

# 2000 UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME VOLLEYBALL

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

**WHO:** Notre Dame and USC.

**WHAT:** The final Irish regular season match.

**WHERE:** The Lion Center, Los Angeles, Calif.

**WHEN:** #19 Notre Dame at #3 USC, Friday, Nov. 24, 6:00 p.m.

**Irish Head to the West Coast for Final Regular Season Match:** The 2000 BIG EAST Champion and 19th-ranked Notre Dame volleyball team (25-5) heads to Los Angeles, Calif., this weekend to face #3 USC. It will be the final regular season match for the Irish, as they have already assured themselves a NCAA tournament berth by capturing the 2000 BIG EAST Championship last weekend (Nov. 18-19). The tournament seeds, pairings and sites will be announced Sunday, Nov. 26.

**2000 BIG EAST Tournament Recap:** Notre Dame swept through the 2000 BIG EAST Championship in impressive fashion, capturing two 3-0 wins over fourth-seeded Connecticut (15-10, 15-13, 15-6) and second-seeded Rutgers (15-8, 15-8, 15-10) last weekend in the Joyce Center. The championship marks the fifth title in six seasons of BIG EAST competition for the Irish, and Notre Dame now boasts a 12-1 (.923) record in conference championship competition.

BIG EAST Player and Setter of the Year **Denise Boylan (Lisle, Ill.)** earned yet another honor by being named the Championship Most Outstanding Player. In the championship final victory over Rutgers, the Irish co-captain posted 62 assists (20.6 per game) with 14 digs and an ace. For the weekend, Boylan had 117 assists (19.5 per game) with 23 digs, six kills, five blocks and three aces. Even more impressive than her individual numbers is the Irish hitting percentage in the two tournament matches that Boylan set. Notre Dame scored 145 kills, while committing just 35 errors on 328 attack attempts for a .335 hitting percentage.

**BIG EAST Regular Season Title:** Notre Dame captured its fifth BIG EAST regular season title in six years with victories over conference opponents Boston College and Providence the weekend of Nov. 3 and 5. The Irish have lost only two BIG EAST regular season matches during their six years of conference competition, compiling a 64-2 (.970) record in that span.

**Scouting the Women of Troy:** USC is 24-2 (16-2 in Pac-10) in 2000 and ranked third in the nation ... the Women of Troy hold a 3-1 advantage in the series ... the teams have not met since '95, when the Irish earned a four-game victory in the Joyce Center ... USC's offensive leader in 2000 is April Ross (308 kills, 3.54 per game) ... the Trojans are also hitting .308 as a team this



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					
<b>Head Coach:</b> Debbie Brown (Arizona State, '82, 10th season at Notre Dame)					
<b>Assistant Coaches:</b> Steve Hendricks (Ball State, '90), Lindsay Rosenthal (Notre Dame, '98)					

AVCA/USA Today  
Top 25 Poll  
Nov. 20, 2000

Rk	School ('00 record)	Points (1st)
1.	Nebraska (26-0)	1490 (50)
2.	Hawaii (24-0)	1450 (10)
3.	USC (24-2)	1374
4.	Arizona (24-3)	1319
5.	Wisconsin (26-3)	1231
6.	Colorado State (29-3)	1160
7.	Minnesota (27-2)	1148
8.	Penn State (25-5)	1039
9.	Florida (25-4)	973
10.	Pacific (24-3)	949
11.	UCLA (20-7)	946
12.	BYU (23-6)	901
13.	UC Santa Barbara (23-6)	764
14.	Santa Clara (26-3)	741
15.	Pepperdine (23-6)	688
16.	Long Beach State (20-7)	588
17.	Ohio State (22-6)	503
18.	Utah (20-7)	406
19.	NOTRE DAME (25-5)	396
20.	Stanford (17-11)	309
21.	Utah State (21-9)	255
22.	Kansas State (20-6)	232
23.	Loyola Marymount (20-8)	226
24.	Missouri (23-5)	131
25.	Texas A&M (17-8)	72

Others receiving 30 or more points:  
Northern Iowa, Washington State  
*Italics* = 2000 Notre Dame opponents

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Nov. 20, 2000

Rk	School	2000 Record
1.	Hawaii	24-0
2.	Nebraska	26-0
3.	Pacific	24-3
4.	USC	24-2
5.	Colorado State	29-3
6.	Arizona	24-3
7.	Minnesota	27-2
8.	Wisconsin	26-3
9.	Florida	25-4
10.	Penn State	25-5
11.	UC Santa Barbara	23-6
12.	BYU	23-6
13.	UCLA	20-7
14.	Santa Clara	26-3
15.	Pepperdine	23-6
16.	Long Beach State	20-7
17.	Ohio State	22-6
18.	NOTRE DAME	25-5
19.	Stanford	17-11
20.	Kansas State	20-6

Others: Utah, Missouri, Michigan, Texas Tech, Loyola Marymount, Washington State, Utah State, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas A&M, Arizona State, Ball State

year.

