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2008 NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S LACROSSE (3-0/0-0)

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15	Fri.	Canisius	W, 22-10
17	Sun.	Duquesne	W, 16-4
24	Sun.	at Ohio State	W, 14-11
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2	Sun.	at Stanford	1:00 p.m. (PST)
6	Thur.	vs. Oregon #	8:00 p.m. (PST)
	Sat.	vs. California &	1:00 p.m. (PST)
	Thur.	Delaware	4:00 p.m.
	Sun.	Syracuse *	1:00 p.m.
	Sat.	Loyola (Md.) *	1:00 p.m.
	Tues.	at Hofstra	4:00 p.m.
29	Sat.	at Connecticut *	12:00 noon
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	Thur.	at Duke	4:00 p.m.
9	Wed.	at Northwestern	6:00 p.m. (CDT)
12	Sat.	at Georgetown *	1:00 p.m.
16	Wed.	Vanderbilt	4:30 p.m.
20	Sat.	at Rutgers *	12:00 noon
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12:00 noon

Home games in **BOLD**

* BIG EAST Conference Games # at East-West Challenge (at San Diego, Calif.) & at East-West Challenge (at Pasadena, Calif.) Times local to site

2008 TEAM INFORMATION

Head Coach

Tracy Coyne (Ohio University, 1983) 12th season at Notre Dame (101-70, .591) Overall 21st season (216-96, .692)

Assistant Coaches

Kateri Linville (Delaware, 2003) Third Season at Notre Dame

Meredith Simon (Notre Dame, 2004) First Season at Notre Dame

Proba	ble Starting Lineup		
#1	Caitlin McKinney	M	Sr.
#3	Jackie Doherty	M	Fr.
#4	Jillian Byers	A	Jr.
#6	Heather Ferguson	A	Sr.
#7	Lindsey Ferguson	D	Sr.
#10	Alicia Billings	M	Jr.
#12	Gina Scioscia	A	So.
#16	Becky Ranck	D	Sr.
#21	Shannon Burke	D	Jr.
#22	Beth Koloup	M	Jr.
#29	Shaylyn Blaney	M	Fr.
#33	Erin Goodman	GK	So.
V au D	eserves		
# 8	Kaitlin Keena	M	Fr.
#17	Maggie Zentgraf	A	So.
#19	Rachel Guerrera	D	So.
#23	Kailene Abt	M	Fr.
#27	Jane Stoeckert	M	So.

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Notre Dame Women's Lacrosse Travels To West Coast For Three Games

- Irish open Spring Trip with a visit to Stanford on Sunday, March 2; game to be televised by CSTV.
- Notre Dame off to a 3-0 start after winning at Ohio State, 14-11 on Feb. 24.
- Shaylyn Blaney and Jillian Byers lead Irish with four goals each.
- The Game: #10 Notre Dame (3-0/0-0) at Stanford (3-2/2-1 in MPSF)
- Date/Time/Site: Sun.., March 2, 2008 1:00 p.m. (PST) Cagan Stadium Palo Alto, Calif.
- Television: The game will be televised live on CSTV with Jason Chandler handling the play-by-play and Sheehan Stanwick the color duties.
- Internet: All Notre Dame home women's lacrosse games can be seen live via video streaming at und. com and you can follow the Irish via GameTracker on und.com.

IRISH TAKE TO THE ROAD: The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team jumps into Spring Break with three road games in California in the coming week. The trip begins on Sunday, March 2 when the Irish travel to Palo Alto, Calif., to meet the Stanford Cardinal at Cagan Stadium. Game time is set for 1:00 p.m. (PST)/4:00 p.m. in South Bend. The game will be televised live by CBS College Sports Network (CSTV) with **Jason Chandler** and **Sheehan Stanwick** calling the action. For the Irish, Sunday's contest continues a four-game road trip that took them to Columbus, Ohio last Sunday (Feb. 24), to Palo Alto (March 2) and then on to San Diego (March 6) and Pasadena on March 8. Notre Dame brings a 3-0 record into the game with Stanford, having knocked off Canisius (22-10), Duquesne (16-4) and Ohio State (14-11). Stanford comes into Sunday's game with a 3-2 overall mark and a 2-1 record in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF). The Cardinal started the season with three straight wins - LeMoyne (14-6), Oregon (8-7) and UC-Davis (13-7 - before dropping a 16-9 game to Duke in Dallas, Texas and an 11-9 game at California. The Irish are ranked

10th in the IWLCA poll for Feb. 25 and ninth in the *Inside Lacrosse* weekly poll. Stanford is not ranked in either poll.

HEAD COACHTRACY COYNE:

Tracy Coyne is in her 12th season at Notre Dame and her 21st year in collegiate lacrosse. Coyne brings a 216-96 (.692) career record into Sunday's game at Stanford. On Sunday, Feb. 17, she recorded her 100th career win at Notre Dame with the 16-4 win over Duquesne. As the only head coach in the Notre Dame program's history, Coyne is 101-70 (.591). A 1983 Ohio Uni-

IRISH TO HOST 2008 BIG EAST TOURNAMENT

Notre Dame will play host to the 2008 BIG EAST Tournament, April 25-27 with the games to be played at Notre Dame Stadium. The conferences top four teams will meet in the historic stadium in two semifinal games on Friday, April 25. Game one begins at 5:30 p.m. with the second game starting 45 minutes after the end of game one. The championship game is set for Sunday, April 27 with the time to be determined. This will be the first women's varsity event ever held in Notre Dame Stadium.

versity graduate, Coyne recorded her 200th career win at the end of the 2006 season with a 16-8 win over Cornell in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament. She has guided Notre Dame to three NCAA tournament appearances (2002, 2004, 2006), including the school's first-ever NCAA finals appearance in 2006. In her first 20 years of coaching, Coyne was 23-5 in two seasons at Denison (1988-89), 91-21 in seven years at Roanoke (1990-96) and 98-70 in 11 seasons at Notre Dame. The Pittsburgh, Pa., native led Denison (1988) and Roanoke (1990, 1991, 1992, 1994, 1996) to the NCAA Division III tournament during stops at those schools. Coyne also has coached on the international level as the head coach for the Canadian women's lacrosse national team from 1999-2005. In June of 2005, she led Team Canada to a fourth-place finish at the 2005 World Cup, her second fourth-place finish (2001) as Canada's field boss. Coyne is 6-2 all-time against Stanford.

