



2004-05 Season

Preview

Senior goaltender Morgan Cey is part of Notre Dame's terrific trio of goaltenders. Going into his final season, he owns Notre Dame records for career goals-against average (2.73), save percentage (.913) and shutouts (6).



2004-05 Notre Dame Personnel Breakdown

Top Returnees (yr., pos., ... 2003-04 stats)

Morgan Cey (Sr., G, 14 GP, 5-7-1, 2.42, .924 sv%)	Had season cut short due to two knee surgeries; owns 35 career wins
Cory McLean (Sr., RW, 39 GP, 10-14-24, +10)	Fourth in team scoring with career highs in goals, assists, points
Matt Amado (Jr., C, 34 GP, 5-7-12)	Speedy center who has talent and skill to be a top collegiate scorer
Tim Wallace (Jr., RW, 39 GP, 3-8-11)	Hard-working RW who hasn't missed a game during first two seasons
Mike Walsh (Jr., LW, 39 GP, 12-13-25, +16)	Top returning scorer; one of CCHA's top power forwards
Michael Bartlett (So., LW, 39 GP, 6-6-12)	One of teams top penalty killers; Strong two-way player
David Brown (So., G, 26 GP, 14-7-1, 2.32, .925 sv%)	Set Irish single-season records for Gavg., sv% and shutouts (4)
T.J. Jindra (So., RW, 39 GP, 4-6-10)	Solid, two-way forward; among four goals were one SHG and two game winners
Wes O'Neill (So., D, 39 GP, 2-10-12)	Top returning defenseman; led all defensemen with a +7
Jason Paige (So., C, 39 GP, 10-6-16)	One of team's top penalty killers; had four power-play goals and three GWG
Josh Sciba (So., C, 38 GP, 7-7-14)	Speedy center with great hands and an outstanding shot

Key Losses (yr., pos., ... 2003-04 stats)

Tom Galvin (Sr., D, 39 GP, 1-18-19)	Solid, two-way defenseman; won team's top defenseman award
Aaron Gill (Sr. C, 39 GP, 17-21-38)	Team captain; second team all-CCHA; 9 ppg led team
Rob Globke (Sr., RW, 39 GP, 19-21-40)	Second team all-CCHA; led Irish in scoring; 5 ppg; 1 shg and 5 gwg
Brett Lebda (Sr., D, 39 GP, 6-18-24)	Second team all-CCHA; led Irish with 133 shots on goal
Neil Komadoski (Sr., D, 39 GP, 5-15-20)	Hard-hitting defenseman; four of five goals came on the power play

Top Newcomers (Pos., Class, Ht./Wt... Hometown/Previous Team)

Brian D'Arcy	D ... Fr ... 6-2/205 ... Western Springs, IL/Tri-City Storm
Luke Lucyk	D ... Fr ... 6-1/205 ... Fox Point, WI/Tri-City Storm
Victor Oreskovich	F ... Fr ... 6-3/215 ... Oakville, ONT/Green Bay Gamblers
Evan Rankin	F ... Fr ... 6-1/180 ... Portage, MI/Lincoln Stars
Brock Sheahan	D ... Fr ... 6-0/170 ... Lethbridge, ALB/Crowsnest Pass Timberwolves
Mark Van Guilder	F ... Fr ... 6-2/186 ... Roseville, MN/Tri-City Storm
Dan VeNard	D ... Fr ... 6-0/175 ... Vernon Hills, IL/Green Bay Gamblers

ALL-CCHA - For the first time since as a member of the CCHA, Notre Dame placed three players on the all-CCHA postseason team. Defenseman Brett Lebda and forwards Aaron Gill and Rob Globke were selected second team all-CCHA for the 2003-04 season. Prior to this season, the Irish have had two players named twice. In 1998-99 Benoit Cotnoir (first team) and Ben Simon (second team) were named to the team and in 1981-82, Dave Poulin and John Schmidt were second team selections.

CAPTAINS - Senior right wing **Cory McLean** (Fargo, N.D.) has been selected as Notre Dame's team captain for the 2004-05 season. McLean had a career year for the Irish in 2003-04 when he had 10 goals and 14 assists for 24 points, all career bests. **Mike Walsh** (Jr., Northville, Mich.) and **Jason Paige** (So., Saginaw, Mich.) join McLean as alternate captains. Walsh, a prototypical power forward from his left wing position, is Notre Dame's top returning scorer with 12 goals and 13 assists for 25 points and had four game-winning goals on the year. Paige, a center, was one of the top penalty killers in the CCHA as a freshman and led Notre Dame's rookie class in scoring with 10 goals and six assists for 16 points.

CCHA ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM - Notre Dame has had at least one player named to the CCHA all-Academic Team in eight of the last nine seasons. Graduated senior **Rob Globke** (West Bloomfield, Mich.) joined the list following the 2003-04 season as he was selected to the team after turning in a 3.339 grade-point average in Marketing and leading the Irish in scoring with 19 goals and 21 assists. Fellow senior, defenseman **T.J. Mathieson** (Clarksville, Md.)



The 2003-04 second team all-CCHA selections: front row; l-r; Notre Dame's Aaron Gill, Olympia Entertainment President Randy Lippe and Notre Dame's Brett Lebda. Back row; l-r; Nathan Oystnick (Northern Michigan), Notre Dame's Rob Globke, Al Montoya (Michigan) and Greg Hogeboom (Miami).

was an honorable mention selection to the team after turning in a 3.835 grade point in Aerospace Engineering. The lone year the Irish failed to place anyone on the 10-man team was 2002-03. Notre Dame's other eight first-team CCHA All-Academic team selections since rejoining the CCHA in '92-'93 are: **Curtis Janicke** and **Carl Picconatto** ('92-'93), **Garry Gruber** ('95-'96), **Steve Noble** ('96-'97, '97-'98), **Forrest Karr** and **Aniket Dhadphale** ('98-'99), **Andy Jurkowski** (99-'00), **Dan Carlson** (2000-01) and **David Inman** (2001-02). During that 12-year span, only Western Michigan (14) has produced more CCHA All-Academic selections than Notre Dame's 11.

EXTRA ACTION - The Fighting Irish have been involved in 41 overtime games since the start of the 1999-2000 season. In those games, they are 6-5-30. During the 2003-04 season, Notre Dame had a total of eight overtime contests, going 1-3-4 in those games. The lone overtime win came in game three of the first round of the CCHA playoffs versus Western Michigan. The Irish have not won a regular-season overtime game since Jan. 25, 2002 at Miami, a span of 12 overtime games (0-2-10).

FAMILY MATTERS - Two Irish junior hockey players - **Rory Walsh** (Milton, Mass.) and **Mike Walsh** - have fathers who played



sports at Notre Dame while attending the University during the 1970's. Rory Walsh's father, Brian ('77), was an all-American hockey player for the Irish. A center iceman, the elder Walsh is Notre Dame's all-time leading scorer after recording 234 career points on 89 goals and 145 assists. Mike Walsh's father, Max ('74), was an offensive lineman on the Notre Dame football team and a member of the 1973 national championship team. Rory Walsh is one of Notre Dame's goaltenders and Walsh plays left wing for the Irish.

