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# 2009 NOTRE DAME BASEBALL NOTES

## 21-Time NCAA Tournament Participant

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### WINS & LOSSES

<b>2009 Overall</b>	26-17
At Eck Stadium	12-6
On the Road	4-6
Neutral Sites	10-5
<b>2009 BIG EAST</b>	10-8
At Eck Stadium	6-3
On the Road	4-5
<b>Streak</b>	W-1
Longest Winning Streak	6
Longest Losing Streak	2
Last Five Games	3-2
2.20 Ohio State! (KP)	L, 0-2
2.21 Illinois! (MF)	W, 14-7
2.22 Purdue! (JRS)	W, 9-4 (10)
2.27 Gonzaga@ (DS)	L, 3-7
2.28 Dayton@ (DS)	W, 14-5
3.1 Creighton@ (MF)	L, 3-6
3.6 Oral Roberts#	W, 2-1
3.7 Rice#	L, 0-9
3.8 Washington State#	W, 7-3
3.10 Grambling	W, 3-2
3.11 Grambling	W, 10-7
3.12 Illinois State\$	L, 2-3
3.14 Trinity\$	W, 11-8
3.15 UT Pan-American\$	W, 10-7
3.15 UT Pan-American\$	W, 7-2
3.17 Ball State	W, 5-4
3.18 Valparaiso	W, 10-4
3.20 Seton Hall*	W, 10-4
3.21 Seton Hall*	L, 4-9
3.22 Seton Hall*	L, 4-11
3.24 Central Michigan	W, 14-8
3.25 Oakland	L, 5-6
3.27 at Pittsburgh*	W, 5-4
3.28 at Pittsburgh*	L, 7-15
3.29 at Pittsburgh*	L, 11-14
4.1 Toledo	W, 11-7
4.3 Villanova*	W, 3-1
4.4 Villanova*	W, 4-0
4.4 Villanova*	W, 9-3
4.9 at Cincinnati*	L, 4-5 (10)
4.11 at Cincinnati*	L, 3-7 (7)
4.11 at Cincinnati*	W, 6-2
4.14 vs. Western Michigan%	Ppd.
4.15 vs. Northwestern^	L, 1-5
4.17 West Virginia*	L, 3-19
4.18 West Virginia*	W, 8-6
4.18 West Virginia*	W, 3-0
4.22 at Michigan	L, 2-3 (7)
4.22 Michigan	W, 4-3 (7)
4.24 at Louisville*	L, 7-8
4.25 at Louisville*	W, 11-5
4.26 at Louisville*	W, 13-12
4.28 Illinois-Chicago	L, 5-10
4.29 Bowling Green	W, 11-6
5.1 Connecticut*	6:05
5.2 Connecticut*	1:05
5.3 Connecticut*	1:05
5.8 USF*	6:05
5.9 USF*	1:05
5.10 USF*	1:05
5.12 at Illinois State&	TBA
5.14 at St. John's*	6:00
5.15 at St. John's*	6:00
5.16 at St. John's*	1:00
5.19-23 BIG EAST Tournament	

### Home Games in Bold

! BIG EAST/Big Ten (KP: Knology Park; MF: McKechnie Field; JRS: Jack Russell Stadium)  
@ Phoenix Classic (DS: Diablo Stadium; MF: Marich Field)  
# Rice Classic (Houston, Texas)  
\$ Irish Baseball Classic (San Antonio, Texas)  
% C.O. Brown Stadium (Bartle Creek, Mich.)  
^ U.S. Cellular Field (Chicago, Ill.)  
& Silver Cross Field (Joliet, Ill.)  
\* BIG EAST Games

**IN THE BATTERS BOX** — Notre Dame returns to BIG EAST action this weekend with another critical three-game series against Connecticut at Frank Eck Stadium. First pitch for Friday's opener is scheduled for 6:05 p.m., while Saturday and Sunday's game will begin at 1:05 p.m. All three games can be heard on WHME 103.1 FM as well as UND.com (which will also provide live webcasts). This weekend's series continues Notre Dame's trek through the top four teams in the BIG EAST standings. The Irish already took two of three from both West Virginia and Louisville. After this weekend, Notre Dame hosts their regular season USF (May 8-10) before closing the regular season at third place St. John's (May 14-16).

**CONNECTICUT INSIDER** — The Huskies enter the series riding a modest three-game winning streak, but have also dropped their last four conference games, including a series sweep at the hands of St. John's last weekend. UConn struggled out of the gate in BIG EAST action, dropping all three games at home to West Virginia, but rebounded the following week against USF. The Huskies took two of three from the league-leading Bulls in Storrs. UConn is the only team to take a series from USF. In fact, two of the Bulls' three league losses came that weekend. The Huskies then hit the road the next two weekends and took two of three from both Seton Hall and Rutgers before returning to home to win a series against Georgetown. UConn did not carry that momentum into last weekend as St. John's swept the Huskies. UConn has been tough on the road this season, posting an impressive 12-4 mark. In fact, the Huskies are 4-2 in BIG EAST road games in 2009 and has won both series. Notre Dame and Connecticut have each played Ohio State, Northwestern, Bowling Green, Toledo, West Virginia and Seton Hall. The Irish own a 5-5 mark against those common foes, while the Huskies are 4-6.

**SCOUTING THE HUSKIES** — Connecticut, led by sixth year head coach Jim Penders, enters the series with a 25-20 overall record and 8-10 mark in BIG EAST play.

► The Huskies are averaging 7.3 runs per game and hitting .310 with a .386 on-base percentage. UConn has also totaled 54 stolen bases in 79 attempts.

► The Huskies have six everyday players that are hitting .300. Mike Nemeth leads the attack with a team-best .349 batting average. He has added 27 runs scored, 58 hits, 18 doubles, one triple, four home runs and 31 RBI. George Springer is hitting .333 with 50 runs scored, 52 hits, 11 doubles, three triples, 13 home runs and 47 RBI. Nick Ahmed is batting .317 with 26 runs scored, 39 hits, four doubles, one triple, two home runs, 13 RBI and nine stolen bases. Harold Brantley, Jr. is hitting .317 with 25 runs scored, 38 hits, six doubles, one triple, one home run and 17 RBI. Matt Burnett is batting .314 with 34 runs scored, 54 hits, seven doubles, three home runs and 36 RBI. Peter Fatse is hitting .300 with 39 runs scored, 51 hits, 14 doubles, three triples, seven home runs, 43 RBI and 17 stolen bases. UConn has hit 39 home runs this season as a team, but also struck out 268 times.

► The pitching staff has a 4.30 ERA and .272 opponents' batting average along with 347 strikeouts and 156 walks in 397.2 innings. David Erickson is 0-2 with a 2.20 ERA in team-high 19 appearances over 20.1 innings, while Scott Oberg (2-0, 2.20), David Fischer (1-0, 2.97), Dustin Odenbach (1-2, 3.38), Dennis Accomando (0-1, 4.32) and Dan Mahoney (0-0, 4.43) are other options out of the Huskies' bullpen. Erickson has registered seven saves. UConn has committed 71 errors in 45 games and is fielding .960.



26-17, 10-8

### THE MATCHUP

Notre Dame vs. Connecticut

May 1-3

Frank Eck Stadium  
Notre Dame, Ind.



25-20, 8-10

### ► Pitching Matchup

#### Game-1, Friday (6:05 p.m.)

RHP Cole Johnson (4-1, 4.11) vs. RHP John Folino (5-3, 3.75)

#### Game-2, Saturday (1:05 p.m.)

RHP Brian Dupra (5-4, 5.65) vs. LHP Elliot Glynn (3-4, 5.17)

#### Game-3, Sunday (1:05 p.m.)

RHP Eric Maust (5-2, 5.16) vs. LHP Greg Nappo (2-4, 6.87)

### ► Live Game Coverage

Audio: WHME 103.1 FM (Chuck Freeby, p-b-p); UND.com

Video: UND.com

Gametracker: UND.com

### ► Weather Report



Friday, May 1  
Early Showers/Cloudy  
High 64, Low 43



Saturday, May 2  
Partly Sunny  
High 61, Low 40



Sunday, May 3  
Partly Cloudy  
High 61, Low 41

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**NOTRE DAME**

<b>Record:</b>	26-17 (10-8 BIG EAST)
<b>Rankings:</b>	Baseball America (nr) Collegiate Baseball (nr) ESPN/Sports Weekly (nr) NCBWA (nr)
<b>Head Coach:</b>	Dave Schrage
<b>Career Record:</b>	563-619-1 (22nd year)
<b>ND Record:</b>	87-66-1 (3rd year)

**CONNECTICUT**

<b>Record:</b>	25-20 (8-10 BIG EAST)
<b>Rankings:</b>	Baseball America (nr) Collegiate Baseball (nr) ESPN/Sports Weekly (nr) NCBWA (nr)
<b>Head Coach:</b>	Jim Penders
<b>Career Record:</b>	185-140-2 (6th year)
<b>UConn Record:</b>	185-140-2 (6th year)

**THE ENEMY CAMP**

A look at how Notre Dame's opponents are doing in 2009:

Opponent	W-L	RPI	ESPN	CB
Ohio State	32-9	28	RV	27
Illinois	27-13	59	--	28
Purdue	17-21	189	--	--
Gonzaga	28-13	60	RV	--
Dayton	25-14	113	--	--
Creighton	25-18	122	--	--
Oral Roberts	22-11	53	RV	--
Rice	29-10	3	4	8
Washington State	21-18	44	--	--
Grambling	10-29	289	--	--
Illinois State	18-16	158	--	--
Texas-Pan American	9-36	283	--	--
Trinity University	16-17	--	--	--
Ball State	20-19	208	--	--
Valparaiso	18-19	237	--	--
Seton Hall	20-19	128	--	--
Central Michigan	18-23	204	--	--
Oakland	14-23	265	--	--
Pittsburgh	23-14	119	--	--
Michigan State	18-24	198	--	--
Toledo	17-21	194	--	--
Villanova	17-22	192	--	--
Cincinnati	23-19	114	--	--
Western Michigan	11-26	252	--	--
Northwestern	10-27	207	--	--
West Virginia	29-13	116	--	--
Michigan	23-19	179	--	--
Louisville	30-13	47	--	--
UIC	18-19	188	--	--
Bowling Green	19-18	138	--	--
Connecticut	25-20	117	--	--
USF	28-16	73	RV	25
St. John's	25-15	129	--	--

**SERIES NOTES** — Notre Dame leads the series with Connecticut, 22-9-1, including a 12-4 mark at Eck Stadium (10-5-1 at UConn). The Irish won 11 straight against the Huskies from 2003-06 and took a 12-game unbeaten streak against the Huskies (11-0-1) into the 2007 series in South Bend (UConn took two of three), matching Notre Dame's second-longest unbeaten streak ever against a BIG EAST team (the Irish won 12 straight against West Virginia from 2003-06 and beat Georgetown 23 straight times from 1996-05).

► Notre Dame has won eight of the previous 11 season series against UConn (the Huskies have a pair of series wins, plus a split of a two-game series).

► The Irish took two of three from the Huskies in Storrs last year. UConn took the opener, 9-7, but the Irish rebounded to win the next two games, including a 4-3 decision in the finale. Eric Maust went a then career-high 8.2 innings and Kyle Weiland got the final out of the game with the tying run in scoring position.

► The 2007 series was a wild one. After UConn blanked the Irish, 5-0, in the series opener, Ryan Smith lined a first-pitch, opposite-field single over the second baseman's head to cap Notre Dame's wild 5-4 victory over Connecticut in game two. The winning sequence came against a pair of relievers, with Ross Brezovsky drawing a five-pitch walk against Ted Garry (2-5) before Jeremy Barnes beat out his sacrifice bunt. Huskies' closer Matt Karl then took the mound but uncorked a costly wild pitch before losing Mike Dury on another five-pitch walk. Smith then went after the first pitch he saw, driving a fastball over the leaping second baseman Dale Brannon to end the game.

► Wade Korpi was in line for the win in the series finale, after allowing just one run on five hits and two walks in a 6.0-inning outing that included six strikeouts. But the Huskies rallied for six runs against the Irish bullpen. The Irish were one out away from the win before the Huskies rallied into the lead, with that two-out sequence including two hits and two walks. Matt Untiet brought home the tying and go-ahead runs with a single up the middle. Karl (1-2) tossed the final 3.0 innings to pick up his first win of the season, along with 10 saves. Karl allowed one run on three hits and a walk while striking out three - including two in the ninth inning (the final K came with the tying and winning runs on base). Greg Nappo, a former summer-league teammate of Pollock's, did not factor into the decision, after allowing five run on five hits and two walks, with six strikeouts.

► The 2006 showdown series at UConn saw Notre Dame sweep the doubleheader (7-6, 7-3) before the final ended in a 1-1 tie after 13 innings (the Irish and Huskies went on to finish a close 1-2 in the standings). Jeff Samardzija (7.2 IP, 6 R/5 ER, 9 H, 3 BB, 3 Ks) won the 2006 opener while Tim Norton had a no-decision (8.1 IP, 6 R/5 ER, 7 H, 3 BB, 7 Ks). Danny Dressman's three doubles in that game included the game-tying hit (vs. Ted Garry), as the Irish scored twice in the ninth inning (Mike Dury had the win and Kyle Weiland the save, each pitching 0.2 IP). Craig Cooper (5-for-6, RBI, 3 R) paced Notre Dame in game two, with Jeff Manship collecting the win (7 IP, R, 6 H, BB, 8 Ks) and Dury the save (0.2 IP) while Rich Sirois took the loss (6.2 IP, 6 R, 12 H, BB, 3 Ks). The 2006 series finale saw Wade Korpi (7 IP, R, 6 H, 2 BB, 5 Ks) start for an injured Tom Thornton and Weiland logged the final 5.0 innings in extended relief (5 IP, 2 H, 2 BB, 7 Ks). Notre Dame scored its lone run in the fifth inning (Cody Rizzo and Cooper both were hit-by-pitch, Brett Lilley singled to load the bases and the run scored on a ground ball fielding error). UConn also scored in the fifth, after a single by Dennis Donovan, a Josh Farkes HBP and Austin Wasserman's 2-out, RBI single. Nick Tucci suffered the game three loss (7.2 IP, R, 5 H, 2 BB, 3 Ks).

► The 2005 series saw Dan Kapala (8 IP, 2 R, 6 H, BB, 2 Ks) and Thornton (9 IP, R, 6 H, 0 BB, 4 Ks) become the first Notre Dame pitchers since 2001 (Aaron Heilman and Danny Tamayo) to throw complete-game wins in both ends of a BIG EAST doubleheader. Brian Dupra and Eric Maust accomplished a similar feat earlier this season against West Virginia.

► Notre Dame's 2002 College World Series season included opening BIG EAST play with three losses at UConn (3-4, 8-9, 6-13), now one of just six times the Irish have ever been swept in a three-game BIG EAST series. That 2002 team ultimately started its season 9-10 and 0-4 in the BIG EAST but rallied to win the BIG EAST regular-season (18-8) and tournament titles.

► Notre Dame's 2004 trip to UConn's Christian Field included a 10-hit, 10-run explosion by the Irish in the 1st inning of game three, as Matt Bransfield, Cooper and Matt Edwards all homered (in a span of four ABs), with Steve Sollman and Cooper each adding two-run singles. That win allowed the 2004 Irish team to become the first BIG EAST team ever to sweep a trio of three-game BIG EAST road series in the same season.