IRISH VERSUS CARDINAL: Notre Dame and Stanford have met eight times in the all-time series with the Irish having a 6-2 edge. At Palo Alto, Notre Dame is 4-0 with the last win coming on Feb. 26, 2006, a 12-11 overtime win. Last season, the teams met in South Bend, Ind., with the Irish taking another 12-11 overtime victory. **Caitlin McKinney (Sr., Lafayette Hill, Pa.)** led Notre Dame with six goals and one assist in the game and scored the game winner with seven seconds left in overtime. All-time, the Irish are 2-2 at home against Stanford. The last Stanford win in the series came on April 10, 2005, a 6-5 victory over Notre Dame in a game played indoors at the Loftus Center.

OHIO STATE RECAP: Freshman midfielder Shaylyn Blaney (Stony Brook, N.Y.) scored four goals and added an assist for five points and junior Jillian Byers (Northport, N.Y.) had her third game of four or more goals this season as Notre Dame defeated Ohio State, 14-11 on Feb. 24. Caitlin McKinnev added two goals while Kaitlin Keena (Fr., Vienna, Va.), Kailene Abt (Fr., Huntington, N.Y.), Shannon Burke (Jr., Baltimore, Md.) and Jackie Doherty (Fr., Ellicott City, Md.) added single goals in the win. Maghan Beaudrault led the Buckeyes with four goals while Jessica Patane and Kristen Slahor had three each. Blaney scored the first three goals of the game and the Irish scored five straight on the way to an 8-3 halftime lead. Notre Dame would score four of the first five goals of the second half to build a 12-4 lead . Beaudrault and Abt traded goals to make it 13-5 with 13:42 left. From there, the Irish offense shut down, allowing the Buckeyes to score six straight goals in a 7:22 span to cut the lead to 13-11 with 1:34 left. Notre Dame closed the scoring with three seconds left as Burke scored her second goal of the season for the 14-11 final score. Ohio State's Kristen Gilwee made 20 saves in the game, including 16 in the first half. Erin Goodman (Jr., Cortlandt Manor, N.Y.) had 11 saves for the Irish.

NOTHING NEW: Notre Dame's 3-0 start this season marks the seventh time in the 12-year history of the program that Notre Dame has started the season with a 3-0 record. The Irish have advanced to 4-0 in three of the past 11 seasons.

THE KIDS ARE ALRIGHT: Notre Dame's highly ranked freshman class accounted for seven of the team's 14 goals in the 14-11 win over Ohio State. Shaylyn Blaney scored four goals while Kaitlin Keena, Kailene Abt and Jackie Doherty had one goal each.

ON A ROLL: Senior Caitlin McKinney extended here school-best, point-scoring streak to 42 games with two goals and an assist in the 14-11 win over Ohio State. During her 42-game streak, McKinney has scored 102 goals with 47 assists for 149 points. Her streak started during her freshman season in 2005. Going into the game at Stanford, the following Irish players are in the midst of scoring streak.

Jillian Byers - 20 games (73g, 10a, 83 pts.) Jane Stoeckert - 18 games (22g, 18a, 40 pts.) Shaylyn Blaney - 3 games (10g, 3a, 13 pts.) Kaitlin Keena - 3 games (4g, 4a, 8 pts.) Heather Ferguson - 3 games (2g, 3a, 5 pts.) Jackie Doherty - 3 games (3g, 0a, 3 pts.) Kailene Abt - 2 games (1g, 1a, 2 pts.) Julie Foote - 2 games (1g, 1a, 2 pts.)

SLAMMING THE DOOR: Notre Dame's defense has gotten off to a strong start through the first three games of the season. The Irish have allowed 25 goals in those games for an 8.33 goals-per-game average. In the three games, the Irish have given up just 67 shots on goal (22.33 per game).

2008 Notre Dame Personnel Breakdown

Top Returnees (yr., pos., ht./wt 2007 stats)
Heather Ferguson (Sr., A, 10-8-18, 17 GP) Talented attack player with strong moves around the goal
Lindsey Ferguson (Sr., M/D, 0-0-0, 15 GP) Top defensive midfielder off the bench in '07; will look to start in '08
Caitlin McKinney (Sr., M/A, 44-21-65, 17 GP) Team captain; All-American candidate, one of top players in the nation
Becky Ranck (Sr., D, 0-0-0, 17 GP) Team captain and leader of the defense; all-BIG EAST candidate
Alicia Billings (Jr., M/D, 6-6-12, 17 GP)
Shannon Burke (Jr., M/D, 0-0-0, 16 GP) One of the leaders of the Irish defense; strong on draws and ground balls
Jillian Byers (Jr., A, 58-8-66, 17 GP)
Erin Goodman (Jr., GK, 1-6, 10.32, .444 sv%) ND's top goalkeeper; won 11 games as a soph; continues to improve
Jane Stoeckert (Jr., M, 21-15-36, 17 GP) Had a breakout sophomore year; powerful midfielder will look to score
Gina Scioscia (So., A, 4-4-8, 14 GP) Key player off the bench; will figure in offensive attack in 2008