**Irish Head Coach Debbie Brown Returns to USC:** After graduating from El Segundo (Calif.) High School, **Debbie Brown** captained the USC to a 72-1 two-year record and national titles in 1976 and 1977, including a 38-0 run in '77 that until 1998, when Long Beach State went 42-0 en route to the NCAA title, was the only unbeaten season in Division I women's volleyball history.

Brown left USC prior to her junior year, accepting an invitation to train full-time with the U.S. national team. She captained the U.S. to fifth at the '78 World Championship before earning a spot on the 1980 Olympic team (which never played due to the U.S. boycott).

**Rutgers (BIG EAST Championship Final)**

**Recap:** Notre Dame will make its ninth consecutive NCAA tournament appearance after sweeping through the BIG EAST Championship last weekend in the Joyce Center. The Irish earned a 3-0 victory over Connecticut Saturday, Nov. 18, then earned the Championship title (Nov. 19) with a 3-0 sweep (15-8, 15-8, 15-10) over Rutgers (23-7).

Notre Dame, in similar fashion to its performance against UConn, used a balanced offensive attack to down the Scarlet Knights. Four Irish players scored double-digit kills in the match, led by **Christi Girton's** (Muncie, Ind.) 16. **Kristy Kreher** (Birmingham, Mich.) and **Malinda Goralski** (Missouri City, Texas) both posted 15 kills a piece, while **Marcie Bomhack** (Waukesha, Wis.) added 13 kills. Girton, Kreher and Bomhack also posted double-doubles with 10, 11 and 18 digs, respectively.

"I am excited about the way the team is playing right now," Irish head coach Debbie Brown said.

"I thought Connecticut and Rutgers played some very good matches against us, but we are playing at a very high level right now. When we set the goals for the year, this (BIG EAST Championship) was one of them. We are right where we wanted to be."

The Irish offensive output was spearheaded by senior setter **Denise Boylan**. The BIG EAST Player of the Year, Setter of the Year, and now the BIG EAST Championship Most Outstanding Player, Boylan has been the offensive catalyst for the Irish all season.

"Denise has really provided some significant leadership for us," Brown said.

"She excels at controlling the ebbs and flows of the team. Her on-court leadership all weekend was excellent, especially today. Denise would not allow the team to let up."

The Irish will receive an automatic invitation to the 2000 NCAA Championship 64-team tournament as a result of their BIG EAST title.

**Notre Dame Earns Numerous Awards at the**

**BIG EAST Awards Banquet:** Notre Dame earned a number of honors at the 2000 BIG EAST awards banquet in South Bend, Ind., Friday (Nov.17) evening. The banquet preceded the BIG EAST Volleyball Championship, which was held at the Joyce Center on Notre Dame's campus.

**Debbie Brown** earned her second Coach of the Year award and her first since 1995. Brown has led the Irish to a 25-5 record and their fifth BIG EAST Championship in 2000. Notre Dame also posted an 11-0 record in BIG EAST competition earning its fifth conference regular season title in six years.

In her 10th year with the Irish, Brown has guided the team to victories over #13 BYU and #22 Loyola Marymount this season. Notre Dame is also riding an 11-match winning streak (tied for third-best in school history) heading into the final regular season match of the year at #3 USC this weekend. In addition, the Irish have been ranked first in the NCAA Northeast Region the entire year.

Senior setter and co-captain **Denise Boylan** became the fourth Irish player to earn the BIG EAST player of the year award. Boylan set the Irish to a .284 hitting percentage in 2000, a mark that is ranked eighth in the nation. She also led the league in assists per game (13.80) and helped the team hit a conference-best .288 this season. Boylan was the pre-season player of the year, named setter of the year at the banquet, and is a two-time all-BIG EAST first team selection.

Fellow co-captain and senior **Christi Girton** was named to the all-BIG EAST first team. Girton was named player of the week in the conference twice in 2000 and leads the Irish in kills with 396. The Irish starting outside hitter is riding a nine-match streak where she has posted double-digit kills entering the match at USC this weekend.

Junior opposite **Kristy Kreher** joined Boylan and Girton on the all-BIG EAST first team. Kreher has six 20-plus kill matches this season, four of which came versus ranked teams. She set the Notre Dame record for kills in four-game match this season with 32 versus Loyola Marymount and boasts a .345 hitting percentage on the year.

Notre Dame's other starting outside hitter, junior **Marcie Bomhack**, earned second-team all-BIG EAST honors. Bomhack was named BIG EAST player of the week on Nov. 6, is second on the team in digs with 240, and posted career-highs in aces (five vs. Florida A&M) and digs (25 vs. Loyola Marymount) this season.