FOUR OF FIVE - Notre Dame has advanced to Joe Louis Arena and the CCHA finals in four of the last five seasons (2000, 2002, 2003, 2004). Only two other CCHA teams - Michigan and Michigan State - have been there all four years since the 1999-2000 campaign. The Irish also are one of five teams, joining Michigan, Michigan State, Ohio State and Northern Michigan, to make it to the CCHA Super Six in each of the last three seasons.

FROZEN TUNDRA - Notre Dame has had a steady flow of players in recent years that played their junior hockey with the Green Bay Gamblers of the United States Hockey League. Five members of the current Notre Dame team have played in the Land of Lombardi. Senior defenseman **Joe Zurenko** (Palentine, Ill.) played there during the '00-'01 season and sophomore blueliners **Noah Babin** (Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.) and **Wes O'Neill** (Essex, Ont.) were teammates there in '02-'03. Second-year assistant coach **Layne LeBel** also spent two seasons ('01-'03) with the Gamblers. Joining the Irish this season is right wing **Victor Oreskovich** (Oakville, Ont.) and defenseman **Dan VeNard** (Vernon Hills, Ill.). In 58 games with the Gamblers, Oreskovich had 11 goals and 26 assists for 37 points and played in the league's Top Prospects all-star game. VeNard spent three seasons in Green Bay. His 2003-04 campaign was cut short by injuries as he had two goals and two assists for four points in 22 games. During the 2004-05 season, the Irish will play a game in Green Bay as they will face Michigan Tech on Tuesday, Jan. 18 at the Resch Center.

GLOBKE GOODIES - Senior right wing **Rob Globke** (West Bloomfield, Mich.) closed out his Notre Dame career with 19 goals and career-highs in assists (21) and points (40) in helping the Irish to their first-ever NCAA tournament appearance in 2003-04. With his strong final season, Globke became the 29th player in the program's 36-year history to score at least 50 goals and add at least 50 assists. Globke finished his career ranked 28th on Notre Dame's all-time scoring list with 68 goals and 56 assists for 124 points. His 68 goals rank him 16th on the all-time goals list and his 13 career game-winning goals tie him for first on the all-time list. Following the season, Globke inked a contract with the Florida Panthers, the team that drafted him in the second round, 40th overall in the 2002 NHL Entry Draft.

GREAT GUEST

NHL legend Wayne Gretzky was one of the biggest hits during the pep rally held prior to the Notre Dame home football game during the 1999 season. Gretzky - who addressed the Oct. 15, 1999 pep rally (on the Friday night before the USC game) - was a huge fan favorite at the Joyce Center that night and was presented with a No. 99 Notre Dame football jersey. He brought the crowd to its feet when informing them that he would have attended Notre Dame if not for the early track of his professional career, in Canadian junior hockey.



Wayne Gretzky

HOME SWEET HOME - Notre Dame's 2003-04 home record of 14-2-2 was its best season at the Joyce Center since 1987-88 when that year's Irish squad was 18-2-0 on home ice. Included in the nifty home record was a pair of five-game winning streaks and a 15-game unbeaten streak (13-0-2) from Oct. 30 through Mar. 13. After dropping the home opener (Oct. 17) to Bowling Green, the Irish did not lose again until a 4-0 shutout by Western Michigan in game two of the first round of the CCHA playoffs. The previous-best home-unbeaten streak was also set in 1987-88 (15-0-0 between Dec. 11 and March 5 of that season).

HOMETOWNS - The 2004-05 Notre Dame hockey team features players from eight states and four Canadian provinces - Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario and Saskatchewan. In the nine-year tenure of head coach Dave Poulin, the Notre Dame hockey letter winners have hailed from 20 different states and provinces - those listed below, plus: Colorado, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Prince Edward Island and Quebec.

2004-05 NOTRE DAME HOCKEY - BY STATE OR PROVINCE:

Michigan (5): Chris Trick, Mike Walsh, Jason Paige, Josh Sciba, Evan Rankin

Illinois (4): Joe Zurenko, Michael Bartlett, Brian D'Arcy, Dan VeNard

Minnesota (3): Tony Gill, T.J. Jindra, Mark Van Guilder

Alberta (3): Brad Wanchulak, Matt Williams-Kovacs, Brock Sheahan

Ontario (3): David Brown, Wes O'Neill, Victor Oreskovich

Alaska (1): Tim Wallace

British Columbia (1): Matt Amado

Florida (1): Noah Babin

Massachusetts (1): Rory Walsh

North Dakota (1): Cory McLean

Saskatchewan (1): Morgan Cey

Wisconsin (1): Luke Lucyk

Academics Job One

In addition to serving as one of the top up-and-coming programs in the nation, the Notre Dame hockey team also has excelled in the classroom.

- The hockey team posted a 3.18 team grade-point-average in the spring of 2004 semester. Seventeen players had 3.0 grade points or better while 14 were 3.4 or higher. For the year, the squad had a 3.13 cumulative team GPA at the end of the 2003-04 academic year.

- Nine players on the 2003-04 team posted at least one Dean's List semester, including three who made the Dean's List in both the fall of '03 and the spring of '04. Graduated senior T.J. Mathieson was one of those to make it in both semesters, turning in the second 4.0 semester of his career in the spring of 2004. The returning players who turned in Dean's List semesters in 2003-04 are seniors **Cory McLean** (both semesters) and **Brad Wanchulak** (spring semester), junior **Chris Trick** (fall semester) and sophomore **Jason Paige** (fall semester).

- The six-man class of 2004 graduated with an average cumulative GPA of 3.25, led by **T.J. Mathieson's** 3.84 mark. Mathieson was the highest ranking graduate in Notre Dame's aerospace engineering program for the 2003-04 school year.

- Notre Dame hockey players have combined to post 14 perfect 4.0 semesters during the past 10 years, including five by 1998 graduate **Steve Noble**, three by 2000 graduate **Andy Jurkowski** (including both terms of his senior year), two by 2004 graduate **T.J. Mathieson** and one by '01 captain **Ryan Dolder**.

- Notre Dame's hockey program has produced five Academic All-Americans over the previous eight seasons: Noble in 1996-97 and '97-98, **Forrest Karr** in '98-99, Jurkowski in 1999-2000 and **Dan Carlson** in 2000-01 ... **David Inman**, a 2002 graduate, was selected to the Region V all-Academic team but did not make the national squad.



**Notre Dame Hockey
By The Numbers**

6,901

Career minutes played by goaltender **Lance Madson** (1986-90)

2,763

The largest crowd to watch Notre Dame hockey (Nov. 1, 2002; Notre Dame versus Boston College) at the Joyce Center since March 3, 1995, when the seating was reconfigured. That number has been duplicated five other times since that game. Capacity at the Joyce Center now is 2,763 for hockey

1968

First varsity hockey season of the modern area

1912

First varsity hockey season

724

Career games played in the NHL by Irish head coach **Dave Poulin**

307

Career coaching wins by **Lefty Smith**, in 19 seasons at Notre Dame

193:27

David Brown's consecutive shut out minutes streak set from Oct. 17 through Nov. 8, 2003. Brown recorded the streak over a five-game span that included three consecutive shutouts (vs. Bowling Green, Boston College and Nebraska-Omaha). The three consecutive shut outs and the consecutive minutes are both Notre Dame records

114

The number of consecutive games played by Notre Dame's all-time "Iron Man" **Evan Nielsen**, who did not miss a game from Oct. 17, 2000, to the end of his career (March 20, 2003).

