



Notre Dame Women's Tennis

13 Straight Top-30 Finishes • 12 NCAA Tournaments Since '93 • 18 Conference Titles

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2006 SCHEDULE/RESULTS (11-0)

JANUARY

28 Sat. (22) OHIO STATE W, 7-0
28 Sat. (22) XAVIER W, 7-0

FEBRUARY

11 Sat. (22) at Wake Forest (23) W, 4-3
12 Sun. (22) at North Carolina (10) W, 5-1
15 Wed. (15) at Michigan (30) W, 6-1
18 Sat. (15) TENNESSEE (22) W, 7-0
19 Sun. (15) HARVARD (9) W, 5-2
25 Sat. (7) BYU (20) W, 5-2
26 Sun. (7) WISCONSIN (51) W, 6-1
28 Tue. (5) INDIANA (27) W, 7-0

MARCH

5 Sun. (5) ILLINOIS (49) W, 7-0
10 Fri. WESTERN MICHIGAN 3:30 p.m.
15 Wed. vs. Duke (Orlando, FL) 10 a.m.
18 Sat. at Texas A&M 1:30 p.m.
20 Mon. at Texas 5:30 p.m.
24 Fri. IOWA 3 p.m.
29 Wed. at Vanderbilt 2:30 p.m.
31 Fri. EASTERN MICHIGAN 2:30 p.m.

APRIL

2 Sun. at Purdue 11 a.m.
5 Wed. NORTHWESTERN 3:30 p.m.
7 Fri. DePAUL 3:30 p.m.
9 Sun. MARQUETTE Noon
19-22 at BIG EAST Championship (Tampa, FL)

MAY

12-13 NCAA Championship (1st/2nd rounds, campus sites)
18-21 at NCAA Championship (rd. of 16 - final, Stanford, CA)
22-28 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.

#49 Western Michigan (8-2) vs. #2 Notre Dame (11-0)

Friday, March 10, 3:30 p.m. (EST) • Eck Tennis Pavilion • Notre Dame, IN

- Live Scoring Updates: und.com

#2 IRISH TO CONCLUDE HOMESTAND FRIDAY AFTERNOON vs. WESTERN MICHIGAN: The University of Notre Dame women's tennis team will be in action for the first time since ascending to an all-time high ITA national ranking of #2 when it winds up a seven-match homestand by playing host to #49 Western Michigan (8-2) on Friday at 3:30 p.m. (EST) in the Eck Tennis Pavilion. The Irish – off to an 11-0 start for the first time since 1983-84 – are looking to reach spring break with an undefeated mark for just the third time in program history. This year's spring-break trip will see Notre Dame travel south for tough matches against #7 Duke, #42 Texas A&M, and #10 Texas.

SCOUTING WESTERN MICHIGAN: The Broncos enter their match with the Irish with an 8-2 record and ranked 49th in the nation ... Western Michigan – which was ranked 54th in the preseason and is the only Mid-American Conference school in the top 75 – started 1-2 but has since won seven in a row, including four straight 7-0 decisions ... WMU's defeats both came in 5-2 affairs on the road against Big Ten Conference opponents: Jan. 15 at Indiana and Jan. 22 at Illinois ... the Broncos have had nine days off since their last match, Feb. 26 vs. another BIG EAST school, Marquette ... this will be Western Michigan's first trip out of Kalamazoo in more than a month, since winning 5-2 at Wisconsin on Jan. 28 ... only one of WMU's victories came against a team currently in the national rankings – a 5-2 home win against #54 DePaul on Feb. 10 ... the Broncos are 3-0 against the BIG EAST this season, having beaten DePaul, Marquette, and Cincinnati (7-0) ... Notre Dame and Western Michigan have played three common opponents: Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin ... the Irish beat Wisconsin 6-1 and topped the other two by 7-0 scores ... the Broncos returned seven of eight letterwinners, including all six starters, from last year's squad that was 20-6 and ranked 55th in the nation (after peaking at 45th) ... Western Michigan won the MAC regular-season championship with a 9-0 record, but then lost 4-1 to Marshall in the title match of the league tournament and barely missed an invitation to the NCAA tournament ... Western Michigan has no players currently in the ITA national rankings ... there were three ND-WMU matchups in October's ITA Midwest Championships, with the Irish winning all of them ... head coach Betsy Kuhle is in her 24th year as head coach of the Broncos, having compiled a 387-200 (.659) record, including 3-11 against Notre Dame ... Western Michigan will play twice in the Eck Tennis Pavilion this weekend, facing Illinois State in a neutral-site matchup on Saturday at 10 a.m. (EST).

IRISH-BRONCOS SERIES NOTES: Notre Dame and Western Michigan will meet for the first time since 2003 and the 16th time overall, with the Irish holding an 11-4 edge in the series (see page 43 of the ND media guide for scores of every match), including victories in the last nine matches ... the Broncos' last victory against the Irish was a 6-3 decision in Madison, Wis., in 1987 ... Notre Dame's nine-match winning streak against WMU is tied for the fifth-longest ever for the Irish against one opponent ... there are only two current Notre Dame winning streaks longer, as the Irish have won their last 11 against both Ohio State and Boston College ... WMU is the most-common non-Big Ten Conference opponent from the Midwest Region in the 30 years of varsity Irish women's tennis ... Notre Dame's 11 all-time wins against Western Michigan are tied for the most by the Irish against a non-Big Ten squad (ND also has 11 victories vs. Boston College and Miami from the ACC) ... the Broncos won 5-4 in 1983 in their first visit to

Last Meeting

#22 Notre Dame 5, Western Michigan 2 January 22, 2003 – Notre Dame, Indiana (Indoors) Singles

No. 1: #124 Alicia Salas (ND) d. Melanie Peters (WMU), 6-0, 6-2
No. 2: Frederika Girsang (WMU) d. Caylan Leslie (ND), 6-4, 2-6, 1-0 (5)
No. 3: *Kristina Stastny (ND) d. Valeria Stoilova (WMU), 6-0, 6-2
No. 4: Lauren Connelly (ND) d. Shamim Mayanja (WMU), 6-2, 6-3
No. 5: Malena Remyse (WMU) d. S. J. Connelly (ND), 6-1, 1-6, 7-6 (5)
No. 6: Jennifer Smith (ND) d. Rattiya Hiranat (WMU), 6-2, 6-3

Doubles

No. 1: #58 Peters/Girsang (WMU) d. Katie Cunha/Stastny (ND), 8-6
No. 2: L. Connelly/Salas (ND) d. Stoilova/Hiranat (WMU), 8-1
No. 3: *S.J. Connelly/Smith (ND) d. Remyse/Parekh (WMU), 8-2
* - denotes clinching win; ! - clinching win in final match on court

ND-WMU Matches in Fall 2005

ITA Midwest Championships, East Lansing, MI (Indoors)

Kelly Nelson (ND) d. Colleen Mead (WM) 6-0, 6-0 - qualifying 1st rd.
Lauren Connelly (ND) d. Reedhina Parekh (WM) 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 - 1st rd.
#60 Buck/Tefft (ND) d. Remyse/Jeanmaire (WM) 8-1 - round of 16

Series Information

Overall: Notre Dame leads 11-4 (ND won last 9)
At Notre Dame: Notre Dame leads 8-1 (ND won last 8)
In 4-3/5-4 Matches: Western Michigan leads 2-1
In Louderback Era: Notre Dame leads 7-0
Betsy Kuhle vs. Notre Dame: 3-11 (3-11 at WMU)
First Meeting: 1982, Western Michigan 5, Notre Dame 4 (@ WMU)
Last Meeting: 2003, #22 Notre Dame 5, Western Michigan 2 (@ ND)
Last WMU Win: 1987, W. Michigan 6, Notre Dame 3 (Madison, WI)
Last WMU Win at ND: 1983, Western Michigan 5, Notre Dame 4
Last 10: Notre Dame 9-1
When Both Teams are Ranked: Notre Dame leads 1-0
When ND is Ranked Higher: Notre Dame leads 5-0

Notre Dame, but the Irish have won all eight subsequent meetings at home ... this will be the sixth consecutive match in the series to be played at Notre Dame ... the schools first played in 1982, with Western Michigan prevailing 5-4 in Kalamazoo ... following WMU victories in 1983 and '84, Notre Dame broke through for its first win in the series in 1985 with a 6-3 triumph at home ... that started a current streak of 11 victories in 12 matches ... the last contest came in the dual opener of 2003, when the 22nd-ranked Irish won 5-2 in the Eck Tennis Pavilion ... Notre Dame won easily at the bottom two spots to win the doubles point and then got straight-set victories at Nos. 1, 3, 4, and 6 in singles to clinch the victory ... the Broncos won a third-set tiebreaker at No. 5 and a match tiebreaker at No. 2 ... that was the closest match between the schools since a 6-3 win for Notre Dame in 1988 ... this will be just the second time that both sides are nationally-ranked, with #13 Notre Dame having beaten 72nd-ranked Western Michigan 6-1 in 2001 ... this will be the highest-ranked Broncos team ever to face the Irish, as well as the highest-ranked Notre Dame team ever to play any opponent, as the Irish moved up to an all-time high of #2 in the rankings this week ... ND has won all seven matches under head coach **Jay Louderback** ... the Irish have won 23 consecutive matches against current members of the Mid-American Conference, dating back to a 5-4 decision on Feb. 25, 1989, at Miami (Ohio) in the season before Louderback's first year ... overall, Notre Dame is 50-12 (.806) against the MAC, including 20-0 under Louderback.

