other road losses came vs. Rutgers in the '98 BIG EAST Tournament and at Fla. Int'l on the opening weekend of '99 ... Heilman has made 22 career appearances (14 starts) on the opponent's field (101 IP, 24 ER), with a 13-1 record, five saves and 2.14 ERA in those games—plus 120 Ks (10.7/9 IP), 33 walks (2.9) and 81 hits allowed (7.2).

**Heilman On The Road—** *Nine-Inning Averages: 6.6 hits, 2.3 walks, 9.3 Ks ... 30.7 IP per HR*

Year	GP	GS	IP	H	ER	BB	K	HR	W-L	SV	ERA
1998	15	0	24.2	14	3	5	22	2	3-1	7	1.10
1999	10	6	47.0	38	12	12	51	1	5-1	2	2.30
2000	12	10	75.1	64	23	22	87	3	7-1	0	2.75
2001	9	9	68.0	42	13	17	62	1	9-0	0	1.72
<b>Totals</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>215.0</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>24-3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2.14</b>

**Heilman At Home** *Nine-Inning Averages: 7.0 hits, 3.0 walks, 10.3 Ks ... 32.1 IP per HR*

Year	GP	GS	IP	H	ER	BB	K	HR	W-L	SV	ERA
Career	35	17	160.2	124	52	53	183	5	17-4	3	2.91

**DOUBLE-DIGITS CUBED** – Heilman is the first ND pitcher to post double-digit win totals in three seasons, going 11-2 in 1999, 10-2 in 2000 and currently 13-0 in 2001 ... Tom Price (12-2 in '93, 14-5 in '94) is the only other ND pitcher to reach 10-plus wins in multiple seasons ... Heilman has joined Price as the only Irish hurlers ever to reach 12 wins in a season and needs one more win to tie Price's record victory total (14) from '94.

**GO THE DISTANCE** – Heilman has turned in eight straight complete games: 9 innings vs. Illinois and Pittsburgh before closing out 7-inning games vs. SHU, Rutgers, WVU, Villanova, St. John's and UConn ... he opened 2001 on a shorter pitch count vs. Mississippi St. and Texas-San Antonio (6 IP vs. each) but essentially has pitched one inning under the maximum (78) during the course of the last 10 games (with 9 IP vs. FAU, 8 at UOP) ... Heilman (9) is the 6th ND pitcher—and 4th since 1910—to post nine-plus complete games in one season ... his 23 complete games are good for 3rd in the ND record book behind Tom Price (24, '91-'94) and Norwood Gibson (28, 1896-1900).

**OWNER OF THE BE RECORD BOOK:** Heilman's 10-2 win at Rutgers on April 7 ended his personal struggles vs. the Knights (his two previous outings vs. RU yielded two losses, a 7.56 ERA and 11 hits allowed in 8.1 IP) while also pushing his career record in BIG EAST regular-season games to 18-4 (now 23-4)—besting the record held by former Providence hurler Todd Incantalupo ('95-'97; 17-4) ... Heilman had six Ks in that RU game and—after adding his first two of five the next week vs. West Virginia—became the BIG EAST all-time leader for Ks in BE games ... the previous record was held by former Seton Hall ace and current Florida Marlin Jason Grilli (164 Ks in 143.2 IP, '95-'97) ... Heilman's career K total now stands at 199 (in 188 IP; or 9.53 Ks/9 IP) ... Heilman also now owns the BIG EAST record for career complete games (18, besting Incantalupo's 15) while his 2.45 career ERA in BIG EAST games ranks 5th among pitchers with 70-plus IP (he has 176.1) ... his ERA is 2nd-best among that group since 1990 and is tops since current major leaguer C.J. Nitkowski posted a 1.93 in 102.2 IP with St. John's in 1993 and '94 (Heilman's career ERA is best among any BIG EAST pitcher with more than 105 career IP) ... Heilman also set the BIG EAST record for complete games in a season (8), shared previously by three former BE hurlers (7) ... finally, by winning at BC, Heilman (8-0) tied the league record for wins in season (Chris Enochs won eight BIG EAST games for West Virginia in '97, Marc DesRoches for PC in '99).

**SHUTOUT CITY:** Heilman's 3-0 shutouts vs. FAU and Pitt and his 6-0 blanking of Seton Hall give him six career shutouts, the 5th ND pitcher ever to post six-plus shutouts while joining current Toronto Blue Jays starter Chris Michalak (7; '90-'93) as the only Irish pitchers in 87 years that have reached a half-dozen shutouts ... Herb Kelly shut out six opponents from 1912-14 while Michalak currently shares the record of seven shutouts with former teammates Jean Dubuc (1907-08) and Frank "Dreams" Scanlan ('07-'09) ... Heilman's other career shutouts came in back-to-back years vs. Villanova, at Richie Ashburn Park in downtown Philadelphia (4-0 in '99 and 2000), plus a 7-0 home win over Pitt in 2000 ... he tossed the final five innings for a shared shutout in the near no-hitter vs. the Miami Hurricanes on May 12, 1999, at Eck Stadium (1-0) ... Heilman became the 9th ND pitcher ever to post three-plus shutouts in one season (Danny Tamayo became the 10th this year at SJU) and the first to do so since Michalak also had three in 1992 ... Billy Burke (5, 1909) has held the ND single-season shutout record for 92 years while Dubuc (4, 1908) has been firmly entrenched in the 2nd spot on that record-book entry.

## AARON HEILMAN NOTES

### Breaking Down Aaron Heilman's 40 Career Starts

Innings Pitched	Gms (2000/01)
4.2	1 (0/0)
5.0	1 (1/0)
5.2	2 (1/0)
6.0	4 (2/2)
6.1	2 (1/0)
6.2	1 (0/0)
7.0	17 (5/7)
7.1	2 (0/0)
8.0	4 (2/1)
9.0	6 (1/3)
10.0	1 (1/0)
<b>Avg Start (294.1 IP) .....</b>	<b>7.18 IP</b>
(includes 15 seven-inning CGs)	

Earned Runs	Gms (2000/01)
0	10 (5/3)
1	8 (0/5)
2	7 (2/4)
3	7 (3/1)
4	3 (1/0)
5	1 (1/0)
6	4 (1/0)
7	1 (1/0)
<b>ERA As Starter (91 ER) .....</b>	<b>2.78</b>

