



Athletics



2015-16 ANNUAL REPORT



ON THE COVER

(from lower left)

Jaylon Smith
2015 Butkus Award winner and
consensus first-team All-American
(football)

Ronnie Stanley
2015 consensus first-team
All-American (football)

Molly Seidel
Three-time NCAA individual
champion in 2015-16 (cross coun-
try and track and field)

Brianna Turner
2016 first-team All-American
(women's basketball)

Matt Landis
Two-time winner (2015 and 2016)
of William C. Schmeisser Award as
USILA national defensive player
of the year and 2016 Tewaaraton
Award finalist (men's lacrosse)

Barbara Sullivan
Two-time (2015 and 2016)
Tewaaraton Award finalist (wom-
en's lacrosse)

**Zach Auguste, Demetrius Jackson
and A.J. Burgett**
Veterans of the only team in the
country to qualify for the NCAA
Elite Eight in both 2015 and 2016
(men's basketball)

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JACK SWARBRICK

VICE PRESIDENT, James E. Rohr Director of Athletics

I would like to say that I know where intercollegiate athletics will be a decade or two from now.

But I don't.

I do, however, know that the University of Notre Dame is firmly committed to both maintaining Notre Dame's model of athletics as an integral part of our education mission and having an impact on the critical decisions that will be made about the uncertain future of intercollegiate athletics.

Major college sports have never been more competitive—and never been more complicated.

As hard as we work to win, we work even harder to prepare our students to be future leaders—in their families, communities and professions. In addition, from an administrative standpoint, we are committed to playing a leadership role when it comes to determining what college athletics will be about in those decades to come.

I am proud of the way our programs, even while competing at elite levels, continue to accomplish amazing things:

➔ Brian Kelly's 2015 football program spent the entire fall immersed in the College Football Playoff conversation and rankings and then played in a New Year's Six bowl game.

➔ Mike Brey's men's basketball team advanced to the NCAA Elite Eight for a second straight year in 2016, a first for Notre Dame, and the only men's basketball program to accomplish that in '15 and '16.

➔ Muffet McGraw's squad again went unbeaten in Atlantic Coast Conference play, won the ACC Tournament and didn't lose a game for three months.

➔ Our fencing teams combined to finish fifth in the NCAA Championship—and our women's indoor track squad achieved the identical NCAA finish.

➔ On an individual basis, Molly Seidel won three individual NCAA titles in a single athletic year—one in cross country and two in indoor track—and that had never happened at Notre Dame.

➔ There were dozens of other headline-making individual achievements, from Jaylon Smith claiming the Butkus Award to Matt Landis being named the national defensive player of the year in men's lacrosse for a second consecutive season.

But, at the end of the day, what distinguishes our students who participate in athletics are the other successes they achieve. At what other school have two of the most recent student body presidents been varsity athletes—with one of those athletes, fencer Alex Coccia, currently studying at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar, and the other, football player Corey Robinson, hoping to emulate Alex's Rhodes success?

As we move forward, we are focused on strategic areas where we need to place our attention as a department:

➔ First, without in any way compromising the defining elements of Notre Dame's approach to intercollegiate athletics, we must continue to generate the resources necessary to adequately support our students, ensure their health and safety and pursue national championships.

➔ We have to mine the small margins of victory that define success in an increasingly competitive environment, and for us that is about investing in sport science and analytics.

➔ We need to enhance the fan experience at all of our home events. Without compromising our traditions, we need to meet the most modern standards and expectations for customer service and the in-game experience. The Campus Crossroads Project is a compelling example of this focus.

➔ We must continue to invest in our educational mission. That means creating foreign study opportunities, internships and expanded career services.

➔ Finally, we need to utilize athletics as a vehicle to promote the University. We must be evangelical about telling the stories of who we are, what we believe in and who our students and coaches are. That is why we have continued to build our Fighting Irish Media operations and partnered with entertainment leaders like Showtime and Bleacher Report.

College sports continue to evolve in dramatic ways. That represents a fabulous opportunity for Notre Dame athletics to prove its case. We have a view of what college athletics is and should be and we intend to take a national leadership role and be evangelical about that as well.

The pages to come provide a sampling of where we are as an athletics department—both in terms of what our teams are doing on the field and the manner in which our administration provides more opportunities every day for our students to improve, grow and succeed both on and off the field.

Jack Swarbrick
Vice President
James E. Rohr Director of Athletics

YEAR IN REVIEW

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ACADEMICS



Notre Dame Wins Ninth Straight National Title in Graduation Rates

Notre Dame graduates 98 percent of its student-athletes between 2005 and 2008

Notre Dame in November claimed a share of the 2015 national championship for graduating student-athletes in all sports—in the process posting the top NCAA Graduation Success Rate (GSR) figure (98) for its student-athletes for the ninth straight year. The GSR number for all Notre Dame student-athletes rated the Irish first (tied with Duke and Stanford) among the football-playing institutions in the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision (formerly Division I-A). The 2015 NCAA figures were based on entering classes from 2005 through 2008.

Notre Dame research showed Irish student-athletes in 2015 ranked number one in two of 10 sets of standings—ranking second in three others and third in two more. For the seventh

year in a row Notre Dame led the nation in GSR categories for all student-athletes (at 98) and female student-athletes (99).

In addition to its number-one GSR ranking for all student-athletes (98), Notre Dame finished tied for first among female student-athletes at 99, tied for second among male student-athletes at 97 percent (behind Stanford at 98) and tied for third among black student-athletes at 92 percent (behind Duke at 98 and Northwestern at 94). In football, Notre Dame ranked fifth at 93.

Notre Dame graduated 93 percent of all women competing in varsity athletics to rank second among its peer institutions based on the federal calculations (behind Stanford at 97). Among men, Notre Dame's 89 percent federal rate was third (behind Stanford at 92 and Northwestern at 90). Notre Dame graduated 85 percent of its black student-athletes, ranking tied for fourth based on the federal rate, and Irish football players graduated at an 82 percent rate to rank sixth.

02 Notre Dame Leads Way in NCAA APR Four-Year Numbers

16 Irish programs earn perfect scores for most at NCAA FBS level

Sixteen Notre Dame athletic teams earned 1,000 scores—more perfect scores than any other NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision school—in the annual set of Academic Progress Rate statistics issued in April by the NCAA.

Notre Dame's number of perfect scores of 1,000 has ranked either first or second among all FBS programs for 11 straight years. Leaders in the 2016 data were Notre Dame (16), Stanford (14), Boston College (12), Minnesota (11), Rice (10), Duke and Northwestern (nine each), Tulane (seven), along with Auburn, Michigan and North Carolina (six each).

Seven Notre Dame men's teams—cross country, fencing, golf, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, track and field—registered perfect 1,000 scores. Nine Irish women's teams—basketball, cross country, fencing, lacrosse, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, volleyball—also earned perfect scores. This year for the first time indoor and outdoor track and field were combined into one score.

Six other Notre Dame teams produced scores of 985 or better: women's rowing (998), men's swimming and diving (994), baseball (991), men's ice hockey (991), women's golf (988) and women's soccer (985).

Over 11 years' worth of APR numbers, Irish teams in men's cross country, men's golf and men's track and field have earned 1,000 scores every year. Women's tennis, men's fencing, men's tennis, softball and women's cross country all have earned seven 1,000 scores—while women's fencing has earned six.

The NCAA also recognized teams that posted multiyear APR scores in the top 10 percent of all squads in their respective sports with public recognition awards. Notre Dame also had 16 of its programs honored for the multiyear achievement (second most among all FBS schools)—men's cross country, men's fencing, men's golf, men's lacrosse, men's soccer, men's tennis, men's track and field, women's basketball, women's cross country, women's fencing, women's lacrosse, softball, women's swimming and diving, women's tennis, women's track and field and volleyball.



03 Academic All-Americans

Notre Dame senior men's soccer midfielder Patrick Hodan was chosen as the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-America Team Member of the Year in his sport. Hodan joined four other Irish athletes in winning Academic All-America honors in 2015-16:

2015-16 CoSIDA Academic All-Americans

Molly Seidel Cross Country/Track and Field *First Team*

Patrick Hodan Men's Soccer *First Team/Academic All-America of the Year*

Michael Shipp Men's Soccer *First Team*

Cari Roccaro Women's Soccer *First Team*

Katie Naughton Women's Soccer *Second Team*

Dr. Angelo Capozzi, a 1956 Notre Dame graduate and former Irish baseball player, led a class of five distinguished professionals, all former collegiate scholar-athletes, chosen as the newest members of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-America Hall of Fame and inducted in June. Capozzi became the eighth former Notre Dame student-athlete (most of any school in the country) selected for induction.

While at Notre Dame, Capozzi earned a monogram in 1954 as a left-handed pitcher under longtime Irish coaching great Jake Kline. After graduating from Notre Dame with honors in 1956, Capozzi attended the Stritch School of Medicine at Loyola University in Chicago. He completed general surgery training at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston, Illinois, and plastic surgery training at the University of Wisconsin in Madison before joining the Air Force. In 1976, Capozzi made his first international mission, joining Interplast (now called ReSurge) on a trip to Mexicali, Mexico, to assist children suffering from cleft lips and palates. Four decades and more than 60 mission trips later, he is still working to improve the lives of children around the world. Today, Capozzi serves as medical director and co-founder of Rotaplast, an organization established with Rotary International in 1993. More than 20 years since its inaugural trip to Chile, Rotaplast has operated on approximately 20,000 children in 24 countries. The organization hopes to eliminate untreated cleft lips and palates in children worldwide by 2025.

04 Four Earn ACC Postgraduate Scholarships

Notre Dame senior men's soccer 2015 graduate **Patrick Hodan**, senior rower **Sarah Kappers** and Class of 2015 men's cross country/track and field athlete **Jake Kildoo** were among 43 student-athletes selected for the Weaver-James-Corrigan Awards, part of the Atlantic Coast Conference's postgraduate scholarship program. Irish senior men's lacrosse defenseman **Matt Landis** was among nine individuals chosen as Weaver-James-Corrigan Honorary Award recipients.

The Weaver-James-Corrigan postgraduate scholarships are presented to selected student-athletes who intend to pursue a graduate degree following completion of their undergraduate requirements. Hodan, Kappers and Kildoo received \$5,000 toward their graduate education and were honored because they performed with distinction both in the classroom and their respective sport, while demonstrating exemplary contact in the community.

The Weaver-James-Corrigan Honorary Award goes to those student-athletes who plan to pursue professional careers in their chosen sports following graduation. The Weaver-James-Corrigan Award is named in honor of the late Jim Weaver and Bob James, as well as Gene Corrigan, the ACC's first three commissioners (Corrigan also served as director of athletics at Notre Dame from 1981-87).

→ The ACC annually names a scholar-athlete of the year in each of 27 sports—and Notre Dame had four of those selections in 2015-16 to tie for the league lead (Virginia also had four):

Molly Seidel Women's Cross Country

Garrett McGrath Men's Fencing

Molly Seidel Women's Indoor Track and Field

Matt Landis Men's Lacrosse

→ Notre Dame had 414 of its athletes named to the ACC Honor Roll for 2015-16, recognizing all student-athletes who achieved at least a 3.0 grade-point average for the entire academic year. Only Duke with 480 had more among ACC institutions.

ALUMNI UPDATES

→ Former Notre Dame baseball standout **Craig Counsell** began his first full season as the Milwaukee Brewers' manager in 2016 after serving in an interim role to finish out the 2015 campaign. Counsell's head coach at Notre Dame, **Pat Murphy**, served as the Brewers' bench coach after working the end of the 2015 season as the San Diego Padres' interim manager.

→ Former Irish All-American **Ruth Riley** in April became the general manager of the WNBA's San Antonio Stars.

→ Former Denver Bronco players **Ryan Harris** and **David Bruton** were honored at halftime of the Blue-Gold spring football game for helping the Broncos win the Super Bowl in 2016 with their win over Carolina.

→ Former Irish hockey players **Bryan Rust** and **Ian Cole** both played key roles as the Pittsburgh Penguins won the 2016 Stanley Cup.

→ One of two players in the history of the Notre Dame men's basketball program to score more than 2,000 points and grab 900 rebounds, two-time consensus first-team All-American **Troy Murphy** became the eighth inductee into the Notre Dame Basketball Ring of Honor in January at halftime of the Notre Dame-Boston College men's basketball game. Murphy ranks among the greatest players in BIG EAST Conference history as a two-time winner of the BIG EAST Player of the Year award (2000 and 2001).



→ **Thom Gatewood**, a 2016 inductee into the National Football Foundation's College Football Hall of Fame, was recognized at halftime of the 2015 Notre Dame-Massachusetts football game.

→ Former Irish offensive lineman and 1987 team co-captain **Byron Spruell** in June was named NBA president for league operations. A member of the University's Board of Trustees, Spruell spent the previous 20 years at Deloitte LLP, most recently as its vice chairman, central region market leader.

→ Former Irish All-America football linebacker **Bob Golic** in April was inducted into the Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame.

→ Former Notre Dame lacrosse goaltender **Scottie Rodgers** was selected the MVP in the 2016 Major League Lacrosse All-Star Game in July after making 10 second-half saves in his team's 21-20 victory.

→ Former Irish women's basketball All-American **Jewell Loyd** won 2015 WNBA Rookie of the Year honors.

→ Former Notre Dame football captain **Mike Golic** earned induction into the National Association of Broadcasters Broadcasting Hall of Fame for his work with Mike Greenberg on "Mike & Mike" on ESPN Radio.

→ The Atlantic Coast Conference each year names an ACC Legends Class to be honored at the men's and women's ACC Championships—and in 2016 the former Irish players feted were **Brittany Mallory** and **Adrian Dantley**.

→ **Tom Hawkins**, a former Irish basketball All-American, received the Gil Stratton Lifetime Achievement Award from the Southern California Sports Broadcasters Association.

→ Former Irish baseball player **Allen Greene** was named director of athletics at the University of Buffalo, replacing another former Notre Dame athlete, **Danny White**, who left that role for a similar position at the University of Central Florida.

→ Notre Dame honored former

football standouts **Jerome Bettis** and **Tim Brown** at halftime of the Notre Dame-USC football game in 2015 for their 2015 induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

→ Former Irish men's lacrosse All-Americans **Matt Kavanagh** (three goals, two assists in the title game) and **Nick Ossello** helped the Denver Outlaws claim the 2016 Major League Lacrosse crown with a 19-18 win over the Ohio Machine (led by former Irish All-America goaltender **Scott Rodgers**) in the championship game.

→ Former Notre Dame track and field standouts **Chris Giesting** and **Patrick Feeney** helped the United States win a gold medal in the 4x400m relay at the IAAF World Indoor Track and Field Championships in March in Portland—with Giesting running the third leg in the finals.

