

2005 NOTRE DAME BASEBALL – vs. Michigan (May 11)

BRING BACK THE BASH – The Notre Dame baseball team (28-18-1, 10-7-1 BIG EAST) next heads up to the Grand Rapids area for the annual Baseball Bash showdown with Michigan, at Fifth Third Bank Ballpark ... this marks the 10th time in the past 11 seasons that ND and UM have played in the home of the single-A West Michigan Whitecaps (formerly known as Old Kent Park) ... the Irish will send sophomore RHP Derik Olvey to the mound while Michigan is expected to counter with sophomore Brad Seddon ... the game will be telecast live throughout Michigan by Comcast Local (also live in South Bend, on Comcast Cable channel 3) ... Paul Mainieri, in his 11th season at ND and 23rd overall as a college head coach, heads into the game with an **810-469-3 career** record that includes **479-190-2 with the Irish** ... he recently became the 27th active Div. 1 coach with 800-plus career wins as a college head baseball coach ... in addition to the many noteworthy accomplishments on the field by Mainieri's players, the Irish baseball program also owns a 100% graduation rate during the Mainieri era (59-of-58, among 4-year players, with 11 others who signed professionally as juniors having returned to complete or near completion of their degree requirements).

UPDATED BIG EAST STANDINGS (top-4 qualify for BIG EAST Tournament)

Team	W-L	Pct.	Remaining Series	
1. St. John's	16-4	.800	bye	at Villanova
2. Boston College	15-7	.682	bye	at UConn
3. Notre Dame	10-7-1	.583	at Pittsburgh	West Virginia
4. Pittsburgh	10-9	.526	Notre Dame	at Georgetown
5. Rutgers	9-9	.500	at Georgetown	Seton Hall
6. Connecticut	8-9	.471	at Seton Hall	Boston College
7. West Virginia	8-11	.421	at Villanova	at Notre Dame
8. Villanova	7-11-1	.395	West Virginia	St. John's
8. Georgetown	6-13	.316	Rutgers	Pittsburgh
Seton Hall	5-14	.263	UConn	at Rutgers

DERIK OLVEY'S 2005 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	GS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	BK	HBP	DP	IBB	Score	W-L	SV
Feb 19, 2005	at Central Florida		3.0	4	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-2	0-1	0
Feb 26, 2005	vs Dayton		3.2	7	3	3	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9-13	0-1	0
Mar 05, 2005	vs Texas A&M		1.0	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5-13	0-1	0
Mar 09, 2005	Texas-San Antonio		6.1	6	1	1	1	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4-9	0-1	0
Mar 18, 2005	vs Northern Illinois		3.0	4	2	2	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	10-6	0-1	0
Mar 22, 2005	Cincinnati-1	*	2.0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10-4	0-1	0
Mar 26, 2005	Seton Hall-2	*	5.0	4	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4-1	1-1	0
Apr 04, 2005	at Rutgers		2.1	3	3	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	10-11	1-1	0
Apr 06, 2005	Ball State		2.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5-14	1-1	0
Apr 12, 2005	Bowling Green	*	6.0	4	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	14-2	2-1	0
Apr 17, 2005	Connecticut		0.2	4	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	9-7	2-1	0
Apr 20, 2005	Purdue		1.2	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9-7	2-1	0
Apr 27, 2005	Manchester College		1.0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5-0	2-1	0
Totals (3.58 ERA)			37.2	44	17	15	10	21	6	0	4	2	0	2	0	0	95-89	2-1	0

Olvey's 2005 Situational Stats – has held RH hitters to .245 batting (.375 by LH hitters) ... has allowed just 30% of leadoff batters to reach base (2.7 per 9 IP)266 opp. batting with runners on, .333 with 2 outs ... his 9-inning averages: 10.5 hits, 2.4 walks, 5.0 Ks, 7.7 groundouts.

OLVEY'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	ERA	W-L	App	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	B/Avg	WP	HBP	SFA	SHA
2004...	3.52	1-0	4	2	0	0/0	0	15.1	14	7	6	3	7	3	0	0	0	.241	1	2	0	0
2005...	3.58	2-1	13	3	0	0/1	0	37.2	44	17	15	10	21	6	0	4	165	.293	2	2	1	2
TOTAL...	3.57	3-1	17	5	0	0/1	0	53.0	58	24	21	13	28	9	0	4	165	.279	3	4	1	2

TV, RADIO, LIVE-STATS & HOTLINE – The Michigan game will be telecast live in Michigan (Comcast Local) and South Bend (Comcast Cable, channel 3), plus tape-delayed on Comcast in Chicago (check local listings for exact air times) ... all of Notre Dame's 2005 games again will be broadcast by South Bend-based WDND 1580 AM (and its sister station, WNDV 1490) ... the broadcasts are available via the internet at www.und.com (College Sports Pass subscription required) ... und.com also provides links to livestats on the website's main page, for all home games and most road games ... call the ND Sports Hotline at 574-631-3000 for schedule and result information for all varsity sports currently in season (from the main menu, select "4" and then select "1" for baseball information).

THE ND-UM SERIES – Notre Dame and Michigan are set to meet for the 118th time and for the 11th straight season (including a regular-season game and NCAA meeting in 1999) ... Michigan leads the all-time series 75-42 but ND has won eight of the past 11 (including the previous six regular-season meetings) and three straight prior to losing the 2003 game (8-4) ... the most-common opponents in the ND baseball program include Northwestern (130 games), Michigan State (125), Wisconsin (119), Michigan (117) and Purdue (117, including ND win earlier this season) ... ND's first varsity baseball game was vs. Michigan on April 21, 1892 (6-4 ND win).

IN THE MAINIERI ERA – ND is 7-4 vs. Michigan during the 10 previous seasons of the Mainieri era (6-3 at Old Kent/Fifth Third Park) ... Michigan won an epic game at OKP in 1996 (7-6, in 16 innings) while the Irish posted an 8-3 home win over the Wolverines late in the 1996 season ... Michigan won the 1997 game at OKP (5-3), with all the Michigan runs unearned after ND made three errors in the 7th ... ND's 9-1 win in '98 featured Tim Kalita's dominating 7.1 innings (2 H, UER, 3 BB, 5 Ks) ... the Irish then won the '99 game at OKP (14-4) before Michigan beat ND in the 1999 NAAs (11-5) at Eck Stadium ...the Irish then won in 2000, 5-4 in 11 innings, with Matt Nussbaum plating the tying run in the 9th and making the game-ending tag at the plate ... Peter Ogilvie's complete game (5 H, R, BB, 6 Ks) won the 2002 game, 9-1 ... UM then won in 2003 (8-4) before ND took the 2004 game (7-3; details below).

THE LAST MEETING (ND 7, UM 3; 5/12/04) – Jeff Samardzija overcame a bumpy fourth and final inning to pick up the win in a planned rotation, 7-3, in front of 3,838 spirited fans at the annual Baseball Bash matchup in Fifth Third Bank Ballpark ... ND jumped out to a 6-0 lead after three innings ... Steve Andres (2-for-4, BB, 3 RBI) and Cody Rizzo (2-for-3, HBP, RBI, R) snapped out of slumps to play key roles in the win while Craig Cooper (2-for-5, R) also had multiple hits as part of the 10-hit attack ... Samardzija allowed just one run and one hit in his four innings of work and overcame a string of throwing 11 straight balls in the 4th, ultimately finishing the night with three walks and three strikeouts ... Michael Penn took the loss and was followed by six relievers, starting with Andrew Hess in the 2nd inning ... the only extra-base hits in the games were five doubles, by ND's Matt Macri and Matt Bransfield and UM's Chris Getz (2) and Brandon Roberts.

FRIEND OR FOE? – ND junior SS Greg Lopez and Michigan pitcher Michael Penn were teammates on the Team Ohio and Delaware (Ohio) Cows summer-league teams ... UM shortstop Leif Mahler and ND weekend starting pitcher Dan Kapala (Royal Oak, Mich.) were teammates on the Cows in the summer of '04.

MORE THAN JUST STUDENTS OF THE GAME – Tom Thornton – now 4-1 in his last 5 decisions with the Irish – and junior SS Greg Lopez (3.36 GPA; anthropology and pre-professional science) currently are under consideration for 2005 Academic All-America honors ... Thornton took a 3.46 cumulative GPA into the '05 spring semester as a double major in anthropology and film, television and theater (he earned Academic All-District honors in 2004 and advanced to the Academic All-America ballot).

WALK IS A FOUR-LETTER WORD – Notre Dame pitching coach Terry Rooney preaches the value of low walk totals to his pitchers and the Irish staff has responded by averaging just 2.4 walks per 9 IP (47 in 174.2) during the past 19 games (14-4-1) ... ND was just 14-14 at the 28-game point, with a staff avg. of 3.9 BB per 9 IP in those games (108 in 245.2) ... junior LHP Tom Thornton has led the way in stamping out walks during the past month, as he has issued just one free pass in his last five outings (spanning 40.0 innings).

IT'S ALL THEIR FAULT – Notre Dame would be riding an NCAA-record 426-game scoring streak if not for one game, an 11-0 loss to Rutgers, late in the 2002 season ...that game ended ND's team-record scoring streak at 231 (stretching from 2/26/99-5/4/02) but the Irish have scored in every game since that loss (194) for the 2nd-longest scoring streak in the program's history ... ND has scored in virtually every game (all but six) of the 11-year Paul Mainieri era (99.11%; 664 of 670).

