

Notre Dame Baseball Gameday Notes – vs. Ball State (April 27, 2004)

ND-BSU SERIES NOTES – Notre Dame holds a narrow lead in the Ball State series (13-11) that dates back to 1976 ... BSU has a 9-7 record in 16 previous games at ND, including 3-1 at Eck Stadium ... the last four games in the series (all at Eck) have featured three narrow BSU wins (4-3 in '98, 5-4 in '01 and 3-1 in '03) and ND's 10-1 win in 2002 ... the '98 loss was ND's only defeat in a span of 24 games (the ND record for a 1-loss streak, at 23-1) ... the '01 loss to BSU was followed by a 16-game win streak that lifted ND to the #1 ranking ... Andrew Bushey hit a grand slam in the 2002 win over BSU (ND's Paul O'Toole then hit a grand slam in the next game of that '02 season, vs. Toledo).

BSU RESULTS – The Cardinals own single wins over Indiana State (6-2), Seton Hall (7-1), Louisville (10-5), Cincinnati (12-5) and Purdue (4-1) plus a pair of wins over Valparaiso (12-2, 15-3) while also playing series vs. East Tennessee (8-9, 6-2), Liberty (4-5, 14-2, 11-5), Bowling Green (4-5, 1-2, 7-1), Northern Illinois (3-2, 6-3, 9-6), Akron (13-4, 6-3, 4-5), Central Michigan (6-4, 1-3, 5-3) and Western Michigan (2-4, 6-3, 17-5) ... BSU's other losses have come vs. Evansville (7-8), Furman (3-4), Coastal Carolina (5-6), William & Mary (2-9), Louisville (1-9), Cincinnati (4-8), Findlay (13-16), Xavier (3-5) and Butler (6-7).

IRISH TEAM NOTES – Notre Dame is the nation's 15th-leading scoring offense (8.5 runs per game), including 14 games with double-digit runs (none in last six) ... the Irish are slated to play four straight games this week, yielding a stretch of eight games in eight days ... the first nine weeks of the season featured seven weekends on the road for the ND squad (plus spring break and a handful of midweek days) ... despite losing three of its last four games, Notre Dame is the nation's only team with eight losses while only nine teams out of 287 in Division I have fewer losses than the Irish (Texas, Stanford, East Carolina and Albany each have six losses while Rice, Wichita State, Oral Roberts, College of Charleston and Southern all have seven losses) ... just one previous ND team has reached 40 games with a better record (34-5-1 in 2001, with five others starting 31-9) ... the pair of losses Sunday at Pittsburgh marked just the 5th time that the Irish were swept in 78 all-time BIG EAST doubleheaders (24 straight without being swept) ... the ND pitching staff owns the 2nd-best walk average (2.73 BB/9 IP) in the Irish record book, trailing only the Aaron Heilman/Danny Tamayo-led staff of 2001 staff (2.48) ... 12 ND batters have hit home runs this season (compared to 8 in '03) ... ND's pace of 1.05 home runs per game (42 HRs in 40 GP) would rank 4th in the Irish record book (the '03 team hit just 31 HRs) ... the Irish have hit 3 HRs in a game six times this season ... ND has dominated 2nd-inning scoring (37-7) and owns a 79-24 combined edge in the 7th (47-14) and 8th (32-10) ... the Irish have posted 3-0 sweeps of nine different BIG EAST teams but have notched the tough 3-0 road sweep just six times in BIG EAST play ... the Irish are riding the 3rd-longest scoring streak in the program's history (124 games) and have been shut out just once in the last 354 ... ND has scored in 99.33% of the games during the 10-year Mainieri era (596 of 600) ... Mainieri's 22-year career record is 762-447-2 (431-168-1/.719 at ND) ... the team's .418 on-base pct. would rank 4th in ND history (best since '94) ... the Irish have won 19 times by 5-plus runs, with 23 total double-digit hit games (17 with 12-plus).

IRISH PLAYER NOTES – Today's starter **Tom Thornton** owns a 2.57 career ERA that would rank 5th in the ND record book (3rd-best since the early 1960s, behind Aaron Heilman's 2.49 from '98-'01 and Larry Mohs' 2.52 from '94-'97) ... ND's infield shifts – **Greg Lopez** to SS, **Matt Macri** SS to 3B, **Matt Edwards** 3B to 1B and **Joe Thaman** 1B to LHP – have paid bid dividends, with the four starting IF (also 2B **Steve Sollmann**) combining for just 21 errors ... the leftside infielders have combined for 63 error-free games this season (28 for Lopez; 35 for Macri, including 19 straight and 29 of last 30) ... after flipping spots with Danny Dressman (now the leadoff hitter), Sollmann was batting .476 (10-for-21) as the 2-hole hitter during his last 6 games (prior to the April 3 fractured jaw injury that has held him out of 17 games, with ND going just 12-5 in that stretch) ... sophomore LF **Steve Andres** is a classic slugging/on-base double threat (his 1.095 combined "OBS" is 2nd-best among BIG EAST player) ... sophomore OF **Craig Cooper** is riding a 5-game hitting streak (7-for-14) that has pushed him atop the team batting charts (.365) ... sophomore DH **Matt Bransfield** (10 HRs, including 2 on Sunday at Pittsburgh) could become the first ND player since 1999 to hit 15-plus HRs in a season (Frank Jacobs holds the record, with 20 in 1991) ... Bransfield and Cooper (5 HRs in '04) did not homer in 193 combined ABs as freshman ... Sollmann has not made an error in his last 26 games with the Irish (16 total Es in last 3 seasons) and ranks 4th on the ND career hits list (280) ... **Cody Rizzo's** 44 times hit-by-pitch are the ND career record ... Thornton's 6-hit gem at WVU is just ND's third 9-inning solo shutout in a BIG EAST game during the last six seasons (Danny Tamayo had two in '01) ... Lopez (.250 in '03, .346 in '04) and Macri (.273 in '02/'03, .350 in '04) continue to hit well above their career averages heading into '04 ... Lopez totaled just 26 RBI during the '03 season while Bransfield had only 10 ... freshman C **Sean Gaston** is sidelined with mononucleosis (he missed the last four games) while freshman RHP **Derik Olvey** has been out since late March with a sore forearm ... in addition to Sollmann, other ND players currently out due to injury include two of the team's top pitchers (junior **John Axford** and freshman **Jeff Manship**) who had season-ending elbow surgery in the pre-season ... sophomore closer **Ryan Doherty** had converted all seven of his previous save opportunities before taking the loss in game-2 at Pittsburgh (he also saw his scoreless innings streak end at 15.0 while Mike Scanzano's single halted an 0-for-31 combined streak of opponent batters vs. Doherty) ... Thornton had a solid no-decision last Friday at Seton Hall (9 BF in first 3 IP; 4 R on 5 H and 2 BB in 4.2 IP, with 6 Ks) ... hard-throwing freshman RHP **Dan Kapala** has not been charged with a run in is last 11.0 IP (lowering his ERA from 6.00 to 2.96) ... Lopez has just two multiple-error games this season ... Macri owns a .458 career batting average at Eck Stadium.

Tom Thornton Career Stats

Year	GP/GS	W-L	SV	CG/ShO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	2B	3B	HR	BF	AVG	WP	HB	ERA
2003	15/8	5-1	0	0/0	54.2	54	18	11	14	29	15	0	0	231	.269	3	6	1.81
2004	10/9	5-2	0	1/1	61.0	56	30	22	16	44	12	0	3	259	.246	2	6	3.25
Totals	25/17	10-3	0	1/1	115.2	110	48	33	30	73	27	0	3	490	.256	5	12	2.57

Quick Notes on Thornton – made his second game-1 start in a BIG EAST series at Seton Hall (also at GU) ... ranks 5th in BIG EAST for ERA (3.25), 3rd in wins (5-2), 6th in innings (61.0) and 7th in opponent batting avg. (.246) ... his 2.57 career ERA would rank 4th in the ND record book ... posted rare 9-inning shut-out at West Virginia (first by ND pitcher since Danny Tamayo did it twice in 2001).