Top Players Lost (yr., pos., 2007 stats)

Lena Zentgraf (Gr., M/D, 17-22-39 17 GP) Had career year as a senior; team MVP and all-BIG EAST
Meaghan Fitzpatrick (Gr., D, 0-0-0, 17 GP) Leader of Irish defense; two-time all-BIG EAST and all-region selection
Kristin Hopson (Gr., D, 0-0-0, 17 GP) Quick, physical defender who was among the best in the BIG EAST
Megan Murphy (Gr., A, 18-17-35, 17 GP) One of top student-athlete's in ND history; had a career senior year
Kaki Orr (Gr., M, 14-8-22, 17 GP)Fast, physical midfielder who set single-season record for draw controls
Mary Carpenter (Sr., M, 10-1-11, 17 GP) Speedy midfielder; third team Academic All-American

Top Newcomers (all freshmen)

Kailene Abt	M	5-11	Huntington, N.Y./Huntington
Shaylyn Blaney	M/A	5-4	Stony Brook, N.Y./Ward Melville
Jackie Doherty	M/D	5-6	Ellicott City, Md./Mt. Hebron
Lauren Fenlon	D	5-10	Dayton, Md./Good Counsel
Kaitlin Keena	M/A	5-5	Vienna, Va./Stone Ridge
Meredith Locasto	D	5-6	Pittsburgh, Pa./Mt. Lebanon
Ansley Stewart	M/A	5-8	Alexandria, Va./Episcopal
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MAKING THE STOPS: Junior goaltender Erin Goodman has picked up three wins this season, giving her 14 for her career. In 2007, she was 11-6 overall record and a 10.32 goals-against average and a .444 save percentage. She finished just one win behind Carol Dixon '06 for the most wins by an Irish goalkeeper in her first year as a starter as Dixon had 12 in 2004. Goodman set a BIG EAST record on March 25, 2007 when she held Loyola (Md.) to just one goal in an 11-1 Irish win, setting the league mark for the fewest goals given up in a game. Goodman had three games on the year with a career-best 14 saves - vs. Cornell (13-7 win), vs. Yale (9-7 win) and against Loyola (11-1 win).

CONTROLLING THE DRAW: One question mark the Irish had coming into the 2008 season was controlling the draw due to the graduation of **Kaki Orr '07** who set the single-season mark in 2007 with 51 draw controls. So far this season, the Irish have won 46 of 81 draws for a 56.8% success rate. Leading the team is **Shaylyn Blaney** with 10. She is followed by **Jillian Byers** (9) and **Shannon Burke** (8).

HOME SWEET HOME: The Irish started the season with two wins at home at the Loftus Center. Last season, Notre Dame was 6-3 at home, going 3-2 at the Loftus Sports Center adn 3-1 at Moose Krause Stadium. In 2006, the Irish were 9-0 at home and are now 17-3 (.850) between the Loftus Center and Moose Krause Stadium over the last three years.

PRESEASON HONORS: Senior midfielder Caitlin McKinney and junior attack standout Jillian Byers have been named to the Tewaaraton Trophy preseason "Watch List." They also were selected preseason All-Americans by *Inside Lacrosse* on Feb. 19. The dynamic duo were unanimous preseason all-BIG EAST selections earlier this winter. Both have gotten off to fast starts in the first three games of the season. Byers has 15 goals and two assists for 17 points while McKinney has eight goals and three assists for 11 points.

TOP-RANKED PLAYERS: Senior midfielder Caitlin McKinney (Lafayette Hill, Pa.) and junior attack standout Jillian Byers (Northport, N.Y.) have been ranked among the top 20 players by *Inside Lacrosse* magazine in its preseason edition. McKinney, a two-time All-American was ranked as the 14th best player in the country. Byers, also a two-time All-American, was ranked as the ninth-best player in the nation by the magazine. Both players also have been selected as unanimous preseason all-BIG EAST selections in voting by the league's coaches.

THE CAPTAINS: Seniors Caitlin McKinney and Becky Ranck (Radnor, Pa.) have been selected team captains for the 2008 season. McKinney was second on the team in scoring last year with 44 goals and 21 assists for 65 points and was a second team IWLCA All-American. Ranck is the leader of the Notre Dame defense and a three-time monogram winner during her career. In three seasons, she played in 47 career games with 46 ground balls, 29 draw controls and 54 caused turnovers in her career.

FIELD OF DREAMS: Arlotta Stadium will become the new home of the Notre Dame men's and women's lacrosse programs upon completion in June of 2009. Construction of the facility will begin in August of 2008. Conceptual plans suggest a 2,000 seat, lighted stadium that would include an artificial-turf field, locker rooms, restrooms and concession areas. The state-ofthe-art facility is named after Notre Dame graduate John Arlotta, president and chief executive officer of Denver-based Coram, Inc. He and his wife, Bobbie, pledged the lead gift toward the stadium that will be built to the east of the Joyce Center as part of the University's new athletics quadrangle. The Arlotta children - Mindy, Andy and Jon - have pledged and additional gift from the Arlotta Family Foundation toward the project. In addition to their generous donation, alumni and friends of the lacrosse programs have donated over two million dollars.

