

NOTRE DAME BASEBALL GAMEDAY NOTES

vs. North Carolina (NCAA Gainesville Regional; June 6, 2005)

REMATCH – Notre Dame and North Carolina will meet in an NCAA Regional rematch on Sunday, June 6, at 2:00 p.m. EDT (at Florida's McKethan Stadium) ... UNC beat ND 5-1 in to open the Regional ... the winner will advance to a game Sunday vs. host Florida (6:00 p.m.) and must win that game to force a decisive game on Monday (7:00) in the double-elimination format ... all games are being broadcast live by CSTV (South Bend's WHME will show a delayed telecast Sunday night at 11:00 p.m. EST, plans for Monday are TBA) ... Sunday's early game is slated to include a pair of sophomore RHPs on the mound (ND's Dan Kapala and UNC's Daniel Bard).

AVOIDING 0-AND-2 – Saturday's 7-4 win over Stetson allowed Notre Dame to maintain the program's distinction of not going 0-2 in its past 35 postseason tournaments (21 in the 11-year Paul Mainieri era), dating back to 1960 ... the Mainieri-era streak now includes 11 conference tournaments, eight NCAA Regionals, the 2002 Super Regional at Florida State and the '02 College World Series ... ND has gone 0-2 just twice in 42 all-time postseason tournaments ... the Irish also have gone 0-2 just four times in 28 regular-season tournaments during the Mainieri era and had a stretch of 28 straight tournaments (regular-season and postseason) without an 0-2 start, spanning the '97-'02 seasons.

DAN KAPALA CAREER STATS (RHP, So., 6-5/225 ... Royal Oak, MI)

Year	ERA	W-L	App	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	B/Avg	WP	HBP
2004....	2.70	2-1	28	0	0	0/1	1	40.0	37	14	12	16	40	6	1	4		.248	4	4
2005....	3.54	6-3	24	0	0	0/0	1	73.2	76	38	29	26	38	9	3	7	324	.268	3	7
TOTAL...	3.25	8-4	52	0	0	0/1	2	113.2	113	52	41	42	78	15	4	11		.261	7	11

Kapala's 2005 Stats as a Starter: 3.86 ERA and 5-3 record in 8 GS (51.1 IP, 26 Ks, 16 BB, 53 H/.270 opp. avg.)

Kapala's 2005 Situational Stats: 32% of leadoff batters reached (2.9 per 9 IP), 3rd-best on staff252 opp. batting with runners on (also 3rd-best on staff) and .274 with 2 outs ... has limited LH batters to .248 hitting (2nd-best on staff) but .279 by RH hitters

Kapala's 2005 Nine-Inning Averages: 9.3 hits (4th-best on staff), 3.2 walks (5th-best on staff), 4.6 strikeouts, 10.5 groundouts (5th on staff) ... has an avg. of 15.1 outs via Ks or GOs.

DAN KAPALA 2005 GAME-BY-GAME (starts vs. BC, UConn, Villanova, CSU, SJU, Pitt, WVU and Pitt)

Date	Opponent	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	BK	HBP	DP	IBB	Score
Feb. 20	at Central Florida	1.2	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4-2
Feb. 26	vs. Dayton (Mesa)	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10-2
Feb. 27	vs. Dayton (Mesa)	0.1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	10-11
March 5	vs. Texas A&M (Round Rock)	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5-13
March 9	vs. TX-San Antonio (S.A.)	1.0	2	2	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4-9
March 10	vs. SW Missouri (S.A.)	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6-4
March 12	vs. SW Missouri (S.A.; win)	1.2	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	12-11
March 18	at Evansville	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3-10
March 19	vs. South Dakota State	2.0	1	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7-13
March 22	Cincinnati	1.0	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10-4
March 24	Georgetown (gm 2)	2.1	2	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8-9
March 26	Seton Hall (gm 2)	3.0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4-1
March 29	Western Michigan	2.2	3	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9-5
April 4	at Rutgers	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10-11
April 6	Ball State	0.1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5-14
April 9	vs. Boston College (loss)	4.2	8	7	5	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	2-8
April 16	Connecticut (win)	8.0	6	2	2	1	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3-2
April 25	Villanova (win)	7.0	8	4	4	4	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	9-4
April 30	Cleveland State (win)	5.0	7	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13-3
May 7	at St. John's (loss)	8.0	7	3	3	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2-3
May 15	at Pittsburgh (loss)	6.0	7	4	3	4	5	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1-4
May 20	West Virginia (win)	7.0	5	1	1	0	5	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3-1
May 28	Pittsburgh, BET (win)	5.2	5	4	3	3	5	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	11-4
June 3	North Carolina, NCAA	2.0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-5

SHINING STARTER –Dan Kapala was a top setup pitcher for the Irish in 2004 and for the first half of the '05 season before being shifted into a weekend starter role, in part due to the injury problems with three pitchers (senior RHP John Axford and sophomore RHPs Jeff Manship) and a slow start to the season from two-sport standout Jeff Samardzija (a sophomore RHP who wrapped up spring football on April 23) ... the first start of Kapala's career was a tough task on the road, facing Boston College ace Mike Wlodarczyk (one of the top candidates for BIG EAST pitcher of the year) in the first game of that series ... Kapala allowed just one earned run in the first four innings that day before tiring in the 5th – but he went on to win his next three starts in fairly impressive fashion, with a 3.15 ERA and .276 opp. batting avg. in those games (20 IP, 21 H, 7 Ks, 5 BB, .276 opp. avg.), lowering his season ERA to 3.80 (.278 opp. avg.) ... Kapala beat UConn (8 IP) and Villanova (7 IP) in back-to-back complete games to give the Irish series-opening wins and owns 5 complete games this season ... he was a starter in high school while earning ABCA all-district honors (one level below All-America).

PREVIOUSLY IN THE NCAA's – Dan Kapala combined with LHP Joe Thaman and closer Ryan Doherty to back up Grant Johnson's elimination-game win over UC Irvine in the '04 NCAA South Bend Regional (1.2 IP, 2 Ks; 6-5) ... he then was tagged with loss to the 7-6 to Arizona the next day, in the regional title game (2 IP, H ,R, BB, K).

SUPER SOPHS – Dan Kapala is one of four sophomores who currently check in among ND's top-six leaders in season ERA (min. 20 IP), with three of his classmates (Mike Dury, Jeff Samardzija and Jeff Manship) also near the top of that list (Dury and Kapala rank 1-2 on the team ERA charts while Samardzija is 4th) ... the four have combined for a 3.45 season ERA and 17-5 record (4 saves), with 131 strikeouts, 73 walks and 208 hits allowed (.267 opp. avg.) in 201 innings:

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
44 Mike Dury.....	1.38	1-0	23	0	0	0/1	2	26.0	23	12	4	7	17	4	0	1	95	.242	0	1	1	2	5
22 Dan Kapala.....	3.54	6-3	24	8	5	0/0	1	73.2	76	38	29	26	38	9	3	7	284	.268	3	7	1	4	3
45 Jeff Samardzija..	3.89	8-1	15	10	1	0/1	0	78.2	85	39	34	30	56	10	3	3	312	.272	3	10	1	1	6
34 Jeff Manship.....	3.97	2-1	12	7	0	0/1	1	22.2	24	11	10	10	20	4	0	0	89	.270	6	1	0	1	2
Combined.....	3.45	17-5	74	25	6	0/3	4	201.0	208	100	77	73	131	27	6	11	780	.267	12	19	3	8	16

JUST THE STATS – Dan Kapala ranks 2nd on the '05 staff in ERA (3.54), wins (6) and appearances (24), also 3rd in starts (8) and innings (73.2) and 4th in Ks (38) and low opp. batting avg. (.268).