ATHLETICS ADVANCEMENT

With \$46.1 million in gifts and pledges contributed from over 6,500 donors, 2015-2016 was another year of remarkable generosity from Notre Dame benefactors.

Significant progress was made to underwrite Notre Dame's top two expenditures: grants-in-aid and coaches. Other gifts made advancements possible in sports performance technologies, medical equipment and team travel. Perhaps most visibly, gifts to capital projects led to the completion of the McConnell Family Boathouse and the groundbreaking of the Harris Family Track and Field Stadium.

Across the board, benefactors to Fighting Irish athletics continue to play an increasingly important role in making the student-athlete experience excellent and unique.



02 Endowed Coaches

This year, Notre Dame received three new coaching endowments that will help underwrite the head coach's salary, provide stability and resources for the long term, and create funds for use within the department.

➔ **Mike Brey**
Glenn and Stacey Murphy
Head Men's Basketball Coach

A couple from Toronto made a \$5 million gift to Notre Dame to endow the head men's basketball coaching position. The gift from Glenn and Stacey Murphy was the first Irish coach to be endowed by a non-alumni of the University.

"We are so proud to be forever associated with Notre Dame athletics, the men's basketball program and especially a quality individual like Coach Mike Brey." —Glenn Murphy

➔ **Ryan Sachire**
Callaghan Family
Head Men's Tennis Coach

Notre Dame alumnus Dr. John J. Callaghan and his wife, Kim, made a \$3 million gift to his alma mater to endow the Fighting Irish head men's tennis coaching position. Callaghan's son, Patrick '10, played four years on the tennis team under former head coach Bobby Bayliss.

"Our son's experience during his four years on the tennis team under the mentorship of Coach Bayliss and Coach Sachire provided lifelong skills that extended far beyond the tennis court. We recognize that endowing the men's coaching position will ensure the same mentoring experience for all men's tennis athletes in the future." —John Callaghan

➔ **Todd Lyght**
Pat and Jana Eilers Family
Defensive Backs Coach

Pat and Jana Eilers of Winnetka, Illinois—a member of the 1988 Notre Dame national championship football team and his wife—made a \$3 million gift to endow the football team's defensive backs coaching position. It qualified as the first endowed assistant coach position at the University.

"The gift is simply an expression of our gratitude to those professors, coaches, and administrators who have dedicated their lives to Notre Dame's unique mission of striving for excellence in academics, athletics, and spirituality, while upholding the highest standards of integrity and character." —Pat Eilers

03 Endowed Grants-in-Aid and Excellence

Eighteen new endowments were established for grants-in-aid (scholarships) in 2015-16. This funding, a total of \$10.4 million, will be invested to help cover the cost of attendance at Notre Dame, which constitutes the most significant expense of the athletics department budget.

Five of these commitments will fully endow and name positions for football and baseball. Each year these benefactors will be connected to their endowed recipient, while also helping Notre Dame move toward its long-term goal of endowing all 322.2 grants-in-aid.

Additionally, three endowments were created to support student-athlete internship aid and programs, creating \$250,000 in investable funds.

04 Highlights by the Numbers

2 new positions created from benefaction—Director of Performance Sciences and Director of Mental Conditioning

\$46.1M in pledges and outright gifts

\$26.9M raised for endowment (tops among ACC institutions)

7,147 gifts to athletics

18 new endowed scholarships established

20 student-athlete summer internships made possible by donor gifts

121 student-athletes who participated in Athletics' first ever "Gratitude Week," making thank-you calls, videos, and writing letters to athletics benefactors in appreciation of their support

05 Rockne Heritage Fund

The Rockne Heritage Fund provides immediate scholarship and budget support for all 26 Irish varsity programs. 2015-16 was a record-setting year for the fund—as contributions grew to \$3.75 million (an increase of 44 percent) and more than 2,500 benefactors supported Irish student-athletes.

The Rockne Heritage Fund also introduced the Athletics Director's Circle in 2015. Members of this exclusive group assist Vice President and James E. Rohr Director of Athletics Jack Swarbrick in advancing the department's mission by providing additional resources and support. These funds give Notre Dame athletics the flexibility to meet the department's most pressing annual needs in the ever-changing collegiate landscape.

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38 benefactors joined the newly formed Rockne AD Circle to help a record-setting year of impact for the Rockne Heritage Fund

COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

The community commitment division includes three primary focuses: 1) annual signature initiatives aligned with the athletics pillars of education, excellence, community, tradition and faith, 2) an emphasis on collaborative initiatives to advance other department and University outreach projects, and 3) a facility outreach initiative centering on maximizing use of Notre Dame athletic facilities for community engagement on multiple levels.

01 Signature Initiatives

Education

Extra Yard for Teachers

Extra Yard for Teachers, the primary philanthropic initiative of the College Football Playoff Foundation, has been embraced by Notre Dame athletics as its primary vehicle to focus on education. In the inaugural year of the Notre Dame-EYFT partnership, Notre Dame led the way in both dollars raised and activation efforts. Designed to honor, celebrate, inspire and empower great teachers, the EYFT program is focused on preparing students to achieve their dreams of attending college through the support of and commitment to gifted teachers.

Notre Dame served as host to a special activation during a 2015 football game. Notre Dame athletics partnered with the CFP Foundation to encourage alumni and fans to support an educational initiative unique to Notre Dame, the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE). ACE seeks to form the next generation of teachers and leaders, to strengthen under-resourced Catholic schools and give disadvantaged children the opportunities they need and deserve—and to extend the Catholic school advantage to thousands of new families.

Between Oct. 7 and Nov. 29, 758 individual Notre Dame contributions to ACE, combined with EYFT matching dollars, totaled \$440,515. These gifts provided ACE teachers and school leaders with much-needed classroom materials and tools to give their students a fighting chance for a better future.

Excellence

Summer Camps

Notre Dame's sports camps continue to promote excellence in athletics performance by extending learning opportunities to youth across the country and in our home community. The 2015 sessions involved 10,139 participants, 650 camp counselors, 18 sports and 56 individual sessions—and were responsible for \$1,486,546 in indirect sales back to the local economy. Five students from underserved local elementary schools received full camp scholarships based on academics, attitude and character.

Tradition

Gratitude Week

Notre Dame student-athletes celebrated the legacy of former University President Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., during Gratitude Week, sending 261 thank-you cards and 703 phone calls and video messages thanking mentors,

donors, former monogram winners and other community members who positively impacted their collective collegiate experience.

Faith

Mass Card Initiative

Specialty designed mass cards were sent to colleagues in intercollegiate athletics to express thoughts and prayers,



Community

Habitat for Humanity

In the spring of 2016, Notre Dame athletics personnel completed a Mishawaka Habitat for Humanity house for Jay and Elizabeth Tipton, and their daughter Abigail. Every division of the athletics department, all 26 athletic teams, and 357 volunteers worked at the build site throughout the year.

in an ongoing response to challenging or tragic events taking place in their university communities. These impacted individuals and their institutional affiliations are then recognized during departmental masses.

The house was blessed in an April 24th ceremony attended by members of the athletics staff, Rev. Pete McCormick, C.S.C., Habitat staff and volunteers, the Tipton family and many of their friends. A third Notre Dame Athletic Department build is set to begin in the fall 2016.

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Collaborative Initiatives

In addition to the five signature initiatives, Notre Dame athletics partnered with various department and campus entities to provide support to address immediate needs in South Bend and nearby communities—and to capture the overall community impact of the myriad department and individual/team/coach/staff efforts. Those partnerships and efforts included:

Student-Athletes, Coaches and Team Initiatives

Notre Dame varsity teams participated in 113 community outreach activities in 2015-16—including 12,422 hours of service performed by 726 athletes. The Irish softball team ranked first in community efforts by donating the most cumulative hours of any varsity program.

Staff

→ The Notre Dame Monogram Club helped collect 37,000 pounds of food for 1,500 Boston families during the Shamrock Series weekend in Boston.

→ Fighting Irish Media recorded more than 312,000 views of community-related stories on und.com.

→ The Notre Dame ticket office provided 1,445 tickets to various Irish home athletics events through the Vet Tix Foundation.

→ Student welfare and development served as host for multiple seminars, First Year Orientation and team workshops totaling 1,700 student-athletes and 400 parents.

Fighting Irish Fighting for Flint

Notre Dame athletics partnered with Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties to provide donations to Flint, Michigan, in order to aid in the water crisis.

United Way

Athletics participated in the United Way drive that raised \$291,159.55 for St. Joseph County.

Fighting Irish Fighting Hunger

Fighting Irish teams raised \$38,000, collected 895 pounds of food and provided 350,000 meals to Michiana families.

03 Facility Outreach Initiatives

Notre Dame's athletic facilities are not only an asset for Irish student-athletes, but also to the local and national community, visiting international contingents and various professional teams. Maximizing facility usage is a critical component of the department's outreach strategy.

In 2015-16, Notre Dame's 24 athletics facilities welcomed 1.3 million people to either compete, spectate or take part in various hosted events. These gatherings were numerous and varied, including graduations, ticketed athletic events, summer camps, wedding receptions, masses, seminars, and career fairs.



Chinese Athletics Administrators Study Notre Dame Athletics

More than 40 Chinese athletics administrators arrived at Notre Dame in July 2016 to take part in a unique month-long study program covering all aspects of Notre Dame athletics and multiple facets of university administration. The University of Notre Dame Overseas Study Program for University Sports Leaders in China offered university, high school, middle school and education department administrators multiple daily presentations by members of the Notre Dame athletics department. The group toured athletics facilities, observed

various summer camps, and received instruction in compliance, academic services, equipment/apparel, mental conditioning, sports medicine, strength and conditioning, sport science, nutrition, student welfare and development and career services, event management and communications/digital media. Co-hosted by the Athletic Department and Notre Dame International, the Chinese delegation also learned how a university's athletics funding model supports its academic mission and attended workshops on integrating student-athlete recruitment into an overall student enrollment strategy.

COMPLIANCE



01 Swarbrick Heads D1A Athletics Directors

Notre Dame vice president and James E. Rohr Director of Athletics Jack Swarbrick, chair of the Division 1A Athletic Directors Association in 2015-16, began his tenure in that position by naming former Maryland and professional basketball standout, U.S. Congressman and Rhodes scholar Tom McMillen as executive director of the D1A group as part of a major repurposing of that organization. Swarbrick and McMillen were key components in the restructured D1A association which moved its headquarters from Dallas, Texas, to Washington, D.C. Their goal is to help member athletics directors better navigate the rapidly-changing collegiate athletics landscape; to do so, the association expanded its mission by providing increased resources in the areas of advocacy, legislative services, business analytics and professional training.

Swarbrick and Notre Dame senior associate athletics director Jill Bodensteiner worked closely to enable the D1A group to gather athletic director feedback and propose legislative change in various NCAA areas of importance. In particular, the association proposed changes to new legislation in the area of academic misconduct that was passed at the 2016 NCAA Convention.

02 Notre Dame Leads Charge to Define Management of Student-Athlete Role

How many hours per week should a collegiate student-athlete engage in his or her sport? Should it make a difference if a student-athlete is on full scholarship at a Division I institution or essentially a walk-on at a Division III school? How does one compare the practice and competitive requirements of a football or basketball player with the training regimen of a swimmer or a track and field sprinter? Those are just a few of the questions being bandied about these days at NCAA institutions all over the country. With a few exceptions, the NCAA Manual says a student-athlete's participation in "countable athletically related activities" (CARA) shall be limited to a maximum of four hours per day and 20 hours per week. However, numerous studies indicate that student-athletes spend over 40 hours per week on their sport when you combine CARA and non-countable activities like training table, rehabilitation and academic study hall.

Notre Dame (along with ACC counterpart North Carolina) made this subject a priority. With NCAA legislation normally routed through the conferences, Notre Dame vice president and James E. Rohr Director of Athletics Jack Swarbrick asked the existing Notre Dame athletics steering committee to delve into the topic. Working with him have been two Irish head coaches, four senior administrators, Faculty Board on Athletics chair Tricia Bellia, Faculty Board member Robin Rhodes, along with eight student-athletes. Swarbrick and the steering committee, long before the 2017 NCAA Convention convenes in Nashville, hopes to play a key role in recommending a plan that makes sense for student-athletes at every level in every sport.

FACILITIES

01 Campus Crossroads Project Includes Stadium Enhancements

The University in August 2015 announced plans to enhance the experience of fans in the existing Notre Dame Stadium bowl by providing several important and significant upgrades when the 2017 season begins.

➔ Seating improvements will include the addition of vinyl-clad benches throughout the stadium, replacing the wood bench seats, as well as establishment of an 18-inch standard width for all bench seating.

➔ The most visible change at Notre Dame Stadium will involve the addition of a video board at the top of the south end of the venue, along with ribbon boards along the east and west sides of the stadium. As is the case with the video boards at Purcell Pavilion and the Compton Family Ice Arena, there will be no advertising or commercials associated with use of the video boards. The addition of the video boards also will allow for the removal of the north scoreboard in order to enhance the view of the "Word of Life" mural on the Hesburgh Library.

Additional Enhancements Planned Include:

- ➔ Improvements to the Wi-Fi network within the stadium
- ➔ Enhancements to the existing sound system within the stadium bowl
- ➔ Renovation of restrooms and an increase in the number of women's restrooms
- ➔ Renovation of concession stands
- ➔ Renovation of both the lower and upper concourses, including improved lighting, seating areas, enhanced signage and video monitors

02 New Irish Boathouse Opens

A program-changing moment for Notre Dame rowing occurred in early December, as the state-of-the-art McConnell Family Boathouse was completed along the St. Joseph River. The almost 15,000-square foot building provides the Irish with an impressive facility that rivals many of the top programs in the country. Four boat bays are available—two for the varsity shells, one for the men's club team shells and one central maintenance and repair bay. All bays are located on the lower level of the facility with easy access to the water. The building is separated vertically with team warm-up and multi-purpose space located above the boat bays on the upper level. Team locker rooms, showers, coaches' locker rooms, nutrition stations and training rooms are also available. The facility has an on-site laundry room as well as coaches' offices and conference rooms. Views of the St. Joseph River and Viewing Park recreation area are visible from the elevated observation deck along the river-facing side of the boathouse. An official dedication will be held Sept. 9, 2016.

03 Notre Dame Begins Construction of Harris Family Track Stadium

Notre Dame broke ground in May on the Harris Family Track Stadium that will provide a new home for the Irish track and field and cross country squads. The \$5.85 million project will create a structure on the west side of Notre Dame's outdoor track to include men's and women's locker rooms, team rooms and a meeting room, an athletic training room, timing and media areas, a kitchenette, plus a balcony viewing area. The construction has been funded thanks to the benefaction of Dr. Robert Harris, a 1969 Notre Dame graduate who is president of Harris FRC Corporation in Holmdel, New Jersey. This marks the first step of a two-part plan to improve the Irish track and field facilities. Phase two will include spectator seating,

concession stands and additional storage. There is no timetable for the second phase of the construction. Notre Dame's \$3 million, nine-lane outdoor track has been in use since 2009-10.