Rounding out the awards for Notre Dame on the night was freshman middle blocker **Kim Fletcher** (St. Louis, Mo.), who earned all-rookie team honors. Fletcher has 76 kills on

## 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 publicity 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.

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## NCAA Regional Rankings Northeast Region (Nov. 1)

Notre Dame sits atop the NCAA Northeast Region ranking that was released on Nov. 1, 2000. The bi-weekly poll is conducted by the NCAA.

The rankings:

1. **NOTRE DAME**
2. George Washington
3. Temple
4. **Pittsburgh**
5. **Rutgers**
6. Xavier
7. **Georgetown**
8. Dayton
9. Syracuse
10. Hofstra

Teams in bold are BIG EAST teams the Irish have already defeated in 2000.

the season and posted a .636 hitting percentage (8 kills -1 error -11 attempts) in a key Irish conference victory at Pittsburgh on Oct. 8.

**A Record-Setting Season:** The Notre Dame team and its players have compiled a stirring list of accomplishments this season. The following is a list of team statistics and where they rank in the program's history: The .833 winning percentage this season (25-5) ranks second ... the .888 winning percentage on the road ranks first ... the 18 3-0 match victories ranks sixth ... the 17.5 kills per game ranks first ... the .288 team hitting percentage ranks first ... the current 11-match win streak is the third best, and the longest since '97.

**Marcie Bomhack named BIG EAST Player of the Week:** Junior outside hitter Marcie Bomhack was named the BIG EAST Player of the Week on Monday, Nov. 6, for her performance in three Notre Dame victories.

Bomhack was instrumental in the three Irish sweeps over Boston College, North Carolina and Providence, pushing the Notre Dame 2000 season record to 21-5 and 10-0 in the BIG EAST Conference. She hit .540 in the three matches with 36 kills (5.1 per game), 23 digs (3.2 per game) and seven blocks (1.0 per game).

Against BC on Friday, Nov. 3, Bomhack had six kills while playing just two games on .417 hitting. She also had a team-high nine digs in the contest.

Sat., Nov. 4, she posted 16 kills on .483 hitting against non-conference opponent North Carolina. She also had five blocks and five digs in the contest, including a game-winning solo block to score the deciding point of the second game to give the Irish a 2-0 lead in the match.

Taking on Providence on Sun., Nov. 5, she continued her hot hitting with 14 kills on 20 attempts without committing and error, while also having five digs, an ace and a block.

Bomhack becomes the third Irish player to earn player of the week accolades from the BIG EAST. Senior setter Denise Boylan earned the honor on Sept. 4 and senior outside hitter Christi Girton was a double-award winner on Sept. 25 and Oct. 2.

**Boylan One of the Best:** Notre Dame's starting setter Denise Boylan has compiled the best season of her stellar career in 2000. Averaging 13.80 assists per game, the Irish offensive catalyst has increased her career assists per game mark to 12.30 - the best in Notre Dame volleyball history.

Named the BIG EAST Preseason Player of the Year, Boylan asserted herself the first week-end of the season, capturing BIG EAST Player of the Week honors after leading the Irish to two victories in the Shamrock Invitational.

Among the victories the Irish posted in the Shamrock Invitational was a come-from-behind five-game win over #15 BYU. Boylan tallied 50

## 2000 BIG EAST Final Regular Season Standings (Nov. 11)

Standings	'00 Overall	BE
1. *^Notre Dame	23-5	11-0
2. ^Rutgers	22-6	9-2
3. ^Pittsburgh	22-9	8-3
4. ^Connecticut	18-11	7-4
5. St. John's	25-8	7-4
6. Georgetown	16-13	6-5
7. Syracuse	24-10	6-5
8. Boston College	13-17	4-7
9. Providence	16-15	2-9
10. Seton Hall	10-19	2-9
11. Villanova	9-20	2-9
12. West Virginia	8-17	2-9

\* - Regular season champion

^ - BIG EAST Championship participants



assists, 10 digs and three blocks in the match and helped the Irish hit .421 in the deciding fifth game.

Continuing the steady play throughout the season, she was named to three all-tournament teams (Shamrock, adidas, and Lady Seminole Classic) and broke the school record for assists in a four-game match twice (most recently at Pittsburgh with 86 assists).

Boylan's outstanding play for the year earned her the BIG EAST Player of the Year, Setter of the Year and Championship Most Outstanding Player awards.

**Kreher Asserting Herself:** 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 is first on the team in digs (244), second on the team in kills (389) and attack attempts (798) while posting a .345 hitting percentage.

Kreher has six 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, 22 at Pittsburgh and 21 at Connecticut). She ranks second (behind teammate Malinda Goralski) in the BIG EAST hitting percentage (.345) and sixth kills per game (4.27).

