

2000 UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME VOLLEYBALL

October 23, 2000

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2000 NOTRE DAME SCHEDULE		
Shamrock Invitational (Notre Dame, Ind.)		
9/1	#15 BYU vs. Clemson	BYU, 3-0
9/1	Fairfield	W, 3-0
9/2	Clemson vs. Fairfield	Fair., 3-0
9/2	#15 BYU	W, 3-2
9/3	Clemson	W, 3-0
adidas Invitational (Notre Dame, Ind.)		
9/8	#16 Michigan St. vs. #3 UCLA	UCLA, 3-1
9/8	#4 Nebraska	L, 0-3
9/9	#4 Nebraska vs. #16 Michigan St.	Neb., 3-0
9/9	#3 UCLA	L, 0-3
9/10	#3 UCLA vs. #4 Nebraska	Neb., 3-2
9/10	#16 Michigan State	L, 2-3
9/12	at Valparaiso	W, 3-0
Lady Seminole Classic (Tallahassee, Fla.)		
9/15	vs. Florida A&M	W, 3-0
9/15	at Florida State	W, 3-1
9/16	vs. Samford	W, 3-0
9/21	#22 Loyola Mary. (LMU)	W, 3-1
Golden Dome Invitational (Notre Dame, Ind.)		
9/22	#7 Colo. St. vs. #22 LMU	CSU, 3-0
9/22	Wyoming	W, 3-0
9/23	#22 LMU vs. Wyoming	LMU, 3-0
9/23	#7 Colorado State	L, 0-3
9/29	Villanova*	W, 3-0
10/1	Georgetown*	W, 3-0
10/7	at West Virginia*	W, 3-0
10/8	at Pittsburgh*	W, 3-1
10/11	at Illinois State	W, 3-0
10/18	at Michigan	L, 0-3
10/20	Rutgers*	W, 3-0
10/22	Seton Hall*	W, 3-0
10/28	at St. John's*	2:00 p.m.
10/29	at Connecticut*	2:00 p.m.
11/3	Boston College*	7:00 p.m.
11/4	North Carolina	7:00 p.m.
11/5	Providence*	2:00 p.m.
11/7	St. Louis	7:00 p.m.
11/11	at Syracuse*	1:00 p.m.
BIG EAST Championship (Notre Dame, Ind.)		
11/18	Semifinals	1:00, 3:30 p.m.
11/19	Finals	2:00 p.m.
11/24	at #4 USC	6:00 p.m.
NCAA Championship (Semifinals/Finals in Richmond, Va.)		
11/30 - 12/16 2000 NCAA Volleyball Tournament		
Home matches in bold All times local to site		
* indicates BIG EAST Conference Matches		

WHO: Notre Dame, St. John's and Connecticut.

WHAT: The continuation of the 2000 BIG EAST volleyball schedule.

WHERE: Alumni Hall, Jamaica, N.Y., and Gampel Pavilion, Storrs, Conn.

WHEN: #24 Notre Dame at St. John's, Saturday, Oct. 28, 2:00 p.m.

#24 Notre Dame at Connecticut, Sunday, Oct. 29, 2:00 p.m.

Irish Resume Drive For Fifth BIG EAST Regular-Season Title With Two Conference Road

Matches: The Notre Dame Volleyball team (16-5, 6-0 in BIG EAST) heads east for its third and fourth conference road games of the season at St. John's and Connecticut this weekend (Oct. 28-29). The Irish have lost just one game on the road this season (0-3 at Michigan, Oct. 18) and since Notre Dame joined the BIG EAST in 1995, it is 28-2 on the road in regular-season conference matches.

Scouting the Red Storm: St. John's is 20-6 in 2000 and 4-2 in the BIG EAST ... the Red Storm is 4-2 in Alumni Hall this season ... Notre Dame has won all five previous meetings in the series ... Olga Roudovski leads the St. John's offense with 423 kills (4.70 per game) and also has 298 digs ... Irish junior opposite **Kristy Kreher (Birmingham, Mich.)** had 16 kills and nine digs in the '99 Irish-Red Storm matchup ... St. John's will be looking to rebound from a three-game loss at Pittsburgh, Oct. 22.

Scouting the Huskies: UConn is 13-9 in 2000 and are 4-2 in the BIG EAST ... the Huskies are 8-2 in Gampel Pavilion this season ... Notre Dame leads the series 5-1, but the rivalry has heated up over the last two seasons ... UConn handed the Irish their first BIG EAST conference loss in 1998 in a five-game match ... Notre Dame avenged the loss in another five-game match in the 1998 BIG EAST volleyball tournament championship match ... the Irish swept the Huskies 3-0 in '99 ... **Kristy Kreher** had 15 kills on .700 hitting in the match last year ... Stephanie Schindel has been the Huskie stand-out this season, posting 278 kills and 254 digs ... UConn will face Yale, Wednesday, Oct. 25, and Syracuse, Saturday, Oct. 28, before facing the Irish on Sunday, Oct. 29.

Seton Hall Recap: Notre Dame improved to 6-0 in the BIG EAST with a three-game victory (15-4, 15-9, 15-13) over conference foe Seton Hall, Sunday afternoon at the Joyce Center. Irish head coach Debbie Brown employed her whole roster in the victory as 12 Notre Dame players notched at least one kill in the match. Senior co-captain **Christi Girton (Muncie, Ind.)** led the Irish offense with nine kills in two games, while junior **Kristy Kreher** totaled seven kills and three blocks in two games as well.

