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2006 Notre Dame Softball

10 Consecutive BIG EAST Regular-Season Titles • Seven Consecutive NCAA Appearances

2006 Schedule (13-10)

February

| | | |
|----|----------------------------|------------|
| 17 | !vs. Colorado State | L, 4-5 |
| 17 | !vs. BYU | W, 8-3 |
| 18 | !vs. #14/12 Oregon State | L, 0-5 |
| 18 | !at UNLV | W, 6-4 |
| 19 | !vs. CS Fullerton | L, 3-9 |
| 24 | \$vs. Buffalo | W, 1-0 |
| 24 | \$at Florida International | W, 5-0 (5) |
| 25 | \$vs. Memphis | W, 4-1 |
| 25 | \$at Florida International | L, 4-5 |

March

| | | |
|----|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 3 | &vs. #17/17 Nebraska | L, 2-5 (8) |
| 3 | &at Tulsa | L, 1-2 |
| 4 | &vs. Northern Iowa | W, 10-1 (5) |
| 4 | &vs. Kansas | W, 5-2 |
| 5 | &vs. Stephen F. Austin | L, 1-2 (8) |
| 12 | at Cal Poly SLO | W, 3-1, W, 1-0 |
| 15 | +at CS Fullerton | L, 2-3 (8) |
| 16 | +vs. #10/10 Arizona State | W, 3-2 |
| 17 | +vs. Florida State | W, 1-0 |
| 18 | +#4/4 Texas | L, 5-6 |
| 19 | +#6/7 Alabama | L, 3-4 |
| 25 | at Western Michigan | W, 5-0, W, 2-1 (8) |
| 29 | Bowling Green | 5:00 p.m. |

April

| | | |
|----|------------------------|------------|
| 1 | *Connecticut | 12:00 p.m. |
| 2 | *Providence | 11:00 a.m. |
| 4 | Eastern Michigan | 4:00 p.m. |
| 5 | Akron | 4:00 p.m. |
| 8 | *at Syracuse | 12:00 p.m. |
| 9 | *at Pittsburgh | 12:00 p.m. |
| 11 | Ball State | 5:00 p.m. |
| 13 | *#25/22 DePaul | 4:00 p.m. |
| 18 | at #18/16 Northwestern | 4:00 p.m. |
| 19 | Toledo | 5:00 p.m. |
| 22 | *Villanova | 12:00 p.m. |
| 23 | *Rutgers | 11:00 a.m. |
| 25 | at Valparaiso | 5:00 p.m. |
| 26 | Purdue | 4:00 p.m. |
| 29 | *at South Florida | 11:00 a.m. |
| 30 | *at #20/21 Louisville | 12:00 p.m. |

May

| | | |
|----|----------------------|------------|
| 2 | Loyola-Chicago | 5:00 p.m. |
| 6 | *at Seton Hall | 12:00 p.m. |
| 7 | *at St. John's | 11:00 a.m. |
| 11 | BIG EAST Champ. | TBA |
| 18 | NCAA Regionals | TBA |
| 25 | NCAA Super Regionals | TBA |
| 30 | Women's CWS | TBA |

All times local to site. * - indicates BIG EAST

Conference game. ! - UNLV Desert Classic, \$ - FIU

Invitational, & - Tulsa Invitational, + - Judi Garman Classic

2006 Home Opener

Notre Dame (13-10) vs. Bowling Green (17-8)
Wednesday, March 29, 2006, 5:00 p.m., Ivy Field

2006 Ivy Field season begins with eight-game homestand, Bowling Green up first -

After playing its first 23 games of the season on the road, the University of Notre Dame softball team will make its 2006 Ivy Field debut on Wednesday, March 29, with a single game against Bowling Green. At the time of this release, the weather report called for sunny skies and 60-degree weather on Wednesday, hopefully giving the Irish a beautiful start to an eight-game homestand. The first 200 fans at Wednesday's contest will receive a free Notre Dame softball wiffle ball bat.

This weekend, the Irish will welcome Connecticut (currently in first place in the BIG EAST standings) and Providence (currently in second place) to open BIG EAST Conference play.

Ivy Field audio coverage -

Every 2006 Notre Dame home softball game will feature live audio coverage on www.und.com (*Fighting Irish All-Access* subscription required). This week's games will be called by assistant sports information director Alan Wasielewski and can be heard live on www.und.com.

Irish ALERT continues this weekend -

A joint effort between Centennial Wireless, Notre Dame Sports Properties and the Notre Dame Sports Information Office has made up-to-the-minute text messaging a reality this season. Notre Dame announced the Irish ALERT system, which will cover baseball, softball, men's lacrosse and women's lacrosse this spring for a free trial.

Simply sign up for the service at www.und.com and your mobile device will receive score updates from each of the four sports throughout the 2006 season. The service also will provide periodical updates providing team schedules and special alerts when content is uploaded on www.und.com.

For softball, updates are sent when the weekly release is posted on www.und.com, when a schedule change pops up (delayed games, added games) and in the first, third, fifth and seventh innings of each Irish game.

Western Michigan recap -

Notre Dame swept its second of two doubleheaders this season with a 5-0 and 2-1 (8) victories at Western Michigan on Sunday, March 26. The Irish pitching staff proved to be the story in both games, as senior *Heather Booth* and junior *Kenya Fuemmeler* combined for the team's first no-hitter of the year, blanking the Broncos in game one. Booth pitched four innings of the contest to earn her sixth victory of the season, while Fuemmeler's three innings of work finished off the no-no.

Freshman *Brittany Bargar* followed up with an impressive performance in game two, holding the Broncos to three hits over 7.1 innings of work. Notre Dame scored two unearned runs in the top of the eighth inning and after a WMU solo home run in the bottom of the inning, Booth entered the game to record the final two outs and her second save of the season.

Offensive standouts for the Irish on Sunday included junior *Stephanie Brown* (three for four in game one) and freshman *Alexandra Kotcheff* in game two (three for four, game changing hit).

2006 University of Notre Dame Softball Numerical Roster

| No. | | Name | Year | Pos. | Ht. | B/T | Hometown | High School |
|-----|-----|----------------------|------|-------|------|-----|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | * | Katie Laing | So. | 2B/SS | 5-4 | R/R | Chandler, AZ | Corona del Sol |
| 2 | * | Brittany Glynn | So. | OF | 5-3 | R/R | Seymour, CT | St. Joseph |
| 5 | ** | Kenya Fuemmeler | Jr. | P/UT | 5-7 | R/R | Salisbury, MO | Salisbury |
| 8 | | Brittney Bargar | Fr. | P | 5-9 | R/R | Corona, CA | Corona |
| 11 | ** | Gessica Hufnagle | Jr. | C/OF | 5-6 | R/R | Middlebury, IN | Northridge |
| 12 | | Erin Glasco | Fr. | C | 5-7 | L/R | Johnson City, IL | Johnston City |
| 16 | *** | Mallorie Lenn (c) | Sr. | C/1B | 5-8 | R/R | Garden Grove, CA | Pacifica |
| 17 | | Alexandra Kotcheff | Fr. | OF | 5-8 | L/R | Los Angeles, CA | The Marlborough School |
| 18 | | Christine Farrell | Fr. | P | 5-8 | R/R | La Habra, CA | Sonora |
| 21 | | Linda Kohan | Fr. | INF | 5-6 | R/R | Westminster, CA | Westminster |
| 22 | *** | Sara Schoonaert (c) | Sr. | SS/2B | 5-3 | R/R | Houston, TX | Clear Lake |
| 23 | | Stephanie Mola | Fr. | OF | 5-5 | L/L | Naples, FL | St. John Neumann |
| 24 | ** | Stephanie Brown | Jr. | OF | 5-6 | R/R | Chandler, AZ | Corona del Sol |
| 27 | ** | Carissa Jaquish | Jr. | C/UT | 5-6 | R/R | Highland, CA | Redlands East Valley |
| 32 | *** | Heather Booth (c) | Sr. | P | 5-10 | R/R | Riverside, CA | Martin Luther King |
| 34 | * | Sarah Smith | So. | OF | 5-7 | L/R | Oklahoma City, OK | Heritage Hall |
| 77 | *** | Meagan Ruthrauff (c) | Sr. | 1B | 5-10 | R/R | La Mirada, CA | La Serna |