The numbers keep stacking up for the Irish power 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 18 of 30 matches this season, she has posted a hitting percentage over .320, including a .565 mark at Michi-

## 2000 BIG EAST Awards

### Coach of the Year:

*Debbie Brown, Notre Dame*

### Player of the Year and Setter of the Year:

*Denise Boylan, Notre Dame*

### Rookie of the Year:

Robyn Kurasaki, St. John's

### All-BIG EAST First Team

*Denise Boylan, Notre Dame*

*Christi Girton, Notre Dame*

*Kristy Kreher, Notre Dame*

Kera Carter, Rutgers

Olga Roudovski, St. John's

Dana Fiume, Syracuse

### All-BIG EAST Second Team

Stephanie Schindel, Connecticut

Anna Kleinsorge, Georgetown

*Marcie Bomhack, Notre Dame*

Carrie Norris, Pittsburgh

Stacy Renick, Pittsburgh

Marcia Theisen, Pittsburgh

### BIG EAST All-Rookie Team

Julie Erbez, Connecticut

Laura Wooley, Connecticut

Jennifer Ward, Georgetown

*Kim Fletcher, Notre Dame*

Wendy Hatlestad, Pittsburgh

Shayla Bush, Rutgers

## Notre Dame Statistical Leaders

<u>Kills:</u>	Christi Girton	396
	Kristy Kreher	389
	Marcie Bomhack	293
<u>Attack Attempts:</u>	Christi Girton	885
	Kristy Kreher	798
	Marcie Bomhack	765
<u>Hitting Percentage:</u>	Malinda Goralski	.386 (255 kills, 58 errors, 511 att.)
	Denise Boylan	.373 (96, 24, 193)
	Kristy Kreher	.345 (389, 114, 798)
	Denise Boylan	13.80
<u>Assists per game:</u>	Kristen Kinder	7.10
	Kristy Kreher	0.96
	Denise Boylan	13.80
<u>Aces:</u>	Janie Alderete	27
	Denise Boylan	26
	Keara Coughlin	25
	Marcie Bomhack	23
<u>Digs:</u>	Kristy Kreher	244
	Marcie Bomhack	240
	Christi Girton	226
	Denise Boylan	200
<u>Blocks:</u>	Malinda Goralski	136
	Kristy Kreher	77
	Jo Jameyson	65

gan, a .579 mark at West Virginia and a .591 mark versus Saint Louis.

**Girton On a Hot Streak:** Outside Hitter Christi Girton has smacked double-digit kills in 21 of the team's 30 matches in 2000. She is also riding a nine-match streak of posting double-digit kills, dating back to the Oct. 28 match at St. John's. That streak ranks among the top 10 of all time (Angie Harris posted 17 straight matches with double-digit kills in '97).

Girton has jumped to fifth in the BIG EAST in kills per game (4.40) during her streak.

**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 over the week-end of Sept. 29, to Oct. 1. 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.

**Head Coach Debbie Brown:** In 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 250-85 (.746) since she joined the program in 1991. That success came after six years as head coach at Arizona State (1983-88), giving her a 366-168 record over 15 seasons.

**Brown** has coached teams that have qualified for the NCAA tournament 14 times and have won 10 conference championships. The Irish have won five of six regular-season conference and championship titles since they began BIG EAST play in 1995. Notre Dame's NCAA berth this season (due to the Irish victory in the BIG EAST Championship) provides **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 1,234 career kills. She becomes the 11th Irish player to surpass 1,000

kills in a career.

The Muncie, Ind., native also has two matches this season where she has posted 30 or more kills. She set a career-mark with 30 kills at Pittsburgh, then broke the record two weeks later at Connecticut with 31 kills.

**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 27 matches this season, she has a .345 percentage (389 kills, 114 errors on 789 attempts). Her career numbers updated for this season provides **Kreher** a .318 career-hitting mark – the best in Notre Dame history.

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 .276 percentage in 2000 (396 kills, 152 errors on 885 attempts).

**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 Throughout the Season:** The 2000 freshmen class has made some significant contributions throughout the 2000 season and have helped the Irish clinch the BIG EAST regular season title with an 11-0 conference record. **Kim Fletcher** ranks seventh on the team in kills with 76 and also has 36 blocks and 33 digs. **Kristen Kinder** has relieved starting setter **Denise Boylan** in 20 games this year and posted 142 assists (7.10 per game) with 39 digs and 18 kills.

**Jessica Kinder** possesses and imposing jump serve that has scored 12 aces this season. She also has 45 kills and 65 digs.

**Katie Neff** has seen her playing time and contribution rise in the past few weeks. **Neff** has played in 18 games and recorded 23 blocks (1.28 per game) while also tallying 25 kills.