**TALE OF THE TAPE (2009 STATS)**

	Notre Dame	Connecticut
Batting Average	.311	.310
Runs Per Game	6.5	7.3
Home Runs	29	39
Slugging Percentage	.440	.456
Batters' BB+HBP-K Margin	-24	-58
On-Base Percentage	.395	.386
Stolen Bases	41-62	54-79
Team ERA	5.22	4.30
Opponent Batting Average	.273	.272
Pitchers' K-BB Ratio	1.4	2.2
Pitchers' Ks Per 9 Innings	5.9	7.9
Pitchers' BB Per 9 Innings	4.1	3.5
Fielding Pct. (Errors)	.968 (53)	.960 (71)
Double Plays Turned	35	40
Record at Home	12-6	9-9
Record on Road (including neutral)	14-11	16-11
Record in One-Run Games	6-5	3-5
Record in Extra Innings	1-1	0-0
Record vs. LHP	11-5	7-5
Record vs. RHP	15-12	15-11

**PROBABLE POSITION STARTERS**

Pos.	#	Player	B-T	Cl.	GP-GS	Avg.	HR	RBI
C		Cam McConnell	R-R	So.	39-35	.266	2	22
<i>Served as the primary backup catcher last season; 11 of 22 RBI have either tied the game or given the Irish the lead</i>								
1B		Casey Martin	R-R	Jr.	37-19	.329	1	11
<i>Starts predominantly vs. LHP; picked up first career four-hit game against UTPA (3.15)</i>								
-or-		David Casey	L-L	So.	27-16	.377	3	18
<i>Starts predominantly vs. RHP; career-best three hits, four RBI vs. Toledo (4.1); two homers, seven RBI in series at Louisville</i>								
2B		Greg Sherry	R-R	So.	40-40	.339	0	13
<i>Spent most of 2008 in the nine-hole; was first ND player to hit over .300 in that spot of the order since '04</i>								
3B		Mick Doyle	R-R	So.	34-29	.350	2	20
<i>First career HR against WVU-1 (3.18); tied for league lead with six SF; currently owns career-high 10-game hitting streak</i>								
SS		Jeremy Barnes	R-R	Sr.	43-43	.341	8	51
<i>Four-year starter (last three at 2B); All-BIG EAST 2nd team in '06; only player in league with five or more 2Bs, 3Bs, HRs</i>								
LF		Golden Tate	L-L	So.	39-38	.333	1	11
<i>Led football team in rec. (58), rec. yds (1,080), rec. TDs (10) and total TDs (11) in '08; game-winning HR in 9th at Louisville (4.26)</i>								
CF		A.J. Pollock	R-R	Jr.	43-43	.366	6	37
<i>Led ND in hitting in '07 and '08; preseason Baseball America first team All-American in '09; '08 Cape Cod League MVP</i>								
RF		David Mills	L-L	Jr.	37-36	.323	1	22
<i>Two-way player that doubles as situational lefty in Irish bullpen; all-BIG EAST first team in '08</i>								
-or-		Brayden Ashdown	R-R	Jr.	25-10	.260	0	8
<i>Played in 84 career games and started 39; registered clutch pinch-hit 2-run 1B and go-ahead RBI 1B against Purdue (2.22)</i>								
DH		David Mills	L-L	Jr.	37-36	.323	1	22
<i>Two-way player that doubles as situational lefty in Irish bullpen; all-BIG EAST first team in '08</i>								
-or-		Matt Scioscia	R-R	So.	21-14	.250	1	15
<i>Son of former major league catcher and current manager of L.A. Angels Mike Scioscia; RBI in each of last four starts</i>								
-or-		Evan Sharpley	L-R	Sr.	26-19	.194	2	6
<i>Led Irish in home runs last season (20th player in ND history to hit 10+ homers); ranked fourth in the BIG EAST</i>								

**ON DECK** — After Notre Dame hosts BIG EAST rival Connecticut this weekend for a three-game series, the Irish will have all next week off to concentrate on finals before returning to Frank Eck Stadium on May 8-10 to host BIG EAST leader USF.

**RANKINGS** — Notre Dame and Connecticut are unranked in each of the four polls.

**FREEBIES UPDATE** — Over his years as a head coach, Notre Dame skipper Dave Schrage has utilized a formula to measure how many free bases a team allows during a given year. The formula adds walks allowed, errors, stolen bases allowed, hit batters, wild pitches, passed balls, and balks and divides that total by the number of games played. In 2007, the Irish allowed nearly 8.7 “freebies” per game. By comparison, Notre Dame’s 2006 team allowed just 6.2 per game en route to totaling 45 wins. The Irish made tremendous strides a year ago, allowing just 7.4 per game.

- ▶ Notre Dame took two of three games in the season opening weekend despite a below-par performance in terms of “freebies.” The Irish walked 12 batters and hit four more en route to an average of 8.7 per game.
- ▶ Ironically, the Irish dropped two of three games last weekend despite a positive performance in terms of “freebies.” The Irish walked just four batters en route to an average of 5.7 per game.
- ▶ Notre Dame captured 10 of 12 games (March 6-20), but the “freebies” formula would not be consistent with the Irish success. Notre Dame averaged 8.1 per game over the stretch.
- ▶ Notre Dame has dropped both of its BIG EAST series against Seton Hall and Pittsburgh. The Irish struggled mightily with “freebies.” Notre Dame is averaging 9.7 “freebies” per game, while the Pirates and Panthers averaged just 6.7.
- ▶ Notre Dame was just about as good as possible in the “freebie” department in the series sweep of Villanova. The Irish issued only 11 “freebies” over the entire weekend -- good for a 3.7 average per game (down almost 5.0 per game from what Notre Dame averaged entering the series).
- ▶ Notre Dame issued 14 “freebies” to West Virginia in its 19-3 loss on April 17, but the Irish only surrendered a total of seven in the doubleheader sweep of the Mountaineers the next day.
- ▶ Notre Dame totaled just 21 “freebies” alone in the entire series victory over Louisville (three games).
- ▶ The Irish set a single-game high with 18 “freebies” in the 10-5 loss to UIC on April 28.
- ▶ Here is a breakdown of Notre Dame’s “freebies” in victories, and defeats in games both home and away.

	Wins	Losses	Home	Away
Freebies	7.3	9.6	8.3	8.6
<b>Freebies</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
Walks Allowed	172	178	191	170
Errors	53	54	83	68
SB Allowed	48	62	73	65
Hit Batters	42	47	61	50
Wild Pitches	30	35	45	23
Passed Balls	3	8	27	6
Balks	4	9	5	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>352 (8.2/gm)</b>	<b>393 (7.4/gm)</b>	<b>485 (8.7/gm)</b>	<b>389 (6.2/gm)</b>

**2009 HONORS/AWARDS**

**Jeremy Barnes**

- ▶ Preseason All-BIG EAST first team
- ▶ BIG EAST Honor Roll (Mar. 16)

**Evan Danieli**

- ▶ Rated by *Baseball America* as nation’s 48th-best sophomore prospect
- ▶ Rated by *Baseball America* as BIG EAST’s second best prospect for 2010 MLB Draft

**Brian Dupra**

- ▶ BIG EAST Pitcher of the Week (Apr. 6)
- ▶ Preseason All-BIG EAST first team (Baseball America)
- ▶ Rated by *Baseball America* as BIG EAST’s third best prospect for 2010 MLB Draft

**Sam Elam**

- ▶ Rated by *Baseball America* as the nation’s 39th-best senior prospect for 2009 MLB Draft

**Will Hudgins**

- ▶ BIG EAST Honor Roll (Apr. 27)

**Cole Johnson**

- ▶ RecruitingCloser.com Pitcher of the Week (Mar. 1)
- ▶ BIG EAST/Aeropostale Scholar-Athlete
- ▶ Academic All-American Candidate

**Eric Maust**

- ▶ Preseason All-BIG EAST first team
- ▶ BIG EAST Pitcher of the Week (Apr. 20)

**A.J. Pollock**

- ▶ Preseason All-BIG EAST first team
- ▶ Preseason All-BIG EAST first team (Baseball America)
- ▶ Golden Spikes Award Watch List
- ▶ Preseason All-American first team (Baseball America)
- ▶ Preseason All-American second team (Collegiate Baseball)
- ▶ Preseason All-American third team (CollegeBaseballInsider.com)
- ▶ Preseason All-American third team (RecruitingCloser.com)
- ▶ Preseason All-American third team (Ping!Baseball)
- ▶ Wallace Award Watch List
- ▶ Rated by *Baseball America* as BIG EAST’s top prospect for 2009 MLB Draft
- ▶ Rated by *Baseball America* as 16th-best collegiate prospect for 2009 MLB Draft
- ▶ Rated by *Baseball America* as 39th-best overall prospect for 2009 MLB Draft
- ▶ Rated by *Baseball America* as seventh-best prospect from the Cape Cod Baseball League
- ▶ Rated by *Baseball America* as the nation’s 10th-best junior prospect for 2009 MLB Draft
- ▶ Rated by *Baseball America* as BIG EAST’s best pure hitter

**Golden Tate**

- ▶ BIG EAST Honor Roll (Feb. 23)

**Baseball America**

Team	Record	Pvs.
1. UC Irvine	30-11	1
2. <b>Rice</b>	<b>28-10</b>	<b>2</b>
3. Arizona State	31-9	3
4. North Carolina	35-11	4
5. LSU	33-11	6
6. Cal State Fullerton	29-11	10
7. Mississippi	32-12	11
8. Texas	29-11	5
9. Oklahoma	33-11	13
10. Georgia Tech	28-11	7
11. Georgia	33-11	8
12. Arkansas	29-12	12
13. Cal Poly	29-10	14
14. Virginia	34-9	15
15. TCU	27-12	16
16. Kansas State	31-11	23
17. Baylor	25-17	9
18. Miami	29-14	18
19. Florida State	30-12	21
20. Texas A&M	28-15	24
21. Clemson	30-15	NR
22. Alabama	29-15	22
23. Kent State	32-9	25
24. Florida	31-14	NR
25. East Carolina	32-13	NR

**ESPN/USA Today**

Team	Record	Pvs.
1 North Carolina (14)	35-11	3
2 Arizona State (10)	31-9	2
3 UC Irvine (4)	30-11	6
4 <b>Rice (3)</b>	<b>28-10</b>	<b>5</b>
5 LSU	33-12	8
6 Georgia	33-11	1
7 Cal State Fullerton	29-11	10
8 Arkansas	29-12	9
9 Texas	29-11-1	4
10 Georgia Tech	28-11-1	7
11 Oklahoma	33-11	13
12 Florida State	30-12	16
13 Mississippi	32-12	15
14 Miami	29-14	11
15 Virginia	34-9-1	14
16 Texas A&M	28-15	17
17 Clemson	30-15	20t
18 Cal Poly	29-10	18
19 Florida	31-14	23
20 TCU	27-12	22
21 Kansas State	31-11-1	—
22 East Carolina	32-13	24
23 Oregon State	24-11	20t
24 Baylor	25-17	12
25 Coastal Carolina	32-12	19

**Others receiving votes:** Ohio State (31-10) 49; Oklahoma State (28-17) 44; George Mason (34-8) 43; Alabama (29-15) 39; Kent State (32-9) 27; San Diego (27-17) 25; **Gonzaga** (28-13) 16; Hawaii (26-16) 16; Georgia Southern (30-11) 10; San Diego State (28-17) 9; Duke (29-17) 7; Elon (28-13) 6; New Mexico (31-12) 6; Eastern Illinois (32-9) 5; **South Florida** (27-15) 5; Minnesota (27-12) 4; Rhode Island (29-13) 4; Western Kentucky (30-12) 4; Texas State (31-10) 3; Boston College (26-17) 2; Middle Tennessee (30-12) 2; San Jose State (29-14) 2; New Mexico State (34-10) 1; **Oral Roberts** (22-11) 1.

**Collegiate Baseball**

Team	Record	Pvs.
1. UC Irvine	30-11	1
2. Arizona State	31-9	2
3. North Carolina	35-11	3
4. LSU	33-12	9
5. Cal State Fullerton	29-11	10
6. Georgia	33-11	5
7. Arkansas	29-12	7
8. <b>Rice</b>	<b>28-10</b>	<b>8</b>
9. Florida State	30-12	15
10. Georgia Tech	28-11-1	4
11. Virginia	34-9-1	11
12. Mississippi	32-12	13
13. Cal Poly	29-10	12
14. Oklahoma	33-11	14
15. Texas A&M	28-15	16
16. Texas	29-11-1	6
17. Florida	31-14	22
18. Miami	29-14	18
19. Clemson	30-15	26
20. TCU	27-12	20
21. Kent State	32-9	25
22. Oregon State	24-11	19
23. Alabama	29-15	21
24. Kansas State	31-11-1	—
25. <b>South Florida</b>	<b>27-15</b>	<b>29</b>
26. Texas State	31-10	—
27. <b>Ohio State</b>	<b>31-10</b>	<b>24</b>
28. <b>Illinois</b>	<b>26-12</b>	<b>—</b>
29. George Mason	34-8	27
30. East Carolina	32-13	—

**NCBWA**

Team	Record	Pvs.
1. North Carolina	35-11	1
2. Arizona State	31-9	3
3. <b>Rice</b>	<b>28-10</b>	<b>5</b>
4. UC Irvine	30-11	6
5. LSU	33-12	7
6. Cal State Fullerton	29-11	9
7. Georgia	33-11	4
8. Mississippi	32-12	11
9. Florida State	30-12	10
10. Texas	29-11-1	2
11. Oklahoma	33-11	14
12. Arkansas	29-12	13
13. Miami	29-14	12
14. Georgia Tech	28-11-1	8
15. Virginia	34-9-1	16
16. Cal Poly	29-10	17
17. Texas A&M	28-15	18
18. TCU	27-12	20
19. Clemson	30-15	21
20. Florida	31-14	22
21. East Carolina	32-13	24
22. Coastal Carolina	32-12	19
23. Kansas State	31-11-1	30
24. Baylor	25-17	15
25. <b>Ohio State</b>	<b>31-10</b>	<b>23</b>
26. Oklahoma State	28-17	25
27. Alabama	29-15	27
28. George Mason	34-8	—
29. Oregon State	24-11	26
30. San Diego	27-17	28

**Others receiving votes:** BYU (24-16), Dallas Baptist (29-11), Eastern Illinois (32-9), Elon (28-13), Georgia Southern (30-11), **Gonzaga** (28-13), **Illinois** (26-12), Kansas (29-15), Kent State (32-9), Liberty (29-13), Middle Tennessee State (30-12), Minnesota (27-12), New Mexico (31-12), New Mexico State (34-10), Rhode Island (29-13-1), Sam Houston State (28-16), San Diego State (28-17), **South Florida** (27-15), Southeastern Louisiana (26-17), Texas State (31-10), UC Riverside (24-13), Vanderbilt (27-17), Western Carolina (25-17), Western Kentucky (30-12).

2009 opponents in **bold**

**QUICK HITTERS —**

► **RBI BY COMMITTEE:** Notre Dame has 10 players with 10 or more RBI.

► **IN THE CLUTCH:** The Irish are batting .314 with runners in scoring position (.328 in 2008), led by senior **Jeremy Barnes** (.439, 29-for-66), sophomore **David Casey** (.409, 9-for-22), junior **A.J. Pollock** (.396, 19-for-48), sophomore **Mike Doyle** (.333, 10-for-30), junior **David Mills** (.326, 14-for-43), junior **Cacey Martin** (.313, 10-for-32), sophomore **Greg Sherry** (.286, 12-for-42), sophomore **Matt Scioscia** (.273, 6-for-22) and sophomore **Cameron McConnell** (.229, 11-for-48).

► **RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME:** Notre Dame is hitting .345 (246-for-713) with runners on base, but just .278 (202-for-727) with the bases empty.

► **CONTROLLING THE RUNNING GAME:** Notre Dame sophomore catcher **Cameron McConnell** might be the most improved player on the Irish roster this season. Not only does McConnell have two home runs and 22 RBI, tied for third best on the club, but also he has already thrown out 19 base stealers (best in the BIG EAST). In fact, opponents have only recorded 35 stolen bases in 54 attempts (.648) against McConnell. Notre Dame's catchers last season, Sean Gaston and McConnell, only pegged 10 the entire year.