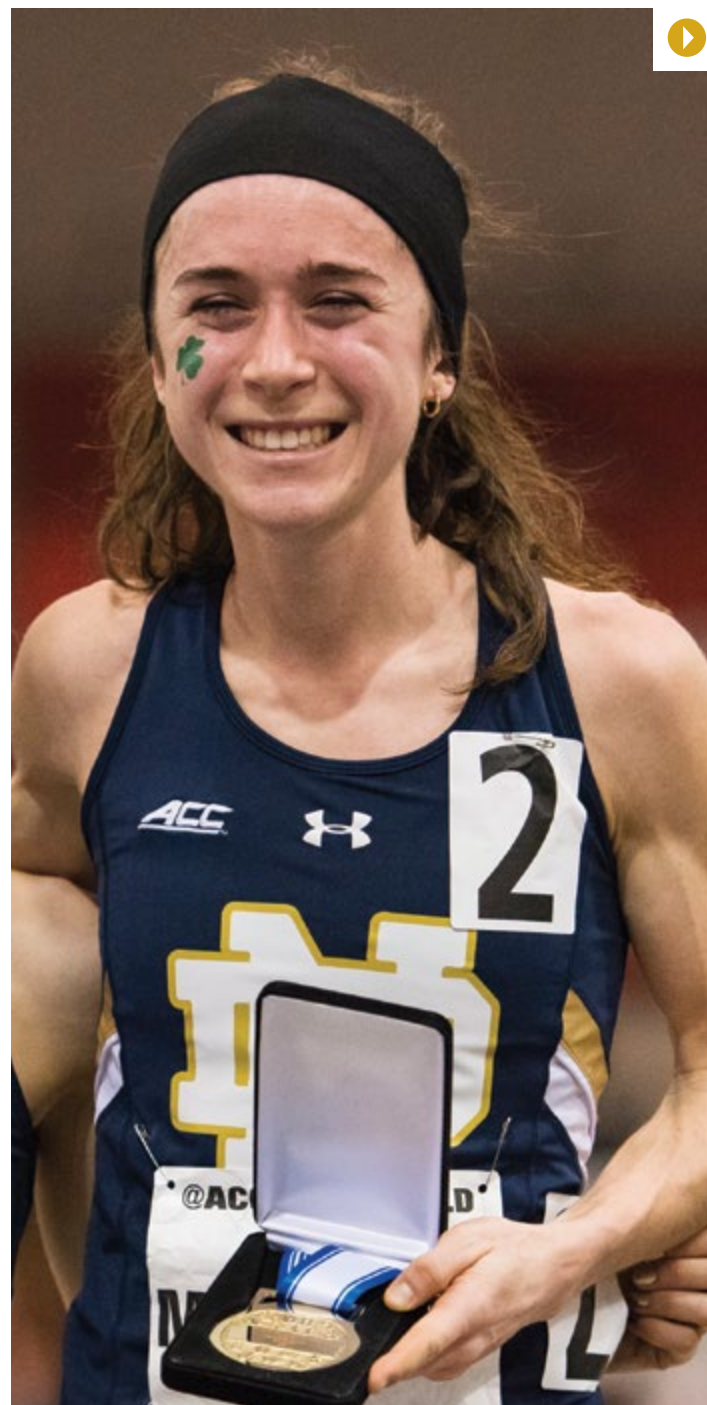
04 Blackhawks Train Again in 2015

The Chicago Blackhawks returned to the Compton Family Ice Arena for their three-day preseason training camp for the third consecutive year in 2015. On campus for the first time on a home football weekend, the 2015 Stanley Cup champions were introduced at the Notre Dame-Georgia Tech football game.

05 Australia National Rugby Team Trains at Notre Dame in Advance of 2015 Rugby World Cup

The national Rugby Union of Australia, commonly known as the Wallabies, headed to Notre Dame for approximately two weeks of training in advance of the 20-nation 2015 Rugby World Cup in England. The Wallabies arrived in South Bend Aug. 29 and trained on campus through Sept. 3 before heading to Chicago for a Sept. 5 test match versus the USA Eagles at Soldier Field. Following that event, the Australian squad returned to Notre Dame for additional training before heading to London Sept. 13. Notre Dame staff members exchanged best practices with the Australia team that brought a support staff of therapists, doctors and strength coaches regarded as some of the most advanced in the world in the area of sports science. The Wallabies ultimately finished as runner-up to New Zealand in the RWC.

HONORS AND AWARDS



01 Seidel Tabbed 2015-16 Mary Garber Award Recipient

Four-time national champion becomes Notre Dame's first ACC female athlete of the year honoree

As a parting achievement to culminate her college career, four-time Notre Dame national champion **Molly Seidel** was honored for an exceptional senior cross country/track and field campaign by being named the 2015-16 Mary Garber Award winner by the Atlantic Coast Sports Media Association in June. The award signified Seidel being recognized as the Atlantic Coast Conference's top female athlete from the past academic year, the first Irish student-athlete to receive the award since Notre Dame joined the ACC in the fall of 2013.

Seidel capped a standout cross country season in 2015 by winning her first national title in the sport with a time of 19:28.60 at the NCAA Division I Cross Country Championships last November. She previously claimed the 2015 ACC Championship 6K with a time of 19:36.20 and the top spot at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional 6K by clocking in at 20:04.40, on the road to the national championship meet.

A 2015 cross country All-America selection, Seidel also was named the ACC Women's Cross Country Performer of the Year, ACC Women's Cross Country Scholar-Athlete of the Year—and she was tabbed as the Honda Sport Award winner as the top female athlete nationally in cross country. She represented Notre Dame along with other 2016 Honda Sport Awards winner at the Collegiate Women Sports Awards (CWSA) ceremony June 27 in Los Angeles.

In recognition of outstanding achievement in cross country, Seidel was Notre Dame's nominee for the 2016 NCAA Woman of the Year award, one of a record 517 student-athletes across the country in consideration for the award.

Seidel, who entered 2016 as the defending ACC Indoor champion in the 3,000- and 5,000-meter events, carried the momentum from the successful cross country campaign into her final collegiate track season. Seidel achieved the ACC repeat with a time of 9:02.24 in the 3,000m and added a victorious 15:19.64 in the 5,000m to once more sweep the events at the 2016 ACC Indoor Championships in February. The stellar runs set the stage for a dominant outing at the 2016 NCAA Indoor Championships in March in Birmingham, Alabama, where Seidel logged

Notre Dame school record times in the 3,000m (8:57.86) and 5,000m (15:15.21) to double as the NCAA champion in both distances.

Along with first team USTFCCCA Track & Field All-America recognition during the 2016 indoor season as the 3,000m and 5,000m national champion, Seidel also doubled on the all-ACC first team. She added ACC Women's Indoor Track & Field Scholar-Athlete recognition to her academic accomplishments for the competitive year. Seidel also was named the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) Women's Division I National Athlete of the Year in both indoor track and cross country.

Seidel's four combined national championship victories (2015 NCAA Outdoor 10,000m, 2015 NCAA Cross Country 6K, 2016 NCAA Indoor 3,000m and 2016 NCAA Indoor 5,000m) are a Notre Dame record. Seidel claimed six combined All-America citations (two cross country, four track) during her Irish career, to go along with nine all-ACC scrolls and four all-ACC academic team nods.

A standout in the classroom with a cumulative 3.54 GPA in the College of Arts and Letters (biological anthropology major with a minor in sustainability), Seidel was the lone College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-America® representative from Notre Dame for the spring 2016 season.

02 Other Major ACC Awards

The Atlantic Coast Conference presents a series of major awards to top performers in each of 27 sports—and in 2015-16 10 of those awards went to individuals from Notre Dame:

Brianna Turner Women's Basketball
Defensive Player of the Year

Molly Seidel Women's Cross Country
Performer of the Year

Anna Rohrer Women's Cross Country
Freshman of the Year

Axel Kiefer Men's Fencing
Performer of the Year in Foil

Jonah Shainberg Men's Fencing
Co-Performer of the Year in Sabre

Sabrina Massialas Women's Fencing
Performer of the Year in Foil

Matt Landis Men's Lacrosse
Defensive Player of the Year

Ryder Garnsey Men's Lacrosse
Freshman of the Year

Barbara Sullivan Women's Lacrosse
Defensive Player of the Year

Molly Seidel Women's Indoor Track and Field
Track Performer of the Year



03 Robinson Elected Student Body President

Former Notre Dame football receiver **Corey Robinson** will serve as student body president during his senior year on campus in 2016-17. Robinson will not compete on the field in 2016 but will assist Brian Kelly's squad as a student coach.

04 O.S.C.A.R.S.

The Notre Dame athletics department took time to celebrate its successes on the fields of competition, in the classroom and throughout the community at its 15th annual O.S.C.A.R.S. (Outstanding Student-Athletes Celebrating Achievement & Recognition Showcase) gala in April. Here's a look at the 2015-16 Notre Dame award recipients:

BYRON V. KANALEY AWARD

The most prestigious honor awarded to Notre Dame student-athletes, the Byron V. Kanaley Award has been presented each year since 1927 to senior monogram athletes who have been most exemplary as students and leaders, as selected by the Faculty Board of Athletics:

Emma Gaboury
Women's Swimming and Diving

Gaboury made program history with the diving squad in 2016 when she and two of her diving teammates qualified for the NCAA Championship meet, the first time Notre Dame sent more than one diver to the national meet.

Garrett McGrath
Men's Fencing

McGrath was a four-time NCAA Championship qualifier in epee, a two-time All-American (highlighted by his NCAA runner-up finish as a sophomore in 2014) and the 2016 ACC Men's Fencing Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Quentin Monaghan
Men's Tennis

Monaghan and teammate Alex Lawson advanced to the semifinals of the 2016 NCAA Doubles Championship, with Monaghan also claiming the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Arthur Ashe Award.

Katie Naughton
Women's Soccer

Naughton was the first three-time captain in Fighting Irish women's soccer history, a three-time all-conference selection and a CoSIDA Academic All-America Second Team pick last fall.

Molly Seidel
Women's Cross Country/Track and Field

Seidel, the first four-time NCAA individual champion in school history, won national titles in every event she competed in during the last calendar year: 10,000 meters (2015 outdoor track and field) cross country, and 3,000 meters and 5,000 meters (both 2016 indoor track and field).

FRANCIS PATRICK O'CONNOR AWARD

Notre Dame in 1993 began presenting the annual Francis Patrick O'Connor Award, named in honor of a former Notre Dame wrestler who died in 1973 following his freshman year at Notre Dame. The award is presented, upon nomination by their head coaches, to student-athletes who best display the total embodiment of the true spirit of Notre Dame as exemplified by their contributions and inspiration to their teams.

Kaila Barber
Women's Track and Field

Barber was an elite sprinter for the Irish, finishing sixth in the 60-meter hurdles at the NCAA Indoor Championship (8.07 seconds) after clocking a personal-best time of 8.05 seconds during the preliminary heats. She followed that with a second NCAA All-America effort outdoors in taking eighth (:56.54) in the 400-meter hurdles.

Connor Klekota
Men's Soccer

Klekota, a repeat winner of the O'Connor Award and a team captain during the 2015 season, scored two goals and added one assist in a career-high 22 starts as part of the Irish midfield in 2015.

Jaylon Smith
Football

Smith, a consensus football All-American for 2015 by the NCAA, won the 2015 Butkus Award recipient as the nation's top linebacker. He led Notre Dame in total tackles (114), solo tackles (69), assisted tackles (45), pass breakups (five) and fumble recoveries (two).

Megan Sorlie
Softball

Sorlie returned from an injury sustained in the middle of the 2016 season to set career highs in doubles (seven) and RBI (22) in 50 games (44 starts), batting .277.

Barbara Sullivan
Women's Lacrosse

Sullivan set Irish single-game, single-season and career records for caused turnovers and draw controls. A three-time first-team All-American, Sullivan was a finalist for the 2015 and 2016 Tewaaraton awards, the national player-of-the-year competition.

COMMUNITY CHAMPION AWARD

This award recognizes the contributions of Notre Dame student-athletes to the University community and the community at-large, in terms of embodying the spirit of leadership, commitment and selflessness.

Casey Africano
Softball

A repeat selection for the award, Africano was a key Fighting Irish Fight for Life ambassador and spent the majority of her 2015 summer in the International Summer Service Learning Program in Ghana, serving as a senior high school instructor while working to develop a sustainable income for the local school system so it could continue providing for the children in the surrounding area.

Lena Madison
Women's Track and Field

Two-time team captain Madison was heavily involved in Notre Dame's Green Dot violence prevention initiative, worked with the student organization Shades of Ebony and served as a peer educator for the Gender Relations Center of Notre Dame.

Eva Niklinska
Women's Fencing

Niklinska has been active in the University's Student Council—most recently serving as junior class president during the 2015-16 academic year. She served as a weekly volunteer at the Sister Maura Brannick, C.S.C., Health Center, which provides primary health care services to the uninsured residents of St. Joseph County, and also contributed to her own “#HandwrittenHearts” organization that she founded in 2011 to deliver handwritten letters and seasonal gifts to patients in the oncology and renal wards at the Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center in Mishawaka, Indiana.

Kyle Richardson
Baseball

Richardson connected with the Movember Foundation and rallied his teammates to participate in the annual November grass-roots movement of growing mustaches to raise money and awareness for men's health, most notably prostate cancer. With the entire Notre Dame baseball team on board, the Irish raised more than \$35,000 and finished in the top 30 nationally among all Movember groups, finishing first among all college groups, sports teams and organizations.

Andy Ryan
Hockey

Ryan was Notre Dame's nominee for the 2016 College Hockey Humanitarian Award. He also led the Notre Dame hockey team's involvement with the Fighting Irish Fight For Life program, the Uni-

versity's Green Dot violence prevention initiative and the athletics department's Habitat for Humanity build. On the ice, Ryan served as an alternate captain during the 2015-16 season.

TROPHY AWARD

The Trophy Award was established in 2006 to recognize the team that has demonstrated a commitment to community through its unparalleled service to Notre Dame, as well as South Bend and the surrounding communities.

Softball

This marked the fifth time in six years the Notre Dame softball team claimed the Trophy Award. The Irish have become a mainstay for this honor due to the program's ever-growing Strikeout Cancer initiative held each April. Through Strikeout Cancer, Notre Dame softball has raised more than \$150,000 to directly benefit pediatric cancer patients since 2011.

TOP GUN AWARD

The Top Gun Award is given annually to the Notre Dame graduating senior student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average.