Hits Allowed	Gms (2000/01)
1	1 (1/0)
2	4 (1/1)
3	5 (0/3)
4	7 (2/4)
5	5 (1/2)
6	4 (2/1)
7	5 (2/2)
8	5 (4/0)
9	1 (0/0)
10	1 (0/0)
11	2 (1/0)
13	1 (0/0)
<b>Hits All./9 IP As St. (230) ..</b>	<b>7.03</b>

Walks Allowed	Gms (2000/01)
0	6 (2/1)
1	12 (3/5)
2	10 (5/3)
3	5 (2/3)
4	3 (0/1)
5	3 (2/0)
6	2 (0/0)
<b>Walks All./9 IP As St. (86) .</b>	<b>2.63</b>

Strikeouts	Gms (2000/01)
4	3 (0/0)
5	8 (5/3)
6	6 (2/3)
7	3 (0/1)
8	10 (2/4)
9	5 (2/1)
10	2 (0/1)
11	2 (1/0)
12	1 (1/0)
18	1 (1/0)
<b>Ks/9 IP As Starter (306) ....</b>	<b>9.36</b>

Note: Does not include a two-inning start as part of a planned rotation.

**KING K** – When Aaron Heilman left the mound at Dudy Noble Field at the 2000 NCAA Starkville Regional, his 314 career strikeouts left him one shy of tying the ND record (315), set by David Sinnes ('93) ... Heilman returned to Dudy Noble in the first week of 2001 and claimed the record with a 6-K outing vs. host Mississippi St. (he now has 405 Ks in 375.2 IP) ... Heilman also owns the top season K totals in ND history, posting 118 in both 1999 and 2000.

**BIG-TIME RATIO** – Heilman's 2001 stats include a strikeout-to-walk ratio of better than 3.5-to-1 (91/26), with his career ratio at 3.7-to-1 (405/109).

**BORN WINNER** – Heilman (41-7) ranks as ND's winningest pitcher in 77 years, as his .854 career winning pct. stands 4th in the Irish record book and best since Hugh Mageveney's 18-3 record (.857) from '22-'24 ... among pitchers with at least 25 decisions, Heilman is the winningest hurler in ND history ... Heilman's win in the opening week over Mississippi St. moved him out of a tie on the winning pct. list with '93 graduate David Sinnes (32-8) and '94 grad. Tom Price (40-10) ... he has won 23 of his last 24 decisions, with the lone loss coming to BIG EAST rival Rutgers (10-2) on May 13, 2000.

**A LOOK BACK** – Heilman's 2000 season included a 10-2 record, 3.21 ERA, 118 Ks and 29 walks in 103.2 IP ... the 6-5, 225-pound righthander is one of just four *Baseball America* 2001 preseason All-Americans (among 15 spread across three teams) who posted 10-plus wins, 100-plus Ks and an ERA of 3.30 or lower in 2000 ... the others: Stetson's Lenny DiNardo, South Carolina's Kip Bouknight (2nd team) and Rice's Kenny Baugh (3rd team).

**WHO'S THE BEST?** – ND's Aaron Heilman joined Middle Tennessee St. junior RHP Dewon Brazleton and Stetson senior LHP Lenny Dinardo as the only 2001 pitchers tabbed preseason first team All-America by both *Baseball America* and *Collegiate Baseball* ... Heilman and DiNardo were teammates on the 1999 USA Baseball national team.

**FOUR-TIME ALL-AMERICANS** – Heilman is well on his way to posting the fourth All-America season of his career, which would place him among an elite group of ND student-athletes (he already is the first Irish baseball player to be a three-year All-American) ... just 16 previous ND student-athletes have been four-year All-Americans, with four coming from team-oriented sports: men's basketball's **Kevin O'Shea** ('50) and women's soccer's **Holly Manthei** ('98), **Jen Grubb** ('99) and **Anne Makinen** ('00) ... others include cross country's Oliver Hunter ('43) and Mike McWilliams ('93), plus men's fencers Mike Sullivan ('79), Charles Higgs-Coulthard ('87), Yehuda Kovacs ('89), Leszek Nowosielski ('91), Jeremy Siek ('97) and Luke LaValle ('99) and women's fencers Molly Sullivan ('88), Myriah Brown ('99), Sarah Walsh ('99) and Magda Krol ('97-'00).

**#22 BY THE NUMBERS** – Aaron Heilman's 41 college starts have yielded 33 wins, four losses and a 2.78 ERA—plus 9-inning averages as a started of 9.36 Ks, 2.63 BBs and 7.03 hits allowed ... Heilman's average start has lasted 7.2 innings, including 15 seven-inning complete games (37 of his 41 starts have gone at least six innings) ... he has allowed more than four earned runs as a starter just six times while allowing more than eight hits in just five of his starts ... Heilman has walked more than four batters in just five of his starts while posting 8-plus Ks in 20 of his starts.

### HEILMAN IN THE ND RECORD BOOK

<b>Career Strikeouts/9 IP</b> .....	(9.70)
<b>Career Strikeouts</b> .....	1st (405)
(old record—David Sinnes, 315, '90-'93)	
<b>Career Saves</b> .....	2nd (12)
<b>Career ERA</b> .....	2nd (2.47)
(record—Nick Palihnich, 2.36 in 149 IP, '59-'61)	
<b>Career Wins</b> .....	1st (41-7)
(old record—Tom Price, 40-10, '91-'94)	
<b>Career Winning Percentage</b> .....	4th (.854)
<b>Career Appearances</b> .....	2nd (81)
(record—Chris Michalak, 92, '90-'93)	
<b>Career Innings Pitched</b> .....	3rd (375.2)
(record—Tom Price, 390.0, '91-'94)	
<b>Season Strikeouts</b> .....	1st (118, '99 and '00)
<b>Season Saves</b> .....	2nd (9, '98)
<b>Season Low Opp. Batting Avg.</b> ...	***1st (.168, '01)
..... 3rd (.198, '98)	
..... 7th (.217, '99)	
<b>Season Wins</b> .....	2nd (13-0, '01)
..... 4th (11-2, '99)	
..... 8th (10-2, '00)	
<b>Season Innings Pitched</b> .....	5th (109, '99)
..... 7th (103.2, '00)	
<b>Season Complete Games</b> .....	***6th (10, '01)
..... 7th (8, '00)	
<b>Season ERA</b> .....	***6th (1.50, '01)
..... 8th (1.61, '99)	
<b>Strikeouts in a Game</b> .....	2nd (18, 10 IP)
..... at West Virginia; April 15, 2000	
<b>Consecutive Wins (Season)</b> .....	1st (12, '01)
..... T-2nd (10, '00)	

**TOP TOOLS** – *Baseball America's* annual college preview edition cited Aaron Heilman for having college baseball's "best pure slider" and listed him as one of three pitchers in college baseball with the "best command" of his pitches (the others: South Carolina's Kip Bouknight, Rice's Kenny Baugh).