104

ND record for career goals, set by **Greg Meredith** (1976-80) after scoring twice in his final game to beat **Eddie Bumbacco's** (1970-74) previous record of 103

84

All-time Notre Dame hockey letterwinners from the state of Minnesota

80:40

The elapsed time of the longest game in Notre Dame hockey history (March 8, 2002). Nebraska-Omaha's Jeff Hoggan scored 40 seconds into the second overtime to give the Mavericks a 3-2 win in game one of the CCHA playoff series. Notre Dame went on to win the series, two games to one



Irish defenseman Neil Komadoski (left) receives the CCHA's Mike and Marian Ilitch Award from Chris Ilitch, president of Ilitch Holdings.

HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS - Graduated senior **Neil Komadoski** was selected as the winner of the CCHA's Mike and Marian Ilitch Humanitarian Award in honor of his community service efforts at Notre Dame. The Chesterfield, Mo., native was also Notre Dame's nominee for college hockey's Humanitarian Award. At Notre Dame, Komadoski received the Chris Zorich Award that goes to a student-athlete for his contributions to the University and the surrounding community.

INTERNATIONAL LEADER - Notre Dame assistant coach, **Andy Slaggert**, served as the head coach of the U.S. Under-17 Select Team that finished second at the Five Nation's Tournament from Aug. 24-28 in Halle, Germany. The U.S. Team's lone loss came to the Czech Republic (the eventual winners). This was Slaggert's second international appearance with USA Hockey as he served as assistant coach on the 2003 gold-medal winning team at the World Under-18 Select Tournament held in the Czech Republic. The 12-year assistant at Notre Dame has been involved in coaching with USA Hockey since the 1996-97 season.

IRON MAN - Sophomore right wing **Tim Wallace** (Anchorage, Alaska) has played in all 79 games during his first two seasons at Notre Dame. The Irish record for consecutive games played belongs to former defenseman **Evan Nielsen** ('03) who played in 114 consecutive games between his sophomore and senior seasons. Nielsen missed just two games in his career, playing in 156 of 158 games. Wallace played in all 40 games as a freshman and all 39 Irish games in 2003-04.

MONOGRAM CLUB - Following his graduation in 1976, former Notre Dame hockey player **Pat Novitzki** served until 2003 as the treasurer of the Notre Dame National Monogram Club, an organization of former Irish varsity letter winners that sponsors a number of wide-ranging programs that benefit former and current Notre Dame student-athletes.



Pat Novitzki

Dave Bossy (Beaconsfield, Quebec) is a member of the Monogram Club's board of directors. His three-year term began in 2002 and runs through 2005. Bossy played for Lefty Smith in the mid-70's.



Dave Bossy

MOVING ON - Following the 2003-04 hockey season, five members of the Notre Dame hockey team saw their hockey careers continue on the professional level. Defenseman **Neil Komadoski** (Chesterfield, Mo.), a third round draft choice of the Ottawa Senators in 2001, signed with Ottawa and finished the season with the Senators' AHL affiliate in Binghamton, N.Y. Defenseman **Brett Lebda** (Buffalo Grove, Ill.) signed as a free agent with the Detroit Red Wings and finished the year with the AHL's Grand Rapids Griffins. Team captain **Aaron Gill** (Rochester, Minn.), signed as a free agent with the AHL's Cleveland Barons and was then signed by the San Jose Sharks following the season. Defenseman **Tom Galvin** (Miller Place, N.Y.) inked his first pro contract with the East Coast Hockey League's (ECHL) Atlantic City Boardwalk Bullies and finished the year there. Right wing **Rob Globke**, a second round choice of the Florida Panthers in 2002 signed with the Panthers following the season and will begin his pro career during the 2004-05 campaign.

NCAA ACTION - The Notre Dame Fighting Irish hockey team had a season to remember in 2003-04. The Irish advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in the program's 36-year history with a 20-15-4 overall record. In their first trip to the tournament, the Irish dropped a 5-2 decision to two-time NCAA defending champion Minnesota in the Grand Rapids Regional.

NHL DRAFTEES - This past June, the Irish had three players selected in the 2004 NHL Entry Draft. Freshman right wing **Victor Oreskovich** (Oakville, Ont.) was a second-round selection, 55th overall by the Colorado Avalanche. Sophomore defenseman **Wes O'Neill** (Essex, Ont.) was chosen in the fourth round, 115th overall by the New York Islanders. Sophomore goaltender **David Brown** (Stony Creek, Ont.) was selected in the eighth round, 228th overall by the Pittsburgh Penguins. Those three join junior **Mike Walsh** (Northville, Mich.) as Notre Dame players selected by in the draft. Walsh was picked in the fifth round of the 2002 draft by the New York Rangers.

OH CANADA - Sophomore defenseman **Wes O'Neill** (Essex, Ont.) was one of 44 players invited to Canada's National Junior Team Development Camp that was held in Calgary, Alberta from August 12-19. O'Neill is the lone collegiate player invited to the camp in hopes of being selected to Canada's World Junior team this December. The 6-4, 217-pound blueliner was a member of Canada's Under-18 team last April at the Under-18 World Championships in Belarus. He also played for Team Ontario at the Under-17 World Championships in February of 2003. As a freshman at Notre Dame, O'Neill played in all 39 games with two goals and 10 assists for 12 points. His +7 plus/minus rating was tops among Irish defensemen.



RIVALRY CLUSTERS – The CCHA begins its third season with the 12 teams grouped in “rivalry pairings.” In the pairings, Notre Dame is paired with Bowling Green. The league’s other pairings include Michigan-Michigan State, Miami-Ohio State, Lake Superior State-Northern Michigan, Ferris State-Western Michigan and Alaska Fairbanks-Nebraska-Omaha.

Each season the teams are divided into three, four-team clusters and play a 28-game conference schedule. Cluster teams will face each other four times during the season with two games against each of the remaining eight teams.

In 2004-05, Notre Dame will play Bowling Green, Michigan and Michigan State four times with two games at home and two away. The Irish will also host two-game series with Ferris State, Nebraska-Omaha, Northern Michigan and Ohio State while traveling for two games to Alaska Fairbanks, Lake Superior State, Miami and Western Michigan. In 2003-04, the Irish played in the same cluster with Bowling Green, Lake Superior State and Northern Michigan and were 6-5-1 in the 12 games.