Head Coach: Deanna Gumpf (Nebraska '92, fifth season, 190-86)

Assistant Coaches: Kris Ganeff (Notre Dame '99), Lizzy Lemire (Notre Dame '01)

* - denotes monograms earned; (c) - denotes team captains

ND series history vs. Bowling Green -

The Notre Dame - Bowling Green series has been a highly competitive matchup since the teams first met back in 1991 ... the Irish lead the all-time series 8-6 and have won six of the last seven meetings since 1993 ... Bowling Green won five of the first seven meetings in the series history from 1991-92 ... the Irish are 4-3 against Bowling Green at Ivy Field.

Bowling Green preview -

The Falcons are 17-8 in 2006 and 15-8 away from from the BGSU Softball Field (including 1-3 on opponent's home field) ... BGSU is riding a seven-game winning streak entering a Tuesday (March 28) evening matchup with defending National Champion Michigan ... Bowling Green boasts a win over #13 Washington this season (3-1 on March 5 at the Compass Bank Invitational in Waco, Texas) and battled the Huskies in a one-run loss earlier in the tournament ... the Falcons are led on offense by senior 3B Gina Rango, hitting .392 this season with four home runs, 17 RBI and five stolen bases ... sophomore 1B/OF and left-handed hitting Allison Vallas boasts a .338 batting average with 14 RBI ... Notre Dame will most likely see senior Liz Vrabel in the pitching circle ... Vrabel is 9-4 in 2006 with a 1.51 ERA and 86 strikeouts in 69.2 IP ... freshman Hayley Wiemer also has seen significant pitching action this season (4-4, 1.21 ERA, 63.2 IP).

Notre Dame in home openers -

Notre Dame is 23-9 (.719) on its home opener date, which includes 15 double-headers ... for specifically the first game played on its home field, Notre Dame is 14-3 all-time, with the losses coming in 1992 (to Bowling Green), 1997 (to Boston College) and 2003 (to #22 Northwestern).

Notre Dame Sports Information

Publicity for Notre Dame softball is coordinated by Assistant Sports Information Director Alan Wasielewski. Photographs, statistics and feature ideas are available by contacting Wasielewski at (574) 631-7516 or via e-mail at Wasielewski.3@nd.edu.

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.

If you wish to be added to the Notre Dame softball weekly release distribution list, please send an e-mail to: Wasielewski.3@nd.edu.

2006 USA Today/NFCA Top 25

March 22, 2006

| Rnk | Team | Record | Pts. | Pvs. |
|-----|----------------------|--------|------|------|
| 1. | UCLA (12) | 27-1 | 716 | 3 |
| 2. | Tennessee (11) | 25-1 | 708 | 2 |
| 3. | Texas (3) | 31-3 | 705 | 4 |
| 4. | Arizona (4) | 26-3 | 691 | 1 |
| 5. | Stanford | 22-4 | 616 | 5 |
| 6. | Alabama | 25-4 | 601 | 6 |
| 7. | California | 24-2 | 573 | 7 |
| 8. | Oregon State | 21-2 | 535 | 8 |
| 9. | Arizona State | 32-3 | 470 | 11 |
| 10. | La.-Lafayette | 23-3 | 452 | 10 |
| 11. | Georgia | 24-7 | 442 | 13 |
| 12. | Michigan | 13-9 | 404 | 9 |
| 13. | LSU | 26-5 | 368 | 12 |
| 14. | Washington | 22-8 | 332 | 15 |
| 15. | Oklahoma | 22-8-1 | 311 | 14 |
| 16. | Texas A&M | 20-9 | 290 | 20 |
| 17. | Nebraska | 20-4 | 283 | 16 |
| 18. | Northwestern | 14-6 | 274 | 17 |
| 19. | Auburn | 21-6 | 228 | 18 |
| 20. | Louisville | 17-2 | 191 | 21 |
| 21. | Baylor | 18-11 | 165 | 19 |
| 22. | Mississippi | 23-7 | 94 | 22 |
| 23. | Fresno State | 18-12 | 56 | 24 |
| 24. | North Carolina | 24-9 | 44 | 25 |
| 25. | DePaul | 9-5 | 37 | 23 |

Others receiving votes:

Southern Illinois (35), **BYU** (23), Georgia Tech (17), Florida (16), Oregon (13), N.C. State (6). 12 others received votes but only appeared on one ballot.

bold indicates 2006 opponents

Notre Dame in the USA Today/NFCA Top 25

Preseason: ORV (30th)
 Feb. 14: ORV (39th)
 Feb. 21: not ranked
 March 1: not ranked
 March 8: not ranked
 March 15: not ranked
 March 22: not ranked

Irish post first no-hitter of the 2006 season -

Senior Heather Booth and junior Kenya Fuemmeler combined for the program's 35th no-hitter and first of the 2005 season on Sunday, March 26, in game one at Western Michigan ... Booth began the contest and pitched the first four innings, working around three walks and striking out five ... Fuemmeler, who has surpassed her career high for innings pitched this season, finished off the victory with three solid innings of work, forcing three fly ball outs and six ground balls ... the no-hitter is the second combined of Booth's career, as she worked with 2005 graduate Carrie Wisen on a five-inning perfect game March 30, 2005, at home against Valparaiso ... that also was the most recent no-hitter posted by Notre Dame ... it was the 35th no-hitter in Notre Dame history, 11th combined no-no and fifth of the Deanna Gumpf era (since 2002).

Notre Dame softball on the small screen -

The University of Notre Dame softball team will be featured three times on cable television this season, with a possible fourth appearance in the BIG EAST Championship. Notre Dame's first appearance will be the first game of a doubleheader vs. DePaul on April 13. ESPNU will cover the first game of the doubleheader (4:00 p.m.) between the long-time regional rivals and new conference opponents.

ESPNU also will cover Notre Dame's first visit to USF as a conference opponent, picking up the first game of that doubleheader on Saturday, April 29 (11:00 a.m.).

Comcast Local (check your local listings for affiliates) will tape delay Notre Dame's contest vs. Ball State on Tuesday, April 11 at 5:00 p.m. Rebroadcast schedule is unknown at this time.

Finally, CSTV will broadcast the BIG EAST Championship final game from the Belleville Softball Complex in South Bend, Ind., on May 13 at 6 p.m. The winner of that contest will receive the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Championship.

