

NOTRE DAME BASEBALL GAME NOTES – vs. RUTGERS (MAY 24, 2003)

The Notre Dame baseball team (42-15) heads into another rematch vs. Rutgers (Saturday, 3:30 EDT) looking to become the first team to win back-to-back BIG EAST tournament titles since St. John's won the first two BETs in 1984 and '85 ... Rutgers (35-19) must beat the Irish twice (second game at 7:00) to win the tournament title, with an automatic NCA bid going to the winner ... Notre Dame is slated to send battle-tested senior RHP **Peter Ogilvie** to the mound while Rutgers will counter with freshman LHP **Matt Putsay** (2.67 ERA, 3-0, .220 opp. batting avg., 12 GP/2 GS, 33.2 IP, 14 K, 8 BB) ... neither pitcher has faced his opponent this season but Ogilvie made two starts vs. RU in 2002, one of them in the same situation as today's game (first championship game) ... the Irish are 5-1 in their last six BET games, after going 12-12 in their first six BET trips.

Peter Ogilvie – Career Stats

Year	ERA	W-L	GP/GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	2B-3B-HR	BF/B/Avg	WP	HB
2000	(injured)														
2001	1.90	5-1	8/7	2	0	52.0	44	16	11	11	30	8-2-0	.234	3	4
2002	4.65	7-5	17/14	3	0	79.1	90	47	41	26	58	21-4-4	345/.295	4	4
2003	5.52	2-3	7/6	0	0	29.1	29	22	18	14	26	5-0-4	130/.261	1	4
Totals	3.92	14-9	32/27	5	0	160.2	163	85	70	51	114	34-6-8	.270	8	12

Ogilvie's Career Appearances vs. Rutgers

Date	Site	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	2B-3B-HR	WP	HB	Score	W-L	ERA
5/5/02	Notre Dame	2.0	3	4	3	3	1	1-0-0	0	1	0-11	L	
5/25/02	Bridgewater (BET)	8.0 (CG)	10	4	4	3	6	0-1-1	0	1	3-4	L	
Totals (.342 opp. avg.)		10.0	13	8	7	6	7	1-1-1	0	2		0-2	6.30

Peter Ogilvie Career vs. RU – 6.30, 0-2, 2 GS, 10 IP, 13 H, 6 BB, 7 Ks, 2 HB

(first stats indicate 2003 regulars-season game, second are BET game)

Badger (0-for-4) – 6-3, 6-3, F-9, 5-3

Frazier (0-for-5) – L-5-3 DP ... KS, KS, P-4, F-8

Esposito (0-for-1) – BB ... KS

Normane (1-for-4) – 4-3 ... 4-3, P-4, 1B-RC/RBI/R, BB/R

Cerulo (3-for-5) – 3B-LC/R, 1B-MI ... KL, 1B-8, KS

Rodriguez (3-for-5) – HR-7/2 RBI ... P-4, 2B-RL, 6-3, 1B-RC/RBI

OGILVIE LOOKS TO ADD TO HIS BIG-GAME RESUME – Senior RHP Peter Ogilvie's 27 career starts with the Irish include several noteworthy outings, led by a pair of key complete-game wins in 2001 (plus one in the '01 NCAAs) and two more clutch CGs in the 2002 BIG EAST season before drawing three starts in the 2002 NCAAs:

Date	Opponent	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	Score	W-L
4/3/01	Ball State	6.0	8	4	2	0	5	3-4	L (matches ace LHP Luke Hagerty)
5/1/01	vs. Michigan (@G.R.)	9.0	5	1	1	1	6	9-1	W
5/28/01	Florida Int'l (NCAAs)	9.0	9	2	2	2	5	5-2	W (forces final game in regional)
4/12/02	Virginia Tech	9.0	0	2	2	1	6	4-2	W (sweeps DH for tiebreaker)
5/18/02	Boston College	9.0	8	2	2	3	8	5-2	W (completes sweep for BE title)
5/31/02	Ohio State (NCAAs)	5.1	5	3	3	8	7	8-6	no decision
6/9/02	at Florida St. (NCAAs)	0.1	3	8	7	4	1	5-12	L
6/18/02	vs. Stanford (CWS)	5.2	7	4	4	1	1	3-5	L (2 HRs prove costly)

EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE – Notre Dame started three freshman RHPs (Grant Johnson, Chris Niesel and John Axford) in four games at the 2002 BIG EAST Tournament but the Irish have used a different formula this season, with Johnson and Niesel sidelined due to injuries while Axford closed the regular season with three rocky outings (18.75 ERA, 0-3, 7.2 IP, 12 H, 11 BB, 7 WP, 2 HB, 7 Ks) ... as a result, the Irish have relied on their most experienced pitchers by starting three senior RHPs (J.P. Gagne, Ryan Kalita and Peter Ogilvie today) in the 2003 BET ... Gagne and Kalita first earned roster spots as freshman walk-ons in the 2000 season while Ogilvie did not even pitch that season after a series of injuries that dated back to his sophomore season at Stevenson HS (in the Chicago area).