**EIGHT(EEN) Ks IS ENOUGH** – Heilman tied a BIG EAST record and came just shy of the ND record with 18 strikeouts in a 3-1, 10-inning win at West Virginia on April 15, 2000 (scheduled for seven inn.) ... he seemingly became stronger as the game wore on, spotting his tough slider with regularity while delivering a fastball that still touched 91 mph in the lategoing ... he retired 15 straight from the 5th-10th and K'd 10 of the final 12 he faced, including seven straight before a 2-out single with in the 10th ... Kevin Olkowski—who had two of WVU's six hits—then went down swinging on three pitches ... the 18 Ks tied the BIG EAST record set by Seton Hall's Jason Grilli in a 7-2 win over UConn in '97 (Grilli was the 4th pick in the '97 draft, by the S.F. Giants) ... Frank Carpin is the only other Irish pitcher ever to record 18-plus Ks, with 19 in a 10-inn. win over Indiana on April 16, 1958 (12-10) ... Heilman's day included 2 BB, 11 groundball outs and a flyout ... all nine WVU starters—plus reserve Matt McGee—were K victims.

**EIGHT IS ENOUGH, TOO** – Heilman has notched 8-plus Ks in 21 career games, including this season vs. Texas-San Antonio, Pitt, Villanova and St. John's and nine vs. Florida Atlantic (his 10th career game with 9-plus) and 10th vs. UConn ... ND pitchers are known to have posted 10-plus Ks in 46 all-time games, with Heilman (6) and fellow senior RHP **Danny Tamayo** (4, all 10 Ks and all in 2001) accounting for 1/5th ... another recent Irish pitcher—lefty Tim Kalita ('96-'98)—reached double-digit Ks four times (all 10) and no other Irish pitcher has more than two ... Heilman (4) and Ed Ruelbach (2) are the only ND pitchers ever to eclipse 10 Ks in multiple games ... Ruelbach had a pair of 16-K games in 1904 and went on to play in the 1907 and '08 World Series with the Chicago Cubs.



## Notre Dame Baseball Season Record Book (Team Categories)

### Batting Average

5. 1994 .....	.323
– 2001 .....	.321

### Hits Per Game

1. 1997 .....	11.35
2. 1958 .....	10.92
3. 2001 .....	10.66

### Team Doubles

1. 1999 .....	113
2. 1989 .....	112
3. 2001 .....	112

### Team Triples

4. 1996 .....	29
5. 2001 .....	23

### At-Bats Per Strikeout

3. 1979 .....	8.27
4. 2001 .....	7.93

### Team Winning Percentage (since '36)

1. 2000 .....	.827 (45-9-1)
2. 1990 .....	.793 (46-12)

### Team Victories

1. 1989 .....	48
1992 .....	48
3. 1990 .....	46
1993 .....	46
1994 .....	46
2000 .....	46
– 2001 .....	45

### Earned Run Average (since '71)

1. 1975 .....	2.83
2. 1990 .....	3.00
3. 1992 .....	3.06
4. 1994 .....	3.25
5. 2000 .....	3.68
– 2001 .....	3.02

### Shutouts

5. 1993 .....	7
– 2001 .....	6

### Opponent Batting Average (since '82)

1. 2000 .....	.238
2. 1992 .....	.239

### Team K-to-Walk Ratio

1. 2001 .....	2.75
2. 2000 .....	2.50

### Fewest Walks Allowed Per 9 IP

1. 2001 .....	2.53
1. 1994 .....	2.82

### Team Fielding Percentage (since '82)

1. 1982 .....	.965
1992 .....	.965
2000 .....	.965
4. 1998 .....	.962
5. 2001 .....	.961

**DOMINO EFFECT** – The return of senior RHP Aaron Heilman did more than just impact the top pitching matchup of a weekend series for ND in 2001-in fact, the return of No. 22 left a mark on nearly every Irish game during the 2001 season ... Heilman's return transformed classmate Danny Tamayo into arguably the BIG EAST's top No. 2 pitcher while helping junior Matt Buchmeier ease into the role of weekend starter in the No. 3 or 4 spot (as opposed to breaking in at No. 2; he now is primarily a reliever) ... sophomore J.P. Gagne was used early in the season in a swingman role, as a very capable starter and tough long-reliever ... finally, Heilman's return also impacted the role of sophomore Matt Laird-who may have taken on a role somewhere in the starting rotation without Heilman on the staff but instead has turned in a solid debut as the Irish closer.

**BE CAREFUL WITH THOSE BBs** – Notre Dame's pitching staff once again has compiled impressive numbers in the areas of strikeout-to-walk ratio (2.75, 368/134) and walks per nine innings (2.53, in 476.1 IP)—both on pace for team records ... ND's top K-to-BB ratios belong to senior RHPs Danny Tamayo (6.5, 91/14) and Aaron Heilman (3.5, 41/26) and junior RHP Matt Buchmeier (3.1, 28/9) ... Tamayo also is averaging just 1.3 walks per nine innings, followed by sophomore Peter Ogilvie (1.9) and Heilman (2.4) ... Tamayo had an early season stretch in which he three totaled 30 strikeouts and just one walk over the course of three games.

**QUEST FOR .400** – Junior CF **Steve Stanley** (.393) is bidding to become the first ND player to hit .400-plus since CF **Scott Sollmann**—the brother of current ND freshman 2B **Steve Sollmann**—hit .402 in 1994 and .406 in '95 ... Stanley's batting average has climbed roughly 40 points each season (.326 in 1999, .362 in 2000 and .394 in 2001) ... C/1B **Mike Amrhein** flirted with .400 for most of the 1997 season before finishing at .394 (91-for-234, two hits shy of cracking .400) ... one year prior to Amrhein's bid, CF **Randall Brooks** hit .396 (89-for-225, just one hit shy of a .400 season).

**OFF & RUNNING** – Junior CF **Steve Stanley** (30-for-37) and freshman 2B **Steve Sollman** (22-for-33) are just the second set of ND teammates ever to reach 20 stolen bases in the same season ... as this turns out, a member of the Sollmann family also was involved in the other 20-20 SB combination—as Steve's brother Scott swiped 26 bases during his sophomore season (1994) to complement the 31 SBs by Greg Layson that season.