MILESTONE MARKERS – The following players are approaching (or recently reached) statistical milestones in their ND careers:

Steve Andres.....	98 hits, 86 runs
Craig Cooper.....	97 runs
Greg Lopez.....	90 RBI, 86 runs
Matt Edwards	183 RBI, 46 doubles, 88 walks
Cody Rizzo.....	82 RBI

CONFERENCE COMMAND – Through 10 seasons of play in the BIG EAST, Notre Dame has remained a consistent presence atop the league standings:

- Paul Mainieri owns the top winning pct. in BIG EAST history (.731; 167-61-1, in BIG EAST regular-season games)
- ND's .721 overall win pct. (438-169-2) during the past 10 seasons ('96-'05) is best among any BIG EAST team
- St. John's owns the best BIG EAST Tournament winning pct. during the past 10 seasons (.579; 11-8) but the Irish are next at .563 (21-14)
- ND has totaled 65 BIG EAST series wins, 14 series ties and just 12 series losses
- The Irish have been swept just eight times in 88 all-time BIG EAST doubleheaders (with ND sweeping 50 of them, plus 30 splits)

STENCIL THEM IN – Two ND players have started all 47 games this season: freshman 2B/3B Brett Lilley and senior Matt Edwards (1B/3B/DH) ... Edwards is the only player to hit in the same spot (3-hole) in all 47 games.

FAR AND WIDE – Notre Dame's 2005 roster includes players from 15 states and Canada, with no more than four players from any state ... the breakdown includes 4 from Indiana, 3 each from California, Florida and Texas, and a pair each from Maryland, Ohio, Virginia and Washington, plus one player each from Alabama, Colorado, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York and Ontario ... the 11-year Paul Mainieri era has featured players from 35 states (plus Canada), those listed above plus: Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Oregon ... the list of all-time ND baseball monogram winners includes players from 44 states (all but Alaska, Idaho, Nevada, New Hampshire, South Carolina and Vermont), plus Canada and Panama.

OUTFIELD MERRY-GO-ROUND – Notre Dame entered the 2005 season with a trio of juniors returning as starters in the outfield (LF Steve Andres, CF Craig Cooper and RF Cody Rizzo) but there has been a steady variety of lineups in the OF this season as the Irish look for consistency from that group ... another junior, Alex Nettey, actually has emerged as the starter in CF and is doing a solid job as well batting from the leadoff spot ... freshman Tony Langford, a prep infielder, even has been used significantly as a starter in LF ... here's a breakdown of the OF starting assignments so far in 2005:

Notre Dame's 2005 Starting Outfielders

Left Field: Tony Langford (15), Craig Cooper (14 starts), Steve Andres (13), Danny Dressman (4), Ross Brezovsky (1)

Center Field: Alex Nettey (43), Craig Cooper (4)

Right Field: Cody Rizzo (31), Craig Cooper (16), Tony Langford (2), Danny Dressman (1)

NINE ND BASEBALL GAMES TO BE TELECAST LIVE – Fans of the Notre Dame baseball team will have plenty of chances to see the Irish on national and regional television, as nine games involving Notre Dame will be telecast in the one-month stretch from April 20 -May 20 ... most notably, all three games of Notre Dame's series at St. John's (May 7-8) were aired live, respectively on ESPNU, ESPN2 and CSTV ... Detroit-based Comcast Local will telecast six Notre Dame baseball games live throughout the state of Michigan and in South Bend on Comcast Cable channel 3 ... those games also will be aired on a tape-delayed basis by Comcast SportsNet Chicago and possibly by other Comcast affiliates (consult your local Comcast listings and check back to und.com during the next month for any additional affiliate broadcast information that Comcast Local is able to provide) ... remaining Comcast Local telecasts include: the annual Baseball Bash game between ND and Michigan at Fifth Third Bank Ballpark in the Grand Rapids suburbs, on May 11 (7:00 EDT; 6:00 EST/in South Bend); the May 18 game at Eck Stadium between the Irish and USC (6:05 EST); and the Friday-night doubleheader at The Eck on May 20 between ND and West Virginia (3:05 EST) ... here is the inclusive listing of the television broadcast schedule for 2005 Notre Dame baseball games (all times are local to the site):

Notre Dame Baseball 2005 Live Television Broadcasts

Wed., April 20	Comcast Local, vs. Purdue (Coveleski Stadium; 6:05 EST)
Fri., April 22	Comcast Local, vs. Villanova (Eck Stadium; 6:05 EST)
Sat., May 7	ESPNU, at St. John's (The Ballpark; noon EDT)
Sat., May 7	ESPN2, at St. John's (The Ballpark; 6:00 EDT)
Sun., May 8	CSTV, at St. John's (The Ballpark; noon EDT)
Wed., May 11	Comcast Local, vs. Michigan (5th 3rd Band Ballpark; Comstock Park, Mich.; 6:05 EST)
Wed., May 18	Comcast Local, vs. USC (Eck Stadium; 6:05 EST)
Fri., May 20	Comcast Local, doubleheader vs. West Virginia (Eck Stadium; 3:05 EST)

LEFTSIDE LOCKDOWN – Notre Dame's strong defense on the leftside of the diamond includes a pair of players (junior SS Greg Lopez and freshman 2B Brett Lilley) who each have posted 38 error-free games this season, with Lilley playing at 2B for the first 28 games ... Lopez opened the '05 season without an error in the first 15 games and enters the Michigan game with just one E in his past 19 games (98 fielding chances), with an active 10-game errorless streak ... he had four straight games with Es (March 19-24) but has not made errors in back-to-back games at any other time this season ... Lopez has only four multi-E games in '05 (none with 3-plus Es) and had 42 E-free games in '04 (for 80 total in '04 and '05) ... Lilley logged an impressive 21-game span without an error (96 fielding chances) from March 24-April 21 (spanning time at 2B and 3B) ... four of Lilley's teammates combined for 18 errors at 3B in the first 28 games of the season but he then turned in nine error-free games to open his stint at the hot corner (in 40 chances) ... Lilley now has totaled 15 error-free games in 19 GP at 3B (6 Es).

ND SUMMER-BALL PLANS INCLUDE LARGE CAPE-COD CONTINGENT – Notre Dame's current players again are slated to scatter to some of the top wood-bat leagues during the summer of '05, including five who are set to join the prestigious Cape Cod League (several other ND players also could end up in the '05 CCL, pending the outcome of the MLB draft) ... here's a look at the summer plans for some of the Notre Dame players:

Notre Dame Baseball 2005 Summer Teams (as of May 1)

Greg Lopez.....	Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox.....	Cape Cod League
Dan Kapala.....	Falmouth Commodores.....	Cape Cod League
Sean Gaston	Cotuit Kettleers.....	Cape Cod League
Jeff Manship.....	Cotuit Kettleers.....	Cape Cod League
Derik Olvey.....	Cotuit Kettleers.....	Cape Cod League
Matt Bransfield	Mat-Su Miners.....	Alaska League
Cody Rizzo.....	Mat-Su Miners.....	Alaska League
Alex Nettey.....	Fayetteville (NC) Swampdogs.....	Coastal Plains League
Brett Lilley.....	Delaware (OH) Cows.....	Great Lakes League
Danny Dressman	Madison (WI) Mallards.....	Northwoods League
Mike Dury	Madison (WI) Mallards.....	Northwoods League
Ross Brezovsky	Hays (KS) Larks	Jayhawk League
David Gruener.....	Hays (KS) Larks	Jayhawk League
Wade Korpi.....	Staunton (VA) Braves.....	Valley League
Joey Williamson	Luray (VA) Wranglers.....	Valley League
Tony Langford.....	(team TBA)	Texas Collegiate League
Eddie Smith.....	(team TBA)	Central Illinois Collegeiate League

DYNAMIC DUOS – Notre Dame freshman 3B Brett Lilley (.380, 3rd) and senior 1B Matt Edwards (.352, 15th) rank as one of the top hitting combos in the BIG EAST ... Lilley is the only BIG EAST freshman with an overall batting avg. above .350 ... here's a look at the teams with multiple players among the BIG EAST's top-15 batting avg. leaders:

PittsburghJimmy Mayer (.375, 7th), Ben Copeland (.373, 9th) and Jim Negrych (.371, 11th)

Notre DameBrett Lilley (.380, 2nd) and Matt Edwards (.352, 15th)

Rutgers.....Johnny DeFendis (.378, 4th) and Cory Rodriguez (.373, 8th)

ConnecticutTony Mallozzi (2nd, .382) and Jeff Hourigan (13th, .358)

St. John's.....Greg Thomson (.373, 10th) and Joe Burke (.369, 12th)

West Virginia.....Lee Fritz (.376, 5th) and Doug Nelms (.376, 5th)

SEEING RED – ND assistant coach David "Red" Grewe charts plate discipline with a ratio of BB+HBP-Ks and freshman 3B Brett Lilley now is +30 (27+20-17) while junior OF Craig Cooper is +23 (23+13-13) in that "Red Ratio" ... ND as a team is +39 (161 BB, 97 HBPs, 219 Ks):

2005 "RED RATIO" CHART

Player	Walks	Hit-By-Pitch	Strikeouts	"Red Ratio" (BB+HBP-Ks)
Brett Lilley	30	22	20	+32
Craig Cooper	26	13	15	+24
Matt Edwards	28	6	22	+12
Cody Rizzo	20	15	25	+10
Steve Andres	18	5	16	+7
Matt Bransfield	9	6	11	+4
Alex Nettey	11	12	23	E
Sean Gaston	5	3	14	-6
Danny Dressman	4	1	12	-7
Mike Dury	2	1	11	-8
Ross Brezovsky	13	3	28	-12
Tony Langford	2	2	13	-13
Greg Lopez	7	13	34	-14
Others	3	2	3	+2
TEAM TOTALS	178	104	247	+35

Note: Lilley and Cooper are a combined +56 in the Red Ratio (the rest of the team is -21)

GREAT GLOVES GALORE – ND head coach Paul Mainieri traditionally has recruited prep shortstops who then have starred for the Irish at other positions and a quick look at the current ND infield reveals four different HS shortstops manning the positions: senior 1B Matt Edwards, freshman 2B Ross Brezovsky, junior SS Greg Lopez and freshman 3B Brett Lilley ... the 2004 team had a similar setup with Edwards, Lopez and 3B Matt Macri, plus a catcher (Javi Sanchez) who had started at SS for most of the 2002 College World Series ... interestingly, the other infielder on that 2004 team (2B Steve Sollmann) had completed the rare position switch of going from the outfielder (he was a standout prep CF) to a middle-infield spot.

