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NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S LACROSSE

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#14/#13 Irish Close Out Four-Game Homestand Versus #16 James Madison on Sunday at Loftus Center

**** Notre Dame faces Dukes at home for first time in series history.**

**** Irish are 1-0 on week after handing Lehigh a 20-4 loss on Wednesday.**

**** Freshman Jillian Byers sets Irish rookie record with nine points (5g, 4a) in win over Mountain Hawks.**

2006 NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S LACROSSE (5-0/0-0)

February

24 Fri. at California W, 23-11
26 Sun. at -/#20 Stanford W, 12-11 (3 ot)

March

3 Thur. **Ohio University** W, 18-6
5 Sun. **#18 Cornell** W, 17-15
8 Wed. **Lehigh** W, 20-4
12 Sun. **-/#16 James Madison** 12:00 noon
16 Thur. vs. Loyola * - CSTV 7:00 p.m.
(at Wellington, Fla.)
18 Sun. at Northwestern 1:00 p.m. (CST)
25 Sat. **Canisius** 1:00 p.m.
31 Fri. at Connecticut * 1:00 p.m.

April

5 Wed. at Ohio State 4:00 p.m.
9 Sun. at Duke 1:00 p.m.
15 Sat. at Georgetown * 12:00 noon
23 Sun. at Rutgers * 12:00 noon
29 Sat. **Syracuse *** 1:00 p.m.

May

7 Sun. **Vanderbilt** 12:00 noon

* BIG EAST Conference Game.
Home game in **bold**
All times are local to game site.

- **The Game:** #14/#13 Notre Dame (4-0/0-0) vs. -/#16 James Madison (2-0/0-0)
- **Date/Site/Time:** Sun., March 12, 2006 - 12:00 noon - Loftus Center - Notre Dame, Ind.

IRISH WRAP UP HOMESTAND VERSUS #16 JAMES MADISON: The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team will look to run its' current winning streak to six games on Sunday afternoon at the Loftus Center when they face the 16th-ranked James Madison Dukes in a 12:00 noon game. The Irish are 5-0 on the season after opening the week with a 20-4 home win over Lehigh in game three of the four-game homestand. James Madison comes to South Bend after defeating Virginia Tech, 14-12 on Wednesday at Hilton Head, S.C. The Dukes are 3-0 on the season. This is James Madison's first visit to Notre Dame although the teams have met three times in the past, twice at JMU and once at a neutral site in Florida. James Madison received votes in this week's IWLCA poll and were ranked 16th in the *Inside Lacrosse* poll. The Irish are ranked 14th in the IWLCA poll and 13th by *Inside Lacrosse*. Following the James Madison game, the Irish will travel to Florida for spring break where they will face Loyola (Md.) in the BIG EAST opener on Thursday, March 16 at Wellington, Fla. That game will start at 7:00 p.m. and be televised by CSTV.

NOTRE DAME VERSUS JAMES MADISON: The Irish and the Dukes have met three times in the past, twice in Harrisonburg, Va., and once at Orlando, Fla. The Irish are 1-2 against James Madison with the lone win coming on March 14, 2004, a 9-7 win at Orlando. Notre Dame has dropped two games at James Madison - March 2, 2001, a 15-4 loss and then last season, on March 13, a 10-5 loss.

HEAD COACH TRACY COYNE: Notre Dame head coach **Tracy Coyne** is in her 10th season as the head coach of the Irish and is the only coach in the program's Division I history. Coyne owns a 77-60 (.562) record at Notre Dame and is 191-86 (.690) in her 19-year coaching career. Last season, Coyne's squad was 3-12 on the year and 1-4 in BIG EAST play. The Irish lost seven games by three goals or less, including four, one-goal decisions. The year before, 2004, Coyne led the Irish to a 12-5 overall record and second place in the BIG EAST with a 4-2 record. She was selected the 2004 BIG EAST coach of the year. Notre Dame advanced to the NCAA tournament for the second time in the program's history, dropping a 10-8 decision at Northwestern. The Pittsburgh, Pa., native led Denison (1988) and Roanoke (1990, 1991, 1992, 1994, 1996) to the NCAA Division III tournament during stops at those schools. A 1983 graduate of Ohio University, Coyne has coached on the international level as the head coach for the Canadian women's lacrosse national team since 1999. Last year, she led Team Canada to a fourth-place finish at the 2005 World Cup, her second fourth-place finish (2001) as Canada's field boss. Coyne is 1-2 against James Madison in her coaching career.

LEHIGH RECAP: Notre Dame scored early and often in its 20-4 win over Lehigh on Wednesday, March 8. The Irish scored the first six goals of the game and 12 of the first 13 on the way to the 16-goal win. Freshman **Jillian Byers (Northport, N.Y.)** led the Irish attack with a career-best five-goal, four-assist game. **Crysti Foote (Sr., Suffern, N.Y.)** added three goals and four assists and **Caitlin McKinney (So., Lafayette Hill, Pa.)** had four points on three goals and an assist. **Kaki Orr (Jr., Darien, Conn.)**, **Meghan Murphy (Jr., Centennial, Colo.)** and **Brittany Fox (Sr., Annapolis, Md.)** each scored twice in the game. **Alicia Billings (Fr., Potomac, Md.)**, **Caitlin Lucas (So., Baldwin, N.Y.)** and **Heather Ferguson (So., Newtown Square, N.Y.)** added single goals as 10 different players got on the scoresheet for the Irish. **Carol Dixon (Sr., Pennsauken, N.J.)** and **Erin Goodman (Fr., Cortlandt Park, N.Y.)** each played 30 minutes in goal, giving up two goals and making two saves each.

BYERS BEWARE: Freshman attack standout **Jillian Byers** set a Notre Dame freshman record for points in a game after recording nine points (5g, 4a) in the 20-4 win over Lehigh on March 8. Byers had five goals and an assist in the first half and then set up three goals in the second half of the game. Byers nine-point game also tied an Irish record for points in a home game, matching the nine points recorded by **Kerry Callahan '99** (6g, 3a) on March 24, 1997 versus Stanford and **Lael O'Shaughnessy '01** (6g, 3a) on March 28, 1999 vs. Connecticut.