THORNTON'S 2004 GAME-BY-GAME

(Date) Opp.	W-L (S)	IP	R/ER	H (HR)	K/BB	WP/HB	ERA
(2/21) USC	W	6.0	1/0	4	4/2	0/0	0.00
(2/28) FAU	-	7.0	2/2	6	7/0	0/2	1.38
(3/7) UTSA-1	L	4.1	8/6	8 (2)	2/3	0/0	4.15
(3/13) T-TECH	W	8.0	0/0	1	7/3	0/1	2.84
(3/21) SIU-3	W	6.0	2/2	5 (1)	4/1	0/1	2.87
(3/27) WVU-2	W	9.0	0/0	6	5/2	0/0	2.23
(4/3) VILL-2	-	5.0	2/2	4	1/1	1/1	2.38
(4/10) BC-2	-	6.2	4/2	7	2/0	0/0	2.42
(4/17) GU-1	W	4.1	7/4	10	6/2	1/0	2.88
(4/23) SHU-1	L	4.2	4/4	5 (0)	6/2	0/0	2.57
Totals	5-2	61.0	30/22	56 (93)	44/16	2/6	2.57

(1) #6 CF DANNY DRESSMAN (B:L)

Freshman ... 5-9/175 ... San Jose, CA/Archbishop Mitty HS

Year	GP/GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF/SH	SB	E/FLD	OB	SLG	AVG
2004	34/28	115	25	30	7	0	0	17	17	0	25	3/5	2-4	0/1.000	.348	.322	.261

- **2004 Team Ranks** – leads '04 team in sacrifice bunts (5) while ranking 4th in walks (17) and 5th in doubles (7)
- **BIG EAST Stats** – hitting just .200 in BIG EAST action (9-for-45, 5 RBI, 9 R, 2 2B, 8 BB, 13 Ks, SF)
- **Last Week** (vs. TOL, SHU and Pitt) – hit .250 in 4 GP/3 GS (3-for-12, 4 R, BB, HBP, 4 Ks, SF)
- **Recent Trends** – saw his season-best 5-game hitting streak (9-for-22/.409, 5 RBI, 9 R, 2 2B, 3 BB, 3 Ks) end in opener at SHU, going 1-for-8 in last 3 games (R, 2 Ks)
- **Position/Batting Order** – all 28 of his starts have come in CF while batting either leadoff (14) or 2-hole (13) in 26 of his 27 starts (plus another start in the 9th spot)
- **Site Survey** – batting **.241 outside of Eck Stadium** (21-for-87, 12 RBI, 14 R, 4 2B, .333 on-base, 13 BB, 19 Ks, 2 SF, 4 SAC, SB) batting **.321 (80 points higher) at Eck Stadium** (9-for-28, 5 RBI, 11 R, 3 2B, .394 on-base, 4 BB, 6 Ks, SF, SAC, SB)
- Owns **10 multi-hit** games (5th on team) and **5** with **multiple RBI**
- **12-Game Homestand** (3/31-4/14) – hit .211 (4-for-19, 5 RBI, 7 R, 2 2B, BB, 5 Ks, SF, SAC, SB)
- **Senior Season at Mitty HS:** .402, 8 HR, 40 RBI, 15-15 SB, 21 BB
- **Left-Coast Lounge** – one of three **California natives** starting in Notre Dame's 2004 outfield, with the others including sophomore LF Steve Andres (Napa) and sophomore RF Cody Rizzo (Temecula)
- **Summer Ball** – slated to play with the Fauquier Gators (based in Warrenton, Va.) in the Clark Griffith League during the summer of '04 ... freshman RHP Jess Stewart also is to play in the CGL, with the Reston (Va.) Hawks.

- **Parents** Chuck and Diane (former ND tennis player) are Notre Dame graduates

DRESSMAN'S '04 GAME-BY-GAME

(Date) Opp.	H-AB	RBI	Other
(2/20) SDSU	1-3	2	R, BB, SF
(2/21) USC	0-4	0	
(2/27) WIN	2-4	1	2 R, SAC
(2/28) FAU	0-4	0	K
(3/6) SIU-1	2-6	2	2B
(3/7) UTSA-1	2-4	0	R, 2B, SAC, K
(3/8) PSU-1	0-4	1	R, BB, SB, 3 Ks
(3/9) UTSA-2	1-5	2	2B, SF, K
(3/11) PSU-2	1-3	0	R, 2 BB, K
(3/12) AZ	1-4	1	SAC, 2 Ks
(3/13) T-TECH ...	1-5	0	K
(3/20) SIU-2	2-3	0	SAC
(3/21) SIU-3	0-3	0	2 R, 2 BB
(3/23) CMU	1-3	0	2B, BB
(3/24) DET	2-2	0	R, BB
(3/27) WVU-1	0-2	0	4 BB, K
(3/27) WVU-2	1-4	0	R, BB, 2 Ks
(3/28) WVU-3	0-6	0	K
(3/31) WMU	2-4	1	2 R, SB
(4/3) VILL-1	1-4	1	3 R, 2B, BB, K
(4/3) VILL-2	0-6	0	3 Ks
(4/4) VILL-3	0-0	0	
(4/6) CHST	0-2	0	K
(4/7) VALPO	0-0	0	
(4/10) BC-2	0-0	0	
(4/12) SJU-1	0-0	1	SF
(4/14) OAK	1-3	2	2 R, 2B, SAC
(4/17) GU-1	2-5	2	2 R, BB
(4/17) GU-2	2-5	0	R, 2B, BB, K
(4/18) GU-3	2-5	1	R, K
(4/21) TOL	2-4	0	3 R, BB, K
(4/23) SHU-1	0-3	0	K
(4/23) SHU-2	0-0	0	
(4/25) PITT-2	1-5	0	R, 2 Ks

Situational Hitting (Rank Among ND's Top 11 Regulars)

Leadoff On-Base Pct. ....	.244 (10th); 2B, 2 BB, HBP, 4 Ks
w/ Runners in Scoring Position .....	.244 (11th); 4 2B, 6 BB, 8 Ks, 3 SAC, 3 SF
w/ Two Outs .....	.300 (9th); 7 two-out RBI (8th)
w/. Bases Loaded .....	.000/0-for-6 (11th); 4 RBI, BB
RBI w/. Runner on 3rd < 2 Outs	8-of-12/.667 (7th)
Grounded Into DP/ABs w Runners on	0/51

(2) #5 SS MATT MACRI (B:R)

Junior ... 6-2/190 ... Clive, IA/Dowling HS

Year	GP/GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF/SH	SB	E/FLD	OB	SLG	AVG
2002	17/16	68	10	14	3	0	1	13	7	0	24	2/0	1-2	0/1.000	.273	.294	.206
2003	60/60	214	41	63	15	5	4	35	26	6	47	0/7	6-9	19/.933	.386	.467	.294
2004	38/37	143	48	50	8	4	7	40	27	3	31	1/1	5-6	5/.959	.460	.608	.350
Career	115/113	425	99	127	26	9	12	88	60	9	102	3/8	12-17	24/.942	.394	.487	.299

• **2004 Team Ranks** – leads '04 team in RBI (40), hits (50), runs (48), triples (4), total bases (87), stolen bases (5) and games started (37) ... 2nd on team in batting (.350), slugging (.608), on-base pct. (.460), home runs (7) and walks (27), 3rd in games played (36), 4th in doubles (8).

• **Among the BIG EAST Stat Leaders** – ranked in 10 of 12 BIG EAST offensive categories (most of any player in the conference) ... ranked 1st among BIG EAST players in triples (4) and runs (48), 2nd in RBI (40, behind RU's Jeff Frazier's 45), 3rd in total bases (87), 4th in slugging (.608) and walks (27), 5th in home runs (7), 6th in hits (50) and on-base pct. (.460) and 8th in batting avg. (.350) ... the only BIG EAST categories in which he is outside the top 10 are doubles (8, two shy of that list) and stolen bases (5; six shy) ... in conference games only, he ranks 1st in runs (22) and triples (3), 4th in walks (11), 5th in total bases (32) and 6th in home runs (2).

• **BIG EAST Stats** – hitting just .281 (18-for-64) in '04 BIG EAST games (9 RBI, 22 R, .500 slugging, 2 HR, 3 3B, 4 2B, .410 on-base, 12 BB, 2 HBP, 17 Ks, SAC, 2 SB, E) ... his 2003 BIG EAST regular-season stats: .259, 8 RBI, 13 R, HR, 2 3B, 8 2B, 11 BB, 21 Ks.

• **Last Week** (vs. TOL, SHU and Pitt) – hit .294 in 5 GS (5-for-17, 7 RBI, 6 R, .824 slugging, 2 HR, 3B, 2B, 4 BB, 2 Ks)

• **Site Survey** – batting just .263 (25-for-95) in '04 games **outside Eck Stadium** (21 RBI, 24 R, .453 slugging, 3 HR, 2 3B, 5 2B, .333 on-base, .786 "OBS", 15 BB, 2 HBP, 23 Ks, SAC, SB, 5 Es/.932) ... batting **team-best .521** (258 points higher than his road avg.) **at Eck Stadium** in '04 (25-for-48, 19 RBI, 24 R, .917 slugging, 4 HR, 2 3B, 3 2B, .613 on-base, 1.530 "OBS", 12 BB, HBP, 8 Ks, SF, 4 SB, 0 Es) ... owns **.462 career batting avg. at The Eck** (61-for-132, 33 RBI, 6 HR in 42 GP) that is more than double his **career road** batting avg. (.225, 66-for-293, 51 RBI, 6 HR in 73 GP)

• **Recent Trends** – continued his struggles on the road by batting a combined 2-for-12 at SHU and Pitt (now 5-for-37/.135 in 2004 BIG EAST road games)

• **Position/Batting Order** – has made all 37 of his starts at 3B ... hit mostly in 6-spot (7 games) and 7-spot (8) earlier in the season before making 16 recent starts in the 2-hole, after injury to Steve Sollmann ... also had made 4 starts batting 5th and 2 in 8-hole.

• Has posted 35 **Error-Free** games in 2004, including 19 straight (63 chances since E at WVU) and 26 of the last 27 ... 4 of his 5 errors in '04 came in pair of games vs. Texas-San Antonio ... also posted 45 error-free games as Irish SS in '03.

• **ND Record Book Projection** – as of midseason, on pace for 76 runs (in 64-game season), which would rank 4th in ND history behind Pat Pesavento (88 in '89, 81 in '88) and Dan Peltier (81 in '89) ... also could make push to become 10th all-time ND player with 90-plus hits in a season (midseason pace of 86), 9th with 70-plus RBI (66 pace) and 8th with 150-plus total bases (142 pace).