RECORDS WATCH: Senior Caitlin McKinney and junior Jillian Byers continue their assaults on the Notre Dame record books this spring. The dynamic duo continues to move up the goals, assists and points lists. Here's where they going into this weekend's game at Stanford:

Goals

1.	Crysti Foote (2003-06)	161		
2.	Danielle Shearer (2000-03)	130		
3.	Jillian Byers (2006-)	127		
4.	Caitlin McKinney (2005-)	122		
	Lael O'Shaughnessy (1998-01)	122		
6.	Meredith Simon (2001-04)	109		
7.	Kerry Callahan (1997-99)	83		
8.	Natalie Loftus (1999-02)	76		
9.	Courtney Calabrese (1998-99)	69		
10.	Alissa Moser (1999-02)	67		
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Ass	Assists				
1.	Crysti Foote (2003-06)	76			
2.	Lael O'Shaughnessy (1998-01)	68			
3.	Danielle Shearer (2000-03)	66			
4.	Kerry Callahan (1997-99)	63			
5.	Caitlin McKinney (2005-)	58			
6.	Meredith Simon (2001-04)	49			
7.	Jillian Byers (2006-)	34			
8.	Natalie Loftus (1999-02)	33			
9.	Kathryn Perrella (1998-00)	26			
10.	Eleanor Weille (2000-03)	25			

Poi	nts	
1.	Crysti Foote (2003-06)	237
2.	Danielle Shearer (2000-03)	196
3.	Lael O'Shaughnessy (1998-01)	190
4.	Caitlin McKinney (2005-)	180
5.	Jillian Byers (2006-)	161
5.	Meredith Simon (2001-04)	158
7.	Kerry Callahan (1997-99)	146
8.	Natalie Loftus (1999-02)	109
9.	Lauren Fischer (2001-04)	85
	Alissa Moser (1999-02)	85

2008 BIG EAST Coaches Preseason Poll

		2007 Records	2007 Finish	
School	Points	BIG EAST	Overall	Regular Season
Syracuse (5)	25	4-1	13-6	2nd
Notre Dame (1)	20	3-2	11-6	4th
Georgetown	18	4-1	10-8	1st
Rutgers	13	3-2	12-5	3rd
Loyola (Md.)	8	0-5	2-14	6th
Connecticut	6	1-4	10-6	5th

Preseason All-BIG EAST Team

Jillian Byers, Notre Dame, Jr., A* Nina Frankoski, Rutgers, Jr., A * Bridget Looney, Syracuse, Sr., D * Caitlin McKinney, Notre Dame, Sr., M/A * Whitney Michele, Connecticut, Jr., M * Halley Quillinan, Syracuse, So., A * Katie Rowan, Syracuse, Jr., A * Kristen Stone, Loyola, Jr., D * Sandra Abel, Rutgers, Jr., GK Jessica Davis, Rutgers, So., D Patty Piotrowicz, Georgetown, Sr., M Jordan Trautman, Georgetown, Jr., D

Preseason Offensive Player of the Year Katie Rowan, Syracuse, Jr., A

Preseason Defensive Player of the Year Kristen Stone, Loyola (MD), Jr., D

CAREER FIRSTS: Several veteran Notre Dame players scored career firsts in the wins against Canisius and Duquesne. Junior defensive midfielder Shannon Burke scored her first career goal with 14:38 left in the second half of the win against Canisius. Fellow junior Lauren deMello (Manlius, N.Y.) picked up her first career goal when she scored with 4:09 left in the win versus Duquesne. Sophomore goalkeeper Amy Winik (Freehold, N.J.) made her first appearance in goal, playing 8:52 versus Duquesne, making one save and giving up one goal.

USA...USA...USA: Notre Dame freshman Shaylyn Blaney helped the U.S. Under-19 team win the gold medal at the Under-19 World Championships this past summer. The three-time U.S. Lacrosse high school All-American scored 16 goals with one assist for 17 points in six games to help the U.S. team to the gold medal. Blaney became the first Notre Dame player to play on the Under-19 team since Kelly McCardell '03, was a member of the 1999 Under-19 team. Fellow freshmen Kailene Abt (Huntington, N.Y.) and Lauren Fenlon (Dayton, Md.) were alternates for the Under-19 team.

CAREER YEAR: Junior midfielder Jane Stoeckert (Mendham, N.J.) turned in the best year of her career for Notre Dame in 2007 as she finished fourth in scoring with 21 goals and 15 assists for 36 points, career highs in all three categories. This season, in her first three games, Stoeckert has been able to keep her scoring streak alive, running it to 18 games with a goal and three assists in the first three games. For her career, Stoeckert has played in 39 games and has 33 goals, 27 assists and 60 career points.

SCORING BY CLASS:

Year (#players)	Goals	Assists	Points
Juniors (6)	22	6	28
Freshmen (7)	18	8	26
Seniors (5)	11	7	18
Sophomores (4)	1	2	3
Totals	52	23	75

BIG EAST SCHOLAR ATHLETE: Senior midfield/attack standout Caitlin McKinney has been selected as Notre Dame's female BIG EAST/Aeropostale Scholar-Athlete Award winner. She received the honor along with baseball player Brett Lilley and will receive a \$2,000 award toward graduate studies. McKinney owns a 3.522 grade-point average with a double major in sociology and film, television and theatre at Notre Dame. A two-time IWLCA All-American, McKinney was selected to the IWLCA academic honor roll following the 2007 season.

