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# 2006 Notre Dame Softball

10 Consecutive BIG EAST Regular-Season Titles • Seven Consecutive NCAA Appearances

Notre Dame vs. Connecticut, Saturday, April 1, 12 noon  
Notre Dame vs. Providence, Sunday, April 2, 11 a.m.

## 2006 Schedule (14-10)

### February

17	!vs. Colorado State	L, 4-5
17	!vs. BYU	W, 8-3
18	!vs. #14/12 Oregon State	L, 0-5
18	!at UNLV	W, 6-4
19	!vs. CS Fullerton	L, 3-9
24	\$vs. Buffalo	W, 1-0
24	\$at Florida International	W, 5-0 (5)
25	\$vs. Memphis	W, 4-1
25	\$at Florida International	L, 4-5

### March

3	&vs. #17/17 Nebraska	L, 2-5 (8)
3	&at Tulsa	L, 1-2
4	&vs. Northern Iowa	W, 10-1 (5)
4	&vs. Kansas	W, 5-2
5	&vs. Stephen F. Austin	L, 1-2 (8)
12	at Cal Poly SLO	W, 3-1, W, 1-0
15	+at CS Fullerton	L, 2-3 (8)
16	+vs. #10/10 Arizona State	W, 3-2
17	+vs. Florida State	W, 1-0
18	+#4/4 Texas	L, 5-6
19	+#6/7 Alabama	L, 3-4
25	at Western Michigan	W, 5-0, W, 2-1 (8)
29	<b>Bowling Green</b>	<b>W, 1-0 (11)</b>

### April

1	*Connecticut	12:00 p.m.
2	*Providence	11:00 a.m.
4	Eastern Michigan	4:00 p.m.
5	Akron	4:00 p.m.
8	*at Syracuse	12:00 p.m.
9	*at Pittsburgh	12:00 p.m.
11	Ball State	5:00 p.m.
13	*#25/22 DePaul	4:00 p.m.
18	at #18/16 Northwestern	4:00 p.m.
19	Toledo	5:00 p.m.
22	*Villanova	12:00 p.m.
23	*Rutgers	11:00 a.m.
25	at Valparaiso	5:00 p.m.
26	Purdue	4:00 p.m.
29	*at South Florida	11:00 a.m.
30	*at #20/21 Louisville	12:00 p.m.

### May

2	Loyola-Chicago	5:00 p.m.
6	*at Seton Hall	12:00 p.m.
7	*at St. John's	11:00 a.m.
11	BIG EAST Champ.	TBA
18	NCAA Regionals	TBA
25	NCAA Super Regionals	TBA
30	Women's CWS	TBA

All times local to site. \* - indicates BIG EAST

Conference game. ! - UNLV Desert Classic, \$ - FIU Invitational, & - Tulsa Invitational, + - Judi Garman Classic

### Homestand continues with BIG EAST opener vs. UConn on Saturday, doubleheader Sunday vs. Providence -

After outlasting Bowling Green 1-0 in 11 innings and marking the longest game in seven years at Ivy Field for its 2006 home opener, the University of Notre Dame softball team will welcome BIG EAST Conference play to its home field on Saturday with a doubleheader against Connecticut (12 noon).

The UConn doubleheader will be the second and third games of an eight-contest homestand for the Irish. The string of games will continue on Sunday with a doubleheader against Providence (11 a.m.), followed by two games with Eastern Michigan on Tuesday (4 p.m.) and a single game with Akron on Wednesday (4 p.m.).

### Ivy Field parking information -

Due to construction on Ivy Road, the access to Ivy Field is limited this season. For Saturday's doubleheader, Irish fans will be required to park at Frank Eck Stadium and walk to Ivy Field due to a home track meet. For the remaining games this season, the Alumni Field parking lot will be open (just south of the varsity soccer field and past the outfield wall of Frank Eck Stadium) and fans will be allowed to walk through Alumni Field to reach Ivy Field.

The University of Notre Dame softball team appreciates your patience with the access issues and thanks you for your continued support of Fighting Irish softball.

### Ivy Field audio coverage -

Every 2006 Notre Dame home softball game will feature live audio coverage on [www.und.com](http://www.und.com) (*Fighting Irish All-Access* subscription required). This weekend's games will be called by assistant sports information director Alan Wasielewski and can be heard live on [www.und.com](http://www.und.com). For those tuned into the Bowling Green game, power was lost in the Ivy Field pressbox during the extra innings contest. The problem has been addressed and live audio coverage will not be interrupted for this weekend's games.

### Irish ALERT continues this weekend -

A joint effort between Centennial Wireless, Notre Dame Sports Properties and the Notre Dame Sports Information Office has made up-to-the-minute text messaging a reality this season. Notre Dame announced the Irish ALERT system, which will cover baseball, softball, men's lacrosse and women's lacrosse this spring for a free trial.

Simply sign up for the service at [www.und.com](http://www.und.com) and your mobile device will receive score updates from each of the four sports throughout the 2006 season. The service also will provide periodical updates providing team schedules and special alerts when content is uploaded on [www.und.com](http://www.und.com).

For softball, updates are sent when the weekly release is posted on [www.und.com](http://www.und.com), when a schedule change pops up (delayed games, added games) and in the first, third, fifth and seventh innings of each Irish game.

### Bowling Green recap -

The Irish won their third game in a row and 2006 home opener on Wednesday, March 29, inching by Bowling Green 1-0 in 11 innings. The game was the longest at Ivy Field in seven seasons (a 2-1 setback to IUPUI in 1999) and the longest of the *Deanna Gumpf* era.

Senior *Heather Booth* won a pitching duel with BGSU's Lisa Vrabel, holding the Falcons to just three hits in 11 innings of action. Two clutch two-out hits delivered the victory for Notre Dame, a single by freshman *Alexandra Kotcheff* and a walk-off double by senior *Mallorie Lenn*. The winning RBI was the team-leading 15th for Lenn this season.

## 2006 University of Notre Dame Softball Numerical Roster

No.		Name	Year	Pos.	Ht.	B/T	Hometown	High School
1	*	Katie Laing	So.	2B/SS	5-4	R/R	Chandler, AZ	Corona del Sol
2	*	Brittany Glynn	So.	OF	5-3	R/R	Seymour, CT	St. Joseph
5	**	Kenya Fuemmeler	Jr.	P/UT	5-7	R/R	Salisbury, MO	Salisbury
8		Brittney Bargar	Fr.	P	5-9	R/R	Corona, CA	Corona
11	**	Gessica Hufnagle	Jr.	C/OF	5-6	R/R	Middlebury, IN	Northridge
12		Erin Glasco	Fr.	C	5-7	L/R	Johnson City, IL	Johnston City
16	***	Mallorie Lenn (c)	Sr.	C/1B	5-8	R/R	Garden Grove, CA	Pacifica
17		Alexandra Kotcheff	Fr.	OF	5-8	L/R	Los Angeles, CA	The Marlborough School
18		Christine Farrell	Fr.	P	5-8	R/R	La Habra, CA	Sonora
21		Linda Kohan	Fr.	INF	5-6	R/R	Westminster, CA	Westminster
22	***	Sara Schoonaert (c)	Sr.	SS/2B	5-3	R/R	Houston, TX	Clear Lake
23		Stephanie Mola	Fr.	OF	5-5	L/L	Naples, FL	St. John Neumann
24	**	Stephanie Brown	Jr.	OF	5-6	R/R	Chandler, AZ	Corona del Sol
27	**	Carissa Jaquish	Jr.	C/UT	5-6	R/R	Highland, CA	Redlands East Valley
32	***	Heather Booth (c)	Sr.	P	5-10	R/R	Riverside, CA	Martin Luther King
34	*	Sarah Smith	So.	OF	5-7	L/R	Oklahoma City, OK	Heritage Hall
77	***	Meagan Ruthrauff (c)	Sr.	1B	5-10	R/R	La Mirada, CA	La Serna

