

BIG EAST Baseball Doubleheader



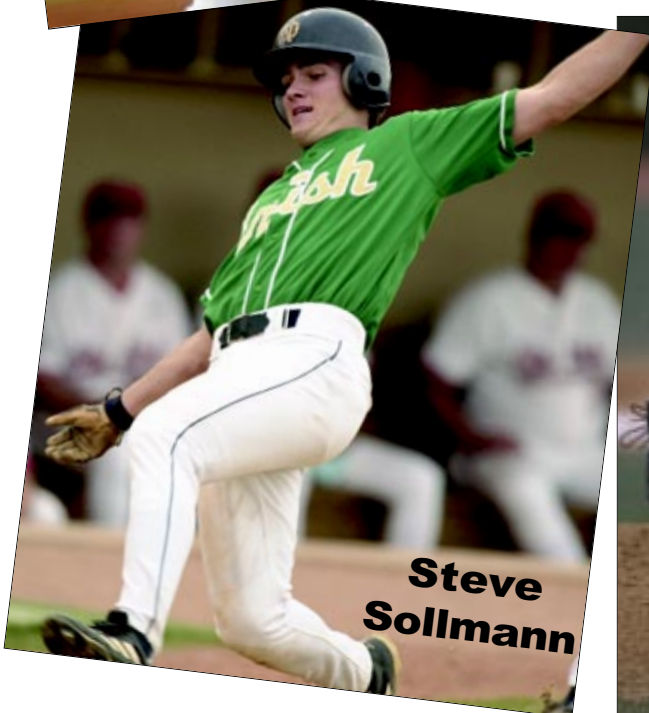
**Georgetown
Hoyas (6-12, 1-5)**

vs.

**#22 Notre Dame
Fighting Irish (13-6, 2-1)**



Saturday, March 29, 2002 ... Eck Stadium (Notre Dame, Indiana)



BIG EAST LEADERS

Overall Batting Average	
1. Michael Lombardi, GU	.464
Overall Home Runs	
1. Tim McCabe, WVU	7
7. Kris Billmaier, ND	3
Overall RBI	
1. Wyatt Toregas, VT	28
5. Andrew Cleary, GU	18
7. Kris Billmaier, ND	17
Overall Triples	
1. Brennan Grogan, ND	3
2. Steve Sollmann, ND	2
Billy Quinn, GU	2
Overall Doubles	
1. Michael Lombardi, GU	9
5. Cody Rizzo, ND	7
9. Kris Billmaier, ND	5
Matt Edwards, ND	5
Matt Macri	5
Overall Slugging Percentage	
1. Tim McCabe, WVU	.685
6. Michael Lombardi, GU	.594
Overall On-Base Percentage	
1. Josh Schuck, SHU	.522
2. Michael Lombardi, GU	.513
9. Danny Gronski, GU	.453
Overall Stolen Bases	
1. Steve Sollmann, ND	13
12. Brennan Grogan, ND	5
Craig Cooper, ND	5
Overall Walks	
1. Bryan Spamer, Pitt	17
3. Andrew Cleary, GU	14
8. Steve Sollmann, ND	10
Overall Runs Scored	
1. Chris Stanton, VT	21
7. Steve Sollmann, ND	19
Overall Hits	
1. Michael Lombardi, GU	32
4. Steve Sollmann, ND	29
8. Kris Billmaier, ND	26
Overall Total Bases	
4. Kris Billmaier, ND	42
5. Michael Lombardi, GU	41
7. Steve Sollmann, ND	39
Overall ERA	
1. Nick Evangelista, Pitt	2.16
3. John Axford, ND	2.48
8. Chris Niesel, ND	3.24
9. Ryan Kalita, ND	3.27
Overall Opp. Batting Average	
1. Mark Irwin, SHU	.167
4. Chris Niesel, ND	.198
8. Ryan Kalita, ND	.231
10. John Axford, ND	.238
Overall Wins	
1. Nick Evangelista, Pitt	5-1
2. John Axford, ND	4-0
Overall Strikeouts	
1. Nick Evangelista, Pitt	37
2. Chris Niesel, ND	32
5. John Axford, ND	27
Overall Saves	
1. Matt Dalton, VT	5
2. J.P. Gagne, ND	4
Overall Appearances	
1. Chris Noonan, SHU	12
5. J.P. Gagne, ND	9

