



2011 Notre Dame Men's Tennis

Two NCAA Titles | 16 NCAA Tournaments Since 1991
18 All-Americans Since 1994 | Seven BIG EAST Titles

BIG EAST Notes | April 28 - May 1

2011 Schedule & Results

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Jan. 22	(36) William & Mary (75)	W (6-1)
Jan. 23	(36) Virginia (1)	L (1-9)
Jan. 28	(36) Oklahoma ¹ (17)	W (4-1)
Jan. 31	(36) Illinois ¹ (16)	L (4-1)
Feb. 6	(26) DUKE (14)	L (5-2)
Feb. 6	(26) TOLEDO	W (7-0)
Feb. 8	(25) Wisconsin (39)	W (6-1)
Feb. 12	(25) Marquette	W (7-0)
Feb. 12	(25) Michigan State (56)	W (5-2)
Feb. 19	(23) MICHIGAN (27)	L (4-3)
Feb. 20	(23) NORTH CAROLINA (24)	W (5-2)
Feb. 25-27	(26) Penn State ² (69)	W (4-0)
	(26) Pepperdine ² (21)	L (4-0)
	(26) Texas Tech ² (17)	L (4-0)
March 4	(24) TEXAS A&M (18)	L (5-2)
March 6	(24) NORTHWESTERN (60)	W (6-1)
March 8	(25) ILLINOIS (6)	W (5-2)
March 15	*U.S. National Junior Team	W (5-2)
March 17	(21) Kentucky (14)	L (6-1)
March 27	(25) USF (50)	W (6-1)
March 27	(25) DAYTON	W (7-0)
April 2	(23) Ball State	W (6-1)
April 3	(23) SMU (64)	W (6-1)
April 3	(23) IUPUI	W (7-0)
April 13	(28) Ohio State (2)	L (5-2)
April 23	(28) Louisville (29)	L (4-3)
<u>Postseason</u>		
April 28-30	BIG EAST Championships ³	All Day
May 1	BIG EAST Championships ³	All Day
May 13-15	NCAA Championship ⁴	TBA
May 19-30	NCAA Championship ⁵	TBA

- 1 = National Team Indoor qualifier at Illinois (Champaign, Ill.)
- 2 = At the Lagoon Park Tennis Center (Montgomery, Ala.)
- 3 = Hosted by Notre Dame (Notre Dame, Ind.)
- 4 = First and Second rounds at campus sites (TBA)
- 5 = Held in Palo Alto, Calif.
- * = Exhibition match

All times are local to the site.
Home matches in BOLD CAPS held at the Eck Tennis Pavilion (unless noted). All home matches feature live scoring via und.com and admission is free.

(x) - Campbell/ITA Rankings at time of match; number listed before opponent is Notre Dame's ranking, number listed after opponent is its ranking.

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2011 BIG EAST Championship

Courtney Tennis Center -- Notre Dame, Ind.
Leeper Park -- South Bend, Ind.

Friday, April 29

BIG EAST Quarterfinals, 9:00 a.m. (ET) at Courtney South
#2 Notre Dame (15-10) vs. #7 Georgetown (7-12)

Saturday, April 30

BIG EAST Semifinals, 9:00 a.m. (ET) at Courtney Courts (North & South)

Sunday, May 1

BIG EAST Championship, 9:00 a.m. (ET) at Courtney North

BIG EAST Preview

The University of Notre Dame men's tennis team begins postseason play Friday at 9:00 a.m. (ET) versus Georgetown at the Courtney South Tennis Courts. The Irish are serving as the co-hosts of the men's and women's 2011 BIG EAST tournaments in combination with the BIG EAST conference. Play will be held at the Courtney Tennis Center on the campus of Notre Dame, in addition to Leeper Park in South Bend. In the event of rain, play will be moved in to the Eck Tennis Pavilion and the South Bend Racquet Club. The Irish enter the tournament as the No. 2 seed.



