



Notre Dame Men's Tennis

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2006 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

JANUARY

21 Sat. (26) at Northwestern (51) 6 p.m.
27 Fri. (26) vs. Virginia (1) 4 p.m.
(Richmond, VA)

29 Sun. (26) WILLIAM & MARY (65) 10 a.m.

FEBRUARY

4 Sat. at North Carolina 1 p.m.
5 Sun. at Duke 1 p.m.
7 Tue. at Illinois 4 p.m.
11 Sat. **PURDUE** 1 p.m.
12 Sun. **WISCONSIN** Noon
12 Sun. **BRADLEY** 5 p.m.
15 Wed. **MICHIGAN STATE** 4 p.m.
18 Sat. at Michigan 6 p.m.
24 Fri. **OHIO STATE** 4 p.m.

MARCH

2-5 at Pacific Coast Doubles Chps.
(La Jolla, CA)
7 Tue. at Indiana 4 p.m.
14 Tue. at Florida State 2 p.m.
16-19 at Blue-Gray National Classic
(Montgomery AL)
25 Sat. at Texas 1 p.m.
26 Sun. at Texas A&M 1 p.m.

APRIL

8 Sat. **SOUTHERN METHODIST** 1 p.m.
9 Sun. at Ball State 1 p.m.
13 Thur. **LOUISVILLE** 3:30 p.m.
19-22 at BIG EAST Championship
(Tampa, FL)

MAY

12-14 NCAA Championship
(1st/2nd rounds, campus sites)
20-23 at NCAA Championship
(rd. of 16 - final, Stanford, CA)
24-29 at NCAA Singles & Doubles Chps.
(Stanford, CA)

Home matches in **BOLD CAPS** held at the Courtney Tennis Center, weather permitting. Otherwise, home matches held in Eck Tennis Pavilion. All times are local.

Notes: Number in parentheses before opponent is Notre Dame's ITA national ranking at time of match; number in parentheses after opponent is its ITA national ranking at time of match.

#26 Notre Dame (0-0) vs. #51 Northwestern (3-1)

Saturday, January 21, 6 p.m. (CST) • Combe Tennis Center, Evanston, Illinois

IRISH SET TO COMMENCE DUAL-MATCH PLAY ON SATURDAY AT NORTHWESTERN: The 26th-ranked University of Notre Dame men's tennis team will open the dual-match portion of the 2005-06 campaign this weekend when it travels to #51 Northwestern (3-1) for a 6 p.m. (CST) contest on Saturday in the Combe Tennis Center. The Irish – fresh off one of the best falls in program history – return seven of eight starters from last year's squad that was 18-8, won its second consecutive BIG EAST championship, and earned a spot in the NCAA tournament for the 14th time in the last 15 seasons.

NORTHWESTERN AT A GLANCE: Northwestern, ranked 51st, already has played four matches this season, beating Illinois-Chicago (7-0), Ball State (5-2), and DePaul (7-0), and losing to Louisville (2-5) ... the Wildcats have back four of eight starters from last year's team that was 12-13, finished fourth in the Big Ten, and lost to Clemson in the opening round of the NCAA tournament to finish 47th in the rankings ... gone from that team is Thomas Hanus, who finished 2004-05 ranked 78th nationally in singles ... head coach Paul Torricelli is in his 23rd season at Northwestern and has a 321-232 (.580) record, including 7-13 against Notre Dame.

NOTRE DAME-NORTHWESTERN SERIES NOTES: Notre Dame and Northwestern will meet for the 16th consecutive season and the 75th time overall, which makes the Wildcats the most-common opponent in the 84-year history of Irish men's tennis until ND faces Michigan State for the 75th time on Feb. 15 ... Notre Dame holds a 37-36-1 advantage in the all-time series ... the Wildcats are up 18-14-1 in Evanston, but the Irish have won in their last three visits ... the last NU home win was a 5-2 triumph in 1998 in a battle of top-25 teams (NU was 21st, ND was 23rd) ... the Irish have won six of the last seven meetings, with the lone defeat a 4-3 come-from-behind win for the Wildcats in the Eck Tennis Pavilion in 2003 ... NU trailed 3-1 in that match, but won a trio of three-setters for the win ... Notre Dame won the first-ever meeting, 4-3 in 1927 at home ... the Irish are 12-1 when carrying a higher national ranking, with the lone defeat coming in 1994, when #46 Northwestern prevailed 4-3 at home over 14th-ranked ND ... only Michigan (41) has more victories over the Irish than Northwestern does ... ND head coach **Bob Bayliss** is 12-4 against Northwestern ... last year, #23 ND won 5-2 in the Eck Tennis Pavilion over #40 NU in Bayliss' 600th career victory ... Thomas Hanus and Adam Schaechterle won 8-5 at No. 2 to give the Wildcats the doubles point, but the Irish then won all of the bottom five singles matches, with **Patrick Buchanan** clinching the victory with a three-set win at No. 6.

IRISH ONLY DI SQUAD WITH FOUR PLAYERS BOASTING TOP-15 RANKINGS: Notre Dame is the only Division I school to feature four different players that currently boast a national top-15 ranking in singles and/or doubles. Plus, for the first time ever, the Irish have two players among the top 15 nationally in singles, as junior **Stephen Bass** (Bronxville, N.Y./Iona Preparatory School) is #8 and sophomore **Sheeva Parbhu** (Omaha, Neb./Millard North H.S.) came in 14th in the latest edition of the Fila Collegiate Tennis Rankings administered by the

Last Year's Match

#23 Notre Dame 5, #40 Northwestern 2

February 18, 2005 -- Notre Dame, Indiana (Indoor)

Singles

No. 1: #114 Tommy Hanus (NU) def. Brent D'Amico (ND) 7-6, 7-6
No. 2: #78 Stephen Bass (ND) def. Chuck Perrin (NU) 6-4, 6-2
No. 3: #112 Barry King (ND) def. Christian Tempke (NU) 6-3, 6-0
No. 4: Sheeva Parbhu (ND) def. Willy Lock (NU) 6-7, 7-6, 1-0
No. 5: Irackli Akhvlediani (ND) def. Adam Schaechterle (NU) 6-4, 6-3
No. 6: Patrick Buchanan (ND) def. Matt Christian (NU) 6-2, 4-6, 6-3
Order of Finish: 5, 2, 3, 1, 6*, 4