2000 NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

2	Denise Boylan***	Sr.	S	6-1	Lisle, IL	Benet Academy
3	Malinda Goralski**	Jr.	MB	6-1	Missouri City, TX	Clements
4	Kristy Kreher**	Jr.	OPP	6-1	Birmingham, MI	Marian
5	Jessica Kinder	Fr.	OH	5-10	Fresno, CA	Bullard
6	Marcie Bomhack**	Jr.	OH	6-0	Waukesha, WI	Catholic Memorial
7	Christi Girton***	Sr.	OH	6-3	Muncie, IN	Muncie Central
8	Kristen Kinder	Fr.	S	5-9	Fresno, CA	Bullard
9	Jo Jameyson***	Sr.	MB/OH	6-1	Alvin, TX	Alvin
10	Kim Fletcher	Fr.	MB	6-0	St. Louis, MO	Nerinx Hall
11	Keara Coughlin*	So.	DS/OH	5-8	Chicago, IL	Marian Catholic
12	Adrienne Shimmel***	Sr.	DS/OH	5-10	Mission Viejo, CA	Capistrano Valley
13	Christa Moen	Fr.	DS	5-4	San Antonio, TX	Oliver Wendell Holmes
14	Janie Alderete*	So.	DS	5-4	Santa Clara, CA	Archbishop Mitty
15	Katie Neff	Fr.	MB	6-4	St. Louis, MO	Cor Jesu Academy
16	Michelle Graham**	Sr.	S/DS	5-8	Austin, TX	Austin

* - denotes monograms earned

Head Coach: Debbie Brown (Arizona State, '82, 10th season at Notre Dame)

Assistant Coaches: Steve Hendricks (Ball State, '90), Lindsay Rosenthal (Notre Dame, '98)

AVCA/USA Today
Top 25 Poll
October 23, 2000

Rk	School ('00 record)	Points (1st)
1.	Nebraska (19-0)	1490 (50)
2.	Hawaii (18-0)	1449 (10)
3.	Colorado State (22-1)	1375
4.	USC (16-1)	1294
5.	Arizona (17-2)	1248
6.	Wisconsin (19-2)	1175
7.	Minnesota (20-1)	1156
8.	UCLA (14-5)	1066
9.	Pepperdine (18-3)	1036
10.	Florida (17-3)	941
11.	Penn State (18-4)	876
12.	Pacific (16-3)	837
13.	Ohio State (18-2)	814
14.	UC Santa Barbara (15-5)	751
15.	Santa Clara (18-2)	660
16.	BYU (15-6)	576
17.	Stanford (11-8)	497
18.	Long Beach State (14-6)	450
19.	Utah State (17-5)	392
20.	Utah (16-4)	344
21.	Texas A&M (13-5)	255
22.	Loyola Marymount (15-5)	215
23.	Michigan State (12-7)	188
24.	NOTRE DAME (16-5)	152
25.	Missouri (17-3)	99

Others receiving 30 or more points: Kansas State

Italics = 2000 Notre Dame opponents

Volleyball Magazine Poll
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Rk	School	2000 Record
1.	Hawaii	18-0
2.	Nebraska	19-0
3.	Colorado State	22-1
4.	Arizona	17-2
5.	USC	16-1
6.	Wisconsin	19-2
7.	Minnesota	20-1
8.	Penn State	18-4
9.	Pacific	16-3
10.	Florida	17-3
11.	UCLA	14-5
12.	Pepperdine	18-3
13.	Ohio State	18-2
14.	UC Santa Barbara	15-5
15.	Stanford	11-8
16.	Long Beach State	14-6
17.	Santa Clara	18-2
18.	BYU	15-6
19.	Utah	16-4
20.	Kansas State	14-5

Others: Utah State, NOTRE DAME, Michigan State, Texas Tech, Loyola Marymount, North Carolina, Baylor, Michigan, Arizona State, Missouri.

Notre Dame controlled the first game of the contest and scored most of its points off of Seton Hall errors. The Irish defense would total 11 blocks in the match, including six from **Malinda Goralski** (Missouri City, Texas) and four from freshman **Katie Neff** (St. Louis, Mo.), who started the first match of her career against the Pirates. As the Irish controlled the net, Seton Hall struggled offensively and would end up hitting .000 in the match (30 kills, 30 errors, 104 attempts).

Seton Hall did mount a charge in the third game, but three kills from Irish freshman **Kim Fletcher** (St. Louis, Mo.), along with five kills by Kreher, sealed the match victory for Notre Dame.

Kreher is On a Tear: Junior opposite **Kristy Kreher** has asserted herself as one of the top players in the BIG EAST conference and the nation in 2000. The Birmingham, Mich., native leads the team in kills (276), digs (174) and attack attempts (576) while posting a .332 hitting percentage.

Kreher has five 20-plus kill matches this season, four of which came versus ranked teams (23 vs. #15 BYU, 21 vs. #16 Michigan State, 32 vs. #22 Loyola Marymount and 22 at Pittsburgh). She ranks third in the BIG EAST in hitting percentage and fifth in the conference in kills per game (4.31).

The numbers keep stacking up for the Irish hitter. Her 32 kills against in the four-game match vs. #22 Loyola Marymount set a school record and she also posted a career-best 27 digs in the contest. In 14 matches this season, she has posted a hitting percentage over .320, including a .565 mark at Michigan and a .579 mark at West Virginia.

Twenty Years in the Making: The Notre Dame volleyball team is celebrating its first 20 years of varsity status this season. One of the university's first varsity sports for women founded in 1980, the volleyball program is one of the most successful in school history. The victory over Rutgers on Friday, Oct. 20, was the 600th Notre Dame volleyball match. Of the 601 matches the Irish have played, they have been victorious in 420 of them for an impressive .700 winning percentage.

Girton Named Co-BIG EAST Player of the Week Two Consecutive Times In 2000: For the second time in as many weeks on Oct. 2, **Christi Girton** was named Co-BIG EAST Player of the Week. She led the team in kills in both BIG EAST match victories last weekend. Against Villanova, Girton had eight kills on 10 attempts with one error (.700), playing in just two games against the Wildcats. She also led the Irish in kills with 16 against Georgetown, adding nine digs and four blocks. Girton ended up hitting .354 in the two matches this week with 24 total kills (4.8 per game).

Girton had previously been named the Co-BIG EAST Player of the Week for her performance against Loyola Marymount, Wyoming and Colorado State, Sept. 21-23. In the three matches that week, Girton tallied 49 kills (5.44 per game), 34 digs (3.77 per game) and a .318 hitting percentage. She notched 23 kills in Notre Dame's upset win over #22 Loyola Marymount. In the Irish sweep of Wyoming, she played in only two games recording 10 kills and five digs. She also earned a spot on the Golden Dome Invitational All-Tournament Team with her solid play.