2006 ESPN.com/USA Softball

Top 25

March 21, 2006

| Rnk | Team | Record | Pts. | Pvs. |
|-----|----------------------|--------|------|------|
| 1. | UCLA (9) | 26-1 | 476 | 3 |
| 2. | Arizona (4) | 26-3 | 470 | 1 |
| | Tennessee (4) | 25-1 | 470 | 2 |
| 4. | Texas (3) | 31-3 | 460 | 4 |
| 5. | Stanford | 22-4 | 406 | 5 |
| 6. | California | 24-2 | 400 | 6 |
| 7. | Alabama | 25-4 | 381 | 7 |
| 8. | Oregon State | 21-2 | 369 | 8 |
| 9. | Arizona State | 32-3 | 331 | 10 |
| 10. | La.-Lafayette | 23-3 | 303 | 11 |
| 11. | Georgia | 24-7 | 301 | 12 |
| 12. | Michigan | 13-9 | 264 | 9 |
| 13. | Washington | 22-8 | 242 | 14 |
| 14. | LSU | 26-5 | 235 | 13 |
| 15. | Texas A&M | 20-9 | 213 | 18 |
| 16. | Northwestern | 14-6 | 211 | 16 |
| 17. | Oklahoma | 22-8-1 | 195 | 15 |
| 18. | Auburn | 21-6 | 154 | 19 |
| 19. | Baylor | 18-11 | 144 | 17 |
| 20. | Nebraska | 20-4 | 137 | 20 |
| 21. | Louisville | 16-2 | 96 | 21 |
| 22. | DePaul | 9-5 | 62 | 22 |
| 23. | Fresno State | 18-12 | 48 | 23 |
| 24. | Mississippi St. | 23-7 | 30 | 25 |
| 25. | Southern Illinois | 17-3 | 28 | NR |

Others receiving votes:

BYU (23), Georgia Tech (21), North Carolina (14), Virginia Tech (12), N.C. State (4).

bold indicates 2006 opponents

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

Preseason: ORV (30th)
 Feb. 14: ORV (t-32nd)
 Feb. 21: not ranked
 Feb. 28: not ranked
 March 7: not ranked
 March 14: not ranked
 March 21: not ranked

2006 BIG EAST Conference Standings (as of March 26, 2006)

| Team | BIG EAST | | | | OVERALL (Final) | | | | | ND outcome vs. opponent |
|---------------|----------|-------|-----|-----|-----------------|------|------|-----|-------|-------------------------|
| | W-L | Pct. | H | A | W-L-T | Pct. | H | A | N | |
| Connecticut | 4-0 | 1.000 | 0-0 | 4-0 | 12-11 | .522 | 0-2 | 6-2 | 6-7 | April 1 |
| Providence | 3-1 | .750 | 0-0 | 3-1 | 16-5 | .762 | 0-0 | 3-1 | 13-4 | April 2 |
| Pittsburgh | 3-1 | .750 | 3-1 | 0-0 | 17-12 | .586 | 5-3 | 5-4 | 7-5 | April 9 |
| Syracuse | 3-1 | .750 | 3-1 | 0-0 | 14-14 | .500 | 3-1 | 1-3 | 10-10 | April 8 |
| St. John's | 2-2 | .500 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 18-12 | .600 | 6-0 | 6-6 | 6-6 | May 7 |
| Rutgers | 1-3 | .250 | 1-3 | 0-0 | 6-19 | .240 | 1-3 | 1-1 | 4-15 | April 23 |
| Louisville | -- | -- | -- | -- | 19-4 | .826 | 7-3 | 6-0 | 6-1 | April 30 |
| South Florida | -- | -- | -- | -- | 28-18 | .609 | 16-8 | 0-3 | 12-7 | April 29 |
| DePaul | -- | -- | -- | -- | 11-8 | .579 | 1-0 | 0-3 | 12-7 | April 13 |
| NOTRE DAME | -- | -- | -- | -- | 13-10 | .565 | 0-0 | 6-3 | 7-7 | |
| Seton Hall | 0-4 | .000 | 0-0 | 0-4 | 12-16 | .429 | 0-1 | 3-8 | 9-7 | May 6 |
| Villanova | 0-4 | .000 | 0-4 | 0-0 | 4-19 | .174 | 2-8 | 0-4 | 2-7 | April 22 |

The top eight teams qualify for the 2006 BIG EAST Championship in South Bend, Ind.

2006 BIG EAST Weekly Awardwinners

Player of the Week

Jo Sherlock, OF, St. John's, Feb. 20
 Alexis Switenko, SS/P, Syracuse, Feb. 27
 Katie Pierce, SS, Seton Hall, March 6
 Tiffany Stewart, OF, South Florida, March 13
 Christie Chapman, SS, South Florida, March 20
 Elena Romero, UTL, Providence, March 26

Pitcher of the Week

Tracie Adix, DePaul, Feb. 20
 Bree Spence, South Florida, Feb. 27
 Kady Garrick, Louisville, March 6
 Catherine Bishop, Louisville, March 13
 Meghan Bostick, Pittsburgh, March 20
 Lisa Geer, St. John's, March 26

Notre Dame BIG EAST Honor Roll Selections

Linda Kohan, Feb. 20
 Heather Booth, Feb. 27

New BIG EAST Conference unveiled in 2006 -

The BIG EAST Conference expansion, which officially took place this fall, has garnered most of its attention in men's basketball. The conference has quickly transformed into the top men's basketball league in the country, but the effect that expansion will have on softball cannot be overlooked. The BIG EAST welcomes three traditional softball powers into the conference this season with the addition of DePaul, Louisville and South Florida. All three of the new teams will compete to end Notre Dame's regular-season conference title streak which stands at 10 years entering the '06 campaign.

Combined with an already solid conference lineup, the BIG EAST is now arguably the top softball league east of the Mississippi River. With a new league alignment, the BIG EAST Championship - scheduled to be played in South Bend, Ind., beginning May 11 - will feature a new schedule. The top eight teams from the league standings will take part in a single-elimination, three-day tournament to determine the league's automatic berth in the NCAA Championship. The final game of that tournament will be shown live on CSTV.

Irish captains -

Notre Dame will feature four captains this season for just the second time in the program's history. The senior class of *Heather Booth*, *Mallorie Lenn*, *Meagan Ruthrauff* and *Sara Schoonaert* will provide leadership both on and off the field for the team in 2006. The only other team to feature four captains was Notre Dame's most successful team ever - the 2001 squad. Current Irish assistant coach *Lizzy Lemire* shared the captaincy that season with Melanie Alkire, Danielle Klayman and Jennifer Sharron. The Irish finished 54-7 in '01 and earned a number-one seed in the NCAA Championship.

Booth to continue climb up Notre Dame career charts -

Senior co-captain *Heather Booth*, a front-line starter for the Irish since she walked on campus four years ago, will continue her climb up the Irish career pitching charts this season. The single-season record holder for complete games (30 in '04), Booth's current all-time statistical ranking include third in appearances (133), third in starts (109), fourth in wins (75), third in complete games (69), fourth in shutouts (23), third in innings pitched (726.1) and fourth in strikeouts (691).

See page six of this notes package for a complete listing of Notre Dame's current players on several different all-time statistical rankings.

Notre Dame Statistical Leaders

as of March 23, 2006

Batting Average

| | |
|-------------------------|------|
| Brown, Stephanie | .333 |
| Lenn, Mallorie..... | .264 |
| Schoonaert, Sara | .250 |
| Kohan, Linda..... | .250 |
| Ruthrauff, Meagan | .250 |

Runs Scored

| | |
|---------------------------|----|
| Brown, Stephanie | 16 |
| Kohan, Linda..... | 9 |
| Kotcheff, Alexandra | 8 |

Hits

| | |
|------------------------|----|
| Brown, Stephanie | 24 |
| Lenn, Mallorie..... | 19 |
| Schoonaert, Sara | 17 |
| Kohan, Linda..... | 17 |

Doubles

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| Brown, Stephanie | 5 |
| Schoonaert, Sara | 5 |
| Ruthrauff, Meagan | 4 |

Home Runs

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| Kohan, Linda..... | 4 |
| Lenn, Mallorie..... | 3 |
| Ruthrauff, Meagan | 3 |

RBI

| | |
|-------------------------|----|
| Lenn, Mallorie..... | 14 |
| Ruthrauff, Meagan | 11 |
| Brown, Stephanie | 10 |

Stolen Bases

| | |
|------------------------|----|
| Brown, Stephanie | 11 |
| Schoonaert, Sara | 8 |
| Laing, Katie | 5 |

Walks

| | |
|-------------------------|----|
| Ruthrauff, Meagan | 12 |
| Brown, Stephanie | 9 |
| Schoonaert, Sara | 7 |

ERA

| | |
|------------------------|------|
| Booth, Heather | 1.70 |
| Fuemmeler, Kenya | 1.62 |
| Bargar, Brittney | 2.54 |

Innings Pitched

| | |
|------------------------|------|
| Booth, Heather | 86.1 |
| Bargar, Brittney | 60.2 |
| Fuemmeler, Kenya | 8.2 |

Strikeouts

| | |
|------------------------|-----|
| Booth, Heather | 104 |
| Bargar, Brittney | 64 |
| Fuemmeler, Kenya | 5 |

Shutouts

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| Booth, Heather | 2 |
| Bargar, Brittney | 2 |

Season schedule has been/will be a challenge -

The 2006 season will prove a challenge for the Irish, as the team will face several teams ranked in the top 25, or just out of the national rankings.