Head Coach: Deanna Gumpf (Nebraska '92, fifth season, 191-86)

Assistant Coaches: Kris Ganeff (Notre Dame '99), Lizzy Lemire (Notre Dame '01)

\* - denotes monograms earned; (c) - denotes team captains

#### ND series history vs. Connecticut -

Notre Dame leads the all-time series with Connecticut 22-7 and was won 12 of the last 13 meetings between the two schools ... the Irish are 12-2 against Connecticut at Ivy Field ... from 1996-98 (Notre Dame's first three years in the BIG EAST Conference), the series was close with Notre Dame holding a slight 6-5 advantage over that three-year stretch ... UConn's last win in the series was a 2-1 decision at Ivy Field on April 27, 2003.

#### Connecticut preview -

The Huskies are 14-11 on the season and currently sit in first place of the BIG EAST Conference standings after sweeping two league doubleheaders last weekend ... UConn swept Rutgers and Villanova for their two victories last weekend ... the Huskies are led on offense by freshman C/OF Danielle Del Ponte, who is hitting .324 with two home runs and 14 RBI in 2006 ... the pitching staff is anchored by junior Krista Micalczyk, who is 6-5 with a 2.66 ERA ... senior Michelle Caouette has seen a large number of innings as well (5-4, 3.67 ERA) ... Connecticut is 13-9 away from the UConn Softball Field this season and 7-2 on its opponent's home field.

#### Notre Dame in BIG EAST openers -

Notre Dame is 18-2 (.900) in BIG EAST Conference opening doubleheaders since joining the league in 1996 ... the two losses came to Connecticut in 2000 (the only time the Irish have lost their first BIG EAST game of the year) and Rutgers in 1998 ... for the team's first home BIG EAST doubleheader of the year, the Irish are 17-3 (.850) with the losses coming to Connecticut (2000) and Boston College twice in 1997.

#### Notre Dame Sports Information

Publicity for Notre Dame softball is coordinated by Assistant Sports Information Director Alan Wasielewski. Photographs, statistics and feature ideas are available by contacting Wasielewski at (574) 631-7516 or via e-mail at Wasielewski.3@nd.edu.

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

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

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

### 2006 USA Today/NFCA Top 25

March 29, 2006

Rnk	Team	Record	Pts.	Pvs.
1.	<b>Texas</b> (11)	25-3	724	3
2.	UCLA (16)	28-2	720	1
3.	Arizona (3)	29-3	701	4
4.	<b>Alabama</b>	29-4	647	6
5.	Tennessee	27-4	622	2
6.	Stanford	26-4	621	5
7.	<b>Oregon State</b>	25-2	556	8
8.	California	29-3	554	7
9.	<b>Arizona State</b>	34-3	520	9
10.	Georgia	28-8	450	11
11.	LSU	31-5	419	13
12.	Michigan	17-9	416	12
13.	La.-Lafayette	23-6	411	10
14.	Washington	25-8	364	14
15.	Texas A&M	23-9	319	16
16.	<b>Northwestern</b>	18-8	279	18
17.	Oklahoma	23-10	258	15
18.	Auburn	22-8	230	19
19.	<b>Nebraska</b>	20-6	229	17
20.	<b>Louisville</b>	19-4	164	20
21.	Baylor	20-13	142	21
22.	Mississippi St.	27-8	137	22
23.	North Carolina	28-10	77	24
24.	Fresno State	20-13	73	23
25.	Georgia Tech	28-9	16	NR

Others receiving votes:

Southern Illinois (13), **DePaul** (12), Florida (12), Penn State (11), Missouri (8), Oregon (6), Missouri State (4), Long Beach State (3), NOTRE DAME (2). Ten others received votes but only appeared on one ballot.

**bold** indicates 2006 opponents

#### Notre Dame in the USA Today/NFCA Top 25

Preseason: ORV (30th)  
 Feb. 14: ORV (39th)  
 Feb. 21: not ranked  
 March 1: not ranked  
 March 8: not ranked  
 March 15: not ranked  
 March 22: not ranked  
 March 29: ORV (34th)

### Providence series history -

Notre Dame leads the all-time series with Providence 21-0 ... the teams have met each season of BIG EAST play (since 1996) ... the Irish have shutout the Friars 12 times in the 21 previous meetings of the series history ... Providence came within one out of ending the Irish winning streak last season ... trailing Providence 4-3 with two outs in the bottom of the seventh, Katie Laing and Meagan Ruthrauff posted back-to-back doubles, one driving in the tying run and the other the winning run, allowing the Irish to escape with a 5-4 victory ... Notre Dame is 8-0 against Providence at Ivy Field.

**Providence preview** - The Friars are 16-5 in 2006 and 3-1 in BIG EAST play ... they currently sit in second place of the league standings ... senior Elena Romero leads the team in hitting with a .410 average, three home runs and 15 RBI ... the pitching staff has been a team strength this season, with Jennifer Maccio going 3-0 with a 1.30 ERA and Sara Surosky posting a 11-5 record and 1.92 ERA ... Providence is 16-5 away from their home field this season and 3-1 on opposing team's home fields in '06.

**After slow start, Irish now 2-3 in extra innings** - After dropping the team's first three extra inning contests of the season (5-2 to #17 Nebraska in eight, 2-1 to Stephen F. Austin in eight and 3-2 to CS Fullerton in eight), Notre Dame has broken through to win its last two games in extra innings. The Irish defeated Western Michigan in the second game of the team's doubleheader on March 26, 2-1 and outlasted Bowling Green 1-0 in 11 innings on Wednesday, March 29.

**Kotcheff hitting well in March** - Freshman *Alexandra Kotcheff* got off to a slow start with the bat in 2006, but the Irish centerfielder has been finding her stroke in the past month. Entering March with an average hovering close to .100, Kotcheff has gone 15 for 47 (.319) in March to raise her season average to .250 during the run. Her solid work with the bat also perpetuated a move up the batting order to second.

