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2003 University of Notre Dame Softball

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Notre Dame at Western Michigan, Doubleheader
Sunday, March 23, 12 noon & 2 p.m.
Fran Ebert Field • Kalamazoo, Mich.

2003 SCHEDULE (8-9)

FEBRUARY

USF/Wilson Tournament (Tampa, Fla.)

15	Sat.	at South Florida	L, 4-5
15	Sat.	vs. Kent State	W, 5-1
16	Sun.	vs. Jacksonville	W, 2-1
16	Sun.	vs. Hofstra	L, 4-7
17	Mon.	vs. Rhode Island	cancelled

2003 NFCA Leadoff Classic (Columbus, Ga.)

21	Fri.	vs. #4 California	L, 0-6
21	Fri.	vs. Illinois State	W, 1-0 (8)
22	Sat.	vs. #17 Alabama	L, 4-7

Louisiana Classic (Lafayette, La.)

28	Fri.	vs. Northwestern State	L, 2-3
28	Fri.	vs. Louisiana-Lafayette	W, 8-5 (9)

MARCH

1	Sat.	vs. McNeese State	W, 6-1
1	Sat.	vs. Louisiana-Lafayette	L, 3-5
2	Sun.	vs. Northwestern State	W, 12-7
9	Sun.	at CS Northridge (DH)	L, 4-5, W, 3-1

2003 Kia Klassic (Fullerton, Calif.)

13	Thurs.	vs. Fresno State	W, 3-1
13	Thurs.	vs. #4 Nebraska	L, 3-10
14	Fri.	vs. #13 DePaul	L, 2-11 (6)

23	Sun.	at W. Michigan (DH)	12 p.m.
26	Wed.	#25 Northwestern (DH)	3 p.m.
29	Sat.	at Pittsburgh (DH)*	11 a.m.
30	Sun.	at Virginia Tech (DH)*	12 p.m.

APRIL

1	Tues.	at Purdue (DH)	2 p.m.
3	Thurs.	Loyola (Chicago) (DH)	4 p.m.
5	Sat.	at Providence (DH)*	11 a.m.
11	Fri.	St. John's (DH)*	4 p.m.
13	Sun.	Seton Hall (DH)*	11 a.m.
15	Tues.	at #4 Nebraska (DH)	3 p.m.
17	Thurs.	IPFW (DH)	4 p.m.
19	Sat.	at Syracuse (DH)*	11 a.m.
23	Wed.	Valparaiso (DH)	4 p.m.
24	Thurs.	at Illinois-Chicago	6 p.m.
26	Sat.	at Boston College (DH)*	11 a.m.
27	Sun.	at Connecticut (DH)*	11 a.m.
29	Tues.	at #13 DePaul (DH)	4 p.m.

MAY

2	Fri.	Villanova (DH)*	4 p.m.
4	Sun.	Rutgers (DH)*	11 a.m.

2003 BIG EAST Championship (Salem, Va.)

8	Thurs.	First Round	TBA
9	Fri.	Second Round	TBA
10	Sat.	Play continues	TBA
14	Wed.	NCAA Regionals	TBA
20	Tues.	College World Series	TBA

* - indicates BIG EAST Conference game

bold indicates home game • all home games played at Ivy Field on the east side of campus

Irish begin second part of the season in Kalamazoo on Sunday: The University of Notre Dame softball team (8-9) returns to the Midwest this weekend to begin the second part of its season. The Irish have completed their preseason tournament schedule with an 8-9 record and will now focus on regional matchups and the BIG EAST Conference schedule. Notre Dame will take on Western Michigan Sunday in Kalamazoo with a doubleheader at 12 noon and 2 p.m.

Series history vs. Western Michigan and doubleheader preview: Notre Dame and Western Michigan will be meeting for the 16th and 17th time on Sunday. The Irish lead the all-time series 11-4 and have won four in a row over the Broncos. The last meeting occurred in 2001, an 8-0 victory by the Irish at Ivy Field.

Western Michigan is 8-9 this season and boast wins over Illinois and Virginia Tech. The Broncos are hitting a solid .302 as a team, led by Kelly Barnett (.413 avg., 10 RBI) and Mario McCarthy (.320 avg., 13 RBI). Their pitching staff is led by Leah Seffernick (6-2, 2.58 ERA), but five different pitchers have seen action this season.

Notre Dame hopes to kick start during the next several weeks: The Irish are hoping to follow the pattern established last season. Notre Dame returned from Spring Break last year with an 8-12 record, but rebounded to win 36 of its final 41 games and finish one game away from the Women's College World Series. The Irish also won 14 games in a row after coming back to the Midwest after break in 2002.

This season, Notre Dame brings an 8-9 record into the second part of its season. The Irish begin BIG EAST Conference competition on Saturday, March 29, against Pittsburgh.

Irish hope team health returns: Not only did the weather play havoc with last weekend's Kia Klassic (cancelling the last two days of competition), but the Notre Dame team was struck by a strep throat virus last week as well. At one time, six Irish players were effected by the illness, and it forced first-team all-BIG EAST honorees Andrea Loman, Steffany Stenglein and Megan Ciolli out of the line up at different times.

The cancellation of the Kia Klassic tournament games allowed the team to get back early from the west coast and get in a full week of rest before taking on Western Michigan this Sunday.

Rookie DP Ruthrauff has been a steady offensive weapon: Freshman DP Meagan Ruthrauff has been among the offensive leaders for Notre Dame since she first stepped on the field this season. Ruthrauff is currently second on the team in batting average (.327) with 18 hits in 55 AB. She leads the team in doubles with six and has drove in eight runs this season. She hit her first career home run at Louisiana-Lafayette on Feb. 28, kick-starting Notre Dame's eventual 8-5 come-from-behind victory.

Notre Dame single-game home run record has even more company: Notre Dame's original single-game home run record was set in 1990 when Sheri Quinn hit two home runs against Loyola-Chicago. Since that day on March 24, 1990, the feat has been matched 14 times. Andria Bledsoe and Liz Hartmann hit two home runs each in Notre Dame's game against Louisiana-Lafayette on Feb. 28. Hartmann was already a member of the record-holding club after hitting two bombs against Oakland in 2002.

2003 University of Notre Dame Softball Roster

No.	Name	Year	Pos.	Ht.	B/T	Hometown (High School)	Key Stats from '03
1	Steffany Stenglein*	So.	RHP	5-10	R/R	Huntington Beach, CA (Marina)	nine APP, three CG
4	Carrie Wisen*	So.	RHP	5-7	R/R	Fullerton, CA (Sonora)	two starts
7	Jessica Sharron*	Sr.	RHP	5-8	R/R	Agoura Hills, CA (Thousand Oaks)	first '02 APP vs. Neb.
8	Liz Hartmann*	So.	OF	5-9	R/R	Novato, CA (San Marin)	team-high four HR
9	Chantal DeAlcuaz	Jr.	C	5-9	R/R	Modesto, CA (Central Catholic)	first career hit
10	Alexis Madrid***(c)	Sr.	2B	5-1	L/R	Temecula, CA (Temecula)	first 3B of season
14	Nicole deFau**	Jr.	IF/OF	5-9	R/R	Southington, CT (Southington)	.267, one HR, one RBI
16	Mallorie Lenn	Fr.	C	5-8	R/R	Garden Grove, CA (Pacifica)	six RBI, one 2B
18	Andria Bledsoe*** (c)	Sr.	SS	5-7	R/R	Higley, AZ (Highland)	team-high 11 runs
21	Megan Ciolli*	So.	OF	5-9	L/R	Terre Haute, IN (North Vigo)	18 hits, four RBI
22	Sara Schoonaert	Fr.	IF/OF	5-5	R/R	Houston, TX (Clear Lake)	1-3, five runs in '03
25	Lisa Mattison***	Sr.	1B/DP	5-10	R/R	Granger, IN (Penn)	two HR, seven RBI
32	Heather Booth	Fr.	RHP	5-10	R/R	Riverside, CA (MLK)	46 Ks in 53.1 IP
33	Andrea Loman*** (c)	Sr.	3B	5-10	R/R	Riverside, CA (Poly)	.333, nine RBI
44	Kellie Middleton	Fr.	OF	5-6	R/R	Norcross, GA (Marist)	first career hit = HR
77	Meagan Ruthrauff	Fr.	IF/OF	5-10	R/R	La Mirada, CA (La Serna)	18 hits, eight RBI

* - indicates monograms won

(c) - 2003 team captain

Staff:

Head Coach: Deanna Gumpf (Nebraska '91)

(44-17, second year at Notre Dame)

Assistant Coach: Charmelle Green (Utah '92)

Assistant Coach: Kris Ganefff (Notre Dame '99)

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Bill Roggeman (Ball State '81)

Team Senior Manager: Nichole Boerson (Notre Dame '03)

Team Trainer: Chantal Porter (Iowa State '94)

Strength and Conditioning Coach: Heather Mason (Cincinnati '95)

Sports Information Director: Alan Wasielewski (Notre Dame '00)

In all, five current Notre Dame players are among the nine in school history who have hit two home runs in one game. Jarrah Myers (1999-2002) is the only Notre Dame player to hit two home runs in a game three times in her career - against Virginia Tech (4-30-02), Seton Hall (4-30-00) and CS Northridge (3-11-01).

New national poll: USA Softball, in conjuncture with ESPN.com and the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) have formed a new national poll. See page seven of this notes package for both the ESPN/USA Softball poll and the *USA Today/NFCA* top 25.

Notre Dame head coach Deanna Gumpf in her second season: Irish head coach Deanna Gumpf led her team to a 44-17 record in 2002 - her first season as the program's leader. A former assistant at Notre Dame and player at Nebraska ('92), Gumpf and her staff landed the BIG EAST Conference Coaching Staff of the Year award and shared the NFCA Midwest Region Coaching Staff of the Year award with Wisconsin last season.

Among Notre Dame's many accomplishments in 2002, the Irish advanced to the final day of competition at the NCAA regionals for the second-consecutive season, won the BIG EAST regular-season and tournament titles and set school records for home runs (54) and fielding percentage (.971).

Irish team strength lies in veteran infield: There is no secret where the Notre Dame team strength lies this season. Three-year starters Andrea Loman (third base), Andria Bledsoe (short stop) and Alexis Madrid (second base) return to lead the team this season on offense, defense and as team tri-captains.

All three players have key roles in Notre Dame's offensive numbers and de-

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**NOTRE DAME
PROBABLE STARTERS**

C: Mallorie Lenn, Fr., R/R
1B: Lisa Mattison, Sr., R/R
2B: Alexis Madrid, Sr., L/R
SS: Andria Bledsoe, Sr., R/R
3B: Andrea Loman, Sr., R/R
OF: Megan Ciolli, So., L/R
OF: Kellie Middleton, Fr., R/R
OF: Liz Hartmann, So. R/R
or Nicole deFau, Jr., R/R
DP: Meagan Ruthrauff, Fr., R/R
P: Steffany Stenglein, So., R/R
or Carrie Wisen, So., R/R
or Heather Booth, Fr., R/R

**NOTRE DAME
SPORTS INFORMATION**

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Requests to interview student-athletes and coaches must be arranged through the SID office and should be made at least 24 hours in advance. Credentials for home games can be obtained by calling Wasielewski.

Statistics, results and weekly releases (typically released on Wednesday of each week of the season) also are readily available on Notre Dame's official athletic site, www.und.com.

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fensive prowess. The Irish set a team record for fielding percentage in 2002 (.971) and committed just 50 errors on 1,678 chances. Notre Dame also hit a team-record 54 home runs in '02.

Loman excels on offense and defense and is widely regarded as one of the best third basemen in the country.

The Riverside, Calif., native led the team with a .377 average last season, putting up 12 home runs, 43 RBI and 66 hits. She ranks in the top five all-time in Notre Dame history for fielding percentage.

Bledsoe is among the Irish leaders on offense and defense as well. The Higley, Ariz., native drove in 43 runs last year on 56 hits. She also hit a career-best seven home runs and was steady on defense, compiling a .970 fielding percentage.

Madrid dropped from hitting over .300 in 2001 to a .225 clip last season. She did steal 10 bases (third-best on the team) and contributed 95 assists on defense. One of the best sacrifice bunters and hitters on the Irish team, Madrid has already posted two sacrifice hits this season.

Notre Dame's infield also features two-time first-team all-BIG EAST selection Lisa Mattison at first base. Mattison hit .325 in '02 with 27 RBI and four home runs.

Two Irish players on player-of-the-year watch list: The ASA has announced its initial watch list for the second annual USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year Award.

Notre Dame's Andrea Loman and Megan Ciolli were among the 40 players on the watch list.

The award, which is considered the Heisman Trophy in women's collegiate softball and is the only national player of the year award, is designed to recognize outstanding athletic achievement by female collegiate softball players across the country.

The initial watch list is comprised of 40 players that represent 23 college and 11 different collegiate conference. Even if a player doesn't appear on the initial watch list, they are still eligible for the award. The first 25 finalists will be announced on May 13th, then down to 10 on April 29th and three on May 13th. The winner will be announced at the 2003 Women's College World Series in Oklahoma City.

California girls: Just a quick glance at the 2003 Notre Dame softball roster can beg the question; is the Notre Dame campus located on the west coast?

In all, 10 Irish players call California home – that is over 50% of the roster. Add in head coach Deanna Gumpf (La Palma) and the Notre Dame softball team has a distinctive Golden State flavor.

The California girls: Steffany Stenglein (Huntington Beach), Carrie Wisen (Fullerton), Jessica Sharron (Agoura Hills), Liz Hartmann (Novato), Chantal DeAlcuaz (Modesto), Alexis Madrid (Temecula), Mallorie Lenn (Garden Grove), Heather Booth (Riverside), Andrea Loman (Riverside) and Meagan Ruthrauff (La Mirada).

Notre Dame preseason favorite to win the BIG EAST Conference: The BIG EAST Conference has released its 2002 preseason softball poll and the University of Notre Dame softball team ended up as the top choice, as voted on by the league's coaches, to win the 2003 league championship. The Irish received 99 points in the conference's preseason release, ahead of Syracuse in second place (85) and Villanova (75) in third. Notre Dame received nine first-place votes, while Villanova and Virginia Tech each received one.

**2002 BIG EAST
Preseason Softball Poll**

Rank, team, (first place votes), points, '02 record

1. Notre Dame (9), 99 pts., 44-17
2. Syracuse, 85 pts., 25-21

3. Villanova (1), 75 pts., 45-15
4. Virginia Tech (1), 71 pts., 42-18
5. Seton Hall, 69 pts., 29-17
6. Boston College, 63 pts., 26-26
7. St. John's, 36 pts., 23-30-1
8. Rutgers, 35 pts., 22-25
9. Connecticut, 31 pts., 5-15
10. Pittsburgh, 30 pts., 21-33
11. Providence, 11 pts., 5-15

Mallorie Lenn wins gold medal with the U.S. Junior National team: Freshman Mallorie Lenn landed a spot on the U.S. Junior National team that eventually won the First Junior Women's Pan American Championship in Hermosillo, Mexico.

Lenn, from Garden Grove, Calif., was one of the starting catchers on the U.S. team that did not surrender a single run during the tournament. The team was potent on offense as well, dispatching Netherlands Antilles 21-0, Guatemala 20-0 and Jamaica 20-0.

The U.S.'s main competition in the tournament was Canada, and in the first match up during round-robin play Lenn provided the game-winning RBI in her team's 1-0 victory. Lenn also served as the catcher for the gold-medal game against Canada (a 2-0 U.S. victory).

The victory provided the USA with a berth in the 2003 International Softball Federation Junior Women's World Championships in Nanjin, China, during the summer of 2003.

All-Time Record: Entering the 2003 season, Notre Dame softball has posted 556 wins in 14 seasons (almost 40 wins per season). The Irish have won 67% of their games and have never posted a losing season.

Road Warriors: February isn't the best time to play softball in Northern Indiana, so the Notre Dame softball team hits the road exclusively during the first two months of the season to take on some of the best teams in the nation. In just the last five years, Notre Dame has visited Arizona, Georgia, California, Texas, Florida, Arkansas, Tennessee, Nevada, Hawaii and Oklahoma in early-season tournament action. This year, the Irish have already visited Tampa, Fla., for the USF/Wilson Tournament and Columbus, Ga., for the NFCA Leadoff Classic, Lafayette, Louisiana for the Louisiana Classic and Fullerton, Calif., for the Kia Klassic.

Loman among the best at her position: Already known as one of the best in the Midwest prior to the 2002 season, senior Andrea Loman finally earned national acclaim for her spectacular play at the end of Notre Dame's '02 campaign. Loman earned third-team NFCA/Louisville Slugger All-American accolades in addition to being named the BIG EAST Championship Most Outstanding Player.

Loman is currently batting .333 (16 hits in 48 AB) with two home runs and nine RBI. She also has stolen four bases this season.

Loman excels both offensively and defensively for Notre Dame, driving in runs and taking away many players ability to drop a bunt down the third-base line. Loman's .962 fielding percentage for the '02 season is impressive by itself (219 chances) but six of her eight errors were committed after she broke a finger on her throwing hand in a doubleheader at Seton Hall. Her career fielding percentage stands at .981 entering the 2003 season.

Not just a power hitter, Loman is able to hit for average (.377 in '02) and steal bases when she gets on (a team-high 16 stolen bases last season).

Irish will not back down from the best in the country: In what has become an annual tradition for the Notre Dame softball team, the Irish will spend the first two month of the season crisscrossing the country and taking on the

NOTRE DAME STATISTICAL LEADERS

<u>Batting Average</u>	
Andrea Loman333
Meagan Ruthrauff327
Megan Ciolli327
<u>Hits</u>	
Meagan Ruthrauff	18
Megan Ciolli	18
Andrea Loman	16
<u>Doubles</u>	
Meagan Ruthrauff	6
Andrea Loman	5
Megan Ciolli	3
Lisa Mattison	3
<u>Triples</u>	
Alexis Madrid	1
<u>Home Runs</u>	
Liz Hartmann	4
Andria Bledsoe	3
Andrea Loman	2
Lisa Mattison	2
<u>RBI</u>	
Andrea Loman	9
Meagan Ruthrauff	8
Lisa Mattison	7
<u>Slugging Percentage</u>	
Andrea Loman562
Liz Hartmann522
Meagan Ruthrauff491
<u>On Base Percentage</u>	
Megan Ciolli373
Nicole deFau371
Andria Bledsoe367
<u>Stolen Bases</u>	
Andrea Loman	4
Kellie Middleton	3
Megan Ciolli	3
PITCHING	
<u>ERA</u>	
Heather Booth	2.89
Carrie Wisen	3.91
Steffany Stenglein	4.36
<u>Strikeouts</u>	
Heather Booth	46
Steffany Stenglein	36
Carrie Wisen	10
<u>Complete Games</u>	
Heather Booth	4
Steffany Stenglein	3
<u>Appearances</u>	
Heather Booth	12
Steffany Stenglein	9
Carrie Wisen	7
Jessica Sharron	1

NOTRE DAME TEAM GAME HIGHS

Runs

12 vs. NW State, 3-2-03

Hits

12 vs. CS Northridge, 3-9-03

RBI

9 vs. NW State, 3-2-03

Doubles

3 vs. NW State, 2-28-03

Home Runs

5 vs. La.-Lafayette, 2-28-03

Total Bases

25 vs. La.-Lafayette, 2-28-03

Stolen Bases

4 vs. NW State, 3-2-03

Innings Pitched

9.2 vs. CS Northridge, 3-9-03

Strikeouts

10 vs. Jacksonville, 2-16-03

10 vs. #17 Alabama, 2-23-03

INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Runs

3 - Bledsoe vs. ULL (2-28-03)

3 - Ciolli vs. NW State (3-2-03)

Hits

3 - Bledsoe vs. #17 Alabama (2-23-03)

3 - deFau vs. NW State (2-28-03)

3 - Bledsoe vs. ULL (3-1-03)

RBI

4 - Hartmann vs. ULL (2-28-03)

Doubles

2 - Loman vs. NW State (2-28-03)

Home Runs

2 - Bledsoe vs. ULL (2-28-03)

2 - Hartmann vs. ULL (2-28-03)

Total Bases

8 - Bledsoe vs. ULL (2-28-03)

8 - Hartmann vs. ULL (2-28-03)

Walks

2 - Lenn vs. Hofstra (2-16-03)

Stolen Bases

1 - 14 times

Innings Pitched

8.0 - Booth vs. Illinois St. (2-22-03)

Strikeouts

9 - Stenglein vs. #17 Alabama (2-23-03)

best teams in the nation.

Notre Dame began the year on Feb. 15, 16 and 17 at the USF/Wilson Tournament in Tampa, Fla., facing traditional power South Florida and several NCAA east regional teams, including Hofstra and Rhode Island. South Florida has recently debuted in the national top 25 at #24.

Three weeks ago Notre Dame was at the challenging NFCA Leadoff Classic taking on defending national champion #4 California, Illinois State and #17 Alabama. The Irish also went to the west coast for the 2003 Kia Klassic in Fullerton, Calif. Notre Dame faced Fresno State, #4 Nebraska and #13 DePaul at the Kia this year.

Notre Dame's regular-season schedule also features the Cornhuskers and Blue Demons in April.

**2003 BIG EAST Conference Standings
(through March 9)**



Team	BIG EAST			OVERALL									vs. ND
	W-L	Pts.	H	A	N	W-L-T	Pct.	H	A	N	Streak		
Seton Hall	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	8-2-0	.800	0-0	2-1	6-1	Won 6	April 13	
Providence	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	7-4-0	.636	0-0	0-0	7-4	Won 3	April 5	
Rutgers	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	7-6-0	.538	0-0	2-0	4-4	Lost 1	May 4	
Notre Dame	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	8-9-0	.471	0-0	2-3	6-6	Lost 2	-	
St. John's	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	10-12-0	.454	0-0	1-5	9-7	Won 1	April 11	
Boston College	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	6-11-0	.353	0-0	1-3	5-8	Lost 1	April 26	
Syracuse	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	6-11-0	.353	0-0	0-4	6-7	Won 1	April 19	
Villanova	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-4-0	.333	0-0	0-0	2-4	Won 2	May 2	
Pittsburgh	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	6-14-0	.300	0-0	1-2	5-12	Won 1	March 29	
Connecticut	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-9-1	.231	0-0	0-4	3-5-1	Lost 1	April 27	
Virginia Tech	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-14-0	.222	0-0	1-1	3-13	Lost 9	March 30	

Note: As voted by the head softball coaches, the BIG EAST softball standings will now be determined by a 2/1 points system. Two points will be awarded for a conference win, one point for a tie and no points for a loss. Conference competition begins the weekend of March 23-24.

**2003 BIG EAST
Weekly Awards**

Player(s) of the Week

Feb. 16 - Lisa Fischer, Boston College
 Feb. 24 - Rachel Park, Syracuse
Mar. 3 - Andrea Loman, Notre Dame
 Mar. 3 - Mandy Schettini, UConn
 Mar. 10 - none
 Mar. 17 - Laura Taylor, Seton Hall

Pitcher(s) of the Week

Feb. 16 - Rachel Pacheco, Va. Tech
 Feb. 24 - Christina Shanko, SHU
 Feb. 24 - Tara DiMaggio, Syracuse
 Mar. 3 - none
 Mar. 10 - Courtney Fitzgerald, SJU
 Mar. 17 - Christina Shanko, SHU

2003 Game Results - Winning RBI/Hit - Winning Run

Date	Opposing Team	Score	Outcome	R/H/E - R/H/E	Pitcher of Record	GW H/RBI	GW Run
2-15-03	at South Florida	4-5	L	4/9/2 - 5/6/0	Booth (L, 0-1)	-	-
2-15-03	vs. Kent State	5-1	W	5/7/2 - 1/6/1	Booth (W, 1-1)	Ruthrauff	Schoonaert
2-16-03	vs. Jacksonville	2-1	W	2/5/0 - 1/5/0	Booth (W, 2-1)	Lenn	Schoonaert
2-16-03	vs. Hofstra	4-7	L	4/6/2 - 7/5/0	Stenglein (L, 0-1)	-	-
2-22-03	vs. #4 California	0-6	L	0/3/2 - 6/4/0	Stenglein (L, 0-2)	-	-
2-22-03	vs. Illinois State	1-0 (8)	W	1/4/0 - 0/2/1	Booth (W, 3-1)	Ciolti	Hartmann
2-23-03	vs. #17 Alabama	4-7	L	4/10/1 - 7/12/3	Booth (L, 3-2)	-	-
2-28-03	vs. NW State	2-3	L	2/8/0 - 3/8/1	Wisn (L, 0-1)	-	-
2-28-03	at La.-Lafayette	8-5 (9)	W	8/8/2 - 5/7/3	Booth (W, 4-2)	Hartmann	Bledsoe
3-1-03	vs. McNeese State	6-1	W	6/8/0 - 1/3/1	Stenglein (W, 1-2)	Mattison	Bledsoe
3-1-03	at La.-Lafayette	3-5	L	3/11/1 - 5/9/0	Booth (L, 4-3)	-	-
3-2-03	vs. NW State	12-7	W	12/10/0 - 7/6/3	Stenglein (W, 2-2)	Mattison	Loman
3-9-03	at CS Northridge	4-5 (10)	L	4/12/0 - 5/10/3	Wisn (L, 0-2)	-	-
3-9-03	at CS Northridge	3-1	W	3/5/0 - 1/1/0	Booth (W, 5-3)	Mattison	Bledsoe
3-13-03	vs. Fresno State	3-1	W	3/6/0 - 1/2/0	Booth (W, 6-3)	Ruthrauff	deFau
3-13-03	vs. #3 Nebraska	3-10	L	3/9/2 - 10/14/1	Stenglein (L, 2-3)	-	-
3-14-03	vs. #14 DePaul	2-11	L	2/5/2 - 11/9/2	Booth (L, 6-4)	-	-

**2003 USA TODAY/NFCA
TOP 25 (3-11-03)**

School	2003 Record	Pts.	LW
1. UCLA (16)	26-2	496	1
2. Arizona (4)	26-2	484	2
3. Nebraska	14-2	439	3
4. Texas	22-2	431	5
5. Washington	23-2-1	430	4
6. Oklahoma	18-3	409	6
7. California	19-6	374	8
8. LSU	18-6	354	7
9. CS Fullerton	16-7	322	9
10. Georgia	24-3	319	10
11. Stanford	21-6	305	12
12. Arizona State	22-7	288	11
13. DePaul	10-3	274	13
14. Michigan	11-6	236	14
15. South Carolina	16-6	216	15
16. Florida State	18-7	185	16
17. Oregon State	19-9	159	17
18. Ohio State	10-6	148	18
19. Alabama	18-9	127	20
20. Texas A&M	19-8	114	19
21. South Florida	24-7	77	22
22. Oregon	16-6	68	23
23. Oklahoma State	17-6	53	NR
24. Massachusetts	7-7	38	21
25. Kansas	14-4	36	NR

Others receiving votes: Minnesota 28, Southern Illinois 14, Florida 14, **Louisiana-Lafayette** 13, Illinois 12, Baylor 11, **Northwestern** 8, Mississippi State 7, Pacific 7, NOTRE DAME 4.
Notre Dame 2003 opponents in **bold**.

**2003 ESPN.COM/USA SOFTBALL
TOP 25 (3-18-03)**

School	2003 Record	Pts.
1. Arizona (13)	29-2	444
2. UCLA (5)	26-2	436
3. Washington	26-2-1	413
4. Oklahoma	24-3	388
5. Nebraska	16-4	369
6. California	23-6	361
7. Texas	22-5	335
8. CS Fullerton	18-9	311
9. Stanford	21-7	296
10. LSU	20-7	292
11. DePaul	13-3	291
12. Georgia	26-4	259
13. South Carolina	19-6	222
14. Arizona State	23-9	213
15. Michigan	11-6	202
16. Florida State	19-9	141
Oklahoma State	22-6	141
18. Alabama	20-10	130
19. Oregon State	19-10	126
20. Oregon	17-6	116
21. Ohio State	13-6	105
22. Texas A&M	20-10	78
23. South Florida	30-8	56
24. Northwestern	13-6	28
25. Massachusetts	9-10	24

Others receiving votes: Minnesota (21), Kansas (15), Florida (13), Mississippi State (9), **Louisiana-Lafayette** (7), Iowa (4), SW Texas (2), Hawaii (1), **Fresno State** (1).
Notre Dame 2003 opponents in **bold**.

Softball fans have a new national poll to track: The Amateur Softball Association (ASA), the national governing body of softball in the United States, has announced its first ESPN.com/USA Softball Collegiate Top 25 poll.

The ESPN.com/USA Softball Collegiate Top 25 poll is voted on by NCAA Division I coaches representing 15 different ASA regions and 12 different collegiate conferences. The poll is also voted on by selected softball media members.

The USA Today/National Fastpitch Coaches Association Division I Top 25 is voted on by 21 NCAA Division I coaches representing all regions.

Notre Dame in the 2003
USA Today/NFCA Top 25:

Preseason: 17
February 18: 23
February 25: also receiving votes
March 4: not ranked
March 11: also receiving votes

Notre Dame in the 2003 ESPN.com/
USA Softball Top 25:

February 25: also receiving votes
March 4: not ranked
March 11: not ranked
March 18: not ranked