ND-RUTGERS SERIES NOTES

- ND holds a 16-11 series edge vs. Rutgers (7-4 at RU) and had won eight straight vs. the Knights before the 2002 series-ending 11-0 loss (now 10 of the last 12) ... RU held a 7-4 series lead after the first 11 meetings.
- The Irish opened the '02 series vs. RU by sweeping the doubleheader (6-5, 7-2) but Rutgers won the series finale, 11-0.
- ND now holds a 4-3 edge vs. RU in the **BIG EAST Tournament** (4-1 in the last five), with RU posting an 10-inning win (7-6) over ND in the pivotal game of the 1998 BET before shutting out ND in the '98 title game (11-0) ... the Irish returned the favor in a 2001 elimination game (6-2), led by [Aaron Heilman's](#) six-hitter.
- The series has featured its share of blowouts (six of last 20 decided by 8-plus runs) and tense finishes (13 total games decided by 1-2 runs, with eight won by ND).

ND VETERANS CAREER STATS VS. RUTGERS

Joe Thaman: .290 (11-for-38), 5 R, 3 RBI, 3 2B, BB, 8 Ks

Steve Sollmann: .259 (15-for-58), 11 R, 11 RBI, 2 HR, 3B, 2 BB, 4 Ks, 7-7 SB

Javi Sanchez: .194 (6-for-31), 4 R, 3 RBI, HR, 5 BB, 6 Ks, 3 SAC, 1-2 SB

Kris Billmaier: .132 (7-for-53), 8 R, 7 RBI, 8 BB, 7 Ks

ND VETERAN RELIEVERS CAREER STATS VS. RU

Matt Laird – 9.00, 1-1, 3 GP, 9.0 IP, 10 H, 4 BB, 6 Ks, 3 HB, WP

Wolski – HBP, F-8 ... F-8 RC, E5T, 6-3

Frazier – F-8, F-8, F-8

Normane – 4-3 SAC, F-8, HR-RL/2 RBI

Grose – 1B-LL, BB

Cerulo – F-7

Esposito – 1B-LS/R, KS, 1B-MI

Grover – F-9/SF/RBI, 6-3

Defendis – P-4, 1-3 SAC

Badger – KL ... KL, 6-3

Gaynor – 4-3, 6-3

Brandon Vilorio – 0.00, 2 SV, 4 GP, 8 IP, 3 H, 3 BB, 5 Ks

Badger – 0-for-3 (L-5, FC ... 1-3 ... F-8 RC)

Normane – 1-for-2, BB (1B-9, BB ... F-8 RC)

Vasquez – KS

Rodriguez – E5F

Frazier – 1-for-2, 2 RBI, HR (FC, F-7/SF/RBI ... HR-7/RBI)

Esposito – KL, 3U

Cerulo – F-9 ... F-9

Wolski – 1-3

Bionde – 4-6-3 GDP

Notre Dame Hitting Trends and Quick Notes

Steve Sollmann – 16-for-30 (.533) in last 6 ... 10-for-31 career BET (.323, 4 R, 2 RBI, 3 BB, 3 Ks, HBP, 4-4 SB) ... 30 multi-hit games, 9 multi-RBI344 hitter on road ... 33 season SBs (4th ND history), 62 career (6th) ... 3rd-most hits ever by ND junior (243, besting his brother Scott's 239) ... 48 error-free games in '03 (3 E in last 33 gms) ... 48 leadoff starts.

Brennan Grogan – 5-for-9 last 2 games (.229 in previous 13)305 hitter on road ... 12 multi-hit games, 6 multi-RBI ... 38 starts in 2-hole.

Matt Edwards – 13-for-26 last 6 gms ... team-best .365 batting on road ... 24 multi-hit games, 19 multi-RBI ... 14 starts at cleanup, 38 in 3-hole ... 33 starts at 1B, 21 at 3B.

Kris Billmaier – 5-for-40 last 12 gms (.125) ... 6-for-24 career BET (.250, 2 R, 6 RBI, HR, K, 2 SAC)270 hitter on road ... 15 multi-hit gms, 9 multi-RBI ... 25 starts in CF, 11 in 5-hole, 33 cleanup.

Javi Sanchez – 8-for-17 career BET (.471, 7 R, 4 RBI, HR, 2 2B, 5 BB, 3 SAC, 2 Ks, 1-1 SB) ... 5-for-7, 3 BB last 3 gms (after 0-for-13 slump)306 hitter on road ... 17 multi-hit games, 4 multi-RBI.

Matt Macri – 3-for-17 last 4 gms (.177)204 hitter on road ... 41 error-free games (2 Es in last 8) ... 18 multi-hit gms, 4 multi-RBI ... 27 starts in 6-hole.

Cody Rizzo – 9 RBI in last 6 games while hitting just 7-for-17 (.412)341 hitter on road ... 18 multi-hit gms, 11 multi-RBI ... 23 starts in RF, 17 in 7-hole.

Steve Andres – 7 RBI in last 7 games played, despite hitting just 6-for-24 (.250) ... 4 starts in 3-hole298 hitter on road.

Joe Thaman – 2-for-11 last 3 GP (.182) ... 5-for-27 career BET (.185, 2 R, 3 RBI, 2 BB, 5 Ks, 2-2 SB, SAC).

Matt Bransfield – dnp vs. WVU333 hitter on road.

Craig Cooper – dnp vs. WVU324 hitter on road.

Greg Lopez – def. sub vs. WVU241 hitter on road.

Notes from ND's 9-3 BET win over RU

* ND's first seven appearances at the BIG EAST baseball tournament never featured a consistent offensive presence – with the Irish combining to hit an average of just .230 in those 28 games, with a high mark of .295 at the 2000 tournament – but the slumping ND offense has picked a perfect time to boost its production, with 30 hits, an 18-4 scoring edge and a .405 team batting average ... by comparison, ND won its first BIG EAST title in 2002 despite batting just .208 in four games and totaling 26 hits (four fewer than the current team total).