HOME BOY – Kapala posted a 4-0 record, 2.48 ERA and 2-to-1 K-to-walk ratio (19/9) in '05 home games (33 H/.236 opp. avg. in 36.1 IP) but is just 2-3 with a 4.58 ERA on the road in '05 (19 Ks, 17 BB, 43 H/.299 in 37.1 IP)

FRIEND OR FOE?

Several ND players are former teammates of players from UNC:

* ND sophomore RHP **Jeff Manship** played alongside UNC's **Andrew Miller** (high school All-America game) and **Daniel Bard** (U.S. junior national team) on elite all-star teams.

* ND junior CF **Alex Nettey** and UNC's starting LF **Jay Cox** were teammates with the Fayetteville (N.C.) Swampdogs of the Coastal Plains League, during the summer of '04

* ND sophomore RHP **Jess Stewart** has former teammates on all three teams at the Regional, including UNC's **Jay Cox** and Florida's **Jared Kubin** (both with Harris Rangers, pre-college club team).

QUICK NOTES FROM THE ND-STETSON GAME

* Junior SS **Greg Lopez** batted in the 2-hole for the second time in his career and first time since his freshman season ('03) ... Lopez responded with a pair of sac. bunts, a double and a run scored (1-for-3).

* Junior DH **Matt Bransfield** was a late addition to the starting lineup and delivered by batting 2-for-3 (R, 2B, BB)

* Sophomore C **Sean Gaston** came off the bench to hit an RBI single and score a run ... he now is hitting .409 (9-for-22) in the past 6 games.

* Sophomore LHP Mike Dury (2 IP, H, 3 Ks) has produced both of his 2005 saves in the postseason and has not been charged with a run in his past 11 appearances (15.1 IP)

* The ND bullpen now owns a 2.76 postseason ERA in 5 GP (16.1 IP, 16 Ks, 5 BB, 9 H, .196 opp. avg.)

* The 2nd-longest scoring streak in ND history was extended to 208 games (439 of past 440; 678 of 684 in Mainieri era).

* The Irish were HBP for the 55th game (of 61) this season (ND has at least on HBP in 26 of the past 27 games).

* Freshman 3B **Brett Lilley** posted his 51st error-free game of the season (28 in 33 games at 3B, only 7 Es).

* Freshman 2B **Ross Brezovsky** still has made just one error in the past 16 games (75 chances), with just 3 Es in his 32 games at 2B during second half of the season.

* Junior CF **Alex Nettey** now is riding a 21-game errorless streak (69 chances).

* Junior RF **Cody Rizzo** (0-for-2, HBP) saw his 7-game hitting streak (also had hits in 12 of previous 13 games) but was HBP for 21st time in '05 and 70th in his career (still 4th in NCAA history).

* ND was HBP for the 124th and 125th 3rd time this season, tying the 1997 Nevada team (125) for 1st in the NCAA record book.

* The team leading at the end of the 6th is 50-6 (.893) in ND's '05 games (46-3-1/.930 at the end of the 8th inning).

* ND now has defeated four teams – Valparaiso (in '63), Mississippi State ('00), Florida State ('02) and Stetson ('05) – that the Irish had faced in previous NCAAAs (the Hatters beat ND in the '96 NCAAAs).

ON THE BEAT FOR BOTH – The Notre Dame baseball team has faced North Carolina just twice previously, separated by 50 years, but *South Bend Tribune* writer Forrest "Woody" Miller was on the beat during both of those seasons ... this marks Miller's 50th season of covering Notre Dame baseball (1956-2005), including trips to the College World Series separated by 45 years (in 1957 and 2002).

KEYS TO VICTORY – Notre Dame is batting 75 points higher in its 2005 wins (.325) than in its losses (.250) while owning a +24 plate-discipline ratio (BB+HBP-Ks) in the wins and -7 in the losses ... the bulk of ND's stolen bases (48) have come in the wins (just 19 in the losses) while the ND pitchers have limited the opponent to .252 batting in the victories (.335 in losses) ... defensively, ND has a solid .969 fielding pct. in wins but just .949 in losses ... five ND hitters have significant gaps between their batting averages in wins and losses ... Matt Edwards is hitting 150 points higher in wins (.409, 9 HR) than in losses (.259, 5 HR) while Craig Cooper is hitting at a clip 104 points higher in wins (.370, 6 HR) than in losses (.266, HR) ... others of note include Alex Nettey (.309 in wins, .228 in losses), Greg Lopez (.306 in wins, .211 in losses) and Steve Andres (.293-.119) ... here's a statistical comparison of ND's 2005 wins and losses:

WINS (37)	Stat/Player	LOSSES (23)
.325	Batting Average	.250
9.0	Runs Per 9 Innings	4.7
29	Home Runs	13
.465	Slugging Pct.	.348
.418	On-Base Pct.	.354
+24	Red Ratio (BB+HBP-K)	-7
86	Hit-By-Pitch	36
48	Stolen Bases	19
2.69	Staff ERA	6.76
.252	Opp. Batting Avg.	.335
2.01	Pitchers K/BB Ratio	1.35
11	Home Runs Allowed	18
.969 (45 E)	Fielding Pct.	.949 (45 E)
43	Double-Plays Turned	21
.409, 9 HR, 39 RBI, 3B, 17 2B, 23 BB, 5 HBP, 17 Ks	Edwards	.259, 5 HR, 24 RBI, 2 2B, 19 BB, HBP, 15 Ks
.370, 18 RBI, 2B, 18 BB, 17 HBP, 20 Ks, 5 SB	Lilley	.342, 9 RBI, 4 2B, 14 BB, 10 HBP, 11 Ks, 4 SB
.370, 6 HR, 47 RBI, 3B, 4 2B, 16 BB, 10 HBP, 8 Ks, 8 SB	Cooper	.266, HR, 9 RBI, 8 2B, 16 BB, 2 HBP, 13 Ks, 6 SB
.327, 11 RBI, 5 2B, 7 BB, 6 HBP, 8 Ks, SB	Bransfield	.333, 5 RBI, 2B, 3 BB, HBP, 6 Ks
.320, HR, 18 RBI, 5 2B, 3 BB, 2 HBP, 11 Ks	Langford	.242, 2 HR, 10 RBI, 2 2B, 8 Ks
.309, HR, 19 RBI, 3B, 7 2B, 7 BB, 12 HBP, 13 Ks, 8 SB	Nettey	.228, HR, 5 RBI, 3B, 4 2B, 6 BB, 2 HBP, 16 Ks, 2 SB
.306, 21 RBI, 3B, 4 2B, 2 BB, 10 HBP, 25 Ks, 11 Es	Lopez	.211, HR, 10 RBI, 8 BB, 5 HBP, 18 Ks, 11 Es
.298, HR, 20 RBI, 3B, 3 2B, 3 BB, 2 HBP, 11 Ks, 4 SB	Gaston	.295, 7 RBI, 2 2B, BB, 2 HBP, 5 Ks
.293, 4 HR, 21 RBI, 3B, 6 2B, 12 BB, 4 HBP, 11 Ks	Andres	.119, 4 HR, 4 RBI, 2B, 9 BB, 2 HBP, 9 Ks
.286, 4 HR, 17 RBI, 3B, 6 2B, 11 BB, 12 HBP, 21 K, 12 SB	Rizzo	.221, 2 HR, 7 RBI, 2 2B, 11 BB, 9 HBP, 14 Ks, 5 SB
.282, 2 HR, 17 RBI, 8 2B, 12 BB, 2 Ks, 21 Ks, 4 Es	Brezovsky	.258, HR, 3 RBI, 2 3B, 3 BB, 2 HBP, 19 Ks, 9 Es
3.02, 6-0, 44.2 IP, 22 Ks/13 BB, 43 H (.250)	Kapala	4.35, 0-3, 29.0 IP, 16 Ks/13 BB, 33 H (.295)
1.72, 1-0, 6 SV, 15.2 IP, 20 Ks/4 BB, 6 H (.122)	Doherty	5.68, 0-3, 19.0 IP, 22 Ks/10 BB, 22 H (.306)
0.00, 1-0, 2 SV, 18.2 IP, 15 Ks/3 BB, 12 H (.185)	Dury	4.91, 0-0, 7.1 IP, 2 Ks/4 BB, 11 H (.367)

BULLPEN REPORT

LOFTY STANDARDS – Junior RHP Ryan Doherty, who has failed to duplicate his 2004 All-America results this season, still remains firmly entrenched in the ND baseball record books ... the 7-foot-1 Doherty enters day-2 at the Gainesville Regional with the 9th-best career ERA (6th-best since 1970) in the program's recorded history while his 19 saves are one shy of the record held by 2000 graduate and current Eastern Kentucky pitching coach John Corbin ... Doherty also has allowed just 6.29 hits per 9 IP in his career (2nd in ND record book, best in 40 years) and ranks 3rd all-time with a 3.67 career K-to-walk ratio while his career average of 12.21 Ks per 9 IP ranks 2nd to Dan McGinn's 12.69 way back in 1964-65 ... Doherty has racked up 10.91 Ks per 9 IP this season, good for 5th on that ND top-10 list (his 12.18 in '04 ranks 3rd) ... he is one of three ND pitchers ever to post 6-plus saves in multiple seasons (12 in '04, 6 in '05; Corbin had 9 in '99 and 11 in '00, J.P. Gagne 6 in '02 and 13 in '03).

Career Earned-Run Average

1. Nick Palihnich (1959-61)	2.36
2. Jack Mitchell (1959-61)	2.49
Aaron Heilman(1998-2001)	2.49
4. Larry Mohs (1994-97)	2.52
5. Brandon Vilorio (2000-03)	2.58
6. Phil Donnelly (1961-63)	2.65
7. Brian Piotrowicz (1987-90)	2.72
8. Tom Price (1991-94).....	2.82
9. Ryan Doherty (2003-).....	2.87

Career Saves

1. John Corbin (1997-2000)	20
2. Ryan Doherty (2003-)	19
J.P. Gagne (2000-03).....	19

Career Appearances

1. J.P. Gagne (2000-03).....	94
2. Chris Michalak (1990-93)	92
3. Aaron Heilman (1998-2001)	83
4. Mike Coffey (1987-90).....	73
5. Tom Price (1991-94)	71
6. Alan Walania (1990-93)	70
7. David Sinnes (1990-93)	69
8. Tony Livorsi (1989-91)	68
9. Ryan Doherty (2003-)	67

Fewest Hits Allowed Per 9 IP (Career)

1. Dan McGinn (1964-65)	6.27
2. Ryan Doherty (2003-)	6.29 (68 in 97.1)

Strikeout-to-Walk Ratio (Career)

1. Chris Niesel (2002-04).....	4.09
2. Alan Walania (1990-93).....	4.00
3. Ryan Doherty (2003-).....	3.67 (132/36)

Strikeouts Per 9 IP (Career)

1. Dan McGinn (1964-65).....	12.69
2. Ryan Doherty (2003-).....	12.21 (132 in 97.1)
3. Rick Rusteck (1961-63)	10.75

Strikeouts Per 9 IP (Season)

1. Frank Carpin (1958)	12.63
2. Dan McGinn (1965)	12.18
Ryan Doherty (2004).....	12.18
4. Rick Rusteck (1963)	12.14
5. Ryan Doherty (2005).....	10.91 (42 in 34.2)

QUICK NOTES ON THE ND BULLPEN

Ryan Doherty – has not allowed a run or hit in his past 4 GP, vs. USC, West Virginia, Pitt and UNC (6.0 IP, 9 Ks, BB) .. saved 4-2 win at UCF (1.2 IP, H, 3 Ks, HB) and BIG EAST winners-bracket game vs. Pitt (also 4-2; 1.1 IP, 3 Ks).

Mike Dury – riding streak of 11 straight games without being charged for a run (15.1 IP, 8 H, 4 BB, 11 Ks, ERA dropped from 3.38 to 1.38) ... saved BIG EAST title game vs. Pitt, taking mound after 2-hour rain delay (3.1 IP, H, BB, 2 Ks) ... also saved NCAA elimination game vs. Stetson (2 IP, H, 3 Ks).

Scott Bickford – LHP who threw total of 14.1 IP in '02-'04 seasons but has been key situational reliever, with nearly a 5-to-1 K-to-walk ratio (19/4) ... pitcher of record in 13-6 win over USC (IP, K).

Derik Olvey – was rated nation's #22 prospect among 2004 freshmen but missed most of season due to tendonitis ... looking to bounce back from rocky past two outings, vs. Michigan and USC (9.65 combined ERA).

Tony Langford – two-way player who has been used for key late-inning stints ... worked out of jam to win 12-inning game vs. Purdue (0.2 IP, BB, K) and came back next day to save win over Valparaiso (1.2 IP, H, 3 BB, K) ... helped beat Pitt in BIG EAST winners-bracket game (4-2; IP, H, K).

QUICK NOTES FROM FRIDAY'S ND-UNC GAME

- * Both teams put just one leadoff batter on base but UNC hit 5-for-11 with runners on, ND 2-for-11.
- * Sophomore C **Sean Gaston** (2-for-4) had his 12th multiple-hit game of the season and now is hitting .381 (8-for-21) in the past 6 games.
- * Junior OF **Craig Cooper**'s career-best 13-game hit streak came to an end (0-for-4, K).
- * Junior DH **Steve Andres** (0-for-2, 2 BB) saw his 6-game hit streak come to an end.
- * The ND bullpen now owns a 2.05 postseason ERA in 4 GP (12.2 IP, 12 Ks, 4 BB, 5 H, .156 opp. avg.)
- * The 2nd-longest scoring streak in ND history was extended to 207 games (438 of past 439 | 677 of 683 in Mainieri era).
- * The Irish were HBP for the 54th game (of 60) this season (ND has at least one HBP in 25 of the past 26 games).
- * ND opened the scoring in the 1st but lost the game (prior to the UNC game, the Irish had been 19-8-1 when scoring in the 1st and 24-8 when scoring the first run of the game).
- * Freshman 3B **Brett Lilley** posted his 50th error-free game of the season (27 in 32 games at 3B, only 7 Es).
- * Freshman 2B **Ross Brezovsky** still has made just one error in the past 15 games (71 chances), with just 3 Es in his 31 games at 2B during second half of the season.
- * Junior CF **Alex Nettey** is riding a 20-game errorless streak (65 chances).
- * Junior RF **Cody Rizzo** (1-for-4, RBI) now has a 7-game hitting streak, with hits in 12 of the past 13 games.
- * ND was HBP for the 123rd time this season, trailing just the 1997 Nevada team (125) and Long Beach State's 1998 squad (124) in the NCAA record book.
- * **Lilley**'s 27th HBP of the season leaves him one shy of Rizzo's record (in '03) and ranks 12th in NCAA history (also already 9th on the ND career HBP list).
- * ND now has totaled 56 runs in the 1st inning this season
- * The team leading at the end of the 6th inning is 49-6 (.891) in ND's games this season (45-3-1/.929 at the end of the 8th inning).

FLORIDA NATIVES – The 2005 Notre Dame baseball roster includes three freshmen from Florida, in starting 2B **Ross Brezovsky** (Naples/Collier HS) and former Santaluces HS teammates: LHP **Wade Korpi** (Lake Worth) and RHP **Joey Williamson** (Lantana) ... head coach **Paul Mainieri** is a Miami native and graduate of Columbus HS (his father Demie was a hall-of-fame coach at Miami Dade North Community College) ... the ND baseball program's list of all-time monogram winners includes 16 Florida natives, with recent pitching ace Chris **Niesel** (Plantation) joining other noteworthy RHPs such as Mike **Pasilla** (Windermere/Bishop Moore HS; '87-'89), David **Sinnes** (Miami/Palmetto HS; '90-'93, 2.91 career ERA, 32-8 record, 315 Ks in 297.1 IP), closer John **Corbin** (Hollywood Hills HS; '98-'00, 20 saves) and Danny **Tamayo** (Miami/Ransom Everglades HS; '98-'01, 3.27 ERA, 141 Ks in 160 IP) ... Sinnes held ND record for career win pct. and Ks (best by Aaron Heilman in '01) while Corbin is the Irish career saves leader and Tamayo formed a potent 1-2 punch with Heilman ... other noteworthy ND players from Florida have included: SS Daniel **Cunha** (St. Petersburg; '33-'35), IF Joe **LaRocca** (Ft. Lauderdale/Gibbons HS; '70-'72), OF Mike **Galloway** (Cocoa Beach HS; '75-'77), 1B Henry **Valenzuela** (Tampa/Jesuit HS; '79-'82, hit .314 with 15 HR, 123 RBI), DH Ken **Meyer** (Ft. Myers/Verot HS; '99-'02) and catcher Javi **Sanchez** (Miami/Columbus HS).

STAYING HOT IN FLA. – The Irish baseball team now owns a 49-42-1 all-time record in the state of Florida but has found the Sunshine State to be an especially welcome home-away-from-home during the past six seasons, racking up a 27-7 record (.794) in Florida during that 2000-05 span.

VETERAN SKIPPERS – Notre Dame's Paul Mainieri became the 27th active Div. I head coach to reach 800 victories in his career as a college head baseball coach, after the 7-1 win over UConn on April 6, 2005 (he now is 818-474-3) ... Arizona's Andy Lopez and North Carolina's Mike Fox (now 827 wins) also had eclipsed 800 career wins earlier in the '05 season ... the Gainesville Regional featured yet another coach who has passed 800 wins: Stetson's Pete Dunn.

STAYING IN CONTROL – The 2005 ND pitching staff has uncorked just 22 wild pitches all season (compared to 66 by ND's '05 opponents), for an average of 0.36 wild pitches per game ... that WP rate would best the team record (0.39) set in 1993 ... the '04 pitchers also had a low WP rate (0.46, currently 2nd in the ND record book) ... Jeff Manship's touch curveball has produced 6 WPs this season while no other pitcher has more than 3 ... Mike Dury (26.0 IP), Scott Bickford (25.0) and Ryan Doherty (34.2) each have yet to uncork a WP in '05.

BRIGHT FUTURE – Pending the 2005 MLB draft, Notre Dame is set to return virtually its entire team for the 2006 season ... in fact, righthanded reliever Tyler Jones (7.1 IP in '05) is the only player who will run out of eligibility at the end of the '05 season ... the 11 players who have drawn most of the position-player starts include senior 1B Matt Edwards, six juniors, sophomore C Sean Gaston and three freshmen (Edwards can apply for a 5th year of eligibility, after missing most of the '02 season due to a broken leg) ... the pitching staff's 522.1 innings this season have the following class breakdown: 34.1 IP by three seniors (RHP John Axford and LHP Scott Bickford have eligibility left), 125.2 by five juniors, 251.1 by two sophomores and 111.0 by four freshmen.

ND IN THE NCAAs – The Irish now own a 41-40 record in the NCAA Tournament, including 19-16 in the Paul Mainieri era (10-10 away from home).

20-20 ... 20 – Notre Dame is one of just four schools in college sports history to participate in at least 20 NCAA baseball tournaments (20), 20 basketball tournaments (37) and 20 bowl games (25) ... the others are (baseball-basketball-football): upcoming opponent UNC (20-37-25), Oklahoma (28-23-38) and Texas (49-23-44).

40 FOCUS – Notre Dame's current 9-2 streak leaves the Irish three wins shy of extending the program's streak of 40-win seasons (16) that stretches back to 1988 (Wichita State and Florida State, each with 27, are the only schools with longer 40-win streaks).

POSTSEASON POISE – Junior LF/DH Steve Andres, who shook off a .202 regular-season batting avg. to hit 4-for-9 as ND's leading hitter in last week's BIG EAST Tournament, has consistently elevated his offense in the postseason the past three seasons ... for his career, Andres is just a .262 hitter in the regular season but those numbers take a big 130-point jump in postseason action (.377 combined; .345 in the BET, .417 in NCAAs) ... he also owns a .508 career slugging pct. in the regular season but checks in 170 points higher in the postseason (.679; .690 in BET, .667 in NCAAs) ... here's a look at Steve Andres' career stats with the Irish, broken down into the three "seasons":

STEVE ANDRES CAREER STATS

	H-AB	GP/GS	RBI	R	HR-3B-2B	BB/HBP/K	AVG. (Slug ... OB)
Reg.-Season	85-for-325	120/91	73	78	15-6-14	74//19/81	.262 (.480420)
BET	10-for-29	10/7	10	7	1-1-5	5//2/8	.345 (.690472)
NCAAs	10-for-24	8/5	3	6	1-0-3	5/0/2	.417 (.667517)
Career	105-378	139/104	86	91	17-7-22	84/21/92	.278 (.508429)
Combined Postseason: .377 (20-for-53) with 13 RBI in 19 GP/13 GS (2 HR, 3B, 8 2B, .679 slugging, 13 R, 10 BB, 10 K)							

TRACKING 'EM DOWN – Junior CF Alex Nettey has averaged nearly three putouts per game in the 2005 season, now with 176 putouts for the '05 season ... that total already makes Nettey the runaway leader during the 11-year Paul Mainieri era ('95-'05) for most putouts in a season by an ND outfielder ... the previous Mainieri-era high was 155 putouts by future All-America CF Steve Stanley, during the 2000 season (in 64 GP; he then had 155 in 69 GP during the 2002 CWS season) ... here's at the most OF putouts by ND players, since '95:

Most Putouts by a Notre Dame Outfielder (Mainieri era, 1995-2005)

1. Alex Nettey, CF (2004)..... **176**
 2. Steve Stanley, CF (2000) 155
- Note: Cody Rizzo led the 2004 OFs with 93 putouts (playing CF/RF)

SUPER SLUGGER – Senior 1B Matt Edwards (14 HR, 20 2B) is one long ball shy of becoming the third Notre Dame player ever to reach 15 home runs and 20 doubles in a season ... CF Dan Peltier had 15 HRs and an NCAA-leading 32 doubles during his All-America 1989 season while C/DH Jeff Wagner had 17 HR, 21 2B in his big 1997 season ... Edwards (12 HR in '04) also is the fourth ND player to hit 12-plus home runs in multiple seasons, joining Mike Amrhein (13 in '96, 14 in '97), Jeff Wagner (17 in '97, 14 in '98) and Brant Ust (18 in '98, 17 in '99) in that distinction.

RECORD BOOK UPDATES – Here's a look at several ND record-book lists that Matt Edwards is beginning to enter (see postseason guide/pre-tournament notes for the career RBI, HR and batting avg. lists) ... his double vs. Stetson tied Edwards with Brant Ust ('97-'99) for 11th on the ND career hits list (243) and 7th on the doubles list (51).

Notre Dame Career Hits

1. Steve Stanley (1999-2002)..... 385
 10. Jeff Felker (1997-2000) 246
 11. Brant Ust (1997-99)..... 243
- Matt Edwards (2002-)..... 243**

Career Doubles

1. Alec Porzel (1998-2001)..... 77
 6. Andrew Bushey (1999-2002)..... 54
 7. Brant Ust (1997-99)..... 51
- Matt Edwards (2002-)..... 51**

Career Walks

1. Craig Counsell (1989-92) 166
 10. Jeff Wagner (1996-99)..... 109
 11. Cory Mee (1989-92) 104
 - Matt Haas (1991-94)..... 104
- 13. Matt Edwards (2002-)..... 103**

Season Runs Batted In

1. Dan Peltier (1989) 93
 7. Mike Amrhein (1997) 71
 8. Dan Peltier (1988) 70
 9. Mike Amrhein (1997) 69
 - Jeff Wagner (1997)..... 69
- Matt Edwards (2003)..... 69**
– Matt Edwards (2005)..... 66

ROAD HAZARDS – Notre Dame owns a 23-4-1 mark in all 2005 home games but is just 14-19 on the road, with a .280 team batting avg., 5.14 staff ERA and .963 fielding pct. ... the Irish were 9-18 on the road before winning four straight heading into the NCAAs (now 5-1 in last 6 road games) ... ND hit .319 in 2005 home games – 37 points above its road batting avg. – with a 3.22 staff ERA and .958 fielding pct. at home in '05 ... here's a team and individual home-and-away comparison for the 2005 season:

HOME (23-4-1)	Stat/Player	AWAY (14-19)
.319	Batting Average	.282
8.2	Runs Per 9 Innings	6.5
20	Home Runs	23
.449	Slugging Pct.	.398
.418	On-Base Pct.	.374
+40	Red Ratio (BB+HBP-K)	-28
61	Hit-By-Pitch	64
42	Stolen Bases	25
3.22	Staff ERA	5.14
.269	Opp. Batting Avg.	.302
2.20	Pitchers K/BB Ratio	1.40
9	Home Runs Allowed	20
.958 (46 E)	Fielding Pct.	.963 (47 E)
28	Double-Plays Turned	36
.345, 3 HR, 33 RBI, 3B, 5 2B, 14 BB, 10 HBP, 5 Ks, 8 SB.....Cooper.....		.314, 4 HR, 23 RBI, 8 2B, 18 BB, 4 HBP, 17 Ks, 6 SB
.420, 7 HR, 33 RBI, 3B, 10 2B, 23 BB, 2 HBP, 10 Ks	Edwards.....	.307, 7 HR, 33 RBI, 11 2B, 20 BB, 4 HBP, 22 Ks
.244, HR, 9 RBI, 3 2B, 13 BB, 13 Ks, 4 Es	Brezovsky286, HR, 11 RBI, 2 3B, 5 2B, 3 BB, 4 HBP, 26 Ks, 9 Es
.286, HR, 13 RBI, 4 2B, 2 BB, 2 HBP, 10 Ks.....	Langford297, 2 HR, 15 RBI, 3 2B, BB, 9 Ks
.415, 15 RBI, 2 2B, 18 BB, 10 HBP, 14 Ks, 7 SB	Lilley310, 12 RBI, 3 2B, 16 BB, 17 HBP, 18 Ks, 2 SB
.233, HR, 7 RBI, 4 2B, 10 BB, 10 HBP, 8 Ks, 10 SB	Rizzo273, 4 HR, 17 RBI, 3B, 4 2B, 12 BB, 11 HBP, 27 Ks, 7 SB
.310, HR, 14 RBI, 3 2B, 2 BB, 7 Ks, 3 SB	Gaston.....	.292, 14 RBI, 3B, 2 2B, 3 BB, 4 HBP, 9 Ks, SB
.289, HR, 16 RBI, 3B, 6 2B, 3 BB, 11 HBP, 21 Ks, 13 Es	Lopez.....	.267, HR, 18 RBI, 11 R, 7 BB, 5 HBP, 22 Ks, 9 Es
.345, 11 RBI, 4 2B, 6 BB, 5 HBP, 7 ks, SB (19 GP)	Bransfield.....	.297, 5 RBI, 2B, 4 BB, 2 HBP, 7 Ks (12 GP)
.321, 2 HR, 14 RBI, 6 2B, 6 BB, 8 HBP, 13 Ks, 5 SB	Nettey248, 10 RBI, 5 2B, 7 BB, 6 HBP, 16 Ks, 5 SB
.250, HR, 9 RBI, 3B, 3 2B, 8 BB, 4 Ks.....	Andres.....	.203, 4 HR, 16 RBI, 4 2B, 13 BB, 6 HBP, 16 Ks
2.48, 4-0, 36.1 IP, 19 Ks, 9 BB, 33 H (.236)	Kapala	4.58, 2-3, 37.1 IP, 19 Ks/17 BB, 43 H (.299)

2005 PLATE DISCIPLINE "RED RATIO" CHART

Player	Walks	Hit-By-Pitch	Strikeouts	"Red Ratio" (BB+HBP-Ks)
Brett Lilley	34	27	32	+29
Craig Cooper	32	14	22	+24
Matt Edwards	43	6	32	+17
Cody Rizzo	22	21	35	+8
Steve Andres	21	6	20	+7
Matt Bransfield	10	7	14	+3
Alex Nettey	13	14	29	-2
Danny Dressman	5	1	12	-6
Sean Gaston	5	4	16	-7
Mike Dury	2	1	11	-8
Tony Langford	3	2	19	-14
Greg Lopez	10	16	43	-17
Ross Brezovsky	16	4	40	-20
Others	4	2	3	+3
TEAM TOTALS	220	125	328	+17

TURNING TWO – Notre Dame enters day-3 of the NCAAs with a near-team-record 64 double plays, good for 14th-most in the nation this season (and 6th-best among teams in the '05 NCAAs, behind Creighton, Virginia, UNLV, Furman and Texas) ... the 2002 CWS team holds the ND record with 66 DPs (in 69 GP)

THE HBP HIGHWAY – Notre Dame batters were hit-by-pitch nine times in the season opener vs. Florida A&M and the Irish have remained on a record HBP pace all season, as ND has collected at least one HBP in 55 of 61 games this season (with HBPs in 26 of the past 27 games) ... the Irish currently have a team-record 125 HBPs in 61 games played, tying the NCAA record set by Nevada in 1997 .

NCAA RECORD BOOK – SEASON HIT-BY-PITCH

Team	Year	Gms	HBP	HBP/gm
1. Nevada	1997	60	125	2.08
Notre Dame	2005	61	125	2.05
2. Long Beach State	1998	67	124	1.85
College of Charleston	2004	63	122	1.94
5. Cal State Fullerton	2003	66	117	1.77
6. Arizona State	2000	59	115	1.95
Long Beach State	1999	60	114	1.90
8. Notre Dame	2004	63	106	1.68

NCAA DIVISION I CAREER HIT-BY-PITCH LEADERS

1. 92	Tony Hurtado	San Francisco	1997-2000	221 GP	2.40 games played per HBP
2. 81	Gabe Somarriba	Florida Atlantic	1999-2002	226 GP	2.79 gms/HBP
3. 74	Jeff Ontiveros	Texas	1999-2002	258 GP	3.49 gms/HBP
4. 70	Cody Rizzo	Notre Dame	2003-active	173 GP	2.47 gms/HBP
5. 68	Clay Schwartz	Wisconsin-Milwaukee	1994-1997	180 GP	2.65 gms/HBP

* At his career avg. pace, Rizzo would need to play in 60 more games to break the NCAA career HBP record

BRUISE BROTHERS – Notre Dame is the only school in Division I history to feature two different players who have totaled 26-plus times hit-by-pitch in a season ... current junior RF Cody Rizzo had 28 HBPs in the 2003 season (now 9th in NCAA history) while freshman 3B Brett Lilley has 27 HBPs ... FAU's Gabe Sommariba had 27 HBPs in both the '01 and '02 seasons:

NCAA Single-Season Hit-by-Pitch Record Book

1. Andrew Slater (Richmond, '97)	33
2. Gary Morris (Elon, '05)	32
Steve Dembowski (Fairleigh Dickinson, '79)	32
4. David Bacani (Cal State Fullerton, '98)	30
5. Ryder Mathias (Wake Forest, '05)	29
Chris Nelson (Southern Utah, '02)	29
Jonah Martin (Arizona State, '00)	29
Corky Miller (Nevada, '98)	29
9. Cody Rizzo (Notre Dame, '03)	28
Daniel Bruce (Nebraska, '02)	28
Ryan Earey (North Carolina '00)	28
12. Brett Lilley (Notre Dame, '05)	27

JOIN THE CLUB – The Notre Dame list for career HBPs quickly is becoming populated by members of the 2005 team (each could return for at least one more season):

Notre Dame Career Hit-By-Pitch

1. Cody Rizzo (2003-)	70
2. Craig DeSensi (1992-95)	38
3. Dan Bautch (1990-92)	36
Greg Layson (1991-94)	36
5. Ed Lund (1988-90)	32
Eric Danapilis (1990-93)	32
7. Greg Lopez (2003-)	29
8. Paul O'Toole (1999-2002)	28
9. Javi Sanchez (2001-04)	27
Brett Lilley (2005-)	27
11. Mike Amrhein (1994-97)	24
12. Steve Andres (2003-)	21
13. Matt Edwards (2002-)	20
Craig Cooper (2003-)	20
15. Matt Bransfield (2003-)	19
J.J. Brock (1994-98)	19
17. Alex Nettey (2003-)	18

STEVE ANDRES (LF/DH/C, Jr., Bats: Left, 5-10/200 ... Napa, CA ... 2004 NCAA Regional All-Tournament Team)

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	E
2003	.269	43-29	104	26	28	2	2	4	22	46	.442	19	9	27	3	.415	3	0	2-3	1
2004	.320	57-49	169	38	54	13	4	8	39	99	.586	44	6	44	0	.471	2	1	4-9	4
2005	.219	39-26	105	27	23	7	1	5	25	47	.448	21	6	20	0	.376	1	0	0-0	0
TOTAL	.278	139-104	378	91	105	22	7	17	86	192	.508	84	21	91	3	.429	6	1	6-12	5

In Gainesville – hit 0-for-2 in opener vs. UNC (2 BB, K), ending his 6-game hit streak

2005 Postseason – ranks 4th on team with .364 batting (4-for-11, 4 RBI, HR, 2 2B, 2 R, 2 BB, HBP, 3 Ks), with the bulk of that action coming at the BIG EAST Tournament (team-best 4-for-9, 4 RBI, HR, 2 2B, 2 R, HBP, 2 Ks)

NCAA Career Stats – has combined to hit .417 (139 points above his current career avg.) with .667 slugging pct. in the '03-'05 NCAA regionals (10-for-24, 9 GP/6 GS, 3 RBI, 6 R, HR, 3 2B, 5 BB, 2 Ks)

In a Pinch – .407 career batting avg. as a pinch-hitter (11-for-27), including 3-for-6 in '05 (rest of team is 7-for-27/.259)

Post-Finals Stats (in May/June) – batting .212 (7-for-33) with 8 RBI, 5 R, HR, 3 2B, 5 BB, HBP, 4 Ks

A Little Extra – has totaled more extra-base hits (13; 5 HR, 3B, 7 2B) than singles (10) in the 2005 season ... his career totals includes 59 singles and 46 extra-base hits (17 HR, 7 3B, 22 2B)

MATT BRANSFIELD (DH/1B/C, Jr., Bats: Right, 6-1/205 ... Englewood, CO ... 2004 BIG EAST RBI Champion)

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	E
2003....	.310	33-17	71	13	22	3	0	0	10	25	.352	3	3	19	1	.354	2	1	0-0	0
2004....	.306	59-54	206	44	63	12	3	12	58	117	.568	22	9	30	0	.388	5	1	0-3	0
2005....	.326	31-28	92	14	30	6	0	0	16	36	.391	10	7	14	4	.423	2	2	1-1	1
TOTAL...	.312	123-99	369	71	115	21	3	12	84	178	.482	35	19	63	5	.391	9	4	1-4	1

Recent Trends – enters day-3 at NAAs having played in just 7 of previous 15 games but he hit safely in 6 of them (8-for-21, 2 RBI, 3 R, 2 2B, BB, HBP, 3 Ks)

In Gainesville – hit 2-for-3 vs. Stetson (R, 2B, BB)

2005 Postseason – batting 3-for-8 in 2 GS, vs. BC and Stetson (R, 2 2B, BB, K)

NCAA Career Stats – has combined to hit .300 in the '03-'05 NCAA regionals (6-for-20, RBI, 3 R, 2 2B, 4 BB, HBP, 5 Ks)

In a Pinch – has batted at a .368 clip as a pinch-hitter during his ND career (7-for-19), including 2-for-3 in 2005 pinch-hit ABs (rest of team is 7-for-29/.241)

Post-Finals Stats (May/June) – 5th on team with .313 batting (10-for-32, 5 RBI, 3 R, 2 2B, 2 BB, 4 HBP, 6 Ks, SAC, SB)

ROSS BREZOVSKY (2B, Fr., Bats: Left, 5-10/170 ... Naples, FL)

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	E
2005....	.268	54-51	183	34	49	8	2	2	20	67	.366	16	4	40	11	.333	4	6	3-5	13

Recent Trends –made 10 errors at 3B in first half of season but has totaled just 3 Es at 2B in second half of '05 ... enters day-3 at NAAs with just a single E in previous 13 games (75 chances)

In Gainesville – batting 1-for-8 (2 Ks)

2005 Postseason – batting .158 in 5 GS (3-for-19, RBI, 2 R, 2B, 3 Ks, 0 Es in 27 chances)

Post-Finals Stats (in May/June) – batting .250 (14-for-58) with 4 RBI, 12 R, HR, 2B, 4 BB, HBP, 16 Ks, 2 SAC, 2 Es

CRAIG COOPER (OF, Jr., Bats: R, 6-2/220 ... Plainview, NY ... 2nd Tm All-BIG EAST '04, 3rd tm '05)

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	E
2003....	.303	46-31	122	22	37	6	2	0	15	47	.385	15	4	23	3	.397	0	2	10-13	1
2004....	.360	58-46	175	42	63	13	1	10	48	108	.617	25	2	22	0	.441	2	4	12-17	2
2005....	.327	58-56	202	48	66	13	1	7	56	102	.505	32	14	22	6	.448	2	4	14-17	3
TOTAL...	.333	162-133	499	112	166	32	4	17	119	257	.515	72	20	67	9	.434	4	10	36-47	6

Recent Trends – was batting at a .460 clip (23-for-50) with 17 RBI and 34 total bases in 13-game hitting streak prior to NCAAs (13 R, 2 HR, 5 2B, 4 BB, HBP, 5 Ks, SAC, SB)

In Gainesville – batting 0-for-7 (2 R, 2 BB, 2 Ks)

2005 Postseason – batting .250 in 5 GS (RBI, 5 R, 3 BB, 3 Ks)

NCAA Career – has combined to hit .160 in '03-'05 NCAA regionals (8 GS; 4-for-25, 4 RBI, 5 R, HR, 2B, 4 BB, 2 Ks, SF)

Post-Finals Stats (in May/June) – batting team-best .369 (24-for-65) with 17 RBI, 17 R, 2 HR, 5 2B, 9 BB, HBP, 9 Ks, 2 SAC, 2 SB, E

MATT EDWARDS (1B, Sr., Bats: Right ... Mechanicsville, VA ... 1st Team All-BIG EAST '03, '05)

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	E
2002....	.290	9-8	31	3	9	1	0	0	4	10	.323	3	1	6	1	.371	0	0	1-1	6
2003....	.376	62-62	229	40	86	16	2	8	69	130	.568	25	4	39	0	.439	4	0	2-5	9
2004....	.310	61-59	216	48	67	13	1	12	54	118	.546	32	9	40	0	.414	4	3	5-6	5
2005....	.357	61-61	227	60	81	21	1	14	66	146	.643	43	6	32	7	.466	3	0	7-8	14
TOTAL...	.346	193-190	703	151	243	51	4	34	193	404	.575	103	20	117	8	.437	11	3	15-20	34

Recent Trends – has hits in 6 of past 7 games ... has hit just 2 HRs in past seven weeks (26 GP), with 3 HR sin the second half of the regular season (34 GP; HR vs. Ball State on April 6) after hitting 11 HR in first 27 games.

In Gainesville – batting 1-for-9 (2B, 3 Ks)

2005 Postseason – batting .273 in 5 GS (4 RBI, 6 R, HR, 3 2B, BB, 6 Ks, SB, E)

NCAA Career Stats – has combined to hit .356 in the '03-'05 NCAA regionals (10 GS, 10-for-39, 6 RBI, 5 R, 2 HR, 3B, 2 2B, 3 BB, 12 Ks) ... dnp in '02 NCAA run to the CWS due to early-season broken leg.

Record Books – ranks 5th in ND history with 193 career RBI, 6th with 34 HRs, 7th with 51 doubles, 10th with .575 slugging pct., 11th with 243 hits and 13th with 103 walks ... 3rd ND player with 80-plus hits and 40-plus walks in same season (Matt Marci, in '04, was first to do so since 1989)

Post-Finals Stats (in May/June) – 3rd on team with .328 batting (19-for-58), plus 12 RBI, 16 R, 2 HR, 6 2B, 20 BB, 16 Ks, 3 SB, 3 Es

Old Reliable – has logged 103 consecutive starts with the Irish and has played in 183 of 184 games during the past three seasons (starting 181), since returning from broken leg that halted his freshman season early in '02

SEAN GASTON (C, So., Bats: Left, 6-0/185 ... Brownsburg, IN)

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	E
2004....	.316	23-12	57	11	18	3	0	0	11	21	.368	5	0	9	0	.365	1	0	4-4	1
2005....	.300	49-42	160	27	48	5	1	1	28	58	.363	5	4	16	4	.333	2	7	4-4	4
TOTAL...	.304	72-54	217	38	66	8	1	1	39	79	.364	10	4	25	4	.342	3	7	8-8	5

Recent Trends – enters day-3 at NCAAs with .409 batting in his past 7 GP (9-for-22, 5 RBI, 3 R, 3B, 2B, HBP, SAC, K), collecting hits in 7 of his past 8 GP ... back injury limited him to just three post-finals starts in regular season.

In Gainesville – batting 3-for-5 in 2 GP/1 GS (RBI, R, HBP) ... caught two innings in the '04 NCAA South Bend Regional.

2005 Postseason – leads team with .400 batting (6-for-15) in 5 GP/3 GS (2 RBI, 2 R, 3B, HBP, K)

Post-Finals Stats (in May/June) – ranks 2nd on team with .360 batting (9-for-25, 5 RBI, 3 R, 3B, HBP, 2 Ks, SAC)

TONY LANGFORD (OF/DH, Fr., Bats: Right, 5-11/175 ... Fort Worth, TX)

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	E
2005....	.290	49-38	155	16	45	7	0	3	28	61	.394	3	2	19	8	.311	1	1	1-1	1

Recent Trends – enters day-3 at NCAAs with hits in 7 of his previous 9 games played (hits in 5 of past 6 GP)

In Gainesville – batting 2-for-7 (R, 2B, K)

2005 Postseason – batting .273 in 3 GP/2 GS (3-for-11, RBI, R, 2B, 3 Ks)

Post-Finals Stats (in May/June) – batting .264 (14-for-53) with 10 RBI, plus 6 R, HR, 2B, BB, 8 Ks

BRETT LILLEY (3B, Fr., Bats: Left, 5-7/165 ... North Canton, OH)

BIG EAST Freshman of the Year ... Freshman All-America Candidate

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	E
2005....	.357	61-61	210	55	75	5	0	0	27	80	.381	34	27	32	2	.500	1	9	9-18	12

Recent Trends – closed regular season by batting just .235 (8-for-34) in final 10 games (9 R, 3 RBI, 2B, 5 BB, 3 HBP, 9 Ks, -1 Red Ratio), after hitting .381 with a +31 Red Ratio (BB+HBP-Ks) in first 46 games of season ... has bounced back by hitting .381 in the '05 postseason.

In Gainesville – leads team with 4 hits (8 AB, 2 RBI, R, HBP)

2005 Postseason – ranks 2nd on team with .381 batting in 5 GS (8-for-21, 4 RBI, 4 R, 2 HBP, 5 Ks, 0 Es in 9 chances)

Post-Finals Stats (May/June) – 4th on team with .323 batting (21-65, 8 RBI, 16 R, 2B, 7 BB, 7 HBP, 15 Ks, 3 SAC, E)

Great Glove Man – has 51 error-free games, including 21-game span without an error (96 fielding chances) from March 24-April 21 (spanning time at 2B and 3B) and current 14-game E-free streak (42 chances) ... four teammates combined for 18 errors at 3B in first 28 games of the season but he then turned in 9 error-free games to open his stint at the hot corner (40 chances) ... has 28 error-free games in 33 GP at 3B (7 Es) ... made just a single E in 2005 BIG EAST regular-season games (24 GP, plus no Es in 3 GP at the BET).

In the Record Books – his 27 HBP rank 2nd in ND history (behind Cody Rizzo's 28 in '03) and 12th in NCAA history while his .500 on-base pct. would rank 10th in ND history, within range of ND freshman record set by Eric Danapilis in '90 (.509) ... has totaled 61 free passes (also 34 BB) to go along with 75 hits in '05 season ... the top three hit totals by a freshman in ND history are 83 by Brant Ust ('97), 80 by Steve Sollmann ('01) and 79 by Steve Stanley ('99)

GREG LOPEZ (SS, Jr. ... Bats: R, 6-0/190 ... Upper Arlington, OH)

Third Team All-BIG EAST in 2004 ... Academic All-America Candidate in 2005

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	E
2003....	.250	50-40	132	17	33	1	0	0	26	34	.258	4	4	22	5	.289	2	8	1-5	8
2004....	.332	59-57	199	39	66	14	0	2	34	86	.432	14	9	32	0	.396	3	10	4-5	20
2005....	.277	61-60	202	34	56	7	1	2	34	71	.351	10	16	43	2	.349	7	7	0-2	22
TOTAL...	.291	170-157	533	90	155	22	1	4	94	191	.358	28	29	97	7	.352	12	25	5-12	50

In Gainesville – batting 2-for-7 (R, 2B, 2 SAC, 2 Ks, 2 Es)

2005 Postseason – ranks 5th on team with .353 batting in 5 GS (6-for-17, R, 2B, 3 Ks, 2 Es), collecting hits in all five postseason games

NCAA Career – has combined to hit .174 in '03-'05 NCAA regionals (8 GP/4 GS, 4-for-23, 2 R, 2B, SB, 3 SAC, 2 K, 2 E)

Post-Finals Stats (in May/June) – batting .283 (17-for-60) with 5 RBI, 5 R, 2 2B, 3 BB, 3 HBP, 3 SAC, 11 Ks, 9 Es

ALEX NETTEY (OF, Jr., Bats: Right, 6-1/200 ... Dolton, IL)

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	E
2003....	.229	30-9	48	11	11	2	0	0	3	13	.271	3	1	9	1	.288	0	1	2-2	0
2004....	.194	27-9	36	9	7	3	0	0	5	10	.278	4	3	5	0	.326	0	0	1-1	0
2005....	.285	58-57	221	43	63	11	2	2	24	84	.380	13	14	29	5	.361	1	9	10-17	4
TOTAL...	.266	115-75	305	63	81	16	2	2	32	107	.351	20	18	43	6	.346	1	10	13-20	4

Recent Trends – enters day-3 at NCAAs riding 21-game errorless streak (69 fielding chances) ... his 176 putouts in '05 are most in a season by a Mainieri-era outfielder at ND.

In Gainesville – batting 0-for-5 (2 RBI, R, SAC, SB), with limited previous NCAA experience (5 GP/1 GS, 0-for-3, 2 Ks)

2005 Postseason – batting .118 in 5 GS (2-for-17, 3 RBI, 2 R, HBP, K, SB)

Post-Finals Stats (in May/June) – batting .246 (16-for-65) with 7 RBI, 13 R, 5 2B, 4 BB, 2 HBP, 9 Ks, 4 SAC, 4 SB

CODY RIZZO (OF, Jr., Bats: Right, 6-1/200 ... Temecula, CA)

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	E
2003....	.314	58-56	191	53	60	11	1	4	38	85	.445	11	28	33	0	.425	3	1	1-2	4
2004....	.263	52-51	175	39	46	5	1	4	29	65	.371	4	21	30	0	.348	4	1	5-6	5
2005....	.258	58-49	159	41	41	8	1	6	24	69	.434	22	21	35	6	.412	2	1	17-22	6
TOTAL...	.280	168-156	525	133	147	24	3	14	91	219	.417	37	70	98	6	.396	9	3	23-30	15

Recent Trends – had 7-game hit streak and hits in 12 of 13 games before going 0-for-2 vs. Stetson ... hit just 2 HRs in first 49 games but has 4 HRs (3 vs. Pitt) in past 12 ... has 8 HBPs in past 17 games (just 13 in first 44).

In Gainesville – batting 1-for-6 (RBI, HBP, 2 Ks, 2 Es)

2005 Postseason – batting .263 in 5 GS (5-for-19, 3 RBI, 2 R, HR, 2 HBP, 8 Ks, 2 SB, 3 Es)

NCAA Career Stats – has combined to hit .242 in the '03-'05 NCAA regionals (10 GS, 8-for-33, 6 RBI, 5 R, 2 HR, 3 BB, 3 HBP, 4 Ks, 2 Es)

Post-Finals Stats (in May/June) – batting .295 (18-for-61, 10 RBI, 13 R, 4 HR, 3 2B, 2 BB, 8 HBP, 11 Ks, 6 SB, 4 Es)