**A Record Number of Home Matches:** The Irish played 19 matches in the Joyce Center this season, which is a school record (Notre Dame posted a 15-4 record in those matches). Notre Dame played 18 matches in the Joyce Center in 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** competed against hometown Saint Louis University when the Billikens visited the Joyce Center Nov. 7. **Neff** posted two kills an ace in the match, while **Fletcher** had five kills and a block.

The **Kinders**, who call Fresno, Calif., home, will get to return to the west coast when the Irish travel to USC this weekend (Nov. 24).

**California Dreaming:** When the Irish travel to Los Angeles, Calif., this weekend for their final regular season matchup 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 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 (nine) and attack attempts (20) on Senior Night (vs. Saint Louis, Nov. 7). She also set a personal-best for blocks (three) in the Irish victory over Samford.

**Shimmel's** 40 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 Nov. 20, rankings, the Irish faced two of the top teams in the nation, #1 Nebraska and #6 Colorado State, in the month of September. The Irish will also meet current-#3 USC on Nov. 24, in Los Angeles.

Six teams in the top 25 appear on the Notre Dame schedule this season. The Irish have knocked off #15 BYU (now ranked 12th) and #23 Loyola Marymount.

**Goralski Patrols the Net:** The loss of 1999 BIG EAST Player of the Year and middle blocker **Mary Leffers** to graduation has been eased by the steady play of junior **Malinda Goralski**. Through 28 matches in 2000, **Goralski** has surpassed her career totals over the last two years combined:

**1998-99:**

Kills	Blocks	Hitting Percentage	Games Played
110	77	.271	91

**2000:**

Kills	Blocks	Hitting Percentage	Games Played
255	136	.386	92

The Missouri, Texas, native had a then-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 led the BIG EAST in hitting percentage (with a .386 mark) and blocks per game (1.48), 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 turned in a very impressive performance in the BIG EAST Championship, posting 33 kills and 18 blocks in six games. Her 11 blocks vs. Connecticut was a career-best.

**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 19th in the poll - the highest the Irish have climbed this season.

**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 Most Outstanding Players **Angie Harris** ('95), **Lindsay Treadwell** ('96), **Jaimie Lee** ('97) and **Marcie Bomhack** ('98). The Irish won their fifth championship title this year, led by Most Outstanding Player **Denise Boylan**. Providence ('83, '85, '87) and Georgetown ('99) are the only other schools to have won a BIG EAST championship.

**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 610 matches the Irish have played, they have been victorious in 432 of them for an impressive .700 winning percentage.

## Team Match Highs

<b>Kills:</b>	at Pittsburgh	99
	vs. LMU	97
	at Connecticut	96
<b>Attack Attempts:</b>	vs. LMU	250
	at Connecticut	226
	at Pittsburgh	217
<b>Hitting Percentage:</b>	at West Virginia	.420
	(39 kills, 5 errors, 81 att.)	
	at St. John's	.411
	(59, 13, 112)	
	vs. Clemson	.408
	(63, 14, 120)	
<b>Assists:</b>	at Pittsburgh	94
	vs. LMU	93
	at Connecticut	80
<b>Aces:</b>	vs. Florida A&M	13
	at Illinois State	13
	vs. Valparaiso	8
	vs. Villanova	8
	at West Virginia	8
<b>Digs:</b>	vs. LMU	105
	at Pittsburgh	75
	*vs. Rutgers	71
<b>Blocks:</b>	*vs. UConn	18.5
	vs. LMU	15
	at Michigan	14.5

\*- BIG EAST Championship match

## Notre Dame vs. Opponents

	UND	OPP
<b>Attack:</b>		
Kills:	1747	1466
Errors:	592	717
Total Attacks:	4008	4004
Attack Percentage:	.288	.187
Kills/Game:	17.5	14.7
<b>Set:</b>		
Assists:	1588	1332
Assists/Game:	15.9	13.3
<b>Serve:</b>		
Aces:	174	159
Errors:	238	229
Aces/Game:	1.7	1.6
<b>Blocks</b>		
Total Blocks:	292.5	255.0
Blocks Per Game:	2.9	2.5

**BIG EAST Final  
Conference Leaders**

<u>Hitting Percentage:</u>		
<u>Player</u>	<u>School</u>	
<i>Goralski, M.</i>	<i>ND</i>	<i>.386</i>
<i>Kreher, K.</i>	<i>ND</i>	<i>.345</i>
Dykema, J.	UC	.337
Nickels, J.	UP	.326
Miller, A.	SJU	.321
<u>Assists/Game:</u>		
<i>Boylan, D.</i>	<i>ND</i>	<i>13.80</i>
Norris, C.	UP	12.74
Ward, J.	GU	11.96
Fanning, S.	PC	11.87
Kurasaki, R.	SJU	11.61
<u>Blocks/Game:</u>		
<i>Goralski, M.</i>	<i>ND</i>	<i>1.48</i>
Venarchik, L.	RU	1.47
Kirikakou, M.	RU	1.32
Lambert, C.	UC	1.28
Haff, H.	UP	1.12
<u>Kills/Game:</u>		
Roudovski, O.	SJU	4.78
Carter, K.	RU	4.55
Renick, S.	UP	4.51
<i>Girton, C.</i>	<i>ND</i>	<i>4.40</i>
Katinger, S.	PC	4.40
<u>Aces/Game:</u>		
Vtyurina, Y.	GU	0.51
Bihday, D.	PC	0.45
Stokes, J.	SU	0.46
Tuyay, P.	RU	0.45
Kiriakou, M.	RU	0.44
<u>Digs/Game:</u>		
Cella, A.	PC	3.97
Schwer, L.	BC	3.86
Katinger, S.	PC	3.83
Mercein, K.	SJU	3.62
Hardy, N.	WVU	3.49