SHUTOUT STREAKS – Notre Dame goaltenders **David Brown** and **Morgan Cey** each turned in career-best shutout streaks during the 2003-04 season. Brown set a Notre Dame record with his streak of 193:27, set between Oct. 17 and Nov. 8. In his streak, Brown shutout Bowling Green (10/18), Boston College (10/24) and Nebraska-Omaha (10/31) over three consecutive starts. Cey set his mark of 158:53 between Dec. 29 and Jan. 9. Included in his back-to-back shutouts were 1-0 blankings of Maine (12/28) and Findlay (1/3). Cey previously held the Irish record with a run of 149:17 and set in the 2003 CCHA playoffs.

STORM WARNINGS – Three members of the Notre Dame freshman class saw action with the USHL’s Tri-City Storm during the ‘03-04 season. Defensemen **Brian D’Arcy** (Western Springs, Ill.) and **Luke Lucyk** (Fox Point, Wis.) were members of the Storm’s highly ranked defense. Forward **Mark Van Guilder** (Roseville, Minn.) was a key contributor to the USHL’s regular-season champions. Van Guilder was fifth on the team in scoring with 17 goals and 22 assists for 39 points in 60 games. In 11 playoff games, Van Guilder added three goals and two assists for five points. D’Arcy saw his season cut short due to injuries, playing in 32 games with no goals and two assists to go with 36 penalty minutes. Lucyk was a regular on the defense with a goal and nine assists for 10 points in 60 games.

TERRIFIC TRIO – Notre Dame’s outstanding goaltending duo of senior **Morgan Cey** (Wilkie, Sask.) and sophomore **David Brown** (Stoney

Creek, Ont.) combined to set Notre Dame records for the lowest goals-against average and save percentage in a season during the 2003-04 season. Along with junior **Rory Walsh** (Milton, Mass.), the trio combined to turn in school record 2.48 goals-against average and .922 save percentages over 39 games. The previous Notre Dame record for goals-against average (2.60) came in the 1999-00 season and the previous best save percentage (.910) came in the 2002-03 campaign. Cey was 5-7-1 on the year with a career-best goals against (2.42) and save percentage (.924). Brown was 14-7-3 overall and set Irish records with a 2.32 goals-against average and a .925 save percentage. The freshman puck stopper also set a Notre Dame record with four shutouts on the year. Cey added a pair of whitewashings on the year to give him a school record six shutouts for his career. Walsh was 1-1-0 on the year with a 3.53 goals-against average and a .881 save percentage.

VERSUS THE BEST – One of the major reasons for the Irish success in the 2003-04 season was their record against nationally ranked teams. On the year, Notre Dame was 6-6-1 against teams ranked in the top 15. In games against Top 5, the Irish were 5-1-1, including a 1-0 win versus then top-ranked Boston College (Oct. 24). For the season, Notre Dame recorded wins over #3 Maine (1-0), #4 Wisconsin (3-1) and two versus #4 Michigan (4-1 and 5-2). The Irish also recorded a 2-2 tie at Wisconsin. The lone loss to a top-five team came in the NCAA Regionals when the Irish lost to Minnesota, 5-2.

YOST BUSTERS – Notre Dame’s 4-3 win at Michigan on Nov. 23, 2002 was the first regular-season win for the Irish at Yost Arena since they returned to the CCHA in 1992-93. Prior to that, the last time Notre Dame won in Ann Arbor was Oct. 22, 1982, a span of 14 regular-season games. The Irish did win a CCHA playoff game at Yost in the 1998 playoffs. In the regular season, Notre Dame is now 1-14-1 in the last 16 meetings and since 1992-93, the Irish are 2-18-1 versus the Wolverines at Yost Arena. Over the last three meetings, the Irish are 1-1-1 when playing in Ann Arbor.



David Brown was one of three Irish goaltenders who combined to turn in school records for goals-against average (2.48), save percentage (.922) and shutouts (6).

YOUNG D – Notre Dame’s defensive corps will go from one of the most experienced in the league to one of the youngest as the Irish graduated four senior defensemen. Between them, **Tom Galvin** (142), **Neil Komadoski** (146), **Brett Lebda** (152) and **T.J. Mathieson** (46) combined to play 486 career games. The three returning defensemen – senior **Joe Zurenko** (73), junior **Chris Trick** (58), and freshmen **Wes O’Neill** (39) and **Noah Babin** (31) – have played a total of 201 career games.

Notre Dame Hockey By The Numbers

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The spot where the Colorado Avalanche made Irish freshman **Victor Oreskovich** a second-round pick in the 2004 NHL Entry Draft. The Oakville, Ont. native was joined by **Wes O’Neill** (115th overall by the New York Islanders) and **David Brown** (228th by Pittsburgh) as Irish players selected in the draft

47

Saves posted by **Matt Eisler** in 3-0 win over Ohio State on Oct. 25, 1996 (most ever in a Notre Dame shutout)

40

The pick in the 2002 NHL Entry Draft where the Florida Panthers selected **Rob Globke** - the earliest any Notre Dame hockey player has ever been selected in the draft

13

Players from the National Team Developmental Program to play at Notre Dame since the NTDP started in 1997-98

6:50

Quickest hat trick in Notre Dame history, by **Sterling Black** in 1973

4.0

Semester G.P.A. posted 14 times by Notre Dame hockey players during the past eight years - **T.J. Mathieson** was the last to do it in the spring of 2004

2.24

The lowest goals-against average by an Irish goaltender. **David Brown** turned that in during his freshman year, the 2003-04 season

.925

The top single-season save percentage by a Notre Dame goaltender - set by **David Brown** as a freshman in 2003-04

0

Combined goals scored by Notre Dame and Miami on Dec. 10, 1994 - the first scoreless tie in CCHA history