2006 TEAM INFORMATION

Head Coach

Tracy Coyne (Ohio University, 1983)
10th season at Notre Dame (77-60, .562)
Overall 19th season (191-86, .690)

Assistant Coaches

Alissa Moser (Notre Dame, 2002)
Second Season at Notre Dame
Kateri Linville (Delaware, 2003)
First Season at Notre Dame

Volunteer Assistant

Kathryn Lam (Notre Dame, 2002)
First Season

2006 Captains

Carol Dixon
Crysti Foote

Probable Starting Lineup

#1	Caitlin McKinney	A	So.
#3	Kristin Hopson	D	Jr.
#4	Jillian Byers	A	Fr.
#5	Meghan Murphy	A	Jr.
#9	Kerry Van Shura	D	Sr.
#10	Alicia Billings	M/D	Fr.
#14	Mary Carpenter	M	So.
#16	Becky Ranck	M/D	So.
#18	Crysti Foote	M	Sr.
#23	Meaghan Fitzpatrick	D	Jr.
#31	Kaki Orr	M	Jr.
#34	Carol Dixon	GK	Gr.

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LARGE MARGIN: Notre Dame's 20-4 win over Lehigh was the third-largest margin of victory in the program's 10-year history. The Irish own a 19-goal win over Ohio (22-3 in 2000) and an 18-goal win against Denver (20-2 in 2001).

BACK AT IT: Senior captain **Crysti Foote** was named the BIG EAST offensive player of the week for the week ending March 5. For Foote, it marked the second consecutive week to receive the honor. Last week, Foote collected nine goals and seven assists for 16 points in wins over Ohio University and Cornell. In the 18-6 win over Ohio, Foote had four goals and four assists for eight points. She followed that with eight points (5g, 3a), all in the first half, in the 17-15 win over Cornell. Last Wednesday, Foote had three goals and four assists versus Lehigh to continue her hot start. Through five games this season, Foote leads the Irish in scoring with 24 goals and 14 assists for 38 points or 7.60 points per game.

HONOR ROLL: Junior defensive standout **Meaghan Fitzpatrick (Farmingdale, N.Y.)** was named to the BIG EAST honor roll for her play on the defensive side of the ball last week. She had seven ground balls, three draw controls and five caused turnovers in the two Irish wins.

FAST START: Notre Dame's 5-0 start is the best for the Irish since starting the 2004 season with a 10-game winning streak. The Irish finished that year with a 12-5 overall record.

GOAL-SCORING RAMPAGE: Through the first five games of the 2006 season, Notre Dame has scored 90 goals for an 18.00 goals-per-game average. The Irish record for goals-per-game in a season is 13.56 (nine games) and was set in the program's first season, 1997. The school record in a 15-game season is 13.33 and was set in 1999. Last season, the Irish scored 145 goals in 15 games for a 9.67 goals-per-game mark.

TERRIFIC TRIO: Notre Dame's high-scoring trio of **Crysti Foote**, **Jill Byers** and **Caitlin McKinney** have had the hot hand for the Irish in the first five games of the season. The threesome has now combined for 57 goals and 35 for 92 points in those games. Foote leads the way with 24 goals and 14 assists. Byers is second with 20 tallies and 10 assists for 30 points while McKinney has 13 goals and 14 assists for 21 points. Byers has two game-winning goals and Foote has one on the season.

MILESTONE GOAL: When **Crysti Foote** scored just 34 seconds into the game with Ohio University (March 2), marked the 100th goal of her Notre Dame career, making her just one of four players in school history with 100 goals. Going into the game against James Madison, Foote currently ranks third in goals (111), fourth in assists (50) and third in points (161). The school record for goals is 130 and held by **Danielle Shearer '03**; the record for assists is 68 and held by **Lael O'Shaughnessy '01** and

2006 Notre Dame Personnel Breakdown

Top Returnees (yr., pos., ht./wt. ... 2005 stats)

Carol Dixon (Gr., GK, 3-12, 11.04, .447) Team captain; all-BIG EAST candidate; backbone of Irish defense
 Crysti Foote (Sr., M/A, 34-16-50, 15 GP) Top returning scorer; preseason all-BIG EAST; all-America candidate
 Brittany Fox (Sr., A, 18-5-23, 14 GP) Quality reserve who comes through in the clutch off the bench
 Kerry Van Shura (Sr., D, 2-0-2, 15 GP) Lone senior on defense; big-play defender with good speed
 Lena Zentgraf (Sr., M/D, 11-8-19, 15 GP) Outstanding all-around athlete who returns to lineup in 2006
 Meaghan Fitzpatrick (Jr., D, 0-0-0, 164GP) Top match-up defender for the Irish; all-BIG EAST candidate in 2006
 Kristin Hopson (Jr., D, 0-0-0, 15 GP) Quick, physical defender who will move into a starting role in 2006
 Megan Murphy (Jr., A, 6-1-7, 3 GP) Making comeback from knee injury; smart, intelligent playmaker
 Kaki Orr (Jr., M, 11-1-12, 15 GP) Fast, physical midfielder who provides energy to the ND lineup
 Mary Carpenter (So., M, 6-3-9, 15 GP) Quick, hard-working midfielder who should be a key contributor
 Heather Ferguson (So., A, 4-5-9, 15 GP) Talented attack player who will push for more playing time in 2006
 Caitlin McKinney (So., M/A, 28-12-40, 15 GP) ... Speedy scorer; preseason all-BIG EAST; all-America candidate
 Becky Ranck (So., D, 0-0-0, 11 GP) Big, physical defender; will be a major contributor on Irish backline

Top Players Lost (yr., pos., 2005 stats)