This will be Notre Dame's 15th BIG EAST men's tennis championship. There are only nine of the 16 member teams that compete in the league tournament, as the BIG EAST does not require round-robin competition during the season. The nine teams selected are seeded by the conference based on national ranking and head-to-head results earn an invitational to the championship tournament. The tournament is single elimination and the winner earns an automatic bid to the NCAA Championship. The tournament commences with eighth-seeded Connecticut playing ninth-seeded Villanova at 9:00 a.m. Thursday at Leeper Park (South). The winner of that match will take on top-seeded Louisville Friday at 9:00 a.m. at the Courtney North tennis courts. The second-seeded Notre Dame will face seventh-seeded Georgetown for the third

2011 BIG EAST Championship Seeds

1. Louisville
2. Notre Dame
3. USF
4. DePaul
5. St. John's
6. Marquette
7. Georgetown
8. Connecticut
9. Villanova

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consecutive league tournament. The Irish and Hoyas will compete Friday at 9:00 a.m. at the Courtney South tennis courts. The semi-final matches will be played at the Courtney Tennis Center Saturday at 9:00 a.m., followed by the championship match Sunday at 9:00 a.m. also at the Courtney Tennis Center.

Following The Irish At The Championship

There will be daily recaps posted to und.com, while complete results and updated matchups will be posted to www.bigeast.org, in addition to updated tournament draws.

The Georgetown Matchup

The Irish and Hoyas have met nine times since their first meeting in 1958 when Notre Dame won in an 8-1 decision at the Cherry Blossom Tournament in Washington, D.C. The Irish hold an 8-1 lead in the series. Georgetown earned its sole win in 1962 with a 5-4 victory, also at the Cherry Blossom Tournament. The two teams have met at the BIG EAST quarterfinals the past two seasons with Notre Dame winning 4-0 on both occasions.

Scouting The Hoyas

Georgetown enters the tournament with a 7-12 record. The

April 23, 2010 – South Bend, Ind. // BIG EAST Quarterfinals #36 Notre Dame 4, Georgetown 0

Singles

1. #47 Casey Watt (ND) def. Anthony Tan (GU) 6-1, 6-1
2. Stephen Havens (ND) vs. David Tillem (GU) 6-1, 3-2
3. #110 Daniel Stahl (ND) vs. Charlie Caris (GU) 6-4, 2-0
4. Samuel Keeton (ND) def. Will Lowell (GU) 6-2, 6-1
5. David Anderson (ND) vs. Andrew Bruhn (GU) 6-3, 5-1
6. Blas Moros (ND) def. Tim Walsh (GU) 6-1, 6-0

Doubles

1. #88 Stephen Havens/Casey Watt (ND) def. Andrew Bruhn/Tim Walsh (GU) 8-5
2. Tyler Davis/Niall Fitzgerald (ND) def. Will Lowell/David Tillem (GU) 8-5
3. David Anderson/Daniel Stahl (ND) vs. Charlie Caris/Anthony Tan (GU) 6-6, DNF

Match Notes

Notre Dame 14-11; National ranking #38
Georgetown 10-12

Order of finish: Doubles (1,2, DNF); Singles (6,1,4, DNF, DNF, DNF)

Hoyas began their season on a six-match losing streak, before defeating Bucknell (6-1) and Eckerd College (9-0). Georgetown most recently defeated Villanova 4-3 on April 20. The Hoyas are 0-1 against ranked opponents as they were defeated by No. 69 St. John's on March 25 and have a 2-1 conference record, defeating Connecticut and Villanova and losing to St. John's. James. The Hoyas are coached by **Gordon M. Ernst**.

BIG EAST Championship History

The BIG EAST men's tennis tournament began in 1979 with Boston College capturing the championship, followed by runner-up Georgetown, 16-14. From the inaugural year until 1994, the tournament was based on an individual scoring, where student-athletes earned points toward the overall team score.

Following the 1994 season, the tournament began the current scoring format, which the doubles counts as one decision and each singles position is a point. This is the second consecutive BIG EAST Championship that Notre Dame has played host to. Prior to being held at Notre Dame, the tournament has been contested in Tampa, Fla.

Irish Dominance In The BIG EAST

Since Notre Dame joined the BIG EAST Conference in 1995-96 season, the Irish have competed in the championship match of the league tournament every season except one and have claimed seven titles. There are nine member teams with men's tennis: Connecticut, DePaul, Georgetown, Louisville, Marquette, Notre Dame, St. John's, USF and Villanova. Notre Dame has a 107-10 (.915) against those league opponents. Prior to joining the BIG EAST, the Irish claimed seven Midwestern Collegiate Conference titles from 1988-89 through 1994-95. Notre Dame has won 14 conference titles total.

2010 BIG EAST Championship Recap

Back in the BIG EAST title game after missing out on

a chance to play for the championship a season ago, the Fighting Irish men's tennis team fell to 15th-ranked Louisville 4-0 on Sunday morning inside the Eck Tennis Pavilion. With the win, Louisville picks up its second BIG EAST crown, while the Irish move to 7-5 all-time in BIG EAST title matches. Notre Dame is now 15-12 on the year while Louisville improves to 22-5.

Louisville jumped out to a 1-0 lead by virtue of winning a tightly contested doubles point. The Cardinals got on the board at No. 2 doubles where Austen Childs and Viktor Maksimcuk downed Notre Dame's tandem of Tyler Davis (Nashville, Tenn./Father Ryan) and Niall Fitzgerald (Wicklow, Ireland/Blackrock College) 8-5. After falling behind early, Davis and Fitzgerald tied their match at 4-4 but could not pull ahead as Childs and Maksimcuk took four of the next five games for the win.

Louisville clinched the doubles point at the No. 3 position where Robert Hall and Chidi Gabriel defeated David Anderson (Sandwich, Mass./Sandwich) and Daniel Stahl (Bethesda, Md./Walt Whitman) 8-4. Once the Cardinal duo established a 4-3 lead, they pushed ahead and for the win.

At No. 1 doubles, eighty-eighth ranked Stephen Havens (Cincinnati, Ohio/Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy) and Casey Watt (Gibsonia, Pa./Pine-Richland) were tied with 22nd-ranked Simon Childs and Alejandro Calligari, 8-8. Havens and Watt had been leading their match at 7-5 before Louisville

2011 – BIG EAST Awards

BIG EAST Men's Tennis Player of the Week
Daniel Stahl (March 17)

Notre Dame's All-Time BIG EAST Finishes

1996 - 1st
1997 - 2nd
1998 - 2nd
1999 - 1st
2000 - 2nd
2001 - 2nd
2002 - 1st
2003 - Finalist
2004 - 1st
2005 - 1st
2006 - 2nd
2007 - 1st
2008 - 1st
2009 - 4th
2010 - 2nd

* - Championship match suspended due to rain, Miami declared champion due to BIG

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made a comeback only to see the match go unfinished with the doubles point clinched.

Louisville continued to put the pressure on in singles play. At No. 5 singles, the Cardinals extended their lead to 2-0 when Andrew Carter downed Anderson in straight sets 6-3, 6-0. Moments later Louisville moved within one point of claiming the BIG EAST title as 18th-ranked A. Childs downed 47th-ranked Watt 6-0, 6-2.

Facing a 0-3 deficit, the Irish showed some fight as Samuel Keeton (Kansas City, Mo./Pembroke Hill), Havens, Stahl and Blas Moros (Boca Raton, Fla./Pine Crest School) extended their matches. Ultimately, Louisville claimed the 2010 BIG EAST title when Hall beat Moros at No. 6 singles 6-3, 6-3. After helping the Cardinals clinch the doubles point and the championship, Hall was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Performer

Last Time Out

The Irish concluded the regular season with a 4-3 loss to Louisville at the Bass Rudd Tennis Center in Louisville, Ky.

At second doubles, senior Stephen Havens (Cincinnati, Ohio/Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy) and junior Casey Watt (Gibsonia, Pa./Pine Richland) dropped to Robert Hall and Alejandro Calligari in an 8-4 decision. Junior Niall Fitzgerald (Wicklow, Ireland/Blackrock College) and sophomore Spencer Talmadge (Hillsborough, Calif./Junipero Serra) were unable to handle Viktor Maksimcuk and Simon Childs and the Cardinals gained the doubles point after defeating the Irish duo 8-6.

Freshman Greg Andrews (Richland, Mich./Gull Lake) and senior captain Tyler Davis (Nashville, Tenn./Father Ryan) rounded out the doubles play as the tandem fell to Austen Childs and Adam Donaldson, 8-6.

Moving into singles play, at the No. 1 position 58th-ranked Watt was defeated by No. 15 A. Childs in a two-set match, 6-3, 6-4, while Andrews defeated Hall, 6-2, 6-1 at fourth singles. Havens was downed at the No. 2 position, 6-2, 6-4 by 103rd-ranked Maksimcuk. The Cardinals clinched the match at third singles with senior No. 109 Daniel Stahl (Bethesda, Md./Walt Whitman) dropping 6-3, 6-4 to S. Childs.

Rounding out the Irish lineup with two victories, sophomore Blas Moros (Boca Raton, Fla./Pine Crest) downed Dante Terenzio, 7-6, 6-3 at sixth singles and junior Samuel Keeton (Kansas City, Mo./Pembroke Hill) returned to the Irish with a win over Calligari, 7-6, 6-3.

Head Coach Bobby Bayliss On The BIG EAST Tournament

On preparing for the weekend ...

"We have emphasized fundamentals this week. We need to be careful not to over train with the possibility of matches on three consecutive days. Getting Sam Keeton back last week has been a big boost for our collective confidence. We are tweaking the doubles and may do a few things a bit differently and are still looking at combinations. The BIG EAST requires an eight-man roster and we have been starting nine players most of the year between singles and doubles. It is possible that we could have a slightly different roster for this weekend and the NCAA Tournament in a few weeks. The biggest thing for us is to believe that we will win."

Notre Dame In The 2010-11 ITA National Rankings

Team Rankings

Date	Rank
1/4/11	36
1/25/11	36
2/3/11	26
2/8/11	25
2/14/11	23
2/22/11	26
3/1/11	24
3/8/11	25
3/15/11	21
3/22/11	25
3/29/11	23
4/5/11	28
4/12/11	28
4/19/11	28
4/26/11	30

Singles Rankings

Date	Rank	Name
9/10/10	37	Casey Watt
1/4/11	71	Stephen Havens
	104	Casey Watt
	116	Billy Pecor
	122	Tyler Davis
2/14/11	77	Casey Watt
3/1/11	64	Casey Watt
	124	Stephen Havens
3/15/11	58	Casey Watt
3/29/11	64	Casey Watt
	89	Daniel Stahl
	125	Stephen Havens
4/12/11	54	Casey Watt
	99	Daniel Stahl
4/19/11	58	Casey Watt
	109	Daniel Stahl
4/26/11	60	Casey Watt
	94	Daniel Stahl

Doubles Rankings

Date	Rank	Team
9/10/10	39	Watt/Havens
1/4/11	47	Havens/Davis
	58	Bandy/Tan
2/14/11	28	Havens/Davis
	51	Talmadge/Fitzgerald
3/1/11	51	Bandy/Tan
3/15/11	74	Havens/Davis
	78	Bandy/Tan
4/26/11	76	Talmadge/Fitzgerald

2011 BIG EAST MEN'S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP (9 TEAMS)
 Courtney Tennis Center, Notre Dame & Leeper Park Tennis Center – South Bend, IN
 April 28-May 1