Girton becomes the second Irish player to earn player of the week honors this season. **Denise Boylan** (Lisle, Ill.) was given the honor on Sept. 4.

Head Coach Debbie Brown: Now entering her 10th season as head coach, **Debbie Brown** has led the Notre Dame volleyball team to victory in nearly 75 percent of its matches, going 244-85 (.742) since she joined the program in 1991. That success came after six years as head coach at Arizona State (1983-88), giving her a 360-168 record over 15 seasons.

Brown has coached teams that have qualified for the NCAA tournament 13 times and have won nine conference championships. The Irish have won four of five regular-season conference titles since they began BIG EAST play in 1995 and also have won four of five BIG EAST tournament titles. An NCAA berth at the end of the 2000 season would give **Brown** her 14th consecutive post-season coaching opportunity.

Milestone: With her 16-kill effort against Georgetown on Oct. 1, senior **Christi Girton** surpassed the 1,000-kill plateau for her career. Girton currently has 1,089 career kills. She becomes the 11th Irish player to surpass 1,000 kills in a career.

Boylan Earns Player of the Week Honors: Senior setter **Denise Boylan** was named the BIG EAST Player of the Week on Monday, Sept. 4, for her performance during the Shamrock Invitational (Sept. 1-3). She led the team to three victories, including a come-from-behind upset over #15 BYU. **Boylan's** statistics over the course of the Shamrock tournament: 136 assists (12.36 apg), 27 digs, 10 blocks, 10 kills and five aces.

Preseason Honors: Notre Dame senior setter **Denise Boylan** was chosen as the BIG EAST preseason player of the year on Aug. 8. Boylan earned first-team all-BIG EAST honors in 1999 after leading the Irish with 1,132 assists and 35 aces. Her career marks of 3,291 assists and 11.84 assist per game average are both second in school history.

Boylan was joined on the preseason all-BIG EAST team by fellow senior **Christi Girton**. **Girton** had previously earned second team all-

Probable Notre Dame Starters

Setter

Denise Boylan, Sr. 6-1 (Lisle, Ill.)

Outside Hitters

Marcie Bomhack, Jr., 6-0
(Waukesha, Wis.)

Christi Girton, Sr., 6-3
(Muncie, Ind.)

Opposite

Kristy Kreher, Jr., 6-1
(Birmingham, Mich.)

Middle Blockers

Jo Jameyson, Sr., 6-1
(Alvin, Texas)

Malinda Goralski, Jr., 6-1
(Missouri City, Texas)

Defensive Specialists

Janie Alderete, So., 5-4
(Santa Clara, Calif.)

Keara Coughlin, So., 5-7
(Chicago, Ill.)

Notre Dame Sports Information

Publicity for Notre Dame volleyball is coordinated by sports information assistant Alan Wasielewski. Photographs, statistics and feature ideas are available to the media by contacting Wasielewski at (219) 631-3397. Requests to interview student-athletes should be arranged through the SID office and should be made at least 24 hours in advance.

Media may contact head coach Debbie Brown directly on weekdays at (219) 631-6307. Credentials for home games can be obtained by calling Wasielewski.

Come Join the Fun at the Joyce Center

The Notre Dame Promotions Department is supporting a number of new, exciting, and educational promotional events at the Notre Dame volleyball matches in 2000.

The Irish will play host to Boston College and 'Breast Cancer Awareness Night' Friday, Nov. 3, at 7:00 p.m. Fans will receive free admission by wearing a National Breast Cancer Awareness ribbon, which can be obtained by donating three dollars at the Joyce Center gate. All proceeds will benefit the Alumni Association's Awareness of Breast Cancer Program. For more information, call 219-631-8393.

Sunday, Nov. 5, when the Irish take on Providence, it will be 'Cash-Back for School Night'. Fans can earn 1,000 points for local schools in the Cash Back for Schools program by redeeming their tickets at Scottsdale Mall.

BIG EAST accolades after the 1998 and 1999 seasons. She led the team in kills (333) and digs (201) last season and ranks 10th on the career hitting percentage list with a .254 mark.

Top Hitters Return: Even after the loss of Mary Leffers, the top career percentage hitter in school history, Notre Dame boasts two of its top all-time ball strikers on its 2000 roster.

Kristy Kreher put together one of the best hitting percentage seasons ever in 1999, recording 272 kills on 592 attempts with only 85 errors (.316 percentage). **Kreher** has moved up the career charts as well, ranking second in hitting percentage with a .294 mark entering the 2000 season. In 21 matches this season, she has a .332 percentage (276 kills, 85 errors on 576 attempts).

Senior **Christi Girton** also had an impressive 1999 season with 333 kills and just 111 errors for a .302 mark, which is tied for the 10th-best season mark in Irish history. **Girton** boasts a .265 percentage in 2000 (249 kills, 97 errors on 574 attempts).

Home Court Advantage To Be Tested: The Irish continued their traditional success at home in 1999 with a 10-2 Joyce Center record. Notre Dame is 165-64 all-time in the Joyce Center and the Debbie Brown era (1991-current) is even better. Since 1991, Notre Dame has won 113 of 133 home matches for a stellar .849 winning percentage.

These numbers are being challenged in 2000 as the Irish have played #1 Nebraska, #4 Colorado State, #7 UCLA, #15 BYU #17 Michigan State and #22 Loyola Marymount in the first four weeks of the 2000 season. Notre Dame also will play host the 2000 BIG EAST volleyball championship Nov. 18-19.

A Highly-Rated Group of Freshmen: The class of 2004 that features **Kim Fletcher**, **Jessica Kinder**, **Kristen Kinder** (Fresno, Calif.), **Katie Neff** and **Christa Moen** (San Antonio, Texas) was ranked the ninth-best recruiting class in the nation by *Volleyball Magazine*. **Fletcher** and **Kristen Kinder** were members of *Volleyball Magazine's* "Fab 50" list of the top senior high school volleyball players in the country.

