

BIG EAST Baseball At The Eck
West Virginia Mountaineers (25-27, 10-12)

VS.

Notre Dame Fighting Irish (30-22-1, 11-9-1)

Fri., May 20, 2005, and Sat., May 21, 2005 ... Frank Eck Stadium

Dan Kapala



Tom Thornton



Alex Nettey



Tony Langford



Lee Fritz



THE TALE OF THE TAPE

	WVU	NOTRE DAME
2004 Final Records	23-329, 10-16 BE (8th)	51-13, 20-6 BE (1st)
Lettermen Ret./Lost	17/7	20/11
CURRENT STATS (stats prior to DH; BIG EAST rank in parentheses)		
Overall Batting Average	(2) .312	(6) .297
Runs Per 9 Innings	7.4	7.5
Home Runs	(1) 58	(3) 38
Slugging Percentage	(1) .503	(6) .421
Batters' BB+HBP-K Ratio	-113 (161+36-310)	+35 (205+114-284)
On-Base Percentage	(7) .378	(2) .398
Stolen Bases	(10) 17-28	(6) 60-85
Stolen Base Percentage	.607	.706
Overall Team ERA	(9) 5.90	(6) 4.44
Opponent Batting Average	(8) .293	(7) .292
Pitchers' K-to-BB Ratio	2.6 (281/148)	1.6 (282/177)
Pitchers' Ks Per 9 Inn.	(8) 5.7	(9) 5.4
Pitchers' Walks Per 9 Inn.	(3) 3.4	(3) 3.4
Overall Fielding Pct./Errors	(3) .966/65	(6) .960/83
Double Plays Turned	(8) 33	(1) 54
Home Record	16-12	20-4-1
Road Record (incl. neutral)	9-15	10-18
Record In One-Run Games	5-4	6-7
Extra-Inning Record	1-1	3-4-1

Probable Pitching Rotations

Friday - Game 1

WVU - Marty Fagler (Sr., LHP)
 2.77, 6-2, 65 IP, 45 Ks, 24 BB, 66 H (.270)

ND - Dan Kapala (So., RHP)
 3.81, 4-3, 59 IP, 28 Ks, 22 BB, 64 H (.278)

Friday - Game 2

WVU - Kenny Durst (Fr., LHP)
 5.45, 0-2, 34.2 IP, 27 Ks, 19 BB, 38 H (.281)

ND - Tom Thornton (Jr., LHP)
 4.72, 5-5, 80 IP, 35 Ks, 16 BB, 92 H (.293)

Saturday

WVU - Wes Osbourn (So., LHP)
 5.30, 7-3, 69.2 IP, 29 Ks, 35 BB, 84 H (.301)

ND - TBA



Marty Fagler



Kenny Durst

BIG EAST LEADERS

Batting Avg. 1. Jared McGuire, BC, .404
 5. Lee Fritz, WVU380
 9. Doug Nelms, WVU364
 13. Edwards, ND/Jenkins, WVU . .357
 15. Brett Lilley, ND355

BIG EAST Avg. 1. Nelms, WVU . .422
 7. Justin Jenkins, WVU371
 9. Lee Fritz, WVU368
 11. Craig Cooper, ND362

Home Runs 1. Matt Edwards, ND . 13
 2. Justin Jenkins, WVU 12
 3. Stan Posluszny, WVU 11
 5. Chad McKown, WVU 10
 13. Kyle Matuszek, WVU 8

BIG EAST Home Runs
 1. Jeff Hourigan, UConn 6
 Stan Posluszny, WVU 6
 3. Chad McKown, WVU 5
 5. Kyle Matuszek, WVU 4
 7. Cody Rizzo, ND 3

Overall RBI 1. Matt Edwards, ND . 61
 2. Craig Cooper, ND 49
 3. Stan Posluszny, WVU 46
 5. Lee Fritz, WVU 45
 8. Justin Jenkins, WVU 43

BIG EAST RBI 1. Jeff Hourigan, UC . 24
 2. Stan Posluszny, WVU 20
 3. Matt Edwards, ND 19
 4. Fritz/Nelms/McKown, WVU .. 18

Slugging Pct. 1. Copeland, Pitt670
 3. Matt Edwards, ND653
 5. Justin Jenkins, WVU643
 10. Stan Posluszny, WVU552

On-Base Pct. 1. Brett Lilley, ND . .502
 7. Matt Edwards, ND473
 9. Craig Cooper, ND449