Michael Shipp
Men's Soccer

Shipp received the award after posting back-to-back 4.0 GPA efforts in the classroom during the 2015-16 academic year. A 2015 CoSIDA Academic All-America First Team selection and All-ACC Academic Team choice, Shipp graduated with a pre-professional studies degree from the College of Science in May 2016 and plans to attend medical school.

CHUCK LINSTER AWARD

The Chuck Linster Award is given annually to a senior member of Notre Dame's cheerleading, student manager or student athletic trainers programs who has the highest grade-point average.

Cara Lucas
Student Manager, Hockey

Lucas was a finance major in Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business with a 3.95 cumulative grade-point average. After receiving her bachelor's degree in May, she joined UPMC's financial management rotation program as a financial analyst.

TEAM GPA AWARD

This award is presented annually to the Notre Dame varsity athletics program that registers the highest combined grade-point average during each of the preceding two semesters, as well as overall during that two-semester span.

Women's Cross Country

The Notre Dame women's cross country team earned all three Team GPA awards after compiling a 3.557 grade-point average during the spring 2015 semester, a 3.521 GPA in the fall 2015 semester and an overall 3.539 GPA during the 2015 calendar year.

05 Bodensteiner Joins NCAA Committee

Jill Bodensteiner, Notre Dame senior associate athletics director, has been appointed to a five-year term on the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship Committee. Bodensteiner begins her tenure Sept. 1, 2016, serving on a committee that is charged with numerous responsibilities, including the selection, seeding and bracketing for the annual NCAA Women's Basketball Championship.

06 Valdiserri to USBWA Hall

Former Notre Dame associate athletics director and sports information director Roger Valdiserri was inducted into the United States Basketball Writers Association Hall of Fame at the 2016 NCAA Men's Basketball Final Four in Houston.

07 Cafarelli Claims Arch Ward Award

Former Notre Dame assistant athletics director and sports information director Bernie Cafarelli in June received the prestigious Arch Ward Award (for outstanding contributions in the media relations field) at the annual College Sports Information Directors of America Convention in Dallas. Cafarelli left Notre Dame in January for a position as associate commissioner for communications with the American Athletic Conference.

08 Roberts Selected to National Radio Hall of Fame

Former University of Notre Dame football radio play-by-play veteran Tony Roberts was selected for induction into the National Radio Hall of Fame as one of four individuals chosen for career contributions to the industry. Roberts handled play by play on Irish radio broadcasts on Westwood One from 1980 through 2005.



MARKETING

01 Attendance

→ Notre Dame ranked 15th nationally in home football attendance in 2015 at 80,795 fans per game. Notre Dame's final home game in 2015 against Wake Forest marked the 249th straight sellout at Notre Dame Stadium. Notre Dame has played in front of sellouts in 298 of its last 299 home games.

→ Every Notre Dame football game in 2015 sold out—including record crowds at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia (69,280) and Heinz Field in Pittsburgh (68,400).

→ After previously selling out in December, the 2016 **BattleFrog Fiesta Bowl** added 2,600 tickets and seats due to high demand for the game between Ohio State and Notre Dame. A sold-out crowd of 71,123 witnessed the contest in Glendale, Arizona, on New Year's Day. That attendance figure marked the sixth-highest among all postseason games following the 2015 campaign.



02 Impact

→ Notre Dame's 2015 Shamrock Series game against Boston College at Fenway Park drew an attendance of 38,686 and a total spending impact of \$22.2 million. The spending impact is nearly 14 times more than an average regular season Boston Red Sox home game, which typically generates around \$1.6 million.

→ Forbes rated Notre Dame the second most valuable college football team at \$127 million (December 2015).

03 Fan Council

The inaugural Notre Dame Athletics Fan Council formed in the summer of 2015 received more than 650 online applications in one week. Twenty-four members were selected from across the country to assist in the department's efforts to improve and enhance the total fan experience. Members consisted of Notre Dame alumni, non-alumni, students and campus faculty and staff. The council met four times throughout the 2015-16 academic year and

spent time reviewing and discussing fan surveys, ticket operations, in-game presentations, fan engagement opportunities and much more. A small number of the inaugural class will remain on the council next year and will be joined by a new group of diverse Fighting Irish fans eager to learn more about Notre Dame Athletics while contributing to new initiatives.

04 Herndon Heads Up Cheerleading

Delayna Herndon, a former Bowling Green State cheerleader and seven-year member of the Detroit Tigers Energy Squad, has joined the Notre Dame staff as head cheerleading coach. Herndon replaced longtime head coach Jo Min-ton, who retired in June following 22 years of service to the University.

MEDIA

01 Television Ratings and Viewership

→ NBC's top college football games in 2015 included a 2.5 rating for Notre Dame-USC in week seven in prime time and 4.1 million viewers for Notre Dame-Texas in week one, also in prime time. The week one game against Texas was the most-watched Notre Dame home opener since the 2006 game against Penn State. The Notre Dame-Texas game on NBC Sports Live Extra digital coverage saw a record 2.8 million live minutes streamed by 56,000 unique viewers.

→ NBCSN televised its first Notre Dame football game on Nov. 21, 2015 (a 19-16 victory over Boston College at Fenway Park). That game averaged 2.0 million viewers to rank as the network's most-watched college football game.

→ Notre Dame's 2015 regular-season finale at Stanford qualified as the highest-rated and most-watched regular season game on FOX at 4.3/11 rating/share, with more than 7.3 million viewers.

→ Other top ratings for Notre Dame games in 2015 included a 4.5 (7.647 million viewers) for the game at Clemson in prime time on ABC, a 3.7 (5.744 million viewers) for the game at Virginia on ABC and a 3.6 (5.977 million viewers) for the game at Temple in prime time on ABC.

→ Notre Dame's 2015 football game at Temple drew by far the highest television rating in Philadelphia for a college football game on ABC at 17.6 (even though the game went up against the World Series). The next highest ABC game drew a 12.4 (Ohio State/Michigan in 2006). By comparison, the Oct. 17, 2015, prime-time ABC full national game between top-ranked Ohio State and Penn State drew a 5.7 rating.

→ The Showtime series "A Season with Notre Dame Football" every Tuesday night during the 2015 season produced a million viewers per week across all platforms.

→ Four of the New Year's Six bowl games following the 2015 season saw ratings increases from their same bowl last year (i.e., Cotton Bowl vs. Cotton Bowl), including the BattleFrog Fiesta Bowl between Notre Dame and Ohio State on New Year's Day, which earned a 6.2 overnight, up 35 percent from the Fiesta Bowl the previous season. The four bowls which were not designated as College Football Playoff Semifinals last season—Peach, Fiesta (including Notre Dame), Rose and Sugar—averaged a 5.8 overnight rating, up 26 percent from the four bowls the previous season which were not semifinals (Peach, Fiesta, Orange and Cotton).

→ Notre Dame's basketball team boasted top ratings for the 2016 NCAA Championship, playing in two of the most-watched games of the tournament. Its second-round clash against Stephen F. Austin had 8.39 million viewers tune in, while over 10 million watched the Irish in the Elite 8 against North Carolina. Overall, Mike Brey's squad was seen by over 30 million viewers during its four-game 2016 NCAA run.

02 Digital/Social Media

→ On WatchESPN, the 2016 Fiesta Bowl was the most-streamed Fiesta Bowl ever, setting record highs in all major metrics: 159,000 average minute impressions, 693,000 total unique viewers and 35,822,000 total minutes.

→ Notre Dame's official athletics site UND.com in 2015-16 produced 27 million total page views and 6.3 million unique views. In addition to the South Bend market, the largest number of views came from Chicago, New York City, Washington, D.C., Indianapolis, San Francisco, Houston and Columbus. Video views numbered over 38 million—including 3.1 from WatchND, 3.8 from YouTube, and a combined 31.4 from Facebook and Twitter.

→ Notre Dame became one of two schools with four Twitter accounts with 100,000 or more followers—and the only school with two accounts with 300,000 or more followers (football and men's basketball). Tweets from Notre Dame Athletics accounts featured more than 160 million impressions during 2015-16.

03 Fighting Irish Media By the Numbers, 2015-16

1 School with two team Twitter accounts with more than 300,000 followers

4 Teams in top 10 for Instagram followers

5 New shows created

6 Top 25 rankings in every social media platform (one of six schools)

8 Twitter accounts with at least a 25 percent increase in followers (men's basketball led with 102 percent increase; also football at 91 percent, followed by cross country/track and field, men's soccer, women's basketball, Fighting Irish, women's lacrosse and men's lacrosse)

16 Team Twitter accounts in top 25 in their respective sports (of 20)

125 Live events produced

200 Highlight videos produced, plus another 100 videos

1,000 Print pieces posted to und.com

10,000 Social media posts (400,000,000 impressions, a 115 percent increase)

1,000,000 Unique Facebook followers

27,195,997 Total page views on UND.com

38,273,829 Overall video views (125.48 percent increase versus 2014-15)

04 New Chicago Radio Outlet

ESPN Chicago 1000 reached a multiyear agreement to broadcast every Notre Dame football and men’s basketball game beginning with the 2016-17 seasons. The deal returns the Irish to Chicago’s top-rated sports station, which was previously the home for Notre Dame sports from 1999-2005. ESPN Chicago 1000 will produce Notre Dame basketball games, while IMG will produce Notre Dame football games, as part of IMG’s Notre Dame Football Network.

05 Fighting Irish Media Awards

The Notre Dame athletics media production group earned 19 honors for professional excellence in 2015-16 in the fields of video production, broadcasting, publications and feature writing. These came in a year in which Fighting Irish Media completed its first cycle combining the talents of Notre Dame’s digital media group (formerly known as Fighting Irish Digital Media) and the University’s athletics communications office (formerly called athletics media relations and, prior to that, sports information).

➔ Another highlight was a record-setting nine Telly Awards, including four silver Tellys, for excellence in several online video and film productions. In the past three years alone, FIM has collected 17 Telly Awards—five silver and 12 bronze.

➔ FIM also earned praise from the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) for excellence in publications, with the 2015 Notre Dame football game program and the 2015-16 Fighting Irish women’s basketball media guide both rated second in the nation in the annual CoSIDA Publications Contest. The Fighting Irish football game program also was recognized with the best cover in the nation award for 2015-16.

Three Notre Dame games ranked among the 50 most-watched sporting events in the first half of 2016—and no college placed more events on that list than the Irish did (as charted by Sports Media Watch):

➔ The Notre Dame-North Carolina men’s basketball game in the NCAA Elite Eight ranked 35th (5.8 rating, 10.11 million viewers on TBS).

➔ The Notre Dame-Ohio State Fiesta Bowl football game ranked 38th (5.6 rating, 9.76 million viewers on ESPN).

➔ The Notre Dame-Stephen F. Austin men’s basketball game in the NCAA Championship ranked 46th (8.39 million viewers on CBS).

No other institution was represented in both football and men’s basketball on the top 50 list. Villanova and North Carolina also had three events on the list—all in men’s basketball.

Rundown of the 19 FIM award-winning productions in 2015-16:

SVG/NACDA College Sports Media Award - Irish Connection

Outstanding Program Series - Collegiate Athletics
Jodain Massad (FIM executive producer) and Josh Long (FIM associate producer)

Chicago/Midwest Emmy Award

On-Camera Talent - Sports Anchor/Reporter/Play by Play
Jack Nolan (FIM talent/producer)

Silver Telly - Emma Reaney: Road To Rio

Online Video - Video - Sports
Javi Zubizarreta (FIM producer)

Silver Telly - ECHOES ‘15: Notre Dame Football Awards Show

Film/Video - TV Programs, Segments or Promotional Pieces - Sports
Jodain Massad (FIM executive producer)

Silver Telly - Coaches Campaign

Commercial - Local TV/Cable - Campaign - Promotional/Branding
Jodain Massad (FIM executive producer)

Silver Telly - ND Day: Songs To Sing

Online Video - Video - Show
Opening Segment
Jodain Massad (FIM executive producer)

Bronze Telly - Schooled: Austin Carr & Demetrius Jackson

Online Video - Video - Sports
Jodain Massad (FIM executive producer)

Bronze Telly - The Adventures of Johnny Lujack

Online Video - Online Video - Sports
Javi Zubizarreta (FIM producer)

Bronze Telly - Inside Notre Dame Basketball

Film/Video - TV Programs, Segments or Promotional Pieces - Sports
Jodain Massad (FIM executive producer)

Bronze Telly - Irish Connection

Online Video - Video - Editing
Jodain Massad (FIM executive producer)

Bronze Telly - Notre Dame Football Primer: Battlefrog Fiesta Bowl

Online Video - Video - Editing
Jodain Massad (FIM executive producer)

CoSIDA Publications Award - Notre Dame Football Game Program

Best Cover in the Nation
Bernadette Cafarelli (assistant athletics director)

CoSIDA Publications Award - Notre Dame Football Game Program

(Second in the Nation)
Bernadette Cafarelli (assistant athletics director)

CoSIDA Publications Award - Women’s Basketball Media Guide

Second in the Nation
Chris Masters (associate athletics communications director)

CoSIDA Fred Stabley Sr. Writing Contest - “The Last Word: The Irish Senior Farewell”

National Winner - Blog/Interview
John Heisler (senior associate athletics director)

CoSIDA Fred Stabley Sr. Writing Contest - “The Last Word: The Irish Senior Farewell”

(District Winner - Blog/Interview)
John Heisler (senior associate athletics director)

CoSIDA Fred Stabley Sr. Writing Contest - “North of Confident, South of Cocky”

District Winner - Athlete Profile
John Heisler (senior associate athletics director)

CoSIDA Fred Stabley Sr. Writing Contest - “Sunday Brunch: Irish Survive Zaire Injury with Eye-Popping Finish”

District Winner - Event Coverage
John Heisler (senior associate athletics director)

CoSIDA Fred Stabley Sr. Writing Contest - “Brey’s Crew Receives Rings, Prepares to Raise Banner - and Moves On”

District Winner - Season Preview/Recap
John Heisler (senior associate athletics director)

MONOGRAM CLUB

01 100th Anniversary

The Notre Dame Monogram Club launched its 100th anniversary celebration in September 2015 during the Georgia Tech football weekend. Along with highlighting the outstanding accomplishments of its members, the 15-month celebration has shown how the club adheres to the five pillars of Notre Dame athletics: tradition, faith, education, excellence and education.

➔ Via social media and online the Monogram Club has showcased its strong ties to each Fighting Irish athletics program. The content has illustrated how each team and its current and former student-athletes have been intertwined with the club through board leadership, Monogram Career Network, team-hosting program, monogram jacket ceremony, postgraduate scholarships and the Moose Krause Distinguished Service Award.

➔ The club has welcomed monogram winners back to campus for dedicated 100th anniversary games and events. The contests featured recognitions of monogram winners who have been meaningful contributors to their respective programs and the club.