### 2006 ESPN.com/USA Softball

Top 25

March 28, 2006

Rnk	Team	Record	Pts.	Pvs.
1.	Arizona (15)	29-3	495	t-2
2.	<b>Texas</b> (3)	35-3	470	4
3.	UCLA (2)	28-2	447	1
4.	<b>Alabama</b>	29-4	427	7
5.	Stanford	26-4	418	5
6.	Tennessee	27-4	399	t-2
7.	<b>Oregon State</b>	25-2	385	8
8.	California	29-3	374	6
9.	<b>Arizona State</b>	34-3	356	9
10.	Georgia	28-8	299	11
11.	La.-Lafayette	23-6	288	10
12.	LSU	31-5	267	14
13.	Michigan	17-9	266	12
14.	Washington	25-8	262	13
15.	<b>Northwestern</b>	18-8	212	16
16.	Texas A&M	23-9	210	15
17.	Auburn	22-9	172	18
18.	Oklahoma	23-10	156	17
19.	<b>Nebraska</b>	20-6	144	20
20.	Baylor	19-13	123	19
21.	<b>Louisville</b>	19-4	82	21
22.	Mississippi St.	27-8	64	24
23.	<b>DePaul</b>	11-7	49	22
24.	Fresno State	20-13	43	23
25.	Southern Illinois	19-4	33	25

Others receiving votes:

Georgia Tech (25), Virginia Tech (21), North Carolina (14), **CS Fullerton** (4), **BYU** (3), **Colorado State** (1), Oregon (1).

**bold** indicates 2006 opponents

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

Preseason: ORV (30th)  
 Feb. 14: ORV (t-32nd)  
 Feb. 21: not ranked  
 Feb. 28: not ranked  
 March 7: not ranked  
 March 14: not ranked  
 March 21: not ranked  
 March 28: not ranked

**2006 BIG EAST Conference Standings** (as of March 26, 2006)

Team	BIG EAST				OVERALL (Final)					ND outcome vs. opponent
	W-L	Pct.	H	A	W-L-T	Pct.	H	A	N	
Connecticut	4-0	1.000	0-0	4-0	12-11	.522	0-2	6-2	6-7	April 1
Providence	3-1	.750	0-0	3-1	16-5	.762	0-0	3-1	13-4	April 2
Pittsburgh	3-1	.750	3-1	0-0	17-12	.586	5-3	5-4	7-5	April 9
Syracuse	3-1	.750	3-1	0-0	14-14	.500	3-1	1-3	10-10	April 8
St. John's	2-2	.500	0-0	2-2	18-12	.600	6-0	6-6	6-6	May 7
Rutgers	1-3	.250	1-3	0-0	6-19	.240	1-3	1-1	4-15	April 23
Louisville	--	--	--	--	19-4	.826	7-3	6-0	6-1	April 30
South Florida	--	--	--	--	28-18	.609	16-8	0-3	12-7	April 29
DePaul	--	--	--	--	11-8	.579	1-0	0-3	12-7	April 13
NOTRE DAME	--	--	--	--	13-10	.565	0-0	6-3	7-7	
Seton Hall	0-4	.000	0-0	0-4	12-16	.429	0-1	3-8	9-7	May 6
Villanova	0-4	.000	0-4	0-0	4-19	.174	2-8	0-4	2-7	April 22

The top eight teams qualify for the 2006 BIG EAST Championship in South Bend, Ind.

### 2006 BIG EAST Weekly Awardwinners

#### Player of the Week

Jo Sherlock, OF, St. John's, Feb. 20  
 Alexis Switenko, SS/P, Syracuse, Feb. 27  
 Katie Pierce, SS, Seton Hall, March 6  
 Tiffany Stewart, OF, South Florida, March 13  
 Christie Chapman, SS, South Florida, March 20  
 Elena Romero, UTL, Providence, March 26

#### Pitcher of the Week

Tracie Adix, DePaul, Feb. 20  
 Bree Spence, South Florida, Feb. 27  
 Kady Garrick, Louisville, March 6  
 Catherine Bishop, Louisville, March 13  
 Meghan Bostick, Pittsburgh, March 20  
 Lisa Geer, St. John's, March 26

#### Notre Dame BIG EAST Honor Roll Selections

Linda Kohan, Feb. 20  
 Heather Booth, Feb. 27

**Brown piling up the hits** - Currently leading the team in hitting with a .342 batting average, junior *Stephanie Brown* has been a catalyst for the Irish offense for the entire season. She posted a career-best 10-game hit streak from Feb. 24 - March 12 and kept hitting even after the streak was broken. Over Notre Dame's last 10 games, Brown is 12 for 32 (.375) with seven runs scored, three RBI, one home run and three stolen bases.

**Irish juggle lineup in search for both offensive production and defensive consistency** - Since returning from Spring Break and its early-season tournament schedule, head coach *Deanna Gumpf* has made two substantial position changes to her lineup. Senior *Meagan Ruthrauff* has shifted across the infield to take over at third base and passed all her defensive tests with flying colors over the last three games. Ruthrauff started the first 21 games of the year at first base.

Against Bowling Green on Wednesday, Gumpf shifted *Stephanie Brown* from rightfield to left and inserted freshman *Stephanie Mola* in the defensive lineup in rightfield. To this point in the season, leftfield has been an offensive issue with the Irish. Before Brown's shift to leftfield, Notre Dame's platoon system in that position accounted for only 10 hits in 57 at bats, a .175 batting average.

#### **Notre Dame softball on the small screen -**

The University of Notre Dame softball team will be featured four times on cable television this season, with a possible fifth appearance in the BIG EAST Championship. Notre Dame's first appearance will be the first game of a doubleheader vs. DePaul on April 13. ESPN will cover the first game of the doubleheader (4:00 p.m.) between the long-time regional rivals and new conference opponents.

ESPN also will cover Notre Dame's first visit to USF as a conference opponent, picking up the first game of that doubleheader on Saturday, April 29 (11:00 a.m.).

Comcast Local (check your local listings for affiliates) will tape delay Notre Dame's contest vs. Ball State on Tuesday, April 11 at 5:00 p.m. Rebroadcast schedule is unknown at this time.

Notre Dame's road game at Louisville will also be televised in the Louisville, Ky., area with ABC affiliate WHAS picking up the broadcast.

Finally, CSTV will broadcast the BIG EAST Championship final game from the Belleville Softball Complex in South Bend, Ind., on May 13 at 6 p.m. The winner of that contest will receive the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Championship.