**NCAA ERA LEADERS** – ND entered last week with the nation's top ERA for the 3rd straight week and now ranks 4th (3.02), led by the senior RHP duo of **Aaron Heilman** (1.50, 6th in nation) and **Danny Tamayo** (2.36, 26th) ... ND (45-9-1; .827) also entered the week with the nation's 2nd-best winning pct., right behind Tulane's 44-9 (.8xx).

**AHHHHH, BOK!** – Junior DH **Matt Bok** has been music to ND's ears during recent weeks, with a .333 batting average during BIG EAST games ... Bok, who is batting .299 overall, also has shown some gap power and hustle on the bases—with a .494 season slugging pct. ... Bok's four triples tie him for 2nd among all BIG EAST players.

**SCORING STREAK** – By scoring vs. Navy on March 12, Notre Dame set the team record for consecutive games with at least one run scored (134), dating back to a 12-0 loss at Florida International on Feb. 21, 1999 (the streak **now stands at 177** games) ... ND set the previous record by scoring in the each of the first 133 games of the Paul Mainieri era (Feb. 24, 1995-March 9, 1997) and has scored in of 418 of 423 total games during the Mainieri era (98.82 percent) ... the Irish have been shut out at Eck Stadium just once in 198 games during the Mainieri era (3-0 by St. John's on May 9, 1998), with ND playing **82 consecutive home games without being shut out**.

**STANDARD BEARER** – The arrival of freshman **Joe Thaman** marked the fourth consecutive season that ND has fielded a strong defensive first baseman ... Thaman follows on the heels of Dan Leatherman (1998) and Jeff Felker (1999, 2000), with Felker helping the 2000 Irish tie the ND record for season fielding pct. (.965, with 57 double plays) while Leatherman helped dig out a school-record 60 double plays in 1998 (that team's .962 fielding pct. is 4th-best by an ND team since 1982) ... Thaman's six errors match Felker's low season totals from both the 1999 and 2000 seasons (Leatherman had just nine in '98).

**CLOSE CALLS** – Six of Notre Dame's nine losses have come by one run, plus a two-run loss and a game vs. South Florida that was 1-1 heading into the 8th inning (USF won 6-1) ... in the first game of the season (and ND's first day outside), the Irish rallied in the 9th inning vs. New Orleans but left two men on base in the 9th inning of that 7-6 loss ... ND then lost to USF two weeks later before seeing Virginia Tech score three times in the seventh and last inning of the opener (for a 3-2 win) and then scoring three times in the 8th inning of the nightcap for a 9-8 Hokies win ... ND brought home just three of 18 baserunners in a 4-3 loss to Ball State on April 3 and dropped a 4-2 game to Valparaiso on April 25 before losing a 7-6 game to Western Michigan one week later ... UConn's 19-12 win on May 6 provided ND's largest margin of victory while BC rallied for a run in the 8th and another in the 9th last week (good for another 7-6 win by the opponent) ... the nine losses factor out to a 2.2 average margin of defeat for the Irish in 2001 (compared to a 4.6 average margin of defeat in 2000).

**BAKER'S DOZEN** – ND recently ended a 13-game homestand that included 19 straight days without a road trip and the only time this season that the Irish will play at home on consecutive weekends ... the first six weekends of ND's 2001 season—and seven of the first eight—were spent on the road, traversing some 14,000 miles with destinations in seven widespread states (Mississippi, Texas, Florida, California, Pennsylvania, Virginia and New Jersey).

**EXPLOSION** – The 15-4, 17-10 wins over Georgetown represented ND's most combined runs (32) ever in a BIG EAST doubleheader ... it also marked the first time that the Irish had reached 15 runs in consecutive games since the 1993 postseason, when ND beat Evansville 22-5 in the title game of the MCC Tournament before downing Mississippi State 15-1 in the NCAA East Regional (at Florida State).

**PAYBACKS** – ND went 19-3 during the 2001 regular season in games vs. teams it lost to in 2000, with wins over Mississippi St. (2-0), Pittsburgh (2-0), Rutgers (3-0), West Virginia (2-0), Villanova (3-0), St. John's (3-0), UConn (2-1) and BBC (2-1) and a 7-6 loss to Western Michigan ... the Irish—who won their first 15 "payback games" this season—were rained out vs. Purdue ... the only other teams that beat ND during the 46-18 season of 2000 were Ohio State, Minnesota, North Florida, Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Northwestern.

**KEEP ON CRANKING** – Freshman 2B **Steve Sollmann** has seen his season average dip to .374, after spending a full month above .400 ... Sollmann is very familiar with the last Irish player to hit .400-plus, as his brother Scott hit .402 in '94 and .405 in '95 (junior CF **Steve Stanley** heads into the postseason at .393) ... Sollmann's 1-for-5 effort vs. Central Michigan on April 19 dropped his average under .400 for the first time since March 14—when a 2-for-4 game at Fresno State had raised his average from .372 to .381 ... the next day, he batted 3-for-4 and jumped to .412 ... Sollmann's highest season avg. (at the end of a game) was .444 on April 7, after batting 3-for-4 in the first win at Rutgers ... the Irish record for batting average by a freshman is .429, by future All-American Eric Danapilis in 1990.

**UP THE MIDDLE** – The three central players for ND's defense are the only Irish players to start all 55 games this season, with each doing so at the same position: senior SS **Alec Porzel**, freshman 2B **Steve Sollmann** and junior CF **Steve Stanley** ... sophomore LF **Kris Billmaier** was the only other ND player to appear in the first 51 games this season (with 50 starts) before missing the UConn series finale and the BC series due to his back injury.

**NO PIANO ON HIS BACK** – Junior C **Paul O'Toole** (18 HR, 41 SB, 165 GP) has a chance to join teammate Alec Porzel as the only members in ND's "30-30" club ... O'Toole already holds the ND record for career stolen bases by a catcher (7th overall on the career SB list).

**DON'T RUB IT** – Sophomore LF **Kris Billmaier** (7) and junior C **Paul O'Toole** (8) have accounted for half of the times that ND batters have been hit by pitches this season (the rest of the team has 15).

**FAR & WIDE** – The ND list of all-time baseball monogram winners includes players from 43 home states ... current sophomore RHP **Brandon Vioria** (Wailuku, Hawaii) in 2000 became the first Irish baseball letterwinner from the island state while current freshman LHP **Cody Wilkins** (Hudson, N.C.) could become the first from the Tar Heel state ... the only other states that have not produced ND baseball letterwinners include: Alaska, Idaho, Nevada, New Hampshire, South Carolina and Vermont.