^{* -} unanimous selection

2008 IRISH AWARDS & HON-ORS

Tewaaraton Trophy Watch ListJillian Byers
Caitlin McKinney

Inside Lacrosse Preseason All-American Jillian Byers (first team) Caitlin McKinney (second team)

Preseason All-BIG EAST Jillian Byers (unanimous) Caitlin McKinney (unanimous)

BIG EAST Post-Graduate Scholarship Caitlin McKinney

BIG EAST Honor Roll Feb. 25 - Jillian Byers, Jr., A Shannon Burke, Jr., M

WELCOME BACK: Head coach Tracy Coyne welcomed a new assistant coach to her staff during the summer, but she is no stranger to Irish women's lacrosse fans. Former Notre Dame standout Meredith Simon '04 joined Coyne's staff on July 18 after three seasons at Towson University. Simon replaces another former Irish player, Alissa Moser '02, who was married over the summer and is now attending law school. With the Irish, Simon will work with the Irish attack on a daily basis while assisting with recruiting and team travel in addition to the day-to-day office operations. While at Notre Dame as a player (2000-04), Simon became the school's first-ever, first-team IWLCA All-American as she set a then-Notre Dame single-season scoring mark with 74 points on 46 goals and 28 assists while leading the Irish to the NCAA tournament in 2004. During that season, Simon also became the first Notre Dame player to be a Tewaaraton Trophy nominee as the top player in the nation. A two-time first team All-BIG EAST selection (2003, 2004), Simon was the BIG EAST co-attack player of the year in 2004. A team captain as a senior, Simon finished her Notre Dame career ranked first in games played (64), third in goals (109), fourth in assists (49), third in points (158), fourth in ground balls (123) and third in draw controls (91). She ended her career with the fifth-longest point-scoring streak in the program's history as she scored in 28 straight games, recording 68 goals and 35 assists for 103 points between March 25, 2003 and May 13, 2004. During her career, Simon was a member of Notre Dame's first two NCAA tournament teams in 2002 and 2004.

SECOND TIME AROUND: Also rejoining the Notre Dame coaching staff as a volunteer assistant coach is former All-American **Kathryn Lam** '02. Currently working as an executive assistant in the Dean's Office of the Graduate School, Lam last served as a volunteer assistant in 2006 when the Irish advanced to the Final Four. The first All-American, along with **Danielle Shearer** '03, in the program's history in 2002, Lam will work with the Notre Dame defense.

SISTER ACTS: Notre Dame has had eight sets of sisters in the program's 12-year history and has one sister duo on this year's team. In fact, this year's sister tandem are twins - seniors Heather and Lindsey Ferguson (Newtown Square, Pa.). Three other members of this year's team have sisters who played at Notre Dame. Senior Julie Foote (Suffern, N.Y.) was preceded by her sister, Crysti '06 while junior Lauren deMello (Manlius, N.Y.) was preceeded by her sister Meghan '06 and sophomore Maggie Zentgraf (Charlottesville, Va.) follows her sister, Lena '07. Other sister duos to play for the Irish include: Kelly and Kristen Gaudreau '04, Carol '06 and Angela '03 Dixon and Mary '06 and Annemarie McGrath. The sisters that started the tradition are Amy ('98) and Mara ('98) Grace who played in 1997 and 1998.

VERSUS THE BEST: Notre Dame's 2008 schedule features six teams that have been ranked by *Lacrosse* magazine in their preseason poll that was released in December. The Irish are scheduled to face #1 Northwestere, #3 Duke, #5 Syracuse, #11 Georgetown, #13 Vanderbilt and #19 Rutgers this season.

DOUBLE-DIGIT WINS: With 11 wins during the 2007 season, Notre Dame recorded back-to-back double-digit win seasons for the second time in the program's history and the first time since winning 10 in 2001 and 13 in 2002. Over the last two seasons, Notre Dame has a 26-10 (.722) record.

NEW KIDS: Head coach **Tracy Coyne** announced in December that six high school lacrosse players had signed national letters-of-intent to attend Notre Dame in the fall of 2008. Joining the Irish next fall are:

Name	Pos.	Ht.
Hometown/High School		
Amy Bernier	M/A	5-10
Strafford, PA/Conestoga		
Kelly Driscoll	D	5-6
Andover, MA/Andover		
Flannery Nangle	M/A	5-5
Auburn, NY/Auburn		
Jordy Shoemaker	D/M	5-7
Andover, MA/Andover		
Megan Sullivan	M	5-6
Winchester, MA/Winchester		
Maggie Tamasitis	M/A	5-3
Boyertown, PA/Boyertown		

ALL-AMERICANS: The 2007 season saw two members of the Notre Dame women's lacrosse team acheive All-American status. Then junior Caitlin McKinney and then-sophomore Jillian Byers were both named second team IWLCA All-Americans. For both players it marked the second time in their careers that they achieved All-American status. Both players also became the first two players in Irish history to be named to the Inside Lacrosse and womenslacrosse.com All-American teams twice in their careers. Byers led the Irish in scoring with 58 goals and eight assists for 66 points while McKinney was second with 44 goals and 21 assists for 65 points. In 2006, Byers was a second team pick while McKinney took third team honors. They are the eighth and ninth IWCLA All-Americans at Notre Dame.

2006 - Crysti Foote (first team)

2006 - Jillian Byers (second team)

2006 - Caitlin McKinney (third team)

2005 - Crysti Foote (third team)

2004 - Meredith Simon (first team)

2004 - Andrea Kinnik (second team)

2004 - Abby Owen (third team)

2003 - Jen White (third team)

2002 - Kathryn Lam (second team)

2002 - Danielle Shearer (second team)

OVERTIME NUMBERS: During the first 11 seasons of the women's lacrosse program, Notre Dame has played a total of 13 overtime games and is 6-7 in those games. Last year, the Irish were 2-0 in overtime, taking a triple-overtime win versus James Madison (10-9) in the season opener on Feb. 18. In the second game of the year, on Feb. 24, at home, Notre Dame pulled off a 12-11 double overtime win against Stanford. In one-goal games, the Irish are 7-3 over the last two seasons and 14-17 in the program's history.

SEASON-BY-SEASON: Notre Dame women's lacrosse in its first 12 seasons.