• Big day **vs. Minnesota** included career-high hits (4) plus 6 **RBI** and 5 **R** (both 1 shy of tying ND records) ... 8th ND player known to have scored 5-plus runs in a game (3rd in ND record book to do so since 1901).

• **12-Game Homestand** (3/31-4/14) – hit team-best .526 in 10-2 stretch (20-for-38, 11 RBI, 19 R, 2 HR, 2 3B, 2 2B, 9 BB, HBP, 6 Ks, 4 SB)

• **All-Tournament** at FAU Classic (.385, 5-for-13, 7 RBI, 7 R, HR, 3B, 2 BB) and Alamo City Irish Baseball Classic (.400, 6-for-15, BB, 3 RBI, 6 R, 2 2B)

• Team-best 13 **Multi-Hit** games, plus 10 **Multi-RBI** games (3rd on team)

• Rated nation's **#41 prospect** among 2004 college juniors, per *Baseball America* (4th overall college infielder on that list)

MACRI'S 2004 GAME-BY-GAME

(Date)	Opp.	H-AB	RBI	Other
(2/20)	SDSU	1-4	0	SB, 3 Ks
(2/21)	USC	2-3	1	2B, K
(2/27)	WIN	1-4	1	2 R, 2 BB
(2/28)	FLMEM	1-4	0	R, BB
(2/28)	FAU	0-3	0	
(2/29)	MINN	4-6	6	5 R, HR, 3B
(3/6)	SIU-1	3-6	1	3 R, K
(3/7)	UTSA-1	1-5	0	2 Es
(3/9)	UTSA-2	2-4	2	3 R, 2 2B, BB, 2 Es
(3/11)	PSU-2	3-4	3	
(3/12)	AZ	0-3	0	2 BB, K
(3/13)	T-TECH	1-5	2	2B, 3 Ks
(3/20)	SIU-2	1-4	2	R, HR
(3/21)	SIU-3	0-3	1	BB, HBP, 2 Ks
(3/23)	CMU	1-4	0	2 Ks
(3/24)	DET	1-1	3	3 R, HR, 3 BB, SF
(3/27)	WVU-1	0-4	0	SAC, 2 Ks
(3/27)	WVU-2	1-4	0	R, 2B, K
(3/28)	WVU-3	0-4	0	BB, K, E
(3/31)	WMU	3-3	0	R, BB, SB
(4/3)	VILL-1	2-3	2	3 R, 2 3B, HBP
(4/3)	VILL-2	2-4	1	2 R, 2 BB, SB, K
(4/4)	VILL-3	2-5	1	3 R, BB, SB, K
(4/6)	CHST	3-3	2	3 R, HR
(4/7)	VALPO	1-2	2	2B, 2 BB, SB
(4/10)	BC-1	1-4	1	R, 2B, 2 Ks
(4/10)	BC-2	3-4	1	3 R, HR
(4/12)	SJU-1	2-4	1	K
(4/12)	SJU-2	1-3	0	R, BB
(4/14)	OAK	0-3	0	2 R, 2 BB, K
(4/17)	GU-1	1-4	0	R, 2 BB
(4/17)	GU-2	0-4	0	2 R, BB, HBP
(4/18)	GU-3	1-5	0	R, 2 Ks
(4/21)	TOL	3-5	5	HR, 2B, 2 R
(4/23)	SHU-1	0-2	0	R, BB, K
(4/23)	SHU-2	0-4	0	K
(4/25)	PITT-1	1-3	1	R, BB, 3B
(4/25)	PITT-2	1-3	1	2 R, 2 BB, HR

Situational Hitting (Rank Among ND's Top 11 Regulars)

Leadoff On-Base Pct.	.522 (2nd); HR, 2B, 4 BB, HBP, 5 Ks w/ Runners in Scoring Pos.
w/ Two Outs	.326 (7th); 14 two-out RBI (2nd)
w/ Bases Loaded	.333/2-for-6 (7th); HBP, 7 RBI, 3B, 2B, K
RBI w/ Runner on 3rd < 2 Outs	9-of-13/.692 (3rd)
Grounded Into DP/ABs w Runners on	0/82

(3) #14 1B MATT EDWARDS (B:R)

Junior ... 6-2/195 ... Mechanicsville, VA/Justin Siena HS

Year	GP/GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF/SH	SB	E/FLD	OB	SLG	AVG
2002	9/8	31	3	9	1	0	0	4	3	1	6	0/0	1-1	6/.806	.371	.323	.290
2003	62/62	229	40	86	16	2	8	69	25	4	39	4/0	2-5	9/.973	.439	.568	.376
2004	38/36	138	31	43	10	1	5	39	22	7	28	4/0	2-2	2/.994	.421	.507	.312
Career	109/106	398	74	138	27	3	13	112	50	12	73	8/0	5-8	17/.976	.427	.528	.347

• **2004 Team Ranks** – leads team in doubles (10), also ranking 2nd in RBI (40), runs (31) and games played (38), 3rd in home runs (5), hits (43), walks (22), games started (36), total bases (70) and hit-by-pitch (7), and 5th in slugging (.507) and on-base pct. (.421).

• **Among the BIG EAST Stat Leaders** – ranks 4th among BIG EAST players in RBI (39) ... also ranked 7th in RBI during conference games (12).

• **BIG EAST Stats** – hitting just .254 in '04 BIG EAST games (15-for-59, 12 RBI, 11 R, 4 2B, 8 BB, 2 HBP, 16 Ks, SF, 2 SB) ... his 2003 BIG EAST regular-season stats: .366, 26 RBI, 15 R, 3 HR, 3B, 6 2B, 10 BB, HBP, 14 Ks, 2 SB

• **Last Week** (vs. TOL, SHU and Pitt) – hit .308 in 4 GS (4-for-13, 3 RBI, 2 R, 2 2B, 3 BB, 5 Ks)

• **Site Survey** – 2nd on team with **.352 batting outside Eck Stadium** in '04 (31-for-88, 24 RBI, 20 R, .556 slugging, 4 HR, 6 2B, .468 on-base, 1.024 "OBS", 16 BB, 4 HBP, 18 Ks, SF, SB) ... batting just **.240** (127 points lower) **at Eck Stadium** in '04 (12-for-50, 15 RBI, 11 R, .420 slugging, HR, 3B, 4 2B, .339 on-base, .759 "OBS", 6 BB, 3 HBP, 10 Ks, 3 SF, SB, 2 Es/.986) .. hit combined .389 at Eck in '02 and '03.

• **Recent Trends** – went 3-for-4 vs. Oakland (4/14) to end month-long slump (.175, 11-for-63) that had knocked his batting avg. from .435 to .284 ... looking to bounce back from 2-for-9 trip to SHU and Pitt (3 GP, RBI, 2 R, 2B, BB, 5 Ks)

• **Position/Batting Order** – has made all 36 of his starts at 1B ... the bulk of his '04 starts have been as the ND 3-hole hitter (27), plus 4 as the cleanup batter (3 in 5th spot, single starts in 6th and 8th)

• **12-Game Homestand** (3/31-4/14) – hit .270 (10-for-37, 13 RBI, 9 R, HR, 3B, 3 2B, 5 BB, 2 HBP, 9 Ks, 3 SF, SB)

• **ND Record Book Projection** – could make push to become 9th all-time ND player with 70-plus RBI in a season (68 pace), after team-leading 69 RBI in 2003

• Named **Tournament MVP** at FAU Classic (.417, 5-for-12, 2 BB, HBP, 4 RBI, 5 R, 2 HR, 2B) and Alamo City Irish Baseball Classic (.438, 7-for-16, 4 BB, 7 RBI, 4 R, HR, 2B) ... first Mainieri-era player to homer in first AB of a season opener ('04 vs. San Diego State).

• Owns team-best 13 **Multi-Hit** games and 12 **Multi-RBI** games ... has posted five 3-hit games (including 4 in first 13 games).

• His **2003 Honors** included ABCA 2nd team all-region and 1st team all-BIG EAST.

• Returned in 2003 after suffering **broken leg** early in 2002 (at Round Rock, Texas); **prep SS** who split time at 3B and 1B with the Irish in '03.