**HITTING STREAKS** – Junior **DH Ken Meyer** carries a career-best 10-game hitting streak into the postseason (the longest active streak on the team and tied for 3rd-longest by an ND player this season) ... five other Irish players have posted double-digit hitting streaks this season, led by junior 3B **Andrew Bushey** (13) and freshman 1B **Joe Thaman** (12) and three who have turned in 10-game streaks: junior CF **Steve Stanley**, freshman 2B **Steve Sollmann** and senior SS **Alec Porzel**.

**WHO'S HOT, WHO'S DUE** – In addition to Meyer (10-for-28, .357), ND's other top hitters during the last 10 games include senior SS **Alec Porzel** (.410, 16-for-39, 13 RBI, 3 HR), junior 3B **Andrew Bushey** (.387, 12-for-31, 9 RBI, 5 2B) and junior CF **Steve Stanley** (.375, 15-for-40, 15 R, 9 RBI, 4 SB, 3 3B) ... freshman 2B **Steve Sollmann** (.275, 4 RBI, 9 R in last 10 games) will be looking to the postseason as a cure for his subpar showing during the last 10 games (he is batting .374 overall).

**STATS ON PACE** – ND is on pace to challenge several team records (based on 64 GP):

- \* Doubles (125) – 146 pace (record – 131, 2000)
- \* ERA – 3.02 (record – 2.60 in '57, '60)
- \* Pitchers K/BB – 2.24 (record – 2.50 in '00)
- \* Pitchers BB/9 IP – 2.53 (record – 2.82 in '94)
- \* Wild Pitches/Game – 0.49 (record – .39 in '93)
- \* Fielding Pct. – .961 (record – .965; '82, '92, '00)

**A CASE FOR THE DEFENSE** – Despite recent defensive dropoffs, ND's defensive effort continues to be led by just 11 errors from each from senior SS **Alec Porzel** and junior 3B **Andrew Bushey** and six by freshman 1B **Joe Thaman** ... the Irish have totaled just 82 errors (1.5/gm) ... ND has posted 13 error-free games, 20 with one error and just eight with more than two Es ... errors have led to just 37 unearned runs for the opponent ... ND has allowed a total of just 3.7 runs per nine innings (when including the unearned scores).

**LEFTSIDE LOCKDOWN** – Junior 3B **Andrew Bushey** (11 E) and senior SS **Alec Porzel** (11) have combined to make just 22 errors this season ... sophomore LF **Kris Billmaier** (2 Es) continues to make defensive strides after converting from 2B late in the 2000 season ... roughly one-third of the team's errors (20) have been made by freshman 2B **Steve Sollmann**, a converted OF who nonetheless has made some sparkling plays and helped turn 21 of the team's 34 double plays as he adjusts to his new position ... freshman 1B **Joe Thaman** has just 6 Es (.988).

**BIG WINS IN THE BANK** – ND opened 2001 with a tough 7-6 loss to New Orleans at the National Bank of Commerce Classic before posting a pair of clutch wins over host Mississippi State (7-5, 4-2) ... the Bulldogs were ranked as high as 16th in the national polls and opened 0-2 for the first time since '96 while dropping consecutive home games for the first time since midway through '98, when Kentucky posted 3-2 and 12-9 wins over the Bulldogs ... for the first time in its 109-year history, ND opened on the road at the same ballpark where it ended the previous season (the Irish battled MSU in the championship game of the 2000 NCAA Starkville Regional before losing 10-9).

**WINDS OF CHANGE?** – The Starkville area was hit early Friday afternoon (Feb. 16) by a tornado that touched down on the MSU campus, causing several million dollars of damage while canceling Friday night's scheduled game between MSU and UNO ... the coincidence of ND's impending arrival (late Friday night) was not lost on the MSU fans, many of whom were in attendance during ND's game vs. Tulane in the 2000 NAAs (at Dudy Noble Field) that was halted for two hours-plus due to a passing tornado ... on their return trip to Starkville, the Irish had to overcome several logistical obstacles even before taking the field, including 10 hours of travel (South Bend-Chicago-Memphis-Starkville) that ended with an arrival at the team hotel shortly after midnight ... with some of the rooms lacking electricity and heat due to tornado damage, the Irish also coped with the lack of hot water following a 6:45 a.m. wakeup and team breakfast ... Starkville was bathed in 75-degree temperatures Friday at noontime but Saturday's gametime temperature had dipped to 39, with steady winds.

**DOUBLE DIPPER** – Senior SS **Alec Porzel** set the ND record for career doubles in the Seton Hall series finale (62) ... he since has extended that record to 75, including a team-best 25 this season ... Porzel had 24 doubles as a junior while the ND single-season record is 32 by Dan Peltier in 1989.

**3-0 TRIFECTA** – ND won three straight games on March 21 and 23 by the same score (3-0), equaling an 85-year-old team record by registering three consecutive shutouts ... the last time that happened for an ND baseball team, two of the opponents were known by different school names (ND's athletic teams weren't even known as the Irish until 1930), with that 1916 team blanking Michigan Agriculture (now Michigan State) by a 2-0 score, Purdue 1-0 and Western State (now Western Michigan) 6-0 from April 29-May 6 of that season ... the only other seasons to produce three consecutive shutouts came in 1907 (6-0 vs. Indiana, 4-0 vs. Nebraska, 5-0 vs. Oberlin from May 9-15) and in the first three games of 1908 (19-0 vs. Winona, 18-0 vs. Albion and 19-0 vs. Kalamazoo) ... 3-0 has been the magic shutout score for ND this season, with the first five (of six) 2001 shutouts coming by that score (also vs. Florida Atlantic and New Mexico).