► **TEAM NOTES:** Notre Dame is 18-3 this season when scoring six or more runs and 8-14 when scoring five or fewer runs ... the Irish are 18-2 when scoring the game's first run, but 8-15 when the opponent scores first ... Notre Dame is 22-0 when taking a lead to the ninth inning despite being outscored 26-14 in the ninth inning ... the Irish are 17-5 when holding their opponent to five runs or less, but just 9-12 when the foe scores more than five runs ... Notre Dame is 20-3 when out hitting its opponent and 4-11 when out-hit ... the Irish are 9-3 when fail to commit an error ... Notre Dame is 19-0 when holding a lead after seven innings and 20-1 when holding a lead after six innings.

► **INDIVIDUAL NOTES:** Senior **Jeremy Barnes** leads Notre Dame with 51 RBI, which also ranks sixth in the BIG EAST ... Barnes is on pace for 66 RBI in the regular season, which would rank just outside the top-10 in single-season Irish history ... Junior **A.J. Pollock** leads the Irish in batting average (.366) ... if he were to win the Notre Dame batting title against in 2009, Pollock would be the second Irish player to ever win three straight team batting titles ... Pollock's career .363 batting average ranks ninth in school history ... Sophomore **Cameron McConnell** might be the most improved player on the Notre Dame roster in 2009 ... he ranks tied for third on the team with 22 RBI ... even more impressive, of McConnell's 22 RBI, 11 have either tied the game or given the Irish the lead ... Sophomore **Golden Tate**, who had a then career-high nine-game hitting streak snapped against Oakland on March 25, also added a hit in 11 straight games before going hitless against Michigan ... Tate has a hit in 23 of his last 26 games ... he also opened the year with hits in five consecutive games (so he has a hit in 31 of his 38 starts) ... Tate has also reached base in 34 of his 38 starts.

**BGSU NOTES —** Bowling Green plated three runs in the top of the first inning. It marked the fourth time in the last five games that Notre Dame has surrendered runs in the first inning.

► Notre Dame plated seven runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to grab a 9-3 lead. The seven runs are the second-most in any inning for the Irish this season. Notre Dame scored eight runs in the bottom of the seventh inning against Illinois on Feb. 21.

► Freshman **Steve Sabatino** improved to 2-0 on the season in the fourth start of his young career. The southpaw was making his first appearance for Notre Dame since a March 25th start against Oakland. Sabatino went 5.0 innings and allowed three earned runs on four hits. He walked three and struck out four. After the first four Falcons of the game reached on Sabatino (a pair of HBPs and two singles) and three scored, he kept Bowling Green scoreless over his final 4.1 innings of work. Sabatino allowed just a pair of singles after the first four batters of the game.

► Sophomore **Matt Scioscia** delivered an RBI double in the bottom of the first inning to bring the Irish within two runs, 3-1. The RBI marked the fourth consecutive start in which he drove in at least one run. In fact, he has recorded an RBI in seven of his last eight starts. Scioscia added two more RBI with a two-run single in the bottom of the fourth inning. He added his career-best fourth RBI with an RBI ground out in the bottom of the seventh inning.

► Senior **Ryan Connolly** drew walks in each of his first two plate appearances, twice stole second and came around to score both times. He picked up an RBI in the bottom of the fourth inning with a bases-loaded hit-by-pitch. Connolly reached base four times on the night and scored three runs.

► Senior **Jeremy Barnes** drove in his 50th run of the season in the bottom of the third inning, which equaled his output from both the 2006 and 2008 seasons. The RBI also was his 177th of his career that moved him into sole possession of seventh place on the all-time career Irish RBI list (passing Joe Binkiewicz, 1989-92). He surpassed his previous season-high total for RBI in his next at-bat when his singled in another run for his 51st RBI of the year.

- ▶ Sophomore **Mick Doyle** extended his career-best hitting streak to 10 games following his single in the bottom of the third inning.
- ▶ Junior **Brayden Ashdown** registered hits in each of his first three at-bats. In fact, he had a pair of singles, both right back up the middle, in the seven-run fourth inning. The three hits were also a career-high for Ashdown.
- ▶ Sophomore **Todd Miller** registered his second career save. The righty tossed 3.1 scoreless innings of relief with a career-high four strikeouts. The outing was Miller's longest of the season without allowing a run.

**UIC NOTES** — Junior **Sam Elam** made his second start of 2009 and ninth of his career against the Flames. He struck out four of the first seven UIC batters, including the side in the top of the second inning. Elam did hit his first batter of the season in the top of the third inning. He had gone 17.1 innings this season without an HBP. Elam had plunked 10 in 45.0 career innings over his first three years in an Irish uniform. Elam fanned six on the night in 3.2 innings of work. It marked the third career appearance for Elam with at least six strikeouts.

- ▶ Sophomore **Golden Tate** recorded his 11th RBI of the season in the bottom of the third inning. Tate, who had just eight RBI over Notre Dame's first 34 games, has registered an RBI in three consecutive games (he did not see action against Bowling Green).
- ▶ Sophomore **Evan Danieli** made his first appearance for the Irish since leaving the game on Feb. 22 against Purdue after 3.0 innings with tendinitis. The right-handed hurler entered the game with the bases loaded, two outs and struck out Nathan Orf to end the inning. Danieli lasted just 0.1 innings and took the defeat. He was charged with two earned runs on two hits, including a two-run home off the bat of Jake Carr. Danieli walked two and struck out one.
- ▶ Sophomore **David Casey** has now registered a hit in 15 of his last 17 games (one of the two games he failed to register a hit came against Northwestern when he pinch hit).
- ▶ Junior **Casey Martin** drove in his 10th run of the season with a two-out single in the bottom of the fifth inning. Martin entered the at-bat just 3-for-21 with two outs on the season.
- ▶ Junior **Andrew Scheid** tossed 3.0 scoreless innings of relief. The outing was tied for Scheid's longest of his career. He went 3.0 innings against Toledo on Apr. 17, 2007.

**WHO SAYS WINNING THE FIRST IS MOST IMPORTANT** — Notre Dame captured its second straight BIG EAST series after dropping the opening game this past weekend at Louisville. The Irish, which took two of three last weekend from then league leader West Virginia despite losing Friday's game 19-3, did the same this past weekend at second place Louisville. Notre Dame rebounded from Friday night's 8-7 walk-off Cardinals' victory with 11-5 and 13-12 wins the next two days. Notre Dame had never dropped a BIG EAST series opener in consecutive weeks only to rebound to take each series since entering the league in 1996.

**CARDIAC KIDS** — Notre Dame rallied from five runs down in the seventh inning (12-7) to take the rubber game of its series with Louisville, 13-12, this past weekend. It was the largest come back victory for the Irish since they rallied from five runs down against Toledo on April 17, 2007. In fact, Notre Dame rallied from a six-run deficit in Friday night's series opener to take a 7-6 advantage before ultimately losing in the ninth inning. That would have been the largest comeback since March 6, 2004.

**AS BARNES GOES, SO GO THE IRISH** — Senior **Jeremy Barnes** has had a remarkable start to the 2009 season. Barnes is hitting .341 with 12 doubles, five triples, eight home runs and 51 RBI, but his performance in victories is even more impressive. Barnes leads the Irish with a .420 batting average (42-for-100), .710 slugging percentage and .486 on-base percentage in their 26 victories. On the other hand, he is hitting just .219 (14-for-64) with a .484 slugging percentage and .315 on-base percentage in Notre Dame's 17 losses. In fact, the Irish are 22-9 when Barnes has a hit and 13-3 when he has a multi-hit affair.

- ▶ Barnes is the only player in the BIG EAST Conference with five or more double, five or more triples and five or more home runs.
- ▶ Barnes is also climbing the career charts in a number of Notre Dame offensive categories.

Notre Dame Career Runs Batted In		Triples	
1. Eric Danapilis (1990-93)	221	1. Scott Sollmann (1994-96)	24
2. Alec Porzel (1998-2001)	211	2. J.J. Brock (1994-98)	16
3. Dan Peltier (1987-89)	202	3. <b>Jeremy Barnes (2006-)</b>	14
Mike Amrhein (1994-97)	202	Shaun Fitzmaurice (1963-64)	14
5. Matt Edwards (2002-05)	195	George Restovich (1994-96)	14
6. Jeff Wagner (1996-99)	189	Randall Brooks (1994-97)	14
7. <b>Jeremy Barnes (2006-)</b>	178	Brian Stavisky (2000-02)	14
8. Joe Binkiewicz (1989-92)	176		
9. J.J. Brock (1994-97)	174		
10. Brant Ust (1997-99)	170		

Games Played		Games Started	
1. Steve Stanley (1999-2002)	256	1. Steve Stanley (1999-2002)	256
2. Alec Porzel (1998-2001)	239	2. J.J. Brock (1994-98)	238
Paul O'Toole (1999-2002)	239	3. Alec Porzel (1998-2001)	234
4. J.J. Brock (1994-98)	238	4. Brett Lilley (2005-08)	231
5. Craig Counsell (1989-92)	236	5. Paul O'Toole (1999-2002)	229
6. Mike Coss (1988-91)	235	6. Craig Counsell (1989-92)	223
7. Brett Lilley (2005-08)	231	7. Andrew Bushey (1999-2002)	222
8. Greg Lopez (2003-06)	230	8. Ross Brezovsky (2005-08)	220
9. Jeff Felker (1997-2000)	228	Jeff Felker (1997-2000)	220
10. Cody Rizzo (2003-06)	226	10. <b>Jeremy Barnes (2006-)</b>	205
-- <b>Jeremy Barnes (2006-)</b>	212		

NOTRE DAME VS. CONFERENCES	
<b>Atlantic 10</b>	<b>1-0 (1.000)</b>
Dayton	1-0 (.000)
<b>BIG EAST</b>	<b>10-8 (.556)</b>
Cincinnati	1-2 (.333)
Connecticut	0-0 (.000)
Louisville	2-1 (.667)
Pittsburgh	1-2 (.333)
Seton Hall	1-2 (.333)
St. John's	0-0 (.000)
USF	0-0 (.000)
Villanova	3-0 (1.000)
West Virginia	2-1 (.667)
<b>Big Ten</b>	<b>3-3 (.500)</b>
Illinois	1-0 (1.000)
Michigan	1-1 (.500)
Michigan State	0-0 (.000)
Northwestern	0-1 (.000)
Ohio State	0-1 (.000)
Purdue	1-0 (1.000)
<b>Conference USA</b>	<b>0-1 (.000)</b>
Rice	0-1 (.000)
<b>Horizon League</b>	<b>1-1 (.500)</b>
Illinois-Chicago	0-1 (.000)
Valparaiso	1-0 (1.000)
<b>Independents</b>	<b>2-0 (1.000)</b>
Texas-Pan American	2-0 (1.000)
<b>Mid-American</b>	<b>4-0 (1.000)</b>
Ball State	1-0 (.000)
Bowling Green	1-0 (.000)
Central Michigan	1-0 (1.000)
Toledo	1-0 (1.000)
Western Michigan	0-0 (.000)
<b>Missouri Valley</b>	<b>0-2 (.000)</b>
Creighton	0-1 (.000)
Illinois State	0-1 (.000)
<b>Pac-10</b>	<b>1-0 (1.000)</b>
Washington State	1-0 (1.000)
<b>Southern Collegiate Athletic</b>	<b>1-0 (1.000)</b>
Trinity	1-0 (1.000)
<b>Southwestern Athletic</b>	<b>2-0 (1.000)</b>
Grambling	2-0 (1.000)
<b>Summit League</b>	<b>1-1 (.500)</b>
Oakland	0-1 (.000)
Oral Roberts	1-0 (1.000)
<b>West Coast</b>	<b>0-1 (.000)</b>
Gonzaga	0-1 (.000)

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**Interviews**

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**Media Guides**

Media guides will be available to working press only and may be purchased by fans. Press guides will not be distributed to fans from the press box or the media relations office. The 2009 Notre Dame Baseball Media Guide is also available online at UND.com in .pdf format.

**Game Notes and Statistics**

Game notes and statistics will be distributed to all working media and scouts on game days at Frank Eck Stadium. Copies will also be made available in the press box. The statistics are for working press, scouts and coaches only. A complete statistical book containing box score, play-by-play and game notes will also be available in the press box for working media following each home game. All information will be made available to fans through UND.com.

**Live Stats/GameTracker**

While every Irish game can be accessed by radio either through the internet or in the greater Michiana area, every home game and nearly every road games can be tracked through live statistical updates on UND.com.

**BULLPEN BABIES** — Notre Dame's three freshman relievers of **Will Hudgins**, **Ryan Richter** and **Joe Spano** had quite a weekend for the Irish in their series victory over Louisville. The trio combined to post a 1-0 record and two saves in 7.0 scoreless innings of relief. Hudgins tossed 3.2 scoreless innings and picked up the first two saves of his career. Richter, who picked up the victory earlier in the week in his start against Michigan, tossed 3.0 hitless innings of relief and registered the win in game two of the series, while Spano retired the only batter he faced (Louisville's Phil Wunderlich who torched the Irish over the weekend).

**SHINING UNDER THE GOLDEN DOME** — Sophomore **Golden Tate** blossomed into one of the most improved wide receivers in the country this past fall. He led the Irish in receptions (58), receiving yards (1,080), receiving touchdowns (10) and total touchdowns (11). Tate ranked tied for 83rd in the NCAA FBS in receptions per game (4.46), 28th in receiving yards per game (83.08), 22nd in total receiving yards (1,080) and tied for 16th in receiving touchdowns (10). He became the fifth Irish wideout (sixth time) to ever eclipse 1,000 yards in a single season. Tate recorded 1,754 all-purpose yards (third-most in Notre Dame history), the most by an Irish player since Tim Brown in 1987.

► Tate has made a similar impact on the diamond this spring. After playing in 18 games, including nine starts, and hitting .262 with three doubles, four RBI and three stolen bases in 2008, Tate is batting .333 with six doubles, two triples, one home run and 11 RBI. Tate also is 7-for-8 in stolen bases. He carried a then career-best nine game hitting streak into the March 25 matchup with Oakland, but went 0-for-3. Tate then recorded a hit in a team-best 11 straight games before going hitless against Michigan on April 22.

► Tate has a hit in 23 of his last 26 games. He also opened the year with hits in five consecutive games (so he has a hit in 31 of his 38 starts). Tate has also reached base in 34 of his 38 starts

► Tate had quite an afternoon on April 18. The wide receiver caught one pass, attempted one rush (a reverse) and returned one punt in the 2009 Blue-Gold spring football game before capping the afternoon with a 4-for-9 effort, two runs scored and one RBI in a doubleheader sweep of West Virginia.

► Tate could not have picked a better time to hit his first career home run. The sophomore, who by his admission has hit only two runs in batting practice all year, lined a 2-2 fast ball from Louisville closer Tony Zych over the left field wall to give the Irish a 13-12 lead in the ninth inning and eventual victory over the Cardinals.

**MICK DOYLE RULES** — Sophomore **Mick Doyle** has really found his stroke over the last two weeks. After the third baseman batted .667 (6-for-9) with three RBI over the opening weekend of the 2009 season (playing third base), Doyle struggled over his next 14 games for Notre Dame batting just .132 (5-for-38) predominantly playing second base. His season has really taken off since he was moved back to third base. Doyle returned to third base on April 18 against West Virginia. He went 3-for-7 with a home run, two runs scored and two RBI in the doubleheader sweep of the Mountaineers. Doyle has since not missed a beat. He is batting .485 (16-for-33) in the nine games since moving back to third base with seven runs scored, three doubles, two home runs and 10 RBI. Doyle has also registered a hit in a career-best 10 consecutive games.

**THERE IS JOY IN SOUTH BEND, MIGHTY CASEY IS STARTING TO HIT** — Sophomore **David Casey** has really seemed to find himself offensively since taking over the majority of the at bats against RHP. The first basemen has recorded a hit in 15 of his last 17 games (one of the two games he failed to register a hit came against Northwestern when he pinch hit). Casey is hitting .444 (24-for-54) with 14 runs scored, seven doubles, three home runs and 17 RBI.