* ND has advanced to the championship round after starting 2-0 for the second straight season.

* The Irish pitching staff also has elevated its production, after entering the postseason ranked 19th in the nation with a 3.47 ERA ... Ryan Kalita's seven innings included an unearned run before Ryan Doherty was touched for a pair of unearned scores in the 8th – with the ND pitching staff now owning an 0.50 tournament ERA and .221 opponent batting average, plus 22 Ks and just three walks.

* Top ND hitters included Cody Rizzo (3-for-3, 2 RBI, 2 R, HBP), Steve Sollmann (2-for-5, R), Matt Edwards (2-for-4, R) and Matt Bransfield (2-for-4, RBI, R).

* Junior catcher Javi Sanchez had a rare 0-for-0 game that included a walk and three sacrifice bunts (one of them plating Rizzo on a squeeze play), after batting 3-for-3 with two walks vs. WVU (his 9 plate appearances in the BET include 3 H, 3 BB and 3 SAC's).

* Rizzo is batting 5-for-7 in the tournament with four RBI, three runs scored and two HBPs while his 25 HBP rank 15th in the NCAA single-season record book (already 7th in the ND career record book).

* ND's 17-game midseason winning streak included 10 "big innings" of five-plus runs but those flurries had dried up in recent weeks, with just five big innings in the last 24 games before the 6-run eruption in the 5th vs. RU (ND's 19th overall inning with 5-plus runs and 11th with 6-plus).

* Kalita (6-1) improved to 13-1 for his ND career while proving his worth as a second team all-BIG EAST selection, scattering seven hits and one walk while using his typical combination of strikeouts (6) and groundball outs (12) to account for 18 of his 21 outs (including a pair of double plays) ... he now owns a 0.87 career ERA in four career appearances vs. RU (including the '02 title game), plus 18 Ks, 7 walks and 21 hits allowed in 20.2 innings.

* Doherty – who still has not allowed an earned run since the season opener, spanning 13 appearances and 22.2 innings – closed the game by striking out five of the nine batters he faced, allowing the pair of unearned runs on a Steve Normane home run.

* Ninth-year ND head coach Paul Mainieri now is four wins shy of his 400th career win with the Irish (396-157-1; 728-436-1 in 21 overall seasons) ...

* Sollmann (33) and his brother Scott (52, in '96) are the only ND players with 33-plus SBs in a season since Pat Pesavento had 38 in '88 and '89.

* Sollmann's 243 career hits have tied Brant Ust ('97-'99) for 10th in ND history, with only All-Americans Steve Stanley (257) and Dan Peltier (247) totaling more career hits as juniors ... Sollmann needs four more hits to become the 8th ND player with 90-plus hits in a season (his brother Scott had 93 in '95).

* The team ERA dipped to 3.37 (2nd-best since '94) while the ND pitchers now own the 5th-highest strikeout total in team history (440, just 14 behind the 2000 staff and 16 back of the '98 staff) ... the staff's 2.36 K-to-walk ratio ranks 4th in the ND record book.

* Sollmann has boosted his career batting avg. to .368 (5th in ND history).

* Doherty now is averaging 15.2 Ks per 9 IP (40 in 23.1), with a 5.7 K-to-walk ratio (40/7) and a .209 opponent batting avg.

NOTRE DAME 2003 SERIES STATS vs. RUTGERS

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT
12 Matt Bransfield..	.500	2-2	8	1	4	0	0	0	1	4	.500	1	0	2	0	.556	0	0	0-0
17 Cody Rizzo.....	.333	4-4	15	3	5	0	0	0	2	5	.333	1	2	3	0	.444	0	0	0-0
21 Joe Thaman.....	.333	3-0	6	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	.500	0	0	0	1	.333	0	0	0-0
14 Matt Edwards.....	.308	4-4	13	3	4	1	0	0	0	5	.385	2	0	4	0	.400	0	0	0-0
5 Matt Macri.....	.294	4-4	17	1	5	0	0	0	3	5	.294	2	0	2	1	.368	0	0	0-0
36 Steve Andres.....	.250	2-2	8	1	2	0	0	1	2	5	.625	2	0	3	0	.400	0	0	1-1
4 Greg Lopez.....	.214	4-4	14	1	3	0	0	0	1	3	.214	1	0	3	0	.267	0	2	0-1
15 Javi Sanchez.....	.200	4-4	10	1	2	0	0	0	1	2	.200	3	0	1	0	.385	0	3	0-1
3 Steve Sollmann...	.190	4-4	21	2	4	1	0	1	2	8	.381	0	1	3	0	.227	0	0	2-2
13 Brennan Grogan...	.167	2-2	12	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	.167	0	0	2	0	.167	0	0	0-0
9 Craig Cooper.....	.125	3-2	8	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	.125	1	1	1	0	.300	0	0	2-2
8 Kris Billmaier...	.056	4-4	18	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	.056	3	0	3	1	.190	0	0	0-1

16 Alex Nettey.....	.500	1-0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.500	0	0	0	0	.500	0	0	0-0
2 Tim Murray.....	.000	2-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0
Totals.....	.234	4-4	154	16	36	3	0	2	14	45	.292	16	4	28	3	.322	0	5	5-8
Opponents.....	.257	4-4	152	18	39	2	1	2	15	49	.322	18	2	32	4	.335	4	9	11-12

LOB - Team (34), Opp (39). DPs Turned - Team (4), Opp (3). IBB - Team (1), Matt Macri 1, Opp (3).