Jackie Bowers (Sr., A, 10-9-19, 15 GP) Three-year monogram winner; 27g-21a-48 pts in 42 GP
 Maura Costello (Sr., M/D, 0-0-0, 3 GP) Reserve midfielder
 Bridget Higgins (Gr., D, 0-0-0, 15 GP) Fifth-year defender; three-time monogram winner
 Mary McGrath (Jr., A, 7-4-11, 11 GP) Three-time monogram winner; scored 27g-13a-40 pts in 42 GP
 Jess Mikula (Sr., D, 1-1-2, 15 GP) Team captain; two-time all-BIG EAST selection on defense
 Lindsay Shaffer (Sr., M/D, 7-1-8, 15 GP) Team captain; solid defensive midfielder; won two monograms

Top Newcomers (all freshmen)

Alicia Billings	M/D	5-7	Potomac, MD/Georgetown Visitation
Shannon Burke	D	5-9	Baltimore, MD/Roland Park Country School
Jillian Byers	M/A	5-7	Northport, NY/Northport
Lauren deMello	A	5-5	Manlius, NY/Christian Brothers Academy
Kelly Gaudreau	M/A	5-8	Annapolis, MD/St. Mary's
Erin Goodman	GK	5-10	Cortlandt Manor, NY/Lakeland
Beth Koloup	M/D	5-7	Phoenix, MD/Notre Dame Prep
Annemarie McGrath	M/D	5-4	Wayne, PA/Radnor
Jane Stoeckert	M	5-9	Mendham, NJ/West Morris Mendham
Mary Veith	A	5-7	Silver Spring, MD/Georgetown Visitation

the point mark is 196 and belongs to Shearer. The school record for points in a season is owned by **Meredith Simon '04** who had 46-28-74 in her senior year.

IRISH STREAKS: Several Notre Dame players have scoring streaks going into the game with James Madison. Some carry over from last season, the others just started in 2006:

Crysti Foote - 15-game streak (50-26-76)
Caitlin McKinney - 8-game streak (21-12-33)
Meghan Murphy scored in three straight games last season before going out with a knee injury on March 6, 2005 and has scored in all five games this year for an eight-game streak (12-4-16).
Jill Byers - 5 games (20-10-30)
Brittany Fox - 3 games (5-2-7)
Heather Ferguson - 3 games (4-1-5)
Alicia Billings - 2 games (2-1-3)

TIME OFF: Senior goalkeeper **Carol Dixon** has now played in 37 straight games for the Irish since taking over the goalkeeping duties in the 2004 season. Until last Wednesday, Dixon had missed just 13:20 of playing time (playing 2,172:04 of a possible 2,158:24) in two-plus seasons. Versus Lehigh, Dixon got the entire second half (30:00 minutes) with freshman **Erin Goodman** seeing her first career action. For her career, Dixon is now 20-17 with a 9.73 goals-against average and a .515 save percentage. On

the year, she is 5-0 with a 9.73 goals against and a .516 save percentage.

GETTING BETTER EVERY DAY: Sophomore **Caitlin McKinney (Lafayette Hill, Pa.)** burst on the scene in 2005 as a freshman at Notre Dame and turned in one of the best seasons ever by an Irish rookie. McKinney started the year with four goals against Ohio University and never looked back on her way to 28 goals and 12 assists for 40 points. That point total put her one off the Notre Dame freshman record for points in a season that is held by Lael O'Shaughnessy (27g, 14a) and Courtney Calabrese (38g, 3a) as both scored 41 points in their first year at Notre Dame in 1998, the second year of the program. McKinney was a second team all-BIG EAST selection, the lone freshman on that team, and was a second-team all-Mid-Atlantic region choice. Following the season, the speedster was named to the U.S. National Developmental Team. In five games this season, McKinney already has more than half her point total of a year ago with 13 goals and 11 assists for 24 points.

CARPENTER WATCH: Sophomore midfielder **Mary Carpenter (Rochester, N.Y.)** turned in the first three-goal game of her career and first four-point game in the 17-15 win over Cornell. She is fifth on the team in scoring with five goals and three assists for eight points and it tied for the team lead in ground balls (15) and caused turnovers (6). She is second on the squad with 13 draw controls.

BEST IN THE NATION: Notre Dame's freshman class was rated No. 1 in the nation by *Inside Lacrosse* magazine in its November, 2005 issue. The story had this to say about the 10-player class: "Coming off a disappointing 3-12 season, the Fighting Irish have high hopes for 2006 with **Jill Byers (Northport, N.Y.)** leading a powerful class that includes immediate contributors **Jane Stoeckert (Mendham, N.J.)**, **Mary Veith (Silver Springs, Md.)** and **Alicia Billings (Potomac, Md.)**. Goalie **Erin Goodman (Cortlandt Manor, N.Y.)** adds strength for the future." As part of the story, the magazine's list of "Blue Chip" recruits listed Jill Byers and Jane Stoeckert among its top 10 incoming freshmen.

THE KIDS ARE ALRIGHT: Notre Dame's freshman class has lived up to its early-season billing in 2006. **Jill Byers** has led the way with 20 goals and 10 assists for 30 points in five games, including a sudden-death overtime game winner versus Stanford and the game winner against Lehigh. **Jane Stoeckert** has three goals and two assists for five points, collecting the game-winning goal against Cornell. **Alicia Billings** has three goals and an assist on the year and has been a force in the midfield. **Shannon Burke (Baltimore, Md.)** has seen action on defense in three games as has **Kelly Gaudreau (Annapolis, Md.)**. **Annemarie McGrath (Wayne, Pa.)** has played in two games and **Beth Koloup (Phoenix, Md.)**, **Lauren deMello (Manlius, N.Y.)** and **Erin Goodman** each saw their first action versus Lehigh.

FOR STARTERS: Freshman **Jill Byers** took a long time to adapt to the college game after an outstanding high school career at Northport (NY). It took less than two minutes (1:59) for her to get her first assist and then less than six minutes to score her first two career goals. In her first game versus California, the lightning-quick Byers set Irish records for goals in a first game by a freshman (5) and points in a first game with 8. She finished her first weekend as a collegiate player with 10 goals and 3 assists for 13 points. She was selected by *womenslacrosse.com* as their player and rookie of the week for Feb. 28.