2004-05 University of Notre Dame Hockey Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	R/L	Birthdate	Hometown	Previous Team
2	Joe Zurenko	D	6-1	196	Sr.	R	11/28/82	Palentine, IL	Green Bay Gamblers (USHL)
4	Dan VeNard	D	6-0	181	Fr.	R	10/5/85	Vernon Hills, IL	Green Bay Gamblers (USHL)
5	Chris Trick	D	6-3	217	Jr.	R	8/12/84	Troy, MI	Chicago Freeze (NAHL)
6	Noah Babin	D	6-0	186	So.	R	3/11/84	Palm Bch. Gardens, FL	Green Bay Gamblers (USHL)
7	Luke Lucyk	D	6-0	198	Fr.	L	5/5/86	Fox Point, WI	Tri-City Storm (USHL)
8	Josh Sciba	C	5-11	190	So.	L	2/6/85	Westland, MI	USA National Under-18 Team
9	Matthew Williams-Kovacs	RW	5-10	181	So.	R	4/28/84	Calgary, ALB	Calgary Royals (AJHL)
10	Cory McLean	RW	5-9	180	Sr.	R	1/5/81	Fargo, ND	Chicago Steel (USHL)
14	Brock Sheahan	D	5-11	165	Fr.	L	5/6/84	Lethbridge, ALB	Crowsnest Pass Timberwolves (AJHL)
15	Brad Wanchulak	LW	5-11	183	Sr.	L	6/18/80	Edson, ALB	Camrose Kodiaks (AJHL)
16	Matt Amado	C	5-11	190	Jr.	L	5/7/83	Surrey, BC	Coquitlam Express (BCHL)
17	Mike Walsh	LW	6-2	216	Jr.	L	1/12/83	Northville, MI	Compuware Ambassadors (NAHL)
18	Evan Rankin	C	6-1	186	Fr.	R	3/28/86	Portage, MI	Lincoln Stars (USHL)
19	Wes O'Neill	D	6-4	217	So.	L	3/3/86	Essex, ONT	Green Bay Gamblers (USHL)
20	Victor Oreskovich	RW	6-3	220	Fr.	R	8/15/86	Oakville, ONT	Green Bay Gamblers (USHL)
21	Tony Gill	LW	5-10	184	Jr.	R	11/18/81	Rochester, MN	Cedar Rapids RoughRiders (USHL)
22	Jason Paige	C	6-0	200	So.	R	1/19/84	Saginaw, MI	Compuware Ambassadors (NAHL)
23	Mark Van Guilder	RW	6-2	193	Fr.	R	1/17/84	Roseville, MN	Tri-City Storm (USHL)
24	Brian D'Arcy	D	6-2	213	Fr.	R	6/29/84	Western Springs, IL	Tri-City Storm (USHL)
26	T.J. Jindra	RW	6-0	191	So.	R	8/24/82	Faribault, MN	River City Lancers (USHL)
27	Michael Bartlett	LW	6-0	202	So.	R	1/6/85	Morton Grove, IL	USA National Under-18 Team
28	Tim Wallace	RW	6-1	211	Jr.	R	8/6/84	Anchorage, AK	USA National Under-18 Team
29	Morgan Cey	G	6-3	177	Sr.	R	10/27/81	Wilkie, SASK	Flin Flon Bombers (SJHL)
30	David Brown	G	5-11	181	So.	L	2/1/85	Stoney Creek, ONT	Hamilton Kilty Bees (OPJHL)
31	Rory Walsh	G	5-9	173	Jr.	L	11/2/82	Milton, MA	Noble and Greenough

Head Coach: Dave Poulin (Notre Dame '82; 10th season)

Assistant Coaches: Andy Slaggert (Notre Dame '89), Layne LeBel (Michigan Tech '94)

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Craig Brown (Western Michigan '01)

Athletic Trainer: Kevin Ricks

Equipment Specialist: Dave Gilbert

Senior Manager: Chris Duve '05

Pronunciation Guide

16 Matt Ah-mado
 6 No-ah Bah-bin
 29 Morgan SAY
 26 T.J. JIN-drah
 7 Luke LEW-sick
 10 Cory Mah-CLANE
 14 Brock SHAY-han

8 Josh SKI-ba
 20 Victor ORR-res-ko-vich
 15 Brad Wahn-CHA-luck
 2 Joe Zah-renko

head coach - Dave POOL-in
 assistant coach - Andy SLAG-urt
 assistant coach - Lane Lah-BELL



2004-05 University of Notre Dame Hockey Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	R/L	Birthdate	Hometown	Previous Team
16	Matt Amado	C	5-11	190	Jr.	L	5/7/83	Surrey, BC	Coquitlam Express (BCHL)
6	Noah Babin	D	6-0	186	So.	R	3/11/84	Palm Bch. Gardens, FL	Green Bay Gamblers (USHL)
27	Michael Bartlett	LW	6-0	202	So.	R	1/6/85	Morton Grove, IL	USA National Under-18 Team
30	David Brown	G	5-11	181	So.	L	2/1/85	Stoney Creek, ONT	Hamilton Kilty Bees (OPJHL)
29	Morgan Cey	G	6-3	177	Sr.	R	10/27/81	Wilkie, SASK	Flin Flon Bombers (SJHL)
24	Brian D'Arcy	D	6-2	213	Fr.	R	6/29/84	Western Springs, IL	Tri-City Storm (USHL)
21	Tony Gill	LW	5-10	184	Jr.	R	11/18/81	Rochester, MN	Cedar Rapids RoughRiders (USHL)
26	T.J. Jindra	RW	6-0	191	So.	R	8/24/82	Faribault, MN	River City Lancers (USHL)
7	Luke Lucyk	D	6-0	198	Fr.	L	5/5/86	Fox Point, WI	Tri-City Storm (USHL)
10	Cory McLean	RW	5-9	180	Sr.	R	1/5/81	Fargo, ND	Chicago Steel (USHL)
19	Wes O'Neill	D	6-4	217	So.	L	3/3/86	Essex, ONT	Green Bay Gamblers (USHL)
20	Victor Oreskovich	RW	6-3	220	Fr.	R	8/15/86	Oakville, ONT	Green Bay Gamblers (USHL)
22	Jason Paige	C	6-0	200	So.	R	1/19/84	Saginaw, MI	Compuware Ambassadors (NAHL)
18	Evan Rankin	C	6-1	186	Fr.	R	3/28/86	Portage, MI	Lincoln Stars (USHL)
8	Josh Sciba	C	5-11	190	So.	L	2/6/85	Westland, MI	USA National Under-18 Team
14	Brock Sheahan	D	5-11	165	Fr.	L	5/6/84	Lethbridge, ALB	Crowsnest Pass Timberwolves (AJHL)
5	Chris Trick	D	6-3	217	Jr.	R	8/12/84	Troy, MI	Chicago Freeze (NAHL)
23	Mark Van Guilder	RW	6-2	193	Fr.	R	1/17/84	Roseville, MN	Tri-City Storm (USHL)
4	Dan VeNard	D	6-0	181	Fr.	R	10/5/85	Vernon Hills, IL	Green Bay Gamblers (USHL)
28	Tim Wallace	RW	6-1	211	Jr.	R	8/6/84	Anchorage, AK	USA National Under-18 Team
17	Mike Walsh	LW	6-2	216	Jr.	L	1/12/83	Northville, MI	Compuware Ambassadors (NAHL)
31	Rory Walsh	G	5-9	173	Jr.	L	11/2/82	Milton, MA	Noble and Greenough
15	Brad Wanchulak	LW	5-11	183	Sr.	L	6/18/80	Edson, ALB	Camrose Kodiaks (AJHL)
9	Matthew Williams-Kovacs	RW	5-10	181	So.	R	4/28/84	Calgary, ALB	Calgary Royals (AJHL)
2	Joe Zurenko	D	6-1	196	Sr.	R	11/28/82	Palentine, IL	Green Bay Gamblers (USHL)

Head Coach: Dave Poulin (Notre Dame '82; 10th season)

Assistant Coaches: Andy Slaggert (Notre Dame '89), Layne LeBel (Michigan Tech '94)

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Craig Brown (Western Michigan '01)

Athletic Trainer: Kevin Ricks

Equipment Specialist: Dave Gilbert

Senior Manager: Chris Duve '05

By Position

Centers (4) Amado, Paige, Rankin, Sciba

Left Wing (4) Bartlett, T. Gill, M. Walsh, Wanchulak

Right Wing (6) McLean, Jindra, Oreskovich, Van Guilder, Wallace, Williams-Kovacs

Defensemen (8) Babin, D'Arcy, Lucyk, O'Neill, Sheahan, Trick, VeNard, Zurenko

Goaltenders (3) Brown, Cey, R. Walsh

By Class

Seniors (4) Cey, McLean, Wanchulak, Zurenko

Juniors (6) Amado, T. Gill, Trick, Wallace, M. Walsh, R. Walsh

Sophomores (8) Babin, Bartlett, Brown, Jindra, O'Neill, Paige, Sciba, Williams-Kovacs

Freshmen (7) D'Arcy, Lucyk, Oreskovich, Rankin, Sheahan, Van Guilder, VeNard





Irish Look To Build On First-Ever NCAA Tournament Appearance

Strong goaltending to be backbone of young, talented returning squad.