Doubles

No. 1: Brent D'Amico/Keckley (ND) def. Perrin/Tempke (NU) 8-4
No. 2: Hanus/Schaechterle (NU) def. Eric Langenkamp/Parbhu (ND) 8-5
No. 3: Lock/Hoeveler (NU) def. Buchanan/King (ND) 8-5

Order of Finish: 1, 3, 2*

* - indicates clinching victory

ND-NU Matches in Fall 2005

ITA Midwest Championships, Ann Arbor, MI (Indoor) - First Round

Matt Christian (NU) def. Patrick Buchanan (ND) 4-6, 6-4, 6-1

ITA Midwest Championships, Ann Arbor, MI (Indoor) - Round of 16

#74 Stephen Bass (ND) def. #125 Christian Tempke (NU) 7-5, 6-1

Series Information

Overall: Notre Dame leads 37-36-1 (Notre Dame won last 2)

At Northwestern: Northwestern leads 18-14-1 (ND won last 3)

Bob Bayliss vs. Northwestern: 12-4

Paul Torricelli vs. Notre Dame: 7-13

First Meeting: 1927, Notre Dame 4, Northwestern 3 (@ ND)

Last Year: 2/18/05 -- #23 Notre Dame 5, #40 Northwestern 2 (@ ND)

Last NU Win: 2003, #40 Northwestern 5, #44 Notre Dame 3 (@ ND)

Last Meeting at NU: 2004, #50 Notre Dame 5, #37 Northwestern 2

Last NU Win at Home: 1998, #21 Northwestern 5, #23 Notre Dame 2

Last Five: Notre Dame 4-1

Last 10: Notre Dame 8-2

When ND is Ranked Higher: Notre Dame leads 12-1

When NU is Ranked Higher: Northwestern leads 2-1

Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA), which were released on Jan. 10. In addition, the Irish have a top-15 squad in doubles, with senior **Eric Langenkamp** (Scarsdale, N.Y./Scarsdale H.S.) – who is also 65th in singles – and junior **Ryan Keckley** (South Bend, Ind./St. Joseph's H.S.), a St. Joseph's High School graduate, at 12th.

ND BEGINS SPRING AT 26TH IN FILA COLLEGIATE TENNIS RANKINGS: The Irish are 26th in the first set of Fila Collegiate Tennis Rankings administered by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA), which were released on Jan. 10. Notre Dame was one of the biggest movers in the poll – which will be determined by coaches voting until the ITA's computer takes over the listing on March 7 – as no other team in the preseason top 35 rose as many spots from last year's final rankings.

It is the 15th consecutive season that the Irish are listed in the preseason ITA rankings, but the highest ND has appeared in them since beginning the 2001-02 campaign at #7. It is also the 11th time in the last 15 years that Notre Dame will begin in the national top 30. The 11-spot rise for the Irish from last year's final rankings is the largest such jump in program history. Twice before Notre Dame had moved up nine spots in the preseason rankings (from 31st to 22nd in 1999-2000; from 16th to seventh in 2001-02). The Irish and newcomer Louisville (ranked 32nd) give the BIG EAST Conference multiple nationally-ranked squads for the first time since the final poll of 2003-04 (ND 33rd, Virginia Tech 48th, Miami 49th). The last time two BIG EAST schools were ranked among the top 35 was March 26, 2004 (ND 26th, Miami 30th). In all, 16 of Notre Dame's 19 regular-season opponents were listed in the preseason rankings, with seven ranking in the top 25: #1 Virginia, #4 Illinois, #8 Duke, #11 Florida State, #13 Texas A&M, #18 Ohio State, and #22 Texas.

BASS, PARBHU MAKE ND ONE OF THREE TEAMS WITH TWO PLAYERS AMONG TOP 15 NATIONALLY IN SINGLES: Notre Dame is one of just three schools – along with #1 Virginia and #3 Georgia – that have multiple players ranked among the national top 15 in singles. Junior **Stephen Bass** (Bronxville, N.Y./Iona Preparatory School) is #8 and sophomore **Sheeva Parbhu** (Omaha, Neb./Millard North H.S.) came in 14th in the latest edition of the Fila Collegiate Tennis Rankings administered by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA), which were released on Jan. 10. It is the first time two Irish players have been in the national top 15 at the same time. Senior **Eric Langenkamp** (Scarsdale, N.Y./Scarsdale H.S.) is 65th, putting ND in an elite group of just four teams – along with Virginia, #4 Illinois, and #6 Mississippi – to have three in the top 65. Bass is the highest-ranked Irish singles player since **Ryan Sachire** entered his final collegiate season (1999-2000) ranked #2. The current junior is only the third ND student-athlete – along with Sachire and five-time All-American **David DiLucia** ('92) – to be ranked among the national top 10 in the ITA singles rankings.

KECKLEY/LANGENKAMP HIGHEST-RANKED ND TEAM SINCE 2001-02: Senior **Eric Langenkamp** (Scarsdale, N.Y./Scarsdale H.S.) and junior **Ryan Keckley** (South Bend, Ind./St. Joseph's H.S.) – listed 12th in the latest edition of the Fila Collegiate Tennis Rankings – comprise the highest-ranked Notre Dame doubles team since **Javier Taborga** and **Casey Smith** concluded their careers in 2001-02 ranked eighth. The current players continue a long tradition of highly-ranked Irish doubles teams, as they are the eighth different pair under head coach **Bob Bayliss** to be ranked 12th in the nation or higher. Langenkamp has joined an elite group of just 12 Irish players who have been ranked among the national top 65 in both singles and doubles. He earned his second career ranking in doubles, after being 60th for a brief time last spring. Keckley has now been nationally-ranked with three different partners, matching the Irish record held by **Andy Zurcher** ('94) and **Luis Haddock** ('04). Keckley is one of just five ND players to earn top-15 rankings with two different partners. In the spring of 2003-04, he and Haddock peaked at 14th, which had been the South Bend native's career-best ranking.