ALL-AMERICANS: Senior captain **Crysti Foote** was Notre Dame's lone All-American in 2005 taking third-team Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) honors. Foote led the Irish in scoring with 34 goals and 16 assists for 50 points. She became the seventh player in the program's history to be

2006 BIG EAST Women's Lacrosse Coaches' Preseason Poll

No.	Team (First-place votes)	BE Record/Overall	Points
1.	Georgetown (5)	5-0/13-5	25
2.	Syracuse (1)	4-1/12-5	20
3.	Loyola (Md.)	--/5-11	17
4.	Notre Dame	1-4/3-12	10
	Connecticut	3-2/12-5	10
6.	Rutgers	1-4/6-10	8

2006 Preseason All-BIG EAST Team

Chloe Asselin, Georgetown *	Jr.	Defense
Katie Batiuk, Rutgers	So.	Midfield
Shannon Burke, Connecticut *	Jr.	Midfield
Jill DePetris, Syracuse	Jr.	Defense
Caitlyn Dragon, Syracuse *	Sr.	Attack
Crysti Foote, Notre Dame *	Sr.	Midfield/Attack
Sydney Greene, Loyola	Sr.	Attack
Anne Marchitello, Rutgers	Jr.	Midfield
Katie McHarg, Loyola *	So.	Attack
Caitlin McKinney, Notre Dame *	So.	Midfield/Attack
Meghan O'Connell, Syracuse	Sr.	Midfield
Coco Stanwick, Georgetown *	Jr.	Attack
Lena Zentgraf, Notre Dame	Sr.	Midfield
Stephanie Zodtner, Georgetown	Sr.	Defense

* - unanimous selection

Preseason Offensive Player of the Year

Coco Stanwick (Georgetown)	Jr.	Attack
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Preseason Defensive Player of the Year

Chloe Asselin (Georgetown)	Jr.	Defense
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named All-American. The list includes:

2004 - Meredith Simon (first team)
 2004 - Andrea Kinnik (second team)
 2004 - Abby Owen (third team)
 2003 - Jen White (third team)
 2002 - Kathryn Lam (second team)
 2002 - Danielle Shearer (second team)
 Simon, Kinnik, Owen, Lam and Shearer (twice) also have been named to the *Inside Lacrosse* All-American team while Simon and Kinnik (twice) have taken *womenslacrosse.com* honors in the past.

IRISH GOAL MARK: Notre Dame's 23-goal outburst versus California on Feb. 24, set a school record for goals in a game for the Irish. The previous mark was 22 and was done twice in the past. On March 10, 2000, the Irish scored 22 goals in a 22-3 home win versus Ohio University. They followed that with a 22-11 win on May 1, 2003 at Vanderbilt.

THE CAPTAINS: Fifth-year senior goalkeeper **Carol Dixon (Pennsauken, N.J.)** and senior **Crysti Foote** were named team captains by coach **Tracy Coyne** prior to the start of the season in California. For Dixon, it marks the second year that she has served as one of Notre Dame's team captains. For Foote, it's her first season in that leadership role.

SISTER ACTS: Notre Dame has seven sets of sisters in the program's history and has an eighth on the way next season. Currently, the Irish have three sets of sisters on this year's team. Heading the group are twin sisters, sophomores **Heather** and **Lindsey Ferguson (Newtown Square, Pa.)**. They are joined by senior **Crysti Foote** and sophomore **Julie Foote** and senior **Meghan deMello** and her sister freshman, **Lauren**. Three other members of this year's team have had sisters play at Notre Dame. Fifth-year senior goalkeeper **Carol Dixon** played two seasons ('01-'03) with her sister, **Angela ('03)**. Freshmen **Annemarie McGrath (Radnor, Pa.)** and **Kelly Gaudreau (Annapolis, Md.)** were preceded by sisters **Mary McGrath ('06)** and **Kristen Gaudreau ('04)**. Gaudreau also served as a volunteer assistant coach in 2005. Joining the sister act next season will be the Zentgrafs. **Lena Zentgraf**, currently a senior at Notre Dame with one more year of eligibility, could see action with her sister, **Maggie Zentgraf**, who signed a national letter-of-intent to attend Notre Dame in the fall of 2006. The sisters that started the tradition are **Amy ('98)** and **Mara ('98) Grace**. They each played in the first two seasons of the program.

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2006 Notre Dame Women's Lacrosse Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Birthdate	Hometown/High School
1	Caitlin McKinney	M/A	5-1	So.	1-29-85	Lafayette Hill, PA/Germantown Acad.
2	Brittany Fox	A	5-7	Sr.	9-22-84	Annapolis, MD/St. Mary's
3	Kristin Hopson	D	5-8	Jr.	9-10-84	Rosemont, PA/Radnor
4	Jill Byers	M/A	5-7	Fr.	8-3-87	Northport, NY/Northport
5	Meghan Murphy	A	5-6	Jr.	7-6-84	Centennial, CO/Cherry Creek
6	Heather Ferguson	A	5-5	So.	7-22-86	Newtown Square, PA/Archbishop Carroll
7	Lindsey Ferguson	M/D	5-5	So.	7-22-86	Newtown Square, PA/Archbishop Carroll
8	Lena Zentgraf	M	5-4	Sr.	5-7-84	Charlottesville, VA/Charlottesville
9	Kerry Van Shura	D	5-6	Sr.	9-24-84	Bel Air, MD/John Carroll
10	Alicia Billings	M/D	5-7	Fr.	11-17-86	Potomac, MD/Georgetown Visitation
11	Caitlin Lucas	M/A	5-8	So.	1-5-86	Baldwin, NY/Oceanside
12	Katie Killeen	D	5-4	Sr.	7-15-84	Manhasset, NY/Manhasset
13	Julie Foote	A	5-6	So.	7-14-86	Suffern, NY/Suffern
14	Mary Carpenter	M	5-6	So.	11-8-85	Rochester, NY/Our Lady of Mercy
15	Lauren deMello	A	5-5	Fr.	8-5-87	Manlius, NY/Christian Brothers Acad.
16	Becky Ranck	D	5-8	So.	3-25-86	Radnor, PA/Radnor
17	Meghan deMello	D	5-5	Sr.	7-19-84	Manlius, NY/Christian Brothers Acad.
18	Crysti Foote "C"	M/A	5-6	Sr.	4-17-84	Suffern, NY/Suffern
19	Annamarie McGrath	M/D	5-4	Fr.	11-20-86	Wayne, PA/Radnor
20	Kelly Gaudreau	M/A	5-8	Fr.	11-15-87	Annapolis, MD/St. Mary's
21	Shannon Burke	D	5-9	Fr.	3-22-87	Baltimore, MD/Roland Park Country Sc
22	Beth Koloup	M/D	5-7	Fr.	3-21-87	Phoenix, MD/Notre Dame Prep
23	Meaghan Fitzpatrick	D	5-8	Jr.	2-9-85	Farmingdale, NY/St. Anthony's
24	Mary Veith	A	5-7	Fr.	6-8-87	Silver Spring, MD/Georgetown Visitation
27	Jane Stoeckert	M	5-9	Fr.	2-26-87	Mendham, NJ/West Morris Mendham
31	Kaki Orr	M	5-6	Jr.	3-29-85	Darien, CT/Choate Rosemary Hall
33	Erin Goodman	GK	5-10	Fr.	11-15-87	Cortlandt Manor, NY/Lakeland
34	Carol Dixon "C"	GK	5-8	Gr.	12-27-82	Pennsauken, NJ/Moorestown Friends