Updated BIG EAST Conference Baseball Standings

1. Connecticut	3-0	10-8
2. Pittsburgh	2-1	18-5
Notre Dame	2-1	13-6
Boston College	2-1	10-9
5. Seton Hall	1-2	8-9
Villanova	1-2	6-11
7. Georgetown	1-5	6-12
8. West Virginia	0-0	15-7
Virginia Tech	0-0	13-7
St. John's	0-0	9-12
Rutgers	0-0	5-10

This Weekend's Other BIG EAST Series (bye for BC)

Villanova at Connecticut
Virginia Tech at Seton Hall
Pittsburgh at St. John's
Rutgers at West Virginia

BIG EAST Results

Boston College won 2 of 3 at Georgetown (5-1, 4-1, 4-11)
Connecticut swept at home vs. Georgetown (6-2, 9-5, 6-4)
Pittsburgh won 2 of 3 at home vs. Seton Hall (8-7 2-1, 5-6)
Notre Dame won 2 of 3 at Villanova (2-3 in 13, 3-2, 5-1)

PROBABLE STARTING PITCHER ROTATIONS

Notre Dame – Chris Niesel (So., RHP; 3.24), John Axford (So., RHP; 2.48), Ryan Kalita (Sr., RHP; 3.27)

Georgetown – Eduardo Pena (So., RHP; 8.22), Travis Danysh (So., LHP; 5.59), Warren Sizemore (Fr., RHP; 3.56)

THE SERIES – ND has won 18 of 20 previous games vs. Georgetown (17 straight since '96) ... this marks the first three-game series between ND and GU since '99, with doubleheaders in 2000 (5-1, 12-1 at GU), '01 (15-4, 17-10 at ND) and '02 (10-6, 12-3 in Bethesda, Md.) ... ND's four returning starters in the field have combined to hit 26-for-57 (.456) vs. GU in their careers: **Kris Billmaier** (9-for-18, 6 R, 7 RBI, 2 HR, 2 2B, 5 BB, SB), **Javi Sanchez** (5-for-10, 2 R, 3 RBI, HR, BB), **Joe Thaman** (5-for-12/.417, 5 R, 2 RBI, 2 BB) and **Steve Sollmann** (7-for-17/.412, 5 R, 5 RBI, 2 2B, SB) ... the sweep of GU last season sparked ND's recovery from a 9-10 start ... ND hit .461 while totaling 35 hits in those games (22 in the nightcap, then the most by an Irish team since '99) while **Chris Niesel** (5.2 IP, 4 R/3 ER, 7 H, 3 BB, HB, 2 Ks, 9 groundouts) and **John Axford** (6 IP, 2 R/1 ER, 4 H, 3 BB, 9Ks, 7 groundball outs) were strong on the mound ... top hitters in the 2002 ND-GU doubleheader included five-hit games from Andrew Bushey (7 ABs, 2 HR, 2 2B, BB), Sanchez (8 ABs, 3 RBI, HR), Paul O'Toole (8 ABs, 6 R, 3 RBI, 2B, SB), Sollmann (9 ABs, 3 R, 2 RBI) and Steve Stanley (10 ABs, RBI, 2 R, 2B, SB) ... GU staged a late rally in the opener but managed just seven hits in the nightcap, vs. Axford, Peter Ogilvie and Ryan Kalita ... the Irish opened both games by putting five runs on the board (also five runs scored in the 6th inning of game 2).