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP
46 J.P. Gagne.....	0.00	0-0	2	0	0	0/1	1	7.0	5	1	0	3	4	0	0	0	24	.208	1
10 Chris Niesel.....	0.00	1-0	1	1	0	0/1	0	6.0	6	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	21	.286	0
47 Ryan Doherty.....	0.00	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	3.0	3	2	0	1	6	0	0	1	13	.231	0
38 Tyler Jones.....	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	.250	0
45 Brandon Vilorio..	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	.000	0
32 Ryan Kalita.....	0.75	1-0	2	2	0	0/0	0	12.0	12	2	1	4	12	1	0	0	45	.267	0
37 Matt Laird.....	4.76	0-1	1	0	0	0/0	0	5.2	4	3	3	1	3	0	0	1	19	.211	1
30 Tom Thornton....	6.75	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.1	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	4	.500	0
23 Martin Vergara...	9.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	2.0	3	3	2	2	1	0	0	0	8	.375	0
49 John Axford.....	14.73	0-1	1	1	0	0/0	0	3.2	3	6	6	6	4	0	1	0	12	.250	2
Totals.....	2.74	2-2	4	4	0	1/1	1	42.2	39	18	13	18	32	2	1	2	152	.257	4
Opponents.....	2.51	2-2	4	4	1	0/0	1	43.0	36	16	12	16	28	3	0	2	154	.234	2

Errors - Macri 2, Sollmann, Sanchez, Gagne (.961 team fielding pct.). HB - Axford 2. PB - Team (1), Cody Rizzo 1. SBA/ATT - Javi Sanchez (8-9), Chris Niesel (3-3), M. Vergara (3-3), Ryan Kalita (2-3), Cody Rizzo (3-3), John Axford (2-2), Ryan Doherty (1-1).

NOTRE DAME 2003 SITUATIONAL HITTING VS. RUTGERS

	Reached as Leadoff	Runners In Scoring Position	With 2 Outs
Andres	1-of-4	1-for-3	0-for-1
Billmaier	3-of-7	0-for-5	2-for-3
Bransfield	0-of-0	2-for-4	2-for-3
Cooper	0-of-3	1-for-2	1-for-2
Edwards	2-of-2	1-for-2	0-for-5
Grogan	0-of-3	0-for-1	0-for-4
Lopez	0-of-4	0-for-5	1-for-5
Macri	0-of-2	2-for-6	3-for-8
Murray	0-of-0	0-for-0	0-for-1
Nettey	0-of-1	1-for-1	1-for-1
Rizzo	2-of-3	1-for-3	1-for-3
Sanchez	3-of-4	0-for-4	1-for-5
Sollmann	2-of-8	1-for-6	0-for-7
Thaman	2-of-2	0-for-0	0-for-1
ND Team Totals	15-of-43 (.349)	10-for-42 (.238)	10-for-52 (.192)
RU Team Totals	18-of-43 (.419)	7-for-44 (.159)	14-for-53 (.264)

ND-RU 2003 Series Inning-by-Inning Summary:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	EX	Total
Rutgers	2	1	1	3	2	1	2	2	1	3	18
Notre Dame	2	0	0	2	6	4	1	0	0	1	16

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23 DEFENDIS, Johnny.	.500	3-3	10	3	5	0	1	0	2	7	.700	4	0	1	0	.600	1	1	2-3
6 VASQUEZ, Alberto.	.500	3-3	10	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	.500	1	0	1	0	.545	0	0	0-0
13 ESPOSITO, Vinny..	.412	4-4	17	2	7	0	0	0	0	7	.412	3	0	7	0	.500	0	0	0-0
37 NORMANE, Steve...	.316	4-4	19	2	6	1	0	2	5	13	.684	0	0	3	2	.316	0	2	1-1
1 BIONDE, Mike.....	.300	4-4	10	1	3	0	0	0	2	3	.300	0	0	2	1	.300	0	1	1-1
28 WOLSKI, Matt.....	.235	4-4	17	2	4	0	0	0	0	4	.235	2	2	4	1	.381	0	0	2-2
33 GROSE, Jeff.....	.200	3-1	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.200	1	0	2	0	.333	0	1	0-0
15 GAYNOR, Colin....	.111	3-1	9	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	.222	1	0	1	0	.200	0	0	0-0
35 FRAZIER, Jeff....	.105	4-4	19	1	2	0	0	0	3	2	.105	1	0	1	0	.143	1	0	1-1
38 BADGER, Graig....	.105	4-4	19	2	2	0	0	0	2	2	.105	3	0	4	0	.217	1	0	3-3
12 CERULO, Nick.....	.091	4-4	11	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	.091	2	0	4	0	.231	0	3	1-1
7 RODRIGUEZ, Cory..	.333	3-0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.333	0	0	1	0	.333	0	0	0-0
5 GROVER, Jason....	.333	2-0	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	.333	0	0	1	0	.250	1	1	0-0
31 MOSKOWITZ, Lee...	.000	2-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0

Totals..... .257 4-4 152 18 39 2 1 2 15 49 .322 18 2 32 4 .335 4 9 11-12

Opponents..... .234 4-4 154 16 36 3 0 2 14 45 .292 16 4 28 3 .322 0 5 5-8

LOB - Team (39), Opp (34). DPs Turned - Team (3), Opp (4). IBB - Team (3), DEFENDIS 3, Opp (1).