Stolen Bases 1. Copeland, Pitt 27
 8. Cody Rizzo, ND 15

Triples 1. Ben Copeland, Pitt 7

Doubles 1. Justin Jenkins, WVU ... 22
 5. Matt Edwards, ND 17
 8. Chad McKown, WVU 16

Walks 1. Jim Negrych, Pitt 41
 2. Matt Edwards, ND 40
 3. Stan Posluszny, WVU 38
 5. Brett Lilley, ND 32

Runs 1. Todd Frazier, RU 56
 4. Matt Edwards, ND 52
 7. Justin Jenkins, WBU 48
 Brett Lilley, ND 48

Hits 1. Johnny Defendis, RU 76
 3. Justin Jenkins, WVU 75
 4. Lee Fritz, WVU 73
 5. Matt Edwards, ND 70
 8. Brett Lilley, ND 65

Overall ERA 1. Robert Brant, Pitt . 2.30
 7. Marty Fagler, WVU 2.77

BIG EAST ERA 1. Hansen, SJU . 1.23
 6. Marty Fagler, WVU 2.70
 14. Dan Kapala, ND 3.83
 15. Tom Thornton, ND 3.91

Opp. Batting Avg. 1. Hansen158

Wins 1. Mike Wlodarczyk, BC 9-2
 4. Wes Osbourn, WVU 7-3
 5. Jeff Samardzija, ND 6-1
 Marty Fagler, WVU 6-2

BIG EAST Wins
 1. Anthony Varvaro, SJU 6-0
 Billy Mildowny, Pitt 6-1
 Mike Wlodarczyk, BC 6-1
 5. Jeff Samardzija, ND 4-1
 Tom Thornton, ND 4-2
 Wes Osbourn, WVU 4-2

Strikeouts 1. Anthony Varvaro, SJU . 75

Saves 1. Craig Hansen, SJU 12
 2. Todd Dunham, WVU 7
 5. Ryan Doherty, ND 5

Appearances 1. Craig Hansen, SJU . 27
 5. Dan Kapala, ND 21

Innings 1. Eduardo Pena, GU ... 89.1
 4. Tom Thornton, ND 80.0
 10. Wes Osbourn, WVU 69.2

BIG EAST Conference Standings

1. St. John's	16-4	(.800)	37-14
2. Boston College	15-7	(.682)	34-17
3. Pittsburgh	14-10	(.583)	30-20
4. Notre Dame	11-9-1	(.548)	30-22-1
5. Rutgers	11-10	(.524)	31-19
6. Connecticut	10-10	(.500)	32-20
7. West Virginia	10-12	(.455)	25-27
8. Villanova	8-14-1	(.370)	28-19-2
9. Georgetown	7-17	(.292)	25-30
10. Seton Hall	6-16	(.273)	15-34

This Week's Other BIG EAST Series

Pittsburgh won at Georgetown on 5/19 (6-1, 9-5; gm-3 on Fri.)
 Rutgers at Seton Hall (5/20 rainout; Sat./Sun. series)
 Connecticut at Boston College (Fri./Sat.)
 St. John's won 5/19 at Villanova (6-1; DH on Fri.)

THE RACE – SJU and BC have clinched the first two BE Tournament spots while ND, Pitt, RU, UConn and WVU are battling for the final two (standings based on win pct.) ... ND may need to win all three games of the WVU series to clinch a spot but could advance with 1-2 wins (pending results from the other series).

THE SERIES – ND leads the WVU series 28-13 (19-10 in Mainieri era), including 11-5 record in all games at ND ... WVU owns the most wins at Eck Stadium (5-5) of any visiting team (since '94) ... ND and WVU faced each other in the '96-'99 BIG EAST Tournaments (also in '03; ND 5-2 edge) ... ND owns a 12-5 series edge in at WVU ... the Irish have won 9 of the past 12 games in the series, including a sweep at WVU last season (5-3, 4-0, 6-2) ... WVU is the only BIG EAST team ever to win two series at Eck Stadium ('96, '03) ... ND has lost just three of 47 all-time BIG EAST series at Eck Stadium (37 series wins, 7 splits; SJU won series in '98) ... since '98, the Irish have played 33 BIG EAST series at Eck Stadium and lost just one (vs. WVU, in '03; 27 series wins, 5 splits) ... WVU's last visit to Eck Stadium (1-0, 5-7, 1-5) featured a classic pitchers duel in the opener, as ND's Chris Niesel nearly posted a no-hitter while Shawn Miller took the tough-luck, 1-0 loss (Lee Fritz had a 2-out bunt in the 7th and final inning for WVU's only hit) ... the series has featured 12 games won by one run or in extra innings and ND is 11-1 in those games ... ND's 2002 team fell to 0-4 in BIG EAST play (9-10 overall) after a 4-2 loss at WVU but rallied to win the nightcap (10-6), launching the Irish on to a BIG EAST regular-season (18-8) and tournament titles, a 50-18 overall record and a trip to the College World Series ... ND head coach Paul Mainieri was born in West Virginia and his father Demie is a member of the WVU P.E. Hall of Fame ... former ND All-American Aaron Heilman has an 18-K game at WVU in 2000.