Freshmen Contribute Early in the Season: The 2000 freshmen class has made some significant contributions in the first seven matches of the year. OH **Jessica Kinder** and MB **Kim Fletcher** have been in and out of the rotation for the Irish in the first five weeks of the season. **Fletcher** has played in 38 of the 70 games this season, scoring 52 kills, 24 digs and 24 blocks. **Jessica Kinder** has come off the bench with an effective jump-serve to score 11 aces and also has 34 kills and 59 digs.

MB **Katie Neff** and S **Kristen Kinder** were in the starting lineup of the third game versus Valparaiso and Villanova. **Kristen Kinder** set the Irish to a .409 hitting percentage in the de-

2000 BIG EAST Standings (Oct. 23)

Standings	'00 Overall	BE
1. Notre Dame	16-5	6-0
2. St. John's	20-6	4-2
3. Rutgers	17-6	4-2
4. Pittsburgh	18-8	4-2
5. Georgetown	14-8	4-2
6. Connecticut	13-9	4-2
7. Syracuse	18-8	3-3
8. Providence	16-9	2-4
9. West Virginia	8-12	2-4
10. Boston College	8-14	2-4
11. Villanova	8-15	1-5
12. Seton Hall	7-16	0-6

2000 Preseason All-BIG EAST Team

Denise Boylan, Notre Dame
Christi Girton, Notre Dame
 Dama Fiume, Syracuse
 Kiran Gill, Georgetown
 Sarah Katinger, Providence
 Yulia Vtyurina, Georgetown

Preseason Player of the Year Denise Boylan, Notre Dame



cisive game against Valparaiso and added three kills. **Neff** had two kills and a block in the game versus the Crusaders. **Kristen Kinder** also saw action in the Florida A&M and Seton hall matches, playing two games in each and totaling four kills, 15 assists, three aces and nine digs against the Rattlerettes and 17 assists, three digs and two kills against the Pirates.

Katie Neff started the Seton Hall match (her first career start) and tied a career-high with four blocks in the contest.

Freshman DS **Christa Moen** has seen action in 22 games this season, tallying 27 digs.

A Record Number of Home Matches?: The Irish have 17 home matches scheduled in 2000. If Notre Dame qualifies for the BIG EAST tournament (the top four teams in the conference will make up the tournament field) it will have an opportunity to play the most home matches in the program's history. Notre Dame played 18 home matches in

BIG EAST Weekly Honors

Players of the Week:

Sept. 4:	<i>Denise Boylan, Notre Dame</i>
Sept. 11:	Dana Fiume, Syracuse
Sept. 18:	Dana Fiume, Syracuse Kiran Gill, Georgetown
Sept. 25:	<i>Christi Girton, Notre Dame</i> Dana Fiume, Syracuse
Oct. 2:	<i>Christi Girton, Notre Dame</i> Sarah Katinger, Providence
Oct. 9:	Kera Carter, Rutgers
Oct. 16:	Lauren Warner, Georgetown
Oct. 23:	Marcia Thiesen, Pittsburgh

Notre Dame Statistical Leaders

Kills:	Kristy Kreher	276
	Christi Girton	249
	Marcie Bomhack	173
Attack Attempts:	Kristy Kreher	576
	Christi Girton	574
	Marcie Bomhack	496
Hitting Percentage:	Malinda Goralski	.357 (160 kills, 41 errors, 333 att.)
	Kristy Kreher	.332 (276, 85, 576)
	Denise Boylan	.331 (67, 19, 145)
Assists per game:	Denise Boylan	13.08
	Kristen Kinder	7.77
	Kristy Kreher	0.97
Aces:	Janie Alderete	19
	Denise Boylan	19
	Keara Coughlin	19
	Marcie Bomhack	19
	Kristy Kreher	16
	Christi Girton	13
Digs:	Kristy Kreher	174
	Marcie Bomhack	163
	Christi Girton	157
Blocks:	Malinda Goralski	83
	Jo Jameyson	53
	Kristy Kreher	52

1992 and 1996.

Freshmen Connections: Four of the five Notre Dame freshmen enjoy two different bonds. **Jessica** and **Kristen Kinder** will be the first pair of twins to take the court for the Irish. Classmates **Katie Neff** and **Kim Fletcher** are both from the St. Louis, Mo., area and played on the same club team, the St. Louis Elite.

Neff and **Fletcher** will get a chance to play hometown St. Louis University when the Billikens visit the Joyce Center Nov. 7. The **Kinders**, who call Fresno, Calif., home, will get to return to the west coast when the Irish travel to USC Nov. 24.

California Dreaming: When the Irish travel to Los Angeles, Calif., for their final regular season match up versus USC, a number of players will get a chance to play in their home state. The Golden State is home to four players on the 2000 roster: Senior **Adrienne Shimmel** (Mission Viejo), sophomore **Janie Alderete** (Santa Clara) and freshmen **Jessica** and **Kristen Kinder** (Fresno).

Texas Representation: Texas also boasts four players on the 2000 Irish roster. Seniors **Jo Jameyson** (Alvin) and **Michelle Graham** (Austin), junior **Malinda Goralski** (Missouri City) and freshman **Christa Moen** (San Antonio) will compete with California for state bragging rights in the Irish locker room. Assistant coach **Lindsay Rosenthal** (Austin) also hails from the Lone Star State.

Shimmel Off the Bench: Senior OH **Adrienne Shimmel** has provided quite a boost off the bench for the Irish this season. She set career-highs in kills (six), attack attempts (16) and blocks (three) in the Irish victory over Samford.

Shimmel's 26 kills on the season has eclipsed her career total of 17 entering the 2000 campaign.

Toughest Schedule? Notre Dame has faced one of the toughest schedules in the nation this year. According to the AVCA/USA Today Oct. 23, rankings, the Irish have faced two of the top five teams in the nation, #1 Nebraska and #3 Colorado State, in the month of September. The Irish will also meet current-#4 USC on Nov. 24, in Los Angeles.

Eight teams in the top 25 appear on the Notre Dame schedule this season. The Irish have knocked off #15 BYU (now ranked 16th) and #23 Loyola Marymount.