ND UP TO ALL-TIME HIGH OF #2 IN FILA COLLEGIATE TENNIS RANKINGS: After 7-0 wins against #27 Indiana and #49 Illinois last week, the Irish appeared at #2 in this week's Fila Collegiate Tennis Rankings, the first to be determined by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's (ITA) computer formula. It is the highest ITA ranking for Notre Dame since becoming a Division I program in 1985-86, after the Irish matched their previous high ranking of fifth a week ago. Notre Dame has a computer average of 92.00, which trails only two-time defending NCAA champion Stanford, which is at 100.75 and has won 70 consecutive matches, dating back to the title match of the 2003 NCAA tournament. Rounding out the top five are North Carolina, Northwestern, and USC. In all, 18 of Notre Dame's 23 regular-season opponents are listed among the 75 teams in this week's rankings, with nine in the top 25: #3 North Carolina (W, 5-1), #9 Northwestern (April 5, home), #7 Duke (March 15 in Orlando, Fla.), #9 Harvard (W, 5-2), #10 Texas (March 20, away), #12 Vanderbilt (March 29, away), #14 Wake Forest (W, 4-3), #22 Brigham Young (W, 5-2), and #23 Michigan (W, 6-1). Additionally, the Irish lost 4-3 to USC - currently ranked fifth - during the fall in exhibition action.

IRISH OFF TO BEST START SINCE 1983-84: Notre Dame is 11-0 for just the third time in the 30-year varsity history of the program and the first time since 1983-84, when the Irish began with a program-record 15 consecutive victories en route to a 20-5 record and a third-place finish in the NCAA Division II Championship. The first defeat of that season came on March 27 in a 7-2 decision at home against Michigan. The other time Notre Dame began 11-0 was 1980-81, when the Irish lost 5-4 to Northern Illinois in Chicago in their 12th match en route to a 20-6 final record and 20th-place finish in the AIAW Division II National Championship.

ND'S BEST UNDEFEATED STARTS: See below a list of Notre Dame's best runs of consecutive victories to start a season.

Record	Year	First Loss	Final Record, NCAA Finish
15-0	1983-84	3/27 vs. Michigan, 7-2	20-5, 3rd (Div. II)
11-0	2005-06	?????	??????
11-0	1980-81	10/4 vs. N. Illinois (@ Chicago), 5-4	20-6, 20th (AIAW Div. II)
10-0	1984-85	3/22 vs. S. Illinois-Edwardsville, 5-4	25-5, 2nd (Div. II)
9-0	1981-82	10/2 at Northwestern, 9-0	13-10, T-6th (AIAW Div. II)
6-0	1990-91	2/16 vs. William & Mary (@ IU), 7-1	16-9, did not qualify for NCAAs

BOTTOM OF ND LINEUP STANDS 52-2: The key to Notre Dame's 11-0 start this season has been its outstanding depth, as the Irish hold a combined 52-2 (.963) mark in the bottom part of their lineups. Notre Dame is 30-2 (.938) combined at Nos. 4-6 in singles, as well as 22-0 at Nos. 2-3 doubles.

IRISH 11-0 AT No. 6 SINGLES, Nos. 2 & 3 DOUBLES: Thus far this spring, Notre Dame remains unbeaten in three positions in its lineups, as the Irish have gone 11-0 at No. 6 singles, as well as Nos. 2 and 3 in doubles. Freshman **Katie Potts** (Brookfield, Wis./Divine Savior Holy Angels H.S.) is 9-0 at the bottom singles spot, while senior **Kelly Nelson** (St. Petersburg, Fla./Shorecrest Preparatory School) won there against Xavier and senior captain **Lauren Connelly** (Oklahoma City, Okla./Bishop Gorman H.S.) was victorious against Wisconsin. Sophomore **Brook Buck** (Yukon, Okla./Oklahoma Christian School) and freshman **Kelcy Tefft** (Enid, Okla./Chisholm H.S.) are 9-0 at No. 2 doubles, while Connelly and fellow senior **Kristina Stastny** (St. Louis, Mo./St. Joseph's Academy) won there against Xavier and Wisconsin. Connelly and Stastny are 9-0 at No. 3, with Nelson and Potts claiming a victory there in the Xavier match, and Potts teaming with junior **Christian Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.) to beat Wisconsin.

ND 30-3 IN DOUBLES THIS SPRING: Notre Dame has been nearly unbeatable in partnered play this spring, going 30-3 (.909), winning the doubles point in all 11 matches, and standing a perfect 10-0 at both Nos. 2 and 3. In 22 of those contests (67%), the Irish have lost just three games or fewer. On the season, Notre Dame teams have combined for a 48-14 (.774) record in doubles. Junior All-America twins **Catrina Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.) and **Christian Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.), ranked fourth nationally after giving ND its first-

Fila ITA National Rankings

(March 7; next: March 14)

No.	School	Avg.	Last
1.	Stanford	100.75	1
2.	NOTRE DAME	92.00	5
3.	North Carolina	83.33	6
4.	Northwestern	82.39	9
5.	USC	81.46	2
6.	Florida	79.00	4
7.	Duke	77.02	7
8.	California	74.35	8
9.	Harvard	74.32	14
10.	Texas	73.60	11
11.	Baylor	69.56	16
12.	Vanderbilt	58.37	15
13.	Miami (Fla.)	67.83	10
14.	Wake Forest	66.05	20
15.	Georgia Tech	62.00	3
16.	UCLA	60.00	12
17.	Pepperdine	59.30	21
18.	VCU	53.75	25
19.	South Carolina	51.80	24
20.	William & Mary	49.00	18
21.	Arizona State	44.78	17
22.	Brigham Young	42.60	19
23.	Michigan	42.45	26
24.	Oregon	39.57	36
25.	Long Beach State	38.48	35

Bold indicates 2005-06 Irish opponent

Other Ranked Notre Dame Opponents

31.	Tennessee	32.79	29
34.	Indiana	29.18	27
36.	Purdue	26.03	30
42.	Texas A&M	18.18	31
47.	Iowa	16.60	40
49.	W. MICHIGAN	14.44	50
50.	Louisville	14.39	--
54.	DePaul	11.82	--
55.	Illinois	11.03	49
61.	South Florida	9.03	47

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	.Jay Louderback
	.(Wichita State '76)
Record at ND	...293-146 (.667)/17th year
Career Record	...497-324 (.605)/27th year
Asst. Coach	...Michelle Dasso (ND '01)
Vol. Asst. Coach	...Liz Balanis (Wake F. '94)
Eck Tennis Pavilion Phone	...(574) 631-6929
Tennis SID	...Bo Rottenborn
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Sports Information Fax	... (574) 631-7941
Irish Sports Hotline	... (574) 631-3000
Website	...www.und.com
2004-05 Record	...15-10
2004-05 Final ITA National Ranking	...24th
2005 BIG EAST Championship	...1st
2005 NCAA Championship	...round of 32
Starters Returning/Lost	.../6/1
Monogram Winners Returning/Lost	.../9/1

ever grand slam title at the Riviera/ITA All-American Championships, stand 13-3 on the season (7-2 vs. ranked teams), while the No. 2 tandem of sophomore **Brook Buck** (Yukon, Okla./Oklahoma Christian School) and freshman **Kelcy Tefft** (Enid, Okla./Chisholm H.S.) – who were reunited this season after pairing to win five USTA super national titles in juniors play – are ranked 39th and sporting a 20-3 record (they had an 11-match winning streak snapped on Feb. 26 when they moved up to the No. 1 spot). Seniors **Lauren Connelly** (Oklahoma City, Okla./Bishop Gorman H.S.) and **Kristina Stastny** (St. Louis, Mo./St. Joseph's Academy) are 11-0 this spring and are 22-5 overall (3-1 against ranked teams) and ranked 47th in the nation. In all, the players on Notre Dame's roster combined for 29 USTA super national gold balls in the juniors.

PROTECTING PERFECTION: Two Notre Dame players – senior team captain **Lauren Connelly** (Oklahoma City, Okla./Bishop McGuinness H.S.) and freshman **Katie Potts** (Brookfield, Wis./Divine Savior Holy Angels H.S.) – have yet to be defeated in either singles or doubles this spring. Connelly is 11-0 in doubles and 2-0 in singles, with her last defeat coming on Nov. 6 in an 8-6 decision in doubles against Illinois' Brianna Knue and Macall Harkins in the Illini's tournament, Midwest Blast VII. Potts is 11-0 this spring in singles and 2-0 in doubles, with her last defeat coming against Northwestern's Nazlie Ghazal on Oct. 22 in the opening round of the ITA Midwest Championships.

STREAKIN': Notre Dame has a pair of long individual winning streaks active heading into the weekend. Freshman **Katie Potts** (Brookfield, Wis./Divine Savior Holy Angels H.S.) – who normally plays No. 6 – is 11-0 this spring in singles and has won 15 in a row, dating back to a 7-5, 6-4 decision against Northwestern's Nazlie Ghazal on Oct. 22 in the opening round of the ITA Midwest Championships. Irish seniors **Kristina Stastny** (St. Louis, Mo./St. Joseph's Academy) and **Lauren Connelly** (Oklahoma City, Okla./Bishop McGuinness H.S.) are also 11-0 this spring, having played mostly at No. 3. Their last defeat came on Nov. 6 in an 8-6 match against Illinois' Brianna Knue and Macall Harkins in the Illini's tournament, Midwest Blast VII. It is not the longest doubles winning streak in the career of Connelly, who won 13 in a row from April 3 - Oct. 14, 2004, with two different partners. Sophomore **Brook Buck** (Yukon, Okla./Oklahoma Christian School) and freshman **Kelcy Tefft** (Enid, Okla./Chisholm H.S.) had won 11 in a row before falling in a tiebreaker on Feb. 26 against Wisconsin's 30th-ranked team of Caitlin Burke and Nicole Beck at No. 1.

SUPER SENIORS: Notre Dame's three seniors that have seen action this spring – **Kelly Nelson** (St. Petersburg, Fla./Shorecrest Preparatory School), **Kristina Stastny** (St. Louis, Mo./St. Joseph's Academy) and team captain **Lauren Connelly** (Oklahoma City, Okla./Bishop McGuinness H.S.) – have combined for a 36-1 (.973) record in dual action. Stastny leads the way at 10-1 in singles (mostly at No. 5) and 11-0 in doubles, all with Connelly (mostly at No. 3). The Irish captain is 2-0 in singles, with Nelson adding a win in both singles and doubles.