## Notre Dame Statistical Leaders

as of March 31, 2006

### Batting Average

Brown, Stephanie .....	.342
Lenn, Mallorie.....	.263
Kotcheff, Alexandra .....	.250

### Runs Scored

Brown, Stephanie .....	16
Kohan, Linda.....	9
Kotcheff, Alexandra .....	9

### Hits

Brown, Stephanie .....	26
Lenn, Mallorie.....	20
Kotcheff, Alexandra .....	18

### Doubles

Brown, Stephanie .....	6
Schoonaert, Sara .....	5
Ruthrauff, Meagan .....	4

### Home Runs

Kohan, Linda.....	4
Lenn, Mallorie.....	3
Ruthrauff, Meagan .....	3

### RBI

Lenn, Mallorie.....	15
Ruthrauff, Meagan .....	11
Brown, Stephanie .....	10

### Stolen Bases

Brown, Stephanie .....	11
Schoonaert, Sara .....	8
Laing, Katie .....	5

### Walks

Ruthrauff, Meagan .....	14
Brown, Stephanie .....	10
Schoonaert, Sara .....	8

### ERA

Booth, Heather.....	1.51
Fuemmeler, Kenya .....	1.62
Bargar, Brittney .....	2.54

### Innings Pitched

Booth, Heather.....	97.1
Bargar, Brittney .....	60.2
Fuemmeler, Kenya .....	8.2

### Strikeouts

Booth, Heather .....	109
Bargar, Brittney .....	64
Fuemmeler, Kenya .....	5

### Shutouts

Booth, Heather .....	3
Bargar, Brittney .....	2

## New BIG EAST Conference unveiled in 2006 -

The BIG EAST Conference expansion, which officially took place this fall, has garnered most of its attention in men's basketball. The conference has quickly transformed into the top men's basketball league in the country, but the effect that expansion will have on softball cannot be overlooked. The BIG EAST welcomes three traditional softball powers into the conference this season with the addition of DePaul, Louisville and South Florida. All three of the new teams will compete to end Notre Dame's regular-season conference title streak which stands at 10 years entering the '06 campaign.

Combined with an already solid conference lineup, the BIG EAST is now arguably the top softball league east of the Mississippi River. With a new league alignment, the BIG EAST Championship - scheduled to be played in South Bend, Ind., beginning May 11 - will feature a new schedule. The top eight teams from the league standings will take part in a single-elimination, three-day tournament to determine the league's automatic berth in the NCAA Championship. The final game of that tournament will be shown live on CSTV.

### Irish captains -

Notre Dame will feature four captains this season for just the second time in the program's history. The senior class of *Heather Booth, Mallorie Lenn, Meagan Ruthrauff* and *Sara Schoonaert* will provide leadership both on and off the field for the team in 2006. The only other team to feature four captains was Notre Dame's most successful team ever - the 2001 squad. Current Irish assistant coach *Lizzy Lemire* shared the captaincy that season with Melanie Alkire, Danielle Klayman and Jennifer Sharron. The Irish finished 54-7 in '01 and earned a number-one seed in the NCAA Championship.

### Booth to continue climb up Notre Dame career charts -

Senior co-captain *Heather Booth*, a front-line starter for the Irish since she walked on campus four years ago, will continue her climb up the Irish career pitching charts this season. The single-season record holder for complete games (30 in '04), Booth's current all-time statistical ranking include tied for second in appearances (134), third in starts (110), fourth in wins (76), third in complete games (70), fourth in shutouts (24), third in innings pitched (737.1) and fourth in strikeouts (696).

See page seven of this notes package for a complete listing of Notre Dame's current players on several different all-time statistical rankings.

### Season schedule has been/will be a challenge -

The 2006 season will prove a challenge for the Irish, as the team will face several teams ranked in the top 25, or just out of the national rankings.

According to the latest rankings, the Irish will face (NFCA rankings first, followed by USA Softball) #25/22 DePaul #18/16 Northwestern and #20/21 Louisville. Notre Dame has already faced #10/10 Arizona State (3-2 victory), #4/4 Texas (6-5 loss), #6/7 Alabama (4-3 loss), #14/12 Oregon State (5-0 loss) BYU (8-3 victory), who has been in and out of the national polls this season and #17/17 Nebraska (5-3, eight-inning loss).

Notre Dame knocked off four ranked teams during the 2005 season. The Irish defeated #21 South Florida and #19 Florida on their first weekend of action (Feb. 12-13), then knocked off #5/6 Tennessee in its last game at the Palm Springs Classic. Notre Dame also defeated #15 Northwestern with a four-run rally in the bottom of the seventh on Tuesday, April 26, 2005.

Under head coach Deanna Gumpf, the Irish have knocked off at least three ranked teams in three of four seasons (#25 South Florida, #4 Nebraska, #15 Oregon State in '02; #8 Nebraska, #14 Nebraska, #18 Nebraska in '04). The Irish have defeated a total of 14 ranked teams during Gumpf's tenure. The most ranked wins for the Irish came in 2001, when the team defeated eight teams ranked in the national top 25.

## Notre Dame Team Highs

### Team

#### Runs Scored

10 .....vs. N. Iowa (3-4-06)

#### Hits

13 .....vs. Kansas (3-4-06)

#### RBI

9 .....vs. N. Iowa (3-4-06)

#### Doubles

5 .....vs. UNLV (2-18-06)

5 .....vs. Kansas (3-4-06)

#### Triples

1 .....vs. BYU (2-17-06)

1 .....vs. CS Fullerton (3-15-06)

#### Home Runs

2.....four times

#### Total Bases

19 .....vs. UNLV (2-18-06)

#### Stolen Bases

6 .....vs. Western Michigan (3-26-06)

#### Assists

15 .....vs. Bowling Green (3-29-06)

15 .....vs. CS Fullerton (2-19-06)

#### Strikeouts Thrown

13 .....vs. Stephen F. Austin (3-5-06)

### Individual

#### Runs Scored

3 .....Brown, vs. FIU (2-25-06)

#### Hits

3 ..Brown, vs. #10 Arizona St. (3-16-06)

3 .....Kohan, vs. CS Fullerton (2-19-06)

3 .....Schoonaert, vs. Kansas (3-4-06)

#### RBI

4 .....Lenn, vs. BYU (2-17-06)

#### Doubles

2 .....Ruthrauff, UNLV (2-18-06)

#### Home Runs

1 .....14 times

#### Total Bases

7 ..Brown, vs. #10 Arizona St. (3-16-06)

7 .....Kohan, vs. CS Fullerton (2-19-06)

#### Walks

3 .....Ruthrauff, vs. BYU (2-17-06)

3 .....Hufnagle, vs. Buffalo (2-24-06)

#### Stolen Bases

2 .....Brown, vs. Stephen F. Austin (3-5-06)

2 .....Schoonaert, vs. WMU (2-26-06)

#### Putouts

13 .....Ruthrauff, vs. CS Fullerton (2-19-06)

#### Assists

7 .....Schoonaert, vs. CS Fullerton (2-29-06)

#### Innings Pitched

11.0 .....Booth vs. BGSU (3-29-06)

#### Strikeouts Thrown

11 .....Booth vs. Florida State (3-17-06)

11 .....Booth vs. SFA (3-5-06)

### New coaching staff, new Gumpf Family addition -

Notre Dame unveiled its new coaching staff in a unique way this season. *Lizzy Lemire*, a 2001 Notre Dame graduate, has joined the staff and *Kris Ganeff* (Notre Dame '99) moves up into the first assistant role. The change came about with the decision of former Irish assistant coach Charmelle Green to take a job in Notre Dame's Student-Athlete Development Program.

The unusual twist to the story is that Irish head coach Deanna Gumpf missed Lemire's official debut with the team. Gumpf and her husband John welcomed their second child, Tatum Elizabeth, on Wednesday, Feb. 22. Deanna has rejoined the team full time on the road for its Spring Break trip to Southern California.