EDWARDS RANKS AMONG BIG EAST'S ALL-AROUND TOP HITTERS – When looking at the OPS stat that combines on-base and slugging percentages, ND senior 1B Matt Edwards ranks among the BIG EAST leaders at 1.095 (.447+.648):

BIG EAST Conference 2005 Overall OPS Leaders

1. Greg Thomson (St. John's)484 on-base pct.667 slugging pct..... 1.151 OPS
2. Jim Negrych (Pittsburgh)486 on-base pct.636 slugging pct..... 1.122 OPS
3. Ben Copeland (Pittsburgh)468 on-base pct.633 slugging pct..... 1.101 OPS
4. **Matt Edwards (Notre Dame)**447 on-base pct.648 slugging pct..... 1.095 OPS

HOME-RUN HERO – Craig Cooper's 12th-inning HR beat Purdue at Coveleski Stadium (9-7) as he became the first ND player to hit a game-ending HR since the 2002 CWS game vs. Rice (when Brian Staviksy won that 5-3 game) ... Cooper's next at-bat produced a 1st-inning grand slam that sparked the 9-8 win over Valparaiso.

MAJOR-LEAGUE MAULER – To put Matt Edwards' 2005 run-producing numbers in perspective (56 RBI, in 47 games), he would be on pace to total 193 RBI in a 162-game Major League season.

EDWARDS LAUNCHES THREE HOME RUNS – Matt Edwards joined an elite group of ND players with a 3-HR game (6 RBI, 2 IBB) in the 9-5 in over Western Michigan (March 29) ... Edwards became the first ND player to hit 3 HRs in a game since All-America 3B Brant Ust homered vs. three different pitchers in a 1998 game at Seton Hall ... sophomore RHP Derek Schlecker served up two Edwards home runs, the first with 2 outs in the 1st when he left a 1-0 slider up and over (Edwards drove the ball into the wind and over the leftfield fence) ... two innings later, Edwards delivered on another 1-0 pitch, turning on a high fastball and driving it over the leftfield fence for a 2-run shot ... Edwards then greeted senior RHP Tim Bebbler in the 7th, working ahead in the count (2-0) before pulling a belt-high fastball down the leftfield line and out of the park for a booming 3-run shot ... Ust had been the program's only player with three home runs in a game since the early 1990s, when 1B Jon Binkiewicz had 3-HR games vs. Evansville and Michigan in a 12-day stretch of the '91 season ... the 113-year history of Notre Dame baseball now has seen just seven players hit three home runs in a game (total of eight times) – with Edwards, Ust and Binkiewicz the only players to do so in nearly 50 years ... one of the top players for ND's first College World Series team, Jim Morris, had 3 HRs in a game vs. Naval Air Station during that 1957 season ... one must go back 23 seasons before that to find another 3-HR game, by Andy Pilney vs. Chicago in 1934 ... Jake Kline – the Hall of Fame coach who was honored at Eck Stadium in late April (when a bust of the former Irish coach will be unveiled in the stadium concourse area) – was the second ND player ever to hit three home runs in a game, doing so in a 1916 vs. Michigan (Jerry Sheehan is the first known to have a 3-HR game, vs. Hillsdale in 1906).

THAT WAS NOTHING ... – The previous time Matt Edwards hit three home runs in a game was when he had a 4-HR game as a 14-year-old at a Virginia AAU state tournament ... in fact, he hit nine home runs and a double in his first 11 at-bats of that tournament, while playing with the Richmond Virginians.

FIVE-HIT HOME DEBUT – Brett Lilley turned in a 5-for-5 game vs. Cincinnati on March 22, the first ND freshman ever to produce five hits in a home opener ... Lilley is one of 29 all-time ND players with 5-plus hits in a game (done 31 total times) and just the second to do so in a home opener ... LF Allen Greene needed extra innings to complete the feat during the home opener of his sophomore season in 1997, batting 5-for-6 in an 8-7, 12-inning win over IUPUI ... the 5-foot-7 Lilley joins another short list as one of four ND freshmen ever to post a 5-hit game at any time in their debut season ... current sophomore C Sean Gaston went 5-for-6 early in the 2004 season vs. Florida Memorial (at FAU) while CF Scott Sollmann hit 5-for-6 at Purdue in his freshman season (5/10/94) and 1B Joe Binkiewicz had a 5-for-5 game vs. Dayton as a rookie (5/20/89) ... each of the above four players is a lefthanded hitter – in fact, 10 of the past 17 Irish players to get five-plus hits in a game have been lefthanded or switch-hitters ... starting with Steve Stanley late in the '01 season, five of the past seven to do so have hit from the left side (also Brian Stavisky and Paul O'Toole in '02 and Gaston in '04, plus righthanders Steve Sollmann in '02 and Matt Macri in '04) ... Sollmann (6-for-7 vs. South Alabama, '02 NCAA regionals) and his former teammate Alec Porzel (6-for-6 vs. Pittsburgh, '01) share the ND record for hits in a game.

IRISH CLOSE 11-1-1 HOMESTAND – Notre Dame's recent 13-1-1 streak included a productive homestand (11-1-1) that saw the Irish sweep Connecticut before going 2-0-1 vs. Villanova, plus wins over Bowling Green, Purdue (at downtown Coveleski Stadium), Valparaiso, Manchester and Cleveland State (2) and a loss to Central Michigan ... the Irish hit .322 in the 13-game homestand – led by freshman 3B Brett Lilley (.449) and junior DH/C/1B Matt Bransfield (.448) – with a 3.61 staff ERA and .976 fielding pct. (18 Es).

BREZOVSKY BREAKS OUT – Freshman 2B Ross Brezovsky (Naples, Fla.) ended his recent slump by batting 4-for-4 with 5 RBI in the 13-3 win over Cleveland State (BB, 2 R, HR, 2 2B) on April 30 ... Brezovsky entered that game with a sagging .252 season batting average that included just a .160 mark at Eck Stadium ... he had 2 RBI in the season-opening win over Florida A&M but had registered just one other multi-RBI game before knocking in five runs in the final game of the homestand ... Brezovsky also went 2-for-3 with a pair of runs scored on March 19 vs. Oakland (he had been hitless in six of the previous seven games).

ALL HE DOES IS GET EXTRA-BASE HITS – Junior LF/DH Steve Andres remains the master of the extra-base hit, as he has totaled two more extra-base hits (9; 4 HR, 3B, 4 2B) than singles (7) in '05 ... Andres has hit just one single since April 6, as three of his past four hits have gone for extra bases (including doubles vs. Cleveland State and Purdue and a triple vs. Bowling Green) ... since hitting a single vs. Northern Illinois on March 18, Andres has totaled six extra-base hits (also 2Bs vs. Seton Hall and Rutgers and a HR vs. Toledo) and just two singles ... he is batting only .205 this season but ranks 3rd on the team in slugging pct. (.436) and home runs (4) and 5th in extra-base hits while also owning a .386 on-base pct., thanks to 18 walks and 5 HBPs ... his .822 OPS (on-base plus slugging) ranks 4th among the 2005 ND players.

ON A ROLL – Notre Dame recently compiled the 12th double-digit unbeaten streak (10-0-1; from April 16-30) of the 11-year Paul Mainieri era, with five previous teams posting longer unbeaten streaks: 17 from March 24-April 14, 2003; 16 from April 4-25, 2001, and April 11-May 4, 2002; 13 from April 8-23, 1998; and 12 from April 29-May 21, 2004 ... the Irish have posted a double-digit unbeaten streak every season under Mainieri except 1997 (two in '98, '01 and '04).

APRIL AWAKENINGS – Notre Dame closed the book on yet another successful April, as Paul Mainieri's 11 ND teams now have combined to win 80.3% of their games in the month of April (+158; 209-51-1) compared to winning just 67% of the Feb./March games in the Mainieri era (+75; 167-82-1) ... the Irish were only three games over .500 in Feb./March this season (13-10) before rallying for a 14-5-1 mark (+9) in April, sparked by a 3.18 staff ERA during the month's 20 games ... ND hit just .293 during the month of April, averaging 7.0 runs per 9 innings ... five ND players hit above .275 in April: freshman 3B Brett Lilley (.361, 7 RBI, 19 R, 3 2B, 12 BB, 6 HBP, 8 Ks, SAC, 5-6 SB, 6 Es), senior 1B Matt Edwards (.350, 19 RBI, 17 R, 3 HR, 3B, 7 2B, 10 BB, HBP, 9 Ks, 3-3 SB, 7 Es), junior DH Matt Bransfield (.348, 9 RBI, 8 R, 4 2B, 6 BB, 2 HBP, 7 Ks, E), junior OF Craig Cooper (.321, 20 RBI, 14 R, 2 HR, 3B, 5 2B, 7 BB, 9 HBP, 7 Ks, SAC, 6-6 SB) and sophomore C Sean Gaston (.321, 11 RBI, 6 R, HR, 2 2B, 3 BB, HBP, 7 Ks, 2 SAC, 3-3 SB, 3 Es) ... the Irish pitchers bounced back from a rocky first month to post a 3.81 staff ERA, .281 opp. batting avg. and 2.3 K-to-walk ratio (106/47) in April – compared to a 5.11 ERA, .314 opp. avg. and 1.3 K/BB ratio in Feb./March ... junior LHP Tom Thornton led the staff in April with his 2.68 ERA (3-1. 5 GS, 37 IP, 38 H./268, 15 Ks/3 BB) while freshman LHP Wade Korpi (3.32 April ERA) and sophomore RHP Jeff Samardzija (3.81) also made key improvements from the first month of the season.