FABULOUS FROSH: Notre Dame's two freshmen – **Kelcy Tefft** (Enid, Okla./Chisholm H.S.) and **Katie Potts** (Brookfield, Wis./Divine Savior Holy Angels H.S.) – have not had a difficult transition to the collegiate game, as they have combined for a 31-2 (.939) record this spring. Tefft leads the way at 8-1 in singles (mostly at No. 4), as well as 10-1 in doubles (mostly at No. 2), while Potts is perfect, with an 11-0 mark in singles (mostly at No. 6) and a 2-0 record at No. 3 doubles.

IRISH WIN 10+ IN A ROW FOR NINTH TIME: Notre Dame's 11-0 start to the spring marks the ninth time in the 30-year varsity history of the program that the Irish have fashioned a streak of at least 10 consecutive victories. It is the longest winning streak for Notre Dame since winning 12 straight from March 28-May 15, 1999. The program record for consecutive victories is 20, which included the final nine matches of the 1979 (fall only) campaign, as well as the first 15 in 1980-81.

LONGEST IRISH WINNING STREAKS: See below a list of the longest winning streaks in the 30-year varsity history of Notre Dame women's tennis.

<u>Streak</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Loss Ending It</u>
20*	Sept. 9, 1979 - Oct. 4, 1980	10/4/80 vs. Northern Illinois (@ Chicago), 5-4
16#	May 10, 1983 - March 24, 1984	3/27/84 vs. Michigan, 7-2
12	March 28 - May 15, 1999	5/16/99 vs. Iowa (NCAA second round), 5-4
12!	April 15 - Sept. 29, 1981	10/2/81 at Northwestern, 9-0
11	Jan. 28, 2006 - present	???????
11	March 9 - April 15, 1989	4/18/89 at Northwestern, 5-4
11\$	May 11, 1984 - March 20, 1985	3/22/85 vs. Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, 5-4
10	March 30 - May 13, 2001	5/17/01 vs. #4 Florida (NCAA R16, Stone Mt., GA), 4-1
10	March 18 - April 17, 1993	4/18/93 at #11 Indiana, 7-2

* - included final nine matches of 1979 and first 11 of 1980-81

- included final match of 1982-83 and first 15 of 1983-84

! - included final three matches of 1980-81 and first nine of 1981-82

\$ - included final match of 1983-84 and first 10 of 1984-85

ND BOASTING 12-MATCH WINNING STREAK AT HOME: Notre Dame has won 12 consecutive matches at home – four against top-25 opponents – since falling 4-3 to #13 Texas in the Eck Tennis Pavilion on Feb. 26, 2005. It is the eighth time in the 30-year varsity history of the program that the Irish have won 10 or more in a row at home. The previous such instance was a 13-match streak from Feb. 4, 2001 - Jan. 26, 2002. The longest home winning streak ever for Notre Dame was a stretch of 25 matches from Sept. 12, 1979 - Sept. 22, 1982.

LONGEST IRISH HOME WINNING STREAKS: See below a list of the longest home winning streaks in the 30-year varsity history of Notre Dame women's tennis.

<u>Streak</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Loss Ending It</u>
25	Sept. 12, 1979 - Sept. 22, 1982	9/25/82 vs. Purdue, 7-0

ITA National Rankings

(March 7; next: March 14)

SINGLES

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name, School</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
1.	Daniela Bercek, Duke	64.81
2.	Kristi Miller, Georgia Tech	61.54
3.	Amanda Fink, USC	52.66
4.	Audra Cohen, Miami	52.50
5.	Alice Barnes, Stanford	50.00
6.	Diana Srebrovic, Florida	49.57
7.	Theresa Logar, Stanford	45.00
8.	Cristelle Grier, Northwestern	43.20
9.	Anne Yelsey, Stanford	41.30
10.	Robin Stephenson, Alabama	38.70
32.	Catrina Thompson, Notre Dame	16.46
48.	Christian Thompson, Notre Dame	10.63

DOUBLES

<u>No.</u>	<u>Names, School</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
1.	Barnes/Yelsey, Stanford	74.60
2.	Gersic/Kovacek, New Mexico	63.71
3.	Anderson/O'Riain, Harvard	63.64
4.	Thompson/Thompson, ND	60.96
5.	Grier/Prousis, Northwestern	54.48
6.	Sainz/Winterhalter, Fresno State	53.85
7.	Anundsen/Long, North Carolina	48.39
8.	Robinson/Basu, Georgia	42.05
9.	Salge/Van Adrichem, Clemson	38.69
10.	But/Baker, Maryland	37.53
39.	Buck/Tefft, Notre Dame	14.40
47.	Connelly/Stastny, Notre Dame	13.80

24	April 9, 1988 - Feb. 24, 1991	2/24/91 vs. LSU, 6-2
14	Feb. 19, 1993 - Feb. 8, 1994	2/11/94 vs. #15 Kansas, 8-1
14	Sept. 7, 1985 - April 6, 1986	9/12/86 vs. Illinois, 5-3
13	Feb. 4, 2001 - Jan. 26, 2002	2/2/02 vs. #24 Kentucky, 4-3
12	Feb. 27, 2005 - present	???????
12	Jan. 29 - May 14, 2000	1/21/01 vs. #4 Duke, 4-3
12	March 11, 1995 - April 12, 1996	4/15/96 vs. #7 Wisconsin, 4-3

IRISH GET TWO WINS OVER TOP-10 TEAMS IN FEBRUARY: After having not beaten a top-10 team since Feb. 7, 2002 (4-3 against #7 USC), Notre Dame knocked off #10 North Carolina (5-1) on Feb. 12 and then beat #9 Harvard (5-2) on Feb. 19. It marked just the third time since becoming a Division I program in 1985-86 that Notre Dame had defeated multiple top-10 squads in the same month. Both previous instances came in noteworthy seasons for the Irish, as the 1995-96 squad – which remains the only team in program history to reach the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division I Championship – beat #9 Tennessee at home on Feb. 15 and then downed #6 California on Feb. 24 in the USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championship in Madison, Wis. The 2000-01 team – which peaked at an Irish all-time high of #5 in the national rankings on Feb. 28 – duplicated the feat by downing #8 Wake Forest on Feb. 10 at home and then defeating #7 Pepperdine on Feb. 17 in the Team Indoors. This year's Irish team – which was ranked 22nd at the time it beat UNC – became the lowest-ranked Irish unit ever to knock off a top-10 opponent. That distinction had previously belonged to the 1993-94 team that was ranked 17th when it beat #10 Kansas in the National Team Indoor Championship.

TOP ALL-TIME IRISH WINS: See below a list of Notre Dame's 14 all-time victories against top-10 teams since becoming a Division I program in 1985-86, ordered by opponent ranking.

<u>Rk.</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>ND Rk.</u>	<u>Score</u>
5	Texas	4/4/96	Away	8	5-4
6	California	2/24/96	Team Indoor consolation (Madison, WI)	16	5-4
7	USC	2/7/02	Team Indoor 1st round (Madison, WI)	13	5-2
7	Pepperdine	2/17/01	Team Indoor consolation (Madison, WI)	11	6-1
8	Wake Forest	2/10/01	Home	11	5-0
9	Harvard	2/19/05	Home	15	5-2
9	William & Mary	4/11/99	Home	15	5-4
9	Wake Forest	3/6/99	Home	16	7-2
9	Brigham Young	5/18/96	NCAA round of 16 (Tallahassee, FL)	10	5-0
9	Tennessee	2/15/96	Home	16	5-2
10	North Carolina	2/12/05	Away	22	5-1
10	Wake Forest	4/9/98	Away	17	8-1
10	Wisconsin	2/27/97	Away	11	4-3
10	Kansas	2/11/95	Williamsburg, VA	15	6-3
10	Arizona	3/5/94	Team Indoor consolation (Madison, WI)	17	5-2

ND 7-0 AGAINST TOP-30 TEAMS: Notre Dame's 11-0 start has seen the Irish take on seven squads ranked in the national top 30 at the time of the match. The Irish have wins against #23 Wake Forest (4-3), #10 North Carolina (5-1), #30 Michigan (6-1), #22 Tennessee (7-0), #9 Harvard (5-2), #20 Brigham Young (5-2), and #27 Indiana (7-0). During a 15-day stretch from Feb. 11-25, Notre Dame played six matches, with all of them against top-30 teams.

PUTTING THEM AWAY FAST: Not only has Notre Dame won all of its dual matches this spring, but it has put most of them away early, going up 4-0 in nine of the 11 contests. The only match truly in question deep into the singles portion came on Feb. 11 at #23 Wake Forest, when the Irish built a 3-0 lead, but then had to win in three sets in the final match remaining to secure a 4-3 victory. The other contest in which ND did not clinch the match before the other side scored a point was on Feb. 25 against #20 Brigham Young, when the Irish clinched it at 4-1.

NOTRE DAME CONCLUDING LONGEST HOMESTAND SINCE 1992-93: On Friday, Notre Dame will conclude a seven-match homestand, hitting the road next week for the first time since a Feb. 15 match at Michigan. It was the longest homestand for ND since a seven-match one – in which the Irish were victorious in every match – from March 18-April 2 in 1993. Notre Dame did play each of its first nine dual matches of the 1993-94 campaign at home, though that was interrupted by the Rolex ITA National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships, which were then contested in February.