► His first career home run came in the opening game of Notre Dame's doubleheader on April 11 at Cincinnati. The solo bomb not only cleared the scoreboard in right field, but crashed halfway up the facade of Fifth Third Bank Arena that sits some 30-40 feet behind the wall.

► Casey had hit safely in ten consecutive starts, including eight multiple-hit games over the span, before going hitless (0-for-3) against Michigan in the opener of a doubleheader on April 22.

► Casey also had quite a weekend at Louisville. He batted .429 (3-for-7) with two home runs and seven RBI. Casey only made one start over the weekend, but smacked a ninth inning, pinch hit home run to give the Irish a 7-6 lead in Friday's opener before belting a game-tying, grand slam in Sunday's 13-12 triumph. All three of his hits went for extra bases as he added a run scoring double.

**NOTRE DAME LOVES ITS R & R** — Freshman reliever and South Bend native **Ryan Richter** has not wasted much time in making an impact for his hometown Irish. Richter, who missed most of his senior season with an injury, has made nine appearances for Notre Dame (including two starts) and sports a 5-1 record with a 2.45 earned run average in 25.2 innings of work. He has yielded 22 hits and 14 walks, along with 18 strikeouts, while opponents are batting just .234 against him.

► Richter struck out a career-high six in his first career start against Northwestern on April 15 at U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago.

► Richter picked up the victory in the second game of the doubleheader with Michigan on April 22.

► Richter tossed 3.0 hitless innings of relief and registered the win in game three of the series against Louisville.

► He attended St. Joseph's High School, mere minutes from the Notre Dame campus. Richter could become the 21st South Bend native to monogram with the Irish baseball team and seventh from St. Joe, including the likes of Matt Nussbaum (1999-00), Tony Zappia (1970-71), Marty DeGraff (1993-94), Joe Kernan (1967-68), Nick Mainieri (2004-05) and Michael McNeill (1985).

**JOHNSON ON DISPLAY** — Sophomore **Cole Johnson** had a phenomenal fall season that pushed him to the front of the Irish rotation. However, his status at the beginning of the year was in question after a bike accident on campus. Johnson was riding his bike to class when he lost control on a patch of ice. He landed on his throwing shoulder, leaving him out for nearly an entire month (January), but Johnson rehabilitated and has established himself as the one of the top starters in the BIG EAST. He enters this weekend with a 4-1 record and a 4.11 earned run average. Johnson has struck out 40, walked 25 and allowed only 57 hits in 65.2 innings of work (opponents are hitting just .238 against him). Johnson has tossed at least 6.0 innings in seven of his last eight starts, including 6.0 scoreless innings of one-hit baseball against Oral Roberts on March 6 and back-to-back complete

game victories over Pittsburgh on March 27 and Villanova on April 3. He could have become the first Irish pitcher to toss three straight CGs since Dan Kapala in 2005, but Notre Dame's game with Cincinnati on April 9 was tied 2-2 after nine innings.

► Johnson, though, was spectacular once again for the Irish despite not factoring in the decision against the Bearcats. The right-handed hurler went 9.2 innings and allowed just two earned runs on eight hits. Johnson struck out five and walked three. He became the first Notre Dame pitcher to work into the 10th inning since Aaron Heilman tossed 10.0 innings against West Virginia on April 15, 2000. Johnson has now tossed 9.0 or more innings in three consecutive starts. In fact, the righty has worked at least 7.0 innings in five straight starts. Johnson sports a 3-0 mark with a 2.38 ERA in those five starts with a pair of complete games and another outing that last 9.2 innings.

► Johnson allowed just two earned runs in his first career complete game victory to lead the Irish past Pittsburgh, 5-4. He was the first opposing pitcher to throw a nine-inning complete game at Trees Field since May 13, 2006. Johnson kept the high powered Pittsburgh attack grounded for much of the afternoon. The Panthers entered the contest hitting .321 as a team and averaging 8.5 runs per game. In fact, Pittsburgh was even more impressive over its first four home games, plating nearly 10 runs a game, but Johnson was in control from the opening pitch. The right-handed hurler scattered seven hits, issued just two walks and struck out four. Johnson became the first Notre Dame pitcher to throw a nine-inning complete game since David Phelps went the distance against Villanova on May 23, 2007. With Notre Dame holding a 5-2 lead heading into the bottom of the seventh inning, the Panthers took advantage of a pair of Irish errors, plated two unearned runs and had the tying run in scoring position, but Johnson escaped the jam with the Irish still clinging to a one run lead, 5-4, and proceeded to retire the final seven Panthers of the game.

► Johnson threw his second consecutive complete game, and the Irish scored all three of their runs in the first inning to defeat the Villanova Wildcats, 3-1, on April 3. Johnson became the first Irish pitcher since Dan Kapala in 2005 to throw back-to-back complete games. Johnson cruised through the first three innings, retiring the first nine batters on only 35 pitches with three strikeouts. Johnson gave up one run on seven hits, striking out five and walking just one.

► Johnson had his worst outing of the year against West Virginia on April 17. The righty was roughed up for 11 earned runs on 10 hits in 5.0 innings. He fanned three and walked three. His ERA rose from 2.30 to 3.77 and his opponents batting average went up from .189 to .221.

► He struggled mightily over the first two innings against Louisville. Johnson was tagged with five earned runs on seven hits in the first and second inning, but rebounded with an impressive 4.1 scoreless innings the rest of the way to keep the Irish in the game. He allowed just one hit in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth inning.

► Johnson is 0-1 with a 13.09 ERA in his last two starts against West Virginia and Louisville. He has allowed 20 hits and 16 earned runs in 11.0 innings of work.

**DUPRA, DOING MORE** — Sophomore **Brian Dupra** had his best outing as a collegiate pitcher against Villanova on April 4. The Rochester, N.Y. native was named the BIG EAST Pitcher of the Week for his efforts. He tossed a three-hit shutout with no walks and a career-high tying six strikeouts to lead the Irish past Villanova, 4-0. Dupra also became the first Notre Dame pitcher to throw a complete game shutout in over two years (Maust accomplished the feat on April 18 against WVU). Former All-American David Phelps was the last to accomplish the feat, blanking South Florida 1-0 at Eck Stadium on March 23, 2007. Dupra needed just 108 pitches to finish off the Wildcats. The righty retired the first 14 Villanova batters on just 48 pitches before allowing a single with two outs in the fifth inning. Dupra proceeded to retire the next five before allowing a double in the seventh (which was the furthest any Villanova hitter reached on base the entire afternoon). He was so dominant that he worked with a three-ball count just twice the entire afternoon and the first did not come until the fifth inning. He faced just four over the minimum on the afternoon (he also plunked one batter). Dupra's complete game effort without a walk was the first for an Irish pitcher since Tom Thornton's complete game no free pass outing against Southern Illinois on March 18, 2006.

► Dupra got a double play grounder with the tying run at the plate in the top of the ninth inning to secure his third consecutive complete game and give the Irish an 8-6 victory over league-leader West Virginia in the first game of a BIG EAST doubleheader on April 18. He scattered six runs on 11 hits in 9.0 innings. The right-handed hurler struck out three and walked just one. Dupra did surrender a two-run home run off the bat of Justin Parks with one out in the top of the ninth inning that cut the Irish lead to 8-6. He then plunked Dan DiBartolomeo to bring the tying run to the plate in Jedd Gyorko, but Dupra got a 6-3 double play to end the game. Dupra became the first Irish pitcher to toss three straight complete games since Dan Kapala in 2005 (West Virginia, Pittsburgh and St. John's).

► Dupra did not have his best stuff against Louisville, but battled through 7.1 innings. The righty allowed five earned runs on 12 hits and improved to 5-4 on the season. Dupra walked just one and struck out a pair. He also benefitted from a pair of double play ground out by Louisville.

**QUITE A BUSY AFTERNOON** — Junior **Eric Maust** threw a complete game shutout, the first of his career, as the Irish blanked BIG EAST leader West Virginia, 3-0, to secure a doubleheader sweep at Eck Stadium on April 18. He is the first pitcher to throw a complete game shutout of West Virginia since May 11, 2007. The outing was even more impressive when you consider Maust spent the earlier part of the afternoon playing for the Irish in the Blue-Gold spring football game. He punted five times for 187 yards (including two inside the 20 yard line). Maust allowed just five hits (all singles over the first four innings) and one walk, striking out two in a 114-pitch effort. He did not allow more than one base runner in any inning, and no West Virginia runner advanced past second base in the game. West Virginia, who entered the game batting .368 (third best in the nation) and scoring 10.2 runs per game, was shutout for the first time this season and recorded a season-low five hits. The last team to shutout the Mountaineers was Connecticut on May 13, 2007, a span of 94 games.

► Maust has now tossed 12.1 consecutive scoreless innings against West Virginia. He went 7.0 innings against last season and kept the off the scoreboard over the final 3.1 innings. Ironically, that start came the day after the 2008 Blue-Gold game. Maust punted in that game as well, before catching a flight into Pittsburgh from South Bend in the early morning hours of gameday.

### Notre Dame Double-Digit Hit Streaks (since 1995)

22 – Ross Brezovsky (2008; Sr., OF)  
 21 – Craig Cooper (2006; Sr., 1B)  
 21 – Mike Amhein (1997; Sr., C)  
 18 – Jeff Felker (1999; Jr., 1B)  
 16 – Steve Stanley (2000; So., CF)  
 15 – Alex Nettey (2005; Jr., CF)  
 15 – Steve Sollmann (2003; Jr., 2B)  
 15 – Jeff Wagner (1997; Sr., C/DH)  
 15 – Brant Ust (1997; Fr., 2B/SS)  
 14 – Steve Andres (2004; So., LF)  
 14 – Brian Stavisky (2000; Fr., RF)  
 14 – Matt Nussbaum (1999; Jr., LF)  
**13 – David Mills (2008; So., DH)**  
 13 – Craig Cooper (2005; Jr., LF)  
 13 – Steve Sollmann (2003; Jr., 2B)  
 13 – Steve Stanley (2002; Sr., CF)  
 13 – Andrew Bushey (2001; Jr., 3B)  
 13 – Allen Greene (1997; So., LF)  
 12 – Matt Bransfield (2006; Sr., LF)  
 12 – Javi Sanchez (2002; SS, So.)  
 12 – Steve Stanley (1999; CF, Fr.)  
 12 – Jeff Wagner (1998; Jr., C)  
**11 – Golden Tate (2009; So., LF)**  
**11 – Jeremy Barnes (2008; Jr., 2B)**  
**11 – A.J. Pollock (2008; So., OF)**  
 11 – Ryan Smith (2007; Sr., C/DH)  
**11 – Jeremy Barnes (2007; So., 2B)**  
 11 – Matt Bransfield (2006; Sr., OF/DH)  
 11 – Danny Dressman (2006; Jr., OF)  
 11 – Ross Brezovsky (2006; So., 2B)  
 11 – Steve Stanley (2002; CF, Sr.)  
 11 – Brian Stavisky (2002; Jr., LF)  
 11 – Allen Greene (1998; Jr., CF)  
 11 – Scott Sollmann (1996; Jr., CF)  
**10 – Mick Doyle (2009; So., 3B) – current**  
**10 – A.J. Pollock (2009; Jr., CF)**  
**10 – Jeremy Barnes (2008; Jr., 2B)**  
**10 – Jeremy Barnes (2008; Jr., 2B)**  
 10 – Brett Lilley (2008; Sr., SS)  
 10 – Danny Dressman (2007; Sr., CF)  
 10 – Matt Edwards (2005; Sr., 1B)  
 10 – Matt Macri (2004; Jr., 3B)  
 10 – Matt Edwards (2004; Jr., 1B)  
 10 – Matt Edwards (2003; So., 3B)  
 10 – Steve Stanley (2002; Sr., CF)  
 10 – Steve Sollmann (2002; So., 2B)  
 10 – Steve Stanley (2001; Jr., CF)  
 10 – Ken Meyer (2001; Jr., DH)  
 10 – Steve Sollmann (2001; Fr., 2B)  
 10 – Steve Stanley (2000; So., CF)  
 10 – Brian Stavisky (2000; Fr., RF)  
 10 – Steve Stanley (1999; Fr., CF)  
 10 – Brant Ust (1998; So., 3B)  
 10 – J.J. Brock (1997; Sr., 3B)  
 10 – Randall Brooks (1996; Jr., 2B)  
 10 – J.J. Brock (1996; Jr., 3B)

### Most Double-Digit Hit Streaks from 1995-2007

8 – Steve Stanley  
 4 – Steve Sollmann, **Jeremy Barnes**  
 3 – Brian Stavisky, Matt Edwards  
 2 – Brant Ust, Allen Greene, Jeff Wagner, J.J. Brock, Craig Cooper, Danny Dressman, **A.J. Pollock**



**2009 BIG EAST STANDINGS**

Team	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
USF	15-3	.833	28-16	.636
Louisville	12-6	.667	30-13	.698
St. John's	12-6	.667	25-15	.625
West Virginia	11-7	.611	29-13	.690
<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>10-8</b>	<b>.556</b>	<b>26-17</b>	<b>.605</b>
Cincinnati	10-8	.556	23-19	.548
Pittsburgh	9-9	.500	23-14	.622
Seton Hall	9-9	.500	20-19	.513
Connecticut	8-10	.444	25-20	.556
Villanova	4-14	.222	19-22	.463
Rutgers	4-14	.222	17-26	.395
Georgetown	4-14	.222	12-29	.293

**Monday, April 27**

Connecticut 6, Northeastern 4

**Tuesday, April 28**

Cincinnati 9, Xavier 10  
 Villanova 7, Temple 6  
 Connecticut 17, Bryant 5  
 Rutgers 5, Delaware 12  
 St. John's 12, NYIT 20  
 Georgetown 15, Norfolk State 4  
 Pittsburgh vs. Penn State Ppd.  
 Notre Dame 5, Illinois-Chicago 10  
 Louisville 11, Kentucky 2  
 USF 5, Central Florida 9  
 West Virginia 8, Morehead State 1

**Wednesday, April 29**

Seton Hall 6, St. Peter's 5  
 Rutgers 4, Monmouth 6  
 West Virginia 7, Maryland 8  
 Pittsburgh 10, Cleveland State 0  
 St. John's 12, Fairleigh Dickinson 10  
 Notre Dame 11, Bowling Green 6  
 Cincinnati 19, Xavier 3  
 Connecticut 9, Central Connecticut 7  
 USF 9, Central Florida 3

**Friday, May 1**

Louisville at Villanova 3:45 p.m.  
 St. John's at Seton Hall 6:00 p.m.  
 Connecticut at Notre Dame 6:05 p.m.  
 Cincinnati at USF 7:00 p.m.  
 Rutgers at West Virginia 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, May 2**

Louisville at Villanova 12:45 p.m.  
 St. John's at Seton Hall (DH) 1:00 p.m.  
 Connecticut at Notre Dame 1:05 p.m.  
 Rutgers at West Virginia 3:00 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh at Georgetown (DH) 4:00 p.m.  
 Cincinnati at USF 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, May 3**

Pittsburgh at Georgetown Noon  
 Louisville at Villanova 12:15 p.m.  
 Cincinnati at USF 1:00 p.m.  
 Rutgers at West Virginia 1:00 p.m.  
 Connecticut at Notre Dame 1:05 p.m.  
*(All times are Eastern)*

**BIG EAST Player of the Week**

Junior Carlin, USF, Jr., OF

**BIG EAST Pitcher of the Week**

Keith Cantwell, Seton Hall, Jr., RHP

**BIG EAST Weekly Honor Roll**

Lance Durham, Cincinnati, 1B/OF, Jr.  
 Will Hudgins, Notre Dame, RHP, Fr.  
 Jimmy Parque, St. John's, OF, Jr.  
 Chris Sedon, Pittsburgh, 2B, Jr.  
 Phil Wunderlich, Louisville, OF, So.