Head Coach: Tracy Coyne (Ohio '83)

Assistant Coach: Alissa Moser (Notre Dame '02) and Kateri Linville (Delaware '03)

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Kathryn Lam (Notre Dame '02)

"C" - denotes captain

OVERTIME NUMBERS: The Irish wasted little time this season in getting an overtime game under their belt. In this the 10th season of the Notre Dame women's lacrosse program, the Irish played their 10th overtime game on Feb. 26, a 12-11 triple overtime game at Stanford. The win improves the Irish to 4-6 all-time in overtime. Last season, they were 0-2 with a pair of 10-9 losses to Vanderbilt and Boston College. Five of the 10 overtime contests have ended with 10-9 scores.

FOR OPENERS: Notre Dame is now 8-2 all-time in season openers after defeating California on Feb. 24. The Irish are 8-2 in road openers and 6-4 in home openers after defeating Ohio University on March 2.

VERSUS THE BEST: The Fighting Irish will face eight teams this season that started the season ranked in the top 20 in the IWLCA preseason polls. The Irish will face the preseason No. 1 and No. 2 teams in the nation when they face Northwestern and Duke. They also have Georgetown (No. 10), Syracuse (No. 13), Loyola (No. 14), Vanderbilt (No. 15), James Madison (No. 17) and Cornell (No. 18). Notre Dame finished the 2005 season with the ninth-toughest schedule in the nation and played six teams that finished in the top 20 including national champion, Northwestern. So far this season, the Irish have one win versus No. 18 Cornell. They are 16-38 versus top-20 teams.

WELCOME BACK: Junior **Meghan Murphy** returned to action this season after missing the final 11 games with a knee injury suffered at Cornell last season in the third game of the year. She has moved to attack and in the first four games has four goals and two assists while taking 12 shots on goal.

NEW FACES: Head coach **Tracy Coyne** has two additions to her coaching staff for the 2006 season. **Kateri Linville** joins the Irish staff as assistant coach after two years as a volunteer assistant coach at the University of Virginia where she pursued a masters degree in sports psychology. During her two years at Virginia, the Cavaliers won a national title in 2004 and advanced to the title game in 2005. A 2003 graduate of the University of Delaware, Linville will work with the defense at Notre Dame. Also joining the Irish staff as a volunteer assistant is former Irish All-American **Kathryn Lam ('02)**. Lam will work with the defense while she is working on here MBA at Notre Dame.

PRESEASON HONORS: Three Notre Dame players were selected by the BIG EAST coaches as preseason all-BIG EAST team members. Making the list were seniors **Crysti Foote** and **Lena Zentgraf (Charlottesville, Va.)** and sophomore **Caitlin McKinney (Lafayette Hill, Pa.)**. Foote and McKinney were unanimous choices. All three were all-BIG EAST selections in 2005. Foote was a first-team choice after

2006 BIG EAST STANDINGS

Team	BIG EAST	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
Notre Dame	0-0	.000	5-0	1.000
Georgetown	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000
Syracuse	0-0	.000	3-1	.750
Loyola (Md.)	0-0	.000	2-2	.500
Rutgers	0-0	.000	2-1	.667
Connecticut	0-0	.000	0-2	.000

2006 STX Lacrosse/IWLCA RANKINGS (Mar. 6)

No.	Team (1st place votes)	Points	Last Week	
1.	Northwestern (15)	(4-0)	300	1
2.	Duke	(4-0)	285	2
3.	North Carolina	(3-0)	265	5
4.	Johns Hopkins	(2-0)	244	8
	Maryland	(3-2)	244	6
6.	Princeton	(0-1)	226	4
7.	Penn State	(2-0)	203	10
8.	Georgetown	(2-0)	185	11
9.	Dartmouth	(1-1)	176	3
10.	Virginia	(3-1)	172	7
11.	Boston University	(1-1)	134	9
12.	Loyola (Md.)	(2-1)	122	14
13.	Syracuse	(2-1)	113	13
14.	Notre Dame	(4-0)	93	17
	Richmond	(1-2)	93	NR
16.	Towson	(2-0)	75	15
17.	Cornell	(1-1)	63	18
18.	Pennsylvania	(3-0)	42	NR
19.	William & Mary	(2-0)	38	NR
20.	Stanford	(3-2)	30	NR

Receiving Votes: **James Madison, 25**; George Washington, 6.

Teams in **bold** on 2006 Notre Dame schedule.