According to the latest rankings, the Irish will face (NFCA rankings first, followed by USA Softball) #25/22 DePaul #18/16 Northwestern and #20/21 Louisville. Notre Dame has already faced #10/10 Arizona State (3-2 victory), #4/4 Texas (6-5 loss), #6/7 Alabama (4-3 loss), #14/12 Oregon State (5-0 loss) BYU (8-3 victory), who has been in and out of the national polls this season and #17/17 Nebraska (5-3, eight-inning loss).

Notre Dame knocked off four ranked teams during the 2005 season. The Irish defeated #21 South Florida and #19 Florida on their first weekend of action (Feb. 12-13), then knocked off #5/6 Tennessee in its last game at the Palm Springs Classic. Notre Dame also defeated #15 Northwestern with a four-run rally in the bottom of the seventh on Tuesday, April 26, 2005.

Under head coach Deanna Gumpf, the Irish have knocked off at least three ranked teams in three of four seasons (#25 South Florida, #4 Nebraska, #15 Oregon State in '02; #8 Nebraska, #14 Nebraska, #18 Nebraska in '04). The Irish have defeated a total of 14 ranked teams during Gumpf's tenure. The most ranked wins for the Irish came in 2001, when the team defeated eight teams ranked in the national top 25.

New coaching staff, new Gumpf Family addition -

Notre Dame unveiled its new coaching staff in a unique way this season. *Lizzy Lemire*, a 2001 Notre Dame graduate, has joined the staff and *Kris Ganeff* (Notre Dame '99) moves up into the first assistant role. The change came about with the decision of former Irish assistant coach Charmelle Green to take a job in Notre Dame's Student-Athlete Development Program.

The unusual twist to the story is that Irish head coach Deanna Gumpf missed Lemire's official debut with the team. Gumpf and her husband John welcomed their second child, Tatum Elizabeth, on Wednesday, Feb. 22. Deanna has rejoined the team full time on the road for its Spring Break trip to Southern California.

To aid in the pitching staff's development during Gumpf's pregnancy, former Irish assistant coach and 1993 Penn State graduate Dawn Austin returned to the team as a volunteer assistant coach this season.

Ruthrauff reaches career walks record -

Senior 1B *Meagan Ruthrauff*, Notre Dame's cleanup hitter the last three seasons, is not only a potent RBI producer (128 in three-plus years, tied for seventh on the all-time Notre Dame list), but she also has outstanding plate discipline.

Ruthrauff has drawn 92 walks during her career, surpassing matching Andrea Loman's (2000-03) previous Notre Dame career record of 87.

Ruthrauff has already drawn 12 free passes this season and ranks one-two on the single-season walk list at Notre Dame. In 2004, she drew a record 36 base on balls and followed up with 31 walks in 2005.3

Notre Dame Team Highs

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|---|
| Team |
| Runs Scored |
| 10vs. N. Iowa (3-4-06) |
| Hits |
| 13vs. Kansas (3-4-06) |
| RBI |
| 9vs. N. Iowa (3-4-06) |
| Doubles |
| 5vs. UNLV (2-18-06) |
| 5vs. Kansas (3-4-06) |
| Triples |
| 1vs. BYU (2-17-06) |
| 1vs. CS Fullerton (3-15-06) |
| Home Runs |
| 2.....four times |
| Total Bases |
| 19vs. UNLV (2-18-06) |
| Stolen Bases |
| 6vs. Western Michigan (3-26-06) |
| Assists |
| 15vs. CS Fullerton (2-19-06) |
| Strikeouts Thrown |
| 13vs. Stephen F. Austin (3-5-06) |
| Individual |
| Runs Scored |
| 3Brown, vs. FIU (2-25-06) |
| Hits |
| 3 ..Brown, vs. #10 Arizona St. (3-16-06) |
| 3Kohan, vs. CS Fullerton (2-19-06) |
| 3Schoonaert, vs. Kansas (3-4-06) |
| RBI |
| 4Lenn, vs. BYU (2-17-06) |
| Doubles |
| 2Ruthrauff, UNLV (2-18-06) |
| Home Runs |
| 114 times |
| Total Bases |
| 7 ..Brown, vs. #10 Arizona St. (3-16-06) |
| 7Kohan, vs. CS Fullerton (2-19-06) |
| Walks |
| 3.....Ruthrauff, vs. BYU (2-17-06) |
| 3.....Hufnagle, vs. Buffalo (2-24-06) |
| Stolen Bases |
| 2.....B rown, vs. Stephen F. Austin (3-5-06) |
| 2Schoonaert, vs. WMU (2-26-06) |
| Putouts |
| 13Ruthrauff, vs. CS Fullerton (2-19-06) |
| Assists |
| 7Schoonaert, vs. CS Fullerton (2-29-06) |
| Innings Pitched |
| 8.0Booth vs. #17 Nebraska (3-4-06) |
| Strikeouts Thrown |
| 11.....Booth vs. Florida State (3-17-06) |
| 11Booth vs. SFA (3-5-06) |

Irish Players on the All-Time Charts

Most Doubles

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| 1. Melanie Alkire (1998-01).....49 |
| 2. Elizabeth Perkins (1994-97)48 |
| 3. Jenny Kriech (1999-02)45 |
| 4. Andrea Loman (2000-03).....44 |
| Sara Hayes (1992-95)44 |
| 6. Lizzy Lemire (1998-01)43 |
| 7. Andria Bledsoe (2000-03).....40 |
| 8. Meghan Murray (1994-97).....39 |
| 9. Meagan Ruthrauff (2003-current)38 |
| 10.Megan Ciolli (2002-05)37 |

Most Home Runs

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| 1. Jarrah Myers (1999-02)36 |
| 2. Andrea Loman (2000-03)31 |
| 3. Melanie Alkire (1998-01).....30 |
| 4. Liz Hartmann (2002-05)27 |
| 5. Sara Hayes (1992-95)26 |
| 6. Meagan Ruthrauff (2003-current)22 |
| 7. Mallorie Lenn (2003-current)16 |
| 8. Meghan Murray (1994-97).....15 |
| Andria Bledsoe (2000-03).....14 |
| Megan Ciolli (2002-05)13 |
| 11.Stephanie Brown (2004-current)12 |

Most RBI

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|---|
| 1. Jarrah Myers (1999-02)174 |
| 2. Melanie Alkire (1998-01)167 |
| 3. Andrea Loman (2000-03).....148 |
| 4. Sara Hayes (1992-95)137 |
| 5. Liz Hartmann (2002-05)131 |
| 6. Meghan Murray (1994-97)129 |
| 7. Meagan Ruthrauff (2003-current) ..128 |
| Lizzy Lemire (1998-01)126 |
| 9. Andria Bledsoe (2000-03).....125 |
| 10.Megan Ciolli (2002-05)101 |