The Notre Dame Fighting Irish hockey squad moves into the 2004-05 season looking to build on what was the most successful season in the program's history.

During 2003-04, the Irish proceeded where no other Notre Dame team had ever been in the program's 36-year history - the NCAA hockey tournament.

The Irish were 20-15-4 overall and finished 14-11-3 in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA), good for a fourth-place tie.

Included in the team's 20 wins was a 5-1-1 mark versus team's ranked fifth or better nationally. The Irish recorded wins over top-ranked Boston College, third-ranked Maine, fourth-ranked Wisconsin and a late-season wins over fourth-ranked Michigan.

Notre Dame's first NCAA appearance came at the Midwest Regional in Grand Rapids, Mich., and came versus two-time defending champion Minnesota.

After taking a 2-0 first-period lead, the Irish fell to the fourth-ranked Gophers, 5-2 at Van Andel Arena.

Despite the tough ending, the 2003-04 season can't be called anything less than impressive.

The Irish won 20 games for the first time since the 1987-88 campaign and finished the year ranked 12th in the national polls.

Led by a trio of goaltenders - David Brown, Morgan Cey and Rory Walsh - the Irish recorded the lowest goals-against average (2.48) and the highest save percentage (.922) in program history.

Brown set an Irish record with four shutouts in one season and combined with Cey (two shutouts) to set a school record with six shutouts on the year.

Defense was the name of the game for Notre Dame in 2003-04. Besides goaltending, the Irish were one of the top penalty-killing teams in the nation. Notre Dame surrendered just 22 power-play goals on the year to set a team penalty-killing mark (.874) that

was tops in the CCHA and fourth in the NCAA.

The Irish advanced to the CCHA Super Six in Detroit for the third consecutive season and the fourth time since 2000-01. Only Michigan State and Michigan have made it in five consecutive seasons.

For Poulin, now in his 10th season behind the Irish bench, the 2003-04 season started with a big question mark in goal as Cey, who had played in 71 of 79 games in his first two seasons, started the year on the sidelines after summer knee

surgery. Walsh and Brown would handle the chores even though both had no game experience.

Any questions were quickly answered as Walsh and Brown went 5-2 in October with Brown recording three consecutive shutouts (Oct. 18-31).

Cey returned to play in two games before going on the shelf again in mid-November. When he returned to the lineup, Cey wasted little time getting back to normal as he recorded back-to-back 1-0 shutouts of Maine and Findlay.

The 14-11-3 record in CCHA play earned the Irish home-ice in the first round (vs. Western Michigan) of the playoffs for the first time since 1999-2000.

The series went three games with the Irish winning the final game in overtime when Jason Paige whipped a wrist shot past Bronco goaltender Eric Marvin at 12:35 of the extra stanza to send the Notre Dame to the Super Six.

In Detroit, the Irish CCHA season came to a stop in a tough, 6-5 overtime loss to Ohio State.

"Last year's success and making the NCAA tournament for the first time was a huge step for our program," says Poulin.

"Now its time to move on to a new season with different challenges. We will continue to work to improve all aspects of the program. Our goal remains the same - to be among the top programs in the country."

Poulin and his staff will have a decidedly younger team to work with in 2004-05 as the squad features just four seniors.

Lost to graduation are the team's top two scorers - **Rob Globke** and team



Sophomore defenseman Wes O'Neill will lead the Notre Dame defense in the 2004-05 season. The 6-4, 217-pound blueliner had two goals and 10 assists in his freshman year and led all Irish defensemen with a +7.

Goaltenders

David Brown

So. ... 5-11 ... 181
14-7-3, 2.32 GAA, .925 save%
in '03-'04

Morgan Cey

Sr. ... 6-3 ... 177
5-7-1, 2.42 GAA, .923 save%
in '03-'04

Rory Walsh

Jr. ... 5-9 ... 173
1-1-0, 3.53 GAA, .881 save%
in '03-'04

Defensemen

Noah Babin

So. ... 6-0 ... 186
0g-1a, 31 GP in '03-'04

Brian D'Arcy

Fr. ... 6-2 ... 213

Luke Lucyk

Fr. ... 6-0 ... 198

Wes O'Neill

So. ... 6-4 ... 217
2g-10a, 39 GP in '03-'04

Brock Sheahan

Fr. ... 5-11 ... 165

Chris Trick

Jr. ... 6-3 ... 217
1g-2a, 32 GP in '03-'04

Dan VeNard

Fr. ... 6-0 ... 181

Joe Zurenko

Sr. ... 6-1 ... 196
0g-2a, 23 GP in '03-'04

most valuable player **Aaron Gill**. The dynamic duo combined for 36 goals and had a hand in 42 others on the year. Both scored 100 points in their careers (Globke - 124, Gill, 111).

Defense is where the Irish have their biggest holes to fill as five defensemen have departed - four to graduation - **Tom Galvin**, **Neil Komadoski**, **Brett Lebda** and **T.J. Mathieson** - and one to injuries - junior Derek Smith - who hasn't played since January of 2003 due to post-concussion syndrome.

The senior triumvirate of Galvin, Komadoski and Lebda led the Irish defense as they usually logged 20-25 minutes per game and contributed at both ends of the ice. Between them, they accounted for 12 goals and 56 assists while helping the Irish to the lowest goals-against average in the program's history.

For the season, Globke, Gill and Lebda were all named second team all-CCHA, the most Notre Dame players ever named to a CCHA post-season team.

Mathieson saw limited playing time as a senior and Smith was sidelined by injuries for most of the last two seasons.

For the season ahead, the Irish return 18 monogram winners from last year's NCAA team. That includes 11 forwards, four defensemen and three goaltenders. The returning players will be joined by a seven-man freshman class that includes three forwards and four defensemen.





Junior Mike Walsh is Notre Dame's top returning scorer. The big left wing had 12 goals and 13 assists in 2003-04. Four of his goals were game winners.

"There's no question that we will be looking to establish our defense first," says Poulin.

"It's not easy to replace three regulars who played a great deal in their careers, along with a great character guy like T.J. Mathieson. Derek (Smith) also played a lot in his first two years before his injuries, so we have some key holes to fill on defense."

Poulin adds, "The strength of this team will definitely be in goal. With Morgan (Cey) and David (Brown) we have an established duo that may be the premier tandem in college hockey. Rory Walsh gives us a solid third goaltender. He won the starting job last season and was our goaltender on opening night."

