

# 2002 NOTRE DAME BASEBALL (as of 1/13/02)

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of school .....	University of Notre Dame (Notre Dame, IN; 46556)
Founded (enrollment) .....	1842 (10,301)
Nickname (school colors) .....	Fighting Irish (Gold and Blue)
Home field (capacity, year opened) .....	Frank Eck Stadium (2,500; 1994)
Surface, Dimensions .....	Grass, 331-381-401-381-331
Affiliation .....	NCAA Division I
Conference (year joined).....	BIG EAST Conference (1995-96)
President .....	Rev. Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C. (Notre Dame '63)
Athletic Director.....	Kevin White (St. Joseph's (Ind.) College '72)
Assistant A.D./Baseball Administrator .....	Bill Scholl
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## HISTORY

First year of baseball.....	1892
Overall all-time record:.....	1872-1156-16
Number of years in CWS/last.....	1/1957
Years in NCAAs .....	16 (1949, '56-'59, '60, '63, '70, '89, '92-'94, '96, '99-'01)
NCAA tournament record.....	29-33
Last postseason opponent.....	Florida International (L, 5-4; 2001 South Bend Regional)

## SPORTS INFORMATION

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## COACHING STAFF

Head Coach .....	Paul Mainieri (8th season at ND, 20th as head coach)
Alma Mater/Year.....	Florida International '80
Record at school (years) .....	304-124-1 (7)
Career record (years) .....	636-403-1 (19)
Baseball office phone.....	(219) 631-6366
Assistant coaches/duties (alma mater/year).....	Brian O'Connor – recruiting/pitching (Creighton '93) Dusty Lepper – infielders/hitters (Toledo '96)
Volunteer assistant coach.....	Wally Widelski (Notre Dame '97)
Athletic trainer.....	Mike Bean

## TEAM INFORMATION

Overall record in 2001 .....	49-13-1 (24-6 home, 14-3 away, 11-4-1 neutral)
Conference record/finish.....	22-4/1st (12-1 home, 10-3 away)
Final 2001 regular-season rankings.....	3rd ( <i>Collegiate Baseball</i> ), 4th ( <i>USA Today</i> /ESPN coaches poll), 5th ( <i>Baseball America</i> )
Lettermen returning/lost.....	16/5
Position starters returning/lost.....	8/1
Total pitchers returning/lost (starters r/l).....	8/6 (2/2) ... 6 letterwinning pitchers returning/3 lost
Total newcomers (all freshmen).....	13

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**PLAYER INFORMATION**

**2001 Starters.....Ht./Wt.....Cl.....B/T.....GP/GS.....Avg.-HR-RBI.....Other**

(Returning/lost ... Gr. Indicates 2001 graduate)

(R) .. CF... Steve Stanley .....	5-8/155.....	Sr.....	L/L.....	63/63 .....	.400-1-32 .....	31-39 SB, 29 BB, 76 R
(R) .. LF... *Brian Stavisky .....	6-3/220.....	Jr.....	L/R .....	63/63 .....	.386-10-66 .....	9-11 SB, 4 3B, 19 2B, 31 BB
(R) .. 2B... Steve Sollmann .....	5-10/190.....	So.....	R/R.....	61/61 .....	.362-5-36 .....	23-34 SB, 9 2B, 30 BB
(R) .. 3B... *Andrew Bushey .....	5-10/190.....	Sr.....	R/R.....	61/61 .....	.335-0-36 .....	1-5 SB, 17 2B, 34 R
(R) ... C... *Paul O'Toole .....	6-1/205.....	Sr.....	L/R .....	58/57 .....	.323-4-35 .....	15-24 SB, 12 2B, 26 BB
(R)... DH... Matt Bok .....	5-10/190.....	Sr.....	S/R.....	40/30 .....	.286-1-17 .....	(98 AB)
(R)... 1B... Joe Thaman .....	6-4/210.....	So.....	L/L.....	61/60 .....	.284-2-25 .....	15 2B
(R)... RF... *Kris Billmaier .....	5-10/200.....	Jr.....	R/R.....	54/55 .....	.257-3-37 .....	9 2B, 30 BB, 9 HBP
(L) ... SS... Alec Porzel .....	6-0/195.....	Gr.....	R/R.....	63/63 .....	.295-8-59 .....	6-10 SB, 28 2B, 53 R

**2001 Honors** – 1st Team All-BIG EAST: Stanley (BE player of the year; All-American), Sollmann (BE rookie of the year; Freshman All-American), Bushey, Porzel; 2nd team All-BE: Stavisky, O'Toole; 3rd Team All-BE: Bok

**2001 Draft Picks** – Porzel (Boston, Rd 13), Stavisky (Cubs, Rd 33), O'Toole (S.F., Rd 48), Stanley (Florida, Rd 50)

\* Notes: O'Toole and Bushey are slated to platoon at C/3B; Stavisky started at RF in 2001, Billmaier at LF

**Top returning position players (in order):** Stanley, Stavisky, Sollmann, Bushey, O'Toole, Bok, Thaman

**Top position player lost (only one):** Porzel

**2001 Pitchers.....Ht./Wt.....Cl.....B/T.....GP/GS.....W-L (S).....IP.....K/BB/H.....ERA**

(returning/lost ... Gr. Indicates 2001 graduate)