Most Walks

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| 1. Meagan Ruthrauff (2003-current)92 |
| 2. Andrea Loman (2000-03)87 |
| 3. Jarrah Myers (1999-02)76 |

Most Putouts

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| 1. Jarrah Myers (1999-02)1,337 |
| 2. Stephanie Pinter (1991-94)1,177 |
| 3. Mallorie Lenn (2003-current).....1,086 |
| 4. Kris McCleary (1996-99)1,040 |
| 5. Sara Hayes (1992-95)964 |
| 6. Amy Folsom (1989-92)826 |
| 7. Meagan Ruthrauff (2003-current) ..787 |
| 8. Lisa Mattison (2000-03).....768 |
| 9. Kelly Rowe (1995-98)655 |

Most Pitching Appearances

| |
|---|
| 1. Steffany Stenglein (2002-05)154 |
| 2. Jennifer Sharron (1998-01)134 |
| 3. Heather Booth (2003-current)133 |
| 4. Angela Bessolo (1996-99)125 |
| 5. Missy Linn (1989-92)122 |

Most Games Started

| |
|---|
| 1. Steffany Stenglein (2002-05)132 |
| 2. Jennifer Sharron (1998-01)117 |
| 3. Heather Booth (2003-current)109 |
| 4. Missy Linn (1989-92)97 |
| 5. Terri Kobata (1993-96)94 |

Most Wins

| |
|--|
| 1. Jennifer Sharron (1998-01)88 |
| 2. Steffany Stenglein (2002-05)79 |
| Terri Kobata (1993-96)79 |
| 4. Heather Booth (2003-current)75 |
| 5. Missy Linn (1989-92)63 |

Most Complete Games

| |
|--|
| 1. Jennifer Sharron (1998-01)76 |
| 2. Missy Linn (1989-92)74 |
| 3. Heather Booth (2003-current)69 |
| 4. Terri Kobata (1993-96)65 |
| 5. Steffany Stenglein (2002-05)54 |

Most Shutouts

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| 1. Terri Kobata (1993-96)42 |
| 2. Jennifer Sharron (1998-01)38 |
| 3. Missy Linn (1989-92)29 |
| 4. Heather Booth (2003-current)23 |
| 5. Steffany Stenglein (2002-05)20 |

Most Innings Pitched

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|---|
| 1. Jennifer Sharron (1998-01)772.1 |
| 2. Steffany Stenglein (2002-05).....744.0 |
| 3. Heather Booth (2003-current)726.1 |
| 4. Missy Linn (1989-92)670.0 |
| 5. Terri Kobata (1993-96)630.0 |

Most Strikeouts

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|---|
| 1. Terri Kobata (1993-96)907 |
| 2. Steffany Stenglein (2002-05)790 |
| 3. Jennifer Sharron (1998-01)728 |
| 4. Heather Booth (2003-current)691 |
| 5. Angela Bessolo (1996-99)445 |

2006 Notre Dame Softball Results

| Date | Opponent | Score | W/L | ND Line/Opp. Line | Innings | ND Record | Pitcher | GW Hit/Run |
|---------|------------------|-------|-----|-------------------|---------|-----------|-----------------|------------------|
| Feb. 17 | Colorado St. | 4-5 | L | 4-5-1/5-11-1 | 7 | 0-1 | Booth (L, 0-1) | - |
| Feb. 17 | BYU | 8-3 | W | 8-11-1/3-5-2 | 7 | 1-1 | Bargar (W, 1-0) | Lenn/Laing |
| Feb. 18 | #14 Oregon St. | 0-5 | L | 0-3-1/5-8-0 | 7 | 1-2 | Booth (L, 0-2) | - |
| Feb. 18 | at UNLV | 6-4 | W | 6-11-0/4-6-2 | 7 | 2-2 | Bargar (W, 2-0) | Jaquish/Northway |
| Feb. 19 | vs. CS Fullerton | 3-9 | L | 3-7-0/9-10-0 | 7 | 2-3 | Booth (L, 0-3) | - |
| Feb. 24 | vs. Buffalo | 1-0 | W | 1-3-0/0-4-1 | 7 | 3-3 | Bargar (W, 3-0) | -/Glynn |
| Feb. 24 | at Fla. Intern. | 5-0 | W | 5-5-0/0-2-3 | 5 | 4-3 | Booth (W, 1-3) | Kohan/Hufnagle |
| Feb. 25 | vs. Memphis | 4-1 | W | 4-5-1/1-6-2 | 7 | 5-3 | Booth (W, 2-3) | Kohan/Kotcheff |
| Feb. 25 | at Fla. Intern. | 4-5 | L | 4-6-1/5-7-2 | 7 | 5-4 | Bargar (L, 3-1) | - |
| Mar. 3 | vs. #17 Nebraska | 2-5 | L | 2-7-1/5-6-0 | 8 | 5-5 | Booth (L, 2-4) | - |
| Mar. 3 | at Tulsa | 1-2 | L | 1-4-1/2-5-1 | 7 | 5-6 | Bargar (L, 3-2) | - |
| Mar. 4 | vs. N. Iowa | 10-1 | W | 10-8-1/1-7-2 | 5 | 6-6 | Bargar (W, 4-2) | Ruthrauff/Kohan |
| Mar. 4 | vs. Kansas | 5-2 | W | 5-13-0/2-5-4 | 7 | 7-6 | Booth (W, 3-4) | Kohan/Ruthrauff |
| Mar. 5 | vs. SFA | 1-2 | L | 1-9-2/2-7-0 | 8 | 7-7 | Bargar (L, 4-3) | - |
| Mar. 12 | at Cal Poly SLO | 3-1 | W | 3-8-0/1-5-3 | 7 | 8-7 | Booth (W, 4-4) | Brown/Kotcheff |
| Mar. 12 | at Cal Poly SLO | 1-0 | W | 1-3-0/0-6-3 | 7 | 9-7 | Bargar (W, 5-3) | -/Smith |
| Mar. 15 | at CS Fullerton | 2-3 | L | 2-3-1/3-5-0 | 8 | 9-8 | Booth (L, 4-5) | - |
| Mar. 16 | vs. #10 Arz. St. | 3-2 | W | 3-7-1/2-7-2 | 7 | 10-8 | Bargar (W, 6-3) | Brown/Brown |
| Mar. 17 | vs. Florida St. | 1-0 | W | 1-3-0/0-3-1 | 7 | 11-8 | Booth (W, 5-5) | Kotcheff/Brown |
| Mar. 18 | vs. #4 Texas | 5-6 | L | 5-5-1/6-10-1 | 7 | 11-9 | Booth (L, 5-6) | - |
| Mar. 19 | vs. #6 Alabama | 3-4 | L | 3-3-1/4-8-1 | 7 | 11-10 | Booth (L, 5-7) | - |
| Mar. 26 | at W. Michigan | 5-0 | W | 5-9-1/0-0-1 | 7 | 12-10 | Booth (W, 6-7) | Schoonaert/Smith |
| Mar. 26 | at W. Michigan | 2-1 | W | 2-6-1/1-3-2 | 8 | 13-10 | Bargar (W, 7-3) | -/Brown |

2006 Notre Dame Softball Player Bio Updates -

Brittney Bargar • Fr. • RHP • 5-9 • Corona, CA • Corona H.S.