2006 Bounce Entertainment/Inside Lacrosse Magazine Poll (March 6)

No.	Team (1st place votes)	Points	Last Week	
1.	Northwestern (14)	(4-0)	318	1
2.	Duke (2)	(4-0)	306	2
3.	North Carolina	(3-0)	284	4
4.	Johns Hopkins	(2-0)	264	6
	Maryland	(3-2)	264	5
6.	Princeton	(0-1)	238	3
7.	Dartmouth	(1-1)	202	8
8.	Georgetown	(2-0)	192	12
9.	Virginia	(3-1)	184	7
10.	Penn State	(2-0)	178	10
11.	Loyola (Md.)	(2-1)	158	11
12.	Towson	(2-0)	126	15
13.	Notre Dame	(4-0)	118	18
14.	Syracuse	(2-1)	114	14
15.	Boston University	(1-1)	112	9
16.	James Madison	(2-0)	66	17
17.	Cornell	(1-1)	60	16
18.	Richmond	(1-2)	58	NR
19.	Pennsylvania	(3-0)	46	20
20.	Stanford	(3-2)	22	NR

Receiving Votes: **Vanderbilt, 18**; William & Mary, 14; Albany, 6; UMBC, 4; Temple 4; Colgate, 2; **Rutgers, 2**.

Teams in **bold** on 2006 Notre Dame schedule

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scoring 34 goals with 16 assists for 50 points, finishing sixth in overall scoring in the conference. Zentgraf had a break out season for the Irish in 2005. She finished fourth in team scoring with 11 goals and eight assists for 19 points. She also added 27 ground balls (tied for fourth), 12 draw controls and 12 caused turnovers on the year. McKinney was the lone freshman selected to either of the BIG EAST all-star teams and the first Notre Dame freshman ever selected all-BIG EAST. She joined the Irish starting lineup in game one and went on to score 26 goals with 14 assists for 40 points to rank 11th among BIG EAST scorers.

CLOSE ONES: In a 2005 season the Irish would like to forget, Notre Dame lost seven games by a total of three goals or fewer. Four of those games were one-goal losses and two came in overtime. Notre Dame lost a pair of 10-9 overtime games at Vanderbilt and Boston College. The third 10-9 loss came at Johns Hopkins where the Jays scored with three seconds left. The fourth one-goal loss was by a 6-5 margin to Stanford. Three of the team's other losses came by three goals - 11-8 at Cornell, 13-10 to Connecticut and 11-8 to Duke. In seven of the 12 losses, the Irish lost by a combined 13 goals (1.86 goals per game) and in the 12 losses for the season, they were out scored by a total of 42 goals (3.50 per loss).

LOW-SCORING AFFAIR: When Notre Dame and Stanford combined for 11 goals in their April 10th game, it tied the Irish record for fewest goals combined in a game. On April 28, 2002, the Irish combined with Rutgers to score 11 goals (a 9-2 Notre Dame win).

DEFENSIVE DEMONS: Notre Dame's defense will be led by one senior, two juniors and a sophomore this season. **Kerry Van Shura (Sr., Bel Air, Md.), Meaghan Fitzpatrick (Jr., Farmingdale, N.Y.), Kristin Hopson (Jr., Radnor, Pa.)** and **Becky Ranck (So., Radnor, Pa.)** will start the season as the top four defenders for the Irish. Van Shura has 10 career starts, Fitzpatrick has 13, Hopson has 10 and Ranck none. Fitzpatrick was among the team leaders in ground balls and caused turnovers last season. Hopson and Ranck have played together before - at Radnor High School - where they were teammates on two Pennsylvania state championship teams (2001 and 2003).

WELCOME TO THE BIG EAST: BIG EAST Commissioner Michael Tranghese announced in December of 2004 that Loyola College will join the BIG EAST Conference as an associate member in women's lacrosse effective with the 2005-06 academic year. The Greyhounds join the conference replacing Boston College as the BIG EAST's sixth team, allowing the conference to keep its automatic NCAA tournament berth. Loyola brings a strong tradition to the BIG EAST and just two years ago, was ranked No. 3 in the nation and participated in the NCAA Tournament. The Greyhounds have advanced to the

NCAA Championship in nine of the last 10 seasons and have earned 12 berths all-time.

NCAA APPEARANCES: Notre Dame has made two appearances in the NCAA Women's Lacrosse Tournament in the 10-year history of the program. In 2004, the Irish lost in the first round at Northwestern by a 10-8 score. In 2002, the Irish advanced for the first time, defeating Ohio State at Moose Krause Stadium, 11-7, before losing to top-ranked Princeton, 11-5, in the **SEASON-BY-SEASON:** Notre Dame women's lacrosse in its first 10 seasons.

	Overall	BIG EAST
1997	5-4	----
1998	7-6	----
1999	9-6	----
2000	5-10	----
2001	10-5	4-2, tie 2nd
2002	13-5	5-1, 2nd
2003	8-7	4-2, 3rd
2004	12-5	4-2, 2nd
2005	3-12	1-4, 4th
2006	5-0	0-0
Totals	77-60, .562	18-11, .621

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2006 Notre Dame Women's Lacrosse
 Notre Dame Lacrosse Statistics
 All games