**SLINGING SAM ELAM** — Senior **Sam Elam** has experienced the highest highs and the lowest lows over his career with the Irish. Elam, considered the top-pitching prospect in the entire BIG EAST conference following the summer of 2007, made just one appearance in 2008 dealing with major control problems. He walked four, uncorked three wild pitches and allowed two earned runs on no hits in 1.0 inning. This from the same pitcher that took a no-hitter into the eighth inning (two outs) against Purdue on April 18, 2007. Elam went the distance that night and blanked the Boilermakers on just one hit with nine strikeouts. He has shown signs of regaining the form of 2006 and 2007.

► Elam fanned a pair in his scoreless inning of work against Dayton on Feb. 28 and tossed 3.0 more effective innings of relief against Central Michigan on March 24. The southpaw allowed just a pair of infield hits and one earned run, but struck out five and walked two.

► Elam was touched up for a pair of earned runs in 2.1 innings on two hits against West Virginia on April 17. He allowed a pair of doubles, one bloop just inside the foul line.

► Elam made his first since May 6, 2007 against Seton Hall when he took the mound against Michigan on April 23. In that start against the Pirates, he lasted just 0.2 innings and was charged with four earned runs on no hits. Elam walked three, uncorked two wild pitches, hit a batter and struck out one. The southpaw allowed just two earned runs on seven hits, three of which never left the infield, in 6.0+ innings of work against the Wolverines. Elam fanned a career-high tying nine and walked four. The nine strikeouts were tied for the most in Elam's career (he fanned nine in a nine inning, one hitter against Purdue on April 18, 2007). The nine punch-outs also tied freshman Steve Sabatino for Notre Dame's season-high. The outing for Elam was his longest since that Purdue appearance.

► Elam has allowed only five extra-base hits in 63.2 career innings. In fact, he has only yielded 38 total hits in his career as opponents own just a .174 batting average against the hard-throwing southpaw.

► Elam now ranks as the school's career leader (minimum of 60 innings pitched) in fewest hits allowed per nine innings (5.25) and fourth in strikeouts per nine innings (10.20).

Strikeouts Per 9 IP (min. 60 IP)	Fewest Hits Allowed Per 9 IP (min. 60 IP)
1. Dan McGinn (1964-65)..... 12.66 (105/74.2)	1. <b>Sam Elam (2003-05)..... 5.37 (38/63.2)</b>
2. Ryan Doherty (2003-05)..... 12.17 (134/98.1)	2. Ryan Doherty (2003-05)..... 6.22 (68/98.1)
3. Rick Rusteck (1961-63) .... 10.75 (131/109.2)	3. Dan McGinn (1964-65)..... 6.27 (52/74.2)
4. <b>Sam Elam (2006-) .....10.46 (74/63.2)</b>	4. Ed Lupton (1963-65)..... 6.29 (113/161.2)
5. Jeff Manship (2004-06) ..... 10.11(131/116.2)	5. Larry Mohs (1994-'95, '97) .... 6.50 (85/117.2)
6. Brad Lidge (1996-98)..... 9.93 (143/129.2)	6. David Sinnes (1990-93) ..... 6.69 (221/297.1)

**BEEN THERE, DONE THAT** — Senior **Jeremy Barnes** smacked his team-leading seventh home run of the season on Wednesday night against Northwestern at U.S. Cellular Field. Barnes also homered in last season's game at U.S. Cellular Field. In fact, both were estimated to travel some 370 feet and both landed in the visiting team bullpen (probably within 10 feet of one another).

**FRESHMEN ARMS ACTING FAR FROM IT** — Notre Dame entered this season with tremendous depth in its pitching staff and much of it was due in part to a large contingent of freshmen. **Ryan Richter, Dustin Ispas, Will Hudgins, Steve Sabatino** and **Joe Spano** have each made their respective contributions early in 2009. The quintet owns a combined 9-3 record with a 4.34 ERA in 95.1 innings of work and opponents are batting .244 against the group.

**NOTRE DAME NOTES FROM MICHIGAN DOUBLEHEADER** — Freshman **Ryan Richter** registered his second career start in the night cap. The southpaw did allow the first home run of his career, a solo shot off the bat of Michigan freshman Coley Frank in the top of the second inning. Richter allowed three earned runs on five hits in 5.0 innings of work. He registered his fourth victory of the season.

► Sophomore **Todd Miller** recorded his first career save in the game-two victory. The right-handed hurler fanned three in 2.0 innings of hitless relief. Miller did issue a walk, but the free pass was gunned down on a steal attempt in the top of the seventh inning.

► Senior **Jeremy Barnes** registered two RBI on the night. Barnes moved past Brant Ust (1997-99) into ninth place on the all-time Irish RBI list. Ironically, Ust was in attendance. He serves as the Wolverines volunteer assistant coach.

► Barnes not only became the 10th different Notre Dame player to ever start 200 career games, but also drev his 100th career free pass.

► Sophomore **Cameron McConnell** gunned down two more base stealers.

► Sophomore **Mick Doyle** gave the Irish a 4-3 lead in the bottom of the fifth inning of the second game with his sixth sacrifice fly of the season. The six sac flies are tied for the most in the BIG EAST.

► Notre Dame continued to struggle with runners in scoring position, more specifically with the bases loaded. The Irish, who went 2-for-10 with runners in scoring position and 0-for-3 with the bases loaded in the opener, went hitless in their first four at bats with runners in scoring position in the second game. In fact, Notre Dame loaded the bases with no outs in the second inning of game two and failed to plate a single run. The Irish were just 2-for-their-last-13 with the bases loaded following the inning.

► Notre Dame stranded five base runners, four in scoring position, over the first four innings of the nightcap.

► Notre Dame had the leadoff runner reach base in five of the seven innings of the opener and two more times over the first five innings of the second game, but managed to score in just two of those innings.

► The Irish again loaded the bases in the bottom of the fifth inning with no outs. **Barnes** finally came through with a hit with the bases loaded as the shortstop laced a two-run single. It was Notre Dame's first hit in six at bats with the bases loaded over the two games.

► Ironically, the Irish finally came through with four runs in the fifth inning, but did so on just one base hit. Notre Dame also plated runs on a walk and sacrifice fly.

► The Irish stranded seven runners, including four in scoring position, over the first five innings of the opening game. Notre Dame was 1-for-8 with runners in scoring position over the span. In fact, the Irish had 12 at-bats with runners on base and advanced just four times before the two-run sixth inning.



- The Irish had the leadoff batter reach first base to open five of the seven innings.
- Notre Dame again put a pair of runners in scoring position on Mills' bunt single and Doyle's double to open the sixth. Junior **Casey Martin** finally came through with a productive out, driving in Mills from third base with a sacrifice fly. Senior **Evan Sharpley** also came through with a clutch, two-out RBI single to tie the game, 2-2.
- Notre Dame did plate a pair of runs in the bottom of the sixth, but still stranded two more runners on base and both were left in scoring position. The Irish stranded 10 in the game, including six in scoring position. Notre Dame went 2-for-10 in the opener with runners in scoring position. The Irish also went 1-for-5 with a runner on third base and less than two outs.

**NOW THAT'S STARTING PITCHING** — Notre Dame's pitching staff entered the Villanova series averaging just a little over 5.1 innings per start, but the weekend rotation of sophomore **Cole Johnson**, sophomore **Brian Dupra** and junior **Eric Maust** all worked into the ninth inning. In fact, Maust nearly followed Johnson and Dupra with a third straight complete game victory. He fell just two outs shy of his first career 9.0 inning complete game. The Irish were forced to use just four pitchers the entire series with Villanova.

► Sophomores **Cole Johnson** and **Brian Dupra** become the first Irish pitchers to throw complete games in back-to-back games since Tom Thornton went the distance on April 22, 2005, and Dan Kapala repeated the effort on April 25.

**LIGHTS OUT** — Notre Dame approached numerous pitching records in the three-game series sweep of Villanova. The Irish posted a 1.33 earned run average and limited the Wildcats to a .172 batting average. Villanova managed just four runs (all earned) the entire weekend. The four runs were tied for the fourth fewest ever allowed by a Notre Dame pitching staff over a three-game BIG EAST series. Even more impressive, all of the previous series marks for fewest runs, with the exception of last season's sweep of Georgetown, included a seven-inning game (BIG EAST used to play a seven-inning game as the first game of a doubleheader).

► Ironically, three of the top eight series for fewest earned runs allowed have come against Villanova (2006, 2008 and 2009).

**Fewest Runs Allowed Over BIG EAST Series (3 games)**

2	at Georgetown	2008	2	vs. Georgetown	1997
3	vs. Seton Hall	1996	4	vs. Villanova	2009
4	at Villanova	2008	4	vs. Seton Hall	2001
4	vs. Rutgers	2004	4	at Villanova	2006
5	at St. John's	2001	5	at West Virginia	2004
5	vs. West Virginia	2005			

**IF ONLY AN INNING ENDED WITH TWO OUTS** — Notre Dame had allowed 37 runs and a .220 batting average (39-for-177) with two outs over its first 17 games, but Seton Hall registered 19 runs, 16 RBI and a .440 batting average (22-for-50) with two outs over the three-game series.

- In fact, 15 of those runs and 13 of those two out RBI came over the last two games of the series. The Pirates also hit .486 (18-for-37) with two down in Saturday and Sunday's victories.
- It was déjà-vu all over again against Central Michigan. After Notre Dame plated three runs in the bottom of the first inning to grab a 3-0 lead, the Chippewas followed with six runs in the top of the second inning. The six runs were not only all unearned, but also all scored with two outs.
- Over those four games, Notre Dame's opponents plated an astounding 28 runs with two outs. In fact, the Irish had allowed 35 two-out RBI over their first 18 games, but surrendered 23 in those four contests.

**FIGHTING FOR A CURE** — Senior **Ryan Connolly** has faced adversity over his career at Notre Dame. The outfielder/catcher has seen limited playing time over the past two years due to a reoccurring shoulder injury -- an injury that caused him to miss his entire freshman season in 2006. But, this adversity all pails in comparison to what Connolly faced in 2002 as a 15-year old sophomore in high school.

- Connolly's father, Michael, passed away after a two-year battle with lung cancer despite never smoking a cigarette over his entire life. Connolly, and his mother Penny, along with the assistance of Dr. Leslie Kohman (Michael's surgeon), began the Michael E. Connolly Endowment for Lung Cancer Research.
- The goal was to raise \$500,000. The Connollys and the Board of Directors are responsible for all the ground-work fundraising efforts. After just three years of diligently collecting pledges and hosting golf tournaments and other fundraising events, they reached their goal. The Connolly Endowment issued its first grant of \$10,000, which was then matched by the Hendrick's Fund at Upstate Medical University, to a group of researchers trying to determine if lung cancer patients who had surgery would also benefit from a cancer-inhibiting drug.

**NOTRE DAME NOTES FROM SETON HALL SERIES** — The Notre Dame baseball team dropped two of three games this past weekend against Seton Hall. The Irish opened the weekend with a 9-4 rout of the Pirates high-potential draft pick Sean Black, but Seton Hall took the next two games, 9-4 and 11-4 to secure the series triumph.

- Notre Dame had allowed 37 runs and a .220 batting average (39-for-177) with two outs entering the weekend (over its first 17 games), but Seton Hall registered 19 runs, 16 RBI and a .440 batting average (22-for-50) with two outs over the three-game series.
- In fact, 15 of those runs and 13 of those two out RBI came over the last two games of the series. The Pirates also hit .486 (18-for-37) with two down in Saturday and Sunday's victories.
- Junior **A.J. Pollock**, junior **David Mills** and senior **Jeremy Barnes** carried Notre Dame offensively over the weekend. Pollock batted .583 with five runs scored, a double, home run and three RBI. Mills hit .500 with five runs scored and two RBI, while Barnes batted .417 with a run scored, double, home run and six RBI.

**HOME RUN LISTING**

Date	Player	Opp.	Count	Score
2.21	Grosso	Illinois, 7th (2-run)	0, 3-2	5-7
2.21	Barnes	Illinois, 7th (3-run)	2, 1-2	10-7
3.1	Pollock	Creighton, 6th (2-run)	0, 2-1	1-2
3.11	Barnes	Grambling, 3rd (3-run)	2, 1-0	2-1
3.21	Barnes	SHU, 6th (2-run)	2, 1-0	1-3
3.21	Sharpley	SHU, 9th (solo)	0, 0-0	3-9
3.22	Pollock	SHU, 8th (2-run)	2, 2-1	0-10
3.24	Pollock	CMU, 7th (2-run)	0, 0-1	6-7
3.27	Martin	Pitt, 2nd (solo)	0, 0-1	1-0
3.28	Scioscia	Pitt, 9th (2-run)	2, 2-0	5-15
3.29	Pollock	Pitt, 1st (2-run)	1, 3-2	0-0
3.29	Intlekofer	Pitt, 2nd (solo)	2, 2-0	2-2
3.29	Barnes	Pitt, 7th (solo)	0, 1-2	7-13
3.29	McConnell	Pitt, 9th (3-run)	0, 0-1	8-14
4.1	Barnes	Toledo, 3rd (2-run)	2, 3-0	3-4
4.4	McConnell	Nova-1, 2nd (solo)	2, 1-0	1-0
4.4	Mills	Nova-1, 5th (solo)	2, 3-2	2-0
4.4	Barnes	Nova-1, 6th (solo)	1, 1-2	3-0
4.11	Casey	Cinci-1, 2nd (solo)	0, 2-2	0-4
4.15	Barnes	N'western, 7th (solo)	0, 1-1	0-3
4.18	Doyle	WVU-1, 4th (solo)	0, 1-2	2-0
4.24	Barnes	Louisville, 6th (solo)	0, 3-2	0-6
4.24	Pollock	Louisville, 6th (3-run)	2, 1-0	3-6
4.24	Casey	Louisville, 9th (solo)	1, 3-2	6-6
4.25	Sharpley	Louisville, 1st (2-run)	0, 3-2	2-0
4.25	Pollock	Louisville, 8th (2-run)	2, 1-0	7-4
4.25	Doyle	Louisville, 9th (solo)	2, 2-1	9-5
4.26	Casey	Louisville, 7th (GS)	2, 2-0	8-12
4.26	Tate	Louisville, 9th (solo)	2, 2-2	12-12

**HOME RUN LISTING BY OPPONENTS**

Date	Pitcher	Opp.	Count	Score
3.1	Maust	Creighton, 2nd (solo)	2, 0-0	0-0
3.6	Miller	ORU, 8th (solo)	0, 3-1	1-0
3.14	Spano	Trinity, 6th (solo)	0, 3-2	0-0
3.14	Spano	Trinity, 6th (2-run)	1, 2-2	0-1
3.17	Ispas	Ball State, 6th (3-run)	1, 0-0	2-1
3.22	Miller	SHU, 8th (solo)	0, 0-0	0-6
3.24	Barnes	CMU, 9th (solo)	1, 2-2	14-7
3.28	Hudgins	Pitt, 4th (3-run)	2, 1-0	4-6
3.28	Mazur	Pitt, 7th (3-run)	1, 0-0	5-12
3.29	Maust	Pitt, 3rd (3-run)	1, 0-1	3-3
3.29	Dupra	Pitt, 5th (2-run)	1, 1-0	6-11
3.29	Dupra	Pitt, 7th (solo)	0, 3-1	8-13
4.1	Miller	Toledo, 1st (solo)	0, 1-0	0-0
4.1	Miller	Toledo, 1st (2-run)	1, 3-2	0-1
4.15	Vercelli	N'western, 7th (solo)	0, 0-0	0-2
4.15	Vercelli	N'western, 9th (2-run)	1, 2-2	1-3
4.17	Gyorko	WVU, 4th (3-run)	2, 0-0	4-1
4.17	Parks	WVU, 5th (3-run)	2, 3-1	8-2
4.18	Parks	WVU-1, 9th (2-run)	1, 1-0	8-4
4.22	Crank	UM-2, 2th (solo)	0, 1-1	0-0
4.25	Clark	Louisville, 1st (solo)	2, 2-1	4-0
4.25	Wunderlich	Louisville, 4th (solo)	1, 2-0	4-1
4.25	Wunderlich	Louisville, 8th (solo)	1, 2-1	9-4
4.26	Duval	Louisville, 1st (2-run)	0, 1-0	2-0
4.26	Duval	Louisville, 2nd (2-run)	2, 3-1	3-2
4.26	Duval	Louisville, 4th (2-run)	2, 3-2	7-5
4.26	Dominguez	Louisville, 5th (solo)	0, 0-1	7-7
4.28	Carr	UIC, 5th (2-run)	0, 3-1	3-3
4.28	Rutta	UIC, 7th (3-run)	1, 3-1	4-6

**NCAA RANKS - TEAM**

(Thru 4/27 - 288 ranked)

Category	Rank (Total)
Batting Average	104 (.308)
Scoring	181 (6.4)
Runs	172 (162)
Hits	145 (421)
Doubles Per Game	245 (1.61)
Doubles	229 (66)
Triples Per Game	40 (0.37)
Triples	31 (15)
Home Runs Per Game	196 (0.71)
Home Runs	193 (29)
Slugging Percentage	156 (.442)
Stolen Bases Per Game	194 (0.95)
Stolen Bases	190 (39)
Base on Balls	101 (169)
Sacrifice Bunts	51 (31)
Hit by Pitch	238 (32)
Sacrifice Flies	55 (22)
Earned Run Average	97 (5.1)
Strikeouts Per Nine Innings	255 (5.7)
Hits Allowed Per Nine Innings	49 (9.35)
Walks Allowed Per Nine Innings	152 (4.02)
Fielding Percentage	66 (.968)
Double Plays Per Game	169 (0.78)
Double Plays	164 (32)
WL Pct	76 (.610)

**NOTRE DAME NOTES FROM RICE CLASSIC** — The Notre Dame baseball team took two of three games this past weekend at the Rice Classic. The Irish opened the weekend with a nail biting 2-1 victory over Oral Roberts. After No. 7 Rice blanked Notre Dame, 9-0, the Irish upended Washington State, 7-3, to secure a tie for the tournament championship. The host Owls, Golden Eagles and Irish all finished the weekend with identical 2-1 records.