Notre Dame In BIG EAST Competition: Since Notre Dame joined the BIG EAST Conference in 1995, it has won four regular-season conference titles in volleyball. Until Georgetown knocked the Irish off in the BIG EAST Tournament in 1999, Notre Dame had compiled a 10-0 record in the BIG EAST Tournament and won four titles. Current Irish OH **Marcie Bomhack** was named MVP of the BIG

EAST Tournament in 1998.

Goralski Patrols the Net: The loss of 1999 BIG EAST Player of the Year **Mary Leffers** to graduation has been eased by the steady play of junior **Malinda Goralski**. Through 17 matches in 2000, Goralski has nearly surpassed all of her career totals over the last two years:

1999:

Kills	Blocks	Hitting Percentage	Games Played
110	77	.271	91

2000:

Kills	Blocks	Hitting Percentage	Games Played
160	83	.357	64

The Missouri, Texas, native had a career-high 15 kills in the five-game loss to #16 Michigan State on September 10. She matched that number of kills in the Irish upset of #22 Loyola Marymount.

Goralski, who leads the BIG EAST in hitting percentage with a .357 mark, followed her performance against LMU with a 10-kill match against Wyoming. She totaled those 10 kills on 12 attempts without committing an error for an amazing .833 hitting percentage. She also leads the team in blocks this season with 83 and ranks second in blocks per game in the BIG EAST (1.30).

AVCA Poll History: Since **Debbie Brown** took over the program in 1991, Notre Dame has made numerous appearances in the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) poll. Notre Dame's first ranking came in the preseason poll of 1992. Notre Dame's highest ranking was seventh on Oct. 10, 1995, after an Irish eight-match win streak. The highest final ranking was 12th in 1994, when the Irish advanced to the final 16 teams in the NCAA tournament. Notre Dame is currently ranked 24th in the poll.

2000 BIG EAST Tournament: The 2000 BIG EAST Volleyball Tournament will be played at the Joyce Center for the first time since 1995. The semifinals are scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 18, with the championship to be played on Sunday, Nov. 19. The Irish boast a .909 winning percentage (10-1) in tournament play since they joined the league in 1995 and have captured four tournament titles.

Dominance: In the past decade, only three BIG EAST schools have claimed the volleyball tournament crown. Pittsburgh dominated the late '80s and early '90s with seven straight titles, while Notre Dame won the next four, led by tournament MVPs **Angie Harris** ('95), **Lindsay Treadwell** ('96), **Jaimie Lee** ('97) and **Marcie Bomhack** ('98). Providence ('83, '85, '87) and Georgetown ('99) are the only other schools to have won a BIG EAST championship.

2000 Individual Match Highs			Team Match Highs			BIG EAST Conference Leaders (for all games as of Oct.23)			
Kills:	Kristy Kreher	32	Kills:	at Pittsburgh	99	Hitting Percentage:			
	vs. LMU			vs. LMU	97	<u>Player</u>	<u>School</u>		
	Christi Girton	30		vs. Michigan State	83	<i>Goralski, M.</i>	<i>ND</i>	.357	
	vs. Pittsburgh		Attack Attempts:	vs. LMU	250	Nickels, J.	UP	.337	
	Kristy Kreher	23		at Pittsburgh	217	<i>Kreher, K.</i>	<i>ND</i>	.332	
	vs. BYU			vs. Michigan State	212	Miller, A.	SJU	.331	
						Carter, K.	GU	.305	
Attack Attempts:	Kristy Kreher	60	Hitting Percentage:	at West Virginia	.420	Assists/Game:			
	vs. LMU			(39 kills, 5 errors, 81 att.)		<i>Boylan, D.</i>	<i>ND</i>	<i>13.08</i>	
	Marcie Bomhack	58		vs. Clemson	.408	Norris, C.	UP	12.82	
	vs. LMU			(63, 14, 120)		Ward, J.	GU	12.49	
	Christi Girton	57		vs. Wyoming	.400	Fanning, S.	PC	11.90	
	vs. LMU, Pittsburgh			(43, 11, 80)		Ferris, M.	WVU	11.53	
Hitting Percentage:	Malinda Goralski	.833	Assists:	at Pittsburgh	94	Blocks/Game:			
	(10 kills, 0 error, 12 att.)			vs. LMU	93	Venarchik, L.	RU	1.41	
	vs. Wyoming			vs. Michigan State	72	<i>Goralski, M.</i>	<i>ND</i>	<i>1.30</i>	
	Christi Girton	.700	Aces:	vs. Florida A&M	13	Kirikakou, M.	RU	1.28	
	(8, 1, 10)			at Illinois State	13	Bach, R.	BC	1.21	
	vs. Villanova			vs. Valparaiso	8	Legan, Nancy	BC	1.16	
	Kristy Kreher	.579		vs. Villanova	8	Kills/Game:			
	(12, 1, 19)			at West Virginia	8	Roudovski, O.	SJU	4.70	
	vs. West Virginia		Digs:	vs. LMU	105	Renick, S.	UP	4.69	
Assists:	Denise Boylan	86		at Pittsburgh	75	Fiume, D.	SU	4.46	
	vs. Pittsburgh			vs. Fairfield	67	Katinger, S.	PC	4.38	
	Denise Boylan	84				<i>Kreher, K.</i>	<i>ND</i>	<i>4.31</i>	
	vs. LMU		Blocks:	vs. LMU	15	Aces/Game:			
	Denise Boylan	66		at Michigan	14.5	Vtyurina, Y.	GU	0.54	
	vs. Michigan State			at West Virginia	13	Tuyay, P.	RU	0.51	
Aces:	Marcie Bomhack	5	Notre Dame vs. Opponents				Kiriakou, M.	RU	0.47
	vs. Florida A&M						Bihday, D.	PC	0.47
	Janie Alderete	4				Warner, L.	GU	0.45	
	at Valparaiso					Digs/Game:			
	Keara Coughlin	4				Schwer, L.	BC	4.18	
	vs. West Virginia					Cella, A.	PC	4.05	
						Katinger, S.	PC	3.86	
Digs:	Kristy Kreher	27	Attack:			Hardy, N.	WVU	3.55	
	vs. LMU			<u>UND</u>	<u>OPP</u>	Mercein, K.	SJU	3.54	
	Marcie Bomhack	25	Kills:	1154	1022				
	vs. LMU		Errors:	416	496				
	Marcie Bomhack	19	Total Attacks:	2752	2744				
	vs. Pittsburgh		Attack Percentage:	.268	.192				
			Kills/Game:	16.5	14.6				
Blocks:	Kristy Kreher	8	Set:						
	vs. Pittsburgh		Assists:	1059	927				
	Malinda Goralski	8	Assists/Game:	15.1	13.2				
	at Michigan		Serve:						
	Malinda Goralski	7	Aces:	132	114				
	vs. BYU, Wyoming		Errors:	164	164				
	Jo Jameyson	7	Aces/Game:	1.9	1.6				
	vs. LMU		Blocks						
	Kristy Kreher	7	Total Blocks:	196.0	177.0				
	vs. West Virginia		Blocks Per Game:	2.8	2.5				