LAST SEASON (5-3, 4-0, 6-2; at WVU) – The opener extended to 10 innings, with ND's winning sequence including Cody Rizzo's leadoff single and Greg Lopez's RBI double down the rightfield line ... Rizzo hit 3-for-5 (2 R) ... ND's Chris Niesel (7 IP, 7 H, 3 R, 2 BB, 6 Ks) and WVU's Zac Cline (7 IP, 8 H, 3 R, 3 BB, 3 Ks) each had no-decision ... Jeff Samardzija retired 6-of-7 he faced for the win while Ryan Doherty had the save (H, BB, K) ... Matt Bransfield and Matt Edwards had RBI doubles for an early 2-1 lead ... WVU was poised to win in the 8th on Michael Christoforo's squeeze bunt but 1B Matt Edwards sent a barehanded throw to Javi Sanchez to tag out the runner ... pinch-hitter Casey Bowling then ripped a linedrive that was headed for left field, but 3B Matt Macri dove to his left and snared the potential game-winning hit ... WVU's Stan Posluszny scored Lee Fritz on an early single and later added a game-tying sac. fly (3-3) ... Tom Thornton went the distance for a rare 9-inning, solo shutout in game-2 (6 H, 2 BB, 5 Ks, 9 GOs, 3 infield popups) ... Thornton set down the side in the 1st and 3rd innings and allowed multiple baserunners in only the 5th ... Steve Andres scored after a 1st-inning walk and added a 2-run triple in the 7th ... Shawn Miller took the loss (8.1 IP, 10 H, 4 R, 2BB, 4 Ks, 2 WP, HB) ... the Irish completed the rare 3-game BIG EAST road sweep, led by the clutch offense of Lopez (3-for-4, BB, 3 R, 2B) and Steve Sollmann (1-for-2, 2 BB, 2-run HR, 2 R) ... Joe Thaman picked up the win (5 IP, 19 BF, H, R, 2 BB) after a pinch-count start from Grant Johnson ... Ryan Doherty inherited a bases-loaded situation in the 9th but served up a game-ending flyout for the save ... Travis McGrath took the loss (6 IP, 7 H, 5 R/4 ER, 5 BB, 8 Ks) ... Lopez hit 6-for-12 in the series, Sollmann 5-for-11 ... the win gave the ND program 3-game road sweeps of six different BIG EAST teams (also BC in '98, GU in '99, RU and SJU in '01, SHU in '02), with the '04 team later adding a 3-game sweep at UConn.

SERIES STATS – Matt Edwards is a .393 career vs. WVU (11-for-28, 4 RBI, 2 R, 2B, BB, 3 Ks, SB), followed by Steve Andres (.333, 4-for-12, 4 RBI, 3 R, 3B, 5 BB, 3 Ks, SB), Cody Rizzo (.308, 7-for-26, 5 RBI, 2 R, 2B, 5 Ks), Greg Lopez (.300, 6-for-20, RBI, 4 R, 3 2B, BB, 2 Ks) and Matt Bransfield (.136, 3-for-22, 2 RBI, 2 R, 2B, BB, 5 Ks) ... career stats for the WVU hitters vs. ND include: Lee Fritz (.281, 9-for-32, RBI, 2 R, 2B, BB, HBP, 5 Ks, Travis D'Amico (.240, 6-for-25, 3 RBI, 2 R, 2B, 2 BB, SB, 4 Ks), Stan Posluszny – .200 (5-for-20, 6 RBI, 2 R, 2B, 3 BB, 4 Ks) and Doug Nelms – 0-for-9 (3 Ks).