To aid in the pitching staff's development during Gumpf's pregnancy, former Irish assistant coach and 1993 Penn State graduate Dawn Austin returned to the team as a volunteer assistant coach this season.

### Ruthrauff reaches career walks record -

Senior 1B *Meagan Ruthrauff*, Notre Dame's cleanup hitter the last three seasons, is not only a potent RBI producer (128 in three-plus years, tied for seventh on the all-time Notre Dame list), but she also has outstanding plate discipline.

Ruthrauff has drawn 94 walks during her career, surpassing matching Andrea Loman's (2000-03) previous Notre Dame career record of 87.

Ruthrauff has already drawn 14 free passes this season and ranks one-two on the single-season walk list at Notre Dame. In 2004, she drew a record 36 base on balls and followed up with 31 walks in 2005.3

## Irish Players on the All-Time Charts

### Most Doubles

1. Melanie Alkire (1998-01).....	49
2. Elizabeth Perkins (1994-97) .....	48
3. Jenny Kriech (1999-02) .....	45
4. Andrea Loman (2000-03) .....	44
Sara Hayes (1992-95) .....	44
6. Lizzy Lemire (1998-01) .....	43
7. Andria Bledsoe (2000-03).....	40
8. Meghan Murray (1994-97).....	39
9. <b>Meagan Ruthrauff (2003-current) ....</b>	<b>38</b>
10. Megan Ciolli (2002-05) .....	37

### Most Home Runs

1. Jarrah Myers (1999-02) .....	36
2. Andrea Loman (2000-03) .....	31
3. Melanie Alkire (1998-01).....	30
4. Liz Hartmann (2002-05) .....	27
5. Sara Hayes (1992-95) .....	26
6. <b>Meagan Ruthrauff (2003-current) ....</b>	<b>22</b>
7. <b>Mallorie Lenn (2003-current) .....</b>	<b>16</b>
8. Meghan Murray (1994-97).....	15
Andria Bledsoe (2000-03).....	14
Megan Ciolli (2002-05) .....	13
11. Stephanie Brown (2004-current) .....	12

### Most RBI

1. Jarrah Myers (1999-02) .....	174
2. Melanie Alkire (1998-01) .....	167
3. Andrea Loman (2000-03).....	148
4. Sara Hayes (1992-95) .....	137
5. Liz Hartmann (2002-05).....	131
6. Meghan Murray (1994-97) .....	129
7. <b>Meagan Ruthrauff (2003-current) ..</b>	<b>128</b>
Lizzy Lemire (1998-01) .....	126
9. Andria Bledsoe (2000-03).....	125
10. Megan Ciolli (2002-05) .....	101

### Most Walks

1. <b>Meagan Ruthrauff (2003-current) ....</b>	<b>94</b>
2. Andrea Loman (2000-03) .....	87
3. Jarrah Myers (1999-02) .....	76

### Most Putouts

1. Jarrah Myers (1999-02) .....	1,337
2. Stephanie Pinter (1991-94) .....	1,177
3. <b>Mallorie Lenn (2003-current).....</b>	<b>1,092</b>
4. Kris McCleary (1996-99) .....	1,040
5. Sara Hayes (1992-95) .....	964
6. Amy Folsom (1989-92) .....	826
7. <b>Meagan Ruthrauff (2003-current) ..</b>	<b>790</b>
8. Lisa Mattison (2000-03).....	768
9. Kelly Rowe (1995-98) .....	655

### Most Pitching Appearances

1. Steffany Stenglein (2002-05) .....	154
2. <b>Heather Booth (2003-current) .....</b>	<b>134</b>
Jennifer Sharron (1998-01) .....	134
4. Angela Bessolo (1996-99) .....	125
5. Missy Linn (1989-92) .....	122

### Most Games Started

1. Steffany Stenglein (2002-05) .....	132
2. Jennifer Sharron (1998-01) .....	117
3. <b>Heather Booth (2003-current) .....</b>	<b>110</b>
4. Missy Linn (1989-92) .....	97
5. Terri Kobata (1993-96) .....	94

### Most Wins

1. Jennifer Sharron (1998-01) .....	88
2. Steffany Stenglein (2002-05) .....	79
Terri Kobata (1993-96) .....	79
4. <b>Heather Booth (2003-current) .....</b>	<b>76</b>
5. Missy Linn (1989-92) .....	63

### Most Complete Games

1. Jennifer Sharron (1998-01) .....	76
2. Missy Linn (1989-92) .....	74
3. <b>Heather Booth (2003-current) .....</b>	<b>70</b>
4. Terri Kobata (1993-96) .....	65
5. Steffany Stenglein (2002-05) .....	54

### Most Shutouts

1. Terri Kobata (1993-96) .....	42
2. Jennifer Sharron (1998-01) .....	38
3. Missy Linn (1989-92) .....	29
4. <b>Heather Booth (2003-current) .....</b>	<b>24</b>
5. Steffany Stenglein (2002-05) .....	20

### Most Innings Pitched

1. Jennifer Sharron (1998-01) .....	772.1
2. Steffany Stenglein (2002-05).....	744.0
3. <b>Heather Booth (2003-current) .....</b>	<b>737.1</b>
4. Missy Linn (1989-92) .....	670.0
5. Terri Kobata (1993-96) .....	630.0

### Most Strikeouts

1. Terri Kobata (1993-96) .....	907
2. Steffany Stenglein (2002-05) .....	790
3. Jennifer Sharron (1998-01) .....	728
4. <b>Heather Booth (2003-current) .....</b>	<b>696</b>
5. Angela Bessolo (1996-99) .....	445