➔ Special 100th anniversary signage has been displayed at several Notre Dame athletics venues, including graphics and videos at Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center and the Compton Family Ice Arena.

➔ In 2015-16 the Monogram Club continued the mission of bringing itself to its membership. It was fitting that the first Riehle Open on the Road was held during the

club’s 100th anniversary. The club, its members and guests enjoyed a successful golf outing at TPC Harding Park in San Francisco the day prior to Notre Dame’s gridiron showdown at Stanford. During Shamrock Series weekend in Boston, the club took part in the Alumni Association’s service project, hosted a Monogram Career Network event and held a popular pregame reception.

➔ The club celebrated its official 100th birthday March 26, 2016. That day marked 100 years since Notre Dame head football coach Jesse Harper and assistant coach Knute Rockne held the club’s first official meeting.

➔ As a lead up to its 100th birthday, the club launched the M.A.S.S. Appeal campaign. M.A.S.S. stands for Membership, Advocacy, Service and Support. The campaign’s mission is to have every monogram winner connect with the club through those four areas as a way to celebrate the anniversary and build toward the organization’s next 100 years.

➔ The Monogram Club presented a birthday gift of sorts to its membership by making the entire Heritage Hall Ring of Names available through its website, NDMonogramClub.com. Every name can now be viewed from anywhere in the world free of charge via high-resolution photos.

➔ The club’s culminating anniversary celebration will take place Oct. 28-29, 2016, during the Notre Dame-Miami football weekend. Scheduled events include a reception Friday evening, the club’s traditional pregame reception, Monogram Club pregame tunnel and a special postgame Mass.

➔ The Monogram Club named Sarah Kappers (rowing) and Brian Talcott (men’s soccer) the 2016 recipients of the club’s postgraduate scholarship. Each individual received a one-time, nonrenewable grant of \$5,000 to attend graduate school in recognition of outstanding academic achievement, service, leadership and potential for success in postgraduate study.

Kappers is a seven-time dean’s list honoree who graduated with a 3.89 cumulative grade-point average as a psychology and science pre-professional major. She was awarded an ACC postgraduate scholarship in February 2016. She was a three-time Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association (CRCA) National Scholar-Athlete, a three-time ACC Rowing All-Academic Team member and a three-time selection to the ACC Academic Honor Roll. Kappers helped Notre Dame win a BIG EAST Conference title (2013) and finish second at two ACC Championships (2014 and 2015). Notre Dame also finished ninth and 16th, respectively, at the 2014 and 2015 NCAA Championships.

Talcott graduated with a 3.895 cumulative grade-point average as a political science major with a minor in constitutional studies. He appeared on the dean’s list six times and produced a 4.0 grade-point average each of his last four semesters and five times

03 Catastrophic Relief Fund

overall at Notre Dame. Talcott, a goalkeeper, helped Notre Dame win the national championship during his sophomore season in 2013—and the Irish claimed three conference titles over the last four campaigns. Talcott was named to the ACC Academic Honor Roll three times in addition to being a BIG EAST Academic All-Star as a freshman.

A hallmark service initiative of the Monogram Club, the Catastrophic Relief Fund has been renamed the Heaton Fund in honor of former club president Mike Heaton (’68, ’71 football and golf). Heaton is responsible for the formation and management of the CRF, a need-based fund solely funded by donations made by Monogram Club membership intended to assist monogram winners faced with catastrophic problems of health and/or financial hardship. The fund’s concept originated in the summer of 2005 and to date it has issued over \$200,000 to Monogram Club members and their families in need.

The announcement of the fund’s name change occurred during the Monogram Club’s fall board of directors meeting. Heaton began his service with the Monogram Club in 1990 as a board member (1990-94) and then spent six years in the president rotation. He was club president from 1999-2001 and later was the organization’s past president and served as its legal counsel, and part of the past presidents’ council.

OLYMPICS



Notre Dame qualified **10 current and former athletes** for competition at the 2016 Summer Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, with that group producing one gold medal (Amanda Polk in rowing) and three bronze medals (Gerek Meinhardt and Mariel Zagunis in fencing; Melissa Tancredi for Canada in women's soccer)

COACHES



ANGIE (HARRIS) AKERS

Beach Volleyball, Netherlands
Akers and the Netherlands beach volleyball duo of Marleen van Iersel and Madelein Mappelink saw their Olympic run end in the round of 16 with a narrow 2-1 defeat at the hands of Switzerland.



BUCKIE LEACH

Fencing (Women's Foil), USA
Leach helped the U.S. team advance both its foil fencers, Lee Kiefer and Nzingha Prescod, to the round of 16 in the individual competition.



MONTY WILLIAMS

Men's Basketball, USA
The USA men's basketball team won the gold medal for a third consecutive Summer Olympic Games. After going 5-0 in group A competition, Team USA defeated Argentina in the quarterfinals, Spain in the semifinals and then Serbia in the gold-medal contest.



NATALIE ACHONWA

Basketball, Canada

Achonwa and Team Canada finished third in Group B with a 3-2 record. Team Canada's tournament ended with a quarterfinal loss to France. Achonwa played in all six contests and averaged 5.0 points and 2.8 rebounds per game.



COURTNEY HURLEY

Fencing, USA, Epee

Hurley helped Team USA finish fifth in the women's epee team competition. In individual action, Hurley fell in the round of 32.



KELLEY HURLEY

Fencing, USA, Epee

Hurley joined her sister, Courtney, on the Team USA women's epee squad that finished fifth overall. Hurley was knocked out of the individual competition in the round of 32.



LEE KIEFER

Fencing, USA, Foil

Kiefer, a three-time NCAA foil champion, saw her run in the individual women's foil competition end in the round of 16. It marked her second consecutive appearance in the Olympics after finishing fifth in the individual foil competition at the 2012 games.



GEREK MEINHARDT

Fencing, USA, Foil

Meinhardt was the first individual with Notre Dame ties to claim a medal in Rio as he helped the United States men's foil team to bronze. It was Meinhardt's first Olympic medal in three appearances. In the individual men's foil competition, Meinhardt posted two victories before falling in the quarterfinals.



MARIEL ZAGUNIS

Fencing, USA, Sabre

Zagunis made USA Fencing and Notre Dame Olympic history as a member of the bronze medal U.S. sabre squad. The bronze medal was Zagunis' fourth career podium finish at the Olympic Games, tying Notre Dame track legend Alex Wilson ('32) for the most Olympic medals earned by an athlete with Irish ties. Zagunis is also the first U.S. fencer to ever medal in three different Olympics after claiming gold medals in individual sabre in 2004 and 2008, and bronze medals in team sabre in 2008 and 2016. In the individual sabre competition in Rio, Zagunis fell in the round of 16.



AMANDA POLK

Rowing, USA, Women's Eight

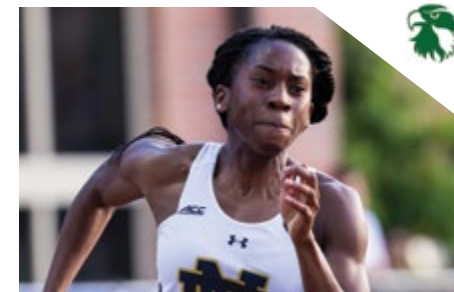
Polk earned her first career gold medal, and the first Notre Dame gold medal of the 2016 Olympics, when Team USA Rowing claimed victory in the women's eight in 6:01.49. The U.S. women's eight has won 11 consecutive world/Olympic titles.



MELISSA TANCREDI

Soccer, Canada

Tancredi and Team Canada defeated Brazil in the women's soccer bronze medal match. Tancredi scored two goals in Canada's 2-1 victory over Germany in group play. Canada finished 3-0 in group play and then topped France in the quarterfinals before falling to Germany in the semifinals. Tancredi captured her second Olympic medal, having helped Canada to the bronze in 2012.



MARGARET BAMGBOSE

Track and Field, Nigeria, 400 meters

Bamgbose posted the third-fastest time in her qualifying heat (51.43). She then ran a 51.92 in the semifinals of the 400-meter dash and placed seventh in her semifinal heat.



MOLLY HUDDLE

Track and Field, USA, 10,000 and 5,000 meters

Huddle posted an American record in the women's 10,000-meter race, finishing sixth in the fastest women's 10K in history. Huddle's time of 30:13.17 shattered Shalane Flanagan's 30:22.22 mark set at the 2008 Beijing Games. Huddle won both events at U.S. Olympic Trials in Eugene, Oregon, becoming the first woman to win both those events at the trials.

SPORTS

//// 2015-16



NACDA CUP

Notre Dame finished 17th in the final Directors Cup all-sports standings for 2015-16 in the tabulations sponsored by Learfield and the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics. The Irish scored points in nine women's sports and eight men's sports in addition to points from the combined NCAA fencing championship. Top point-scoring programs

in 2015-16 were fencing (75 points), women's indoor track and field (75), men's basketball (73) and women's lacrosse (70).

Notre Dame qualified for spots in the brackets listing the final 16 teams in the 2016 NCAA Championships in men's basketball, women's basketball and hockey—becoming the first institution in history to accomplish that feat.





BASEBALL

27-27
11-17 (ACC)

7TH IN ACC ATLANTIC DIVISION

HEAD COACH
Mik Aoki

ASSISTANT COACHES
Jesse Woods
Chuck Ristano
Robert Youngdahl

CAPTAINS
James Nevant
Lane Richards



ZAK KUTSULIS

➔ **Matt Vierling** earned a spot on the Louisville Slugger Freshman All-America team following a rookie campaign that saw him become a mainstay in the Irish outfield from day one. He was tabbed as one of two utility players on the team. He also claimed second-team Freshman All-America accolades from the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) in addition to Perfect Game/Rawlings.

➔ Vierling earned a spot on the Atlantic Coast Conference All-Freshman Team. A starter in all 54 games, he finished the year hitting .258 with 55 hits, three doubles, one triple, six homers, 29 RBI, 20 walks, three stolen bases and 26 runs scored.

➔ **Zak Kutsulis** led the Irish with his .315 average and 30 RBI to go with a .467 slugging percentage. **Cavan Biggio** finished at .311 and led the squad in hits (61).

➔ **Michael Hearne** ranked among ACC leaders in ERA at 2.13 to go with his 8-2 record.

➔ The Irish had two selections in the 2016 Major League Baseball Draft—with Biggio going to Toronto in the fifth round and **Torii Hunter Jr.** selected in the 23rd round by the Los Angeles Angels.

MEN'S

BASKETBALL

24-12
11-7 (ACC)

#17 FINAL RANKING (USA TODAY)
11-7, TIE FOR 5TH IN ACC
ACC CHAMPIONSHIP SEMIFINALS
NCAA EAST REGIONAL RUNNER-UP

HEAD COACH
Mike Brey

ASSISTANT COACHES
Rod Balanis
Martin Ingelsby
Anthony Solomon

CAPTAINS
Zach Auguste
A.J. Burgette
Demetrius Jackson
Steve Vasturia



DEMETRIUS JACKSON

➔ The Irish advanced to the NCAA Elite Eight for the second straight year—the first time that happened since the 1978 and 1979 NCAA Championships.

➔ Junior point guard **Demetrius Jackson** was named to the all-ACC second team, while senior forward **Zach Auguste** earned a spot on the all-ACC third team.

➔ The Notre Dame regular season was keynoted by home wins over North Carolina (then top rated in one poll) and No. 13 Louisville.

➔ Notre Dame and Syracuse qualified as the only schools to advance both their men's and women's teams into the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Championships.

➔ Notre Dame was the only school in the country to advance its teams to the last 16 in NCAA brackets in men's basketball, women's basketball and hockey.



WOMEN'S

BASKETBALL

33-2
16-0 (ACC)

#6 FINAL RANKING (USA TODAY)
16-0, 1ST IN ACC
ACC TOURNAMENT CHAMPION
NCAA LEXINGTON REGIONAL SEMIFINALS

HEAD COACH
Muffet McGraw

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
Carol Owens

ASSOCIATE COACHES
Beth Cunningham
Niele Ivey

CAPTAINS
Lindsay Allen
Michaela Mabrey



BRIANNA TURNER

- ➔ **Brianna Turner** won consensus first-team All-America honors and was both ACC Player of the Year (voting by coaches) and ACC Defensive Player of the Year.
- ➔ **Lindsay Allen** and **Madison Cable** joined Turner as all-ACC first-team selections.
- ➔ Notre Dame won 26 straight games through the first weekend of the NCAA Championship after winning both the ACC Tournament and ACC regular-season crown for the third straight time.

- ➔ Notre Dame takes a current home win streak of 30 games into the 2016-17 campaign.
- ➔ The Irish finished second nationally in three-point field-goal percentage (.412) and third in overall field-goal percentage (.496).

MEN'S

CROSS COUNTRY

6th
ACC Championship
32nd
NCAA Championship

HEAD COACH
Alan Turner

ASSOCIATE COACH
Matt Sparks

ASSISTANT COACH
Sean Carlson



MICHAEL CLEVINGER

- ➔ **Michael Clevenger** won All-America honors with a 38th-place finish at the NCAA Championship.
- ➔ Clevenger won all-ACC honors for his 21st-place finish at the ACC Championship and took sixth place at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional.

- ➔ Notre Dame won the National Catholic Championship, led by four of the top eight finishers, including **Timothy Ball** in third and Clevenger in fifth.
- ➔ The Irish had seven individual top 10 finishes and 14 top 25 finishes over the course of the season.



WOMEN'S

CROSS COUNTRY

3rd
ACC Championship

8th
NCAA Championship

#8 FINAL RANKING

HEAD COACH
Alan Turner

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
Matt Sparks

ASSISTANT COACH
Sean Carlson



- ➔ All-American **Molly Seidel** won the individual NCAA Cross Country Championship in helping the Irish to an eighth-place team finish.
- ➔ Seidel finished first at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional and at the ACC Championship. She was named the ACC Women's Cross Country Performer of the Year and the USTFCCA National Athlete of the Year award-winner for cross country. She also received the 2015 Honda Sport Award for cross country.
- ➔ **Anna Rohrer** joined Seidel as an All-American with her sixth-place finish at the NCAA meet.
- ➔ Seidel and Rohrer finished first and second, respectively, at both the ACC Championship and the NCAA Great Lakes Regional.
- ➔ Notre Dame won the National Catholic Championship, led by five of the top eight individual finishers, including Rohrer in the blue-ribbon slot.