IRISH NOTES – Tom Thornton and Dan Kapala both are 3-0 at Eck Stadium in '05 ... Thornton owns a 2.40 ERA, 14 Ks, 4 BB and 31 H allowed in 30 IP at The Eck in '05 (Kapala is 2.76, 14 Ks, 9 BB, 28 H in 29.1 IP in '05 home games) ... WVU won 21-1 over Seton Hall two weeks ago and ND matched that score earlier this week at Pittsburgh ... ND has a season-high 4 HRs in that game (2 by Craig Cooper) ... the 21 runs are 3rd-most by an ND team in the 11-year Paul Mainieri era, trailing only two games in the '02 College World Series season (23-1 vs. Detroit and 25-1 vs. South Alabama in the NCAA Regional) ... it marked the first time the Irish have reached 20 runs in a BIG EAST game (the '98 team had a 19-7 win over Georgetown) and first time they have won a BIG EAST game by more than 15 runs (the '03 team won 18-3 at St. John's) ... top hitters in that big game included Ross Brezovsky (4-for-4, RBI, 4 R, HR, BB), Cooper (3-for-5, 5 RBI, 4 R, 2 HR) and Greg Lopez (3-for-5, 3 RBI, R) ... Cody Rizzo homered for the second time in the series (3-run shot) and reached base nine times in the series (5-for-8, BB, 3 HBP, 2 HR) ... ND is in the midst of playing eight games in seven days ... the Irish have scored 49 first-inning runs ... ND's 114 HBP rank 6th in Div. I history (one behind ASU's 2000 total) ... the Irish are on pace for 121 HBPs in the regular season, which would rank 4th (Nevada's 1997 team hold the record, with 125) ... ND is 24-2 when leading at the end of the 6th inning, 15-1 when holding the opponent to 0-1 runs, 18-3-1 when outitting the opponent, 21-8 when scoring the game's first run, 17-8-1 when scoring a 1st-inning run, 24-11 when making 0-1 errors and 7-3 when hitting multiple HRs ... Matt Edwards has 188 RBI in 183 games to rank 6th on the ND career RBI chart (one behind '99 grad. Jeff Wagner) ... Cody Rizzo's 67 career HBP rank 5th in the NCAA record book, one behind former Wisconsin-Milwaukee player Clay Schwartz ('97) ... Brett Lilley's 23 HBP this season are five shy of Rizzo's team record (28, in '03) ... Lilley has 55 free passes (also 32 walks) to go along with his 65 hits ... Lilley's 44 error-free games this season include 209 since making the switch to 3B (in 25 GP).

NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH * – lefthanded hitter; # – switch hitter

NO	NAME	CL	POS	HT/WT	HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)
2	*Brett Lilley	Fr.	2B/3B	5-7/165	North Canton, OH (Hoover HS)
3	Tony Langford	Fr.	RHP/OF/IF	5-11/175	Fort Worth, TX (Fort Worth Country Day HS)
4	Greg Lopez	Jr.	SS	6-0/190	Upper Arlington, OH (Upper Arlington HS)
5	*Eddie Smith	Jr.	IF	5-11/165	Olympia, WA (North Thurston HS/Central JC)
6	*Danny Dressman	So.	OF	5-9/180	San Jose, CA (Archbishop Mitty HS)
7	*Ross Brezovsky	Fr.	IF	5-10/170	Naples, FL (Collier HS)
9	Craig Cooper	Jr.	OF	6-2/220	Plainview, NY (Chaminade HS)
11	*Sean Gaston	So.	C	6-0/185	Brownsburg, IN (Brownsburg HS)
12	Matt Bransfield	Jr.	DH/C/1B	6-1/205	Englewood, CO (Cherry Creek HS)
13	Wade Korpi	Fr.	LHP	5-10/190	Lake Worth, FL (Santaluces HS)
14	Matt Edwards	Sr.	1B/3B	6-2/225	Mechanicsville, VA (Lee-Davis HS)
16	Alex Netzey	Jr.	OF	6-1/200	Dolton, IL (Thornridge HS)
17	Cody Rizzo	Jr.	OF	6-1/200	Temecula, CA (Chapparral HS)
18	Brent Weiss	Sr.	DH	6-1/190	Cockeysville, MD (St. Paul's HS)
20	Derik Olvey	So.	RHP	6-2/205	Pelham, AL (Pelham HS)
22	Dan Kapala	So.	RHP	6-5/225	Royal Oak, MI (Shrine Catholic HS)
25	Nick Mainieri	Jr.	C	5-11/180	South Bend, IN (St. Joseph's HS)
29	*David Gruener	Fr.	LHP	6-2/210	Gig Harbor, WA (Live Christian Academy)
30	Tom Thornton	Jr.	LHP	6-6/220	Middleboro, MA (Middleboro HS)
32	Jess Stewart	So.	RHP	6-3/215	Manassas, VA (Osborn City HS)
33	Scott Bickford	Sr.	LHP	6-5/170	Owings, MD (Northern HS)
34	Jeff Manship	So.	RHP	6-1/195	San Antonio, TX (Reagan HS)
36	*Steve Andres	Jr.	DH/LF/C	5-10/220	Napa, CA (Justin Siena HS)
38	Tyler Jones	Sr.	RHP	6-4/210	Arlington, TX (James Martin HS)
44	#Mike Dury	So.	LHP/1B	6-5/230	Indianapolis, IN (Bishop Chatard HS)
45	Jeff Samardzija	So.	RHP	6-5/215	Valparaiso, IN (Valparaiso HS)
47	Ryan Doherty	Jr.	RHP	7-1/255	Toms River, NJ (Toms River East HS)
49	John Axford	Sr.	RHP	6-6/190	Port Dover, Ontario (Assumption College HS)
51	Joey Williamson	Fr.	RHP	6-1/190	Lantana, FL (Santaluces HS)