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP
2 LILLIS, Chris....	0.00	1-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	6.0	4	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	20	.200	0
41 ATCHISON, Sean...	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	6.0	4	1	0	1	6	1	0	0	21	.190	0
44 DIAL, Erik.....	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	.167	0
47 KALB, Aaron.....	2.16	0-0	1	1	0	0/0	0	8.1	2	2	2	4	4	0	0	1	23	.087	0
9 EGBERT, Jack....	2.57	0-1	1	1	1	0/0	0	7.0	7	2	2	1	4	1	0	1	28	.250	0
22 PARKER, Shaun...	5.59	1-1	2	2	0	0/0	0	9.2	13	8	6	6	5	0	0	0	40	.325	1
21 DECHRISTOFANO, OJ	6.75	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	1	4.0	5	3	3	1	6	0	0	0	16	.312	1
Totals.....	2.51	2-2	4	4	1	0/0	1	43.0	36	16	12	16	28	3	0	2	154	.234	2
Opponents.....	2.74	2-2	4	4	0	1/1	1	42.2	39	18	13	18	32	2	1	2	152	.257	4

Errors - Parker 2, Grose, Frazier, Blonde, DeChristofano (.968 team fielding pct.). HB - Parker 3, Lillis.

PB - Team (0), Opp (1). SBA/ATT - VASQUEZ (3-5), KALB (1-3), PARKER (3-3), GAYNOR (2-3), LILLIS (1-1), ATCHISON (0-1).

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Cerulo	2-of-2	0-for-6	0-for-4
Defendis	1-of-2	0-for-1	2-for-4
Esposito	2-of-7	1-for-2	4-for-5
Frazier	1-of-4	1-for-5	0-for-7
Gaynor	2-of-3	0-for-7	0-for-4
Grose	1-of-2	0-for-1	1-for-2
Grover	1-of-1	0-for-0	0-for-1
Normane	1-of-1	1-for-5	4-for-8
Rodriguez	0-of-0	0-for-1	0-for-0
Vasquez	4-of-6	0-for-2	1-for-3
Wolski	0-of-5	0-for-2	1-for-5
RU Team Totals	18-of-43 (.419)	7-for-44 (.159)	14-for-53 (.264)
ND Team Totals	15-of-47 (.319)	10-for-42 (.238)	10-for-52 (.192)

ND vs. Chris Lillis (2 GP, both in '03)

Macri (1-for-2) - 1B-LC/RBI, IBB ... 6-3

Lopez (0-for-2) - F-7, KS

Grogan (0-for-2) - 6-3 MI, 3U

Billmaier (0-for-3) - P-4 RC, 4U-3 GDP ... 4-3

Cooper - SB (pinh-run) ... FC

Murray - F-9 (pinch-hit)

Sanchez (0-for-2) - 6-3, FC

Sollmann (2-for-3) - 6-3, 2B-RC (9-4-5) ... 1B-MI

Thaman (1-for-3) - 4-3, 1B-RC ... 3-6-3 GDP

Andres - BB

Rizzo - F-9 RL

Bransfield - KL

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Cory Rodriguez: .375 (6-for-16), 4 GS, 2 R, 4 RBI, HR, 2B, 2 Ks

Nick Cerulo: .350 (7-for-20), 6 GS, 4 R, 3B, 2 BB, 4 Ks, 3 Es

Steve Normane: .333 (7-for-21), 6 GS, 2 R, 7 RBI, 2B, 5 BB, 2 Ks

Jeff Frazier: .217 (5-for-23), 6 GS, 4 R, 4 RBI, HR, 2 BB, HBP, 7 Ks, 0-1 SB, 2 Es

Vinny Esposito: .182 (2-for-11), 5 GP/3 GS, 2B, 4 BB, 6 Ks, 1-1 SB

Alberto Vasquez: .125 (1-for-8), 3 GP/2 GS, R, BB, 4 Ks, E

Graig Badger: .105 (2-for-19), 5 GS, 2 R, 4 BB, 5 Ks, E

Rich Canuso: 0-for-1

Jamell Rosario: 2 GP

Jason Grover: 1 GP

NOTRE DAME BASEBALL – By The Numbers

3,238.....	Notre Dame’s all-time varsity baseball games
728.....	Paul Mainieri’s career coaching wins in 21 overall seasons
515.....	Total pitches in the 19-inning ND-RU game
422.....	Innings caught by Javi Sanchez in 2003 (of 500, or 84.4%)
396.....	Paul Mainieri’s career wins in nine seasons at Notre Dame
.368.....	Steve Sollmann’s career batting avg. (5th in ND history)
141-46	Notre Dame’s combined record during the past three seasons
89.....	Combined error-free games by middle-IFs Sollmann and Macri in ‘03
80.....	ND baseball seasons with a winning record (of 111)
25.....	Cody Rizzo’s times hit-by-pitch in 2003 (15th in NCAA history)
20.....	Irish “Big wins” in 2003 (by 5-plus runs)
19.....	Home states represented on ND’s 2003 roster
17.....	Winning streak posted by Irish in 2003 (2nd in ND history)
15.....	ND’s streak of consecutive 40-win seasons (3rd-longest active)
11-4	Combined postseason record by the Irish in 2002 and ‘03
9-1	ND’s 2003 record in 1-run games
8.....	ND’s BIG EAST Tournament appearances (in 8 seasons)
5-1	Won-loss record by the Irish in last six BET games.
5.....	Position starters lost to graduation and draft from the ‘02 CWS team
5.....	Irish players who have started in CF this season (just 1 from ‘99-‘02)
3.37.....	Current team ERA
3.....	Teams in national ERA top-20 each of last 4 yrs (ND, Texas, Rice)
1.....	Teams that have won back-to-back BIG EAST titles (SJU, ‘84-‘85)