► Notre Dame finished its weekend at the Rice Invitational with a 2-1 record. The Irish knocked off Oral Roberts, who later being the seventh-ranked Owls, and Washington State. Notre Dame led the tournament in batting average (.202) and fielding percentage (.982).

► The Irish also got stellar individual performances from a number of players. Sophomore Greg Sherry (Mendham, N.J.) led the tournament in hitting with a .444 batting average. Junior A.J. Pollock (Hebron, Conn.) finished third in hitting (.333), third in hits (4) and third in total bases (9), but also led the field in doubles (2) and RBI (5).

► Notre Dame's bullpen was back to form this weekend. A weekend after the Irish blew a pair of games in the eighth and ninth inning; the Irish pen went 1-0 over the weekend with a 2.70 ERA and one save. The quartet of junior Steven Mazur (Round Rock, Texas), freshman Ryan Richter (South Bend, Ind.), freshman Joe Spano (Verona, N.J.), junior David Mills (Battle Creek, Mich.) and junior Todd Miller (Franklin, Tenn.) allowed just five hits in 10.0 innings of work. They struck out seven and walked three, while opponents batted just .161 against them.

► Eric Maust allowed just two earned runs on four hits in 7.0 innings to lead the Irish past Washington State, 7-3, in final day action from the 2009 Academy Sports + Outdoors Rice Classic. HE was sharp from the opening pitch. The right-handed hurler retired the first eight Washington State batters of the ball game before a two-out walk in the bottom of the third inning. Maust then surrendered a two strike, two out double to place a pair of runners in scoring position, but got Shea Vucinich to ground out to end the threat. Maust then retired 10 straight Cougars between the third and sixth inning. Washington State did managed to scratch across two runs in the sixth on Alex Burg's two-out, two-run triple to cut the Irish lead to 4-2. Maust walked three and struck out just one, but retired the leadoff batter in five of his seven innings.

► A.J. Pollock batted .333 in three games from the 2009 Rice Classic. The centerfielder went 4-for-12 with one run scored, two doubles, five RBI and one stolen base. Pollock also played flawless defense, recording five putouts and made a pair of spectacular diving catches over the weekend. Pollock drove in five of the six runs Notre Dame drove in as a team over the three games. He capped off the weekend with a 2-for-4 effort with a double and four RBI in the 7-3 victory over Washington State.

**NOTRE DAME NOTES FROM PHOENIX COLLEGE CLASSIC** — Notre Dame dropped two of its three games at the Phoenix College Classic hosted by the University of Dayton. The Irish lost their weekend opener against Gonzaga, 7-3, and weekend finale versus Creighton, 6-3, but routed the host Flyers, 14-5.

► The story of the opening weekend was the Notre Dame bullpen. The bullpen worked 12.2 innings over the three games and allowed just two earned runs – good for a 1.42 ERA. The sextet allowed just six hits as Ohio State, Illinois and Purdue batted just .143 (6-for-42) against the non-starters. The Irish bullpen was at its best in the two come-from-behind victories over Illinois (14-7) and Purdue (9-4, 10 innings). The Irish not only outscored the Illini 9-0 over the final three innings of the game, but Notre Dame's bullpen retired the final 10 Illinois batters of the evening, including three by strikeout. The Irish were even better against the Boilermakers. They did not allow a hit over the final 4.2 innings of the game.

► However, they were unable to replicate that kind of performance this past weekend. The group was charged with both losses and posted a 6.57 ERA in 12.1 innings of work. In fact, Gonzaga and Creighton combined for eight runs over the 7th, 8th and 9th innings of the two meetings with the Irish.

► In the opener against Gonzaga, the Bulldogs scored two runs in both the eighth and ninth inning to break a 3-3 tie and slip past Notre Dame, 7-3, at Diablo Stadium. The Bulldogs plated the four runs on a pair of RBI groundouts, a sacrifice fly and wild pitch.

► Senior Jeremy Barnes, who finished just a home run short of the cycle, had a RBI triple and a two-run double. Junior Ryne Intlekofer went 1-for-5 with a two-run double. Pollock went 3-for-4 with three runs scored and two RBI, while junior Brayden Ashdown and junior Casey Martin each drove in two. Sophomore Greg Sherry went 3-for-4 with three runs scored and a RBI.

► The Irish got another great effort from their bullpen as Mills, freshman Will Hudgins and senior Sam Elam combined to throw 3.2 scoreless innings of relief. Elam also fanned a pair in his inning of work.

► In the weekend's final tilt on March 1, Creighton used a dropped fly ball in the top of the eighth inning with two outs to grab a 4-3 lead and tacked on two more runs in the top of the ninth inning to secure a 6-3 victory over Notre Dame.

► With the game tied, 3-3, in the top of the eighth inning and two out, Notre Dame appeared to get out of the inning when junior reliever Steven Mazur got Nick Becker to hit a lazy fly ball to right field. With Ashdown camped under it, the right fielder lost the ball in the sun and it dropped just a step in front of him to allow the go-ahead run.

**RECAPING THE BIG EAST / BIG TEN CHALLENGE** — Notre Dame opened the season taking two of three games in the inaugural 2009 BIG EAST / Big Ten Baseball Challenge. The Irish were one of three BIG EAST schools to post a 2-1 record. Notre Dame also was the only school among the 18-team field that ranked among the top five in both batting (third) and ERA (third) over the tournament.

► The story of the weekend was the Notre Dame depth, especially its bench, and the bullpen. Sophomore Mick Doyle, junior Matt Grosso and sophomore Cameron McConnell, all of whom did not play in the season-opening loss to Ohio State, started against Illinois and combined to bat .467 (7-for-15) with four runs scored and seven RBI. Doyle went 3-for-4 with two runs scored and two RBI, while McConnell went 2-for-3 with a run scored and career-best three RBI. Grosso was 2-for-5 with his first career home run, a game-tying two-run blast in the eight-run seventh inning.

► The Irish defeated Purdue primarily due to its bench. Junior Brayden Ashdown, McConnell and junior Casey Martin all entered the game as pinch hitters in the eighth inning. Ashdown not only scored two runs, but provided a critical two-run, pinch hit single to bring Notre Dame within a run, 4-3, and added a go-ahead RBI single in the 10th. McConnell and Martin each scored a pair of runs and went 1-for-2. For the weekend, the Irish bench went 4-for-8 with three RBI and six runs scored.

► The bullpen worked 12.2 innings over the three games this past weekend and allowed just two earned runs - good for a 1.42 ERA. The sextet allowed just six hits as Ohio State, Illinois and Purdue batted just .143 (6-for-42) against the non-starters. Junior Steven Mazur picked up the victory over the Boilermakers and threw 3.0 hitless innings of relief over two separate relief outings. Junior David Mills (1.1 IP) and the freshman tandem of Will Hudgins (1.1 IP) and Joe Spano (0.2 IP) combined to not allow a run on two hits in 3.1 innings of work. Sophomores Todd Miller (3.1 IP) and Cole Johnson (3.0 IP) were the only two pitchers of the group to allow runs, but each surrendered just one earned run on a pair of hits.

► Notre Dame's bullpen was at its best in the two come-from-behind victories over Illinois (14-7) and Purdue (9-4, 10 innings). The Irish not only outscored the Illini 9-0 over the final three innings of the game, but Notre Dame's bullpen retired the final 10 Illinois batters of the evening, including three by strikeout. The Irish were even better against the Boilermakers. They did not allow a hit over the final 4.2 innings of the game.

**A.J. POLLOCK PRESEASON HONOR ROLL** — Notre Dame junior OF A.J. Pollock was named first team preseason All-American by *Baseball America*. He was one of just two players from the BIG EAST Conference to be named to the first, second or third team. Pollock has already been named second team All-American by *Collegiate Baseball* and third team by *CollegeBaseballInsider.com*. He has also been named to the Wallace Award Watch List and listed as the 39th overall prospect, 16th collegiate prospect and top overall prospect from the BIG EAST Conference for the 2009 MLB Draft by *Baseball America*. Pollock was also ranked as the seventh-best prospect from the Cape Cod League by *Baseball America* following his Most Valuable Player season this past summer. He was most recently recognized by *Baseball America* as the 10th-ranked player from the junior class.

**IRISH PICKED BY BASEBALL AMERICA TO RETURN TO NCAA TOURNAMENT** — Notre Dame was well represented in *Baseball America's* 2009 season preview. The Irish, picked to finish second in the BIG EAST, was projected to reach the NCAA Tournament's field of 64. Notre Dame was penciled into the Irvine Regional as the fourth seed. UC Irvine was the host and top-seed, while Stanford (#2 seed) and defending national champion Fresno State (#3 seed) rounded out the regional. The Irish had three players listed among the top 50 in their respective class. LHP Sam Elam was rated the 39th-best senior in the nation, while OF A.J. Pollock was the 10th-ranked junior and RHP Evan Danieli was the 48th-rated sophomore. Pollock not only was named all-BIG EAST, but was also listed by the publication as a first team All-American. He and Louisville third baseman Chris Dominguez were the only two BIG EAST players honored. Sophomore RHP Brian Dupra was also named the first team all-BIG EAST relief pitcher. Danieli and Dupra were ranked as the second and third best prospects in the league heading into the 2010 MLB Draft.

**MAUST, POLLOCK AND BARNES NAMED PRESEASON ALL-BIG EAST FIRST TEAM** — Notre Dame placed the trio of junior RHP Eric Maust, junior OF A.J. Pollock and senior SS Jeremy Barnes on the preseason All-BIG EAST squad. No other conference school had more players on the 14-man squad than Notre Dame.

**IRISH PICKED THIRD BY BIG EAST COACHES** — The University of Notre Dame baseball team was picked to finish third in the 2009 BIG EAST preseason baseball poll as determined by a vote of the league's 12 head coaches, who were not permitted to vote for their own teams. The Irish received a total of 99 points.

Team	Points	2008 Record
1. Louisville	121 (11)	41-19, 16-11
2. USF	103	31-27, 14-13
3. Notre Dame	99	33-21-1, 16-10
4. St. John's	93 (1)	41-14, 20-7
5. Cincinnati	77	23-11, 19-8
6. Connecticut	62	27-28, 11-16
7. West Virginia	60	35-21, 13-14
8. Rutgers	58	23-29-1, 11-16
9. Seton Hall	49	31-25, 15-12
10. Villanova	31	30-28, 12-15
11. Pittsburgh	27	19-34, 7-19
12. Georgetown	12	18-32, 7-20

**BIG EAST RANKS - TEAM**

(Overall - Thru 4/29)

Category	Total (Rank)
Batting Average	.311 (5th)
Slugging Percentage	.439 (8th)
On-base percentage	.394 (6th)
ERA	5.22 (5th)
Opposing Batting Average	.273 (3rd)
Fielding Percentage	.968 (5th)

**BIG EAST RANKS - INDIVIDUALS**

(Overall - Thru 4/29)

Player	Category (Total / Rank)
Jeremy Barnes	RBI (51 / t-5th) Triples (5 / t-2nd) Assists (122 / t-7th)
David Mills	Sacrifice Bunts (8 / t-1st)
Mick Doyle	Sacrifice Flies (6 / t-2nd)
A.J. Pollock	Stolen Bases (16 / 5th) Stolen Base Attempts (20 / t-6th)
Cole Johnson	Fielding Percentage (1.000 / t-1st) Opp. Batting Average (.238 / t-2nd) Innings Pitched (65.2 / t-5th) Home Runs Allowed (2 / t-2nd)
Brian Dupra	Innings Pitched (63.2 / 8th) Walks Allowed (15 / t-5th)
Eric Maust	Pickoffs (3 / t-6th)
Steven Mazur	Games Finished (13 / 6th)
Cam McConnell	Caught Stealing By (19 / 1st)

**BIG EAST RANKS - TEAM**

(BIG EAST only - Thru 4/29)

Category	Total (Rank)
Batting Average	.312 (3rd)
Slugging Percentage	.502 (4th)
On-base percentage	.383 (5th)
ERA	6.09 (7th)
Opposing Batting Average	.293 (5th)
Fielding Percentage	.965 (8th)

**BIG EAST RANKS - INDIVIDUALS**

(BIG EAST only - Thru 4/29)

Player	Category (Total / Rank)
A.J. Pollock	Runs Scored (25 / 1st) Slugging Percentage (.642 / 7th) On-Base Percentage (.494 / 4th) Fielding Percentage (1.000 / t-1st)
Jeremy Barnes	RBI (22 / 5th) Triples (2 / t-4th) Assists (59 / 6th)
Cameron McConnell	Triples (2 / t-4th) Caught Stealing By (6 / t-2nd)
David Mills	Sacrifice Bunts (6 / 3rd)
Mick Doyle	Sacrifice Flies (2 / t-5th)
Brian Dupra	Innings Pitched (42.0 / 8th) Triples Allowed (0 / t-1st)
Cole Johnson	Innings Pitched (45.2 / 2nd) Wins (3 / t-6th)
Eric Maust	Wins (3 / t-6th) Pickoffs (2 / t-4th) Triples Allowed (0 / t-1st)
Will Hudgins	Saves (2 / t-3rd)
Casey Martin	Fielding Percentage (1.000 / t-1st)

**QUICK FACTS**

Name of School	University of Notre Dame
City / Zip	Notre Dame, Ind. / 46556
Founded	1842
Enrollment	8,352 (undergraduate)
Nickname	Fighting Irish
School Colors	Gold & Blue
Home Facility	Frank Eck Stadium / 2,500
Surface / Dimensions	Natural Grass LF - 380, CF - 400, RF - 380
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	BIG EAST
President	Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C
Athletic Director	Jack Swarbrick
Athletic Department Phone	574.631.6107
Ticket Office Phone	574.631.7356

**HISTORY**

First Year of Baseball	1892
All-Time Record	2,225-1,316-20 (.628)
College World Series Appearances	2 (1957, 2002)
NCAA Tournament Appearances	21 (1949, '56-'59, '60, '63, '70, '89, '92-'94, '96, '99-'06)
NCAA Tournament Record	41-44
Regular-Season Conference Titles	13 (MCC: '87, '88, '90, '92-'95; BIG EAST: '97, '99, '01, '02, '04, '06)
Conference Tournament Titles	10 (MCC: '89, '91-'94; BIG EAST: '02-'06)

**COACHING STAFF**

Head Coach	Dave Schrage
Alma Mater	Creighton, 1983
Record at Notre Dame	87-66-1 (3)
Career Record	563-619-1 (22)
Career Division I Record	501-552-1 (19)
Baseball Office Phone	574.631.6366
Best Time to Reach Coach	Mornings
Recruiting Coordinator	Scott Lawler (Simpson College, '00)
Pitching Coach	Sherard Clinkscales (Purdue, '94)
Volunteer Assistant Coach	Graham Sikes (Liberty, '02)
Athletic Trainer	Scott Stansbury

**TEAM INFORMATION**

2008 Overall Record	33-21-1
Home Record	16-6-1
Away Record	11-5
2008 BIG EAST Record	16-10
Home Record	6-5
Away Record	10-5
Monogram Winners Returning/Lost	18/7
Position Starters Returning/Lost	6/3
Pitchers Returning/Lost	13/6
All-Star Candidates	Jeremy Barnes, Eric Maust, David Mills, A.J. Pollock

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**GAME-1 STARTER...**

#37 • Sophomore  
RHP • Cole Johnson  
6-3 • 200  
Hudson, Ohio (Hudson H.S.)