**Notre Dame Bio Updates:**

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

Has played in 80 of the team's 100 games played in 2000 ... had a then-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 ...

**BIG EAST Final  
Team Leaders**

<u>Hitting Percentage:</u>		
<u>Team</u>	<u>Games</u>	
<i>Notre Dame</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>.288</i>
Pittsburgh	113	.242
Syracuse	127	.239
Rutgers	102	.235
St. John's	122	.229
<u>Assists:</u>		
<i>Notre Dame</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>15.88</i>
Pittsburgh	113	14.29
Connecticut	110	14.00
Rutgers	102	13.68
Georgetown	104	13.65
<u>Blocks:</u>		
Rutgers	101	3.02
<i>Notre Dame</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>2.92</i>
Seton Hall	99	2.71
Connecticut	104	2.70
Syracuse	127	2.65
<u>Opponent Hitting Percentage:</u>		
Rutgers	101	.151
St. John's	122	.162
Connecticut	104	.168
Georgetown	104	.173
Pittsburgh	109	.184
<u>Kills:</u>		
<i>Notre Dame</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>17.47</i>
Pittsburgh	113	16.29
Connecticut	104	15.94
Rutgers	102	15.46
Georgetown	104	15.17
<u>Service Aces:</u>		
Georgetown	104	2.17
Syracuse	127	2.05
Rutgers	102	1.87
St. John's	122	1.78
Providence	114	1.75
<u>Digs:</u>		
West Virginia	98	17.74
Boston College	111	17.03
Providence	114	16.34
St. John's	122	15.93
Pittsburgh	113	15.29

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 ... notched a career-best 18 digs in the Notre Dame five-game victory at Connecticut ... had six digs against North Carolina ... posted two aces and six digs vs. Providence ... had five digs and an ace at Syracuse ... tallied 18 digs in two BIG EAST championship matches vs. Rutgers and Connecticut.

**Notre Dame Individual Match  
Highs**

<b><u>Kills:</u></b>	Kristy Kreher vs. LMU	32
	Christi Girton at Connecticut	31
	Christi Girton vs. Pittsburgh	30
<b><u>Attack Attempts:</u></b>	Christi Girton at Connecticut	73
	Kristy Kreher vs. LMU	60
	Marcie Bomhack vs. LMU	58
<b><u>Hitting Percentage:</u></b>	Malinda Goralski (10 kills, 0 error, 12 att.) vs. Wyoming	.833
	Christi Girton (8, 1, 10) vs. Villanova	.700
	Denise Boylan (8, 0, 12) at Connecticut	.667
<b><u>Assists:</u></b>	Denise Boylan vs. Pittsburgh	86
	Denise Boylan vs. LMU	84
	Denise Boylan at Connecticut	69
<b><u>Aces:</u></b>	Marcie Bomhack vs. Florida A&M	5
	Janie Alderete at Valparaiso	4
	Keara Coughlin vs. West Virginia	4
<b><u>Digs:</u></b>	Kristy Kreher vs. LMU	27
	Marcie Bomhack vs. LMU	25
	Marcie Bomhack vs. Pittsburgh	19
<b><u>Blocks:</u></b>	Malinda Goralski *vs. Rutgers	11
	Kristy Kreher vs. Pittsburgh	8
	Malinda Goralski at Michigan, vs. St. Louis	8
*- indicates BIG EAST Championship match		

**Alderete's 2000 Statistics**

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
80	152	1.90	27	0.34

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

All-BIG EAST second team selection in 2000 ... starter at outside hitter for the Irish ... has played in 87 of the team's 100 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 ... had 16 kills and six digs at St. John's ... posted her fifth double-double of the season with 19 kills and 13 digs at Connecticut ... also had five blocks and two aces against the Huskies ... had six kills (on .417 hitting) and nine digs vs. Boston College ... posted 16 kills (on .483 hitting), five blocks and five digs vs. North Carolina ... had team-high 14 kills on 20 attempts without an error (.700 hitting) against Providence ... named BIG EAST Player of the Week on Nov. 6, for her performance against BC, UNC and Providence ... had seven digs in one game vs. Saint Louis ... had sixth double-double of the season with 14 kills and 12 digs at Syracuse ... led the team with 19 kills (with nine digs and two blocks) vs. Connecticut in the semifinals of the BIG EAST Championship ... notched seventh double-double of the season with 13 kills and 11 digs in the BIG EAST Championship final vs. Rutgers.