IRISH HEAD COACH: Bob Bayliss is in his 19th year at Notre Dame with a 327-157 (.676) record, while his 36-year career mark stands at 618-260-1 (.704). He is one of just six active NCAA Division I coaches to boast 600+ career victories. Bayliss has had just one losing season in his career and has seen his teams finish in the top 20 nine times, advancing to the NCAA round of 16 on five occasions, highlighted by a quarterfinal appearance in 1993 and a national runner-up finish in '92. He also is one of just three coaches in Division I to have led his current team to 14 NCAA tournaments over the last 15 seasons. Bayliss, named national coach of the year in 1980 and '92, is a four-time ITA Midwest Region coach of the year and 12-time conference coach of the year (five times in the last eight years in the BIG EAST, including 2004 and '05). In his time at Notre Dame, Bayliss' teams have won 12 conference titles, while his players have earned All-America honors 17 times, won eight national ITA awards, and earned 16 invitations to the NCAA Singles Championship and 11 to the NCAA doubles tournament.

STREAKS: The following streaks are active heading into this weekend:

- Notre Dame has won 42 consecutive true road matches against teams ranked outside the national top 50 or unranked. [last loss: 4/23/91 at Wisconsin, 6-3]
- **Eric Langenkamp** has won 10 consecutive singles matches in dual-match competition [last loss: 2/29/04 vs. Miami's Jeremiah Fuller 3-6, 7-6 (7-4), 1-0 (10-7)]
- **Sheeva Parbhu** has won seven consecutive singles matches in dual-match competition [last loss: 3/17/05 vs. Illinois' Monte Tucker 6-2, 7-5]
- **Sheeva Parbhu** has won 14 consecutive singles matches against players from the Midwest Region (not including his own teammates) [last loss: 3/17/05 vs. Illinois' Monte Tucker 6-2, 7-5]

Fila ITA National Rankings

(January 10)

No.	School	Votes	W-L	Last
1.	Virginia (15)	2293	0-0	5
2.	Florida (10)	2277	0-0	4
3.	Georgia (3)	2221	0-0	7
4.	Illinois (2)	2216	0-0	6
5.	UCLA (6)	2214	0-0	1
6.	Mississippi	2192	0-0	3
7.	Baylor	2180	0-0	2
8.	Duke	2109	0-0	9
9.	Pepperdine	2102	0-0	8
10.	LSU	2019	0-0	10
11.	Florida State	1992	0-0	13
12.	South Carolina	1935	0-0	16
13.	Texas A&M	1876	0-0	18
14.	Stanford	1840	0-0	22
15.	Wake Forest	1833	0-0	19
16.	Washington	1827	0-0	14
17.	Tennessee	1785	0-0	11
18.	Ohio State	1772	0-0	24
19.	California	1729	0-0	23
20.	USC	1717	0-0	21
21.	Kentucky	1705	0-0	15
22.	Texas	1675	0-0	28
23.	Texas Tech	1652	0-0	12
24.	Oklahoma State	1639	0-0	17
25.	Mississippi State	1610	0-0	25
26.	NOTRE DAME	1470	0-0	37
31.	North Carolina	1355	0-0	34
32.	Louisville	1337	0-0	33
44.	SMU	991	0-0	43
48.	Michigan	825	0-0	54
51.	Northwestern	785	0-0	47
60.	Indiana	465	0-0	58
65.	William & Mary	288	0-0	62
68.	Ball State	226	0-0	71
73.	Michigan State	138	0-0	72

Bold indicates 2006 Notre Dame opponent. Rankings are determined by coaches voting until March 7, when the ITA's point-per-match computer formula takes over; for a full explanation, see itatennis.com.

Notre Dame Quick Facts

Location Notre Dame, IN 46556
 Founded 1842
 Enrollment .8,380 (undergrad), 11,311 (total)
 Nickname Fighting Irish
 Colors Gold and Blue
 Conference BIG EAST
 Director of Athletics Kevin White
 Head Coach . . . Bob Bayliss (Richmond '66)
 Record at ND 327-157 (.676)/18 yrs.
 Career Record . . 618-260-1 (.704)/35 years
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 (Bloomsburg '96)
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 2004-05 Record 18-8
 2004-05 Final ITA National Ranking . . . 37th
 2005 BIG EAST Championship 1st
 2005 NCAA Championship 1st round
 Starters Returning/Lost 7/1
 Monogram Winners Returning/Lost 7/4

- **Stephen Bass** is 9-0 this season in singles against players from the Midwest Region [last loss: 5/14/05 vs. Louisville's Damar Johnson 1-6, 6-4, 6-3]
- **Stephen Bass** has won 13 in a row against lower-ranked players in singles [last loss: 1/30/05 vs. Florida State's Mat Cloer 6-4, 6-4]
- **Eric Langenkamp** has won five consecutive tiebreakers in singles [last loss: 9/16/04 vs. William & Mary's Stephen Ward, second set]
- **Sheeva Parbhu** has won 17 in a row when winning the opening set (39-2 career record) [last loss: 3/11/05 vs. Boise State's Ikaika Jobe]
- **Stephen Bass** is 11-0 this season when winning the opening set (46-2 career record) [last loss: 5/14/05 vs. Louisville's Damar Johnson 1-6, 6-4, 6-3]
- **Yuichi Uda** has won six consecutive close sets (6-4, 7-5, or 7-6) [last loss: 10/15/04 vs. Wisconsin's Brian Ko, 6-4 in third set]
- **Stephen Bass** has won seven consecutive singles matches at home [last loss: 3/17/05 vs. Illinois' Kevin Anderson 6-1, 6-4]
- **Sheeva Parbhu** has won seven consecutive singles matches at home [last loss: 3/17/05 vs. Illinois' Monte Tucker 6-2, 7-5]
- **Andrew Roth** has won seven consecutive doubles matches at home [only career loss: 9/16/04 with Yuichi Uda, vs. William & Mary's Sud/Szewczyk 8-5]
- **Yuichi Uda** has won six consecutive singles matches at home [only career loss: 9/17/04 vs. Purdue's Scott Warner 6-4, 7-5]
- **Stephen Bass** is 10-0 in singles in his career at the Courtney Tennis Center.
- **Sheeva Parbhu** has won 11 consecutive singles matches outdoors [last loss: 3/11/05 vs. Boise State's Ikaika Jobe]
- **Patrick Buchanan** has won six consecutive singles matches outdoors [last loss: 4/3/05 vs. SMU's Henrik Soderberg 6-3, 6-3]
- **Patrick Buchanan** has won six consecutive singles matches at home [last loss: 3/17/05 vs. Illinois' Ruben Gonzales 6-2, 5-7, 6-4]