HOYAS NOTES – Georgetown (6-12, 1-5) opened BIG EAST play by dropping 2-of-3 to BC (1-4, 1-5, 11-4) and being swept by UConn (2-6, 5-9, 4-6) ... the Hoyas own wins over William & Mary (18-17, also 13-15 loss), Rollins (8-3, also 1-2 loss), Toledo (5-4, 13-12 in 11) and Coppin State (11-5), with other losses to Lehigh (2-9), Evansville (5-10, 4-11, 4-7) and George Washington (8-13) ... GU returned 19 of 26 letterwinners from its 2002 team (9-47, 2-24 BIG EAST), led by third team all-BIG EAST selection **Billy Quinn** ... **Ron Cano's** 21 stolen bases in 2001 ranked third among BIG EAST players.

IRISH NOTES – Ninth-year head coach **Paul Mainieri** enters the GU series one win shy of his 700th career coaching victory (180-121 at St. Thomas, 152-158 at Air Force, 367-148-1 at ND) ... the Irish faced a daunting early schedule but have won 11 of the last 13 ... over the past 13 games, the ND pitchers own a 1.95 staff ERA, .202 opp. batting avg., 117 Ks and just 36 walks in 124 IP ... **Cody Rizzo** is batting 6-for-10 in the last three games ... **Chris Niesel** is 23-2 in his last 25 decisions (since HS senior) ... **John Axford** is averaging just 3.4 BB per 9 IP (7.5 in '02) ... **Steve Sollmann** has 11 multi-hit games in '03 (four 3-hit) ... SS **Matt Macri** (elbow) and 3B/1B **Matt Edwards** (broken leg) missed most of '02 due to injury (first-year catcher **Javi Sanchez** served as the Irish SS in '02)... **J.P. Gagne** (23-13, 10 SV) has joined Chris Michalak and Aaron Heilmann as the only ND pitchers ever to post 20-plus wins and 10-plus saves ... ND's **Brennan Grogan** and GU's **Ryan Craft** were prep teammates.

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	GEORGETOWN		NOTRE DAME	
2002 Records	9-47, 2-24 BE		50-18, 18-8 BE	
Lettermen Returning/Lost	19/7		17/9	
CURRENT STATS	BIG EAST Rank		BIG EAST Rank	
Overall Batting Average	(3)	.316	(6)	.292
Runs Per 9 Innings		6.6		6.0
Home Runs		9		9
Slugging Percentage		.429		.411
Batters BB/K Ratio (Ks)		0.69 (118)		0.39 (117)
On-Base Percentage		.407		.354
Stolen Bases		19		26
Stolen Base Percentage		.704		.722
Overall Team ERA	(9)	6.58	(3)	3.92
Pitchers' K-to-BB Ratio		1.17		1.99
Pitchers' Ks Per 9 Innings (Ks)		5.3 (92)		7.26 (139)
Opponent Batting Average		.314		.247
Fielding Pct./Errors	(9)	.947/39	(1)	.968/25
Double Plays Turned		17		17
Record In One-Run Games		3-1		4-1
Extra-Inning Record		1-0		2-2