"Offensively, we will be looking for players to step up and take on some of the scoring responsibilities that Aaron (Gill) and Rob (Globke) shouldered. We have some guys who are extremely talented and highly skilled. They just need to show those skills on a consistent basis."

Early in the season, Notre Dame's success will depend on their goaltenders - **Morgan Cey** (Sr., Wilkie, Sask.) and **David Brown** (So., Stoney Creek, Ont.) - until the young defense gets experience at the Division I level.

Look for the duo to split playing time in 2004-05 as they did when both were healthy a year ago.

Cey played in just 14 games as a junior due to pre-season knee surgery and then a follow-up surgery in November. He was 5-7-1 overall while turning in a career-best goals-against average (2.42) and save percentage (.924).

His back-to-back 1-0 shutouts versus Maine and Findlay gave him a school record six for his career. During his streak, Cey recorded 158:53 minutes of shutout hockey, the second-longest streak in Irish history.

For his career, Cey has played in 85 games, making 83 starts with a 35-36-10 record, a 2.73 goals-against average and a .913 save percentage.

Joining Cey in Notre Dame's one-two goaltending punch is David Brown. As a freshman, he made the most of his chance to play due to Cey's early-season injury and quickly took over as the team's top goaltender. After dropping his first start, Brown ran off three consecutive shutouts and set an Irish record with 193:27 minutes of shutout hockey between Oct. 17 - Nov. 8.

On the year, the steady goaltender was 14-7-3 overall, setting Notre Dame single-season marks for the lowest goals-against average (2.32) and save percentage (.925). He also owns the single-season record for shutouts in a season with four.

A finalist for CCHA rookie of the year honors, Brown capped his first season with the Irish by being selected in the eighth round of the 2004 NHL Draft by the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Notre Dame's third goaltender **Rory Walsh** (Jr., Milton, Mass.) saw his first career action in 2003-04, playing in three games, making a pair of starts. Walsh was the Irish starter on opening night versus Ohio State; making 31 saves in a 5-2 win against the Buckeyes.

In limited action, Walsh was 1-1-0 with a 3.53 goals-against average and a .881 save percentage.

Walsh suffered a season-ending injury in early March when he severed an Achilles' tendon. He is expected to miss the early part of 2004-05 while recovering from the injury.

While the Irish are solid between the pipes, their defense will be young and inexperienced.

The backline features one senior, one junior, two sophomores and four freshmen in the battle for playing time.

The lone senior is **Joe Zurenko** (Palentine, Ill.) who has played in 73 games during his Irish career.

Zurenko gives Notre Dame a strong, physical presence on the blue line and is a classic, stay-at-home defender who is strong in the corners and in front of his own net.

The 6-1, 196-pound defenseman moves the puck well and is strong on his feet.

Zurenko saw action in 23 games last season and recorded no points while picking up 32 minutes in penalties.

The lone junior in the defensive corps is **Chris Trick** (Troy, Mich.). At 6-3, 217-pounds, Trick is a strong skating defensive-defenseman who has made giant strides in each of his first two seasons.

Smart and steady in his own zone, Trick keeps the game simple and handles the puck with confidence. In 32 games last season, he had a goal and two assists while picking up 12 penalty minutes. He was +3 for the season with his lone

goal coming short-handed.

Back for their second season on the Notre Dame defense are sophomores **Noah Babin** (Palm Beach Garden, Fla.) and **Wes O'Neill** (Essex, Ont.).

Babin saw action in 31 games as a freshman at Notre Dame, splitting time between forward and defense. An outstanding skater with excellent speed, the former Green Bay Gambler showed excellent puck-handling skills and a strong, accurate shot.

In 31 games, Babin had one assist and 20 minutes in penalties for the year.

O'Neill came to the Irish as a highly ranked junior player and did not disappoint. Playing with three senior defensemen, the former Green Bay Gambler was one of Notre Dame's top four defenders.

In 39 games, O'Neill contributed a pair of goals and 10 assists for 12 points and led all Irish defensemen with a +7 plus-minus mark while playing the entire campaign as a 17-year old.

Following the season, O'Neill was selected by the New York Islanders in the fourth round of the NHL Entry Draft.

In 2004-05, look for O'Neill to become the leader of

the Notre Dame defense as he played in all situations last season, including killing penalties and running the power play. Four freshmen join the Irish defense and will get a chance to play key roles early in the season.

Joining the team for their first seasons on the Division I level are **Brian D'Arcy** (Western Springs, Ill.), **Luke Lucyk** (Fox Point, Mich.), **Brock Sheahan** (Lethbridge, Alb.) and **Dan VeNard** (Vernon Hills, Ill.).

D'Arcy comes to Notre Dame after playing for the Tri-City Storm of the United States Hockey League (USHL). The 6-2, 205-pound defenseman is known for his aggressive style of play and will give the Irish another physical player on the blue line.

He saw action in 32 games for Tri-City in a season cut short by injuries, recording a pair of assists and 36 minutes in penalties.

Lucyk was a teammate of D'Arcy's and forward Mark Van Guilder with Tri-City last season, helping the Storm to the USHL regular-season title and a berth in the championship series.

A rugged, physical defenseman with solid offensive skills, Lucyk handles the puck well and has excellent mobility. Last year with the Storm, he had a goal and nine assists for 10 points in 60 games while recording 64 minutes in penalties.

Sheahan comes to Notre Dame after playing last season for the Crowsnest Pass Timberwolves of the Alberta Junior Hockey League.

Left Wings

Michael Bartlett

So. ... 6-0 ... 202
6g-6a, 39 GP in '03-'04

Tony Gill

Jr. ... 5-10 ... 184
0g-0a, 12 GP in '03-'04

Mike Walsh

Jr. ... 6-2 ... 216
12g-13a, 39 GP in '03-'04

Josh Seiba

So. ... 5-11 ... 190
7g-7a, 38 GP in '03-'04

Tim Wallace

Jr. ... 6-1 ... 211
3g-8a, 39 GP in '03-'04

Centers

Matt Amado

Jr. ... 6-0 ... 190
5g-7a, 34 GP in '03-'04

Jason Paige

So. ... 6-0 ... 200
10g-6a, 39 GP in '03-'04

Evan Rankin

Fr. ... 6-1 ... 186

Brad Wanchulak

Sr. ... 5-11 ... 183
0g-4a, 35 GP in '03-'04

Right Wings

Cory McLean

Jr. ... 5-9 ... 180
10g-14a, 39 GP in '03-'04

T.J. Jindra

So. ... 6-0 ... 191
4g-6a, 39 GP in '03-'04

Victor Oreskovich

Fr. ... 6-3 ... 220

Mark Van Guilder

Fr. ... 6-2 ... 193

Matt Williams-Kovacs

So. ... 5-10 ... 181
0g-4a, 28 GP in '03-'04



A 6-0, 170-pound left-handed defenseman, Sheahan played in 48 games in 2003-04 with six goals and 22 assists for 28 points. He also racked up 90 penalty minutes while helping the Timberwolves to a 27-29-4 overall mark.