## 2006 Notre Dame Softball Results

Date	Opponent	Score	W/L	ND Line/Opp. Line	Innings	ND Record	Pitcher	GW Hit/Run
Feb. 17	Colorado St.	4-5	L	4-5-1/5-11-1	7	0-1	Booth (L, 0-1)	-
Feb. 17	BYU	8-3	W	8-11-1/3-5-2	7	1-1	Bargar (W, 1-0)	Lenn/Laing
Feb. 18	#14 Oregon St.	0-5	L	0-3-1/5-8-0	7	1-2	Booth (L, 0-2)	-
Feb. 18	at UNLV	6-4	W	6-11-0/4-6-2	7	2-2	Bargar (W, 2-0)	Jaquish/Northway
Feb. 19	vs. CS Fullerton	3-9	L	3-7-0/9-10-0	7	2-3	Booth (L, 0-3)	-
Feb. 24	vs. Buffalo	1-0	W	1-3-0/0-4-1	7	3-3	Bargar (W, 3-0)	-/Glynn
Feb. 24	at Fla. Intern.	5-0	W	5-5-0/0-2-3	5	4-3	Booth (W, 1-3)	Kohan/Hufnagle
Feb. 25	vs. Memphis	4-1	W	4-5-1/1-6-2	7	5-3	Booth (W, 2-3)	Kohan/Kotcheff
Feb. 25	at Fla. Intern.	4-5	L	4-6-1/5-7-2	7	5-4	Bargar (L, 3-1)	-
Mar. 3	vs. #17 Nebraska	2-5	L	2-7-1/5-6-0	8	5-5	Booth (L, 2-4)	-
Mar. 3	at Tulsa	1-2	L	1-4-1/2-5-1	7	5-6	Bargar (L, 3-2)	-
Mar. 4	vs. N. Iowa	10-1	W	10-8-1/1-7-2	5	6-6	Bargar (W, 4-2)	Ruthrauff/Kohan
Mar. 4	vs. Kansas	5-2	W	5-13-0/2-5-4	7	7-6	Booth (W, 3-4)	Kohan/Ruthrauff
Mar. 5	vs. SFA	1-2	L	1-9-2/2-7-0	8	7-7	Bargar (L, 4-3)	-
Mar. 12	at Cal Poly SLO	3-1	W	3-8-0/1-5-3	7	8-7	Booth (W, 4-4)	Brown/Kotcheff
Mar. 12	at Cal Poly SLO	1-0	W	1-3-0/0-6-3	7	9-7	Bargar (W, 5-3)	-/Smith
Mar. 15	at CS Fullerton	2-3	L	2-3-1/3-5-0	8	9-8	Booth (L, 4-5)	-
Mar. 16	vs. #10 Arz. St.	3-2	W	3-7-1/2-7-2	7	10-8	Bargar (W, 6-3)	Brown/Brown
Mar. 17	vs. Florida St.	1-0	W	1-3-0/0-3-1	7	11-8	Booth (W, 5-5)	Kotcheff/Brown
Mar. 18	vs. #4 Texas	5-6	L	5-5-1/6-10-1	7	11-9	Booth (L, 5-6)	-
Mar. 19	vs. #6 Alabama	3-4	L	3-3-1/4-8-1	7	11-10	Booth (L, 5-7)	-
Mar. 26	at W. Michigan	5-0	W	5-9-1/0-0-1	7	12-10	Booth (W, 6-7)	Schoonaert/Smith
Mar. 26	at W. Michigan	2-1	W	2-6-1/1-3-2	8	13-10	Bargar (W, 7-3)	-/Brown
Mar. 29	Bowling Green	1-0	W	1-5-1/0-3-1	11	14-10	Booth (W, 7-7)	Lenn/Kotcheff

## 2006 Notre Dame Softball Player Bio Updates -

**Brittney Bargar • Fr. • RHP • 5-9 • Corona, CA • Corona H.S.**

2006: Notre Dame's No. 2 starting pitcher behind veteran Heather Booth ... a confident first-year player capable of solid pitching performances ... throws hard with good velocity ... posted the biggest victory of her young career over #10 Arizona State at the Judi Garman Classic, allowing seven hits, two runs and striking out seven in Notre Dame's 3-2 victory ... picked up her first career shutout victory in game two at Cal Poly SLO, scattering six hits, walking three and striking out eight in Notre Dame's 1-0 victory ... pitched well in a tough loss at Tulsa, allowing five hits, one earned run and striking out nine in a complete-game 2-1 loss ... earned a short victory vs. Northern Iowa, pitching the first three innings of a 10-1, five-inning Notre Dame win, allowing three hits and striking out five ... picked up her seventh victory at Western Michigan by logging her longest career appearance, going 7 1/3 innings while allowing just three hits, walking four and striking out six in an eventual 2-1 victory in game two of the doubleheader at WMU.

## 2006/Career Statistics:

<u>ERA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>App</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO/CBO</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SO/7</u>	<u>B/Avg.</u>
2.54	7-3	14	10	4	2/0	0	60.2	60	28	22	31	64	7.44	.252



**Heather Booth • Sr. • RHP • 5-10 • Riverside, CA • Martin Luther King H.S.**

Career: Ranks among Notre Dame's all-time top five in appearances, wins, innings pitched and strikeouts ... 2003 BIG EAST Rookie of the Year ... 2003, 2004 First-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2005 Third-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2004 Second-Team NFCA All-Mideast Region ... 2004 FSU Invitational All-Tournament Team.

2006: Staff ace for the Fighting Irish ... will carry much of the pitching load and provide leadership for Notre Dame's pair of rookie pitchers ... picked up first win of the season against Florida International (Feb. 24) with a five-inning complete-game shutout, striking out nine and allowing just two hits ... also picked up a complete-game victory over Memphis, scattering six hits, allowing one run and striking out 10 ... named adidas Golden Panther Invitational tournament MVP for her performance over three days, going 2-0 with a 0.47 ERA and 22 strikeouts in 15.0 IP ... took a hard-luck loss vs. #17 Nebraska, scattering six hits, allowing two earned runs and striking out seven in eight innings ... shut down a potent Kansas offense, picking up a complete-game victory with 7.0 IP, two earned runs and 10 strikeouts ... suffered a frustrating non-decision against Stephen F. Austin, allowing seven hits and striking out 11 in Notre Dame's 2-1, eight-inning setback ... it was the second consecutive 10 strikeout performance for the righthander ... evened record to 4-4 on the season with a complete-game five-hit performance at Cal Poly SLO, allowing five hits and striking out eight ... best outing of the early season might have come vs. Florida State, as Booth shut down the Seminoles in Notre Dame's 1-0 victory with three hits and 11 strikeouts ... the FSU game was suspended by rain in the fourth inning, but Booth returned the next day to earn the victory ... pitched well against #6 Alabama, striking out six and allowing three unearned runs in Notre Dame's eventual 4-3 loss ... earned second combined no-hitter of her career in game one at Western Michigan, throwing the first four innings, walking three and striking out five ... picked up second save of the season in game two at WMU, entering the game with one out in the bottom of the eighth inning with the Irish holding a one-run lead ... forced a pop up and then struck out the final batter of the game ... turned in the longest pitching performance of her career in a 1-0, 11-inning victory over Bowling Green ... worked 11.0 innings, walking two, striking out five and allowing just three hits ... forced 16 fly ball outs and 16 ground ball outs vs. the Falcons.

## 2006 Awards:

adidas Golden Panther Invitational Tournament MVP

## 2006 Statistics:

<u>ERA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>App</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO/CBO</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SO/7</u>	<u>B/Avg.</u>
1.51	7-7	19	14	9	3/1	2	97.1	74	31	21	37	109	7.86	.214

## Career Statistics:

<u>ERA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>App</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO/CBO</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SO/7</u>	<u>B/Avg.</u>
1.61	76-34	134	110	70	24/9	6	737.1	524	227	170	250	696	6.61	.198

**Stephanie Brown • Jr. • OF • 5-6 • Chandler, AZ • Corona del Sol H.S.**

Career: Consistent hitter who piled up 131 hits (at least 60 each season) in her first two years with the Irish ... tied former teammate Liz Hartmann for the Notre Dame freshman home run record, hitting seven in 2004 ... 2004 First-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2005 Second-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2005 Buckeye Invitational All-Tournament Team ... 2004 NFCA Leadoff Classic All-Tournament Team.