EDWARDS' 2004 GAME-BY-GAME

(Date) Opp.	H-AB	RBI	Other
(2/20) SDSU	3-5	4	R, 2B, HR, K
(2/21) USC	0-3	0	BB, K
(2/27) WIN	3-4	2	2 R, 2B, BB, K
(2/28) FLMEM ...	0-0	0	
(2/28) FAU	2-4	2	2 R, 2 HR
(2/29) MINN	0-4	0	R, BB, HBP, K
(3/6) SIU-1	2-6	0	R, K
(3/7) UTSA-1	3-4	4	2 R, 2B, HR, SF, K
(3/8) PSU-1	1-3	2	BB, K
(3/9) UTSA-2	1-3	1	R,
(3/11) PSU-2	1-4	0	K
(3/12) AZ	1-2	2	2 BB, HBP
(3/13) T-TECH ...	3-4	0	R, 2B, BB, K
(3/20) SIU-2	0-3	0	BB
(3/21) SIU-3	0-4	0	R, BB
(3/23) CMU	0-3	0	HBP, K
(3/24) DET	0-6	0	2 R, E
(3/27) WVU-1 ...	1-5	1	2B
(3/27) WVU-2 ...	1-4	0	
(3/28) WVU-3 ...	2-5	1	SB
(3/31) WMU	1-4	3	R, HR, SF, K
(4/3) VILL-1	1-3	2	R, 2B, BB, SF, K
(4/3) VILL-2	0-3	0	2 BB, K
(4/4) VILL-3	2-4	1	R, BB, SB, 2 Ks
(4/6) CHST	2-2	4	R, 2B, SF
(4/7) VALPO	0-3	0	R, BB, E
(4/10) BC-1	0-3	0	2 Ks
(4/10) BC-2	1-4	2	2B, K
(4/12) SJU-1	0-3	0	R
(4/12) SJU-2	0-4	0	
(4/14) OAK	3-4	1	3 R, 3B, 2 HBP, K
(4/17) GU-1	1-4	3	2 R, BB, 2 Ks
(4/17) GU-2	2-4	0	2 R, 2 HBP, K
(4/18) GU-3	2-4	1	2 R, BB, K
(4/21) TOL	2-4	2	2B, BB
(4/23) SHU-1	0-3	0	R, 2 Ks
(4/23) SHU-2	1-2	0	2 BB
(4/25) PITT-1	1-4	1	R, 2B, 3 Ks

Situational Hitting (Rank Among ND's Top 11 Regulars)

Leadoff On-Base Pct.323 (9th); 2 HR, 3B, 2 BB, 2 HBP, 3 Ks w/ Run. in Scoring Pos. . . .315 (7th); 2 HR, 6 2B, 8 BB, HBP, 12 Ks, 2 GDP, 4 SF w/ Two Outs333 (3rd); 15 two-out RBI (1st) w/. Bases Loaded500/1-for-2 (4th); 5 RBI, 2B, BB, SF RBI w/. Runner on 3rd < 2 Outs 14-of-17/.824 (1st) Grounded Into DP/ABs w Runners on 5/78

(4) #12 DH MATT BRANSFIELD (B:R)

Sophomore ... 6-1/200 ... Englewood, CO/Cherry Creek HS

Year	GP/GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF/SH	SB	E/FLD	OB	SLG	AVG
2003	33/17	71	13	22	3	0	0	10	3	3	19	2/1	0-0	0/1.000	.354	.352	.310
2004	36/31	118	28	38	6	0	10	33	13	7	17	0/0	0-1	0/1.000	.420	.627	.322
Career	70/48	189	41	60	9	0	10	43	16	10	36	2/1	0-1	0/1.000	.396	.524	.317

• **2004 Team Ranks** – leads '04 team in home runs (10) and slugging pct. (.627) while ranking 2nd in total bases (74), 3rd in RBI (37) and hit-by-pitch (7), 4th in games played (36), and 5th in hits (38), runs (28), walks (13) and games started (31).

• **BIG EAST Stat Leaders** – Ranks 2nd among BIG EAST players in home runs (10, behind Pittsburgh's P.J. Hiser's 13) ... also 4th among BIG EAST players in slugging pct. (.627), 5th in RBI (37) and 7th in total bases (74) ... in BIG EAST games only, he ranks 1st among the conference's players in HRs (5), RBI (22) and total bases (40), plus 2nd in runs (16) and 5th in hits (22) – with only 4 players ranked in more categories (7 by Hiser and 6 each by ND teammate Steve Andres, SHU's Patrick Sullivan and GU's Billy Quinn).

• **BIG EAST Stats** – 3rd on team with .338 batting in '04 BIG EAST play (22-for-65, 22 RBI, 16 R, 5 HR, 3 2B, 7 BB, 3 HBP, 10 Ks)

• **Last Week** (vs. TOL, SHU and Pitt) – hit .263 in 5 GS (5-for-19, 6 RBI, 3 R, 2 HR, 2 2B, 2 BB, 4 Ks)

• **Site Survey** – batting .288 in '04 games **outside Eck Stadium** (19-for-66, 19 RBI, 12 R, .561 slugging, 5 HR, 3 2B, .390 on-base, .951 "OBS", 7 BB, 4 HBP, 11 Ks) ... batting .365 (90 points higher) **at Eck Stadium** (19-for-52, 18 RBI, 16 R, .712 slugging, 5 HR, 3 2B, .459 on-base, 1.171 "OBS", 6 BB, 3 HBP, 6 Ks)

• **Recent Trends** – was hitting just 2-for-15 with 0 RBI in 4-game stretch before pair of 2-for-4, 2 RBI games at Pitt (HR in both; 3 R, 2B, BB)

• **Position/Batting Order** – has made 28 of 31 starts at DH (plus LF, 3B and 1B vs. Pittsburgh) ... has made 13 starts as cleanup hitter while 6 of his starts have come at both the 6th and 7th spots (plus 2 each in 3rd and 5th spots and single start batting 8th).

• **12-Game Homestand** (3/31-4/14) – hit .390 (16-41, 14 RBI, 14 R, 3 HR, 3 2B, 4 BB, 3 HBP, 4 K)

• **Oh Boy! OBS** – owns a 1.047 combined on-base (.420) and slugging pct. (.627) ... the best single-season OBS in ND history was posted by All-American Dan Peltier in 1989 (1.295).

• Part of **Sophomore Class Fantastic Five** that includes LF Steve Andres (.340), SS Greg Lopez (.346), RF Craig Cooper (.365) and CF/RF Cody Rizzo (.311) ... those five have combined to bat .336 (184-for-547) in the 2004 season, with 128 RBI, 24 HR, 3 3B, 33 2B, 137 R, 66 BB/91 Ks, 23 HBP and 15 SB.

• Owns 11 **Multi-Hit** games (4th on team) and 11 **Multi-RBI** games (2nd on squad)

• **Summer Ball** – slated to play alongside teammate Scott Bickford with Waynesboro Generals of Shenedoah Valley League in summer of '04 ... hit .381 with 12 HRs while playing Colorado Sox in summer of '03

• **Academic All-America** candidate (3.34 cumulative GPA, as sociology major)

• One of several **top prep QBs** on 2004 ND team (also Matt Macri, Steve Andres, Mike Dury)

BRANSFIELD'S '04 GAME-BY-GAME

(Date) Opp.	H-AB	RBI	Other
(2/21) USC	2-3	0	K
(2/27) WIN	0-2	0	
(2/28) FLMEM	1-5	2	R, K
(2/28) FAU	0-2	0	BB, K
(2/29) MINN	0-0	0	
(3/6) SIU-1	1-2	1	
(3/8) PSU-1	0-2	0	
(3/9) UTSA-2	0-1	0	HBP
(3/13) T-TECH	0-4	0	BB, K
(3/20) SIU-2	2-3	1	R, HR, HBP
(3/21) SIU-3	0-0	1	BB
(3/23) CMU	1-4	1	R, HR
(3/24) DET	2-3	3	R, HR, BB
(3/27) WVU-1	1-6	1	R, 2B, 2 Ks
(3/27) WVU-2	1-4	0	
(3/28) WVU-3	1-4	0	HBP, 2 Ks
(3/31) WMU	3-4	2	2 R, HR
(4/1) HILLS	0-5	0	
(4/3) VILL-1	2-4	3	2 R, HR
(4/3) VILL-2	1-4	1	BB
(4/4) VILL-3	2-4	3	R
(4/6) CHST	1-2	2	2 R, HR, HBP, K
(4/7) VALPO	2-4	1	2 R, 2 2B
(4/10) BC-1	2-2	0	R, HBP
(4/10) BC-2	1-4	0	R, 2 Ks
(4/12) SJU-1	0-2	0	R, BB
(4/12) SJU-2	1-3	1	BB, K
(4/14) OAK	1-3	1	2 R, 2B, BB, HBP
(4/17) GU-1	1-3	2	2 R, 2 BB, HBP
(4/17) GU-2	3-6	5	3 R, 2 HR
(4/18) GU-3	1-4	0	R, BB, K
(4/21) TOL	0-4	0	BB, 2 Ks
(4/23) SHU-1	1-3	2	2B, K
(4/23) SHU-2	0-4	0	K
(4/25) PITT-1	2-4	2	2 R, HR, 2B
(4/25) PITT-2	2-4	2	R, BB, HR

Situational Hitting (Rank Among ND's Top 11 Regulars)

Leadoff On-Base Pct.	.367 (6th); 2 HR, 2 2B, 4 BB, HBP, 4 Ks
w/ Runners in Scoring Pos.	.326 (5th); HR, 3 2B, 6 BB, 3 HBP, 7 Ks, 2 GDP
w/ Two Outs	.265 (9th); 9 two-out RBI (6th)
w/. Bases Loaded	.222/2-for-9 (10th); 6 RBI, 2 BB, K, GDP
RBI w/. Runner on 3rd < 2 Outs	11-of-16/.688 (5th)
Grounded Into DP/ABs w Runners on	4/71

(5) #36 LF STEVE ANDRES (B:L)

Sophomore ... 5-10/190 ... Napa, CA/Justin Siena HS

Year	GP/GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF/SH	SB	E/FLD	OB	SLG	AVG
2003	43/29	104	26	28	2	2	4	22	19	9	27	3/0	2-3	1/.978	.415	.442	.269
2004	35/30	97	25	33	7	1	5	22	32	3	28	2/1	3-7	3/.912	.507	.588	.340
Career	78/59	201	51	61	9	3	9	44	51	12	55	5/1	5-10	4/.950	.461	.512	.303

• **2004 Team Ranks** – leads '04 team in walks (32) and on-base pct. (.507), also ranking 3rd in home runs (5), 4th in slugging pct. (.588) and 5th in batting avg. (.340) and doubles (7).