BIG EAST Team Leaders (All games as of Oct. 23)

Hitting Percentage:

Team	Games	
<i>Notre Dame</i>	70	.268
Pittsburgh	90	.253
Syracuse	96	.234
St. John's	96	.231
Rutgers	78	.226

Assists:

<i>Notre Dame</i>	61	15.13
Pittsburgh	90	14.32
Connecticut	79	14.22
Georgetown	80	13.96
Boston College	84	13.42

Blocks:

Rutgers	78	2.88
<i>Notre Dame</i>	70	2.80
Syracuse	96	2.64
Connecticut	79	2.63
Seton Hall	76	2.55

Opponent Hitting Percentage:

Rutgers	78	.149
St. John's	96	.158
Connecticut	79	.170
Georgetown	80	.174
Boston College	84	.176

Kills:

<i>Notre Dame</i>	70	16.49
Pittsburgh	90	16.37
Connecticut	79	16.03
Georgetown	80	15.55
St. John's	96	14.96

Service Aces:

Georgetown	80	2.24
Syracuse	96	2.15
Rutgers	78	2.04
<i>Notre Dame</i>	70	1.89
Providence	93	1.80

Digs:

West Virginia	78	18.33
Boston College	84	17.98
Providence	93	16.33
St. John's	96	15.72
Pittsburgh	90	15.20

Notre Dame Bio Updates:

Janie Alderete #14
Sophomore • DS • 5-3 • Santa Clara, Calif.

Has played in 57 of the team's 70 games played in 2000 ... had a career-high 15 digs in the first match of the year vs. Fairfield during the Shamrock Invitational ... had six digs vs. #16 Michigan State in the adidas Invitational ... had a career-best four aces at

Valparaiso in two games ... also had five digs versus the Crusaders ... tallied three aces versus Florida A&M in the Lady Seminole Classic in Tallahassee, Fla. ... named the "Best Defensive Specialist" in the Lady Seminole Classic Tournament ... had nine digs in the Irish win over #22 Loyola Marymount ... notched eight digs at Pittsburgh ... totaled five digs and two aces at Illinois State ... posted seven digs and an ace versus Rutgers ... had five digs and three aces against Seton Hall.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
57	92	1.61	19	0.33

Marcie Bomback #6
Junior • OH • 6-0 • Waukesha, Wis.

Starter at outside hitter for the Irish ... has played in 61 of the team's 70 games this season ... had 13 kills, eight digs and three blocks vs. Clemson ... had seven kills and five digs vs. #4 Nebraska ... posted a double-double with 13 kills and 15 digs vs. #16 Michigan State ... tallied five kills on nine attempts with no errors (.556 hitting percentage) at Valparaiso ... had a team-high 11 kills vs. Florida A&M in the first round of the Lady Seminole Classic volleyball tournament in Tallahassee, Fla. ... set a career-mark for aces in a match with five vs. the Rattlerettes ... totaled 13 kills at Florida State ... was named to the Lady Seminole Classic all-tournament team ... notched a double-double vs. Loyola Marymount with 13 kills and 25 digs ... the 25 digs is a career-best total ... also had six blocks against the Lions ... had six kills and five digs vs. #4 Colorado State ... had 10 digs, five kills and four blocks vs. Villanova ... notched a double-double with 12 kills and a team-high 12 digs against Georgetown ... scored 19 kills and 19 digs for third double-double of the year ... had 14 kills and seven digs at Illinois State, including three straight kills to close out the third and decisive game ... notched eight kills and an ace vs. Rutgers.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
61	163	2.67	19	0.31
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
32	173	2.84	.212	15

Denise Boylan #2
Senior • S • 6-1 • Lisle, Ill.

BIG EAST Preseason Player of the Year ... Notre Dame team co-captain and starting setter ... has played in 61 of the team's 70 games this season ... has played a large part in the Irish hitting .268 as a team ... had 37 assists, 10 digs, three blocks and two aces in the first match of the year vs. Fairfield during the Shamrock Invitational ... tallied 50 assists, 10 digs and three blocks in the Irish upset of 15th-ranked BYU ... set Notre Dame to a .421 hitting percentage in the fifth game of the BYU match ... helped the Irish post a .408 (season-high) hitting percentage in

the Clemson match ... named the 2000 Shamrock Invitational Most Valuable Player ... named BIG EAST Player of the Week on Sept. 4, for her performance over the course of the Shamrock Invitational ... had a season-high 11 digs versus #4 Nebraska ... tallied six kills, 66 assists, six digs, three blocks and two aces vs. #16 Michigan State ... named to the adidas Invitational all-tournament team ... had 51 assists, nine digs and three blocks at Florida State ... named to the Lady Seminole Classic all-tournament team, the third all-tournament selection on the year ... set the Notre Dame record for assists in a four-game match with 84 against #22 Loyola Marymount ... combined with freshman setter Kristen Kinder to lead Notre Dame to a .400 hitting percentage in the match against Wyoming ... totaled 41 assists, nine digs, four kills and two blocks vs. Georgetown ... helped the Irish post a .722 hitting percentage (13-0-18) in the first game at West Virginia ... Irish ended up hitting .420 in that match ... broke her own school record with a career-high 86 assists in the four-game match victory at Pittsburgh ... Irish hit .350 over the two-game West Virginia and Pittsburgh match swing ... had five kills, six digs and two aces at Illinois State ... totaled 30 assists, nine digs, five kills, four blocks and two aces in Irish loss at Michigan ... posted 43 assists, 11 digs, three blocks, two kills and an ace vs. Rutgers ... played just one game against Seton Hall and had two kills, six assists, two digs and a block.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Assists	Assists/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
61	798	13.08	19	0.31
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Digs
41	67	1.10	.331	128

Keara Coughlin #11
Sophomore • DS • 5-8 • Chicago, Ill.