	Overall	BIG EAST
1997	5-4	
1998	7-6	
1999	9-6	
2000	5-10	
2001	10-5	4-2, tie 2nd
2002	13-5	5-1, 2nd
2003	8-7	4-2, 3rd
2004	12-5	4-2, 2nd
2005	3-12	1-4, 4th
2006	15-4	4-1, 2nd
2007	11-6	3-2, 4th
2008	3-0	
Totals	101-70, .591	25-14, .641

NEXT FOR THE IRISH: Notre Dame will participate in the East-West Challenge next week. On Thursday, March 6, the Irish will face the University of Oregon in San Diego, Calif., at Torrey Pines High School. That game will start at 8:00 p.m. (PST). This will be the first meeting ever between the two schools. On Saturday, March 8, Notre Dame will face California in Pasadena at the Rose Bowl. That game has a 1:00 p.m. (PST) starting time.

	2008	8 Notre	Dame	Woi	men's La	crosse Roster
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Birthdate	Hometown/High School
1	Caitlin McKinney	M/A	5-1	Sr.	1-29-85	Lafayette Hill, PA/Germantown Acad.
2	Meredith Locasto	D	5-6	Fr.	12-19-89	Pittsburgh, PA/Mt. Lebanon
3	Jackie Doherty	M/D	5-6	Fr.	12-21-88	Ellicott City, MD/Mt. Hebron
4	Jillian Byers	A	5-7	Jr.	8-3-87	Northport, NY/Northport
5	Ansley Stewart	M/A	5-8	Fr.	7-10-89	Alexandria, VA/Episcopal
6	Heather Ferguson	M/A	5-5	Sr.	7-22-86	Newtown Square, PA/Archbishop Carroll
7	Lindsey Ferguson	M/D	5-5	Sr.	7-22-86	Newtown Square, PA/Archbishop Carroll
8	Kaitlin Keena	M/A	5-5	Fr.		Vienna, VA/Stone Ridge
10	Alicia Billings	M/D	5-7	Jr.	11-17-86	Potomac, MD/Georgetown Visitation
11	Meghan Ryan	M	5-7	So.	4-14-88	Norwalk, CT/New Canaan
12	Gina Scioscia	A	5-4	So.	4-16-88	Summit, NJ/Summit
13	Julie Foote	A	5-6	Sr.	7-14-86	Suffern, NY/Suffern
15	Lauren deMello	A	5-5	Jr.	8-5-87	Manlius, NY/Christian Brothers Acad.
16	Becky Ranck	D	5-8	Sr.	3-25-86	Radnor, PA/Radnor
17	Maggie Zentgraf	A	5-6	So.	8-24-88	Charlottesville, VA/Charlottesville
19	Rachel Guerrera	D	5-7	So.	3-30-88	Wantagh, NY/Wantagh
21	Shannon Burke	D	5-9	Jr.	3-22-87	Baltimore, MD/Roland Park Country
22	Beth Koloup	M/D	5-7	Jr.	3-21-87	Phoenix, MD/Notre Dame Prep
23	Kailene Abt	M	5-11	Fr.	5-5-89	Huntington, NY/Huntington
26	Lauren Fenlon	D	5-10	Fr.	5-23-89	Dayton, MD/Good Counsel
27	Jane Stoeckert	M	5-9	Jr.	2-26-87	Mendham, NJ/West Morris Mendham
29	Shaylyn Blaney	M/A	5-4	Fr.	6-11-89	Stony Brook, NY/Ward Melville
33	Erin Goodman	GK	5-10	Jr.	11-15-87	Cortlandt Manor, NY/Lakeland
34	Amy Winik	GK	5-8	So.	2-7-88	Freehold, NJ/Freehold Township

Head Coach: Tracy Coyne (Ohio '83)

Assistant Coach: Kateri Linville (Delaware '03) Assistant Coach: Meredith Simon (Notre Dame '04)

Athletic Trainer: Chantal Porter Junior Manager: John Oliva Student Assistant: Mary Veith

2008 BIG EAST STANDINGS

Team	BIG EAST	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
Georgetown	1-0	1.000	2-0	1.000
Syracuse	0-0	.000	2-0	.000
Notre Dame	0-0	.000	3-0	1.000
Connecticut	0-0	.000	0-0	.000
Rutgers	0-0	.000	0-1	.000
Loyola (Md.)	0-1	.000	1-2	.333

2008 IWLCA RANKINGS (February 26, 2008)

No.	Team (1st place vote	Points	Last	
	_			Week
1.	Northwestern (19)	(2-0)	399	1
2.	Virginia (1)	(1-0)	376	2
3.	Duke	(4-0)	340	3
4.	Syracuse	(2-0)	339	5
5.	Maryland	(2-0)	319	6
6.	North Carolina	(3-0)	306	4
7.	Princeton	(0-0)	264	8
8.	Pennsylvania	(1-0)	233	7
9.	Georgetown	(2-0)	226	10
<i>10</i> .	Notre Dame	(3-0)	214	11
11.	Vanderbilt	(3-0)	202	12
12.	James Madison	(0-0)	188	13
13.	Yale	(0-0)	139	14
14.	Johns Hopkins	(0-1)	128	9
15.	Denver	(1-2)	110	16
16.	Boston University	(0-0)	82	19
17.	George Mason	(1-0)	66	NR
18.	Penn State	(0-1)	52	14
19.	Oregon	(3-1)	40	NR
20.	Dartmouth	(0-1)	31	17

Receiving Votes: California, Hofstra, Rutgers, Temple.

Teams in **bold** on 2008 Notre Dame schedule.