MOST-COMMON OPPONENTS IN IRISH HISTORY: See below the list of most-common opponents faced by Notre Dame in its 84 years of varsity men's tennis.

<u>School</u>	<u>Matches</u>	<u>ND Record</u>
Northwestern*	75	37-36-1
Michigan State	74	42-32
Indiana	66	39-27
Michigan	66	25-41
Western Michigan	61	41-20
Purdue	58	49-9
Wisconsin	58	43-15
Iowa	46	27-19
Ohio State	46	25-21
Marquette	45	45-0

* - includes this week's match

MOST WINS AGAINST ONE SCHOOL: See below the list of teams Notre Dame has defeated most in its 84 years of varsity men's tennis.

<u>School</u>	<u>ND Record</u>
Purdue	49-9
Marquette	45-0
Wisconsin	43-15
Michigan State	42-32
Western Michigan	41-20
Indiana	39-27
Northwestern	37-36-1
Ball State	31-5

MOST LOSSES AGAINST ONE SCHOOL: See below the list of teams that have defeated Notre Dame most in its 84 years of varsity men's tennis.

<u>School</u>	<u>Record vs. ND</u>
Michigan	41-25
Northwestern	36-37-1
Michigan State	32-42
Indiana	27-39
Ohio State	21-25
Western Michigan	20-41
Iowa	19-27
Illinois	17-20
Wisconsin	15-43
Duke	14-4

START ME UP: Notre Dame has won seven of its last nine season-opening matches and has started 1-0 in each of the last six seasons in which the first dual match was on the opponent's home court. This will be the second consecutive year that the Irish open their dual-match season playing on their foe's home court, following a 6-1 win at Indiana in 2005. In his time at Notre Dame, **Bob Bayliss'** teams are 10-7 in season-opening matches and 12-5 in road openers.

BASS, PARBHU EXCEL IN NATIONAL INDOORS: Junior **Stephen Bass** (Bronxville, N.Y./Iona Preparatory School) and sophomore **Sheeva Parbhu** (Omaha, Neb./Millard North H.S.) combined to make Notre Dame one of only two schools (along with Stanford) to have multiple players among

ITA National Rankings

(January 10)

SINGLES

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name, School</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
1.	Lars Poerschke, Baylor	71.15
2.	John Isner, Georgia	56.86
3.	Benjamin Kohlloeffel, UCLA	55.45
4.	Matt Bruch, Stanford	50.96
5.	Raian Luchici, North Carolina	48.11
6.	Treat Huey, Virginia	44.92
7.	Rylder DeHeart, Illinois	44.62
8.	Stephen Bass, Notre Dame	40.20
9.	Ludovic Walter, Duke	35.80
10.	Somdev Devvarman, Virginia	31.03

14.	Sheeva Parbhu, Notre Dame	26.43
65.	Eric Langenkamp, Notre Dame	8.72

DOUBLES

<u>No.</u>	<u>Names, School</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
1.	Luchici/Pomeroy, North Carolina	59.78
2.	Green/Wilson, Ohio State	53.49
3.	Born/Siljestrom, Mid. Tenn. St.	53.45
4.	Baccarani/Thompson, Ball St.	58.31
5.	Corkery/Pade, Stanford	43.83
6.	Bobusic/Purcell, Georgia	26.35
7.	Schoeck/Shields, Boise State	26.20
8.	Jago/Spence, Memphis	25.56
9.	Atas/Stokke, Duke	23.82
10.	Growcott/Skupski, LSU	23.81
11.	Buck/Johnson, Air Force	23.28
12.	Keckley/Langenkamp, ND	22.67

the final 16 in the season's second grand slam, the ITA National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships. Bass knocked off the tournament's No. 6 seed to become just the second Notre Dame player (along with **Ryan Sachire** in 2000) ever to reach the quarterfinals of the event. Just six schools - Duke, Notre Dame, Ohio State, Oklahoma State, Stanford, and Virginia - qualified two players for the 32-player singles draw (none had more than two). This season marked the fourth time - all since 1992 - that Notre Dame has had multiple players in the men's singles draw of the National Indoor Championships, but the first since 1995. This was the first time that both reached the round of 16.

BASS, PARBHU COMBINE FOR FIRST-EVER ALL-IRISH SINGLES FINAL IN ITA MIDWEST CHAMPIONSHIPS: Junior **Stephen Bass** (Bronxville, N.Y./Iona Preparatory School) prevailed against his teammate, sophomore **Sheeva Parbhu** (Omaha, Neb./Millard North H.S.) in the first-ever all-Irish singles final of the Wilson/Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Midwest Championships. No ND player had reached the singles final of that event - which features the top talent in the ITA's Midwest Region - since 1996 (**Ryan Sachire**), and Bass became the first Irish victor since **Andy Zurcher** did so in 1993. Bass came away with a 7-5, 6-2 victory in the championship match to snap Parbhu's 17-match winning streak and join an elite club of just four Notre Dame players who have won that singles title. Notre Dame was the only school to have two players in the quarterfinals, and that duo kept winning. Bass - a semifinalist in 2004 - is the fifth Irish player to reach the semifinals of the ITA Midwest Championships multiple times.