Has played in 61 of the team's 70 games in 2000 ... one of the team's best defensive specialists ... had three digs and two aces in the first match of the year vs. Fairfield ... tallied a eight digs against #3 UCLA ... notched seven digs and an ace vs. #16 Michigan State ... totaled six digs, two kills and two aces vs. Florida A&M ... had six digs at Florida State ... had a season-high nine digs to along with two aces vs. #22 Loyola Marymount ... tallied seven digs against #4 Colorado State ... had a career-high four aces at West Virginia ... notched nine digs at Pittsburgh ... tied for the team lead in aces with 17 ... had seven digs and three aces at Illinois State ... second on the team in digs with six at Michigan ... notched five digs versus Rutgers.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
61	96	1.57	19	0.31

Kim Fletcher #10
Freshman • MB • 6-0 • St. Louis, Mo.

Used to spell both Malinda Goralski and Jo Jameyson

off the bench ... provides a spark with some powerful and accurate hitting ... recorded her first career kill and block in the Fairfield match ... had three kills and a block in the upset of #15 BYU ... had two kills, four blocks and three kills vs. Clemson ... notched three kills, four digs and two blocks against #3 UCLA ... totaled five kills and four blocks against #16 Michigan State ... posted seven kills against Samford ... had six kills and two blocks vs. Wyoming ... had a career-high five blocks at West Virginia ... played a major role in the Irish victory at Pittsburgh with a career-best eight kills (8-1-11) for a .636 hitting percentage ... has scored a kill in 16 of 17 career matches.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
38	24	0.63	6	0.16
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
24	52	1.37	.277	6

Christi Girton #7

Senior • OH • 6-3 • Muncie, Ind.

Preseason all-BIG EAST team member ... starter at outside hitter for the Irish ... has played in 62 of the team's 70 games this season ... posted double-digit kills in 12 of the 21 Irish matches this season ... second on the team in kills with 249 ... began the season vs. Fairfield with 14 kills, eight digs and four blocks ... had 18 kills and eight digs in the Irish upset of #15 BYU ... scored six kills and two blocks in the deciding fifth game of the BYU match ... named to the 2000 Shamrock Invitational all-tournament team ... had a double-double with 19 kills and 16 digs against #16 Michigan State ... added five blocks against the Spartans ... one of four Irish players with double-digit kills (10) at Florida State ... had 23 kills vs. #22 Loyola Marymount ... also had 17 digs vs. the Lions ... had 10 kills in two games vs. Wyoming ... tallied a double-double against #4 Colorado State with 16 kills and 12 digs ... named to the 2000 Golden Dome Invitational all-tournament team ... named Co-BIG EAST Player of the Week on Sept. 25, for her performance vs. LMU, Wyoming and Colorado State ... had eight kills on 10 attempts with one error (.700) vs. Villanova ... notched a team-high 16 kills with nine digs and four blocks vs. Georgetown ... named Co-BIG EAST Player of the Week on Oct. 2, for her performance vs. Villanova and Georgetown ... had a career-best kills performance at Pittsburgh with 30 total ... also had 15 digs against the Panthers ... had a double-double at Illinois State with 17 kills and 17 digs.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
62	157	2.53	13	0.21
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
34	249	4.02	.265	15

Malinda Goralski #3

Junior • MB • 6-1 • Missouri City, Texas

Starter for the Irish at middle blocker ... has improved each week of the season and leads the team in hitting percentage with a .357 mark ... also leads the team in blocks with 83 ... had a career-high ten digs in the first match of the year vs. Fairfield ... notched seven blocks in the Irish upset of #15 BYU ... posted a career-high 15 kills vs. #16 Michigan State ... had eight kills and four blocks at Valparaiso ... notched 10 kills and six blocks at Florida State ... named to the Lady Seminole Classic all-tournament team ... tied her career-high with 15 kills against #22 Loyola Marymount ... had 10 kills on 12 attempts with no errors vs. Wyoming ... also had seven blocks against the Cowgirls ... had nine kills vs. #4 Colorado State ... named to the 2000 Golden Dome Invitational all-tournament team ... added nine kills and six blocks vs. Georgetown ... had eight blocks at West Virginia and Pittsburgh ... once again had eight blocks and six kills in Irish loss at Michigan ... posted eight kills and five blocks vs. Rutgers ... notched four kills and five blocks against Seton Hall ... her kill and block production in 2000 surpasses her previous two years combined.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Blocks	Blocks/Game	Assists	Assists/Game
64	83	1.30	9	0.14
Aces	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Solo Blocks
0	160	2.50	.357	12

Michelle Graham #16

Senior • DS/S • 5-8 • Austin, Texas

Backup setter who has been used as a defensive specialist this season ... has played in nine games ... has three assists and two aces in 2000 ... posted one kill and four digs in two games vs. Seton Hall.

Jo Jameyson #9

Senior • MB/OPP • 6-1 • Alvin, Texas

Provides depth behind Malinda Goralski at MB and is also used at opposite ... second on the team in blocks with 53 ... notched six kills and four blocks in the first match of the year vs. Fairfield ... had five blocks against Clemson ... posted six kills and three digs against #4 Nebraska ... tallied five kills and four blocks versus #16 Michigan State ... had season highs with 11 kills and seven blocks against #22 Loyola Marymount ... totaled four blocks vs. Villanova and followed up with six against Georgetown ... totaled five kills at Pittsburgh ... had eight kills and two blocks at Illinois State ... second on the team in kills with eight (and four blocks) in Irish loss at Michigan ... posted six kills and six blocks against Rutgers.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Blocks	Blocks/Game	Assists	Assists/Game
53	53	1.00	10	0.19
Aces	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Solo Blocks
0	85	1.60	.271	4

Jessica Kinder #5

Freshman • OH • 5-10 • Fresno, Calif.