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### At Bats

1. Dan Peltier (1989) .....	258
8. Craig DeSensi (1995) .....	232
J.J. Brock (1998) .....	232
10. Mike Amrhein (1997) .....	231
– Steve Stanley (2001) .....	219
– Alec Porzel (2001) .....	216

### Batting Average

9. Robbie Kent (1994) .....	.402
Scott Sollmann (1994) .....	.402
– Steve Stanley (2001) .....	.393

### Hits

1. Dan Peltier (1989) .....	115
2. Eric Danapilis (1993) .....	96
3. Scott Sollmann (1995) .....	93
4. Pat Pesavento (1989) .....	92
5. Mike Amrhein (1997) .....	91
6. James Sass (1989) .....	90
7. Dan Peltier (1988) .....	89
Edwin Hartwell (1993) .....	89
Randall Brooks (1996) .....	89
10. Pat Pesavento (1988) .....	87
– Steve Stanley (2001) .....	86

### RBI

10. Mike Amrhein (1995) .....	69
Jeff Wagner (1997) .....	69
– Brian Stavisky (2001) .....	54
– Alec Porzel (2001) .....	50

### Triples

6. Scott Sollmann (1994) .....	7
Randall Brooks (1997) .....	7
8. Dan Selecer (1958) .....	6
Gene Duffy (1959) .....	6
Paul Failla (1992) .....	6
Scott Sollmann (1995) .....	6
– Steve Stanley (2001) .....	5

### Doubles

1. Dan Peltier (1989) .....	32
2. Alec Porzel (2001) .....	25
10. Craig DeSensi (1995) .....	20
Allan Greene (1997) .....	20
Brant Ust (1998) .....	20
– Andrew Bushey (2001) .....	16

### Runs Scored

1. Pat Pesavento (1989) .....	88
2. Pat Pesavento (1988) .....	81
Dan Peltier (1989) .....	81
4. Craig DeSensi (1995) .....	76
5. Scott Sollmann (1995) .....	73
6. Edwin Hartwell (1993) .....	72
7. Eric Danapilis (1993) .....	71
8. Greg Layson (1994) .....	70
Mike Amrhein (1997) .....	70
10. Steve Stanley (2001) .....	67

### Stolen Bases

1. Scott Sollmann (1996) .....	52
2. Pat Pesavento (1988) .....	38
Pat Pesavento (1989) .....	38
4. Greg Layson (1994) .....	31
5. Steve Stanley (2001) .....	30
6. Dan Bautch (1990) .....	29
Steve Stanley (2000) .....	29
7. Matt Haas (1993) .....	28
8. Scott Sollmann (1994) .....	26
9. Steve Stanley (1999) .....	24
10. Dan Bautch (1992) .....	23
Scott Sollmann (1995) .....	23
– Steve Sollmann (2001) .....	22

**BIG EAST SCHOLARSHIP** – Notre Dame senior LHP **Mike Naumann** (Tucson, Ariz.) is one of four 2001 BIG EAST baseball players who have been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship for use towards postgraduate studies ... AEROPOSTALE Stores is the official apparel of BIG EAST Championships and also is the sponsor of the conference's Post Graduate Student-Athlete Scholarship Program ... each BIG EAST school nominated a male and female student-athlete for the scholarship program, with other BIG EAST baseball players that were nominated by their schools including Mike Scott (Connecticut), Matt Irvin (Pittsburgh), (Baseball) and Brian Leighton (Seton Hall) ... Naumann earned CoSIDA Academic All-America honors in 2000 and carries a 3.92 cumulative grad-point average as a pre-professional science major (he has been accepted to Baylor's medical school and plans to attend that prestigious institution beginning in the fall of 2001).

**BIG SHADOWS** – Several members of the ND baseball team bring big frames to the ballpark, including All-America RHP **Aaron Heilman** (6-5, 225 pounds) and two everyday starters: sophomore RF **Brian Stavisky** (6-3, 220) and freshman 1B **Joe Thaman** (6-4, 205) ... sophomore 1B **Mike Holba** (6-7, 225) is the tallest member of the Irish squad and was an all-state quarterback as a prep while junior OF **Matt Strickroth** (6-5, 230) was an all-state football lineman during his high school days.

**NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK** – ND sophomore RF **Brian Stavisky** (Port Allegany, Pa.) lived up to his preseason hype by earning national player-of-the-week honors after batting .692 (9-for-13) and reaching base on 10 consecutive plate appearances at the National Bank of Commerce Classic ... Stavisky was recognized by *Collegiate Baseball* magazine as the national player of the week while the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association tabbed Stavisky as its national "hitter of the week" ... the 6-3, 220-pound lefthander also earned the first BIG EAST player-of-the-week award for the 2001 season ... his 10 consecutive times on base included hits in his final two ABs versus UNO and a 3-for-3 effort (with 2 BB) later that day vs. host Mississippi State. ... in the final game of the NBC Classic, he collected hits in his first three ABs vs. MSU—yielding 10 straight times on base ... a strikeout to open the 8th halted Stavisky's streak (he had hits in eight of his first 10 ABs overall) and his final 1B was a hard-hit lineup to CF in the 11th inning of that 4-2 win ... Stavisky's weekend production from the cleanup spot included 3 walks, 3 RBI, 3 runs, 2 triples, 2 doubles, 15 total bases, a stolen base and two Ks ... current Irish senior RHP Aaron Heilman (Logansport, Ind.) was named by *CB* as the national pitcher of the week twice in 2000, following his 12-K game in a 6-4 win over Georgia on March 5 and his 18-K game at West Virginia on April 15 (a 3-1, 10-inning win) ... Stavisky's 10 straight times on base included a wide variety of ABs, with three first-pitch hits (one RBI double, one RBI triple), four hits with two strikes (one RBI triple), two leadoff hits and a two-out RBI double.

**DOUBLE YOUR DP PLEASURE** – Sophomore RHP **Matt Laird** (Bellair, Texas) recorded four outs on his first seven pitches of the 2001 season—thanks to pair of clutch double plays in the wins over MSU ... Laird took the hill on Feb. 17 with runners on first and second, one out and ND leading 7-5 ... he worked to a 1-2 count on his first batter before Matthew Maniscalco send a dipping line drive, with SS Alec Porzel snaring the ball and stepping on second for the game-ending DP ... the next day, Laird took the mound again with runners on 1st and 2nd (in the 10th) and induced pinch hitter Brad Rutto in to a 6-4-3 double play to end the inning (on a 2-0 pitch).

**TOURNAMENT TOUGH** – ND is 54-18-1 (.747) in regular-season tournaments in the Mainieri era (1995-), including a '98 win over Florida St., wins in 2000 over Wake Forest, Georgia and Illinois (2) and this season's wins over Mississippi St. (2), Fresno St. and Illinois ... the Irish are 19-3-1 in their last 23 regular-season tournament games, since a 9-7 loss to Minnesota on March 4, 2000, and have not had a losing record in their last 11 regular-season tournaments (33-6-1 in those events)—since a 1-2 showing at the ACC Disney Blast early in '98 season.