Head Coach: # 1 Paul Mainieri (St. Thomas '82, 11th season at Notre Dame)

Assistants: #19 David Grewe (Dayton '98), #26 Terry Rooney (Radford '96), John Gumpf (CS San Bernadino '97)

WVU MOUNTAINEERS * – lefthanded hitter; # – switch hitter

NO	NAME	CL	POS	HT/WT	HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOLS)
2	Brandon Drespling	So.	OF	5-10/175	New Castle, PA (Laurel HS)
3	*Tyler Kuhn	Fr.	IF	5-10/170	Louisville, KY (Trinity HS)
4	Casey Boowling	Jr.	OF	6-0/195	Chapmanville, WV (Chapmanville HS)
5	Doug Nelms	Jr.	IF	6-0/190	Bristol, VA (Virginia)
7	*Wes Osbourn	So.	LHP	6-1/170	Shinnston, WV (Lincoln HS)
8	Kyle Matuszek	Jr.	OF	6-3/195	Cincinnati, OH (Purcell Marian HS)
9	Travis D'Amico	Sr.	C	6-0/185	Wampum, PA (Mohawk HS)
10	Mike Schmidt	Fr.	C	6-1/205	Bethel Park, PA (Bethel Park HS)
12	Shawn Miller	Sr.	RHP	6-1/185	Troy, NY (Hudson Valley CC)
13	*Trent Ridgley	So.	IRHP	6-2/190	Massillion, OH (Massillion HS)
17	#Matt Yurish	Fr.	LHP	6-2/200	Martinsburg, WV (Hedgesville HS)
18	#Kenny Durst	Fr.	LHP	6-0/185	Pt. Pleasant, WV (Pt. Pleasant HS)
19	Adam White	Fr.	OF	5-11/175	Philipsburg, PA (Philipsburg-Osceola HS)
20	Justin Parks	Fr.	C	6-0/175	Columbus, OH (Hilliard Davidson HS)
21	*Rob Watlock	So.	OF	6-1/210	Plains, PA (Allegheny JC)
22	*Marty Fagler	Sr.	LHP	6-2/195	Farmington, PA (Uniontown Area HS)
23	Shawn Yearego	Fr.	RHP	6-1/170	Mount Hope, WV (Woodrow Wilson HS)
24	*Ryan Hill	Fr.	LHP	6-0/195	Seymour, IN (Seymour HS)
25	Levi Maxwell	So.	RHP	6-2/175	Shinnston, WV (Lincoln HS)
26	Chad McKown	Sr.	OF	6-4/220	Moundsville, WV (Potomac State JC)
27	Justin Jenkins	So.	3B	6-2/200	Ridgley, WV (Potomac State JC)
28	David Carpenter	So.	C	6-2/180	Fairmont, WV (East Fairmont HS)
29	Kevin Korzun	Jr.	RHP	6-3/215	Morgantown, WV (Potomac State JC)
30	Jimmy Rhodes	Sr.	RHP	6-1/220	Shepardstown, WV (Jefferson HS)
32	*Stan Posluszny	Jr.	1B	6-3/225	Aliquippa, PA (Hopewell Senior HS)
34	Lee Fritz	Sr.	OF	6-2/195	Waynesburg, PA (Waynesburg Central HS)
35	Chris Amedro	Sr.	RHP	6-0/180	Moundsville, WV (John Marshall HS)
36	Todd Dunham	Sr.	RHP	6-1/190	Gans, PA (Albert Gallatin HS)
39	*Brendan Bergerson	So.	LHP	6-6/215	Michigan City, IN (Marquette HS)
40	*Ryan Gisolfi	Fr.	LHP	6-2/225	Redondo Beach, CA (Redondo Union HS)
42	Michael Burger	Fr.	1B	6-1/210	Beaver Falls, PA (Blackhawk HS)
45	*Ryan Lipscomb	Jr.	LHP	6-4/175	Shenandoah Jct., WV (Jefferson HS)