One of five talented freshman on the roster that have received significant playing time ... has played in 39 of the team's 64 games this season ... possesses a powerful jump-serve that head coach Debbie Brown uses as a weapon off the bench ... one of the team leaders in aces with 11 this year ... recorded her first career kill on her first attempt in the Fairfield match ... gave the Irish a huge spark off the bench in the upset of #15 BYU with two kills, three aces, a career-high eight digs and a block ... had three aces, three digs and a block against #4 Nebraska ... had a career-high four kills vs. #3 UCLA ... posted three kills, three digs and two aces vs. Samford ... had five digs vs. Wyoming ... notched a career-high seven kills to go along with seven digs vs. Villanova ... notched three kills and six digs at West Virginia ... had three kills and three digs in one game at Michigan ... played two games against Rutgers, scoring three kills and four digs.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
42	59	1.40	11	0.26
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
7	34	0.81	.078	7

Kristen Kinder #8

Freshman • S • 5-9 • Fresno, Calif.

The future for the Irish at the setter position ... has received some playing time behind senior setter Denise Boylan ... has played in 13 games this season ... saw her first collegiate action against Clemson and tallied six assists and a dig ... had three kills and five assists in one game at Valparaiso ... posted two kills, 13 assists and five digs vs. Florida A&M ... best match of the young season came vs. Samford ... posted four kills, 15 assists, three aces and nine digs against the Bulldogs ... totaled a career-high 16 assists vs. Wyoming, including setting the Irish to a .286 hitting percentage in the match ... played in one and a half games vs. Villanova, matching her career-best with 16 assists while adding five digs and two kills ... had 13 assists, five digs and one block in one game at West Virginia ... started and played games two and three vs. Seton Hall ... had 17 assists, two kills, two digs and a block against the Pirates.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Assists	Assists/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
13	101	7.77	3	0.23

Kristy Kreher

#4

Junior • OPP • 6-1 • Birmingham, Mich.

The top offensive performer for the Irish so far in 2000 ... leads the team in kills (276) ... scored double-digit kills in 13 of the team's 21 matches on the year ... in 14 matches this season, she has posted a hitting percentage better than .320, including a .565 mark at Michigan ... has five 20-plus kill matches, four of them against ranked teams (23 vs. #15 BYU, 21 vs. #16 Michigan State, 32 vs. #22 Loyola Marymount, 22 at Pittsburgh) ... has posted a team-high six double-doubles this year ... began the season with 11 kills and nine digs vs. Fairfield ... notched first double-double of the season in Notre Dame's upset of #15 BYU (23 kills, 17 digs) ... led the team in kills with 16 vs. Clemson ... had 15 kills and nine digs against #3 UCLA ... had second 20-plus kill match of the vs. #16 Michigan State (21) ... scored 19 kills at Florida State to earn the Lady Seminole Classic Most Valuable Player award ... had a great match vs. #22 Loyola Marymount with 32 kills and 27 digs - both career-high numbers ... the 32 kills also set a school record for the most kills in a four-game match ... had nine kills and nine digs vs. #4 Colorado State ... notched a double-double against Georgetown with 11 kills and 10 digs, while adding five blocks ... led the team with 12 kills on .579 hitting (12-1-19) in the victory at West Virginia ... also had seven blocks against the Mountaineers ... followed up the WVU match the next day with 22 kills, 10 digs, and eight blocks at Pittsburgh ... the eight blocks against the Panthers ties a career-high ... continued her hot hitting at Illinois State with 18 kills (.452 hitting percentage) 16 digs, seven assists and three aces ... led the team with 13 kills at Michigan on .565 hitting (13-0-23) ... also had seven digs and six blocks against the Wolverines ... recovered from a slow-start vs. Rutgers to score a team-high 14 kills ... also posted 15 digs, five blocks, five assists and an ace against the Scarlet Knights ... had seven kills on .353 hitting in two games vs. Seton Hall.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
64	174	2.72	16	0.25
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
52	276	4.31	.332	62

Christa Moen

#13

Freshman • DS • 5-4 • San Antonio, Texas

Provides quality depth for the Irish at the defensive specialist position ... has played in 22 games this season ... saw her first collegiate action off the bench in the upset of #15 BYU, tallying six digs and an ace ... had four digs and an ace vs. Clemson ... scored her first career kill against Samford ... had three digs and an ace at West Virginia ... had three digs in one game vs. Rutgers.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
22	27	1.23	5	0.23

Katie Neff

#15

Freshman • MB • 6-4 • St. Louis, Mo.

Tallest player on the Irish roster ... started her first career match against Seton Hall (Oct. 22) ... saw her first collegiate action against Clemson, recording a kill ... had two kills on four attempts and one block at Valparaiso ... posted a kill and a block against Samford ... had career-high three kills and three blocks against Wyoming ... tallied a career-best four blocks (and three kills) at West Virginia ... had two kills and tied her career-high with four blocks in first career start vs. Seton Hall.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Kills	Kills/Game	Blocks	Blocks/Game
11	14	1.27	15	1.36

Adrienne Shimmel

#12

Senior • OH • 5-10 • Mission Viejo, Calif.

Has provided some energy off the bench for the Irish in 2000 ... has played in 13 games this season ... first action of the season came vs. Clemson where she scored three kills ... had a career-high six kills against Samford ... also had three blocks vs. the Bulldogs ... notched four kills against Wyoming ... had four kills and a season-high eight digs vs. Villanova ... posted four kills, nine digs and a block at West Virginia ... had two kills, eight digs and three blocks in three two games vs. Rutgers and Seton Hall.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
13	36	2.77	0	0.00
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
8	26	2.00	.120	4