LOUDERBACK CLOSING IN ON 500TH CAREER WIN: Notre Dame head coach **Jay Louderback** - in his 17th season with the Irish and his 27th overall as a head coach - enters Friday with 497 career victories as a head coach, needing just three to join an elite group of only 10 all-time women's tennis head coaches to have posted 500+ career wins. He will be one of only seven active coaches in that club. Louderback holds a 497-324 (.605) overall record, including 293-146 (.667) at Notre Dame. He also was 122-94 (.565) in seven years (1980-86) at Wichita State and 82-84 (.494) in three seasons (1986-89) coaching both men's and women's tennis at Iowa State. See below the all-time career wins leaders for collegiate women's tennis coaches, courtesy of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. Records are as of March 8.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Schools (most recent first)</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
<i>Jim Schwitters*</i>	<i>Hawai'i</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>1,326-611-15</i>	<i>.683</i>
Jim Brockhoff*	Xavier	44	957-552	.634
Robert Screen*	Hampton	35	727-188-6	.801
Paul Kostin*	VCU, Arkansas-Little Rock	25	699-215	.765
Lin Loring	Indiana, UC Santa Barbara	31	656-224	.746
<i>Jeff Moore</i>	<i>Texas, Colorado, Redlands</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>594-208</i>	<i>.741</i>
<i>Frank Brennan</i>	<i>Stanford</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>510-50</i>	<i>.911</i>
Jan Brogan	California	28	511-208	.710
Gualberto Escudero	Pepperdine	29	508-257	.664
Jay Louderback*	Notre Dame, Iowa State, Wichita State	27	497-324	.605

Note: *Italics* indicates inactive coaches. * - indicates some wins coaching men's tennis

IRISH HEAD COACH: Jay Louderback is in his 17th season at Notre Dame with a 293-147 (.667) record and his 26th year as a collegiate coach with a 497-325 (.605) mark. He ranks seventh among active NCAA Division I coaches in career victories. Louderback's Irish have finished in the national top 30 in each of the last 13 seasons and have won 12 conference titles. Since the preseason of the 1992-93 season, Louderback's teams have

Update On The ITA Top Five

#1 Stanford Cardinal (14-0, 6-0 Pac-10, 100.75 ITA computer average)

Coach: Lele Forood 2005 NCAA Result/Final ITA Ranking: Champion, 1st
Consecutive Weeks at #1: 36 Current Winning Streak: 70 (91 straight at home)
All-Time Series vs. ND: Stanford leads 6-0 (last: #1 Stan. 5, #17 ND 2, 2/18/00 in National Indoors)
Wins Over Current Top 25: #3 North Carolina (7-0), #5 USC (5-2), #9 Harvard (5-0), #10 Texas (4-0),
#16 UCLA (6-0), #20 William & Mary, #21 Arizona State (4-0)
Last Defeat: May 18, 2003 - #2 Florida 4, #1 Stanford 3, NCAA Championship final @ Florida
Ranked Players/Teams: #5 Alice Barnes, #7 Theresa Logar, #9 Anne Yelsey, #15 Amber Liu, #26 Celia
Durkin, #49 Whitney Deason, #70 Jessica Nguyen, #1 Barnes/Yelsey
Last Week: def. #17 Arizona State 4-0, def. #48 Arizona 7-0
This Week: def. #20 William & Mary; Saturday at #8 California at Noon (PT)

#2 Notre Dame Fighting Irish (11-0, 0-0 BIG EAST, 92.00 ITA computer average)

Coach: Jay Louderback 2005 NCAA Result/Final ITA Ranking: Round of 32, 24th
High 2006 Ranking: 2nd (all-time high) Current Winning Streak: 11 (12 straight at home)
Wins Over Current Top 25: #3 North Carolina (5-1), #9 Harvard (5-2), #14 Wake Forest (4-3), #22 BYU
(5-2), #23 Michigan (6-1)
Last Defeat: May 14, 2005 - #6 Northwestern 4, #23 ND 0, NCAA Championship second round @ NU
Ranked Players/Teams: #32 Catrina Thompson, #48 Christian Thompson, #4 Thompson/Thompson,
#39 Brook Buck/Kelcy Tefft, #47 Lauren Connolly/Kristina Stastny
Last Week: def. #27 Indiana 7-0; def. #49 Illinois 7-0
This Week: Friday vs. #49 Western Michigan at 3:30 p.m. (ET)

#3 North Carolina Tar Heels (14-2, 1-0 Atlantic Coast, 83.33 ITA computer average)

Coach: Brian Kalbas (Notre Dame '89) 2005 NCAA Result/Final ITA Ranking: Quarterfinals, 11th
High 2006 Ranking: 3rd (all-time high) Current Winning Streak: 7 (lost 5-1 to Notre Dame on 2/12)
All-Time Series vs. ND: North Carolina leads 6-5 (last: #22 ND 5, #10 UNC 1, 1/27/06 @ UNC)
Wins Over Current Top 25: #4 Northwestern (4-3), #6 Florida (4-3), #22 BYU (6-1)
Losses: #1 Stanford (7-0), #2 Notre Dame (5-1)
Ranked Players/Teams: #25 Jenna Long, #64 Caitlin Collins, #97 Sara Anundsen, #7 Anundsen/Long
Last Week: def. #27 Indiana 5-2, def. Butler 6-1
This Week: Saturday vs. Richmond at 10 a.m. (ET) and vs. East Carolina at 3 p.m.

#4 Northwestern Wildcats (8-3, 1-0 Big Ten, 82.39 ITA computer average)

Coach: Claire Pollard 2005 NCAA Result/Final ITA Ranking: Round of 16, 5th
High 2006 Ranking: 4th Current Winning Streak: 1 (lost 5-2 at Duke on 2/26)
All-Time Series vs. ND: NU leads 20-8 (last: #6 NU 4, #23 ND 0, 5/14/05, NCAA second round @ NU)
Next Match vs. ND: Wednesday, April 5, 3:30 p.m. (ET), Courtney Tennis Center
Wins Over Current Top 25: #9 Harvard (4-3), #10 Texas (6-1), #15 Georgia Tech (4-3)
Losses: #3 North Carolina (4-3), #7 Duke (5-2), #8 California (5-2)
Ranked Players/Teams: #8 Cristelle Grier, #16 Alexis Prousis, #33 Georgia Rose, #108 Nazlie Ghazal,
#5 Grier/Prousis, #37 Ferial Esseghir/Rose, #52 Esseghir/Prousis
Last Week: def. #3 Georgia Tech 4-3 (@ GT)
This Week: Idle

#5 USC Women of Troy (8-1, 3-1 Pac-10, 81.46 ITA computer average)

Coach: Richard Gallien 2005 NCAA Result/Final ITA Ranking: Quarterfinals, 7th
High 2006 Ranking: 2nd Current Winning Streak: 3 (lost 5-2 to #1 Stanford on 2/17)
All-Time Series vs. ND: ND leads 2-1 [exhibition: USC 3-1] (last: USC 4, ND 3, 10/14/05 at ND, exh.)
Wins Over Current Top 25: #8 California (4-3), #17 Pepperdine (6-1), #21 Arizona State (5-2), #25
Long Beach State (6-1)
Loss: #1 Stanford (5-2)
Ranked Players/Teams: #3 Amanda Fink, #39 Dianne Matias, #61 Lindsey Nelson, #65 Luana
Magnani, #114 Carine Vermeulen, #21 Judy DeVera/Matias, #23 Fink/Magnani, #35 Magnani/Nelson,
#38 Anca Anastasiu/DeVera
Last Week: def. #21 Pepperdine 6-1
This Week: Friday vs. Washington at 1:30 p.m. (PT); Saturday vs. #73 Washington State at 1:30 p.m.
(PT)

been in the national top 30 in 209 of 211 sets of ITA rankings and reached an all-time high of #2 on March 7. After taking over a program looking for its first NCAA tournament appearance, Louderback has helped Notre Dame to the NCAA's 12 times in the last 13 years (which only 10 other schools have done), including five appearances in the round of 16 and a 1996 quarterfinal finish. Louderback, a four-time Midwest Region coach of the year, has been honored as his conference's top coach on eight occasions, including five times in 10 years in the BIG EAST. In his time at Notre Dame, Louderback's players have earned All-America honors 15 times, won four national ITA awards, and earned 20 invitations to the NCAA Singles Championship and 12 to the NCAA doubles tournament. In the fall, he delivered the first individual title in an ITA grand slam event, when junior twins **Catrina Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.) and **Christian Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.) won the doubles crown in the Riviera/ITA All-American Championships. His players have dominated the University awards during Louderback's tenure, leading all sports in both Byron V. Kanaley awards (six) and Francis Patrick O'Connor awards (six). His family was honored with the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Tennis Family of the Year Award for 2002. The Arkansas City, Kan., native, and 1976 graduate of Wichita State arrived at Notre Dame prior to the 1989-90 season after coaching for seven years at his alma mater and three years (men and women) at Iowa State.

THOMPSONS GIVE ND TWO TOP-50 SINGLES PLAYERS FOR FIRST TIME SINCE

1999: Junior twins **Catrina Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.) and **Christian Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.) – who are ranked 32nd and 48th, respectively, in singles in the latest edition of the Fila Collegiate Tennis Rankings – have combined this spring to give Notre Dame multiple players among the national top 50 in singles for the first time since the initial set of spring rankings in 1998-99, when current assistant coach **Michelle Dasso** was eighth and **Becky Varnum** was 47th.