**Bombhack's 2000 Statistics**

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
87	240	2.76	23	0.26
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
48	293	3.37	.259	21

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

2000 BIG EAST Player of the Year ... 2000 BIG EAST Setter of the Year ... 2000 BIG EAST Championship Most Outstanding Player ... Notre Dame team co-captain and starting setter ... has played in 88 of the team's 100 games this season ... has played a large part in the Irish hitting .288 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 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 a season-high .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 ... led the Irish to a .411 hitting percentage in three game sweep at St. John's ... Irish hit .363 (14-0-22) in the first game vs. the Red Storm ... individually, Boylan had 47 assists, eight digs, three kills, two aces and two blocks against St. John's ... followed up the next day with 69 assists, eight kills, nine digs and three blocks at Connecticut to lead Notre Dame to a five-game match victory ... had 19 assists, five digs and an ace in just over one game vs. Boston College ... helped the team post a .391 hitting mark against the Eagles ... tallied 41 assists, nine digs and a block vs. North Carolina (Irish hit .349 in the match, including .516 in the deciding game) ... totaled 16 assists, three digs and a block in just one game vs. Providence ... amassed 40 assists, five digs, one ace, one block and two kills vs. Saint Louis ... set the team to victory at Syracuse with 67 assists, 10 digs and six kills ... Irish hit .359 in the match against the Orangewomen, including .488 in the fourth game ... led the Irish to BIG EAST Championship and earned the tournament most outstanding player award by posting 55 assists, two aces, five kills, four blocks and nine digs in the semifinals vs. Connecticut ... followed up with 62 assists, 14 digs, an ace and a kill vs. Rutgers in the championship final match.

**Boylan's 2000 Statistics**

Games played	Assists	Assists/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
88	1214	13.80	26	0.30
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Digs
55	96	1.09	.373	200

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

Has played in 86 of the team's 100 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 ... one of the team leaders in aces with 19 this season ... had seven digs and three aces at Illinois State ... second on the team in digs with six at Michigan ... notched five digs versus Rutgers ... posted three digs and three assists vs. Boston College ... had two aces against North Carolina ... notched eight digs and an ace at Syracuse ... had seven digs, an ace and a kill vs. Connecticut in the BIG EAST semifinals ... also had seven digs and an ace vs. Rutgers in the BIG EAST championship final.

**2000 Statistics**

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
86	132	1.53	25	0.29

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

2000 BIG EAST All-Rookie team selection ... 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 ... helped the Irish post two impressive conference victories over the weekend of Oct. 28-29 ... had six kills, three digs and three blocks at St. John's ... notched four kills and a career-best six blocks at Connecticut ... had five kills vs. Boston College and Saint Louis and four against Providence.

### Fletcher's 2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
53	33	0.62	6	0.11
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
36	76	1.43	.257	8

### *Christi Girton*

#7

Senior • OH • 6-3 • Muncie, Ind.

2000 All-BIG EAST first team selection ... starter at outside hitter for the Irish ... has played in 90 of the team's 100 games this season ... posted double-digit kills in 21 of the 30 Irish matches this season ... first on the team in kills with 396 ... 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 then-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 ... posted second-straight 17 kills match at St. John's ... came back the next day to set a new career-high with 31 kills at Connecticut ... also had nine digs and two aces against the Huskies ... had a team-high 11 kills, playing just two games vs. Boston College ... posted 17 kills, eight digs and two blocks vs. North Carolina ... continued her hot-hitting with 10 kills, six digs and three blocks vs. Providence ... tallied 15 kills on .419 hitting, with 11 digs vs. Saint Louis ... had 20 kills (on .364 hitting), eight digs and five blocks at Syracuse ... posted a double-double with 10 kills and 12 digs vs. Connecticut in the BIG EAST semifinal matchup ... also tied her career-high with seven blocks against the Huskies ... led the team with 16 kills in the BIG EAST Championship final match vs. Rutgers ... also had 10 digs and six blocks vs. the Scarlet Knights.