QUICK STARTERS – Notre Dame has produced consistent first-inning offense, totaling 46 first-inning runs in 47 games while scoring at least one first-inning run in 22 games (11 with multiple 1st-inning runs) ... the Irish struggled with first-inning scoring for much of '04 before a surge in the final month, en route to totaling 75 first-inning runs in 63 games.

THE DRIVE FOR 30 ... AND 40 – Notre Dame is two wins shy of posting its 18th consecutive season with 30-plus victories but the program's standard has been higher than that for nearly two decades, as the Irish also are riding a 16-year streak of seasons with 40-plus wins ... Florida State and Wichita State are the only Division I teams with longer active streaks of 40-win seasons (each with 27, prior to '05) but the Shockers streak includes several seasons in which they were allowed to play more than 56 games (for exempted games in Hawaii, including the current season) ... the Irish would need to win all of their remaining regular-season games and then add three in the postseason to reach 40 victories ... the previous 10 seasons of the Paul Mainieri era saw the 30th win come, on average, in the 41st game (the 1997 team posted its 30th win in the 45th game of that season).

ROAD HAZARDS – Buoyed by the recent 11-1-1 homestand and current 11-game home unbeaten streak, Notre Dame now owns a 19-3-1 mark in all 2005 home games but is just 9-15 on the road, with a .271 team batting avg., a 5.50 staff ERA and .959 fielding pct. ... Ross Brezovsky (.284 batting avg. on the road, .246 at ND's Eck Stadium) and fellow freshman Tony Langford (.378 road; .265 Eck) actually have hit higher away from home this season while their classmate Brett Lilley is a .440 batter at The Eck but just .316 on the road (senior 1B Matt Edwards is hitting at a .427 clip at Eck Stadium this season but just .305 on the road) ... ND is batting .316 at Eck Stadium – 45 points above its road batting avg. – with a 3.35 staff ERA and .961 fielding pct. at The Eck (34 Es in 22 games) ... junior LHP Tom Thornton (2.40 home ERA, .267 opp. avg.) and sophomore RHP Dan Kapala (2.76, .246) both are 3-0 at Eck Stadium in their 2005 decisions.

HOT CORNER SWITCH PROVIDES SPARK – After starting the season 14-14 (18 Es at 3B), the Irish are 14-4-1 since shifting freshman Brett Lilley to 3B and inserting his classmate Ross Brezovsky at 2B, with that 19-game stretch including a .973 team fielding pct. (0-1 Es in 16 games; 21 total Es) ... Lilley is batting .414 since shifting to the hot corner while his fellow leftside infielder, junior SS Greg Lopez, has made just one error in those 19 games (99 chances, .990 fielding pct.). ... Lilley played error-free in his first 9 games at 3B and now has totaled just 6 Es in 19 games at the position (after four of his teammates combined for the 18 Es at 3B in the first 28 games).

HBP HIGHWAY ROLLS ON – Notre Dame batters were hit-by-pitch nine times in the season opener vs. Florida A&M and the Irish have remained on a record HBP pace all season, currently with 104 HBPs in 47 games played ... the Irish last weekend become the second team in Division I history to post 100-plus HBPs in back-to-back seasons (also 106 in 2004), with Long Beach State totaling 124 in '98 and 114 in '99 ... ND's current HBP total ranks 9th in the NCAA record book, just one shy of 8th place ... the Irish are averaging 2.21 HBPs per game and are on pace for 124 in the 56-game regular season, which would be just shy of the NCAA record of 125 set by Nevada in 1997 ... of the 18 teams that have totaled 86-plus HBPs in a season, ND owns the highest avg. of HBPs per game ... no previous ND team had more than three players with 12-plus HBPs but the '05 team already has five with 12-plus HBPs: freshman 2B Brett Lilley (22), junior RF Cody Rizzo (15), junior OF Craig Cooper (13), junior SS Greg Lopez (13) and junior CF Alex Nettey (12) ... Lilley and Rizzo (28 in '03, 21 in '04) are the only ND players ever to total more than 15 HBPs in a season ... Rizzo has moved into 5th place on the NCAA career HBP list with 64, trailing only Clay Schwartz (68; Wisconsin-Milwaukee, '94-'97), Jeff Ontiveros (74; Texas, '99-'02), Gabe Somarriba (81; Florida Atlantic, '99-'02) and Tony Hurtado (92; San Francisco, '97-'00) ... seven ND players combined for 18 HBPs during the final five games of the homestand – including seven in the Villanova doubleheader and six vs. Manchester – led by six from Cooper (he totaled 6 HBPs in the '03 and '04 seasons combined) ... the first weekend of the season in Orlando included Steve Andres being HBP three times in the opener vs. FAMU and Lilley's 4 HBPs (one shy of the NCAA record) in the 4-2 win over Central Florida ... one previous ND team had three players with 12-plus HBPs (1993): Eric Danapilis (15, record until Rizzo's 28 in '03), Greg Layson (14) and Craig DeSensi (12) ... the past three ND teams have combined for 284 HBPs in 173 games (from '02-'04).

NCAA RECORD BOOK – SEASON HIT-BY-PITCH

Team	Year	G	HBP	HBP/gm
1. Nevada	1997	60	125	2.08
2. Long Beach State	1998	67	124	1.85
3. College of Charleston	2004	63	122	1.94
4. Cal State Fullerton	2003	66	117	1.77
5. Arizona State	2000	59	115	1.95
6. Long Beach State	1999	60	114	1.90
7. Notre Dame	2004	63	106	1.68
8. San Jose State	2000	65	105	1.62
9. Notre Dame	2005	47	104	2.21
10. Cal State Fullerton	1998	64	102	1.59
11. Washington	1998	58	101	1.74
12. Nebraska	2002	68	99	1.46
Oklahoma State	1999	67	99	1.48
Richmond	1997	60	99	1.65
15. Texas	2000	67	88	1.31
16. Southern Mississippi	1997	57	87	1.53
North Carolina	2000	63	86	1.37
Loyola Marymount	1986	65	86	1.32

* The 2005 Notre Dame team owns the best HBP per game among teams on the above list

* The Irish now are on pace for 124 HBPs (which would be just shy of the NCAA record) in the 56-game regular season

* ND has totaled 210 HBPs in the past two seasons, in 110 games (1.91 per game)

* Teams on the above list more than once include: Long Beach State (124 in '98, 114 in '99), Cal State Fullerton (117 in '03; 102 in '98) and Notre Dame (106 in '04; 104 in '05)

NCAA DIVISION I CAREER HIT-BY-PITCH LEADERS

1. 92	Tony Hurtado	San Francisco	1997-2000	221 GP	2.40 games played per HBP
2. 81	Gabe Somarriba	Florida Atlantic	1999-2002	226 GP	2.79 gms/HBP
3. 74	Jeff Ontiveros	Texas	1999-2002	258 GP	3.49 gms/HBP
4. 68	Clay Schwartz	Wisconsin-Milwaukee	1994-1997	180 GP	2.65 gms/HBP
5. 64	Cody Rizzo	Notre Dame	2003-active	158 GP	2.47 gms/HBP
62	J.R. Revere	Georgia Southern	1999-2002	217 GP	3.50 gms/HBP
7. 61	Karl Jernigan	Florida State	1998-2001	250 GP	4.10 gms/HBP
61	Rusty McNamara	Oklahoma State		194 GP	3.18 gms/HBP
61	Lou Donati	Santa Clara	1991-94	178 GP	2.92 gms/HBP

* At his career avg. pace, Rizzo would need to play in 72 more games to break the NCAA career HBP record

BONUS BASEBALL – ND has played to extra-innings five times in the past 15 games, going unbeaten in the first four (before the 6-5 loss, in 10, at St. John's) with wins over UConn (3-2, in 8), Purdue (9-7, in 12) and Cleveland State (7-6, in 13), plus the 7-7 tie vs. Villanova ... the Irish had a rare 0-3 start in extra-innings this season but ND now is 23-9-2 in its past 34 extra-inning games (dating back to 1997), including 3-4-1 in 2005 ... the Irish have suffered nearly as many extra-inning losses this season (4) as in the previous eight seasons (5, from '97-'04).

GOING THE DISTANCE – The 13-inning win over Cleveland State (7-6; 3:52 game time) on April 29 ranks as the 3rd-longest in the 11-year history of Eck Stadium, both in terms of innings and time ... the only games at The Eck to see more innings both stretched to the 15th frame: a 5-3 win over West Virginia on May 3, 1998, and the 7-6 win over Ball State on March 23, 2004 ... the two games that have lasted longer in game time were the 1998 WVU game (4:20) and the wild 22-18 loss to Pittsburgh on May 7, 2000 (4:06).

CLUTCH HITTING KEY COMPONENT – ND's 2004 team racked up its record-setting 51 wins behind an explosive offense that totaled 69 home runs, 19 triples and 120 doubles for a .479 slugging pct. ... the '05 team has seen that slugging pct. drop 66 points (.413), with just 32 HRs, 10 triples and 74 doubles ... the projected '05 extra-base hit totals over the 56-game regular season are 38 HRs, 12 triples and 88 doubles ... three stats that measure clutch offensive production – leadoff on-base pct., batting with runners in scoring position and 2-out batting – show that clutch hitting can overcome such a dropoff in power numbers, with freshman 3B Brett Lilley proving to be a valuable addition to the 2005 team ... using a formula that combines those three situational hitting numbers, Lilley is the runaway team leader with a "clutch hitting" score of 1.466 ... that number can be skewed a bit by the on-base pct. (which has the benefit of including walks and HBPs and thus is higher than the batting avg. stats) ... using an adjustment whereby the leadoff on-base pct. is multiplied by 75% (based on the fact that the '04 ND team hit .309 but had a .409 on-base; also mirrored by the '05 team's .293 batting and .413 OB), Lilley still checks in as ND's all-around leader in clutch hitting with a 1.333 score (.531 leadoff on-base/.398 adjusted, .435 RISP, .500 with 2-outs) ... Lilley leads the team in batting with RISP and with 2 outs while his leadoff OB ranks 3rd ... as a team, the most consistent part of ND's clutch offense has been leadoff on-base pct. (.424/.318 adjusted), followed by batting with RISP (.305) while the 2-out batting lags far behind (.283).

CLUTCH-HITTING CHART

	<i>Leadoff On-Base Pct.</i>	<i>Batting w/ RISP</i>	<i>2-Out Batting</i>	<i>Clutch-Hitting Score (Adjusted)</i>
Brett Lilley	.531 (.398)	.435	.500	1,333
Matt Edwards	.667 (.500)	.342	.279	1,121
Matt Bransfield	.650 (.488)	.346	.250	1,084
Craig Cooper	.436 (.327)	.386	.333	1,046
Sean Gaston	.417 (.313)	.292	.261	866
Tony Langford	.269 (.202)	.317	.308	827
Alex Nettey	.413 (.310)	.289	.224	823
Greg Lopez	.366 (.275)	.241	.283	799
Ross Brezovsky	.278 (.209)	.326	.244	779
Cody Rizzo	.467 (.350)	.190	.220	760
Danny Dressman	.200 (.150)	.286	.250	686
Steve Andres	.318 (.239)	.172	.259	670
Mike Dury	.250 (.188)	.190	.167	545
TEAM	.424 (.318)	.305	.283	906

HAND IT TO HIM – The Irish are hoping that the full-time return of junior DH Matt Bransfield will continue to spark the ND offense ... Bransfield suffered a broken hand in the season opener and missed the next 18 games but now ranks 3rd on the team with a .310 season batting avg. ... Bransfield also could provide a key boost to ND's power game and big-inning production, after smacking 12 home runs and leading the Irish with 58 RBI in the 2004 season (when he also paced the BIG EAST with 33 RBI in league play).

BIG BOPPER – Senior 1B Matt Edwards has hit 12 of ND's 32 home runs in the 2005 season (nearly 40%) while his 56 RBI are 16 more than the next-highest run producer on the team (Craig Cooper, with 40) ... Edwards, who has started all 47 games this season batting in the 3-hole, has made 88 straight starts with the Irish while missing a total of just three games in the past three seasons ... he remains 6th in ND history for career RBI (now 183, in 180 games) and suddenly is only 38 shy of the record held by '93 grad. Eric Danapilis (221) ... others on that list include Alec Porzel (211; '98-'01), Dan Peltier (202; '87-'89), Mike Amrhein (202; '94-'97) and Jeff Wagner (189; '96-'99) ... Edwards also ranks 9th in ND history with 12 career home runs and 17th with a .346 career batting avg.

GOOD FOR ONE – Notre Dame has extended the program's 2nd-longest scoring streak to 194 games (also 425 of the last 426 and 664 of 670/99.11% in the Mainieri era).

LUCKY NUMBERS – The Irish are 22-2 this season when leading at the end of the 6th inning (just 4-14 when trailing at the end of the 6th), with one of the late losses coming last week at St. John's (led 5-2 after 6; lost 6-5 in 10) ... ND also is 16-1-1 when outhitting the opponent, 17-3 when limiting the opponent to 0-3 runs (3-2, 3-1 losses at SJU) and 6-2 when playing error-free ball (both losses at SJU).

MOUND MANEUVERING – Notre Dame's 2005 pitching staff has been slowed by injuries to several key veterans, as senior RHP John Axford and sophomore RHP Jeff Manship both are returning from 2004 reconstructive elbow surgery while sophomore RHP Jess Stewart was sidelined for most of April with a knee injury ... Manship and Axford also have suffered midseason setbacks, as Manship injured a finger on his throwing hand in the first inning of the April 17 game vs. UConn while Axford has been sidelined with a recent shoulder injury that could hold him out until mid-May (Manship returned to throw one inning out of the bullpen vs. Cleveland State, on April 30, and then logged 4.0 as the game-3 starter at St. John's) ... Manship (14.0), Axford (1.2) and Stewart (11.2) have combined to throw only 27.1 innings this season, representing just 6% of the staff's workload in the 2005 season ... their absence has been magnified due to the fact that the Irish lost three key pitchers – top starters Grant Johnson and Chris Niesel (respectively 2nd- and 9th-round MLB draft picks) and lefthander setup man Joe Thaman – from the 2004 staff that finished 9th in the nation with a 3.36 season ERA.

LILLEY MAKING STRONG CASE FOR BIG EAST ROOKIE-OF-THE-YEAR HONORS – Notre Dame freshman Brett Lilley – who opened the season as the starting 2B before shifting to 3B for the past 15 games – is the frontrunner for BIG EAST Conference rookie-of-the-year honors ... Lilley currently leads the BIG EAST in on-base pct. (.531, which would tie ND record) while ranking 3rd in walks (30) and batting avg. (.380), 10th in runs (42) and 9th in hits (60) ... he is the ND leader/co-leader in seven categories – batting, on-base, BB, hit-by-pitch (22; good for 3rd in the nation), sac. bunts (6), games played and starts while ranking 2nd on the team in runs and hits, 3rd in stolen bases (9), 4th in total bases (64) and 5th in RBI (20) ... Lilley has turned in back-to-back hitless games just once all season (March 9-10), became the first ND freshman ever to post a 5-hit game in the home opener (vs. Cincinnati) and owns an on-base pct. that ranks 3rd all-time in the ND record book ... he has totaled 38 error-free games, including a 21-game span without an error (96 fielding chances) from March 24-April 21 ... four of his teammates combined for 18 errors at 3B in first 28 games of the season (ND was 14-14 at that point) but he then turned in 9 error-free games to open his stint at the hot corner (40 chances) ... Lilley has totaled 15 error-free games in 19 GP at 3B (6 Es) while sparking the Irish to their current 14-4-1 run ... he also ranks as the team's top situational hitters, leading the Irish in batting with runners in scoring position (.435) and with 2-outs (.500; 8 RBI) while ranking 3rd in leadoff on-base pct. (.531).

SPREADING IT AROUND – The previous six BIG EAST rookies of the year have come from six different schools – Providence, Rutgers, ND, Boston College, West Virginia and Pittsburgh ... since the 1996 season, when ND, Rutgers and WVU made their debut in the league, Notre Dame has produced the most BIG EAST rookies of the year (3): Jeff Wagner ('96), Brant Ust ('97) and Steve Sollmann ('01).

FIT TO BE TIED – The 7-7 game vs. Villanova is just the second tie in Paul Mainieri's 11 seasons at Notre Dame and his third in 23 seasons as a college head coach ... ND's 2001 team played to a tie with Navy at the Fresno State Classic, with time limits set on those games to keep that eight-team tournament schedule on pace.

STEVE ANDRES (LF/DH/C, Jr., Bats: Left, 5-10/200 ... Napa, CA ... 2004 NCAA Regional All-Tournament Team)

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	E
2003	.269	43-29	104	26	28	2	2	4	22	46	.442	19	9	27	3	.415	3	0	2-3	1
2004	.320	57-49	169	38	54	13	4	8	39	99	.586	44	6	44	0	.471	2	1	4-9	4
2005	.205	30-20	78	22	16	4	1	4	17	34	.436	18	5	16	0	.386	0	0	0-0	0
TOTAL	.279	130-98	351	86	98	19	7	16	78	179	.510	81	20	87	3	.435	5	1	6-12	5

A Little Extra – has totaled two more extra-base hits (9; 4 HR, 3B, 4 2B) than singles (7) in the 2005 season ... his career totals includes 56 singles and 42 extra-base hits (16 HR, 7 3B, 19 2B)

Milestone Watch – needs two more hits for the 100th hit of his ND career

St. John's Series – hit 0-for-6 with a pair of walks (K)

13-Game Homestand – hit .308 (4-for-13) in 6 GP/3 GS (5 RBI, 5 R, 3B, 2 2B, 5 BB)

Monthly Checkup – compiled .269 batting avg. in month of April (7-for-26, 8 RBI, 8 R, HR, 3B, 3 2B, 7 BB, 4 Ks)

Home and Away – batting 77 points higher in games at Eck Stadium this season (.250, 6-for-24, 7 RBI, 7 R, HR, 3B, 2 2B, 6 BB, 3 Ks) than in all road games (.173, 9-for-52, 9 RBI, 15 R, 3 HR, 2B, 10 BB, 5 HBP, 13 Ks)

Lineup Notes – 20 starts include 13 in LF, 6 as DH, 1 at C ... 13 in cleanup spot (4 in 5-hole, 2 in 7-hole, 1 in 8-hole)

Top '05 Games – his leadoff single preceded Greg Lopez HR as ND scored three times in 9th to tie series finale vs. Villanova (ended in 7-7 tie) ... repeated as all-tournament selection at Alamo City Irish Baseball Classic (.500, 5-for-10, 4 RBI, 4 R, 2 HR, 3 BB, 2 Ks) ... homered at ACIBC vs. Oral Roberts and in 3rd-place game vs. Southwest Missouri (2 RBI, 2 R in both games, added 2 BB vs. SMS) ... hit HR in 2nd AB of season, vs. Florida A&M ... had RBI double and scored in 5-run, 9th-inning comeback that tied game-2 at Rutgers ... hit HR to dead-center field vs. Toledo ...

MATT BRANSFIELD (DH/1B/C, Jr., Bats: Right, 6-1/205 ... Englewood, CO ... 2004 BIG EAST RBI Champion)

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	E
2003....	.310	33-17	71	13	22	3	0	0	10	25	.352	3	3	19	1	.354	2	1	0-0	0
2004....	.306	59-54	206	44	63	12	3	12	58	117	.568	22	9	30	0	.388	5	1	0-3	0
2005....	.310	24-22	71	11	22	4	0	0	14	26	.366	9	6	11	0	.425	1	1	1-1	1
TOTAL...	.307	116-93	348	68	107	19	3	12	82	168	.483	34	18	60	1	.390	8	3	1-4	1

St. John's Series – hit 2-for-9 with 3 RBI (BB, HBP, 3 Ks)

13-Game Homestand – ranked 2nd on team (.448 batting avg., just behind Brett Lilley's .449) after hitting 13-for-29 in 10 GP/8 GS (8 RBI, 3 R, 4 2B, 3 BB, 2 HBP, 6 Ks, E)

Home and Away – most of his action this season has come at home (.346, 18-for-52, 11 RBI, 6 R, 4 2B, 6 BB, 4 HBP, 7 Ks, SAC, SB, E), due to early-season hand injury ... has played just 7 games on the road, batting .211 (4-for-19, 3 RBI, 5 R, 3 BB, 2 HBP, 3 Ks)

Lineup Notes – his 22 starts include 14 at DH, 6 at C, 2 at 1B – with 7 starts batting cleanup, 10 in the 6-hole, 5 in 5-hole

Summer Ball – slated to join teammate Cody Rizzo as member of the Mat-Su Miners of the Alaska League during the summer of 2005 (ND's Matt Edwards played for Mat-Su in the summer of '04) ... previously has played summer ball with the Colorado Sox of the Rocky Mountain League ('03) and the Waynesboro (Va.) Generals of the Valley League ('04)

Top '05 Games – had leadoff pinch-hit single and scored as ND rallied to force extra-innings in 3-2 win over UConn ... scored 3 times in series finale at Rutgers (H, BB) ... had RBI groundout and run-scoring single to help beat Cleveland State in 7-6 game ... plated 3 runs in 9-8 win over Valparaiso

ROSS BREZOVSKY (3B, Fr., Bats: Left, 5-10/170 ... Naples, FL)

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	E
2005....	.267	40-37	135	24	36	7	2	1	16	50	.370	13	3	28	8	.338	3	6	3-4	12

St. John's Series – went 0-for-9 with 4 Ks (2 SAC, E)

Recent Trends – hitless in 6-of-7 games before going 2-for-3 in the win over Oakland (2 R), now 6-for-25 (.240) in past 8 games

13-Game Homestand – hit .256 (11-for-43) in 12 GS (7 RBI, 11 R, HR, 3 2B, 7 BB, 7 Ks, 3 SAC, 2 SB, E)

Monthly Checkup – compiled .232 batting avg. in April (13-for-56, 9 RBI, 12 R, HR, 4 2B, 8 BB, 10 Ks, 3 SAC, 2 SB, 2 Es)

Home and Away – batting 38 points higher in all road games (.284, 21-for-74, 9 RBI, 9 R, 2 3B, 4 2B, BB, 3 HBP, 18 Ks, SB, 9 Es) than at Eck Stadium (.246, 14-for-57, 6 RBI, 14 R, HR, 2 2B, 11 BB, 9 Ks, 4 SAC, 2 SB, 2 Es)

Lineup Notes – his 37 starts include 15 at 3B, 18 at 2B (all in last 19 games) and 3 at SS (plus a single start at LF) ... has hit mostly in 7-hole (12 games) and 8-hole (15), plus 4 as leadoff hitter and 6 in 9-hole

Summer Ball – slated to join classmate David Gruener as member of Hays (Kan.) Larks in Jayhawk League, during summer of '05 ... several Mainieri-era players have been on previous Larks teams, including current players Craig Cooper ('03), Cody Rizzo ('03, injured) and Tyler Jones ('02) ... other recent ND players who have been on Hays teams include Javi Sanchez ('02), Ryan Kalita ('02), J.P. Gagne ('01), Joe Thaman ('01), Andrew Bushey ('00), Matt Buchmeier ('00), Drew Duff ('99-'00), Paul O'Toole ('99), Mike Carlin ('98), Ben Cooke ('98-'99), Jeff Felker ('98-'99) and Pat Davis (also later was Hays assistant coach)

Top '05 Games – drove in 5 runs vs. Cleveland State on April 30 (13-3; 4-for-4, HR, 2B, BB) for his first multi-RBI game since opening week ... scored 3 times in 5-2 win over Villanova (2-for-3, SB) ... plated Alex Nettey with groundrule double to end 4-3 win over Florida A&M ... closed Dayton series with 3-for-4 game (2 R, HBP; 10-11) ... hit 3-for-5 vs. Oral Roberts (R) en route to earning all-tournament spot at Alamo City Irish Baseball Classic (.357, 5-for-14, 3 R, 3B, 2 Ks, E)

CRAIG COOPER (OF, Jr., Bats: Right, 6-2/220 ... Plainview, NY ... 2nd Team All-BIG EAST in 2004)

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	E
2003....	.303	46-31	122	22	37	6	2	0	15	47	.385	15	4	23	3	.397	0	2	10-13	1
2004....	.360	58-46	175	42	63	13	1	10	48	108	.617	25	2	22	0	.441	2	4	12-17	2
2005....	.297	44-42	148	33	44	8	1	5	40	69	.466	26	13	15	6	.441	1	3	13-15	2
TOTAL...	.324	148-119	445	97	144	27	4	15	103	224	.503	66	19	60	9	.430	3	9	35-45	5

Milestone Watch – collected 100th career RBI vs. Cleveland State (4/30) ... enters SJU series with 95 career runs

St. John's Series – hit 1-for-8 with 2 runs scored (3 BB, 2 Ks, 2 SAC, SB)

13-Game Homestand – hit .250 (11-44) with team-best 18 RBI in 13 GS (12 R, 2 HR, 3B, 2 2B, 6 BB, 8 HBP, 3 Ks, 5 SB; just one multiple-hit game)

Monthly Checkup – ranked 4th on team with .321 batting avg. and team-best 20 RBI while helping team go 14-5-1 in April (17 GS, 14 R, 2 HR, 3B, 5 2B, 7 BB, 9 HBP, 7 Ks, SAC, 6-6 SB)

Home and Away – batting similarly in all road games this season (.305/3rd on team, 25-for-82, 15 RBI, 16 R, 2 HR, 6 2B, 13 BB, 4 HBP, 11 Ks, 6-8 SB, E) and at Eck Stadium (.295, 18-for-61, 23 RBI, 15 R, 2 HR, 3B, 2 2B, 12 BB, 9 HBP, 3 Ks, SAC, 7-7 SB, E)

Lineup Notes – 42 starts include 14 in LF, plus starts at 1B (9), CF (4), RF (13) and DH (2); has started 23 games as cleanup batter, plus starts in the 5th (8), 6th (7), 7th (3) and leadoff (1) spots

Top '05 Games – hit ND's first game-ending HR (9-7 vs. Purdue; April 20) since '02 CWS (Brian Stavisky; 5-3 vs. Rice) and then hit grand slam in next AB, vs. Valparaiso (9-8; 5 RBI) ... hit 2-for-4 in loss at Central Florida (1-2) before helping beat Knights in 4-2 game (3-for-4, 2 RBI, R, BB, SB) ... 3-for-4 in first win over Southwest Missouri (2 RBI, 2 R, HR) ... HR vs. South Dakota State (2 RBI, 3 R, 2 BB) and Cincinnati (1-for-3, 2 R, BB, SB) ... helped avert loss to Cleveland State (7-6; 3-for-4, 3 RBI, 2 R, 3B, BB, 2 SB) before adding 3 RBI next day in 13-3 win over Vikings (H, R, SB) ... hit .333 with 5 RBI and 2 HR on spring break trip (6-for-18, 6 R, 5 BB, 3 Ks)

MATT EDWARDS (1B, Sr., Bats: Right ... Mechanicsville, VA ... First Team All-BIG EAST in 2003)

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	E
2002....	.290	9-8	31	3	9	1	0	0	4	10	.323	3	1	6	1	.371	0	0	1-1	6
2003....	.376	62-62	229	40	86	16	2	8	69	130	.568	25	4	39	0	.439	4	0	2-5	9
2004....	.310	61-59	216	48	67	13	1	12	54	118	.546	32	9	40	0	.414	4	3	5-6	5
2005....	.352	47-47	182	46	64	16	1	12	56	118	.648	28	6	22	5	.447	3	0	4-4	11
TOTAL...	.343	179-176	658	137	226	46	4	32	183	376	.571	88	20	107	6	.430	11	3	12-16	31

Milestone Watch – needs four doubles to become 10th player in ND history with 50 2Bs in his career

Among BIG EAST Stat Leaders – owns league-best totals in RBI (56) and home runs (12), also 3rd in slugging pct. (.648), 4th in OPS (1.095) and runs (46), 5th in hits (64), walks (28) and doubles (16) and 15th in batting avg. (.352)

St. John's Series – suffered his only 3-game hitless streak of the season (0-for-9, 2 R, 4 BB, 5 Ks) while seeing his streak without an RBI extend to five games (he enters Michigan game with no HRs in previous 12 games)

13-Game Homestand – hit .353 (18-for-51) in 13 GS (10 RBI, 11 R, HR, 3B, 5 2B, 9 BB, HBP, 5 Ks, SB, 2 Es)

Monthly Checkup – 2nd on team with .350 batting in month of April (28-for-30, 19 RBI, 17 R, 3 HR, 3B, 7 2B, 10 BB, HBP, 9 Ks, 3 SB, 7 Es)

Home and Away – ranks 2nd on team with **.427** batting in 2005 games at **Eck Stadium** (35-for-82, 32 RBI, 23 R, 7 HR, 3B, 9 2B, 16 BB, 2 HBP, 6 Ks, 3 SB, 4 Es) while ranking 3rd on team with **.305** batting – 122 points lower than his Eck avg. – in all '05 **road games** (29-for-95, 24 RBI, 23 R, 5 HR, 7 2B, 11 BB, 4 HBP, 14 Ks, SB, 6 Es)

Old Reliable – has logged 88 consecutive starts with the Irish and has played in 170 of 171 games during the past three seasons (starting 168), since returning from broken leg that halted his freshman season early in '02

Lineup Notes – his 47 starts include 36 at 1B, 10 at 3B (DH in gm-3 vs. UConn) ... has made all starts batting in 3-hole

Top '05 Games – first ND player since '98 to hit 3 HR in game (vs. Western Michigan, 6 RBI, 2 IBB) ... homered in opener vs. Florida A&M (RBI, 4 R, 2B, BB, HBP) ... his 8-for-17 Dayton series included HR in 10-2 win (2 RBI, 3 R) ... launched grand slam vs. Texas-San Antonio and homered next day vs. Southwest Missouri, as part of his all-tournament performance at the Alamo City Irish Baseball Classic ... added HRs at Evansville and in game-2 vs. Georgetown ... hit 2-for-4 in home opener vs. Cincinnati (3 RBI, 2B) ... his 5-for-11 series vs. UConn included HR to dead-center field in series finale ... helped secure 7-7 tie in season finale vs. Villanova (3-for-5, 3 RBI, R, 2 2B, BB)

CAREER HOME RUNS

1. Jeff Wagner ('96-'99)	49
2. Brant Ust ('97-'99)	46
3. Frank Jacobs ('89-'91)	37
Mike Amrhein ('94-'97)	37
Alec Porzel ('98-'01)	37
6. Ryan Topham ('93-'95)	34
7. Joe Binkiewicz ('89-'92)	33
Brian Stavisky ('00-'02)	33
9. Matt Edwards ('02-)	32

CAREER RBI

1. Eric Danapilis ('90-'93)	221
2. Alec Porzel ('98-'01)	211
3. Dan Peltier ('87-'89)	202
Mike Amrhein ('94-'97)	202
5. Jeff Wagner ('96-'99)	189
6. Matt Edwards ('02-)	183
7. Joe Binkiewicz ('89-'92)	176

CAREER BATTING AVG.

1. Dan Peltier ('87-'89)	.406
2. Eric Danapilis ('90-'93)	.405
3. Jim Morris ('57-'58)	.390
4. Steve Stanley ('99-'02)	.384
5. Scott Sollmann ('94-'96)	.372
6. Robbie Kent ('93-'94)	.368
Brant Ust ('97-'99)	.368
8. Pat Pesavento ('86-'89)	.367
9. Randall Brooks ('94-'97)	.364
10. Mike Amrhein ('94-'97)	.361
11. Steve Sollmann ('01-'04)	.360
12. James Sass ('88-'89)	.357
13. Shaun Fitzmaurice ('63-'64)	.355
Brian Stavisky ('00-'02)	.355
15. Edwin Hartwell ('90-'93)	.354
16. Rich Gonski ('62-'64)	.353
17. Matt Edwards ('02-)	.346

SEAN GASTON (C, So., Bats: Left, 6-0/185 ... Brownsburg, IN)

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	E
2004....	.316	23-12	57	11	18	3	0	0	11	21	.368	5	0	9	0	.365	1	0	4-4	1
2005....	.289	38-36	135	24	39	4	0	1	23	46	.341	5	3	14	3	.326	1	6	4-4	4
TOTAL...	.297	61-48	192	35	57	7	0	1	34	67	.349	10	3	23	3	.340	2	6	8-8	5

13-Game Homestand – 4th on team with .350 batting (14-40, 12 GP/10 GS, 9 RBI, 6 R, HR, 2B, 2 BB, 5 Ks, SAC, 2 SB)

Monthly Checkup – 5th on team with .321 batting in April (17-53, 11 RBI, 6 R, HR, 2 2B, 3 BB, HBP, 7 Ks, 2 SAC, 3 SB, 3 Es)

Home and Away – has experienced similar success in '05 batting at Eck Stadium (.305, 18-for-59, 11 RBI, 8 R, HR, 2 2B, 2 BB, 7 Ks, 3 SB, E) and in all road games (.282, 20-for-71, 12 RBI, 16 R, 2 2B, 3 BB, 3 HBP, 7 Ks, 3 SAC, SB, 3 Es)

Lineup Notes – has made all 36 of his starts at catcher while batting all over the lineup, with 8 starts each in the 6-, 8- and 9-holes, plus starts in the 2nd (2), 4th (2), 5th (4) and 7th (4) spots

Summer Ball – set to join classmates Jeff Manship and Derik Olvey as members of the Cape Cod League's Cotuit Kettleers during summer of '05 (at least two other ND players also are set to play in the '05 Cape) ... played with the Waterloo (Iowa) Bucs of the Northwoods League during the summer of '04

Top '05 Games – went 4-for-8 in doubleheader vs. Villanova (5 RBI, 2 R, BB, 3-run HR) ... hit 9th-inning single prior to Greg Lopez's 3-run HR as ND tied series finale vs. VU (ended 7-7) ... singled for key hit in comeback win over UConn (3-for-4, SB) ... 4-for-6 in 13-9 loss to Dayton (RBI, R) ... 3-for-4 in second win over Southwest Missouri (RBI, 3 R, HBP) and 3-for-5 in comeback vs. Northern Illinois (RBI, 3 R, 2B) ... lead role in win over Bowling Green (3-for-4, 2 RBI, 2 R, 2B)

TONY LANGFORD (OF/DH, Fr., Bats: Right, 5-11/175 ... Fort Worth, TX)

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	E
2005....	.303	37-28	109	11	33	6	0	2	20	45	.413	2	2	13	4	.325	1	1	1-1	1

St. John's Series – went 1-for-3 (R, RBI, K)

Recent Trends – hit vs. Oakland halted his 1-for-16 slump

13-Game Homestand – hit .231 (9-for-39) in 11 GP/10 GS (5 RBI, 4 R, 2 2B, 2 HBP, 6 Ks, SAC)

Monthly Checkup – compiled .266 batting avg. in April (17-for-64, 11 RBI, 6 R, 2 HR, 3 2B, BB, 2 HBP, 8 Ks, SAC, E)

Home and Away – owns team-best .378 batting avg. in all road games (14-for-37, 11 RBI, 4 R, 2 HR, 2 2B, BB, 4 Ks) but is hitting 113 points lower at Eck Stadium (.265, 18-for-68, 7 RBI, 6 R, 4 2B, BB, HBP, 9 Ks, SAC, SB, E)

Lineup Notes – his 28 starts include 15 in LF, 11 at DH and 2 in RF while batting mostly in 5-hole (13) and 7-hole (9), plus start in the 6th (4), 8th (1) and cleanup (1) spots

Summer Ball – slated to play in the Texas Collegiate League (team TBA) during the summer of '05

Top '05 Games – hit 3-for-4 in his first start, vs. Southwest Missouri (3 RBI, R, BB), followed by 2-for-4 game vs. Evansville (2B) and 2-for-5 vs. South Dakota State (RBI) ... added 3-for-6 effort in game-2 vs. Georgetown (RBI, 2 R, 2B) ... homered twice to fuel late comeback in extra-inning loss at Rutgers ... hit 3-for-4 in win over Bowling Green (RBI, 2 R, 2B, SAC)

BRETT LILLEY (2B, Fr., Bats: Left, 5-7/165 ... North Canton, OH ... Freshman All-America Candidate)

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	E
2005....	.380	47-47	158	42	60	4	0	0	20	64	.405	30	22	20	2	.531	1	6	9-16	11

Great Glove Man – has 38 error-free games, including 21-game span without an error (96 fielding chances) from March 24-April 21 (spanning time at 2B and 3B) ... four teammates combined for 18 errors at 3B in first 28 games of the season but he then turned in 9 error-free games to open his stint at the hot corner (40 chances) ... has 15 error-free games in 19 GP at 3B (6 Es)

In the Record Books – his 22 HBP rank 2nd in ND history (behind Cody Rizzo's 28 in '03) while his .531 on-base pct. would tie the ND record set by Eric Danapilis in '91 ... on pace to break the ND record for OB pct. by a freshman (.509, by Danapilis in '90) while his .380 batting is 3rd-best ever by ND freshman (Danapilis hit .429 in '90, Scott Sollmann .402 in '94)

BIG EAST Stat Leader – owns league-best .531 on-base pct. and 22 HBP, also 3rd in batting avg. (.380) and walks (30), 9th in hits (60 and 10th in runs (42)

St. John's Series – hit 5-for-10 (RBI, R, 3 BB, 2 Ks)

13-Game Homestand – hit team-best .449 (22-for-49) in 13 GS (7 RBI, 15 R, 2B, 11 BB, 4 HBP, 6 Ks, SAC, 4 SB, 6 Es)

Monthly Checkup – team-best .361 batter in April (26-for-72, 7 RBI, 19 R, 3 2B, 12 BB, 6 HBP, 8 Ks, 5 SB, 6 Es)