THOMPSONS GIVE ND FIRST-EVER GRAND SLAM TITLE:

Junior All-America twins **Catrina Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.) and **Christian Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.) fought off two match points and finally prevailed in a tiebreaker to give the University of Notre Dame its first-ever title in an Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) national championship, winning 9-8 (9-7) over Spaniard Lucia Sainz and

German Kathrina Winterhalter from Fresno State in the final of the Riviera/ITA All-American Championships, the first grand slam of the 2005-06 season. Both teams had two match points in the contest, which is the closest doubles final in All-American Championships history since the current pro-set format was adopted in 2001. The Thompsons are the first team from any school to reach the title match of the ITA All-American Championships in consecutive years and come away with a title. Each of the three previous back-to-back finalists had gone winless in both attempts. Notre Dame - which knocked off three top-seven teams to reach the final - lost just 16 total games in the tournament, the second-fewest ever by a doubles champion, behind only the 11 surrendered by Sarah Riske and Aleke Tsoubanos of Vanderbilt in 2002. The Irish opened with an 8-0 victory over the seventh-ranked team of Gabrielle Duch and Neyssa Etienne of South Florida. The twins beat #6 Alice Barnes/Anne Yelsey of Stanford 9-7 in the quarters and came back with an 8-1 triumph against #3 Iva Gersic/Maja Kovacek of New Mexico in the semifinals. Catrina and Christian are the second set of twins from any school - and the first in the All-Americans - ever to win an ITA national championship, following Tami and Teri Whitlinger of Stanford, who won the 1989 ITA National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships. The Thompsons - who have been among the final four teams remaining in three of the last four grand slams - improved to 11-4 in their careers in grand slam events. They are now 7-1 in the All-American Championships after Irish competitors had been just 2-5 in its doubles main draw prior to that.

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

- Notre Dame is 11-0 this season. [last loss: 5/14/05 at #6 Northwestern, 4-0, NCAA second round]
- Notre Dame has won 12 consecutive home matches. [last loss: 2/26/05 vs. #13 Texas, 4-3]
- Notre Dame has won the doubles point in all 11 matches this season. [last doubles-point loss: 5/14/05 vs. #6 Northwestern, lost at Nos. 2 and 3]
- Notre Dame has won nine consecutive matches against Western Michigan. [last loss: 2/21/87 at Madison, WI, 6-3]
- Notre Dame has won eight consecutive home matches against Western Michigan. [last loss: 4/26/83, 5-4]
- Notre Dame has won 23 consecutive matches against current Mid-American Conference teams. [last loss: 2/25/89 at Miami (Ohio), 5-4]
- Notre Dame has won at No. 6 singles in 15 consecutive matches. [last loss: 4/10/05, Indiana's Cecile Pertou def. Sarah Jane Connelly 6-1, 1-6, 6-3]
- Notre Dame has won at No. 2 doubles in every match this season. [last loss: 5/14/05, Northwestern's Alexis Prousis/Kristi Roemer def. Brook Buck/Lauren Connelly 9-8 (7-4)]
- Notre Dame has won at No. 3 doubles in every match this season. [last loss: 5/14/05, Northwestern's Ferial Esseghir/Valerie Vladea def. Sarah Jane Connelly/Kristina Stastny 8-4]
- Notre Dame has won 22 consecutive dual matches when winning at No. 3 singles. [last loss: 4/21/04 at #61 Purdue, 4-3, Catrina Thompson def. Amy Walgenbach 6-2, 6-1 at No. 3]
- **Christian Thompson** is 8-0 in her career in singles matches against BIG EAST Conference players.
- **Catrina Thompson/Christian Thompson** are 4-0 this season in close matches (8-6, 9-7, 9-8). [last loss: 4/13/05 vs. Illinois' Goulet/Wang 8-6]
- **Brook Buck** has won 30 consecutive matches when taking the opening set (29-1 career record). [only loss: 9/19/04 vs. Denver's Jenny Trettin 1-6, 6-3, 6-1]
- **Kelcy Tefft** has won six consecutive singles matches. [last loss: 2/15/06 vs. Michigan's Debra Streifler 3-6, 7-6 (7-4), 1-0 (10-3)]
- **Kristina Stastny** has won six consecutive singles matches on the road. [last loss: 11/4/05 vs. Illinois' Brianna Knue 6-0, 6-1]
- **Kristina Stastny** is 4-0 in her career as the final match remaining with the doubles point still undecided.
- **Lauren Connelly/Kristina Stastny** have won 11 consecutive matches in doubles. [last loss: 11/6/05 vs. Illinois' Knue/Harkins 8-6]
- **Katie Potts** has won 15 consecutive singles matches. [last loss: 10/22/05 vs. Northwestern's Nazlie Ghazal 7-5, 6-4]
- **Katie Potts** has won seven consecutive singles matches on the road. [last loss: 10/22/05 vs. Northwestern's Nazlie Ghazal 7-5, 6-4]
- **Katie Potts** is 15-0 as a collegian when winning the first set.
- **Lauren Connelly** has won five consecutive singles matches [last loss: 10/23/05 vs. #50 Alexis Prousis of Northwestern, 6-0, 6-2]
- **Lauren Connelly** has won seven consecutive singles matches against BIG EAST Conference players (9-1 career record). [only loss: 4/12/03 vs. Miami's Sara Robbins 6-4, 5-7, 1-0 (10-4)]
- **Kelly Nelson** has won four consecutive singles matches. [last loss: 10/21/05 vs. Michigan's Allie Shafner, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2]
- **Kelly Nelson** is 8-0 this season in close sets (6-4, 7-5, or 7-6). [last loss: 11/9/03 vs. Illinois' Emily Wang, 7-6 in second set]
- **Kelly Nelson** has won six consecutive close singles matches (three sets, match tiebreaker, or two sets with difference of games of 4 or fewer). [last loss: 11/7/03 vs. Virginia's Caroline Hammond 6-7 (7-4), 6-4, 6-1]
- **Kelly Nelson** has won five consecutive singles matches outdoors. [last loss: 9/23/05 vs. West Virginia's Monica Lyskawa 6-3, 6-2]

MOST-COMMON OPPONENTS: See below the list of schools Notre Dame has played most in its 30 seasons of varsity women's tennis.

School	Matches	Record vs.
Northwestern	28	8-20
Illinois	26	17-9
Purdue	24	18-6
Michigan	24	16-8
Wisconsin	21	14-7
Indiana	20	10-10
Ohio State	17	14-3
Miami (Fla.)	17	11-6
Wake Forest	17	8-9
Tennessee	17	5-12
Western Michigan	16*	11-4
William & Mary	15	8-7

* - includes this week's match

MOST WINS VS. ONE TEAM: See below the list of schools Notre Dame has defeated most in its 30 seasons of varsity women's tennis.

School	Record vs.
Purdue	18-6
Illinois	18-9
Michigan	16-8
Ohio State	14-3
Wisconsin	14-7
Boston College	12-0
Iowa	12-1
Western Michigan	11-4
Miami (Fla.)	11-6

LONGEST WINNING STREAKS: See below the longest winning streaks against a single opponent in the 30 seasons of Notre Dame varsity women's tennis.

Opponent	Streak	Dates
Purdue	12	1988-2001
Boston College	11	1991-present
Ohio State	11	1991-present
Illinois	11	1993-2003
Western Michigan	9	1988-present
Drake	9	1985-present
Michigan	9	1995-2003
Iowa	8	2000-present
Kansas State	8	1986-present
Saint Mary's	8	1979-present

THOMPSONS START SPRING AT #1: Notre Dame junior All-America twins **Catrina Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.) and **Christian Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.) became the top-ranked doubles team in college tennis following the fall portion of the 2005-06 season when the Jan. 10 rankings were released. It was the second time that the Thompson sisters (as well as any ND duo) had been ranked #1 in the nation. They achieved that listing on Feb. 22, 2005, but it was short-lived, as the twins were defeated in their first match after that and fell to #2 in the next of rankings before finishing 2004-05 at fifth. This season, the Thompsons went 5-1 while being ranked #1, but fell to second in the Feb. 22 rankings. They remain only the second set of twin sisters ever to be ranked #1 by the ITA (Tami and Teri Whitlinger of Stanford in 1989). Stanford twins Mike and Bob Bryan – currently ranked #1 in the ATP's world rankings – also were #1 in 1998.

TWO DECISIVE TIEBREAKERS GIVE USC 4-3 EXHIBITION WIN OVER ND: After nearly 10 hours of play (due to playing concurrent to a men's match), the exhibition match between the Notre Dame and USC – which began the spring ranked fifth in the nation – on Oct. 14 came down to a single tiebreaker at No. 2 singles, where Dianne Matias prevailed 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 (7-5) over Irish junior **Christian Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.) to hand the Women of Troy a 4-3 victory. USC's victory also was keyed by a tiebreaker victory in the final doubles match on court.

ND ONE OF FIVE SCHOOLS TO HAVE ENTIRE LINEUP IN REGIONAL RANKINGS: When the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) released its regional rankings at the end of the fall portion of the season, Notre Dame was one of only five Division I schools – along with Stanford, USC, Baylor, and California – to have its entire lineup earn regional ranks. In addition to having six players among the top 30 in the Midwest Region, three of the top five doubles teams in the region belong to the Irish; junior twins **Catrina Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.) and **Christian Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.) were #1, while sophomore **Brook Buck** (Yukon, Okla./Oklahoma Christian School) and freshman **Kelcy Tefft** (Enid, Okla./Chisholm H.S.) came in fourth, and seniors **Lauren Connelly** (Oklahoma City, Okla./Bishop McGuinness H.S.) and **Kristina Stastny** (St. Louis, Mo./St. Joseph's Academy) were fifth. Only one other school (Northwestern) had even multiple squads among the 15 Midwest Region doubles teams listed. In singles, Catrina Thompson led the way at third, while Christian Thompson was 10th, Buck came in 14th, Tefft was 18th, Connelly was 25th, and Stastny was 27th. The last time ND had the top doubles team in the Midwest Region rankings was at the conclusion of the 2000-01 campaign, when current assistant coach **Michelle Dasso** and **Becky Varnum** held that spot. Catrina Thompson is the highest-ranked ND singles player in the regional rankings since **Alicia Salas** concluded her career at #2 in 2003-04.