Notre Dame will start sophomore right-hander Cole Johnson (4-1, 4.11 ERA) in the series opener. The Hudson, Ohio native has made 22 career appearances (10 this season with nine starts), including 11 starts for a total of 101.1 innings pitched. He has allowed 103 hits and 33 walks while striking out 68. Johnson has allowed eight home runs and opponents are batting .270 against him over his career. He was top-notch over his six starts against Oral Roberts, Illinois State, Seton Hall, Pittsburgh, Villanova and Cincinnati. Johnson was 3-0 with a 2.08 ERA in 47.2 innings. He averaged just over 7.0 innings per start over the span and foes batted just .204 against him. He has struggled in his last two starts against West Virginia and Louisville. Johnson is 0-1 with a 13.09 ERA in 11.0 innings of work. He has allowed 20 hits in the two outings. Johnson had allowed just 20 hits over his first five starts combined.

**JOHNSON'S LAST...**

**Victory:** 4.3.09 vs. Villanova (3-1) ... number of starts since then — 3  
**Complete Game:** 4.3.09 vs. Villanova (3-1)  
**Shutout:** Combined with Brian Dupra on 4.29.08 vs. Mississippi Valley State  
**Fanning 3 Batters In Inning:** last time 3.14.2008 vs. Buffalo (9th)  
**Fanning 2 Batters In Inning:** last time 4.09.09 vs. Cincinnati (6th)

**CAREER BESTS...**

**Low-Hit Complete Game:** Seven (twice), 3.27.09 at Pittsburgh; 4.3.09 vs. Villanova  
**Most Strikeouts:** Seven, 3.06.09 vs. Oral Roberts  
**Longest Winning Streak:** Three, 3.20.09 vs. Seton Hall - 4.03.09 vs. Villanova

**LAST START...**

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
4.24.09	at Louisville	L	6.0	10	6	5	2	2

**2009 INNING-BY-INNING...**

	ERA	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	B/Avg	2B	3B	HR	HB	WP	BK	GDP
1st	7.00	11	8	7	4	8	37	44	.297	2	0	0	3	0	0	0
2nd	6.00	11	6	6	2	7	33	39	.333	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
3rd	0.00	2	0	0	2	4	27	30	.074	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
4th	7.00	8	7	7	5	6	34	42	.235	2	1	1	2	1	0	0
5th	5.62	7	5	5	5	6	28	37	.250	2	1	1	1	2	0	0
6th	3.38	6	3	3	4	4	29	34	.207	2	0	0	1	0	0	2
7th	1.50	5	3	1	1	3	24	29	.208	0	0	0	4	0	0	1
8th	0.00	2	0	0	0	1	13	13	.154	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9th	3.00	3	1	1	2	0	10	14	.300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10th +	0.00	2	0	0	0	1	4	4	.500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**2009 GAME-BY-GAME...**

	IP	H	R-ER	BB-SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	W-L	SV	ERA
Illinois	3.0	2	1-1	1-2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1-0	0	3.00
*Gonzaga	4.0	2	2-2	2-3	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1-0	0	3.86
*ORU	6.0	1	0-0	4-7	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1-0	0	2.08
*Illinois St.	7.0	5	2-2	5-3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1-0	0	2.25
*Seton Hall	7.0	5	4-4	2-6	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	2-0	0	3.00
*Pittsburgh	9.0	7	4-2	2-4	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	3-0	0	2.75
*Villanova	9.0	7	1-1	1-5	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	4-0	0	2.40
*Cincinnati	9.2	8	2-2	2-3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4-0	0	2.30
*WVU	5.0	10	11-11	3-3	4	0	2	1	0	0	0	4-1	0	3.77
*Louisville	6.0	10	6-5	2-2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	4-1	0	4.11

\* Started

**VS. CONNECTICUT...**

2008: 0-1, 4.50 ERA in 1 appearance (1 R, 1 ER/2.0 IP), 1 H, 1 K  
Career: 0-1, 4.50 ERA in 1 appearance (1 R, 1 ER/2.0 IP), 1 H, 1 K

**CAREER STATS...**

Year	ERA	W-L	G-GS	CG	SHO	IP	H	R-ER	BB-SO
2008	5.30	2-2	12-2	0	1	35.2	46	22-21	8-28
2009	4.11	4-1	9-2	0	0	65.2	57	33-30	25-40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4.53</b>	<b>6-3</b>	<b>11-2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>101.1</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>55-51</b>	<b>33-68</b>



**GAME-2 STARTER...**

#6 • Sophomore  
RHP • Brian Dupra  
6-3 • 200  
Rochester, N.Y. (Greece Athena H.S.)

Sophomore right-handed hurler Brian Dupra (5-4, 5.64 ERA) will take the mound on Saturday. Dupra has made 21 career appearances and 18 career starts (including nine this season) for a total of 110.0 innings pitched. The Rochester, N.Y. native has allowed 136 hits and 25 walks with 67 strikeouts. He has allowed nine home runs and opponents are batting .305 against him over his career. Dupra was named the BIG EAST Pitcher of the Week for his efforts against Villanova on April 4. He tossed a three-hit shutout with no walks and a career-high tying six strikeouts. Dupra also became the first Notre Dame pitcher to throw a complete game shutout in over two years. He secured his third consecutive complete game in an 8-6 victory over league-leader West Virginia in the first game of a BIG EAST doubleheader on April 18. He became the first Irish pitcher to toss three straight complete games since Dan Kapala in 2005 (West Virginia, Pittsburgh and St. John's).

**DUPRA'S LAST...**

**Victory:** 4.25.09 at Louisville (11-5) ... number of starts since then — 0  
**Complete Game:** 4.18.09 at West Virginia-2 (8-6)  
**Shutout:** 4.3.09 vs. Villanova (4-0)  
**Fanning 3 Batters In Inning:** last time 5.20.08 vs. USF (9th)  
**Fanning 2 Batters In Inning:** last time 4.18.09 vs. West Virginia-1 (1st)

**CAREER BESTS...**

**Low-Hit Complete Game:** 3, vs. Villanova on 4.3.09 (4-0)  
**Most Strikeouts:** 6, vs. Miss. Valley State on 4.29.08; vs. Dayton on 2.28.09; vs. Villanova on 4.4.09  
**Longest Winning Streak:** 2 games, 4.22.08 to 4.29.08; 2 games, 4.18.09 to present

**LAST START...**

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
4.25.09	at Louisville	W	7.1	12	5	5	1	2

**2009 INNING-BY-INNING...**

	ERA	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	B/Avg	2B	3B	HR	HB	WP	BK	GDP
1st	6.00	12	7	6	3	7	38	42	.316	3	0	1	0	1	0	1
2nd	5.00	8	5	5	3	5	33	38	.242	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3rd	7.00	11	7	7	1	3	38	40	.289	3	0	0	1	0	0	1
4th	7.88	9	7	7	2	5	31	35	.290	2	1	1	1	0	0	0
5th	3.00	10	3	3	2	6	36	40	.278	1	0	1	1	1	0	0
6th	6.48	9	6	6	1	7	33	36	.273	3	0	0	1	0	0	0
7th	4.50	10	7	3	1	4	27	31	.370	4	1	1	2	0	0	1
8th	2.70	4	1	1	2	0	12	15	.333	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
9th	9.00	3	2	2	0	0	8	9	.375	1	0	1	1	1	0	1

**2009 GAME-BY-GAME...**

	IP	H	R-ER	BB-SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	W-L	SV	ERA
*Ohio State	6.1	6	2-2	1-2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0-1	0	2.84
*Dayton	5.1	10	5-5	0-6	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1-1	0	5.40
*#7 Rice	3.0	7	7-7	1-2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1-2	0	8.59
*UTPA	7.0	8	4-4	4-4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2-2	0	7.48
*Seton Hall	6.2	9	7-3	3-3	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	2-3	0	6.67
Pittsburgh	4.0	3	2-2	1-3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2-3	0	6.40
*Villanova	9.0	3	0-0	0-6	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	3-3	0	5.01
*Cincinnati	6.0	7	7-6	3-6	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	3-4	0	5.51
*WVU	9.0	11	6-6	1-3	3	0	1	2	0	1	0	4-4	0	5.59
*Louisville	7.1	12	5-5	1-2	3	0	3	0	0	1	0	5-4	0	5.65

\* Started

**VS. CONNECTICUT...**

2008: --  
Career: --

**CAREER STATS...**

Year	ERA	W-L	G-GS	CG	SHO	IP	H	R-ER	BB-SO
2008	5.44	3-3	11-9	1	1	46.1	60	35-28	10-30
2009	5.65	5-4	9-3	1	0	63.2	76	45-40	15-37
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5.56</b>	<b>8-7</b>	<b>18-4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>110.0</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>80-68</b>	<b>25-67</b>

**PLENTY OF WAYS TO FOLLOW THE IRISH**

- ▶ Notre Dame baseball fans will have several options for tracking the 2009 season on a game-by-game basis, through live streaming video (Notre Dame home games only), live-audio broadcasts, GameTracker live stats and free Irish Alert text messages:
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**MILESTONES AROUND THE CORNER**

**Jeremy Barnes, Sr., SS**

- ... 1 career at-bats from 10th all-time
- ... 5 career at-bats from ninth all-time
- ... 8 career at-bats from eighth all-time
- ... 19 career at-bats from seventh all-time
- ... 22 career at-bats from sixth all-time
- ... 29 career at-bats from fifth all-time
- ... 53 career at-bats from fourth all-time
- ... 73 career at-bats from third all-time
- ... 15 games played from 10th all-time
- ... 17 games played from ninth all-time
- ... 19 games played from eighth all-time
- ... 16 games started from eighth all-time
- ... 18 games started from seventh all-time
- ... 23 career hits from 10th all-time
- ... 31 career hits from ninth all-time
- ... 35 career hits from eighth all-time
- ... 37 career hits from seventh all-time
- ... 39 career hits from sixth all-time
- ... 12 career RBI from sixth all-time
- ... 18 career RBI from fifth all-time
- ... 25 career RBI from third all-time
- ... three career triples from second all-time
- ... five career doubles from tying for 10th all-time
- ... six career doubles from tying for eighth all-time
- ... eight career doubles from seventh all-time

**A.J. Pollock, Jr., OF**

- ... one career hit from 200
- ... 14 career stolen bases from sixth all-time

**David Mills, Jr., OF**

- ... four career sacrifice bunts from fourth all-time
- ... six career sacrifice bunts from second all-time

**HITTING STREAKS**

	Longest	Current
20 BARNES,Jeremy	11	2
32 TATE,Golden	11	4
26 DOYLE,Mick	10	10
4 POLLOCK,AJ	10	5
55 SCIOSCIA,Matt	9	1
5 MILLS,David	9	-
44 CASEY,David	8	4
15 SHERRY,Greg	6	1
17 BOOCKFORD,Billy	5	-
38 MARTIN,Casey	4	2
28 MCCONNELL,Cameron	4	1
10 CONNOLLY,Ryan	4	2
29 INTLEKOFER,Ryne	3	2
12 ASHDOWN,Brayden	3	1
1 GROSSO,Matt	2	-
8 SHARPHEY,Evan	2	-
11 CHASE,Tommy	1	-
2 ROBINSON,Alex	1	-

**BATTED AROUND (7)**

At-Bats	Opponent	Inning, Runs	Date
12	BGSU	4th, 7	4.29
11	Trinity (TX)	6th, 5	3.14
11	Dayton	4th, 7	2.28
11	Illinois	7th, 8	2.21
10	Purdue	10th, 5	2.22
10	Grambling	5th, 4	3.11
10	CMU	8th, 5	3.24



**GAME-3 STARTER...**

#16 • Junior  
 RHP • Eric Maust  
 6-1 • 185  
 Alpharetta, Ga. (Blessed Trinity H.S.)

The Irish will turn to junior righty Eric Maust (5-2, 5.16 ERA) for the series finale. The Alpharetta, Georgia native has made 39 career appearances and 23 career starts (both are most on the Irish staff) for a total of 173.1 innings pitched. Maust has allowed 201 hits and 52 walks with 96 strikeouts. He has allowed 10 home runs and opponents are batting .288 against him over his career. Maust threw a complete game shutout, the first of his career, as the Irish blanked BIG EAST leader West Virginia, 3-0, to secure a doubleheader sweep on April 18. He is the first pitcher to throw a complete game shutout of West Virginia since May 11, 2007. Maust allowed just five hits (all singles over the first four innings) and one walk, striking out two in a 114-pitch effort. He did not allow more than one base runner in any inning, and no West Virginia runner advanced past second base in the game. West Virginia, who entered the game batting .368 (third best in the nation) and scoring 10.2 runs per game, was shutout for the first time this season and recorded a season-low five hits.