2006: Returns to the top of the lineup as Notre Dame's leadoff hitter for the third consecutive season ... a three tool player capable of slapping, bunting and hitting for power ... has recently shifted to leftfield after starting the first 23 games of the season in rightfield ... earned a spot on the adidas Golden Panther Invitational all-tournament team after posting three hits (including a home run against FIU) and scoring five runs during the two-day tournament ... two for four with an RBI double and run scored vs. #17 Nebraska ... ended up one for one with two RBI (on sacrifice flies) vs. Northern Iowa ... reached in all four at bats against Tulsa, going two for three (reached on an error and error on a sacrifice as well) ... provided the game-winning hit with a two-run single in the top of the seventh in game one at Cal Poly SLO, bringing the Irish back from a 1-0 deficit and eventually leading to the 3-1 victory ... provided Notre Dame's biggest hit of the season so far, crushing a two-run opposite field home run in the bottom of the seventh vs. #10 Arizona State for a walk-off hit in the 3-2 victory ... that walk-off home run highlighted a three for four performance against the Sun Devils ... one for three against both Florida State and Texas and also posted a stolen base against both teams ... piled up three hits in game one at Western Michigan, going three for four with two singles, an RBI double and a stolen base ... finished two for four with a double vs. Bowling Green.

## 2006 Awards:

adidas Golden Panther Invitational All-Tournament Team

Best Western Airport Festival All-Tournament Team

## 2006 Statistics:

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>GP-GS</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>SB-Att</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Fld%</u>
.342	24-24	76	16	26	6	0	2	10	.500	10	.416	11-11	18	0	0	1.000

## Career Statistics:

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>GP-GS</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>SB-Att</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Fld%</u>
.322	154-154	488	98	157	25	1	12	54	.451	44	.389	33-46	226	95	15	.955

**Christine Farrell • Fr. • RHP • 5-8 • La Habra, CA • Sonora H.S.**

2006: Freshman pitcher has yet to see action while working through recovery from offseason surgery ... expected to see pitching time after Spring Break and work her way into Notre Dame's starting rotation.

**Kenya Fuemmeler • Jr. • RHP • 5-7 • Salisbury, MO • Salisbury H.S.**

2006: Veteran reliever who is expected to see more pitching time this season ... has thrown well in her first two appearances of the season (vs. BYU, vs. CS Fullerton) ... finished off Notre Dame's 10-1, five-inning victory over Northern Iowa, allowing four hits, a run and striking out three in 2.0 innings ... completed the final three innings of a combined no-hitter with senior Heather Booth in game one at Western Michigan ... walked two and forced six ground outs along with three fly outs in her three innings of action vs. the Broncos.

## 2006 Statistics:

<u>ERA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>App</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO/CBO</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SO/7</u>	<u>B/Avg.</u>
1.62	0-0	4	0	0	0/1	0	8.2	5	2	2	5	5	4.27	.167

## Career Statistics:

<u>ERA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>App</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO/CBO</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SO/7</u>	<u>B/Avg.</u>
1.71	1-0	10	0	0	0/3	0	16.1	15	7	4	10	10	4.35	.234

**Erin Glasco • Fr. • C/DP • 5-7 • Johnston City, IL • Johnston City H.S.**

2006: Left-handed hitter one of Notre Dame's top choices at designated player ... also the team's back up catcher in 2006.

2006/Career Statistics:

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>GP-GS</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>SB-Att</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Fld%</u>
.184	21-18	49	2	9	2	0	0	1	.224	4	.259	0-0	26	0	0	1.000

**Brittany Glynn • So. • OF • 5-3 • Seymour, CT • St. Joseph H.S.**

2006: Provides depth in the outfield for the Irish ... one of the team's top pinch-running options.

2006 Statistics:

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>GP-GS</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>SB-Att</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Fld%</u>
.000	9-0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0-1	0	0	0	.000

Career Statistics:

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>GP-GS</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>SB-Att</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Fld%</u>
.000	18-0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0-2	0	0	0	.000

**Gessica Hufnagle • Jr. • OF • 5-6 • Middlebury, IN • Northridge H.S.**

2006: Had made a switch from catcher to outfielder this season ... has rotated as one of Notre Dame's starting outfielders and is capable of outstanding athletic defensive plays ... broke open game one at Western Michigan with a two-out, two-RBI single up the middle to give the Irish a 4-0 lead in an eventual 5-0 victory.

2006 Statistics:

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>GP-GS</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>SB-Att</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Fld%</u>
.184	21-20	49	6	9	1	1	0	5	.245	6	.298	1-3	15	0	1	.938

Career Statistics:

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>GP-GS</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>SB-Att</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Fld%</u>
.175	103-45	114	21	20	2	1	0	9	.211	10	.254	5-8	208	13	6	.974

**Carissa Jaquish • Jr. • INF • 5-6 • Highland, CA • Redlands East Valley H.S.**

2006: Has the ability to play third base, outfield and catch for the Irish if necessary ... started in leftfield for the Irish at Cal Poly SLO ... has also been a catcher for the Irish during her career.

2006 Statistics:

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>GP-GS</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>SB-Att</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Fld%</u>
.045	15-6	22	2	1	0	0	0	1	.045	2	.160	0-0	0	5	0	1.000

Career Statistics:

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>GP-GS</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>SB-Att</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Fld%</u>
.205	113-72	219	24	45	7	3	1	20	.279	16	.268	5-5	171	11	3	.984

**Linda Kohan • Fr. • INF • 5-6 • Westminster, CA • Westminster H.S.**

2006: Has appeared at both third base and first base for the Irish this season ... also the top option for the Irish at DP when not in the starting defensive alignment ... slammed three home runs in her first collegiate weekend of action, earning a spot on the BIG EAST Conference Softball Honor Roll ... first career hit for the Irish was a three-run home run in the bottom of the seventh inning against Colorado State ... finished two for three against BYU and was hit by a pitch ... two for three with a solo home run against UNLV ... posted a personal-best three hits against CS Fullerton, going three for four with a solo home run, double and two runs scored ... finished two for four with an RBI against Memphis ... two for four with an RBI double vs. Kansas ... broke out of an 0-22 slump with a solo home run in the top of the seventh inning in Notre Dame's 4-3 loss to #6 Alabama ... two for three with a single, double and run scored in game one at Western Michigan ... had a single hit in game two against the Broncos, finishing the doubleheader three for six.

## 2006 Awards:

BIG EAST Softball Honor Roll (2-21-06)

## 2006/Career Statistics:

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.236	24-24	72	9	17	3	0	4	9	.444	6	.321	0-0	31	29	6	.909

**Alexandra Kotcheff • Fr. • OF • 5-8 • Los Angeles, CA • The Marlborough School**

2006: Stepped in as Notre Dame's starting centerfielder from day one ... has been steady on defense while finding her way offensively thus far in 2006 ... has seen action in both the second and ninth spot in the Irish batting order ... has consistently produced since shifting to the second spot during spring break ... posted first multiple hit game of her career vs. Northern Iowa, going two for two with two RBI and two runs scored ... logged the first extra-base hit of her career at CS Fullerton, drilling a triple to the leftfield wall ... moved up to second in the lineup against Florida State and paid instant dividends, providing the game-winning RBI single up the middle in Notre Dame's 1-0 victory over the Seminoles ... also had an RBI single vs. #4 Texas ... three for four with three singles in game two at Western Michigan ... her single up the middle in the top of the eighth would have loaded the bases with one out, but was misplayed by the Bronco centerfielder and both Irish runs in the 2-1 victory scored on the play ... ended up two for five and scored the game-winning run in Notre Dame's 1-0, 11-inning victory over Bowling Green ... singled with one out in the bottom of the 11th and scored from first base on a double by Mallorie Lenn.