An offensive-minded defenseman, Sheahan is a strong skater who likes to join the play and should be a candidate to see time on the Irish power play.

VeNard played three seasons of junior hockey with the Green Bay Gamblers where he was a teammate of incoming freshman forward Victor Oreskovich and sophomores Wes O'Neill and Noah Babin.

VeNard's final season was cut short due to injuries as he played just 22 games with two goals and two assists for four points. A knee injury limited the 6-0, 180-pound defender to just eight games in 2002-03 (1g, 1a) but in his first year as a 16-year old he played in 60 games with three goals and nine assists for 12 points.

Offensively, the Irish scored 108 goals a year ago and will look to replace the 36 that belonged to the departed Globke and Gill.

Poulin believes that he has the players who can pick up the scoring slack and will turn up the production in the season ahead.

Of his 11 returning forwards, only two are seniors - team captain **Cory McLean** (Fargo, N.D.) and **Brad Wanchulak** (Edson, Alb.).

McLean has been a regular in the lineup since his freshman year and turned in a career-best, 10-goal, 14-assist season in 2003-04 and is the team's second-leading returning scorer. His +10 plus/minus was second on the team.

A strong leader both on and off the ice, McLean will look to continue to develop the strong chemistry the team had last season. For his career, the 5-9, 170-pounder has played in 113 games with 21 goals and 25 assists for 46 career points.

Wanchulak has also seen steady action in his first three seasons for the Irish having played in 103 games at left wing or center.

The speedy forward is a strong forechecker who uses his outstanding skating skills to force opponent mistakes at their end of the ice.

For his career, Wanchulak has seven goals and 14 assists for 21 points.

Four junior forwards will be counted on to take over their share of the offensive responsibilities this season.

The group includes **Matt Amado** (Langley, B.C.), **Tony Gill** (Rochester, Minn.), **Tim Wallace** (Anchorage, Alaska) and **Mike Walsh** (Northville, Mich.).

Of the four, Walsh has proven to be a big-time collegiate scorer as he came into his own last season with 12 goals and 13 assists for 25 points.

At 6-2, 216-pounds, Walsh blends size, speed and a physical presence to be one of the top power forwards in the CCHA.

A New York Ranger draft choice in 2002, Walsh has a nose for the net as four of his goals last season were game-winning tallies. He will also serve as one of the team's alternate captains this year.

Amado and Wallace have played regularly in their first two seasons and will be look to break out in 2004-05. Both have shown flashes of what they can do over the past two years, but will look to become more consistent this season.

Amado (5-11, 190) is a left-handed center who has all the tools. Strong on his skates, the talented playmaker

can find the open man or create his own shot from anywhere on the ice.

As a sophomore, Amado played in 34 games, scoring five goals while setting up seven others for 12 points.

Wallace has the size and skill to become a top power forward. A strong, two-way player, he played in all 39 games as a sophomore with three goals and eight assists for 11 points.

The 6-1, 211-pound right wing has played in all 79 consecutive games in his collegiate career. A big year from Wallace in the goal-scoring department will be a key to Irish success in 2004-05.

Gill brings energy to the Irish lineup. A total team player, the junior is a strong skater who excels on the defensive side of the game where his non-stop hustle and tenacious forechecking drives opposing puck carriers crazy.

Gill saw action in 12 games last season and 15 as a freshman.

Five sophomores figure to play key roles on the Irish offense this season.

Michael Bartlett (So., Morton Grove, Ill.) played much of the season at left wing, getting six goals and six assists for 12 points in 39 games.

An outstanding skater, the 6-0, 202-pound Bartlett has a strong defensive reputation who scored six times with six assists in his rookie season.

T.J. Jindra (So., Faribault, Minn.) stepped into the lineup and proved to be one of the top penalty killers in the CCHA. He along with Bartlett and Jason Paige (all freshmen) were Notre Dame's first three forwards on the ice in penalty killing situations.

Jindra consistently came up with big plays with his hard work and hustle. He had four goals and six assists for 10 points in 39 games. Two of his goals came short-handed and two were game winners.

Jason Paige (So., Saginaw, Mich.) led all Irish freshmen in scoring with 10 goals and six assists and was one of the top penalty killers. Four of his goals came on the power play and three were game winners. One of the team's leaders, Paige was selected to be one of the team's alternate captains as a sophomore.

Josh Sciba (So., Westland, Mich.) saw action at left wing and center and may have the most offensive skills of all the sophomores.

Blessed with great speed and hands, the 5-11 forward has a nose for the net and makes the most of his scoring chances.

In 38 games, Sciba had seven goals and seven assists for 14 points.

Matt Williams-Kovacs (So., Calgary, Alb.) played in 25 games as a freshman and contributed five assists.

A top scorer in junior hockey for the AJHL's Calgary Royals, Williams-Kovacs spent most of the season on the fourth line.

The Irish brought in three forwards in their freshman class. The trio includes **Victor Oreskovich** (Oakville, Ont.), **Evan Rankin** (Portage, Mich.) and **Mark Van Guilder** (Burnsville, Minn.). All three were big scorers in junior and will have the opportunity to move into the regular lineup.

Oreskovich joins the Irish after playing last season for the Green Bay Gamblers where he had 11 goals and 26 assists for 37 points in 58 games.

The highly touted right wing was a second-round draft choice of the Colorado Avalanche in last June's draft.

A prototypical power forward (6-3, 215), Oreskovich played for the Milton Merchants of the OPJHL in 2002-03



Sophomore center Josh Sciba brings speed and a great shot to the Notre Dame lineup. He will look to build on his six goals and six assists from the 2003-04 season.

and had 76 points in 49 games and was selected to the Ontario Under-17 team with Irish defenseman Wes O'Neill in 2002-03.

Rankin played last season for the Lincoln Stars of the USHL where he was fourth in team scoring with 14 goals and 17 assists for 31 points. A 6-1, 186-pound left-handed center, Rankin scored seven power-play goals and one game winner for the Stars.

Rounding out the forwards is Van Guilder, a 6-2, 193-pound right wing from the Tri-City Storm. In 60 regular-season games, Van Guilder scored 17 goals and added 22 assists for 39 points in helping the Storm to the USHL's Anderson Cup (regular-season title).

A smart hockey player, Van Guilder has a nose for the net and brings versatility to the lineup as he has played all three forward positions during his junior career.

The Irish play an ambitious schedule in 2004-05. It features 17 games versus teams that advanced to the 2004 NCAA Tournament - Minnesota-Duluth (2), Miami (2), Boston College (1), Michigan (4), Michigan State (4), Wisconsin (2) and Ohio State (2).

For the 36-game schedule, Notre Dame will play 28 CCHA games, seven against teams from the WCHA, two versus the ECAC and one versus Hockey East.

Notre Dame will also play in three neutral arenas during the year - Jan. 18 at Green Bay's Resch Arena versus Michigan Tech, on Jan. 22 at Allstate Arena in Rosemont, Ill., versus Wisconsin and on Feb. 18 versus Michigan at Fort Wayne's Allen County War Memorial Coliseum.

