

NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S LACROSSE

2016 NCAA Quarterfinalist Five Consecutive NCAA Tournament Appearances 19 All-Americans • 70 All-Conference Selections

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2017 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

JANUARY

15 Sun. at Team USA # 10 am

FEBRUARY

5	Sun.	NORTHWESTERN	1 pm
10	Fri.	LIBERTY	7 pm
11	Sat.	DETROIT	3 pm
14	Tues.	MARQUETTE	7 pm
18	Sat.	at Michigan	1 pm
23	Thu.	at Elon	6 pm
26	Sun.	at Duke	Noon

MARCH

Sat.	LOUISVILLE	1 pm
Tues.	OHIO STATE	7 pm
Sat.	at Princeton	1 pm
Wed.	at Towson	4 pm
Sat.	at Virginia	Noon
Sun.	at Syracuse	Noon
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APRIL

2	Sun.	NORTH CAROLINA	Noon
6	Thu.	at Kennesaw State	1 pm
15	Sat.	VIRGINIA TECH	Noon
22	Sat.	at Boston College	Noon

ACC Tournament

Richmond Sports Backers Stadium • Richmond, Va.

27	Thu.	Quarterfinals
28	Fri.	Semifinals
30	Sun.	Final

NCAA Tournament

First Round

12 Fri. Campus Sites **Second Round**

14 Sun. Campus Sites

Quarterfinals

20 Sat. Campus Sites **Semifinals**

26 Fri. Boston, Mass.

Gillette Stadium

Final

28 Sun. Boston, Mass.

Gillette Stadium

All times ET

Home games in **BOLD CAPS**

* - ACC game



Notre Dame vs. Team USA

Exhibition

January 15, 2017 • 10 a.m. ET IMG Academy • Bradenton, Fla.

TV/INTERNET LIVE STATS **TWITTER** UND.com (Gametracker) @NDWomensLax USLacrosse.org

USA SPRING PREMIERE

- Notre Dame faces off against Team USA on Sunday, January 15 at 10 a.m. ET at the IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla.
- The exhibition game will be streamed live at USLacrosse.org.
- The weekend's competition begins with the Florida women's lacrosse squad versus Team USA on Saturday. The Irish women's lacrosse team and men's lacrosse team (1 p.m.) will each face Team USA on Sunday.

SETTING THE STAGE

- Notre Dame is coming off of a 14-7 record last season, including a 4-3 record against the Atlantic Coast Conference.
- The Irish are looking to make their sixth straight appearance in the NCAA Tournament after reaching the Quarterfinals in 2016 for the first time since 2009.

FRIEND OR FOE

- Senior Cortney Fortunato will suit up with Team USA and face the Irish as she fights to maintain her spot on the Team USA roster in this summer's Federation of International Lacrosse World Cup in Guildford, England.
- Fortunato is on the 25-member USA Training Team, which will be trimmed to 20 players following Sunday's exhibition. Team USA head coach Ricky Fried eventually will select 18 players and two alternates to compete in the World Cup.
- Fortunato, a two-time Tewaaraton Award Nominee, surpassed her own record of 56 goals (2015) in a single season with 64 goals in 2016. She led the 2016 Irish in points, goals and assists and currently ranks second all-time in career goals (166).

FRESH(MEN) FACES

- Notre Dame's 2017 roster features 11 freshmen, the most since 2013 (also 11).
- The class includes seven midfielders, two attackers, one defender and one goalkeeper and represents seven different states.
- Two Under Armour All-Americans, Jessica Masinko and Savannah Buchanan highlight the class. Masinko recorded 72 goals, 32 assists and 57 draw controls as a senior at Milton High School (Roswell, Ga.), while Buchanan scored 43 goals and collected 24 assists last season at McDonogh High School (Baltimore, Md.).
- Sophomore Makenna Pearsall suffered a season-ending injury in 2016 and is expected to see her first collegiate action this season.

YARDS FOR YEARDLEY

• Join the Notre Dame women's lacrosse team in their fight to end relationship violence. Tally your yards and use #YardsforYeardley to raise awareness and support the Irish as they aim to become the first team to reach one million yards.

COMING UP NEXT

- Notre Dame plays host to Northwestern on February 5, 2017 at 1 p.m. ET at Arlotta Stadium in the opening game of the 2017
- The midwest rivals last played in the 2016 NCAA Tournament, when the Irish defeated the Wildcats, 15-3.

Fighting Irish Quick Facts

First Varsity Season

All-Time Record 207-133 (.609)

NCAA Tournament Appearances

NCAA Tournament Record (Home)

Best NCAA Tournament Finish

Semifinalist (2006)

Head Coach

Christine Halfpenny (Virginia Tech '99) Record at ND

Enters 6th season: 60-35 (.632)

Career Record

Enters 11th season: 103-79 (.566)

Assistant Coach

Katie Powell

(4th season, George Mason '07)

Assistant Coach

Maggie Smith

(1st season, Notre Dame '14)

Director of Operations

Connor Sullivan (3rd season, Notre Dame '14)

Conference

Atlantic Coast Conference (4th Season)

Home Field

Arlotta Stadium (outdoor - turf - 4,500) **Loftus Sports Center** (indoor - turf)

2016 Record

14-7

2016 ACC Record (finish)

4-3 (3rd)

2016 NCAA Tournament Quarterfinalist (L, 6-10 to UNC)

Starters Returning/Lost

Letterwinners Returning/Lost 19/14

Newcomers

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2017 NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH

No.	Name	Position	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown/High School
1	Maddie Carr	Midfield	5-6	Fr.	Rockville, Md./Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart
2	Kelly Donnelly	Midfield	5-8	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind./Cathedral
3	Nikki Ortega	Attack	5-6	So.	Centereach, N.Y./Centereach
4	Emma Claire Fontenot	Midfield	5-6	Sr.	Eden Prairie, Minn./Eden Prairie
5	Jessi Masinko	Attack	5-8	Fr.	Roswell, Ga./Milton
6	Kathleen Roe	Midfield	5-7	Fr.	Denver, Colo./Regis Jesuit
7	Haley Schultz	Midfield	5-8	Fr.	Burnt Hills, N.Y./Ballston Lake
8	Savannah Buchanan	Midfield	5-10	Fr.	Baltimore, Md./McDonogh
9	Sydney Cardozo	Attack/Midfield	5-5	Jr.	Richmond, Va./Collegiate School
10	Hannah Proctor	Defense	5-5	So.	Radnor, Pa./Radnor
11	Erin McBride	Midfield	5-5	Fr.	Marietta, Ga./George Walton Comprehensive
12	Alex Dalton*	Midfield	5-6	Sr.	Needham, Mass./Notre Dame Academy
13	Katherine Eilers*	Defense	5-7	Sr.	Winnetka, III./Loyola Academy
14	Heidi Annaheim	Attack	5-2	Sr.	Kinnelon, N.J./Kinnelon
15	Cortney Fortunato*	Attack/Midfield	5-7	Sr.	Northport, N.Y./Northport
16	Cassie Ford	Midfield/Attack	5-6	Fr.	Summit, N.J./Oak Knoll
17	Sydney Anderson	Defense	5-4	Fr.	Durham, N.C./Cardinal Gibbons
18	Caroline Doyle	Defense	5-4	Jr.	Towson, Md./Notre Dame Prep
19	Makenna Pearsall	Midfield/Defense	5-7	So.	Wilton, Conn./Wilton
20	Jenn Casadonte	Midfield	5-5	So.	Dix Hills, N.Y./Half Hollow Hills
21	Grace Muller	Attack	5-8	Sr.	Ruxton, Md./McDonogh School
22	Molly Cobb	Midfield	5-8	Jr.	Towson, Md./Notre Dame Prep
23	Samantha Giacolone	Goalie	5-4	So.	Manorville, N.Y./Eastville South Manor
24	Casey Pearsall*	Midfield	5-7	Sr.	Wilton, Conn./Wilton
26	Sydney Flynn	Midfield	5-9	So.	Louisville, Ky./Sacred Heart Academy
27	Abi Cullinan	Attack	5-5	Jr.	Pittsford, N.Y./Pittsford Mendon
28	Hannah Rees	Defense	5-11	Sr.	Sykesville, Md./McDonogh School
30	Cece Biagini	Midfield	5-6	Fr.	Chevy Chase, Md./Georgetown Visitation
33	Samantha Lynch	Midfield	5-10	So.	Huntington, N.Y./Huntington
36	Grace Steffens	Goalie	6-0	Fr.	Chestertown, Md./Queen Anne's County

^{* -} Team captain

Seniors, Class of 2017:

Heidi Annaheim Alex Dalton Katherine Eilers Emma Claire Fontenot Cortney Fortunato Grace Muller Casey Pearsall Hannah Rees

Juniors, Class of 2018:

Sydney Cardozo Molly Cobb Abi Cullinan Caroline Doyle

Sophomores, Class of 2019:

Jenn Casadonte Sydney Flynn Samantha Giacolone Samantha Lynch Nikki Ortega Makenna Pearsall Hannah Proctor

Freshmen, Class of 2020:

Sydney Anderson Cece Biagini Savannah Buchanan Maddie Carr Kelly Donnelly Cassie Ford Jessi Masinko Erin McBride Kathleen Roe Haley Schultz Grace Steffens

Roster By State (14)

Roster By Class

Colorado (1) Kathleen Roe

Connecticut (2)
Casey Pearsall
Makenna Pearsall

Georgia (2) Jessi Masinko Erin McBride

Cece Biagini

Jenn Casadonte

<u>Illinois (1)</u> Katherine Eilers

Indiana (1) Kelly Donnelly

Kentucky (1) Sydney Flynn Maryland (8) Cece Biagini

Cecé Biagini Savannah Buchanan Maddie Carr Molly Cobb Caroline Doyle Grace Muller Hannah Rees

Grace Steffens

Massachusetts (1) Alex Dalton

Minnesota (1) Emma Claire Fontenot

New Jersey (2) Heidi Annaheim Cassie Ford New York (7) Jenn Casadonte

Abi Cullinan
Cortney Fortunato
Samantha Giacolone
Samantha Lynch
Nikki Ortega
Haley Schultz

North Carolina (1) Sydney Anderson

Pennsylvania (1) Hannah Proctor

<u>Virginia (1)</u> Sydney Cardozo

Pronunciation Guide

bi-uh-gi-ni cah-sah-dawn-tay eye-lers fon-ten-oh Samantha **Giacolone** Grace **Muller** Casey/Makenna **Pearsall**

jack-uh-loan mull-er peer-sawl

Katherine **Eilers** Emma Claire **Fontenot**