2003 GEORGETOWN HOYAS

* – lefthanded hitter; # – switch hitter

NO	NAME	CL	POS	HT/WT	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
1	Matt Rasmussen	Fr.	IF	6-1/190	Sandy, UT/Bingham HS
3	Tyler Abbott	So.	LHP	6-1/170	Shoreline, WA/Shorewood HS
4	Drew Dargen	Fr.	RHP/IF	6-3/190	Edmond, OK/Edmond North HS
5	Ted Oberwager	Fr.	LHP/OF	6-0/180	Bryn Mawr, PA/Episcopal Academy
7	Timmy Jones	Fr.	OF	6-3/185	Ledgewood, NJ/Morristown HS
8	Parker Brooks	Jr.	IF/OF	5-10/170	Las Vegas, NV/Bishop Gorman HS
9	Robert O'Hare	Sr.	OF	6-2/190	San Jose, CA/Mitty HS
10	Andrew Cleary	So.	C	6-1/205	Weston, MA/Belmont HS
11	Michael Lombardi	Jr.	C	6-0/200	Brookhaven Hamlet, NY/St. Anthony's HS
13	Michael Halloran	So.	LHP	6-0/185	Canton, NY/Williams HS
15	Danny Gronski	Fr.	IF	6-1/185	Sammamish, WA/Skyline HS
16	Eduardo Pena	So.	RHP	6-4/195	Miami, FL/Krop HS
17	Ryan Craft	Fr.	IF	6-4/225	Jupiter, FL/Benjamin School
18	Kevin Galvin	Jr.	RHP	6-2/170	Cherry Hill, NJ/Eustace Prep
19	Matt Carullo	Sr.	IF	6-0/185	Oakton, VA/Paul VI HS
20	Warren Sizemore	Fr.	RHP	6-3/210	Hamilton, OH/Ross HS
21	Ron Cano	Jr.	IF	6-1/195	El Segundo, CA/El Segundo HS
23	Thomas Braun	So.	RHP	6-5/180	Kingwood, TX/Kingwood HS
24	Patrick Harrigan	So.	RHP	6-4/205	Syracuse, NY/Christian Brothers Academy
25	Scott Gebring	Fr.	RHP	6-4/215	Cockeysville, MD/Gilman HS
26	Kevin Field	Jr.	RHP	6-5/210	Moorestown, NJ/Moorestown HS
27	Travis Danysh	So.	LHP	6-3/195	San Antonio, TX/Alamo Heights HS
28	Pat Salvitti	Sr.	RHP	6-3/205	North Wales, PA/LaSalle College HS
29	Jim Supple	So.	UTIL	6-2/200	Summit, NJ/St. Peter's Prep
31	Kevin Lundquist	Fr.	RHP	6-2/200	Oley, PA/Hill School
32	Tom O'Connor	Jr.	RHP	6-1/160	Philadelphia, PA/LaSalle College HS
33	Billy Quinn	So.	OF/IF	6-3/190	Alta Loma, CA/Alta Loma HS
35	Patrick Gallagher	Fr.	RHP	6-3/195	Pelham, NY/Pelham Memorial HS
37	Scoter Bernoskie	Fr.	RHP	6-2/200	Holmdel, NJ/Holmdel HS
38	Steven Burns	Fr.	RHP	6-1/175	Westchester, PA/Malvern Prep
40	Chris Burling	So.	C	5-10/180	Newtown Square, PA/Haverford School
44	Travis McCourt	So.	IF/C	6-0/205	Brookline, MA/Noble & Greenough School