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.250	24-24	72	9	18	0	1	0	4	.278	0	.250	3-3	14	1	2	.882

**Katie Laing • So. • 2B • 5-4 • Chandler, AZ • Corona del Sol H.S.**

Career: Has been a starter at second base for the past two seasons ... tied the school record for single-season doubles (also held by current assistant coach Lizzy Lemire) with 17 in 2005 ... 2005 First-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2005 NFCA Second Team All-Mideast Region ... capable of hitting for both average and power ... possesses great range at second base and is a consistent performer on defense.

2006: Two for two with a run scored, walk and stolen base against BYU ... ended up two for four with a run scored and double against UNLV ... also two for three with an RBI in game one against Florida International ... showed signs of breaking out of her season-long slump against CS Fullerton, crushing her first home run of the season to highlight a one for three performance ... two for three with a double against #10 Arizona State ... finished one for three with a two-run home run against #4 Texas at the Judi Garman Classic.

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.189	24-24	74	5	14	3	0	2	6	.311	3	.231	5-5	52	50	3	.971

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.272	85-83	243	35	66	20	1	5	29	.424	10	.310	11-12	172	127	10	.968

**Mallorie Lenn • Sr. • C • 5-8 • Garden Grove, CA • Pacifica H.S.**

Career: Has been a top option at starting catcher for the Irish since her freshman season ... a streaky hitter who has proven to be a tough out in postseason competition ... 2004 First-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2003 Second-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2003 BIG EAST All-Rookie Team.

2006: Has shown signs of developing into consistent RBI producer in the heart of Notre Dame's batting order ... all three home run she has hit this season have been multi-run shots (grand slam, two two-run home runs) ... crushed her first career grand slam in Notre Dame's victory over BYU ... ended up two for four with four RBI against the Cougars ... finished one for two with two walks against CS Fullerton at the UNLV Desert Classic ... finished three for seven in the doubleheader sweep at Cal Poly SLO ... finished two for three with a two-run home run vs. #4 Texas ... also launched a two-run home run vs. #6 Alabama at the Judi Garman Classic ... drilled a walk-off RBI double in the bottom of the 11th inning vs. Bowling Green, driving in Alexandra Kotcheff with the game-winning run.

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.263	24-24	76	4	20	3	0	3	15	.421	4	.317	0-0	161	11	0	1.000

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.260	202-199	561	39	146	29	1	16	86	.401	35	.311	4-5	1092	85	9	.992

**Stephanie Mola • Fr. • OF • 5-5 • Naples, FL • St. John Neumann H.S.**

2006: Provides the Irish with depth in the outfield and a left-handed bat off the bench ... consistent at putting the ball in play as a pinch hitter ... made her first career appearance of the season against BYU (one AB) ... game off the bench in a key situation against #10 Arizona State ... led off the bottom of the seventh inning by reaching on a fielding error at third base and eventually scored on Stephanie Brown's walk-off two-run home run ... logged her first career hit in her first career start (at designated player) in game two at Western Michigan ... started her first career game in the defensive lineup against Bowling Green, finishing 0-3.

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.111	6-2	9	2	1	0	0	0	0	.111	0	.111	0-1	0	0	0	.000

**Beth Northway • Fr. • OF • 5-7 • Kentwood, MI • East Kentwood H.S.**

2006: Working back into the lineup from offseason shoulder surgery ... will see action in the outfield once she returns to full strength ... has made five pinch running appearances, scoring two runs.

**Meagan Ruthrauff • Sr. • 1B/3B • 5-10 • La Mirada, CA • La Serna H.S.**

Career: Now in third season as Notre Dame's starting first base ... has also seen time at DP, third base and shortstop during her career ... Notre Dame career leader in walks with 92 ... also ranks in the top 10 all-time in RBI and home runs ... 2003, 2004 First-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2005 Second-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2003 BIG EAST All-Rookie Team ... 2004 NFCA Second Team All-Mideast Region ... 2003 NFCA First Team All-Mideast Region ... 2004 FSU Invitational All-Tournament Team .

2006: Has started the season slow with the bat, but has been a consistent defensive player for the Irish ... has made a successful switch to third base after starting the first 21 games of the season at first base ... earned three walks against BYU ... two for four with two double sand two RBI at UNLV ... hit first home run of the season against CS Fullerton ... one for three with an RBI and walk in game two against Florida International ... crushed a three-run home run in the top of the first inning vs. Northern Iowa ... two for four with an RBI single and double vs. Kansas ... two for three with a solo home run vs. #10 Arizona State, keying Notre Dame's eventual 3-2 upset victory ... drew two intentional walks in RBI situations against Bowling Green.

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.242	24-24	66	7	16	4	0	3	11	.439	14	.383	0-0	126	20	0	1.000

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.297	207-206	583	84	173	38	0	22	128	.475	92	.399	4-4	787	73	7	.992

**Sara Schoonaert • Sr. • SS • 5-3 • Houston, TX • Clear Lake H.S.**

Career: Third season as Notre Dame's starting shortstop ... consistent with the glove and starting to develop as an offensive threat in 2006 ... 2005 Third-Team All-BIG EAST.

2006: Has been consistent at the plate and with the glove so far this season ... two for four against BYU with a double, RBI and stolen base ... two for two in game two against Florida International with a double, walk and stolen base ... named to the adidas Golden Panther Invitational all-tournament team ... two for four vs. #17 Nebraska ... posted third three-hit performance of her career against Kansas, going three for three with an RBI double, run scored and walk ... doubled and scored with one out in the top of the seventh inning against Stephen F. Austin, forcing the game into extra innings ... one for three with an RBI and single in game one at Western Michigan.

## 2006 Awards:

adidas Golden Panther All-Tournament Team

Best Western Airport Festival All-Tournament Team

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.239	24-24	71	7	17	5	0	0	7	.310	8	.316	8-10	44	33	2	.975

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.237	202-156	396	67	94	18	5	0	40	.308	30	.294	24-36	262	215	27	.946

**Sarah Smith • So. • OF • 5-7 • Oklahoma City, OK • Heritage Hall H.S.**

2006: Returns as one of the team's top baserunner threats ... made her first career start in leftfield vs. Cal Poly SLO (game one) and posted her first career hit, finishing the game one for two ... also started in leftfield for the Irish at CS Fullerton ... picked up her third stolen base of the season vs. #4 Texas.

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.143	66-2	7	20	1	0	0	0	0	.143	0	.143	6-11	1	0	0	1.000