MEN'S

FENCING

35-3
ACC Champion

#3 FINAL RANKING
(COLLEGEFENCING360.COM)

ACC CHAMPION

5TH IN NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

HEAD COACH
Guorgie "Gia" Kvaratskhelia

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
Cedric Loiseau

ASSISTANT COACH
Samir Ibrahimov

CAPTAINS
Garrett McGrath
Kristjan Archer
John Hallsten



- ➔ Rookie **Axel Kiefer** won first-team All-America honors after advancing to the NCAA semifinals in foil. **Virgile Collin-eau** earned third-team honors in foil.
- ➔ **Garrett McGrath** finished eighth in the NCAA bracket in epee for second-team All-America recognition.
- ➔ The Irish came away with two third-team All-Americans in men's sabre, as **Jonathan Fitzgerald** finished 10th while classmate **Jonah Shainberg** took 12th.
- ➔ At the NCAA Midwest Regional, Kiefer was perfect in grabbing the foil crown, McGrath claimed silver in epee and Fitzgerald finished second in sabre.
- ➔ The Irish repeated as ACC champions, with Shainberg (sabre), Kiefer (foil) and **Dylan French** (epee) all claiming individual weapon gold medals. Kiefer was named the ACC's most valuable fencer overall.
- ➔ Coach **Gia Kvaratskhelia** was named the ACC co-men's and women's coach of the year, while Kiefer was named the ACC men's fencer of the year for foil and Shainberg was named the co-men's fencer of the year for sabre.



WOMEN'S

FENCING

38-0
ACC Champion

#1 FINAL RANKING
(COLLEGEFENCING360.COM)
ACC CHAMPION
5TH IN NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

HEAD COACH
Giorgie “Gia” Kvaratskhelia

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
Cedric Loiseau

ASSISTANT COACH
Samir Ibrahimov

CAPTAINS
Catherine Lee
Nicole McKee



➔ Notre Dame produced five All-Americans—with a first-team honor to **Sabrina Massialas** in foil (she shared third place after falling in the semifinals), second-team recognition to **Francesca Russo** (sabre) and **Catherine Lee** (epee) and third-team honors to **Nicole McKee** (foil) and **Tara Hassett** (sabre).

➔ The Irish women boasted NCAA Midwest Regional champions in epee and foil, as Lee and Massialas turned in outstanding days. Also medaling for the Irish was Russo who claimed second in sabre.

➔ The Irish repeated as ACC champions, with Massialas (foil) and Lee (epee) taking home individual gold medals. Massialas was selected as the ACC women’s fencer of the year for foil.

➔ A week after her rookie collegiate campaign ended Massialas added the title of junior world champion to her trophy case after capturing the FIE Junior World Women’s Foil Championship in Bourges, France.

FOOTBALL

10-3

#11 FINAL RANKING (ASSOCIATED PRESS)
BATTLEFROG FIESTA BOWL PARTICIPANT

HEAD COACH
Brian Kelly

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
Mike Denbrock

ASSISTANT COACHES
Brian VanGorder
Mike Sanford
Mike Elston
Scott Booker
Harry Hiestand
Autry Denson
Keith Gilmore
Todd Lyght

CAPTAINS
Sheldon Day
Matthias Farley
Nick Martin
Joe Schmidt
Jaylon Smith



➔ Linebacker **Jaylon Smith** won the Butkus Award—while Smith and offensive tackle **Ronnie Stanley** both earned consensus first-team All-America honors. That marked the first time since 1993 the Irish produced two consensus picks in the same year.

➔ Receiver **Will Fuller** claimed consensus second-team All-America honors, while the Associated Press named defensive lineman **Sheldon Day** to its second team.

➔ The Irish came from behind to win games at Virginia and Temple on late **DeShone Kizer**-to-Fuller touchdown passes and also eliminated a fourth-period deficit to defeat USC.

➔ Notre Dame’s only two regular-season losses came in the final seconds in road games, as Clemson thwarted a potential tying two-point conversion with seven seconds left and Stanford came from behind to prevail on a field goal as time expired.

➔ The 2015 season marked the 12th time in Notre Dame history the Irish won 10 or more games during the regular season.



MEN'S

GOLF

10th
ACC Championship

HEAD COACH
Jim Kubinski

ASSISTANT COACH
Scott Gump



MATTHEW RUSHTON

➔ Notre Dame recorded five top five individual finishes and four other top 10 finishes.

➔ **Matthew Rushton** led the Irish at the ACC Championship with a tie-for-16th finish at even-par 216.

➔ **Ben Albin** won medalist honors at the Battle at the Warren event.

➔ The fall season featured a co-championship in the Fighting Irish Golf Classic, with **Blake Barens** second individually at 210.

WOMEN'S

GOLF

46th

#46 FINAL RANKING (GOLFSTAT)
10TH IN ACC CHAMPIONSHIP
49TH IN NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP
(13TH IN BIRMINGHAM REGIONAL)

HEAD COACH
Susan Holt

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
Kyle Lynne Demeter

CAPTAIN
Talía Campbell



TALIA CAMPBELL

➔ Notre Dame's participation in the NCAA Birmingham Regional marked the ninth straight NCAA Championship berth.

➔ **Emma Albrecht** led the Irish in Birmingham in finishing tied for 24th at 230.

➔ **Talia Campbell** led Notre Dame at the ACC Championship with a ninth-place finish, becoming the first player in Notre Dame history to lead the team in scoring in four straight events.

➔ The Irish opened the fall season with a repeat win in the Mary Fossum Invitational.



HOCKEY

19-11-7

#13 FINAL RANKING (USCHO.COM)
15-5-2, 3RD IN HOCKEY EAST
HOCKEY EAST TOURNAMENT
QUARTERFINALS
NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP REGIONAL
SEMIFINALS

HEAD COACH
Jeff Jackson

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
Paul Pooley

ASSOCIATE COACH
Andy Slaggert

ASSISTANT COACH
Brian Mahoney-Wilson

CAPTAINS
Steven Fogarty
Thomas DiPauli
Sam Herr
Mario Lucia
Andy Ryan



➔ The Irish made their eighth appearance in the NCAA Championship, including their third appearance in the last four seasons.

➔ High-scoring sophomores **Anders Bjork** and **Jordan Gross** were named second-team Hockey East All-Stars at the league's annual awards banquet. Goaltender **Cal Petersen** and forward **Thomas DiPauli** were named honorable mention All-Stars, while head coach **Jeff Jackson** was the runner-up for the Hockey East coach-of-the-year honor.

➔ Hockey East head coaches voted Notre Dame forward **Sam Herr** the Gladiator Custom Mouthguards Best Defensive Forward of the Year, while freshman defenseman **Bobby Nardella** was named to the Pro Ambitions All-Rookie team.

➔ The Irish went on a 12-game streak without a loss (two ties) beginning with a Nov. 28 home win over Western Michigan through a Jan. 23 road win at New Hampshire. With a home loss to fourth-ranked Boston College sandwiched in the middle, Notre Dame over one stretch swept consecutive two-game series against Merrimack, New Hampshire (on the road), Vermont (on the road) and Maine.

MEN'S

LACROSSE

11-4
3-1 (ACC)

#5 FINAL RANKING (USILA, INSIDE
LACROSSE, LACROSSE MAGAZINE)
3-1, TIE FOR 1ST IN ACC
ACC TOURNAMENT SEMIFINALS
NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP
QUARTERFINALS

HEAD COACH
Kevin Corrigan

ASSISTANT COACHES
Gerry Byrne
Matt Karweck

CAPTAINS
Conor Kelly
Matt Landis
Matt Kavanagh
Eddy Glazener



➔ The United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association selected defenseman **Matt Landis** and midfielder **Sergio Perkovic** to its first All-America team, attack **Matt Kavanagh** and long-stick midfielder **John Sexton** to the second team and goaltender **Shane Doss** to the third team. Those same five individuals earned all-ACC recognition.

➔ One of five Tewaaraton Award finalists, Landis for the second straight year received the USILA William C. Schmeisser Award as the top defenseman in the country—and

he was picked as the ACC Defensive Player of the Year for a second consecutive season. The ACC named rookie attack **Ryder Garnsey** its Freshman of the Year.

➔ The Irish ranked number one in the country for nine weeks during the season, according to the Lacrosse magazine poll.

➔ Notre Dame advanced to the NCAA quarterfinals for the seventh year in a row, the best active streak in the country.



WOMEN'S

LACROSSE

14-7
4-3 (ACC)

#7 FINAL RANKING (IWLCA, LACROSSE MAGAZINE)
4-3, TIE FOR 3RD IN ACC
ACC CHAMPIONSHIP SEMIFINALS
NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTERFINALS

HEAD COACH
Christine Halfpenny

ASSISTANT COACHES
Sarah Dalton
Katie Powell

CAPTAINS
Brie Custis
Stephanie Peragallo
Barbara Sullivan
Stephanie Toy



CORTNEY FORTUNATO

➔ Defender **Barbara Sullivan** qualified as one of five finalists for a second straight season for the Tewaaraton Award as the top player in the country.

➔ **Cortney Fortunato** and Sullivan were named to the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association All-America first team, while **Casey Pearsall** earned a spot on the third team. It was Sullivan's third first-team All-America honor, joining the 2013 and 2015 seasons. Fortunato was also a first-team All-American in 2015.

➔ Fortunato, Pearsall and Sullivan all received first-team IWLCA all-West/Midwest accolades, while **Brie Custis**, **Alex Dalton** and **Rachel Sexton** earned places on the all-region second team.

➔ The Irish had five members of the 2016 team receive all-ACC accolades. Fortunato and Sullivan made the first-team while Pearsall, Sexton and **Stephanie Toy** earned spots on the second team.

➔ The Irish advanced to the NCAA quarterfinal round for the first time since 2009—with the 14 Notre Dame wins ranking as third most in program history.

➔ Notre Dame's 10-9 overtime home win over Duke gave coach **Christine Halfpenny** her 100th career win—and a March 9 win over Liberty marked the 200th in program history.

ROWING

4th
ACC Championship
18th
NCAA Championship

#18 FINAL RANKING
(CRCA/US ROWING COACHES)

HEAD COACH
Martin Stone

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
Marnie Stahl

ASSISTANT COACH
Teresa Logemann



➔ After claiming all-Atlantic Coast Conference honors at the league championship regatta, **Joanna Mulvey** and **Hilary Shinnick** received similar CRCA all-region accolades. Mulvey claimed first-team honors through the ACC and CRCA, while Shinnick tallied second-team accolades from both organizations.

➔ Notre Dame's top finish at the ACC Championship came from a third place by the second varsity eight, which lowered its time by nearly nine seconds from the previous day.

➔ The Irish clinched their third Dale England Cup in four years. Notre Dame captured the victory based on a tie-breaker, which swung in favor of the Irish after the first varsity eight crew won the final race by .85 seconds (6:37.4).

➔ 2015 Irish rowing alumnus **Rose Doerfler** earned a prestigious Fulbright U.S. Student Program grant in engineering from the U.S. Department of State. Doerfler will research at Yuan Ze University in Taiwan as part of a project to build devices for detection of genetically modified rice and soy crops.



MEN'S

SOCCER

11-5-6
4-2-2 (ACC)

#11 FINAL RANKING (NSCAA)
4-2-2, 2ND IN ACC COASTAL DIVISION
ACC CHAMPIONSHIP RUNNER-UP
NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND OF 16

HEAD COACH
Bobby Clark

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
BJ Craig

ASSISTANT COACHES
Michael Casper
Vern Gingerich

CAPTAINS
Patrick Hodan
Connor Klekota
Max Lachowecki



JON GALLAGHER

➔ Tri-captains **Patrick Hodan** and **Max Lachowecki**, along with striker **Jon Gallagher**, were tabbed to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America all-South Region second team.

➔ Lachowecki and Hodan claimed second-team all-ACC recognition, while Gallagher was named to the third team.

➔ The Irish finished as the ACC Championship runner-up and then earned the number-seven national seed in the NCAA Championship bracket.

➔ Notre Dame made its 18th appearance in the NCAA Championship in 2015 and its 10th as one of the event's 16 national seeds. The Irish were the top overall seed in both 2012 and 2014 and won the 2013 NCAA Championship as the third seed.

WOMEN'S

SOCCER

14-5-1
6-4 (ACC)

#15 FINAL RANKING (NSCAA)
6-4, 6TH IN ACC
NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP THIRD ROUND

HEAD COACH
Theresa Romagnolo

ASSISTANT COACHES
Dawn Siergiej
Diego Bocanegra

CAPTAINS
Katie Naughton
Cari Roccaro
Glory Williams



CARI ROCCARO

➔ **Cari Roccaro** was named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America All-America third team. Roccaro and classmate **Katie Naughton**—both central defenders—were named to the NSCAA all-Southeast Region first team, while forward **Anna Maria Gilbertson** made the second team.

➔ Gilbertson, Naughton and Roccaro won second-team all-ACC honors, with forward **Natalie Jacobs** named to the league's all-freshman squad.

➔ Goalkeeper **Kaela Little** posted seven solo shutouts and combined for three more.

➔ Notre Dame made its 23rd consecutive appearance in the NCAA Championship, the second-longest active streak (to North Carolina).



SOFTBALL

43-13
13-7 (ACC)

#23 FINAL RANKING (ESPN/USA
SOFTBALL)
13-7, 3RD IN ACC
ACC CHAMPIONSHIP RUNNER-UP
NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP REGIONAL
RUNNER-UP

HEAD COACH
Deanna Gumpf

ASSOCIATE COACHES
Kris Ganeff
Lizzy Ristano

ASSISTANT COACH
Jamie Spitale

CAPTAINS
Carly Piccinich
Karley Wester



➔ Outfielder **Karley Wester** closed one of the best seasons in program history by receiving National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Division I All-America honors for the second time in her career. The Irish co-captain was named to the third team.

➔ One of 10 finalists for the 2016 USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year award, Wester won the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) batting average crown (.446), and was the league leader in hits (91) and runs scored (68). Wester's 46 stolen bases also ranked second in the ACC, to go along with a career-high nine doubles, three home runs and 33 RBI as primarily a slap hitter.

➔ **Karley Wester, Micaela Arizmendi, Ali Wester, Caitlyn Brooks** and **Melissa Rochford** were each named to the NFCA Mid-Atlantic all-region first team. The five first

teamers were the most for Notre Dame in a single season. **Morgan Reed** was tabbed to the second team, while **Bailey Bigler** was a third-team selection.

➔ Four members of the Notre Dame team claimed all-Atlantic Coast Conference honors. Arizmendi was tabbed to the all-ACC first team, while Reed, Karley Wester and Ali Wester represented the Irish on the all-ACC second team.

➔ Notre Dame played in the NCAA Championship for the 18th straight season.

➔ The NFCA named the Irish coaching staff the Mid-Atlantic Region staff of the year for the second time in three years.

MEN'S

SWIMMING & DIVING

4-4
1-2 (ACC)

#24 FINAL RANKING (CSCAA)
7TH IN ACC CHAMPIONSHIP

HEAD COACHES
Matt Tallman
Mike Litzinger

ASSISTANT COACHES
Caiming Xie
Tim Lane



➔ **Justin Plaschka** swam on two relays and in three individual events—the 50 and 100 freestyle and the 100 butterfly—at the NCAA Championship. He also participated with Irish teammates **Daniel Speers, Trent Jackson** and **Tabahn Afrik** in the 200 and 400 freestyle relays.