• **Among BIG EAST Leaders** – ranks 2nd among BIG players in walks (32, behind RU's Graig Badger's 37) and on-base (.507, behind Badger's .537), 5th in slugging (.588) and 10th in home runs (5) ... his **1.095 OBS** (combined on-base and slugging) ranks 2nd among BIG EAST players, behind Pittsburgh's PJ Hiser's 1.227 ... also ranks in six official categories for BIG EAST games (only Hiser, with seven, is ranked in more): 2nd in slugging (.638), 3rd in on-base (.492) and walks (13), 6th in home runs (2), 7th in RBI (12) and 9th in batting avg. (.362) ... his 1.130 OBS in BIG EAST play is 2nd only to Hiser's 1.229.

• **BIG EAST Stats** – 2nd on team with .362 batting (17-for-47) in '04 BIG EAST games (12 RBI, 10 R, 2 HR, 3B, 5 2B, .638 slugging, .492 on-base, 1.130 "OBS", 13 BB, 15 Ks, 2 SB, E) ... his 2003 BIG EAST regular-season stats: .286, 7 RBI, 6 R, 9 BB, 2 HBP, 8 Ks, SF, SB

• **Last Week** (vs. TOL, SHU and Pitt) – hit .250 in 5 GS (4-for-16, RBI, R, 3 2B, 3 BB, 5 Ks, SF, CS)

• **Site Survey** – batting **.333 outside of Eck Stadium** in '04 (19-for-57, 14 RBI, 13 R, .614 slugging, 3 HR, 3B, 5 2B, .481 on-base, 1.095 "OBS", 16 BB, 2 HBP, 18 Ks, 2 SF, 2 SB, 1 E/.889) ... batting **.350 at The Eck** in '04 (14-for-40, 22 RBI, 12 R, .550 slugging, 2 HR, 2 2B, .544 on-base, 1.094 "OBS", 16 BB, HBP, 10 Ks, SAC, SB, 2 Es/.920) ... hit just .205 at Eck Stadium (.269 overall) in 2003 (8-for-39, 11 RBI, 7 R, HR, 3B, 6 BB, 7 Ks)

• **Recent Trends** – batting just .278 (5-for-18) with 0 HRs in last 6 games ... career-best (ND season-best) 13-game hit streak ended as pinch-hitter vs. SJU (0-for-1).

• **Position/Batting Order** – has made 23 of his 30 starts in LF (6 as DH, 1 at C) ... has hit mostly in cleanup (8 games), 3-spot (6) and 5-spot (10), also making 4 starts as leadoff batter, 1 in 2-hole and 1 in 6-hole.

• **Oh Boy! OBS** – his offensive versatility includes a team-best 1.095 combined on-base (.507) and slugging pct. (.588) ... the best single-season OBS in ND history was posted by All-American Dan Peltier in 1989 (1.295).

• **ND Record Book Projection** – on pace for 55 walks (in 64-game season), which would rank 3rd in ND history behind All-American Ryan Topham's 63 in '94 and Pat Pesavento's 61 BB in 1989 ... could become first ND player with 45-plus walks since Topham and Greg Layson (45) in 1994.

• **12-Game Homestand** (3/31-4/14) – hit .351 (13-for-37) with 8 RBI, 9 R, 2 HR, 2B, 12 BB, 10 Ks, SAC, SB, 2 Es

• **Left-Coast Lounge** – one of three **California natives** starting in '04 ND outfield, (also fr. CF Danny Dressman/San Jose, soph. RF Cody Rizzo/Temecula)

• **All-Tournament** at Alamo City Classic (.462, 6-for-13, BB, 4 RBI, 3 R, HR, 2B)

• **As Pinch-Hitter** – has collected hits in 8 of his last 14 pinch-hit ABs with the Irish (8-for-20/.400 overall), including 4-for-9 in 2004 (2 RBI, HR, 2B, BB, K) ... the rest of the '04 team is 1-for-29 in pinch-hit situations ... was 4-for-11 as a 2003 pinch-hitter (ended freshman season 4-for-5 in pinch-hit ABs).

• Owns 6 **Multi-Hit** games and 6 **Multi-RBI** games

• Part of **Sophomore Class Fantastic Five** that includes DH Matt Bransfield (.322), SS Greg Lopez (.346), RF Craig Cooper (.365) and CF/RF Cody Rizzo (.311) ... those five have combined to bat .336 (184-for-547) in the 2004 season, with 128 RBI, 24 HR, 3 3B, 33 2B, 137 R, 66 BB/91 Ks, 23 HBP and 15 SB.

• **Academic All-America** candidate with 3.40 cumulative GPA as business major

• **Summer Ball** – slated to play with Solana in California League (summer '04)

ANDRES' 2004 GAME-BY-GAME

(Date) Opp.	H-AB	RBI	Other
(2/20) SDSU	1-3	0	BB, 2 Ks
(2/27) WIN	1-3	1	2 R, HR, BB, K
(2/28) FLMEM	1-2	2	BB, HBP, SF, K
(2/28) FAU	0-1	0	
(2/29) MINN	0-2	0	BB
(3/6) SIU-1	3-3	1	2B
(3/7) UTSA-1	2-5	2	HR, R, K, E
(3/8) PSU-1	0-1	0	R, BB
(3/9) UTSA-2	1-4	1	R, K
(3/11) PSU-2	1-2	0	R, BB, SB, K
(3/12) AZ	0-3	0	R, BB, HBP
(3/20) SIU-2	0-1	0	
(3/21) SIU-3	0-2	0	BB, 2 Ks
(3/24) DET	1-1	0	3 R, 2B, 2 BB, HBP
(3/27) WVU-2	1-3	2	R, 3B, BB, K
(3/28) WVU-3	1-3	1	2 BB, SB, K
(3/31) WMU	1-3	0	R, BB
(4/1) HILLS	1-2	2	R, HR, 3 BB, K
(4/3) VILL-1	2-5	2	R, HR, 3 Ks
(4/3) VILL-2	1-4	1	2B, BB, 2 Ks
(4/4) VILL-3	1-2	1	2 R, 3 BB
(4/6) CHST	1-4	1	R, BB
(4/7) VALPO	1-3	0	R, BB, K
(4/10) BC-1	1-4	0	E
(4/10) BC-2	2-3	1	R, BB, SB
(4/12) SJU-1	1-3	0	K
(4/12) SJU-2	0-1	0	
(4/14) OAK	1-3	0	R, BB, SAC, 2 Ks, E
(4/17) GU-1	2-3	2	2 R, HR, 2B, BB, K
(4/17) GU-2	1-2	1	2 R, 3 BB, K
(4/21) TOL	0-2	0	2 BB
(4/23) SHU-1	1-3	0	2B, K
(4/23) SHU-2	0-4	0	2 Ks
(4/25) PITT-1	1-3	0	R, BB, 2B
(4/25) PITT-2	2-4	1	2B, 2 Ks, SF

Situational Hitting (Rank Among ND's Top 11 Regulars)

Leadoff On-Base Pct.	.481 (3rd); 3 HR, 2 B, 6 BB, HBP, 6 Ks
w/ Runners in Scoring Pos.	.324 (6th); HR, 3B, 2B, 18 BB, 2 HBP, 10 Ks, 2 SF
w/ Two Outs	.333 (3rd); 9 Two-Out RBI (6th)
w/ Bases Loaded	.500/2-for-4 (4th); BB, 2 Ks, 4 RBI, 2 SF
RBI w/ Runner on 3rd < 2 Outs	5-of-10/.500 (11th)
Grounded Into DP/ABs w Runners on	0/59

(6) #17 CF/RF CODY RIZZO (B:R)

Sophomore ... 6-1/200 ... Temecula, CA/Chaparral HS

Year	GP/GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF/SH	SB	E/FLD	OB	SLG	AVG
2003	58/56	191	53	60	11	1	4	38	11	28	33	3/1	1-2	4/.968	.425	.445	.314
2004	31/30	103	29	32	4	1	2	16	1	16	15	3/1	3-4	3/.953	.398	.427	.311
Career	89/86	294	82	92	15	2	6	54	12	44	48	6/2	4-6	7/.963	.416	.439	.313