ND STRONG AGAINST TEAMS OUTSIDE TOP 50: Notre Dame will try to continue its success against teams not ranked among the national top 50, particularly when playing on the opponent's home court. The Irish head into the weekend having won 42 consecutive true road matches against teams ranked below 50th (or which are unranked). The last such defeat came on April 23, 1991, when an unranked Wisconsin team prevailed 6-3 over the Irish (the ITA ranked only 25 teams at the time). Since the ITA began ranking more than 25 teams in 1993-94, Notre Dame is 33-0 in true road matches against squads ranked below 50th (or unranked). The Irish also are 23-1 in their last 24 matches (dating back to 4/9/03) against non-top-50 teams (regardless of the location of the match). The lone defeat was a 4-3 result against #55 Boise State (which ended the season 31st) in the quarterfinals of last year's Blue-Gray National Tennis Classic.

NO DOUBLES? NO PROBLEM: Losing the doubles point has not necessarily translated into a loss for Notre Dame, as the Irish are 11-13 over the past two seasons when dropping the match's initial point. Notre Dame was 5-6 last year, having come back to win after losing the doubles against Wisconsin (6-1), Northwestern (5-2), Michigan State (4-3), Rice (4-3), and Michigan (5-2).

BIG ELEVEN (OR TWELVE)? Though Notre Dame participates in the BIG EAST Conference in men's tennis, a glance at the Irish schedule may not bear out that fact. Notre Dame will face only one BIG EAST foe (Louisville) during the regular season, but will take on a total of eight teams from the Big Ten Conference. Only Penn State, Iowa, and Minnesota from the Big Ten will not play the Irish this season. A year ago, Notre Dame played those same eight Big Ten teams, going 6-2. Notre Dame has had a long history of playing the teams that now make up the Big Ten, posting an all-time 315-227-2 (.581) mark in averaging nearly seven matches per season against Big Ten teams in the 84-year history of the program. Head coach **Bob Bayliss** holds a 139-47 (.747) career mark against current league members. The Irish have played each of the original 10 members of the conference at least 25 times, holding a winning mark against every team but Michigan (25-41).

ND TO FACE THREE TOP-10 TEAMS IN SEASON'S FIRST THREE WEEKS: The Irish will get an early indication of where they stack up among the nation's elite, as they will use the first three weeks of the spring to take on a trio of teams ranked among the top eight in the first edition of the Fila Collegiate Tennis Rankings, administered by the ITA. Notre Dame will face #1 Virginia on Jan. 27 in Richmond and will then play at #8 Duke on Feb. 5 and at #4 Illinois on Feb. 7.

BRING ON THE BEST ... ACTUALLY, WE'LL COME TO YOU: Notre Dame will face seven teams ranked among the national top 25 in the first edition of the Fila Collegiate Tennis Rankings, with all but one of those matches coming on the road. The Irish will challenge #1 Virginia in Richmond on Jan. 27 and then play true road matches against #4 Illinois (Feb. 7), #8 Duke (Feb. 5), #11 Florida State (March 14), #13 Texas A&M (March 26), and #22 Texas (March 25). Ohio State, ranked 18th, will visit the Eck Tennis Pavilion on Feb. 24. All 11 of Notre Dame's scheduled road matches during the regular season will be against teams that were in the preseason rankings, as the Irish also have road dates with #31 North Carolina (Feb. 4), #48 Michigan (Feb. 18), #51 Northwestern (Jan. 21), #60 Indiana (March 7), and #68 Ball State (April 9).

TERRIFIC TRIO: The 2005-06 campaign marks the first time ever that Notre Dame had three different players compete in singles action in grand slams in the fall semester. Senior **Eric Langenkamp** (Scarsdale, N.Y./Scarsdale H.S.) participated in the singles main draw of the season's first grand slam, the Polo Ralph Lauren ITA All-American Championships, while junior **Stephen Bass** (Bronxville, N.Y./Iona Preparatory School) and sophomore **Sheeva Parbhu** (Omaha, Neb./Millard North H.S.) played in the ITA National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships.

IRISH BOAST FOUR AMONG TOP 25 SINGLES PLAYERS IN MIDWEST REGION: Notre Dame joined Ohio State as the only schools with four or more singles players listed among the top 25 in the ITA's Midwest Region rankings, released by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) in December. Junior **Stephen Bass** (Bronxville, N.Y./Iona Preparatory School) led the way at #2, while sophomore **Sheeva Parbhu** (Omaha, Neb./Millard North H.S.) was fifth, freshman **Brett Helgeson** (Overland Park, Kan./Blue Valley West H.S.) was 13th, and senior **Eric Langenkamp** (Scarsdale, N.Y./Scarsdale H.S.) was 22nd. Junior **Barry King** (Dublin, Ireland/Gonzaga College) would have been ranked, but was listed as having insufficient data since he did not play collegiately during the fall. Bass is the highest-ranked Irish player in the regional singles rankings since **Ryan Sachire** finished his career in 1999-2000 at #1, which concluded a decade-long span in which ND boasted the region's top singles player in every season but one. In an almost-unbelievable turn, Langenkamp and junior **Ryan Keckley** (South Bend, Ind./St. Joseph's H.S.) were listed just 13th in the regional doubles rankings determined by a committee of head coaches, despite having wins over the teams ranked #2 and #5 in the region and coming in 12th in the national rankings (determined by the ITA's computer formula).

MEN'S TENNIS "GOLD GAME" SET FOR FEB. 24 vs. #18 OHIO STATE: Notre Dame's matchup with #18 Ohio State on Friday, Feb. 24 at 4 p.m. (EST) has been designated as this season's men's tennis "Gold Game," a distinction created by the Student-Athlete Advisory Council to encourage the entire Notre Dame community to attend particular contests. The match will feature two of the top three teams in the ITA's Midwest Region, according to the national rankings. OSU - ranked 12th at the time - snapped a six-match losing streak at ND in its last visit, using a trio of three-set victories to rally for a 4-3 win over the 43rd-ranked Irish, who were without their top singles player.