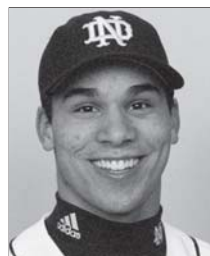
Head Coach: #37 Greg Van Zant

Assistants: #15 Bruce Cameron, #43 Pat Sherald, #48 Kevin Leighton

2005 NOTRE DAME BASEBALL TEAM



#2 Brett Lilley
Fr., IF • No. Canton, OH



#3 Tony Langford
Fr., OF/RHP • Ft. Worth, TX



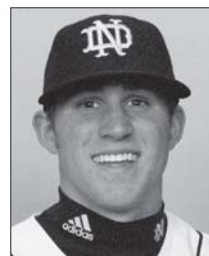
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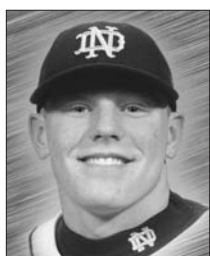
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#6 Danny Dressman
So., OF • San Jose, CA



#7 Ross Brezovsky
Fr., IF • Naples, FL



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



#11 Sean Gaston
So., C • Brownsburg, IN



#12 Matt Bransfield
Jr., DH/C • Englewood, CO



#13 Wade Korpi
Jr., LHP • Lake Worth, FL



#14 Matt Edwards
Sr., 1B/3B • Mechanicsville, VA



#16 Alex Nettey
Jr., OF • Dolton, IL



#17 Cody Rizzo
Jr., OF • Temecula, CA



#18 Brent Weiss
Sr., DH • Cockeysville, MD



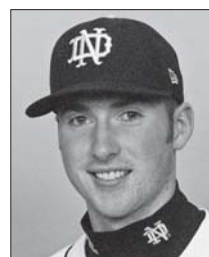
#20 Derik Olvey
So., RHP • Pelham, AL



#22 Dan Kapala
So., RHP • Royal Oak, MI



#25 Nick Mainieri
Jr., C • South Bend, IN



#29 David Gruener
Fr., LHP • Gig Harbor, WA



#30 Tom Thornton
Jr., LHP • Middleboro, MA



#32 Jeff Stewart
So., RHP • Masassas, VA



#33 Scott Bickford
Sr., LHP • Owings, MD



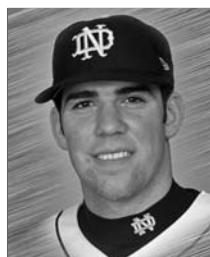
#34 Jeff Manship
So., RHP • San Antonio, TX



#36 Steve Andres
Jr., DH/LF/C • Napa, CA



#38 Tyler Jones
Sr., RHP • Arlington, TX



#44 Mike Dury
So., LHP/DH • Indianapolis



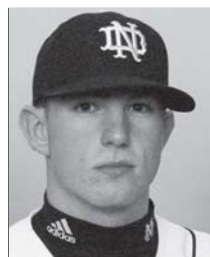
#45 Jeff Samardzija
So., RHP • Valparaiso, IN



#47 Ryan Doherty
Jr., RHP • Toms River, NJ



#49 John Axford
Sr., RHP • Port Dover, ONT



#51 Joey Williamson
Fr., RHP • Lantana, FL