Head Coach: #22 Pete Wilk

Assistants: #14 Doc Beeman, #12 Matt Daily, #2 Steve Alhone

2003 NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH

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NO	NAME	CL	POS	HT/WT	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
2	Tim Muray	Jr.	IF	6-2/180	Shrub Oak, NY (Lakeland) HS
3	Steve Sollmann (C)	Jr.	2B	5-10/190	Cincinnati, OH (St. Xavier HS)
4	Greg Lopez	Fr.	IF	6-0/175	Upper Arlington, OH (Upper Arlington HS)
5	Matt Macri	So.	SS	6-2/195	Clive, IA (Dowling HS)
7	*Zach Sisko	Jr.	IF	6-1/195	Belleville, IL (St. Louis University HS)
8	Kris Billmaier (C)	Sr.	RF	5-10/205	Woodinville, WA (Woodinville HS)
9	Craig Cooper	Fr.	OF	6-2/195	Plainview, NY (Chaminade HS)
10	Chris Niesel	So.	RHP	5-11/195	Plantation, FL (St. Thomas Aquinas HS)
12	Matt Bransfield	Fr.	IF	6-1/195	Englewood, CO (Cherry Creek HS)
13	*Brennan Grogan	Fr.	OF	6-2/170	Tequesta, FL (Benjamin HS)
14	Matt Edwards	So.	IF	6-2/195	Mechanicsville, VA (Lee-Davis HS)
15	Javi Sanchez	Jr.	C/IF	6-2/200	Miami, FL (Christopher Columbus HS)
16	Alex Netzey	Fr.	OF	6-1/180	Dolton, IL (Thornridge, IL)
17	Cody Rizzo	Fr.	OF	6-1/180	Temecula, CA (Chapparral HS)
18	Brent Weiss	Fr.	OF/C	6-1/200	Cockeysville, MD (St. Paul's HS)
20	Peter Ogilvie	Sr.	RHP	6-3/220	Buffalo Grove, IL (Stevenson HS)
21	*Joe Thaman	Jr.	1B	6-4/215	St. Louis, MO (St. Louis University HS)
22	Grant Johnson	So.	RHP	6-6/220	Burr Ridge, IL (Lyons Township HS)
23	Martin Vergara	So.	RHP	6-0/185	Paterson, NJ (DePaul Catholic HS)
24	Matt Arminio	Fr.	LHP	6-0/195	Brentwood, TN (Father Ryan HS)
25	Mike Holba	Sr.	1B	6-8/240	Lansing, IL (Thornton Fractional South HS)
27	Sam Richey	Fr.	C	6-0/170	Minneapolis, MN (De LaSalle HS)
29	Cody Wilkins	Jr.	LHP	6-1/205	Hudson, NC (South Caldwell HS)
30	Tom Thornton	Fr.	LHP	6-6/205	Middleboro, MA (Middleboro HS)
32	Ryan Kalita	Sr.	RHP	6-2/210	Oak Park, IL (Oak Park River Forest HS)
33	Scott Bickford	So.	LHP	6-4/160	Owings, MD (Northern HS)
36	*Steve Andres	Fr.	C/DH	5-11/205	Napa, CA (Justin Siena HS)
37	Matt Laird	Sr.	RHP	6-0/185	Bellaire, TX (Bellaire HS)
38	Tyler Jones	So.	RHP	6-4/210	Arlington, TX (James Martin HS)
45	Brandon Vilorio	Sr.	RHP	5-11/210	Wailuku, HI (Maui HS)
46	J.P. Gagne (C)	Sr.	RHP	6-0/205	Bloomington, MN (Cretin-Derham Hall HS)
47	Ryan Doherty	Fr.	RHP	7-1/230	Toms River, NJ (Toms River East HS)
49	John Axford	So.	RHP	6-5/175	Port Dover, Ontario (Assumption College HS)

Head Coach: # 1 Paul Mainieri (St. Thomas '82, ninth season at Notre Dame)

Assistant Coaches: # 26 Brian O'Connor (Creighton '93), #19 David Grewe (Dayton '98), #28 Wally Widelski (ND '97)



#2 Tim Murray
Jr., IF • Shrub Oak, NY



#3 Steve Sollmann
Jr., 2B • Cincinnati, OH



#4 Greg Lopez
Fr., IF • Upper Arlington, OH



#5 Matt Macri
So., SS • Clive, IA



#7 Zach Sisko
Jr., IF • Belleville, IL



#8 Kris Billmaier
Sr., RF • Woodinville, WA



#9 Craig Cooper
Fr., OF • Plainview, NY



#10 Chris Niesel
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#13 Brennan Grogan
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#15 Javi Sanchez
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#16 Alex Netthey
Fr., OF • Dolton, IL



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#18 Brent Weiss
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#20 Peter Ogilvie
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Jr., 1B • St. Louis, MO



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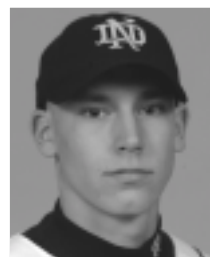
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