LANGENKAMP WINS ITA SUMMER NATIONALS: Senior **Eric Langenkamp** (Scarsdale, N.Y./Scarsdale H.S.) claimed the singles title in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) National Summer Championships, presented by the United States Tennis Association (USTA) last month at Indiana University. Among the highlights of his run were wins against Steven Peretz (who played Nos. 4-6 for Michigan last spring), Ryan Preston (Nos. 4-5 for Vanderbilt in '05), top-seeded Paul Rose (Purdue's No. 1 player who is ranked 54th in the preseason ITA listing), Will Gray (Nos. 3-6 for Tulsa in '05), and Eric Hechtman (Nos. 2-3 for Miami in '05). The championship earned Langenkamp - who combined with sophomore **Yuichi Uda** (Wesley Chapel, Fla./Laurel Springs School [CA]) to make Notre Dame the only school with two players among the final 16 in the singles draw - wild-card entry

into the main draw of the first grand slam of the 2005-06 collegiate season, the Polo Ralph Lauren ITA All-American Championships. It was the first time an Irish player ever won a title in the tournament.

BUCHANAN SERVES AS SOLE TEAM CAPTAIN: Senior **Patrick Buchanan** (Fullerton, Calif./Servite H.S.) was voted team captain for the 2005-06 season. Following three straight years in which Notre Dame had multiple team captains – the only such span in the history of the program – the Irish have now returned to their tradition of having a single team captain. In 84 years of varsity tennis, Notre Dame has had just one team captain in all but 10 seasons, with the most-recent solo captain being **Casey Smith** in 2001-02. He concluded a 32-year stretch in which all but two seasons saw Notre Dame have exactly one captain.

DOEBLER PROMOTED TO ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH: **Todd Doebl**er was promoted to associate head coach of the Irish men's tennis team, it was announced in January. Now in his fourth year on the coaching staff at Notre Dame, he is the first associate head coach in the history of the program, as well as one of just five currently in the Irish athletic department.

IRISH INK SEAN CORRIGAN FOR NEXT SEASON: Long Island's Sean Corrigan (Lido Beach, N.Y./Long Beach H.S.), who was ranked among the top 25 in the nation in both singles and doubles at the end of 2004, signed a national letter of intent during the early period to enroll at the University of Notre Dame next fall and join its men's tennis team. Corrigan, a senior at Long Beach High School, finished 2004 ranked 24th in the United States Tennis Association's (USTA) boys' 16-and-under national rankings in singles, as well as 22nd in doubles (first in the Eastern Section). In prep action, he went undefeated at No. 1 singles last spring for Long Beach.

DAVID DiLUCIA NOW PERSONAL COACH FOR LINDSAY DAVENPORT: A five-time All-American during his four-year career at Notre Dame (1988-92), **David DiLucia**, left his job with the United States Tennis Association (USTA) in December 2005 to become the personal coach of the world's #1 women's player, Lindsay Davenport. DiLucia was ranked #1 in both singles and doubles during his collegiate career and then went on to play in the singles main draw in all four professional grand slams before retiring in 2002. During his pro career, DiLucia earned wins over players such as Gustavo Kuerten, Yevgeny Kafelnikov, Mark Philippoussis, and David Wheaton.

BAYLISS HONORED BY NAVAL ACADEMY: Notre Dame head coach **Bob Bayliss** was recognized recently by the United States Naval Academy, where he was the head tennis coach for 15 years, as well as the school's head squash coach for four seasons. Navy named one of its varsity tennis courts in his honor and also dedicated a plaque in its squash facility on the occasion of the return to campus by Bayliss, who posted a 19-0 record against Army during his tenure in Annapolis. The long-time Irish mentor visited the Naval Academy during the weekend of Nov. 5, which also featured the football team's homecoming game, a 49-21 win over Tulane. Though the tennis court had been dedicated previously - when Bayliss was unable to attend - there was a small ceremony held to show it to him. The weekend also featured the squash team's annual alumni match, the Bowen Cup, and the dedication of a new plaque honoring Bayliss' service to that team.

BAYLISS AT WIMBLEDON: Notre Dame head coach **Bob Bayliss** headed to London, England, last June to participate in a High Performance Continuing Education Program, which was organized by the USA Tennis Coaching Education Department and held in conjunction with The Championships Wimbledon. A total of 15 American coaches who work primarily with junior players took part, with the intent of continuing to work toward the program's ultimate goal of developing world-class American champions. Bayliss was selected to participate in the continuing education program out of a pool of applicants of coaches who work with talented and highly-ranked junior players.

CHANGES TO THE ITA RANKINGS: The Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) recently announced some changes to its national rankings for the 2005-06 season: (1) It will use one set of points for wins and also a tighter set of points, with less gaps. This set of points will be the same set that has been used for the season's first computer rankings in the past; (2) There will be bonus points awarded for road wins; (3) The rankings that are run at the time of NCAA Championship selections will be run twice and the second run of the rankings will be the published ranking; (4) There will be expanded, unpublished rankings (and values for opponents): 76-125 for team, 126-175 for singles, and 61-90 for doubles; (5) The first computer rankings (for team) will take place 2 weeks earlier on March 8; (6) The singles and doubles rankings from Fall results will go back to being a computer ranking; it had been done by committee vote the past three years.

KEEPING UP WITH NOTRE DAME TENNIS: For the fastest results of Notre Dame tennis matches, call the Notre Dame sports hotline at (574) 631-3000 and choose #8. The hotline provides schedule and results information for varsity sports and serves as a supplement to the game recaps and weekly releases provided on the official athletic website at www.und.com. The hotline is the first medium updated with the results of each Notre Dame tennis match. In addition, media members and fans may be added to the sports information e-mail release list by contacting Bo Rottenborn at Rottenborn.2@nd.edu, who also can provide any information about the Irish tennis program.

2005-06 Notre Dame Men's Tennis

Sept. 23-25	Fri.-Sun.	TOM FALLON INVITATIONAL	Courtney Tennis Center	NTS
Oct. 6-9	Thurs.-Sun.	at Polo Ralph Lauren ITA All-American Chps.	Tulsa, OK	NTS
Oct. 14	Friday	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (exhibition)	Eck Tennis Pavilion	W, 6-1
Oct. 20-25	Thurs.-Tue.	at ITA Midwest Championships	Ann Arbor, MI	NTS
Nov. 3-6	Thurs.-Sun.	at ITA National Intercollegiate Indoor Chps.	Columbus, OH	NTS

				<i>Singles</i>						<i>Doubles</i>		
				<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
1/21	Sat.	(26) at Northwestern (51)	6 p.m. CST									
1/27	Fri.	(26) vs. Virginia (1) (Richmond, VA)	4 p.m. EST									
1/29	Sun.	(26) WILLIAM & MARY (65)	10 a.m. EST									
2/4	Sat.	at North Carolina	1 p.m. EST									
2/5	Sun.	at Duke	1 p.m. EST									
2/7	Tue.	at Illinois	4 p.m. CST									
2/11	Sat.	PURDUE	1 p.m. EST									
2/12	Sun.	WISCONSIN	Noon EST									
2/12	Sun.	BRADLEY	5 p.m. EST									
2/15	Wed.	MICHIGAN STATE	4 p.m. EST									
2/18	Sat.	at Michigan	6 p.m. EST									
2/24	Fri.	OHIO STATE	4 p.m. EST									
3/2-5		at Pacific Coast Doubles Championships (La Jolla, CA)										
3/7	Tue.	at Indiana	4 p.m. EST									
3/14	Tue.	at Florida State	2 p.m. EST									
3/16-19		at Blue-Gray National Tennis Classic (Montgomery, AL)										
3/25	Sat.	at Texas	1 p.m. CST									
3/26	Sun.	at Texas A&M	1 p.m. CST									
4/8	Sat.	SOUTHERN METHODIST	1 p.m. EST/CDT									
4/9	Sun.	at Ball State	1 p.m. EST/CDT									
4/13	Thur.	LOUISVILLE	3:30 p.m. EST/CDT									
4/19-22		at BIG EAST Conference Championship (Tampa, FL)										
5/12-14		NCAA Championship (first and second rounds, campus sites)										
5/20-23		at NCAA Championship (round of 16 - final, Stanford, CA)										
5/24-29		at NCAA Singles & Doubles Championships (Stanford, CA)										

Home matches in **BOLD CAPS** held at the Courtney Tennis Center, weather permitting. Otherwise, home matches held in Eck Tennis Pavilion. All times are local.

IRISH RECORD IN 2005 WHEN ...

playing a BIG EAST team: . . . 2-0	playing a lower-ranked team: .17-5	winning at No. 1 doubles: . . . 11-1
playing a Midwest Region team: .9-3	winning the doubles point: . . . 13-2	winning at No. 2 doubles: . . . 13-5
playing at home: 10-3	losing the doubles point: 5-6	winning at No. 3 doubles: . . . 10-1
playing in the Eck Pavilion: . . 9-3	the final score is 4-3: 4-4	losing at No. 1 singles: 8-8
playing at the Courtney Center: 1-0	match is decided by 3-setters: .6-5	losing at No. 2 singles: 2-6
playing on opponents' courts: .3-2	the match is tied, 3-3: 3-4	losing at No. 3 singles: 1-3
playing on neutral courts: 5-3	winning at No. 1 singles: 9-0	losing at No. 4 singles: 0-5
playing indoors: 12-4	winning at No. 2 singles: . . . 15-1	losing at No. 5 singles: 5-5
playing outdoors: 6-4	winning at No. 3 singles: . . . 17-5	losing at No. 6 singles: 3-4
playing a ranked team: 10-8	winning at No. 4 singles: . . . 17-3	losing at No. 1 doubles: 6-7
playing a top-25 team: 1-3	winning at No. 5 singles: . . . 12-3	losing at No. 2 doubles: 4-3
playing a higher-ranked team: .1-3	winning at No. 6 singles: . . . 14-3	losing at No. 3 doubles: 6-5

2005-06 Notre Dame Men's Tennis Statistics

SINGLES

All Matches

<i>Player</i>	<i>Open</i>	<i>Dual</i>	<i>Overall</i>	<i>Career</i>	<i>Region</i>	<i>In 3 Sets</i>	<i>Streak</i>
Irackli Akhvlediani	2-2		2-2	32-19	1-2		L1
Stephen Bass	13-1		13-1	59-22	9-0	2-0	L1
Patrick Buchanan	5-1		5-1	61-30	4-1	0-1	L1
Brett Helgeson	7-1		7-1	7-1	5-1	1-0	L1
Ryan Keckley	2-1		2-1	23-14	1-1	1-1	L1
Barry King				43-21			L1
Eric Langenkamp	4-5		4-5	47-26	3-1	1-1	L1
Santiago Montoya	2-3		2-3	2-3	1-2		L1
Sheeva Parbhu	11-2		11-2	43-9	9-0	3-0	L1
Brandon Pierpont				0-3			L3
Andrew Roth	6-2		6-2	15-5	5-2	1-0	L1
Yuichi Uda	4-1		4-1	9-4	3-1	1-0	L1
Totals	56-19	0-0	56-19	341-157	41-11	10-3	

Dual Matches (records from 2005)

<i>Player</i>	<i>#1</i>	<i>#2</i>	<i>#3</i>	<i>#4</i>	<i>#5</i>	<i>#6</i>	<i>Career Dual</i>	<i>Clinch Wins</i>	<i>Match Tied 3-3</i>
Irackli Akhvlediani				2-2	11-7		14-9	4	
Jimmy Bass							0-2		
Stephen Bass	7-8	7-3					30-16		0-1
Patrick Buchanan				1-0	2-2	10-5	25-17	5	1-0
Brent D'Amico	2-8	4-2	4-0				33-32	1	0-1
Ryan Keckley			1-0		2-1	1-2	11-8	1	
Barry King		5-3	14-4				32-15	5	2-1
Eric Langenkamp						6-0	17-9		
Sheeva Parbhu			3-0	17-3			20-3	2	0-1
Totals	9-16	16-8	22-4	20-5	15-10	17-7	183-111	18	3-3

ITA NATIONAL RANKINGS

SINGLES Pre J10

Stephen Bass	74	8
Brett Helgeson	108	--
Barry King	ID*	--
Eric Langenkamp	89	65
Sheeva Parbhu	77	14

DOUBLES Pre J10

Keckley/	--	12
Langenkamp		

ID - insufficient data to be ranked since he did not play during the fall

DOUBLES

All matches

<i>Player</i>	<i>Open</i>	<i>Dual</i>	<i>Overall</i>	<i>Career</i>	<i>Region</i>	<i>T' breakers</i>	<i>Streak</i>
Akhvlediani/Uda	0-1		0-1	0-1	0-1		L1
Bass/Buchanan	1-0		1-0	1-0	1-0		W1
Bass/Helgeson	1-0		1-0	1-0	1-0		W1
Bass/Montoya	0-1		0-1	0-1	0-1		L1
Bass/Roth	1-1		1-1	1-1	0-1		L1
Buchanan/Montoya	1-1		1-1	1-1	1-1		L1
Buchanan/Roth	2-0		2-0	7-5	1-0		W2
Helgeson/Parbhu	3-1		3-1	3-1	2-1		L1
Helgeson/Roth	1-0		1-0	1-0	1-0		W1
Keckley/Langenkamp	3-2		3-2	5-3	3-1		L2
Montoya/Parbhu	0-2		0-2	0-2	0-2		L2
Totals	13-9	0-0	13-9	69-55	10-8	0-0	

Dual Matches (records from 2005)

<i>Team</i>	<i>#1</i>	<i>#2</i>	<i>#3</i>	<i>Career Dual</i>	<i>Clinching Wins</i>	<i>As Last On Court</i>
Bass/Bass			1-0	1-0		
J. Bass/Chimerakis			1-0	1-1	1	
S. Bass/King			4-6	4-11	2	0-1
S. Bass/Parbhu			5-2	4-3	2	
Buchanan/King			0-2	0-2		
Chimerakis/Graham		1-0		1-0		
D'Amico/Keckley	10-8			15-16	4	2-1
D'Amico/Langenkamp	2-5			5-6		0-2
Graham/Langenkamp		1-0		1-0		
Keckley/King		6-1		6-1	3	2-0
Langenkamp/Parbhu		10-6		10-6	2	1-1
Pierpont/Uda			1-0	1-0	1	
Totals	12-13	18-7	12-10	42-45	15	5-5

Individual Doubles Records

<i>Player</i>	<i>Open</i>	<i>Dual</i>	<i>Overall</i>	<i>Career</i>	<i>Dual</i>	<i>Reg.</i>	<i>MW</i>	<i>Streak</i>
Irackli Akhvlediani	0-1		0-1	3-4		0-1		L1
Stephen Bass	3-2		3-2	28-27	15-20	2-2		L1
Patrick Buchanan	4-1		4-1	17-15	1-4	3-1		L1
Brett Helgeson	5-1		5-1	5-1		4-1		L1
Ryan Keckley	3-2		3-2	41-29	26-20	3-1		L2
Barry King				15-20	10-16			W2
Eric Langenkamp	3-2		3-2	40-31	21-17	3-1		L2
Santiago Montoya	1-4		1-4	1-4		1-4		L1
Sheeva Parbhu	3-3		3-3	23-17	14-9	2-3		L1
Brandon Pierpont				1-1	1-0			W1
Andrew Roth	4-1		4-1	10-7		2-1		L1
Yuichi Uda	0-1		0-1	1-4	1-0	0-1		L1

2005-06 UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME MEN'S TENNIS ROSTER

	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Born	Hometown/High School
*	Irackli Akhvlediani £	5-7	145	Jr.	GEO	Vienna, Austria/Vienna International School
**	Stephen Bass	5-11	165	Jr.	THA	Bronxville, NY/Iona Preparatory School
***	Patrick Buchanan (c)	5-7	140	Sr.	USA	Fullerton, CA/Servite H.S.
	Brett Helgeson	6-4	180	Fr.	USA	Overland Park, KS/Blue Valley West H.S.
**	Ryan Keckley	6-1	160	Jr.	USA	South Bend, IN/St. Joseph's H.S.
**	Barry King	6-4	186	Jr.	IRE	Dublin, Ireland/Gonzaga College
***	Eric Langenkamp	6-1	174	Sr.	USA	Scarsdale, NY/Scarsdale H.S.
	Santiago Montoya	6-1	165	Fr.	COL	Scottsdale, AZ/St. Stephen's Episcopal School [TX]
*	Sheeva Parbhu	5-11	150	So.	USA	Omaha, NE/Millard North H.S.
	Brandon Pierpont	6-1	170	So.	USA	St. Petersburg, FL/Tampa Preparatory School
	Andrew Roth £	5-9	160	So.	USA	Houston, TX/Tenney School
	Yuichi Uda	5-8	130	So.	JPN	Wesley Chapel, FL/Laurel Springs School [CA]

Head Coach: Bob Bayliss (19th season, Richmond '66)

Associate Head Coach: Todd Doebler (4th season, Bloomsburg '96)

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Dr. Hugh Page (11th season, Hampton '77)

Senior Manager: Rona de la Vega (2nd season, Saint Mary's '06)

Racket Technician: Jamie Rowland (2nd season, Notre Dame '08)

* – denotes monograms earned c – denotes captain £ – indicates left-handed player

Pronunciation Guide

Irackli Akhvlediani	ih-RACK-lee auk-vhled-ee-AWN-ee
Helgeson	HELL-guh-sin
Sheeva Parbhu	SHEE-vuh PAR-boo
Yuichi Uda	you-EE-chee EWW-duh
Doebler	DOUGH-bler

Roster Breakdown By Class

Seniors (2): Buchanan, Langenkamp

Juniors (3): Akhvlediani, Bass, Keckley

Sophomores (4): Parbhu, Pierpont, Roth, Uda

Freshmen (2): Helgeson, Montoya