2006: Notre Dame's No. 2 starting pitcher behind veteran Heather Booth ... a confident first-year player capable of solid pitching performances ... throws hard with good velocity ... posted the biggest victory of her young career over #10 Arizona State at the Judi Garman Classic, allowing seven hits, two runs and striking out seven in Notre Dame's 3-2 victory ... picked up her first career shutout victory in game two at Cal Poly SLO, scattering six hits, walking three and striking out eight in Notre Dame's 1-0 victory ... pitched well in a tough loss at Tulsa, allowing five hits, one earned run and striking out nine in a complete-game 2-1 loss ... earned a short victory vs. Northern Iowa, pitching the first three innings of a 10-1, five-inning Notre Dame win, allowing three hits and striking out five ... picked up her seventh victory at Western Michigan by logging her longest career appearance, going 7 1/3 innings while allowing just three hits, walking four and striking out six in an eventual 2-1 victory in game two of the doubleheader at WMU.

2006/Career Statistics:

| <u>ERA</u> | <u>W-L</u> | <u>App</u> | <u>GS</u> | <u>CG</u> | <u>SHO/CBO</u> | <u>SV</u> | <u>IP</u> | <u>H</u> | <u>R</u> | <u>ER</u> | <u>BB</u> | <u>SO</u> | <u>SO/7</u> | <u>B/Avg.</u> |
|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|---------------|
| 2.54 | 7-3 | 14 | 10 | 4 | 2/0 | 0 | 60.2 | 60 | 28 | 22 | 31 | 64 | 7.44 | .252 |

Heather Booth • Sr. • RHP • 5-10 • Riverside, CA • Martin Luther King H.S.

Career: Ranks among Notre Dame's all-time top five in appearances, wins, innings pitched and strikeouts ... 2003 BIG EAST Rookie of the Year ... 2003, 2004 First-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2005 Third-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2004 Second-Team NFCA All-Mideast Region ... 2004 FSU Invitational All-Tournament Team.

2006: Staff ace for the Fighting Irish ... will carry much of the pitching load and provide leadership for Notre Dame's pair of rookie pitchers ... picked up first win of the season against Florida International (Feb. 24) with a five-inning complete-game shutout, striking out nine and allowing just two hits ... also picked up a complete-game victory over Memphis, scattering six hits, allowing one run and striking out 10 ... named adidas Golden Panther Invitational tournament MVP for her performance over three days, going 2-0 with a 0.47 ERA and 22 strikeouts in 15.0 IP ... took a hard-luck loss vs. #17 Nebraska, scattering six hits, allowing two earned runs and striking out seven in eight innings ... shut down a potent Kansas offense, picking up a complete-game victory with 7.0 IP, two earned runs and 10 strikeouts ... suffered a frustrating non-decision against Stephen F. Austin, allowing seven hits and striking out 11 in Notre Dame's 2-1, eight-inning setback ... it was the second consecutive 10 strikeout performance for the righthander ... evened record to 4-4 on the season with a complete-game five-hit performance at Cal Poly SLO, allowing five hits and striking out eight ... best outing of the early season might have come vs. Florida State, as Booth shut down the Seminoles in Notre Dame's 1-0 victory with three hits and 11 strikeouts ... the FSU game was suspended by rain in the fourth inning, but Booth returned the next day to earn the victory ... pitched well against #6 Alabama, striking out six and allowing three unearned runs in Notre Dame's eventual 4-3 loss ... earned second combined no-hitter of her career in game one at Western Michigan, throwing the first four innings, walking three and striking out five ... picked up second save of the season in game two at WMU, entering the game with one out in the bottom of the eighth inning with the Irish holding a one-run lead ... forced a pop up and then struck out the final batter of the game.

2006 Awards:

adidas Golden Panther Invitational Tournament MVP

2006 Statistics:

| <u>ERA</u> | <u>W-L</u> | <u>App</u> | <u>GS</u> | <u>CG</u> | <u>SHO/CBO</u> | <u>SV</u> | <u>IP</u> | <u>H</u> | <u>R</u> | <u>ER</u> | <u>BB</u> | <u>SO</u> | <u>SO/7</u> | <u>B/Avg.</u> |
|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|---------------|
| 1.70 | 6-7 | 18 | 13 | 8 | 2/1 | 2 | 86.1 | 71 | 31 | 21 | 35 | 104 | 8.46 | .228 |

Career Statistics:

| <u>ERA</u> | <u>W-L</u> | <u>App</u> | <u>GS</u> | <u>CG</u> | <u>SHO/CBO</u> | <u>SV</u> | <u>IP</u> | <u>H</u> | <u>R</u> | <u>ER</u> | <u>BB</u> | <u>SO</u> | <u>SO/7</u> | <u>B/Avg.</u> |
|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|---------------|
| 1.64 | 75-34 | 133 | 109 | 69 | 23/9 | 6 | 726.1 | 521 | 227 | 170 | 248 | 691 | 6.66 | .199 |

Stephanie Brown • Jr. • OF • 5-6 • Chandler, AZ • Corona del Sol H.S.

Career: Consistent hitter who piled up 131 hits (at least 60 each season) in her first two years with the Irish ... tied former teammate Liz Hartmann for the Notre Dame freshman home run record, hitting seven in 2004 ... 2004 First-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2005 Second-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2005 Buckeye Invitational All-Tournament Team ... 2004 NFCA Leadoff Classic All-Tournament Team.

2006: Returns to the top of the lineup as Notre Dame's leadoff hitter for the third consecutive season ... a three tool player capable of slapping, bunting and hitting for power ... earned a spot on the adidas Golden Panther Invitational all-tournament team after posting three hits (including a home run against FIU) and scoring five runs during the two-day tournament ... two for four with an RBI double and run scored vs. #17 Nebraska ... ended up one for one with two RBI (on sacrifice flies) vs. Northern Iowa ... reached in all four at bats against Tulsa, going two for three (reached on an error and error on a sacrifice as well) ... provided the game-winning hit with a two-run single in the top of the seventh in game one at Cal Poly SLO, bringing the Irish back from a 1-0 deficit and eventually leading to the 3-1 victory ... provided Notre Dame's biggest hit of the season so far, crushing a two-run opposite field home run in the bottom of the seventh vs. #10 Arizona State for a walk-off hit in the 3-2 victory ... that walk-off home run highlighted a three for four performance against the Sun Devils ... one for three against both Florida State and Texas and also posted a stolen base against both teams ... piled up three hits in game one at Western Michigan, going three for four with two singles, an RBI double and a stolen base.

2006 Awards:

adidas Golden Panther Invitational All-Tournament Team

Best Western Airport Festival All-Tournament Team

2006 Statistics:

| <u>Avg.</u> | <u>GP-GS</u> | <u>AB</u> | <u>R</u> | <u>H</u> | <u>2B</u> | <u>3B</u> | <u>HR</u> | <u>RBI</u> | <u>Slg%</u> | <u>BB</u> | <u>OB%</u> | <u>SB-Att</u> | <u>PO</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>E</u> | <u>Fld%</u> |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|------------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|-------------|
| .333 | 23-23 | 72 | 16 | 24 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 10 | .486 | 9 | .405 | 11-11 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |

Career Statistics:

| <u>Avg.</u> | <u>GP-GS</u> | <u>AB</u> | <u>R</u> | <u>H</u> | <u>2B</u> | <u>3B</u> | <u>HR</u> | <u>RBI</u> | <u>Slg%</u> | <u>BB</u> | <u>OB%</u> | <u>SB-Att</u> | <u>PO</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>E</u> | <u>Fld%</u> |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|------------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|-------------|
| .320 | 153-153 | 484 | 98 | 155 | 24 | 1 | 12 | 54 | .448 | 43 | .387 | 33-46 | 223 | 95 | 15 | .955 |

Christine Farrell • Fr. • RHP • 5-8 • La Habra, CA • Sonora H.S.