**ALL-TIME OPPONENTS** – ND has faced 272 opponents in 109 years of varsity baseball, with Sam Houston State, Florida Atlantic, South Florida, the University of the Pacific and New Mexico joining that list in 2001 ... noteworthy teams ND has yet to face: Oklahoma State, Texas Tech and UC Santa Barbara.

**CAPE COD'S BEST** – Three ND players made big names for themselves in the Cape Cod League—the nation's premier wooden-bat summer league ... all three—CF **Steve Stanley**, OF **Brian Stavisky** and C **Paul O'Toole**—were selected as starters for the 2000 Cape all-star game (only Georgia Tech, with three, could match the Irish) ... Stanley led the Cape with a .329 batting avg. as leadoff man for the Brewster Whitecaps, playing alongside Irish classmate O'Toole ... Stanley also ranked 2nd in the Cape for runs (31), 3rd in on-base pct. (.429) and 4th in SBs (20-of-27, in 43 GP) ... O'Toole hit .273 and impressed observers with his wooden-bat power, tying for 5th in the league with 4 home runs, plus 3 triples, 3 doubles, 24 RBI, 26 runs, 18 walks, 27 Ks and 13-of-18 SBs (41 GP) ... Stavisky—who finished 2nd in the Cape batting race (.324)—saw his Hyannis Mets fall to Brewster in the title game, 6-2, while O'Toole combined with Stanley to help the East all-stars rally past the West, 7-6 ... Stavisky hit 3 HRs in the Cape (one as co-MVP of the all-star game) while ranking 5th in the league in slugging (.453), 4th in RBI (26), 2nd in doubles (14) and 1st in hits (55), plus 19 BB, 30 Ks and 4 SBs (44 GP) ... several players from teams on ND's 2001 schedule were teammates of the Irish in the Cape, including Fresno State 2B Tom Creighton (Brewster) and three from Hyannis: Florida Atlantic RHP Dan Core, Virginia Tech RHP **Jason Bush** and UConn OF Mike Scott.

**JUMPIN' JAYHAWKERS** – Three other Irish players experienced summer success as member of the Hays (Kansas) Larks team that advanced to the championship game of the annual National Baseball Congress World Series (in Wichita) ... junior RHP **Matt Buchmeier** was named All-Jayhawk League, after posting a 1.75 ERA and 6-3 record in 70 IP during the summer of 2000 ... Buchmeier handed the potent Santa Barbara Foresters an 8-1 loss in the late rounds of the NBC World Series (7-inning CG, 7 Ks, BB, 4 H, UER) ... current junior 3B **Andrew Bushey** also was named first team All-Jayhawk League after leading the Larks with a .346 batting avg. (62-for-179) ... Bushey likewise was named to the NBC World Series all-Midwest Regional team (he hit .308, with 7 R) ... junior RHP **Drew Duff** did his part as well, posting a 4-1 mid-tournament win over the Santa Maria Indians (9 IP, R, 5 H, 2 BB, 6 Ks) and turned in a solid outing in the 3-1 title-game loss to the Liberal (Kansas) Bee Jays.

**AYE, CAPTAIN** – ND's tri-captains for 2001 are senior RHP **Aaron Heilman**, senior SS **Alec Porzel** and junior 3B **Andrew Bushey** ... Bushey is the fifth junior to serve as an ND baseball captain since '91, the others: Heilman, SS Brant Ust ('99), C Bob Lisanti ('94) and 1B Joe Binkiewicz ('91) ... Heilman joins Binkiewicz ('91-'92), Lisanti ('94-'96) and IF J.J. Brock ('97-'98) as the fourth multi-year captain at ND in 22 years (Lisanti and Brock were five-year players).

**GO OPP YOUNG MAN** – A big key to the early hitting success enjoyed by Irish freshman 2B **Steve Sollmann** was his ability to go with outside pitches and hit to the opposite field ... in fact, the righthanded-hitting rookie sent his first four home runs of the season over the rightfield fence before homering to left-center in the 5-2 win over Bowling Green on April 24.

**SENIOR SALUTE** – The six-member senior class of 2001 has played a major role in helping elevate the Notre Dame baseball program to its current No. 1 status while helping the Irish compile a record of 178-63-1 (.738) during the past four seasons ... the senior class is led by team tri-captains **Aaron Heilman** (Logansport, Ind.) and **Alec Porzel** (Lisle, Ill.), with the rest of the class including RHPs **Danny Tamayo** (Miami, Fla.) and **Mike Carlin** (Manhattan, Kan.), LHP **Mike Naumann** (Tucson, Ariz.) and utility player **Ben Cooke** (Bay Village, Ohio). During their four seasons, ND has posted a 56-19 BIG EAST Conference record while advancing to three NCAA Tournaments ... **Heilman** continues to add to what will be a four-year All-America career—one that began with a 1998 season that saw him fashion a 33-inning shutout streak while leading the nation in ERA (1.61) as a freshman closer ... he followed up a strong sophomore season by being one of the top pitchers in the 1999 U.S. national team and heads into the BIG EAST Tournament with victories in 22 of his last 23 decisions (he also is part of an exclusive club of all-time Division I college baseball pitchers who have totaled 40 wins and 400 Ks; at 41-7 and 405) ... **Porzel** earlier this season became the first Notre Dame player ever to reach 30 home runs and 30 stolen bases for his career and is threatening most of the Irish career records while already holding the ND career record for doubles (75). He lowered his errors at shortstop from 25 in 2000 to 11 this season and overcame a slow start at the plate this season to become ND's hottest hitter during the past few weeks ... **Tamayo** has completed an inspiring comeback story from "Tommy John" reconstructive elbow surgery to become one of the top pitchers this season in the BIG EAST and the nation ... He led the BIG EAST with three conference pitcher-of-the-week honors this season and has combined with Heilman to form one of the nation's toughest 1-2 pitching tandems ... Naumann has been a key member of the ND bullpen during his career while also providing some strong outings as a starter ... an Academic All-American with a 3.92 GPA, he's headed to Baylor Medical School next year and recently received the prestigious Byron Kanaley Award which recognizes ND student-athletes for their accomplishments as students and leaders ... **Cooke** has played nearly every position during his ND career and has provided some clutch plays during the record-setting 2001 season—and **Carlin** has remained a loyal teammate and supportive veteran while helping lead the ND program to new heights.