Overall: 5-0-0 Conf: 0-0-0 Home: 3-0-0 Away: 2-0-0 Neut: 0-0-0

##	Name	GP-GS	G	A	Pts	SHOTS				GOALS				CT	Fouls	RC	YC	GC	
						Sh	Shot%	SOG	SOG%	GW	FPG-FPS	GB	DC						T/O
18	FOOTE, Crysti	5-5	24	14	38	53	.453	41	.774	1	2-10	6	16	11	5	9	0	0	0
4	BYERS, Jill	5-5	20	10	30	36	.556	29	.806	2	1-1	7	10	11	4	8	0	1	0
1	McKINNEY, Caitlin	5-5	13	11	24	28	.464	22	.786	0	0-3	6	2	8	1	10	0	0	0
5	MURPHY, Meghan	5-5	6	3	9	15	.400	13	.867	0	0-2	3	4	5	2	2	0	0	0
14	CARPENTER, Mary	5-5	5	3	8	14	.357	10	.714	1	0-2	15	13	8	6	10	0	0	0
6	FERGUSON, Heather	5-0	5	2	7	9	.556	8	.889	0	2-2	2	1	6	5	4	0	0	0
2	FOX, Brittany	3-0	5	2	7	5	1.000	5	1.000	0	1-1	1	0	5	0	3	0	0	0
31	ORR, Kaki	5-5	4	3	7	9	.444	8	.889	0	0-2	5	5	11	1	10	0	0	0
27	STOECKERT, Jane	5-0	3	2	5	8	.375	6	.750	1	0-2	7	8	3	4	4	0	0	0
10	BILLINGS, Alicia	5-5	3	1	4	7	.429	5	.714	0	0-0	8	4	5	4	2	0	0	0
11	LUCAS, Caitlin	2-0	1	1	2	3	.333	3	1.000	0	0-0	0	2	3	1	1	0	0	0
13	FOOTE, Julie	2-0	1	1	2	2	.500	1	.500	0	0-0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
23	FITZPATRICK, Meaghan	5-5	0	1	1	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	15	1	0	6	11	0	0	0
20	GAUDREAU, Kelly	3-0	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0	0-0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0
34	DIXON, Carol	5-6	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	11	0	7	2	1	0	0	0
33	GOODMAN, Erin	1-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	KOLOUP, Beth	1-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	BURKE, Shannon	3-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	5	0	1	3	1	0	0	0
19	McGRATH, Annemarie	2-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	deMELLO, Meghan	2-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
16	RANCK, Becky	5-5	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	4	7	3	8	12	0	1	0
15	deMELLO, Lauren	1-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
12	KILLEEN, Katie	5-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	2	2	0	3	4	0	0	0
9	VAN SHURA, Kerry	5-5	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	11	4	3	3	7	0	0	0
7	FERGUSON, Lindsey	2-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
3	HOPSON, Kristin	5-5	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	6	4	2	3	7	0	1	0
Total.....		5	90	54	144	191	.471	152	.796	5	6-25	118	86	95	62	114	0	3	0
Opponents.....		5	47	13	60	127	.370	97	.764	0	13-28	81	60	108	40	131	1	11	0

##	Name	GP-GS	GOAL AVERAGE		SAVES		RECORD		Shots			
			Minutes	GA	GAAvg	Saves	Pct	W	L	T	Faced	
33	GOODMAN, Erin	9	1-0	30:00	2	4.00	2	.500	0	0	0	6
34	DIXON, Carol	5-5	277:34	45	9.73	48	.516	5	0	0	120	
Total.....		5	307:34	47	9.17	50	.515	5	0	0	126	
Opponents.....		5	307:34	90	17.56	62	.408	0	5	0	191	

GOALS BY PERIOD	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	OT3	Total
Notre Dame.....	45	42	1	1	1	90
Opponents.....	25	20	1	1	0	47

SHOTS BY PERIOD	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	OT3	Total
Notre Dame.....	98	85	2	3	3	191
Opponents.....	63	61	2	1	0	127

SHOTS ON GOAL BY PRD	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	OT3	Total
Notre Dame.....	74	73	1	2	2	152
Opponents.....	50	44	2	1	0	97

SAVES BY PERIOD	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	OT3	Total
Notre Dame.....	25	24	1	0	0	50
Opponents.....	29	31	0	1	1	62

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY	ND	OPP
Total.....	799	102
Dates/Avg Per Date.....	3/266	2/51
Neutral Site #/Avg.....	0/0	

CLEARs: Notre Dame 60-77 .779, Opponents 57-79 .722.

2006 Women's Lacrosse Results (4-0, 0-0 in BIG EAST)

Date	Opponent	Result	Goals	Assists
Feb. 24	at California	W, 23-11	<u>C. Foote (9)</u> , Byers (5), McKinney (3), Orr (2), H. Ferguson, Billings, Stoeckert, Murphy	McKinney (3), Byers (2), C. Foote (2), Carpenter (2), Fox (2), H. Ferguson
Feb. 26	at Stanford	W, 12-11 (ot)	<u>Byers (5)</u> , C. Foote (3), McKinney (2), Carpenter, Murphy	McKinney (3), Byers, C. Foote, Stoeckert
March 2	OHIO UNIVERSITY	W, 18-6	<u>C. Foote (4)</u>, <u>Byers (3)</u>, <u>Fox (3)</u>, <u>McKinney (2)</u>, <u>Murphy (2)</u>, <u>H. Ferguson</u>, <u>Carpenter</u>, <u>Stoeckert</u>, <u>J. Foote</u>	C. Foote (4), Byers (2), McKinney (2), H. Ferguson, Lucas, Orr
March 5	#18 CORNELL	W, 17-15	<u>Foote (5)</u>, <u>McKinney (3)</u>, <u>Carpenter (3)</u>, <u>Byers (2)</u>, <u>H. Ferguson (2)</u>, <u>Stoeckert</u>, <u>Billings</u>	Foote (3), McKinney (2), Byers, Carpenter, Fitzpatrick, Murphy, Stoeckert
March 8	LEHIGH	W, 20-4	<u>Byers (5)</u>, <u>C. Foote (3)</u>, <u>McKinney (3)</u>, <u>Orr (2)</u>, <u>Murphy (2)</u>, <u>Fox (2)</u>, <u>Billings</u>, <u>Lucas</u>, <u>H. Ferguson</u>	Byers (4), Foote (4), Orr (2), Billings, J. Foote, McKinney, Murphy
March 12	#16 JAMES MADISON			
March 16	vs. Loyola (Md.) * (at Wellington, Fla.)			
March 19	at Northwestern			
March 25	CANISIUS			
March 31	at Connecticut *			
April 5	at Ohio State			
April 9	at Duke			
April 15	at Georgetown *			
April 23	at Rutgers *			
April 29	SYRACUSE *			
May 7	VANDERBILT			

HOME GAMES IN BOLD

* BIG EAST Conference Game

Winning goal is underlined

2005 Notre Dame Women's Lacrosse Box Scores

GAME 1 Notre Dame 23
California 11

February 24, 2006 • Berkeley, Calif.