- **2004 Team Ranks** – leads '04 team with 16 times hit-by-pitch, also ranking 4th in runs scored (29)
- **BIG EAST Stats** – 5th on team with .315 batting in '04 BIG EAST action (17-for-54, 10 RBI, 11 R, .481 slugging, HR, 3B, 4 2B, 7 HBP, 8 Ks, 2 SF, 2 SB, E) ... his 2003 BIG EAST regular-season stats: .284, 14 RBI, 20 R, 2 HR, 3B, 3 2B, 6 BB, 10 HBP, 12 Ks, SB
- **Recent Trends** – has hits in 7 of his last 8 games (9-for-26/.346, 6 RBI, 7 R, 2 HR, 2 2B, 5 HBP, 2 SB, SF, 3 Ks, E)
- **Last Week** (vs. TOL, SHU and Pitt) – 3rd on team with .313 batting in 5 GS (5-for-16, 3 RBI, 3 R, 2 HR, 2B, 2 HBP, 2 Ks, SB, E)
- **Site Survey** – 3rd on team with **.352 batting** in '04 games **outside Eck Stadium** (25-for-71, 10 RBI, 19 R, HR, 3 2B, .434 on-base, 11 HBP, 11 Ks, SF, 3 SB) ... batting **.219** (149 points lower) **at Eck Stadium** in '04 (9-for-32, 6 RBI, 10 R, HR, 3B, 2B, .325 on-base, BB, 5 HBP, 4 Ks, 2 SF, SAC, 3 Es/.875) ... his '03 season included .300 batting at The Eck (1 HR, 27 R, 27 GP) and .324 on the road (3 HR, 26 R, 31 GP).
- **Position/Batting Order** – has split time between RF (20 starts) and CF (10) while batting mostly in the 5th (14 games) or 6th (10) spot in the batting order (plus 4 starts in 7-hole and single starts batting 8th and 9th)
- **ND Record Book** – already owns the ND record for career hit-by-pitch (44, besting Craig DeSensi's 38 from '92-'95) while his 15 HBP in 2004 already are tied for the 2nd-most season HBPs in the ND record book (his 28 HBPs in '03 broke Eric Danapilis' old record of 15 HBPs in '93) ... the NCAA record for career HBP is 92 by San Francisco's Tony Hurtado
- Part of **Sophomore Class Fantastic Five** that includes LF Steve Andres (.340), SS Greg Lopez (.346), RF Craig Cooper (.365) and CF/DH Matt Bransfield (.322) ... those five have combined to bat .336 (184-for-547) in the 2004 season, with 128 RBI, 24 HR, 3 3B, 33 2B, 137 R, 66 BB/91 Ks, 23 HBP and 15 SB.
- **12-Game Homestand** (3/31-4/14) – hit .214 (9-for-28, 4 RBI, 9 R, 3B, 2B, BB, 4 HBP, 4 Ks, SF, SAC)

• **Left-Coast Lounge** – one of three **California natives** starting in 2004 ND outfield, with the others including sophomore LF Steve Andres (Napa) and freshman CF Danny Dressman (San Jose)

• **Summer Ball** – slated to play with North County team in Western League, during summer of 2004

• Owns 8 **Multi-Hit** games and 4 **Multi-RBI** games in 2004

• Prep **soccer/baseball** two-sport star

• Hit **8 home runs** during 2003 **fall ball**

• **High school catcher** who has developed into stellar defensive OF (4 assists)

RIZZO'S 2004 GAME-BY-GAME

(Date) Opp.	H-AB	RBI	Other
(2/20) SDSU	1-4	0	SB, 2 Ks
(2/21) USC	2-3	0	2 R
(2/27) WIN	1-4	2	
(2/28) FAU	1-3	0	HBP
(2/29) MINN	1-5	0	3 R, HBP, K
(3/6) SIU-1	2-5	2	2 R, HBP, K
(3/7) UTSA-1	1-3	0	2 HBP
(3/8) PSU-1	1-4	0	R
(3/9) UTSA-2	2-3	0	3 R, HBP
(3/24) DET	0-2	1	SF, E
(3/27) WVU-1	3-5	0	2 R
(3/27) WVU-2	2-4	1	2B, K
(3/28) WVU-3	0-4	0	HBP, 3 Ks
(3/31) WMU	1-3	0	2 R, HBP, K, E
(4/3) VILL-1	1-3	2	R, K
(4/4) VILL-3	0-2	1	SF
(4/6) CHST	1-2	0	2 R, HBP
(4/7) VALPO	0-4	0	2 Ks
(4/10) BC-1	0-3	0	
(4/10) BC-2	0-3	0	HBP
(4/12) SJU-1	2-3	1	2 R, 2B, 3B
(4/12) SJU-2	1-3	0	HBP
(4/14) OAK	0-2	0	2 R, BB, SAC
(4/17) GU-1	2-3	1	3 R, 2B, SB, HBP
(4/17) GU-2	1-3	1	HBP, SF, K
(4/18) GU-3	1-4	1	R, HBP
(4/21) TOL	1-2	1	R, HR, HBP, E
(4/23) SHU-1	0-3	0	K
(4/23) SHU-2	2-4	2	2 R, HR, 2B
(4/25) PITT-1	1-4	0	K
(4/25) PITT 1	1-3	0	HBP, SB, CS

Situational Hitting (Rank Among ND's Top 11 Regulars)

Leadoff On-Base Pct.	.636 (1st); 2B, 3 HBP, K
w/ Runners in Scoring Pos.	.286 (10th); 3B, 2 2B, 6 HBP, 7 Ks, SAC, 3 SF
w/ Two Outs	.222 (10th); 6 two-out RBI (9th)
w/. Bases Loaded	.600/3-for-5 (3rd); 8 RBI, 3 SF
RBI w/. Runner on 3rd < 2 Outs	7-of-9/.778 (2nd)
Grounded Into DP/ABs w Runners on	1/56

(7) #15 C/2B JAVI SANCHEZ (B:R)

Senior ... 6-2/205 ... Miami, FL/Christopher Columbus HS

Year	GP/GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF/SH	SB	E/FLD	OB	SLG	AVG
2001	9/2	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0/0	0-0	1/.750	.071	.000	.000
2002	66/65	231	50	65	7	3	5	29	24	5	32	1/8	1-1	28/.902	.360	.403	.281
2003	58/57	201	42	61	13	1	1	26	20	7	16	1/5	6-8	8/.982	.384	.393	.303
2004	36/36	132	28	41	9	0	1	25	13	9	18	2/2	1-3	8/.966	.404	.402	.311
Career	169/160	577	120	167	29	4	7	80	58	21	68	4/15	8-12	45/.954	.373	.390	.289

• **2004 Team Ranks** – 2nd on '04 team in hit-by-pitch (9), also 3rd in doubles (9), 4th in hits (41), games played (36) and games started (36), and 5th in RBI (25), runs (28) and walks (13)

• **BIG EAST Stats** – hitting .310 in '04 BIG EAST action (18-for-58, 12 RBI, 11 R, 5 2B, 3 BB, 5 HBP, 9 Ks, SAC, SF, 6 Es) ... his 2003 BIG EAST regular-season stats: .205, 5 RBI, 13 R, 3B, 2B, 8 BB, 4 HBP, 5 Ks

• **Last Week** (vs. TOL, SHU and Pitt) – hit .200 in 5 GS (3-for-15, 2 RBI, 2 R, 2B, BB, HBP, 4 Ks, SF, 2 Es)

• **Site Survey** – batting .301 in '04 outside Eck Stadium (25-for-83, 15 RBI, 16 R, HR, 6 2B, 9 BB, 7 HBP, 16 Ks, 2 SF, SAC, 4 Es/.975) batting .327 in '04 games at Eck Stadium (16-for-49, 10 RBI, 12 R, 3 2B, 4 BB, 2 HBP, 2 Ks, SAC, SB, 4 Es/.946)

his **career batting** avg. is 46 points higher on the **road** (.308, 106-for-344, 6 HR, 52 R, 54 RBI in 77 GP) than at Eck Stadium (.262, 61-for-233, HR, 58 R, 26 RBI in 92 GP), with 6 of his 7 HRs coming outside Eck Stadium

• **Recent Trends** – had hits in 14 of 16 games before going hitless vs. Toledo and at SHU (0-for-8 combined), then 3-for-7 at Pitt (hits in both games)

• **Position/Batting Order** – has made most of his starts behind the plate (28), plus 3 at DH and 4 at 2nd base (subbing for injured Steve Sollmann) ... also had solid start at 3rd in early-season game vs. Penn State ... the bulk of his starts have been as the cleanup hitter (15) or 6-hole batter (10), also making starts in the 3rd (4), 5th (2) and 7th (5) spots.