2006: Freshman pitcher has yet to see action while working through recovery from offseason surgery ... expected to see pitching time after Spring Break and work her way into Notre Dame's starting rotation.

Kenya Fuemmeler • Jr. • RHP • 5-7 • Salisbury, MO • Salisbury H.S.

2006: Veteran reliever who is expected to see more pitching time this season ... has thrown well in her first two appearances of the season (vs. BYU, vs. CS Fullerton) ... finished off Notre Dame's 10-1, five-inning victory over Northern Iowa, allowing four hits, a run and striking out three in 2.0 innings ... completed the final three innings of a combined no-hitter with senior Heather Booth in game one at Western Michigan ... walked two and forced six ground outs along with three fly outs in her three innings of action vs. the Broncos.

2006 Statistics:

| <u>ERA</u> | <u>W-L</u> | <u>App</u> | <u>GS</u> | <u>CG</u> | <u>SHO/CBO</u> | <u>SV</u> | <u>IP</u> | <u>H</u> | <u>R</u> | <u>ER</u> | <u>BB</u> | <u>SO</u> | <u>SO/7</u> | <u>B/Avg.</u> |
|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|---------------|
| 1.62 | 0-0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0/1 | 0 | 8.2 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 4.27 | .167 |

Career Statistics:

| <u>ERA</u> | <u>W-L</u> | <u>App</u> | <u>GS</u> | <u>CG</u> | <u>SHO/CBO</u> | <u>SV</u> | <u>IP</u> | <u>H</u> | <u>R</u> | <u>ER</u> | <u>BB</u> | <u>SO</u> | <u>SO/7</u> | <u>B/Avg.</u> |
|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|---------------|
| 1.71 | 1-0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0/3 | 0 | 16.1 | 15 | 7 | 4 | 10 | 10 | 4.35 | .234 |

Erin Glasco • Fr. • C/DP • 5-7 • Johnston City, IL • Johnston City H.S.

2006: Left-handed hitter one of Notre Dame's top choices at designated player ... also the team's back up catcher in 2006.

2006/Career Statistics:

| <u>Avg.</u> | <u>GP-GS</u> | <u>AB</u> | <u>R</u> | <u>H</u> | <u>2B</u> | <u>3B</u> | <u>HR</u> | <u>RBI</u> | <u>Slg%</u> | <u>BB</u> | <u>OB%</u> | <u>SB-Att</u> | <u>PO</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>E</u> | <u>Fld%</u> |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|------------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|-------------|
| .200 | 20-17 | 45 | 2 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .244 | 4 | .280 | 0-0 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |

Brittany Glynn • So. • OF • 5-3 • Seymour, CT • St. Joseph H.S.

2006: Provides depth in the outfield for the Irish ... one of the team's top pinch-running options.

2006 Statistics:

| <u>Avg.</u> | <u>GP-GS</u> | <u>AB</u> | <u>R</u> | <u>H</u> | <u>2B</u> | <u>3B</u> | <u>HR</u> | <u>RBI</u> | <u>Slg%</u> | <u>BB</u> | <u>OB%</u> | <u>SB-Att</u> | <u>PO</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>E</u> | <u>Fld%</u> |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|------------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|-------------|
| .000 | 9-0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | .000 | 0-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |

Career Statistics:

| <u>Avg.</u> | <u>GP-GS</u> | <u>AB</u> | <u>R</u> | <u>H</u> | <u>2B</u> | <u>3B</u> | <u>HR</u> | <u>RBI</u> | <u>Slg%</u> | <u>BB</u> | <u>OB%</u> | <u>SB-Att</u> | <u>PO</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>E</u> | <u>Fld%</u> |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|------------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|-------------|
| .000 | 18-0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | .000 | 0-2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |

Gessica Hufnagle • Jr. • OF • 5-6 • Middlebury, IN • Northridge H.S.

2006: Had made a successful switch from catcher to outfielder this season ... Notre Dame's starting leftfielder has been steady defensively and is capable of outstanding athletic defensive plays ... broke open game one at Western Michigan with a two-out, two-RBI single up the middle to give the Irish a 4-0 lead in an eventual 5-0 victory.

2006 Statistics:

| <u>Avg.</u> | <u>GP-GS</u> | <u>AB</u> | <u>R</u> | <u>H</u> | <u>2B</u> | <u>3B</u> | <u>HR</u> | <u>RBI</u> | <u>Slg%</u> | <u>BB</u> | <u>OB%</u> | <u>SB-Att</u> | <u>PO</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>E</u> | <u>Fld%</u> |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|------------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|-------------|
| .184 | 21-20 | 49 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | .245 | 6 | .298 | 1-3 | 15 | 0 | 1 | .938 |

Career Statistics:

| <u>Avg.</u> | <u>GP-GS</u> | <u>AB</u> | <u>R</u> | <u>H</u> | <u>2B</u> | <u>3B</u> | <u>HR</u> | <u>RBI</u> | <u>Slg%</u> | <u>BB</u> | <u>OB%</u> | <u>SB-Att</u> | <u>PO</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>E</u> | <u>Fld%</u> |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|------------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|-------------|
| .175 | 103-45 | 114 | 21 | 20 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 9 | .211 | 10 | .254 | 5-8 | 208 | 13 | 6 | .974 |

Carissa Jaquish • Jr. • INF • 5-6 • Highland, CA • Redlands East Valley H.S.

2006: Has the ability to play third base, outfield and catch for the Irish if necessary ... started in leftfield for the Irish at Cal Poly SLO ... has also been a catcher for the Irish during her career.

2006 Statistics:

| <u>Avg.</u> | <u>GP-GS</u> | <u>AB</u> | <u>R</u> | <u>H</u> | <u>2B</u> | <u>3B</u> | <u>HR</u> | <u>RBI</u> | <u>Slg%</u> | <u>BB</u> | <u>OB%</u> | <u>SB-Att</u> | <u>PO</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>E</u> | <u>Fld%</u> |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|------------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|-------------|
| .048 | 13-6 | 21 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .048 | 2 | .167 | 0-0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1.000 |

Career Statistics:

| <u>Avg.</u> | <u>GP-GS</u> | <u>AB</u> | <u>R</u> | <u>H</u> | <u>2B</u> | <u>3B</u> | <u>HR</u> | <u>RBI</u> | <u>Slg%</u> | <u>BB</u> | <u>OB%</u> | <u>SB-Att</u> | <u>PO</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>E</u> | <u>Fld%</u> |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|------------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|-------------|
| .206 | 112-72 | 218 | 24 | 45 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 20 | .280 | 16 | .269 | 5-5 | 171 | 11 | 3 | .984 |

Linda Kohan • Fr. • INF • 5-6 • Westminster, CA • Westminster H.S.

2006: Has appeared at both third base and first base for the Irish this season ... also the top option for the Irish at DP when not in the starting defensive alignment ... slammed three home runs in her first collegiate weekend of action, earning a spot on the BIG EAST Conference Softball Honor Roll ... first career hit for the Irish was a three-run home run in the bottom of the seventh inning against Colorado State ... finished two for three against BYU and was hit by a pitch ... two for three with a solo home run against UNLV ... posted a personal-best three hits against CS Fullerton, going three for four with a solo home run, double and two runs scored ... finished two for four with an RBI against Memphis ... two for four with an RBI double vs. Kansas ... broke out of an 0-22 slump with a solo home run in the top of the seventh inning in Notre Dame's 4-3 loss to #6 Alabama ... two for three with a single, double and run scored in game one at Western Michigan ... had a single hit in game two against the Broncos, finishing the doubleheader three for six.