### Girton's 2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
90	226	2.51	21	0.23
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
62	396	4.40	.276	21

### *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 and finished as the BIG EAST conference leader in hitting percentage with a .386 mark ... also leads the team in blocks with 136 ... her kill and block production in 2000 surpasses her previous two years combined ... 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 ... had another stand-out hitting game with eight kills on 12 attempts with no errors (.667) at St. John's ... also had seven blocks against the Red Storm ... had 13 kills the next day at Connecticut ... posted seven kills (on .429 hitting) with three blocks vs. Boston College ... tallied nine kills and five blocks vs. North Carolina ... continued the blocking spree with five against Providence and eight vs. Saint Louis ... posted 14 kills and six blocks at Syracuse ... led the Irish to BIG EAST Championship semifinal victory over Connecticut with 18 kills, a career-best 11 blocks and three digs ... finished off an outstanding BIG EAST Championship performance with 15 kills and seven blocks vs. Rutgers.

### Goralski's 2000 Statistics

Games played	Blocks	Blocks/Game	Assists	Assists/Game
92	136	1.48	11	0.12
Aces	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Solo Blocks
0	255	2.77	.386	15

### *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 17 games ... has three assists and two aces in 2000 ... posted one kill and four digs in two games vs. Seton Hall ... played in two games vs. Boston College ... started her final home match, vs. Saint Louis, and posted five digs.

### *Jo Jameyson*

#9

Senior • MB/OPP • 6-1 • Alvin, Texas

Provides depth behind Malinda Goralski at MB and is also used at opposite ... third on the team in blocks

with 65 ... 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 ... had eight kills (on .500 hitting) with two assists and one block at Syracuse ... tallied five blocks, four kills and three digs in BIG EAST Championship semifinal victory over Connecticut ... had nine kills, three blocks and a dig vs. Rutgers in BIG EAST Championship final.

### Jameyson's 2000 Statistics

Games played	Blocks	Blocks/Game	Assists	Assists/Game
68	65	0.96	12	0.18
Aces	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Solo Blocks
0	110	1.62	.276	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 46 of the team's 94 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 12 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 dig ... had four kills on career-best .571 hitting vs. Boston College ... posted two kills and a dig in one game at Syracuse.

### 2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
46	66	1.43	12	0.26
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
8	43	0.93	.099	8

### *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 20 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, best match of the young season came vs. Samford ... posted four kills, 15 assists, three aces and nine digs against the Bulldogs ... totaled 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 ... played two games against Boston College, notching 16 assists and four digs ... set a career-mark for assists with 21 vs. Providence ... also had three digs, two kills and a block vs. the Friars.

#### **K. Kinder's 2000 Statistics**

Games played	Assists	Assists/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
18	142	7.89	3	0.17
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Digs
5	17	0.94	.159	39

**Kristy Kreher** #4  
Junior • OPP • 6-1 • Birmingham, Mich.

2000 All-BIG EAST first team selection ... one of the top offensive performers for the Irish so far in 2000 ... second on the team in kills (389) ... scored double-digit kills in 18 of the team's 30 matches on the year ... in 22 matches this season, she has posted a hitting percentage better than .320, including a .591 mark vs. Saint Louis ... has six 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 and 21 at Connecticut) ... 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 ... posted nine kills, five blocks and five digs at St. John's ... had her sixth 20-plus kill match of the year with 21 kills and nine digs at Connecticut ... notched seven kills on .500 hitting with six digs and two blocks ... posted nine kills, five digs, and an ace vs. Providence ... second on the team in kills with 13 on .591 hitting, with six digs and four blocks vs. Saint Louis ... had 18 kills (on .351 hitting) with nine digs, five assists and three blocks at Syracuse ... tallied 18 kills, nine digs, six blocks and four assists against Connecticut in the BIG EAST semifinals ... posted 15 kills (on .483 hitting) in the BIG EAST Championship final match vs. Rutgers ... also had 18 digs and three blocks vs. the Scarlet Knights.

#### **Kreher's 2000 Statistics**

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
91	244	2.68	19	0.21
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
77	389	4.27	.345	87

**Christa Moen** #13  
Freshman • DS • 5-4 • San Antonio, Texas

Provides quality depth for the Irish at the defensive specialist position ... has played in 34 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 ... led the team in digs with nine at St. John's ... had four digs at Connecticut ... posted three digs vs. Boston College, North Carolina and Providence ... started the match at Syracuse ... played one game vs. Connecticut in the BIG EAST Championship semifinals.

#### **Moen's 2000 Statistics**

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
38	50	1.32	9	0.24

**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 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 ... notched a career-best four kills and four blocks vs. Boston College ... broke that career-best with five kills vs. Providence ... had three assists

and four blocks vs. the Friars ... scored her first career ace vs. Saint Louis.

#### **Neff's 2000 Statistics**

Games played	Kills	Kills/Game	Blocks	Blocks/Game
18	25	1.47	23	1.35

**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 21 games this season ... first action of the season came vs. Clemson where she scored three kills ... had 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 ... scored a career-high nine kills vs. Saint Louis - her last regular season home match.

#### **Shimmel's 2000 Statistics**

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
21	48	2.29	0	0.00
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
11	40	1.90	.133	9