• **12-Game Homestand** (3/31-4/14) – hit .366 (15-for-41, 10 RBI, 12 R, 3 2B, 4 BB, 2 HBP, 2 Ks, SAC, SB)

• Owns 9 **Multi-Hit** games and 7 **Multi-RBI** games (4th-most on team)

• Serves as 2004 team **tri-captain** alongside senior 2B Steve Sollmann and junior RHP Chris Niesel

• 2003 **BIG EAST Tournament MVP** (8-for-11, 4 BB, 4 SAC, 6 RBI, 5 R) and an NCAA **Regional All-Tournament** pick (6-for-15, 2 RBI, 4 R)

SANCHEZ'S '04 GAME-BY-GAME
(Date) Opp. H-AB RBI Other

(2/20) SDSU	.....	0-4	.....	0	.....	2	Ks
(2/21) USC	.....	0-2	.....	0	.....		SAC, K, E
(2/27) WIN	.....	3-5	.....	2	.....	2	R, 2B
(2/28) FAU	.....	1-4	.....	1	.....		R, HR, K
(2/29) MINN	.....	1-3	.....	1	.....		SF
(3/6) SIU-1	.....	4-6	.....	0	.....	2	R, 2B
(3/7) UTSA-1	.....	2-4	.....	2	.....		R, 2B, HBP, K
(3/8) PSU-1	.....	1-3	.....	1	.....		2B, BB, K
(3/9) UTSA-2	.....	0-4	.....	0	.....		R, 2 BB, K
(3/11) PSU-2	.....	1-2	.....	0	.....	2	R, 2 BB, E
(3/12) AZ	.....	0-5	.....	0	.....	
(3/13) T-TECH	...	1-3	.....	1	.....	2	BB, K
(3/20) SIU-2	.....	0-2	.....	0	.....		R, BB, HBP
(3/21) SIU-3	.....	2-3	.....	1	.....	2	HBP
(3/23) CMU	.....	1-4	.....	0	.....	
(3/27) WVU-1	....	0-5	.....	0	.....	
(3/28) WVU-3	....	1-5	.....	0	.....		R, 2 Ks
(3/31) WMU	.....	1-4	.....	1	.....		BB
(4/3) VILL-1	.....	4-4	.....	1	.....	2	R, 2B
(4/3) VILL-2	.....	1-4	.....	0	.....		R, HBP, E
(4/4) VILL-3	.....	1-5	.....	2	.....		R, K
(4/6) CHST	.....	3-5	.....	2	.....	2	R, K
(4/7) VALPO	.....	1-4	.....	0	.....	2	R
(4/10) BC-1	.....	1-3	.....	1	.....		2B, BB
(4/10) BC-2	.....	1-2	.....	2	.....		R, BB, HBP, E
(4/12) SJU-1	.....	0-4	.....	0	.....	
(4/12) SJU-2	.....	1-3	.....	0	.....		2B, SAC, 2 Es
(4/14) OAK	.....	1-3	.....	1	.....	3	R, BB, SB
(4/17) GU-1	.....	2-3	.....	1	.....	2	R, 2B, HBP, K
(4/17) GU-2	.....	2-5	.....	2	.....		R
(4/18) GU-3	.....	1-4	.....	1	.....		HBP, K
(4/21) TOL	.....	0-4	.....	0	.....	
(4/23) SHU-1	....	0-2	.....	0	.....		K, E
(4/23) SHU-2	....	0-2	.....	0	.....		R, BB, HBP, 2 Ks, E
(4/25) PITT-1	....	2-2	.....	2	.....		SF, CS
(4/25) PITT-2	....	1-5	.....	0	.....		R, 2B, K

Situational Hitting (Rank Among ND's Top 11 Regulars)

Leadoff On-Base Pct.	.....	.231	(11th);	2	2B, BB, HBP, 6	Ks
w/ Run. in Scor. Pos.	...	.417	(1st);	4	2B, 4 BB, 4 HBP, 4	Ks, 2 GDP, 2 SAC, 2 SF
w/ Two Outs	.....	.419	(1st);	12	two-out RBI	(4th)
w/. Bases Loaded	.....	.444/4-for-9	(6th);	7	RBI, BB, GDP	
RBI w/. Runner on 3rd < 2 Outs	.....	11-of-15/.733	(3rd)			
Grounded Into DP/ABs w Runners on	.....	2/71				

(8) #7 2B ZACH SISKO (B:L)

Senior ... 6-2/205 ... Belleville, IL/St. Louis University HS

Year	GP/GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF/SH	SB	E/FLD	OB	SLG	AVG
2001	3/0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0/0	0-0		.333	.333	.333
2002	10/2	15	2	5	1	0	0	4	1	0	4	0/2	0-0	2/.833	.375	.400	.333
2003	10/0	7	0	2	1	0	0	2	3	0	2	0/0	0-0	1/.750	.500	.429	.286
2004	17/15	52	12	18	1	0	1	10	5	3	12	1/4	0-1	5/.933	.426	.423	.346
Career	40/17	77	15	26	3	0	1	16	9	3	20	1/6	0-1		.416	.416	.338

• **2004 Team Ranks** –stands 3rd on '04 team in batting avg. (.346) and ranking 3RD in on-base pct. (.426)

• **Last Week** (vs. TOL, SHU and Pitt) – 2nd on team with .389 batting in 5 GS (7-for-18, RBI, 3 R, 2B, 2 HBP, 5 Ks, CS, E)

• **Position/Batting Order** – has made 14 of his starts 2B (another at 3B) while batting mostly 8th (8) and 9th (3) in the batting order, plus a pair of starts in the 5-hole and single starts as leadoff and 2-hole hitter

• **High School Reunion** – joins senior LHP Joe Thaman and freshman RHP Rico Bertucci as three players on 2004 ND roster who are products of St. Louis University HS

SISKO'S 2004 GAME-BY-GAME
(Date) Opp. H-AB RBI Other

(3/24) DET	..... 0-1	..... 0	..... R, BB
(4/1) HILLS	..... 1-4	..... 1	..... R, BB, K
(4/3) VILL-1	..... 1-2	..... 0	
(4/3) VILL-2	..... 1-2	..... 0	..... R, BB, 2 SAC, K
(4/4) VILL-3	..... 1-5	..... 0	..... 2 R, BB
(4/6) CHST	..... 0-1	..... 0	..... HBP, K
(4/7) VALPO	..... 0-1	..... 0	..... K
(4/10) BC-1	..... 0-3	..... 0	..... R
(4/14) OAK	..... 2-5	..... 2	..... BB, 2 Ks
(4/17) GU-1	..... 1-3	..... 2	..... 2 R, SAC, SF, K
(4/17) GU-2	..... 2-3	..... 0	..... SAC
(4/18) GU-3	..... 2-4	..... 4	..... R, HR
(4/21) TOL	..... 4-5	..... 0	..... 2 R, 2B
(4/23) SHU-1	..... 0-2	..... 0	..... K
(4/23) SHU-2	..... 1-4	..... 1	..... 2 Ks
(4/25) PITT-1	..... 2-4	..... 0	..... R
(4/25) PITT-2	..... 0-3	..... 0	..... 2 HBP, 2 Ks, E

(9) #4 SS GREG LOPEZ (B:R)

Sophomore ... 6-0/185 ... Upper Arlington, OH/Upper Arlington HS

Year	GP/GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF/SH	SB	E/FLD	OB	SLG	AVG
2003	50/40	132	17	33	1	0	0	26	4	4	22	2/8	1-5	8/.917	.289	.258	.250
2004	39/37	133	31	46	10	0	2	29	10	7	20	3/5	3-4	14/.926	.412	.466	.346
Career	89/77	265	48	79	11	0	2	55	14	11	42	5/13	4-9	22/.923	.353	.362	.298

• **2004 Team Ranks** – leads '04 team in doubles (10), sac. bunts (5), games played (39) and games started (37), also ranking 2nd in runs (31; 10th among BIG EAST players) and hits (46), 3rd in hit-by-pitch (7), and 4th in batting (.346), total bases (62) and RBI (29)

• **BIG EAST Stats** – 4th on team with .316 batting in '04 BIG EAST action (18-for-57, 6 RBI, 10 R, 4 2B, 4 BB, HBP, 9 Ks, 2 SAC, 2 SB, 7 Es) ... his 2003 BIG EAST regular-season stats: .271, 10 RBI, 9 R, 2B, 4 BB, HBP, 5 Ks, 6 SAC, SB

• **Last Week** (vs. TOL, SHU and Pitt) – hit .133 in 5 GS (2-for-15, RBI, R, BB, 2 Ks, 4 Es)

• **Site Survey** – batting team-best **.371** (33-for-89) in '04 games **outside Eck Stadium** (20 RBI, 21 R, 2 HR, 6 2B, 5 BB, 7 HBP, 14 Ks, 2 SF, 3 SAC, 3 SB, 9 Es/.925) ... batting .295 (76 points lower) at Eck Stadium in '04 (13-for-44, 9 RBI, 10 R, 4 2B, 5 BB, 6 Ks, SF, 2 SAC, 5 Es/.926) ... hit .263 at Eck Stadium in 2003 season (19 RBI) and .232 in '03 games outside The Eck (7 RBI)

• **Recent Trends** – has yet to go hitless in three straight '04 games, with only three stretches of back-to-back hitless game (including 0-for-7 at Pitt)

• **Position/Batting Order** – all 37 of his starts have come at SS while batting mostly 8th (23), plus 13 starts as the 9-hole hitter and a single start in the 5-hole

• **12-Game Homestand** (3/31-4/14) – hit .273 (9-33, 11 RBI, 8 R, 2 2B, 4 BB, 6 Ks, SF, 2 SAC)

• **Great Glove Man** – has posted 28 error-free games in 2004 while making multiple errors just twice (3 vs. UTSA, 2 in first game at SHU)

• Owns team-best 13 **Multi-Hit** games and 7 **Multi-RBI** games (4th on squad)

• Part of **Sophomore Class Fantastic Five** that includes LF Steve Andres (.340), DH Matt Bransfield (.322), RF Craig Cooper (.365) and CF/RF Cody Rizzo (.311) ... those five have combined to bat .336 (184-for-547) in the 2004 season, with 128 RBI, 24 HR, 3 3B, 33 2B, 137 R, 66 BB/91 Ks, 23 HBP and 15 SB.