IRISH DEPTH ON DISPLAY AT ITA MIDWEST CHAMPIONSHIPS: Notre Dame's depth was evident at the ITA Midwest Championships – the annual indoor tournament of the top players in the Midwest Region. The Irish were one of just two schools (along with Northwestern) to have three players - senior captain **Lauren Connelly** (Oklahoma City, Okla./Bishop McGuinness H.S.) and juniors **Catrina Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.) and **Christian Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.) - among the final 16 in singles. Catrina Thompson reached the semis before falling. ND and the Wildcats also were the only squads to have multiple doubles teams in the quarterfinals: Connelly and fellow senior **Kristina Stastny** (St. Louis, Mo./St. Joseph's Academy) plus sophomore **Brook Buck** (Yukon, Okla./Oklahoma Christian School) and freshman **Kelcy Tefft** (Enid, Okla./Chisholm H.S.). The Thompsons – who were ranked #2 nationally at the time – did not compete in doubles in the tournament.

IRISH ADD MARCH 31 HOME MATCH WITH EASTERN MICHIGAN: Notre Dame has added another match to its spring slate, as the Irish will play host to Eastern Michigan on Friday, March 31 at 2:30 p.m. (EST). Notre Dame's originally-scheduled match at Tulane on April 15 has been cancelled, since the Green Wave program was suspended in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. That changed freed up a date for the Irish to schedule another match.

IRISH A PERENNIAL TOP-30 TEAM: Not only has Notre Dame finished in the top 30 of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) national rankings in each of the last 13 seasons, but the Irish also have been a near-constant presence. Since the preseason rankings of the 1992-93 season, Notre Dame has been among the top 30 teams in the country in 209 of 211 (99.0%) sets of rankings. The first exception came in late March of 2003, when the transition to the computer rankings moved the Irish from 15th to 27th to 48th and then back to 27th (despite going 6-2 during that time). The second slip out of the top 30 came on April 5 of 2004-05, when ND fell three spots to 31st before moving back to up 26th the following week.

CAPTAIN CONNELLY, THE SEQUEL: Senior **Lauren Connelly** (Oklahoma City, Okla./Bishop McGuinness H.S.) will serve as Notre Dame's sole captain during the 2005-06 season. She took over the mantle from her sister, **Sarah Jane Connelly**, who was Notre Dame's sole senior in 2004-05. The Connellys are the first sisters to serve as captains of the Irish women's tennis team, as well as just the fifth sister captain duo in Notre Dame athletics history, following Kathy and Susan Valdiserri (fencing), Julie and Tracy Melby (golf), Carol and Maggie Lally (basketball), and Jessica and Kristen Kinder (volleyball).

THOMPSONS FEATURED IN "SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ON CAMPUS" A LIST: Junior All-America twins **Catrina Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.) and **Christian Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.) were two of the 14 student-athletes featured on the "A List" of elite collegiate performers across all sports in the October 13 issue of *Sports Illustrated On Campus*. In the words of SI On Campus: "Think of the A List this way: the coolest, the hottest, the most-of-the-moment, the cream of the crop. Here are 14 faces SIOC would usher to the front of just about any line, no questions asked." The Thompsons were the only tennis players featured among the group, which also includes the likes of football Heisman Trophy winners Matt Leinart of USC and Vince Young of Texas, as well as Connecticut basketball standout Rudy Gay.

WOMEN'S TENNIS "GOLD GAME" SET FOR APRIL 5 vs. #4 NORTHWESTERN: Notre Dame's matchup with #4 Northwestern on Wednesday, April 5 at 3:30 p.m. (EDT) has been designated as this season's women'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 the two teams that have been consistently the top squads in the Midwest Region over the past decade. Northwestern has won the last seven matches in the series – with three of those coming by 4-3 scores – after the Irish had won six straight prior to that. In the Wildcats' last visit, NU won a third-set tiebreaker in the decisive match to win 4-3.

ND SIGNS TRIO OF TOP RECRUITS, INCLUDING NATION'S #1 PLAYER: Notre Dame women's tennis head coach **Jay Louderback** announced that three stars of prep and junior tennis - **Cosmina Ciobanu** (Brea, Calif./Troy H.S.), **Kali Krisik** (Arkansas City, Kan./Arkansas City H.S.), and **Colleen Rielley** (Overland Park, Kan./Bishop Miege H.S.) - signed national letters of intent in the early period and will join the Irish in the fall of 2006. At the time of announcement (Nov. 15, 2005), Rielley was #1 in the United States Tennis Association's (USTA) 18-and-under girls' singles national rankings, while Ciobanu was 17th, and Krisik – a two-time Kansas state champion (2002 and '03) – was 76th. Ciobanu won the Southern California Sectional singles championship in 2005 and also reached the singles final of a USTA National Open last year. She was ranked as high as 15th nationally in singles in '05. Krisik is Louderback's niece, and she is part of the first mother-daughter combination ever to play for the longtime Irish mentor. Louderback's sister, Jan, was his first recruit when he began his head coaching career at Wichita State in 1980. Krisik will join both her uncle and her cousin, current sophomore **Bailey Louderback** (South Bend, Ind./Penn H.S.), in the Irish program. Rielley is the first Notre Dame signee ever to have been ranked #1 in the USTA girls' 18s. A three-time prep state champ (Missouri in '03, Kansas in '04 and '05), she won the singles title in the 2004 USTA Winter National Championships, took third in the '05 National Clay Courts, and also is ranked fourth nationally in doubles.

WE ARE FAMILY: Notre Dame women's tennis has long featured members of the same family on its teams. For the fourth consecutive season, Notre Dame will have a set of sisters on its roster: junior twins **Catrina Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.) and **Christian Thompson** (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman H.S.). They last year became the first set of Irish sisters — and first twins of either sex — to both become All-Americans. The previous three seasons had featured two pairs of sisters on each Irish roster, but that has changed with the graduation of **Maggie Donohue** in 2003 and **Sarah Jane Connelly** last spring. Another family connection was added last season, as head coach **Jay Louderback's** daughter, **Bailey Louderback** (South Bend, Ind./Penn H.S.), joined the team. He became the 11th Notre Dame coach — just the second in a women's sport (along with softball's Brian Boulac) — to have coached his son or daughter with the Irish. Next year, Louderback's niece, **Kali Krisik** (Arkansas City, Kan./Arkansas City H.S.) will join the Irish roster.

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 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.

ND #1 IN NACDA DIRECTORS' CUP: Notre Dame is in first place in the most-recent set of standings in the 2005-06 United States Sports Academy Directors' Cup all-sports competition sponsored by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA), which were released on Jan. 12 and included results from all fall sports. Fall NCAA competition earned the Irish 412 points based on their third-place finish in men's cross country (85 points), their seventh-place finish in women's cross country (69 points), their quarterfinal appearance in women's soccer (73), their third-round appearance in men's soccer (64), their regional semifinal appearance in women's volleyball (64) and their 11th-place finish in football based on the final *USA Today* poll (57). This marks the second straight year Notre Dame has ranked atop the final fall standings - and its 412 points are its highest-ever fall total. Penn State (308.5 points) ranks second, Stanford (282) is third, and Duke (280) and Wisconsin (277) round out the top five. Notre Dame finished 16th in 2004-05, its fifth consecutive top-20 placing, and has three times finished an all-time high of 11th (1993-94, '95-96, 2000-01). Duke posted its all-time best finish of fifth in 2004-05.

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 Women's Tennis (11-0)

Sept. 23-25	Fri.-Sun.	at Maryland Invitational (College Park, MD)	NTS
Sept. 30-Oct. 2	Fri.-Sun.	at Hoosier Classic (Bloomington, IN)	NTS
Oct. 1-2, 4-9	Sat.-Sun.	at Riviera/ITA All-American Championships (Pacific Palisades, CA)	NTS
Oct. 14	Friday	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (exhibition)	L, 3-4
Oct. 20-25	Thurs.-Sun.	at ITA Midwest Championships (East Lansing, MI)	NTS
Nov. 3-6	Thurs.-Sun.	at ITA National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships (Columbus, OH)	NTS
Nov. 4-6	Fri.-Sun.	at Midwest Blast VII (Urbana, IL)	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>
1/28	Sat.	(22) OHIO STATE	W, 7-0	W	W*	W	W	W	W	W	W*	W
1/28	Sat.	(22) XAVIER	W, 7-0	W	W	W	W	W*	W	W	W	W*
2/11	Sat.	(22) at Wake Forest (23)	W, 4-3	L	L	L	W	W	W!	W	W*	W
2/12	Sun.	(22) at North Carolina (10)	W, 5-4	W	W*	L	Aban.	W	W	L	W	W!
2/15	Wed.	(22) at Michigan (30)	W, 6-1	W	W	W	L	W	W*	W*	W	W
2/18	Sat.	(15) TENNESSEE (22)	W, 7-0	W	W	W*	W	W	W	W	W*	W
2/19	Sun.	(15) HARVARD (9)	W, 5-2	W	L	W	W*	L	W	W	W	W*
2/25	Sat.	(7) BRIGHAM YOUNG (20)	W, 5-2	L	W	L	W	W*	W	W	W	W*
2/26	Sun.	(7) WISCONSIN (51)	W, 6-1	L	W	W	W	W	W*	L	W*	W
2/28	Tue.	(5) INDIANA (27)	W, 7-0	W*	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W*
3/5	Sun.	(5) ILLINOIS (49)	W, 7-0	W	W	W	W	W*	W	L	W*	W
3/10	Fri.	WESTERN MICHIGAN								3:30 p.m. EST		
3/15	Wed.	vs. Duke (Orlando, FL)								10 a.m. EST		
3/18	Sat.	at Texas A&M								1:30 p.m. CST		
3/20	Mon.	at Texas								5:30 p.m. CST		
3/24	Fri.	IOWA								3 p.m. EST		
3/29	Wed.	at Vandrebilt								2:30 p.m. CST		
3/31	Fri.	EASTERN MICHIGAN								2:30 P.M. EST		
4/2	Sun.	at Purdue								11 a.m. EST/CDT		
4/5	Wed.	NORTHWESTERN								3:30 p.m. EDT		
4/7	Fri.	DePAUL								3:30 p.m. EDT		
4/9	Sun.	MARQUETTE								Noon EDT		
4/19-22		at BIG EAST Championship (Tampa, FL)								TBA		
5/12-13		NCAA Championship (first & second Rounds, campus sites)								TBA		
5/18-21		at NCAA Championship (round of 16-final; Stanford, CA)								TBA		
5/22-28		at NCAA Singles & Doubles Championships (Stanford, CA)								TBA		

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. * - clinching victory; ! - clinching victory in final match on court

IRISH RECORD WHEN ...

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

2005-06 Notre Dame Women's Tennis Statistics

Singles

<i>Player</i>	<i>Open</i>	<i>Dual</i>	<i>Overall</i>	<i>Career</i>	<i>Region</i>	<i>In 3 Sets</i>	<i>Match TB</i>	<i>Streak</i>
Brook Buck	6-3	7-3	13-6	36-18	8-2	0-1		W3
Lauren Connelly	8-6	2-0	10-6	69-50	6-3	2-2	0-2	W5
Liz Donohue	0-1		0-1	30-25	0-1			L1
Bailey Louderback	0-5		0-5	0-13	0-3		0-1	L13
Kelly Nelson	11-2	1-0	12-2	34-14	5-1	1-1	1-0	W4
Katie Potts	6-3	11-0	17-3	17-3	10-2	1-0	4-1	W15
Jennifer Smith				13-14				L2
Kristina Stastny	9-4	10-1	19-5	75-53	8-2	1-0	4-2	W4
Kelcy Tefft	8-1	8-1	16-2	16-2	8-2		0-1	W6
Catrina Thompson	10-5	8-2	18-7	62-32	10-1	2-5	1-0	W2
Christian Thompson	7-3	8-3	15-6	53-29	7-3	1-2	1-0	W2
Totals	65-33	55-10	120-43	405-253	62-20	8-11	11-7	

<i>Player</i>	<i>#1</i>	<i>#2</i>	<i>#3</i>	<i>#4</i>	<i>#5</i>	<i>#6</i>	<i>Dual</i>	<i>Career Dual</i>	<i>Clinch Wins</i>	<i>With Match Tied 3-3</i>
Brook Buck		1-0	6-3				7-3	20-12	1	
Lauren Connelly					1-0	1-0	2-0	38-32	2	
Liz Donohue								8-10		
Kelly Nelson						1-0	1-0	1-0		
Katie Potts				1-0	1-0	9-0	11-0	11-0	2	1-0
Jennifer Smith								5-5		
Kristina Stastny			1-0	1-0	8-1		10-1	46-33	2	
Kelcy Tefft			1-0	7-1			9-1	9-1	1	
Catrina Thompson	8-2						8-2	37-20	1	
Christian Thompson	0-1	8-2					8-3	31-19	2	
Totals	8-3	9-2	8-3	9-1	10-1	11-0	55-10	205-132	11	1-0

Doubles

<i>Player</i>	<i>Open</i>	<i>Dual</i>	<i>Overall</i>	<i>Career</i>	<i>Career Dual</i>	<i>Region</i>	<i>Tiebreakers</i>	<i>Streak</i>
Brook Buck	10-2	10-1	20-3	47-15	26-10	12-2	1-2	W2
Lauren Connelly	11-5	11-0	22-5	96-37	60-21	11-3		W11
Liz Donohue	2-1		2-1	18-16		2-0		W2
Bailey Louderback	2-3		2-3	5-8				W2
Kelly Nelson	5-4	1-0	6-4	18-12	1-0	4-1	0-2	W4
Katie Potts	5-4	2-0	7-4	7-4	2-0	5-1	0-2	W5
Jennifer Smith				24-19	13-13			W1
Kristina Stastny	11-5	11-0	22-5	83-43	47-26	11-3		W11
Kelcy Tefft	10-2	10-1	20-3	20-3	10-1	12-2	1-2	W2
Catrina Thompson	6-1	7-2	13-3	65-27	41-18	3-1	2-0	L1
Christian Thompson	6-1	8-2	14-3	64-27	40-18	4-1	2-0	L1

<i>Team</i>	<i>#1</i>	<i>#2</i>	<i>#3</i>	<i>Dual</i>	<i>Open</i>	<i>Overall</i>	<i>Career</i>	<i>As Last Clinching Match Wins</i>	<i>On Court</i>
Buck/Tefft	1-1	9-0		10-1	10-2	20-3	20-3	4	
Connelly/Stastny		2-0	9-0	11-0	11-5	22-5	22-5	5	1-0
Nelson/Potts			1-0	1-0	5-4	6-4	6-4	1	
Potts/Ch. Thompson			1-0	1-0		1-0	1-0		
Thompson/Thompson	7-2			7-2	6-1	13-3	63-27	1	
Totals	8-3	11-0	11-0	30-3	32-12	62-15	112-39	11	1-0

ITA Rankings

Brook Buck
Preseason: 54
January 10: --
February 22: --
March 7: --

Catrina Thompson
Preseason: 27
January 10: 24
February 22: 27
March 7: 32

Christian Thompson
Preseason: --
January 10: 44
February 22: 32
March 7: 48

Connelly/Stastny
Preseason: --
January 10: 45
February 22: 49
March 7: 47

Buck/Tefft
Preseason: 60
January 10: 35
February 22: 29
March 7: 39

Thompson/Thompson
Preseason: 2
January 10: 1
February 22: 2
March 7: 4

Note: Freshmen and all-freshman doubles teams were not eligible for the preseason rankings.

Southern California 4, Notre Dame 3
October 14, 2005 -- Notre Dame, IN (Indoors)

Exhibition Match

Singles

No. 1: #27 Catrina Thompson (ND) d. #28 Anca Anastasiu (USC) 6-2, 6-0
No. 2: #60 Dianne Matias (USC) d. Christian Thompson (ND) 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 (5)
No. 3: Amanda Fink (USC) d. #54 Brook Buck (ND) 6-4, 6-0
No. 4: #74 Luana Magnani (USC) d. Katie Potts (ND) 6-1, 6-3
No. 5: Kristina Stastny (ND) d. #91 Carine Vermeulen (USC) 6-2, 1-6, 6-2
No. 6: Kelcy Tefft (ND) d. Judy DeVera (USC) 6-2, 6-2

Doubles

No. 1: #2 Thompson/Thompson (ND) d. Nelson/Vermeulen (USC) 8-3
No. 2: Fink/Magnani (USC) d. #60 Buck/Tefft (ND) 9-8 (7-5)
No. 3: DeVera/Matias (USC) d. Connelly/Stastny (ND) 9-7

#22 Notre Dame 7, Ohio State 0

January 28, 2006 -- Notre Dame, IN (Indoors)

Singles

No. 1: #24 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. Caitlin O'Keefe (OSU) 6-2, 6-3
No. 2: *#44 Christian Thompson (ND) def. Angela DiPastina (OSU) 6-2, 6-1
No. 3: Brook Buck (ND) def. Sonia Ruzimovsky (OSU) 6-2, 6-2
No. 4: Kelcy Tefft (ND) def. Julie Blackmore (OSU) 6-2, 6-1
No. 5: Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Kristin Messmer (OSU) 6-2, 6-3
No. 6: Katie Potts (ND) def. Ciara Finucane (OSU) 6-3, 6-0

Doubles

No. 1: #1 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. Blackmore/O'Keefe (OSU) 8-1
No. 2: *#35 Buck/Tefft (ND) def. DiPastina/Ruzimovsky (OSU) 8-2
No. 3: #45 Lauren Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Finucane/Messmer (OSU) 8-5

#22 Notre Dame 7, Xavier 0

January 28, 2006 -- Notre Dame, IN (Indoors)

Singles

No. 1: #24 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. Kristen Clary (X) 6-0, 6-0
No. 2: #44 Christian Thompson (ND) def. Jackie Vilines (X) 6-1, 6-0
No. 3: Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Kara Courtney (X) 6-2, 6-2
No. 4: Katie Potts (ND) def. Alicia Papa (X) 6-0, 6-0
No. 5: *Lauren Connelly (ND) def. Annie Diedalis (X) 6-0, 6-0
No. 6: Kelly Nelson (ND) def. Sarah Potts (X) 6-3, 6-3

Doubles

No. 1: #35 Brook Buck/Kelcy Tefft (ND) def. Clary/Courtney (X) 8-3
No. 2: #45 Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Papa/Vilines (X) 8-1
No. 3: *Nelson/Potts (ND) def. Kate Lohner/Potts (X) 8-3

#22 Notre Dame 4, #23 Wake Forest 3

February 11, 2006 -- Winston-Salem, NC (Indoors)

Singles

No. 1: #42 Alexandra Hirsch (WF) def. #24 Catrina Thompson (ND) 7-5, 6-3
No. 2: #64 Ashlee Davis (WF) def. #44 Christian Thompson (ND) 6-2, 6-1
No. 3: Ana Jerman (WF) def. Brook Buck (ND) 7-5, 6-3
No. 4: Kelcy Tefft (ND) def. Christian Tara (WF) 6-3, 6-4
No. 5: Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Jenna Loeb (WF) 6-0, 6-2
No. 6: !Katie Potts (ND) def. Sierra Poske (WF) 7-6 (7-2), 4-6, 6-4

Doubles

No. 1: #1 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. Davis/Hirsch (WF) 8-1
No. 2: *#35 Buck/Tefft (ND) def. Jerman/Tara (WF) 8-3
No. 3: #45 Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Poske/Christine Simpson (WF) 8-6

#22 Notre Dame 5, #10 North Carolina 1

February 12, 2006 -- Chapel Hill, NC (Indoors)

Singles

No. 1: #24 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. #28 Jenna Long (UNC) 7-5, 6-4
No. 2: *#44 Christian Thompson (ND) def. #46 Caitlin Collins (UNC) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4
No. 3: Sara Anundsen (UNC) def. Brook Buck 6-3, 3-6, 6-2
No. 4: Kelcy Tefft (ND) led Austin Smith (UNC) 3-6, 6-4, 5-3, aban.
No. 5: Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Tanja Markovic (UNC) 7-5, 7-6 (2)
No. 6: Katie Potts (ND) def. Charlotte Tansill (UNC) 6-2, 6-0

Doubles

No. 1: #11 Anundsen/Long (UNC) def. #1 Thompson/Thompson (ND) 8-3
No. 2: #35 Buck/Tefft (ND) def. Collins/Markovic (UNC) 8-4
No. 3: #45 Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. #50 Meg Fanjoy/Smith (UNC) 8-6

#15 Notre Dame 6, #30 Michigan 1

February 15, 2006 -- Ann Arbor, MI (Indoors)

Singles

No. 1: #24 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. Kara Delicata (M) 6-2, 6-1
No. 2: #44 Christian Thompson (ND) def. #48 Nina Yaftali (M) 6-4, 7-5
No. 3: Brook Buck (ND) def. Chisako Sugiyama (M) 6-1, 6-0
No. 4: #76 Debra Streifler (M) def. Kelcy Tefft (ND) 3-6, 7-6 (4), 1-0 (3)
No. 5: Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Elizabeth Exon (M) 6-1, 4-6, 1-0 (5)
No. 6: *Katie Potts (ND) def. Allie Shafner (M) 6-0, 6-4

Doubles

No. 1: *#1 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. Delicata/Shafner (M) 8-3
No. 2: #35 Buck/Tefft (ND) def. Streifler/Sugiyama (M) 8-6
No. 3: #45 Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Lindsey Howard/Yaftali (M) 8-3

#15 Notre Dame 7, #22 Tennessee 0

February 18, 2006 -- Notre Dame, IN (Indoors)

Singles

No. 1: #24 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. Victoria Jones (T) 6-1, 6-2
No. 2: #44 Christian Thompson (ND) def. Blakeley Griffith (T) 5-7, 7-6 (3), 1-0 (3)
No. 3: *Brook Buck (ND) def. Melissa Schaub (T) 6-4, 6-0
No. 4: Kelcy Tefft (ND) def. Ghizela Schutte (T) 6-3, 6-4
No. 5: Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Stephanie Harris (T) 6-3, 6-1
No. 6: Katie Potts (ND) def. Samantha Orlin (T) 7-5, 5-7, 1-0 (12-10)

Doubles

No. 1: #1 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. Schaub/Schutte (T) 8-1
No. 2: *#35 Buck/Tefft (ND) def. Griffith/Jones (T) 8-3
No. 3: #45 Lauren Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Harris/Orlin (T) 8-3

#15 Notre Dame 5, #9 Harvard 2

February 19, 2006 -- Notre Dame, IN (Indoors)

Singles

No. 1: #24 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. Eva Wang (H) 6-4, 3-6, 1-0 (1)
No. 2: Elsa O'Riain (H) def. #44 Christian Thompson (ND) 7-5, 7-5
No. 3: Brook Buck (ND) def. Melissa Anderson (H) 7-6 (7-4), 6-0
No. 4: *Kelcy Tefft (ND) def. #67 Preethi Mukundan (H) 6-3, 6-2
No. 5: Stephanie Schnitter (H) def. Kristina Stastny (ND) 7-6 (5), 3-6, 1-0 (5)
No. 6: Katie Potts (ND) def. Cindy Chu (H) 6-1, 6-2

Doubles

No. 1: #1 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. #6 Anderson/O'Riain (H) 9-8 (5)
No. 2: #35 Buck/Tefft (ND) def. Schnitter/Wang (H) 8-1
No. 3: *#45 Lauren Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Chu/Mukundan (H) 8-1

#7 Notre Dame 5, #20 Brigham Young 2

February 25, 2006 -- Notre Dame, IN (Indoors)

Singles

No. 1: #17 Olga Boulytcheva (BYU) def. #27 Catrina Thompson (ND) 6-1, 6-1
No. 2: #32 Christian Thompson (ND) def. #98 Lauren Jones (BYU) 6-4, 6-2
No. 3: Anastasia Sourkova (BYU) def. Brook Buck (ND) 7-6 (2), 7-6 (5)
No. 4: Kelcy Tefft (ND) def. Sofia Holden (BYU) 6-1, 6-4
No. 5: *Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Dolly Chang (BYU) 6-4, 6-1
No. 6: Katie Potts (ND) def. Jennifer Miccoli (BYU) 6-3, 6-4

Doubles

No. 1: #2 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. Sourkova/Miccoli (BYU) 8-3
No. 2: #29 Buck/Tefft (ND) def. Boulytcheva/Holden (BYU) 8-3
No. 3: *#49 Lauren Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Chang/Jones (BYU) 8-3

#7 Notre Dame 6, #51 Wisconsin 1

February 26, 2006 -- Notre Dame, IN (Indoors)

Singles

No. 1: #28 Caitlin Burke (W) def. #32 Christian Thompson (ND) 6-4, 6-4
No. 2: Brook Buck (ND) def. Nicole Beck (W) 6-1, 6-1
No. 3: Kelcy Tefft (ND) def. Chelsea Nusslock (W) 6-1, 6-3
No. 4: Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Elizabeth Carpenter 6-3, 4-6, 1-0 (9)
No. 5: Katie Potts (ND) def. Erin Jobe (W) 6-1, 6-1
No. 6: *Lauren Connelly (ND) def. Morgan Tuttle (W) 6-1, 6-0

Doubles

No. 1: #30 Burke/Beck (W) def. #29 Buck/Tefft (ND) 8-7 (7-1)
No. 2: *#49 Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Carpenter/Nusslock (W) 8-3
No. 3: Potts/Thompson def. Tuttle/Lexi Goldin (W) 8-1

#5 Notre Dame 7, #27 Indiana 0

February 28, 2006 – Notre Dame, IN (Indoors)

Singles

- No. 1: *#27 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. Sarah Batty (I) 6-3, 6-4
No. 2: #32 Christian Thompson (ND) def. Laura McGaffigan (I) 6-3, 6-1
No. 3: Brook Buck (ND) def. Brianna Williams (I) 6-1, 6-0
No. 4: Kelcy Tefft (ND) def. Alba Berdala (I) 6-2, 6-4
No. 5: Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Sigrid Fischer (I) 4-6, 6-3, 1-0 (10-7)
No. 6: Katie Potts (ND) def. Cecile Perton (I) 6-3, 6-3

Doubles

- No. 1: #2 Thompson/Thompson (ND) def. Batty/McGaffigan (I) 8-4
No. 2: #29 Buck/Tefft (ND) def. Fischer/Williams (I) 8-2
No. 3: *#49 Lauren Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Berdala/Perton (I) 8-2

#5 Notre Dame 7, #49 Illinois 0

March 5, 2006 – Notre Dame, IN (Indoors)

Singles

- No. 1: #27 Catrina Thompson (ND) def. Macall Harkins (I) 6-4, 6-3
No. 2: #32 Christian Thompson (ND) def. Momei Qu (I) 6-0, 6-3
No. 3: Brook Buck (ND) def. Brianna Knue (I) 6-0, 6-2
No. 4: Kelcy Tefft (ND) def. Emily Wang (I) 6-2, 6-4
No. 5: *Kristina Stastny (ND) def. Alejandra Meza Cuadra (I) 6-1, 6-0
No. 6: Katie Potts (ND) def. Shivani Dave' (I) 6-4, 6-1

Doubles

- No. 1: Harkins/Wang (I) def. #2 Thompson/Thompson (ND) 8-4
No. 2: *#29 Buck/Tefft (ND) def. Knue/Meza Cuadra (I) 8-4
No. 3: #49 Lauren Connelly/Stastny (ND) def. Dave'/Qu (I) 8-3

* - clinching victory; ! - clinching victory in last match on court

Note: Numbers preceding teams and players are ITA national rankings at time of match; numbers in brackets are team's tournament seeding.

2005-06 Notre Dame Women's Tennis Roster

Alphabetical

No.	Player	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown/High School
7	Brook Buck*	5-7	So.	Yukon, OK/Oklahoma Christian School
4	Lauren Connelly*** (c)	5-9	Sr.	Oklahoma City, OK/Bishop McGuinness H.S.
8	Liz Donohue***	5-8	Sr.	Sioux Falls, SD/O'Gorman H.S.
5	Bailey Louderback* £	5-6	So.	South Bend, IN/Penn H.S.
6	Kelly Nelson**	5-7	Sr.	St. Petersburg, FL/Shorecrest Preparatory School
9	Katie Potts	5-10	Fr.	Brookfield, WI/Divine Savior Holy Angels H.S.
84	Jennifer Smith**	5-9	Sr.	Charlotte, NC/South Mecklenburg H.S.
26	Kristina Stastny*** £	5-6	Sr.	St. Louis, MO/St. Joseph's Academy
23	Kelcy Tefft	5-6	Fr.	Enid, OK/Chisholm H.S.
13	Catrina Thompson**	5-5	Jr.	Las Vegas, NV/Bishop Gorman H.S.
31	Christian Thompson**	5-6	Jr.	Las Vegas, NV/Bishop Gorman H.S.

Head Coach: #20 Jay Louderback (17th season, Wichita State '76)

Assistant Coach: #14 Michelle Dasso (3rd season, Notre Dame '01)

Volunteer Assistant Coach: #15 Liz Balanis (10th season, Wake Forest '94)

Senior Manager: #44 Jerry Beres (2nd season, Notre Dame '06)

Junior Manager: Patrick O'Malley (1st season, Notre Dame '07)

Numerical

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

Pronunciation Guide

Stastny..... STASS-nee

Balanis buh-LAWN-iss

Kelcy Tefft ... KELL-see teft

Dasso DASS-o

Beres beers

Roster Breakdown By Class

Seniors (5): Connelly, Donohue, Nelson, Smith, Stastny

Juniors (2): Thompson, Thompson

Sophomores (2): Buck, Louderback

Freshmen (2): Potts, Tefft