Overall Statistics for Notre Dame (as of May 24, 2003)
 (All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 42-15 Home: 23-5 Away: 9-8 Neutral: 10-2 BIG EAST: 16-7

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
3 Steve Sollmann...	.379	55-55	227	62	86	16	5	4	37	124	.546	22	1	20	1	.434	1	4	33-41	102	162	7	.974
14 Matt Edwards.....	.376	56-56	205	36	77	15	1	8	61	118	.576	21	4	33	6	.436	4	0	2-5	255	58	6	.981
17 Cody Rizzo.....	.322	52-50	171	47	55	9	1	4	38	78	.456	8	25	30	6	.425	3	1	1-2	100	8	3	.973
12 Matt Bransfield...	.317	29-14	63	12	20	3	0	0	10	23	.365	3	3	16	1	.366	2	1	0-0	21	3	0	1.000
13 Brennan Grogan...	.308	50-47	169	39	52	3	5	0	23	65	.385	15	2	12	3	.369	1	12	15-21	59	2	1	.984
5 Matt Macri.....	.302	54-54	192	37	58	15	5	3	29	92	.479	25	5	41	1	.396	0	5	6-9	70	165	16	.936
9 Craig Cooper.....	.301	41-28	113	21	34	5	2	0	15	43	.381	13	3	22	3	.388	0	1	10-13	34	4	1	.974
15 Javi Sanchez.....	.281	52-51	178	36	50	12	1	1	20	67	.376	19	6	15	1	.368	1	4	5-6	353	42	8	.980
8 Kris Billmaier...	.261	57-56	211	36	55	15	1	4	38	84	.398	22	4	22	6	.333	6	6	1-2	114	4	1	.992
21 Joe Thaman.....	.258	39-22	97	7	25	5	1	0	17	32	.330	4	1	26	3	.294	0	5	0-0	272	14	1	.997
36 Steve Andres.....	.256	37-26	86	22	22	1	2	4	19	39	.453	16	8	21	3	.407	3	0	1-2	43	2	1	.978
4 Greg Lopez.....	.254	46-40	130	17	33	1	0	0	26	34	.262	4	4	21	5	.293	2	8	1-5	19	67	8	.915
25 x-Mike Holba.....	.429	9-0	7	0	3	0	0	0	1	3	.429	2	0	0	0	.556	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
2 Tim Murray.....	.286	20-5	28	4	8	1	0	0	5	9	.321	0	0	7	1	.276	1	0	0-0	7	14	3	.875
7 x-Zach Sisko.....	.286	10-0	7	0	2	1	0	0	2	3	.429	3	0	2	0	.500	0	0	0-0	0	3	1	.750
16 Alex Nettley.....	.239	26-9	46	11	11	2	0	0	3	13	.283	3	1	9	1	.300	0	1	2-2	24	0	0	1.000
23 Martin Vergara...	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	1	1	0	1.000
27 x-Sam Richey.....	.000	1-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Totals.....	.306	57-57	1931	388	591	104	24	28	344	827	.428	181	67	297	41	.381	24	48	77-108	1500	628	63	.971
Opponents.....	.244	57-57	1865	238	455	79	12	27	206	639	.343	186	34	440	37	.321	17	41	72-93	1437	614	111	.949

LOB - Team (427), Opp (405). DPs turned - Team (49), Opp (48). CI - Team (0), Opp (1). IBB - Team (9), K. Billmaier 3, Matt Macri 2, Javi Sanchez 2, S. Sollmann 2, Opp (11). Picked off - B. Grogan 3, Matt Macri 2, Matt Edwards 2, S. Sollmann 2, Cody Rizzo 1, Craig Cooper 1, Javi Sanchez 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
45 Brandon Vitoria..	0.86	1-0	18	0	0	0/0	2	21.0	15	3	2	4	17	5	0	0	73	.205	0	0	0	1	2
30 Tom Thornton.....	1.84	5-1	14	8	0	0/0	0	53.2	53	18	11	14	29	15	0	0	198	.268	3	6	0	2	7
47 Ryan Doherty.....	1.93	2-0	14	1	0	0/0	1	23.1	18	10	5	7	40	1	0	1	86	.209	1	2	0	2	0
46 J.P. Gagne.....	2.01	4-4	27	1	0	0/1	12	58.1	49	23	13	20	45	5	0	2	217	.226	3	0	1	0	6
10 Chris Niesel.....	2.69	9-1	14	14	3	1/1	0	90.1	80	31	27	15	82	14	2	2	343	.233	5	3	0	1	7
32 Ryan Kalita.....	3.29	6-1	12	11	0	0/0	0	68.1	62	30	25	26	56	10	0	5	251	.247	5	6	1	1	9
49 John Axford.....	3.93	9-3	13	13	0	0/0	0	68.2	58	32	30	43	66	10	5	3	245	.237	13	5	1	1	5
23 Martin Vergara...	4.72	1-0	10	2	0	0/0	1	26.2	25	19	14	20	22	4	2	2	103	.243	2	4	0	1	0
20 Peter Ogilvie....	5.52	2-3	7	6	0	0/0	0	29.1	29	22	18	14	26	5	0	4	111	.261	1	4	0	1	0
37 Matt Laird.....	5.55	1-1	18	0	0	0/0	1	35.2	30	25	22	16	35	3	0	5	129	.233	5	2	0	5	5
24 x-Matt Arminio...	0.00	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	2.1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	7	.000	0	0	0	0	0
38 Tyler Jones.....	6.61	2-1	11	1	0	0/0	0	16.1	22	15	12	2	14	3	1	2	71	.310	1	2	0	1	0
29 x-Cody Wilkins...	9.00	0-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	4.0	10	6	4	1	5	3	2	1	20	.500	0	0	0	1	0
33 x-Scott Bickford.	18.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	2.0	4	4	4	3	2	1	0	0	11	.364	1	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	3.37	42-15	57	57	3	2/1	17	500.0	455	238	187	186	440	79	12	27	1865	.244	40	34	3	17	41
Opponents.....	6.03	15-42	57	57	4	0/0	5	479.0	591	388	321	181	297	104	24	28	1931	.306	46	67	8	24	48