2006 Awards:

BIG EAST Softball Honor Roll (2-21-06)

2006/Career Statistics:

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| .250 | 23-23 | 68 | 9 | 17 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 9 | .471 | 6 | .338 | 0-0 | 23 | 28 | 5 | .911 |

Alexandra Kotcheff • Fr. • OF • 5-8 • Los Angeles, CA • The Marlborough School

2006: Stepped in as Notre Dame's starting centerfielder from day one ... has been steady on defense while finding her way offensively thus far in 2006 ... has seen action in both the second and ninth spot in the Irish batting order ... has consistently produced since shifting to the second spot during spring break ... posted first multiple hit game of her career vs. Northern Iowa, going two for two with two RBI and two runs scored ... logged the first extra-base hit of her career at CS Fullerton, drilling a triple to the leftfield wall ... moved up to second in the lineup against Florida State and paid instant dividends, providing the game-winning RBI single up the middle in Notre Dame's 1-0 victory over the Seminoles ... also had an RBI single vs. #4 Texas ... three for four with three singles in game two at Western Michigan ... her single up the middle in the top of the eighth would have loaded the bases with one out, but was misplayed by the Bronco centerfielder and both Irish runs in the 2-1 victory scored on the play.

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| .239 | 23-23 | 67 | 8 | 16 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | .269 | 0 | .239 | 3-3 | 12 | 0 | 2 | .857 |

Katie Laing • So. • 2B • 5-4 • Chandler, AZ • Corona del Sol H.S.

Career: Has been a starter at second base for the past two seasons ... tied the school record for single-season doubles (also held by current assistant coach Lizzy Lemire) with 17 in 2005 ... 2005 First-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2005 NFCA Second Team All-Mideast Region ... capable of hitting for both average and power ... possesses great range at second base and is a consistent performer on defense.

2006: Two for two with a run scored, walk and stolen base against BYU ... ended up two for four with a run scored and double against UNLV ... also two for three with an RBI in game one against Florida International ... showed signs of breaking out of her season-long slump against CS Fullerton, crushing her first home run of the season to highlight a one for three performance ... two for three with a double against #10 Arizona State ... finished one for three with a two-run home run against #4 Texas at the Judi Garman Classic.

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| .200 | 23-23 | 70 | 5 | 14 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 6 | .329 | 3 | .243 | 5-5 | 47 | 45 | 3 | .968 |

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| .276 | 84-82 | 239 | 35 | 66 | 20 | 1 | 5 | 29 | .431 | 10 | .315 | 11-12 | 167 | 122 | 10 | .967 |

Mallorie Lenn • Sr. • C • 5-8 • Garden Grove, CA • Pacifica H.S.

Career: Has been a top option at starting catcher for the Irish since her freshman season ... a streaky hitter who has proven to be a tough out in postseason competition ... 2004 First-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2003 Second-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2003 BIG EAST All-Rookie Team.

2006: Has shown signs of developing into consistent RBI producer in the heart of Notre Dame's batting order ... all three home run she has hit this season have been multi-run shots (grand slam, two two-run home runs) ... crushed her first career grand slam in Notre Dame's victory over BYU ... ended up two for four with four RBI against the Cougars ... finished one for two with two walks against CS Fullerton at the UNLV Desert Classic ... finished three for seven in the doubleheader sweep at Cal Poly SLO ... finished two for three with a two-run home run vs. #4 Texas ... also launched a two-run home run vs. #6 Alabama at the Judi Garman Classic.

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| .264 | 23-23 | 72 | 4 | 19 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 14 | .417 | 4 | .321 | 0-0 | 155 | 10 | 0 | 1.000 |

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| .260 | 201-198 | 557 | 39 | 145 | 28 | 1 | 16 | 85 | .400 | 35 | .311 | 4-5 | 1086 | 84 | 9 | .992 |

Stephanie Mola • Fr. • OF • 5-5 • Naples, FL • St. John Neumann H.S.

2006: Provides the Irish with depth in the outfield and a left-handed bat off the bench ... consistent at putting the ball in play as a pinch hitter ... made her first career appearance of the season against BYU (one AB) ... game off the bench in a key situation against #10 Arizona State ... led off the bottom of the seventh inning by reaching on a fielding error at third base and eventually scored on Stephanie Brown's walk-off two-run home run ... logged her first career hit in her first career start (at designated player) in game two at Western Michigan.

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| .165 | 5-1 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .167 | 0 | .167 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |

Beth Northway • Fr. • OF • 5-7 • Kentwood, MI • East Kentwood H.S.

2006: Working back into the lineup from offseason shoulder surgery ... will see action in the outfield once she returns to full strength ... has made five pinch running appearances, scoring two runs.

Meagan Ruthrauff • Sr. • 1B • 5-10 • La Mirada, CA • La Serna H.S.

Career: Now in third season as Notre Dame's starting first base ... has also seen time at DP, third base and shortstop during her career ... Notre Dame career leader in walks with 92 ... also ranks in the top 10 all-time in RBI and home runs ... 2003, 2004 First-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2005 Second-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2003 BIG EAST All-Rookie Team ... 2004 NFCA Second Team All-Mideast Region ... 2003 NFCA First Team All-Mideast Region ... 2004 FSU Invitational All-Tournament Team .

2006: Has started the season slow with the bat, but has been a consistent defensive player for the Irish ... earned three walks against BYU ... two for four with two double sand two RBI at UNLV ... hit first home run of the season against CS Fullerton ... one for three with an RBI and walk in game two against Florida International ... crushed a three-run home run in the top of the first inning vs. Northern Iowa ... two for four with an RBI single and double vs. Kansas ... two for three with a solo home run vs. #10 Arizona State, keying Notre Dame's eventual 3-2 upset victory.

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| .250 | 23-23 | 64 | 7 | 16 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 11 | .453 | 12 | .377 | 0-0 | 123 | 16 | 0 | 1.000 |

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| .297 | 207-206 | 583 | 84 | 173 | 38 | 0 | 22 | 128 | .475 | 92 | .399 | 4-4 | 787 | 73 | 7 | .992 |

Sara Schoonaert • Sr. • SS • 5-3 • Houston, TX • Clear Lake H.S.

Career: Third season as Notre Dame's starting shortstop ... consistent with the glove and starting to develop as an offensive threat in 2006 ... 2005 Third-Team All-BIG EAST.

2006: Has been consistent at the plate and with the glove so far this season ... two for four against BYU with a double, RBI and stolen base ... two for two in game two against Florida International with a double, walk and stolen base ... named to the adidas Golden Panther Invitational all-tournament team ... two for four vs. #17 Nebraska ... posted third three-hit performance of her career against Kansas, going three for three with an RBI double, run scored and walk ... doubled and scored with one out in the top of the seventh inning against Stephen F. Austin, forcing the game into extra innings ... one for three with an RBI and single in game one at Western Michigan.

2006 Awards:

adidas Golden Panther All-Tournament Team

Best Western Airport Festival All-Tournament Team

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| .250 | 23-23 | 68 | 7 | 17 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 7 | .324 | 7 | .320 | 8-9 | 40 | 31 | 2 | .973 |

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| .239 | 201-155 | 393 | 67 | 94 | 18 | 5 | 0 | 40 | .310 | 29 | .295 | 24-35 | 258 | 213 | 27 | .946 |

Sarah Smith • So. • OF • 5-7 • Oklahoma City, OK • Heritage Hall H.S.

2006: Returns as one of the team's top baserunner threats ... made her first career start in leftfield vs. Cal Poly SLO (game one) and posted her first career hit, finishing the game one for two ... also started in leftfield for the Irish at CS Fullerton ... picked up her third stolen base of the season vs. #4 Texas.

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| .143 | 66-2 | 7 | 20 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .143 | 0 | .143 | 6-11 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |