

Notre Dame Volleyball

Nine-Time BIG EAST Champions • 12 Consecutive NCAA Tournament Appearances

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NOTRE DAME VOLLEYBALL

(16-8, 9-1)

SEPTEMBER

1	Wed.	(25) Loyola Chicago	W, 3-1
3	Fri.	(25) Nebraska (2)	L, 0-3
4	Sat.	(25) Nebraska (2)	L, 2-3
7	Tue.	Valparaiso	L, 2-3

Cal Poly Invitational (San Luis Obispo, CA)

10	Fri.	vs. Fresno State	W, 3-2
11	Sat.	vs. Sacramento State	W, 3-0
11	Sat.	at Cal Poly	W, 3-0

Gamecock Invitational (Columbia, SC)

17	Fri.	vs. Michigan State	W, 3-1
18	Sat.	vs. USC (2)	Cancelled
19	Sun.	at South Carolina (CSTV)	L, 1-3

28	Tue.	at Michigan (und.com)	L, 1-3
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OCTOBER

2	Sat.	*at Syracuse	W, 3-0
9	Sat.	*at Rutgers	W, 3-0
10	Sun.	*at Seton Hall	W, 3-1
13	Wed.	Illinois State (und.com)	W, 3-2
19	Tue.	at Utah (14)	W, 3-0
20	Wed.	at Brigham Young	L, 2-3
24	Sun.	*St. John's	W, 3-0
30	Sat.	*at Georgetown	W, 3-0
31	Sun.	*at Villanova	W, 3-0

NOVEMBER

5	Fri.	*Connecticut (und.com)	W, 3-1
7	Sun.	*Boston College	L, 0-3
12	Fri.	*Pittsburgh (und.com)	W, 3-0
14	Sun.	*West Virginia	W, 3-0
16	Tue.	Northern Iowa (und.com)	L, 2-3

BIG EAST Championship (Pittsburgh, PA)

20	Sat.	vs. Boston College (Semifinals)	1:00
21	Sun.	Final	2:00

Baden Thanksgiving Tournament (Long Beach, CA)

26	Fri.	vs. UC Irvine	5:00
27	Sat.	at Long Beach State	7:00

DECEMBER

2-5	NCAA 1st/2nd Rounds (campus sites)	
10-11	NCAA Regionals (campus sites)	
16	NCAA Semifinals (Long Beach, CA)	5:30/8
18	NCAA Final (Long Beach, CA)	3:00

NOTE: Number in parentheses to left of opponent is Notre Dame AVCA national ranking at time of match; number to right of opponent is its AVCA national ranking at time of match.

Home matches in **bold** and held in Joyce Center. All times are local.

und.com - indicates match will feature live internet audio via www.und.com.

All home matches will feature live scoring via www.und.com.

BIG EAST Championship

[1] Notre Dame (16-8, 9-1) vs. [4] Boston College (20-11, 6-4)
Semifinals • Saturday, Nov. 20, 1:00 p.m. • Fitzgerald Field House
 - Real-Time Stats: www.pittsburghpanthers.com

[2] Pittsburgh (20-7, 8-2) vs. [3] Syracuse (25-6, 8-2)
Semifinals • Saturday, Nov. 20, 3:30 p.m. • Fitzgerald Field House
 - Real-Time Stats: www.pittsburghpanthers.com
 - Radio: WPTS 92.1 FM, www.wpts.pitt.edu/live

Semifinal Winners

Final • Sunday, Nov. 21, 2:00 p.m. • Fitzgerald Field House
 - Real-Time Stats: www.pittsburghpanthers.com
 - Radio: WPTS 92.1 FM, www.wpts.pitt.edu/live (if Pittsburgh is in the match)

TOP-SEEDED IRISH HEAD TO PITTSBURGH FOR BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIP: The University of Notre Dame women's volleyball team (16-8, 9-1), which claimed its ninth regular-season title in 10 years of league membership last weekend, will now take aim at its eighth BIG EAST Championship title, as it heads to Pittsburgh this weekend. The top-seeded Irish will take on fourth-seeded Boston College (20-11, 6-4), the only team to have topped Notre Dame in league play in 2004, in the semifinals on Saturday at 1 p.m. (EST). The championship match will be on Sunday at 2 p.m., with the winner claiming the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Championship.

THE RADIO PLANS: The University of Pittsburgh's student radio station, WPTS 92.1 FM, will provide live broadcasts of all matches featuring the Panthers this weekend. Matt Grubba and Brian Weaver will have the call, which also can be accessed online at www.wpts.pitt.edu/live.

REAL-TIME STATS: Live in-game statistics of all matches will be available through the official sites of both the University of Pittsburgh's athletic department (www.pittsburghpanthers.com) and the BIG EAST Conference (www.bigeast.org).

SNAPSHOT OF THE IRISH: Notre Dame's women's volleyball program has experienced a wealth of success since the arrival of head coach Debbie Brown in 1991. In her 13+ seasons, Brown has guided Notre Dame to a winning record every year (and 20+ wins in each year but one), compiling a 339-117 (.743) mark. The Irish have earned 12 consecutive berths to the NCAA Championship, including a '93 quarterfinal finish and three trips to the round of 16 (1994, '95, and '97). Since joining the BIG EAST Conference in '95, Notre Dame has dominated the league, winning eight regular-season and seven tournament titles in nine years. Overall, the Irish are 107-6 (.947) in regular-season BIG EAST play and 17-2 (.895) in conference tournament action. Notre Dame is 60-1 (.984) in BIG EAST regular-season matches in the Joyce Center. The 2004 Irish team returned nine monogram winners and four starters from last year's squad that was 23-7 and finished 24th in the national rankings after peaking at 12th. The Irish also led the nation in blocks per game (3.72, with second-place Cornell at 3.52) and have three of their top four blockers back for the '04 campaign.

Offensively, Notre Dame features three players who were named honorable mention All-America last season and who constitute the only trio in school history to register 350+ kills apiece in the same season. Senior OH **Emily Loomis** (LOU-miss), the 2002 BIG EAST Championship's Most Outstanding Player and a fourth-year starter, became the 14th player in Irish history to register 1,000+ career kills late in '03. She currently stands seventh with 1,242 and has a chance to finish among the top five on the Notre Dame career kills list. Loomis played middle blocker for the first 10 matches of 2004 before moving to outside hitter. Junior MB **Lauren Brewster** -- the only player in the BIG EAST, at any position, to be averaging over 1.00 blocks (1.48) and 1.00 digs (2.16) -- led the country in individual blocking in '03 (1.78 per game), and her career block average of 1.65 is second-best in school history, while she also ranks second in attack percentage (.316). She was tops in BIG EAST play in blocks (1.66) to claim her sixth conference statistical crown (also blocking in league and overall matches in '02 and '03, hitting percentage in BIG EAST play in '03), which is the most-ever by a Notre Dame player. Brewster, the only Irish returning starter playing in the same position she did a year ago, has been the league's player of the week three times this season. She leads the Irish in kills (328/3.64), attack percentage (.312), points (431/4.79), and blocks. Brewster, who had a triple-double against Illinois State (17 kills, 13 digs, 11 blocks) had a streak of 15 consecutive matches with 11+ kills snapped on Oct. 30. Her classmate, OH **Lauren Kelbley** (KELL-blee), is one of only three juniors in Division I to earn all-region honors from the AVCA in each of her first two seasons. In '02, she was the rookie of the year for both the AVCA's Northeast

2004 Notre Dame Volleyball Roster

No.	Name	Year	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown	Notes
<u>Probable Starters</u> (first position listed is projected starting spot)						
1	Emily Loomis***	Sr.	OH/MB/OPP	6-1	Fort Wayne, IN	Ranks 7th in ND history in kills (1,242)
6	Lauren Kelbley**	Jr.	OH/MB	6-1	Bascom, OH	ND's kill avg. leader has missed 3 of last 4 with injury
8	Ashley Tarutis	Fr.	S	5-8	Long Beach, CA	Career-high 63 assists vs. Northern Iowa
9	Carolyn Cooper**	Jr.	MB/OPP	6-1	Houston, TX	Career-high 14 kills on .455 hitting vs. West Virginia
10	Adrianna Stasiuk	Fr.	OPP/OH	5-10	Park Ridge, IL	Leads BIG EAST in service aces (0.41)
12	Lauren Brewster**	Jr.	MB	6-3	Brentwood, TN	Career-high 27 kills vs. UNI; Led BE in conf. blocks
4	Meg Henican** (c)	Jr.	L/OH	5-9	New Orleans, LA	20+ digs in last 3 matches (22-UNI; 24-WVU; 25-UP)
<u>Reserves</u>						
2	Leah Nedderman**	Sr.	OH	5-10	Grapevine, TX	Foot injury will sideline her for the season
3	Kelly Burrell**	Jr.	S	5-10	Phoenix, AZ	Shares time as ND setter; started first 2 matches
5	Ellen Heintzman	Fr.	OH/OPP	5-11	Louisville, KY	2.54 kills in 3 matches starting for Kelbley
7	Kelly Corbett***	Sr.	DS/L	5-10	Mountain View, CA	Made first start of season vs. Northern Iowa
11	Danielle Herndon*	So.	DS/L	5-7	Plant City, FL	Matched season high with 12 digs vs. Northern Iowa
13	Laura Bresnahan	Fr.	MB/OPP	6-0	Elmhurst, IL	Made collegiate debut vs. Cal Poly; played in 3 matches
16	Julie McElroy	So.	OH/MB/OPP	6-0	Ames, IA	Joined team in spring '04; played in 5 matches

Region and the BIG EAST Conference. Her career hitting percentage of .303 currently ranks as the fifth-best in school history. Notre Dame's leader in kill average (289/3.66), Kelbley has had 15 or more kills 10 times this season (20+ on four occasions), and she became the first Irish player in almost four years to pound 25 or more kills in a match, doing so against Seton Hall on Oct. 10. The other veteran in the Irish starting lineup is junior MB **Carolyn Cooper**, who was Notre Dame's top front-row sub for the last two seasons before moving into the lineup on Oct. 2. She has provided an immediate boost to Notre Dame's blocking, as she is averaging 1.40 per game since becoming a starter, and the team is averaging 3.63 blocks.

With the graduation of AVCA honorable mention All-American **Kristen Kinder**, setter was the biggest hole to fill for this year's Notre Dame team. Freshman S **Ashley Tarutis** (tuh-ROO-tiss), a two-time All-American for Los Alamitos High School and the Golden West Volleyball Club in California, took over as Notre Dame's starting setter in the third match of the season and nearly led the Irish to an upset of #2 Nebraska (3-2 loss). Junior S **Kelly Burrell** (burr-ELLE), who has been a reserve the past two seasons including as part of the 6-2 offense run by the Irish early in '03, also has been rotating with Tarutis, typically playing in two of the six rotations in Notre Dame's 5-1 offense. The duo combined to give Notre Dame the top hitting mark (.254) in conference action this season.

Another rookie, OPP **Adrianna Stasiuk** (stuh-SHEWK), completes the Irish starting lineup. A "Fab 50" selection playing for Maine South High School and the Chicago-area Sports Performance Volleyball Club, she ranks among Notre Dame's top four in six statistical categories. After missing a triple-double by just a single assist on Sept. 7 against Valparaiso, Stasiuk became the first Irish player since 1998 to register one, clinching it in three games against Illinois State before finishing with 14 kills, 11 digs, and 11 blocks. She was tabbed the BIG EAST Conference Rookie of the Week in consecutive weeks, on Oct. 11 and 18. Junior captain L **Meg Henican** (HENN-ih-kin) is in the midst of one of the best defensive seasons in Notre Dame history, as she is on pace to shatter the school record for season dig average (4.78, record is 4.10) and is just 70 away from the record for total digs in a season (500). She began the season starting at outside hitter, but injuries forced her into the libero jersey. She led Notre Dame to the league's lowest opponent hitting percentage in BIG EAST matches (.134). On Oct. 10 at Seton Hall, she registered 37 digs in four games to break the 12-year-old Notre Dame record for digs in any-length match and become the first Irish player since 1993 to have 30+ digs in a contest. She also has had 24 or more digs in three-game matches four times this season, after that had been accomplished just twice in the first 24 years of varsity volleyball. She also became just the second libero ever to be named BIG EAST Player of the Week. Her 3.67 career dig average is the second-best mark in Irish history, and she has hit the 20-dig plateau nine times this season, while failing to notch 15 digs only five times in 24 matches.

Among Notre Dame's top subs are freshman OH **Ellen Heintzman** (HIGHNTZ-min), senior DS **Kelly Corbett** (CORE-bit), and sophomore DS **Danielle Herndon** (HURN-din). Heintzman, a five-time AAU All-American for the Kentucky Indiana Volleyball Academy (KIVA), has seen some time in the starting lineup at both outside hitter and libero, and she had her best collegiate match vs. Michigan State, ending up with 15 kills on .444 hitting. Corbett and Herndon have seen time as defensive specialists after the latter started the season as Notre Dame's libero.

IRISH IN THE BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIP: For the 10th consecutive year, Notre Dame has earned a berth in the BIG EAST Championship, to take place Saturday and Sunday in Pittsburgh's Fitzgerald Field House. The tournament features the top four teams in the conference, as determined by winning percentage in league matches, taking part in a single-elimination tournament. The winner receives the BIG EAST's automatic berth in the NCAA Championship, which begins at campus sites on Dec. 2. The Irish are 17-2 in the league tournament, having won seven champi-

USA Today/CSTV Top 25 Coaches' Poll (Nov. 15)

No.	School	Pts.	W-L	LW
1.	Washington (62)	1,622	22-0	1
2.	Hawai'i (2)	1,530	23-0	2
3.	Nebraska (1)	1,514	23-1	3
4.	Penn State	1,429	23-2	4
5.	Minnesota	1,347	24-4	5
6.	USC	1,289	16-4	6
7.	Ohio State	1,250	24-2	8
8.	Colorado State	1,092	22-3	10
9.	Stanford	1,048	19-6	11
10.	Florida	1,027	23-3	7
11.	Texas	955	21-3	9
12.	Tennessee	893	26-2	15
13.	Texas A&M	733	16-6	13
14.	California	712	14-9	14
15.	San Diego	639	19-4	19
16.	Saint Mary's (CA)	629	22-3	12
17.	UCLA	622	15-9	16
18.	UC Santa Barbara	537	21-3	18
19.	Utah	484	21-4	17
20.	Kansas State	404	17-8	20
21.	Louisville	281	24-2	23
22.	Arizona	280	16-9	21
23.	Santa Clara	210	17-6	22
24.	Florida A&M	152	23-2	24
25.	Missouri	141	17-6	--

Others receiving points and listed on two or more ballots: Rice 95, Georgia Tech 88, Ohio 68, Illinois 14, Wichita State 14, **Long Beach State 12**, Wisconsin 10, Purdue 2.

Bold indicates 2004 Notre Dame opponent.
() - first-place votes

2004 BIG EAST Awards

Preseason

Player of the Year

Megan Miller, Pittsburgh, Sr., MH

All-BIG EAST Team

Jamie Hadenfeldt, UConn, Sr., OH

Sara Albert, Georgetown, Sr., MB

Lauren Brewster, ND, Jr., MB

Lauren Kelbley, ND, Jr., MB/OH

Emily Loomis, ND, Sr., OH/MB/OPP

Megan Miller, Pittsburgh, Sr., MH

Jackie Ahlers, St. John's, Jr., MH

Players/Rookies of the Week

Sept. 6

P-Megan Miller, Pittsburgh, Sr., MH

P-Sara Albert, Georgetown, Sr., MB

R-Diana Andreyko, Pittsburgh, OH

Sept. 13

P-Lauren Brewster, ND, Jr., MB

R-Stephanie Olsen, Villanova, S

Sept. 20

P-Megan Miller, Pittsburgh, Sr., MH

R-Diana Andreyko, Pittsburgh, OH

Sept. 27

P-Jackie Ahlers, St. John's, Jr., OH

R-Lisa Tedder, St. John's, S

Oct. 4

P-Alison Zemanski, W. Virginia, Sr., MB

R-Sade Chambers, Connecticut, MH

Oct. 11

P-Allison Anderson, Boston Coll, So., L

R-Adrianna Stasiuk, ND, OPP

Oct. 18

P-Megan Miller, Pittsburgh, Sr., MH

R-Adrianna Stasiuk, ND, OPP

Oct. 18

P-Lauren Brewster, ND, Jr., MB

R-Jen Malcolm, Syracuse, MB

Nov. 1

P-Meg Henican, ND, Jr., L

R-Diana Andreyko, Pittsburgh, OH

Nov. 8

P-Lora Yankauskas, Rutgers, So., OH

R-Cheryl Cobbina, Syracuse, Fr., OH

Nov. 15

P-Lauren Brewster, ND, Jr., MB

R-Jen Malcolm, Syracuse, MB

NCAA Leaders

(as of 11/14)

INDIVIDUAL

Hitting Percentage

1. Maria Andonova, Florida A&M497

Kills

1. Stacey Gordon, Ohio State7.20

28. Gini Ullery4.97

Assists

1. Lindsey Laband, Georgia Tech ...15.14

24. Azadeh Boroumand, Pittsburgh ..13.18

Blocks

1. Melissa Elmer, Nebraska1.91

Digs

1. Elvina Kung, Brown6.94

7. Megan McGrane, Pittsburgh6.23

26. Allison Anderson, Boston College ..5.47

Aces

1. Jana Milin, Md.-Eastern Shore0.95

TEAM

Hitting Percentage

1. Florida A&M371

Kills

1. Ohio State18.47

26. Pittsburgh16.55

Assists

1. Georgia Tech17.14

20. Pittsburgh15.39

Aces

1. Navy2.63

Blocks

1. Nebraska4.06

10. Notre Dame3.26

Digs

1. Princeton20.75

onships. Notre Dame's only defeats came in the title matches in 1999 (3-2 loss to Georgetown) and 2003 (3-0 loss to Pittsburgh). The Irish come into the BIG EAST tournament as the No. 1 seed for the eighth time in 10 years (No. 3 in '98, No. 2 in '03). The Irish will take on the only league team to defeat them during the regular season, fourth-seeded Boston College (20-11, 6-4), at 2 p.m. (EST) on Saturday in the first semifinal. Second-seeded tournament host and defending champion Pittsburgh (20-7, 8-2) and third-seeded Syracuse (25-6, 8-2) will play at 3:30 p.m. (EST) on Saturday. The winners of those matches will tussle for the league title on Sunday at 2 p.m. (EST).

IRISH-EAGLES SERIES NOTES: The Irish and Eagles will meet for the 12th time overall and first in the postseason ... Notre Dame has won 10 of the previous 11 contests, taking 30 of the 34 games ... BC handed the Irish their first-ever regular-season home BIG EAST defeat on Nov. 7 in a 30-14, 30-22, 30-28 affair ... it was the first time the Irish had lost at home in a conference regular-season match since 1990, snapping a 74-match winning streak ... BC was the first league team to sweep the Irish in the Joyce Center in regular-season action since 1984, and the margin of the defeat was the largest for Notre Dame in a home match since rally scoring was adopted ... the Irish prevailed 30-26, 30-21, 30-23 in Chestnut Hill in 2003 ... the schools played once prior to Notre Dame joining the BIG EAST Conference in 1995, with the Irish prevailing 15-10, 15-5, 15-9 at home in 1991 ... Boston College's lone game victory before this season came in 1997 in Chestnut Hill, when the Eagles took the third game 15-13 before the Irish won the fourth 15-2 to begin a streak of 19 consecutive game victories ... Notre Dame's 15-0, 15-5, 15-0 win in 1995 featured on of the top hitting performances in school history, as the Irish notched 27 kills and only three errors on 50 attempts for a .480 hitting mark ... the 40-point victory margin also is tied for the third-largest ever ... last year, the Irish registered 11 solo blocks in three games, which is tied for the most ever for an ND team in any length match ... the Eagles ranked 29th in Division I in service aces (2.02) in 2003.

IRISH-PANTHERS SERIES NOTES: The Irish and Panthers could meet for the 23rd time ... Notre Dame has won 17 of the previous matches against Pittsburgh, which is the most common opponent in the history of the Irish program ... the Irish won last weekend in the Joyce Center 30-30-25, 30-22, 30-19 ... the 13-year streak of at least one contest against the Panthers also is the longest vs. any current foe ... after Notre Dame had won 15 straight against Pittsburgh, dating back to 1992, the Panthers topped the Irish twice in 2003, winning 20-30, 30-26, 30-25, 13-30, 15-13 in the regular season in Pittsburgh and 30-20, 30-26, 31-29 in the final of the BIG EAST Championship in the Joyce Center ... the former match denied Notre Dame its seventh undefeated BIG EAST regular-season record and gave UP a share of the league title ... the Irish are 7-3 at Pittsburgh ... the teams have played five-game matches on three occasions, with the Irish prevailing in 1998 in Pittsburgh (21-19 in the fifth) and in '99 at home (15-8 in the fifth) before the Panthers were victorious in '03 ... the schools first met in 1984 in Pittsburgh, with the Panthers winning in three ... the Irish then gained a win in 1986 at home before consecutive UP wins in 1989 (at the Notre Dame Invitational in the Joyce Center) and in '90 (in Pittsburgh) ... the recent streak of ND dominance (and yearly meetings) began in 1992 ... the Irish eliminated Notre Dame from the 1994 NCAA tournament second round with a four-game win in the Joyce Center ... the BIG EAST era has seen the Irish win 13 of 15 matches, with the teams playing in the league tournament on five occasions (1995-98, 2003) ... Notre Dame leads in games won 53-30 ... in 1986, Notre Dame's **Taryn Collins** had 31 digs against Pittsburgh in a four-game win, which is the second-most for an Irish player in a non-five-game match ... the '98 five-gamer's final frame (ND won 21-19) stands as the longest fifth game in Irish history and is tied for the most points scored under the 15-point format ... the 2000 match (3-1 ND victory) in Pittsburgh had a number of notable performances for the Irish, as **Christi Girton** notched 30 kills and **Denise Boylan** had 86 assists, which stands as the most for an Irish setter in a non-five-game affair ... the Irish finished with 99 kills, which is the most for ND in a match decided in fewer than five games ... in '01, Notre Dame turned in one of its best-ever hitting performances, with 52 kills and only five errors on 95 swings for a .495 percentage ... these were the only two BIG EAST teams to make the 2003 NCAA tournament ... Pittsburgh ranked among the nation's top 25 in four statistical categories in '03: assists (10th, 15.40), kills (11th, 16.70), winning percentage (20th, .813), and digs (23rd, 17.96) ... Megan Miller, a first-team all-BIG EAST and honorable mention All-America selection, finished 43rd in Division I in hitting percentage (.361) ... Megan McGrane, who was fifth nationally in digs (5.36), was the first-ever BIG EAST Libero of the Year and earned honorable mention all-league accolades ... Lindsey Macke finished 19th nationally in assists (13.20) ... Chris Beerman was a BIG EAST Conference Co-Coach of the Year, along with ND's **Debbie Brown** ... Beerman also was tabbed the top coach in the AVCA's Northeast Region ... gone is BIG EAST Player of the Year and third-team All-American outside hitter Wendy Hatlestad ... in four matches against the Panthers, junior MB **Lauren Brewster** is averaging 3.27 kills on .321 hitting to go with 2.13 blocks, 0.20 aces, and 4.70 points ... junior L **Meg Henican** is averaging 5.46 digs per game vs. Pittsburgh.

IRISH-ORANGE SERIES NOTES: The Irish and Orange could meet for the 14th time ... Syracuse won the first match between the schools, but Notre Dame has won each subsequent affair, including by 30-23, 30-24, 30-17 scores on Oct. 20 in Syracuse ... Irish prevailed 30-16, 30-26, 30-21 last season in the Joyce Center ... the lone five-game affair between the schools came in the 1990 Rhode Island Invitational in Providence, with the Irish prevailing 16-14 for their first-ever win over Syracuse ... the teams had met just twice prior to Notre Dame's joining the BIG EAST

2004 BIG EAST Conference Standings

(records as of 11/19)

Rk.	School	Conf.	%	Overall	%	Preseason	ND vs.
1.	*Notre Dame	9-1	.900	16-8	.667	1st	–
2.	*Pittsburgh	8-2	.800	20-7	.741	2nd	W, 3-0
2.	*Syracuse	8-2	.800	25-6	.806	9th	W, 3-0
4.	*Boston College	6-4	.600	20-11	.645	6th	L, 0-3
4.	Connecticut	6-4	.600	17-11	.607	3rd	W, 3-1
6.	Rutgers	4-6	.400	16-10	.615	8th	W, 3-0
6.	Georgetown	4-6	.400	17-12	.586	7th	W, 3-0
6.	West Virginia	4-6	.400	18-13	.581	11th	W, 3-0
9.	Villanova	3-7	.300	9-18	.333	5th	W, 3-0
10.	Seton Hall	2-8	.200	9-23	.281	10th	W, 3-1
11.	St. John's	1-9	.100	15-14	.517	4th	W, 3-0

\$ - indicates regular-season champion; * - indicates BIG EAST Championship qualifier

Conference in 1995 ... the schools also played in the 1996 BIG EAST tournament, with the Irish winning in three games ... Notre Dame has won 37 of the 44 games, including 33 of the 35 in the BIG EAST era and 14 in a row heading into this postseason ... the Irish have registered 3-0 wins in each of the last four matches ... New York has produced five Irish volleyball players, making it one of just six states to do so ... in the first BIG EAST contest (10/20/95) between the teams, Notre Dame's **Angie Harris** served up nine aces, which still stands as the top performance for an Irish player in any length match, even though she accomplished the feat in just three games ... in 1996, the Irish made just one service error, which is tied for the fewest ever for a Notre Dame team in a match ... the Irish won by 37 points in 2001 at the Joyce Center, which is tied for the third-largest margin of victory for Notre Dame in the 30-point format ... junior **Lauren Kelbley** is averaging 2.77 kills and 1.77 blocks per game against Syracuse, including a .327 attack percentage ... senior **Emily Loomis** is averaging 3.08 kills, 1.33 digs, and 1.33 blocks to go with a .272 hitting mark ... junior **Lauren Brewster** has 2.77 kills, 2.00 blocks, and 0.33 aces per game vs. Syracuse ... junior **Meg Henican** is averaging 4.67 digs against the Orange.

HEAD COACH DEBBIE BROWN: Irish head coach **Debbie Brown** is in her 14th season at the helm of the Notre Dame program. She has led the Irish to a 339-117 (.744) mark, while holding a 456-200 (.695) overall record. Brown's Notre Dame teams have earned 12 consecutive NCAA tournament berths, advancing to the quarterfinals in 1993 and the round of 16 in '94, '95, and '97. Her squads have won 20 or more matches 12 times. A nine-time conference coach of the year (4 BIG EAST, 4 Midwestern Collegiate, 1 Pac-10), she has coached eight Irish players to All-America honors, while 32 have gained all-BIG EAST mention since 1995. The Irish also have claimed 13 regular-season conference titles (4 Midwestern Collegiate, 9 BIG EAST) and 11 league tournament crowns (4 MCC, 7 BIG EAST). A captain of the 1980 U.S. Olympic volleyball team after winning a pair of national championships and earning All-America honors twice while playing at USC, Brown graduated from Arizona State in 1982 and coached her alma mater from 1983-88, helping the Sun Devils to five NCAA tournaments.

BIG EAST AWARDS: Notre Dame has a number of candidates for the BIG EAST Conference yearly awards, which will be announced on Friday at the annual league banquet. The honors presented, all determined by votes of conference head coaches, will be Player of the Year, Rookie of the Year, Coach of the Year, Libero of the Year, and three teams of all-conference selections (first team, second team, honorable mention with six players on each). Notre Dame has had a history of success in the BIG EAST awards in its nine previous seasons in the league. Head coach **Debbie Brown** has been tabbed the conference's top coach four times (1995, 2000, '01, '03), while she has seen her players earn player-of-the-year honors six times (every year but '98, '02, and '03, most recently **Malinda Goralski** in 2001). **Lauren Kelbley** (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.) was the league's best rookie in 2002, while 32 players have earned all-conference honors, including 20 on the first team (more than one-third of the total spots on the first team during the span). Among current Irish players, OPP/OH **Emily Loomis** (Fort Wayne, Ind./Bishop Luers H.S.) was a first-team selection in '02 and a second-team honoree in '03, while Kelbley was the opposite, gaining second-team accolades in 2003 and first-team last season. Junior **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) was honorable mention all-league as a rookie before being a first-team selection in '03.

IRISH CLIMB TO 20th IN RKPI: After not dropping a game in claiming two wins last weekend, Notre Dame moved up three spots to 20th in the Rich Kern Percentage Index (RKPI), which approximates the NCAA's RPI formula. The Irish -- who passed Illinois, Santa Clara, and Long Beach State this week -- are by far the top team in the AVCA Northeast Region, with Pittsburgh coming in second at 42nd. Boston College is 70th and Syracuse 81st.

BIG EAST Leaders

All Matches (as of 11/15)

INDIVIDUAL

Hitting Percentage

1. Sara Albert, Georgetown392
2. Megan Miller, Pittsburgh364
6. **Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame**315

Kills

1. Jackie Ahlers, St. John's5.45
2. Gini Ulery, Pittsburgh4.97
3. Megan Miller, Pittsburgh4.60
9. Diana Andreyko, Pittsburgh3.66
10. **Lauren Kelbley, Notre Dame**3.66

Assists

1. Azadeh Boroumand, Pittsburgh13.18
3. Aila Dommestrup, Syracuse11.63
7. Verena Rost, Boston College10.99
8. **Ashley Tarutis, Notre Dame**9.72

Aces

1. **Adrianna Stasiuk, Notre Dame**0.41
2. Ashley Lancaster, Georgetown0.39
3. Verena Rost, Boston College0.37
4. Kelly Duan, Syracuse0.37
5. **Lauren Kelbley, Notre Dame**0.34
7. Aila Dommestrup, Syracuse0.33
9. Allison Anderson, Boston College0.31

Blocks

1. **Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame**1.47
2. Alison Zemanski, West Virginia1.46
4. Jen Malcom, Syracuse1.30
10. **Emily Loomis, Notre Dame**1.07

Digs

1. Megan McGrane, Pittsburgh6.23
2. Allison Anderson, Boston College5.47
4. **Meg Henican, Notre Dame**4.80
8. Joscie Kaup, Syracuse3.85

Points

1. Jackie Ahlers, St. John's5.92
2. Gini Ulery, Pittsburgh5.35
3. Megan Miller, Pittsburgh5.31
4. **Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame**4.69
7. **Lauren Kelbley, Notre Dame**4.42
10. Kelly Duan, Syracuse4.24

TEAM

Hitting Percentage

1. Pittsburgh234
2. Syracuse234
3. **Notre Dame**226
6. Boston College219

Opponent Hitting Percentage

1. Syracuse147
4. **Notre Dame**174
5. Boston College177
7. Pittsburgh196

Assists

1. Pittsburgh15.39
2. Boston College13.94
3. **Notre Dame**13.68
4. Syracuse13.17

Kills

1. Pittsburgh16.55
2. Boston College15.17
3. **Notre Dame**15.14
4. Syracuse15.14

Blocks

1. **Notre Dame**3.26
2. Syracuse2.77
9. Pittsburgh2.32
10. Boston College1.95

Aces

1. Georgetown1.72
2. Boston College1.71
4. Syracuse1.65
5. **Notre Dame**1.64
11. Pittsburgh0.94

Digs

1. West Virginia18.12
2. Pittsburgh17.81
3. Boston College17.74
7. **Notre Dame**15.90
9. Syracuse14.66

Notre Dame listings in **bold**. Other BIG EAST Championship qualifiers' in *italics*.

BIG EAST Leaders

Conference Matches (Final)

INDIVIDUAL

Hitting Percentage

1. Sara Albert, Georgetown	.....411
2. Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame	.....326
4. <i>Jen Malcom, Syracuse</i>	.....312
8. Lauren Kelbley, Notre Dame	.....278
10. <i>Kelsey Johnson, Boston College</i>	.....273

Kills

1. <i>Gini Ullery, Pittsburgh</i>	.....5.32
6. <i>Kelly Duan, Syracuse</i>	.....4.14
7. <i>Diana Andreyko, Pittsburgh</i>	.....4.11
10. Lauren Kelbley, Notre Dame	.....3.92

Assists

1. <i>Azadeh Boroumand, Pittsburgh</i>	.....13.11
2. <i>Verena Rost, Boston College</i>	.....13.00
3. <i>Aila Dommestrup, Syracuse</i>	.....12.41
10. Ashley Tarutis, Notre Dame	.....10.56

Aces

1. Shawn McDonald, Seton Hall	.....0.44
2. Adrianna Stasiuk, Notre Dame	.....0.44
5. Ashley Tarutis, Notre Dame	.....0.38
7. <i>Morgan Woodcock, Boston College</i>	.....0.32

Blocks

1. Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame	.....1.66
2. <i>Jen Malcom, Syracuse</i>	.....1.62
8. Carolyn Cooper, Notre Dame	.....1.28

Digs

1. Allison Anderson, Boston College	.....7.79
2. <i>Megan McGrane, Pittsburgh</i>	.....6.19
3. Meg Henican, Notre Dame	.....6.00

Points

1. <i>Gini Ullery, Pittsburgh</i>	.....5.74
4. <i>Kelly Duan, Syracuse</i>	.....5.00
5. Lauren Kelbley, Notre Dame	.....4.77
6. Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame	.....4.75
8. <i>Diana Andreyko, Pittsburgh</i>	.....4.64
9. <i>Dorota Niemczewska, Boston Coll.</i>	.....4.43

TEAM

Hitting Percentage

1. Notre Dame	.....254
2. <i>Syracuse</i>	.....237
3. <i>Pittsburgh</i>	.....233
5. <i>Boston College</i>	.....218

Opponent Hitting Percentage

1. Notre Dame	.....134
2. <i>Syracuse</i>	.....174
3. <i>Pittsburgh</i>	.....178
6. <i>Boston College</i>	.....187

Assists

1. <i>Pittsburgh</i>	.....15.97
2. <i>Boston College</i>	.....15.83
3. Notre Dame	.....14.66
8. <i>Syracuse</i>	.....13.49

Kills

1. <i>Pittsburgh</i>	.....16.70
2. <i>Boston College</i>	.....16.17
3. Notre Dame	.....16.16
4. <i>Syracuse</i>	.....15.57

Blocks

1. Notre Dame	.....3.61
2. <i>Syracuse</i>	.....3.32
9. <i>Pittsburgh</i>	.....2.22
10. <i>Boston College</i>	.....2.13

Aces

1. Rutgers	.....1.76
2. Notre Dame	.....1.44
3. <i>Boston College</i>	.....1.33
6. <i>Syracuse</i>	.....1.14
11. <i>Pittsburgh</i>	.....0.81

Digs

1. <i>Boston College</i>	.....19.93
4. <i>Pittsburgh</i>	.....18.59
6. Notre Dame	.....17.59
10. <i>Syracuse</i>	.....14.08

Notre Dame listings in **bold**. Other BIG EAST Championship qualifiers' in *italics*.

BREWSTER CRANKS CAREER-HIGH 27 KILLS vs. NORTHERN IOWA: In picking up the slack for the injured **Lauren Kelbley** (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.), junior MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) slammed a career-best 27 kills on Tuesday against Northern Iowa. She did it on a career-high 55 swings for a .273 hitting percentage, while flirting with a triple-double (nine digs, eight blocks). Brewster's kill total was the most for an Irish player since **Christi Girton** had 31 vs. Connecticut in 2000.

BREWSTER, KELBLEY LEAD MAJOR IRISH PRESENCE IN BIG EAST LEADERS: Juniors MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) and OH **Lauren Kelbley** (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.) are leading an Irish contingent that has representatives among the top 10 in all of the 14 official statistical categories. Brewster and Kelbley are both listed in the leaders in three different categories in both overall and conference action, a distinction shared by only one other player in the league, Ashleigh Young of Rutgers. In league action, Brewster finished first in blocks (1.66), second in hitting percentage (.326), and sixth in points (4.75), while Kelbley was fifth in points (4.77), eighth in hitting percentage (.278), and 10th in kills (3.92). In overall action, Brewster is first in blocks (1.47), fourth in points (4.69), and sixth in hitting percentage (.315), while Kelbley is fifth in aces (0.34), seventh in points (4.42), and 10th in kills (3.66).

BREWSTER RANKS AS TOP DEFENSIVE MIDDLE IN BIG EAST: Although she is also one of Notre Dame's top offensive weapons, junior MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) has established herself as easily the top defensive middle blocker/hitter in the BIG EAST Conference. **In fact, with her averages of 1.48 blocks and 2.16 digs per game, she is THE ONLY player in the conference -- at any position -- to be averaging more than 1.00 blocks and 1.00 digs per game.** She is by far the best in combined block and dig average, at 3.65. Georgetown's Sara Albert is next at 2.29 (1.42 blocks, 0.87 digs), and West Virginia's Alison Zemanski ranks third at 2.19 (1.46 blocks, 0.73 digs). Preseason Player of the Year Megan Miller of Pittsburgh, the top offensive middle in the league, has a combined block-dig average of 1.70 per game (0.93 blocks, 0.77 digs). In fact, Brewster is one of only three middle hitters/blockers in Division I to be averaging 1.00+ blocks and 2.00+ digs per game, joining Texas A&M's Melissa Munsch and Salaia Salave'a of Nevada.

HENICAN, IRISH CONTINUE REIGN AS BIG EAST'S TOP DEFENSE: Notre Dame's defense, led by junior captain L **Meg Henican** (New Orleans, La./Isidore Newman H.S.), established itself as the finest in the BIG EAST Conference for the sixth consecutive season. Since the league began tracking opponent hitting percentage in 1999, the Irish have finished first in the category all five years. This season, Notre Dame holds a hefty advantage heading into the final weekend, as the Irish allowed BIG EAST foes to manage a hitting mark of only .134. The next-best performance was .174 by Syracuse.

IRISH WELL-REPRESENTED IN BIG EAST WEEKLY AWARDS: Notre Dame players have regularly been recognized by the conference office this season, as Irish competitors have garnered a total of six weekly honors, including one in four consecutive weeks from Oct. 11-Nov. 1. Notre Dame is the only school to have multiple players -- juniors MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) and L **Meg Henican** (New Orleans, La./Isidore Newman H.S.) -- be named the BIG EAST Player of the Week, and also stands as the lone institution to have three different student-athletes earn weekly honors, as OPP **Adrianna Stasiuk** (Park Ridge, Ill./Maine South H.S.) was the league's rookie of the week on Oct. 11 and 18. Brewster was a three-time player of the week.

BREWSTER, IRISH CONTINUE DOMINANT BLOCKING: Junior MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) and Notre Dame's blocking game have once again been a key to Notre Dame's success. After leading the nation in team blocking in 2003 -- thanks largely to Brewster being tops in Division I in individual blocking -- the Irish are tops in the BIG EAST and 10th nationally in blocking this season, with an average of 3.28 per game. Notre Dame is nearly one-half block per game better than the rest of the conference, as Syracuse ranks second in the BIG EAST with an average of 2.77.

HENICAN ON PACE TO SHATTER IRISH SEASON DIGS RECORD: Junior captain L **Meg Henican** (New Orleans, La./Isidore Newman H.S.) is in the midst of one of the most impressive defensive seasons ever for an Irish player. She is averaging 4.67 digs per game, putting her on pace to shatter the Irish record for season dig average, which is 4.10 by **Christy Peters** in 1993. Henican already has 430 digs this season, which is the third-highest single-season total in school history and just 70 shy of Peters' school-record 500 from that season.

LOOMIS HITS 1,200 CAREER KILLS: Senior OH **Emily Loomis** (Fort Wayne, Ind./Bishop Luers H.S.) cranked a kill on Notre Dame's second match point on Nov. 5 to hand the Irish a four-game win against Connecticut. That kill was the 1,200th of Loomis' career, making her just the eighth player in school history to reach that number. Loomis, who ranks in the top 10 in program history in 11 different categories, heads into this weekend with 1,242 kills and ranking seventh on the all-time list. Next up on that list for Loomis is 2000 graduate **Christi Girton**, who had 1,286 kills.

HENICAN BECOMES NINTH IRISH PLAYER WITH 1,000 DIGS: On Nov. 14 vs. West Virginia, junior captain L **Meg Henican** (New Orleans, La./Isidore Newman H.S.) finished with 24 digs in three games to become the ninth player in school history -- and first since 1998 -- to hit the 1,000-career-

dig plateau. She currently stands seventh on the all-time list at 1,032, with **Angie Harris** ('97) next up at 1,043).

BREWSTER-LED IRISH SNAP #14 UTAH'S SCHOOL-RECORD WINNING STREAK: Behind 18 kills on .567 hitting from junior MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.), Notre Dame swept #14 Utah on Oct. 19 in Salt Lake City to snap the Utes' 12-match winning streak, which was the longest in school history, and deal them a home loss for the first time in more than a year. The Utes had not lost since Sept. 7 and were riding a winning streak that had featured victories against both #6 UCLA and #7 Colorado State. The Irish win snapped Utah's 13-match home winning streak and marked its first home defeat since a 3-1 decision against Colorado State on Sept. 27, 2003. Notre Dame beat a ranked team in three games for the first time since 1995, when the seventh-ranked Irish topped #15 Colorado by 3-0 scores on back-to-back nights in the Joyce Center on Sept. 23 and 24. It was just the second time in school history -- in addition to beating #21 Hawai'i on Oct. 22, 1992 -- that the Irish beat a ranked team in three games on their home court.

BREWSTER BECOMING THE TOTAL PACKAGE: After a 2003 campaign in which she led the BIG EAST in hitting percentage and blocks and was tops in Division I in the latter category en route to being a first-team all-conference and all-region selection, as well as an honorable mention AVCA All-American, junior MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) has followed that up with a 2004 season in which she has become a more complete player. While still averaging about 3.60 kills and over 1.50 blocks a game on .310+ hitting, her third collegiate season has seen Brewster's defensive and serving production rise. In 2003, she rarely played when her position rotated into the back row, instead subbing out for the libero or a defensive specialist. But in '04, Brewster's increased defensive skills have earned her more back-row time, which has translated into more than a 300% increase in her digging. Brewster is one of four Irish players averaging over 2.00 digs per game in 2004, coming in with 2.16, after she averaged only 0.68 as a sophomore. In her first two seasons combined, Brewster accumulated 130 total digs and her career high was seven, but she already has 194 in 24 matches in '04, including 11 matches over her previous career-best total. Her serving also has improved in both consistency and potency. She has 25 aces this season for an average of 0.28 per game that is third on the team. Brewster has committed just 27 errors for an ace-to-error ratio of 0.94. In 2003, she turned in 27 aces the entire season, while making 42 errors for a ratio of just 0.64.

HENICAN, STASIUK ANCHOR STELLAR SERVE-RECEIVING UNIT: Notre Dame's serve-receiving unit, which is anchored by junior captain L **Meg Henican** (New Orleans, La./Isidore Newman H.S.) and freshman OPP **Adrianna Stasiuk** (Park Ridge, Ill./Maine South H.S.), has proven to be one of the best in Irish history. Opponents are averaging just 0.98 service aces per game in 2004, an average that trails only the number posted by last year's squad, which also was led by Henican. In 2003, opponents averaged just 0.94 aces per game. Stasiuk has made just 39 receiving errors this season, or one in every 2.31 games. Henican has been even more solid, committing only 27 reception errors, an average of one in every 3.33 games. Only four times in 24 matches this season has Henican made multiple reception errors.

TOUGH LOSS: Notre Dame's 30-14, 30-22, 30-28 loss to Boston College on Sunday was notable in a number of ways. It was the Eagles' first-ever win against the Irish after taking just a single game in 10 prior meetings. It also ended Notre Dame's streak of 58 consecutive home regular-season victories in BIG EAST play since joining the league in 1995. It was the first regular-season home league loss of any kind since 1990 (Oct. 24, Butler, 3-2), snapping a streak of 74 victories in a row. BC became the first team since 1984 (Oct. 10, Loyola Chicago) to sweep the Irish in a home regular-season conference match. The Eagles' 26-point margin of victory was the most for any team against the Irish since the current rally-scoring format was adopted in 2001 and the most overall since Dec. 27, 1999, when #5 Pacific beat the Irish 15-9, 15-0, 15-4. The 16-point margin of defeat in the opening game matched the worst output for Notre Dame since the advent of rally scoring (also 30-14 in second game vs. Northern Iowa on Oct. 17, 2001. BC became the first team to hit over .300 (.305) against Notre Dame this season, and its first-game output of .464 is tops for an Irish opponent in a game. The Eagles made just 10 attack errors after no Notre Dame foe had made fewer than 18 in a match in 2004.

HENICAN'S 37 DIGS BREAK 12-YEAR-OLD SCHOOL RECORD: Irish junior libero and captain Meg Henican (New Orleans, La./Isidore Newman H.S.) broke the 12-year-old school record for most digs in any-length match by registering 37 in a four-game affair at Seton Hall on Oct. 10. Henican dug just four Pirate attack attempts in the first game, but then scrambled for a dozen in game two, 11 in the third game, and 10 in the final frame to end up with a total 11 better than her previous career high (26 vs. Sacramento State in the Cal Poly Invitational on Sept. 11). Her performance - an average of 9.25 digs per game - broke the school record of 36 digs, done by Christy Peters on Sept. 5, 1992, against Kentucky in a five-game match. The previous Irish record for digs in a four-game match was 35 by Jessica Fiebelkorn, set that same month, on Sept. 18, 1992, at Purdue. No player had managed even 30 digs in any-length match since a 31-dig performance by Peters in 1993 at Arizona State.

BREWSTER TABBED BIG EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK FOR SIXTH TIME: Junior MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) was named the BIG EAST Conference Player of the

2004 Notre Dame Leaders

(as of 11/19)

Kills

Lauren Brewster	.....328 (3.64)
Lauren Kelbley	.....289 (3.66)
Emily Loomis	.....234 (2.69)

Hitting %

Lauren Brewster	.....312
Kelly Burrell	.....273
Lauren Kelbley	.....249

Assists

Ashley Tarutis	.....889 (9.88)
Kelly Burrell	.....209 (2.55)
Adrianna Stasiuk	.....60 (0.67)

Digs

Meg Henican	.....430 (4.78)
Adrianna Stasiuk	.....270 (3.00)
Ashley Tarutis	.....211 (2.34)

Blocks

Lauren Brewster	.....23/110 (1.48)
Emily Loomis	.....25/67 (1.06)
Carolyn Cooper	.....16/57 (1.01)

Service Aces

Adrianna Stasiuk	.....36 (0.40)
Lauren Kelbley	.....27 (0.34)
Lauren Brewster	.....25 (0.28)
Ashley Tarutis	.....25 (0.28)

Service Ace-to-Error Ratio

Lauren Kelbley	.....1.00 (27 A, 27 E)
Lauren Brewster	.....0.93 (25 A, 27 E)
Danielle Herndon	.....0.86 (6 A, 7 E)

Service Percentage

Danielle Herndon	.....974 (261-268)
Lauren Kelbley	.....930 (357-384)
Ashley Tarutis	.....926 (400-432)

Points

Lauren Brewster	.....431 (4.79)
Lauren Kelbley	.....349.5 (4.42)
Adrianna Stasiuk	.....304.5 (3.38)

Irish Weekly Rankings

Week	Rich		
	AVCA	Kern.com	RKPI
preseason	25	23	none
Sept. 6	arv(26)	23	149
Sept. 13	--	arv(33)	45
Sept. 20	--	arv(36)	25
Sept. 27	--	--	27
Oct. 4	--	--	29
Oct. 11	--	--	28
Oct. 18	--	--	27
Oct. 25	arv(31)	--	24
Nov. 1	arv(32)	--	23
Nov. 8	--	--	23
Nov. 15	--	--	20

Notes: Numbers in parentheses are listings, but not actual rankings. arv = also receiving votes. RKPI is the Rich Kern Percentage Index, which approximates the NCAA's RPI.

Notre Dame in 2004 ...

(2003 records in parentheses)

at home6-5 (12-3)
 away7-3 (8-3)
 on neutral courts3-0 (3-1)

in three games10-2 (12-3)
 in four games4-2 (8-3)
 in five games2-4 (2-1)
 in two-point games5-8 (6-11)

vs. ranked opponents1-2 (1-4)
 vs. BIG EAST teams9-1 (12-2)
 vs. non-conference teams7-7 (11-5)
 vs. AVCA Northeast Reg.9-1 (13-2)

at night7-6 (13-2)
 during the day9-2 (9-5)
 in tournament play4-1 (7-4)
 on television0-3 (1-0)

winning first game16-2 (21-2)
 losing first game0-6 (2-5)
 winning first two games14-0 (15-0)
 losing first two games0-3 (1-5)
 split first two games2-5 (7-2)
 leading 2-1 in games7-2 (9-0)
 trailing 2-1 in games0-3 (2-4)

higher hitting percentage16-0 (22-1)
 lower hitting percentage0-8 (1-6)
 more kills12-0 (18-1)
 fewer kills1-9 (5-6)
 equal kills3-0 (0-0)
 more service aces13-5 (19-2)
 fewer service aces0-3 (2-4)
 equal service aces3-0 (2-1)
 more digs11-1 (14-0)
 fewer digs4-7 (9-7)
 equal digs1-0 (0-0)
 more blocks15-3 (21-4)
 fewer blocks0-5 (0-2)
 equal blocks1-0 (2-1)

longest winning streak5 (14)
 longest losing streak3 (3)
 longest game winning streak11 (15)
 longest game losing streak4 (9)

on game point57-55
 when facing game point24-32
 on match point16-14
 when facing match point3-8

Most Total Points:

256, Northern Iowa 132, ND 124

Fewest Total Points:

143, ND 90, St. John's 53

Largest Margin of Victory:

37 points, ND 90, St. John's 53

Largest Margin of Defeat:

26 points, Boston College 90, ND 64

Week on Monday for the third time this season and sixth time in her career. Last weekend, she led the Irish to a pair of 3-0 wins that clinched their ninth BIG EAST regular-season title. She was near perfect on offense, making just two errors, while averaging 4.17 kills on .469 hitting to go with 3.17 digs, and 2.17 blocks. Brewster had 12 kills on 22 errorless swings for a .545 hitting mark vs. Pittsburgh, barely missing a triple-double by ending with 12 digs and eight blocks. She then had 13 kills on .407 hitting and seven digs against West Virginia. Brewster's second honor came on Oct. 25 after helping Notre Dame to a pair of victories, including a sweep of #14 Utah on the Utes' home floor to snap their school-record 12-match winning streak. The Brentwood, Tenn., native was the catalyst of that upset, notching 18 kills on .567 hitting to lead Notre Dame to its third win against a top-15 foe in as many seasons. In three matches last week, Brewster converted half of her attack attempts for kills, ending with 44 (4.00 per game) on a .409 hitting percentage. She added 22 digs, an average of 2.00 per game, and 10 blocks to go with 52.5 points (4.77). Her performance last Tuesday in Salt Lake City was further accentuated by the fact that she did it against a strong Utah defense that came into the match ranked eighth in the nation in blocking and holding opponents to just .129 hitting. It took her only 30 swings to notch 18 kills in the contest, and she added seven digs and a match-high 20 points in helping Notre Dame sweep a ranked opponent on its home floor for just the second time in school history. The match also marked Utah's first home loss in more than a year. The following night saw Brewster lead the Irish in kills again, finishing with 14 in a 3-2 loss at Brigham Young. She notched her sixth double-double of the season and the 12th of her career, ending up with 11 digs, while adding three blocks and an ace for a total of 17 points. On Sunday, Brewster slammed a match-high 12 kills on .435 hitting in helping the Irish to a three-game sweep of St. John's in front of 2,086 fans in Notre Dame's BIG EAST home opener. She also took part in six of the 10 Irish blocks to finish with a match-best 15.5 points, while adding four digs. On Sept. 13, Brewster gained the honor after helping Notre Dame go unbeaten to capture the championship of the Cal Poly-Best Western Royal Oak Invitational. Brewster, who was named the tournament's MVP, notched three double-doubles in four matches during the week, ending with 60 kills, an average of 3.75 per game, on a .336 hitting percentage. She also averaged 1.62 blocks (3 BS, 23 BA) and 2.56 digs (41 total) per game and had 78.5 points (4.91 per game). In the mid-week match against Valparaiso, she was just two blocks shy of her first career triple-double, as she ended up with 18 kills, 13 digs, and eight blocks. Saturday's evening match, vs. tournament host Cal Poly, saw the Brentwood, Tenn., native match her career best with a .684 hitting mark, registering 13 kills on 19 errorless swings to go with six blocks. Brewster ranked among the top four in four different categories in the Cal Poly Invitational leaders, coming in first in hitting percentage, second in blocks, and fourth in service aces and kills. She was the only non-outside hitter in the top six in kill average. Brewster, who also was named the BIG EAST's top player three times during October of 2003, joins outside hitter Angie Harris ('98) as the only Irish players ever to be named the BIG EAST Player of the Week five times during their careers. Brewster also was the league's top rookie once in 2002. For the second year in a row, the former "Fab 40" standout for Impact Volleyball Club has established herself as one of the frontrunners for BIG EAST Player of the Year. She is one of only two players (also Pittsburgh middle hitter Megan Miller) to have been named the player of the week on multiple occasions in 2004, and is the only player that ranks among the BIG EAST leaders in four different categories: blocks (2nd), points (4th), hitting percentage (6th), and kills (10th). In conference matches, Brewster is tops in the league in hitting (.387) and ranks third in blocks (1.62), and seventh in points (4.92).

HENICAN BECOMES JUST SECOND LIBERO TO BE NAMED BIG EAST PLAYER OF THE

WEEK: Junior captain and libero **Meg Henican** (New Orleans, La./Isidore Newman H.S.) was named the BIG EAST Conference Player of the Week on Nov. 1 after helping Notre Dame to a pair of 3-0 road victories in league action over the weekend. Henican, just the second libero ever to win the award, averaged 6.33 digs per game - including 26 against Villanova on Sunday - in leading a defensive effort that held opponents to a .116 attack percentage. No libero had been named the BIG EAST Player of the Week since the inclusion of the position in the college game, beginning in 2002, until Allison Anderson of Boston College did so on Oct. 11 of this season. The award made Notre Dame the first school to have two different players win the honor this season, as junior MB Lauren Brewster (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) is a two-time honoree. The Irish also are the lone team to have three different players be tabbed for conference weekly honors in 2004, as freshman OPP Adrianna Stasiuk (Park Ridge, Ill./Maine South H.S.) was the Rookie of the Week in back-to-back weeks last month. Brewster won the player-of-the-week distinction last week, making Notre Dame the first school to pick up that honor in back-to-back weeks.

BREWSTER, STASIUK NOTCH TRIPLE-DOUBLES vs. ILLINOIS STATE:

Junior MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) and freshman OPP **Adrianna Stasiuk** (Park Ridge, Ill./Maine South H.S.) both notched triple-doubles in Notre Dame's five-game victory against Illinois State on Wednesday. Stasiuk clinched hers in the third game and ended with 14 kills, 11 digs, and 11 blocks, while Brewster finished with 17 kills, 13 digs, and 11 blocks. It was the second time this season that a Division I team had multiple triple-doubles in the same match (Dartmouth's Kathryn Hirsch and Elise Krieger did it against Army on Sept. 17), but the accomplishment of dual triple-doubles that do not include assists is extremely rare. Since 2002, teams in Division I had featured multiple triple-doubles nine times, but none of the players involved in those sported 10+ blocks, as all of them checked in with double-digit assists. Of all the triple-doubles in Division I in 2004, only three previously had consisted of kills, digs, and blocks. Prior to Wednesday, no Irish player had registered a triple-double since Dec. 4, 1998, when a pair of Notre Dame competitors also accomplished the feat. In that match, a four-game, NCAA first-round win over Eastern Washington, Kristy Kreher, then just a rook-

ie, had 24 kills on .541 hitting to go with 14 digs and 14 assists, while senior Lindsay Treadwell registered 11 kills, 16 digs, and 10 blocks.

BROWN NOTCHES 450TH CAREER VICTORY IN UPSET OF #14 UTAH: Notre Dame head coach **Debbie Brown**, in her 20th year as a collegiate head coach, claimed her 450th career victory when the Irish upset #14 Utah 3-0 in Salt Lake City on Oct. 19. Brown, who sports a 451-198 (.695) joined an elite club of just 31 active Division I coaches who have registered 450+ victories as head coaches. Only three coaches in that group (Alabama's Judy Green-19th, Arkansas' Chris Poole-19th, Florida's Mary Wise-18th) have coached for fewer seasons than Brown. The 14th-year Irish mentor (after six seasons at Arizona State) came into the season ranking 22nd among active Division I coaches in winning percentage.

BREWSTER POSTS MATCH HIGHS IN FIVE CATEGORIES IN LEADING ND OVER MICHIGAN STATE: Junior MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) had one of the best all-around performances of her career, leading all players in the match in five different statistical categories in helping Notre Dame to its first win against Michigan State since 1994 on Sept. 17 in the Gamecock Invitational. Brewster had match highs in kills (17), hitting percentage (.500), service aces (4), blocks (4), and points (23). She made just two attack errors and no service errors in setting a career high for service aces. Brewster also was third on the Irish with nine digs.

BREWSTER'S SIX ACES BEST FOR IRISH PLAYER SINCE 1995: Junior MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) turned in the best serving performance of her career against South Carolina in the championship match of the Gamecock Invitational. She finished with six service aces, including four on a single rotation in game three to set her career high for the second match in a row (4 vs. Michigan State on Sept. 17). Her performance marked the best serving performance by an Irish player since Angie Harris had a school-record nine aces on Oct. 20, 1995, against Syracuse. Brewster's total - which was further accentuated by her having only one service error - is tied for the second-highest mark ever by an Irish player in a four-game match. In the two matches of the Gamecock Invitational, she had 10 aces and only one error.

KELBLEY BECOMES FIRST ND PLAYER IN NEARLY FOUR YEARS TO NOTCH 25+ KILLS: Junior OH **Lauren Kelbley** (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.) had a career-best 25 kills on Oct. 10 at Seton Hall. She took the lion's share of swings, ending with just eight attack errors on a career-high 56 attempts for a .304 percentage and 26 points. Kelbley started slowly, converting 10 attempts into only three kills in the first game. But she rebounded to have eight kills on .353 hitting in the following frame and then notch seven kills apiece in each of the final two games, hitting better than .305 on both occasions. It marked the second time in four matches that Kelbley set her career high (after tying it once earlier this season). She had 24 kills at Michigan on Sept. 28 to better her previous best output by two. It also was the most kills for an Irish player since Oct. 29, 2000, when Christi Girton notched 31 in a five-game victory at Connecticut.

STASIUK REPEATS AS BIG EAST ROOKIE OF THE WEEK: Freshman OPP **Adrianna Stasiuk** (Park Ridge, Ill./Maine South H.S.) became the first Irish player ever to be named the BIG EAST Conference Rookie of the Week in consecutive weeks earlier this month. She was first honored on Oct. 11 after helping Notre Dame to a pair of conference victories on the road against Rutgers and Seton Hall. The Park Ridge, Ill., native averaged 3.43 kills per game on a .302 hitting mark, while contributing 3.29 digs to an Irish defense that held its opponents to an attack percentage of only .166. The opposite won the Oct. 18 award after becoming the first Irish student-athlete since 1998 to register a triple-double, as she finished with 14 kills, 11 digs, and a collegiate-high 11 blocks in Notre Dame's five-game victory over Illinois State, the lone Irish match of the week. She clinched the triple-double in the third game and added a pair of service aces, including one to end the marathon second game (34-32). She matched her season high with 21.5 points and more than doubled her previous collegiate high in blocks, which was five. Stasiuk, who was named to Volleyball magazine's elite "Fab 50" list of the top prep players in the nation last year, is the seventh Notre Dame player ever to be honored as the BIG EAST Rookie of the Week. The last Irish student-athlete to be so tabbed was current junior Lauren Brewster, who earned the accolade on Oct. 28, 2002. With the awards, Stasiuk has put herself into early position to be a major contender for BIG EAST Rookie of the Year, as only one other player in the conference - Pittsburgh outside hitter Diana Andreyko - has won the weekly honor multiple times in 2004. Only two other Notre Dame players have ever won the BIG EAST's Rookie-of-the-Week award on multiple occasions, as current junior Lauren Kelbley (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.) did so in 2002 en route to being tabbed the conference (and AVCA Northeast Region) rookie of the year, and Mary Leffers was twice honored in 1996.

STASIUK ONE ASSIST SHY OF TRIPLE-DOUBLE vs. VALPO: Rookie OPP **Adrianna Stasiuk** (Park Ridge, Ill./Maine South H.S.) nearly registered a triple-double on Sept. 7 in the five-game match against Valparaiso. She finished with a season-high 16 kills (on .342 hitting) to go with 15 digs and nine assists in Notre Dame's loss to the Crusaders. Stasiuk also had a pair of service aces and was in on five blocks for a total of 21.5 points. She has started every match for the Irish in '04 and ranks among the team's top three in every statistical category.

KELBLEY HITS 20-KILL PLATEAU FOR SECOND STRAIGHT MATCH: Junior OH **Lauren Kelbley** (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.) registered a match-high 20 kills against Illinois State

Irish Opponents

(as of 11/14)

Wins

#19/33 Utah (21-4, 13-1 Mountain West), 3-0
#45 Michigan State (11-13, 6-10 Big Ten), 3-1
#42 Pittsburgh (20-7, 8-2 BIG EAST), 3-0
#69 Rutgers (16-10, 4-6 BIG EAST), 3-0
#75 Illinois St. (19-8, 11-5 Missouri Valley), 3-2
#81 Syracuse (25-6, 8-2 BIG EAST), 3-0
#88 Connecticut (17-11, 6-4 BIG EAST), 3-1
#95 Sacramento St. (23-7, 11-3 Big Sky), 3-0
#98 Fresno State (14-12, 6-7 WAC), 3-2
#102 Loyola Chicago (19-8, 10-4 Horizon), 3-1
#112 Georgetown (17-12, 4-6 BIG EAST), 3-0
#121 St. John's (15-14, 1-9 BIG EAST), 3-0
#134 West Virginia (18-13, 4-6 BIG EAST), 3-0
#143 Villanova (9-18, 3-7 BIG EAST), 3-0
#203 Seton Hall (9-23, 2-8 BIG EAST), 3-1
#204 Cal Poly (5-21, 3-14 Big West), 3-0

Losses

#3/1 Nebraska (23-1, 16-0 Big 12), 3-2
#3/1 Nebraska (23-1, 16-0 Big 12), 3-0
#30 Michigan (18-9, 8-8 Big Ten), 3-1
#55 Northern Iowa (21-8, 13-4 Mo. Valley), 3-2
#58 Valparaiso (27-4, 14-0 Mid-Con.), 3-2
#66 South Carolina (12-13, 5-11 SEC), 3-1
#86 BYU (17-10, 9-5 Mountain West), 3-2
#70 Boston College (20-11, 6-4 BIG EAST), 3-0

Remaining Matches

#31/25 Long Beach St. (19-5, 11-5 Big West)
#38 UC Irvine (17-8, 10-6 Big West)
#70 Boston College (20-11, 6-4 BIG EAST)
Notes: ND match score follows each team's record.
Rankings are AVCA poll (below #25 unofficial)/Rich Kern Percentage Index (RKPI). Notre Dame is 20th in the RKPI.

Top '04 Performances vs. ND

20+ Kills

26, Jennifer Gandolph, Michigan
24, Gini Ullery, Pittsburgh
23, Nichol Amberg, Loyola Chicago
21, Laura Rowen, Northern Iowa
20, Sarah Pavan, Nebraska (9/4)
20, Rachael Tink, Northern Iowa
.500+ Hitting (5+ kills)
.722 (14-1-18), Sara Albert, Georgetown
.688 (11-0-16), Dani Mancuso, Nebraska (9/4)
.562 (11-2-16), Melissa Elmer, Nebraska (9/3)
.500 (12-2-20), Lauren Ford, South Carolina
.500 (9-1-16), Kelsey Johnson, Boston Coll.

20+ Digs

29, Sara Silcox, Valparaiso
25, Jessi Novak, Valparaiso
21, Allison Anderson, Boston College
20, Nichol Amberg, Loyola Chicago
20, Christianna Reneau, Fresno State
20, Jessie Janik, Illinois State
60+ Assists
74, Erin Hirsch, Northern Iowa
66, Lisa Gamalski, Michigan
64, Dani Busboom, Nebraska (9/4)
62, Lauren Richards, Brigham Young
61, Katie Bova, Valparaiso

10+ Blocks

12, Lindsay Hartsock, Brigham Young
10, Trista Humpal, Northern Iowa

25+ Points

26.5, Jennifer Gandolph, Michigan
25.5, Nichol Amberg, Loyola Chicago

20-20 Matches

Nichol Amberg, Loyola Chicago (23 K, 20 D)
Note: No player has had 5+ aces or a triple-double against Notre Dame this season.

Irish Record Book

INDIVIDUAL – CAREER

Percentage of Matches Played

1.	Janelle Karlan (90-93)	(145-145)	1.000
1.	Jenny Birkner (93-96)	(140-140)	1.000
1.	Lauren Brewster	(86-86)	1.000
5.	Lindsay Treadwell (95-98)	(132-133)	.992
6.	Emily Loomis	(113-114)	.991

Percentage of Games Played

1.	Emily Loomis	(398-408)	.975
2.	Jenny Birkner (93-96)	(473-490)	.965
3.	Lauren Brewster	(298-312)	.955
4.	Jaimie Lee (1994-97)	(451-482)	.936
5.	Lauren Kelbley	(291-312)	.933
6.	Janelle Karlan (1990-93)	(491-529)	.928

Kills

5.	Jessica Fiebelkom (1989-92)	1,299
6.	Christi Girton (1997-2000)	1,286
7.	Emily Loomis	1,242

Kill Average

4.	Christi Girton (1997-2000)	3.30
5.	Lauren Kelbley	3.23
6.	Kristy Kreher (1998-2001)	3.22
7.	Jaimie Lee (1994-97)	3.21
8.	Lauren Brewster	3.124
9.	Emily Loomis	3.120
10.	Jessica Fiebelkom (1989-92)	2.91

Consecutive Matches With 10+ Kills

T3.	Lauren Brewster	(9/4-10/24/04)	15
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Matches With Team-High Kills

6.	Christi Girton (1997-2000)	40
7.	Emily Loomis	35
7.	Marilyn Cragin (1989-92)	35
7.	Jessica Fiebelkom (1989-92)	35
11.	Alicia Turner (1989-92)	31
-	Lauren Kelbley	26
-	Lauren Brewster	25

Matches With 10+ Kills

2.	Christy Peters (1991-94)	80
3.	Z. Bennett ('85-88)/K. Kreher ('98-01)	70
5.	Emily Loomis	69
7.	Jessica Fiebelkom (1989-92)	63
8.	Lauren Kelbley	57

Matches With 20+ Kills

6.	Alicia Turner (1989-92)	8
7.	Mary Kay Waller (1985-88)	8
7.	Kathy Cunningham (1985-88)	6
7.	Christi Girton (1997-2000)	6
7.	Emily Loomis	6
7.	Lauren Kelbley	6

Attack Attempts

4.	Alicia Turner (1989-92)	3,332
5.	Emily Loomis	3,241

Hitting Percentage

1.	Malinda Goralski (1998-2001)	.361
2.	Lauren Brewster	.316
3.	Kristy Kreher (1998-2001)	.306
4.	Mary Leffers (1996-99)	.304
5.	Lauren Kelbley	.300
6.	Lindsay Treadwell (1995-98)	.293

Assists

8.	Kathleen Morin (1984-87)	1,142
9.	Ashley Tarutis	889

Service Ace Average (min. 50 aces)

8.	Denise Boylan (1997-2000)	.0258
10.	Christy Peters (1991-94)	.0254
-	Lauren Brewster	.0248
-	Lauren Kelbley	.0244

Digs

5.	Jaimie Lee (1994-97)	1,142
6.	Angie Harris (1994-97)	1,043
7.	Meg Henican	1,032

Dig Average (min. 500 digs)

1.	Christy Peters (1991-94)	3.72
2.	Meg Henican	3.67
3.	Jessica Fiebelkom (1989-92)	2.96

Solo Blocks

4.	Jessica Fiebelkom (1989-92)	107
5.	Emily Loomis	85
-	Mary Leffers (1996-99)	73
-	Lauren Brewster	67

Total Blocks

3.	Maureen Shea (1985-88)	527
4.	Jessica Fiebelkom (1989-92)	504
5.	Lauren Brewster	493
8.	Lindsay Treadwell (1995-98)	441
9.	Emily Loomis	375

Block Average

1.	Mary Kay Waller (1985-88)	1.68
2.	Lauren Brewster	1.65
3.	Mary Leffers (1996-99)	1.45
7.	Jennifer Rouse (1993-96)	1.11
8.	Lauren Kelbley	1.05
9.	Cynthia May (1989-92)	1.02

on Oct. 13, marking the second match in a row in which she has had 20 or more kills. On Oct. 10 at Seton Hall, Kelbley became the first Irish player in nearly four years to register 25 kills. It marked the first time in more than two years that an Irish player had 20+ kills in consecutive matches, as current senior Emily Loomis (Fort Wayne, Ind./Bishop Luers H.S.) accomplished the feat against Connecticut (20) on Sept. 27, 2002, and matched that total two days later vs. St. John's. Kelbley also had 24 kills at Michigan on Sept. 28 and 22 vs. Valparaiso on Sept. 7.

BREWSTER'S STREAK OF MATCHES WITH 11+ KILLS ENDS AT 15: Junior MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) managed only nine kills last Saturday at Georgetown, which ended her streak of consecutive matches with double-digit kills at 15. It stands as the fourth-longest streak of matches with 10+ kills in Irish history.

BREWSTER BOASTING A PAIR OF und.com PRIMETIME PERFORMANCES: Junior MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) is in an elite group of Notre Dame student-athletes to have already been twice honored in the inaugural season of und.com Primetime Performances, which recognize the top few performances by Irish student-athletes each week. Brewster initially earned the honor -- along with freshman OPP **Adrianna Stasiuk** (Park Ridge, Ill./Maine South H.S.) -- on Oct. 18 after both players notched triple-doubles (the first for Notre Dame since 1998) against Illinois State. Brewster gained the honor again on Oct. 25 after a week in which she had 18 kills on .567 hitting in helping Notre Dame to a 3-0 upset of #14 Utah on the Utes' home floor. Junior L **Meg Henican** (New Orleans, La./Isidore Newman H.S.) gained the honor on Nov. 15 after averaging 8.17 digs in helping Notre Dame to sweeps of Pittsburgh and West Virginia en route to the BIG EAST regular-season title.

IRISH UPSET A TOP-15 Foe FOR THIRD STRAIGHT SEASON: Notre Dame's 3-0 upset of #14 Utah in Salt Lake City on Oct. 19 marked the third consecutive season that Notre Dame has upset a top-15 squad. Last year, the Irish notched a four-game win in a neutral-site match against #10 Arizona, and the '02 team beat #10 Pepperdine 3-2 in the final of the Golden Dome Invitational.

STASIUK FLIRTS WITH SCHOOL HITTING RECORD vs. ST. JOHN'S: Freshman OPP **Adrianna Stasiuk** (Park Ridge, Ill./Maine South H.S.) was extremely efficient in the 3-0 win against St. John's on Sunday, ending up with 11 kills on just 14 swings for a .643 attack percentage. For a time, she was challenging the school record for hitting in a match (.923 by Mary Kay Waller vs. DePaul in 1986), as she finished game two with 11 kills and no errors on 12 attempts, a mark of .917. She then was blocked and committed an error on her only two swings in the final game. Stasiuk's hitting mark was a collegiate high for her, besting her previous high (.458 vs. Sacramento State) by nearly .200. It also stands as the second-best hitting mark by any Notre Dame player in '04.

NOTRE DAME WINS FIVE STRAIGHT FOR 14TH CONSECUTIVE SEASON: Notre Dame won five matches in a row from Oct. 2-19, defeating Syracuse, Rutgers, Seton Hall, Illinois State, and #14 Utah. This is the 14th consecutive season -- a span that covers every year since head coach Debbie Brown took over the program -- in which the Irish have had a winning streak of at least five matches.

TV STARS: The Oct. 20 match against Brigham Young was televised live by BYU Television, marking the third time in an eight-match span that the Irish were on TV. It also was the fourth time in less than a year that Notre Dame has been televised. Most recently, the Sept. 28 match between Notre Dame and Michigan was televised by Comcast Sports Local and shown on a tape-delayed basis in southeast Michigan. That was the second time in as many matches that the Irish were featured on television, as the championship match of the Gamecock Invitational, in which South Carolina claimed a 3-1 victory, was shown nationally by College Sports Television (CSTV) as part of its "Sunday Night Spikes" national match-of-the-week package. This week also marks the fourth the third time in the last 23 matches that Notre Dame has been televised, as the Irish beat then-league rival Miami in three games late last season in a match that was part of CSTV's inaugural "Sunday Night Spikes" series.

IRISH NOTCH 100TH BIG EAST REGULAR-SEASON VICTORY: Notre Dame's 3-0 victory at Rutgers on Oct. 9 was its 100th in BIG EAST regular-season action. Since joining the conference in 1995, the Irish currently hold a 107-6 (.947) record, including 60-1 (.988) in the Joyce Center. Notre Dame joined Pittsburgh (109-38) as the only schools to have won 100 BIG EAST matches. The Irish are just two victories behind the Panthers in conference wins even though Pittsburgh competed in the BIG EAST for five more seasons than Notre Dame.

BREWSTER TABBED CAL POLY INVITE MVP, KELBLEY ON ALL-TOURNEY TEAM: Junior MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) was tabbed the tournament MVP for helping Notre Dame to the championship of the Cal Poly-Best Western Royal Oak Invitational, while fellow junior OH **Lauren Kelbley** (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.) gained mention on the all-tournament team. Brewster finished the three-match Cal Poly Invite with 42 kills, an average of 3.82 per game, on a tournament-high .372 hitting percentage. She also was in on 18 blocks (1.64 average) and scrambled for 28 digs (2.55), while serving up four aces (0.36). She was in the tournament leaders in four categories, ending up first in hitting percentage, second in blocks, fourth in kills (the only non-OH in the top six), and fifth in aces. Kelbley led all players in the event in both kill average (44/4.00) and ace average (7/0.64), while ranking behind only two of her teammates with a .265 hitting percentage. She also added 10 blocks (0.91). It was the second in-season tournament in a row

that Brewster was tabbed the MVP, as she gained the same honor in last year's Shamrock Invitational. Kelbley gained all-tournament honors for the fourth time in her career.

BREWSTER, TARUTIS EARN GAMECOCK INVITATIONAL ALL-TOURNAMENT HONORS: Junior MB Lauren Brewster (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) and freshman S Ashley Tarutis (Long Beach, Calif./Los Alamitos H.S.) were named to the all-tournament team after helping Notre Dame to a runner-up finish in the Gamecock Invitational. Brewster finished with 3.75 kills on .365 hitting to go with 1.25 service aces, 2.62 digs, 0.88 blocks, and 5.44 points per game. She led all players in five statistical categories on Friday vs. Michigan State and then turned in the top serving performance for an Irish player since 1995 by notching six aces vs. the tournament host. For the tournament, Brewster had 10 aces -- four on a single rotation in the third game against USC -- and only one service error in 47 times serving. Tarutis ended up with 10.00 assists per game in helping the Irish hit .212 for the tournament, and she added 1.75 digs and 0.38 aces. Against MSU, the rookie led Notre Dame to a .289 hitting mark that was its second-highest of the season and its best in a match longer than three games since Nov. 7, 2003.

IRISH CHAMPIONS AGAIN: Notre Dame dropped just two games in claiming the title at the Cal Poly-Best Western Invitational, Sept. 10-11. It meant that 2004 is the fifth consecutive season in which the Irish have captured at least one in-season tournament championship. In 2003, Notre Dame won both the Longhorn Classic in Austin, Texas, and its own Shamrock Invitational. The Irish also won the Shamrock Invitational from 2000-02 and were the champions of the 2000 Lady Seminole Classic in Tallahassee, Fla., and the '02 Golden Dome Invitational at home.

IRISH MATCH FOUR-GAME SCHOOL RECORD WITH 15 ACES VS. GAMECOCKS: Despite losing, Notre Dame served up 15 aces against South Carolina in the title match of the Gamecock Invitational. That sum matched the school record for aces in a four-game match. Notre Dame previously posted 15 aces on Oct. 14, 1994 at Texas and on Sept. 9, 1995 against Kentucky in Bloomington, Ind. In addition to a team-leading six aces from Lauren Brewster (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.), the Irish also got three aces from junior captain L Meg Henican (New Orleans, La./Isidore Newman H.S.), and two each from freshman S Ashley Tarutis (Long Beach, Calif./Los Alamitos H.S.), sophomore DS Danielle Herndon (Plant City, Fla./Durant H.S.), and freshman OPP Adrianna Stasiuk (Park Ridge, Ill./Maine South H.S.). Notre Dame committed just eight service errors and finished with 26 aces (3.25 per game) and just 15 service errors in eight games of the tournament.

IRISH JUST MISS BIGGEST UPSET IN SCHOOL HISTORY: On Sept. 4, Notre Dame took a two-games-to-one lead against #2 Nebraska, but could not hold on, eventually losing 15-10 in the fifth game. The Huskers would have been the highest-ranked team ever to lose to the Irish, but their 1993 squad still holds that distinction, as Notre Dame upset #3 Nebraska in four games in the Golden Dome Invitational in the Joyce Center. Nonetheless, the five-game loss marked a significant improvement for the Irish against the nation's very best teams. Only once in 11 previous contests against squads ranked #1 or #2 had Notre Dame managed to win a game -- in a four-game loss to #2 Florida in 1997 in the Joyce Center.

TARUTIS TURNS IN TERRIFIC TOTALS: Freshman S Ashley Tarutis (Long Beach, Calif./Los Alamitos H.S.) made her first start on Sept. 4 vs. #2 Nebraska -- after playing only in the back row in the first two matches of the season -- and responded by nearly leading Notre Dame to its biggest victory (in terms of national rankings) in the program's history. She helped the Irish to hitting percentages over .425 in two games, as well as a .244 mark for the match. Tarutis finished with 51 assists and 14 digs, as well as six kills on .357 hitting. Her assist total was the most for an Irish freshman in a match since Denise Boylan had 73 on Dec. 13, 1997, against Wisconsin in the round of 16 of the NCAA Championship. Tarutis' six kills were the most for a Notre Dame freshman setter since Shannon Tuttle notched six against Bowling Green on Oct. 13, 1992.

LET'S PLAY FIVE ... AGAIN: For just the second time in the 25-year history of the program, Notre Dame played three consecutive five-game affairs earlier this month. The Irish lost to #2 Nebraska in the Joyce Center on Sept. 4 (15-11 in the fifth) and then, four days later, fell 15-12 in the fifth to Valparaiso. On Sept. 10, Notre Dame defeated Fresno State (15-12 in the fifth) in the opening match of the Cal Poly-Best Western Royal Oak Invitational. The only previous streak of three straight five-game matches came from Nov. 16-24, 1991.

HOME, SWEET HOME: Notre Dame's Joyce Center has become one of the most difficult places in the nation for road teams to win, especially since the arrival of head coach **Debbie Brown** in 1991. Over the last 13 years, Notre Dame has posted a 163-27 (.859) home record. The Irish have pieced together a variety of impressive winning streaks on their home floor, winning 14 or more in a row on five different occasions, highlighted by 27 consecutive home wins from 1993-95 and a program-best 36-match winning streak from 2000-02. Notre Dame had won 74 consecutive regular-season conference matches (58-0 vs. the BIG EAST) in the Joyce Center, with its last defeat coming in 1990, before a loss to Boston College on Nov. 7. The Irish, who have topped 13 ranked teams - including four top-10 squads - at home, also hold a 156-8 (.945) record against unranked teams in the Joyce Center, including a 52-match winning streak (1998-2002).

Irish Record Book				
INDIVIDUAL -- SEASON				
<u>Percentage of Games Played</u>				
1.	10 players	.....	1.000
1.	Lauren Brewster	.....	(90-90) 1.000
1.	Adrianna Stasiuk	.....	(90-90) 1.000
1.	Meg Henican	.....	(90-90) 1.000
1.	Ashley Tarutis	.....	(90-90) 1.000
<u>Matches With Team-High Kills</u>				
9.	Angie Harris (1994)	.....	.15
9.	Mary Kay Waller (1986)	.....	.15
-	Lauren Brewster	.....	.12
-	Lauren Kelbley	.....	.11
<u>Matches With 10+ Kills</u>				
10.	Three players	.....	.23
-	Lauren Brewster	.....	.21
-	Lauren Kelbley	.....	.17
<u>Service Aces</u>				
10.	Angie Harris (1996)	.....	.38
10.	Kristen Kinder (2001)	.....	.38
-	Adrianna Stasiuk	.....	.36
<u>Ace Average</u>				
8.	Denise Boylan (1998)	.....	.041
9.	Adrianna Stasiuk	.....	.040
10.	Mary Kay Waller (1988)	.....	0.38
<u>Digs</u>				
1.	Christy Peters (1993)	.....	.500
2.	Jessica Fiebelkom (1992)	.....	.474
3.	Meg Henican	.....	.430
<u>Dig Average</u>				
1.	Meg Henican	.....	.478
2.	Christy Peters (1993)	.....	.410
<u>Combined Digs</u>				
4.	Meg Henican/Jessica Kinder (2003)	.....	.773
-	Meg Henican/Adrianna Stasiuk	.....	.700
<u>Block Average</u>				
8.	Mary Kay Waller (1986)	.....	1.55
9.	Lauren Brewster	.....	1.48
10.	Malinda Goralski (2000)	.....	1.47
<u>TEAM -- SEASON</u>				
<u>Record on Opponent's Court</u>				
5.	1986	.....	(13-4) .765
-	2004	.....	(7-3) .700
<u>Five-Game Matches</u>				
4.	1993, 1998	.....	.7
-	2004	.....	.6
<u>Most Games Per Match</u>				
3.	1988	.....	3.81
4.	2004	.....	3.75
5.	1998	.....	3.74
<u>Low Serve Error Average</u>				
3.	1994	.....	1.74
4.	2004	.....	2.23
5.	1999	.....	2.26
<u>Service Ace-to-Error Ratio</u>				
3.	1994	.....	0.727
4.	2004	.....	0.707
5.	1991	.....	0.687
<u>Dig Average</u>				
4.	1994	.....	16.72
5.	2004	.....	16.38
6.	1985	.....	16.12
<u>Low Opponent Ace Average</u>				
1.	2003	.....	0.94
2.	2004	.....	0.98
3.	1996	.....	1.11
Irish in Double Figures				
		<u>Kills</u>	<u>Digs</u>	<u>Blocks</u>
12-	Lauren Brewster	21 (48)	7 (7)	1 (13)
6-	Lauren Kelbley	17 (57)	--	-- (1)
4-	Meg Henican	2 (4)	23 (57)	--
10-	Adrianna Stasiuk	11	15	1
8-	Ashley Tarutis	--	10	--
1-	Emily Loomis	12 (69)	1 (15)	1 (1)
5-	Ellen Heintzman	4	--	--
11-	Danielle Herndon	--	2 (11)	--
9-	Carolyn Cooper	1 (1)	--	1 (1)
Note: Career totals in parentheses.				

THREE RECENT NATIONAL CHAMPIONS, A DOZEN '03 NCAA TOURNAMENT TEAMS HIGHLIGHT 2004 SCHEDULE: A dozen teams earning berths to last year's NCAA Championship and a trio of teams that have combined to win six of the last 11 national titles highlight the 2004 schedule. Notre Dame was scheduled to take on three of the last five teams to win national championships. After consecutive home dates against Nebraska (national champions in 1995 and 2000) earlier this month, the Irish were supposed to face two-time defending NCAA champion USC, where Notre Dame head coach Debbie Brown was a standout outside hitter, in the Gamecock Invitational, but the Women of Troy pulled out of the tournament due to weather concerns. Three-time national champ (1989, '93, '98) Long Beach State will play host to the Irish on Nov. 27. Twelve of Notre Dame's 17 non-conference matches will be against NCAA participants from a year ago, including half of the 16 road matches.

PRESEASON BIG EAST FAVORITES: For the 10th consecutive season, Notre Dame is the favorite in the BIG EAST Conference. The Irish, who have captured eight regular-season and seven tournament crowns in their nine years in the league, garnered nine first-place votes and were chosen as the favorite in the preseason volleyball poll of conference head coaches. Pittsburgh, which beat the Irish in last year's BIG EAST final after the teams shared the regular-season crown, gained two first-place votes and was picked second. The teams will meet in the Joyce Center on Nov. 12 in a match slated to take place before the football pep rally for the matchup between the schools on the gridiron the following day. For the first time since the debut of the preseason all-BIG EAST team in 1998, one school placed three players on it. Notre Dame senior OH/MB/OPP Emily Loomis (Fort Wayne, Ind./Bishop Luers H.S.) and juniors MB Lauren Brewster (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) and MB/OH Lauren Kelbley (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.) were tabbed after the younger two were first-team all-league honorees in '03 and Loomis was on the second team after being a first-team selection in '02.

IRISH ONE OF JUST TWO DIVISION I TEAMS RETURNING THREE ALL-REGION PLAYERS: Back for Notre Dame in 2004 are three players - senior OH/MB/OPP Emily Loomis (Fort Wayne, Ind./Bishop Luers H.S.) junior MB Lauren Brewster (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) and junior MB/OH Lauren Kelbley (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.) - who were tabbed all-Northeast Region and honorable mention All-America by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) last season. The Irish are one of only a pair of Division I squads (also two-time defending NCAA champion USC) to have three players back who earned all-region accolades from the AVCA in 2003.

CLASS OF THE CONFERENCE: Notre Dame has experienced unprecedented success in the nine years since joining the BIG EAST Conference in 1995. The Irish have compiled a 104-5 (.953) regular-season mark, highlighted by eight titles and winning streaks of 45 and 35 consecutive matches. Notre Dame is 57-0 in BIG EAST regular-season matches in the Joyce Center, and the Irish have won seven BIG EAST tournament championships, posting a 17-2 mark in the event and reaching the final every year. Notre Dame also has dominated the conference awards, winning player-of-the-year honors six times and the coach-of-the-year award on four occasions. In seven instances, Irish players have been named the league tournament's most outstanding player. Also, Notre Dame student-athletes have garnered 32 all-conference accolades, including 20 first-team honors, which account for more than one-third of the first-team selections during the span.

SEVEN-MATCH SCHEDULE SET FOR www.und.com INTERNET AUDIO: Notre Dame's official athletic website, www.und.com, will feature seven internet audio broadcasts of Irish matches this season, available to subscribers of College Sports Pass. Former Bethel College volleyball coach Dr. Lorne Oke returns to call the action, and he will be joined again by Stephen Hinkel, in his second season of Irish volleyball. The regular-season schedule concludes with the broadcasts of the Pittsburgh and Northern Iowa. For more information about College Sports Pass, see www.und.com.

KEEPING UP WITH ND VOLLEYBALL: For the fastest results of Notre Dame volleyball matches, call the Notre Dame sports hotline at (574) 631-3000 and choose #5 and #1. The hotline provides schedules and result information for all Irish varsity sports and serves as a supplement to the match recaps and weekly releases provided on the official athletics website at www.und.com. The hotline is the first medium updated with results of each Notre Dame volleyball match. Once again, www.und.com will be the best place for in-depth coverage of Irish volleyball. Live scoring of all home matches, as well as live internet broadcasts of six contests supplement the regular match previews and recaps. In addition, media members and fans may be added to the sports information e-mail release list by contacting assistant sports information director Bo Rottenborn at Rottenborn.2@nd.edu. All requests for story ideas, interview access, match credentials, and further information on Irish volleyball should similarly be directed to Rottenborn. Credential and interview requests should be made at least 24 hours in advance.

Irish Double-Doubles

<u>Lauren Brewster</u> -- Season: 7, Career: 13
18 kills, 13 digs .....Valparaiso
14 kills, 13 digs .....vs. Fresno St.
15 kills, 11 digs .....vs. Sac. St.
13 kills, 12 digs .....at S. Carolina
17 kills, 13 digs, 11 blocks ..Illinois State
14 kills, 11 digs .....at BYU
12 kills, 12 digs .....Pittsburgh
<u>Kelly Burrell</u> -- Season: 0, Career: 2
<u>Meg Henican</u> -- Season: 2, Career: 4
10 kills, 20 digs .....Loyola Chicago
11 kills, 15 digs .....#2 Nebraska (9/4)
<u>Emily Loomis</u> -- Season: 2, Career: 14
18 kills, 11 blocks .....Illinois State
15 kills, 12 digs .....Northern Iowa
<u>Adrianna Stasiuk</u> -- Season: 7
14 kills, 11 digs, 11 blocks ..Illinois State
16 kills, 15 digs .....Valparaiso
15 kills, 11 digs .....vs. Fresno St.
14 kills, 17 digs .....vs. Sac. St.
15 kills, 14 digs .....at Seton Hall
13 kills, 13 digs .....at BYU
13 kills, 18 digs .....Connecticut
<u>Ashley Tarutis</u> -- Season: 10
25 assists, 14 digs .....Loyola Chicago
51 assists, 14 digs .....#2 Nebraska
47 assists, 17 digs .....Valparaiso
49 assists, 18 digs .....vs. Fresno St.
37 assists, 10 digs .....vs. Sac. St.
51 assists, 17 digs .....Illinois State
44 assists, 11 digs .....Connecticut
25 assists, 10 digs .....Boston College
41 assists, 10 digs .....Pittsburgh
63 assists, 12 digs .....Northern Iowa

Notre Dame Match-by-Match Leaders

Match	Kills	Pct. (min. 5 kills)	Digs	Blocks	Assists	Aces	Points
Loyola Chicago	15-Loomis (1)/Kelbley (1)	.316-Loomis (1)	22-Henican (1)	7-Brewster (1)	25-Tarutis (1)	5-Stasiuk (1)	20-Loomis (1)
#2 Nebraska	10-Kelbley (2)	.381-Kelbley (1)	12-Stasiuk (1)	5-Loomis (1)	11-Burrell (1)/Tarutis (2)	2-Kelbley (1)/Brewster (1)	12-Kelbley (1)
#2 Nebraska	18-Brewster (1)	.452-Brewster (1)	15-Henican (2)	7-Brewster (2)	51-Tarutis (3)	1-Brewster (2)	24.5-Brewster (1)
Valparaiso	22-Kelbley (3)	.365-Kelbley (2)	20-Henican (3)	8-Brewster (3)	47-Tarutis (4)	2-Kelbley (2)/Stasiuk (2)	27.5-Kelbley (2)
vs. Fresno State	17-Kelbley (4)	.286-Stasiuk (1)	22-Henican (4)	7-Brewster (4)/Loomis (2)	49-Tarutis (5)	3-Brewster (3)	21-Brewster (2)
vs. Sacramento St.	15-Kelbley (5)/Brewster (2)	.458-Stasiuk (2)	26-Henican (5)	5-Brewster (5)	37-Tarutis (6)	2-Kelbley (3)	19.5-Kelbley (3)
at Cal Poly	13-Brewster (3)	.684-Brewster (2)	17-Henican (6)	6-Brewster (6)	29-Tarutis (7)	4-Kelbley (4)	18-Kelbley (4)
vs. Michigan State	17-Brewster (4)	.500-Brewster (3)	15-Henican (7)	4-Brewster (7)	44-Tarutis (8)	4-Brewster (4)	23-Brewster (3)
at South Carolina	13-Brewster (5)	.273-Kelbley (3)	15-Henican (8)	3-Brewster (8)	36-Tarutis (9)	6-Brewster (5)	20.5-Brewster (4)
at Michigan	24-Kelbley (6)	.404-Kelbley (4)	19-Henican (9)	6-Brewster (9)	39-Tarutis (10)	1-Loo(1)/Hen(1)/Kelb(5)/Brew(6)	27-Kelbley (5)
at Syracuse	11-Brewster (6)	.348-Brewster (4)	16-Henican (10)	7-Brewster (10)/Cooper (1)	25-Tarutis (11)	2-Stasiuk (3)/Henican (2)	15.5-Brewster (5)
at Rutgers	13-Brewster (7)	.500-Brewster (5)	10-Henican (11)	4-Brewster (11)	27-Tarutis (12)	1-Kelb(6)/Tarutis(1)/Coop(1)/Hen(3)	15-Brewster (6)
at Seton Hall	25-Kelbley (7)	.361-Loomis (2)	37-Henican (12)	5-Cooper (2)	46-Tarutis (13)	2-Henican (4)/Stasiuk (4)	26-Kelbley (6)
Illinois State	20-Kelbley (8)	.318-Brewster (6)	17-Tarutis (1)	11-Brew(12)/Loom(3)/Stas(1)	51-Tarutis (14)	4-Kelbley (7)	25-Kelb(7)/Loo(2)
at #14 Utah	18-Brewster (8)	.567-Brewster (7)	10-Henican (13)	6-Cooper (3)	31-Tarutis (15)	2-Kelbley (8)/Stasiuk (5)	20-Brewster (7)
at Brigham Young	14-Brewster (9)	.333-Loomis (3)	15-Henican (14)	6-Cooper (4)	38-Tarutis (16)	3-Stasiuk (6)	17-Stas(1)/Brew(8)
St. John's	12-Brewster (10)	.643-Stasiuk (3)	10-Henican (15)	6-Brewster (13)	34-Tarutis (17)	2-Kelbley (9)/Tarutis (2)	15.5-Brewster (9)
at Georgetown	12-Kelbley (9)	.429-Cooper (1)	12-Henican (16)	5-Brewster (14)	31-Tarutis (18)	2-Kelbley (10)/Stasiuk (7)	15-Kelbley (8)
at Villanova	9-Loomis (2)	.250-Loo(4)/Brew(8)	26-Henican (17)	5-Brew(15)/Coop(5)/Kelb(1)	26-Tarutis (19)	2-Tarutis (3)	11-Loomis (2)
Connecticut	16-Kelbley (10)	.714-Tarutis (1)	18-Stasiuk (2)	5-Brewster (16)	44-Tarutis (20)	2-Brewster (7)	20-Kelbley (9)
Boston College	11-Brew(11)/Heintzman(1)	.211-Cooper (2)	15-Henican (18)	4-Brewster (17)	25-Tarutis (21)	1-Stasiuk (8)/Brewster (8)	14-Brewster (10)
Pittsburgh	14-Kelbley (11)	.545-Brewster (9)	25-Henican (19)	8-Brewster (18)	41-Tarutis (22)	2-Stasiuk (9)	17-Kelb(10)/Brew(11)
West Virginia	14-Cooper (1)	.455-Cooper (3)	24-Henican (20)	7-Cooper (6)	39-Tarutis (23)	4-Tarutis (4)	18.5-Cooper (1)
Northern Iowa	27-Brewster (12)	.273-Brewster (10)	22-Henican (21)	8-Brewster (19)	63-Tarutis (24)	1-Tarutis(5)/Stasiuk(10)/Brewster(9)	32.5-Brewster (12)

Note: Numbers in parentheses are number of times player has led Irish in that category this season.

Season Highs & Lows

In a Match

Category	ND High	ND Low	Opp. High	Opp. Low	ND Ind. High	Opp. Ind. High
Points	3G 90-10 times	64-Boston College	90-#2 Neb. & B.C.	53-St. John's	-	-
Won	4G 116-at Seton Hall 5G 133-vs. Fresno State	103-at South Carolina 112-#2 Nebraska	119-Michigan 132-Northern Iowa	85-Connecticut 116-Fresno St.	-	-
Kills	3G 59-vs. Sacramento St. 4G 77-at Seton Hall 5G 78-Northern Iowa	33-#2 Nebraska 56-at South Carolina 59-at BYU	50-#2 Nebraska 80-Michigan 86-Northern Iowa	32-Cal Poly 53-Connecticut 66-Fresno State	18-Brewster (#14 Utah) 25-Kelbley (at Seton Hall) 27-Brewster (N. Iowa)	24-Gini Ulery, Pittsburgh 26-Jennifer Gandolph, Michigan 21-Laura Rowen, Northern Iowa
Attack	3G 30-Boston College	12-at Georgetown	35-Villanova	10-Boston College	9-Brewster (#2 Nebraska)	12-Yankauskas (FU) & Semrau (VU)
Errors	4G 32-at South Carolina 5G 39-Northern Iowa	19-vs. MSU & UConn 26-#2 Nebraska	30-Loyola Chicago 41-Fresno & Illinois St.	18-S. Carolina 29-Valparaiso	9-Stasiuk (at S. Carolina) 12-Brewster (N. Iowa)	9-twice 13-Pavan (Neb.) & Tink (UNI)
TA	3G 143-Pittsburgh 4G 181-at Michigan 5G 221-Valparaiso	101-vs. Syr. & SJU 142-vs. Michigan State 168-#2 Nebraska	165-Pittsburgh 185-Loyola Chicago 220-Northern Iowa	110-Georgetown 146-S. Carolina 173-BYU	34-Loomis (Neb.)/Heintz (UC) 56-Kelbley (at Seton Hall) 55-Loomis (ISU)/Brew (UNI)	72-Gini Ulery, Pittsburgh 64-Nichol Amberg, Loyola Chi. 63-Kristen Fenton, Fresno State
Hit %	3G .356-vs. St. John's 4G .315-at Seton Hall 5G .244-#2 Nebraska	.039-#2 Nebraska .146-at S. Carolina .165-at BYU	.305-Boston College .295-South Carolina .278-#2 Nebraska	.007-Villanova .162-Connecticut .120-Fresno State	.684-Brewster (at Cal Poly) .714-Tarutis (UConn) .452-Brewster (#2 NU)	.722-Sara Albert, Georgetown .500-Lauren Ford, South Carolina .478-Lindsay Hartssock, BYU
Asst.	3G 53-vs. Sac. St. & Pittsburgh 4G 68-at Seton Hall 5G 74-Northern Iowa	29-#2 Nebraska 46-at South Carolina 53-at BYU	49-Pittsburgh 79-Michigan 81-Northern Iowa	26-Cal Poly 52-SHU & UConn 65-Fresno State	41-Tarutis (Pittsburgh) 46-Tarutis (at Seton Hall) 63-Tarutis (Northern Iowa)	39-Azadeh Borourmand, Pitt 66-Lisa Gamalski, Michigan 74-Erin Hirsch, Northern Iowa
Aces	3G 10-at Cal Poly 4G 15-at South Carolina 5G 8-vs. Fresno State & Ill. St.	2-Boston College 4-at Michigan & at SHU 1-#2 Nebraska	5-Boston College 11-South Carolina 6-#2 Nebraska	0-Syracuse 4-3x (MR: SHU) 2-Northern Iowa	4-Kelbley (CP)/Tarutis(WVU) 6-Brewster (at S. Carolina) 4-Kelbley (Illinois State)	2-five times 4-twice 2-five times (MR: Kabbes, Ill. St.)
Serve	3G 12-at Rutgers	2-Pittsburgh	10-#14 Utah	2-St. John's & Pitt	4-twice (MR: Tarutis, RU)	5-Lyndsey Henderson, Utah
Errors	4G 15-at Seton Hall 5G 15-Illinois State	5-Loyola Chicago 5-Northern Iowa	13-MSU & S. Car. 20-BYU	5-Loyola Chi. 2-Northern Iowa	5-Henican (at Seton Hall) 6-Stasiuk (Illinois State)	5-Katelyn Panzau, S. Carolina 5-Sam Fong (FS) & Lott (BYU)
Digs	3G 80-vs. Sacramento St. 4G 79-Loyola Chicago 5G 91-Valparaiso	38-at Rutgers 53-at South Carolina 51-at BYU	61-Boston College 80-Loyola & Mich. 102-Valparaiso	30-Rutgers 53-Michigan St. 68-#2 Nebraska	26-Henican (vs. Sac. St. & VU) 37-Henican (at Seton Hall) 22-Henican (FS & UNI)	23-Connie Dangerfield, Utah 20-Nichol Amberg, Loyola Chi. 29-Sara Silcox, Valparaiso
Blocks	3G 16-at Syracuse 4G 14.5-Loyola Chicago 5G 25.5-Illinois State	8-Boston College 6-at South Carolina 12-#2 Nebraska & at BYU	14-Boston College 14-South Carolina 16-BYU	3-Georgetown 5-Michigan 7-Valpo & Fresno	8-Brewster (Pittsburgh) 7-Brewster (Loyola Chi.) 11-Loom/Stasiuk/Brew (Ill. St.)	9-Shardai Davis, Boston College 7-twice 12-Lindsay Hartssock, BYU
Points	3G 73-vs. Sacramento St. 4G 92-at Seton Hall 5G 108.5-Illinois State	47-#2 Nebraska 77-at South Carolina 77-at BYU	66-#2 Nebraska 91-Michigan 103-Northern Iowa	39-Cal Poly 69-Connecticut 78-Fresno State	20-Brewster (#14 Utah) 27-Kelbley (at Michigan) 32.5-Brewster (N. Iowa)	24.5-Gini Ulery, Pittsburgh 26.5-Jennifer Gandolph, Michigan 23-Pavan (Neb.) & Lott (BYU)

In a Game (fifth games not included in lows)

Category	ND High	ND Low	Opp. High	Opp. Low	ND Ind. High	Opp. Ind. High
Points Won	32-Illinois State (2nd)	14-Boston College (1st)	34-Illinois State (2nd)	14-Cal Poly (3rd)	-	-
Kills	24-Northern Iowa (3rd)	7-#2 Neb. (9/3, 3rd)	23-Michigan (3rd)	7-Cal Poly (3rd)	10-Kelb (SAC, 2)/Brew (NI, 3)	9-Amberg, (LUC, 3); Ulery (UP, 2)
Attack Errors	12-West Virginia (2nd)	1-Valparaiso (4th)	13-3 times (MR: VU, 2nd)	1-Boston College (1st)	5-Kelbley (twice)	6-Kristen Conway, Syracuse (2nd)
Attack Attempts	58-Illinois State (2nd)	28-3 times (MR: CP 3rd)	57-Pittsburgh (1st)	28-Boston Coll. (1st)	20-Kelbley (Cal Poly, 2nd)	29-Gini Ulery, Pittsburgh (2nd)
Hitting %	.425-Georgetown (1st)	-.054-#2 Neb. (9/3, 3rd)	.464-Boston College (1st)	-.162-C. Poly (3rd)	1.000-Stasiuk (6k, SJU, 2nd)	1.000-Amber Davis, SHU (8k, 2nd)
Assists	22-Northern Iowa (3rd)	5-#2 Nebraska (9/3, 3rd)	23-Michigan (3rd)	5-Cal Poly (3rd)	20-Tarutis (NU, 2 & UNI, 3)	20-Lisa Gamalski, Michigan (4th)
Aces	6-at South Carolina (3rd)	0-multiple times	5-S. Carolina (3rd)	0-multiple times	4-Brewster (S.C., 3rd)	3-Katie Bruzdinski, Mich. (2nd)
Serve Errors	6-twice (MR: Ill. St., 2nd)	0-5 times (MR: UNI-1)	6-#14 Utah (1st)	0-multiple times	2-multiple times	3-Lyndsey Henderson, Utah (1st)
Digs	31-vs. Sac. St. (3rd)	7-vs. Michigan St. (1st)	28-Valparaiso (4th)	8-MSU (1)/WVU (3)	12-Henican (SHU-2, VU-3)	12-Connie Dangerfield, Utah (3rd)
Blocks	9-Illinois State (3rd)	0-at Cal Poly (2nd)	9-Boston College (2nd)	0-multiple times	5-Brewster (3 times)	5-Hartssock, (BYU-); Davis (BC-2)
Points	31-Illinois State (2nd)	11-Boston College (1st)	26-BYU (4th)/UNI (4th)	9-Cal Poly (3) & VU (3)	10.5-Kelbl (Sac-2)/Brew(NI-2)	11.5-Nichol Amberg, Loyola (3rd)

In Fifth Games

Category	ND High	ND Low	Opp. High	Opp. Low	ND Ind. High	Opp. Ind. High
Points Won	15-Fresno St. & Illinois St.	10-#2 Nebraska	15-4 times (MR: UNI)	10-Illinois State	-	-
Kills	10-Northern Iowa	6-at BYU	11-Northern Iowa	7-Neb. & FSU	4-Stasiuk (FSU) & Brew (ISU)	4-3 times
Attack Errors	6-Nebraska & Valpo	1-Illinois State	6-Illinois State	2-Neb. & Valpo	2-9 times	2-3 times
Attack Attempts	28-Valparaiso & N. Iowa	16-Illinois State	25-Northern Iowa	15-BYU	9-Kelbley (Valpo)/Loomis (NI)	11-Ashley Grubb, Illinois State
Hitting %	.438-Illinois State	.043-#2 Nebraska	.333-BYU	.087-Illinois State	1.000-Brewster (4 K, ISU)	1.000-Lindsay Hartssock, BYU (4 K)
Assists	10-Northern Iowa	4-at BYU	11-Northern Iowa	6-#2 Nebraska	9-Tarutis (Northern Iowa)	10-Erin Hirsch, Northern Iowa
Aces	1-Illinois State	0-5 times	1-BYU	0-5 times	1-Loomis (Illinois State)	1-Chelsea Goodman, BYU
Serve Errors	2-Nebraska & Fresno St.	0-3 times (MR: UNI)	2-3 times (MR: BYU)	0-Illinois St. & UNI	1-4 times	1-7 times
Digs	8-3 times (MR: UNI)	4-BYU	12-Northern Iowa	5-BYU	3-4 times	3-7 times
Blocks	4-Illinois State	0-#2 Nebraska	6-#2 Nebraska	0-3 times (MR: ISU)	2-4 times (MR: Cooper, UNI)	4-Lindsay Hartssock, BYU
Points	13-Illinois State	7-#2 Nebraska & at BYU	14-Northern Iowa	7-Fresno State	5-Brewster (Illinois State)	6-Lindsay Hartssock, BYU

The Last Time...

Team

- ... Notre Dame lost the first game in a win – 9/26/03, vs. Villanova [lost 10 straight when losing first game]
- ... Notre Dame lost the first 2 games in a win – 9/5/03, vs. Houston (@ Austin, TX) [lost 8 straight when losing first 2 games]
- ... Notre Dame was down 2-1 in a win – 11/7/03, vs. Virginia Tech [lost 4 straight when down 2-1]
- ... Notre Dame won the first game in a loss – 10/20/04, at Brigham Young [won 6 straight when winning first game]
- ... Notre Dame won the first 2 games in a loss – 9/18/02, at Purdue [won 39 straight when winning first 2 games]
- ... Notre Dame was up 2-1 in a loss – 11/16/04, vs. Northern Iowa
- ... Notre Dame beat a ranked opponent - 10/19/04, at #14 Utah (3-0)
- ... Notre Dame beat a top-10 opponent - 8/29/03, vs. #10 Arizona (3-1)
- ... Notre Dame beat a top-5 opponent - 9/25/93, vs. #3 Nebraska (3-1)

Kills

- ... 5 Notre Dame players had 10+ kills - 9/10/04, vs. Fresno State (W, 3-2/San Luis Obispo, CA), Lauren Kelbley (17), Adrianna Stasiuk (15), Lauren Brewster (14), Emily Loomis (12), Ellen Heintzman (10)
- ... 3 Notre Dame players had 15+ kills - 11/16/04, vs. Northern Iowa (L, 2-3), Lauren Brewster (27), Emily Loomis (15), Adrianna Stasiuk (15)
- ... a Notre Dame player had 20+ kills - 11/16/04, vs. Northern Iowa (L, 2-3), Lauren Brewster (27)
- ... a Notre Dame player had 20+ kills with 0 errors - 9/9/03, vs. Valparaiso (W, 3-0), Emily Loomis (24)
- ... 2 Notre Dame players had 20+ kills - 11/7/03, vs. Virginia Tech (W, 3-2), Lauren Kelbley (22), Lauren Brewster (22)
- ... a Notre Dame player had 25+ kills - 11/16/04, vs. Northern Iowa (L, 2-3), Lauren Brewster (27)
- ... a Notre Dame player had 30+ kills – 10/29/00, at Connecticut (W, 3-2), Christi Girton (31)
- ... a Notre Dame player had 20+ kills and 20+ digs - 9/21/00, vs. Loyola Marymount (W, 3-1), Kristy Kreher (32 kills, 27 digs)
- ... a Notre Dame player had a triple-double - 10/13/04, vs. Illinois State (W, 3-2), Lauren Brewster (17 kills, 13 digs, 11 blocks) & Adrianna Stasiuk (14 kills, 11 digs, 11 blocks)

Digs

- ... 5 Notre Dame players had 10+ digs - 10/4/03, at Connecticut (W, 3-1), Meg Henican (20), Jessica Kinder (19), Emily Loomis (17), Danielle Hemdon (14), Kristen Kinder (10)
- ... 3 Notre Dame players had 15+ digs - 9/7/04, vs. Valparaiso (L, 2-3), Meg Henican (20), Ashley Tarutis (17), Adrianna Stasiuk (15)
- ... a Notre Dame player had 20+ digs - 11/16/04, vs. Northern Iowa (L, 2-3), Meg Henican (22)
- ... 2 Notre Dame players had 20+ digs - 12/7/02, vs. Charleston (W, 3-1/NCAA), Meg Henican (23) & Jessica Kinder (21)
- ... a Notre Dame player had 25+ digs - 11/12/04, vs. Pittsburgh (W, 3-0), Meg Henican (25)
- ... a Notre Dame player had 30+ digs - 10/10/04, at Seton Hall (W, 3-1), Meg Henican (37)
- ... a Notre Dame player had 35+ digs - 10/10/04, at Seton Hall (W, 3-1), Meg Henican (37)
- ... Notre Dame had 100+ digs - 11/14/01, vs. Illinois State (W, 3-2), 108

Blocks

- ... a Notre Dame player had 10+ blocks - 10/13/04, vs. Illinois State (W, 3-2), Lauren Brewster (11), Emily Loomis (11), Adrianna Stasiuk (11), & Carolyn Cooper (10)
- ... multiple Notre Dame players had 10+ blocks - 10/13/04, vs. Illinois State (W, 3-2), Lauren Brewster (11), Emily Loomis (11), Adrianna Stasiuk (11), & Carolyn Cooper (10)
- ... a Notre Dame player had 4+ solo blocks - 10/19/04, at #14 Utah (W, 3-0), Carolyn Cooper (4)
- ... Notre Dame had 20+ blocks - 10/14/04, vs. Illinois State (W, 3-2), 25.5
- ... Notre Dame had 25+ blocks - 10/14/04, vs. Illinois State (W, 3-2), 25.5
- ... Notre Dame had 30+ blocks - 10/13/95, at Georgia Tech (L, 2-3), 32

Aces

- ... a Notre Dame player had 5+ aces - 9/19/04, at South Carolina (L, 1-3), Lauren Brewster (6)
- ... a Notre Dame player had 6+ aces - 9/19/04, at South Carolina (L, 1-3), Lauren Brewster (6)
- ... a Notre Dame player had 7+ aces - 10/20/95, vs. Syracuse (W, 3-0), Angie Harris (9)
- ... Notre Dame had 10+ aces - 9/19/04, at South Carolina (L, 1-3), 15

Hitting Percentage

- ... a Notre Dame player hit .500+ (min. 4 attacks/game) - 11/12/04, vs. Pittsburgh (W, 3-0), Lauren Brewster (12-0-22, .545)
- ... a Notre Dame player hit .600+ (min. 4 attacks/game) - 10/24/04, vs. St. John's (W, 3-0), Adrianna Stasiuk (11-2-14, .643)
- ... a Notre Dame player hit .700+ (min. 4 attacks/game) - 9/28/03, vs. Georgetown (W, 3-0), Lauren Kelbley (12-0-17, .706)
- ... Notre Dame hit over .400 as a team - 10/10/03, vs. Seton Hall (W, 3-0), .436
- ... Notre Dame hit over .500 as a team - 11/13/99, vs. Villanova (W, 3-0), .510
- ... a Notre Dame opponent hit over .300 as a team - 11/7/04, vs. Boston College (L, 0-3), .305 (46-10-118)
- ... a Notre Dame opponent hit over .350 as a team - 10/22/02, at #2 Hawai'i (L, 0-3), .373 (64-17-126)
- ... Notre Dame held an opponent under .100 team hitting - 10/31/04, at Villanova (W, 3-0), .007 (36-35-148)
- ... Notre Dame held an opponent under .000 team hitting - 11/2/03, vs. Syracuse (W, 3-0), -.008
- ... Notre Dame hit less than .200 - 11/16/04, vs. Northern Iowa (L, 2-3), .179 (78-39-218)
- ... Notre Dame hit less than .100 - 11/7/04, vs. Boston College (L, 0-3), .080 (41-30-138)
- ... Notre Dame hit less than .200 & won - 10/31/04, at Villanova (W, 3-0), .115 (36-21-131)
- ... Notre Dame hit less than .150 & won - 10/31/04, at Villanova (W, 3-0), .115 (36-21-131)

Assists

- ... a Notre Dame player had 60+ assists - 11/16/04, vs. Northern Iowa (L, 2-3), Ashley Tarutis (63)
- ... a Notre Dame player had 70+ assists - 11/24/00, at #3 USC (L, 2-3), Denise Boylan (70)
- ... a Notre Dame player had 80+ assists - 10/8/00, at Pittsburgh (W, 3-1), Denise Boylan (86)
- ... a Notre Dame player had 90+ assists - 10/13/95, at #25 Georgia Tech (L, 2-3), Carey May (96)
- ... 2 Notre Dame players had 20+ assists - 9/1/04, vs. Loyola University Chicago (W, 3-1), Ashley Tarutis (25) & Kelly Burrell (23)

2004 Notre Dame Bio Updates

#1 Emily Loomis

Sr. • MB/OPP/OH • 6-1 • Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Awards Candidate

Preseason All-BIG EAST

Season Highs

Kills: 18 vs. Illinois State, 10-13

Digs: 12 vs. Northern Iowa, 11-16

Total Blocks: 11 vs. Illinois State, 10-13

Block Solos: 4 vs. Loyola Chicago, 9-1

Block Assists: 10 vs. Illinois State, 10-13

Points: 25 vs. Illinois State, 10-13

Assists: 2 vs. #2 Nebraska, 9-3

Aces: 1 at Michigan & vs. Illinois State

AT: 55 vs. Illinois State, 10-13

Hitting %:

3G - .391 (11-2-23) at Georgetown, 10-30

4G - .361 (14-1-36) at Seton Hall, 10-10

5G - .333 (13-2-33) at BYU, 10-20

Career Highs

Kills: 24 vs. Valparaiso, 9-9-03

Digs: 18 vs. Virginia Tech, 11-7-03

Total Blocks: 11 vs. Illinois State, 10-13-04

Solo Blocks: 4 vs. Loyola Chicago, 9-1

Block Assists: 10 vs. Illinois State, 10-13-04

Points: 26.5 vs. Pepperdine, 9-14-02

Assists: 4 vs. Charleston '02 & Va. Tech '03

Aces: 3 vs. Michigan '02 & Villanova '03

AT: 64 vs. #10 Pepperdine, 9-14-02

Hitting %:

3G - .636 (14-0-22) vs. BC, 11-3-02

4G - .522 (14-2-23) vs. #10 Arizona, 8-29-03

5G - .471 (21-5-34) at Purdue, 9-18-02

Preseason all-BIG EAST selection after being tabbed for all-league honors in both 2002 (first team) and '03 (second team) ... also garnered AVCA all-Northeast Region honors in each of last two seasons and was honorable mention All-America in '03 ... currently ranks seventh on Irish all-time kills list with 1,242 (Christi Girton, at 1286, is sixth) and has a chance to finish in the top five (currently Jessica Fiebelkorn, at 1299) ... the only Notre Dame student-athlete ever to earn all-BIG EAST honors in two distinctly different sports, as she also is a four-time all-league performer in the high jump for the Irish track and field team (including the 2003 outdoor conference champion) ... moved from opposite to middle blocker for final two matches of 2003 and started in that position this season before switching to outside hitter on Oct. 2 (where she played during her first two collegiate campaigns) ... ranks second on Irish in blocks (92/1.06), third in kills (234/2.69), and fourth in points (294.5/3.39), and hitting percentage (.229) ... a big reason Notre Dame leads the league in team blocking and ranked 10th in

Division I heading into the week (3.26) ... leads team with 25 solo blocks after having just 20 in all of '03 ... has had nine or more kills 11 times in 14 matches at outside hitter (50 games), averaging 2.98 kills on .261 hitting to go with 1.06 blocks and 3.65 points ... ranks 10th in BIG EAST in blocking ... has had 10+ kills in 12 matches to bring her career total to 69, which ranks fifth in school history ... notched double-doubles (13th and 14th of career) vs. Notre Dame's two Missouri Valley Conference foes, Illinois State and Northern Iowa ... had top match of the season in five-game win over Redbirds, ending with 18 kills, 11 blocks, and 25 points ... in final contest in the Joyce Center, registered 15 kills, 12 digs, and four blocks for 17 points against the Panthers ... shared team honors with 15 kills on .316 hitting in season opener vs. Loyola University Chicago ... also had eight digs and six blocks (four solo) for a team-high 20 points vs. the Ramblers ... had 12 kills, seven blocks, and four digs for 17 points vs. Fresno State ... started against Sacramento State, but played only briefly in the first game in an attempt to rest her on a day with two matches ... finished with 1.22 block average in the Cal Poly Invitational, which ranked sixth among the tournament leaders, while her four solo blocks were the most by any player in the event ... had 11 kills, six digs, and five blocks against Michigan ... notched 14 kills while only making one error for a .361 attack percentage against Seton Hall ... had 13 kills on team-best .333 hitting in five games against Brigham Young ... notched 10 kills on .304 hitting vs. St. John's and 11 kills on season-best .391 attack percentage at Georgetown ... led Irish in kills (nine), hitting percentage (.250), and points (11) at Villanova ... key part of Notre Dame's sweep of league rival Pittsburgh, ending with 13 kills on .344 hitting ... has started 111 of 115 matches during her career, including each of the last 74 (dating back to Sept. 27, 2002) ... has been a key contributor for the Irish throughout her career, appearing in 97.5% (398 of 408) of the games during her career, which has her on pace to set a Notre Dame record ... has played in all but one of the 114 matches ... also in the Irish career record book in solo blocks (5th, 85), attack attempts (5th, 3241), kill average (9th, 3.12), matches with 20+ kills (T-7th, 6), matches with team-high kills (7th, 35), and total blocks (9th, 375) ... in 37 games (10 matches) as a middle blocker, averaged 2.30 kills on .181 hitting to go with 1.41 digs, 1.05 blocks, and 3.03 points.

#2 Leah Nedderman

Sr. • OH • 5-10 • Grapevine, Texas

Career Highs

Kills: 14 vs. Providence, 11-1-02

Digs: 3 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02

Total Blocks: 2 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02

Block Assists: 2 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02

Points: 14 vs. Providence, 11-1-02

Assists: 1 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02

Aces: 1 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02

AT: 33 vs. Providence, 11-1-02

Hitting %:

3G - .242 (14-6-33) vs. Prov., 11-1-02

4G - NA

5G - NA

Will miss all of 2004 campaign with a stress fracture of her right foot after the injury also precluded her from playing at all in '03.

#3 Kelly Burrell

Jr. • S • 5-10 • Phoenix, Ariz.

Season Highs

Kills: 2 vs. Sacramento State, 9-10

Digs: 2, 6 times MR: vs. St. John's

Total Blocks: 3, at BYU & at Villanova

Solo Blocks: 1 vs. Northern Iowa

Block Assists: 3, at BYU & at Villanova

Points: 3 vs. Sacramento State, 9-11

Assists: 23 vs. Loyola Chicago, 9-1

Aces: None

AT: 6 vs. Loyola Chicago, 9-1

Hitting %:

3G - .667 (2-0-3) vs. Sacramento State, 9-11

4G - .500 (1-0-2) vs. South Carolina, 9-19

5G - .333 (1-0-3) vs. Northern Iowa, 11-16

Career Highs

Kills: 3 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02

Digs: 12 at Texas, 9-6-03

Total Blocks: 5 vs. Connecticut, 9-27-02

Solo Blocks: 2 vs. Connecticut, 9-27-02

Block Assists: 4 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02

Points: 6.5 vs. Connecticut, 9-27-02

Assists: 39 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02

Aces: 3 vs. Utah, 9-13-03

AT: 6 four times, MR: vs. LUC 9-1-04

One of Notre Dame's two regular setters ... started first two matches of season (after starting just twice during the first two years of her collegiate career) and played when the setting spot was in the front row ... since then has rotated in off the bench, typically playing in two front-row rotations ... has played in every match but one and 82 of 90 games on the year ... ranks second on Irish in assists (209/2.55) ... has taken part in 23 blocks ... a major reason Notre Dame led the BIG EAST in hitting percentage (.254) in league matches ... has had 10+ assists

in nine matches ... notched season-high 23 assists in opener vs. Loyola University Chicago, bettering her top mark from the 2003 campaign, when she started the season as a regular in Notre Dame's 6-2 offense ... was in on a pair of blocks vs. the Ramblers ... has had one kill in each of the three matches in which she has played ... shared team honors with 11 assists in first match against #2 Nebraska ... had two kills, 10 assists, two digs, and a pair of blocks in three games against Sacramento State, helping Irish to season-high .311 hitting mark ... finished Cal Poly Invitational with 2.80 assist average that ranked fifth in the tournament leaders ... helped Irish to .289 hitting percentage vs. Michigan State ... recorded 15 assists vs. Michigan ... led ND to .303 hitting mark against Rutgers and .315 vs. Seton Hall ... accounted for 19 assists vs. the Scarlet Knights and 16 against the Pirates ... helped Irish to .356 hitting vs. St. John's and .339 at Georgetown (10 assists) ... posted season-high three blocks vs. BYU and Villanova and had a pair of blocks vs. Northern Iowa, including one of the solo variety.

#4 Meg Henican

Jr. • L/OH • 5-9 • New Orleans, La.

Awards Candidate

BIG EAST Player of the Week (11/1)

Captain

Season Highs

Kills: 11 vs. #2 Nebraska, 9-4

Digs: 37 at Seton Hall, 10-10

Total Blocks: 4 vs. #2 Nebraska, 9-3

Block Solos: 1 vs. LUC & Nebraska (9-3)

Block Assists: 3 vs. #2 Nebraska, 9-3

Points: 16 vs. Loyola Chicago, 9-1

Assists: 5 vs. #2 Nebraska, 9-4

Aces: 4 vs. Loyola Chicago, 9-1

AT: 36 vs. Valparaiso, 9-7

Hitting %

3G - .158 (4-7-19) vs. #2 Nebraska, 9-3

4G - .160 (7-3-25) at Michigan, 9-28

5G - .233 (11-4-30) vs. #2 Nebraska, 9-4

Career Highs

Kills: 13 vs. Providence, 11-1-02

Digs: 37 at Seton Hall, 10-10-04

Total Blocks: 5 vs. Indiana, 9-12-03

Solo Blocks: 1, 9 times MR: vs. Neb., 9-3-04

Block Assists: 4 vs. Indiana, 9-12-03

Points: 16 vs. Loyola Chicago, 9-1

Assists: 6 vs. Purdue '03 & Syracuse '03

Aces: 4 vs. Loyola Chicago, 9-1-04

AT: 36 vs. Valparaiso, 9-7-04

Hitting %:

3G - .409 (13-4-22) vs. Prov., 11-1-02

4G - .160 (7-3-25) at Michigan, 9-28-04

5G - .233 (11-4-30) vs. #2 Nebraska, 9-4-04

One of the top defensive players in school history has been integral to the Irish ... one of only two juniors to serve as Notre Dame's sole captain in the 25-year history of the program ... a top candidate for BIG EAST Libero of the Year, as she has guided the Irish in holding league opponents to a .134 hitting percentage, by far the best in the conference (Syracuse is second at .174) ... in the midst of perhaps the best defensive season by an individual in school history ... dig average of 4.80 is on pace to shatter the previous Irish record of 4.10 by Christy Peters in 1993 ... also has a shot at the record for total digs in a season (500 by Peters in '93), as she currently stands with 430, the third-highest total in school history ... became just the ninth Irish player ever - and first since 1998 - to register 1,000 career digs on Nov. 14 ... set Notre Dame record for digs in any-length match, with 37 at Seton Hall on Oct. 10 ... has now had 24 or more digs in a three-game match four times this season, after that had been accomplished only twice in the first 24 years of Irish varsity volleyball ... her career dig average of 3.67 is the second-best in Irish history, and she already ranks 1,032 in total digs (1,032) ... averaged 6.00 digs per game (third in league) in conference action, a mark that had never been accomplished by any league player prior to 2004 ... notched 15 or more digs in seven of 10 league matches, including four outputs of 24 or more (three of them coming in just three games) ... became just second libero ever to be named the BIG EAST Player of the Week, earning the distinction on Nov. 1 after helping Notre Dame to a pair of 3-0 road victories in league action and averaging 6.33 digs per game, as opponents hit only .116 ... leads team and ranks fourth in the conference in dig average (4.80) despite not playing libero in five matches ... boasts 5.06 dig average in 19 matches (69 games) as Irish libero ... has been in double digits in digs in every match but one, hitting the 20-dig plateau nine times after doing so just four times in her first two collegiate seasons ... has led team in digs in 21 of 24 matches ... core of Irish defense that is allowing opponents to hit just .176 on the season ... Notre Dame has held opponents under .200 hitting 14 times and under .100 on five occasions ... opponents have hit over .265 just four times, with two of those instances coming without Henican as the libero ... Irish are allowing opponents to hit .158 with Henican at libero and .236 with anyone else in that position ... key cog in Notre Dame's serve-receiving unit that is surrendering just 0.98 aces per game, the second-best mark in history (behind the 2003 team's 0.94, which also was due largely to Henican's skills) ... has commit-

ted only 27 reception errors, or one every 3.33 games ... has committed multiple receiving errors in a match just four times in 24 contests ... broke 12-year-old school record for digs in any-length match, with 37 in a 3-1 Irish win over the Pirates ... had four digs in the first game, then 12, 11, and 10 ... set then-career high with 26 digs against Sacramento State, posting the second-highest total ever for an Irish player in a three-game match ... also had 26 digs in three games against Villanova, holding Wildcats to .007 hitting ... averaged 8.17 digs per game in leading Notre Dame to an impressive final weekend of conference action, in which the Irish did not drop a game in beating rival Pittsburgh and West Virginia to claim the regular-season conference title ... helped Irish limit those teams to .119 hitting mark, including .127 by the Panthers, which had been the top offensive team in the league ... had 25 digs vs. Pittsburgh and 24 against WVU ... accounted for more than 40 percent of her squad's digs, as Notre Dame outdug the top digging team in the BIG EAST, West Virginia, by a 58-45 margin ... notched double-double in season opener vs. Loyola University Chicago with 10 kills and 22 digs to go with a career-high four service aces and three blocks ... had another double-double in Notre Dame's five-game loss to #2 Nebraska, finishing with 11 kills and 15 digs to go with five assists ... corralled 20 digs against Valparaiso in final match at outside hitter ... notched 22 digs against Fresno State in first match as Irish libero ... registered 17 digs in three games at Cal Poly, holding Mustangs to .044 hitting ... finished Cal Poly Invitational with 5.91 dig average (65 digs, 11 games), which was by far the best of any player in the tournament (next-best average was 5.27) ... notched 15 digs in each match of Gamecock Invitational (vs. Michigan State, at South Carolina) and also had five service aces (2 vs. MSU, 3 vs. USC) ... had 16 digs in helping Irish limit Syracuse to .017 hitting ... registered 22 digs against Northern Iowa ... started first four matches at outside hitter before injuries forced her into the libero jersey, where she also played for the final two-thirds of 2003 ... returned to outside hitter vs. Michigan before redonning the gold jersey ... in 21 games (five matches) as an outside hitter, averaged 1.81 kills on .071 hitting to go with team-high 3.86 digs and 2.33 points.

#5 Ellen Heintzman

Fr. • OH/OPP • 5-11 • Louisville, Ky.

Season Highs

Kills: 15 vs. Michigan State, 9-17

Digs: 6, vs. Northern Iowa, 11-16

Total Blocks: 5 vs. Northern Iowa, 11-16
Solo Blocks: 1, 3 times (MR: vs. N. Iowa)
Block Assists: 4 vs. Northern Iowa, 11-16
Points: 16.5 vs. Michigan State, 9-17
Assists: 1 vs. Loyola Chicago & S. Carolina
Aces: 1 vs. Fresno State & Michigan State
AT: 38 vs. South Carolina, 9-19
Hitting %:
3G - .182 (7-3-22) vs. West Virginia, 11-14
4G - .444 (15-3-27) vs. Michigan State, 9-17
5G - .231 (10-4-26) vs. Fresno State, 9-10

Versatile rookie has been a contributor at various times for Irish, mostly at outside hitter ... has started eight matches in that spot and played in 19 contests (45 games) ... has 85 kills for an average of 1.89 per game ... saw time at both opposite and libero in first week before starting at outside hitter for five matches (9/10-9/19) ... returned to starting lineup in replacing injured Lauren Kelbley three times in November ... op performance of season came against Michigan State in Gamecock Invitational, as she finished with 15 kills on .444 hitting percentage for 16.5 points ... also had nine kills, season-high six digs, and season-best five blocks for 12 points against Northern Iowa ... as a starter (30 games), averaging 2.53 kills on .152 hitting to go with 17 digs (0.57), 12 blocks (0.40), and 2.83 points ... in first career start, had 10 kills on .231 hitting for 11.5 points in Notre Dame's five-game win over Fresno State ... notched 11 kills in final of Gamecock Invitational against South Carolina ... made collegiate debut in season opener vs. Loyola University Chicago, slamming four kills on six errorless swings in two games ... also was in on a pair of digs vs. the Ramblers ... saw spot action in second match against #2 Nebraska ... was Irish libero for first two games of match against Valparaiso, registering four digs ... returned to starting role vs. Boston College, finishing with 11 kills and 12 points ... notched seven kills in start against West Virginia ... five-time All-American for the Kentucky Indiana Volleyball Academy (KIVA) also was twice a first-team all-Kentucky selection in prep action for Sacred Heart Academy, helping it to its first-ever state championship.

#6 Lauren Kelbley

Jr. • OH/MB • 6-1 • Bascom, Ohio

Awards Candidate

Preseason All-BIG EAST

Cal Poly Invitational All-Tournament Team

Season Highs

Kills: 25 at Seton Hall, 10-10

Digs: 9 vs. Valparaiso & at #14 Utah

Total Blocks: 7 vs. Valparaiso, 9-7
Block Solos: 2, 3 times (MR: vs. Pitt, 11-12)
Block Assists: 7 vs. Valparaiso, 9-7
Points: 27.5 vs. Valparaiso, 9-7
Assists: 1, 5 times (MR: vs. UConn, 11-5)
Aces: 4 vs. Cal Poly & Illinois State
AT: 56 at Seton Hall, 10-10
Hitting %:
3G - .474 (12-3-19) at Rutgers, 10-9
4G - .404 (24-5-47) at Michigan, 9-28
5G - .365 (22-3-52) vs. Valparaiso, 9-7

Career Highs

Kills: 25 at Seton Hall, 10-10-04
Digs: 9 vs. Valparaiso '04 & at #14 Utah '04
Total Blocks: 12 vs. St. John's, 9-29-02
Solo Blocks: 4 at Villanova, 10-13-02
Block Assists: 11 vs. St. John's, 9-29-02
Points: 28.5 vs. Houston, 9-5-03
Assists: 1 on 19 occasions
Aces: 4, 3 times (MR: vs. Illinois St., 10-13-04)
AT: 56 at Seton Hall, 10-10-04
Hitting %:
3G - .706 (12-0-17) vs. Georgetown, 9-28-03
4G - .462 (15-3-26) at Illinois State, 10-29-02
5G - .481 (13-0-27) at Miami, 11-15-02

Preseason all-BIG EAST selection is one of only two current Division I juniors who have gained all-region accolades in both of the last two years ... tabbed honorable mention All-America by the AVCA in 2003 ... gained all-conference honors in both 2002 (second team) and '03 (first team) ... named rookie of the year for both the BIG EAST Conference and the AVCA's Northeast Region in '02 ... ranks among top 10 in Irish career record book in hitting percentage (5th, .300), kill average (5th, 3.23), matches with 10+ kills (8th, 57), block average (8th, 1.05), and matches with 20+ kills (T-7th, 6) ... moved to middle blocker to outside hitter for final two matches of last season and has remained there in '04 ... leads Irish in kill average (289/3.66) and service ace-to-error ratio (1.00, 27 SA, 27 SE), and is second in points (349.5/4.42) and aces (0.34), and third in hitting percentage (.249) ... one of only three players to rank among league leaders in three different categories in both overall and BIG EAST-only action ... in all matches, ranks fifth in service aces, seventh in points, and 10th in kills ... conference-only leaders have her fifth in points (4.77), eighth in hitting percentage (.278), and 10th in kills (3.92) ... has missed three of last four matches due to an injury ... named to Cal Poly Invitational all-tournament team ... led all players in that tournament in both kill average (44/4.00) and ace average (7/0.64) and was third behind teammates Lauren Brewster and Adrianna Stasiuk with a .264 hitting percentage ... has had 10+ kills in 17 of 21 matches in

which she has played this season, and 48 of her last 58 ... has had 20+ kills four times, including in back-to-back matches, after doing so just twice in her first two collegiate seasons ... in a race with classmate Lauren Brewster (931) to be the 15th Irish player to register 1,000 career kills, currently standing 61 away at 939 ... has 27 service aces after having just 13 in '03 ... has led Irish in kills in 11 matches and has been tops in aces and points 10 times each and hitting percentage on four occasions ... became first Notre Dame player in nearly four years to have 25 kills in a match when she posted that sum on .304 hitting in four games against Seton Hall ... turned in one of the best matches of her career in five-game contest vs. Valparaiso, matching career best with 22 kills on .365 hitting, while setting a career high with nine digs and adding seven blocks and two service aces for a total of 27.5 points ... had 15 kills and matched then-career high with six digs in season opener against Loyola University Chicago ... was only Irish player with double-figure kills against #2 Nebraska on Sept. 3, finishing with 10 and just two errors for a .381 attack percentage ... registered 15 kills against the Huskers the following night ... led Irish with 17 kills in five-game win over Fresno State ... had 15 kills on .364 hitting in three games against Sacramento State, with 10 of those kills coming in the second game ... notched 12 kills and matched career high with four aces at Cal Poly ... had 12 kills on team-high .273 hitting against South Carolina in final of Gamecock Invitational ... set career high with 24 kills on .404 hitting at Michigan for a total of 27 points ... had 12 kills on .474 hitting at Rutgers ... notched 20 kills to go with five digs and four service aces (matching career high) in five-game win against Illinois State ... outstanding in Notre Dame's two biggest conference wins ... turned in team-high 16 kills on .387 hitting to go with four digs and four blocks vs. Connecticut despite sitting out first 30 points of a game ... came back from injury for 14 kills, seven digs, and four blocks against Pittsburgh in contest that eventually determined the league's regular-season champion ... in the matches she has missed due to injury, Irish are 1-2 and hitting just .169, as opposed to a .232 attack percentage and 15-6 record in contests in which she has played ... had played in first 82 matches of her collegiate career before sitting out against Boston College ... also missed matches vs. West Virginia and Northern Iowa ... has played in 291 of 312 games (93.3%, which ranks fifth all-time) during her career ... had started 58 matches in a row before the BC tilt.

#7 Kelly Corbett

Sr. • DS/L • 5-10 • Mountain View, Calif.

Season Highs

Digs: 6 at Rutgers, 10-9

Assists: 1 at Villanova, 10-31

AT: 2 at Rutgers, 10-9

Career Highs

Kills: 5 vs. Providence ('02) & Loyola ('02)

Digs: 6 vs. Valparaiso '03 & Rutgers '04

Total Blocks: 6 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02

Solo Blocks: 1 at Loyola Marymount, 9-6-02

Block Assists: 6 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02

Points: 9 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02

Assists: 2 vs. Providence, 11-1-02

Aces: 3 vs. Providence, 11-1-02

AT: 11 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02

Hitting %:

3G - .500 (5-0-10) vs. Prov., 11-1-02

4G - NA

5G - NA

Converted middle blocker has made the switch to the back row ... has played in 16 matches and 25 games as a defensive specialist, accumulating 29 digs (1.16 per game) ... matched career high with six digs at Rutgers ... also had five at Syracuse and three vs. Seton Hall ... notched three digs vs. Seton Hall and Villanova ... made second career start on senior night against Northern Iowa, playing two games and gathering two digs ... also had a pair of digs against Connecticut.

#8 Ashley Tarutis

Fr. • S • 5-8 • Long Beach, Calif.

Gamecock Invitational All-Tournament Team

Season Highs

Kills: 6 vs. #2 Nebraska, 9-4

Digs: 18 vs. Fresno State, 9-10

Blocks: 3, 3 times (MR: vs. N. Iowa, 11-16)

Solo Blocks: 1, 3 times (MR: vs. Pitt, 11-12)

Block Assists: 3 vs. Fresno St. & N. Iowa

Points: 6.5 vs. Northern Iowa, 11-16

Assists: 63 vs. Northern Iowa, 11-16

Aces: 4 vs. West Virginia, 11-14

AT: 14 vs. #2 Nebraska, 9-4

Hitting %:

3G - .667 (2-0-3) vs. #2 Nebraska, 9-3

4G - .714 (5-0-7) vs. Connecticut, 11-5

5G - .400 (2-0-5) at BYU, 10-20

Notre Dame's starting setter ... major reason the Irish led the BIG EAST in hitting percentage in league play (.254) ... leads team in assists (889/9.88) and is third in digs (211/2.34) ... has rotated with Kelly Burrell as setter in every match but one, typically exiting for two front-row

rotations ... has team hitting .224 for the season ... already ranks ninth in Irish record book in career assists ... as a starter, she is averaging 10.28 assists, and the Irish are hitting .232 with 15.34 kills per game after ND had 13.14 kills on .130 hitting in first two matches of season ... strong defensive player has had 10 double-doubles ... ranks eighth in BIG EAST in assists, due largely to continuing to split time ... in league action only, ranks 10th at 10.56 per game ... has led ND to 31 games above .300 hitting, including 11 performances over .400 ... has been tops on team in assists in every match in '04 ... nearly led Irish to their biggest win in school history (in terms of national rankings) in first career start, as ND took #2 Nebraska to five games before falling ... finished with 51 assists, the most by an Irish freshman since Denise Boylan had 73 in the round of 16 of the 1997 NCAA tournament ... also converted six kills on .357 hitting, marking the most by a Notre Dame freshman setter since Shannon Tuttle had as many against Bowling Green in 1992 ... 20 assists came in the second game ... added 14 digs vs. the Huskers ... had team-high 25 assists and 14 digs vs. Loyola University Chicago in collegiate debut ... ended up with 47 assists as well as 17 digs against Valparaiso ... led Irish to Cal Poly Invitational title, winning nine of 11 games and leading the field in hitting percentage (.253), kills (16.00), and assists (14.45) ... earned first victory as a starter in five-game match against Fresno State, in which she had 49 assists and 18 digs in helping Notre Dame to three hitting marks over .275 ... orchestrated top Irish offensive performance of the season, as ND hit .311 in three-game win over Sacramento State in which she had 37 assists and 10 digs ... ranked third in assist average (115/10.45) and second in service ace average (6/0.55) in the Cal Poly tournament ... had 44 assists in helping ND to .289 hitting mark (two games at .310+) in leading Irish to first win over Michigan State since 1994 and their highest attack percentage in a match longer than three games since Nov. 7, 2003 ... had 36 assists vs. South Carolina, setting Irish to 21 kills on .409 hitting in game two ... had 39 assists against Michigan, helping Irish to .405 hitting mark in third game ... led Irish to .303 hitting mark at Rutgers and then season-high .315 mark against Seton Hall ... had 17+ kills in all four games vs. the Pirates, and helped Irish hit .340+ in three of the four games ... led Notre Dame to outstanding hitting effort (8 kills, 1 error, .438) in fifth game en route to victory against Illinois State ... helped Irish to 21 kills and only four errors for .347 hitting mark in first game vs. Redbirds ... led consistent Notre Dame attack that upset #14 Utah in three

games on the Utes' home floor to snap their school-record 12-match winning streak and become the first visiting team to win there in more than a year ... orchestrated outstanding performance against St. John's, in which Notre Dame hit over .330 in every game and season-high .356 for the match ... in following match, led Irish to .339 hitting mark, including 19 kills and just two errors for .425 percentage in opening game ... set Irish to .345+ hitting in three games against UConn, including .419 mark in second game, en route to .299 hitting mark ... also had 11 digs vs. Huskies ... had double-double vs. BC (25 assists, 10 digs) ... averaged 13.33 assists (despite sharing time) in final weekend of league action, leading ND to 3-0 wins against rival Pittsburgh and West Virginia to clinch the regular-season BIG EAST championship ... had 41 assists and 10 digs in helping team to a pair of .310+ games against the Panthers ... turned in 39 assists and season-high four service aces vs. West Virginia, as Irish had 18 kills on .424 hitting in third game ... became first Irish setter in more than a year to hit the 60-assist plateau, ending with 63 against Northern Iowa ... also had four kills, 12 digs, and season-high three blocks vs. Panthers ... has committed just nine ball-handling errors for an average of one every 99 assists ... has not committed a ball-handling error in 19 of 24 contests ... is just the fifth player to be ND's top setter as a freshman, joining Taryn Collins (1986), Julie Bremner (1988), Janelle Karlan (1990), and Denise Boylan (1997) ... two-time All-American for the Golden West Volleyball Club also helped Los Alamitos High School to its first-ever California state title as a senior.

#9 Carolyn Cooper

Jr. • MB/OPP • 6-1 • Houston, Texas

Season Highs

Kills: 14 vs. West Virginia, 11-14

Digs: 3 vs. Illinois State, 10-13

Total Blocks: 10 vs. Illinois State, 10-13

Solo Blocks: 4 at #14 Utah, 10-19

Block Assists: 7 vs. Illinois St. & N. Iowa

Points: 18.5 vs. West Virginia, 11-14

Assists: 1, 4 times (MR: vs. Pitt, 11-12)

Aces: 1 at Rutgers, 10-9

AT: 24 vs. Northern Iowa, 11-16

Hitting %:

3G - .455 (14-4-22) vs. West Virginia, 11-12

4G - .316 (7-1-19) vs. Connecticut, 11-5

5G - .500 (1-0-2) vs. Valparaiso, 9-7

Career Highs

Kills: 14 vs. West Virginia, 11-14-04

Digs: 5 vs. West Virginia, 10-27-02

Total Blocks: 10 vs. Illinois State, 10-13-04

Solo Blocks: 4 at #14 Utah, 10-19-04

Block Assists: 8 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02

Points: 18.5 vs. West Virginia, 11-14

Assists: 3 at Valparaiso, 9-10-02

Aces: 2 vs. Valparaiso, 9-9-03

AT: 24 vs. Northern Iowa, 11-16

Hitting %:

3G - .455 (14-4-22) vs. West Virginia, 11-12-04

4G - .316 (7-1-19) vs. Connecticut, 11-5-04

5G - .500 (1-0-2) vs. Valparaiso, 9-7-04

Moved into starting lineup at middle blocker on Oct. 2 after being a key reserve over the past two seasons ... has provided a boost to Irish blocking, as team is averaging 3.63 per game since then (after averaging 2.86 in first 10 matches), and she is contributing 1.40 ... in 14 matches since becoming a regular (50 games), averaging 1.74 kills on .221 hitting to go with 2.62 points ... has played in 72 games on the season, but many times entered for only a single point at a time during the early portion of the season ... has registered seven or more kills in each of last five matches after having done that just twice previously in her career ... has notched four or more blocks in 10 of 14 matches since becoming a starter ... turned in top offensive performance of career against West Virginia, leading team with career-high 14 kills on team-best .455 hitting to go with seven blocks for match-high 18.5 points ... posted career-high 10 blocks (including career-best three solo blocks) against Illinois State after having seven against Syracuse in first start of season and second of career ... also had 10 points and season-high three digs against the Redbirds ... notched five kills on .333 hitting at Rutgers ... registered five kills and team-high five blocks vs. Seton Hall ... key contributor in Notre Dame's 3-0 upset at #14 Utah, ending with seven kills on .353 hitting to go with six blocks ... did not start at BYU, as Irish started with her position in the back row ... posted eight kills on .429 hitting to go with four blocks for 10.5 points at Georgetown ... registered seven kills on .316 hitting vs. Connecticut ... played nearly the entire match off the bench against Sacramento State, ending up with three kills, one dig, one block, and an assist ... also saw extensive action as a reserve against South Carolina in the final of the Gamecock Invitational, ending up with three kills and a block.

#10 Adrianna Stasiuk

Fr. • OPP/OH • 5-10 • Park Ridge, Ill.

Awards Candidate

BIG EAST Rookie of the Week (10/11)

BIG EAST Rookie of the Week (10/18)

Leads BIG EAST in Service Aces (0.40)

Season Highs

Kills: 16 vs. Valparaiso, 9-7

Digs: 18 vs. Connecticut, 11-5

Total Blocks: 11 vs. Illinois State, 10-13

Solo Blocks: 2 vs. Valparaiso, 9-7

Block Assists: 11 vs. Illinois State, 10-13

Points: 21.5 vs. Valparaiso & Illinois State

Assists: 9 vs. Valparaiso, 9-7

Aces: 5 vs. Loyola Chicago, 9-1

AT: 42 vs. Illinois State, 10-13

Hitting %:

3G - .643 (11-2-14) vs. St. John's, 10-24

4G - .344 (15-4-32) at Seton Hall, 10-10

5G - .342 (16-3-38) vs. Valparaiso, 9-7

One of Notre Dame's best all-around players has been an immediate contributor ... two-time rookie of the week has positioned herself as a top contender to be BIG EAST Rookie of the Year ... has started every match at opposite and ranks among top four on team in six statistical categories: tied for first in service aces (36/0.40), second in digs (270/3.00), third in points (304.5/3.38) and assists (60/0.67), and fourth in kills (228/2.53) and blocks (76/0.84) ... leads BIG EAST in service aces and finished second in aces in conference play (0.44) ... won the league's weekly rookie honor twice in a row, on Oct. 11 and 18 ... the latter came after a breakout performance in Notre Dame's 3-2 win over Illinois State ... clinched a triple-double against ISU (first for an ND player since 1998) in just three games, finishing with 14 kills, 11 digs, and 11 blocks ... more than doubled previous season high in blocks (five) ... notched two aces vs. the Redbirds, as well, including one to end marathon second game (34-32) ... initial BIG EAST award came after helping Irish to road wins at Rutgers and Seton Hall, averaging 3.43 kills per game on a .302 hitting mark, while contributing 3.29 digs to an Irish defense that held its opponents to an attack percentage of only .166 ... has had 11+ digs on 15 occasions ... has registered seven double-doubles ... serves as Notre Dame's secondary setter and occasionally as its primary setter for one or two points at a time ... a major reason Notre Dame finished first in BIG EAST play in opponent hitting percentage (.134) by a large margin (Syracuse was next at .174) ... was just one assist shy of a triple-double vs. Valparaiso, ending up with 16 kills on .342 hitting, as well as 15 digs and nine assists ... also had five blocks and a pair of service aces ... used jump serve for five aces in collegiate debut vs. Loyola University Chicago, becoming the first ND player since 2001 to notch five or more aces in a match ... also had 14 digs, four kills, and four

assists against the Ramblers ... finished with eight kills on .294 hitting and team-best 12 digs in first match vs. #2 Nebraska ... had 15 kills on team-high .286 hitting to go with 11 digs for 17 points in five-game win over Fresno State ... notched 14 kills on collegiate-high .458 hitting and had season-best 17 digs against Sacramento State ... among Cal Poly Invitational leaders, ranked second in hitting percentage (.300, behind teammate Lauren Brewster), sixth in kills (3.36), and seventh in assists (0.91) ... notched 12 kills and three aces against Michigan State in Gamecock Invitational ... notched 16 digs at Michigan and had 12 in three games at Syracuse ... also had five blocks in both of those matches ... registered 15 kills on .344 hitting to go with 14 digs for 18.5 points at Seton Hall ... had 13 kills, 13 digs, and three aces at BYU ... challenged school record for match hitting percentage against St. John's, ending second game with 11 kills and no errors on 12 swings (.917) before committing two errors in final game to end with a .643 mark ... had 11 kills on .348 hitting at Georgetown ... notched 13 kills and season-high 18 ddigs vs. Connecticut ... turned in 16 digs to help Irish outdig top digging team in BIG EAST, West Virginia ... ended with 15 kills against Northern Iowa ... four-time All-American helped the Sports Performance Volleyball Club to six national championships ... "Fab 50" selection by Volleyball magazine and ranked 42nd in the PrepVolleyball.com Senior Aces rankings ... was Maine South High School's first-ever all-state volleyball player.

#11 Danielle Herndon

So. • DS/L • 5-7 • Plant City, Fla.

Season Highs

Digs: 12 vs. Michigan State & Northern Iowa

Points: 2 at South Carolina, 9-19

Assists: 1, 6 times (MR: vs. Northern Iowa)

Aces: 2 vs. South Carolina, 9-19

AT: 2 at Georgetown, 10-30

Career Highs

Digs: 20 vs. South Carolina, 9-14-03

Points: 3 vs. Virginia Tech, 11-7-03

Assists: 2 vs. Va. Tech ('03) & #10 Ariz. ('03)

Aces: 3 vs. Virginia Tech, 11-7-03

AT: 3 at North Carolina, 10-21-03

Back-row player who started season at libero, but now fills defensive specialist role ... has played in 81 of 90 games, registering 127 digs (1.57) ... has been one of Notre Dame's most consistent servers, leading Irish in serve percentage (261-268, .974) and ranking third in service ace-to-error ratio (0.86, 6 SA, 5

SE) ... notched season-high 12 digs against Michigan State and matched that total vs. Northern Iowa ... served as Irish libero in 15 of first 17 games of season ... missed first two games vs. Valparaiso, but then registered six digs off the bench in final three games ... also had an ace against the Crusaders ... finished with nine digs and an assist and an ace as a DS vs. Fresno State ... had eight digs against Sacramento State ... had season-best two service aces vs. South Carolina ... did not play at Rutgers ... returned to action with five digs in three games against Seton Hall ... notched seven digs against Illinois State ... had nine digs and an ace against Connecticut ... notched eight digs vs. St. John's and Villanov.

#12 Lauren Brewster

Jr. • MB • 6-3 • Brentwood, Tenn.

Awards Candidate

Preseason All-BIG EAST

BIG EAST Player of the Week (9/13)

BIG EAST Player of the Week (10/25)

BIG EAST Player of the Week (11/15)

Cal Poly Invitational MVP

Gamecock Invitational All-Tournament Team

3-Time BIG EAST Blocking Champ (1.66)

Season Highs

Kills: 27 vs. Northern Iowa, 11-16

Digs: 13, 3 times (MR: vs. Illinois State, 10-13)

Blocks: 11 vs. Illinois State, 10-13

Solo Blocks: 4 vs. #2 Nebraska, 9-4

Block Assists: 10 vs. Illinois State, 10-13

Points: 32.5 vs. Northern Iowa, 11-16

Assists: 2, 4 times (MR: vs. B.C., 11-7)

Aces: 6 vs. South Carolina, 9-19

AT: 55 vs. Northern Iowa, 11-16

Hitting %:

3G - .684 (13-0-19) vs. Cal Poly, 9-11

4G - .500 (17-2-30) vs. Michigan State, 9-17

5G - .452 (18-4-31) vs. #2 Nebraska, 9-4

Career Highs

Kills: 27 vs. Northern Iowa, 11-16-04

Digs: 13, 3 times (MR: vs. Illinois St., 10-13-04)

Total Blocks: 13 vs. Utah '03 & Purdue '03

Solo Blocks: 4 vs. B.C. '03 & Nebraska '04

Block Assists: 12 vs. Miami (BE), 11-24-02

Points: 32.5 vs. Northern Iowa, 11-16-04

Assists: 2 on eight occasions

Aces: 6 vs. South Carolina, 9-19-04

AT: 55 vs. Northern Iowa, 11-16-04

Hitting % -

3G - .684 (13-0-19) vs. Seton Hall, 10-10-03

4G - .593 (17-1-27) at UConn, 10-5-03

5G - .476 (13-3-21) vs. Houston, 9-5-03

Preseason all-BIG EAST selection is the defending NCAA Division I blocking champion

(1.78) who also helped the Irish lead the nation in team blocking in '03 (3.72) ... tabbed first-team all-BIG EAST, AVCA all-Northeast Region, and honorable mention All-America last year ... three-time conference player of the week is one of the top contenders for BIG EAST Player of the Year ... has established herself as perhaps the best all-around defensive player in the conference, as she is the only player -- at any position -- to be averaging over 1.00 blocks (league-leading 1.48) and 1.00 digs (2.16, by far tops among middle blockers) ... one of only three middles in Division I (along with Texas A&M's Melissa Munsch and Nevada's Salai Salave'a) to average over 1.00 blocks and 2.00 digs ... ranks second in Irish record book in career block average (1.65) and hitting percentage (.316) ... led BIG EAST in blocking in league matches for third consecutive year, with average of 1.66 ... it was her sixth BIG EAST statistical championship (also blocking in both league and overall matches in 2002 and '03 and hitting percentage in conference action last season), the most in program history ... also leads league in overall blocking and is a major reason the Irish are tops in the conference and 10th in Division I in the category (3.26) ... also a big factor in Irish leading league in opponent hitting percentage in conference action (.134) ... one of only three players to be among the BIG EAST leaders in three categories in both overall and conference action ... in all matches, ranks first in blocking, fourth in points (4.69), and sixth in hitting percentage (.315) ... in league play, is first in blocks, second in hitting percentage (.326), and sixth in points (4.75) ... on other Irish career lists, ranks fifth in total blocks (493) and eighth in kill average (3.12) ... leads the Irish in blocking (133/1.48) for third consecutive season and is also tops in kills (328/3.64), points (431/4.79), and attack percentage (.312) ... ranks second in service ace-to-error ratio (0.93, 25 SA, 27 SE), tied for third in service aces (0.28), and fourth in digs (133/2.16) ... has had 10 or more kills in 21 of 24 matches and also has seven double-doubles ... had 11+ kills in 15 consecutive matches from Sept. 4-Oct. 24, the fourth-longest streak of double-digit kills in school history ... has led team in blocks in 19 matches this season, while also being tops in kills and points 12 times each, hitting percentage on 10 occasions, and in aces nine times ... posted first triple-double by an Irish player since 1998, ending with 17 kills, 13 digs (matching career high), and 11 blocks against Illinois State ... largely responsible for Irish winning the fifth game of that match, when she had four kills on four attempts to go with two digs and two blocks in the decisive frame ... in a race with classmate Lauren

Kelbley (939) to be the 15th Irish player to register 1,000 career kills, currently standing 69 away at 931 ... easily the top defensive middle blocker/hitter in the BIG EAST, boasting a combined block and dig average of 3.64 (no one else is above 2.29) ... has been tabbed league player of the week six times during her career, the most in Irish history ... comes into the BIG EAST Championship on a hot streak, as she was named BIG EAST Player of the Week on Nov. 15 after leading Notre Dame to 3-0 wins against Pittsburgh and West Virginia in the final weekend of league play to hand the Irish their ninth regular-season league title ... averaged 4.17 kills on .469 hitting (just two attack errors) to go with 3.17 digs and 2.17 blocks in the two matches ... earned second BIG EAST Player-of-the-Week award on Oct. 25 after leading Irish to 3-0 road upset of #14 Utah, which snapped Utes' school-record 12-match winning streak and dealt them their first home defeat in more than a year ... notched 18 kills on .567 hitting to go with seven digs in that contest ... in three matches during that week, converted half of her attack attempts for kills, ending with 44 (4.00 per game) on a .409 hitting percentage ... added 22 digs (2.00) 10 blocks to go with 52.5 points (4.77) ... named BIG EAST Player of the Week on Sept. 13 after helping the Irish win the Cal Poly Invitational (16 G, 60/3.75 K, .336 hitting, 3 BS/23 BA/1.62 TB, 41/2.56 D, 78.5/4.91 pts.) ... tabbed Cal Poly Invitational MVP after leading all players in hitting percentage (.372) and finishing second in blocks (18/1.64), fourth in kills (42/3.82), and fifth in service aces (4/0.36) ... tabbed to all-tournament team in Gamecock Invitational after averaging 3.75 kills on .365 hitting to go with 1.25 service aces, 2.62 digs, 0.88 blocks, and 5.44 points per game ... picked up slack for the injured Lauren Kelbley against Northern Iowa, leading all players with a career-high 27 kills, while just missing a triple-double (nine digs, eight blocks) ... led all players in five statistical categories -- kills (17), hitting percentage (.500), service aces (4), blocks (4), and points (23) -- in helping ND to first win over Michigan State since 1994 ... turned in the top serving performance for an Irish player since 1995 by notching career-high six aces -- including four on a single rotation in game three -- against South Carolina ... had 10 kills and then-career-high eight digs to go with seven blocks in season opener vs. Loyola University Chicago ... reset career high with nine digs in just three games in first match against #2 Nebraska ... registered 18 kills in back-to-back matches, doing it first on .452 hitting in Notre Dame's five-game near-upset of the Cornhuskers ... duplicated the feat against Valparaiso, while adding eight blocks and 13

digs to reestablish her career high in the latter category for the third time in four matches ... had 14 kills, 13 digs, and seven blocks against Fresno State before notching 15 kills on .323 hitting to go with 11 digs vs. Sacramento State ... matched career high with .684 hitting percentage at Cal Poly, notching 13 kills on 19 errorless swings ... had five blocks in the third game of match against the Mustangs ... had 13 kills and 12 digs against South Carolina ... finished Gamecock Invitational with 10 aces and only one service error in 47 times serving ... had 13 kills on .500 hitting at Rutgers ... had 14 kills and 11 digs at Brigham Young ... notched 12 kills on .435 hitting ... had nine kills on .320 hitting in 3-0 win at Georgetown in bid to extend streak of matches with 10+ kills to 16 ... carried Irish to 3-0 win vs. league rival Pittsburgh, with 12 kills and no errors for .545 attack percentage, to go with 12 digs and eight blocks ... had 13 kills on .407 hitting vs. West Virginia ... set Irish record for block assists (161) in 2002 and established freshman records for total blocks (175) and block average (1.68, ranked 4th in Division I) ... has played in all 86 matches during her career, starting 83 of them, including 49 in a row before yielding her spot to Kelly Corbett on Senior Night, when the Irish started with Brewster's position in the back row ... has played in 298 of 312 games for a 95.5% mark that stands third-best all-time.

TA: 7 vs. Connecticut, 11-5

Joined Irish as a walk-on last spring ... made collegiate debut against Cal Poly ... started and played first 20 points of third game vs. Connecticut, ending with a pair of kills ... notched first career kill vs. St. John's ... also played at Syracuse and Rutgers ... two-time all-Iowa selection for Ames High School set its school record for season hitting percentage (.426).

#13 Laura Bresnahan

Fr. • MB/OPP • 6-0 • Elmhurst, Ill.

Season Highs

Kills: 1 vs. St. John's, 10-24

Digs: 3 vs. St. John's, 10-24

Total Blocks: 1 at Cal Poly, 9-11

Solo Blocks: 1 at Cal Poly, 9-11

Points: 1 at Cal Poly & vs. St. John's

Assists: 1 vs. St. John's, 10-24

AT: 3 at Cal Poly, 9-11

Made her collegiate debut against Cal Poly, registering a solo block ... played final nine points of match vs. St. John's, accounting for a kill, three digs, and an assist ... also played vs. Connecticut ... honorable mention all-Illinois honoree for York Community High School set its school record for career kills (1,154).

#16 Julie McElroy

So. • OH/MB/OPP • 6-0 • Ames, Iowa

Season Highs

Kills: 2 vs. Connecticut, 11-5

Points: 2 vs. Connecticut, 11-5