➔ Plaschka set a school record at :19.56 in the 50 free at the NCAA event.

➔ **James Lichtenstein** finished ninth in platform diving at the NCAA Zone C Meet with a school-record point total.

➔ The Notre Dame 400 free relay (Plaschka, **Reed Fujan**, Speers and Afrik) took second at the ACC Championship in 2:52.18, while Plaschka was second in the 100 butterfly in :46.37 at that event. Both times represent school records.



WOMEN'S

SWIMMING & DIVING

5-6

0-3 (ACC)

#40 FINAL RANKING (CSCAA)
0-3 ACC
7TH IN ACC CHAMPIONSHIP

HEAD COACH
Mike Litzinger

ASSISTANT COACHES
Caiming Xie
April Woo



ELLA MOYNIHAN

➔ Ella Moynihan qualified for the NCAA Championship in the 200 freestyle.

➔ She also broke the school record in the 500 freestyle and swam with the 400 free relay team that set a pool record at the Shamrock Invitational meet.

➔ Divers Emma Gaboury, Annie Crea and Lindsey Streepey also competed at the NCAA meet—the first time the Irish have qualified three divers for the national meet.

➔ At the ACC Championship, Alice Treuth took seventh in the 200 backstroke, while Streepey was fourth and Gaboury fifth in three-meter diving.

MEN'S

TENNIS

15-14

6-6 (ACC)

#42 FINAL RANKING (ITA)
6-6, 7TH IN ACC
ACC CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTERFINALS
NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP FIRST ROUND

HEAD COACH
Ryan Sachire

ASSISTANT COACH
Adam Schaechterle

CAPTAINS
Quentin Monaghan
Eric Schnurrenberger



QUENTIN MONAGHAN

➔ Quentin Monaghan and Alex Lawson (they ranked 15th nationally) advanced to the semifinals of the NCAA Championship doubles bracket, with both claiming All-America honors. Monaghan also played as far as the final 32 in NCAA singles play.

➔ Monaghan claimed the Arthur Ashe Award from the Intercollegiate Tennis Association for his sportsmanship and leadership. He finished with a 101-47 singles record. Lawson was the Midwest Region's most improved player.

➔ Monaghan was named to the all-ACC first team for the second year in a row, while junior Josh Hagar made the all-ACC third team.

➔ Notre Dame defeated top-rated North Carolina 5-2 on April 8 inside Eck Tennis Pavilion for the first Irish win over a top-ranked opponent since 1992.



WOMEN'S

TENNIS

14-14
5-9 (ACC)

#44 FINAL RANKING (ITA)
5-9, 11TH IN ACC
ACC CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTERFINALS
NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP FIRST ROUND

HEAD COACH
Jay Louderback

ASSISTANT COACH
Catrina Thompson

CAPTAIN
Julie Vrael



QUINN GLEASON

- ➔ Senior **Quinn Gleason** qualified for the individual singles bracket as an at-large entry at the NCAA Championship.
- ➔ Gleason was tabbed for the all-ACC second team for the second time in as many seasons, while sophomore **Brooke Broda** earned a nod on the all-ACC third team.
- ➔ Since their first appearance in the Division I NCAA Championship in 1993, the Irish have made 23 postseason appearances

ances in 24 seasons—and only twice have the Irish failed to win a first-round match when making the tournament.

- ➔ Broda finished with a 28-2 overall record in 2016, including 22-1 in dual matches playing number-five singles.

MEN'S INDOOR

TRACK & FIELD

7th
ACC Championship

64th
NCAA Championship

HEAD COACH
Alan Turner

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
Matt Sparks

ASSISTANT COACHES
Adam Beltran
Sean Carlson
Jim Garnham
Pristina Jones

CAPTAINS
Brent Swanberg
Michael Clevenger
Anthony Shivers



NATHAN RICHARTZ

- ➔ **Nathan Richartz** finished eighth in the pole vault at the NCAA Championship, good for All-America honors.
- ➔ Richartz was the winner in the vault at the ACC Championship at a school-record 17-11. He also was the champion at the Alex Wilson Invitational.

- ➔ **Jake Dumford** took fifth in the mile at the ACC meet. Harvey Smith claimed fourth in the 400 meters, while the 4x400-meter relay unit (Smith, Drake Stimson, Pat O'Connell, Alex Groesch) also took fourth.
- ➔ **Matt Birzer** was the ACC high jump runner-up, while Brent Swanberg was third in the heptathlon.



WOMEN'S INDOOR

TRACK & FIELD

3rd
ACC Championship

5th
NCAA Championship

#7 FINAL RANKING (USTFCCCA)

HEAD COACH
Alan Turner

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
Matt Sparks

ASSISTANT COACHES
Adam Beltran
Sean Carlson
Jim Garnham
Pristina Jones

CAPTAINS
Danielle Aragon
Margaret Bamgbose
Lena Madison



KAILA BARBER

➔ **Molly Seidel** doubled at the NCAA Championship with victories in the 5,000- and 3,000-meter races to earn All-America recognition in both events.

➔ **Kaila Barber** (sixth in 60-meter hurdles), **Margaret Bamgbose** (fifth in 400 meters) and **Anna Rohrer** (fourth in 5,000 meters) also earned individual event All-America honors.

➔ The Irish distance medley relay team of **Jessica Harris**, **Parker English**, **Jamie Marvil** and **Danielle Aragon** also won All-America recognition with a sixth-place finish.

➔ Notre Dame's fifth-place team finish marked the best in program history for the Irish women.

➔ In the ACC Championship, Seidel and Rohrer went one-two in both the 3,000 and 5,000 distances.

➔ The league meet also featured a second-place finish by the Irish 4x400-meter relay squad of English, **Jordan Shead**, Barber and Bamgbose, plus a fourth-place finish in the pentathlon by **Carly Loeffel**.

MEN'S OUTDOOR

TRACK & FIELD

11th
ACC Championship

HEAD COACH
Alan Turner

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
Matt Sparks

ASSISTANT COACHES
Adam Beltran
Sean Carlson
Jim Garnham
Pristina Jones

CAPTAINS
Brent Swanberg
Michael Clevenger
Anthony Shivers



MATTHEW BIRZER

➔ **Matthew Birzer** was Notre Dame's top finisher at the ACC Championship, claiming a red ribbon in the high jump, as Birzer and **Hunter Holton** both earned all-ACC accolades. Birzer finished second overall (2.17m) and took first-team honors, while Holton claimed sixth (2.08m) and earned second-team honors.

➔ **Drake Stimson** earned second-team all-ACC accolades for his sixth-place finish in the 400m hurdles (52.57), while **Alex Groesch** finished seventh in the 400m (47.95). **Anthony Shivers** finished fifth and earned second team all-ACC honors in the men's discus (55.25m).

➔ Senior **Brent Swanberg** finished fifth in the decathlon to merit second-team all-ACC honors.

➔ Shivers shattered the school record in the men's hammer throw at the ACC Championship with his third-place performance at 65.06m.



WOMEN'S OUTDOOR

TRACK & FIELD

5th
ACC Championship

#25 FINAL RANKING (USTFCCCA)
5TH IN ACC CHAMPIONSHIP
TIE FOR 25TH IN NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

HEAD COACH
Alan Turner

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
Matt Sparks

ASSISTANT COACHES
Adam Beltran
Sean Carlson
Jim Garnham
Pristina Jones

CAPTAINS
Danielle Aragon
Margaret Bamgbose
Lena Madison



➔ Five Irish emerged with first-team All-America scrolls. **Margaret Bamgbose** and **Kaila Barber** both claimed individual first-team All-America honors. Bamgbose earned a career-best finish in the 400-meter dash at the NCAA Championships, clocking :51.57 to take fourth place. Bamgbose claimed her third career first-team All-America scroll in an individual outdoor NCAA event, as she placed in the top six of the NCAA 400m dash for the third straight season. Barber crossed the line in :56.54 to place eighth.

➔ Bamgbose joined **Parker English**, **Payton Miller** and **Jordan Shead** in the 4x400m relay, finishing 3:31.95 to place sixth, securing Bamgbose dual first-team All-America accolades and clinching inaugural career first-team honors for English, Miller and Shead.

➔ **Carly Loeffel** wrapped up Notre Dame entrants at the national meet with 19th place in the heptathlon.

➔ Barber won blue ribbons at the ACC Championship in both the 100-meter hurdles and 400-meter hurdles, with her 400-meter time of :56.81 breaking the school record. Bamgbose came in second in the 400m (51.11) and fourth in the 200m (23.44). Her 400 time broke her own school record (51.37).

➔ The women's team cheered on two second-team all-ACC relays, as the 4x100m team of Barber, English, **Kyla Lewis** and Bamgbose took third in :44.43. English, Barber, Shead and Bamgbose raced together in the 4x400m, taking second (3:31.86).

➔ **Indi Jackson** earned second-team all-ACC honors for her fourth place in the shot put (15.62m).

VOLLEYBALL

7-25
2-18 (ACC)

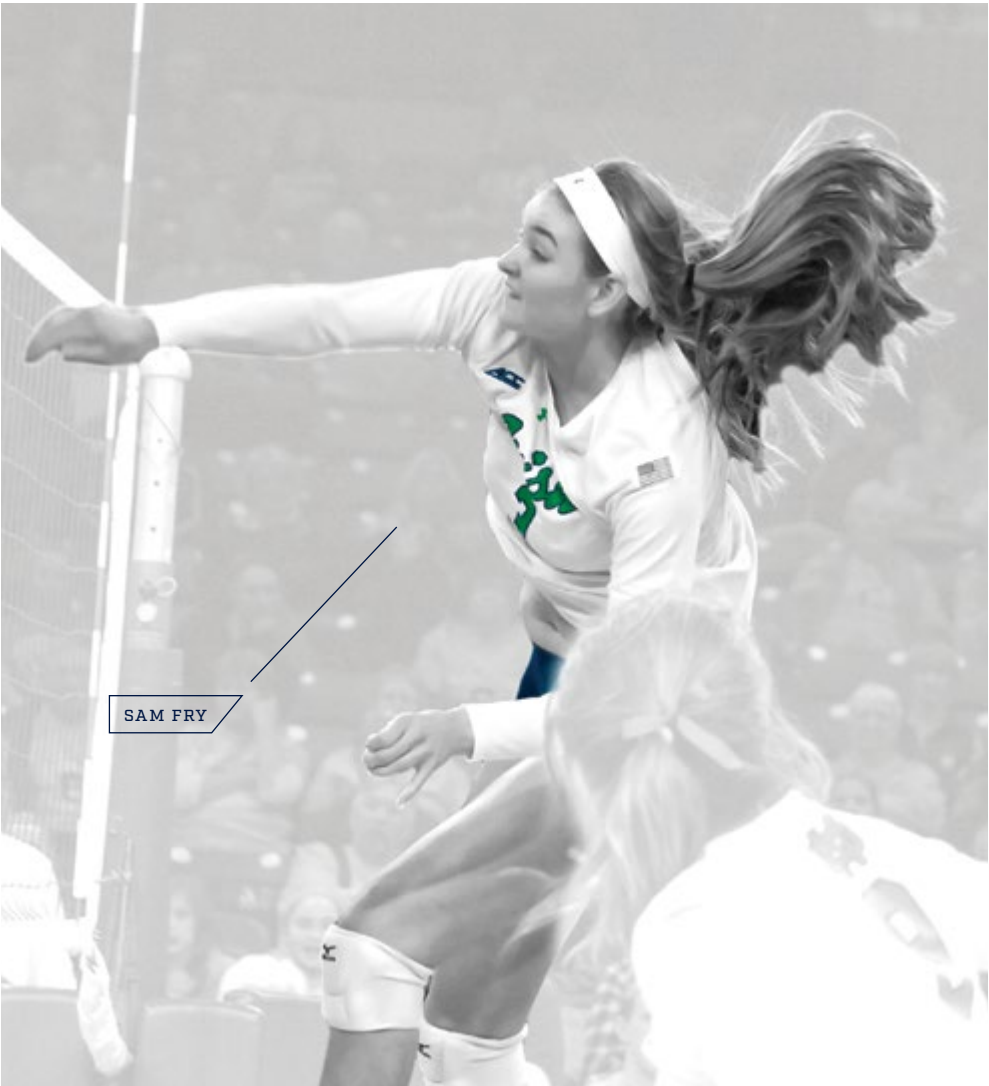
14TH IN ACC

HEAD COACH
Jim McLaughlin

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
Mike Johnson

ASSISTANT COACH
Katie Wilson

CAPTAINS
Katie Higgins
Maddie Dilfer
Natalie Johnson



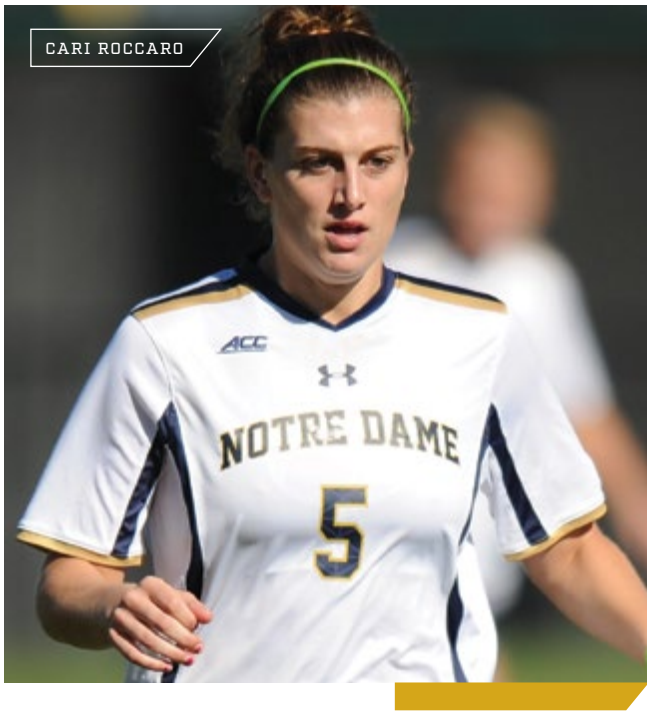
➔ **Sam Fry** became the first second-team all-ACC selection in Irish volleyball history, while first-year player **Meg Morningstar** earned a spot on the league's all-freshman team. It marked the first time two Irish players earned regular-season conference recognition in the same year since Notre Dame joined the ACC in 2013.

➔ Fry played in all 121 sets and led the Irish in kills (353), kills per set (2.92), solo blocks (12), block assists (114), total blocks (126), blocks per set (1.04) and points (441.0).

She is one of just three Irish players since 2008 to total 300-plus kills and 100-plus blocks in a season and one of just nine Notre Dame student-athletes to accomplish the feat since 2001.

➔ Morningstar played in 98 sets and posted 116 kills (1.18 per set) and 90 blocks (0.92 per set) to go along with a team-high .235 attack percentage. Her finest performance came on the defensive end against Temple, where she sent back 11 blocks, most by a Notre Dame player since 2013.

DRAFTEES



Baseball
Major League Baseball

- Cavan Biggio:** 5th round
Toronto Bluejays
- Torii Hunter Jr.:** 23rd round
Los Angeles Angels

Men's Basketball
National Basketball Association

- Demetrius Jackson:** 2nd round
Boston Celtics

Football
National Football League

- Ronnie Stanley:** 1st round
Baltimore Ravens (6th pick)
- Will Fuller:** 1st round
Houston Texans (21st pick)
- Jaylon Smith:** 2nd round
Dallas Cowboys

- Nick Martin:** 2nd round
Houston Texans
- KeiVarae Russell:** 3rd round
Kansas City Chiefs
- C.J. Prosise:** 3rd round
Seattle Seahawks
- Sheldon Day:** 4th round
Jacksonville Jaguars

Hockey
National Hockey League

- Andrew Peeke:** 2nd round
Columbus BlueJackets (34th pick)
- Cameron Morrison:** 2nd round
Colorado Avalanche (40th pick)

Men's Lacrosse
Major League Lacrosse

- Matt Landis:** 1st round
Florida Launch (3rd pick)
- Matt Kavanagh:** 1st round
Denver Outlaws (5th pick)

Men's Soccer
Major League Soccer

- Max Lachowecki:** 2nd round
Real Salt Lake
- Patrick Hodan:** 2nd round
San Jose Earthquakes
- Vince Ciciarelli:** 3rd round
Columbus Crew

Women's Soccer
National Women's Soccer League

- Cari Roccaro:** 1st round
Houston Dash (5th pick)
- Katie Naughton:** 2nd round
Chicago Red Stars



Litzinger Now Directs Both
Swimming Programs

Mike Litzinger, who spent his first season as Irish women's swimming head coach in 2015-16 in addition to handling the men's swimming head coaching role on an interim basis, now is head coach of both programs. The Irish men and women moving forward will operate as part of a combined program for swimming and diving, similar to all other ACC institutions.

Irish Join Big Ten Hockey

Notre Dame has accepted sport affiliate membership into the Big Ten Conference for men's ice hockey and will begin Big Ten play with the 2017-18 season. Notre Dame will join Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota, Ohio State, Penn State and Wisconsin to form a seven-team hockey conference. Notre Dame has been a member of the Hockey East Association since the 2013-14 season and will continue to compete in that league for one additional season in 2016-17.

Prior to joining Hockey East, Notre Dame played in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA). The Irish had two stints in the CCHA, first playing from 1981-83 and then again from 1992-93 through the 2012-13 season. During that time, the Irish won both CCHA regular-season and postseason tournament titles in 2007 and 2009 and competed against Michigan, Michigan State and Ohio State. From 1971-72 to 1980-81, the Notre Dame competed alongside Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota and Wisconsin in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA).

SPORTS PERFORMANCE

One of Notre Dame's primary objectives is to support and improve athletic performance through the application of science, medicine and technology. Central to this is a philosophy that works to create systems and structures to maximize the impact of technical expertise, environments, technology and service delivery on an athlete's ability to optimize performance. Sports performance staff members are empowered to gain insights through athlete monitoring and profiling that allow implementation of positive interventions. Here are details of key 2015-16 initiatives:

➔ Derin McMains, director of mental conditioning, joined the sports performance staff in November 2015. He serves as a resource to support coaching staffs from all sports on matters relating to peak performance and mental conditioning.

➔ Dr. Duncan French, director of performance sciences, arrived in January 2016. He works across all sports to provide a technical interface between coaches and support services, as well as coordinating the sports science initiatives that support competitive advantage.

➔ CoachMePlus is an app-based platform now providing the sports performance staff and coaches with the opportunity to centralize collected data. The system enables athletes to report data on a daily or scheduled basis as well as providing the opportunity to visualize and report that information to sports performance team members, coaches and athletes.



➔ The majority of teams, including football, collect and assess wellness questionnaire data which enables understanding of what is impacting athletes on a day-to-day basis, how they are coping with stress and how they are recovering and adapting to training on a day-to-day/week-to-week basis.

➔ RPE (Rating of Perceived Exertion) data is collected across four sports. RPE is the athlete rating for each session completed, whether it be practice, games (competition), strength and conditioning or rehab sessions. With this information training loads are developed for given sessions based on the athletes' perception of the difficulty of the session.

➔ As a marker of internal load or response to training, heart rate monitoring is utilized with five teams, including hockey, which acquired the latest heart-rate monitoring technology to inform staff about physiological demands placed on athletes. The goal is to understand what it costs an athlete by performing a specific effort.

➔ Matt Howley, director of sports science, coordinates use of Catapult (GPS), providing objective external load data. Used across seven teams, including football, it provides an understanding of each sport and the physical demands required of it, then linking those details to practice plans. The aim is to assist coaches in planning practice sessions to ensure optimal performance in games, and to enable appropriate levels of training stress to be applied to athletes. Catapult also monitors physical performance to understand if an athlete may become overtrained or is undertrain-

ing. It assists in return-to-play protocols ensuring athletes are where they need to be prior to returning from injury—and it makes interventions to decrease the risk of injury.

➔ Sleep monitoring and research with the Sleep, Stress and Memory Lab on campus produces specific research as it pertains to athletes and their athletic performance.

➔ The latest new technology central to sports science portfolios is a markerless motion capture system used to generate "movement blue-prints" for every athlete. These will accurately direct efforts for each individual to minimize injury and enhance performance. This tool will roll out for the 2016-17 academic year.

➔ Force plate assessments enable profiles of athletes as it pertains to their physical abilities, trainability and fatigue. The long-term goal is to be able to profile athletes on the plate to understand how they compare to previous/other current athletes, how a training intervention has impacted their physical qualities—and how fatigue is impacting their ability to perform. Through partnerships with the NHL Buffalo Sabres and ongoing conversations with departments on campus (including computer engineering) algorithm will assist in providing additional usable information in these areas. Strength and conditioning coach Geoff Puls partnered on a successful grant application with Notre Dame professor Patrick Quinn from computer sciences to explore bespoke force-plate applications within the weight room setting.

➔ Fusionetics provides specific interventions for each athlete based on

screenings in which the created intervention is designed to help create symmetry for athletes and enable them to move "better" and more efficiently.

➔ About 150 undergraduate student members from a variety of majors have joined the newly formed Sports Analytics Club. A select group of these students will be working alongside staff from a variety of sports to help undertake data analytics and data mining that will serve to inform coaches and support staff.

STUDENT WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT

Study Abroad Programs

Notre Dame in 2015 added additional study abroad programs in spring and summer time periods outside of summer school—and that has enabled a number of Irish athletes to participate. In 2016, 11 Notre Dame athletes (from nine sports) participated in the South Africa program, six traveled to Jerusalem (two sessions), four to Brazil and four to Greece.

Rosenthal Leadership Academy

The 2015-16 version of the Rosenthal Leadership Academy included 126 participants across all 26 Irish varsity programs. The program included six workshops and three overnight retreats. Targeted growth areas included embracing leadership challenges, overcoming perfectionism and fear of failure, maximizing potential by providing and receiving feedback, initiating communication, maximizing team potential and fostering a championship culture.



Notre Dame Christian Athletes

Sixty Notre Dame athletes representing all 26 teams attended weekly meetings to provide a place of refuge to inspire spiritual growth and community.

Student-Athlete Advisory Council

Seventy-nine athletes across all sports enriched the overall athletic experience by contributing in the areas of community, camaraderie, career, communication and character. Irish track standout Kaila Barber represented the University by serving as one of three Atlantic Coast Conference representatives voting on NCAA autonomy legislation. Officers in 2015-16 were president Katherine McManus (women's lacrosse), vice president Corey Robinson (football) and secretary Emily Geyer (women's soccer). Katie Higgins (volleyball), Chris Hubbard (men's soccer), Lena Madison (women's track and field) and Katie

Skorcz (rowing) served as career chairs. Casey Africano (softball) and Jane Fennelly (women's tennis) served as community service chairs. Hannah Huffman (women's basketball), Danielle Lukish (women's lacrosse) and Drew Recker (football) were the forum chairs. Josh Hagar (men's tennis), Ryan Lopez (cheerleading) and Karley Wester (softball) were the IrishOn3 chairs—and Sydney Golic (women's swimming) and Glory Williams (women's soccer) served as Through-IrishEyes chairs.

These were other student welfare and development programming pieces:

➔ Football player Drew Recker initiated a Student-Athlete Pageant in Club Naimoli, with Bo Brauer (hockey) and Olivia Perham (rowing) crowned as winners among the participants representing 14 sports.

The goal of the pageant is to highlight the depth of talents and strengths student-athletes possess beyond their sports.

➔ All 26 teams participated in an August "Welcome Back BBQ" which also included a drop-off point for the ACE School Supply Drive.

➔ Football player KeiVarae Russell continued the Instagram account "Get To Know Me" he initiated to encourage people at Notre Dame to engage with each other by asking questions, rejecting judgments and getting to know one another.

➔ The Irish women's tennis, rowing and cheerleading teams won the #IrishOn3 competition for 2015-16 for their support of other teams and athletes—with senior cheerleader Ryan Lopez winning individual recognition for a third straight year.

➔ The Notre Dame hockey, men's and women's basketball and men's and women's lacrosse teams worked with the Gender Relations Center and student affairs to hold action events highlighting the Green Dot campaign to promote violence prevention.

➔ Track and field athlete Lena Madison served as host of a One Love Escalation Workshop to help activate the campus in a movement to end relationship violence.

➔ The Fighting Irish Career Institute held two career events to connect athletes with various companies such as Accenture, E&J Gallo and Evicore—with more than 175 students participating.

➔ Ongoing programs included the Summer Bridge Orientation and First Year Orientation—with both events designed to provide student welfare and development details, sports performance programming and background on campus partners to new athletes, parents and guardians. The 185 first-year athletes heard from a panel of upper-class athletes and athletics staff and were paired with peer mentors. In addition, Positive Transition Seminars provided teams and athletes with opportunities to promote social connectiveness and purposeful goal-setting.

➔ The McDonald Center for Student Well-Being helped create drug and alcohol programming tailored per team.

➔ More than half of all Irish squads made individual team or multi-team career treks for industry awareness and career training.

➔ The Notre Dame Career Center's Experience Team along with athletics development helped provide financial support for summer internships to 29 athletes from nine sports.



Community service work by Notre Dame teams and individuals included a record 12,422 hours (a fourth consecutive record-breaking year), highlighted by these projects:

➔ Fifty-seven Notre Dame athletes worked with 140 fourth-graders from Perley Primary Fine Arts Academy and McKinley Primary Center (in partnership with St. Joseph Regional Medical Center) as part of This Counts Camp, a health initiative designed to promote physical activity.

➔ More than 60 athletes walked regularly with residents of the Homeless Center to create relationships and promote healthy lifestyles and positive decision-making.

➔ The One Shirt One Body campaign originated at Notre Dame by Andrew Helmin (formerly track and field) and Corey Robinson (football) provided a program where college athletes at schools all over the country could donate their extra athletic gear and also visit schools to talk about the importance of goals, hopes, dreams and hard work.

➔ Fighting Irish Fight for Life in 2015-16 paired 16 Irish teams with 14 patients (ages 5-18) in the Memorial Hospital hematology/oncology unit—including a Halloween party and a luau to provide the patients and their families opportunities to spend time with the Notre Dame athletes. Approximately 200 athletes from all 26 teams attended the Pediatric Christmas Party, along with 150 guests—patients from both Memorial and St. Joseph Regional Medical Center and their families.

MENDELSON FUND

For a decade the Mendelson Fund for Athletics Excellence has provided incremental dollars and non-budgeted funding for Notre Dame’s Olympic sports programs. The fund generates annual income to assist Irish coaches in supporting the development of their athletes and ultimately increasing the visibility of their programs. The fund’s market value stands at more than **\$2.9 million**. These are projects approved in 2015-16:

October 2015 Approved Items

MEN’S LACROSSE	\$14,800
8 NormaTec Chairs	
<i>advanced rehab and recovery system</i>	\$800
Norma Tec Attachments	\$1,000
2 E Stim Units created for elite athletes for sport specific rehabilitation and performance optimization	\$1,000
8 Norma Tec	\$12,000
BASEBALL	\$4,999
Home Plate Premier	
<i>programmable pitching machine that can simulate nearly any pitch a batter could face</i>	\$4,999
FENCING	\$4,067.31
3 Pro Floating Tripods	
<i>used to improve video quality</i>	\$3,287.85
Video Equipment Protection	\$779.46
WOMEN’S SOCCER	\$5,226
2 NormaTec Bilateral Hip	
<i>advanced rehab and recovery system</i>	\$1,080
Battery Charger	\$144
4 Battery Packs	\$558
PULSE Recovery Package Short	\$1,495
PULSE Lower body Recovery	\$1,949
WOMEN’S LACROSSE	\$10,812
3 PULSE Recover Systems and cases,	
PULSE Lower Body Recovery Packages	
<i>advanced rehab and recovery system</i>	\$10,812

May 2016 Approved Items

WOMEN’S LACROSSE	\$41,015
Bexel Camera System	
<i>Remote camera system</i>	\$41,015
HOCKEY	\$20,397.60
2 Polar Team Pro Sets	
<i>heart rate monitoring system</i>	\$9,500
Polar Team Pro Sensors (10)	\$3,467.50
Polar Team Pro Licensing Fee	\$2,500
Polar Onside Training and Install	\$1,875
A300 black (30)	\$2,099.10
iPads	\$956
BASEBALL	\$2,400
Triple Play Pitching Machine	
<i>portable pitching machine</i>	\$2,400
VOLLEYBALL	\$4,080.04
Film computer Upgrade	\$769
Keiser Bikes (2)	\$2,611.94
iP Camera	\$699.10
SWIMMING AND DIVING	\$31,866
Lower and Upper Diving Platforms	
<i>1 and 3-meter diving platforms</i>	\$31,866
WOMEN’S SOCCER	\$9,885
Portable Electrical Stim Units (2)	
<i>created for elite athletes for sport specific rehabilitation and performance optimization</i>	\$6,990
Hawk Grip Gold Set	
<i>facilitates soft tissue healing</i>	\$2,895
TRACK AND FIELD	\$3,900
Extended Warranty for 2 Anti-Gravity Treadmill Units	
<i>Alter G treadmills—shorten recovery time, reduce injury and improve mobility</i>	\$3,900



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