• **Summer Ball** – slated to return to Delaware (Ohio) Cows, of the Great Lakes League, in summer of 2004

LOPEZ'S 2004 GAME-BY-GAME

(Date) Opp.	H-AB	RBI	Other
(2/20) SDSU	1-3	0	R, HBP, 2 Ks
(2/21) USC	1-2	0	R, SB, HBP
(2/27) WIN	4-6	6	2 R, 2B, HR, K
(2/28) FLMEM	2-3	2	2 R, 2B, BB
(2/28) FAU	0-3	0	K, E
(2/29) MINN	1-5	2	K, SF
(3/6) SIU-1	2-5	2	R, SAC, K, 3 Es
(3/7) UTSA-1	1-5	0	R
(3/8) PSU-1	2-4	1	R, K
(3/9) UTSA-2	1-4	1	2 R, BB
(3/11) PSU-2	1-3	0	HBP, SF
(3/12) AZ	0-1	1	R, BB, HBP, SAC, K
(3/13) T-TECH	1-2	0	2 R, HBP, K
(3/20) SIU-2	1-3	1	R, HR, HBP, K
(3/21) SIU-3	3-5	0	2B, K
(3/23) CMU	2-4	0	2B, E
(3/24) DET	1-3	1	R, 2B, BB
(3/27) WVU-1	2-5	1	R, 2B
(3/27) WVU-2	1-3	0	2B, SAC
(3/28) WVU-3	3-4	0	3 R, 2B, BB, 2 SB, E
(3/31) WMU	1-3	1	R, SF
(4/3) VILL-1	0-2	0	R, BB, E
(4/3) VILL-2	0-4	0	BB, K
(4/4) VILL-3	1-4	1	R
(4/6) CHST	0-3	0	2 R, BB
(4/7) VALPO	2-4	2	R, 2B, E
(4/10) BC-1	0-3	0	K
(4/10) BC-2	0-3	0	SAC, 2 Ks
(4/12) SJU-1	3-3	1	2 R, 2B
(4/12) SJU-2	2-3	0	K
(4/14) OAK	0-1	2	BB, SAC, E
(4/17) GU-1	2-4	2	2 R, K
(4/17) GU-2	1-4	1	HBP, K
(4/18) GU-3	2-4	0	E
(4/21) TOL	1-4	1	RBI, E
(4/23) SHU-1	0-2	0	2 Es
(4/23) SHU-2	1-2	0	BB, E
(4/25) PITT-1	0-3	0	
(4/25) PITT-2	0-4	0	2 Ks

Situational Hitting (Rank Among ND's Top 11 Regulars)

Leadoff On-Base Pct.	.357 (7th); 2 2B, 3 BB, 2 HBP, 4 Ks w/ Run. in Scor. Pos.
w/ Two Outs	.313 (5th); 11 two-out RBI (5th)
w/ Bases Loaded	.333/2-for-6 (8th); 5 RBI, 2B, 2 Ks, GDP, SF
RBI w/ Runner on 3rd < 2 Outs	12-of-20/.600 (8th)
Grounded Into DP/ABs w Runners on	4/82

#9 RF/LF CRAIG COOPER (B:R)

Sophomore ... 6-2/105 ... Plainview, NY/Chaminade Prep

Year	GP/GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF/SH	SB	E/FLD	OB	SLG	AVG
2003	46/31	122	22	37	6	2	0	15	15	4	23	0/2	10-13	1/.977	.397	.385	.303
2004	35/23	96	21	35	6	1	5	24	10	1	13	1/2	5-7	2/.959	.426	.604	.365
Career	79/52	218	43	69	12	3	5	39	25	5	36	1/4	15-20	2/.967	.410	.482	.330

• **2004 Team Ranks** – leads team in batting avg. (.365), plus 3rd in slugging pct. (.604; 8th BIG EAST) and home runs (5), 4th in on-base pct. (.426) and 5th in total bases (58)

• **BIG EAST Stats** – leads team with batting .389 batting in '04 BIG EAST action (14-for-36, 5 RBI, 9 R, 2 2B, 6 BB, 7 Ks, SB, 2 Es) ... his 2003 BIG EAST regular-season stats: .345, 4 RBI, 6 R, 5 BB, 2 HBP, 5 Ks, 2 SB

• **Last Week** (vs. TOL, SHU and Pitt) – hit team-best .545 in 4 GP/3 GS (6-for-11, 2 RBI, 2 R, HR, 2 2B, BB, HBP, 2 Ks, E)

• **Last Week** (SJU, OAK, GU) – hit .333 in 6 GP/4 GS (4-for-12, 4 RBI, 2 R, BB)

• **Site Survey** – batting .321 in '04 games **outside Eck Stadium** (18-for-56, 12 RBI, 11 R, .482 slugging, 6 2B, .381 on-base, .862 "OBS", 6 BB, 7 Ks, SF, 2 SAC, 2 SB, E/.969) ... batting .425 (2nd-best on team and 104 points higher than his road batting) in '04 games **at Eck Stadium** (17-for-40, 12 RBI, 10 R, .775 slugging, 4 HR, 3B, .489 on-base, 1.264 "OBS", 4 BB, HBP, 6 Ks, 3 SB, 1 E/.941) ... his freshman season in 2003 included a better road batting avg. (.325, 12 RBI) than at home (.256, 3 RBI)

• **Recent Trends** – hit 4 HRs in 6-game stretch (March 31-April 10, vs. WMU, Hillsdale, Chicago State and Valpo) then did not homer in his next 10 games before blasting in game-2 at Pitt ... batting 7-for-14 in current 5-game hit streak (3 RBI, 4 R, HR, 2 2B, BB, HBP, 2 Ks, E)

• **12-Game Homestand** (3/31-4/14) – ranked 2nd on team with .429 batting in 10-2 stretch (15-for-35, 12 RBI, 10 R, 4 HR, 3B, 4 BB, 6 Ks, 3 SB)

• **Position/Batting Order** – has made 8 starts in LF and 15 in RF while batting anywhere from leadoff (3) to the 9-hole (9), plus starts in the 2nd (2), 6th (2) and 7th (7) spots

• Owns 8 **Multi-Hit** games and 7 **Multi-RBI** games (4th-most on squad)

• Part of **Sophomore Class Fantastic Five** that includes LF Steve Andres (.340), SS Greg Lopez (.346), DH Matt Bransfield (.322) and CF/RF Cody Rizzo (.311) ... those five have combined to bat .336 (184-for-547) in the 2004 season, with 128 RBI, 24 HR, 3 3B, 33 2B, 137 R, 66 BB/91 Ks, 23 HBP and 15 SB.

• **Summer Ball** – slated to play for the Cape Cod League's Brewster Whitecaps during the summer of 2004 ... hit .337 during the summer of '03 with the Hays (Kan.) Larks of the Jayhawk League (24 SB, 38 RBI, 5 HR, 5 3B)

COOPER'S 2004 GAME-BY-GAME (Date) Opp. H-AB RBI Other

(2/20) SDSU	0-0	0	R, SB
(2/21) USC	0-3	0	K
(2/27) WIN	1-5	0	R, 2B, BB, K
(2/28) FLMEM	2-4	2	BB, K
(2/28) FAU	1-3	0	
(2/29) MINN	1-1	2	R, BB, SAC
(3/6) SIU-1	1-1	0	R, 2B
(3/8) PSU-1	1-2	1	2 R, BB, SB, SF
(3/9) UTSA-2	2-5	3	R, 2B, 2 Ks
(3/11) PSU-2	0-0	0	SAC
(3/12) AZ	1-5	0	2B
(3/13) T-TECH	0-5	0	
(3/20) SIU-2	0-4	0	
(3/21) SIU-3	0-1	0	
(3/23) CMU	1-4	0	
(3/27) WVU-1	1-2	0	
(3/27) WVU-2	0-0	0	
(3/31) WMU	1-1	1	R, HR
(4/1) HILLS	4-6	3	2 R, 3B, HR
(4/3) VILL-2	2-3	0	2 R, 2 BB, SB
(4/4) VILL-3	2-3	1	2 R, BB
(4/6) CHST	1-3	4	R, HR
(4/7) VALPO	2-4	1	R, HR, 2 SB, K
(4/10) BC-1	1-3	0	R, BB, K
(4/10) BC-2	0-5	0	4 Ks==, E
(4/12) SJU-1	0-2	0	
(4/12) SJU-2	1-3	0	
(4/14) OAK	1-2	2	
(4/17) GU-1	1-1	1	
(4/17) GU-2	0-10(4/21)		TOL
(4/18) GU-3	1-3	1	2 R, BB
(4/21) TOL	1-1	0	HBP
(4/23) SHU-2	2-4	0	R, 2B, K
(4/25) PITT-1	1-3	0	2B, K
(4/25) PITT-2	2-3	2	R, HR, E

Situational Hitting (Rank Among ND's Top 11 Regulars)

Leadoff On-Base Pct.	.364 (6th); 2B, 4 BB, 5 Ks
w/ Runners in Scoring Position	.353 (4th); 2 HR, 2B, 3 BB, HBP, 4 Ks, GDP, SF
w/ Two Outs	.406 (2nd); 13 two-out RBI (3rd)
w/. Bases Loaded	.625/5-for-8 (2nd); HR, 2B, 2B, BB
RBI w/. Runner on 3rd < 2 Outs	6-of-11/.545 (9th)
Grounded Into DP/ABs w Runners on	2/47