2008 Inside Lacrosse Magazine Poll (February 25, 2008)

No.	Team (1st place vote	Points	Last	
				Week
1.	Northwestern (12)	(2-0)	240	1
2.	Virginia	(1-0)	225	2
3.	Maryland	(2-0)	210	3
4.	Syracuse	(2-0)	199	7
5.	Duke	(4-0)	196	6
6.	North Carolina	(3-0)	182	5
7.	Princeton	(0-0)	153	8
8.	Pennsylvania	(1-0)	143	6
9.	Notre Dame	(3-0)	138	9
10.	Yale	(0-0)	133	10
11.	Vanderbilt	(3-0)	117	16
12.	James Madison	(0-0)	112	15
13.	Georgetown	(2-0)	109	13
14.	Johns Hopkins	(0-1)	63	11
15.	Boston University	(0-0)	55	18
16.	Penn State	(0-1)	53	11
17.	Dartmouth	(0-1)	45	14
18.	Denver	(1-2)	35	17
19.	Oregon	(3-1)	26	NR
20.	George Mason	(1-0)	24	NR
Rece	iving Votes: Delaware	23. Oh	in State	7•

Receiving Votes: Delaware, 23; Ohio State 7; Rutgers 5; Drexel, 5; Brown, 4; Towson, 3; George Washington, 2; Hofstra, 2.

Teams in**bold** on 2008 Notre Dame schedule

2008 Women's Lacrosse Results (3-0, 0-0 in BIG EAST)

Date Feb. 15	Opponent CANISIUS	Result W, 22-10	Goals <u>McKinney (5)</u> , Byers (5), Blaney (4), Billings (2), H. Ferguson, Keena, Scioscia, Burke, Doherty, Foote	Assists Keena (3), McKinney (2), Blaney (2), Byers, H. Ferguson, Scioscia, Stoeckert
Feb. 17	DUQUESNE	W, 16-4	Byers (6), Blaney (2), Keena (2) McKinney, Doherty, H. Ferguson, <u>Billings</u> , deMello, Stoeckert	Byers, Scioscia, Keena, Foote, Abt, Stoeckert
Feb. 24	at Ohio State	2:30 p.m.	Blaney (4), Byers (4), McKinney (2), Keena, Abt, Burke, Doherty	H. Ferguson (2), Billings, Blaney, McKinney, Stoeckert
March 1 March 6 March 8 March 13 March 16	at Stanford vs. Oregon # vs. California & DELAWARE SYRACUSE *	1:00 p.m. (PS 8:00 p.m. (PS 1:00 p.m. (PS 3:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.	ST)	

1:00 p.m. March 22 LOYOLA (Md.) * 4:00 p.m. 12:00 noon March 25 at Hofstra March 29 at Connecticut * April 3 April 9 at Duke 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. (CST) at Northwestern April 12 1:00 p.m. at Georgetown * April 16 VANDERBILT 4:30 p.m. April 20 April 25 April 27 at Rutgers * 12:00 noc BIG EAST Championships % 5:30 p.m. BIG EAST Championship % TBA 12:00 noon

May 3 **CORNELL** 12:00 noon

HOME GAMES IN BOLD

* BIG EAST Conference Game

East/West Challenge (at San Diego, Calif.) &East/West Challenge (at Pasadena, Calif.) % BIG EAST Tournament (at Notre Dame, Ind.)

Winning goal is underlined

2008 Notre Dame Women's Lacrosse Box Scores



Canisius 10 Notre Dame 22

February 15, 2008 • Notre Dame, Ind.

Canisius (0-1) 5 5 - 10 #12 Notre Dame (1-0) 10 12 - 22

Scoring (goal-assist)

Canisius: A. Gray (3-2), Walsh (1-2), Card (2-0), Martinez (2-0), T. Gray (1-0), Poissant (1-0), Quinn (0-1).

Notre Dame: McKinney (5-2), Byers (5-1), Blaney (4-2), Keena (1-3), Billing (2-0), H. Ferguson (1-1), Scioscia (1-1), Burke (1-0), Doherty (1-0), Foote (1-0), Stoeckert (0-1).

Goalkeepers (min.; goals against; saves)

Canisius: Daley (60:00; 22 goals, 15 saves) **Notre Dame:** Goodman (60:00, 10 goals, 7 saves)

Team Statistics	CAN	ND.
Total Shots	19	46
Free Position Shots	4	10
Shots on Goal	17	37
Draw Control	16	17
Ground Balls	11	15
Caused Turnovers	5	8



Duquesne 4 Notre Dame 16

February 17, 2008 • Notre Dame, Ind.

Duquesne (0-1) 1 3 - 4 #12 Notre Dame (2-0) 11 5 - 16

Scoring (goal-assist)

Duquesne: Wood (2-0), Faulkner (1-0), Cates (1-0), Kilty (0-1), Lamatina (0-1).

Notre Dame: Byers (6-1), Keena (2-1), Blaney (2-0), Stoeckert (1-1), Billings (1-0), McKinney (1-0), H. Ferguson (1-0), deMello (1-0), Doherty (1-0), Foote (0-1), Scioscia (0-1).

Goalkeepers (min.; goals against; saves)

Duquesne: Carducci (46:07, 14 goals, 9 saves) Walker (13:53; 2 goals, 4 saves)

Notre Dame: Goodman (51:08; 3 goals, 7 saves) Winik (8:52; 1 goal, 1 save)

Team Statistics	DUQ	ND
Total Shots	18	37
Free Position Shots	1	6
Shots on Goal	12	29
Draw Control	8	14
Ground Balls	14	22
Caused Turnovers	4	14



Notre Dame Ohio State

February 24, 2008 • Columbus, Ohio

#11 Notre Dame (3-0) 8 6 - 14 Ohio State (2-1) 3 8 - 11

Scoring (goal-assist)

Notre Dame: Blaney (4-1), Byers (4-0), McKinney (2-1), H. Ferguson (0-2), Keena (1-0), Abt (1-0), Burke (1-0), Doherty (1-0), Billings (0-1), Stoeckert (0-1).