#18 Notre Dame (1-0) 12 11 - 23
California (1-1) 6 5 - 11

Scoring (goal-assist)

Notre Dame: C. Foote (9-2), Byers (5-2), McKinney (3-3), Orr (2-0), H. Ferguson (1-1), Fox (0-2), Billings (1-0), Stoeckert (1-0), Murphy (1-0).

California: Cavallo (3-0), Zuralow (3-0), Zilioli (2-1), Sokolow (1-0), Reifsnnyder (1-0), Price (1-0), Paul (0-1).

Goalkeepers (min.; goals against; saves)

Notre Dame: Dixon (60:00; 11 goals, 9 saves)

California: Lynch (54:48, 23 goals, 8 saves)

Dyson (5:12, 0 goals, 1 save)

<u>Team Statistics</u>	<u>ND</u>	<u>CAL</u>
Total Shots	38	24
Free Position Shots	4	8
Shots on Goal	34	16
Draw Control	18	17
Ground Balls	21	13
Caused Turnovers	13	5

GAME 2 Notre Dame 12
Stanford 11 (ot)

February 26, 2006 • Palo Alto, Calif.

#18 Notre Dame (2-0) 1 8 1 1 1 - 12
#20 Stanford (2-2) 5 4 1 1 0 - 11

Scoring (goal-assist)

Notre Dame: Byers (5-1), McKinney (2-3), C. Foote (3-1), Carpenter (1-0), Murphy (1-0), Stoeckert (0-1).

Stanford: Patterson (4-0), Piselli (3-1), Burker (1-1), Brown (1-1), Fries (1-0), Bach (1-0).

Goalkeepers (min.; goals against; saves)

Notre Dame: Dixon (67:34; 11 goals, 16 saves)

Stanford: Shane (67:34; 12 goals, 21 saves)

<u>Team Statistics</u>	<u>ND</u>	<u>STAN</u>
Total Shots	37	35
Free Position Shots	4	9
Shots on Goal	33	26
Draw Control	17	10
Ground Balls	22	17
Caused Turnovers	13	11

GAME 3 Ohio University 6
Notre Dame 18

March 2, 2006 • Notre Dame, Ind.

Ohio University (1-3) 4 2 - 6
#17 Notre Dame (3-0) 8 10 - 18

Scoring (goal-assist)

Ohio: Sullivan (2-0), Hadaway (1-1), McLouth (1-0), Smith (1-0), Windle (1-0).

Notre Dame: C. Foote (4-4), Byers (3-2), McKinney (2-2), Fox (3-0), Murphy (2-1), H. Ferguson (1-1), Carpenter (1-0), Stoeckert (1-0), J. Foote (1-0), Orr (0-1), Lucas (0-1).

Goalkeepers (min.; goals against; saves)

Ohio: Heup (60:00, 18 goals, 15 saves)

Notre Dame: Dixon (60:00; 6 goals, 7 saves)

<u>Team Statistics</u>	<u>OU</u>	<u>ND</u>
Total Shots	22	43
Free Position Shots	8	11
Shots on Goal	14	32
Draw Control	4	21
Ground Balls	15	20
Caused Turnovers	8	11

GAME 4 Cornell 15
Notre Dame 17

March 5, 2006 • Notre Dame, Ind.

#18 Cornell (1-1) 8 7 - 15
#17 Notre Dame (4-0) 11 6 - 17

Scoring (goal-assist)

Cornell: Farrell (6-0), Viola (3-1), Dowd (1-2), Simmons (2-0), McKeown (1-1), Moore (1-0), Moore (1-0), Dwinell (1-0), Riordan (0-1).

Notre Dame: C. Foote (5-3), McKinney (3-2), Carpenter (3-1), Byers (2-1), H. Ferguson (2-0), Stoeckert (1-1), Billings (1-0), Fitzpatrick (0-1), Murphy (0-1).

Goalkeepers (min.; goals against; saves)

Cornell: Fava (60:00, 17 goals, 9 saves)

Notre Dame: Dixon (60:00; 15 goals, 14 saves)

<u>Team Statistics</u>	<u>CU</u>	<u>ND</u>
Total Shots	35	33
Free Position Shots	3	5
Shots on Goal	32	28
Draw Control	16	17
Ground Balls	22	29
Caused Turnovers	11	12

GAME 5 Lehigh 4
Notre Dame 20

March 8, 2006 • Notre Dame, Ind.

Lehigh (1-2) 2 2 - 4
#14 Notre Dame (5-0) 13 7 - 20

Scoring (goal-assist)

Lehigh: Tenaty (1-0), Smith (1-0), Chalanick (1-0), Pharoan (1-0), MacIntyre (0-1), Roth (0-1).

Notre Dame: Byers (5-4), C. Foote (3-4), McKinney (3-1), Orr (2-2), Murphy (2-1), Fox (2-0), Billings (1-1), Lucas (1-0), H. Ferguson (1-0), J. Foote (0-1), McKinney (3-2), Carpenter (3-1), Byers (2-1), H. Ferguson (2-0), Stoeckert (1-1), Billings (1-0), Fitzpatrick (0-1), Murphy (0-1).

Goalkeepers (min.; goals against; saves)

Lehigh: Besler (60:00, 20 goals, 8 saves)

Notre Dame: Dixon (30:00; 2 goals, 2 saves)

Goodman (30:00; 2 goals, 2 saves)

<u>Team Statistics</u>	<u>LU</u>	<u>ND</u>
Total Shots	11	40
Free Position Shots	0	1
Shots on Goal	11	39
Draw Control	12	14
Ground Balls	14	26
Caused Turnovers	5	16

GAME 6 James Madison
Notre Dame

March 12, 2006 • Notre Dame, Ind.

James Madison
Notre Dame