PB - Team (20), Javi Sanchez 15, Cody Rizzo 3, Steve Andres 2, Opp (12). Pickoffs - Team (7), John Axford 3, Tom Thornton 2, Ryan Doherty 1, Javi Sanchez 1, Opp (12). SBA/ATT - Javi Sanchez (52-68), John Axford (15-19), Ryan Kalita (10-18), Chris Niesel (14-15), Tom Thornton (9-12), Cody Rizzo (10-11), Steve Andres (9-9), P. Ogilvie (6-8), M. Vergara (6-6), J.P. Gagne (4-5), Ryan Doherty (3-4), Matt Laird (2-2), Tyler Jones (2-2), B. Vitoria (0-1), Matt Arminio (1-1).

x-inactive player

BATTING ANALYSIS for Notre Dame (as of May 24, 2003)

Table with 20 columns: Player, vs Left (H, AB, Avg), vs Right (H, AB, Avg), w/Runners On (H, AB, Avg), w/Bases Empty (H, AB, Avg), w/Bases Loaded (H, AB, Avg), Rch as Leadoff (Rch, Ops, Pct), Fly Out, Gnd Out, Fly/Gnd.

Table with 20 columns: Player, Pinch Hitting (H, AB, Avg), In Scoring Pos (H, AB, Avg), w/Rnr on 3rd And LT 2 Out (RBI, Ops, Pct), With 2 Out (H, AB, Avg), 2-Out (RBI, Adv, Ops, Pct), Success Advancing Rnrs (Adv, Ops, Pct), #Rnrs Adv Rnrs (w/Out, LOB, Err), Rch (FC, KL).

PITCHING ANALYSIS for Notre Dame (as of May 24, 2003)

Table with 20 columns: Player, vs Left (H, AB, Avg), vs Right (H, AB, Avg), w/Runners On (H, AB, Avg), w/Bases Empty (H, AB, Avg), Rch by Leadoff (Rch, Ops, Pct), with 2 Outs (H, AB, Avg), Fly Out, Gnd Out, Fly/Gnd.

Table with 20 columns: Player, App-GS, IP/App, *H/g, *R/g, *ER/g, *BB/g, *SO/g, K/BB Ratio, *2B/g, *3B/g, *HR/g, *FO/g, *GO/g, *BF/g, Stolen Bases (SBA, ATT, Pct).

* average based on 9-inning game

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Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT
15 Javi Sanchez.....	1.000	2-2	3	3	3	2	0	0	1	5	1.667	3	0	0	0	1.000	0	3	0-0
17 Cody Rizzo.....	.714	2-2	7	3	5	0	0	0	4	5	.714	0	2	0	0	.778	0	0	0-0
13 Brennan Grogan...	.600	1-1	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	3	.600	0	0	0	0	.600	0	0	1-2
3 Steve Sollmann...	.545	2-2	11	2	6	0	0	0	1	6	.545	0	0	1	0	.545	0	0	2-2
12 Matt Bransfield..	.500	1-1	4	1	2	0	0	0	1	2	.500	1	0	1	0	.600	0	0	0-0
14 Matt Edwards.....	.444	2-2	9	2	4	0	0	0	1	4	.444	0	0	2	0	.444	0	0	0-0
36 Steve Andres.....	.333	1-1	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	.333	1	0	1	0	.400	1	0	0-0
9 Craig Cooper.....	.250	1-1	4	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	.250	0	1	0	0	.400	0	0	1-1
4 Greg Lopez.....	.250	2-1	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	.250	0	0	2	0	.250	0	0	0-0
8 Kris Billmaier...	.200	2-2	10	1	2	0	0	0	1	2	.200	0	0	0	0	.200	0	0	0-0
21 Joe Thaman.....	.167	2-1	6	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	.167	0	0	2	1	.167	0	0	0-0
5 Matt Macri.....	.125	2-2	8	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	.125	2	0	2	1	.300	0	0	0-0

16 Alex Nettey.....	.000	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0
Totals.....	.405	2-2	74	18	30	2	0	0	14	32	.432	7	3	11	2	.471	1	3	4-5
Opponents.....	.221	2-2	68	4	15	1	0	1	4	19	.279	3	0	22	3	.254	0	0	0-0

LOB - Team (19), Opp (13). DPs turned - Team (3), Opp (2).

(Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP
32 Ryan Kalita.....	0.00	1-0	1	1	0	0/0	0	7.0	7	1	0	1	6	0	0	0	27	.259	0	0
47 Ryan Doherty.....	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	2.0	1	2	0	1	5	0	0	1	8	.125	0	0
30 Tom Thornton.....	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	2.0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	7	.143	0	0
46 J.P. Gagne.....	1.29	1-0	1	1	0	0/0	0	7.0	6	1	1	1	9	1	0	0	26	.231	0	0
Totals.....	0.50	2-0	2	2	0	0/0	0	18.0	15	4	1	3	22	1	0	1	68	.221	0	0
Opponents.....	7.41	0-2	2	2	0	0/0	0	17.0	30	18	14	7	11	2	0	0	74	.405	6	3

PB - Team (0), Opp (1).

Analysis Statistics for Notre Dame (as of May 24, 2003)

Player	Overall ab/ Avg	Avg vs Left	Avg vs Right	w/Bases Empty	w/Runners On Base	w/Bases Loaded	Avg With 2 Outs	Runners In Score Pos	%Reached Leadoff	RBI w/3rd & LT 2out
15 Javi Sanchez.....	3/1.000	0/ ---	3/1.000	2/1.000	1/1.000	0/ ---	2/1.000	1/1.000	2/1.000	1/1.000
17 Cody Rizzo.....	7/ .714	2/1.000	5/ .600	4/ .750	3/ .667	2/1.000	3/ .667	2/1.000	2/1.000	1/1.000
13 Brennan Grogan...	5/ .600	0/ ---	5/ .600	1/1.000	4/ .500	0/ ---	0/ ---	1/ .000	0/ ---	0/ ---
3 Steve Sollmann...	11/ .545	3/ .333	8/ .625	6/ .833	5/ .200	0/ ---	3/ .000	4/ .250	4/ .750	1/1.000
12 Matt Bransfield..	4/ .500	2/1.000	2/ .000	2/ .000	2/1.000	0/ ---	1/1.000	2/1.000	0/ ---	0/ ---
14 Matt Edwards.....	9/ .444	3/ .667	6/ .333	3/ .667	6/ .333	0/ ---	4/ .250	5/ .400	2/ .500	0/ ---
36 Steve Andres.....	3/ .333	0/ ---	3/ .333	0/ ---	3/ .333	0/ ---	0/ ---	2/ .000	0/ ---	1/1.000
9 Craig Cooper.....	4/ .250	2/ .000	2/ .500	1/ .000	3/ .333	0/ ---	2/ .500	2/ .500	1/ .000	0/ ---
4 Greg Lopez.....	4/ .250	2/ .000	2/ .500	1/1.000	3/ .000	1/ .000	1/ .000	3/ .000	0/ ---	0/ ---
8 Kris Billmaier...	10/ .200	3/ .333	7/ .143	5/ .200	5/ .200	1/ .000	1/ .000	2/ .000	4/ .000	2/ .500
21 Joe Thaman.....	6/ .167	0/ ---	6/ .167	1/ .000	5/ .200	0/ ---	2/ .500	3/ .333	1/ .000	1/ .000
5 Matt Macri.....	8/ .125	2/ .000	6/ .167	5/ .200	3/ .000	1/ .000	3/ .333	1/ .000	1/ .000	2/ .500
Totals.....	74/ .405	19/ .421	55/ .400	31/ .516	43/ .326	5/ .400	22/ .409	28/ .357	17/ .471	9/ .667
Opponents.....	68/ .221	7/ .143	61/ .230	43/ .186	25/ .280	0/ ---	20/ .250	11/ .273	18/ .222	3/ .667

2 out RBIs - Team (7), Cody Rizzo 2, Matt Edwards 1, Bransfield 1, Craig Cooper 1, Matt Macri 1, Joe Thaman 1, Opp (2).

Player	BF	ab/Opp	Avg	vs Left	vs Right	vs Leadoff	2 Outs	Runners	SB-SBA	Gnd	Fly	BB/g	SO/g	SO/BB
32 Ryan Kalita.....	28	27/	.259	6/ .333	21/ .238	7/ .286	7/ .286	12/ .250	0-0	10	3	1.3	7.7	6.0
47 Ryan Doherty.....	9	8/	.125	3/ .000	5/ .200	2/ .000	3/ .333	3/ .333	0-0	0	1	4.5	22.5	5.0
30 Tom Thornton.....	7	7/	.143	3/ .000	4/ .250	2/ .000	3/ .333	1/ .000	0-0	2	2	0.0	9.0	99.0
46 J.P. Gagne.....	27	26/	.231	11/ .273	15/ .200	7/ .286	7/ .143	9/ .333	0-0	5	6	1.3	11.6	9.0
Totals.....	71	68/	.221	23/ .217	45/ .222	18/ .222	20/ .250	25/ .280	0-0	17	12	1.5	11.0	7.3
Opponents.....	88	74/	.405	14/ .357	60/ .417	17/ .471	22/ .409	43/ .326	4-5	18	16	3.7	5.8	1.6