**MAUST'S LAST...**

**Victory:** 4.18.09 vs. West Virginia-2 ... number of starts since then — 1  
**Complete Game:** 4.18.09 vs West Virginia-2 (3-0)  
**Shutout:** 4.18.09 vs West Virginia-2 (3-0)  
**Fanning 3 Batters In Inning:** --  
**Fanning 2 Batters In Inning:** last time 3.22.09 vs. Seton Hall (3rd)

**CAREER BESTS...**

**Low-Hit Complete Game:** 4.18.09 vs West Virginia-2 (five)  
**Most Strikeouts:** 6, twice; vs. Lehigh on Mar. 6, 2008 and at West Virginia on Apr. 20, 2008  
**Longest Winning Streak:** 5 games, 4.4.08 to 5.13.08

**LAST START...**

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
4.26.09	at Louisville	-	2.0	6	5	5	1	1

**2009 INNING-BY-INNING...**

	ERA	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	B/Avg	2B	3B	HR	HB	WP	BK	GDP
1st	5.40	15	10	6	4	4	44	51	.341	2	0	1	3	1	1	2
2nd	3.60	5	4	4	2	1	35	37	.143	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
3rd	10.00	19	10	10	5	3	46	52	.413	5	0	1	1	1	0	0
4th	3.00	7	3	3	0	3	33	34	.212	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
5th	8.59	11	8	7	5	1	30	36	.367	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
6th	3.38	5	2	2	4	3	19	23	.263	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
7th	3.60	2	2	2	2	1	17	20	.118	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
8th	0.00	1	1	0	0	2	9	9	.111	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9th	0.00	3	0	0	0	0	7	7	.429	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**2009 GAME-BY-GAME...**

	IP	H	R-ER	BB-SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	W-L	SV	ERA
*Illinois	5.0	4	6-3	3-1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	5.40
*Creighton	5.1	8	2-2	0-1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0-0	0	4.35
*Wash. State	7.0	4	3-2	3-1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1-0	0	3.63
*UTPA	7.0	6	2-2	3-2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2-0	0	3.33
*Seton Hall	4.1	9	5-4	2-3	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	2-1	0	4.08
*Pittsburgh	4.0	14	12-11	1-2	5	0	1	2	0	0	0	2-2	0	6.61
*Villanova	8.1	6	3-3	4-1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	3-2	0	5.93
*Cincinnati	7.1	6	2-2	4-4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4-2	0	5.40
*WVU	9.0	5	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5-2	0	4.55
*Louisville	2.0	6	5-5	1-1	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	5-2	0	5.16

\* Started

**VS. CONNECTICUT...**

**2007:** 0-0, 2.25 ERA in 1 appearance; (1 ER/4.0 IP), 4 H, 0 BB, 3 K  
**2008:** 1-0, 3.12 ERA in 1 appearance; 1 start (3 ER/8.2 IP), 8 H, 2 BB, 4 K  
**Career:** 1-0, 2.84 ERA in 2 appearances; 1 start (4 ER/12.2 IP), 12 H, 2 BB, 7 K

**CAREER STATS...**

Year	ERA	W-L	G-GS	CG	SHO	IP	H	R-ER	BB-SO
2007	3.65	2-0	15-3	0	0	44.1	58	24-18	7-32
2008	4.52	6-3	14-10	0	2	69.2	75	37-35	23-46
2009	5.16	5-2	10-2	1	0	59.1	68	40-34	22-18
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.52</b>	<b>13-5</b>	<b>23-2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>173.1</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>101-87</b>	<b>52-96</b>

**UCONN SERIES RESULTS (22-9-1)**

At ND: ND leads 12-4  
 At UConn: ND leads 10-5-1  
 Series Wins: ND 7, UConn 2 (two splits)  
 One-Run Wins: ND 6, UConn 4  
 Series Continuous Since: 1999  
 Current Streak: ND 2

Date	Site	Result	Score
4/6/1996	H	W (7)	7-6
4/6/1996	H	L	9-0
3/29/1997	A	W (7)	7-2
4/3/1999	H	W (7)	11-7
4/3/1999	H	W	11-8
4/1/2000	A	W (7)	8-3
4/1/2000	A	L	1-8
4/2/2000	A	W	9-2
5/5/2001	H	W (7)	6-1
5/5/2001	H	W	13-2
5/6/2001	H	L	12-9
3/23/2002	A	L (7)	3-4
3/23/2002	A	L (11)	8-9
3/24/2002	A	L	6-3
4/26/2003	H	W (7)	3-2
4/26/2003	H	W	11-4
4/27/2003	H	W	6-3
5/9/2004	A	W (7)	4-0
5/9/2004	A	W	11-4
5/10/2004	A	W	16-8
4/16/2005	H	W (7)	3-2
4/16/2005	H	W	7-1
4/17/2005	H	W	9-7
4/29/2006	A	W	7-6
4/29/2006	A	W	7-3
4/30/2006	A	T (13)	1-1
5/17/2007	H	L	0-5
5/18/2007	H	W	5-4
5/19/2007	H	L	6-7
5/2/2008	A	L	7-9
5/3/2008	A	W	8-2
5/4/2008	A	W	4-3

Series Scoring	Total	Avg.
Notre Dame	235	7.3
Connecticut	175	5.5

ND Most Runs (Game): 16 (2004)  
 ND Widest Margin: 8 (16-8, 2004)  
 UConn Most Runs (Game): 19 (2001)  
 UConn Widest Margin: 7 (2000, 2001, 2002)  
 Highest-Scoring Game: 31 (UConn 19-12, 2001)  
 Lowest-Scoring Game: 2 (1-1, 2006)  
 Longest ND Win Streak: 11 (2003-06)  
 Longest UConn Win Streak: 4 (2001-02)  
 Shutouts By: ND 2, UConn 1

**CAREER STATS VS. CONNECTICUT**

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HBP	SF	SH	SB
Mick Doyle	.500	1-1	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
David Mills	.385	3-3	13	2	5	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	0-0
A.J. Pollock	.333	6-6	24	7	8	3	1	0	4	2	2	0	0	1-1
Casey Martin	.333	2-1	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0-0
Jeremy Barnes	.294	9-9	34	5	10	2	0	3	12	6	0	1	1	1-2
Greg Sherry	.182	3-2	11	1	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	0-0
Evan Sharpley	.154	4-3	13	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0-0
Billy Boockford	.125	3-3	8	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0-0
Brayden Ashdown	.000	4-3	10	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0-0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>.258</b>	<b>35-31</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2-3</b>

Player	ERA	W-L	G-GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	ER	R	BB	SO	B/AVG.
Eric Maust	2.84	1-0	2-1	0	0	0	12.2	12	4	4	2	7	.240
Cole Johnson	4.50	0-1	1-0	0	0	0	2.0	1	1	1	0	1	.167
Sam Elam	6.75	0-0	1-0	0	0	0	1.1	1	1	1	1	1	.250
David Mills	99.00	0-0	2-0	0	0	0	0.0	2	1	1	1	0	1.000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3.94</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	

**NOTRE DAME CAREER STATS VS. DENNIS ACCOMANDO**

Player	AVG	AB	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	SF	SH	SB
David Mills	.500	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Mick Doyle	.500	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Casey Martin	.500	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Jeremy Barnes	.500	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Billy Boockford	.000	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0-0
A.J. Pollock	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Greg Sherry	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0-0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>.333</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0-0</b>

**NOTRE DAME CAREER STATS VS. DAVID ERICKSON**

Player	AVG	AB	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	SF	SH	SB
David Mills	.500	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
A.J. Pollock	.000	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0-0
Jeremy Barnes	.000	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Evan Sharpley	.000	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0-0
Greg Sherry	.000	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0-0
Casey Martin	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Billy Boockford	.000	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Mick Doyle	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0-0
Brayden Ashdown	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0-0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>.067</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>

**NOTRE DAME CAREER STATS VS. JOHN FOLINO**

Player	AVG	AB	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	SF	SH	SB
A.J. Pollock	1.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0-0
David Mills	.333	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Evan Sharpley	.333	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0-0
Greg Sherry	.333	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0-0
Jeremy Barnes	.000	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0-0
Billy Boockford	.000	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>.267</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>

**NOTRE DAME CAREER STATS VS. DAN MAHONEY**

Player	AVG	AB	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	SF	SH	SB
Jeremy Barnes	.667	3	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
David Mills	.333	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0-0
A.J. Pollock	.333	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Evan Sharpley	.333	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0-0
Greg Sherry	.000	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Billy Boockford	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0-0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>.333</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0-0</b>

**NOTRE DAME CAREER STATS VS. DUSTY ODENBACH**

Player	AVG	AB	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	SF	SH	SB
A.J. Pollock	.600	5	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Billy Boockford	.500	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Jeremy Barnes	.250	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Greg Sherry	.000	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0-0
David Mills	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Evan Sharpley	.000	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0-0
Brayden Ashdown	.000	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>.238</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>





## Roster Information

## ALPHABETICAL

Name	Yr.	Pos.
Ty Adams	SO	1B/OF
Brayden Ashdown	JR	OF
Jeremy Barnes	SR	INF/RHP
Billy Boockford	JR	OF
David Casey	SO	1B/OF
Tommy Chase	FR	INF
Ryan Connolly	SR	OF/C
Leighton Cooper	FR	OF
Evan Danieli	SO	RHP
Mick Doyle	SO	INF
Brian Dupra	SO	RHP
Sam Elam	SR	LHP
Matt Grosso	JR	OF
Will Harford	JR	INF/C
Will Hudgins	FR	RHP
Ryne Intlekofer	JR	INF/OF
Dustin Ispas	FR	LHP
Cole Johnson	SO	RHP
Matt Katich	SO	C
Casey Martin	JR	1B
Eric Maust	JR	RHP
Steven Mazur	JR	RHP
Cameron McConnell	SO	C
Eddy Mendiola	SR	INF
Todd Miller	SO	RHP
David Mills	JR	OF/LHP
Herman Petzold	JR	INF
A.J. Pollock	JR	OF/INF
Ryan Richter	FR	LHP
Alex Robinson	FR	OF
Steve Sabatino	FR	LHP/1B
Andrew Scheid	JR	RHP
Matt Scioscia	SO	C/1B
Evan Sharpley	SR	1B/OF
Ryan Sharpley	SO	RHP
Greg Sherry	SO	INF
Joe Spano	FR	LHP
Joe Spizzirri	SO	LHP
Golden Tate	SO	OF
Bill Warrender	JR	OF



## NUMERICAL

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	B-T	Hometown (Previous School)
1	Matt Grosso	JR	OF	L/L	5-10	175	Hebron, CT (RHAM/Maine/UConn)
2	Alex Robinson	FR	OF	B/R	6-0	170	Dallas, TX (First Baptist Academy)
4	A.J. Pollock	JR	OF/INF	R/R	6-1	200	Hebron, CT (RHAM)
5	David Mills	JR	OF/LHP	L/L	5-9	165	Battle Creek, MI (Lakeview)
6	Brian Dupra	SO	RHP	R/R	6-3	200	Rochester, NY (Greece Athena)
7	Dustin Ispas	FR	LHP	L/L	6-1	190	Rancho Cucamonga, CA (Los Osos)
8	Evan Sharpley	SR	1B/OF	L/R	6-2	210	Marshall, MI (Marshall)
10	Ryan Connolly	SR	OF/C	R/R	5-11	190	Binghamton, NY (Binghamton)
11	Tommy Chase	FR	INF	R/R	5-10	165	Cohasset, MA (Boston College HS)
12	Brayden Ashdown	JR	OF	R/R	6-1	180	Tucson, AZ (Catalina Foothills)
13	Herman Petzold	JR	INF	R/R	5-8	175	Saint Clair Shores, MI (De LaSalle)
14	Eddy Mendiola	SR	INF	R/R	6-0	220	Miami, FL (Palmer Trinity)
15	Greg Sherry	SO	INF	R/R	5-10	180	Mendham, NY (Delbarton)
16	Eric Maust	JR	RHP	R/R	6-1	185	Alpharetta, GA (Blessed Trinity)
17	Billy Boockford	JR	OF	R/R	6-1	195	Glen Ellyn, IL (Glenbard West)
18	Steven Mazur	JR	RHP	R/R	6-0	195	Round Rock, TX (Stony Point)
19	Todd Miller	SO	RHP	R/R	6-3	195	Franklin, TN (Montgomery Bell Academy)
20	Jeremy Barnes	SR	INF/RHP	R/R	5-10	190	Garland, TX (South Garland)
21	Joe Spano	FR	LHP	L/L	5-11	165	Verona, NJ (Seton Hall Prep)
22	Evan Danieli	SO	RHP	R/R	6-7	230	East Hanover, NJ (Seton Hall Prep)
23	Ryan Richter	FR	LHP	L/L	6-3	185	South Bend, IN (St. Joseph's)
24	Sam Elam	SR	LHP	L/L	6-3	220	Mesquite, TX (Potete)
25	Matt Katich	SO	C	R/R	6-2	210	New Castle, PA (Mohawk)
26	Mick Doyle	SO	INF	R/R	6-1	200	LaGrange Park, IL (Benet Academy)
28	Cameron McConnell	SO	C	R/R	6-1	205	Bannockburn, IL (Deerfield)
29	Ryne Intlekofer	JR	INF/OF	R/R	5-9	160	Moorpark, PA (Moorpark)
30	Will Harford	JR	INF/C	R/R	6-0	180	Chicago, IL (Kent School (CT))
31	Andrew Scheid	JR	RHP	R/R	6-6	205	Highlands Ranch, CO (Regis Jesuit)
32	Golden Tate	SO	OF	L/L	6-1	180	Hendersonville, TN (Pope John Paul II)
34	Ryan Sharpley	SO	RHP	R/R	6-4	210	Marshall, MI (Marshall)
36	Leighton Cooper	FR	OF	B/R	6-0	170	Fort Washington, MD (Flint Hill)
37	Cole Johnson	SO	RHP	R/R	6-3	200	Hudson, OH (Hudson)
38	Casey Martin	JR	1B	R/R	6-4	230	Chesterton, IN (Chesterton)
41	Bill Warrender	JR	OF	R/R	6-1	190	Collegeville, PA (LaSalle Collegiate)
42	Ty Adams	SO	1B/OF	R/R	6-6	235	Indianapolis, IN (Brebeuf Jesuit)
43	Joe Spizzirri	SO	LHP	L/L	6-2	195	San Juan Capistrano, CA (J Serra Catholic)
44	David Casey	SO	1B/OF	L/L	6-4	235	Whitefish Bay, WI (Whitefish Bay)
45	Will Hudgins	FR	RHP	R/R	6-3	180	Richmond, VA (Douglas Freeman)
52	Steve Sabatino	FR	LHP/1B	L/L	6-2	200	Lockport, IL (Lockport Township)
55	Matt Scioscia	SO	C/1B	R/R	6-1	225	Westlake Village, CA (Encino Crespi Carmelite)

## COACHING STAFF

No.	Name	Position	Year	Alma Mater
3	Dave Schrage	Head Coach	3rd	Creighton '83
9	Scott Lawler	Assistant Coach	3rd	Simpson '00
39	Sherard Clinkscapes	Assistant Coach	3rd	Purdue '94
47	Graham Sikes	Volunteer Assistant	2nd	Liberty '02

## ROSTER BREAKDOWN

## By Class

**Seniors (5)** Barnes, Connolly, Elam, Mendiola, E. Sharpley  
**Juniors (13)** Ashdown, Boockford, Grosso, Harford, Intlekofer, Martin, Maust, Mazur, Mills, Petzold, Pollock, Scheid, Warrender  
**Sophomores (14)** Adams, Casey, Danieli, Doyle, Dupra, Johnson, Katich, McConnell, Miller, Scioscia, R. Sharpley, Sherry, Spizzirri, Tate  
**Freshmen (8)** Chase, Cooper, Ispas, Richter, Robinson, Sabatino, Spano, Hudgins

## By Position

Pitchers 17, Catchers 4, Infielders 15, Outfielders 14

## By State

**Arizona (1)** Ashdown; **California (4)** Intlekofer, Ispas, Scioscia, Spizzirri;  
**Colorado (1)** Scheid; **Connecticut (2)** Grosso, Pollock; **Florida (1)** Mendiola;

**Georgia (1)** Maust; **Illinois (5)** Boockford, Doyle, Harford, McConnell, Sabatino; **Indiana (3)** Adams, Martin, Richter; **Maryland (1)** Cooper;  
**Massachusetts (1)** Chase; **Michigan (4)** Mills, Petzold, E. Sharpley, R. Sharpley; **New Jersey (3)** Danieli, Sherry, Spano; **New York (2)** Connolly, Dupra; **Ohio (1)** Johnson; **Pennsylvania (2)** Katich, Warrender; **Tennessee (2)** Tate, Miller; **Texas (4)** Barnes, Elam, Robinson, Mazur; **Virginia (1)** Hudgins;  
**Wisconsin (1)** Casey

## By Height

**6-7** Danieli; **6-6** Adams, Scheid; **6-4** Casey, Martin, R. Sharpley; **6-3** Dupra, Elam, Johnson, Miller, Hudgins, Richter; **6-2** Katich, Sabatino, E. Sharpley, Spizzirri; **6-1** Ashdown, Boockford, Doyle, Ispas, Maust, McConnell, Pollock, Scioscia, Tate, Warrender; **6-0** Cooper, Harford, Mendiola, Robinson; **5-11** Connolly, Mazur, Spano; **5-10** Barnes, Chase, Grosso; **5-9** Intlekofer, Mills, Sherry; **5-8** Petzold