**STILL TICKING** – The Irish have encountered just a handle of close calls that jeopardized the school-record scoring streak ... on March 12 at the Frnsno State Classic, ND finally broke through in a scoreless game with New Mexico by scoring in the seventh inning (the Irish won 3-0) ... in the showdown series at Rutgers, RU had ND on the ropes in the series finale—leading 3-0 heading into the 8th—but the Irish pushed across a run and added three more in the ninth before completing the sweep with a 5-4 win in 11 innings.

**SOLID COMPETITION** – Half of ND's games in the first 30 came vs. teams that competed in the 2000 NCAAs (12-3 in those games), with a loss to New Orleans, two wins over Mississippi St., wins over Fla. Atlantic, Fresno St., Miami and Illinois, the pair of losses at Va. Tech and the three-game sweeps of Se-

ton Hall and at Rutgers ... ND completed a three-week stretch vs. three of the BIG EAST's top-rated teams (Virginia Tech, Seton Hall and Rutgers).

**ALL-STATE TEAM** – With eight Ohio natives on its 2001 squad, ND could field an all-Ohio squad that also would include second-year assistant **Dusty Lepper** at SS (he is a native of Findlay and played at Toledo) while the team's student managers—**Ken Kleppel** and **Katie Furman**—would split time in left field (both hail from the Cleveland area) ... here's how the rest of the all-Ohio squad would be aligned: junior C **Andrew Bushey** (Boardman, suburb of Youngstown), junior 1B **Paul O'Toole** (Lakewood, outside of Cleveland), freshman 2B **Steve Sollmann** (Cincinnati), senior 3B **Ben Cooke** (Bay Village, suburb of Cleveland), junior CF **Steve Stanley** (Upper Arlington, in Columbus area) and junior RF **Matt Bok** (Akron) ... two freshman RHPs would share pitching duties: **Mike Morgalis** (Cincinnati) and **Nick Colagiovanni** (Garfield Heights).

**MAKEUP JINX** – Two of ND's first seven losses of the season came in games that were serving as make-ups for earlier rainouts ... the Irish dropped the second game of a April 25th doubleheader with Valparaiso, 4-2 (the teams originally were to play a single game but the Irish had an open date after being rained out two weeks earlier vs. Purdue and ND agree to the request from Valpo to play two) ... one week later, ND and Western Michigan finally met after having their originally-scheduled game on March 4 washed out (in St. Petersburg, Fla.) before also losing a scheduled game on March 27 to the weather (WMU won the makeup game, 7-6).

**IT TAKES TWO** – Despite seeing a major dropoff in its home run totals (50 in 64 games last season, 31 in 55 games this season), ND's offense continues to belt out the doubles at a record pace ... the Irish have totaled 125 doubles and are just six shy of tying the tam record total set a year ago (131, in 2000).

**HAWAII 3-0** – Sophomore RHP **Brandon Vilorio** (Wailuku, Hawaii) had a save and won both of his decisions during the Spring Break trip ... that productive week out of the bullpen included the save vs. Eastern Michigan (4-3) before posting tightly-contested wins over Fresno State (5-4 in 10 innings) and Portland (7-6 in the title game of the Pepsi/Johnny Quik Classic), boosting his season record to 3-0 (now 3-1, with two saves).

**NO SPRING CHICKENS** – Freshman 2B **Steve Sollmann** surged to the team batting lead (now third at .374), thanks to a .519 average during the eight Spring Break games (14-for-27) while the other Steve S.-junior CF **Steve Stanley**-hit .441 during the Spring Break games (15-for-34) and is now leading the team at .393 overall ... those two players earned all-tournament honors at the Pepsi/Johnny Quik Classic (Stanley was named MVP), as did senior RHP Aaron Heilman.

**HE CAN TOUCH 'EM ALL** – Alec Porzel currently stands as the only all-time player in the Notre Dame career top 10 for doubles (1st, 75), triples (8th, 11) and home runs (5th, 35).

**REVERSE TRANSFORMATION** – During the previous six seasons of the Paul Mainieri era at ND, several prep shortstops have been converted into Irish OFs ... ND freshman **Steve Sollmann** has completed what an often seamless transition in the other direction, by moving from his typical OF position to 2B for the Irish ... Sollmann filled one Mainieri staple, as the team's No. 9 batter (providing a "second leadoff hitter" in hopes of jumpstarting big innings) before shifting to his current No. 2 spot in the batting order.

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<b>Appearances</b>	
1. Mike Coffey (1989) .....	37
8. Al Walania (1991) .....	24
<b>Mike Naumann</b> (2000) .....	23
10. Chris Michalak (1991) .....	23
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5. <b>Aaron Heilman</b> (1999) .....	109.0
6. Erik Madsen (1989) .....	104.0
7. <b>Aaron Heilman</b> (2000) .....	103.2
8. Stan Konopka (1953) .....	101.0
9. Alex Shilliday (1998) .....	96.2
10. Erik Madsen (1988) .....	96.1
– <b>Aaron Heilman</b> (2001) .....	96.0
– <b>Danny Tamayo</b> (2001) .....	95.1
<b>Victories</b>	
1. Tom Price (1994) .....	14-5
2. <b>Aaron Heilman</b> (2001) .....	13-0
3. Tom Price (1993) .....	12-2
<b>Earned-Run Average</b>	
1. Jack Mitchell (1960) .....	0.71
2. David Sinnes (1990) .....	1.05
3. Nick Palihnich (1959) .....	1.25
4. Phil Donnelly (1962) .....	1.27
5. Chuck Symeon (1957) .....	1.30
6. <b>Aaron Heilman</b> (2001) .....	1.50
<b>Complete Games</b>	
1. Billy Ryan (1910) .....	11
2. <b>Aaron Heilman</b> (2001) .....	10
<b>Shutouts</b>	
1. Billy Burke (1909) .....	5
2. Jean Dubuc (1908) .....	4
3. <b>Aaron Heilman</b> (2001) .....	3
<b>Danny Tamayo</b> (2001) .....	3
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1. <b>John Corbin</b> (2000) .....	11
7. Paul Prybto (1994) .....	5
David Sinnes (1992) .....	5
8. <b>Matt Laird</b> (2001) .....	4
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3. David Sinnes (1993) .....	.198
<b>Aaron Heilman</b> (1998) .....	.198
5. Larry Mohs (1994) .....	.201
6. Chris Michalak (1992) .....	.205
7. <b>Danny Tamayo</b> (2001) .....	.209
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2. George Restovich (1996) .....	533
3. Jeff Felker (2000) .....	524
4. Craig DeSensi (1995) .....	519
5. Tim Hutson (1988) .....	503
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