Home & Away – batting 124 points higher at Eck Stadium (.440, 33-for-75, 13 RBI, 24 R, 2B, 13 BB, 8 HBP, 8 Ks, 4 SAC, 6 SB, 8 Es) than in all road games (.316/2nd on team, 25-for-79, 7 RBI, 16 R, 3 2B, 15 BB, 14 HBP, 10 Ks, 2 SAC, 2-7 SB, 4 E)

Lineup Notes – made first 28 starts at 2B before starting past 19 games at 3B, with the Irish going 14-4-1 in that stretch ... has hit mostly in the 2-hole (40, plus 7 early-season starts at leadoff)

Top '05 Games – became first ND freshman ever to post 5-hit game in home opener (vs. Cincinnati, 2 RBI, R, 2 SB) ... hit-by-pitch 4 times (one shy of tying NCAA record) in 4-2 win over Central Florida (1-for-1, R) ... had 9-for-11 stretch vs. Central Michigan (2-for-3, R, BB) and then in doubleheader vs. UConn: 2-for-3 in opener (R, BB) and 4-for-4 in nightcap (R) ... hit 3-for-5 with 2 RBI in series finale vs. Villanova (7-7) ... hit .368 on spring-break trip (7-for-19, 2 RBI, 6 R, 4 BB, 5 HBP, 4 Ks)

GREG LOPEZ (SS, Jr., Bats: R, 6-0/190; Upper Arlington, OH ... 3rd Team All-BIG EAST in '04; Academic All-America Candidate in '05)

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	E
2003....	.250	50-40	132	17	33	1	0	0	26	34	.258	4	4	22	5	.289	2	8	1-5	8
2004....	.332	59-57	199	39	66	14	0	2	34	86	.432	14	9	32	0	.396	3	10	4-5	20
2005....	.268	47-46	157	30	42	5	1	2	30	55	.350	7	13	34	0	.337	7	4	0-1	13
TOTAL...	.289	156-143	488	86	141	20	1	4	90	175	.359	25	26	88	5	.348	12	22	5-11	41

For Glove of the Game – his 38 error-free games in '05 include 15 to open season and current streak of 1 E in 19 games (active 10-game errorless streak) ... had four straight games with Es (March 19-24) but has not made errors in back-to-back games at any other time this season ... has only 4 multi-E games in '05 (none 3-plus) ... 42 E-free games in '04 (80 in '04-'05)

Hitting Ball & Books – candidate for Academic All-America honors (3.36 GPA; anthropology/pre-professional science major)

Milestone Watch – needs 10 more RBI for the 100th of his ND career

St. John's Series – hit 1-for-11 (RBI, 2 Ks)

Recent Trends – halted 1-for-19 slump by batting 2-for-4 vs. Oakland

13-Game Homestand – hit .311 (14-for-45) in 13 GS (10 RBI and 13 R/both 2nd on team, HR, 3B, 2 2B, 8 HBP, 8 Ks, E)

Monthly Checkup – hit .254 in month of April (17-for-67, 10 RBI, 15 R, HR, 3B, 2B, 2 BB, 11 HBP, 15 Ks, 5 Es)

Home and Away – batting 118 points higher at Eck Stadium this season (.329/4th on team, 25-for-76, 15 RBI, 21 R, HR, 3B, 5 2B, 2 BB, 10 HBP, 13 Ks, 9 Es) than in all road games (.211, 16-for-76, 15 RBI, 9 R, HR, 5 BB, 3 HBP, 18 Ks, 4 Es)

Lineup Notes – had made 43 starts at SS (plus 3 at 3B, in midseason) while batting in the 9th (26), 8th (18) and 7th (2) spots

Summer Ball – one of several ND players slated to play in Cape Cod League (Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox) during summer of '05 ... played for Delaware (Ohio) Cows of Great Lakes League in summer of '04

Top '05 Games – tied series finale vs. Villanova with 3-run HR in 9th (ended 7-7; 3-for-5, HBP) ... hit 3-for-3 in 11-10 loss to Dayton (4 RBI, R, SAC, SF) ... had 3 RBI in comeback win over Northern Illinois (1-for-3, R, SF) ... hit 3 doubles in gm-2 vs. Georgetown (2 RBI, R, BB) ... led 7-1 win over UConn (3-for-4, 2 RBI, 2 R, 2B)

ALEX NETTEY (OF, Jr., Bats: Right, 6-1/200 ... Dolton, IL)

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	E
2003....	.229	30-9	48	11	11	2	0	0	3	13	.271	3	1	9	1	.288	0	1	2-2	0
2004....	.194	27-9	36	9	7	3	0	0	5	10	.278	4	3	5	0	.326	0	0	1-1	0
2005....	.292	44-43	171	34	50	7	2	2	18	67	.392	11	12	23	5	.374	1	5	8-14	4
TOTAL...	.267	101-61	255	54	68	12	2	2	26	90	.353	18	16	37	6	.352	1	6	11-17	4

St. John's Series – hit 3-for-11 (RBI, R, BB, 3 Ks, 2 SB)

Recent Trends – saw his 7-game hit streak (10-for-30) end vs. Oakland (0-for-4, BB, 2 R)

13-Game Homestand – 5th on team with .333 batting (19-57, 5 RBI, 12 R, HR, 2 2B, 2 BB, 4 HBP, 7 Ks, 2 SB, 2 Es)

Monthly Checkup – hit .274 in month of April (23-for-84, 6 RBI, 14 R, HR, 3B, 3 2B, 3 BB, 5 HBP, 11 Ks, 2 SB, 3 Es)

Home and Away – similar batting numbers in '05 games at Eck Stadium (.278, 25-for-90, 10 RBI, 22 R, HR, 3 2B, 6 BB, 7 HBP, 12 Ks, 3 SB, 3 Es) as in all road games (.280, 21-for-75, 6 RBI, 10 R, 2 3B, 4 2B, 4 BB, 5 HBP, 11 Ks, 4-6 SB, E)

Lineup Notes – has made all 43 starts in CF, batting mostly leadoff (33), plus starts in 9th (6), 2nd (2), 5th (1) and 8th (1)

Summer Ball – slated to return to Fayetteville (N.C.) Swamp Dogs of Coastal Plains League during summer of '05

Top '05 Games – snapped 1-for-18 slump vs. Purdue at Coveleskt Stadium (4-for-6, HR, SB) ... hit 3-for-6 in series finale vs. Villanova (7-7) .. doubled and scored game-ending run vs. Florida A&M (4-3; 2-for-3) ... hit 3-for-4 vs. Oral Roberts (RBI, R, 2B) as all-tournament pick at Alamo City Irish Baseball Classic (.385, 5-for-13, 2 RBI, 2 R, 2B, 3 BB, HBP, 1-2 SB) ... had 2-run HR for only hit in game-2 vs. Georgetown (1-for-7, SAC) ...hit 3-for-4 vs. Bowling Green

CODY RIZZO (OF, Jr., Bats: Right, 6-1/200 ... Temecula, CA)

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	E
2003....	.314	58-56	191	53	60	11	1	4	38	85	.445	11	28	33	0	.425	3	1	1-2	4
2004....	.263	52-51	175	39	46	5	1	4	29	65	.371	4	21	30	0	.348	4	1	5-6	5
2005....	.225	44-35	111	30	25	5	1	2	15	38	.342	20	15	25	3	.405	2	1	13-17	2
TOTAL...	.275	154-142	477	122	131	21	3	10	82	188	.394	35	64	88	3	.393	9	3	19-25	11

St. John's Series – hit 2-for-10 (RBI, R, 2 HBP, K, 2 SB)

Recent Trends – has gone hitless in 11 of ND's past 12 games (2-for-27, 11 GP)

Walking Tall – has overcome subpar batting season by getting on base via walks (20) and HBP (15) – for .405 on-base pct. on team (despite hitting just .225), also swiping 13 bases ... first two seasons featured total of just 15 walks (4 in '04) and 6 stolen bases but he already has passed that 2-year BB total and has more than doubled his 2-year SB total from '03 and '04

Plunksville – already ranks 5th in the NCAA record book with 64 career times hit-by-pitch (record is 92)

13-Game Homestand – hit .192 (5-for-26) in 12 GP/7 GS (3 RBI, 8 R, HR, 2B, 4 BB, 3 HBP, 6 Ks, 3-5 SB)

Monthly Checkup – hit .205 in month of April (8-for-39, 5 RBI, 11 R, HR, 2 2B, 5 BB, 4 HBP, 10 Ks, 3-5 SB, E)

Home and Away – has similar 2005 batting numbers at Eck Stadium (.214, 9-for-42, 5 RBI, 16 R, HR, 2B, 9 BB, 9 HBP, 7 Ks, 9-11 SB) and in all road games (.235, 16-for-68, 10 RBI, 13 R, HR, 3B, 4 2B, 11 BB, 6 HBP, 18 Ks, 4-6 SB, 2 Es)

Lineup Notes – 31 starts in RF while starting past 4 games behind the plate (all-state catcher as a prep but previously just 4 starts at C with the Irish, in '03) ... has been batting mostly in the 5th (10), 6th (11) and 7th (12) spots, plus 2 in 8th

Summer Ball – slated to join teammate Matt Bransfield on Mat-Su Miners of Alaska League in summer of '05 (ND's Matt Edwards played for Mat-Su in '04) ... saw his '03 summer with Hays Larks (Jayhawk League) cut short due to injury ... dnp in summer of '04 due to wrist injury

Top '05 Games – smacked 2-run HR and hit 3-for-3 to help complete sweep of UConn (3 R, HBP, 2 SB) ... hit 3-for-5 in 13-9 loss to Dayton (RBI, 2 R, HR, 2B, SB) ... helped rally past NIU (2-for-2, RBI, 2 R, 3B, BB, HBP) ...hit .111 on spring break (2-for-18, 2 R, 3 BB, HBP, 6 Ks, SB)