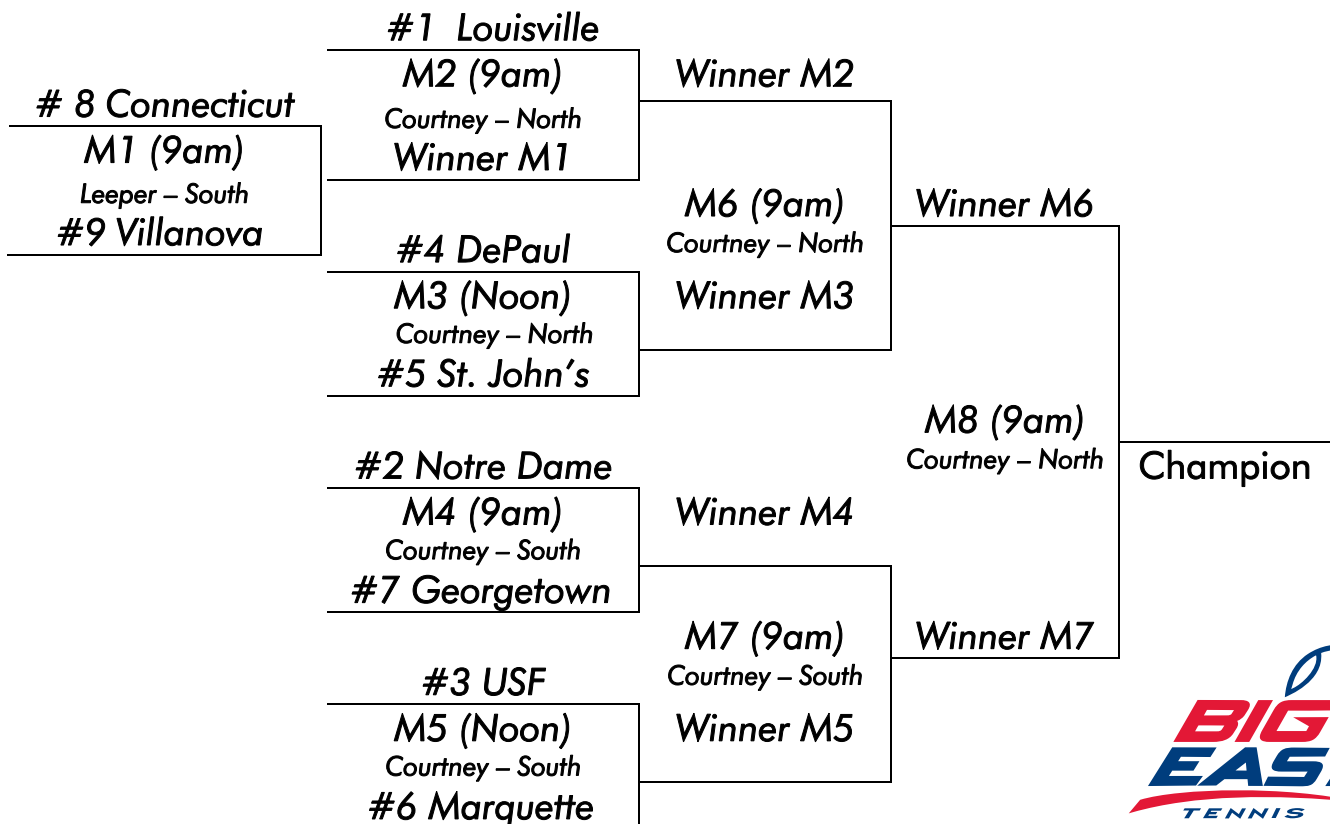
WINNERS BRACKET

Thurs, 4/28

Fri, 4/29

Sat, 4/30

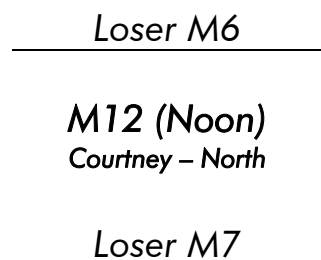
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CHAMPION: _____

RUNNER-UP: _____

Sun, 5/1



THIRD Place:

Winner M12: 3rd place
 Loser M12: 4th place

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CONSOLATION BRACKET

Sat, 4/30

Sun, 5/1