Ohio State: Beaudrault (4-0), Patane (3-1), Slahor (3-0), Shimp (1-0), Zerhusen (0-1).

Goalkeepers (min.; goals against; saves)

Notre Dame: Goodman (60:00; 11 goals, 11 saves) **Ohio State:** Gilwee (60:00, 14 goals, 20 saves)

Team Statistics	ND	<u>OSU</u>
Total Shots	41	30
Free Position Shots	0	0
Shots on Goal	34	22
Draw Control	15	11
Ground Balls	22	13
Caused Turnovers	15	7

2008 Notre Dame Women's Lacrosse Notre Dame Overall Individual Statistics All games (as of Feb 25, 2008)

Overall: 3-0-0 Conf: 0-0-0 Home: 2-0-0 Away: 1-0-0 Neut: 0-0-0

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2008 Notre Dame Women's Lacrosse Notre Dame Overall Team Statistics All games (as of Feb 25, 2008)

Overall: 3-0-0 Conf: 0-0-0 Home: 2-0-0 Away: 1-0-0 Neut: 0-0-0

TEAM STATISTICS	ND	ND					
SHOT STATISTICS							
Goals-Shot attempts	52-124		25-67				
Goals scored average	17.33		8.33				
Shot pct	.419		.373				
Shots on goal-Attempts.	100-124		51-67				
SOG pct	.806		.761				
Shots/Game	41.3		22.3				
Assists	23		9				
Free position made-Att.	8-16		2-5				
Free position pct	.500		.400				
GOAL BREAKDOWN							
Total Goals	52		25				
Free-position	8		2				
Unassisted	29		16				
Overtime	0		0				
GROUND BALLS	59		38				
DRAW CONTROLS	46		35				
TURNOVERS	49		75				
CAUSED TURNOVERS	38		16				
ATTENDANCE							
Total	736		221				
Dates/Avg Per Date	2/368		1/221				
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	0/0					
GOALS BY PERIOD 1st 2nd Total	SHOTS BY PERIOD	1st 2nd	Total				
Notre Dame 29 23 - 52	Notre Dame		- 124				
Opponents 9 16 - 25	Opponents	33 34	- 67				
SAVES BY PERIOD 1st 2nd Total	SHOTS ON GOAL BY PRD		Total				
Notre Dame 14 12 - 26	Notre Dame	57 43	- 100				
Opponents 28 20 - 48	Opponents	23 28	- 51				

2008 Notre Dame Women's Lacrosse Notre Dame Game-by-Game Goals-Assists-Points All games (as of Feb 25, 2008)

Opponent	Date	Score WL	1 MCKINNEY,	2 LOCASTO,M	3 DOHERTY,J	4 BYERS,JIL	5 STEWART,A	6 FERGUSON,	7 FERGUSON,	8 KEENA,KAI	10 BILLINGS,	11 RYAN,MEGH	12 SCIOSCIA,	13 FOOTE,JUL	15 DEMELLO,L	16 RANCK,BEC
CAN	Feb 15	22-10 W												1- 0- 1		
DUQ at OSU	Feb 17 Feb 24	16-4 W 14-11 W	1- 0- 1 2- 1- 3			6- 1- 7 4- 0- 4					1- 0- 1 0- 1- 1		0- 1- 1 0- 0- 0		1- 0- 1 DNP	0- 0- 0
			17	19	21	22	23	26	27	29	33	34				
Opponent	Date	Score WL	ZENTGRAF,	GUERRERA,	BURKE, SHA	KOLOUP, BE	ABT,KAILE	FENLON,LA	STOECKERT	BLANEY,SH	GOODMAN,E	WINIK, AMY				
CAN	Feb 15	22-10 W	0- 0- 0	0- 0- 0	1- 0- 1	0- 0- 0	DNP	0- 0- 0	0- 1- 1	4- 2- 6	0- 0- 0	DNP				
DUQ	Feb 17	16-4 W	0- 0- 0	0- 0- 0	0- 0- 0	0- 0- 0	0- 1- 1	0- 0- 0	1- 1- 2	2- 0- 2	0- 0- 0	0- 0- 0				
at OSU	Feb 24	14-11 W	0- 0- 0	0- 0- 0	1- 0- 1	0- 0- 0	1- 0- 1	DNP	0- 1- 1	4- 1- 5	0- 0- 0	DNP				

2008 Notre Dame Women's Lacrosse Notre Dame Game Results All games (as of Feb 25, 2008)

Date Opp	ponent	Score	Overall	Conf	Attend	Goalie		Site
Feb 17, 2008 DUÇ	NISIUS QUESNE io State	W 22-10 W 16-4 W 14-11	1- 0- 0 2- 0- 0 3- 0- 0	0- 0- 0	327	GOODMAN,	Erin (1-0) Erin (2-0) Erin (3-0)	Notre Dame, Ind. Notre Dame, Ind. Columbus, Ohio
TEAM RECORD	W-L-T		A -	TTEND I	Dates :	Total Ave	rage	
Overall:	3- 0- 0			Total:	3	957	319	
Conference:	0- 0- 0			Home:	2	736	368	
Home:	2- 0- 0			Away:	1	221	221	
Away:	1- 0- 0		Ne	utral:	0	0	0	
Neutral:	0- 0- 0							
Overtime:	0- 0- 0							