(R) ..... Peter Ogilvie .....	6-3/215.....	Jr.....	R/R .....	8/7 .....	5-1 (0).....	52.0.....	30/11/44.....	1.90
(R) ..... J.P. Gagne .....	6-0/200.....	Jr.....	R/R .....	17/13 .....	5-5 (0).....	70.2.....	47/21/79.....	5.35
(R) ..... Matt Laird .....	6-1/195.....	Jr.....	R/R .....	22/0 .....	5-1 (4).....	32.0.....	28/15/23.....	3.09
(R) ..... Matt Buchmeier .....	6-0/195.....	Sr.....	R/R .....	13/5 .....	1-1 (2).....	46.0.....	28/12/54.....	3.91
(R) ..... Drew Duff .....	5-11/190.....	Sr.....	R/R .....	15/8 .....	2-0 (0).....	30.2.....	28/9/34.....	4.99
(L)..... Aaron Heilman .....	6-5/225.....	Gr.....	R/R .....	15/15 .....	15-0 (0).....	114.0.....	111/31/70 .....	1.74
(L)..... Danny Tamayo .....	6-1/240.....	Gr.....	R/R .....	15/15 .....	8-3 (0).....	112.2.....	106/17/96 .....	2.72

**2001 Honors** – Heilman: national player-of-the-year finalist, 4-time All-American, 2-time BIG EAST pitcher of year, 1st-round draft pick of N.Y. Mets (18th selection); Tamayo: 1st Team All-BIG EAST, 10th-round draft pick of Kansas City Royals; Gagne: 3rd team All-BIG EAST; Ogilvie: NCAA All-Regional Team (as were position players Stanley, Stavisky, Bushey and Porzel)

Top returning pitchers (in order): Ogilvie, Gagne, Laird, Buchmeier, Vioria

Top pitchers lost (in order): Heilman, Tamayo, Naumann

**Other Returnees/Losses; Stats**

(R) .....DH	Ken Meyer.....	6-0/205.....	Sr.	R/R .....	45/24 .....	.271-3-20 .....	5 2B (107 AB)	
(R) .....1B/OF	Matt Strickroth.....	6-4/230.....	Sr.	R/R .....	31/11 .....	.245-4-9.....	2 2B, 7 R (49 AB)	
(L) .....UTIL	Ben Cooke.....	5-9/175.....	Gr.	S/R.....	34/17 .....	.344-0-8.....	2-2 SB, 12 R (61 AB)	
(R) .....RHP	Brandon Vioria ...	5-11/210 .....	Jr.....	R/R .....	11/1 .....	3-1 (2) .....	21.2...8/5/21 .....	3.32
(L).....LHP	Mike Naumann.....	6-0/180.....	Gr.	R/L .....	16/3 .....	3-1 (0) .....	41.2...12/7/52.....	3.02

**Key Freshmen.....Ht./Wt.....Pos.....B/T.....Hometown/HS.....2001 Stats**

Matt Macri .....	6-1/185 ..	SS/RHP ..	R/R .....	Clive, IA/Dowling.....	.465, 10 HR, 65 RBI
Chris Niesel.....	5-11/205 .....	RHP .....	R/R .....	Plantation, FL/Aquinas.....	13-0, 0.35, 120 Ks/11 BB, 81 IP
*John Axford.....	6-5/175 .....	RHP .....	R/R .....	Brantford, Ontario .....	9-2, 1.47, 97 Ks/31 BB, 61.2 IP
Grant Johnson .....	6-6/220 .....	RHP .....	R/R .....	Burr Ridge, IL/Stevenson.....	12-1, 0.70, 120 Ks/17 BB, 91 IP
Martin Vergara.....	6-0/185 .....	RHP .....	R/R .....	Paterson, NJ/DePaul Cath.....	10-0, 0.30, 127 Ks/17 BB, 67 IP
Brent Weiss.....	6-1/215 .....	OF/C .....	R/R .....	Cockeysville, MD/St. Paul's .....	.450, 8 HR (26 career HR)
Tyler Jones .....	6-4/205 .....	RHP .....	R/R .....	Arlington, TX/James Martin.....	6-2, 3.12, 61 Ks, 51.2 IP

\* Axford's stats are for combined 2001 games with Port Dover club team, Team Ontario and Canadian national team (his high school, Assumption College HS, does not sponsor baseball)

**Freshman Notes** – Ranked as nation's #1 incoming class by *Baseball America*, #3 by *Collegiate Baseball* ... Niesel one of five HS pitchers named 1st team All-America (BA), while playing for nation's #13-ranked team ... Macri, Johnson and Vergara all named Gatorade state player of the year ... Macri named Iowa football (QB) and baseball player of the year, leading both teams to state title ... Johnson pitched for U.S. junior national team (2-0, 0.93, 18 Ks, 9.2 IP) ... Axford (Seattle, 7th Rd) was one of five signees drafted, with the others being Vergara, Macri, Jones and Niesel (several fell in the draft due to strong commitments to ND, including Johnson who was not drafted).